

JAMES PINCKNEY McNABB & EASTER McNABB- Saga of the 1800's
From Tennessee to Missouri to Texas back to Missouri

Nathaniel Taylor McNabb & Ellender McCubbins McNabb's son, James Pinckney McNabb, b. Feb. 9, 1814 d. June 28, 1893, was born in Carter County, Tenn. and died in Marshfield, Webster County, Missouri. On Nov. 13, 1836 in Bradley Cty. Tenn. James P. married Easter Flenniken Dearmond, b. 1818 d. after the 1880 census. She was born on the Cherokee Indian Nation in Tennessee and was a full blood Cherokee. She died in Fannin Co. Texas where she had gone from her home in Webster Cty. Missouri, after 1880, to tend to her sister who was ill. The family story is that she caught the same illness, died and was buried in Texas, at an unknown place because no one knows the sister's name, where she lived in Texas, or even the year that Easter traveled to Texas. However, James P. & Easter had a son, Nathaniel Armstrong McNabb b. April 2, 1848 d. March 26, 1900, who had moved within 3 miles of Macedonia Cemetery in 1876 & later, in 1900, was buried in the McNabb family plot in Macedonia Cemetery, Lascasas (could be two words) Community, Stephens Cty., Texas, on Ioni Creek, with space left vacant on one side for his wife, Rebecca Ann Turner b. Dec. 24, 1857 d. Jan. 29, 1942, but when Rebecca Ann passed away and the space beside Nathaniel A. McNabb was being excavated, it was discovered that some person in a coffin had already been buried there so the grave was immediately reclosed. Thus, two things. First, Rebecca Ann McNabb, Nathaniel A's wife had to be buried several spaces away from her husband as children were earlier buried in the intervening spaces and second, it is surmised that when Easter died, Nathaniel Armstrong McNabb, her son, was notified and he arranged for his mother's burial in the family plot in Texas, instead of returning her for burial to Missouri. Inasmuch as Easter's burial could well have been 15-18 years prior to that of Nathaniel A. and 55 to 60 years prior to Rebecca Ann's burial, it is quite possible that no one remembered that Easter was buried in the family plot. Few even know why (in 1992) Nathaniel A. & Rebecca are not buried side by side.

Back to the beginning for James Pinckney & Easter McNabb. They had 11 children, 7 boys and 4 girls. They were Albert Houston 1837, Mathew 1839, James M. 1841, Theodore Washington 1843, Mary E. 1846, Nathaniel Armstrong 1848, William A. 1850, Rebecca J. 1852, A.J. 1853, Harriet Ann 1855, Lucretia 1857. James P. as a young man, moved from his birthplace in Carter Cty., Tennessee to the area that would become Bradley Cty. Tenn. and thence to the Cherokee Indian Nation and back to Bradley Cty. Tennessee all before November 1836 when he married Easter Flenniken. They lived variously from 1837 in McMinn Cty. Tenn. to Carter Cty. Tenn. to Bradley Cty. Tenn., back to Carter Cty. Tenn., then in 1851 to Webster Cty., Missouri. They then moved to Fannin Cty. Texas in 1858, to Cooke Cty. Texas in 1860, back to Fannin Cty. Texas, until the end of the Civil War, then back to Cooke Cty. until 1867 when with the help of their eldest son Albert Houston McNabb, who had come from Missouri to assist them, they returned to Webster Cty. Missouri. James P. had become blind in 1861-62 so remained in Webster Cty. Missouri where he accumulated considerable land prior to his death, on June 28, 1893, which was an unusual and accidental circumstance, as follows.

After becoming blind in 1861-62 James P. acquired a dog that went everywhere with him & guided him around the many hazards to be found on his Missouri farm. On June 25, 1893 James P. had gone some distance from the house to cut & gather firewood. In the process he became injured but the dog assisted him sufficiently for him to make it back to the house. Other family members placed the injured man on a pallet of quilts in the bed of a wagon. Apparently not enough care or skill was exercised and the wagon turned over on the way to Marshfield, Mo. & James P. was thrown from the wagon and died of his multiple injuries on June 28, 1893 & was buried in Timber Ridge Cemetery, Webster Cty., Missouri. Following is a Narrative dictated circa 1871-72 by James Pinckney McNabb to his daughter, Harriet Ann McNabb. →

In 1989, Clyde and Cloie McNabb lived on the James Pinckney McNabb home place, i.e., RR1, Box 1045, Marshfield, Missouri. Clyde McNabb's father was Harry E. McNabb, 1882, whose father was Albert Houston McNabb 1837-1923, whose father was James Pinckney McNabb 1814-1893.