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Christianity was introduced to the Southern Picts by the Scottish Bishop, St. Ninian (died 432 A.D.) and to the northern Picts by the Irish missionary St. Columba (521-597 A.D.). About 557 A.D., the Picts suffered a great defeat at the hands of the O'Neills and another Gaelic Clan.

In Scotland until the 9th Century, the Picts occupied the region between the Firth of Moray and the Forth River, besides partion of the area that became the countries of Lathian and Galloway. During the 8th Century, the Lothian Picts waged war with the Angles of Northumbria, and then later united with them against the Cumbrians.

## II. THE McCARTNEY PICTS

The family name McCartney emerged as a Scottish Clan (or family), but more specifically, the family developed from their original territories of Ayrshire, where they are recorded as a "family of great antignity, seated with manor and estates in that shire."

The McCartneys were recruited by the Scottish King Robert the Bruce who resided in Southern Ireland. The clan were rewarded with territories in Dumfries, Ayrshine and Argyll, but their senior branch was established at Auchinlech in Ayrshine.

The spelling of the surname McCartney was found in many different forms. From the many ancient records recorded, the surname was spelt MacCartney, MacArtney and some of these versions are still used today! These changes in spelling frequently occurred even between father and son, for whatever the reason, or some clerk because of some mistake in copying or in spelling would record the name differently. For example' one clanswoman was recorded being born as Moffit married as Moffat, and the spelling Moffet appeared on her headstone.

The author (T. McCartney), on examining documents of the later William (McGee) McCartney, his grandfather and his father Timothy Osborne of Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera, found three different spellings! On a land transaction in 1924, his name is recorded as McArtney; on the birth certificate one of Willie McGee's sons, Timothy Osborne, his name is spelled as McKartney; and on Timothy Obsorne's baptismal Certificate, March 21, 1904 at the Methodist church in Tarpum Bay, his name is William A. McCartney! An even more radical change was at Long Island, Bahamas where some of the McCartney family changed their name to McHarday and McCardy!!



Preferences for different spelling variations usually came from a division of family through disputes, political differences, religious and racial reason. Registrars, civil servants, ministers of religion, lawyers etc. frequently selected their own version of what they thought the spelling should be. Indeed, more recently, as an example, for four years while a student at the University of Strasbourg in Strasbourg, France, the authors surname was recorded as MacCartney and his son's name as Sean Cartney!

In the 17th Century, George MacArtney moved to Ireland where he was Mayor of Belfast and High Sheriff of Autrim. Notable among the clan at this time was MacArtney of Dumfries.

During the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries, Scotland was ravaged by religious conflict. The newly found passionate fervour of Presbyterianism and the Church of Scotland rejected all who could not pass 'The Test' of taking an oath of belief in the church. Those failing 'The Test' were frequently hanged, drawn and quartered in the High Street or more kindly, banished to the Colonies, to Australia or to the Carolinas.

Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Church still fought to retain its states. Mainly 'Clausmen' were freely encouraged to migrate to Ireland. From 1603 to 1790, Scottish Clans were recruited from the English Scottish border and north of Edinburgh to populate northern Ireland with Protestant Stock faithful to the new religion of the Crown. Many heads of families migrated from Scotland to Ireland during this period. They became known as the 'Scotsh/Irish'.

In country Anthim, the MacArtnneys settled in Lissanoure and they were descended from Captain George MacArtney of Ayrshire.

The migration or banishment to the New World also continued, some voluntarily from Ireland, but mostly directly from Scotland, their home territories. Some also moved to the European continent.

They sailed to the New World across the stormy Atlantic aboard small sailing ships known as the 'White Sails'! These overcrowded ships, sometimes spending two months at sea, were racked with disease, sometimes landing with only 60 % of their original passenger lists.

In North America some of the first migrants which could be considered kinsmen of the surname McCartney included Arthur MacCartney who settled in Virginia in 1736; James McCartney settled in Maryland in 1741; James McCartney settled in Charles Town, South Carolina in 1767; Nicholas MacArtney who settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1838; Bernard, Charles, Daniel, Denis, Henry Hugh, James, John, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Thomas and William MacArtney all arrived in Philadelphia between 1800 and 1860. The family also settled in Pennsylvania and New York in the 19th Century. From the original ports of entry, the immigrants moved westward; some to the middlewest, some across the prairies to the West Coast.

During the War of Independence allegiances were divided. Some remained Americans while others became United Empire Loyalists and moved north to Canada.

The McCartney family has distinguished itself in Ireland, Scotland and England primarily in music, the Arts and the Military.

The Who's Who of the United Kingdom, United States, Australia and Canada have provided many 20th Century notables eg. Paul McCartney, 'Beatles' Singer and Songwriter; Sir John MacArtney; Carlisle MacArtney the Bulgarian Army and J. McCartney famous Washington Journalist.

The most ancient grant of a Coat of Arms was found to be:

-Gold on which there is a red buck with silver antlers

The Crest is: An arm holding a rose branch

The Ancient Family Motto is: "Stimulat sed Ornet"

### III. THE BAHAMIAN MCCARTNEYS

The Bahamas is known world-wide as the "landfall of Columbus in 1492"! This author has never accepted that Columbus discovered anything! He did land in The Bahamas at that time, but there was already a flourishing, if not simple, way of life established by the Lucayan Indians.

The appearance of Columbus and his seaman was the 'beginning of the end' for the Lucayans. They were transported to Hispanolia and some islands off the coast of South America where they were kept in slavery. Many of them killing themselves instead of submitting to the degradation of having to be separated from their families and to work in the mines of Cuba. Many of them succumbed to the new diseases that they caught from the sailors.

