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The MacAskill Sept Society



Fall 2019 Newsletter



Welcome our New Members or those who have expressed interest in the MacAskill Sept Society!

Welcome:

- Jimmy Lee and Earthrel McKaskle
- Traci Brennon
- Terry MacAskill
- John Aldredge
- Linda Robinson
- Amy Loomis
- Von McCaskill
- Malcolm Gourlie
- Colin Gourlie
- Robert MacAskill
- Don Morrison
- Baron and Robbie McCaskill



- Don McCaskill
- Jim and Shirley McCaskill
- Charolette Price Johnson
- Amanda Dawn McCaskill Hamm
- Michael Moore McCaskill
- Iona MacCaskill
- Mary Neil Dixon
- Robyn Lang
- Norman Malcolm MacLeod
- Peggy McDougall McCaskill
- Katy Richards
- Gail Towers Nolan
- Angela McCaskill Roberts

We are looking forward to your family, children, and grandchildren joining and becoming involved. Join the sept society here:

<https://forms.gle/4qR5MDi2Qc9dYJnZ6>





2020 MacAskill Sept Society Gathering

Nova Scotia in the Summer of 2020

Although we did not have a gathering in 2019, we are looking forward to our 2020 Gathering. At the 2017 and 2018 annual gathering, it was discussed that the Sept Society would like to explore options with having a summer gathering every 5 years. So those with families might be able to take part of their summer vacation to participate in the MacAskill Sept Society Gathering.



Your gathering committee and sept society officers hope you will plan to attend and participate in the 2020 Annual Gathering.

After much discussion and member feedback we have determined that Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada will be the most likely location of our 2020 Annual Gathering. Be on the lookout for more information. Don't hesitate to contact me at ascott@vcom.edu with questions.

The MacAskill Sept Society

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Please check out our new website: <https://www.macaskillseptsociety.org>

Blast from The Past

We will revive articles from previous newsletters in this section.

Old McCaskill Family Pictures

Contributed by Jan Mayman, of Western Australia in the Summer 2010 Newsletter

I thought these attached pictures, taken around 1901, would interest you and perhaps help establish family connections.



The elderly woman on the left of the family group picture is Margaret McAskell or McAskill (the name is spelt differently in almost all the records). She was the wife of Alexander McLean; both were born around 1837, possibly in Duirinish, North Skye. Margaret was the daughter of Kenneth McAskill and Catherine McKinnon. Alexander's parents were Lauchlan Maclean and Christina Ferguson.

In the mid-nineteenth century they moved from Skye after the Clearances and settled in the East Lothian area near Edinburgh in the mid-nineteenth century. The men worked on farms in the area. Margaret was a housekeeper for many years at Caledonian Farm in Juniper Green, then a village, now a suburb of Edinburgh.

The young woman standing behind Margaret is her daughter Christina McLean, the seated woman is Catherine McLean nursing her daughter Margaret Lilian. Margaret's sister Euphemia McCaskill was my great grandmother.

The young boy is Margaret's grandson Alexander William McLean with his dog Judy. If any of the Sept members recognize the photos or the family names and dates, I have much more information about my ancestors and details of McCaskills now living in Australia and Scotland who are distantly related.

With best wishes, Jan (janmayman@iinet.net.au)



The Life of *Majorie Faye McCaskill*

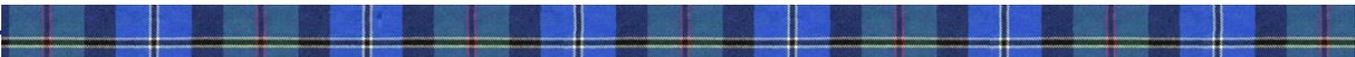
Provided by Rachel McCaskill Miles (Secretary)



Marjorie Faye McCaskill, born on July 6, 1926, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2019 in Sumter, South Carolina. Born in Lee County, she was the fifth of six children born to Dora Isabelle Price and John Stephen McCaskill. Married to her late husband Harold B. McCaskill for seventy-two years, she always proudly said “I was a McCaskill and married a McCaskill”. The couple met in Camden, South Carolina and said their vows in June 1946 at Lyttleton Street Methodist Church (pictured on the left) where they remained members until both their deaths in 2019.

