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**ID:** I2826

**Name:** Elisha Nicholson

**Given Name:** Elisha

**Surname:** Nicholson

**Sex:** M

**Birth:** 18 Aug 1764

**Death:** 24 Oct 1848 in Davidson Co., TN

**Marriage 1** Margaret McNairy b: 5 Jan 1771  
in Guilford Co., North Carolina

- **Married:** 17 Aug 1789 in Guilford Co, NC.



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## Children

1. Margery Nicholson b: Abt 1796

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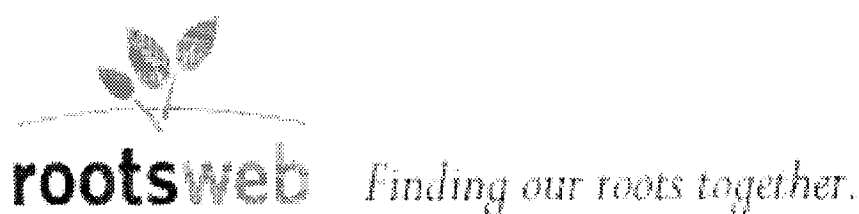
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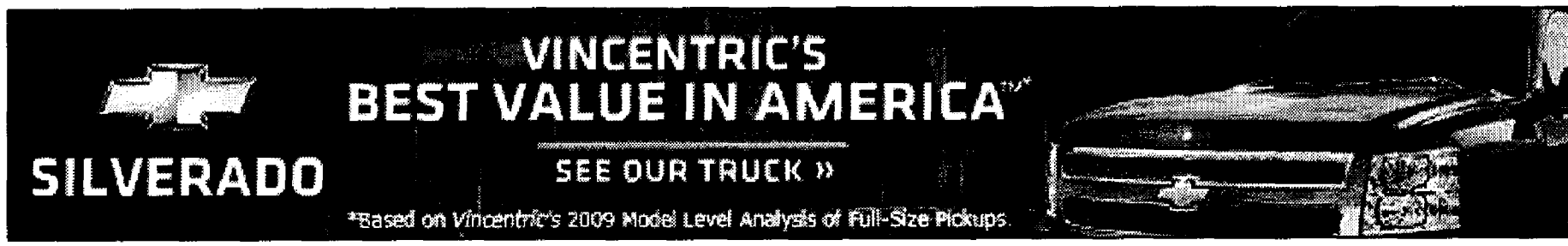
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*ID:* I513

*Name:* Francis McNairy

*Given Name:* Francis

*Surname:* McNairy

*Sex:* M

*Birth:* Dec 1726 in Glasgow Scotland

*Death:* 1812 in Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee

*Note:*

Francis McNairy, the ancestor of the Tennessee branch of the family, was born in Scotland in 1726. The family came from Scotland in the middle of the 18th



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century and landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania eventually settling in Lancaster County.

Francis McNairy and Mary (Anna Maria) Boyd were married in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1761. The following is on record in Greensboro (Martinsville), North Carolina: "This is to certify to all whom it may concern that on Tuesday, the 28th of April, 1761. Francis McNairy and Mary Boyd were lawfully married by Thos. Barton, Missionary, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They were married in St. James Episcopal Church."

Another notation about Francis McNairy can be found in Book 1, Page 321, Rowan County Court House, Greensboro, North Carolina: "Francis McNairy born Dec. 1726, Scotland. Died 1812, Nashville, Tennessee. Mary Boyd died 1811. Married April 28, 1761."