The subsequent history of The Bahamas is mainly one of Spanish, French and English bartering, invading, fighting and claiming these islands.

An archipelago stretching from the Southern tip of Florida, arching south to the coasts of Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas is basically a black country due to the overwhelming majority population and the expression of its cultural projections. There were many blacks who were seamen on these ships of various nationalities and even Columbus' navigator was a black man.




The main influx of blacks came in the latter part of the 18th Century which saw a considerable wave of immigrants from the United States; loyalists who did not fancy life in the post revolutionary America and who consequently moved to The Bahamas with grants of land and money 'slave stock and barrel' to begin a new life. Thus the bulk of the negro population in The Bahamas consisted of slaves who accompanied their masters on their exodus from the now independent United States.

However, it was not generally known that all blacks brought to The Bahamas were not placed in Slavery!.

The British who now owned and colonized The Bahamas since the 17th Century (1629 King Charles I granted proprietary rights to Sir Robert Heath) was very much a part of the international slave trade, but prohibited this trade around 1808; even though the Emancipation Act did not come into being until 1832 and it wasn't until 1834 that the slaves were actually free! Many ships out of Africa carrying cargoes of African destined for slavery in the New World were intercepted and brought to The Bahamas where the captives were automatically freed upon arrival.

It should be noted that The Bahamas looks back on an historical development considerably different from other West Indian Islands Jamaica or Trinidad for example. We are traditionally more closely linked to, and influenced by, American History. We must also understand that the basic negative aspect of slavery, colonialism, racism and societal disadvantages were as bad as anywhere else where slavery became a forced way of life. Bahamian plantations had very small slave populations and almost half of the slave populations were 'trusted' house slaves. The kind of negative psychological impact that this has had on the Bahamian population cannot be analysed in the booklet, but it is useful to set the scene for the first McCartney family that was established in The Bahamas in 1802.

 Jack Freeman McCartney and his two brothers were Irish Seamen; travelling through The Bahamas when their ship developed some serious problems. The ship anchored off the coast of Eleuthera, more specifically Tarpum Bay where repairs were carried out.

The Island of Eleuthera or as the ancient charts called it, Cigateo, had known many variations, 'Zignateo', Ciguatoo, Segatoo and Sygateo.

In 1648, over seventy settlers now called "The Eleuthera Adventures" landed on the island and named it Eleuthera, from the Greek word 'eleuthros' meaning freedom.

Eleuthera is a beautiful Island with green rolling hills, grassy pasturelands, unbelievable beaches and rocky cliffs. It is 100 miles long and 72 miles wide. The settlements are small and scattered, and farming, fishing and tourism are the economic mainstays.



Eleuthera became famous for its tomatoes and for a time was the world's largest pineapple producer before Florida, Cuba and finally Hawaii stepped in. Tarpum Bay, a beautiful settlement in South Eleuthera, was a thriving fishing village and agricultural center, where farmers and just about every resident would farm either vast plots of property around the Rock Sound and Green Castle area and also in The Bullards, an area between Tarpum Bay and Savannah Sound. There were also thriving villages in North Eleuthera where Governor's Harbour, the reputed landfall of the Eleuthera Adventurers, was a place of wealth and elegance and a thriving commercial centre. James Cistern, Hatchet Bay, Gregory Town and Upper and Lower Bogue, all in North Eleuthera was citrus and pineapple country!. At the extreme north, the settlements of Harbour Island, Current Island and Spanish Wells were known for their thriving fishing industry and boat building.

The middle villages of Palmetto Point and Savannah Sound were also farm land, but were known for their exceptionally beautiful women.

Savannah Sound could be described as the Center for Education of The Bahamas. This settlement has produced more famous educators and musicians per population than any other in The Bahamas.

Eleuthera then, North Inagua in the far Southern Bahamas, could be described as the most populas of The Bahama Islands during this early period.

Eleuthera was even more interesting with the racial groupings of the many settlements! Even though the majority of the whole of Eleuthera were black, the settlements of Spanish Wells was all white, with majority white in Current Islands and Rock Sound. Governor's Harbour, Palmetto Point, Savannah Sound and Tarpum Bay were mostly mixed, where settlements like Green Castle, Deep Creek and Bannerman Town were all African.

English, Irish, Scots and African tribes were up on interesting 'potpourri' all living together in comparable harmony in the land of 'freedom'. It was this kind of environment that Jack Freeman McCartney and his two brothers found as they waited for their ships to be repaired. However, when this Irish vessel set sail, it was minus three McCartney brothers.

✓ Jack Freeman McCartney, has been described as a short 'ruddy-complexioned', handsome man, with curly red hair and penetrating blue eyes.

He was a talented carpenter and craftsman and also played many musical instruments. It is also alleged that he had a violent temper and although he seldom drank alcoholic beverages, when he did to excess, would get into fights and gained quite a reputation as bawler.

Unfortunatley, nothing much is known about the other two brothers. One of them went to Long Island, established a family there, but died a young man. It also appeared that his family had some serious disputes to the point of some of them changing their names to either McHardy or McCardy.

The oldest one, whose name, at present is unknown, travelled to the Abaco's but shortly departed for Canada where he eventually settled. He informed Jack Freeman where he was (Toronto, Canada) but soon lost all contact.

It is not know, at present, whether these brothers had any family (brothers or sisters or parents) left in Ireland. Jack Freeman always told stories about 'home' and it is interesting that last year, the partner of the author, an Irish Psychiatrist, traced the McCartneys to Bilanney, Country Carlc, Southern Ireland, where they are still exerting their enegetic selves!!

