

# Sorting through the Branches

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In this document I am going to try and untangle some of the branches of the Eades and McDaniel families. First let me say there was quite a lot of intermarriage between these two families back in the Mountains of North Carolina in the early 1800's. Sorting them has prove quite difficult not only for myself but for other researchers as well.

I am going to start out with a couple that I have always known to have been my third great uncle and aunt, one **George Washington McDaniel** and his wife **America Lutisha Cope Parks McDaniel**.

## Part One-George and America McDaniel

**George Washington McDaniel** was born 19 June, 1842 in Davie County, North Carolina. He was said to have been the son of one **Allen McDaniel** and **Rebecca Mary Bart**. America was the daughter of **Henry Cope** and **Nancy Wyatt**. America first married one **William Parks** on 29 June, 1858 in Davie County, North Carolina<sup>1</sup> and had several children by him. I am not aware if George had been married before America. George and America married on 10 Mar 1867 in Davie County, North Carolina<sup>2</sup>. I have never located any children born to the couple, the only ones in the household belong to William Parks, America's first husband.

Before I get into telling more about George and America, let me backtrack for a bit and introduce you to my 4th Great-Grand Uncle whom I have written extensively about on my website, linked at the top of this page, one **Gilpin Eades**.

Uncle Gilpin was a brother to my third great-grandfather **William Franklin Eades Sr**.

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<sup>1</sup> North Carolina, Marriage Index, 1741-2004, Family History Library Microfilm, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, Provo, Utah 2015 in entry America Cope to William Parks, 29 June 1858, Davie County, North Carolina.

<sup>2</sup> North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011, in entry for George McDaniel to M America Parks, 10 March, 1867, North Carolina County Registers of Deeds. Microfilm. Record Group 048. North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC.

Gilpin Eades married one **Martha Patsey Vest**, Ms Martha is a story in herself in the midst of thi McDaniel mess because one record I found lists her with the surname Daniels as opposed to Vest, but we will get to her later. Right now I want to focus on how Uncle Gilpin ties into the above George and America McDaniel. One of my most viewed Ancestors on my former blog and one of the most contentious persons in my family tree among other researches is good old Cousin **Consadie Eades McDaniels**. I've written quite a bit about her in times past as well. But let's get to the heart of what I am talking about here concerning this particular section of people.

I want to reference an article written in the **Heritage of Iredell County, North Carolina Volume I**, published by the Genealogical Society of Iredell County, North Carolina. This particular piece was written by a descendant of the Eads/McDaniel family by the name of Hazel Speece Wilson, her article was entitled: **The McDaniel Family** and it appears on page 363 of the above mentioned book, The part that I am most interested in sharing with you concerning this section of this document is the following entry:

*“Consadie grew up and married Albert McDaniel, son of George and Merkie McDaniel of Davie County”.<sup>3</sup>*

For a long time now, I am talking several years, I have puzzled over who this Merkie may have been. This past week I was doing some hardcore research into my Eads line and I stumbled up on some things that might help. I knew that the only George McDaniel within my tree was the above mentioned George Washington McDaniel. But Merkie? Who in the world, when it hit me, perhaps Merkie was short for America!!

Let me stop right there and let you know that there are all sorts of problems with this George and America having been the parents of Consadie Eades husband Albert McDaniel. In spite of my prior attempts at squelching this information that others are spreading like wildfire, I have been unsuccessful and several folks still have it in their

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<sup>3</sup> Heritage of Iredell County North Carolina, published by the Genealogical Society of Iredell County, North Carolina, p 363, in entry titled The McDaniel Family by Hazel Speece-Wilson, copy in this researchers possession

trees. So, being the thorough person that I am, I decided to revisit the idea and see if perhaps I myself had made a mistake, and here we are.

### **Why do I think this information is incorrect?**

1. First let's look at Consadies date of birth, According to her Death Certificate, Consadie Eades McDaniels was born about 1854.<sup>4</sup> This George Washington McDaniel was born 19 June, 1842 according to his Find a Grave entry. America was born 1833, they did not marry until 10 March, 1867. I have found no McDaniel children born to this America and George McDaniel.

**Questions: Could there have been a different George and Merkie McDaniel?** Absolutely. **Have I located any other George McDaniel with a wife named Merkie or America?** No **Have I looked?** Absolutely.

