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MCNEIL

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ANCIENT HISTORY

From Ireland have come many distinguished family names, which have greatly influenced world history, the arts, industry, commerce, literature, religion, theater, and the movies. And from this rich Irish heritage has come the McNeil surname.

The history of this great Irish sept McNeil is woven into the romantic green fabric of the chronicles of Ireland. Despite the loss of records caused by a fire in the Dublin Records Office in 1922, an irreparable disaster to Irish historians, sufficient evidence is still available to produce a thumbnail sketch of the McNeil history. Scholarly work, flavored by legend, including such books as those by O'Hart, McLysaght, O'Brien, and the Four Masters; as well as baptisms, parish records, and ancient land grants suggest that the family name McNeil was first found in the counties Galway and Ulster (Irish: Ulaidh), where they held a family seat from ancient times.

SPELLING VARIATIONS

Spelling variations of the name were found in the archives researched, particularly when families attempted to translate the name from the Gaelic into English. The name McNeil occurred in many references, and variations in its spelling included Neely, McNeill, McNeely, McNeilly, MacNeilly, Coneely and MacConneely, and these changes in spelling frequently occurred, even between father and son. Preferences for different spelling variations usually arose from a division of the family, or for religious reasons, or sometimes for patriotic reasons. Church officials and scribes spelt the name as it sounded, sometimes several different ways in the lifetime of the same person. The abbreviations of Mc in front of a name, meaning "son of" is popular in Irish names, although this is no guarantee that the name is Irish. Many Scottish names also prefer Mc instead of Mac. Officially, in both countries, the abbreviation is Mac. In Ireland, frequently O' is also used instead of Mc but meaning the same, that is, 'son of'.

EARLY HISTORY

The ancient Kings of Ireland were descended from King Milesius of Spain, the grandson of Breoghan (Brian), King of Galicia, Andalusia, Murcia, Castile and Portugal. Milesius, a great general/king, was instrumental in defending Egypt from the King of Ethiopia. Milesius turned his attention northward to Ireland to fulfill an ancient Druidic prophecy. He sent an army to explore this fertile island. On finding that his son had been murdered by the three resident Irish Kings (the Danans), Milesius gathered another army to take his revenge on the Irish. He died before he embarked on the trip. His remaining eight sons conquered Ireland.

Heremon, eldest son of Milesius, reigned in Ireland for fourteen years, along with his brothers Heber, Ir, and Ithe. They named the land Scota or Scotia, their mother's name, the land of the Scots. This name would later be taken by the Irish King Colla in 357 when he was exiled to Scotland, leaving the name 'Ir-land', land of Ir, youngest of the four sons of Milesius, to the Emerald Isle. The four Irish kingdoms eventually broke into five separate nations under the High King, or Ard Righ. These royal lines would later produce

such great kings as the 4th century King Niall of the Nine Hostages who died in France while cutting off the retreat of the Romans from Britain, and King Brian Boru who died in the Battle of Clontarf in 1014, finally expelling the Vikings from Dublin and Ireland. The great Gaelic family McNeil emerged in later years in County Galway and also of Ulster. The name is descended from the Anglicization of two early Gaelic surnames: Mac an Fhilidh and Mac Conghaile. Those descended from MacConghaile became the Coneely family of Galway. By 1890, there were 92 births registered under the name Coneely; every one took place in the Connacht region; and 89 of these were in County Galway. There is a Connacht folk tale (noted in "Iar-Connacht") that several of this sept were magically transformed into seals. It is for this reason supposed that this animal was rarely hunted in the region.

The descendants of the Mac Fhilidh name, were from Ulster and they became the MacNeely and similarly spelled septs. Giollachriost Mac an Fhilidh, who died in 1509 was described in the "Four Masters" as a learned poet. In fact, the words "filidh," or "file" in modern Irish means "poet." The noted Father Charles MacNeely (1816-1870), parish priest in the diocese of Raphoe is of this family. Some bearers of this name are also undoubtedly descended the MacNeills of Antrim and Derry, ultimately descended of the Scottish Gaels, long before the Plantation of Ulster.

