

**A TALE**  
**of**  
**THREE ARCHIBALDS**

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## INTRODUCTION

My maternal grandmother was Margaret Matilda "Maggie" McDonald, born 15 Jun 1858 in Oconee County, SC. On December 25, 1877 she married Thomas Sumter Fennell, also a resident of Oconee County. They moved about 1890 to Pelzer in Anderson County, SC

When my maternal grandfather, Thomas Sumter Fennell, died in 1920 he was buried in the Rock Springs Methodist Church Cemetery in the Richland Community of Oconee County.. In 1934 Maggie McDonald Fennell joined him there.

In the 1980's I became interested in knowing more about my material ancestors and acquired a copy of the book, *The Truth About the McDonalds - Historical*, (1)published by Willie Carr McDonald Hope, a second cousin living in Walhalla, SC.

Willie Carr's book starts with Archibald McDonald, Maggie Fennell's great-grandfather, whom she refers to as, "Calvin Archibald McDonald, First Settler." Little is offered in the way of genuine genealogical data, family oral tradition being provided instead. She follows with stories and facts of the families of

William Henry McDonald

Henry Duffie McDonald

Nelson Carr McDonald

descended as shown, with a natural emphasis on the last one, her family.

On page 12 the author writes that, "I have obtained photo copies of two state grants to Archibald McDonald from the Archives and History Department in Columbia." A footnote cites the first one as, "268 acres Vol 36, Dec.2, 1793 and plat for same. Vol. 32, Nov 19, 1793 other grant of 200 acres June 1, 1789. The first grant document(2) does agree that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1793 Gov. William Moultrie signed a document granting Archibald McDonald 268 acres of land "Situate in the District of Ninety-six on Dirty Branch & Sandy Branch of Reybourne's Branch." So far so good. However, Reybournes Creek and the named tributaries are in Laurens County, about 8 miles southwest of the town of Laurens. The grant and the plat identify the neighbors as Moses Pinson, Edward Box, James A. Crombie<sup>1</sup>, and William Boyd.

The second grant was to an Archibald McDonald for 200 acres in Georgetown District, given on June 1, 1789 (3). That Archibald McDonald was a very prominent citizen of that area, lived and died there, and has no known relationship to our McDonalds.

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1. Crombie is a reference to Abercrombie.

Laurens County 1790, along with Abbeville, Edgefield, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, Greenville, and Pendleton, was part of the District of Ninety-six. That could very well be where Archibald McDonald lived before coming to what became Pickens County in 1826 and Oconee County in 1868. In the beginning I believed this to be the case and consequently set out to find evidence which would confirm or refute that assumption.

First a warning. The names McDonald and McDaniel are almost interchangeable in many of the documents. An extreme case is the 1850 census of Pickens. There are no McDonalds listed in the that particular report although we know from very reliable sources that several McDonald families were living there then. However, if you look under the name McDaniel you will find them, easily identified since all of the names of the family members are listed. Other variations of the name which have been encountered are: McDanold, McDonel, McDannel, McDanald, McDonal, McDonnald, McDonnel, and McDanel, .

Other sources which I found to be very useful include:

1. *Abstracts of Early Records of Laurens County, South Carolina 1785-1820* by Sara M. Nash (4).
2. *Laurens County Census Locations, 1790-1830* by Richard A. Lorenz (5).
3. *1800 Census, Laurens County, South Carolina* by Irene Dillard Elliott (6).
4. *The Combined Alphabetical Index of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History*, described by the Department as "a computer-generated microfilm finding aid to thirty early record series held either in the original or on microfilm."

From *South Carolina Immigrants, 1760-1770* Published by Mary Warren (7) we have:

1. Page 145 From the Council Journal, a William McDonald on Jul 1, 1766 was granted 50 acres in Boonesborough (or Belfast) township.

This is generally in the area of what is now Laurens..

2. Page 150 Also from the Council Journal, a William McDonald on Sept. 25, 1766 was granted 50 acres in Craven County.

This could be almost anywhere in the interior of SC. County names meant very little at this time and boundaries were quite indistinct. This William McDonald could have had, and probably did have, land in Laurens County.

### Some Early Events of Interest to This Review

1. On 31 Oct 1769 William O'Daniel was given, by William Bull, Esq., a land grant of 200 acres " ---situate on the waters of Saludy River on the North fork of Rayburns Creek in Craven County bounded on all sides by vacant land."

2. On 24 Dec 1772 William McDaniel was given, by Lord Montagu, a land grant of 100 acres " --- situate in Berkeley County on Raburns Creek, bounding north East on William O'Daniel's Land, South West on Bounty Land name not known, the other side on Vacant Land." The precept (warrant) for a survey was issued on 6 Feb 1771.

Later, a memorial<sup>1</sup> in reference to that land, described as above, was submitted by William McDaniel . It was delivered to Thomas McDonald 7 Oct 1773.

3. James Abercrombie, along with several brothers, moved into Laurens County in the 1760's and became a very prominent person in the central part of the county, owning much land, and according to the 1790 census, 15 slaves. He served for many years as a Justice of the Peace. One of his land grants, made on 6 Sep 1774 (surveyed 3 Dec 1770), was for 150 acres in Berkeley County on Raburns Creek, bounding to the SW on lands claimed by William Hellams and to the NW on Bounty Land all other sides bounded on vacant Land.

Abercrombie's first wife died about the time of the move to South Carolina. His second wife, whom he married about 1780 was a widow, Elizabeth O'Daniel McDaniel, her husband having been killed early in the Revolutionary War.<sup>2</sup>

4. Mary McDaniel, on 3 Apr 1775, was granted 200 acres in Craven County on the waters of Reedy River bounding West on Indian Land , other sides on vacant Land. She exhibited a memorial on this land dated 25 Aug 1775.

5. On 17 May 1774 Peter Porcher was granted 500 acres on Cabin Creek of Reedy River bordered by Thos McDonel (sic), Thos Matthews and Jos Ryan. (Deed Book F, 189; Nash 141).

6. 9/16/1786-4/5/1787. Thos Edgehill Jr., Atty. for Thos Edgehill Senr. to Thos McDaniel (sic), Pl., for £25, 150 acres on Little River originally granted to said Thos Edgehill 5/17/1774. Wit: Hugh O'Neal, Edmund Drake, Patience O'Neal. (Deed Book B, 110; Nash, 16)

7. 3/9/1787-7/6/1787. Patrick Riley, farmer, to Robert Sims, miller, for £20, 50 acres on S. Fork Reaburns Creek, granted 6/5/1786, bordering on lands laid out for Thos McDaniel, Robt Sims, James McClanahan. Wit: Wm. Fariss, Andw McKnight, Abraham Riley, Drury Boyce. (Deed Book B, 156; Nash, 19).

1. A memorial was an abstract of a land title that owners of granted lands were required by law to register in the office of His Majesty's Auditor General for South Carolina, located in Charleston. It was always described as being exhibited by the land owner and delivered to him (or her) or to a representative. It was not easy to get to Charleston and sometimes the memorials were late (or not submitted at all) and were often carried by a relative, friend, or neighbor.

2. Information about the Abercrombie family was made available by: Mrs. Wade E. Forester. 1203 Bristol Dr., Sweetwater, TX 79556.

8. 10/24/1783-7/7/1787. Joseph Kellett, Pl., & wife Jane, to Robt Sims, Senr., for £100 100 acres on S. Fork Reaburns Creek, originally granted to James Smith (1768), conveyed to Martin Mahaffey then to said Jos Kellett. Wit: Martin Mahaffey, William Burton, Drury Boyce, (Deed Book B, 158; Nash, 19)

9 9/11/1787-11/27/1787. Robt Sims, miller, to Micajah Sims for £40, 100 acres on S. Fork Reaburns Creek, on south side, originally granted to James Smith (1768); also adj. 50 acres, granted to Patrick Riley 6/5/1786, bordering s. west by Jas. McClanahan, west by Thos McDaniel, , n. by said Robt Sims. Wit: Lewis Saxon. (Deed Book B, 239; Nash, 22).