There are records of Jack Freeman, and those family members that are still alive who know him and/or read about him; unfortunately, very little is known about his wife 'Aunt Lighty', as she was called or of her family.

<sup>Bob</sup> Mary Dean McCartney, wife of Willie McGee and Irvin (Uncle Sonny) McCartney describe 'Aunt Lighty' as being very tall and thin, very very black, with high cheekbones and a sharp nose. 'Aunt Lighty' was a talented woman, coquettish and seductive, but somewhat of a 'scatterbrain' hence the nickname 'Aunt Lighty'!!

Jack Freeman fell madly in love with her and after a short courtship and some pressure from society, married her.

What is very interesting about this marriage is that it took place almost twenty-five years before the abolition of slavery in The Bahamas. For a white man to marry an African woman during this time, allows us to correctly speculate that 'Aunt Lighty' was a member of a family of Free Africans or could have been a member of those family of slaves whose ship was intercepted by the British and set free. Only free persons had the right and choice to marry whomsoever they wanted to during this period!

In Tarpum Bay, three African tribes populated the particular southeast Yorubas, Hussas, and Fullahs. Yorubas and Hussas were short 'stocky' people with round faces and large flat noses.



'Aunt Light's' physical features and colour are typically Fullah! the Fullahs have been known by other spellings eg. Fulah, Fulani, Fulbe, Fellata, and Fellani. They are an African people located in Nigeria and French Sudan. The Fullahs are believed to be a blood partly of Arab and Berber, partly of Berber and Negro, and one theory suggests a partly Jewish origin. They migrated to Hausaland about the 13th Century many becoming Moselm. In the 19th Century, under the sultan of Sokoto, the Fullah became dominant in the area. Later, their Emirs or local rulers, were virtually independant. At the end of the century, they came under British and French power.

The Fullahs are largely nomadic and herders of cattle. The first recorded blacks to arrive in The Bahamas came in 1656 and they were all free men. A document found between Registry Book C and pages 166-178 in the Registrar General's Department, is believed to be a copy from the 1671 Census, and this list gives the first mention of slaves and negroes in The Bahamas.

It is believed that the majority of Bahamian negroes came from the more northerly parts of West Africa, but no one has, for certain, been able to find patterns of living or any strong African traits to point to a definite tribe at least no one has, so far, recorded actual tribal life styles and/or belief systems as practiced in The Bahamas. There were, therefore, these types of negro immigration:-

1. Those negroes who were never in slavery;
2. Those negroes who came with the Loyalists, (the majority group) and slaves sold into slavery in The Bahamas; and
3. Those negroes transported into slavery after slavery was prohibited by the English, when the British intercepted the ships and deposited them on Bahamian soil as free people. Many of these Africans, however, were so lost that to survive, they became 'indentured' to whites and free blacks.

It is reasonable to believe that the minority negroes of numbers 1 and 3 above, were the perpetuators of African culture and whatever exist today of African cultural expressions. From these groups also, came the wise men, leaders, healers and Obeah men and women.

Most Bahamian historians claim that African tribes who peopled The Bahamas were Ibos, Youibas, Mandigos, Nargos, Cargos, Fullahs and Hussas.



Major H. MacLachlan Bell in his "Isles of June" claims that the "Bahamas received Africans from many tribes who were Moslem and for centuries had been under Moonish rule; Congo Negroes who had got swamp lands as their home; Ebos who are the least intelligent of the African tribesmen. Mandingos, Navgo Bars, Fullahs and Hussas the last three were fighting men of magnificent physique and unquestioned courage. Behind these people lay generaitons of aboriginal life -- sometimes in semi-slavery or again, under the rule of the Arabs. Behind the Hussas and the Fullahs there is a battle history that cannot be ignored. They had men with the gift of leadership; heroes around whom folklore and legend had grown. The Bahamian negroes of today are a later-mixture of all these strains, so these physical proportions are remarkably good. A deep copper tinge, aquiline noses, little and more athletic figures are their possessions".

Another authorian "Folk Tales and Songs", 1930 in observing the tribes of The Bahamas writes "some African races are known to have been introduced into The Bahamas: Negroes, Congos, Congars, or Nagobars, Ebos (or Ibos) Mandingos, Fullahs and Hussas".

There must have also, been some Ashantie and Fauti, because the English preferred these tribes, and they are found in all English speaking Caribbean Countries. It would appear, however, that the Yorbuas and Ibos had the largest representation. The Bahamian Asu or the Yoruba Esusu (a form of banking (savings) system) are essentially the same thing, yet there is no remnant of Yoruba religious practice, Shargo, Maccumba are found in The Bahamas, but in Cuba, Trinidad and Brazil, these practices are found!

Thus, from information gathered so far, the origins of the McCartney Family in The Bahamas began in 1802 with the arrival of Jack Freeman McCartney, an Irishman in Tarpun Bay, Eleuthera and his subsequent marriage to 'Aunt Lighty', an African woman of the Fullah Tribe.



#### IIII. ROOTS - THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

The McCartney family is a huge one; being 'fruitful and multiplying' has been literally taken for granted, and McCartneys are found among most major nationalities, colours and ethnic groups. Most of the older McCartneys preferred high yellow partners!!!

In order to understand just a little bit about the variety of those who make up our family and some of the stories of their exploits, successes, failures, good times, and bad times, the three sons and one daughter of Jack Freeman and 'Aunt Lighty' and their progeny will be sustematically mentioned.

