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## Descendants of David McNary

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ID: I311

\_UPD: 16 AUG 2009 15:57:20 GMT-5

Name: David McNary

Given Name: David

Surname: McNary

Sex: M

Birth:

\_UID: D9658A77-C971-43B6-96D8-132593B20F5C

RIN: MH:IF39895 1680 in Greenock, Scotland

Death:

\_UID: 0BCEA088-72F2-46D5-B1B9-7CE39844C70E

RIN: MH:IF39896 1738 in Dungarvon, Ireland

RIN: MH:I357

\_UID: AC34CD48-D02F-44EE-AB39-564445E32446

Note:

At the time, his name might have been spelled "McKinary"

Notes for David MCNARY

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McNary Family book:

Martin McNary line:

David, the father of Martin went with a wealthy gentleman to Dungarvon, Ireland as a land steward, and there died. His widow, not named, returned to Greenock with all the family except Martin, who remained with their employer.

He later went to sea as a cabin boy, was captured and held prisoner for a while

by some hostile nation, and finally came to America.

Remarkably similar is the James McNary of PA family story:

James McNary was born in Scotland about 1711. Before coming to America, the family lived for a short time in Ireland. Around 1760, he came

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to America with his wife (unknown) and five children: John, James, Thomas, Jane and David. The family settled in York Co., PA. In 1783 most of the family moved to Washington Co., PA.

#### Canary family story:







There were three brothers in Boston by the name of MacNary (Scotch). One brother ran away to sea when a boy. The captain left him his vessel when he died. He traded in the West Indies and other foreign countries and brought his goods to Boston. When we had our trouble with England in 1776, he had been away three years and knew nothing of the trouble, tried to land in Boston, but was driven away because of his name. This so enraged him to be barred from his country because of his name that he changed his name to Canary. When peace was restored, he went before the proper officials and had his name made legal. One of the brothers, took sides with him and changed his name, too. The other brother said MacNary was good enough for him and moved to the west.

The sea captain was later lost at sea. The brother who stood by him was the father of Col. James Canary, who located in Perth, NY. He was Martin Canary who settled in Haddam, CT and who later became known as McNary. Col. James was the only one of his children who retained the Canary name.

The date of David's death is taken from a letter written in 1875 (See Margarete McNary Spencer notes). She state David died when Martin was 14 years old.

#### *Marriage 1*

#### Children

1.  Martin McNary b: 1724 in Greenock, Scotland
2.  Francis McNairy b: 1726 in Scotland
3. Dennis McNary b: ABT 1725 in Greenough, Scotland
4. Matthew McNary b: ABT 1727 in Greenock, Scotland
5.  Hugh McNary b: 1720 in Clackmannan, Scotland
6.  James McNary b: 1711 in Scotland
7.  William McNary b: 1718 in Clackmannon, Scotland
8. Joanna McNary
9. John McNary
10.  Morris McKenery

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*ID:* I317

*\_UPD:* 23 MAR 2009 15:25:54 GMT-5

*Name:* Francis McNairy

*Given Name:* Francis

*Surname:* McNairy

*Sex:* M

*Birth:*

*\_UID:* 5B948DDA-E09E-4115-AED6-7C0430F8EB8D

*RIN:* MH:IF39941 1726 in Scotland

*Death:*

*\_UID:* 74865BA4-BB4E-441D-B6AE-2DBA04B53A7F

*RIN:* MH:IF39942 1811 in Nashville, Davidson Co., TN

*RIN:* MH:I367

*\_UID:* 75E6F8DA-3254-4615-93DF-BC6147D12E5F

*Note:*

Francis McNairy was born December 1726 in Scotland , immigrated to Pennsylvania, date unknown, and died in Nashville, Davidson Co. TN c. 1812 based upon the date of the execution of his will (Mar 10, 1812). He married Mary (or Anna Marie) Boyd on April 28, 1761 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Mary was born c.1744 and died in 1830 in Nashville, TN.

