

Decatur, Tennessee
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Dear Cousin,

I appreciated the family genealogy of Cousin Cara so much. Our relatives are scattered all over the U.S. aren't they?

Yes, I personally knew Granville Mc^{re} Kenzie son of Alexander W^{re} Mc^{re} Kenzie. He seemed to be a very fine man. Marie Katrig and husband Martin are also very fine people. We have visited each other from time to time.

I do not know what the middle names of my Gr-Gr-Great Uncle Jess and Uncle Alex were. Their descendants living in the West may know. Granville Mc^{re} Kenzie's oldest sister Hattie Belle was born in Meigs Co. Tenn. where I live.

It is very possible that our first known ancestor Alexander Mc^{re} Kenzie of Northern Ireland could have been in America when the Revolutionary War was fought, but this I don't know. He might have fought in the war.

When I began to question some of my older relatives about who my Great-Grandfather Henry Morrison's mother was (this was many years ago) they only said it seemed like that her name was Cates, then others that I questioned thought that she was a Rayle. Well I discounted

that either was right after I found the Civil War Vets' Questionnaire. I felt since he was the oldest child in the family and a grown man at the time he filled out the questionnaire that he surely knew who his own mother was. He also gave one of his daughters the name Amanda. He also states that he was born in Lumpkin Co. Ga.

I don't know what year Lumpkin became a County, but there was a gold rush there in the 1830's. There is an old gold mine in what is now Lumpkin Co. Ga. which was owned by a family of Wells. I have been there and seen where it was at Auraria, in Lumpkin Co.

There are some Wells buried at Athens, Ga. adjoining Co. to Meigs, but I have not found David and Aria. I don't know where they were buried. His questionnaire and application for pension were both in the State Archives in Nashville, Tenn. He was a Civil War veteran.

Henri Marroson (Henry Morrison) Mc^cKenzie (Mc^c Kenzie) and Arie Ann Woods were the parents of Frances Marion McKenzie (Frank) after Henri Marroson died Arie Ann married Woodward (Woody) Griggs in Macon Co. N.C. then later came to Mc^c Minn Co. Tenn. Some of the Mc^c Kenzie children were still living with her!

Mrs. Clyde Short 1214 Elfin Road Lookout Mountain,
Tenn. had in her possession the Bible which
once belonged to Henri Marroson. I was lucky
enough to see it, several years ago.

Alex Mc^c Kinzey of Northern Ireland bought the
book in 1802 and Alex ~~Mc~~ wrote this message
in the Bible.

Alex Mc^c Kinzey bought this book in the year
1802 - price 2/10/0 and I allow it for my son
Alex born Oct. the 15th day. God give him
grace to serve the Lord. He is good in you
the full days in truth and if it slips
thy mind beware of pride. Give me memory
to serve the Lord. My God of thy father. Alex
Mc^c Kinzey to his son Alex Mc^c Kinzey

Book printed Glasgow, Scotland
by David Kincaid for J. Duncan
Printed in MDCCLXXXIV

on the bottom of the page

Marroson Mc^c Kinzey IV

This book given to him in 1815

On another page - Marroson Mc^c Kinzey IV his book
He wrote his name at least one more time
near the title page of the New Testament

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Sincerely,
Willie Mae - P.S. Please turn to back of page 1 for the answer to one of your questions which I almost forgot to answer.

You see according to the Bible my Dad Henry Morrison McKeuzie (Bud) was the 1st to carry the name. You see the spelling of the name was changed from Henry Morrosor McKeuzey to the above spelling.

Henry Morrison McKeuzie, Civil War Vet and my Great Grandfather who I remember well stated in his questionnaire that his grandfather Henri Morrosor McKeuzie came from Ireland. I also found early records in Burke Co. N.C. which stated that he was naturalized. I don't believe that the records would have mentioned Naturalization if he had been born here. I was told that he was a stow-away on a ship at 19 yrs. of age coming to America and that he brought the Bible with him when he came.

Some of the relatives want to believe that he was born in the states and tie him in with the Sevier Co. and Monroe Co. Tenn. McKeuzies. I am quite sure that he was related to them but not sure that they were his immediate family. Catherine who lived in McMain Co. Tenn. lived to be 114 yrs. old

P.S. Frances Marion (Frank M.) McKenzie's 4th child Arie Amanda married July 3, 1881 James Henry Shell. She died Nov. 15, 1885 then her sister Mary A. McKenzie who first married William Harrod (who was widowed) also married James Henry Shell in 1886.

You see my Grandfather Frank M. McKenzie was named for his grand-father Frances Marion. Their given names were carried down through the generations.

There must have been a connection with a Morrison family way back. It might go back to Scotland, since the Morrison clan as well as the McKenzie clan were first there.

My husband and I were in Ireland a few years ago. On the main street in Belfast was a huge business sign A. McKenzie which probably was Alexander McKenzie. That name has been carried down from Scotland. Fighting was going on when we were there and the military were patrolling the streets. We only spent one day in Belfast.