

McCook

Ancestors of Ellen Holt (Roots) McBride are the numbered names on the farthest left near the outer part of the outline.

Information in italics has not yet been verified with primary documents (birth, marriage, death certificates).

9. **George McCOOK**...

8. **Alexander McCOOK** (? - ?) m. **Sarah DARRAH** (? - ?).

America: Possibly there were 4 brothers who came from Ireland. George went to Pennsylvania and then to Ohio, Daniel settled in Georgia, one went west, and the fourth changed his name to McDowell.

7. **George McCOOK** (*Scotch-Irish, 1750-1822*) (*1752-1822 from McCook House*) m. **Mary McCORMACK** of Glasgow, Scotland (ca.1769-1853). (*1763-1833 from McCook House*). *They fled to America and landed about 1780 after an arduous voyage from Ireland. He settled for awhile in Hartford, Ct. He then went to Lisbon, OH., then settled in Cannonsburg, PA. He and Mary were of Scotch-Irish descent.*

3 sons:

a. **Dr. George McCOOK II**, became a medical doctor with a successful practice in Pittsburgh. He also lived for a period of years in eastern Ohio.

children:

1. **Robert D. McCOOK** of San Bernardino, Calif.

b. **Maj. Daniel McCOOK** (20 June 1798 - 21 July 1863 at Buffington Island, OH) m. **Martha LATIMER** (8 Mar. 1802 - ?) of Washington, Pennsylvania on 28 Aug. 1817. She was the daughter of **Abraham and Mary Greer LATIMER**. Abraham's family was originally from Leicestershire, England, and Mary was of Scotch Irish descent. Daniel and Martha had 8 sons who all fought in the Civil War. Some were famous generals. Daniel built the McCook House in Carrollton, OH, where he owned a brickyard. He was a lawyer (although there are no records of him graduating from law school.) He served as paymaster in the Civil War, and then worked as a nurse in the field hospitals during the war. He was killed by Morgan's Raiders while riding to avenge the murder of his son, Robert.

9 children, 8 were sons:

1) **Sarg. Maj. Latimer A. McCOOK** (26 Apr. 1820 - 23 Aug. 1869). He graduated from Jefferson College in Canonsburg, PA, and from Jefferson medical in PA. He served as Surgeon Major in the Civil War in the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, where he was wounded twice. Apparently he and his wife moved to IL, but had no children.

2) **Brig. Gen. George Wythe McCOOK** (2 Nov. 1821 in Canonsburg, PA- 29 Dec. 1877 in Steubenville, OH) m. **Margaret Dickey BEATTY** (? - 1863) (eloped) to Pittsburgh on 5 Aug. 1849. Margaret was the adopted daughter of **Rev. C. C. BEATTY** George fought in the Mexican War, serving as an officer in the Third Ohio volunteer Infantry and returned as its commander, but not in the Civil War due to ill health. He served behind the scenes. He recruited and trained soldiers, worked in army provisions, etc. He was a law partner of **Edwin STANTON** (Lincoln's Secretary of War) in the 1840s in the Stanton-McCook Law Office. Later George was active in politics, serving as the Attorney General of Ohio. He also ran for Governor.

children:

a). **Kate M. McCOOK** (1848 - ca. 1872, age 24)

b) **George Wythe McCOOK Jr.** (1852 - 1910)

c) **Hester "Hettie" Beatty McCOOK** (1858 - 1942)

d) **Robert Latimer McCOOK** (1862 - 1934)

e-h) all died in infancy

3) **John James McCOOK** (28 Dec. 1823 - 30 Mar. 1842). He was educated at the United States Naval Academy. He died of fever off the coast of S. America (Brazil) where he was a midshipman in the navy on the U.S. Frigate "Delaware," and was buried at Rio de Janerio. He was commended by Admiral Farragut.

4) **Catherine McCOOK** (28 Aug. 1825 - 18 June 1847)

5) **Brig. Gen. Robert Latimer McCOOK** (28 Dec. 1827 - 6 Aug. 1862). He was a native of Jefferson Co., OH, and was a Cincinnati lawyer in practice with Judge Stallo when the war broke out. He enlisted immediately upon the firing on Ft.

