

Elizabethton had more than one supporter on the Committee, i.e., David McNabb & Landon Carter, and probably even more support from some who were not committee members.

In any event, on Oct. 23, 1799 the Tenn. Legislature passed an act confirming that the original 50 acre tract of 77 lots, laid out for the town was "to continue to be a town"....such town to be known as Elizabethton. Also in 1799 the Tennessee Legislature appointed the first commissioners for the town of Elizabethton. They were David McNabb, Senior, Landon Carter, Andrew Greer, Zachariah Campbell, and four others. These town commissioners were given the power "to establish the necessary regulations for.... government" of the town of Elizabethton.

The first Court of Carter Cty. was composed of men commonly called esquires or justices of the peace. This Court elected all the officers necessary for the peaceful functioning of the County. The first Carter County Court included David McNabb, Sr., Nathaniel Taylor, Zachariah Campbell, Andrew Greer, Landon Carter, Guttredge Garland, John Vaught, Joseph Lands & Reuben Thornton. To recap the early political appointments of David McNabb, Senior.

1. Appointed by the Tenn. Legislature to a committee of 5 to locate a county seat for Carter County, Tenn, in 1796.
2. Appointed by the Tenn. Legislature, from existing magistrates, to be a member of the first Court of Carter County & to elect all officers necessary for the functioning of the County, in 1796.
3. Appointed by the Tenn. Legislature as one of the first commissioners for the town of Elizabethton, to establish the regulations for government of the town, in 1799.

How long David McNabb, Senior served in the town & County positions is not shown by any records; however, as late as 1813-1817 he was a Carter County Trustee.

From 1779 until 1805, David & Elizabeth had 13 children, 3 girls & 10 boys, all born in what is now Carter Cty. Tenn. Today (1989) there is not a McNabb residing in the County. As far as it is known most of them migrated to the southwest down the valleys to McMinn & Bradley Counties, Tenn., and on West. As far as the records indicate, David's son, Nathaniel Taylor McNabb was the last to leave Carter Cty. when in 1844 he sold his land in Carter County and moved to Bradley County, Tenn. where his son, David's grandson, James Pinckney McNabb, had moved in the early 1830's. There is a record of a Deed to Nathaniel Taylor McNabb in 1814 in Claiborne Cty. Tenn. but no record that he lived there.

David McNabb, Senior, drew up his Will on May 12, 1826 and died May 13, 1826 in Carter County, Tenn. The Will is recorded in Early Wills Book #1, pages 497-498, Office of the County Court Clerk, Carter County Courthouse, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643. His wife, Elizabeth died June 20, 1849 in McMinn Cty. Tenn. and is buried in Minet/^{Mynatt is the correct spelling.} Cemetery, McMinn County. David was probably buried on the homeplace in Carter County; however, no one knows where the grave site is now.

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