

Family Group Sheet for Samuel B. McCracken

Husband: Samuel B. McCracken

Birth: 11 Jan 1783 in Rowan Co., North Carolina or PA
 Death: 09 Jul 1835 in Bond Co., IL
 Burial: Will Bond Co., IL
 Marriage: 26 Dec 1807 in Williamson Co., TN
 Father: John L. McCracken
 Mother: Jean Lytle

Wife: Margaret McGuire

Birth: 01 May 1786 in North Carolina
 Death: 05 Jan 1848 in Bond Co., IL
 Father: Alexander (prob) McGuire
 Mother:

Children:

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| 1
M | | Name: Thomas McCracken
Birth: 1808
Death: 02 Oct 1838 in Mississippi |
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| 2
M | | Name: Ephraim McCracken
Birth: 1810
Burial: deceased before May 1856-Shelby Co IL? |
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| 3
? | | Name: Unknown McCracken?
Birth: 1813 |
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| 4
M | | Name: Jonathon Eli McCracken
Birth: 18 Dec 1816 in Maury Co , TN Duck River area
Death: 07 Sep 1896 in Montgomery Co IL
Burial: Minister-Methodist;licensed to exhort at age 16.
Marriage: 03 Aug 1836 in Bond Co., IL
Spouse: Elizabeth Caroline Diamond |
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| 5
F | | Name: June or Eseneth McCracken
Birth: 26 Sep 1820 in TN |
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| 6
F | | Name: Cynthia Jane McCracken
Birth: 09 May 1821 in Montgomery Co., TN
Death: 14 Jan 1900 in Platteville, Grant Co., WI
Burial: Arthur M.E. Cem., Lima Twp., Grant Co., Wisconsin
Marriage: 04 Aug 1836 in Bond Co., IL
Spouse: William Moore Glenn |

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Samuel B. McCracken

WILL OF SAMUEL MC CREAKEN dated 8 July 1835-Mentions his sons Ephraim and Eli McCreaken and his wife Margaret. Witnesses were Thomas Cline and John H. Hunter.

p.300At a Court of Probate held in Greenville in the County of Bond and State of Illinois on the 12th day of September 1835,the instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Samuel McCreaken late of the County of Bond and the State of Illinois, Deceased, wasa brought into Court, and was proven as the Law directs. Ordered that the Last Will be put on record of tyhis court which was done and is as follows, viz-

In the Name of God, Amen: I Samuel McCreaken of the state of Illinois in the County of Bond, being mindful of my mortality do this eighteenth day of July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred

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and Thirty Five; make and publish my Last Will and Testament in manner following: First, I will and bequeath unto my two sons Ephraim and Eli McCreaken my Deeded Land and waggon, to be equally divided; they being bound to pay all my just debts; second unto my Beloved Wife Margret my improvment where I now live also all my household furniture and bedding. Also one cow and Calf; Third unto my son Eli I will and bequeath one Mare and Colt, two yoke of Cattle, also two cows and Calves and farming utensils In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written SAMUEL MCCREAKEN (SEAL)

signed, sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for the Last Will and Testament in our presence who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as the Law directs. Thomas Cline(seal)

John H. Hunter (seal)

p.302 STATE OF ILLINOIS BOND COUNTY The people of the State of Illinois to all whom these presents shall come, greeting-

Know you that whereas Samuel McCreacken Late of the County of Bond and State of Illinois died on or about the day of AD 1835 as it is said, After having duly made and published his Last Will and Testament, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed, and having at the time of his decease personal property in this state which may be lost, destroyed, or diminished in value, if speedy Care be not taken for the same, to the end therefore that the said property may be collected and presented for those who shall appear to have a legal right or Interest therein: We do appoint Ephraim and Eli McCracken of the county of Bond and State of Illinois, Administrators with the Will annexed, of all and Singular the goods, Chattels, Rights, and Credits which were of the said SAMUEL MCCREACKEN at the time of his decease with full authority to secure and Collect the said property and debts wheresoever the same may be found in this state; and in general to do and perform all other acts which now are, or hereafter may required of him by Law-

Witness John Gilmore Judge of the Probate in and for said County of Bond at his office in Greenville this day of AD 1835 John Gilmore Judge of Bond County
From Mrs. Charles Alexander, 903 Myers Avenue, Columbia, Tenn. 38401

DEED IN BOND COUNTY ILLINOIS p.128 28 Day Feb 1834 Recorded July 28, 1835

A. STEWART and wife to S.M. McCRACKEN

for \$120.00 -Alexander Stewart and his wife Nancy of Bond County, Illinois to Samuel McCracken of the same-

the west half of the south east quarter of Section No. 20 T6N R2W Edwardsville District Land Office 80 acres .

SEE Notes on Ephraim McCracken son of Samuel:

"-it appears that EPHRAIM was the first of the name in this county, and that SAMUEL did not come until 1814, so it seems to indicate that he did possibly move here, possibly from Williamson. He lived in the northern part of Maury Co., so not far from Williamson Co."

"You will note from Deed Book 2 A/282 that SAMUEL sold his land in June, 1832 to William Bobbitt, so that is likely the time that he moved to Illinois.

"If you know that SAMUEL was born in 1783, the older McCrackens in Maury and Williamson could have been his brothers and sisters: JOHN, EPHRAIM, JANE, AND ROBERT. Also too old to have been his children were:JENNY, possibly POLLY, AND SALLEY. We know from his will that JOSEPH G. was the son of EPHRAIM. Was EPHRAIM the brother of SAMUEL?"

0/171 -21 Nov 1821, George Mitchell to SAMUEL McCRACKEN, both of Maury, for sum of \$32.50, 26 a. on Beech Creek, a branch of Snow Creek of Duck River, beginning on the military line. Wit. JOSEPH G. McCRACKEN, Asa (x) Olwin (?)

