

**THE
MCKINNIS
LINEAGE**

A partial history and lineage of the
McKinnis family

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THE HISTORY OF OUR FIRST ANCESTOR

By Charles C. McKinnis
Coalton, Ohio

--- McKINNIS ---

There is a good deal in a name. The name we want to perpetuate was brought to us across the "Briny Deep" from Scotland, where many of the name still live, by a soldier in Braddock's army of 2,000 men. It was Braddock who reached the Monongahela River in Pennsylvania on July 8, 1755. Disregarding the advice of Washington and other frontiersmen, he pushed on next day to invest Fort Duquesne at the junction of that river and the Allegheny.

In a two-hour, hard fought battle with 900 French and Indians, Braddock was defeated and mortally wounded. He died at "Great Meadows" on July 13. In that battle, the valiant and brave soldier, Charles McKinnis, was shot through, wounded in the left side and thigh. This is the pivotal point on which hung the destiny of our name -- the name that so many of us cherish. Thanks to that All-seeing Eye of our Heavenly Father, the soldier survived. Had the wounds proven fatal, I would not be penning these lines, upholding a name, a household word, in so many homes in nearly every state in the Union.

This soldier, our great grandfather, was "honorably discharged for bravery and wounds with rank of Captain and given a charter for several leagues of land in Nova Scotia." He was born near Bona Borna, between Edinburg and Glasgow, Scotland, in 1722. At the age of twenty-two, he was impressed into the British army. His regiment was the Grenadiers. At the age of fifty, he was married to Rachel Carr, in Pennsylvania. To them were born nine children:

William	1773	George	1783-1857
Robert	1777-1863	Margaret	1785-1850
Charles	1780-1837	John	1788-1864
Joseph		James	1794-1858

(A daughter lived about two and one-half years.)

When great grandfather Charles McKinnis died in 1806, his papers were placed in the hands of Squire Skull and kept in a two-bushel pine box. Mice entered through a knot hole and destroyed the land charter and other papers.

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Charles and Rachel McKinnis were buried in Butler Cemetery, Butler County, Pennsylvania and have grey tombstones. (Note: The bodies were all removed from this cemetery to the "North Cemetery" to make room for a public school building, and as yet the graves are not located.)

We have no definite knowledge of William and Joseph. It will be useless to follow each branch of this great family in detail as the following pages will furnish more meat for study for those interested: but we cannot close this article without mentioning some of the most striking characteristics of the members of this interesting family.

There seems to have been and still predominates a prepotency in the blood of the clan -- and to describe one in a general way would be an index to the whole family. As one of the clan said to the writer, "The impression I have formed is that farmers predominate, then follow miners, teachers, doctors, and merchants, with no one in the liquor trade, or criminals, no dependents -- all working for good government, and few care for political preferment. The highest ambition of all is to have a happy home and to know their children are reared in the way they should go."

We have some contractors and managers, but few lawyers, while as a family, we are law-abiding citizens, detesting litigations and wrangling -- all recognizing our Heavenly Father's guidance. May our posterity keep up the good name given us by that Scottish Soldier, and may our Star never grow dim until the "Perfect Day."

Charles C. McKinnis
Coalton, Ohio

JUDGE ROBERT MCKINNIS

By Alice Groves
Findlay, Ohio

History tells us that Judge Robert McKinnis was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He removed thence to Ross County, Ohio, and from thence in 1821, he came to Hancock County, Ohio, where he at once became one of the leading men.

He married Elizabeth Craner, niece of Robert Fulton, before his immigration to Ohio, and was surrounded by a grownup family when he came to this county.

Judge Robert McKinnis, who with Abraham Huff and Ebenezer Wilson, were the first associate judges on the bench in Hancock county, holding court in 1828, with Ebenezer Lane as presiding judge. He was Liberty Township's first settler, having immigrated to this county with his son Charles, entering land in Liberty Township, December 20, 1821.

The first settlement in the county was made in the spring of 1821 by Jacob Poe and in the fall by Robert McKinnis and his sons Charles, James, Phillip, and John.

Charles McKinnis was a member of the First Grand Jury called by the County Court, also one of the First County Commissioners. He was one of the County Commissioners in 1829 when the "Old Town Episode" happened in which the then Findlay Township was separated from Wood County, and resulted in the first County suit for damages.

Charles was a native of Pennsylvania and his wife, Mary Vail was a native of Virginia, being of Scotch-Irish descent. He died November 21, 1864, aged 67 years, 11 months and 2 days. His wife, Mary Vail McKinnis, died September 11, 1869, aged 68 years, 4 months and 5 days.

