



This is *a* John McIntosh, but I'm not sure it's *the* John McIntosh.

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## John McIntosh history - *John is John W's Grandfather* by John W. McIntosh (great-grandson) (edited slightly by Don Porter)

My great-grandfather was born in Croy, Invernesshire, Scotland, in the year 1795, according to the record of his son, William McIntosh. He was married to Girsey (or Grace or Grizel) Rankin in Bridgeton, Lanarkshire, Scotland, a small town near Glasgow, on June 15, 1817, according to the parish records of Barony Parish. Their first child, daughter Agnes, was born Jan. 28, 1818. Their second child, William, was born Sept. 16, 1819, at Bridgeton, and the parish records give the occupation of John McIntosh in one entry as grocer and in another as a "dyer."

We get the most information from a diary kept by his son, William McIntosh. We learn from the diary that they left Scotland when William was 20 months old, which means they left Scotland for Canada in January 1821.

They came to Ontario, Upper Canada. He gives the names of the children of John and Girsey McIntosh as: Agnes, William, Isabell, John, David, James, Janette and Girsey. Of these children we have the birth dates of four: Agnes, Jan. 26, 1818; William, Sept. 16, 1819; John (my grandfather), Aug. 17, 1824; and James, 1825. It is possible that one other of the children was born in Scotland, but we find no other birth date from Scottish records. The rest of the children were born in Canada.

The diary states that John and Girsey and some of the children joined the church when the missionaries came to Canada in about 1838. Shortly after joining the church, they had a desire to be with the Saints and in 1841 they arrived in Toledo, Ohio, which William describes as a sickly place. While in Ohio, James died in August 1844. Their next move was to Michigan, Monroe County, where they apparently stayed a few years. In the spring of 1853, (April, it was) my great-grandmother died and was buried in Oregon, Lucas County, Ohio.

In Michigan, Isabell married Abraham Vaughan. While in Michigan, Janette married a man by the name of Campbell and had two children, but her husband left her. The diary tells that John (my grandfather) left for Utah in 1849 with a family by the name of Gardner, while William and Maria and two children came to Utah in the fall of 1851, being met by John, who had been living north of Salt Lake City in Sessions settlement, later known as Bountiful. He apparently made his home there the rest of his life.

His son William had made a home in West Jordan, and John (my grandfather) had married Caroline Elizabeth Caldwell and moved to St. John, Tooele County, about 1856 or 1857.

In the summer of 1858, William states that he sent for his father to come to Salt Lake, when the



Saints moved south when the army came into Utah. His father went back to Bountiful after the people returned to the city.

In the summer of 1859, William again sent for his father to come to see his son, John, who was very ill in St. John. William states he sent for his father on horseback from West Jordan to St. John with medicine in the first part of December, the weather being very cold and much snow on the ground. When arriving in St. John, Grandfather said to him, "You have found your boy very ill."

Grandfather died Dec. 6, 1859, His father gave him a fit father's blessing before he died. My grandfather was buried Dec. 9, 1859, in the Clover Cemetery, at the age of 36. My grandmother Caroline McIntosh was left with four children. Great-grandfather moved back to Bountiful and all we know about him for a few years are references in William's diary [about] visiting him on occasions:

February 1861: visited his father in Bountiful for a few days.

November 1861: William sent his son, John, to get some wood for his grandfather for the winter.

October 1862: His last reference to his father. At this time William McIntosh had moved to Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County, Utah. An endowment card in the Temple Index Bureau shows that my great-grandfather, John McIntosh, did his own endowments, and married Mary Ross for time.

We have no data on Mary Ross from October 1862.

*married 16 May 1860 SLC*

John McIntosh died in Bountiful in 1875; the following obituary notice was given:

*"At Bountiful, Davis County, Utah, John McIntosh, aged about 82 years. Deceased was born in the Highlands of Scotland, [from] where he migrated to Canada in the year 1824. In the latter place, he became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, being baptized in the year 1838 by John E. Page. Leaving there in 1851, he came to Salt Lake City, Utah, staying a year or two in Salt Lake City [from] where he moved to Bountiful, where he died.*

*For 12 years preceding his death he had entire charge at the Tabernacle of Bountiful, which place he kept warm and comfortable for the Saints to worship in. He is known to many who respect him for his fidelity."*

Of the other children of John McIntosh and Girsey Rankin who did not come to Utah: James, we know, died and was buried in Ohio. Of David, William states that he was with his parents in Michigan, but we have no knowledge of him leaving there, or where he died. We know Agnes married Abraham Vaughan while living in Michigan.

The diary states that Janette married a man by the name of Campbell, and they had two children, and then separated. Girsey married Henry Hinckley, and they were living in Toledo, Ohio. An entry in William's diary says that he received a letter from his two sisters, Girsey Hinckley and Janette Woodruff, so we assume that Janette had married a man by the name of Woodruff. At the present time, January 1960, we do not know where the four daughters of John McIntosh and Girsey Rankin died, and are buried, or anything of their descendants.

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