0/172 - 6 Mar.1830, George Mitchell to SAMUEL McCRACKEN, both of Maury, for sum of \$10.61 a. on Snow Creek, a branch of Cold Beech Creek, joining EPHRAIM McCRACKEN and SAMUEL McCRACKEN. Wit.: David Mitchell, EPHRAIM McCRACKEN.

0/245 - 2 Jan 1830, Willis Jones to SAMUEL McCRACKEN, both of Maury, for sum of \$10, 49 a. on Beech Creek, joining SAMUEL McCRACKEN, George Mitchell, and Josua Williams.

2 a/275 - 18 June 1832, SAMUEL McCRACKEN of Maury to William Bobbitt of same place, 136 a. on Beech Creek, a branch of Snow Creek, beginning on the military line, joining Williams. Wit.: EPHRAIM McCRACKIN, Thomas BROOKS, THOMAS McCRACKIN."

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P/312 - 15 Oct., 1830 MILESS McCracken, to Hugh Tomlinson, both of Maury, for \$20, 35 a. on Hurricane Fork of Snow Creek, joining Jacob Segraves S.W. corner, whereon Robert Dorsey now lives, James R. Maetin's E. boundary, and the N.W. corner of James R. Martin's second entry, whereon JAMES McCracken now lives. Also joins Robert Gaskill. Land was Grant #8166 from State of Tenn. To MILAS McCracken, Wit.: Joseph Herndon, SAMUEL McCrackin.

ORDER FOR PHOTOCOPIES CONCERNING VETERAN

Receipt No. 10203 date 10-23-67 File Designation Samuel McCracken 4 Rgt(Slule's) West Tenn., Mil. 1812

Know all men by these presents, that I SAM'L MC CRACKEN of Maury County and State of Tennessee for divers causes and considerations me thereunto moving have made, ordained, authorized, nominated, and appointed, and do by these presents, make, ordain, authorize, nominate, and appoint CHAPMAN WHITE of WILLIAMSON County and State of Tennessee, my true and lawful ATTORNEY for me and in my name and for my own proper use, to ask, demand, and sue for, recover, and receive of-----District Paymaster or the State of Tennessee all such sum or sums of money, debts or demands whatsoever which are now due and owing unto me the said SAMUEL McCracken by and from the United States for my services Rendered in Capt. Robt. Campbell's Company from the day of 1814 to the ----- day of 1814 as per my certificate as per my certificate of service herewith. . . .whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of September 1815.

Witness present
M.C.D.E.Ray

STATE OF TENNESSEE Williamson County

This day personally appeared before me David Mason one of the acting Justices of the Peace of Williamson County, Saml McCracken and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney for the purposes therein mentioned and acknowledged and subscribed in presence of me. Given under my hand this twenty second day of Sept 1815 D. Mason

Evelyne McCracken assumed the Samuel who served in the War of 1812 with Andrew Jackson in Tenn was our Samuel since he lived in Maury County and this attorney was from Williamson County. Samuel reportedly came to Bond County to serve in the Black Hawk War but Evelyne found no record of this service.

'I have the military record for a Samuel McCracken who served as a private in the Militia of Tennessee against the Creek Indians in Col. Robert Steele's Company under the command of Major General Andrew Jackson - War of 1812 - from jan 23 to May 10, 1814. Samuel McCracken appointed as attorney from Williamson County, Tennessee.

"Samuel MCC came to Illinois in 1832.

There is a reference from the Centennial Publication Columbia, Maury Co., Tn. 1906 - page 143: "Santa Fe and Snow Creek, 11 miles west of Columbia, Maury Co., TN was settled in 1806-1810 by McCracken and others. Santat Fe was called "Pin Hook" in early times, but re-named Santa Fe about 1846."

"I need to prove this is my Samuel McCracken"

FOUND IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, DC.,

John McCracken

McCracken, John Clear Creek
Foot Soldier June 7th, A.D. 1766

A Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Adadm Alexander Esq. officers: Lt. Chas. Polk, Ensign James Harris, Sgt. Thos. McFadden, Sgt. William Blair, Sgt. John Ford, Corp. Jno Culbertson.

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Where is Clear Creek and is this the right date?

Is he the one who married a Miss _____ Lytle and became the father of Samuel McCracken born in Rowan County, N.C.?

From the Record of Commissioners of Officers in the Tennessee Militia - 1796 -1811 Vol. I
Page 119 - Maury County Regt lists a Samuel McCrackin, Lt. 1st Regiment Sept 28, 1808.

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"While searching in the St. Louis Library at one time, one of the helpers brought me a book and I found a passage stating that a Maryland Regiment had been ordered to help quell a riot in Lancaster Pa. This could be when John met Jean. I wanted to copy this passage but all the copy machines were in use and my group was leaving so I had to skip it.

Samuel McCracken was supposed to be a blacksmith, coming to Illinois from Tenn. with James, the hatter, in 1832 and settled near Vandalia, Ill. They came to fight in the Black Hawk War in 1832 which was from April to Sept. of 1832.

Shortly after Samuel arrived, he became ill and I don't think he fought in the Black Hawk War. At least, I haven't found a record.

I wrote to the Library of Wilmington, N.C. for information about John McCracken. They sent me this:

"Only two McCrackens are mentioned in North Carolina Colonial Records:

James, a tailor - Vol. 15 - page 357

John, in the militia - Vol. 22, page 395

These two are also mentioned in the DAR Roster No. 730, Salisbury District.

According to Mrs. Hazel McDaniels, there were 2 Ephriams. One Ephriam had five wives and 24 children. He lived in Mississippi. Ephriam is sometimes spelled "Ephraim".

Samuel served in the War of 1812 under Major Gen. Andrew Jackson from Maury Co., Tenn."

from Hazel McDaniel
231 Georgia
Clarksville, Tenn.

Elkton, Missouri
September 27, 1896

Mr. Joseph McCracken
Henningdon, Tenn.