Judge Robert McKinnis and wife Elizabeth, Charles McKinnis and wife Mary, and sons Robert, Thomas, Phillip and wives and John are buried in the Worden Cemetery six miles west of Findlay on the North River Road. Elizabeth Ewing and Mary Ann Collingwood and husband are buried in the cemetery at McComb, Ohio.

George McKinnis lived near his brother Charles on what is now the Wilson Lively farm north of Coalton, Ohio. He and his

wife Permelia Hinkle were buried at Byer, Ohio.

Margaret and husband John Dick and John McKinnis and wife Jane Pillow, were all born, lived, died and were buried in Pennsylvania.

James McKinnis and wife Margaret Times were born in Pennsylvania, moved to Putnam County, Ohio, then to Marion County, Iowa, in 1853. James was buried one mile northeast of Knoxville, Iowa. Marygaret was buried one mile from Oakley, Iowa.

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This is the family history as written in the family tree dated 1722-1914.

SIXTH ANNUAL McKINNIS REUNION
Electric Park
Jackson County, Ohio

by Historian G. E. Scott

The following historical sketch, except for a few revisions, was read at the Sixth Annual Reunion at Electric Park, Jackson County, Ohio, by the historian, G. E. Scott.

Mr. President: It will be remembered that at the last reunion the writer was selected to collect any available data relative to the family history. What I have written are, for the most part, familiar facts to most all of us, but it is tendered in the belief that all who attend the reunion may not be familiar with the earlier efforts of our fore-parents.

The McKinnis family is now a numerous and widely scattered clan, but only a little more than a century ago, it was represented only by the members of the household of three of Jackson County's most prominent pioneers, Charles McKinnis, the grandfather of Charles W. McKinnis, of Coalton, was born in 1780 in Pennsylvania, and in 1802 immigrated to Chillicothe, Ohio, accompanied by his wife and family, and also his brothers, Robert and George, and their families.

Their trip over was quite adventuresome and well worthy of mention. Robert made the journey overland from Butler County, Pennsylvania, but prior to his departure the brothers felled a large pine tree on the banks of Beaver Creek, Butler County, and from its trunk fashioned a very commodious canoe, of such size, it is said, that the family flour barrel was stowed crosswise in the stern during the trip down the Ohio. The canoe was floated down the creek and the Allegheny River to Pittsburgh, where Charles loaded his family and all their possessions and proceeded down the Ohio River to what is now Portsmouth, where they were met by the brother, Robert, and with the assistance of his arm and rifle, they safely made the rest of their journey to Chillicothe.

Chillicothe at that time was one of the few military posts in the new state of Ohio, and the brothers made livelihood by raising corn and other agricultural products for sale to the government for the garrison. However, the entire family suffered severely from malaria and ague, and shortly moved to Jackson County, taking residence at the old McKinnis homestead north of Coalton. This site was selected on account of its proximity to

the sulphur springs on the old farm, discovered by my great-grandfather on one of his hunting trips, and to the beneficial effects of these waters he attributed the cure of the entire family from the fevers that troubled them while on the Scioto.

At that time Indians still roamed in this vicinity, and these resident bands took a great fancy to Joe, the small son of the family, the father of L. W. McKinnis, and Mrs. L. H. Tripp, who lived at Hamden. So pressing were their attentions that Mrs. McKinnis, becoming alarmed, induced the pioneer to move back again, nearer the protection of the garrison at Chillicothe. This they did, and again engaged in agricultural pursuits, raising corn and stock. They were not only able to raise enough for their own needs, and to sell to the garrison, but engaged in the New Orleans trade with profit, transporting corn and pork by flatboat during the rises of the Scioto down the Ohio, and thence via the Mississippi to the Gulf.

Charles again took residence at the homestead in Coal Township, building the nucleus of what became the old farm home with which most of us associate fond memories of happy times.

This home was destroyed by fire about 1897, and was situated near the present Thornhill residence on the Coalton-Byer Pike.

While conducting an extensive farming business, he still employed a portion of his time in the river business as pilot of flatboats in the Ohio and Mississippi trade, and the cause of his death, March 29, 1837, was directly traceable to a strain received while "shooting the rapids" at Louisville. While he lost his life in the service, it is a fact that he never lost a boat on these rapids, the most dangerous portion of the whole route from Portsmouth to New Orleans.

