

"July 18. The text of yesterday impelled me to visit several homes, and it comforted me. At Francis Jones' it was notable for me to hear that his youngest daughter, who is six weeks old, before Br. Pyrlaeus baptized her, had always been restless and cranky, afterwards would always lie cheerfully and quietly by herself. For John McMichael's house I wished peace and blessings, and the footsteps of the Brethern Martin Mack and others, who had formerly been there, refreshed me. At John Hillman's I felt good also. Here a bridge has been built for Br. Joseph's sake, when they heard that he was coming. At Joseph Hayn's(Haines) I couldn't do much. Then I went home and read homilies, in preparation for Walpack.

July 19. Early in the morning, I went from "Sideburn" (Br. Burnside's little cabin in Dansbury,) to Walpack. (Walpack is an Indian word signifying "a good fat land.") On the way I reflected on the Trinity, that they might make me capable as a herald of the Gospel. It was very impressive for me that the Atonement had been for such poor sinners. I visited the smith, William McNab, but I could talk to him only about the harvest. Afterwards I visited at McDowell's and Susanna Ray's, and after some discourse on external matters, I could easily say something about the rest and peace in Jesus. Most of the way today was occupied with the Saviour only, and my marriage, and the Brethren who had moistened this route with their sweat and sown it with prayer.....I went to my lodging a mile away, after I announced the preaching service at Pawlin's Kill, through a traveler at the ferry.I swept out the church and sleeping place, and was very happy in contemplation. The eldest son,-Abraham_ of Benjamin Smith's brother, John, from Virginia, came to me. He is 23 years old, and lives at Shannadoe, (Shenandoah, Va.) in the Irish settlement. His father is captain of the militia there. They have never seen one of the Brethren, but have heard many bad reports about them. He will return in a week or two. It is far beyond the Potomac."

The above quote is from page 3 of the Moravian Missionary Diaries, an unpublished MSS, written circa 1730 to 1750. I am responsible for the underlining.

First, has been identified a William McNab as a smith, living in Dansbury, Monroe County, Penn.

Second. This McDowell is quite likely to be either the person himself or a relative of the Capt. MCDowell of Augusta County, Virginia in whose company of militia, James McNabb, son of William McNabb, served as a Cadet circa 1745. This information is contained on a receipt for service rendered given to Wm. McNabb for his son and is a matter of record in the Draper files.

Third. Abraham Smith's apparently permanent move from Dansbury to Shenandoah valley is a clear indication of a social connection between the two populated areas.

Fourth. Irish settlement.This term was used extensively to denote both Scottish and Scots-Irish individuals and/or families.

Fifth. Additional references are made to Wm. McNab on pages 12,30,& 33 of the MSS.Said Moravian Missionary MSS is available from the Monroe County Historical Association, 900 Main St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360--phone 717/421 7703, with some charge for making the some 100 plus pages of the entire MSS.