Dear Cousin:

I proceed to answer yours of the 21th of July. My father's name was Thomas. His father's name was Ephraim. (note: this is thought by his relatives to have been an error since he was quite old at this time. His Nephew claims John was Thomas's father.) And he fell off of a house and caused his death in Rowan County, N.C. He had two brothers and one sister come from the north of Ireland to pennsylvania, the first of the settlers of that country.

My father had six brothers and two sisters. Their names were John (he died in Hickman County, Tenn.); Ephraim (died in Mississippi); Joseph (in Tennessee). My father who comes next was born in N.C. in 1788 and moved to Williamson County, Tenn., in 1807 and lived there 35 years and moved to Polk

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County, Mo. And died at the age of 82 with cancer.

James was a hatter; Sam, a blacksmith. They went from Tenn. to Ill. About 67 years ago. Robert lived in Franklin, the county west of the above county. He was a hatter by trade. Sallie was the next child; she married a man by the name of Wesson and lived in Penn. To the age of 100 and died in Indiana. She was the mother of 12 children. Jennie married a man by the name of Croucher; he was a Tanner. They had no children.

Thomas, my father, had 13 children - ten boys and three girls and they are all dead except three girls and their names were: John, Robert, Samuel, Nathaniel, James, Miles, Ephraim, Albert Deeter??? Three girls and one boy Joseph and he is six feet three inches.
Gold Bug.

I married a Tenn. girl by the name of Cates and her father was from N.C.; his name was Ranson. We had eleven children - 8 boys and the writer is the oldest of them. (note his son did the writing.) The boys are all living-two of the girls are dead. I am 83 years old the 17th of Oct.

Hoping this will be of interest to you, you will please write again.

I am your affectionate cousin -

Nathaniel McCracken

Written by J.N. McCracken
Of ----valley, Mo. ?????
Polk Co.

U.S. CENSUS OF ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. 1790

McCracken, Samuel 1 male and 1 female in hh (Third Creek area)
James 3 males and 6 females in hh (Third Creek area)
John 8 males and 3 females in hh (Third Creek area)

E MCC-You have this but I wanted it here for easy reference if necessary). I also included possibly some other items that you have, just to have them for handy reference, and under a single cover.

An old letter from a relative: "Samuel B. McCracken, a Blacksmith, came to Illinois from Maury Co., TN (Duck River area) with his brother James, a hatter, in 1832 and settled near Vandalia Illinois. They came to fight in the Black Hawk War."

From HISTORY OF TEXAS AND TEXANS 1916 Vol 3 p 1249 and Vol 4 page 1650 it is learned that Samuel McCracken born in NC was of sturdy Scots ancestry and of a race that was a large factor in winning freedom of the colonies.

He was a settler in Tennessee in the days when to hold land meant a continual conflict with Indians and the fighting blood of his forefathers was strongly marked in Samuel for when the Black Hawk War broke out he determined to move to Illinois that he might become a participant. It was in 1832 that Samuel McCracken came to Illinois with his family and settled near Vandalia (end of excerpt)

Information furnished by C.A.McCracken of Kingville? TX and records from Eli's Bible.

Jonathon Eli McCracken was son of Samuel McCracken born in Maury Co TN 16 Dec 1816. He married first a Diamond and their children were: Lytle, Samuel, and John. He married secondly Martha Susan Nall in 1856 and their children were: Joseph Erp born 15 Aug 1864, Will H. born 1868 Fayette Co., whose descendents lived in Kingville TX

Several researchers believe the lineage is from John L. McCracken to Ephraim to Samuel B. or P. There were two Samuel McCracken's living side by side in Rowan N.C. there is a note to see a letter from Mrs. Emma Sanderson who wrote that her grandfather Eli or Jonathon Eli came to Illinois at the age of 19 bringing his mother and two sisters, Cynthia and Sena or Cena. If Samuel went to Illinois in 1832 and Jonathan Eli was born in 1816, he would have been 16 when his father left Tennessee, and no doubt he followed in a few years with his mother and sisters.

Samuel's Birthdate from Bible Record of relatives which stated he was born Rowan County NC. Evelyne

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was not positive he was not the son of Ephraim McCracken. Evelyn decided middle initial was B. not P.

Eveleyne McCracken's notes say "There were no births for 1783 - so I put Samuel into that slot. I feel everybody lost track of Samuel when he came to Illinois. Since Ephraim was Bondsman when Samuel and Magaret McGuire married, I feel this is right."

This is on Samuel's 1812 Military record: I certify that Samuel McCracken a private in my company of the Militia has served on an expedition against the Creek Indians under the command of Major Gen. Andrew Jackson three months and fifteen days and is hereby honorably discharged./s/ robert steele c/c/ of the regiment. MNV Alexander Glenn was named as one of the appraisers of Samuel's will in 1835. MNV

Date: 10/4/99 12:15:05 AM

Good to make your acquaintance! I have been in touch with Tom several times recently and have a copy of the pages pertaining to my immediate part of the line. I have agreed to review it for him. Unfortunately, before Labor Day, my paternal grandmother became ill and needed to be hospitalized. She is 84 and was sent home too early from the local hospital but was living at my parents. After 2 days, she had some additional problems and ended up in one of the Springfield hospitals. As the family nurse, you can guess who gets to intervene with the MD's. She was there most of a week and then went back to my parents. She decided to sell her home and move to the Senior citizen apartments in Greenville. We have just completed that move and this weekend finished cleaning out the remainder of her belongings. To make a long story short, I have read the pages Tom sent but have not had time to actually sit down and review it against any of my info. He mentioned to me that he thought he had found a link with our James in Washington Co, Il. and I intended to do a little research from this end but haven't been able to do that either. When do you anticipate being in this area again?? Where do you live? I understand we have a relative in Rockford (per my Uncle, Ivan McCracken) and/or "some where" near Chicago (Dean Anthony's description). Are you that person??? If so, I have to travel to Rockford in about 2 weeks for my job and will be in Chicago at the end of the month. I could possibly meet you. That may help.