10. 9/11/1787-11/20/1787. John Kellett (son and heir to Joseph Kellett Decd) and wife Hannah to Martin Mahaffey, Pl., for £10, 80 acres on the ancient boundary line, bordering on a small branch of Reedy River, on Mary McDaniel (sic), Patrick Riley. Part of grant to Joseph Kellett. Wit: Wm Kellett, Andw. McKnight. (Deed Book, 230; Nash, 22).

11. 4/17/1788-6/15/89. Jonathan Savagin of Charleston to Wm Johnson for £40, plantation on waters of Reyburns Creek (Craven Co.) Bordered by James Linley, Philip S-----, David Bray. Wit.: Matthew McDaniel, Thos. Johnson, Jonathan Downs. (Deed Book C, 9; Nash, 34).

12. 6/9/1788-6/29/1789. Patrick Riley to Martin Mahaffey for £20 stg., 100 acres on S. Fork Reaburns Creek, orig. granted 1786. Bordering on Robt Sims, Thos. McDaniel (McDonald?), James Downing. Wit: Wm Kellett, Wm Sims, John Rodgers. (Deed Book C, 50; Nash, 36).

13. 6/18/1789-9/18/1789. Micajah Sims, farmer, to Edmond(Edward) Nash for £20, 100 acres on S. Fork of Reaburns Creek, part of 2 grants, 1) to James Smith (1768), 2) to Patrick Riley (1786), bordering on Thos McDanold (sic), Robt Sims, Jas McClanahan. Wit: Andrew McKnight, Drury Boyce. (Deed Book C, 74; Nash, 37).

14 12/3/1788-1/5/1790. Patrick Riley and wife Ann to Wm Kellett for £100 stg., 100 acres on S. Fork Reaburns Creek, (formerly Craven now Laurens), orig. granted to John Riley (1775), bordering on Thos McDaniel(McDoniel?), Robt Sims, James Downing, , also part of 1786 grant to said P. Riley & of a grant to Wm Galaspy. Wit: Wm Fariss, John Kellett, Nathan Camp. (Deed Book C, 107; Nash, 39).

15. Hugh O'Neill was, before 1775, a planter with large land holdings on Little River. In 1788 his will was proved. The legatees were:--

- a) son Hugh — 150 acres on Little River, above the mill
  - b) son Charles — 150 acres on Little River
  - c) son Thomas — 270 acres on Reaburns Creek, bordering on Patrick Riley, Mary McDonald, Robt Sims
  - d) dau Elizabeth McDaniel & her husband Thomas McDaniel --- a cow and a calf
  - e) 4 younger children to be schooled
  - f) my movable effects to be divided among my daughters Patience. Ann, Ruth, Rachel.
- Exor's: Mercer Babb, Wm Pinson, Elisha Ford. Wit: John Hunter, Thos Wadsworth. (Deed Book B, 302; Nash, 25).

It is now time to look at some data from the report of the 1790 census.

# Some Data from the 1790 Census for Laurens County

The 1790 census report for Laurens District consists of 15 pages, numbered from 432 to 446, 2 columns per page (newspaper style) with about 38 names in each column. The name of the head of the household is given, along with the number of free white males 16 years and over, free white males under 16 years, free white females, all other free persons, and the number of slaves. All of the census data in presented herein was taken from microfilm copies at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, as furnished by the National Archives. Since he is important to this discussion, James Abercrombie (and his son) have been included.

## Page 434, right column

Line 8 John McDonald	1-1-2 0 0	1 male, 16 and up 1 male, under 16 2 females
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Line 9 Mary McDonald	0-0-2 0 0	0 males 2 females
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## Page 435, left column

Line 32 James Abercrombie	2-2-7 0 15	2 males, 16 and up 2 males, under 16 7 females
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## Page 435, left column

Line 37 James Abercrombie	1-2-5 0 0	1 male, 16 and up 2 males under 16 5 females
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## Page 436, right column

Line 7 Archibald McDonald	2-0-2 0 0	2 males, 16 and up 2 females
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## Page 443, left column

Line 13 Thomas McDonald	1-2-2 0 0	1 male, 16 and up 2 males, under 16 2 females
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Mary, living next to John, was probably a widow and John's mother.

Pendleton District had 1 McDonald, Edgefield had 11 and Abbeville had 1 in 1790. The Pendleton entry was.

James McDonald	1-1-3
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but nothing indicating a relationship to the Laurens McDonalds was observed.

About the census:

1. The most interesting thing is that an Archibald McDonald appears.
2. We know a) from item # 4 that Mary McDonald was located on "-- the waters of the Reedy River," that b) the Abercrombies (item # 3) were on "--the waters of Reaburn's Creek," and that Thomas was in the Little River-Beaverdam area (item #6). Thus the census report starts in the upper left quadrant and proceeds in a counter-clockwise manner. The position of Archibald's name places him in the Reaburn's Creek area. None were reported in the other 2 quadrants.
3. All four names are spelled "McDonald."
4. William who got a land grant in 1772 (item # 2) is not listed. He may have died, be living with a relative, moved on, or have been missed. The first two possibilities are the most likely.
5. Mary is probably a widow and John, living next to her, is probably a son.
6. There was apparently another Thomas, one in the Reedy River - Reaburn's Creek area (items # 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 14).
7. Two McD's were not listed in the census report:
  - a) Matthew McDaniel, a witness (in the Reaburn's Creek area) in 1788 (item # 11).
  - b) William McDonal, listed with the purchasers at the sale of Hugh O'Neill's estate..

More Data

16. 4/1/1775-7/27/1792. Edward Box, Pl. of Craven County & wife Lydia to Matthew Love £200, 150 acres on Reaburns Creek, bordering on Robt Box, Wm Allison, orig. granted 4/10/1771. Wit: James Lindley, Wm Boyd. (Deed Book D, 220; Nash D, 73).

17. 2/2/171776-7/27/1792. Matthew Love and wife Agnes to George Neily for £200 150 acres on Reaburns Creek, granted 1771 to E. Box, bordering on Robt Box, Wm Allison. Wit: Sarah Terry, Jno Bell. (Deed Book D, 223; Nash 73).

18. 1/1/1792-7/27/1792. George Neily to Archibald McDanold (sic) for £75, (above land). Wit: James Abercrombie, Matthew McDanold. (Deed Book D, 225; Nash, 73).

19. On 2 Dec 1793 Archibald McDonald (sic) was given, by Gov. William Moultrie, a land grant of 268 acres "situate in the District of Ninety-six on Dirty branch & Sandy branch of Reaburns Creek Bounded S. by Moses Pinson & Edwd. Boy (sic) [Box], W. by Jas A. Crombie (sic) [Abercrombie] NW by James McClanahan, N. by Philip Sh-----, E. by William Boyd."

20. 1/5/1795-4/6/1795. Archibald McDonald & w. Editha to Thomas Childers for £35 stg., 100 acres on Reaburns Creek granted to Wm McDonald 12/7/1772 by Montague by patent. Wit: Isaac Norman, Saml. Green. (Deed Book E, 448; Nash 112).



21. 11/27/1791-12/2/1795. **Wm McDonald & w. Jemima** to Drury Dupree for £55 stg. 150 acres on Beaverdam of Little River, bordered on Henry O'Neil, Thos Carter, John O'Neil, originally granted 7/8/1774 to Henry O'Neil by Gov. Bull.: Wit: Jos Blackerby, **Thos McDonald**, Jas Young. (Deed Book F, 63; Nash, 121).

Note: This not the original William. This land was originally granted to Henry O'Neil.

22. 1/30/1796-2/17/1796. **Hugh O'Neill & w. Elizabeth** to Wadsworth & Turpin, merchants for £173 stg., 150 acres on Little River granted 7/26/1774 to my father **Hugh O'Neill** bordered on Thos Carter, Henry and **Hugh O'Neill**, Jno Purcell. Wit: Jas. Boyce, **Thos. McDonnald** (sic), Wm Hunter. (Deed Book F, 81; Nash, 124).

23. 2/3/1797- ? . Drury Sims & w. Ruth to Thos Matthews for £70 stg., 160 acres where said D.S. now lives on both sides Rayburns creek bordered on Tully Choice, **Thos McDonald** (sic), Mr. Andersons (where Sarah McHaffee now lives), Saml Nesbit, Edward Nash, granted to D.S. and Saml Bolling by Moultrie. Wit: Solomon Hopkins, Henry Morgan, John Coker, (Deed Book F, 336; Nash, 159 ).

