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**Descendants of Andrew McIlvain**

Generation No. 1

**1.** ANDREW1 MCILVAIN was born Abt. 1669 in Ayrshire, Scotland, and died Abt. 1726 in Sussex Co., Delaware. He married MARTHA MICKEY.   
  
Notes for ANDREW MCILVAIN:  
The first documented reference to this colonist in America is as follows:   
  
Deed Book D, No 4, p. 410, Sussex Co., DE.   
This Indenture made the fourth day of February in the Sixth year of our Soveraigne Lord George by the Grace of God over Great Brittaine, France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith, Anno Dom 1719 Between John Russell late of Sommerset & the Province of Maryland but now of Sussex County upon Delaware yeoman of the one part & Andrew Makelvaine husbandman & Robert Mickey clothier Late of the Kingdom of Ireland both of them but now of the County aforesaid of the other part Wittneseth Whereas by vertue of a warrant granted by the Court unto Thomas Bessants of Sussex County upon Delaware yeoman had laid out & Surveyed for him a certaine tract and percel of Land called Bessants Bower situate lying and being in the County aforesaid in the Indian River Hundred Lying upon the south side of Bracies Branch which proceeds out of Middle Creek which cometh out of Rehoboth Bay Beginning at a corner white oake standing on the said branch & running from thence by a line of marked trees South ninteen degrees west two hundred forty six perches to another corner white oake standing in the woods & thence east nineteen Degrees South by a line of marked trees three hundred twenty foure perches to another Corner white oake standing in the woods upon the West side of the County Road & thence north ninteen degrees west three hundred & two perches by a line of marked trees to another marked white oake stand upon the said Branch a little below the Brige & thence up the said Branch binding on the water Courses three hundred fifty five perches with a streight line to the first bounder containing & laid out for five hundred & fifty acres of Land To Have & To Hold the said Tract of land together with all the rights profits benefits & privileges hereunto belonging unto him the said Thomas Bessants his heirs & assignes for Ever This Indenture further Witnesseth that the said Thomas Bessants in his lifetime Intermarried with Jean who was his wif & lived long time in wedlock but in procoss of time it pleased God to remove the said Thomas Bessants by Death without Leaving any Issue behind him the said Jean his wife being Executrix of his estate all debts & Administered upon what moves before this tract of Land he had & afterwards was married unto Samuel Knowls of this County yeoman This Indenture further Witnesseth that the said Samuel Knowls & Jane his wif a good consideration in hand unto them paid by John Russel aforesaid did by theire Indenture duly execut did give grant bargaine sell alienat enfeofe & Confirm unto John Russel aforesaid & unto his heirs & assignes forever the aforesaid tract of land called Bessants Bowre Containing five hundred fifty acres with all its profits privileges & benefits thereunto belonging To Have & to Hold the said five hundred & fifty acres of land as it was by a generall warrant granted unto the said John Russel resurveyed since March 4th Anno 1714 & unto him his heirs & assignes for Ever This Indenture further Wittnesseth that he paid John Russel aforesaid for divers fayvors or valuable considerations him hereunto moving but more especialy for & in Consideration of ninty three pounds in hand paid before the Delivery & ensealing of these presents unto him the the said John Russel by Andrew Makelvain & Robert Mikey aforesaid the reciot whereof & of every part & parcal thereof the said John Russel doth acknowledge & it doth fully Clearly & absolutly acquit oxonorat & discharge them of every part percel thereof & also dischargoth theire herres & executors thereof By vertue of this Indenture have given granted bargained Sold alienated enfeoed & confirmed unto Andrew Makelvain & Robert Mikey aforesaid & unto theire heires assignes for Ever all & whole the aforesaid tract of Land before Mentioned Called Bessants Bowre excepting & be it exceped one acre of Land where the Church now standeth upon which was formerly by me Sold and made over To Have & to Hold the said tract of Land & plantation together with all its Rights profits priviledges benefits houses fences orchards woods trees & timber like trees & all whatsoever is thereunto belonging or in any maner of wise appertaining unto them the said Andrew Makolvaine & Robert Mickey their heires & assignes for ever & that they the said Andrew Makelvain & Robert Mickey theire heires & assignes shall & may peaceably & quietly have occupy possess & enjoy the Land aforesaid with all & wholly the commodities & appurtenances thereunto belonging without the let sale or disturbance of any portion whatsoever as allso free & Cleare freely & Clearly exonerated & discharged of & from all maner other or former gifts grants bargains Sales causos or goyntures or other encumbrances had or done by the said John Russel or by any person or persons what soever by his or theirs or any of their right title or procurement In Confirmatiom & full Assurance of the truth above written the said John Russel hath unto these presents set his hand & seale giving deed & state with full quiet & peaceable possession by every siezin at the aforesaid Land & premises & as theire Subscriptions & the witnesses subscriptions do manifest day & year above written   
Signed Sealed Acknowledged & delivered in presence of us John Russell (seal) Robt Pirrie   
Adam Hall   
  
Deed Book A, No 1, p. 246, Sussex Co., DE.   
John Russell yeoman Appeared In Open Court and Acknowledged and Delivered, a Certain Deed of sale, unto Andrew McIlvain and Robert Mickey for five hundred and fifty acres of Land, Lying In This County, and Butted and Bounded as in Said Deed is Setfourth, which Bears date the fourth Day of February Ano Dom 1719 According to Law and Contents of Said Deed.   
  
From this transaction it is reasonable to assume that Andrew McIlvaine immigrated to the colonies some time before 1719. The Complete History of the McElvain - McIlvaine Family Line, by Frank C. McElvain, notes that the Delaware Archives states that, "Andrew McIlvaine, Ayr, Scotland, went to Aughnacloy, Ireland, and in 1719 emigrated to America with two others of the same name, settling along the Delaware River. He died at Lewes, Sussex Co., Del. His son, James, born in 1693, died 1754 at Lewes, Del."   
  
The following is from Torrence and Allied Families by Robert McIlvain Torrence:   
  
"Andrew McIlvain, Sussex County, on Delaware, hath for ye ear-marks: For cattle, sheep, horses and hogs, a crop and two stittes on ye right ear and a swallow's firk on ye left."   
  
The will of Andrew McIlvain reads as follows:   
  
In the name of God Amen I this fourth day of October Anna Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six I Andrew Muckelvaine of Sussex County yeoman being of perfect mind and Memory ( Thanks be to God ) do make this my Last will and Testament in manner and form Following   
First I bequeath my Soul and Spirit into the hands of Almighty God my Heavenly Father by whom of His Meer and Only Grace I Trust to be Received into Eternall rest through the death of my Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be buried in a Christian decent Like Manner at the discreation of my Executor hereafter Named, and as to what worldly Estate it hath pleased the Lord to Endow me with I dispose of same as followeth   
Imprs I will that all such Debts as I owe shall be Truly paid   
Item I give unto my son John McCalvaine One hundred Acres of Land the plantation whereon he now Liveth Also my new Suit of Coaths he paying to my Executor the sum of four pounds   
Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son James McCalvaine One hundred Acres of Land the plantation whereon he now Liveth to him and his Heirs forever   
Item I Give unto my Daughter Martha McCalvaine Three Cows and Two Calves my riding Horse One feather bed white rugg Blanket and puter and my Great Iron pot also my will is that my said Daughter shall have preveldge of the flax to make Twenty yards of Linnen to purchase a Side saddle and when my debts are paid my will is that my said Daughter shall in the possession of my son James Till she marries or is Capable of Taking the charge of   
Item I Give unto my Son George McCalvaine One Hundred Acres of Land being part of the plantation whereon I now Live being my part of the plantation whereon I now Live Togather with all my Iron work a Gun Great Coat and Small pott One Brown Rigg One Mare with her increase forever   
Item I give unto Andrew McCalvaine Thirty acres of Land adjoyning to the plantation that my son James Lives on   
Item I give unto Andrew McKee on Great Coat als to Wm McKee One Iron small pott   
Item I Give unto Alexander Muckewaine One yearling Also I will and Ordain that my Son George during his minority shall remain with my Son James and that my son George shall at the age of Twenty one years Take into his Own possession what I have herein bequeathed   
Item I will and Ordain that my son James to be my full whole and sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament and I do utterly Revoke all former wills and Testaments by me in anywise heretofore made or declared   
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal that the above written   
Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared in Sight and presence of us   
Daniel Mickey   
Tho Cokayne Andw Mucklewaine (seal)   
Francis Mackelvaine   
  
