

# James Miller McCrie

1839 Born June 12<sup>th</sup> in ~~to William~~ Ayrshire, Scotland

Parents: Wm McCrie, Teacher at Woodhead School, Ayrshire. Married in 1831 Margaret (nee Miller) McCrie, mother of nine children born between 1832 and 1851.

1852 Family set sail in June, arriving (via Quebec & Montreal) at Hamilton, Ontario on August 1, 1852. Intended to go on to Illinois, but settled in Hamilton in Scottish settlement as funds had run out. Father served as foreman of public works for 2 years.

1854 Father sent son Hugh (17-18) in June with the Boyle family to locate a homestead near Mandammin. He cleared land & built a small log-cabin, then sent for mother & brother Matthew (4).

1855 Family moved to Mandammin, <sup>-homestead</sup> from Hamilton. <sup>sister</sup> Jane had married James Kerr in 1853 & went to farm in <sup>Denby</sup> Durham County. John had gone to Grand Haven where he worked for Grand Trunk Railroad as carpenter building bridges and railroad cars.

1858 or 60 James went to Grand Haven where John had a job for him in the carshops, where ~~he~~<sup>James</sup> learned the carpentry trade.

1865 or 70 Younger brother William joined his brothers in Grand Haven, working for the railroad. <sup>By 1873 he returned to Homestead at Mandawmin</sup>

1870 or 72 James married Anna Anthony <sup>+ helped by others</sup> <sup>Andrew + Matthew build homes when they married in 1873</sup> <sup>+ 1876</sup> they lived in Grand Haven.

John married Eliza Wilson. Subsequently they had three children:  
William, who died June 9, 1892  
Edna D. ("Dolly"), who died May 23, 1925  
A baby who died in infancy.

1873 ~~Jennie~~ Daughter, Jennie Eliza McCrie, was born on November 19.

1878 Son, James Wellington McCrie, was born on June 18.

1882 Father William McCrie died at the family home in Mandawmin. Shortly afterward John and James moved their families to Detroit. ~~Brother William accompanied them~~

and the ~~boys~~ brothers worked in the carshops in Detroit. There John rose to foreman; ~~William returned to~~ ~~family homestead & was~~ ~~bound to match his~~

1886 John's wife Eliza (nee Wilson) died on Sept 26, 1886 in Detroit

Within a ~~few years~~ <sup>year or two</sup> he married

1887 <sup>Bertha Burrows</sup> mother Margaret died at Mandaum in on May 23.

1888 John suffered a ~~heavy~~ blow on the head when a heavy beam fell at ~~his~~ work. His health failed as a tumor developed, and he died ~~in~~ ~~1889~~ on January 12, 1890.

1892 ~~his~~ John's son William died on June 9

Bertha died 11-8-1893

His second wife Bertha and daughter Betsy continued to live in home on Commonwealth. Betsy died after jointure agreement on 5-23-25.

1888 to 1893 Sometime in this period James changed employment. He worked in a grain elevator in Detroit and rose to foreman, ~~but~~ Later, the dust effected his lungs and he had to retire.

James and Anna kept roomers in their large home on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and rented out other properties they owned

on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets. Although James worked twelve or more hours a day on the job, he spent his time at home building cabinets, window seats, shirt boxes, etc. He enjoyed woodworking and used his carpentry skills to add conveniences to the household. He ~~also~~ <sup>often</sup> enjoyed reading aloud to the family. His favorite physical activity was walking.

~~Anna~~  
1912 James Miller Macrie died on Feb. 29.

His widow Anna continued to live at home with daughter Jennie. They kept roomers, and Jennie was employed parttime in secretarial office work.

Son James Wellington married Sarah Livingstone in Detroit, June 25, 1912 and ~~moved~~ lived within a block of Anna's home on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. James had ~~trained~~ Business School training and did office work as a cost accountant.

1914 ~~Grand~~<sup>Grand</sup> ~~son~~<sup>son</sup>, William James McCrie, was born  
on March 23 to James W. & Sarah McCrie

1915 <sup>Grand</sup> Daughter, Margaret Lillian, was born on  
April 22 to James W. & Sarah McCrie

1917 <sup>Grand</sup> Daughter, Jean Campbell, was born on  
February 11 to James W. & Sarah McCrie

1928 Anna (Anthony) McCrie died on  
May 29<sup>th</sup>.

1940 Granddaughter Margaret Lillian McCrie  
married Maxwell Melvin Mead  
in Detroit on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Grandson William James McCrie  
married Margaret Barr Murray  
Maxwell (Breta) on October 19<sup>th</sup>  
lived in upper flat of James W.'s home.

Son James Wellington McCrie died on  
October 19<sup>th</sup>.

widow Sarah McCrie continued to  
live at home with daughter Jean.

1941 Granddaughter Jean Campbell McCrie  
married Leonard Thomas Paul Schutze  
on September 27<sup>th</sup>  
and continued living at home.

1943 Great grandson James Stewart McCrie was born to William James and Greta (Maxwell) McCrie on March 29<sup>th</sup>

1945 Great granddaughter Elizabeth Jean Schutze was born to Jean (McCrie) and Leonard Schutze on June 1st, in Washington, DC where Len was employed during World War II by US Government on cartography.

~~1946 Potential great granddaughter, <sup>Debra</sup> ~~Debra~~ Ann Mead was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana~~

1946 Great granddaughter Janet Lee McCrie was born to William James and Greta (Maxwell) McCrie on March 29<sup>th</sup>

Baby girl was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, ~~where~~ on March 30. She was adopted in 1952 by Maxwell & Margart Mead, ~~then~~ eventually becoming another great granddaughter. Debra Ann Mead

1948 - Baby boy was born in Detroit, Mich.  
on February 5. He was placed in  
home of Maxwell and Margaret  
Mead within a month for adoption.  
He became great grandson David  
James Mead. The Maxwell Mead  
family moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana

1949 <sup>in May, 1948</sup> Great grandson James Thomas  
Schutze was born to Jean (McCrie)  
and Leonard Schutze in Detroit  
on July 3.

1952 Jennie Eliza McCrie died on  
November 3 in her Detroit home.

1958 The Mead family moved to Mishawaka, Indiana

1959 Great granddaughter Sarah Marie  
was born to Jean (McCrie) and  
Leonard Schutze in Detroit on  
January 19<sup>th</sup>.

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