2. If Consadie did not marry the son of George and Merkie McDaniel, then who did she marry? Ms. Hazel Speece Wilson in her article referenced above states that Consadie married **Albert McDaniel**. So let's first look at all of the records at our disposal for Consadie Eades and I will get into them in section two below.

### **A Look at Consadie Eades**

What a character. And if I have written about this woman one time I have written about her many times. I just seem to keep coming back to her. So let's revisit my Cousin Consadie once again for a spell. I am going to insert a chart below to help sort out Consadie, simply because she and her husband appear in records different years with different variations of their names. So let's verify that these are all indeed the same person and we aren't looking at more than one person here. I think you will see that they all appear to be Consadie and only one time have I yet to find her husband in any

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<sup>4</sup> North Carolina State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. North Carolina Death Certificates. Microfilm S.123. Rolls 19-242, 280, 313-682, 1040-1297. North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

document save the article by Ms. Speece-Wilson, as having had the name Albert. Pay attention later on because we might actually find "A" Albert McDaniel in this mess.

1860	Fanney Eades		
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14 Feb 1869	Fannie C Eades	Jas A McDaniel	Marriage Record
1870			
1880	Fannie McDaniel	Allen McDaniel	New Hope Iredell County North Carolina
11 Nov 1885	Cansady McDaniel	Allen McDaniel	Listed in will of Consadies father Gilpin Eades
1900	Cansada McDaniels	Allisom McDaniels	New Hope, Iredell County, North Carolina
1910	Cansady McDaniels	Alvim McDaniels	New Hope, Iredell County, North Carolina
1920	Kansadie McDaniels	Widowed	New Hope, Iredell County, North Carolina
1942	Sadie Eades McDaniels	Al McDaniels	Consadies Death Certificate

On their daughter **Daisy McDaniel Brewer**'s Death Certificate her parents names are listed as Sadie Eades and Allen McDaniel

Just from the information above it would appear to me that Consadies husbands name was **James Allen McDaniel**. I dont think Consadies husband was a son of the above George and America (Merkie) McDaniel, nor do I think he was the son of ANY George and Merkie McDaniel.

It has always been my belief that said James Allen McDaniel was my third great uncle and the son of my third great grandparents **Allen McDaniel Sr & Mary Rebecca Bart**. I descend through Allen Sr & Rebecca's daughter **Amanda America Clementine McDaniel**. Said Amanda married my second great grandfather **William Franklin Eades Sr** who just happens to be the Nephew of Consadies Daddy, **Gilpin Eades**. Now, I will take you to the third part of this tangled mess we've weaved.

### **Oh What a Tangled Mess we Weave**

Have you followed me thus far? Have I confused you just a bit? Hang on, your in for a ride. Now that we have surmised that Merkie McDaniel was likely America Cope McDaniel and that Consadie Eades married James Allen McDaniel and that said James Allen McDaniel was probably the son of Allen McDaniel SR and Mary Rebecca Bart, let's throw another cog in the wheel. Before we get to that part, I want you to keep the following in mind. Allen McDaniel Sr & his wife Mary Rebecca Bart, had several children, all siblings to James Allen McDaniel and Amanda America Clementine McDaniel, the youngest of those siblings was a Daughter, named Margaret. Said Margaret married one Noah Lambert. Margaret was born about 1850 in Davie County, North Carolina. Her parents are mostly listed within the records with the name's Allen and Rebecca. Enter the third part of this dilemma.

### **More Eades and McDaniel Connections Come to Light**

Remember I told you above about my second great Grandfather **William Franklin Eads Sr** who married **Amanda McDaniel**? Now let me take you back to Williams Grandparents and my fourth great Grandparents, **Ezekiel Eades and Polly Barrett**.

Ezekiel and Polly lived in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Polly was the daughter of a Wealthy Southern Planter named **Jonathan Barrett**, my fifth great grandfather. When grandfather Barrett died, in his will he mentioned six children, being the deceased of his daughter Polly Barrett Eades. The first names he mentioned were **Allen McDonald & Becky his Wife**

I was stumped. Who in the heck were these two people? Was Polly previously married to a McDaniel? Was this Becky a daughter of Polly and Ezekiel? In most wills I have seen daughters named as Becky Eades and her husband Allen McDonald but that was not the case in this will, the other four children all bore the surname Eades. So then I knew that I had to find out who this Allen McDonald and Becky his wife were. Over the course of my research I uncovered an 1870 Census for the household of Gilpin Eades and I have a screenshot of that I am including below.