Sumter and was at once commissioned colonel, rising later to the rank of Brigadier general. His 9th Ohio (1st German) regiment was detained in Camp Harrison and Camp Dennison from April until the middle of June 1861, during which period it was drilled into a state of extraordinary perfection, and it was characterized by Gen. McClellan as the best regiment he had ever seen. In August 1862, while lying ill in an ambulance, he was shot to death by Confederate guerillas near New Market, Alabama.

6) **Mary/Martha? McCOOK** (18 Dec. 1840 - 24 Jan. 1896) m. 1) **BALDWIN**, 2) **Dr. CURTIS** of NYC.

7). **Maj. Gen. Alexander McDowell McCOOK** (22 Apr. 1831 - 12 June 1903). m. 1) **Katy** (possibly **Kate PHILLIPS**, 2) **Annie COLT**. Alexander McDowell McCOOK was a career soldier. He graduated from West Point in 1852. He was appointed in April 1861 as colonel of the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which he commanded at Bull Run. He served throughout the war, and was cited for gallant and meritorious service at Nashville, Shiloh, and Perryville. He later taught at West Point. He fought in the Indian Wars in the west. He served under Rosecrans in the Civil War. Alec's reputation was destroyed when he was blamed for the disaster at Chickamauga. He was later found innocent, but to this day is thought of as a bad general. McCook Nebraska is named after Alexander. He also represented the United States at the Coronation of Nicholas in Russia in 1896. Alexander was married twice. 3 children of Alex and Katy:

a) **Lucy McCOOK** m. **Chauncy BAKER**

b) **Jeanette McCOOK** m. **Dunlop**

c) **Kathleen McCOOK** m. **Chas. CRAIGHEAD**.

8) **Brig. Gen. Daniel McCOOK** (22 July 1834 in Carrollton, OH - 17 July 1864 at Kenesaw Mt.). Dan studied law in Steubenville with Edwin Stanton and brother G.W. McCook. He became law partners with Thomas Ewing, and W.T. Sherman in Leavenworth Kansas. Around 1860 he married Julia (Julie?) Tibbs. Dan Jr. organized a company at Leavenworth, Kansas, and offered his services as early as Feb. 1861. Entering the war as a captain of the militia, he served successively as chief of staff of the First Division of the Army of the Ohio, colonel of the Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and commander of a brigade in the Army of the Cumberland. He was chosen in 1864 by General Sherman to lead the assault on Kenesaw Mountain. Before riding into battle, he recited Macaulay's "Horatius" to his assembled troops "And how can man die better than facing fearful odds?"

9) **Brig. Gen. Edwin Stanton McCOOK** (26 Mar. 1837 in Carrollton OH - 12 Sept. 1873). He graduated from the USNA and was a Midshipman from 1854-56. He became a Captain in the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded 3 times during the war. He was assassinated while Governor of the Dakota Territories. One account says that he was shot while giving a speech. Another says that he was in an argument with a drunk at a bar.

10) **Charles Morris McCOOK** (15 Nov. 1842 - 21 July 1861). Of all of the boys, Charles was the only one to reject a commission in the army. He chose to enlist as a private instead in April 1861 in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry when he was less than 18. At the First Battle of Bull Run, Charles saw his father working as a nurse in a field hospital, and ran over to see him. But as Charlie greeted his father, a group of Confederate soldiers jumped out of the bushes and surrounded him, ordering young Charles to surrender. Charlie looked at his father, then declared to the soldiers, "I would rather die than surrender to a Rebel!" And Daniel stood horrified as the soldiers shot his young son. Charlie died in his father's arms.

11) **Col. John James McCOOK** (22 May 1845 - 17 Sept. 1911) m. **Nettie**

ALEXANDER After finishing his freshman year at Kenyon College, he volunteered in the Fifty-Second Ohio Regiment in 1862. On June 18, 1863, he was wounded at Shady Grove, Virginia. After the War, he was a lawyer in New York. John had the monument built for his family at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati.

6 children:

- a) a son who died in infancy
- b) **Janet McCOOK**
- c) **Susan McCOOK**
- d) **Martha McCOOK**
- e) **Caroline McCOOK**
- f) **Harriet McCOOK**

c. **John McCOOK** (1806 in Canonsburg, PA - 11 Oct. 1865 in Wash. D.C.).