24. 7/16/1797. Will of Rachel Turk, widow. Legatees: Brothers **Archibald & Matthew McDaniel**; sister **Margaret McDaniel**; nephew Matthew O'Donel. Mention of notes on Richard Puckett. Ex: **Archibald & Matthew McDaniel**. Wit: Matthew Johnson, **Archibald McDaniel**. (Will Book A-1, 171; Nash, 431).

25. 10/6/1798. **Matthew McDaniel**, exor of Estate of my sister Rachel Turk to **Margaret McDaniel**, cattle, pott, Loom, Saddle, wearing clothes with the cross-barred Sivit in accordance with will of said R.T. decd. (Deed Book F, 433; Nash, 172).

26. 10/6/1798. Same to **Archibald McDannold**, the full third of cattle, other items in accordance with the will of said R.T. (Deed Book F, 433; Nash, 172).

27. 6/9/1797-7/18/1797. John Boyd, attorney for Laird Boyd of Davidson County, TN, to **Matthew McDaniel** for £100 stg. 150 acres on Rabourns Creek, originally granted 11/4/1762 by Gov Boone to Robt Box, conveyed to Jas. Ryan then to Jas Boyd. Wit: Jos Downs, Wm Hunter. (Deed Book F, 238; Nash, 146).

28. 6/23/1800 . Application of **Elizabeth McDonnel** (sic) to administer estate of **Thos McDannel** (?) decd, her husband. (Will Book A-1, 243; Nash, 436).

29. 7/19/1800. Appraisal of estate of **Thos McDonal** (sic) decd by Benj Drake, John & Silas Cason. (Will Book A-1, 249; Nash, 436).

30. 11/15/1800. Sale bill estate of **Thos McDonnald** Purch: **Eliz McDonald**, Jas Stewart (?), Giles Cason, Benj ?, Glanus Winn. Ad: **Eliz McDonald**. (Will Book A-1, 297; Nash, 440).



Before we look at the 1800 census:

1. From Rachel Turk's will (item #24) we know that there was a family that included:
  - a) Rachel McDaniel who married a Turk
  - b) Matthew McDaniel, a bro.
  - c) Archibald McDaniel, a bro.
  - d) Margaret McDaniel, a sister (probably unmarried).

The reference to a nephew named Matthew O'Donel (sic) may mean that there was another sister who married an O'Daniel.

2. An Archibald McDonald in 1792 bought 150 acres on Raeburns Creek from George Neily (items 16, 17, and 18).

- 3 An Archibald McDonald was in 1793 granted 268 acres on Dirty Creek, a tributary of Raeburns Creek (item # 19).

4. Archibald McDonald and wife Editha, in 1795 (item #20), sold the 100 acres on Raeburns Creek granted to Wm McDonald in 1772. This suggests the possibility of a relationship by which this Archibald became the owner by inheritance.

Do we have 3 different Archibalds? A case will be made that we have 2, that 3 and 4 are the same person.

5. The Thomas McDonald of Little River-Beaverdam Creek area is deceased and his wife Elizabeth is administrator of his estate (items # 28, 29 and 30).

6. Matthew McDaniel, Rachel Turk's brother, has bought 150 acres on Rabourne's Creek (item # 27).

## FROM the 1800 CENSUS

The 1800 census of Laurens District was, judging from the nature of the report was conducted by the militia which was organized into 2 regiments and 4 battalions with Laurens at the center. Since the pages have 2 different printed numbering systems, the company reports will be the basis of locating individuals of interest.

Enoree Regiment - Upper Battalion

I. Capt. Francis Ross's Company  
76 Households, none selected.

II. Capt. Samuel Parson's Company  
104 Households, none selected

III. Capt. William Garrett's Company  
74 Households, none selected

IV. Capt. William Owens Company  
81 Households, none selected

V. Capt. John Pugh's Company  
99 Households

Thomas McDonald 21101 21110 00

<u>Males</u>				<u>Females</u>				
under 10	2			under 10	2			
10 "	16	1		10 "	16	1		
16 "	26	1		16 "	26	1		
45 and up	1			26 "	45	1	no slaves	

Enoree Regiment - Lower Battalion

VI. Capt. William Rodger's Company  
37 Households, none selected

VII. Capt. Robert Hutchinson's Company  
70 Households, none selected

VIII      Capt. Joseph Galaghy's Company  
80 House holds, none selected

IX      Capt. Robert Scott's Company  
96 Households, none selected

X      Capt. George Whitmore's Company  
80 Households, none selected

XI      Capt. John Templeton's Company  
69 House holds, none selected.

Saludy      Regiment - Lower Battalion

XII      Capt. John Young's Company

Elizabeth McDonald      21100      11010      0      0

<u>Males</u>				<u>Females</u>				
	under 10	2		under 10	1			
10	"	16	1	10	"	16	1	
16	"	26	1	26	"	45	1	

no slaves

XIII      Capt. John Milam's Company  
87 Households, none selected

XIV      Capt. William Burnside's Company  
87 Households, none selected

XV      Capt. John Watt's Company  
106 Households, none selected

XVI      Capt. Zachariah Bailey's Company  
102 Households, none selected

Saludy      Regiment - Upper Battalion  
XVII      Capt. Andrew Burnside's Company  
91 Households, none selected.

XVIII Capt. John Middleton's Company  
137 House holds, none selected.

XIX Capt David Green's Company  
106 House holds, none selected.

XX Capt. Joseph Holmes Company  
114 House holds

John McDanold (sic) 21010 11010 0 0  

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
under 10	2	under 10	1	
10 "	16 1	10 "	16 1	
26 "	45 1	26 "	45 1	no slaves

XXI Capt. John Cochran's Company  
103 House holds

Archibald McDanold, Sr 00102 00010 0 3  

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
16 under 26	1	26 under 45	1	3 slaves
45 and up	2			

(next line)

Archibald McDanold, Jr. 00010 30100 0 0  

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
26 under 45	1	under 10	3	
		16 "	26 1	no slaves

(skip one line)

James Abercrombie, Esq. 01001 12001 1 18  

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
10 under 16	1	under 10	1	
45 and up	1	10 "	16 2	
		45 and up	1	18 slaves

(skip 14 lines)

William McDanold (sic) 00200 10100 0 0  

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
16 under 26	2	under 10	1	
		16 "	26 1	no slaves

## 1800 Census - Pendleton District

The Pendleton District report included no McDonalds but listed 4 McDaniels:

Page 27 Henry M<sup>c</sup>Daniel 01211-00311 05  
Males Females  
 10 under 16 1 16 under 26 3  
 16 " 25 2 26 " 45 1  
 26 " 45 1 45 and up 1  
 45 and up 1 5 slaves

Page 39 John M<sup>c</sup>Daniel 20010 00100 00  
Males Females  
 under 10 2 16 under 26 1  
 26 " 45 1 No slaves

Page 41 Broderick M<sup>c</sup>Daniel 30100-10010 00  
Males Females  
 under 10 3 under 10 1  
 16 " 26 1 26 under 45 1  
 No slaves

Page 50 Henry M<sup>c</sup>Daniel 01111-01111 05  
Males Females  
 under 10 0 under 10 0  
 10 " 16 1 10 " 16 1  
 16 " 26 1 16 " 26 1  
 26 " 45 1 26 " 45 1  
 45 and up 1 45 and up 1  
 5 slaves

About the census::

1. We now have 6 names, none spelled McDaniel. Changes include:
  - a) Mary is gone (she may turn up again later)
  - b) There is now a John in the Reedy River area.
  - c) There are now listed 2 Archibalds (1 listed as a Jr.)
  - d) Elizabeth, widow of Thomas (Little River-Beaverdam) is listed
  - e) There is a new William, too young to be the original William
  - f) There is now a Thomas in the Upper Enoree
2. The appearance of an Archibald, Jr. Prompts a look at this time at the will of James Abercrombie

#### James Abercrombie's Will

James Abercrombie lived close to the O'Daniels and the McDaniels (?) and married Elizabeth O'Daniel McDaniel, a widow (item 3). One of the provisions in his will (signed 1819) is very useful in the interpretation of several land transactions which occurred after 1790.

