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of North Carolina Washington County December 10, 1778
I, John Carter, Surveyor of said County, you are hereby
to inform and say of according to Law was bounded by
of land for Master M^r McNabb, on Wofflow Creek, given
Samuel Henry son, and Samuel Henry son and father
Wentworth & son, including the Plantation above the
r^d M^r. McNabb now lies, given under my hand this 26th
April 1779 —

John Carter

#686

The above signed by
John CARTER for Baptist McNabb's
survey on 26 April 1779, Washington
County, North Carolina / Tennessee

No. 686 p. 22

Baptist McNabb

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Executed the ninth instant
according to the sum or
thousand Dec 16 1779
John Carter

April 26-1779

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LAND RECORDS OF WATAUGAH PURCHASE

Baptist McNabb on the 18th day of November anno dom 1775 obtained a patent from this office for a tract of land lying on Buffaloe Creek bounded as follows to wit beginning at a red oak under the Buffaloe Mountain Henry's lying there due East 51 chains to a red oak corner to the said Henry thence So 45° E 3 chains to a red oak and dogwood thence No 15° East 8 chains to a white oak on a hill side then No. 18° East 25 chains to a red oak saplin on a hill side thence No 85° West 35 chains to a white on Buffaloe corner to Jisse Benton thence along the meandering of the said creek near No 80° West 43 chains to an Elm on the West side of the creek under a steep hill thence No 80° West 50 chains to a red oak and White Oak on a ridge thence So 50° west 25 chains to an Elm in a hollow thence So 2° East 75 chains to the beginning containing 555 acres more or less which tract was entered by the said McNABB the third day of April 1775 who allowed a warrant for surveying the same a plat of which was returned to this office by the hand of James Smith Surveyor

PAGE 19, "OLD BOOK A" WATAUGAH LAND PURCHASE
PRESENT DAY CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

State of North Carolina, No 108 To all whom
these presents shall Come Greeting Know ye that we
for and Inconsideration of the sum of fifty Shillings
for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our
Treasury by William McNabb have Given and Granted
and by these presents do Give and Grant unto the said William
McNabb a tract of Land containing five hundred and seven acres
beginning and being in our County of Washington on a branch
of Sinking Creek beginning at a black oak corner to Davis
Jode and Joseph Tipton and from thence with Tiptons
Line south forty four degrees East one hundred and four poles
to two Hickorys corner to said Tipton thence south four
degrees East eight poles to a white oaks corner to Tipton
thence south forty degrees East two hundred and ten
poles to two Spanish oaks on a hill side corner

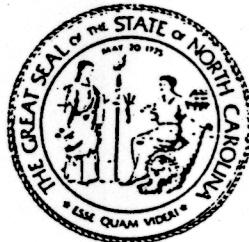
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M.D. 1782. PLATES FOLIO

To Sipson from thence South fifty nine degrees East one hundred and forty eight poles to a black Walnut on a hill Side Corner to Basell thence North forty one west eighty eight poles with said Line to a small Red oak corner To said Basell thence North thirty degrees East ninety eight poles to a walnut on the Top of a Ridge Corner to Basell thence North Twenty degrees west one hundred and sixteen poles to a small white oak corner to Cooper thence North Seventy five degrees west two hundred and forty poles to a Stake along Coopers Line and from thence South nineteen degrees west one hundred and sixty poles to the first corner as by the plat hereunto annexed doth appear together with all woods waters Mines Minerals hereditaments and appurtenances to the Said Land belonging or appertaining to hold to the Said William McNabb his heirs and assigns forever yielding and paying to us such sums of Money yearly or otherwise as our General assembly from time to time may direct provided also that the Said William McNabb shall cause this grant to be Registered in the registers office of our Said County of Washington with twelve months from the date hereof otherwise the same shall be void and of effect for Testimony whereof we have caused our great seal to be affixed Alexander Martin Esq our Governor Captain General and Commander in Chief at Fairfield the Twenty fourth day of October in seventh year of our Lord - expenditure and in the year of our Lord one thousand and Seven hundred and eighty Two by his Excellency's command Glasgow Seel? Alex Martin)

State of North Carolina

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Division of Archives and History



This verifies that the following information is recorded in a manuscript volume in the custody of the State Archives titled "Revolutionary Army Accounts" (Volume I, Page 2, Folio 2):

Heading: An Account of Specie Certificates paid into the Comptrollers Office by John Armstrong Entry Taker for Land in North Carolina Vizt

Number: 96

By whom Granted: Williams & Carter

To whom Granted: Babbis McNabb

Date: 20 June 1782

Sum: 21 pounds, 12 shillings

Interest: 1 pound, 14 shillings, 5 pence

To what Time: 21st Oct^r 1783

Total Amount principal and Interest: 23 pounds, 6 shillings, 5 pence

Other information: None

Raleigh, North Carolina

April 30 81
_____, 19_____.