It is fairly obvious from the tone of your note that you have been in touch with the Anthony's of the Bond County Geneology Society. I would appreciate it if you didn't take what you have been told to heart. Dean mentioned when I took some papers/file to him over Labor Day that someone wanted to see Evelyne's work but would never tell me who it was (hence my reference to "somewhere near Chicago"). I ask him to get me a name and I would do whatever I could to help but he remained very evasive. Unfortunately, my experiences with this man have not been pleasant and I've come to be a little suspicious of what he says to the point of doubting that anyone really wanted to see Evelyne's work. I find his story changes to fit his needs. If it weren't for the fact that he has been hassling my Uncle over Evelyne's papers, I would have given him a piece of my mind along with the papers that were returned!!! (Probably that good ol' Scotch-Irish blood getting stirred up. It's the German-Irish from my Dad's side that makes it boil over.!) Evelyne is my mothers 1st cousin. I have known her all my life and I am in total awe of the amount of work she has done. It has given me a new level of respect for her work and insight into her life. I too, have attempted to go over her papers trying to decide if there is anything there she might have over looked. Unfortunately, as a novice, it could jump out and hit me and I might still overlook something! I will gladly help in any way that I can even though I don't have nearly as much of her work as I'm sure you have been lead to believe. Please contact me to let me know when/if we might meet. I can be reached at the email address or:

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From: ken@engr.orst.edu (Ken McCracken)

To: mmszum@aol.com

Marilyn-

Just a note to introduce myself. Bob McCracken gave me your address. Our Grandfather's were brothers, and he's been feeding me a lot of info he's collected about our family. Until I met him, I didn't even know I had any family!

Bob also mentioned you are working with Evelyn McCracken to gather some more things. I wanted to let you know that if there might be anything I can do, I hope you'll not hesitate to ask.

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6. SAMUEL B.2 MC CRACKEN (JOHN1) was born 11 Jan 1783 in ROWAN CO NC, and died 9 Jul 1835 in BOND CO IL (WILL 8 JULY 1835). He married MARGARET MC GUIRE 26 Dec 1807 in WILLIAMSON CO TN.

Notes for SAMUEL B. MC CRACKEN:

ANCESTOR OF Miss Evelyne L. McCracken, 211 Vine, Greenville, IL 62246, who has done considerable research of this and other lines. (JMc'93)

Children of SAMUEL MC CRACKEN and MARGARET MC GUIRE are:

29. i. EPHRIAM3 MCCRACKEN, b. 1809; d. Bef. 1850.
- ii. THOMAS MCCRACKEN, b. 1812.
- iii. CYNTHIA A. MCCRACKEN, b. 1814; d. MADISON CO IL; m. WILLIAM GLENN.
- iv. JUNE MCCRACKEN, b. Abt. 1816.
30. v. JONATHAN ELI MCCRACKEN, b. 18 Dec 1816; d. 7 Sep 1896, MONTGOMERY CO IL (TRAYLOR CEM).
- vi. ???MCCRACKEN, b. Abt. 1818.

7. ROBERT M.2 MC CRACKEN (JOHN1) was born 18 Oct 1785 in ROWAN CO NC, and died 31 Aug 1866 in OAK HILL CEM, CARROLL CO TN. He married (1) TENNY PRIEST. He married (2) CYNTHIA LASHEE 6 Apr 1809 in MAURY CO OR CARROLL CO TN.

Children of ROBERT MC CRACKEN and CYNTHIA LASHEE are:

- i. <UNNAMED>3.
- ii. <UNNAMED>.
31. iii. WILLIAM L. MCCRACKEN, b. Oct 1841; d. 1919, OAK HILL CEM. CARROLL CO TN.
32. iv. LYCURGUS MCCRACKEN, b. 1843.
33. v. JOSEPH(US) R. MCCRACKEN, b. 11 Jul 1845; d. 8 May 1926, OAK HILL CEM,

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CARROLL CO TN.

8. JENNIE (JANE)2 MC CRACKEN (JOHN1) was born 1790. She married JOHN (CRUTCHER) CROUCHER 10 Dec 1810 in MAURY CO TN.

Child of JENNIE MC CRACKEN and JOHN CROUCHER is:

i. NO3 ISSUE.

TomMc813: Well I dont think they ever actually lived on the Duck. Sam and Ephraim lived on a tributary of a tributary of the Duck at Santa Fe. That is they lived on Beech Creek, a tributary of Snow Creek, which is a tributary of the Duck.

Franklin is about 7 miles to Leipers Fork, Sam's home until 1814, and then about another 10 miles to Santa Fe. Maury is the county where Santa Fe is. Franklin is in Williamson Co. UM: I didn't start that research and it is hard for me to keep it straight. Mary Nan did that research with Evelyne.

TomMc813: Marilyn, glad to talk later but my wife is waiting for me to walk the dog with her. I need to run. Talk with you soon. Tom

MMSZUM: And the descriptions are tied to our Samuel really well? That would really help!! Can you share them with me?

MMSZUM: oh, I see. Ok have a nice walk.

1792-Father, John McCracken, died in Rowan County, NC when Sam was aged 9;

1800-Rowan County, NC Census Sam is now 17. Only hh name is reported but based on children's ages, SAm may be living with his oldest bro John as one of the two males reported age 16-26

1804-Abt this time, SAm left Rowan County, NC for Williamson County TN. ne Franklin. Most of his brothers selled in or about Franklin. In 1817, there is a land reference to SAmuel's property near Leaper's Fork of the West Harpeth River (Williamson COunty) and his property is noted adjacent to property of Thomas H. Benton. Benton became a proiminent politician in Missouri and his Tennessee home has an historical market noting its location.

