

## McManus

Francis McManus                    1832 - 1856  
Mary McManus                    1852 – 1937

### Francis McManus

Francis McManus was son of Francis McManus (a soldier) and Jean (McGraw) McManus. He was born about 1832. He married Margaret Armour on 15 Sep 1851 at Sorn, Ayr, Scotland. At the time of his death he was described as a Coal miner or an Iron Stone Miner.

Their children include,

1. Mary McManus ABT 1852 Sorn
2. Francis McManus 07 Jul 1856 Milton, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland. He died 2nd August 1857 at 22 North Woodside Road, Glasgow, male age 13 months, Cause of death Measles.

It would appear that Father Francis died before the birth of his son Francis McManus. He died May 24th, 1856 May 24th at Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. His usual resident at time of death was 26 North Woodside Road, age 24years. Cause of death was recoded as disease of shoulder joint and Phthitis. He was buried at High Churchyard, Glasgow.

### Mary McManus

Mary McManus, daughter of Francis and Margaret McManus, was born about 1852 in Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland. She married George Retson on 31 Dec 1871 in United Presbyterine Church, Catrine, Sorn Parish Ayrshire, Scotland. She died on 29 Mar 1937 at 15 St. Ninians Road, Preswick, Scotland.

His children include,

1. Margaret Armour Retson b. 13 December 1872; m. Alexander George Archibald 19 Jan 1914 in Bible Hill, Colchester County; died 19 Dec 1914 in Glenelg, Guysborough, Nova Scotia
2. Jane Hamilton Retson A.K.A Jean b. 5 March 1875 in High Fenwick, Ayrshire, Scotland; m. John Brown, widower. She raised his two children, a boy who was killed in WW1 and daughter known as Wee Jean Brown.
3. Mary Retson b. 26 April 1877 in High Fenwick, Ayrshire, Scotland m. Rev. Andrew Burns, widower.. Son Andrew by first wife became a doctor and married an actress who was also a singer. She came to Canada during WW2 and Stayed with birth William and John before divorcing Andrew and headed off to Caribbean.
4. John Retson b. 7 April 1879; m. Bessie Jane Johnson
5. George Retson b. 2 December 1881; Edith Taylor
6. William Rankin Retson b. 22 February 1884 (See Below)
7. Annie Retson b. 14 Mar 1887; d. 5 Jan 1896 at age of 8 years
8. Janet Retson b. August 1890 d. 24 Sep 1890 of pneumonia age 1 month 2 days
9. James Retson born 15 November 1891; m. Elizabeth Beattie
10. Thomas Bateman Retson b. 23 February 1894; died 26 Nov 1917 in France a casualty of World War 1

Two children Annie and Janet did not survive childhood. Margaret responded to an invitation of Alexander George Archibald, a relative of the wife of brother William Rankin, Beatrice Clifford to Canada in 1913. They

married in January 1914 at age 42 and she died by drowning in December 1914. The Retson family believed that Margaret was depressed for some time before the death and the death was most likely a suicide. The children of Mr Archibald (6 children by a second wife) were never told.

Two other sisters Jane (Jean) and Mary also married late both as second wives to their respective husbands and neither had their own children