EARLY NOTABLES

Notable amongst the family at this time was bearers of the surnames Coneely and MacNeely.

THE GREAT MIGRATION

During the 12th century, 1172 A.D., Dermott McMurrugh, in his fight for the position of Ard Righ, requested King Henry II of England for assistance. This was the first intrusion into Ireland of the Anglo/Normans. Many native Irish families lost their lands and possessions. This was followed by Cromwell's invasion in 1640, when further loss of land befell the unfortunate Irish people. Ulster in the north was seeded with Protestant Scottish and English. And, again many Irish families lost their ancient territories. In 1845, the Great Potato Famine caused widespread misery and poverty, and the exodus from Ireland began. Within fifty years the population was reduced to less than half. Many Irish joined the armada of sailing ships sailing from Belfast, Dublin, Cork, Holyhead, Liverpool and Glasgow, destined for the New World, but some to left for Australia. Promoters of the time called these ships the White Sails, others, more realistically, called them the "Coffin Ships," as 30 percent to 40 percent of the passengers died of cholera, small pox and the elements.

SETTLERS

- Hector McNeil, who landed in New Jersey in 1685^[1]
- Malcolm McNeil, who arrived in New Jersey in 1685^[1]
- Neil McNeil, who arrived in Cape Fear, North Carolina in 1718^[1]
- Margaret McNeil, who arrived in New York in 1738^[1]

- Mary McNeil, who landed in New York, NY in 1739^[1]
- Dugold McNeil, who landed in North Carolina in 1739^[1]
- Anne McNeil, who landed in New York, NY in 1740^[1]
- Roger McNeil, who arrived in New York, NY in 1740^[1]
- Hugh McNeil, who landed in Nova Scotia in 1749
- Jean McNeil, aged 32, who arrived in Wilmington, North Carolina in 1774^[1]
- Archibald McNeil, aged 23, who arrived in New York, NY in 1774^[1]

As well as 42 more in the Appendix.

CURRENT NOTABLES

In the New World the Irish played an important part in building the nation, the railroads, coal mines, bridges and canals. They lent their culture to the arts, sciences, commerce, religion and the professions. Some moved westward with the wagon trains, and settled the mid west, trekking as far as the west coast.

- John Law McNeil, Scottish footballer
- Neil McNeil (1851-1934) Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto from 1912 to 1934
- Moses McNeil (1855-1938) Scottish professional footballer
- Brigadier-General Edwin Colyer McNeil (1882-1965) American Chairman of Board of Review, Office of the Judge Advocate-General (1936-1937)^[2]
- Hector McNeil PC (1907-1955) Scottish Labour politician
- Ronald "Ron" Keith McNeil (1920-2003) Canadian politician in Ontario
- William "Billy" McNeil (b.1940) Scottish soccer player and manager
- Muchael "Mick" McNeil (b.1940) former English footballer
- Rita McNeil CM, ONS (1944-2013) Canadian Gemini Award and three-time Juno Award winning, multi-platinum singer/songwriter from Big Pond, Nova Scotia
- Dixie McNeil (b.1947) former English footballer
- Freeman McNeil (b.1959) former professional American football player

As well as 185 more in the Appendix.

HISTORIC EVENTS

- Mr. M. McNeil, Scottish Seaman aboard the SS Curaca from Barra, Scotland, United Kingdom who died in the Halifax Explosion on 6th December 1917^[3]

- Mr. Roland McNeil, Canadian resident from Protestant Orphanage, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who died in the Halifax Explosion on 6th December 1917^[3]
- Mr. Pius McNeil (1885-1914) Canadian Miner from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada who worked in the Hillcrest Coal Mine, Alberta, Canada and died in the mine collapse on June 19 1914^[4]

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CONCLUSION

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- Freeman McNeil (b.1959) former professional American football player
- Lori McNeil (b.1963) African-American tennis coach and former professional tennis player
- Shawn McNeil (b.1978) Canadian professional ice hockey centre