6. Dr. John McCOOK (1806 in Canonsburg, PA - 11 Oct. 1865 in Wash. D.C.) of Steubenville OH m. **Catherine Julia SHELDON** (1807-Apr. 1865) at the Presbyterian Church of New Lisbon after the birth of all their children. He was educated at Jefferson College in Canonsburg, PA. Erected the McCook house in Carrollton OH around 1837. He practiced medicine in New Lisbon, Columbiana County and later Steubenville, Jefferson County, OH. His descendants are described as the "Tribe of John." John and Catherine were united with the Presbyterian Church of New Lisbon after the birth of all their children, and they were all baptized on the same day. John and Catherine are buried in Steubenville OH. Catherine was a musician and elocutionist.

Had 5 sons:

a. **Maj. Gen. Edward Moody McCOOK** (15 June 1833 in Steubenville OH - 9 Sept. 1909 in Chicago IL) m. **Mary McKenna** (? - ?; buried at the St. Augustine National Cemetery, St. Augustine, FL). He was one of the earliest settlers of the Pike's Peak region, where he practiced law and represented that district in the legislature of Kansas, before the division of the territory. In the troubled era preceding the war, he was in Washington on a temporary mission when a daring feat as a secret agent for the government won such approbation that he was appointed a lieutenant of cavalry in the regular army. At the outbreak of the Rebellion he was appointed Major of the Second Indiana Cavalry soon after the outbreak of the Civil War. Became Brevet Major General. He retired at the close of the war with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the regular army to accept the appointment of minister to the Sandwich Islands. Served as minister to Hawaii (1866-69), helped organize and was twice appointed governor (1869-75) of the Colorado Territory by President Grant (1st Terr. Gov. of Colorado).

b. **Gen. Anson (B. not George?) George McCOOK** (10 Oct. 1835 in Steubenville OH - 1917) m. **Hettie Beatty McCook**, his first cousin (see above). He crossed the plains at an early age to California for a few years. He returned shortly before the Rebellion, and was engaged in the study of law in the office of Stanton & McCook in Steubenville. He promptly raised a company of volunteers and was elected captain of Company H, which was the first to enter the service from eastern Ohio. He was assigned to the Second Ohio Regiment and took part in the First Battle of Bull Run. Also fought in the Battle of Lookout Mountain. The 2nd Ohio Regiment served in 3 months service near Washington under **Col. Lewis WILSON**, and was organized for 3 yrs. service Sept. 1861 under **Col. Leonard A. HARRIS**. It served in **Gen. O. M. MITCHELL**'s Division; **Gen. BUELL**'s army in Kentucky; with **Gen. ROSECRAN** at Stone River and Chickamauga, and with **SHERMAN**, on the Atlanta campaign. On 8 Oct. 1862 at Perryville, Kentucky, the 2nd Ohio attacked the Confederate force commanded by General Bragg. Though outnumbered, the Union forced pressed the enemy and inflicted heavy losses upon them before being compelled to retreat. During the retreat, Col. Anson had his horse shot out from under him. The Col. picked up a musket from a fallen soldier and took his place in the line. Anson's willingness to stand in the line with his retreating soldiers encouraged and inspired the men. When attention was drawn to the Col. in the line and an enemy was about to kill him, one of Anson's men, **William H. SURLES**, stepped in front of him to take the bullet. Private Surles' action caused the Rebel to hesitate, and the Confederate was shot by one of the other members of Anson's line. The Second lost severely in battle, having 111 killed and 425 wounded during its term of service. Anson started as Captain; became Brigadier General at the close of the war. He returned to Steubenville, but later moved to New York City. He served 6 years as a congressman from the Eighth New York District, 1877-83, and as Secretary of the United States Senate, 1883-93, and chamberlain of the city of New York, 1895-98.

c. **Rev. Henry Christopher McCOOK** (3 July 1837 in New Lisbon OH - ?). He graduated from Jefferson College. Served for about a year with the Forty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry as a chaplain with the rank of First Lieutenant. He was later ordained by the Presbytery in Steubenville and after the war was pastor of a church in St. Louis, MO from whence he was called to Philadelphia, PA in 1869 to accept the pastorate of one of the most prominent churches in the East. He won fame through a number of theological, ecclesiastical, and natural history books, especially his works on ants and spiders.