Howard W. Hutchell
Chief, Archives and Records Section



Re entry in Revolutionary Army Accounts, Volume I, Page 2, Folio 2.

Babbis McNabb was issued a voucher or specie certificate for some unspecified good or service performed by him during the Revolutionary War in the amount of 21 pounds, 12 shillings. These vouchers were issued by the state in lieu of cash to finance the war and were negotiable and interest bearing. McNabb used his voucher to pay the entry fees on a land grant in what is now eastern Tennessee. John Armstrong, entry taker for western lands, received McNabb's voucher and turned it in to the State Comptroller's Office. Edmund Williams and Landon Carter were auditors for the counties of Washington and Sullivan (now Tennessee) who originally issued the voucher to McNabb.

Henry Grymes, on s. side of the Holston, 640 a.; June 21; July 24.

John Jones, in the Fork of Watauga and Holston, an elm at the head of an island in the Holston, to the mouth of the Watauga, 230 a.; June 29 (deed).

Isaac Ruddle, on Holston in the mountains, s. bank 97 a.; Aug. 10; Sept. 27.

John Jones, on the Holston, s. bank 210 a.; Nov. 1 (deed).

Charles Robertson (brother of James or "Buffalo" Charles), on east fork of Sinking Creek (environs of Johnson City), adjoining Jonathan Tipton, Christopher Cunningham and Robert Young, 213 a.; Nov. 1 (deed).

Rice Duncan, on Knob Creek near its head (later the Deaderick home); entry sold to John McMahon of North Carolina.¹⁰

George Lumpkin, entry on Roane Creek (Johnson county), including both forks, adjoining (Richard) Waldridge, 400 a., but deeded to Richard White.

Other patentees in 1775 were, without description of the lands: George Russell (2), Andrew Greer (2), Wm. Bean, Jr., Benjamin Pyburn, from Pennsylvania, Baptist and John McNabb, from Augusta,¹¹ Andrew

Little, from Fincastle, James Hollis, from Botetourt, John Cassady, from the Valley of Virginia, Christopher Shoate, from Pennsylvania, Thomas Farmer, from Virginia, Jacob Chamberlain, from Virginia, Christopher Cunningham, from Shenandoah,¹² James Cooper,

¹⁰ See Williams, "Journal of David A. Deaderick," in *E. T. Historical Soc. Pubs.*, VIII, 134.

¹¹ McMahon was the first register of deeds of Washington county.

When he located on this tract in 1774, his cabin home was the farthest

to the west of all settlements on the waters of the Watauga. *Ib.*

¹² Ancestor of Dr. Samuel B. Cunningham, first president of the

East Tennessee & Virginia Railroad Company—now a part of the

Southern Railway Company—between Bristol and Knoxville.

from Botetourt, Henry Massengill, from North Carolina, James Abbot, from Botetourt, James Walding (Walden or Walling), from Pittsylvania, John Bean, Thomas Gresham, from Pittsylvania, Ambrose Hodge, entry covering a part of site of Johnson City, Richard Bennett, from Pittsylvania, Richard Fletcher, from Pittsylvania, neighbor of Bean, George Reeves,¹² brother-in-law of James Robertson, Samuel Denton, from Shenandoah, James Smith, from North Carolina, Jesse Benton,¹³ from North Carolina, Elijah Robertson, son, brother of James, George Gray, from Pittsylvania, neighbor of Bean, Charles Thompson and John Cassadav.

Other settlers prior to 1776 located as shown below, dates of settlement approximated: Michael Hyder (1772), from Hampshire county, Virginia, on waters of Buffalo Creek; ancestor of Landon C. Haynes, and Governors Robert L. and Alfred A. Taylor.

