

Hiram McDonald

(c1805-1876)

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Dear Jerry;

As I told you on the phone Saturday night (4/26), I am assembling a history of my mother's family, the Horrells. It's running about 200 pages and my chapter on the McDonalds is the shortest by far, due in part that I have spent less time in researching this family branch.

I'm enclosing the following:

1. A page containing McDonald family notes. As stated in my text on the family, I don't know the source of the notes.
2. A pedigree chart highlighted with the path tracing back to the McDonalds.
3. Family group records of Hiram and Joseph McDonald.
4. A draft copy of my chapter on the McDonalds

I'm suggesting the following questions:

1. Pg. 22 I've searched for Edward Hazelwood and Elizabeth McDonald's marriage in Henderson, Daviess and Gallatin (Shawneetown), IL. Another Hazelwood researcher I've been in contact has not found it either. Any ideas? Edward was married to Susan D. Bennett on 15 November 1842 in Henderson County, but she evidently died soon after.
2. Pg. 22 It is not certain the son, William S., of Edward and Elizabeth shown in the 1850 Census is Elizabeth's child. I have assumed so, but do not have proof. The 4 month old Susan likely is her child.
3. Pg. 22 The March 1899 DOD for Elizabeth is not confirmed. I've searched the cemetery records for Henderson County. Could the obituary be in the Henderson Gleaner, which I haven't searched?
4. Pg. 24 Is Hiram McDonald's second marriage to Mary A. _? Recorded in Daviess County?

5. Pg. 25 Is Hiram's death or burial recorded in any cemetery in Daviess County? Is there a probate or settlement record?
6. Pg. 25 Is Mary A. (?) McDonald's death or burial recorded in Daviess County? Any way to check the religion of Hiram (before and after his second marriage) or that of Mary A.?
7. Pg 26 It seems strange that Joseph McDonald left such little evidence of his sojourn in Henderson County. The marriage in 1813 to Nancy Willingham is all I've found. I didn't search Henderson County deeds, probate, or other records. He must have remained in Henderson County into the 1820s. Hiram was too young to leave there if Joseph moved from the bounty before 1820. I haven't searched for his other children, but none appear in the marriage records in Henderson County. You might check for alternate spellings like MacDonald, McDonnell, MacDonnell, etc. it seems strange to me Hiram's marriage to Susan S. Hust and his daughter, Elizabeth's marriage to Edward T. Hazelwood are not recorded in Henderson and surrounding counties.
8. A general comment: Jerry, use your own judgement on the search. Maybe I've missed something. I'm hoping to get the Horrell family history together ready for printing by the end of May or shortly after. I can always add or change the McDonald chapter at the last minute, for it is the last chapter.

Much thanks,
Bill Bauman

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Dear Mr. Bauman:

Enclosed you will find 82 pages on the McDonald family. I hope I did not go beyond your expectations. Sometimes I do not know when to stop. I tried to exhaust most of the major sources here. I believe I have found some interesting items.

I went through the early Henderson County, KY tax lists looking for any McD's. Your ancestor, Joseph McDonald, was there during the years of 1810-1818. The tax collector apparently had a problem with spelling McDonald. In the 1810-1812 lists he was listed as Joseph M. McDowell and in the lists of 1813-1818 as Joseph McDaniel. Since Joseph McDonald married a Henderson County girl in 1813 I believe it obvious that these various entries are all for the same man. No McD's were found in the 1810 or 1820 Henderson County censuses.

In an article on the Willingham family in the Kentucky Family Records (Vol.8, p.94) it is stated that Joseph McDonald "lived in Henderson Co., KY until 1818, then in Boone Co., MO". The

same is confirmed by a small sketch of Joseph McDonald's family in the 1876 book, A History of the Pioneer Families of Missouri (p360). We have very little on MO so I was unable to find any Boone County sources.

I was unable to locate the marriage of Hiram & Susan McDonald (married in period of 1825-1829). I rechecked Henderson & Daviess Cos. Have you checked in Vanderburgh County, IN? Since Hiram's family moved to Missouri [this is probably why several later sources on his family give MO as a place of birth] I wonder if he could have married there? In a book of early Missouri marriages there is listed a Hiram McDonald who married Susan Parker in Cooper County, MO on 16 Aug 1825. This entry is very interesting for several reasons - the names of Hiram & Susan, the right time period, and also Cooper County is an adjoining county to Boone County. However, how can we explain the name of "Parker". How sound is it that Susan was indeed a "Hust"? I found only one source that substantiated this - the 1920 death certificate of her son, Hiram Columbus. I generally like to find 3 or at least 2 good sources that say the same thing before I believe it totally. Do you know of any other sources that state that Susan was a Bust?

Hiram McDonald was enumerated in the 1850 Henderson County, KY census, he was indexed under the spelling of McDaniel. Hiram died in Daviess County, KY in 1876. On 18 Sep 1876 his wife, Mary Ann, was appointed administratrix of his estate. Generally an administrator was appointed two or three weeks after some ones death. Was unable to find Hiram in the Daviess County wills, estate settlements, deeds, or cemetery listings, or obits. I believe he was probably buried in one of two places - the McCain Cemetery in Daviess County where two of his children have monuments, or at the Bethel Cemetery, in Henderson County, where his son, Hiram Columbus, was buried.

I will not go into a great deal explaining all of what I found on Hiram McDonald's children and grandchildren. I tried to list all sources used, as well as providing copies of many of the original sources. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime. I located obituaries for 12 of Hiram McDonald's grandchildren but did not make copies of these, since I was afraid of going overboard. If you need copies of these or any other sources I will be glad to.

I spent a little over 20 hours of research and compiling. For my time I will request \$100.00 and an additional \$10.00 for copies and postage. If this was far over your expectations I will be glad to accept less.

Let me know your thoughts about the enclosed pages, any comments would be greatly appreciated. Bye for now.

Yours truly,
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Dear Jerry:

Thanks again for the help you have given me on searching for the Mc Donald clan, and for the large amount of material you sent me. I'm enclosing a check for the amount we agreed for you time, copies, and postage.

Jerry, several questions remain. I believe that I might discuss them over the phone with you rather than listing them in this letter. Instead, I just want to request that you make the best copy you can of the following:

1. Uppertown (pages 38-39) and Lowertown (page?) in the Historical Atlas of Daviess County, Kentucky, 1876.
2. Administrator bond for Mary A. McDonald. Book 6, Pg. 373
3. Marriage bond for Hiram McDonald and Mary A. Hayden, 13 January 1863 (marriage) I don't have the book number, but it is on page 409.

Please let me know the additional time and postage for making and sending me these copies.

Thanks so much,
Bill Bauman