Memorandum this 28th day of October, 1726. Daniel Mickey appeared before me, Philip Russell Deputy Register for the County of Sussex upon Delaware and made oath on the Holy Evangels that in their sight presence and hearing the above Andrew McClevayne signed, sealed, published and declared the above and within written instrument to be his last Will and Testament and at the doing thereof the said Testator was of sound disposing mind and memory (to the best of his Judgement) and also that he saw Thos Cokayne and Francis Mucklevane sign with him as witness to the same.   
Test. Philip Russell D-Register.   
  
Sussex Co., Prob. Oct. 28, 1726. Arch. vol. A87, page 170. Reg. of Wills, Liber A, folios 206 - 207.   
  
The following entry comes from Abstracts of the Proceedings of the Orphans' Court of Sussex County, Delaware, by V. L. Skinner, Jr.:   
  
Liber 1, 1728-1743. f. 21, 9 March 1730. James Mackellwane executor of Andrew Mackelwane. Inventory is 40.9.0. Accounts are 33.7.5. Legacies to: Alexander Mackelwane, Andrew Mickey & William Mickey. Distribution to: Martha Mackelwane.   
  
It is believed by most family researchers that Robert Mickey was married to Mary McIlvain, sister of Andrew, and that the wife of Andrew was Martha Mickey, sister of Robert Mickey. From the following land records it is apparent that Robert Mickey owned approximately 220 acres of the 550 acres that he and Andrew McIlvain purchased together on Feb. 4, 1719:   
  
Deed Book K, p. 92, Sussex Co., DE.   
29 April 1741. Bond of Conveyance. Robert Mickey of Sussex County yeoman am firmly bound unto William Burton of same county gentleman in the sum of 192 pounds the condition of this obligation is such that if Robert Mickey make over unto William Burton a tract of land south side of Braceys Branch one half mile from Saint Georges Chapel adjoining John Little & William Warrington 200 acres, then this obligation to be void. Witnesses: Christopher Topham, Daniel Nunez. Proved 3 Jan 1745 by Daniel Nunez and that he saw Christopher Topham deceased sign as an evidence to the same. Attest: RS Holt clerk.   
  
Deed Book N, No 13, p. 195, Sussex Co., DE.   
12 May 1780. Deed. Levin Derickson Esq Commissioner of Act of Free Pardon & Oblivion to dispose of forfeited lands sells to Colonel Henry Neill of Sussex for three thousand pounds: tract in Indian River Hundred adjoining Braceys Branch, adjoining Andrew McIlvain & John Little, 220 acres, on which Saint Georges Chapel stands, formerly belonging to Robert Mickey. And parcel in the same hundred on north side of Braceys Branch, opposite Chapel, 2 acres laid off for mill built on aforesaid branch. Thomas Robinson of Sussex owned half both tracts, late of Sussex, on 16 May 1778, & being one of offenders named in aforesaid Act & not having surrendered to JP for trial for treason by that date he forfeited lands. Henry Neill highest bidder. Witnesses: Andrew McIlvain, Leonard McIlvain. Acknowledged 10 Nov 1785.   
  
Deed Book N, No 13, p. 204, Sussex Co., DE.   
7 Nov 1785. Deed. Henry Neill merchant of Lewes & Mary his wife sell to Peter Robinson of Angola & Indian River Hundred, merchant, for 240 pounds: tract in Indian River Hundred on south side of Braceys Branch adjoining Andrew McIlvain & John Little, 220 acres, on which Saint Georges Chapel stands, formerly owned by Robert Mickey late of Sussex; and tract in Indian River Hundred on north side aforesaid branch opposite Chapel, containing 2 acres laid off for mill; Levin Derickson Esq Commissioner for sale of forfeited estates by virtue of Act of Pardon & Oblivion seized half of both tracts from Thomas Robinson late of Sussex (he being named in Act) & sold them with grist mill on 16 May 1778 to Henry Neill aforesaid for 3000 pounds. Witnesses: David Train, Hebron Dod. Examiner John Wiltbank. Acknowledged 22 Nov 1785.   
  
More About ANDREW MCILVAIN:  
Occupation: Yeoman  
        
Children of ANDREW MCILVAIN and MARTHA MICKEY are: 

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|  | i. |  | JOHN2 MCILVAIN, b. Abt. 1691, Ireland. |

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|  | Notes for JOHN MCILVAIN: According to The Complete History of the McElvain-McIlvaine Family Line, by Frank C. McElvain, John McIlvaine, son of Andrew McIlvaine Colonist at Coolspring, Sussex County, Delaware, was said to have sold his farm at Coolspring and moved to Pennsylvania. The county records at Norristown, Pa., show that John Mucklewaine bought land of John Russell in Cheltenham Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. in 1754. This man Russell had a number of land dealings in Sussex Co., Del. and in Somerset Co., Md. Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. XV, p. 768 shows that John Mucklewaine was registered as an Indian Trader in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1743 and because of the early date appears to have been the same John. James McAllister and Hugh McKnight were registered as Indian Traders at the same time. |

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| [2.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0002.html#CHILD2) | ii. |  | JAMES MCILVAIN, b. Abt. 1693, Ireland; d. 11 Apr 1754, Sussex Co., Delaware. |
| [3.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0002.html#CHILD3) | iii. |  | MARTHA MCILVAIN, b. Abt. 1695, Ireland. |
| [4.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0002.html#CHILD4) | iv. |  | GEORGE MCELWAIN, b. Abt. 1707, Ireland; d. 1748, Cumberland Co., PA. |

**2.** JAMES2 MCILVAIN*(ANDREW*1*)* was born Abt. 1693 in Ireland, and died 11 Apr 1754 in Sussex Co., Delaware. He married FRANCES MILLS Abt. 1723. She was born Abt. 1699, and died 13 Jun 1763 in Sussex Co., Delaware.   
  
Notes for JAMES MCILVAIN:  
James McIlvain was a Member of the Assembly of the Three Lower Counties upon the Delaware 1745, 1746 and 1747.   
  