John Williams (1773-4) on Gap Creek of Watauga,

from the Valley of Virginia, brother of Jarret Wil-

liams, the Indian trader. John was at Pt. Pleasant,

1774.

Gilbert Christian (1774) at the Long Island, site of

Kingsport.

Thomas Shoate, from Pittsylvania, (1773-4) near

Blountville.

Richard Shoate, from Pittsylvania, (1773-4) on

head of Hickory Creek, Sullivan county.

Edward Cox, from Baltimore county, Maryland,

(1774) one mile northeast of Bluff City, on Southern

Railway.

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Dawn of TN Valley and TN History,
by Judge S. C. Williams
The Watauga Press, Johnson City, TN 1937

* Blount County, Virginia

Virginia and beyond. The matter of salt presented a grave problem to the Wataugans; there were no salt springs or licks in the valley where they were located. Fortunately there was such a lick above the settlements and there about 1773 salt was made from water impregnated by a sub-surface deposit of solid rock salt. This was at the present Saltville, in Virginia, and not far from the main road above described.

Mills for the grinding of grain also began to appear. That of Baptist McNabb on Buffalo Creek of Watauga seems to have been the first; but it was soon followed by that of John Sharp, Jr., near the mouth of one of the creeks of Holston, in the limits of the present county of Sullivan.

The markets from which the merchants in the settlements obtained stocks of goods were Philadelphia, Baltimore and the towns in the lower (northern part) of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, Strasburg, and Staunton. It is probable that these Virginia towns were chief sources, as dealers there had closer touch with the western folk.⁶ Goods were hauled to Winchester and Strasburg by wagons from ports on Chesapeake Bay, the distance from which to Winchester was about eighty miles, through Ashby's Gap of the Blue Ridge and across Ashby's Ferry of the Shenandoah.

Late in September or early in October, 1773, Daniel Boone with his own and five other families passed

⁶Said by an early writer to be more than 175 feet thick. Wells 200 feet deep were later sunk, tapping the salt water. This event meant much to the people of the Upper Old Southwest; and the salt works figured large in the development of Tennessee's commerce in succeeding generations.

⁶ Among these were Alexander Macbir of Strasburg, with whom Andrew Greer and Wm. Bean dealt, 1775; Consult, Malone, "Falmouth and the Shenandoah Trade" in *Am. Hist. Review*, XL, 693-703.

⁶ Now (1989) Buffalo Creek runs north from Union City to the Watauga River in Carter County, Tenn., just west of Elizabethton, Tenn.

through the settlements, on the way to the Kentucky country to form a small colony in those dangerous wilds. As the party was approaching Cumberland Gap, on October 10th a group in the rear was attacked by Indians, jealous of the white invasion of their hunting grounds. Five men were killed, including Boone's eldest son, James. This so discouraged the adventurers that they gave over the attempt and fell back to Clinch River, where Boone resided for some time. To the frustrated party it seemed that the attack and slaughter was by Shawnees, and was precursor of a general uprising by that and other western tribes.

Indeed, throughout 1773 the dread of such an uprising had hung like a pall over the inhabitants on the western frontiers of Virginia, and this unprovoked massacre was to them a harbinger of evil. The western tribes were sullen, and at Detroit were trading their peltry for powder and ball.

The fore-gleam of war did not, however, give pause to the land-hungry and alert leaders of Virginia. They continued active in efforts to secure choice lands in the Tennessee region. Patrick Henry, Wm. Byrd, III, John Page and Colonel William Christian, brother-in-law of Henry, planned to purchase of the Cherokees a large boundary in that region, and Christian sent William Kennedy of the Valley of Virginia to treat with the Indians. Nothing came of the scheme.⁷

⁷Colonel John Donelson, of Pittsylvania county, after running the ministerial line set about to acquire lands in the neighborhood of the line, and in June, 1774, he ran the Virginia-North Carolina boundary line due

⁷The persistence of Byrd in efforts to secure Tennessee lands is to be remarked.

⁸Calendar Va. St. Papers, I, 208, 288, 303.