1807-Dec 26-Sam age 24, married Margaret McGuire in Williamson Co TN. Margaret was born 5/1/1786 and died 1-5-1848 in Illinois. Initially they lived in the Leiper's Fork area west of the town of Franklin, (per the land records) but later they lived nr Beech Creek, a tributary of Snow Creek of the Duck River in what is now called Santa Fe Tenn. Children

- 1) Thomas b c 1808
- 2) Ephraim b c 1810
- 3) Unknown Daughter b c 1813
- 4) Jonathan Eli b 12/18/1816
- 5) Cynthia Jane born 9 May 1821
- 6) June Esseneth born c 1823-reported to have died abt age 44 yrs but still alive in 1870 w/Jno Eli but may have died c that yr

Subj: Re: IM

Date: 3/7/02 2:26:27 AM !!!First Boot!!!

From: LaVerne_Chastain@msn.com (LAVERNE CHASTAIN)

To: MMSZUM@aol.com (Marilyn)

Marilyn I am such a novice at this including AIM and e-mailing that I never know if I make a mistake or have done something unbelievable. Please don't apologize because I have no idea what you are talking about.

I am working with Ken, NellRita, and Bob with Jill's help to find everything we can about the John Lytle lineage. Not just charts but pictures, stories, here-says, etc. I want to collect all of it and type or have it set in type and bound for each one of us.

One little story is like that of Margaret McCracken -- John Lytle's wife. These four had heard this. I believe I have more items and stories than any of them about those two. But anyway Margaret wore a big apron in her later years. She carried a pistol under it or in a pocket. She was known as a terror. She didn't like Methodist people and above all she didn't like Methodist preacher in Springfield. He called often and she told him not to call on the family. The last time he called he went to the back door. Margaret came out the

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door and shot her pistol in the air. Well, the Methodist preacher never came back. Funny little story. I can't prove it. My mom tells this story and she said my dad told her. Well I did ask an old cousin in the 1960's she has been dead since 1974. She verified it.

So, I hope we can get this off the ground.
Take care. LaVerne

U.S. CENSUS OF ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. 1790

McCracken, Samuel 1 male and 1 female in hh (Third Creek area) 1-0-1
James 3 males and 6 females in hh (Third Creek area) 1-2-6
John 8 males and 3 females in hh (Third Creek area) 3-5-3

Cynthia says she was born in Montgomery County TN 1821 but on the 1820 I hand viewed the entire county on Ancestry.com and found no McCracken's.

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1830 Maury Co Tn p 404 Samuel McCracken 0002101-0200001 THIS IS HIM AND IT FITS THE CHILDREN INCLUDING CYNTHIA AND ESENETH , JNO ELI AND EPHRAIM AND THOMAS.

In 1840 Samuel is deceased and Margaret is on the census in Bond County near Ephraim and Eli. With a daughter 15-20. This would be Eseneth who was handicapped. She lived with Jno Eli family one year and Wm and Cynthia another after her mother and dad had died. By 1840 Cynthia was married and out of parents hh.

there is a note to see a letter from Mrs. Emma Sanderson who wrote that her grandfather Eli or Jonathon Eli came to Illinois at the age of 19 bringing his mother and two sisters, Cynthia and Sena or Cena. If Samuel went to Illinois in 1832 and Jonathan Eli was born in 1816, he would have been 16 when his father left Tennessee, and no doubt he followed in a few years with his mother and sisters.

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Samuel McCracken Orange Co NC 1820 000201-10011 (This does not match what our traditon says happened but it comes close to fitting the family sheet....

1830 Wayne Co IL., Saml McCracken 000101001-000100001

There was no Samuel there in 1820 that I found...there was there a Saml in Orange Co NC in 1830. Age 70-80 Born say 1750 so not him. 00010000001-000010001 shows a son 15-20 so born say 1815-1810 dau 20-30 so born 1800-1810 so not right for Cynthia. Nor Eseneth. Another in Orange Co NC North District says age

/Robert MCCRACKEN b: WFT Est. 1668-1697 d: WFT Est. 1722-1782

/John MCCRACKEN b: 1719 d: 1792

Samuel MCCRACKEN b: 11 JAN 1783 d: 9 JUL 1835

| /Ephraim Lytle SR. b: 1680 d: WFT Est. 1718-1771

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| /Ephirm LYTLE b: 1714 d: 1 JAN 1776
\\??? JANE b: WFT
\\Jean LYTLE b: ABT. 1736 d: WFT Est. 1787-1831
\\??? JENNET b: WFT Est. 1696-1722 d: WFT Est. 1747-1810

Relationship Notes for Samuel B. McCracken and Margaret McGuire

WILLIAMSON CO., TENN. Mar.Records Early Williamson County, Tennessee.
McGuire, Margaret to Samuel McCracken 12/26/1807, [Wj]

Margaret McGuire

Thelma M. McCulley 217-483-3636 POB #11 Chatham, IL 62629-0011
Jackson McGuire who married Lucinda Sellars in Bond Co 4 Mar 1841 her gr grand parents
and she asked Evelyne if her Jackson and our Margaret are related-both of Bond Co.

This Indenture made 23 Feb 1841 between Eli McCracken of the County of Bond and State of Illinois of the
One Part, Marget McCracken of the County of Bond and State aforesaid of and in consideration of the sum
of one hundred seventy five dollars

1830 Tennessee > Maury > Not Stated > 171 Samuel McCracken 0002101-0200001 Ephraim is nrby
both Sam and Margt 40-50
1 son Thomas
2 sons Jno Eli and Ephraim
2 dau Cynthia and Cena

1840 Bond County ILL Margt McCracken -00010001 aged 50-60 female 15-20 (Sena)

Thomas McCracken

no further information.

Ephraim McCracken

Subj: Re: Sam McCracken-(the other one)
Date: 8/30/99 7:31:39 PM Central Daylight Time
From: TomMc813
To: MMSZUM

Dear Cousin Marilyn,

We definitely are cousins of the same family. I descend from an Ephraim McCracken, son of Samuel.
Samuel had three sons but one apparently did not marry. Evelyn was descended from Sam's other son, J.
Eli. Evelyn is really my mentor as she got me interested in genealogy over 25 years ago. Much of the early
family history on Samuel came from Evelyn and much is not documented.

