

George Buchanan ----- Revolutionary Soldier.

In the beginning of the settlement of Kentucky, the McAfee family, including the five brothers and their mother, was here at the beginning to help establish the first permanent English settlement west of the Alleghanies. They came from the state of Virginia, and were among the first to occupy the land on the banks, of that after celebrated stream, "Salt River".

There were five brothers who came to the land of promise, reaching here on May 10th, 1773. They surveyed their claims, and then later returned to Virginia. In 1774, this little company intended to return to Kentucky but they did not get to come back until early in 1776, when they prepared to come back and visit their land they had surveyed. The names of these five brothers were: James, Robert, William, Samuel, and George.

James McAfee Sr. landed in America from Ireland, in June, 1739. His wife was Jane McMichael. Their children were:

1. James Jr. ----- Born in Ireland ----- 1736.
2. John ----- Born in Ireland ----- 1737.
Died in Virginia ----- 1768.
3. Wilcom ----- Born in Ireland ----- 1738.
Died --- June ----- 1739.
on board ship coming to America.
4. George ----- Born---in Penn. ----- 1740.
Died---in Mercer Co., Ky.--- 1803.
5. Mary McAfee ----- Born---in Penn. ----- 1742.
6. Robert ----- Born---in Penn. ----- 1745.
Died---in New Orleans ----- 1795.
7. Margaret ----- Born---in Penn. ----- 1746-47.
Married George Buchanan in Virginia and came to
Kentucky with her husband in 1784, and spent the
remainder of her life here.
8. William ----- Born---in Virginia ----- 1750.
Died---in Mercer Co., Ky. -- 1780.

Margaret was the 7th child of James McAfee Sr. and
Jane McMichael.
Born in Penn. Colony about ----- 1746.
Went to Virginia with her parents when just an infant.
Margaret married George Buchanan in Botetourt Co., Va. in 1770.
George ---- Born in Ireland in 1745. He probably knew the
McAfees in Penn.; if not in Ireland.

George and his wife Margaret came to Kentucky and settled in the "Salt River", neighborhood in 1784, not long after the McAfee Co. came. Soon after when New Providence Church was organized, George Buchanan suggested the very appropriate name the Church received, of "New Providence", and was elected one of its ruling Elders, a place he no doubt filled until his death in 1813.

He and his wife had the following children:

1. James -----Died in Mercer Co., Ky. -----1836.
2. John -----Moved to Taylor Co., Ky.
3. Alexander -----Died in Mercer Co., in 1806.
4. George Jr. -----
5. Mary -----
6. Jane -----
7. Margaret -----Moved to Indiana.
8. Nancy -----
9. Annie -----
10. Dorcas -----
11. William -----Died in Mercer Co. 1830.

George Buchanan was a Revolutionary Soldier and an Indian fighter. A soldier of the War of Independence in 1776.

The land that he owned at the time of his death is located on the Burgin Pike. A section of this land is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crozer. The little graveyard where George Buchanan was buried is on the Crozer Farm. Cane Run Church was also on this farm.

This little cemetery has quite a lot of markers, but all of them are native stones. This one of George Buchanan was the only one that had an inscription that was legible. Possibly many of the others had markings at one time, but if so they had all been erased by the elements.

We are very pleased to have some of the descendants of this Revolutionary Soldier, among our good citizens of Harrodsburg at the present time. I refer to Mrs. Nelson Davenport, and her family.

Mrs. Davenport was Miss Hattie Buchanan, a direct line of George Buchanan.

There are several more of our Revolutionary Soldiers' graves that are in isolated places and were hard to locate, that should be cared for in this way before it is too late.

Paper given at Pioneer Memorial Park, June 16th, 1958, at meeting honoring the memory of George Buchanan, Revolutionary Soldier.

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JAMES BUCHANAN
EMIGRATED FROM SCOTLAND

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GEORGE BUCHANAN
1746-1813
SOLDIER IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR
SETTLED IN HARRISBURG 1782
FARMER-NO SLAVES

MARRIED MARGARET McAFEE

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JOHN BUCHANAN
1768-1834
FARMER- STOCK TRADER-NO SLAVES
TO KY. IN 1782-TO GREEN COUNTY 1810

MARRIED JANE GANTS

DAUGHTER OF THOMAS & MARY McAFEE
GANTS

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THOMAS G BUCHANAN
1801-1867
FARMER-SLAVE OWNER

MARRIED

JANIE CALDWELL
1802-1893

DAUGHTER OF JAMES CALDWELL,
A SOLDIER WAR 1812-

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GEORGE HENRY BUCHANAN
1837-1909

MARRIED

SARA SHIVELY

DAUGHTER OF JOHN W & JANE
REACH SHIVELY

CORA H
(SANDERS)

EMMA S.
(CLOYD)

MATTIE A.
(DAVENPORT)

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HENRY
ANDREW
SARA (STEVENS)
HATTIE LEE (DAWME)
MAYME (WAID)

↓
LENA FRANCIS

↓
SAM
SARA JANE
CHRISTINE
GEORGE
ELIZABETH
LOUISE
HENRY

George Henry Buchanan was born Sept. 1, 1838, and is the fifth of five sons and two daughters, all living except one, born to Thomas G. and Janie Caldwell Buchanan, who were born in Green, now Taylor County, Jan. 1801, and Sept. 1802 respectively. Thomas G. Buchanan was a farmer and slave owner and died in 1867, his widow in 1883. He was a son of John and Jane Grants Buchanan, who were born in Wythe and Botetourt Counties. She came to Kentucky with her parents, Thomas and Mary McAfee Grants, in 1779 and located in Salt River. Thomas Grants was in the battle of Blue Lick and escaped but was killed by the Indians a few weeks after the battle in 1783. He was a man with a strong constitution and iron will, and of more than ordinary intelligence, of English extraction, went from New England to North Carolina and thence moved to Virginia. John Buchanan was a farmer and stock trader and did considerable freighting with wagons in an early day. He was born May 17, 1768, and came to Kentucky in 1782, and settled on Salt River and in Greene County in April 1800. He was under Gen Logan against the Indians, was a robust and healthy man, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He had acquired considerable property, but his conscience would not permit him to own slaves. He died Sept. 20, 1834. He was a son of George and Margaret McAfee Buchanan, natives of Virginia and South Carolina. George Buchanan was a soldier of the war for independence and settled on Salt River, four miles below Harrodsburn in 1782. He was a farmer, but never would own slaves or allow his children to own any. He died in June 1813, at the age of 67. He was a son of James Buchanan, who emigrated from Scotland and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Buchanans first settled in Green, 3 miles east of Campbellsville. Mrs. Thomas Buchanan was a daughter of James Caldwell who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and an early settler just east of Campbellsville, was born in Taylor County, Ky. G. H. Buchanan grew to manhood on a farm and received a good English education. At the age of 22 he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, continued two years, after which he located on a farm of 360 acres on the banks of Green River, near Roachville. He lost the old residence by fire, but has rebuilt and now is the possessor of the finest modern residence in the county. In October 1862 he was united in marriage to Sallie Shively, a daughter of John W. and Jane Roach Shively, who were born in Green County, but whose parents came from Virginia in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan had born by their happy union five children, three now living: Corae H., Emma S. and Hattie A. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are members, respectively, of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. He was a member of the Grange, and in politics is a Democrat.

I had thought about giving this book back to you and Mayme, Tie, but I see that "Granny" gave it to Buck on Feb. 9, 1938 (on his third birthday); Bob gave it to Buck in 1973 and if you all agree, I will keep it for Bucky.

