

BAPTISTE MCNABB, SENIOR, DID NOT HAVE A SON NAMED WILLIAM
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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.