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## EPHRAIM McGRAW AND NANCY MOBLEY

**Ephraim McGraw** b 1791-1800 SC, d winter of 1839-1840 Meriwether Co GA, m ca. 1817-1819 **Nancy Mobley** b 1797-1800 SC, d after 1870, Carroll Co GA, daughter of **Elizabeth Mobley** b 1774-1780, d 1840-1850. Nancy's father was deceased by 1840; he was **William Mobley** b 1765-1774, d probably 1831-1840.

**Ephraim** and (probable) brother, **Cornelius McGraw**, moved from South Carolina to Newton County, Georgia, ca. 1828. They were in Newton County in 1830. While **Cornelius** remained there, **Ephraim** and **Nancy McGraw** were in Meriwether County, Georgia, before 1840, when **Nancy** was first listed as head of household.

We know that **Ephraim** died 1839-1840 because of two deeds in Meriwether County records. The first, made in Newton County, was dated June 1840. **Cornelius McGraw** of Newton conveyed to **John Webb** land in District 10, Lot No. 29, Meriwether County, Georgia, described as "the place **Ephraim McGraw** lately lived on." The second instrument with same grantor/grantee was written 22 Feb 1841, recorded in Meriwether County 25 Sept 1841, and describes the same land as being "the place whereon the widow of **Ephraim McGraw** now resides." The land was 202 1/2 acres. (Microfilm copies of deeds follow.)

**William Garner** married **Sarah Ann McGraw** in Meriwether County, Georgia, 17 March 1842. Their first child **James W. Garner** was born 2 May 1843. **Francis M. Skinner** married **Else/Alsa Catherine McGraw** 3 February 1847, in Coweta County, Georgia. Between 1843 and 1847, **Nancy Mobley McGraw** moved with her family to Coweta County.

They lived in the Cedar Creek area, and **Nancy** and others of her family were members of Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church. **Mary Ann McGraw** and **Lemezard? McGraw** joined by "experience" in March 1848. Prior to that date, **Nancy** and **Lusferr? McGraw** had been added to the membership roll. **Richard M. Pate** joined the church 24 March 1849. He had married **Nancy**, the daughter of **Stephen Mobley** (**Nancy McGraw's** brother) on 22 February 1848. The relationship of **Richard M. Pate** to **Johnson Pate**, minister at Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Church, is unknown to this writer.

**Nancy Mobley McGraw** is listed twice under "activities" in the early Church Book between 1848-1850: (1) 25 August 1848--Greavance (sic) between **J. Stanford** and **Sister McGraw** regarding **Br. Stanford** "killing Sister's hogs." This grievance was settled 25 November 1848. (2) 26 January 1850--"Give **Sister McGraw** \$6.00 for keeping the house in good order for one year." **J. Pate**, Moderator.

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These words, from the record, help us to understand and know **Nancy**, the **Widow McGraw**, as a very "real" person, dealing with difficulties in providing for her family.

The above entries were taken from the church records printed in the quarterly magazines of the Coweta Genealogical Society, Winter 1984 and Fall 1988 issues.

The census records of Coweta and Carroll Counties, Georgia, provided data on the children of **Nancy** and **Ephraim McGraw**. In addition, **Ann Darwin**, 10015 Covington Drive, Huntsville, AL 35804, has compiled a book, *The McGraw Family*, which has family group sheets for many descendants of this couple.

The children of **Ephraim McGraw** and **Nancy Mobley** are:

1. **Lethia McGraw** b ca. 1819 SC, no record of marriage.
2. **Sarah A. McGraw** (Sallie) b 1821 SC, d ca. 1900, bur Mt. Oak Methodist Church Cemetery, Ruth (Marshall) AL, m 17 Mar 1842, Meriwether Co GA, **William Garner** [b 1809-1811, d 1870-1880 GA]. (For descendants of this couple, see "Descendants of **William Garner**.")
3. **Stephen McGraw** b 1826 SC, d prior 1860, m Coweta County GA, **Elizabeth Cathcart** [b 1828 NC, d ?, buried Paulding Co GA]. (See **Charles E. McGraw** segments.)
4. **Alsa/Else Catherine McGraw** b 1828 SC, d 1870-1874 Carroll Co, m 3 Feb 1847, Coweta Co GA, **Francis M. Skinner** [b 1827 GA. **Francis M. Skinner**, age 54, was on 1880 Carroll Co Census with wife (2) **Needy A.**, age 32]. Children: **Ada A. C. R.**, age 6, **William J.**, age 4, **Elizabeth E.**, age 3, **Sarah**, age 2.
5. **Mary Ann McGraw** b 1830 GA, never married.
6. **Ephraim Wesley McGraw** b 6 Dec 1833, Newton Co GA, d 2 Sept 1904, bur Brice Cemetery, m 7 Oct 1858, Coweta Co GA, **Jemima Ann Kilgore** [b 23 Mar 1833, d 7 Feb 1913, bur Brice Cemetery].
7. **Nancy A. E. McGraw** b 1837 GA, d 1904 GA, never married.

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8. **Martha H. McGraw (Eliza)** b Nov 1836 GA, d 1901 GA, never married.
9. **Cornelius W. E. McGraw** b 1838 GA, d Oct 1862, Danville KY, bur 29 Confederate Lot.