These brief descriptions have been gathered from material submitted by family members, many reminiscence of Uncle Sonny and the personal experiences and memories of the author. Apologies are given to those family members who are 'just mentioned', but as previously stated, this booklet is only the beginning of what is hoped will be a comprehensive book on family members both here and abroad!

For our readers, it will be easier to consult the overall family tree, then following the progression of the specific family members that are the resultant of the three original sons and one daughter of Jack Freeman and 'Aunt Lighty'. The three sons were: Isiah (Unca Poga), William and Peter. The one daughter was Diana McCartney Hope.

#### Isiah (Unca Poga) McCartney Family Branch

The wife of Unca Poga is unknown at present, but they had four children: Isiah Jr., Buddy, George and Freeman.

Isiah Jr. was childless; Buddy had three children; George had five children and Freeman had five children.

George's daughter Nettie lived in New York and married a Donaldson. They had two girls and a boy.

The daughters, Ruth and Hilda were University graduates and became teachers in the New York Educations System. They visited The Bahamas many times and also travelled to Eleuthera where they met their family and renewed ties. Ruth and Hilda are now deceased. Not much is known about their brother John. It is hoped that more information can be received from this part of the family.

#### William McCartney Family Branch

William appeared to be one of the most prolific of the McCartneys and since the majority of his progeny stayed in The Bahamas and those abroad maintained constant contact with their Bahamian relatives, much is known about this part of the family! William had nine children - five sons and four daughters. Charles (Unca Charlie) had quite a reputation in Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera and Nassau, New Providence as a ladies man, an accomplished mason, a 'heavy boozier' and an extremely clever and 'tricky' strong man.

No woman around him was safe! If he took a liking for her, he pursued her by using every avenue at his command. He particularly preferred younger women, but at night 'all cats were grey'!!



The story is told of unca Charlie being arrested for being drunk and disorderly. While being taken to court, escorted by two of the strongest men in Tarpum Bay, he suddenly fell to the ground, clutching his heart! --'Oh my heart, my heart, water! water!' he mornfully cried! both policemen let him go as one of them quickly ran to fetch some water. When unca Charlie believed that they were reasonable 'off guard' he sprang up like a Jack Rabbit and ran down the road. He finally got to his house, barricaded himself and dared anyone to come and get him. Believe it or not, no one attempted to get him. A few hours afterwards, he calmly walked out of his house, straight to the Court House and gave himself up!

Unca Charlie was once hired by Mr. McKinney, the owner of John S. George, to help bottle Bay Rum. The warehouse was in the basement of a building on the corner of Bay and East Street where a branch of the Bank of Montreal used to be situated (the one that Mervin Lim managed for a long time!) About 2:00 p.m., Mr. McKinney thought that he should go and check up on his workers. As he descended the stairs, a booming voice said 'McKinney, why did you place all the temptation in front of me. 'Get thee behind me Satan!' Unca Charlie was drunk as a fool. Bay Rum was one of his favourite drinks. Needless to say, he was fired on the spot!

Unca Charlie had eight children: Ethel, Daisy, Charlie Smith McCartney, Violet Allen, Mabel, Hilda, Nell Carey and Charles (boots) McCartney, formerly of New York and Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

Charlie Smith McCartney is an accomplished Bahamian Mason, He married Gladys M. McCartney who recently died. Out of this union came these beauriful daughters; Margaret Cox, a University Graduate and Vice-Principle and a reliable organizer and one of the founders of the Eleuthera Association; Itis (Betty) Neely, a Corporate Secretary at Barclay's Bank and Rosemary McIntosh.

Charlie Smith, also has with another union, Kermit, an electionics expert and Stephanie.

Nell Carey (Cousin Nell) is still very much alive, taking care of her children and grandchildren! She has four daughters: Kathleen, Margaret, Barbara and Sonja. An older daughter, Bertha died a few years ago.

Charles (Boots) McCartney left The Bahamas and lived in New York for many years before he and his American wife Mabel (Aunt Mabel) retired to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida where he died. This union has produced three beautiful and talented daughters, Charlotte, Trudy and Carlene. Aunt Mabel has become a very important member of the McCartney family. She has attended every single family reunion and has 'adopted' Ann and Steve Cancino and their children as her own!

Not much is known about Timothy, but James had two children, Jimmy B and Alice McCartney Carey. Alice's son, James Carey, has become quite an entrepreneur. He brought lots of property in Englestone and the Grove when it was all bush! He and a few men built hundreds of low cost houses and established a comfortable residential area. He owned a large house, and grocery store in this area. Shortly after the war, an Airforce plane crashed onto his house and store and luckily no one else except the pilot and crew were hurt. He received a handsome sum of money as compensation and bought more property in The Bahamas and Florida. James also is a successful farmer and still maintains about five acres of land growing the most delicious oranges, mangoes, grapefruits, soursoups, etc.

Recently, James, by deed fall at the age of seventy-five years changed his name to his mothers' maiden name, McCartney. He is still strong, vibrant, full of mischief and on the go. At the time of writing, he has just left on a trip to Australia and hopes to be back in time for the reunion!

Eliga (Aunt Yiah) had Ethel, Mary Jane, Seva, Patricia, Jimmy and Oswald. More information on Aunt Yiah's Family is being obtained.

William McGee McCartney (the authors grandfather) married a beautiful, exciting woman, May Don Smith. Out of this union came nine children - William Sammie, Alfred Arnold, Regionald Ashwen, Evelyn Mae, Timothy Osborne Sr., Lillian Gretrude, Charles Raymond, Irwin Wakifield (Uncle Sonny) and Ruth Eliga. Except for Uncle Sonny and Aunt B' (B-Smookie) all of them are deceased. Willie McGee also had a son with Miriam Knowles, Leon (Turka) Knowles and with a woman from Green Castle, two other sons, Leon McCartney of Miami, Florida and Richard 'BoDinghy' McCartney also of Florida.