James McIlvain moved from the tract of land, his father Andrew McIlvain purchased in 1719, and moved to the Coolspring Plantation which he purchased in 1750. The deed from that transaction is as follows:   
  
Deed Book H, No 8, p. 276-277, Sussex Co., DE.   
This Indenture made the Eighth day of August Seventeen hundred and fifty Between Ryves Holt and John Neill both of the County of Sussex on Delaware Gent surviving Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Robert Smith deceased of the one part and James McIlvain of the same place Gent of the other part Witnesseth whereas Thomas Loyd James Claypoole and Robert Turner being nominated and appointed under the Great Seal Commissioners by William Penn Proprietary and Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories thereunto belonging to grant and sign Warrants and Patents for Land did grant unto William Clark a certain tract of Land in the County of Sussex also called the Mill Plantation containing eight hundred acres of Land by Patent bearing the date the second day of the second month Sixteen hundred and eighty six and the said William Clark by his Deed of Sale duly perfected bearing the date fourth day of March Sixteen hundred ninety six Sold and Conveyed part of the tract unto a certain Matthew Ozborn by his Deed of Sale duly perfected bearing the date the first day of August Seventeen hundred and ten Sold and Conveyed the same to a certain Thomas Bedwell and Honor his Wife and the said Thomas Bedwell and Honor his Wife by their Deed of Sale duly perfected bearing the date fourth day of August Seventeen hundred & thirteen Sold and Conveyed the same to William Clark Son and heir of the aforesaid William Clark the Patented and the said William Clark by his Deed of Sale duly perfected bearing date Sold and Conveyed the same same to a certain John Fisher of the Broadkill and the said John Fisher by his Deed of Sale duly perfected bearing date the fourth day of May Seventeen hundred twenty two Sold and Conveyed the same to a certain Enoch Cummings and Hannah his Wife and the said Enoch Cummings and Hannah his Wife by their Deed of Sale bearing date the fifth day of May Seventeen hundred & twenty five Sold and Conveyed the same unto the aforesaid Robert Smith deceased and the said Robert Smith by his Testament and Last Will bearing date the third day of June Seventeen hundred forty two constituted and appointed Ryves Holt and John Neill Gent together with Jane his Wife now deceased his Executors and impowered the said Ryves Holt & John to make the Sale of his Lands to make payment of his just and his full debts as by the Will fully appears Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the aforesaid Ryves Holt and John Neill by the virtue of the power in the aforesaid Will of them given and for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and sixty seven pounds ten shillings of this Government to them in hand paid before the ensealing and Delivery of these presents by the aforesaid James McIlvain the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged and the said James his heirs and assigns of every part fully and Absolutely aquitted and discharged forever hath given granted bargained Sold Conveyed and confirmed and by virtue of the power to them given and by these presents Do give grant bargain Sell Convey and confirm unto the aforesaid James McIlvain his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of Land being part of a larger tract as aforesaid situate lying and being in the County of Sussex aforesaid Beginning at a corner white oak standing in the branch three perches above the Foord or Bridge on the North West side of the run edge thence along the line of said Dividend as is settled by the Court of John Clowes Charles Perry Joseph Shankland and William Shankland and upon a Reference to then some disputes arrising concerning the Division line between the aforesaid Mill Plantation and another tract of Land called Coolspring Plantation and may fully appear by the paper Recorded in the Rolls Office of Sussex aforesaid being the true line between the two bridges called for in the old Patent thus North eighty two and a half degrees West three hundred and twenty two perches to a corner white oak interline thence by a Dividing line running across the said tract North forty two and one half degrees East about one hundred thirty two perches to a corner red oak sappling thence by a Dividing line of North forty four degrees East seventy two perches to a corner red oak sappling thence by a Dividing line of South fifty nine degrees East two hundred eighty five and a half perches to a post in the stump of an old corner red oak by the side af a slake thence by a Dividing line of South forty five degrees East along the said slake twenty four and a half perches to a corner red oak the side of the main branch of Coolspring thence the said course continued of south forty five degrees East eight perches into the Cripple of said branch to a corner jam standing by the run side on the North West side thence up along the run of said branch thus binding with it South forty six degrees West thirty three and a half perches to a corner post in the run of said branch thence along run and up the jams binding with it South sixty nine degrees West forty six and a half perches home to the place of Beginning containing resurveyed and laid out for two hundred fifty seven acres of Land and Branch To Have and To Hold the aforesaid two hundred fifty seven acres of Land and Branch with the appurtenances before and hereby granted bargained and Sold unto the said James McIlvain his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said James McIlvain his heirs ands assigns forever in as free clear and ample a manner as the aforesaid Robert Smith held and enjoyed the same at the time of his decease the rents and profits due for and in receipt of the premises always excepted and foreprized and the aforesaid Ryves Holt and John Neill surviving Executors as aforesaid the aforesaid two hundred fifty seven acres of Land and Branch together with the appurtenances free and clear from the claim and claims of said Ryves and John their heirs Executors and Administrators and from the claim and claims of the heirs of the aforesaid Robert Smith their Testator unto the said James McIlvain his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall an with warrant and forever defend by this presents In Testimony whereof the aforesaid Ryves Holt and John Neill surviving Executors as aforesaid by virtue of the Authority to them given in the Testament and Last Will aforesaid have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals the day and year first within written.   
Sealed and Delivered in Presence of   
Benjamin Stockely Ryves Holt (seal)   
John Russell John Neill (seal)   
  
Deed Book H, No 8, p. 374, Sussex Co., DE.   
This indenture witnesseth that Edward Proger, in consideration of seventeen pounds paid for him by James McIlvain to William and David McIlvain as also for other good causes, he the said Edward Proger hath bound and put himself and by these presents doth bind and put himself servant to the said James McIlvain to serve him and his executors and assigns from the 19th instant for and during the full term of four years thence next ensuing during which time the said servant shall serve his said Master his executors or assigns faithfully and that honestly and obediently in all things as a good and dutiful servant ought to do and the said Master, his executors and assigns during the said term shall find and provide, for the said servant sufficient meat, drink, apparel and washing and bedding and at expiration shall give him customary freedom due and for the faithful performance hereof both the said parties bind themselves firmly unto each other by these presents. In witness hereof they have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals dated this fourth day of June in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, Anno Domini 1752.   
Signed and delivered before me, Robert Strettill, Marq. Edward Proger (seal)   
  
The following is from the Pennsylvania Gazette, July 9, 1752:   
  
Edward Proger, English Servant, tailor, aged c. 20, supposed to be on board a vessel bound to Rhode Island, Joseph Hadley, Commander, runaway from James McIlvaine at Cool Spring, Sussex Co. upon Delaware.   
  
The will of James McIlvain reads as follows:   
  
