

Dr. George William McKimmie **11/19/1815 – 5/3/1892**

The following was transcribed by James R. Wells from a genealogical document on the McKimmie Family prepared by Wallace Foster McKimmie (3/22/1903 – 11/1980)

James McKimmie (8/4/1793 – 7/1/1851) married Louisa Rosanna Gregory (3/4/1801 – 4/29/1879). James was buried in Paint Creek Cemetery, and Louisa, at Hartman Cemetery, Rainsboro, Ohio. Children: 1. George William 2. Mary Ann, died in Va. 3. Louisa McKimmie Cossett 4. John, served in the Mexican War 5. Eliza McKimmie Pierce (8/11/1824 – 2/17/1901) 6. Robert, went to Missouri and was never heard from 7. Rosa Evelen McKimmie Ferguson (1813 – 1905) (died) in Rainsboro, Ohio 8. James, was a Civil War veteran 9. Bell Kilgore McKimmie, never married.

About the year 1839, George W. McKimmie, the oldest son, after finishing school in Harper's Ferry, W.Va. (then Va.) left his home, and went to Columbiana, Ohio, where he entered, as a student, of Medicine, under a Doctor, in the Village of Machanicstown, Ohio.

When George, finished the required course, and secured his certificate to practice Medicine, his attention was turned to romance. In 1846, the now Dr. George William McKimmie, was wed to the Miss Ann Furrell, the daughter of James Furrell.

George W. McKimmie (11/17/1814 – 5/3/1892) married Ann Furrell in Columbiana Co., where their first child, Susanna Louisa, was born, (2/7/1847). Soon after which, the Doctor and his small family, moved to Franklin District, Marshall County, Va. Children: 1. Susanna Louisa (2/7/1847 – 9/2/1868) 2. Emeline Amelia (8/26/1849 – 1/26/1926), as well as, all of the following children, were born in Marshall, Va. later West Virginia. (she died in) Paden City, W.Va. 3. James William (3/3/1851 – 11/25/1886), (died) in Clarrington, Ohio. Ann Furrell McKimmie, died 5/11/1852 and was buried in the Yoho Burying Ground, near the home farm.

On February 12, 1853, Dr. George, was married to his 2nd. Wife, Martha Mason, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Gorby Mason, who were living on Fish Creek, Marshall County, Va. (Later W.Va.) Children: 1. Ann Eliza (12/28/1853 – 2/23/1937) m. John M. Null 2. George Dolliver (8/20/1859 – 11/12/1860) 3. John Mason (1/8/1860 – 1/1941) m. Margurite Jane Parsons, who was a sister to Isa. 2nd. M Hortense Sloan Long 4. Catherine Virginia (3/3/1861 – 9/30/1861) 5. Hannah Jane (12/23/1862 – 9/1947) m. Marcellus Richmond 6. Spencer Lee (9/28/1865 – 10/14/1929) m. Isadora Parsons 2nd Ora Gay Clark, daughter of Foster Clement Clark 7. Yancy Webster (6/19/1869 – 5/12/1904) m. Henrietta Parsons, 1st cousin to Jane and Isadora, who married the other two, Spencer and John.

The homestead of Dr. Geo. W. McKimmie, of Franklin District, Marshall County, W.Va. , existed for over a half century. From 1847 to 1900. The good Doctor lived until 1892, when he passed away, from blood poison, after trimming a corn on the bottom of his foot. Martha, his good wife, perhaps continued to live there, until her passing, July 2nd. 1900.

The house, being of frame structure, was the very first built in that area, all others being made of logs.

Dr. McKimmie moved from Columbiana County Ohio, to Marshall County, in the year 1847, after the birth of their first child, Susanna Louisa. On their arrival, it was necessary to start from scratch, so to speak. They first built their home, with the money given them, by her parents, as a wedding gift, I understand. They dug one of the nicest water wells, in that country. To this day, one hundred and twenty five years later, one of the old Yohos, said that he was going to clean it out, and make use of it. The Dr. then bought a good riding horse, and started his profession in Medicine. He was then, ready to look toward the future.

It was told to me by my mother, My aunt Hattie, and Grandmother Clark, that during the dyptheria epidemic, in the latter part of the century, that Grandfather rode horse-back, day and night, for three straight weeks, without taking off his clothes. After treating one of his patients, the story went, the Dr. would cat nap on a lounge, with the understanding, that he was to be awakened in so many minutes, after which, he would eat a bite of food, and once again be on his way. It was said, that Dr. McKimmie, lost but two patients, while some of the other Physicians, lost up to twenty five percent of their cases.

I understand that the good and faithful wife of the Doctor, Martha, was greatly responsible for his success, and outstanding reputation as a physician. She was a strong and vibrant woman, as I have heard, who did a great part of the every day chores, though they may have had a colored slave, or two, as rumor had it. In those days, most of the medicine and pills, were made up by the physician himself, or a trusted assistant. Such work as this, fell within her category of work. She made the tonics and pills, from roots and herbs, which were usually found in the woods. All of this, in addition to her regular house work, and a little farming thrown in. Oh yes. I did not mention, caring for the children, and making their clothes, as well as, bed clothes, which kept them warm in winter time. What a grandmother I must have had.

Notes:

- 1. I have made a few minor changes mostly to improve the flow but the document is otherwise as Wallace Foster McKimmie wrote it in 1972. It contains numerous spelling and punctuation errors that I have elected to leave uncorrected.*
- 2. George William McKimmie was my great great grandfather on my mothers side. Wallace Foster McKimmie was my grandmother Georgia Mae McKimmie's first cousin.*