Willie McGee was a craftman of the first order. He was an accomplished carpenter and many of the houses that he built in Eleuthera and in Nassau still stand today. He was also a ship builder and was trained under an Englishman named a Mr. Morton and also Willie Kemp Carey of Tarpum Bay.

He owned many acres of property in Tarpum Bay, Rock Sound, Green Castle and in the Bullards, where tomatoes were the principle crop. He exported to the Hamberger Company of New York. He owned schooners that sailed the waters of The Bahamas and the Southern United States.

His most famous schooner, though, was the Imperial, a boat that was built in Abaco by Melma Archer Alen's father. If the Imperial was still around today, she would win many of the Family Island Regattas. Unfortunately, it was the Imperial, during the 1926 hurricane that Willie McGee, his son Charles Raymond and six of his relatives were lost.

It was a sad day in Eleuthera, Sunday, 28th July, 1926 when the news got around that the Imperial and its crew were lost.

It was expecially tragic and also providential as well! Uncle Sonny was supposed to go with Willie McGee but had a bad tooth ache and stayed home. Timothy Osborne Sr., followed him (Willie McGee) to the boat. Grandpa turned around and said, 'Timothy Osborne, go home and take care of Ma!'

My father often told us this story to emphasize the importance of obedience because if he would have insisted and gone, this writer and his other children would not be here today!

Charles Raymond who was lost with Willie McGee his father, was a genius when it came to music! He played every musical instrument ever invented but was most proficient with the trumpet.

Willie Sammie is reputed to be the most intellectual of all the McCartneys. He spoke French and German fluently and had an understanding of other languages. He was a first class orator and was a very creative person. Professor John McCartney (family of Perder University) is documenting the life and accomplishments of Uncle Willie Sammie. He was the prime motivator for Marcus Garvey and was the 'brains' behind Gravey's movement and the Black Starline.

William Sammie married Ellen Gibson of Savannah Sound, an educated, polite and elegant lady. They had three sons, William, Warren and Winston. William and Warren were both vvicvictums of World War II and saw active action on the European Front.

Winston, the youngest, was a brilliant pianist. The author spent vacations in New York as a teenager and often marvelled at Winston's virtuosity! During the later 40's and 50's, Winston's jazz style was an inspiration for many of the top jazz musicians of the world-famous Bud Powell, Dizzy Gillespie, Illinois Jacquet etc. Unfortunately he became a drug addict and died in the hospital from respiratory complications at a very young age.

Regionald Ashwen was another one of Willie McGee's sons who migrated to New York and never came back.

Uncle Reggie was a big man - tall, storky, handsome and mischievous! He married a Barbadian woman and out of this union came Reggie Jr., Carl, his only daughter Dawn, Ashwen (Bo) Leavin and Willis.

Uncle Reggie was a 'master' Barber, but spent most of his working time in the shoe and clothing trade. As a result of his exposure to New York Jewish businessmen, he spoke fluent Hebrew (Yiddish).

"Timmie, tell 'lil' Tim to push plenty Peter!" Uncle Reggie sons Reggie Jr. and Carl was sent to their grandmother 'Mar Dorn' in Tarpum Bay to spend some time. Reggie Jr. returned to New York but Carl stayed on and grew up in Tarpum Bay.

Carl created quite a reputation for himself as a 'lover boy' and a person that you never - no never, messed with!! Carl was bad! and no one dared cross him.

There was one time when he was arrested for a terrible altercation with a girlfriend. While in court, someone lied on him and in a flash, unbeknown to the Constable, Carl jumped out of the box, pulled a switchblade knife and made a swipe at the person. It was only by the Grace of God that a desk was in the way and a huge chunk of wood flew from the desk! -- it could have been the chap's belly!!

Carl mended his ways, moved back to New York and is a kind, valued, still mischievous with a 'twinkle' in his eye, McCartney!!

Uncle Reggie's children have always distinguished themselves and are all musically and artistically inclined. Willis and 'Bo' have always played in some group, and Lewin has acted on Broadway.



Alfred Arnold, Willie McGee's second child, was a quiet, gentle and talented man. He was a pillar of the Brethren Church (Gospel Hall) used to preach, write tracts and was a poet.

Uncle Alfred married Addie Allen, the daughter of William (Willie Butcher) Allen, another well known Tarpum Bay Family. Out of this union came six children: - William (Al), Ruth, Ivis, Dot, Angela and Arnold. William (Al) McCartney resembles Jack Freeman McCartney except for the different colour eyes.

'Al' started out as a master auto mechanic, but his entrepreneurial spirit and shrewd business acumen, has allowed him to run many successful businesses eg. car dealerships (Fiat, Mazda) Real Estate - Apartments, condominiums; Tyre & Battery distributorship. Besides all of this, Al is an elder at East Street Gospel Chapel, is a singer and a loving husband and father of five successful children. 'Al' married Eileen Culmer of Savannah Sound! 'Al' is my first cousin on my father's side and Eileen is my first cousin on my mother's side and grew up with us, in our household as our big sister.

'Al' and Eileen have William (Billy) an auto mechanic who has his own business - McCartney's Auto Repair; Barrette (Barry) a physician and specialist in Anaesthesiology, Lennox a brilliant accountant (C.P.A.) and computer wizard, Keith a young energetic businessman with Rental Cars, and a Tyre and Battery business, and Tamara, a recent accountant graduate.