In the Name of God Amen I James McIlvane of the County of Sussex upon the Delaware being sick in body but of sound mind and memory Calling to mind the Certainty of Death do make this my Last will and Testament in Manner & form following, and Principally I resign my Soul to God in hopes of a Happy Resurrection Thro Jesus Christ, I order that my body be Decently Interred by my Executrix hereafter mentioned as to my worldly Estate I Give Devise & Bequeath in form Following  
Impr: I Give Devise and bequeath unto my Dearly beloved wife Frances McIlvane the Land Houses Buildings and all other Appurtinances whereon I now Live at Coolspring in Said County During her Natural life ( Excepting as is hereafter Reservd ) and after my wife is Dead to my Son David McIlvane his Heirs and Assigns forever in fee, Reserving Nevertheless, my will is, that my Son David Shall have the Liberty Immediately after my Decease to Build on Said Land at the Crop Roads, and Improve to the Northward and Southward of the Same, Likewise the field formely Called Becky Camells to Tend until my Loving wifes Decease as aforesaid, Its further reservd by this my Last will and Testament that if my Son David McIlvane Should Die, without Lawfull Issue, then the above plantation Called Coolspring to be Equally Divided after his and my Loving wifes Death to all my Children both Sons and Daughters   
Item I Give Devise and Bequeath to my Son Robert McIlvane the Land Houses and Buildings with all other Appurtinances whereon he now Dwells to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever in fee Simple and also if my Said Son Robert Should Decease without issue then his Said Land and appurtinances to be Equally Divided between Each of my Children both Sons and Daughters   
Item I Give Devise and bequeath to my Son Andrew McIlvane the Land Houses and Buildings with all other Appurtinances whereon he now Dwells to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever in fee Simple Also if my Said Son Andrew McIlvane Should Decease without Issue then the said Land Buildings and Appurtinances to be Equally between Each of my Children both Sons and Daughters   
Item I Give and Devise and bequeath unto my Son James McIlvane and to his Heirs and Assigns forever in fee Simple all the Land Houses Buildings and Appurtinances where on he now Dwells and whereon I Lately Dwelt In Indian River Hundred in the aforesaid County, as Also the Land and Appurtinances I bought of my Brother George McIlvane with One Hundred Acres of Warrant Land Adjoyning to the Same provided my Said Son James McIlvane his Heirs and Exeutrs or Admrs and Assigns Shall pay the Sum of Sixty Pounds Current Lawful Money of Pennsylvania as follows that is to Say, Twenty five Pounds thereof to be Divided between my Son Roberts Children vizt Mills James Andrew Lydia and Winefred Equally and the remaining Thirty five pounds thereof unto Executrix hereafter Mentioned to be by her Added to my personal Estate and Disposed of Accordingly   
Item I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Son John McIlvane & to his Heirs and Assigns forever In fee Three Hundred Acres of Land with the appurtinances which I have in the back Country Called Catts Cabin Likewise if my Said Son John Should Decease without Issue then the said Land & appurtinances to be Equally divided between my Children Sons & Daughters   
Item I Give to my Dearly beloved wife Frances McIlvane the full and Equal third part of my Personal Estate after my funeral Charges and Just Debts are paid and before my Legacies hereafter mentioned shall be paid or Delivered, I also Desire and Leave my Negro fellow Called Justice and my Negro wench Called Sib to my Loving wife aforesaid During her Life, and afterwards to my Three Daughters hereafter mentioned vizt Prudence Wiltbank Mary McIlvane & Frances McIlvane   
Item Whereas I have formely given unto my Daughter Prudence Wiltbank the wife of Jacob Wiltbank Sundrys amounted by my Computation to the Value of Sixty Pounds when my Estate shall pay her forty Shillings more which I Give to her and her Heirs forever   
Item I Give unto my Son John McIlvane before mentioned Ten Pounds Current money of Pennsylvania likewise the Bed & furniture he has Received from me already to him and his Heirs forever   
Item I Give unto my Son David one Mare that he has in his possession One Bed and Bolster One pare of Sheets One Blanket One Rug to him and his Heirs forever   
Item I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary McIlvane one Negro boy Called Jupiter One Mare which She has in her possession One Sadle and Bridle that She has Also One Bed and Bolster One pare of Sheets One Blanket Two pillows and One Rugg to her and her Heirs forever Provided she has Issue and if not then the above Negro Boy Called Jupiter is to be Equally Divided between my Children Sons and Daughters that Survives her after her Decease   
Item I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Daughter Frances McIlvane One Negro Boy Called Cain One Bed & Bolster One pare of Sheets One Blankett Two pillows and One Rugg also Fourteen pounds Current Lawfull money of Pennsylvania to her and her Heirs forever provided she has issue, and if not then the above Negro Boy Called Cain is to be Equally divided between my Children Sons and Daughters that Survives hereafter her Decease   
Item I Give Devise and Bequeath the Remaining part of my personal Estate to be Equally Divided Amongst all my Children Vizt Robert, Andrew, James, John, and David McIlvane Prudence, Mary, and Frances McIlvane aforementioned after all my Just Debts and funeral Charges is paid, Likewise my wifes Thirds the Legacies Left her by me is Received by her and all the other Legacies Bequeathed by me to my Children Sons and Daughters above Mentioned   
Lastly I Do hereby constitute Ordain and Appoint my Dearly beloved wife Frances McIlvane the Sole Executrix of this my Last will & Testament Revoking and Disannuling all former wills or Testaments by me made Ratifying and Confirming this Only and no other to be my Last will and Testament   
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Eight day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred & Fifty Four   
Sealed pronounced & Declared & Delivered in presence of us   
George West   
Rebeckah Camell James McIlvain (seal)   
Henry Blackwood   
  
Sussex Co., Prob. May 15, 1754. Arch. vol. A87, page 190. Reg. of Wills, Liber B, folios 82 - 86.   
  
The following entries come from Abstracts of the Proceedings of the Orphans' Court of Sussex County, Delaware, by V. L. Skinner, Jr.:   
  
Liber 3, 1751-1760. f. 73, 11 March 1755. Frances Mcelvane executrix of Jas Mcelvane. Inventory is 280.2.6. Payments to: Mr. Holt, John Pike, John Hall (B. Smith), Andrew Mcelvane, Alexander McCollo, John Steward, John McSparran, Dan. Horsman, Jacob Wiltbank, Jacob Kollock, Josias Marton, John Cohune.   
  
Liber 3, 1751-1760. f. 74, 11 March 1755. Accounts are 54.0.6. Distribution to: widow (unnamed, 1/3). Legacies to: Frances Mcelvane, Jr. (received Negro Cain), Jacob Wiltbank, Mary Mcelvane (received Negro Jupiter), John Mcelvane, Prudence Wiltbank & Mary Mcelvane & Frances Mcelvane (after their mother's (unnamed) death, to receive Negro Justis & Negro Sib). Accounts are 164.10.0.   
  
More About JAMES MCILVAIN:  
Burial: Coolspring Presbyterian Churchyard  
Occupation: Yeoman  
  
Notes for FRANCES MILLS:  
The following is from the Session Minutes of the Lewes, Coolspring, & Indian River Congregations of the Presbyterian Church, Sussex County, Delaware, 1756-1848, pages 3 & 4, dated February 19, 1759:   
  
A Judicial Trial Viz. At Coolspring the Session Met pro re-ratu "Upon Complaint of Mrs. Francis McIlvaine against Mr. Gil Belcher Parker one of our members" for "slandering her family." U.P.P.S. Mr. Wilson Minister, Josias Martin, Jno. Mustard, Jno. Coulter, Jno. Harmonson, Elders.   
The Session (after a caution given to both parties against wrath & Bitterness & C.) proceeded to hear Mrs. McIlvaines Complaint which was "That Mr. Parker told one Mrs. Turner that He was informed that Mrs. McIlvaine's 2 daughters had been married had lived discontentedly with their husbands and that he feared her youngest would be no better."   
Mrs. Turner being called evidenced "She only heard from him in Pleasantry say Fanny her youngest Daughter was one of the Handsomest Presbyterian Girls but he supposed would not early get a husband over the Indian River for her sister Molly Aidelotte there (he was informed) had made herself mean at a Frolic refusing the Laborers their Dinner thro' ill-Temper."   
Mr. Parker being called acknowledged He had Sd. so & heard it by many & appealed to the Session whether they had not heard the same thing & particulars mentioned Parker Alish, Author.   
Parker Alish called answered He Had heard it Commonly among his neighbors but had it particularly from one Wm. Merser Who lives near Sd. Aidelottes.   
Whereupon Mrs. McIlvaine produced a Certificate signed by nine persons Some relations of Sd. Molly Aidelottes Husband some of who had lived in the House and some with neighbors asserting that Sd. Mr. Aidelotte and his wife have & do live comfortably together.   
Where both parties removed, the Session considering and conversing over the Matter, think it irrelevant & not worth a Session Meeting; And therefore charge all Members of this Congregation never to call upon nor trouble Session with Trivial Matters, for the Future not till Christian Methods have been first used to compromise Differences & Missunderstandings among thereselves & therefore enact that Relavency of Disputes be first considered before any Sessions be hereafter called. but with Regard to this Affair since we have been called & have considered it; our unanimous Determination is, That in charity to the Persons certifying Mr. Aidelottes and his wifes comfortable living together, We must think the Report spread was Slanderous and unjust. And yet on the other Hand that as Gil Belcher Parker only related a Report He had from so many and was so commonly believed and related in the Hall, He therefore cannot be accused of Slander nor justly blamed in the Affair. But as these Reports seen to have too much raucled both Families, the Session earnestly reccomend it to both to make up all Differences as quickly as possible and that they study the Things that make for Peace as becomes the Followers of Him, who was harmless and undefiled and Who when He was reviled, reviled not again, Then after an Exhortation with respect to the way of preventing and healing Differences, Concluded with Prayer   
  