SURNAME VARIANTS OF MCNEIL

- Tim M Berra, American Professor Emeritus of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology at the Ohio State University
- Ian Roderick MacNeil of Barra, 46th Chief of the Clan, feudal baron of Barra, and professor of law. Kisimul Castle, the ancient home of the MacNeils, located on a rocky islet just off the coast of Barra has been re-purchased and restored by the Clan in recent times
- Bill Neely, British television journalist
- Brad Neely, American comic strip cartoonist
- Robert Lister MacNeil of Barra (d.1970) 45th Chief of the Clan, bought the Barra estate in 1937 and restored Kisimul Castle before his death
- Greg McNeilly, American Republican political strategist
- Robert McNeilly (d.2006) American safety officer, Pittsburgh Police Chief
- Mary Jane Nealon, American poet, and registered nurse
- Peter MacNeill, Canadian Genie Award winning film and television actor
- Phil Mealey, British actor and writer, winner of two North West Comedy Awards (2005)
- Chris McGreal, American Washington correspondent reporter for The Guardian
- Stephen John McGrail, American politician, Member of the Massachusetts Senate (1973-1977)
- Robert Mealy, American teacher of baroque violin at the Yale School of Music and the Department of Music of Yale University

- Darlene Mealy, American politician, Member of the New York City Council (2006-)
- M. Duane Nellis, American academic, 16th President of Texas Tech University (2013-)
- Andrew McNeillie, Welsh poet and literary editor, Literature Editor at Oxford University Press; his collection of poems Nevermore (2000) was shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best First Collection
- James Stuart McNeillie, Southern Rhodesian politician who participated in the 1948 General Election but failed to win a seat
- Hugh McNeillie, Scottish football centre of the 1960s, nicknamed "the man of iron"
- Sonny McNeillie, born Jake McNeillie, American actor, known for his work on Seamless: Kidz Rule (1999)
- Paul McNeilly, British actor, known for his work in Black Beauty (1994), Driven (1994) and Outlaw (2007)

APPENDIX - HISTORIC EVENT LIST

HALIFAX EXPLOSION

In the morning of December 6, 1917 the cargo ship SS Mont-Blanc carrying high explosives collided with the Norwegian SS Imo causing a devastating explosion that affected the Richmond district in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Around 2,000 people died due to the debris and the fires from the blast wave that radiated over 1,000 metres per second.

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HILLCREST COAL MINE

On June 19, 1914, 235 men entered the Hillcrest Coal Mine, Crowsnest Pass, Alberta, Canada to start work when shortly after a Methane explosion tore through the mine killing many near the source and trapping others. Of the 235 men that entered, 189 perished in the disaster and many immigrants that had come to work the area.

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HMS PRINCE OF WALES

HMS Prince of Wales had an extensive battle history including the battle of the Denmark Strait. She was docked in Singapore when she became the flagship for Force Z, ordered to commence hostilities after Japanese aircraft raided Singapore she set sail with HMS Repulse and other destroyers. On the 10th of December 1941 she was sunk by Japanese Air Attack, 327 people lost their lives.

SURNAME VARIANTS OF McNEIL

- Mr. James Mcnelis, DSM, British Able Seaman, who sailed in to battle on the HMS Prince of Wales and died during the sinking^[5]
- Mr. William Meneill, British Able Seaman, who sailed in to battle on the HMS Prince of Wales and survived the sinking^[5]

HMS REPULSE

HMS Repulse was one of the world's fastest battleships. She participated in many campaigns during her time, but eventually sunk on the 10th of December 1941 by a Japanese Aircraft. After witnessing the explosion of the HMS Hood she took torpedo fire and quickly capsized, 508 men lost their lives.

SURNAME VARIANTS OF McNEIL

- Mr. James Hope Mcneill (b.1921) British Stoker 1st Class, who sailed into battle on the HMS Repulse and died during the sinking^[6]

RMS TITANIC

A British passenger liner en route from Southampton, UK to New York City, USA sunk in the early morning of April the 15th 1912. Operated by the White Star Line the RMS Titanic was traveling through Newfoundland when she hit an iceberg on the 14th April 1912 at 11.40pm ship's time. During the course of the night passengers and crew were evacuated to lifeboats, however of the 2,224 passenger and crew over 1,500 people died. The lifeboats could carry 1,178 people, which at the time was just over half the number on board.