In our research concerning the wife of Charles McKinnis we were successful in locating reliable data. She was Martha Craner, born 1778, died August 8, 1864, a grand-daughter of Robert Fulton, Sr., who was born in Kilberry, Ireland about 1669. Hence our Scotch-Irishness. The aforementioned Robert Fulton, in early manhood immigrated to the American Colonies and settled near Lancaster, Pennsylvania and married Mary Smith, the daughter of a respected family among the numerous Smiths of eastern Pennsylvania, a girl also of Irish descent, and to them were born besides your (C.C.'s) great grandmother, your great, great uncle, Robert Fulton, Jr. and another son and two daughters. This man, Robert Fulton, Jr., you will remember, exploited the first steam boat, the first mechanical dredge, and the first torpedo, the first successful submarine, The Nautilus of historic fame, and several other useful inventions. He was a civil engineer of world renown, and Napoleon once said as he stood

on the bleak rocks of St. Helena watching the smoke from a steamer's funnel on the horizon: "I see now that it was I not Fulton who was crazy. Had I accepted his proposition to equip our warships with steam power, I would not be here."

He referred to a time during the Anglo-French wars when Fulton wanted to install in the service steam driven vessels.

But I am getting off my subject. Our Miss Fulton, Robert's sister married Charles Craner and their daughter in turn married Charles McKinnis, the Ohip pioneer, and the prominent feature of this sketch. The names of their children are familiar to us all, being Craner, Joseph, Clarissa, Nancy, George, Philip, Charles, Robert, Granville and Rachel.

McKINNIS FAMILY TREE

GENERATIONS

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

William McKinnis
1773-

Robert McKinnis *
1777-1863
Eliz. Craner
1777-1845

Chas. McKinnis
1780-1837
Martha Craner
1778-1864

Joseph McKinnis

Chas. McKinnis
1722-1805
Rachel Carr

Married 1772

George McKinnis
1783-1857
Permelia Hinkle
1792-1864

Margaret McKinnis
1785-1850
John Dick
1770-1860

John McKinnis
1788-1864
Jane Pillow
1809-1844

James McKinnis
1794-1858
Margaret Times
-1885

Chas. McKinnis
James McKinnis *
John McKinnis
Philip McKinnis
Rachel McKinnis
Nancy McKinnis
Eliz. McKinnis
Sarah McKinnis

Joseph McKinnis
Clarissa McKinnis
Chas. McKinnis
Robt. McKinnis
Craner McKinnis
Nancy McKinnis
Phillip McKinnis
Geo. McKinnis
Rachel McKinnis
Granville
McKinnis

Mary McKinnis
Hiram McKinnis
Wm. McKinnis
Robt. McKinnis
Geo. McKinnis
Joseph McKinnis
Eliza McKinnis

William Dick
Margaret Dick
Jane Dick
Nancy Dick

Henry McKinnis
Rachel McKinnis
Chas. McKinnis
Wm. McKinnis
James McKinnis
Sarah J.
McKinnis
Andrew McKinnis

Charles McKinnis
Henry McKinnis

Lovina McKinnis
John McKinnis
Barbara McKinnis
Geo. McKinnis
Creighton
McKinnis *
Robt. McKinnis
Fulton McKinnis
Wm. McKinnis
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James McKinnis