The will was signed 29 Nov 1819. Dispositions included:

1. "--unto my daughter Mary O'Daniel one hundred dollars exclusive of what she and her husband Wm O'Daniel ---."
2. "--unto my daughter Isabelle Blackwell thirty dollars ---."
3. "--Rebekah Jowell a negro girl named Jean. Also, two hundred dollars to discounted out of the money lent her (or her husband Gabriel Jowell)."
4. "--to my daughter Suzanah Matthews three negroes -----and one hundred dollars."
5. "--unto my daughter Hannah Brock" --- three negroes by name --- "and one hundred dollars."
6. "--to my daughter Elizabeth Andrews a negro girl named Dinah which she has in her possession."
7. "--to my grandson James Abercrombie two negroes, (some household goods), and when he is 21 years old he is to receive a horse, saddle and bridle to be worth one hundred dollars."
8. "--to my negro woman Jean her actual freedom from slavery ----."
9. "to my son James Abercrombie all the lands I now possess estimated at about eight hundred acres," plus many other possessions."
10. "to my stepson Archibald McDaniel Jr. twelve acres of land lying in a point joining him below the flint hills."

"And I do and hereby appoint my son James Abercrombie and Elias Brock my lawful executors."

As was pointed out earlier, James Abercrombie married Elizabeth O'Daniel McDaniel, a widow whose husband was killed in the American Revolution, probably in 1776. The marriage took place about 1780. The Archibald, Jr. mentioned in the will is probably the same one which is listed in the census. The census shows his age as 26 - 44, three daughters under 10 years old and a wife 16-25. An Archibald born about 1770 would fit this data very well. Also, it must be remembered that the term Junior did not, in those days, necessarily signify a father-son relationship. According to this, Archibald, Jr. is the son of Elizabeth O'Daniel McDaniel and probably a grandson of William McDaniel (or McDonald).



## More Data

31. 12/26/1800-10/12/1803. Wm. O'Daniel to Douglass Johnson for £96 stg. for 200 acres originally granted to my father Wm O'Daniel 9/31/1769 on Rabourns Creek bordered on John Jones, Childres, Crandel, etc., Wit: Isaac Thomas, Archibald McDaniel. D.R. of Mary O'Daniel. James Abercrombie, J.P. (Deed Book G 669; Nash, 230).

32. 1803. Wm McDaniel to Robt Allison \$100 150 acres on Rabun's Creek bordering on Thos Burton, M. Manly, J. Cochran, Thos Johnson, part of 500 a. conv. By J. Hunter for H.D. Bize . Wit: Hastings Dial, John Cochran. (Deed Book H, 2; Nash, 237).

33. 1/19/1804. Wm Mcdannel (sic) decd. Ad of estate granted to wife Marry (sic). Sec. Bond. D Howling, Thos Davenport. (Will Book C-1, 92; Nash 451).

Note: This a 3<sup>rd</sup> William, one whose wife is named Mary. He looks like the one mentioned in the 1800 census.

34. Undated. Wm McDaniel (?) Decd. Approval of estate by David Hellams, Gabriel Joel, Wm Loyds. (Will Book C-1, 101; Nash 452).

35. Undated. Wm McDanel (sic) . Sale of estate. Purch: Saml Williams, Jr., Washington Manley, Jas McCaine, Wm Hill, Jas Crumme (Abercrombie), Wm Mathis, Wm Williams, Gabriel Dowell, Adam Garman, Edwd Box, John Burton, Henry McDonal, Stephen Williams, Marey McDanul, Robt Allison, Geo Garman (?), Saml Barnet, Jacob Williams, Archibald McDaniel, John Box, John Blackwell. Ad: Marey McDaniel. (Will Book C-1, 102; Nash, 452).

Note: The names of some of the purchasers were — Henry McDonal, Marey McDanul, James Abercrombie and Archibald McDaniel (which one?).

36. 4/3/1805-9/6/1808. Robt Allison to Mary McDaniel, widow of Wm McDaniel, decd., & to Sarah & Wm's children & heirs at law for \$100, 150 acres on Raborns Creek bordering on Thos Burton, W. Manley, J. Cochran, Thos Johnson, part of 500 a. grant to Bize & said R.A. Wit: Hastings Dial, J. Cochran, J. Blackwell. (Deed Book J, 29; Nash, 290).

Note: Is this the same land that William sold to Robert Allison in 1803? Why is he selling this land to Mary the widow? Who is Sarah?

37. 9/11/1800-1/7/1801. Heirs of Joseph Kellett and Martin Mahaffey, decd., sold to James Sullivan, Junr., for £100 stg., 105 acres lying on the old Indian Boundry line & on a small br. of Reedy River, bordering on Riley land, on Mary McDaniel. Wit: Saml Boling, Tully Boling, John Rodgers, Esq. (Deed Book G, 131; Nash, 193).

38. 3/3/1806-3/4/1806. Robt & Elihu Creswell & James McCaa to Andrew NcKnight for \$250, 105 acres on Old Indian Boundary line & a small br. Of Reedy River. Plat shows bordering on Riley, Mary McDonald. Wit: Wm. McKnight, David Madden, Chas Allen. (Deed Book H, 131; Nash, 260).

Note: Mary was not listed in the 1800 census but still owns land in the Reedy River area.

39. 2/25/1807-8/11/1807. Archibald McDaniel to Thos Wright & Archibald Young for \$155, house and lot (1 a.) on Rabourn Creek tract where I now live on n. side of waggon road from J. Abercrombie's mill to Laurens C. H. Wit: Editha McDaniel, W. F. Downs. (Deed Book H, 242; Nash, 279).

40. 7/7/1807-8/5/1807. Archd McDaniel, Junr to Wm Johnson for \$150, mortgage on 186 acres on Rabourn Creek bordering on Duke Pinson, Jas Abercrombie, Archd McDaniel, Senr. Moses Pinson, Isaac Dial. Wit; Jeremiah Manley, Thos Wright. (Deed Book H, 241; Nash, 278).

41. 1/30/1809-2/11/1809. Wm. Johnson to Archd. McDaniel satisfaction on mortgage (see Book H, 241). Wit; Geo Jones. (Deed Book J, 57; Nash, 295).

42. 8/2/1809-1/1/1810. Wm. Boyd Senr to James Boyd & Wm Boyd Junr for \$100, 94 acres on Sandy Br of Reaburns Creek, bordering on John Box, Pinson, McDaniel, J. Dial, Wm Boyd. Wit; Thos Cunningham, J. Cochran. (Deed Book J, 123; Nash, 306).

43. 8/18/1809- . Archd McDaniel Junr to James Boyd and Wm Boyd Junr for \$400, 186 acres on Sandy Branch of Reaburns Creek, bordering on Marmaduke Pinson, Abercrombie, Moses Pinson, A, McDaniel, J. & Wm Boyd, J. Dial. Wit; Robt Lowry, John Cochran, Chas Allen DR of Editha ?McD. (Deed Book J, 123; Nash, 306).

44. 10/4/1809-3/22/1810. Archibald McDaniel to Josiah Blackwell for \$200, mortgage on 185 acres on waters of Reaburns Creek, bordered by Wm Allison, Robert Box, Wm Watkins. Wit; James Abercrombie Junr, Richard Blackwell. (Deed Book J, 136; Nash 308).

Archibald Junior has been busy conveying and financing land deals. There will be more after 1810 but lets look at the 1810 census report which has a lot of information in it.

## From the 1810 Census - Laurens District

The 1810 census of Laurens District was conducted much like the 1800 one. There were only 19 militia companies instead of 21. The report was not quite as well done as before, the areas served by individual companies was not as obvious and the writing much worse. Page numbers are those printed.

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Line 16 Archabal McDona 11001 10100

Males

Under 10 1  
10 " 16 1  
45 and up 1

Females

Under 10 1  
16 " 26 1

Line 17 Mathew McDona 20001 00011

Males

Under 10 2  
45 and up 1

Females

26 under 45 1  
45 and up 1

Line 18 Arabil [Archabald] McDona, Jr. 11010 52010

Males

Under 10 1  
10 " 16 1  
26 " 45 1

Females

Under 10 5  
10 " 16 2  
26 " 45 1

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John McDona

20201 01011

Males

Under 10 2  
16 " 26 2  
45 and up 1

Females

10 under 16 1  
26 " 45 1  
45 and up 1

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Elizabeth McDona

01400 01010

Males

10 under 16 1  
16 " 26 2

Females

10 under 16 1  
26 " 45 1

James A Abercrombie was listed on page 48.