Francis McNairy and his wife Mary Boyd McNairy moved from Pennsylvania, to Guilford County, North Carolina. Most of their children were born on their North Carolina farm. In 1762 Francis McNairy bought of Herman Husband 640 acres of land on Horse Pen Creek, Rowan County, which became Guilford County in 1771. This property adjoins the court house and the house in which Francis' son, James, lived all his life. The two story McNairy house, built before March 15, 1781, is still standing in Battle Field Park in

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Guilford County. The McNairy farm was part of the Revolutionary battlefield known as Guilford Courthouse, near Greensboro, North Carolina. Old accounts say that the McNairy home was used as a hospital for American and British wounded during the Revolutionary War. The wounded were taken to the McNairy home where Mary McNairy helped dress their wounds. Their blood stains are said to still be visible on the floors. Around 1820 this log house was covered with weather boarding and significant changes were made to the interior. It was moved from its original site in northwest Guilford County in 1967 so that the museum staff could supervise its restoration and operation. Guided tours allow the visitor to see furnishings typical of the time.

A citation concerning the patriotism of Francis McNairy and his wife, Mary Boyd McNairy is found in Vol. 1, Page 70, Folio 2, North Carolina Historical Commission: "Patriots for distinguished services in Guilford County, North Carolina, for financial aid furnished the militia of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina, and for the use of their house in Salisbury District as a hospital and for services to the sick and wounded soldiers."

Six of the sons of Francis McNairy were living in Tennessee by 1790. The eldest of these sons, John, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on March 20, 1762 and was appointed by President George Washington as

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Territorial Judge of the territory south of the Ohio River. He held that office until the territory became a state in 1796. Previous to this appointment he had been elected Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina, December 20, 1787. He was afterwards appointed by George Washington as District Judge of the Courts of East and West Tennessee. He held this office until his death in 1837, a period of 46 years in all.

Judge John McNairy left North Carolina about 1788 for the hills of Tennessee. The North Carolina Gazette mentioned his departure on November 28, 1788: "Notice is hereby given that the new road from Campbell's Station to Nashville was opened on 25th of September, and the guard attending at that time, to escort such persons as were ready to proceed to Nashville; that about 60 families went on, amongst whom was John McNairy, Judge of the Superior Court of the Western District."

The biographers of Andrew Jackson relate that he and Judge John McNairy were bosom friends. When Judge McNairy was appointed Judge of the Western District, he secured the appointment of Jackson as Public Prosecutor of the new district. In 1788 the two left Martinsville for Tennessee. On arriving in Tennessee, Judge McNairy purchased a tract of 200 acres, including the "Bluff" on the Cumberland River known as

"Nashboro", site of the present city of Nashville. When the city was laid out in 1790, he and his brother, Nathaniel and Boyd were among the purchasers of the first city lots. Judge McNairy was given 5000 acres of land in Giles County, Tennessee, but he never lived there. He and his brothers, Nathaniel and Boyd, lived and died in Nashville.

Judge Nathaniel McNairy was prominent in business and social affairs of Nashville. His daughter, Mary Selene, was the first wife of Gen. William G. Harding, owner of the famous Belle Meade Plantation.

Dr. Boyd McNairy was a very prominent man, entertaining General LaFayette when he visited Nashville in 1825. He was a warm personal friend of Henry Clay.

Robert McNairy removed to Giles County where he owned a large plantation and reared a numerous family. He and his wife, Ann Hamilton McNairy, were buried in the family graveyard on the farm now owned by Mrs. Edith Hopkins.

Ann Hamilton McNairy died in Mississippi while on a visit to her daughter and was brought back home for burial. She was a very proud woman and when she knew she was dying, she asked that her face be covered with a handkerchief in death.

The following is copied from an old record book of Mrs. Ada Aymett, a grand daughter of Elizabeth

McNairy Dickson: Francis and Mary McNairy, parents of, John, Robert, Boyd and Nathaniel McNairy, came to Tennessee from Guilford County, North Carolina, Salisbury District" North Carolina, in 1790. Robert McNairy married Ann Hamilton. Their sons were John and Frank. John married a Miss Leatherman. Frank married a Miss Mitchell. The sons of Frank and - Mitchell McNairy were Robert and Frank. Robert, the grandson of Ann Hamilton married a Miss Johnson, Called "Duck". Robert and his wife "Duck" moved to Arkansas where they had a son, also named Robert. This Robert had two children, Marcus and Bobbie Lee, who visited the kin in Giles County. (Lou, the servant had emptied some ashes which little Marcus thought was sand and he burned his hand severely in them.) Their mother gave silver thimbles to Elizabeth and Anne.