	Dw	Fam	Nar	Age	Sex	Rac	Occ	Rea
Gilpin Eads	10							
	11	74	41	Eades, Gilpin	61	M	W	Farmer
Aldophus Dishman	12							
	13							
	14							
Alfred Daniels	15	45	42	Daniels, Alfred	23	M	W	Worked farm
	16							
	17							
Lewis Daniels	18	46	43	Elamite Lewis	22	M	W	Worked farm
	19							
Beccie Daniels	20							
	21	47	44	Annels, Beccie	34	F	W	Keeping house
	22							
Albert Daniels	23	48	46	Daniels, Albert	21	M	W	Worked farm
	24							
	25							
Thelbert Dishman	26	49	46	Nicholson, Thelbert	21	M	W	Worked farm
	27							
	28							
Laura Eades	29							
Ellis Davis	30	47	44	Davis, Ellis	27	M	W	Worked farm
	31							
	32							

Notice on this page, midway down appears a Beccie Daniels with a daughter named Margaret. Now I was stumped, was this Consadies Mother in Law Rebecca Bart McDaniels or was this Rebecca Eades McDaniels. Could be either one because they are living within close proximity of Gilpin and other family members. Notice also if you will on this page appears an **Albert Daniels** with a wife named **Fannie** and a 7 month

old daughter named **Patsy Daniels**. This Fannie, fits the age bracket of our Consadie, she was 19 years old during this census year, here we have an Albert Daniels, notice in this record they have dropped the Mc off the name and only used Daniels. I haven't yet located a daughter named Patsey for this couple, but they could have had one, if this is them then this is the only documentation aside from Ms Speeces article referenced above that James Allen McDaniel ever used the name Albert.

On this page is also an **Alfred Daniels** with a wife named **Emeline** and a 7 month old daughter named **Rebecca Daniels**. So who is this Alfred Daniels? He does not appear to be the son of Allen McDaniel Sr and Rebecca Bart as I have documented all of their children. So where he comes into play is a mystery to me at this point.

Next we have **Lewis Daniels** and his wife **Rainey Eades** and their 2 year old son **Gilpin Daniels**. Lewis is the son of Allen McDaniel Sr and Rebecca Bart and Rainey is the daughter of Gilpin Eades and named her son after her father.

**Thelbert Dishman** is the son in law of **Gilpin Eades** he married his daughter **Nancy C Eades** their son **Boyden Dishman** is living with them and there is a female in the household named **Laura Eades** said Laura was the Niece of Gilpin Eades, she was the daughter of Gilpens brother **Ezekiel Eades Jr** and his wife **Mary Polly Bowling**

Lastly on the above record is one **Ellis Davis**, who is the son in law of **Gilpin Eades** he married Gilpin's oldest daughter **Lavina Vina Eades**.

### **Are there two Allens? Two Rebecca's? Two Margaret's?**

We know that my Grandmother Amanda's parents were Allen McDaniel Sr and Rebecca Bart and Amanda had a sister named Margaret McDaniel. Then enter this will of Grandfather Jonathan Barrett who mentions and Allen McDonald and his wife Becky? Who are they? If the woman on the 1870 census above listed as Beccie Daniels is my Rebecca Bart McDaniels then that makes sense because she does have a daughter named Margaret, if that isn't her and that is the Rebecca Eades McDonald/McDaniel then she too must have a daughter named Margaret and thats messed up! Now, I must

figure out if this is indeed two separate couples which I am most certain it is, because if not and this is the same couple then it means something entirely different.

1. Polly Barrett was married prior to Jonathan Barrett and had either Allen McDonald by a previous husband and that is why he is mentioned as “children of the deceased daughter Polly Barrett Eades” within the will, it mentions Becky his wife.
2. It appears as though if Becky was her daughter, why not use the name Becky Eades McDonald and her husband Allen. By putting Allens name first it makes one question if he was the child of Polly as opposed to his wife Becky. It would make more sense that Becky was her daughter because then McDonald could have been her married name and we need to find this Becky Eades.

If it's number one out of the two above and Allen McDonald's mother was Polly Barrett and this is the same Allen McDaniel who is also my Great Grandfather that married Rebecca Bart and they are the parents of my Second Great Grandmother Amanda McDaniel Eades then thats really messed up because it's almost like the Ray Stevens song, I'm my own grandpa at this point! Wish me luck as I endeavor to figure this mess out! Until next time, happy hunting!