## From the 1810 Census - Pendleton District

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Line 7

Thomas McDaniel 11301 20201 00

Males

under 10 1  
 10 " 16 1  
 16 " 26 3  
 45 and up 1

Females

under 10 2  
 16 " 26 2 no slaves  
 45 and up 1

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Line 20

John McDaniel [McDonald] 20010 20010 00

Males

under 10 2  
 26 " 45 1

Females

under 10 2  
 26 " 45 1 no slaves

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Line 12

Henry McDaniel

10001 00100 00

Males

under 10 1  
 45 and up 1

Females

16 under 26 1  
 no slaves

Line 13

John McDaniel

10100 20100 02

Males

under 10 1  
 16 " 26 1

Females

under 10 2  
 16 " 26 1 2 slaves

Line 14

Philip McDaniel

20100 00100 01

Males

under 10 2  
 16 " 26 1

Females

16 under 26 1  
 1 slave

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Polly McDaniel [McDonald] 34000 21010

Males

under 10 3  
 10 " 16 4

Females

under 10 2  
 10 " 16 1  
 26 " 45 1

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Line 11

James McDaniel	10241	00000	12
<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
under 10	1		
16 " 26	2	None	
26 " 45	4		12 slaves
45 and up	1		

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Line 8

Archibald McDaniel	20102	01000	00
<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
under 10	2	10 under 16	1
16 " 26	1		no slaves
45 and up	2		

Line 9

John McDaniel	10100	20100	02
<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
under 10	1	under 10	2
16 " 26	1	16 " 26	1
			2 slaves

Line 10

Philip McDaniel	20100	00100	
<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
under 10	2	16 under 26	1
16 " 26	1		01
			1 slave

Line 11

Henry McDaniel	10010	00100	00
<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
under 10	1	16 under 26	1
26 " 45	1		no slaves

About the census:

- a) Thomas McDonald of Enoree Regiment-Upper Battalion and William McDonald of Saludy Regiment-Upper Battalion are not listed.
- b) A John, an Archibald, an Archibald, Jr., an Elisabeth and James A. Abercrombie are listed and are probably the ones listed in 1800.
- c) There is now a Mathew, living next to Archibald. We know from Rachel Turk's will (item # 26) that Archibald had a brother named Mathew.

About the 1810 Pendleton District census:

- a) The number of McDanold/McDaniel heads of household has increased from 4 to 11.
- b) There is an Archibald whose age is 45 or more. However, Laurens still has its 2 Archibalds, the same number that it had in 1800. On page 7 data was presented which possibly allowed for 3 Archibalds (items 20, 21, 22). Available data confirms that Editha is the wife of Archibald, Jr. and that it was Jr. who got the grant (268 acres; item # 21) and who sold the land granted to William. In other words, Jr., the step-son of James Abercrombie, is the Archibald of items 21 and 22. Thus we have only 2 Archibalds in Laurens in 1800, the same 2 who were there in 1810.
- c) Significantly, there appears to be 2 family groups, one of 3 households (Henry, John, and Philip) and one having 4 households (Archibald, John, Philip and Henry).
- d) Archibald's son, age 16 under 26, is undoubtedly William Henry McDonald, the only child of Archibald mentioned by Willie Carr McDonald Hope. Henry died in 1848, his first of 2 children was born in 1814, married about 1812, and probably born about 1890-92. In 1810 he would have been about 20 years old.
- f) It should also be mentioned that Willie Carr, once in a piece called "The McDonalds" written in connection with a history of the Rock Springs Methodist Church, wrote, "--- Having only recently arrived from Scotland, one of three McDonald brothers ---." There is evidence in the 1810 Pendleton report to support this claim.



## CONCLUSION

This effort was prompted by an interest in finding an answer to the question, "Was the Archibald of Oconee the Archibald who received the land grant in District 96 in 1793?" We have ample data to unequivocally answer that question.

The Archibald of Oconee is listed in the 1810 and 1820 census reports of Pendleton District (both times as McDaniel). He presumably died after 1820 and before 1830. The census reports for the Laurens District for 1800, 1810, and 1820 each lists 2 Archibalds, one twice listed as Jr. and one listed once as Sr. Ages, family profiles, locations all indicate that these are the same 2 men. Thus the only 2 Archibalds (McDaniel or McDonald) found in Laurens County were living there all of the time that our third Archibald was living in Pendleton. If either of the 2 Archibalds living in Laurens received the land grant then we will know absolutely that the Archibald of Pendleton is a different person.

Referring for a moment only to the Laurens Archibalds, the age distributions in the census reports make clear that Archibald, Jr. is the younger of the two men and positions in the census lists indicate that the 2 families lived close to each other. All of this tempts a conclusion that Jr. is a son of Sr. However, in his will published in 1826, Archibald mentioned his wife, Margaret, sons Thomas, Mathew and Joel, and a daughter Elizabeth Moore. Archibald clearly had no son named Archibald. Also, it has already been pointed out that Archibald, Jr. was the step-son of James Abercrombie. He was therefore, the son of Elizabeth O'Daniel McDaniel Abercrombie whose first husband was killed in the American revolution. Jr. was probably a nephew of Archibald and Matthew.

In 1809 Archibald, Jr. sold 186 acres on Sandy Branch of Reaburn's Creek, (item #43) to James and William Boyd, neighbors. Dower of Editha is mentioned. This land is clearly part of the 1793 grant of 286 acres. It was Archibald, Jr, previously occupant of the place granted to William McDonald (sic) in 1766, who was the recipient of the 1793 grant for 286 acres in District 96.

The Archibald of Pendleton and Oconee left no readily discovered traces if he ever lived in Laurens County.

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## POSTSCRIPT

In the course of this study, much information was collected about the McDaniels of Laurens County. A summary will be presented here in the event that this writing falls into the hands of someone interested in that subject.

There is a very old and neglected family cemetery, known as the McDaniel & Dial Cemetery located about 8 miles southwest of Laurens, off road #398 and not far from Dirty Creek. It is in the woods, overgrown and not visible from the road. The writer has visited this cemetery and made pictures of the headstones (there are about 7 identifiable graves). This cemetery has been surveyed and included in the survey are<sup>1</sup>:

Matthew McDaniel  
d. Jan 10, 1840  
In 74<sup>th</sup> year of his age

Jane McDaniel  
d. Jan 6, 1852  
Age 73 Y & 30 D

J. A. C. (Identified by the family as James Abercrombie)  
Dec 8, 1819

Archibald McDaniel  
b. 1750  
d. Oct 12, 1823  
Age 75 Yrs

Maragret Wade McDaniel  
b. Apr 1, 1774  
d. Apr 4, 1840

With this and information already presented, we can, partially at least, describe an early family of McDaniels consisting of the following brothers and sisters:

1. Archibald McDaniel — Born about 1750 and died about 1825 (his will was dated 1826). He married Margaret Wade and in his will mentions his wife, sons Thomas, Mathew and Joel and a daughter Elizabeth.

2. Rachel McDaniel — Probably born in early 1750's and died in late 1790's (her will was dated 1797). She mentions brothers Archibald and Mathew, a sister Margaret and a nephew Mathew O'Donel.

3. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> name not known. If Rachel had a nephew named Mathew O'Daniel, then she had a sister who married an O'Daniel.

4. Male, 1<sup>st</sup> name not known. Elizabeth O'Donald McDaniel's husband was an early fatality in the American revolution. She had a son, Archibald, frequently referred to as Archibald, Jr., who was apparently living in the homeplace of William McDaniel in 1790 when the 1<sup>st</sup> census was taken. Elizabeth married James A. Abercrombie about 1880, who mentioned a step-son Archibald McDaniel, Jr. in his will.