By the way, I think that Sam's brother James of Washington County is different from the James McCracken
who married the Houchins and for whom the Kentucky county was named. I just got a letter today from one
of his descendents and I still have only glanced at it. I can explain more later.

Wisconsin ? no wonder I couldn't find Bill and Cynthia !

I am very confident on the parentage of Samuel being John and Jean (or Jane) McCracken, but it is not
written in stone. One of the best sources is an 1895 letter written by Nathaniel McCracken, even though the
letter says that Ephraim was the father of the noted children.

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I did not mention the two sisters only because I have so little about them. I believe Jane was first born about 1769 and may have married twice but with no children. I have searched hard for Sarah but every trail has been a dead end.

I have no data on whether there might have been a third brother to John, and Joseph. I have wondered about a Thomas who lived near a John McCracken in Lancaster, Pa. I believe that this Lancaster John McC. married a Jean Lytle at Mount Joy, Pa., but concluded that it was not our family due in part to the fact that there was an unknown Thomas living so close to John. I would love to hear your thoughts.

I have traced the families of all 7 brothers and found living descendents of all except Robert. My book has grown to over 160 pages. As I think I mentioned I am rewriting it to include the James line and other new information I have recently found.

It will be a little while before I can send a copy to you (I don't charge) but I will be pleased to continue discussing any ideas you have.

By the way, tonight I also received an email from another cousin. Her name is Christine Carver and she is a descendent Samuel also through J. Eli line.

I look forward to continuing our discussions. It's always exciting to find another person interested in the family and someone I can bounce ideas off of.

Best wishes.

Cousin Tom in Virginia.

Whereas at May Term AD 1856 of the Shelby Circuit Court held in the Town of Shelbyville in Shelby County, Illinois on the second Monday in May a Petition duly notified in all respects according to law setting forth the necessity and propriety of selling certain real estate belonging to Mary E. McCracken and Ephraim A. McCracken marked and described as follows: To Wit: The South East Quarter of the South West Quarter and the South West Quarter of the South West Quarter all in Section 20 T 6 N and R 2 W in Said County of Bond was by me as guardian of said Minors presented to the said Court praying for an order from said Court enabling me to sell said real estate for the education and Support of said Minors, and to be invested in other Real Estate for the interest of said Minors; and whereas on hearing of the said petition, and the proofs in support thereof, an order was there and then granted, by said court and entered on Record in the words and figures following To Wit:-

JANE A. VOSBURY, Guardian for)

Mary E. McCracken and) decree on petition to sell Land

Ephraim A. McCracken)

On this day came the Said Jane A. Vosbury Guardian for Mary E. MCCRACKEN and Ephraim A. MCCRACKEN, and by her Attorney presents her Petition praying the Court for a Decree for the Sale of Certain Lands and it appearing to the Court that Jane A. VOSBURG had been duly appointed by the County Court of Shelby County, Illinois, Guardian for Mary E. McCracken and Ephraim A. McCracken, that said minors are the children and heirs of one Ephraim McCracken, who is now deceased and that the said children are the owners in fee simple by inheritance from their said father, Ephraim McCracken to the following land lying in the County of Bond and State of Illinois. To Wit: The South East quarter of the southwest quarter being 40 acres and the southwest quarter of the south west quarter being forty acres all in the Section 21 (Twenty-one) Township Six North Range Two West, and the north half of the west half of the south east quarter of Section 20 in Township 6 North Range Two West containing 40 acres, and it appearing to the court that the said minors have no means or personal property for their support or education other than the Lands aforesaid and that there is a small farm a claim on the said land that these improvements are going to decay and that it would be better for the interest of the Said minors to sell the Lands at this time and invest the same in other Real Estate, retaining enough to educate and support the said minors until their maturity, it is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the said court that the said Jane A. Vosbury, Guardian as aforesaid to sell the aforesaid premises on a credit of six and twelve months and that said sale shall take place on the premises and that she give previous notice of the time and place and conditions of said sale by posting up notices of the same in two of the most public places in the County of Bond and two Public Places in the County of Shelby and the State of Illinois for four weeks in

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succession next proceeding the day of the sale and that the use so much of the proceeds of the said sale as shall be necessary for the support of the said minors and invest the remainder of it in other Real Estate as she shall think best for the interest of said minors, that she execute the necessary Deed to the Purchaser of the Said premises and take personal security and a Mortgage of the premises to secure the payment of the purchase money and that she act strictly in accordance with the Statutes in such case made and provided and that she report her proceedings to the next term of this Court at this cause in continuance. And whereas I, Jane A. Vosbury as such Guardian and in pursuance of said Decree did at and on said premises on the first day of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six: Between the hours of ten o'clock A.M. and 5 O'Clock P.M. of said day offer & Sell to Frederick Aul he being the highest and best bidder therefore for the following named portion of the aforesaid lands for the sum of sixty Dollars

Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Jane A. Vosbury as such Guardian for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law have granted, bargained, and sold, released and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto the said Frederick Aul all the right, title and interest of said Mary E. McCracken and Ephriam A. McCracken in and to all that certain piece or lot of Land in the County of Bond and State of Illinois, described as follows, to wit: The South East quarter of the north half, of the west half, of the south east quarter of section twenty in Twp 6 N R 2 West, containing 10 acres be the same more or less. Together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. To Have and to hold the said land to the said Frederick Aul his heirs and assigns to and for their use and behoof forever, and I the said Jane A. Vosbury covenant with the said Frederick Aul, that I have strictly complied with the conditions of said decree and in all things observed the note and directions of the Law in Said Sale and In Testimony whereof the Said Jane A. Vosbury as Guardian as aforesaid have hereunto set her hand and seal this 11th day of September A.D. 1856

JANE A. VOSBURY (SEAL)