SURNAME VARIANTS OF McNEIL

- Miss Bridget McNeill (d.1912) aged 27, Irish Third Class passenger from Trien, Roscommon who sailed aboard the RMS Titanic and died in the sinking^[7]

APPENDIX - SETTLER LIST

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- Archibald McNeil, aged 23, who arrived in New York, NY in 1774^[1]
- Cristian McNeil, aged 20, who landed in New York, NY in 1774^[1]
- Neal McNeil, who settled in Wilmington North Carolina in 1774 with his wife Isobel and six children
- Roderick McNeil, who landed in Virginia in 1776^[1]
- Thomas McNeil, who landed in America in 1803^[1]
- William McNeil, who landed in America in 1805^[1]
- Jane McNeil, aged 27, who landed in Maine in 1812^[1]
- Angus McNeil, who arrived in Texas in 1835^[1]
- Henry C McNeil, who arrived in Texas in 1835^[1]
- W McNeil, who arrived in San Francisco, California in 1851^[1]
- Robert McNeil, aged 30, who landed in Mobile, Ala in 1851^[1]
- John McNeil, who landed in San Francisco, California in 1851^[1]
- Daniel McNeil, who arrived in Mobile, Ala in 1858^[1]
- James McNeil, aged 36, who arrived in Mobile, Ala in 1872^[1]
- Duncan McNeil, who arrived in Ohio in 1883^[1]

CANADIAN SETTLERS

- Hugh McNeil, who landed in Nova Scotia in 1749
- Major. McNeil U.E. who arrived at Port Roseway, (Shelbournect, Nova Scotia on December 13, 1783 was Passenger number 419 aboard the ship "HMS Clinton", picked up on November 14, 1783 at East River, New York, USA^[8]
- Mr. Neil McNeil U.E. who settled in Carleton, (Saint John Westct New Brunswick c. 1784^[8]
- Mr. Archibald McNeil U.E. who settled in Saint Johns, New Brunswick c. 1784 he became a Freeman Mariner in 1785, was also a member of the Loyal Artillery in 1795^[8]
- Mr. Charles McNeil U.E. who settled in New Brunswick c. 1784^[8]

- Mr. James McNeil U.E. who settled in Saint Johns, New Brunswick c. 1784 he became a Freeman in 1795, was a Tailor and a Constable^[8]
- Mr. John McNeil U.E. who settled in Canada c. 1784^[8]
- John McNeil, who was a soldier on record in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1812^[9]
- Robert McNeil, who arrived in Canada in 1820
- Samuel McNeil, aged 20, a labourer, who arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick aboard the ship "Edward Reid" in 1833
- Andrew McNeil, aged 18, who landed in Quebec in 1834

AUSTRALIAN SETTLERS

- Christian McNeil, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Orleana" in 1839^[10]
- Peter McNeil, who arrived in Adelaide, Australia aboard the ship "Orleana" in 1839^[10]
- Esther McNeil, aged 28, a housemaid, who arrived in South Australia in 1854 aboard the ship "Sir Edward Parry"^[11]
- Jane McNeil, aged 22, a housemaid, who arrived in South Australia in 1854 aboard the ship "Sir Edward Parry"^[11]
- Allen McNeil, aged 43, who arrived in South Australia in 1854 aboard the ship "Confiance"^[12]

NEW ZEALAND SETTLERS

- John McNeil, aged 45, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Inchinnan" in 1852
- Catherine McNeil, aged 35, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Inchinnan" in 1852
- Eliza McNeil, aged 13, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Inchinnan" in 1852
- Alexander McNeil, aged 5, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Inchinnan" in 1852
- John McNeil, aged 1, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Inchinnan" in 1852
- Alex McNeil, aged 39, a labourer, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Resolute" in 1865
- Isabella McNeil, aged 39, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Resolute" in 1865
- George McNeil, aged 11, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Resolute" in 1865
- Janet McNeil, aged 10, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Resolute" in 1865
- Archibald McNeil, aged 6, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Resolute" in 1865
- Margaret McNeil, aged 4, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Resolute" in 1865

- Alexander McNeil, aged 18, a labourer, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Resolute" in 1865

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