5. Margaret McDaniel — unmarried at the time that Rachel wrote her will.

6. Matthew McDaniel — He was undoubtedly the youngest of the clan although he may have been born before 1766 as suggested by his tombstone.

McDaniels continued to own and farm significant acreage in the vicinity of Dirty Creek and Rabon's Creek until very recently. The last one was Sam McDaniel, interviewed by the writer in 1994. Mr. Sam said that his grandfather was a doctor.

By virtue of his will, the family of Archibald, Sr., is known. A brief search produced no will for Mathew nor was he listed in the 1800 census. He probably had not yet married and set up his own household. Census reports for 1810, 1820 and 1830 indicate 6 children, 4 sons and 2 daughters. The 1850 census includes a Robert McDaniel, 31 years old, a physician, living alone (he married shortly thereafter). He was also the owner family land and was living near 2 of Archibald's sons. His tombstone in the cemetery of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church gives his birthdate as May 25, 1818 and his date of death as Sept. 22, 1879. The 1820 census shows Mathew McDaniel with 2 sons under 10 years old. Knowing that Archibald had no son named Robert, the assumption that Robert was a son of Mathew seems to be a safe one.

Partial genealogies of Archibald and Matthew McDaniel are attached. These could be greatly expanded by anyone interested in these families .

## Descendants of Matthew MCDANIEL

### FIRST GENERATION

1. Matthew McDANIEL was born in 1766 in SC and died on 10 Jan 1840 in Laurens Co., SC (1). He was buried in the McDaniel-Dial Cemetery, Laurens Co., SC.

He was married to Jane ---?--- about 1807 in Laurens, SC. Jane ---?--- was born in Dec 1778 and died on 1 Jan 1852 in Laurens Co., SC (1). She was buried in the McDaniel-Dial Cemetery. Matthew and Jane ---?--- had the following children:

- 2     i.     ---?--- (a son) McDANIEL was born about 1810 in Laurens Co., SC.
- 3     ii.    ---?--- (a son) McDANIEL was born about 1812 in Laurens Co., SC.
- 4     iii.    ---?--- (a dau) McDANIEL was born about 1815 in Laurens Co., SC..
- +5    iv.    Dr. Robert McDANIEL.
- 6     v.     ---?--- (a son) McDANIEL was born about 1822 in Laurens Co., SC.
- 7     vi.    ---?--- (a dau) McDANIEL was born about 1826 in Laurens Co., SC.

### SECOND GENERATION

5. Dr. Robert McDANIEL was born on 25 May 1818 in Laurens Co., SC and he died there on 22 Sep 1879 (2). He was buried in the cemetery of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Laurens Co., SC.

He was married to Margaret W. MOORE about 1853. Margaret W. MOORE was born on 13 Sep 1832 in Laurens Co., SC and she died there on 22 Apr 1899.. She was buried in the cemetery of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Dr. Robert McDANIEL and Margaret W. MOORE had the following children:

- +8    i.     Jane Elizabeth McDANIEL.
- 9     ii.    James E. McDANIEL was born in Jun 1858 in Laurens Co., SC and he died there on 22 Nov 1859. He was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery.
- 10    iii.    Thomas J. McDANIEL was born in Feb 1860 in Laurens Co., SC and he died there on 8 May 1861. He was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery..
- 11    iv.    Robert (R.Y.) McDANIEL was born about 1862 in Laurens Co., SC and he died there in Sep 1923. He was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery..
- 12    v.     George M. McDANIEL was born on 8 Jul 1865 in Laurens Co., SC. He died there on 25 May 1908. He was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery.
- 13    vi.    Clayton "Clady" McDANIEL was born in 1868 in Laurens Co., SC.
- +14   vii.   Tobias Clarence McDANIEL.
- +15   viii.   Mary McDANIEL.

### THIRD GENERATION

8. Jane Elizabeth McDANIEL was born on 15 Oct 1855 in Laurens Co., SC and she died there on 20 Jun 1927. She was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Bapt Church Cemetery.

She was married to John R. BOYD about 1875 in Laurens Co., SC. John R. BOYD was born on 11 Oct 1853 in Laurens Co., SC and he died there on 13 Mar 1913. He was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Bapt Church Cemetery.

14. Tobias Clarence McDANIEL was born in Laurens Co., SC and he died there in 1910..

He was married to Lurana ELLEDGE about 1895. She was born in 1869 in Laurens Co., SC. Tobias Clarence McDANIEL and Lurana ELLEDGE had the following children:

- |     |      |   |
|-----|------|---|
| 16  | i.   | Gerald McDANIEL was born in 1898 in Laurens Co., SC.      |
| 17  | ii.  | Mary Porter McDANIEL was born in 1900 in Laurens Co., SC. |
| 18  | iii. | Margaret McDANIEL was born in 1902 in Laurens Co., SC.    |
| +19 | iv.  | Samuel Earl McDANIEL.                                     |
| 20  | v.   | Harry McDANIEL was born in 1908 in Laurens, Co..          |

15. Mary McDANIEL was born on 7 Feb 1878 in Laurens Co., SC. And she died there on 30 Jul 1919. She was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery..

She was married to R. Edgar McDANIEL about 1900 in Laurens Co., SC. R. Edgar McDANIEL was born on 16 Jul 1875 in Laurens Co., SC and he died there on 29 Aug 1918. He was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery.

### FOURTH GENERATION

19. Samuel Earl McDANIEL was born on 26 May 1904 in Laurens Co., SC and he died there on 17 Feb 1994.

He was married to Lucile COOPER in Laurens Co., SC She was born on 24 Jun in Laurens Co., SC and died there on 16 Jun 1976. Samuel Earl McDANIEL and Lucile COOPER had the following children:

- |    |     |                          |
|----|-----|--------------------------|
| 21 | i.  | Elizabeth Earl McDANIEL. |
| 22 | ii. | Nancy Carroll McDANIEL.  |



# Descendants of Archibald MCDANIEL

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## FIRST GENERATION

1. **Archibald MCDANIEL** was born in 1750. He died on 12 Oct 1825 in Laurens, SC. He was buried in McDaniel-Dial Cemetery, Laurens Co., SC.

He was married to Margaret WADE about 1802 in SC. **Margaret WADE** was born on 1 Apr 1774 in SC. She died on 4 Apr 1840 in Laurens, SC. She was buried in McDaniel-Dial Cemetery, Laurens Co., SC. Archibald MCDANIEL and Margaret WADE had the following children:

- 2            i. **Thomas MCDANIEL** was born about 1805 in Laurens Co., SC. He died on 21 Jan 1860 in Laurens Co., SC. He was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.
- +3           ii. **Elizabeth MCDANIEL.**
- +4           iii. **Matthew MCDANIEL.**
- 5           iv. **Joel MCDANIEL** was born on 25 Oct 1819 in Laurens Co., SC. He died on 17 Oct 1898 in Laurens Co., SC. He was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

## SECOND GENERATION

3 **Elizabeth MCDANIEL** was born on 3 Aug 1808 in Laurens Co., SC. She died on 12 Oct 1867 in Laurens Co., SC. She was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

She was married to George MOORE about 1828 in Laurens Co., SC. **George MOORE** was born on 7 Mar 1802 in Laurens Co., SC. He died on 14 Dec 1873 in Laurens Co., SC. He was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

4. **Matthew MCDANIEL** was born on 25 Apr 1813 in Laurens, Co.. He died on 24 May 1884 in Laurens Co., SC. He was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem., Laurens Co., SC.

He was married to Mahala ---?--- about 1835. **Mahala ---?---** was born on 12 Jan 1812 in Laurens Co., SC. She died on 17 Feb 1898 in Laurens Co., SC. She was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC. Matthew MCDANIEL and Mahala ---?--- had the following children:

- +6           i. **Elizabeth J. MCDANIEL.**
- 7           ii. **W.T. MCDANIEL** was born in 1844 in Laurens Co., SC.
- +8           iii. **Joel R. MCDANIEL.**
- 9           iv. **Mathew Evans MCDANIEL** was born on 20 May 1849 in Laurens Co., SC. He died on 9 Mar 1931 in Laurens Co., SC. He was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

## THIRD GENERATION

6. **Elizabeth J. MCDANIEL** was born on 26 Nov 1842 in Laurens Co., SC. She died on 12 Jul 1923 in Laurens Co., SC. She was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

She was married to Dr. L.M. HENDERSON about 1862 in Laurens Co., SC. **Dr. L.M. HENDERSON** was born on 26 Mar 1838 in SC. He died on 26 Mar 1906 in Laurens Co., SC. He was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

8. **Joel R. MCDANIEL** was born on 7 Oct 1846 in Laurens Co., SC. He died on 11 Apr 1929 in Laurens Co., SC. He was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

**Rebecca PINSON** was born on 10 Jul 1847 in Laurens Co., SC. She died on 8 Jan 1927 in Laurens Co., SC. She was buried in Mt. Pleasant Bapt Ch Cem, Laurens Co., SC.