State of Illinois

Shelby County Be it remembered that on this 11th day of September A.D. 1856 before me, Isaac V. Lee Clerk of the Circuit Court of Said County of Shelby and State of Illinois came Jane A. Vosbury personally known to me to be the Real Person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed, and acknowledged to me that she signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Shelbyville the day and year last above written. Isaac V. Lee Clerk

Recorded Jany 7th 1859

Alex Kelsoe Clerk

Date: 4/22/00 8:58:39 AM Central Daylight Time

From: TomMc813

To: MMSZUM, ccarver@cillnet.com, jmc@microcore.net

Dear Marilyn,

Received your note on the land sale for the children: Ephraim Asa and Mary E. McCracken. (Sorry for slow reply, I have been in New York for the past week.) I believe that Jane A. Vosbury is Jane A. Oliver who married Ephraim McCracken, son of Samuel in Maury Co. Tenn. Ephraim died about 1846 from typhoid fever at only age 33. Thereafter, wife Jane disappears for several years (at least I can't find her). She is not reported in the 1850 census and I have checked multiple states. She next surfaces (according to son Ephraim's obituary) in 1854 when mother and children moved to Shelbyville. Jane later dies there in 1858. I assume that Jane remarried to a Mr. Vosbury sometime between 1847 and 1855 when Jane A. Vosbury is named guardian for the children. It has always puzzled me why the mother would have to be named guardian of her own children, but others have told me that it was a legal requirement. (See pages 174 to 177 of my latest history.) There still are several puzzles to solve however. Where was Jane and family after Ephraim died? I can't find a marriage certificate either, but I presume if we ever find Jane's location in the 1850 census, that is where we will find the marriage to Vosbury. It is interesting to note that Mary's headstone at the Glenwood Cemetery in Shelbyville is in the name of Jane A. Oliver, and she is buried near her parents and her children. No mention of Vosbury at all. Maybe the marriage to Vosbury was not a good one. See you later.

Tom

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29. EPHRIAM3 MCCRACKEN (SAMUEL B.2 MC CRACKEN, JOHN1) was born 1809, and died Bef. 1850. He married JANE OLIVAR 29 Dec 1831, daughter of ASA OLIVAR.

Child of EPHRIAM MCCRACKEN and JANE OLIVAR is:

- i. EPHRIAM ASA4 MCCRACKEN, b. Abt. 1849; m. ELNORIA A. MOSE.

Unknown McCracken?

1830 Tennessee > Maury > Not Stated > 171 Samuel McCracken 0002101 0200001

Samuel is 40-50

and Margaret is same;

1 m 20-30 2 m 15-20 2 5-10

Jonathon Eli McCracken

Family Bible gives lineage according to Evelyne McCracken.

"Licensed to exhort at age 16 in Duck River area, TN."

Obit in Greenville Advocate: McCracken--Rev.Eli McCracken born in Tennessee, Dec. 18, 1816; was converted July 28, 1830, and united with the Church, with which organization he has been identified ever since. He was licensed to exhort at the age of twenty, and to preach a short time after. Bro. McCracken died 7 Sept 1896. More than sixty-six years of his life were spent in the service of the Master. Truly a good man has gone to his reward. He was a great sufferer during the last year of his life yet noone heard him utter a word of complaint. He was always ready to give a word of exhortion to those who came to minister to his needs. He lived to see all his family converted, and several of them have felt their call to the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal and Free Methodist Churches. He leaves a wife and five sons. O.L. York.
Coffeen, Illinois

1840 Bond County Illinois

Eli McCracken 10001-00001

Ephraim Mccracken 010001-10001

Moses Adams 100001-011011

Wm M Glenn 10001-0001

Margt McCracken 0-00010001 (age 60-70)

Philip Moore 121001-10101

Frdk Grigg 111001-100001

Samuel Grigg 210001-1100101001

1850 CENSUS BOND COUNTY ILLINOIS Eli McReaken 32 TN

Elizabeth C. 30 ILL

Sarah 27 TN

Samuel W. 10 TN

John W. 8 ILL

Ephraim S. 6 ILL

1860 Census Bond Co, Illinois p 135 Greenville

101 Eli McCracken 45 m farmer 1800 550 TN

Susan 38 f IL

John 18 m farm hand IL

Lyttle E. 16 m farm hand IL

Van Cleave 5 m IL

Martha F 12 f IL

Thomas E 1 m IL

Esseneth 38 f sister TN

30. JONATHAN ELI3 MCCRACKEN (SAMUEL B.2 MC CRACKEN, JOHN1) was born 18 Dec 1816, and died 7 Sep 1896 in MONTGOMERY CO IL (TRAYLOR CEM). He married (1) ELIZABETH DIAMOND. He

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married (2) MARTHA NALL.

Notes for JONATHAN ELI MCCRACKEN:

HAD TEN CHILDREN, 3 SONS OF THEM SONS WHO SERVED IN THE UNION ARMY
BUR MONTGOMERY CO IL, TRAYLOR, CEM

More About JONATHAN ELI MCCRACKEN:

Comment 1: LIVED, MONTGOMERY CO IL 1874

Occupation: METHODIST MINISTER

Residence: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Children of JONATHAN MCCRACKEN and ELIZABETH DIAMOND are:

- i. JOHN WESLEY4 MCCRACKEN.
47. ii. EPHRIAM ASA MCCRACKEN, d. Bef. 1850, MONTGOMERY CO (?) IL.

Philip Moore

June or Eseneth McCracken

Sena was said to be a mite slow, but a very sweet person according to her father.
probably died in Bond or Montgomery Co, Illinois. She never married and may have been retarded.

In 1860 she was in Jno Eli's hh.

Esseneth age 38 TN

Cynthia Jane McCracken

Subj: (no subject)

Date: 8/31/99 7:34:09 PM Central Daylight Time

From: TomMc813

To: MMSZUM

Hi Marilyn,

I took a look at my early notes and found that all my references about Cynthia being the daughter of Sam comes from Evelyn, and apparently in turn from Mrs. McDaniel, but I find no specific evidence. I do believe the info is correct but now I guess I need to look harder for proof. Do you have the birth and death dates for her ?