More About FRANCES MILLS:  
Burial: Coolspring Presbyterian Churchyard  
        
Children of JAMES MCILVAIN and FRANCES MILLS are: 

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| [5.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0003.html#CHILD5) | i. |  | DAVID3 MCILVAIN, d. Abt. 1766. |
| [6.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0003.html#CHILD6) | ii. |  | ROBERT MCILVAIN, b. Abt. 1724; d. 10 Jan 1773, Sussex Co., Delaware. |
| [7.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0003.html#CHILD7) | iii. |  | ANDREW MCILVAIN, b. Abt. 1725, Sussex Co., Delaware; d. 13 Sep 1789. |
|  | iv. |  | JAMES MCILVAIN, JR., d. 12 Jan 1784; m. (1) JANE CRAIG, Abt. 1752, Sussex Co., Delaware; m. (2) ? ORR, 31 Jul 1762. |

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|  | Notes for JAMES MCILVAIN, JR.: Deed Book K, p. 313, Sussex Co., DE.  2 Mar 1768. Deed. Rhoads Shankland esqr high sheriff of Sussex County conveyed to Andrew McIlvain of the same county yeoman 2 tracts of land in Indian River Hundred 300 acres south side of Braceys Branch which land was left by the wills of James McIlvain and Frances McIlvain unto their son James McIlvain, and whereas Comfort Paynter recovered a judgement against James McIlvain of same county for 18 pounds 2 shillings 2 pence, by virtue of a writ the sheriff seized in execution the tract of land, a valuation made by Thomas Robinson, Senior, together with the execution of Joseph Warrington and Sarah Warrington who say it is sufficient to discharge the said execution in 7 years, and the sheriff sold the same unto Andrew McIlvain for 130 pounds 3 shillings he being the highest bidder. Witnesses: Thomas Gray, Joseph Shankland. Acknowledged 2 Mar 1768.   On Jan. 12, 1784 James McIlvain, made a verbal will in the presence of Robert and Sarah Prettyman in which he left what estate he should possess to be equally divided between William McIlvain (son of David); William Water (son of Nelson); James Brereton (son of John). Executor, Robert Prettyman.   Sussex Co., Prob. Feb. 18, 1784. Arch. vol. A87, page 192. Reg. of Wills, Liber D, folios 38. |

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|  | More About JAMES MCILVAIN, JR.: Occupation: Yeoman |

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| [8.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0004.html#CHILD8) | v. |  | JOHN MCILVAINE, d. Bef. 1784. |
| [9.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0004.html#CHILD9) | vi. |  | PRUDENCE MCILVAIN. |
|  | vii. |  | MARY MCILVAIN, m. ? AIDELOTTE. |
| [10.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0004.html#CHILD10) | viii. |  | FRANCES "FANNY" MCILVAIN, d. 02 Apr 1787. |

**3.** MARTHA2 MCILVAIN*(ANDREW*1*)* was born Abt. 1695 in Ireland. She married JOHN MARRINER.   
        
Child of MARTHA MCILVAIN and JOHN MARRINER is: 

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|  | i. |  | GILBERT3 MARRINER. |

**4.** GEORGE2 MCELWAIN*(ANDREW*1 *MCILVAIN)* was born Abt. 1707 in Ireland, and died 1748 in Cumberland Co., PA. He married MARGARET THOMPSON.   
  
Notes for GEORGE MCELWAIN:  
The following is from, A Documentary History of the Family of Andrew McElwain and Mary Mickey of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, by Wilbur J. McElwain:   
  
George the youngest son of Andrew McIlvaine, was born about 1707, and was therefore about twelve years of age when the family came to America. At the time of the death of his father he was not of age, and the will appointed his brother James as his guardian. George received 100 acres from his father, which he later sold to his brother and former guardian, James. At sometime before 1744 George moved to Cumberland County. This date is established by an entry in the Session Book of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church which relates the story of a minor disorder and the discipline imposed by the Church, upon George, Whose name is spelled McElwain. A brief extract from the Minutes appears below.   
  
George's surname appears in several forms on various documents, but usually, though not always, with the "w" rather than the "v". His descendants use the spelling McElwain.   
  
In his will George left all his land to his eldest son Andrew, who was then only about eight years of age. Some years later Andrew gave a portion of the land to his younger brother Joseph. All of the children of Andrew moved west, but descendants of Joseph still live in Cumberland County.   
  
George's wife Margaret, not content with the terms of the will, filed an objection claiming dower rights of one-third of the whole estate. This "Caveat" is transcribed after George's will.   
  
Extracts from the Session book of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church:   
  