## I. Introduction

My mother was Mary Elizabeth Fennell, born 21 Oct 1894 in Oconee County, South Carolina, daughter of Thomas Sumter Fennell and Margaret Matilda "Maggie" McDonald. Maggie was born 25 Jun 1856 in what is now Oconee County, a daughter of Henry Duffie "Duff" and Amelia "Milly" Kelly. Henry "Duff" McDonald, son of William Henry and Fannie Susanah "Susan" Crenshaw, was born there 11 Apr 1817. All of the above is well supported by family history, census and land records.

In her book *The Truth About The McDonalds - Historical* Willie Carr McDonald Hope (1) gives a great deal of information about the Oconee McDonalds from William Henry's adulthood through 5 generations. Based largely on family tradition she identifies Calvin Archibald McDonald as the first family settler (and the father of William Henry McDonald) but admits that little is known about him. Available data, though skimpy, supports this claim.

However, the statement that Archibald McDonald came into South Carolina through Charleston about 1750 is not in accord with evidence presented later herein. Also she refers to a report from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History describing 2 land grants made to Archibald McDonald, one in 1789 and one in 1793. One was to an Archibald McDonald in Georgetown whose life there is well documented. The other grant was for land on the waters of Rabon's Creek, not far from the town of Laurens, to a man who was still living there in 1810.

At an earlier time, in a piece about the McDonald family in a history of the Rock Springs Methodist Church in Richland, Oconee County, South Carolina, she writes, in an obvious reference to Archibald, "Having only recently arrived from Scotland, one of three McDonald brothers ----." As will be seen there is some evidence in the census data to support this statement.

It helpful to know the following when searching in Oconee census and land records:

- (1) in 1789 the general area was defined as Pendleton County which was part of the Ninety-Six District,
- (2) in 1800 Pendleton County became Pendleton District,
- (3) in 1826 Pendleton District was split into Anderson and Pickens Districts,
- (4) in 1868 Pickens District was split into Pickens and Oconee Counties.

**WARNING:** In early census and land records there is a great deal of confusion of the names McDonald and McDaniel (and their variations), one being used when the other should have been. For example, in the 1850 census of Oconee County, known members of the McDonald family are enumerated as McDaniels. "Duff" McDonald was enumerated in the 1880 census as Henry "Duff" McDaniel.

## II. The Early McDonalds - Archibald and William Henry

Not much is known about Archibald McDonald (often written as McDaniel) except that he emigrated to America from Scotland and was one of the early settlers of that part of the Pendleton District now known as Oconee County, and that he had a son named William Henry McDonald, generally referred to as Henry McDonald.

Willie Carr McDonald Hope in her book gives us a good bit of information about William Henry. He inherited the home place established by Archibald, substantially increased the acreage and lived there until his death November 4, 1848. His wife was Fannie Susanah "Susan" Crenshaw of Pendleton, South Carolina. She died November 4, 1871. They had two children — Selena Ann born July 19, 1814 and Henry Duffie "Duff" born April 11, 1817. Duff and his wife lived with his parents and after Henry's death, Duff, his family, Susan and Salena continued to live there.

Census reports (2) should provide some useful information and will be examined in some detail.: The 1790 census of Pendleton District listed only 1 McDonald, first name James. The family consisted of James, 1 son under 16 years and 3 females.

### From the 1800 Census --- Pendleton District

<u>Page 27</u>	Henry McDaniel	01211 - 00311
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10 under 16 1	16 under 26 3
	16 " 26 2	26 " 45 1
	26 " 45 1	45 and up 1
	45 and up 1	
 <u>Page 39</u>	 John McDaniel	 20010 - 00100
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 2	16 under 26 1
	26 " 45 1	
 <u>Page 41</u>	 Broderick McDaniel	 30100 - 10010
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 3	under 10 1
	16 under 26 1	26 " 45 1
 <u>Page 50</u>	 Henry McDaniel	 01111 - 01111
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10 under 16 1	10 under 16 1
	16 " 26 1	16 " 26 1
	26 " 45 1	26 " 45 1
	45 and up 1	45 and up 1

There is no Archibald (McDonald or McDaniel) listed. There is no evidence that Archibald McDonald was there in 1800.

From the 1810 Census --- Pendleton District

<u>Page 144</u>	Thomas McDaniel	11301 - 20201
Line 7	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	under 10 2
	10 " 16 1	16 " 26 2
	16 " 26 3	45 and up 1
	45 and up 1	
<u>Page 153</u>	John McDnaodl (sic) [McDonald] 20010 - 20010	
Line 20	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 2	under 10 2
	26 " 45 1	26 " 45 1
<u>Page 155</u>	Henry McDaniel	10001 - 00100
Line 12	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10	16 under 26 1
	45 and up 1	
Line 13	John McDaniel	10100 - 20100
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	under 10 2
	16 " 26 1	16 " 26 1
Line 14	Philip McDaniel	20100 - 00100
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 2	16 under 26 1
	16 under 26 1	
<u>Page 160</u>	Polly McDanodl(sic)[McDanold] 34000 - 21010	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 3	under 10 2
	10 " 16 4	10 " 16 1
		26 " 45 1
<u>Page 163</u>	James McDaniel	10241 - 00000
Line 11	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	None
	16 " 26 2	
	26 " 45 4	
	45 and up 1	

<u>Page 164</u>	Archibald McDaniel	20102 - 01000
Line 8	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 2	10 under 16 1
	16 " 26 1	
	45 and up 2	
Line 9	John McDaniel	10100 - 20100
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	under 10 2
	16 " 26 1	16 " 26 1
Line 10	Philip McDaniel	20100 - 00100
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 2	16 under 26 1
	16 " 26 1	
Line 11	Henry McDaniel	10010 - 00100
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	16 under 26 1
	26 " 45 1	

From the 1820 Census — Pendleton District

Note: The 1820 census had the same basic age brackets for males but added a 16 to 18 column. Anyone in that bracket was also counted in the 16 under 26 group. The 16 to 18 bracket has been scratched out in the following report.

<u>Page 168</u>	Phillip McDaniel	020010 - 30010
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10 under 16 2	under 10 3
	26 under 45 1	26 under 45 1
<u>Page 182</u>	James McDaniel	000301 = 00110
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	16 under 26 3	16 under 26 1
	45 and up 1	26 " 45 1
<u>Page 199</u>	Mary McDaniel	030100 - 00001
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10 under 16 3	45 and up
	16 " 26 1	

<u>Page 213</u>	Andrew McDaniel	211201 - 20010
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 2	under 10 2
	10 " 16 1	26 " 45 1
	16 " 26 2	
	45 and up 1	
<u>Page 213</u>	George McDonald	100010 - 40010
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	Under 10 4
	26 " 45 1	26 " 45 1
<u>Page 214</u>	Archibald McDaniel	010010 - 20100
Line 17	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10 under 16 1	under 10 2
	26 " 45 1	16 " 26 1
<u>Page 214</u>	Thomas McDaniel	121201 - 11111
Line 18	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	under 10 1
	10 " 16 2	10 " 16 1
	16 " 26 2	16 " 26 1
	45 and up 1	26 " 45 1
		45 and up 1
<u>Page 214</u>	Henry McDaniel	10110 - 10010
Line 19	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 1	under 10 1
	16 " 26 1	26 " 45 1
	26 " 45 1	
<u>Page 214</u>	Thomas McDaniel, Jr.	300010 = 10010
Line 20	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 3	under 10 1
	26 ' 45 1	26 " 45 1
<u>Page 228</u>	John R. McDaniel	220010 - 20210
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 10 2	under 10 2
	10 " 16 2	16 " 26 2
	26 ' 45 1	26 " 45 1



