

PREFACE TO INFINITY

I am just an average person, interested in finding my family roots and relations. Sure, I have been told throughout the years of growing up who my relatives were but I did not pay any attention to this until my wife motivated my interest in that direction.

I had always been told I was related to the Governor Runnels' line and unfortunately had never paid much attention to the statement. When my wife encouraged me to find out I proceeded to the State Archives in Atlanta, Georgia Not knowing where to start, asked and was told to check the cards if anybody had already enquired into the same surname. Upon doing so, much to my surprise, there was a lady in Texarkana, Texas who had done so some years previously. I thought she had probably passed away but found out she had not. Since that first contact with this genealogist, I have been involved in a never ending search for my relatives. To this fine lady, I owe very much. Sometimes it is frustrating, sometimes it is exciting, sometimes it is boring, but in the long run it is the most addicting adventure one person can ever undertake. What started out to research the family name of "Runnels" turned also to other branches of my tree. My grandfather's line of "DeMent/McInnis/McDuffie/McDonald" has turned out just as interesting as the Governor's side.

Since I have not yet accomplished my original goal of researching my family side, it has grown to be a challenge. But even then, I am hooked on genealogy. Hopefully it will never find an end and that it will continue even after this linkage - for there should be no greater love than family.

This small portion of family records is a way I can repay some of the help to those who still struggle in finding their connection with the past life. Some information contradicts others; but it was recorded as it was passed on to me and should be used with that understanding. I present this information knowing of miss-spelled words and the format of sentence structure to be incorrect but have copied it as it was presented. I do so to represent a feeling of what style and habits a person has at that particular era of time and education. Some items are personal and I apologize for that.....but it is entered with the importance of the information in mind. I can't help think of the information someone can hold; either doing some small research for themselves or others; or old documents and records passed along from family to family. Some researchers spend hours, days, months and years; searching for information on their family when others have that information readily available to them and don't know how much it means to share.

It is the hope of this writer, that the information gathered within, will be used as a platform to encourage someone else to continue the research into their family heritage. I do not hold myself or the people that supplied the information responsible for the material passed along to me. The old stories discovered about an individual are better than the best selling novel.

I present this record so it will not be lost in time and the efforts of those who helped me can also be recorded. It is with the love and help of my Lord, Jesus Christ that guided me on this path.

Compiled and recorded
this 6th day of June
in the year of our Lord 2011
with my hand and seal.....

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