d. **Roderick Sheldon McCOOK** (10 Mar. 1839 in New Lisbon OH - 1886 in Vineland NJ) m. **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sutherland**. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis MD in 1859, and his first service was off the Congo River in Africa from whence he sent home with a prize crew in charge of a captured slaver until 1861. He was a commander in the NAVY. From 1861 to 1865 he took active part in operations before Newberne, Wilmington, Charleston, Ft. Fisher, and on the James River. He offered himself and the services of his marines to the land force in moving a battery of guns from his vessel. With this battery, he took a conspicuous part in the conflict and had the honor of receiving the surrender of a Confederate Regiment of Infantry; probably the only surrender of this sort that occurred during the Civil War. He served in the navy throughout the war attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and was retired from active service 25 Sept. 1873 with the grade of Commander, due to failing health from service incurred exposure during the Ft. Fisher engagement. He died after being thrown from a buggy.

e. **Mary McCOOK** (1841 - ?)

f. **John James McCOOK** (4 Feb. 1843 in New Lisbon OH - ?). John was a Lieutenant in the 1st Virginia Volunteers (US). He was a Pastor, author and professor.

5. **Rev. Prof. John James McCOOK III** (4 Feb. 1843 in New Lisbon OH -9 Jan. 1927 in Hartford CT) m. **Eliza Sheldon BUTLER** (1840-1917) in 1866. She was an only surviving member of her siblings, with one much older half-sister, named Mary Sheldon. Eliza's father, **John BUTLER**, left her a large inheritance, so at 16 yrs. she left for a 2.5-year grand tour of Europe, leaving in July 1856. During her trip, her mother, **Eliza Royse SHELDON** (1797-1858) also died suddenly.

John enlisted early in the war and served with the First (West) Virginia Volunteer Infantry as a First Lieutenant, and was at Kelleysville, one of the earliest engagements of the war. He was a graduate of Trinity College in 1863, Hartford CT, and began the study of medicine but abandoned it to enter the Protestant Episcopal ministry. He was rector of St. John's, Detroit Mich. and later at St. John's at East Hartford. In addition to being a distinguished linguist and author, he was a professor of modern languages at Trinity College, Hartford, and he edited the Church Weekly and wrote several books and articles.

Both were collectors of paintings and antiques. 4 of the McCook children never married.

(an article I have says they had 7 children, but according to Frances Blakeslee Roots, there were 9):

a. **Eliza Lydia McCOOK** (22 Oct. 1869 in Hartford, CT - 4 Aug. 1934 in Lushan, China).

b. **George Sheldon McCOOK** (1875 in CT - 1 Aug. 1900), nicknamed "Shed." He left for Paris in 1899 to study architecture, and after several months became ill with pneumonia. He died before his family could reach him.

c. **Frances A. McCOOK** (Aunt Fan) (7 June 1873 or 1877 in Hartford, CT - 8 Mar. 1971 in Hartford, CT). She was single. She left the Butler-McCook homestead to go to the State Antiquarian Society. She is buried at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford, CT.

d. **Col. Philip James McCOOK** (1873 in Niantic - 1963 in New York City) m. **Jean Russell Averell BROWN** (? - ?) in 1908.

children:

1) **Daniel Butler McCOOK** (? - 1944)

2) **John Sheldon McCOOK** (? - ?)

3) **Philip Brown McCOOK** (? - ?)

e. **Anson Theodore McCOOK** "Uncle Bo" (30 March 1881 in the Butler McCook House, Hartford, CT - 12 Dec. 1966 in Hartford, CT)

f. **Dr. John Butler McCOOK** (? - ? in Hartford, CT)

g. **Lucy Eleanor McCOOK**(? - 10 Nov. 1941)

4. Rt. Rev. Bishop Logan Herbert ROOTS I (27 July 1870 in Tamaroa, IL - 23 Sept. 1945 on Mackinac Island, MI) m. **Eliza Lydia McCOOK** (22 Oct. 1869 - 4 Aug. 1934 in Lushan, China) of Hartford, CT in Hankow, China on 17 April 1902. He was the Bishop of the Episcopal church in Hankow, China. She died of tuberculosis.

children:

.....a. **Logan Holt ROOTS** (1905 in Hankow, China - 1964).