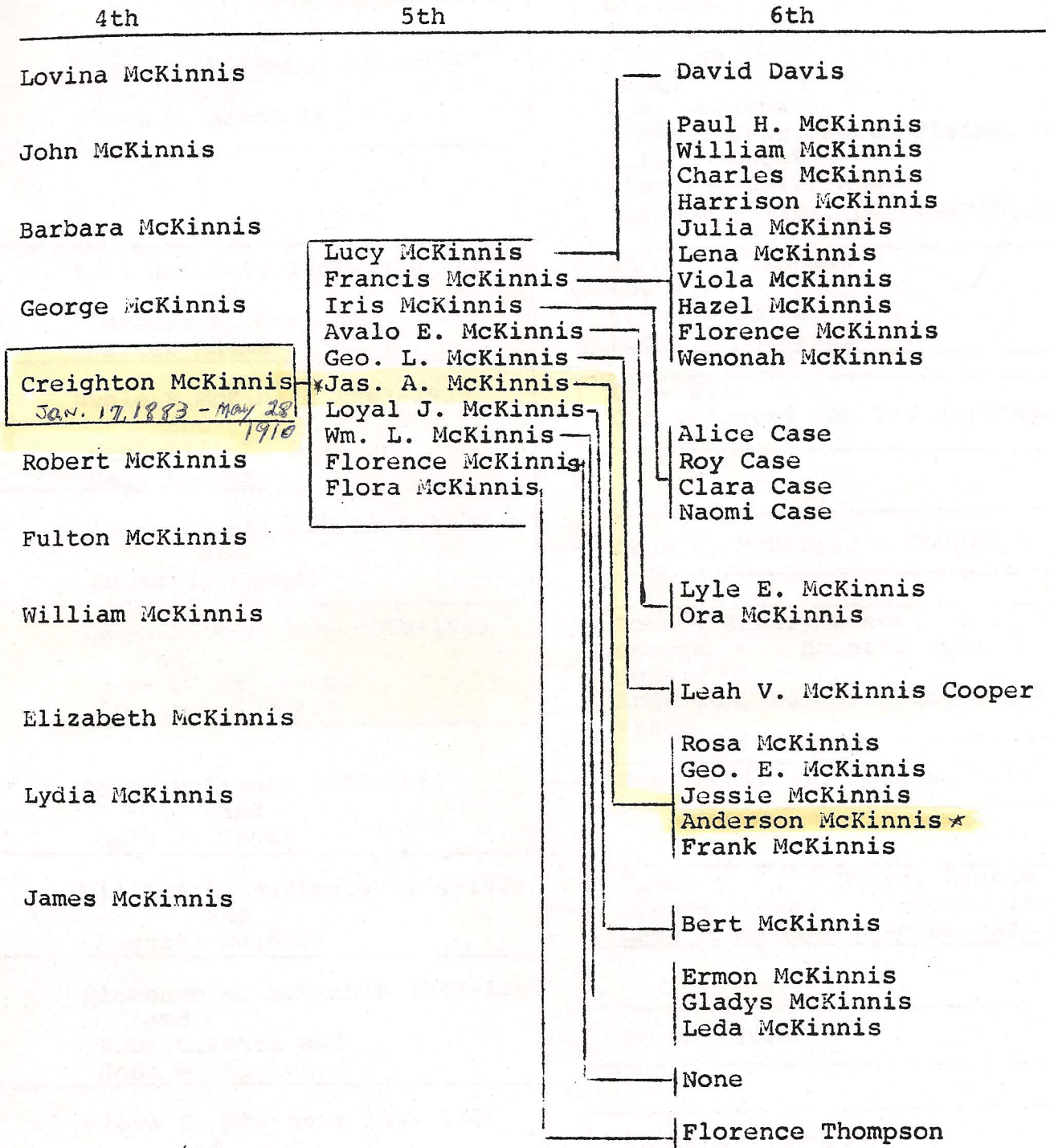
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Sarah McKinnis
Lucinda McKinnis
Fred McKinnis
John McKinnis

