

Mary McCie

Not having an immediate family of my own, I shall have to talk about myself.

My home is in St. Louis, Missouri, where I have spent the greater part of my life. St. Louis is a historical city situated on the west bank of the Mississippi River.

My mother's uncle, John Beattie, an architect, lived for many years in St. Louis. Coming here before the Civil War, he had many interesting stories to tell about early St. Louis. He saw slaves sold on the steps of the Old Court House, which has been restored and is now a museum.

St. Louis has many parks, Forest Park being the largest, which contains 1200 acres. There is a wonderful municipal opera

outdoors in the Park, the first of its kind in the country. There is also a very fine zoo.

The Missouri Botanical Garden, modelled after Kew Gardens in London, has many interesting plants & shrubs from all parts of the world.

St. Louis has a population of 810,000 and St. Louis county 770,000. The schools are overly crowded. The negro population has grown rapidly since the Second World War, and integration has become a law.

I was born on the townline of Enniskillen and Plympton townships on the farm that my father cleared.

My father, Andrew McCrie, was the second youngest child of William & Margaret McCrie, and was born in Scotland July 21, 1849, and died in Mooretown, Ontario, Sept 25, 1941 at the age of 92 years.

my mother, Janet Elliott McCrie, was born in Westminster Township, near London, Ontario. Her father Humphrey Picard Elliott, was born in New Brunswick, Canada. Her mother, Margaret Beattie, was born at Pond Mills, near London, Ontario.

The family of Andrew and Janet McCrie were as follows:

Catherine Henrietta (Mrs. M. J. Keigher) ^{St. Louis} _{mo.}
deceased

Margaret Helen (Mrs. Charles Carnochan) ^{Edmonton,} _{alberta}

Josephine Elliott (Mrs. George Tasker) was a missionary in India for forty years. Her husband, Dr. George P. Tasker, was a missionary for thirty-five years. Both are deceased. Their home ~~was~~ in Canada was in Penticton, British Columbia.

William Douglas, whose wife is Myrtle Brown ^{McCrie,} lives in Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada

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Elizabeth Jane (Mrs. John Stubbs)
Mooretown, Ontario

Annie Maude (Mrs. George Bowman)
Toledo, Ohio (deceased)

In February, 1907, I came to St. Louis to enter the Missouri Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. I graduated in April, 1910. After doing general nursing, I took a position with the Health Department of the Board of Education in St. Louis in 1915.

In World War One, I was an Army nurse for two years and went overseas with Washington University Unit 21 in 1917. Our Unit took over a British Hospital #12 in Rouen, France. Our patients were from England, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, and a few, from South Africa.

I resumed my position with the Board of Education Sept. 1919 as school nurse. In September 1925, the Elias Michael School for Crippled Children was opened, and I was appointed as nurse. I remained there until my retirement in June, 1956.

I am now enjoying my retirement very much. My house, garden, and many outside activities and friends keep me busy and interested. My niece Lucille Keigher lives with me.

I attended the first McCrie Reunion and many since that time, and have enjoyed them all very much. I hope to attend, if able, many more. My heartiest best wishes to you all.