.....b. **John McCook ROOTS** (1903 in Hankow, China - 1988). He was the first foreign correspondent to interview Chiang KAI-SHEK and Michael BORODIN in 1926. In 1978, he wrote a biography of Chou ENLAI published by Doubleday. Died of a heart attack after prolonged illness æ 84. No children.

.....c. **Sheldon ROOTS** (no middle name) (1908 in Hankow, China - 1986). He attended the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, MA. He returned to Mackinac Island, MI, in 1965 and was an exhibitor for the historical Stuart House, and remained there until he died unmarried on Mackinac Island, MI, due to an explosion æ 76. No children.

.....d. **Frances Blakeslee ROOTS** (1910 –2000) m. **Richard Moulton* HADDEN** (1910–2003) in 1947 in Caux, Switzerland. World-renowned duo concert pianists; they played all over the world by invitation, including several tours of China. They have 2 CD recordings published by Cambria: 1989 (cassette)/1996 (CD) *Frances Roots HADDEN: Lu Shan suite for 2 Pianos*, and in 1992 one entitled *Adventures in Music-Making* (classical). No children.

.....e. **Elizabeth Butler ROOTS** (1912 in Lu Shan, China - 20 April 1986 on Mackinac Island, MI). Beth attended American boarding school, and in 1941 refugeeed with her brother, Logan's, family from Shanghai to Rangoon, then up the Burma Road Rangoon to the southwest China province of Yunan, whose capitol in Qunming. She also lived in southwest China in a Buddhist Temple for 3 years with her brother, Logan Holt ROOTS, during the Japanese war. Died unmarried due to an explosion æ 73. No children.

3. Dr. Logan Holt ROOTS (2 Oct. 1905 in Hankow, China - 14 Aug. 1964 in hospital, White Plains, NY) m. **Mamie-Louretta "Mayla" BERRY** (9 Dec. 1903 in Midway, PA - 1 Dec. 1988 in Wooster, OH) in China in 1933. Logan graduated from the Kent School, in Kent, CT in 1922, then obtained his medical degree from Harvard in 1926/1930. Logan went to China in 1933 where he met his fiancée in language school in Peking. Both were medical missionaries. When the Cultural Revolution started in China, the family went to West China where Japanese presence was minimal to a town called Hsichow (pronounced "Shidzow"), near the city of Dali in Yunan Province. They lived in a Buddhist temple while practicing rural medicine, doing his rounds on a bicycle. The Japanese never bothered the family. He brought his family and Beth home to Dellwood, Mt. Kisco, NY in 1951. He moved his family to White Plains, NY, in 1953.

children:

.....a. **Eleanor ROOTS** (1934 - present) m. **R. H. SCHUMANN** (1932 - present).

.....1) **K. SCHUMANN** (1972 - present).

.....b. **Loretta Rea ROOTS** (1936 in China - 1988 in MI) m. **Donald E. LIBBY** (1926 in WA - present) in 1967 in MI. She died due to an automobile accident æ 52. Don m. 2) **B. T. BEAL** (1930 in England - present) in 1990.

Children:

.....a) **L. LIBBY** (1968 in MI - present) m. **D. HACKETT** (1968 - present) in 1992.

.....b) **V. LIBBY** (1968 - 1968).

.....c) **Fr. Donald LIBBY** (1970 in MI - present).

.....c. **Dr. Logan Herbert ROOTS, II M.D.** (1939 in China - present).

2. Dr. Logan Herbert ROOTS II M.D. (1939 in China - present) m. **J.E.W.** (1942 - present) in 1962.

children:

.....a. **April ROOTS** (1963 - present) m. **W. E. PREWITT IV** (1963 - present) in 1990.

.....b. **Logan McCook ROOTS** (1965 - present) m. **L. A. OSMAN** (1966 - present) in 1996.

.....c. **Ellen H. ROOTS** (1968 in .Africa - present).

1. Ellen H. ROOTS (1968 in .Africa - present) m. **T. J. McBRIDE** (adopted; b. 1970 - present) in 2001.

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