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Mattie McKinnis
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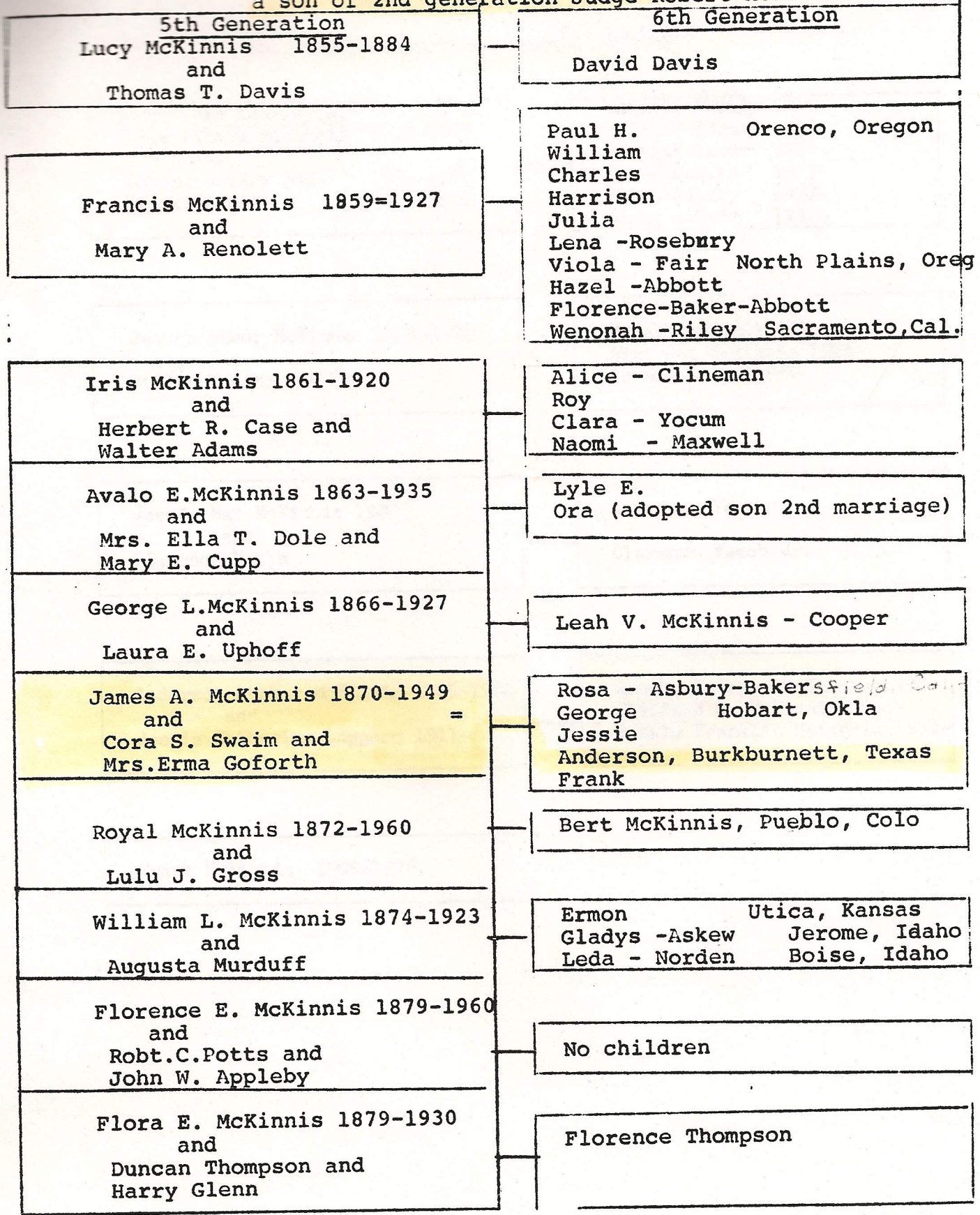
Lineage of 3rd generation James McKinnis (1807-1896)
 a son of 2nd generation Judge Robert McKinnis
 James McKinnis and Lucy Wickham were married in Ohio in
 1830 and moved to Iowa in 1849



Lineage of 4th generation Creighton McKinnis
and

Malinda Barrett, Snyder, Okla
son of 3rd generation James McKinnis

a son of 2nd generation Judge Robert McKinnis



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Lineage of 5th generation James McKinnis
and
Cora S. Swaim, Oklahoma

son of 4th generation Creighton McKinnis

6th Generation
Rosa Blanch McKinnis 1894-1969
and
Eugene Asbury and 1891-1951
Frank Barnes 1885-1974

Lucille Asbury 1916-
Mildred Asbury 1919-
Vincent Asbury 1921-
Joyce Asbury 1925-
Wilma Asbury 1927-
Doris Asbury 1931-

George Elmer McKinnis 1896-1972
and
Birdie Mae Malone 1903-

Hazel McKinnis 1924-
Alma Lou McKinnis 1926-
Jo McKinnis 1929-

Jessie May McKinnis 1903
and
Clarence Veach

Irmadean Veach
Clarence Veach Jr.

Anderson Arthur McKinnis 1905-1966
and
Jessie Katherine Lippard 1911-

Arnold DeWayne McKinnis 1934-
Clifford A. McKinnis 1936-
Donald Franklin McKinnis 1938-

Frank McKinnis 1909-1976

Lineage of 6th generation Anderson McKinnis
and Katherine Lippard

Burkburnett, Texas

a son of 5th generation James McKinnis
a son of 4th generation Creighton McKinnis
a son of 3rd generation James McKinnis
a son of 2nd generation Judge Robert McKinnis

7th Generation

8th Generation

Arnold DeWayne McKinnis	1934-1992
Married	
Lillian Collette Boyles	1939-

DeEtte Kay McKinnis	12/21/57
Mark Douglas McKinnis	1961
Craig Scott McKinnis	1963-1985

Clifford Arthur McKinnis	2/23/36
Married August 18, 1957	
Betty Jo Bellamy	2/11/41

Randall Arthur McKinnis	5/7/62
Scott Paul McKinnis	4/17/64

Donald Franklin McKinnis	1938
Married	
Patricia Lynn Doty	1941

Mitzie Lynn McKinnis	12/11/75
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