Ruth McCartney Delancy is married into an old Bahamian family and her husband Lloyd has been in the Taxi/Tour business all of his life. She was honoured this year as one of the 'Mothers of the Year'.

They have five children; Cisllyn Simmons, a Senior Medical Technician Supervisor at the Princess Margaret Hospital; William (Willie D') formerly a student coordinator of the College of The Bahamas and at present a Banker with Barclay's Bank. 'Willie D' is a great organizer and is the President of the McCartney Family Association and has coordinated the activities of this reunion.; Philip, who is a supervisor of a Shipping Company in Forthworth, Texas; Peter, an Inspector for National Insurance; Craig, an architect with the Ministry of Works and a very talented artist. Craig has drawn the design of the McCartney Crest and Coat of Arms; Deitre, has just graduated from Catawba College in North Carolina and now works for Commonwealth Bank.

Alfred Arnold's second daughter, Ivis married Archie Carey and they have real estate holdings and own and operate Carey's Department Store.

They have three beautiful, talented and very intelligent daughters: Dale, has a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Business Administration and works at the Central Bank of The Bahamas. She is married to Perry McHardy, an accountant at the Road Traffic Department. If they both traced their background, they would find out that they are distant --- very distant cousins! Perry looks like a McCartney; Shawn is married to 'Tommy' Turnquest, son of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and himself an aspiring politician. Shawn is an Educational Psychologist and is co-owner of Horizons, a special school for children with learning and emotional disorders. Shawn is a brain! -- coupled with her good looks and talent, she is devastating!!; Kim, the youngest sister, has just received her degree from Catawba College in North Carolina in Business Administration.

Dorothy ('Dot') is a nurse who runs her cousin's, Dr. Ted Allen's Practice, and is married to Dwight Moncur, and Assistant Commissioner of Police. She is a brilliant speaker and has often recited her father's poems and short stories.

'Dot' has four children, three of them still in school. Her lovely daughter Mandy is a college graduate and is a Special Education Teacher at the Stapledon School for Retarded Children. When Mandy smiles at you, she's irresistible!

Angela is married to a well known Bahamian Insurance Agent and Saxophonist, Charles Wallace, who is also an Elder of Grace Gospel Chapel. Angela has worked for Star Insurance from its inception in The Bahamas and has received many awards and citations for her work.

She and Charles have three children, Charlene a Doctor of Optometry; Kayla Hilton, an Official at the Ministry of Tourism; and Carvill, a handsome and caring young man who likes pretty girls and fast cars and works at Chase Trust.

Arnold, the youngest of Alfred Arnold's children, is in business with his brother 'Al'. He is married to Mary Cleare, the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, and they have three children; Garvin, a trainee pilot with Bahamasair; Tonya, who is in College, and Mark (the splitting image of Uncle Alfred) is still in High School.



Willie McGee's oldest daughter, Evelyn Mae, only had daughters. She was married to 'Unca Bulla' Carey, a very tall, strong, handsome man. If 'Unca Bulla' had the exposure, there is no doubt that he could have become a movie star!

Majorie Mae, the oldest daughter, is deceased, and Priscilla, Maud and Irene live in Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera. Priscilla was married to Abraham Clarke (deceased) and has eleven children and many grandchildren; Maud is married to Obideah Goodman, a pillar of the Brethern Church in Tarpum Bay, and they have a 'lot of children'; Irene, is still her quiet, shy self. The author's earliest recollection of Irene was how she was afraid of people, very shy, and how she used to lick and suck her thumb!

Timothy Osborne Sr. is very special! he became the 'focus' person of Willie McGee's family in New Providence. Coming to Nassau from Tarpum Bay at 19 years old, Tim attended the Boy's Central School and then exclusive Nassau Gramma School. He used to share a room with Fred Allen (the father of Doctors Ed, Ted (Roosevelt) and David, Doreen, George and Dawn Allen) and went to work at the Customs Department as a messenger boy.

Tim was smart, personable and soon became a 'Tidewaiter' the name given to Customs Officers in those days. When he retired and opened his own Custom Brokerage business in 1965, he was then the Assistant Comptroller of Customs. He would have been the Computoller of Customs, but in those days, racial discrimination in The Bahamas dicated how far you climbed the organizational ladder.

Tim McCartney was well liked and became one of the most loved and respected men in The Bahamas. Sir George Roberts, who loved Tim and was his good friend, once remarked with hoooooonesty and affection in his Harbour Island accent -- "Tim, it's a pity you're not a white man!"

Timothy Osborne married Cora Culmer of Savannah Sound, Eleuthera, a beauty in her day and one of the softest, kindest, women God ever placed on this earth. Cora was a lady who lived for her husband and family. Tim and Cora provided a loving, secure family environment and from their union came eight children; four boys and four girls, and as Tim used to brag 'I have eight, brown-skinned, good looking children!'

Their oldest son, Timothy Osborne Jr. is an internationally known Clinical Psychologist, Professor and Author. 'Dr. Tim' as he is affectionally called is married to the former Pauline Moystem Sihera of Jamaica, and they have between them, Sean Osborne who has just completed a specialization in Hotel Management and Computers, his degree in December in Business Administration and two daughters and a son of Pauline's previous marriage. They also have eight grandchildren.

Richard Ashwer is a 'Jack of all Trades'. there isn't anything with a motor that he cannot fix. He is married to the former Althea Basfield. Richie has always been an innovator!. He has always had a liking for 'danger' and loves guns. There are many stories that can be told about Richie, Timothy Osborne Sr., and 'guns', but thats for another time and a further extention of this book.

