

- This information comes from the database called "North and South" by DW Baker on Rootsweb

Robert is listed in the 1790 Randolph Co., NC Census

Males

16+ 3

-16 4

Females

all ages 3

Slaves 1

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High Sheriff of Randolph County, NC

Email from Charles R. (Chuck) McClain feb 23 2001.Moycastle@aol.com

So what I have is Andrew with wife Sarah and son Robert Andrew b, abt 1741.

Then Robert Andrew McClain with wife Susanna Marshall

with children---- death source as Will (dated 21 May 1806 and probated April 1807) of Robert McLain, Knox County, TN---- His Will calls wife "my beloved wife ANN"

Notes indicate ANN was Robert's second wife and SUSANNA was first wife.

last three children are ANN's and 1790 census in Randolph NC shows Robert and Susanna with these children: Joseph, Andrew, John, Steven, William, Mary, James Daniel and Margaret.

See Roots Web World Connect AJMorris Data On Robert McClain and Susannah Marshall,

Main source for information: Charles R. McClain and Carol Key. Information also from World Family Tree - report notes death source as Will (dated 21 May 1806 and probated April 1807) of Robert McLain, Knox County, TN, as follows: KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

R694 Will Book 1, Page 231

April Session 1807. ROBERT McLAIN.

The last Will and testament of ROBERT McLAIN was produced to court for probate Whereupon JOSEPH WOOD one of the subscribing witnesses

thereto made Oath that he saw the said ROBERT McLAIN sign & seal  
& h d him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and testament  
and that he was at the time of publishing the same of sound and perfect mind  
and memory to the best of his knowledge and belief and that he saw William  
Comsslaind sign his name as a concurring thereto, which Will is ordered to be  
recorded and is in these words, to wit--

"In the name of God Amen, I ROBERT McLAIN of the county of Knox  
farmer being in a low state of health but in perfect mind and memory thanks be  
given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it  
is appointed for all men Once to die - do make and ordain this my last will and  
testament that is to say - principally and first of all. I give and recommend my  
soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend  
to the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my  
Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the  
same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate,  
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give Devine and dispose  
of the same in the following manner and form - First I give and bequeath to  
ANN my dearly beloved wife all my property during her life or widowhood. I  
also give to my well beloved son JOSEPH five shillings also to my well beloved  
daughter SARAH five shillings and also to my well beloved son ANDREW  
five shillings, and also to my well beloved son JOHN five shillings and also  
to my well beloved son STEPHEN five shillings and also to my well beloved  
son WILLIAM five shillings, also to my well beloved Daughter MARY a bed  
& furniture one cow and wheel to be at her disposal whenever she thinks  
proper and if my wife should incline to marry, I desire her to have this bed and  
furniture and wearing cloas and if not at her death to be made a sale and the  
whole of the Estate to be equally divided to my three youngest children JAMES  
DAVID, CHAS and MARGARET. I also do desire my loving wife ANN and son  
JOSEPH McLAIN to be my only Executors and I do hereby utterly disallow  
revoke and disannul all and every other former testament will legacy bequeath  
and

Executors by me in anyways before named Willed and bequeathed, satisfying  
and confirming this and no Other to be my last Will and testament. In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-first day of May in  
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Six.

ROBERT X McLAIN Signed sealed in the presents of us. WILLIAM  
COUPLAND, JOSEPH WOOD.

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July session 1807. Inventory of property of ROBERT McLAIN estate. [Carol  
Key has copy of estate sale.]

January session 1808. Ordered that the perishable part of the Estate of  
ROBERT McLAIN be sold.

April session 1808. Statement of sales of estate of ROBERT McLAIN, signed by  
I. McLAIN,  
administrator.

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NOTE: Ann was Robert's second wife and given the wording of his will she is probably the mother of the three youngest children in as much as they are listed separate from the older children whose mother would have been Robert's first wife. Contact: A J Morris See Rootsweb Data.

Mary McClain, Stephen McClain/McLain, William McLain, Joseph McLain, Sarah McClain,  
Andrew Francis McClain, John Richard McClain, James David McLain, Daniel Charles McLain,  
and Margaret McClain.

Some of Stephen descendants spell the name McClain and others McLain.

Joseph, William, and Daniel Charles spelled the name McLain.

The McLean of Moy Castle of Lochbuie, Isle of Mull, in the early 1700s, took on the spelling of MacLaine.

It was with John McLean 1724 that part of the family names changed the spelling McLain/McClain.

The census takers spell the name any way they thought it would be spelled. Remember not many people, at that time, could spell their name.