No. 204

County Washington

Name Mc Nabb, Baptist

Acres 600

Grant No. 77

Issued 23 Oct. 1782

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Warrant No. 686

Entered 10 Dec. 1778

Book No. 247 Page No. 34

Location On West side

of Bull Run Creek

lot 100 ft wide on James River line and from James Creek
down to Bull Run Creek and 200 ft wide to the first corner
comprising one hundred and six rods by an acre or less
Dedicated to our Lord

Washington County, Tenn

B-47, P 34, F 204

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No. 51 TENNESSEE

F. H. Moore

State of Carolina Washington County
December 23, 1779
John P. T. to the citizens of Washington County

County Washington

T. W. McVadie

Name Mr. John Jackson

No. 2351

Acres 1/2

Grant No. 341

Issued Dec 23, 1780

Warrant No. Entry No. 2367

Entered 23 Dec. 1779

Book No. 43 Page No. 215-

Location Among the hills

Survey of 640 acres
on Poplar Creek

Aug 21-1780

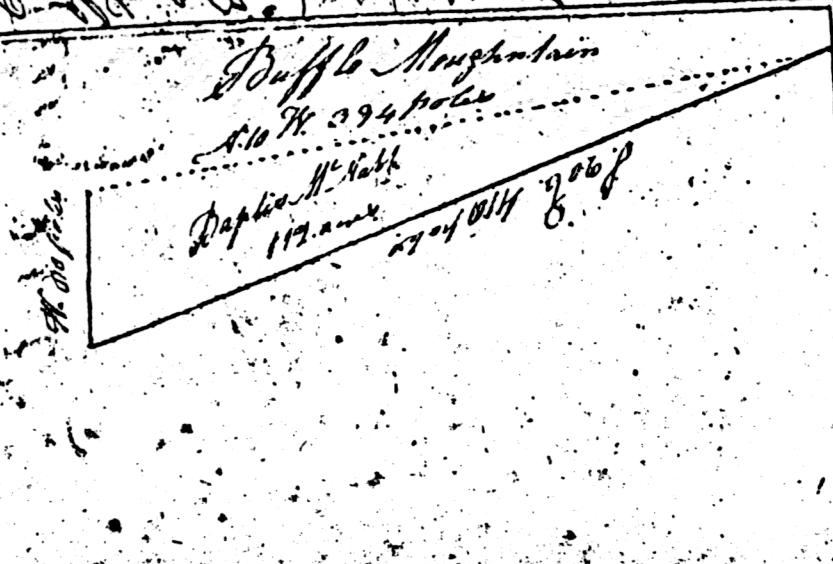
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Relief, n.c. 27603-5909
Washington County, Tenn.
B-43, P-315, F-51

Old is the name of a boy of
and damaged his bag his self
in 16770 street living and being
in North Carolina. Starting
County, having his other money
of the hundred acres on the 1st of
back beginning at his wife's corner
of the first survey and from thence
West eighty rods to a rock & back
and of the side of the
Buffalo Mountain and then
in front ten degrees West. Then
hundred and thirty four rods along
the side of the Buffalo Mountain
to where the river turns and
comes to the river. thence to
from there south twenty degrees
East four hundred and eighteen
feet to the front corner consisting

One hundred and twelve acres
and bounded by one half of an
hundred English rods long and
one hundred English rods wide.

John J. C. C.



Baptist Webb

100. acres

Private

The Webb

Baptist

According

to his last

Bequest

Dec 16, 1806

John J. C. C.

NOTE: PAGES 519, 520, 521
ARE MOVED AND RENUMBERED
BY W.C. DAVIDSON

W.C. DAVIDSON
07-30-2001

Baptist Mc Nabbs Will 4 Jan. 1784
Proved May Sessions 1784

In the name of god Amen this fourth day of January
In the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred
and Eighty four I Baptist Mc Nabbs of the County of
Washington County and State of North Carolina being
sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory
Calling to mind the Mortality of this my state and
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make
and order this to be my last will and Testament ~~that~~
to say I noweably and first of all I recommend my
soul to god who gave it and my body to the earth to
be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner at the
Discretion of my executors and further such worldly goods
where with it pleased god to bless me with I give and dispose
of in manner as followeth