Cora Mae is married to Whitfield Major a retired Inspector of Police and now the Head of Security of the Best Western British Colonial Hotel. Cora Mae looks like her mother, talks like her mother and has the manners of her mother.

She and Joe have three children,; Kim Lynette is a Registered Pharmacist and works for McCartney's Pharmacy. Kevin, who is an Electronics Engineer, works for Island T.V. and Timothy, who is a Welder by trade, but who works for The Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation. Cora Mae has her 'back-up' (this is a private family joke!)

William Arthur is the Entrepreneur of the family, the clown of the family and a very shrewd successful Businessman. He always claims that all of his brothers and sisters are talented except him, but he says he can .....??? .....!!! He is co-owner of Willmacs and McCartney's Pharmacies, Bahamas Drug Agency and has extensive real estate holdings.

'Wilmac', as he is affectionally called, is married to the former Marina North, a nurse who runs the office of Dr. Vincent Bowe. They have four beautiful and talented children; Yvette, who has just completed her Law Degree in Wales; Bran who got his LLB. from the University of London in 1989 and who has just recently compeleted his Bar finals and hopes to be called to the English and Bahamian Bars this year; Kurt a College Student in Florida majoring in Pharmacy and also a fix-it all person, and Cyd Charise, a College Freshmen majoring in pre-dentistry. Willie and Marina has hell on their hands with those georgous daughters.

Joan is married to Albert Adderley, the Director of Z.N.S. Radio and Television in Freeport, Grand Bahama, There is probably no one on this earth who likes to party like Joan, who finds the smallest excuse to throw one, "I'll have one wit ya" is an invitation that cannot be refused.



Uncle Sonny is one of the most brilliant of the McCartneys with a photographic memory eg. he can remember the day, date and year of birth of all his neices, nephews, children and grandchildren. The majority of the Family Tree information comes from Uncle Sonny.

He came to Nassau from Tarpum Bay and worked with the first Premier of The Bahamas, the late Sir Roland Symonette before establishing the first very successful Custom Brokerage Business in The Bahamas with his brother-in-law, Dewitt Thompson (father of Mychal 'Sweet Bells' of Laker Basketball fame!) McCartney-Thompson Company can be regarded as one of the most succesful businesses in The Bahamas of people of colour and also well known for the Christian principles by which this firm was run.

Uncle Sonny is the Senior Elder of East Street Gospel Hall, and he has given most of his life to the service of his church. He is also a theologin of note, and would not hesitate to engage anyone in a heated discussion.

Uncle Sonny married Olga Thompson, daughter of well known educator, G.H. Thompson of Palmetto Point, Eleuthera. Aunt Olga is a humanitarian, always giving to those unfortunate in our society. They have three children, George, who is married to the former Fredericka Turnquest. They have four children, Donna, Brian, Pamrica and Georgie; Charles is a Lawyer and has two daughters, Conra and Caffey from a previous marriage to the former Lenora Rodgers. He has a son Corin from his present marriage to Jan nee Bowe, Chief Dietitian of the Princess Margaret Hospital; and Maud, Uncle Sonny's only daughter (heartstring) is a Ministry of Tourism Official and is at present with the Bahamas Tourist Office in Texas.

Beatrice Eleanor ('B-Smookie') still resides in Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera and is as vibrant and healthy as ever! She married the deceased Reggie Knowles and had three children; May, who is the Chief Housekeeper at the Windermere High School in Eleuthera, Kenneth (Sonny) who is a Supervisor at Salt Cay, where they mine aragonite and Willie who passed away two years ago. Willie could have rivalled Sammy Davis Jr. as he was extremely talented. He could sing, dance and was a stand-up comic.

Aunt 'B' is known as one of Tarpum Bay's best organists and when she plays and sings, her voice 'rings' throughout the length and breath of Tarpum Bay.

Ruth Eliza was Willie McGee's youngest daughter and a very kind and beautiful person she was. She married Kenneth Morris (Unca K) who is so well loved by the family. Two children came out of this union; Robert, who died a few years back and Margaret (Dawn) who is an Official of British Airways and who was recently honoured for her long faithful service with the Airline.

'Dawn' has recently returned from a course in London. She has two children, Davina, a very pretty, smart and talented little girl and her baby daughter, Robyn.

Willie McGee also had a son Leon (tunka) Cowles with Miriam Knowles. Unca Leon is a very handsome, intelligent man who retired some years ago from the Civil Service with distinction, but is such a proficient, experienced person that he has been rehired at Bahamasair, our National Airline. 'Unca Leon' is married to the former Carmel Archer a quiet, dignified, elegant lady and, they have three children.

There is also a strong McCartney connection from Willie McGee in Miami, Florida. A Green Castle Lady had two sons for him, Leon and 'Bo Dingy' McCartney, now both deceased. Uncle Leon lived long enough to attend our first McCartney Family Reunion. Leon has three children; they are Lorraine, June and Lee.

Richard BoDinghy migrated to Miami, Florida but tragically drowned in 1927. He had one son Ivan Renford McCartney Sr. (Bo) who had Franklin LaRoi, Diana Selena Neilly, Patrice Ferdona, Ivan Renford Jr. and Darrell Wayne.

It is hoped that during the Reunion, more detailed information will be received from these family members.

