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Eli McLaughlin Who are your Parents

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What we know about Eli MCLAUGHLIN, is a matter of public records, gathered through the years by diligent researchers, who have done their very best to turn over every stone and look in every corner for the information that we are all seeking, all to no avail, Eli's parents, brother's and sisters are still unknown to us.

Eli MCLAUGHLIN, is first found in Wythe County, Virginia in 1802, where he married Mary WAMPLER, 15 Aug 1802 in the home of her relatives John & Anna Magdalena WAMPLER STANGER, according to information gathered by Fred B. Wampler, Author of the Wampler Family History pg 7-8, Anna Magdalena WAMPLER is the daughter of Hans George Wampler, the great uncle of Mary Wampler, and is the cousin of Mary Wampler,

some researchers have listed this connection as Mary's Aunt and Uncle, but the data supports the Wampler book on this connection.

Eli is next found on the 1810 Wythe County, Virginia Census, which only gives Head of Household and how many males and females living in the home.

Next Eli is found in Russell County, Virginia in the Deed Book: # 4 pg 640 January 3, 1814 between John Candler & Dorothy and Ely McGLOLIN...97 acres...Beginning on the south side of his Mill Creek. ..Signed: John Candler & Dorothy Candler. Witnesses: James Browning, James Sergent & Jesse West.

On the 6th Nov 1816, we find the beginning of the trial process for John Elliott who is brought before the Court in Russell County Virginia for the murder of Eli McLaughlin, the transcription of this trial is as follows:

Transcription of the trial for John Elliott for murder of Eli McLaughlin.
by Linda McLaughlin Hamner

Virginia Law Order Book #5 Nov 6 1816 Pg 349

At a called court continued, Is held by the Justices of Russell County at the Court House on Wednesday the 6th day of November 1816 for the examination of John Elliot charged with the murder of Eli McLaughlin.

Present; John Tate, James Dickenson, Charles Connell, Zachariah Fugate and Samuel Gibson Gent.

The prisoner was agin brought into court & sundry witnesses sworn & examined in relation to the said charge & on the behalf of the prisoner, but not having time this-day to go thru the examination by consent of the prisoner and the attorney for the commonwealth

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It is ordered that this court be adjourned till tomorrow morning, So ordered, and thereupon the prisoner is remanded to jail.

John Tate

Virginia Law Order Book #5 Nov 7 1816 Pg 350

At a court continued, Is held by the Justices of Russell County at the Court House on Thursday the 7th day of November 1816 for the examination of John Elliot charged with the murder of Eli McLaughlin.

Present; John Tate, James Dickenson, Zachariah Fugate, Charles Connell, and Samuel Gibson Gent. Justices

The evidence being fully at hand as well for as against the prisoner the court are of opinion, that the said John Elliott the prisoner ought to be tried for murder in examining the death of the said Eli McLaughlin and ought to be held therefore in the Superior Court of Law for this County and they are furthur of opinion, that the said John Elliott may be (ordered/amended) to give bail for his personal appearance before the Judge of the said Superior Court at the next term to answer the said charge by conferring into recognizance in the penalty of one thousand dollars; with one or more sufficient securities in the like penalty: Whereupon the said Jn Elliott and John Raresnake, Abraham's Musick, & Jesse Morton all of the County of Russell, Here in Court severally acknowledge themselves to be indebted to Wilson C. Nicholas Esquire, Governor n Chief Magistrate of this Commonwealth, the said John Elliott in the sum of one thousand dollars, the said John Raresnake in the sum of three hundred dollars, The said Abraham Musick in the sum of six hundred dollars, and the

said Jesse Morton in the sum of one hundred dollars of their respective lands and tenements goods & Chattels to be levied and to the said Governor & his succession for the use of the Commonwealth to be levied; yet upon the condition that if the said John Elliot shall personally appear here before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law holden for this County on the second Monday in April next to answer the fourth of the murder aforesaid and shall not depart thence within leave of the said court then this recognizance to be said.

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George Robinson, Richard Williams, Nicholas Dozier, Peter Lambert, and Jefferson Cansler come into Court and acknowledge themselves to be severally indebted to his excellency William C. Nicholas Governor and Chief magistrate of the Commonwealth in the sum of one hundred dollars each, of their respective lands and tenements goods and chattels to be levied and to the said Governor and his successor for the use of the Commonwealth rendered, Yet upon this condition that if the said George Robinson, Richard Williams, Nicholas Dozier, Peter Lambert, and Jefferson Cansler shall severally make their personal appearance here before the Judge of the Superior Court of said holden for this county on the second Monday of April Next to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth against John Elliott charged with murder and shall not depart thence without the leave of the said Court then this recognizance to be said.

John Tate

Virginia Law Order Book #5 Apr 17 1816
Pg 153 Thursday April 17, 1817
Present the same Judge as on yesterday

The grand jury appears according to their adjournment, were sent out of court and after some time returned into court and presented;

And on indictment against William Grady for larceny. A true bill

And indictment against Samuel Bristow and Cory/Couy Jordon for an affray and breach of the peace. A true bill.

And the said grand jury having nothing further to present were discharged.

