

McFALL PROFILE

JOHN McFALL (b. 1767 Craig's Head, Atrium, Ireland — d. Sep 1837 Anderson, SC) married **MARY “Polly” NORRIS.**, *the daughter of John Ezekiel Norris and Mary Brown.* John McFall landed in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1784 at the age of sixteen. He was the first McFall family in the Anderson community. He went to work and became a good businessman, owning quite a bit of property. John had a plantation near Neal’s Creek Church and married the daughter of another early settler, Mary Norris (Vandiver, *The Traditions and History of Anderson County*, 142). They left four sons:

- (1) John McFall, b. Jan 10, 1799 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Feb 14, 1864 Anderson, Co., SC; m. Oct 10, 1822 SC, Elizabeth Todd, b. Oct 20, 1805 Belton, Anderson Co., SC — d. Jul 8, 1879 Anderson Co., SC, *daughter of Adam Todd and Mary Warnock*;
- (2) Andrew Norris McFall, b. Oct 29 1800 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. May 5, 1860 Anderson Co., SC; m. Rachel Anderson Thompson, b. Jan 3, 1803 SC — d. Sep 8, 1888 Anderson Co., SC;
- (3) Samuel Robertson McFall, b. Mar 6, 1803 Anderson, Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Jun 27, 1862 Cold Harbor, Hanover Co., VA; m. Dec 16, 1824 Pendleton Dist., SC, Anna Warnock, b. Aug 25, 1801 Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Sept 1, 1873 Walhalla, Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of John Warnock and Eleanor Dowdle*; and
- (4) William McFall, b. Sep 11, 1805 Anderson, Pendleton Dist., SC — d. Jun 6, 1807 Anderson, Pendleton Dist., SC.

JOHN WARNOCK (b. 1757 Ireland — d. May 28, 1842 Anderson Co., SC) married Jun 21, 1786, to **ELEANOR DOWDLE** (b. Sept 3, 1767 NC — d. Sept 11, 1850 Anderson Co., SC), *daughter of Robert and Jane Dowdle.* They had as many as ten children, including Mary and Anna Warnock.

SAMUEL ROBERTSON McFALL (b. Mar 6, 1803 Anderson, Pendleton Dist., SC — d. June 27, 1862 Cold Harbor, Hanover Co., VA), *son of John McFall and Mary Norris*, married December 16, 1824, Pendleton Dist., South Carolina, to **ANNA WARNOCK** (b. Aug 25, 1801 Anderson, SC — d. Sept 1, 1873 Walhalla, Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of John Warnock and Eleanor Dowdle.* Samuel and Anna became members of the newly formed Anderson Presbyterian Church organized in 1837. The ruling elders there in 1845 were J.N. Whitner, A.O. Norris, William Harrison, and S.R. McFall.

“In 1852 Samuel [and Anna] purchased the fine property known as Oconee Station near this church from John Doyle, and removed thereto from his former residence at Pickens Court-house. Samuel and Anna were blessed with a large family, nine daughters and two sons. Soon after his arrival he was elected ruling elder of Bethel Church and Clerk of Session.” (Colonel Robert Thompson, “Historical Sketch of Bethel Church,” Keowee Courier, August 1905)

“From the time he arrived he was diligent and zealous in the employment of every means for Bethel’s growth and prosperity. The membership increased from eighteen to nearly eighty. The Sabbath School and prayer meetings were brought into being. The people became more liberal in their religious contributions.” (Minutes of Session, Sept 21, 1862) Children:

- (1) John Cater McFall, b. Oct 5, 1825 Pendleton Dist., SC – d. Jan 10, 1879 Oconee Co., SC; served in the war;
- (2) Margaret Jane McFall, b. Oct 29, 1826 Pickens Dist., SC – d. April 8, 1871 Oconee Co., SC, from tuberculosis; never married;
- (3) Mary Elizabeth McFall, b. March 1, 1828 Pickens Dist., SC – d. Jul 31, 1909 Oconee Co., SC; m. Feb 8, 1853, to Dr. Leander Bartow Johnson, b. Oct 31, 1828 Mills River, NC – d. Dec 18, 1889 Oconee Co., SC; served in the war;
- (4) Rebecca Ann McFall, b. April 25, 1830 Pickens Dist., SC – d. Feb 17, 1896 Oconee Co., SC; m. Col. William Hunter, b. Nov 22, 1808 SC – d. Apr 12, 1875 SC;
- (5) Elleanor Frances McFall, b. Mar 12, 1832 Pickens Dist., SC – d. May 5, 1910 Franklin, NC; m. Mar 4, 1856, to William McDowell, b. Feb 14, 1829 Buncombe Co., NC – d. Jan 8, 1917 Franklin, Macon Co., NC, *son of Silas McDowell*;
- (6) Julia Emily McFall, b. Oct 8, 1833 Pickens Dist., SC – d. Aug 13, 1858 Pickens Dist., SC; m. John Coffee Neville, b. Mar 12, 1825 SC – d. Aug 18, 1911 SC;

On the evening of August 12, 1858, Samuel McFall, along with Reverend D. C. Boggs, visited his daughter, **Julia McFall Neville**. “Julia had been dedicated to God in infancy by baptism and trained by pious parents. She had been confined to her bed by a serious illness for two months. They found her at first in great disturbance of mind, but after a session of intense anxiety and inquiry on her part, and of visitation and instruction on the part of the minister and friend, she attained relief and expressed a desire to connect herself with Bethel Church. Accordingly, an examination was gone into, which proved both interesting, and instructive, and also satisfactory. Believing her to be a sincere and true Christian, and complying with the desire and urgent request to be permitted openly to acknowledge Christ, the above named individuals, on behalf of the Session, received her into the Church of Christ on earth. In a short time after these solemn services, with solemn worrying and entreaty to her husband and friend, John, and with directions to her children, Julia Neville departed this life at twenty minutes after one o’clock in the early morning of August 13th in the triumph of faith to enter the abode of the Shepherd above.” (Minutes of Session, August 13, 1858, Samuel R. McFall, Clerk)

- (7) Rachel Amanda McFall, b. Jan 16, 1836 Pickens Dist., SC – d. Feb 23, 1922 Elberton GA; m. Dec 22, 1857, to Josiah Freeman Auld, b. Jun 28, 1832 SC – d. Apr 4, 1895 Elberton, GA;
- (8) Sarah Cinderella McFall, b. Dec 1, 1837 Pickens Dist., SC – d. May 16, 1915 Oconee Co., SC; m. Oct 1, 1887, to Robert A. Gilmer, b. Aug 23, 1827 SC – d. July 31, 1905 Oconee Co., SC; served in the war;

- (9) Allthea Caroline McFall, b. Apr 17, 1840 Pickens Dist., SC — d. Mar 29, 1925 Oconee Co., SC; m. May 12, 1885, to James Alexander Ballenger, b. Nov 6, 1820 — d. May 4, 1899 Oconee Co., SC;
- (10) Samuel Newton Whitner McFall, b. Feb 10, 1842 Pickens Dist., SC — d. Jul 1, 1862 General Hospital No. 21 Richmond, VA, from wounds in the war [Gaines Mill]; burial in VA but the exact location is unknown; and
- (11) Martha Cornelia McFall, b. Dec 18, 1843 Pickens Dist., SC — d. Dec 30, 1925 Oconee Co., SC; m. Feb 17, 1869, to John Birdsey Pickett, b. Jan 11, 1842 Knoxville, Knox Co., TN — d. Nov 30, 1912 Oconee Co., SC, *son of Martha H. Rogers*.