



(WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF DEATH DATE?)

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Big Bill's home in what is now McDowell County.

"Big Bill" Connelly married Sara Massey Moore and had eleven children. His daughter, Margaret Salina was the great grandmother of Beatrice Cobb who was the publisher-owner of The News Herald until her death in 1959. According to documents filed at the Burke County Courthouse, "Big Bill" Connelly and his brother Dutch John were neighbors in the Linville River and Paddy Creek section of the county. The late Amos Connelly recalls that Dutch John's property was situated "at the upper end of North Cove, near the old lime quarry".

Dutch John Connelly was born on August 7, 1783. He married Elizabeth Wakefield and had thirteen children: Joseph, Ambros, Polly (Mary), William, Albert, Mira, Matilda, Charles, Christain and Sidney, Louisa, Eliza and Sophronia. Dutch John was listed in the 1850 census as a slaveowner. His home, which he referred to in his will of 1868 as the Manor House was where he lived with his son Sidney and his daughter Louisa until he died at eighty-five years of age. The remainder of his children had by then scattered throughout Burke and McDowell counties. His son, Dr. William Connelly was the first dentist in Burke County. His daughter Louisa married William Parks McGimsey, the great grandfather of Boger McGimsey, who currently serves as the Register of Deeds in Burke County.

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