Janry 16--1744/45 The sessions of Middle Spring & Big Spring Met conjunctly about a scandalous & riotous Quarrell wherein some Members of each congregation were concern'd. Begun with prayer. John Mckee of Middle Spring & David Killough of Big Spring absent.   
The session proceeded to enquire into the Affair of the Quarrel.   
Robert Finley complain'd that George McElwain assaulted & tore his Handkerchief, which said George denies.   
William Carnachan complain'd that William McCall assaulted him first, & ask'd him certain Questions, which it seems, said McCall says said Carnachan ask'd them at him. William McCall did not appear. George McElwain being call'd solemnly declar'd that, to the best of his Knowledge, after there had been a skirmish at Albert Culbertson's House, he, William Carnachan, & Francis McCall took Horse to go home, & having gone a little way, said McCall said as much as that he was displeas'd to see that William Carnachan shou'd be so much abus'd, they wou'd turn back, & get some more of their own company, the depnt. consented to go back, partly to prevent Robt Finly from getting a Warrant; & partly to get some more company, in order to another Skirmish, upon which, they went back towards Shippensburgh, until they met their own company of Joseph Carnachan, James Laughlane Junr., James Jake, Saml. Smith, John Jake, John Smith, & Allexander Fairbairn; when they met, Joseph Carnachan, seeing his Brother Willm. bleeding & his shirt torn, was very angry, & said he wou'd have satisfaction of the currs that did it, then the whole company went towards Andrew Culbertson's, & met the other company; James Jake ask'd one who he was, & where was he going? The other reply'd his Name was Robt. Finley, & that he was going to the Justices. Said Jake said it was a shame for Neighbors that cou'd'nt agree better in the dark night. The Depont. saw no stroaks, nor hear any outcry; but after the others went away, he heard Joseph Carnachan, Jas. Jake, & Jas. Laughlane say they had struck, but didn't say who.   
Upon the whole this conjunct session apprehend they cannot come to a judgement about the first skirmish at Andrew Culbertson's, untill evidence be obtain'd between the parties concern'd in it, their Accounts of the Matter are so widely diferent; and therefore refer that part of the Matter to the session of Middle Spring at their next meeting, the persons chiefly concern'd in it, belonging to the congregation.   
From George McElwain's Account of the affair the session judge, that George McElwain & Francis McCall were Accessorys to the Quarrel, in taking William Carnachan back after they had gone away, & James Laughlane in stricking, & that thereby they have violated the Law of God & given offence to the church; & appoint them to attend the next Meeting of the session of Big Spring, & there profess their sorrow for their sin, & be rebuk'd for it.   
Order'd that William Lamond cite James Jake to attend then. Francis McCall oder'd to attend the session of Middle Spring about the first skirmish at andrew Culbertson's.   
The Affair that was refer'd by the conjunct sessions, to the further consideration of this session resum'd.   
Gustavus Henderson being call'd, solemnly declar'd that as he was walking in Andrew Culbertson's Floor, he heard Willm. Carnachan & Willm. McCall speaking pretty loud then going out he heard Willm. McCall say to Willm. Carnachan show me one word that I have said amiss, & I'll yeild. Upon which Carnachan said, you believe in a rotten hearted fellow like yourself, & struck said McCall, & said McCall laying hold of him, they came both to the ground; after they were parted, while the Depnt. was speaking with Willm. McCall looking behind him he saw said Carnachan & George Finley having hold of each other & said Finley threw down said Carnachan; John Finley & the Depnt parted them; then said Carnachan going straight to Willm. McCall laid hold of him again, & both came to the ground, upon which Depnt. went & loss'd said Carnachan's Arm from about said McCall's Neck; the Depnt. further says that said Carnachan's shirt was torn, but did'nt observe any wounds except that his Nose bled; & that there were none engag'd with said Carnachan but one at once.   
Other evidences, who were cited about the said Affair being not yet come, it is a little defer'd.   
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The other evidences concerning the Affair between Willm. Carnachan, & Willm. McCall, John, Robt. & George Finley not appearing, the session proceeded to consider the case, as now before them, & after serious Deliberation Judge, that notwithstanding it appears that Willm. Carnachan first began the Quarrel, & was principal in Carrying it on (tho it does not appear whether said Carnachan or McCall began the conversation) yet said McCall was to be blam'd for keeping up any conversation with him at such a time, about any Debate, & the other persons abov'd, for staying so late in the way of temptation: & that they be admonish'd for it.   
  
The will of George McElwain (Will Book A-1 139: 1747B) (from Complete History, pp. 293a-294) reads as follows:   
  
In the name of God, Amen the first day of January, 1748,   
I George McElwain of the Township of Hopewell in the county of Lancaster in the Province of Pennsylvania a Farmer being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to the mind the mortality of the 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 principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands 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 it again by the Mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to Bless me in this life, I give Demise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.   
Item first I give and bequeath to Margaret my Dearly Beloved wife the third part of all my goods and Chattles after my Debts are paid Except my plantation and I allow her the Benefit of the Plantation During her widowhood and in Lew thereof She shall keep my two sons to wit Andrew and Joseph McElwein and put them to School During her widowhood or till they Can Read the Bible plain and Read and write Bills and Bonds and Work the Golden Rule in arethmetick perfect.   
Item I Give unto my well beloved son Andrew McElwein all and singular my land messages and tenements by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed cleared out of the Land Office and if he dies before he comes of age I allow my son Joseph to become heir and if he does not learn to Read and write and Cypher before his mother Marrys I allow him to be put to school and taught as aforesaid   
Item I Give to my beloved son Joseph McElwein the one third of my Moveable Estate after all my debts are paid by him freely to be possessed and if he Die before he comes of age I allow my son Andrew to be his Heir and Likewise constitute my well friends William Thompson and Andrew McElwein my only sole executors of this my Last will and testament and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke and Dissannul all and Every former Testaments wills Legacies and Benefits and Exe's by me in any ways before named willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the Day and year above written.   
Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared   
By the said George MccElwein to be his Last will and George Mccelwein (seal)   
Testament in the presence of us the subscribers   
William Lamond   
Daniel Mickie   
  
Lancaster County towit 7th March 17th (?) Then personally appeared William Lamond and Daniel Mickie, two of the witnesses to the above Will and on their oaths declared they were present & they heard George McElvain the testator above named Sign Publish and Declare the above Writing to be his last Will and Testament & that at the doing that he was of sound mind and Memory to the best of their knowledge.   
Before me Tho. Cookson D.R.   
  
Deed Book H, No 8, p. 215, Sussex Co., DE.   
This indenture, made this 2nd day of November, 1748, between William Thompson and Andrew McIlvaine exrs. of the Testament and last will of George McIlvaine, who was admr., all and singular of the goods and chattels, Rights and credits of Daniel Mickie at the time of his death who dies intestate as its said, of the one part, and Thomas Carey of Sussex County on Delaware of the other part. Whereas there is a certain tract of land in Angola Neck was legally conveyed to the Aforesaid Daniel McKee, dec'd, and whereas the aforesaid George McIlvaine at an Orphans Court held at Lewes for the County of Sussex, 8 of June 1738 obtained an order of the Court for sale of said land in order to satisfy his creditors and sold to John Simeton, Simeton transferred his right to John Black, who sold the same to Thomas Carey (sic), party to these presents.   
Estate of George McElvaine afore'sd William Thompson   
who was admr of Daniel Mickey Andrew McElwain   
  
The following is from the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, Vol. XXIV, 1965-66. p. 28 Philadelphia, Pa., published by the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania:   
  
Caveat entered by the Widow against probate of the will of George McElwain. I call to my assistance Edward Smout, Peter Morral, and James Galbraith, Esqrs. The Widow Claims her Thirds as Dower of the Whole.   
  
More About GEORGE MCELWAIN:  
Occupation: Farmer  
        
Children of GEORGE MCELWAIN and MARGARET THOMPSON are: 

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| [11.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0004.html#CHILD11) | i. |  | ANDREW3 MCELWAIN, b. 1740, Cumberland Co., PA.; d. 1793, Cumberland Co., PA. |
| [12.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0004.html#CHILD12) | ii. |  | JOSEPH MCELWAIN, b. 1743, Cumberland Co., PA; d. 1822. |

**8.** JOHN3 MCILVAINE*(JAMES*2 *MCILVAIN, ANDREW*1*)* died Bef. 1784. He married MARY GREER. She died 23 Mar 1794.   
  
Notes for JOHN MCILVAINE:  
John's father James purchased a tract of land in Hopewell Township July 26,1744, in what was then Lancaster County (later Cumberland County) near Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This tract of land was passed on upon his death to his son John. " I Give, Devise, and Bequeath unto my Son John McIlvane & to his Heirs and Assigns forever in fee Three Hundred Acres of Land with the appurtinances which I have in the back Country Called Catts Cabin". The 300 acre farm was located on the banks of Conodoguinet Creek, a tributary of the Susqhehanna River near Carlisle. He died intestate before 1784 as shown by the tax rolls and deeds on file in Carlisle, leaving his wife Mary, and children George, Greer, and Catherine. His wife is claimed by most descendants to have been Mary Elizabeth Greer, whose parents were among the most illustrious colonial families of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Their home Catts Cabin, was situated on the banks of the beautiful but treacherous Conodoguinet, and only a few yards from the stream. The name of the creek was said to have come from the Indians, who were trying to warn white children, "cannot go in it."   
  