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Last Will and Testament of Francis McNairy

Recorded March 10, 1812

In the name of God Amen; I Francis McNairy of the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, being Extremely weak Lame and in \_\_\_\_ old age, but of Sound and Disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. \_\_\_\_\_ I resign my Soul to God the creator and Giver of all Good: Item I desire that all and any of my estate both Real and Personal may be disposed of by my Executor hereafter named for the payment of my just debts: Item



I Will and bequeath to my wife  
Mary McNairy my Negro man  
George for her support during her  
Natural life. After death I Will and  
bequeath the said Negro man to  
Boyd McNairy for himself. I Will  
and bequeath also to my said Wife  
Mary all My household furniture  
and Implements of \_\_\_\_\_ during her  
natural life. Item I give Bequeath  
and devise unto my Son Boyd  
McNairy a tract of Land in  
Williamson county which is out of  
a five thousand acre tract of land  
granted to George Parks to him and  
his heirs forever. Item I give and  
bequeath to the sons and daughters  
of H\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_ Hamilton and to  
the sons and daughters of Elisha  
Nicholson all my property of \_\_\_\_\_  
Either Road or \_\_\_\_\_ to be equally  
divided between them share and  
share alike. I \_\_\_\_\_ distributed the  
Little property I have among all my  
children but those to Whom I have  
Given Nothing and in \_\_\_\_\_  
circumstances, And I believe that  
they \_\_\_\_\_ are all Equally dear to  
Me \_\_\_\_\_ I can say (Sorrowing  
that I shall soon make my Transit  
unto the Other World) that I love  
them all dearly. It is my Will and  
desire that my Executor dispose of  
as much of my personal estate as  
Will Purchase a Plain Ring for each  
of my daughters and daughters in  
Law to be kept in remembrance of  
me. Item I do hereby appoint John  
McNairy my Executor of this my  
Last Will and Testament In  
testimony whereof I have this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of Nov 1807 set my hand and  
affixed my seal; Francis McNairy  
(Seal)

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Signed Sealed in Presence of the  
Testator and in the presence of us  
the Subscribing Witnesses:

John Thompson

Francis Ca?


The Execution of Which Will as  
above recited was in court held for  
the County of Davidson January  
Session of 1812. Was proven to be  
that of the said Francis McNairy by  
the Oath of Francis Co? and  
ordered to be recorded Said Will  
was \_\_\_\_\_ July Session 1812  
Duly proven by the oath of John  
Thompson the other Transcribing  
witness.

*Marriage 1 Mary Boyd b: 1744 in  
Greensboro, Guilford, North Carolina*

- *Married: 28 Apr 1761 in St. James  
Episcopal Church, Lancaster Co., PA*

#### Children





1. John McNairy b: 12 Mar 1762 in  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
2. Mary McNairy b: 15 Jan 1764 in  
Guilford Co, NC.
3. Andrew McNairy b: Jan 1766 in  
Guilford Co, NC.
4. Robert McNairy b: 21 Jun 1768 in  
Greensboro, Guilford Co., North  
Carolina
5. Margaret McNairy b: 5 Jan 1771 in  
Guilford Co., North Carolina
6. James McNairy b: 20 Jan 1773 in  
Guilford Co. NC.
7. Catherine McNairy b: 30 Jan 1775 in  
Guilford Co, NC.

8.  [Nathaniel McNairy](#) b: 17 Mar 1779 in Guilford Co., North Carolina
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**ID:** I669

**Name:** Mary Boyd

**Given Name:** Mary

**Surname:** Boyd

**Sex:** F

**Birth:** 1744 in Greensboro, Guilford, North Carolina

**Death:** Jun 1830 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee

**Marriage 1** [Francis McNairy](#) b: Dec 1726 in Glasgow Scotland

- **Married:** 28 Apr 1761 in St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster Co., PA

**Children**

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