Francis, Mary, and an infant son moved to Orange County, North Carolina around 1762. In that year, he is listed as a landowner in what is now Guilford County . Francis' land was situated in the NE Quadrant of Map Square C3 in 1762. Additional property was located in the NW Quadrant of Map Square C4 in 1772. [The Map Squares mentioned are apparently found on the old property maps of Guilford County]. Also in 1762, Francis became a member of the Buffalo Presbyterian Church, which still stands in Greensboro, Guilford County N.C. The first US census shows that Francis McNairy and his family were still in Guilford County, North Carolina in 1790.

Francis was involved in some fashion with the regulator movement in North Carolina. His name shows up in a list of Regulators between 1765 and 1771.

Francis McNairy was also involved with the Patriot cause during the Revolution. His home was near the site of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse where Nathaniel Green stopped Cornwallis' advance from South Carolina into and through North Carolina. After the battle, the McNairy house was used as a field hospital. His house is still standing and is currently a museum in Greensboro, NC. He was apparently involved in other ways in the Revolution, either with the militia or the Continentals, as he was referred to as "Commissary Francis McNairy" in the pension application of one Samuel Ray. In that pension application, Ray indicates that "Commissary Francis McNairy" gave him a verbal discharge from the militia after the Battle at Guilford Courthouse.

After the Revolution, probably about 1794 or 1795, Francis and family moved to the vicinity of Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. John McNairy, son of Francis and Mary was appointed Territorial Judge of the territory south of the Ohio River by President Washington. He traveled to Nashville with a protégé from Waxhaws, SC named Andrew Jackson. (J.M.B. Note: "protege" connotes a senior and a junior --- I think they were contemporaries.)

Kathryn, Note! This is the best transcription that I can make based upon the copy of the will that I have. The handwriting is difficult.

Francis McNairy, his last Will & Testament. Recorded March 10th 1812. In the name of God, amen; I Francis McNairy of the County of Davidson and State of Tennessee, being extremely weak [1?] and in Extreme old age. but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Imprimis 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 one Negro man George for support during her natural life. After death, I give and bequeath the said Negro to Boyd McNairy for himself. I give and bequeath also to my said wife Mary McNairy household furniture and implements of husbandry during her natural life: Item. I give, bequeath and devise unto my son Boyd McNairy a grant 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 Hance [Hance?] [Was his middle name also Hance or did the name just get written twice? It is definitely NOT Thomas Thomas as some have interpreted the text. mbw] Hamilton, also to the sons and daughters of [Elija?] Nicholson all my property of whatsoever Nature \_\_\_ either real or personal to be equally divided between them share and share alike: I \_\_\_ to have distributed the land property I have equally among all my children, but those to whom I have given nothing are in easy circumstances. And I believe that they know that they are all equally dear to me. I can say

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(knowing that I shall soon make my transit into the other World and that I love them 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, 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 [several words illegible] day of Nov. 1807 [two words illegible] and affixed my Seal; Francis McNairy.  
Signed sealed, delivered and Read? in presence of the testator, and in the presence of the subscribing witnesses [followed by two names one of which is John Thompson. The other appears to be Francis Hon. mbw]






*Father:* David McNary b: 1680 in Greenock, Scotland

*Mother:*

*Marriage 1* Mary (Anna Marie) Boyd b: 1744 in PA

- *Married:* 28 APR 1761 in Lancaster Co., PA

#### Children

1. John McNairy b: 12 MAR 1762 in Lancaster Co., PA
2.  Mary Boyd McNairy b: 15 JAN 1764 in Guilford Co., NC
3.  Boyd McNairy b: 10 DEC 1786 in Guilford Co., NC
4.  Nathaniel Adams McNairy b: 17 MAR 1779 in Guilford Co., NC
5.  Robert F. McNairy b: 21 JAN 1768 in Greensboro, Guilford Co., NC
6. Thomas McNairy
7.  James McNairy b: 12 MAR 1777 in Guilford Co., NC
8. Andrew McNairy
9. Catherine McNairy
10. Margaret McNairy b: 5 JAN 1771 in NC