By the way, do you know who has Evelyn's notes ? I suspect it is Ivan McCracken who is not interested in genealogy and has been unwilling to answer my inquiries. I have just begun a correspondence with his niece, Christine Carver, who is interested.

In regard to Ephraim, yes, i do have a copy of the will if you mean Ephraim, son of John and Jean. Not to confuse you but there are two more Ephraims in the Samuel line, Ephraim son of Sam, and Ephraim Asa, son of Ephraim, and my great grand father.

As so the James line, I would have to go to my notes to give a good argument, but the jist is that the Clinton/Bond County James McC. was born in 1814 in Clinton Co. Ill., at a time when I am sure the James McCracken family was still in Williamson County, TN. The James McC. family is still reported there in the 1820 census. Also his grandfather was also named James, and it should be John.

I think our James moved from Maury Co. in 1833 with the Goodner family, and possibly even Samuel, although I think it is more likely Sam left as early as 1832. James had a son named Miles who married into the Goodner family and I think both the McCracken and Goodner families moved to Washington County, Illin. in 1833. In the 1840 census, there is a James McC. of the right age (50-60) living next to a Thomas M. McCracken, who I believe is James other son. Both sons married into the Goodner family. I am still working

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on this line and hope to have more info soon.

About the John and Jean in Lancaster, Pa. They may very well be our family but I am just not sure. I think I found and reported this link to Evelyn in the early 1970s (although Evelyn may have just been letting the kid think he found something). I remember returning from the Harrisburg Pa library and calling Evelyn with the news. In any case there are two problems: one is the fact that there is an unknown Thomas McC. living next to this John. Maybe he is our Johns brother, either in addition to or in place of Joseph. However the biggest problem is that this John (and thomas) appear to be taxables presumably adults in Lancaster Co. as early as 1730 and maybe 1720. Since John and Jean were still having children into the mid-1780s, this just seems to much. Like I say in my history, we McCrackens are good but are we that good! However, you may also know that there is a list of taxables in Rowan Co NC in 1787 that lists what appears to be our John and it has is age as 88! If that is not mis-inscribed, then the Lancaster John looks better.

By the way, I have this theory that John's wife was named Jane rather than Jean. I know the will states Jean, but my guess is that the writer of the will did not know how to spell Jane or misunderstood what her name was. I have read that in colonial days, that Jean and jane were used interchangeably. However the reason I suspect her name was Jane was the number of times the name Jane is used in later generations and NEVER Jean. Note that John and Jeans first daughter was named Jane, Ephraim had a daughter named Jane, and I think James had a daughter named Jane. Now I learn from you that Cynthia's middle name was Jane. You see the possibility.

I have been to the Mt. Joy church as it still stands today as it was in the 1700s, but sorry to say there are no marriage or birth records of any kind. I have found the graves of Jean Lytle's family.

Sorry this is so long but lets continue share information. I would greatly appreciate the line on Cynthia and will send my history to you as soon as I can input this deluge of new information.

Talk with you soon. PS sorry for typos, but I am too tired to go back and fix.

Tom

Obituary says she was born North Carolina. She was the daughter of Samuel P. McCracken and his wife, Margaret McGuire who came from Maury Co., TN. and died in Bond County, Illinois. Census and 1881 History of Grant Co. Obit says she was survived by 4 sons and 2 daughters. (Confirmed)

Arthur	Sarah
Eli Benton	Cynthia Etta
Washington Robert	
Philip Lincoln	

In 1832 she moved to Illinois with her family to join her father. She died at the home of her son-in-law, Joseph O. McReynolds who married her dau Sarah. her brother Eli McCracken was a Methodist Minister. Buried with her husband.

Old Man McCracken in Grant County?? One of these Early Land Grant's in Greene County WI??

MCCRACKEN	JOSEPH	19	2 N	8 E	76.08
10	4844	1841/01/05			
MCCRACKEN	JOSEPH	31	2 N	8 E	157.72
10	821	1839/08/01			
MCCRACKEN	JOSEPH	30	2 N	8 E	80
10	820	1839/08/01			
MCCRACKEN	JOSEPH	31	2 N	8 E	77.72
10	883	1839/08/01			
MCCRACKEN	JOSEPH	25	2 N	7 E	40
10	4740	1841/01/05			
MCCRACKEN	JOSEPH	19	2 N	8 E	0
10	4844	1841/01/05			
MCCRACKEN	WILLIAM S	19	2 N	8 E	35.76
10	5186	1841/12/05			

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Sorry .. the subject line should read "Informatin on Cynthia Jane MCCRACKEN". Another interesting tidbit from an 1828 Bond County information website:

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The first church built in this precinct was the "Old Zion Church", reference to which is made elsewhere. It was built on Section 19, about the year 1828; ... In 1861, the society, which was of the Methodist denomination, removed to Newport, the Zion Church was torn down, and a new edifice erected in that village, which they now occupy. Among the original members of this church were Robert STEWART and wife, Philip MOORE and wife, Rev. William HUNTER and wife, Arthur SHERRAD, Asa OLIVER, Jane MCCRACKEN, Eli MCCRACKEN, Ephraim MCCRACKEN, and Daniel and Jane MOORE.

Interesting to note that "my" Eli MCCRACKEN was a Methodist minister and that "your" Jane MCCRACKEN could possibly have been his sister. This is from an 1828 census, and would have made Eli MCCRACKEN about 12, Jane MCCRACKEN about 7. Still working on the proof.

.. janice

Wisconsin Deaths, 1820-1907

about Cynthia J Glenn

Name: Cynthia J Glenn

Death Date: 14 Jan 1900

County: Grant

Volume: 02

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Level Info: Wisconsin Vital Records Death Index.

Relationship Notes for William Moore Glenn and Cynthia Jane McCracken

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