From the 1830 Census --- Pickens District

Page 254 Line 9	Thomas McDonald	23000100000000 - 11000100000000
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 5 2	under 5 1
	5 " 10 3	5 " 10 1
	30 " 40 1	30 " 40 1
Page 254 Line 17	Matthew McDonald	00000100000000 - 0100010000100
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	30 under 40 1	5 under 10 1
		30 " 40 1
		80 " 90 1
Page 257 Line 22	Henry McDonald	00100100000000 - 0002001000000
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10 under 15 1	15 under 20 2
	30 " 40 1	40 " 50 1
Page 258 Line 9	Elizabeth McDonald	01100000000000 - 0002000100000
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	5 under 10 1	15 under 20 2
	10 : 15 1	50 " 60 1
Page 258 Line 10	Jacob McDonald	20101000000000 - 0101101000000
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 5 2	5 under 10 1
	10 " 15 1	15 " 20 1
	20 " 30 1	20 " 30 1
		40 " 50 1
Page 258 Line 11	Thomas McDonald, Sr.	1100000001000 - 1000200010000
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 5 1	under 5 1
	5 " 10 1	20 " 30 2
	70 " 80 1	60 " 70 1
Page 276 Line 25	John McDonald	0010000100000 - 00111001010000
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10 under 15 1	10 under 15 1
	50 " 60 1	15 " 20 1
		20 " 30 1
		50 " 60 1
		70 " 80 1

From the 1840 Census --- Pickens District

<u>Page 342</u>	Mary McDonald	0111100000000 --- 0112001000000
Line 3	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	5 under 10 1	5 under 10 1
	10 " 15 1	10 " 15 1
	15 " 20 1	15 " 20 2
	20 " 30 1	40 " 50 1
<u>Page 342</u>	Nancy McDonald	0001000000000 --- 1110010000000
Line 4	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	15 under 20 1	under 5 1
		5 " 10 1
		10 " 15 1
		30 " 40 1
<u>Page 342</u>	Henry D. McDonald	0000100000000 --- 2000100000000
Line 5	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	20 under 30 1	under 5 2
		20 " 30 1
<u>Page 342</u>	Henry McDonald	0000001000000 --- 0010100100000
Line 7	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	40 under 50 1	10 under 15 1
		20 " 30 1
		50 " 60 1
<u>Page 346</u>	Jacob McDonald	0110010000000 --- 4101010100000
Line 26	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	5 under 10 1	under 5 4
	10 " 15 1	5 " 10 1
	30 " 40 1	15 " 20 1
		30 " 40 1
		50 " 60 1
<u>Page 390</u>	Alexander E. McDonald	1100010000000 --- 0000100000000
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	under 5 1	20 under 30 1
	5 " 10 1	
	30 " 40 1	

Archibald, one of the original settlers, is listed only once, as a McDaniel, in the census of 1810. He is 45 or more years old, born by 1765 and apparently a widower. In his household is a male 16-under 26 years old. This person will be identified as his son William Henry, born 1791-1800.

William Henry, son of Archibald, is found as head of household in the census reports of 1820 (as McDaniel), 1830 and 1840. Working backwards ---

1840, page 342, line 7, he is in the 40-under 50 age bracket, born 1791-1800.

1830, page 257, line 22, he is in the 30-under 40 age bracket, born 1791-1800

1820, page 214, line 19, he is in the 20-under 30 age bracket, born 1791-1800

1810, he is not head of a household but is still living with his father and is in the 16-under 26 age bracket but on the basis of the above, is actually 16-under 20..

Applying the same procedure to wife Susan:

1840, she is in the 50 under 60 age bracket, born 1781-1790

1830, she is in the 40-under 50 age bracket, born 1781-1790

1820, she is in the 30-under 40 age bracket, born 1781-1790.

The Henry of 1810, page 164, line 11, was at least 26 years old in 1810 and could not be the son of Archibald but is probably related.

Also, in the 1810 census are 2 family groups with common name patterns, and heads of household 45 or more years old — Archibald and Henry. In 1820, another 45 or over head of household, Thomas McDonald, is living next to Henry. This gives some substance to the notion, expressed in the history of the Rock Springs Methodist Church, that Archibald and 2 brothers came about the same time, perhaps together, to what is now Oconee County.

Census data offers some further assistance with Henry's family. Beginning in 1850 names of everyone in the household were listed, along with sex and age. The following excerpts are of interest..

From the 1850 Census — Pickens District

<u>Page &amp; Family No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
425      835	Archy W. McDaniel	32	M
	Marianne      “	27	F
	Mathew      “	5	M
	Frances      “	3	F
	Mary      “	6/12	F
836	Beaufort W. Bowen	40	M
	7 more		

426	837	Henry D. McDaniel	28	M	
		Millie "	27	F	
		Martha "	12	F	
		Henry "	8	M	
		Elizabeth "	6	F	
		Eliza "	4	F	
		Joseph "	2	M	
		Susanna McDaniel	81	F	age is incorrect!
		Celina Shirs	28	F	
		William Dun(?)	25	M	
	838	Mary McDaniel	60	F	
		Sine (?) "	36	F	
		Catherine "	16	F	
		(?) "	22	M	
		Calvin "	20	M	
	839	Nancy McDaniel	50	F	
		Marianne "	22	F	
		Emily "	17	F	
		Abigail "	40	F	
		Archibald "	10	M	
	840	Alfred McDaniel	26	M	
		Annie "	22	F	
		Mary "	2	F	
	841	Williams Owens	50	M	
		Susan "	44	F	
		(7 more, all Owens)			

Some of the ages in the 1850 report are not correct. Henry D., if born in 1817 would be 33. Selena, if born in 1814, would be 36. An age of 81 in 1850 would mean that Susanna was born in 1769 and would have been in the 60-under 70 bracket in 1840, etc. Take note of the name William Owens, listed right in with the McDaniels (McDonalds). In 1830 William Owens was listed next to Henry D. His name will appear again shortly. The 1860 census also provides some interesting data.

From the 1860 Census --- Pickens District

On page 88, listed next to each other are William Owens and H. D. McDaniel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
William	60	H. D.	42
Mary	32	Milly	42
Susan	28	Martha	20
Sarah	21	Henry F.	18
Harrison	18	Susanah	16
Henry C.	15	Louisa	14
John M.	12	Joseph P.	12
Elvira	5	Nelson C.	10
Susan McDaniel	78	Sarah F.	4
Salina	46	Margarett	2

Susan, Henry's wife, and Selena, Henry's sister are living with William Owens. Owens is either a very good friend, or more likely, has married a McDonald female. Also, the ages in Henry D.'s family appear to be much nearer the truth. It has been quite clear all along that Susan was older than William Henry. If Susan was 78 years old in 1860, she would have been born in 1782 and would have been 35 years old when Henry Duff was born.

The census offers one more important bit of information. The 1880 census asks for the place of birth of each person. According to Willie Carr McDonald Hope, Henry Duffie McDonald lived until February 26, 1885 and should be included in the 1880 census of Oconee County. He is in fact there, listed as H Duff McDaniel, and very clearly gives NC as the birthplace of both parents. *William Henry McDonald was born in North Carolina.*

If William Henry was born about 1791, in North Carolina, then Archibald was living there then. Unfortunately, the current author has not been able to search North Carolina records and cannot say much more than that. In his book *Carolina Scots*, Douglas I. Kelly (3) gives a lot of information about migration of Highland Scots to North Carolina and anyone interested in this subject should read it. North Carolina grew from a population of about 36,000 in 1729 to about 300,000 in 1776. Kelly (page 81) says that "A good part of this remarkable growth consisted of as many as 50,000 Highland Scots, who came in various waves pouring into the colony from 1739 to the time of the Revolution in 1776." A great many of the Scots settled in the Cape Fear Valley with a heavy concentration in Cumberland County (Fayetteville). After the Revolution, as the federal government pushed the Indians out, many, perhaps as many as half, of the Scots moved to the South and to the West. It is considered very likely that Archibald and his family were a part of these migrations.

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