When Margie’s mother passed away at an early age leaving behind her six children, the oldest who was twelve years old, Jack, their father, attempted to keep all of them together including Thomas Alvin, Mary Alice, William Stephen, Wilburn, Margie, and Harry Lee. When his efforts became impossible, each of the children was sent to live with family members or friends. Margie rotated between

homes with her Uncle Edgar and Aunt Letha Price, May and Joe Price. Each family wanted to adopt her because of her work ethic, cooperative spirit, and energy. On southern farms, “Many hands make light work” was a true statement. Over the years, Margie was the first guest to



clean the tables, wash the dishes, and was the last one to leave the kitchen. Recently, when her home was The Gardens in Sumter, she continued to clean up after meals in the dining room. The staff graciously let her assist them until the last day she was in their care.

Margie graduated from Central School in Lee County where she was a star member of the girls' basketball team. Shortly after graduation, she moved to Camden, South Carolina and secured a room with Mrs. May Nell Davis on Lyttleton Street who took in young women as boarders. Mrs. Davis her how to do hair, Camden manners, etiquette, and fashion, how to entertain and style hair. Later in the late 1960's, Margie enrolled in Camden School of Cosmetology and received her professional license in Cosmetology from the State of South Carolina, an accomplishment of which she was very proud. In her final months at The Gardens in Sumter, South Carolina, she reminded the ladies who did her hair "You know I was a beautician." Margie developed an appreciation of antiques over the years which was evidenced by the décor in her beautiful home where she and Mac lived their entire married life. She was an avid bridge player (enjoying teaching the game to friends.) In addition, she loved to entertain and travel.

She and Mac raised one son, Robert Edward, born in 1948, taking great pride in his accomplishments and education while instilling in him their work ethic. They lost a second infant son, Harold B. McCaskill, Jr. (November 29, 1949 - December 1, 1949) He is buried at the foot of his great grandmother's grave in the cemetery at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Kershaw and his name appears on the Margie and Harold's monument in the McCaskill Cemetery in Lee County. Margie and Mac always had at least one dog. A Boykin Spaniel they named Meghan after their granddaughter was their constant companion in the 1990's. In the coming years when she began to lose her vision, the white outline of Ramsey on his leash and later Anna Belle made her daily walk down Chestnut possible. In their final years, when Harold took his daily nap, she made a place in the living room where did a daily routine in which she lifted her legs and stretched. She boasted that "If I have to, I can do my exercise in my mind."

Margie loved young people and invited nieces, nephews, and other children to her home in the summer, many of them riding the bus to Camden for their vacation. All who came had to help with the daily chores before she loaded the car with a picnic lunch and took off to Saddle and Paddle, Kershaw State Park, or a swimming pool in Kershaw. No one left after their visit without knowing how to swim. Whatever Margie knew, she wanted to teach others including how to make up a bed hospital style, run a vacuum cleaner, polish furniture and use good manners.

Margie and Harold (Mac) are survived by their son Dr. Robert Edward McCaskill and his wife Cathy, a grandson Robert McCaskill and Sandy, a granddaughter, Meghan McCaskill Collier and husband David, as well as three great grandchildren, Jake McCaskill, Will McCaskill and Ethan Collier, all who live in Charlotte, North Carolina and a sister, Betty Jo McCaskill, Camden, South Carolina. Margie also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

A summary of her belief about life is might be expressed in the words of the American poet Edwin Markham. "There is a destiny that makes us brothers. None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."

The McCaskill Cemetery in Lee County, South Carolina

Provided by June McCaskill Miles and Rachel McCaskill Miles



Some of those buried in the McCaskill Cemetery include:

John William McCaskill 1830 - 1891

Finley Boykin McCaskill 1858 - 1917

Thomas Alvin McCaskill 1919 - 1995

William Steven McCaskill 1924 - 2001

Mary Trimnal McCaskill 1921 - 2002

Harold and Margie McCaskill 2019



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**We offer our condolences to the family and
friends of:**

Margie M McCaskill of Camden, SC

July 6th, 1926 – June 22nd, 2019

Rev. Don McCaskill of Biscoe, North Carolina

1949 – 2019 [Obituary Link](#)

**Join the Society or
Renew your Membership**

We encourage you to invite

your MacAskill relatives to join the society!!

Please click the following link to access the

**Membership Application or
Renewal Form:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/LFu6FeQo51Gab1ty2>

If you would like to contribute to the quarterly “MacAskill Sept Society
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