First of all I order and it is my will that all my just and
lawfull debts be paid and personal charges be paid of by my
executors —
I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Isabella Mc Nabbs
my two Marco and Cott and a bed and furniture one cow
and Calf which has now got two more her choice of her stock at
my decease and all and every part of my household furniture
I do likewise order that my executors make a right to the tract
of land that I gave to my son John Mc Nabbs and let him
to that tract I gave my son David Mc Nabbs the other part
^{and his heirs} of now live on I do give unto my son Garrison Mc Nabbs
with its improvements upon condition that it be valued by
three indifferent persons to be chosen by the legatees ^{part}
having his legatees parts the other to be paid in money
following from one year after my decease that is to say to
John Mc Nabbs John Mc Nabbs David Mc Nabbs and
Isabella Mc Nabbs and in case that he should refuse to
take said land on those conditions that it be sold and
the money arising therefrom to be divided amongst the
legatees in manner aforesaid —

And that all the stock and moveables not otherwise provided
be sold and equally divided between amongst the legatees and
in case Isabella Mc Nabbs should die in her then age that her
Land should be divided amongst the other legatees aforesaid
and I do leave and bequeath unto my Daughters Mary Mc Nabbs
Elizabeth Mc Nabbs Jean Mc Nabbs and Katherine Mc Nabbs

Five shillings charged to be paid to Me in one year after my
Decease by the other Legatees.

And I constitute my son John M^cRobb and David M^cRobb
to be sole executors of this my last will and Testament and
Do hereby revoke and Disavow and make void all Other
Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and constituted,
concerning Appointing this and no Other to be my Last
Will and Testament signed sealed Published and made known
in presence of us.

Two

M^cRobb

Agnys Campbell
Isabella Campbell

Baptist

Baptist M^cRobb

mark

Children mentioned in Baptist M^cRobb's Will

Isabella
John
David
James

William
Mary
Margaret
Jean/Jane
Katum/Katherine

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BAPTIST MCNABB WILL

In the name of God Amen. This fourth day of January in
the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred and
eighty four I Baptist McNabb of the County of Washington and
State of North Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect
mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of this my state
and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and
order this to be my last will and testament that is to say
principally and first of all I recomend my soul to God who gave
it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and
Christanable manner at the desonation of my executors and further
such worldly good where with it pleased God to bless me with I
give and dispose of in manner as followth - First of all I order
& it is my will that all my just and lawful debts and funeral
charges be paid of by my executors - I do give and bequeath
unto my daughter Isabella McNabb my two mares and colts and a
bed and furniture one cow and calf Such as now got two more her
choice of the stock at my decease & all & every part of my
household furniture - I do likewise order that my executors make
a wright to the tract of land that I gave to my son John McNabb
& likewise to the tract of land that I gave to my son David
McNabb, the other part where I now live on I do give unto my son
JAMES McNabb and his heirs with its improvements upon condition
that it be valued by three indifferent persons to be chosen by
the legatees he having two legatees parts the other parts to be
paid in manner following - In one year after my decease that is
to say to Wm McNabb John McNabb David McNabb & Isabella McNabb
and in case that he should refuse to take said land on these
conditions that it be sold and the money arising therefrom be

P. 5—Will of Adam Broyles.
April 19, 1782. Eldest son, Moses; ss. Aaron and Joshua; d. Milla Panther; Mima Broyles. Negroes and Kentucky lands; d—Anne Brown; Friends Joseph Brown, Moses Broyles and William Moore.

Teste: John X Waddle, Coonrod Willpightle, Mathias Broyles.
May Sessions, 1782.

P. 6—Will of John Nodding, Nov. 6, 1782:
Wife, Priscilla—Slaves and land.

Teste: Samuel Wood, James Scott.
February Sessions, 1783.

P. 6—Will of Peter Kuykendall, Feb. 17, 1783:

Son, Jesse slave and land; d. Jane; s. Adam; d. Elizabeth; s. Matthew;

s. Peter; ch. Mary, Rutby, Rebecca, Offay.

Brother, Abraham, executor.

Teste: Andrew Thompson, John Kuykendall, Robert Irwin.
May Sessions, 1783.

P. 7—Will of Baptist McNabb:

Jan. 4, 1784, "Washington County, North Carolina." d. Isabella McNabb; ss. John, David, Jonathan; ds. Mary, Margaret, Jane, Ketrin.

Sons John and David, executors.

Teste: Wm. McNabb, Agness Campbell, John Campbell.
May Sessions, 1784.

P. 8—Will of Thomas Mitchell:

North Carolina, Washington County, June 14, 1784.

d. Margaret McAdow; s. James; d. Elizabeth Thompson; s. Thomas;

d. Sarah Mitchell.