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X Ordered that process issue against James Thompson indicted for an assault, against Richard Price for an assault, against William Owens and John Awles for an affray & breach of the peace, to appear here at the next Court, to answer the indictments against them respectively.

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John Elliott late of the county of Russell, Laborer who stands indicted of murder, was led to the bar in custody of the keeper of the jail of the said county, and thereof arraigned, and pleaded not guilty to the indictment, and for his trial put himself upon god and the country;

Whereupon came a jury to wit. Isaac Gibson, Joseph Failor, Samuel Gilmore, William Nash, James Hobbs son, William Frailey, Henry Husk, Benjamin Sewell, James Hobbs Jrs, Abner Vance, Daniel Price, and Henry Pippin who being elected tried and sworn the truth of and upon the

promise to speak and having heard the evidence upon their oath do say, that the said John Elliott is guilty of murder in the second degree only, and they do ascertain the term of his imprisonment in the public jail & penitentiary house to be nine years and thereupon he is remanded to jail.

Memo; That on the trail in this case the counsel for the prisoner filed two bills of exception to opinions of the court in the selection of jurors, which were sealed by the court, and ordered to be made part of the record.

The next documents we find on Eli McLaughlin and his family is:

VA Deed book 9 page 265-6 and following. this deed relates to the liquidation of Eli's land after his death.

Russell Co., Va., Deed Book #9, p. 265-6

This indenture made this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord 1830 between Jacob King and Mary his wife, late Mary McLaughlin, who was the widow of Eli McLaughlin deceased, Joseph Kinser and Ann his wife, late Ann McLaughlin daughter of the said Eli deceased, Israel McLaughlin a son of said Eli and Elizabeth his wife, Philip Flanagin and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth McLaughlin daughter of the said Eli deceased, ____? ____ [unreadable] Yeary and Eliza his wife, late Eliza McLaughlin daughter of said Eli deceased, James Allen and his wife Mary, late Mary McLaughlin and Matilda McLaughlin, also children of the said Eli deceased of the first part and James Browning of the County of Russell and state of Virginia, witnesseth that

the aforesaid parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do grant and bargain and sell unto the said James Browning and his heirs, a certain tract or parcel of land containing 97 acres be the same more or less, lying and being in the said county of Russell on Jessee's Mill Creek, which was granted to Charles Kinzer from this Commonwealth by patent bearing date of the 17th day of Sept. 1800 and was conveyed to the said Eli McLaughlin from John Candler and Dorthy his wife, by deed recorded in the court of said county and bearing date of the 3rd day of January 1814; and which said tract is bounded as followeth, to wit: Beginning at a white oak on the south side of said creek N50 degrees W20 poles to a dogwood lying N70 degrees 18 poles crossing the creek to a white oak S50 degrees E 4 ? poles to a gum S55 degrees E100 poles to a white oak N70 degrees E20 poles to a white oak and poplar S35 degrees E18 poles to a white oak and maple S35 degrees E28 poles to a buck and maple N77 degrees W20 poles crossing the Creek to a poplar S64 degrees W40 poles to a chestnut and sugartree West 20 poles to a double chestnut S40 degrees W24 poles to a chestnut N80 degrees W40 poles to a black oak W25 degrees 20 poles to a small black oak, N85 degrees W40 poles to a dogwood N40 degrees W20 poles to a dogwood N40 poles to a white oak and N60 degrees E92 poles to the beginning. With the appurtenances to the said James Browning and his heirs, to the sole use and behoof of the said James Browning and his

heirs forever. And the said parties of the first part for themselves and their heirs to covenant and agree with the said James Browning and his heirs, that they the said parties of the first part and their heirs the said tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances unto the said James Browning against the claims of the said parties of the first part and of all known claiming by, through, or with them and their heirs. In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, the day and year first above written.

Jacob King
Mary King
Joseph Kinser
Ann Kinser
Israel McGlaughlin
Elizabeth McGlaughlin
James Allen
Mary Allen
{ All signed by mark }

Our thanks to Freida Davidson for furnishing this translation of the transfers of deed.

In conclusion these records give us knowledge of Eli's marriage, the names of his children and most of their spouses, and the manner of his death bet 1814-1816.

From this small beginning we build our past to the future.

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New Items Of interest:
In The McLaughlin Family

1. New items found and added to the family tree on William Lee McLaughlin (Son of Nathan McLaughlin) and his line forward.
2. New items found and added to the family tree on Jack M. McLaughlin (Son of Henry McLaughlin) and his line forward.
3. New items found and added to the Fugate connection to the McLaughlin Family.
4. New items found and added to the family tree on Oscar Benjamin McLaughlin (grandson of Henry McLaughlin) and his line forward.

New Members added:

1. Barney McLaughlin III grt grt grt grandson of Nathan Mclaughlin and Easter Fugate.
2. Jennifer Leigh McLaughlin Jones and her brother Andrew Paul McLaughlin (grt grt grt grandchildren of Henry Mclaughlin)



If you find this Newsletter, helpful and something you would like continued please let me know. And if you have articles, stories, information, or Ideas please let me know. At the moment I plan on a Bi-Monthly Newsletter that may change according to the interest etc in it.

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