ROBERT MCCLAIN mar Susanna MARSHALL 1765. They were in RANDOLPH Co NC in 1790 census. children: Joseph McClain b 1766, ANDREW MCCLAIN b1774 mar Mary KINGSTON Jan 2 1862, John MCCLAIN b 1778, Steven MCCLAIN b 1785, William MCCLAIN b bef 1785, Mary MCCLAIN b bef 2788 mar William CONNER, James MCCLAIN B 1789, Daniel MCCLAIN B 1790, Margaret MCCLAIN B 1793 mar Robert TINDELL.

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#### Randolph County, NC, Petitions 1785 and 1788

The following two petitions dating from the late 1780s and listing many male residents of Randolph County, NC, in the late 1780s have been of great value to genealogists in identifying not only many heads of households living in the new county, but also many unmarried males, some of whom I believe had not reached their majority when they signed the petitions. The petitions followed within 10 years the formation in 1779 of Randolph County, which before being formed consisted of the southern third of Guilford County, Guilford in turn having been stricken off Orange County in 1771.

The two petitions to the North Carolina State Assembly ensued from dissatisfaction by the county residents signing the first petition, about 1785, with the location of the county courthouse and other county government activities in the northeastern part of the new county. Location of the seat of government at such a great distance from residents in the south part required them to spend more than a day reaching the seat of

government, attempting to conduct their business there during daytime hours, and returning home. This petition, containing 331 names, asked that the courthouse, jail, stocks (punishment and confinement devices), and other governmental operations be moved to the center of the county. On the other hand, most of those living in or near the area where court and other county business was transacted preferred that the seat of government remain where it was in the northeastern location, and they, in turn presented a second petition in 1788 with 360 names to the State Assembly urging that the courthouse not be moved.

After consideration for several years amidst political maneuvering by both factions, the State Assembly finally acted to relocate the courthouse to a site near the center of the county, where the new court held its first session on Wednesday, 12 June 1793. The new site was named Asheborough -- now Asheboro -- after Samuel Ashe, North Carolina governor from 1795 to 1798. The two petitions were found among the papers of the State Assembly in the 1970s, and an excellent article appeared in the Journal of the Randolph County Genealogical Society in the fall of 1978-79 under the authorship of Mac Whatley (Lowell McKay) Jr., of Asheboro, describing the background of and the political considerations that attended the actions which ended with the relocation of the county seat.

Two matters about the petitions are of concern to genealogy. The first is that there are a number of duplicate names, most resulting from the actions of two militia commanders signing the names of the members of their company to the second petition "by consent;" a number of these 155 residents having already signed the first petition. The second is that the names of several members of a family sometimes appear to be in the same handwriting, and includes household members who are known from placing their "marks" on deeds and other sworn documents to have been unable to sign their own names; but their names nevertheless attest to their presence in Randolph County at the time.

#### 1788 Petition

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Randolph County humbly Sheweth that a good Court House Prison Pillory & Stocks have been lately Erected at the Cross Roads, in, and for the use of, the said County; That Some people however Seem to be dissatisfied therewith & perhaps may send a petition to

the Assembly, to get the Said Publick Buildings removed, or in other words, to Cause a new Set to be Erected at some other place; We Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the may be continued at the Cross Roades; and we further pray that an Act of Assembly be passed to lay of & Establish a Town at the said Cross Roades, and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray etc.