Teste: Robert Irwin, Mary Irwin.

August Sessions, 1784.

P. 9—Will of Randolph Crecelias:

Jan. 7, 1787. Wife, Elizabeth; ss. Isaac, John, Jacob. Ch. John, Elizabeth, Barberry, Catherine, Isaac, Dolly, Margaret, Jacob.

Teste: James Cash, Abraham Rife, Philip X Coussions.
November Sessions, 1787.

P. 10—Will of Andrew Taylor:
May 22nd, 1787, "ch. Washington County, State of North Carolina." Wife, Ann; sons Isaac, David McNabb, Andrew Taylor, Nathaniel

Taylor; Matthew; "till youngest child Rhoda comes of age." d. Rebecca, slaves to each child.

Teste: John Hyder, William English.

November Session, 1787.

P. 12—Will of John Fain:
July 15, 1788. Wife, Agnes, sons to share equally. d. Ruth Fain negro "Punch."

Teste: Rosannah X Fain.

November Sessions, 1788.

P. 12—Will of John Bullard:
Oct. 15, 1780, wife, Mary Bullard.

Teste: Joseph X Nation, Elinor X Nation, Ann X Bullard.

November Sessions, 1780.

P. 13. Will of John Cox:

Oct. 19, 1777. sons, Abraham and William two negroes; ds. Jane and Agnes; "slaves I should have had from my father's estate." Abraham and William Cox and John Sevier, Exs.

Teste: John Carter, Christopher Cunningham, Emanuel Carter.

No date of probate.

P. 13—Will of Christopher Cunningham:

Nov. 10, 1782. Wife Mary; my fifteen children: Elizabeth Gatril, Susanab Robertson, Lyddia Cunningham, John Cunningham, Mary Job, Ann Orr, Sarah Cunningham, Jane Cunningham, Jacob, Joseph, Matthew, Moses, Aaron, Elinor, David.

Ds. Elizabeth Gatril and Susannah Robertson to have no part in legacy that John Musgrove left Mary, my wife. "Till youngest child come of age."

Mathew Talbot and Joseph Tipton, Exs.

Teste: Robert Orr, Isaac Taylor.

May Sessions, 1783.

P. 15—Will of Robert Fowler:

Sept. 22, 1784. Mother, Ann Fowler; child Esther Fowler.

Ers. William Fowler and Wife Agnes Fowler.

Teste: Abed'o. Inman, Adam Willson, Molly Inman.

August Sessions, 1785.

P. 15—Will of Thomas Dillard:
May 13, 1784. Wife one half of slaves. Ch. Benjamin, Winnesophi:

BAPTISTE MCNABB, SENIOR, DID NOT HAVE A SON NAMED WILLIAM
by Walter Craig Davidson

I believe the lineage is thus: James McNabb father of William McNabb, Senior; Wm. McNabb, Senior, father of William McNabb, Junior; William McNabb, Junior, father of Baptiste McNabb, Senior, Baptiste McNabb, Senior (b.ca 1720 d. Jan 4, 1784, Washington County, North Carolina/Tennessee) father of three sons,i.e., John, David & Jonathan(James) and five daughters, i.e., Isabella, Mary, Margaret, Jane and Ketrin. These eight children are shown by name in the Will of Baptiste McNabb dated 4 Jan 1784. A copy of the Will both in the original and in the typescript, are included herewith. Also included is a copy of page 41 from the book TENNESSEE SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Chapter Abstracts of Wills--Washington County, Tennessee, which refers the reader to P. 7--Will of Baptist McNabb.

A careful reading of the Will reveals that Baptiste McNabb went to some length to identify his children as such, by calling them individually as son or daughter, by name. When he came to the identification of William McNabb in the Will, Baptiste charged him to pay attention to the wishes being expressed by Baptiste McNabb; however, the document does not identify William as a son, even when Baptiste McNabb addresses William McNabb directly. To wit "that is to say to Wm McNabb....." And the reason that Baptiste McNabb does not identify William McNabb as a son, is because the William McNabb under discussion here, is the father of Baptiste. The proof of this assertion,i.e., that Baptiste McNabb did not have a son named William, can be found in the ABSTRACTS of WILLS for Washington County, Tennessee. William is not mentioned as a son but is shown as a Teste: to the Will.