A portion of the land at Catt's Cabin was sold by Catherine and her husband Robert Luckey on May 1, 1784 to Adam Siebert of Lancaster County. The deed states that, "By virtue of a warrant granted unto a certain James Mackelvain of the County of Lancaster, bearing date of Philadelphia, July 26, 1744, there was surveyed and laid out and surveyed unto the said James Mackelvain a tract of land situated in the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland .... known by the name of Catt's Cabin and whereas the said James Makelvain by his last will and testament gave granted and bequeathed the said tract of land unto his son John Makelvain his heirs and assigns forever and whereas the said John Makelvain died intestate leaving the above mentioned Mary Makelvain, his widow, and three children (viz) the aforesaid George, Greer, and Catherine Makelvain his right and lawful heirs of the aforesaid tract of land. And whereas the the said Robert Luckey being the lawful husband of the said Catherine Makelvain becomes entitled to the Catherine Makelvain's dividend of the said land. And whereas the said heirs being all of full age they have agreed and divided the said land whereof one hundred and seven acres forty eight perches with the usual allowance fell to the said Robert and Catherine Luckey for their part or dividend of the said tract of land lying or situate along the lower end of the aforesaid tract adjoining the Reverend Robert Cooper, Richard Rogers and Joseph Woods and dividend from the said Greer's part by a line running S. 30 degrees E. 307 perches. Now this Indenture hereby witnesseth that the said Robert Luckey and Catherine his wife for and in consideration of three hundred pounds good and lawful money of Pennsylvania to them in hand paid by the aforesaid Adam Siebert at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt wherof is hereby acknowledged) hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain sell and confirm to the said Adam Siebert his heirs and assigns forever all the aforesaid one hundred seven acres forty eight perches of land with the usual allowance to have and to hold the same and every part thereof with all of the appurtenances or in any ways appurtaining or belonging thereunto or in any wise the only proper use and behoof of him the said Adam Siebert his heirs and assigns forever. Subject to the payment of the purchase money and interest and payable to the State of Pennsylvania, and the said Robert Luckey and Catherine his wife, do for themselves their heirs and every one of them the aforesaid tract of one hundred seven acres, forty eight perches of land against them, their heirs and against all and every personclaiming under them, the aforementioned Robert Luckey and Catherine his wife, to the said Adam Siebert, his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and defend. In witness to all and every of the within bargain and agreement the above mentioned parties as well Robert Luckey and Catherine his wife as also Mary Makelvain, widow, George and Greer Makelvain have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year written."   
  
The balance of the property was sold by George and Greer by deed dated April 25, 1785, to John Shoemaker. Then with their wives they crossed the mountains to their new home in Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pennsylvania.   
  
More About JOHN MCILVAINE:  
Occupation: Yeoman  
  
Notes for MARY GREER:  
The following entry comes from Abstracts of the Proceedings of the Orphans' Court of Sussex County, Delaware, by V. L. Skinner, Jr.:   
  
Liber 4, 1761-1770. f. 117, 8 May 1765. Mary Mcelvain was appointed guardian of her 3 children (under age 14) by John Mcelvain (yeoman, dec'd): George, Cathrein, Greir Mcelvain.   
  
More About MARY GREER:  
Burial: Great Cowengo Presbyterian Cemetery  
        
Children of JOHN MCILVAINE and MARY GREER are: 

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| [25.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0007.html#CHILD25) | i. |  | GEORGE4 MCILVAINE, b. Abt. 1754, Delaware; d. 1843, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
| [26.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0008.html#CHILD26) | ii. |  | GREER MCILVAINE, b. Abt. 1757; d. 24 Jun 1845, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
|  | iii. |  | CATHERINE MCILVAINE, b. 1759; d. 1793, Washington Co., PA; m. ROBERT LUCKEY. |

**25.** GEORGE4 MCILVAINE*(JOHN*3*, JAMES*2 *MCILVAIN, ANDREW*1*)* was born Abt. 1754 in Delaware, and died 1843 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania. He married RUTHMCELWAIN, daughter of ANDREW MCELWAIN and MARY MICKEY.   
  
Notes for GEORGE MCILVAINE:  
George McIlvaine, although at the time he did not have a deed for the 109 acre tract, at the middle of "Calydon" the 407 acre tract his brother Greer owned, he resided on this tract from the time of it's survey in 1788, and possibly as early as 1785. He is believed to have built a large double log house near the southern boundary of the creek, which was later replaced by a large frame house. This farm passed from the family presumably at the death of George in the early 1840's to the McDonough family, and then to Frank Watson. On this farm George raised a large family. It is usually refered to as the George McIlvaine homestead.   
At the time of the transfer of the deed to this property on June 21, 1815, George also received from Greer an undivided half interest in the easternmost portion of Calydon containing 158 acres and 54 perches. At the marriage of George's son George to Greer's daughter Jane, this farm was given to the children, and was known as the "Little George Farm".   
  
While a resident of Somerset Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, at the age of 82 years, George McIlvaine applied for a Revolutionary War Pension. The following is his account of his Revolutionary War service as contained in Pension File No. 6735:   
  
On the first of August, 1776, I was drafted at Shippensburgh, Pennsylvania (where I then resided) with a number of others as private in the company of militia commanded by Captain Robert Cullerston and in the regiment under Colonel Davis of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. We marched from Shippensburgh on through Carlisle and Lancaster to Philadelphia, where I think we remained two or three days, and thence we proceeded to Trenton, New Jersey, thence through Princeton and Brunswick to Perth Amboy where we stayed a few days and then crossed to South Amboy. At this latter place we were stationed as a guard to prevent the landing of some of the British from their vessels then in the river and to guard against depredations by them. We remained here for some time so employed as guard, till (I think) after the battle of Long Island, when we were ordered over to Perth Amboy and proceeded through Elizabethtown and Newark to a place called Bergen where we were again stationed as irretakes and guards. After being at Bergen some time, we were ordered to Newark where we proceeded and we were then ordered by our officers to go out through the country to raise wagons and horses for the purpose of taking provisions and forage to Fort Lee. After procuring the conveyances, I with a number of others, as guards for the wagons and provisions, proceeded to Fort Lee and after safely conducted them to that place we again returned to Newark. After being at Newark for some time our company was dismissed and I returned home to Shippensburgh, Pennsylvania the last of October after an absence of three months in the service aforesaid.   
Soon after the battle of Germantown, I was again drafted (to the best of my knowledge it was about the middle of October 1777) into the company commisioned by Captain Alexander Peeples of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and Ensign Robert McComb. We marched from Shippensburgh, Pennsylvania on through Carlisle and Lancaster and proceeded on to the neighborhood of the Delaware and Schuylkill near Philadelphia. We were here engaged for some time to stand and march about as guards to prevent the British, who at this time were in Philadelphia, from plundering and destroying the country and had some skirmishes with parties of English, who were going through different sections thereof, and carrying off provisions and forage. During this time I was in the skirmish at White Marsh under General Potter where we were obliged to retreat on account of the superior force of the enemy. After this we were engaged as before - - parties of us employed in going through the country to prevent the incursions and depredations of the British, and we continued actively in such employment till we were discharged and I returned home about the last of January 1778 after an absence of three months in the service.   
In the year 1785 I removed from Shippensburgh to this county as in the month of June 1791 I was drafted and served as Lieutenant at Yellow Creek Station on the Ohio River in a company commanded by Captain Edward Todd. We went out to prevent the Indiains from coming in and to prevent the ravages they were about to commit. We had for our headquarters the block house at the mouth of Yellow Creek and from this place we sortied out to different parts where the savages were expected and where they had committed a number of murders. I served in this tour one month, as a Lieutenant, and returned home.   
With this last tour my whole service amounts to seven months. The dates and circumstances of my different services I have stated with as much accuracy as my frail and feeble memory will now permit. I have no documentary testimony nor do I know of any living witness, except my brother Greer McIlvaine, who lived with myself and mother and who knows of my being out in the service on two different occasions. I was born in the State of Delaware in the year 1754, to the best of my knowledge & belief, having no record of my age now or never having any. When called into the service I lived in Shippensburgh as stated before and in this county. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in this county, and continue to live here. When called into the service, I was drafted. I am not able to state the names of any more officers, either regular or militia, than what I have already done, nor any more circumstances of importance connected with my service, than already stated. I never received any written discharge. I am well known by Joseph Lawrence, David Hunt, Esq., John Vance, James Smith, Esq. and the Reverend Boyd Mercer who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief that I was a soldier of the Revolution.   
I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a Pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.   
  