Robert BRATTAN Joseph JACKSON John LOWE  
 Joseph SMITH John MURDOCK Christ. NATION  
 Phillip RODY Joseph CURTIS James DUNBAR  
 Bartho. GROGAN Benjamin MEANS Amor DAVIS  
 Isac ROBINS Sen. Christopher NATION Mathew McFETRIDGE  
 Jacob HOOVER Abram NATION Daniel FERREE  
 Edw. BEESON Daniel HOOVER Saml. ALEXANDER  
 James SMITH Isaac RIGHT Abram. ELIOTT  
 Stepn. ALEXANDER Wm. ALEXANDER George MOORE  
 John HUSBANDS George YOUNT Isrel ELIOTT  
 John SMITH Subal YORK James BAIN  
 John THOMPSON Simor YORK Wm. ELIOTT  
 George ALEXANDER Wm. RIDGE Joseph CLARK  
 Wm. ALEXANDER Wm. ROBINS Wm. COLTRAIN  
 John JOHNSON Dan MERREL Nathl. KERR  
 John McDAID Jos. ELIOTT Saml. ELIOTT  
 Silas WORTH Wm. WILSON John LOVE Ser.  
 Frank. DOLLERHIDE Jacob VARNOR Elija MOLLEY  
 Joseph LAIN Jacob KEEVIT John WHITE, Insign  
 Wm. MATHEWS Solomon EVINS John SWIFT  
 Malcom CAMMEL Francis FRAZUR James Fruit  
 John EAMICK Hugh BLARE Evin HARRIS  
 Wm. WILSON Henry JOHNSON George WRIGHT  
 James ROUTH Eli BURGESS John ALLREAD  
 George BLACK John HUSBAND Elias SWIFT  
 John ALDREG William GRAY John DUNCAN  
 Wm. BURGESS John SPENCER Charles DUNCAN  
 John FRAISURE Samuel Clark Wm. YORK  
 Saml. STOUT Moses Robines Semor YORK  
 Antheny RAINS Robert GRAY Jesse STROUD  
 John WALKER Joseph JOHNSTON John STROUD  
 Eli LOLLAR James CURTES Stiphen LEWIS  
 Robert WILKERSON Thomas WHITE Thos. GARNOR  
 Jacob ROUTH Andrew MEANS Wm. BARKER  
 James FRAZURE Andrew McPHEETERS Hugh GAVIN  
 John CAMPBELL John HILL Wm. SMITH  
 Solomon MOFFETT Nathan LOW Isaac LAIN  
 Ezekiel ALLDREDGE Saml. McFETRIDGE John CRABTREE

Absalom McDANIEL David COLTRAIN Wm. SWAFORD  
 John Burgess Joshua CURTIS Raney JULIN  
 Peter KEEVIT Joseph ROBINS Solomon LONG  
 Edmond YORK William BRATTAIN Semor YORK  
 Edmond HAYS James YORKE Junr. Isaac YORK  
 John LOLLAR Wm. MILLIKAN Shubel JULIN  
 Jacob STEALY Edward GRAY Thos BENSON  
 Jas. MOFFETT Thomas SHARP Isaac ODEL  
 John LINEBURY Pephre? BRYAN Amos COX  
 Dobson BURROW (Petter?) Archebel HOPPER  
 Michael BEECK Isaac SNOW Jas. BOTSFORD  
 Jeffre BECK Ebenezer SNOW John ALLREAD son of John  
 Adam BROWER Conaway STONE William ALLREAD Jur.  
 Jacob WATSON Isaac ELDERS Solomon TROGDON  
 Jones BURROW John ELDERS John TROGDON  
 Abraham LANE John STILES Robert WALKER  
 Wm. DAVIS Abner LOE Samuel WALKER of Wm.  
 Peter STOUT William BAILEY Wm. COOD  
 Wm. WILLIAMS Thomas HILL Tobias MOSER  
 Henry GARNER William FAGAN Samuel Walker son of Sol.  
 Wm. COX Clement WOOD Ezekiel WELBURN  
 John BARKER William THORNBERRY Joseph McLAIN  
 Abraham McDANIEL Edward CLARK John WILBORN  
 David CHAPLAN William SWIGERT John JONES  
 Alexander CAMPBELL Phinehas HUNT Joh- HUTSON  
 Evin LOLLAR Marmaduke VICKERY Jas. PUGH  
 Wm. Mc GOUNE John DENNIS Wm. HUSBANDS  
 Balaam BURROW Enos BLEAIR John HUSBANDS  
 John CLAP R. McLAIN, Capt. James McCOLLUM  
 John MILLAR Thos. SWIFT, Liut. John GRIMES  
 Isaac McDANIEL Cristen MORRICE John DAFREN  
 John AVERY John CHANEY John CHAMBERS  
 Stephen JONES John WHITE Junr.

Signed by the Consent of My Company by Me, R. McLEAN, Capt.

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*Father:* Andrew MCCLAIN b: 1721 in Edinburgh, Scotland  
*Mother:* Sarah UNKNOWN b: Cal 1720 in Scotland

*Marriage* 1 Susannah MARSHALL b: Cal 1740

- *Married:* Cal 1770 <sup>1</sup>

Children

1. Joseph MCLAIN b: 1766 in Randolph County,North Carolina
2. Sarah MCCLAIN b: 19 MAR 1772
3. Mary MCCLAIN
4. Stephen MCCLAIN
5. John Richard MCCLAIN b: FEB 1776 in Randolph County,North Carolina
6. William MCCLAIN
7. Andrew Francis MCCLAIN

*Marriage 2* Anna UNKNOWNChildren

1. Margaret MCCLAIN
2. James David MCCLAIN
3. Daniel Charles MCCLAIN b: 1 FEB 1790 in Randolph County,North Carolina

*Sources:*

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