(signed) George McIlvain   
  
The Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot Index - Centennial Edition, Part II, lists George McIlvaine, b 1754 DE d 1844 PA m Ruth McIlvaine, Private, PA.   
  
George's will dated July 2, 1842, is recorded in Volume 6, page 239 in the County Recorder's Office in Washington, Pennsylvania. It reads as follows:   
  
In the name of God Amen. I George McIlvain of Somerset Township Washington County of the State of Pennsylvania being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding Do make publish and declare this as my last Will and Teatament, hereby revoking and making void all wills by me heretofore made. And first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of my Creator, and my body I commit to the the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors herein named.   
And as to my worldly estate I dispose of it in the following manner Viz.   
I give and bequeath to my son-in-law John Crouch, and to my daughter Catherine Ramseyand my son-in-law William Crouch and my daughter Ruth Stringer, and my daughter Eleanor Kerr each one hundred dollars.   
I give and bequeath to my son John McIlvain one hundred and fifty dollars.   
I give and bequeath to my son George McIlvain and to his heirs and assicns forever all my share of the tract of land on which he now lives, upon his paying into the hands of my executors the sum of one hundred dollars.   
I give and bequeath to my son Robert McIlvain and to his heirs and assigns forever three acres and twenty perches of land including the buildings where he now lives, and also four hundred and fifty dollars.   
I give and bequeath to my son Greer McIlvain three hundred dollars.   
I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Ruth daughter of George McIlvain eighty dollars, also one feather bed and bedding, and one horse.   
I hereby order and authorize my executors to sell the tract of land on which I now live and make to purchaser a good and sufficient deed for the same, and also to sell my personal property except what is herein bequeathed, and out of the proceeds pay the aforementioned legacies and also all of my just debts, funeral expenses, charges, etc.   
And the residue of my estate if any I order to be divided equally between my four sons, John, George, Robert, and Greer.   
And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my sons George and Robert executors of this my last Will and Testament.   
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.   
Signed Sealed published and declared as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed as witnesses.   
David A. Hart His Mark (X)   
David McDonough George McIlvain   
  
Washington County, Pennsylvania. Be it remembered that on the 8th day of February AD 1844, Before me James Spriggs, Register for the probate of Wills, and granting letters of Administration in and for the said County, came before me David Hart and David McDonough the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of George McIlvain, deceased. Who, being duly sworn according to law depose and say that they were personally present and did see the Testator therein named sign this will by putting his mark thereto, and did at the request of the Testator sign their names as witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament. That at the time of his so doing he was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and belief.   
And sworn to and subscribed before me   
James Spriggs, Register   
David A. Hart   
David McDonough   
  
February 8, 1844 letters Testamentary with copy of the will and probate amended Issued to George McIlvain and Robert McIlvain executors herein named who on this same day were duly sworn.   
James A. Spriggs, Register   
  
More About GEORGE MCILVAINE:  
Burial: Pigeon Creek Cemetery  
  
More About RUTH MCELWAIN:  
Burial: Pigeon Creek Cemetery  
        
Children of GEORGE MCILVAINE and RUTH MCELWAIN are: 

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|  | i. |  | MARY5 MCILVAINE, b. 1780, Cumberland Co., PA; d. 1836, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; m. JOHN CROUCH. |

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|  | More About MARY MCILVAINE: Burial: Pigeon Creek Cemetery |

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| [49.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0012.html#CHILD49) | ii. |  | CATHERINE MCILVAINE, b. 06 Jun 1782, Cumberland Co., PA; d. 12 Aug 1873, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
| [50.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0012.html#CHILD50) | iii. |  | ELIZABETH MCILVAINE, b. 13 Sep 1784, Cumberland Co., PA; d. 09 Jun 1835, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
| [51.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0013.html#CHILD51) | iv. |  | RUTH MCILVAINE, b. 1786, Cumberland Co., PA; d. Aft. 1850. |
| [52.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0013.html#CHILD52) | v. |  | JOHN MCILVAINE, b. 17 Nov 1788, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d. 05 Apr 1880, Wayne Co., Ohio. |
|  | vi. |  | ANDREW MCILVAINE, b. 1791, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
| [53.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0013.html#CHILD53) | vii. |  | GEORGE MCILVAINE, b. 1793, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d. 14 Apr 1872, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
| [54.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0013.html#CHILD54) | viii. |  | ROBERT MCILVAINE, b. 1795, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d. 05 Nov 1864, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
|  | ix. |  | GREER MCILVAINE, b. 1797, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d. Abt. 1798, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
|  | x. |  | ELEANOR MCILVAINE, b. 1799, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d. Abt. 1800, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. |
| [55.](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/i/Donald-L-McIlvain/GENE1-0013.html#CHILD55) | xi. |  | GREER MCILVAINE, b. 10 Jan 1801, Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d. 16 Nov 1871, Delaware Co., Ohio. |
|  | xii. |  | ELEANOR MCILVAINE, b. 1805; m. WALTER KERR. |

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/CROUCH/2009-08/1251657354>

Dear Jane,  
  
George McIlvaine was the son of John and Mary Elizabeth Greer. His wife, Ruth McIlvaine was the daughter of Andrew McIlvaine and Mary Mickey (time period is off). George and Ruth are the parents of Mary McIlvaine who married my great-great-grandfather, John Crouch. One of his sons, David Greer Crouch is my great-grandfather who at one time was a riverboat captain on the Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers.  
  
I'm John the 4th and have a son John the 5th starting with Captain John Crouch as the 1st.  
  
According to some research by a genealogist friend of mine, George McIlvaine above, was a Lt. during the revolutionary war?  
  
It looks to me that the extract data from the DAR there was a second George who was born earlier in 1742 and married Jane Hamilton?  
  
So I'm not sure if my George (born 1754) was the Lt. or not? Again there are so many John's and George's it is hard to keep track of them!  
  
I would appreciate your help on this matter. I'm hoping that you can connect the dots and that I'm indeed related to you through the McIlvaine.  
  
I would also like to remove any doubt about the John Crouch who married Mary McIlvaine being related to me.   
  
You're truly,  
  
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