Uncle Leon McCartney lived in Coconut Grove, Florida for many years and has raised a very distinguished family. The author remembers the early fifties when on his way to college in Minnesota, he would stop in Miami and 'hook up' with 'Baba'. They both would 'hang' at the Mary Elizabeth or Cafe Society or the then hotel for blacks in those days. 'Baba' was an accomplished bassist, and used to 'sit in' for 'gigs' with some of the top musicians in the U.S.A.

Other children of Uncle Leon in Miami are Henry, Harold, Carl and twin daughters. We will be getting more information during the Reunion to write more comprehensively about this distinguished branch of the family.



John Freeman's third son was Peter.

### Peter McCartney's Branch

Peter had four sons; Henry, John, Joe and Zaccheus. Unfortunately, we have no information on Peter's wife or her family, but their progeny have distinguished themselves and this branch of the family is cause for great pride!

Henry had five sons and two daughters: Talmadge McCartney came to Miami from Tarpum Bay and became a Customs Officer around the same time as his cousin, Timothy Osborne Sr. They became inseparable and these two copper, 'island boys' used to paint the town red, not forgetting, however, their religious roots. They both attended Central Gospel Hall on Doveswell Street and there Talmadge (Uncle Tal) met Diana, who he married. Out of this union came a son, William (Junior) a recent retired Custom's Officer who now resides in Freeport, Grand Bahama. 'Junior', like his father, was a 'man-a-bout-town' and the closeness of Tal and Tim spilled over to their children.

Talmadge also had a child with another Diana who gave him his beautiful daughter, Constance. She is married to Tex Lunn and is reputed to be one of the best cooks on the Island. Constance is a very kind and beautiful person and she goes out of her way to help people.

'Uncle Tal' contracted Tuberculosis at a very young age. He lived long enough to be the best man at Timothy Osborne's wedding. The Author well remembers the day Uncle Tal died. Timothy Osborne was totally devastated and wept bitterly. It was one of the saddest days that I'll remember as long as I live!!

John 'B' has been an Officer at the Welfare Department of the Ministry of Education for many years. He is a handsome, polite, quiet and dignified man with a strong 'jaw' and penetrating eyes. John 'B' married Margaret, Auntie Pam's daughter. Auntie Pam was the sister of May Don McCartney who married Willie McGee.

John 'B' and Margaret had very humble beginnings, but they raised their children to be honest, personable, to search for excellence in education and to be fearless in spirit! Their perseverance, stability and humility has produced ten very successful children:

John, the oldest, is a Professor of Political Science having obtained his Doctorate at Perden University, and for many years developed the programme on African and Caribbean Studies. His casual attire in the classroom but penetrating and of times, revolutionary ideas, not only stimulated students at Perden but his mane and theories are well known throughout American Academia.

Professor John returned to The Bahamas and formed the Vanguard Socialist Party and together with Lionel Carey, and others, created not only a political entity, but established a newspaper which engendered black pride.

John was discriminated against by the present Bahamian Government who refused him a teaching position at the College of The Bahamas - a position for which he was more than qualified to fulfill.

Rosemay, John B's oldest daughter, is a teacher at the C.I. Gibson School in Nassau.

Henry is a very successful businessman who has developed 'Scoops' an Ice Cream Facility found in the Prince Charles Shopping Centre and the Town Centre Mall. He also owns Frosties.

James D is a Physician who specialized in Surgery. He is a Consultant Surgeon at the Princess Margaret Hospital and is in Private Practice.

Leona is married to a Physician, Dr. John, who is a specialist in Internal Medicine. She runs her husband's lucrative practice.

Reggie is a Professor of Biology at New York Community College.

Patricia is a Dietician who practices and lives in Oklahoma, USA;

Pauline works as an Executive Secretary in Washington, D.C., and the youngest sons George and Wilfred are pig farmers. Wow! What a family! John 'B' and Margaret deserve our highest commendations!!

Peter's other son, John, had a boy and a girl, John T and Susan. Peter's son Joe never married and Zaccheus had Dollie Smoth and Meccese. No other information on this part of the family.



Looking again at the Family Tree, it is assumed that Talmadge and John 'B's brother James maybe the Kansas connection and this would be confirmed during the Reunion.

James Whilton McCartney, one of Henry's sons, migrated to Key West, Florida at the turn of the Century. He married Irene Sweeten and had James Maxwell McCartney Sr. He also had two daughters, Marie Hayes and Mrs. Penny Jones.

James Maxwell Sr. migrated to Wichita, Kansas and was employed by the City of Wichita as a Custodian in 1949. He worked for the city and gave thirty years of distinguished service.

'Bro Mack', as he was affectionately known, was a gifted Bible Scholar and Teacher. He had remarkable musical abilities and excellent as a professional bass violinist, playing with many outstanding bands and orchestras as he travelled from Coast to Coast in the USA.

After he surrendered his life to God, he became a trustee Deacon of the Church of God in Christ. This brilliant McCartney was a carpenter, an accomplished musician -- bass guitar, mandolin, and an amateur photographer. James Maxwell Jr., died September 19, 1908. His children are James Maxwell Jr., Larry J, and Stephen A. Daughters are Jane Mavon, Marie Billingsly, Sandra Barnes, Deborah Rochell, Linda Baldtrip, Pamela Thompson, Rebekah McCartney and Phyllis McCartney.

#### Diana McCartney-Hope Branch

John Freeman and 'Aunt Lighty' had one daughter, Diana who was a midwife. She met and married a very successful Barbadian by the name of Hope who owned vast properties in Eleuthera. From this union came three children; Thomas, 'Aunt Missy' Edwards and Margaret.

Thomas came from Tarpum Bay and married Savilita (nee McPherson) a very tall, intelligent lady, from a well known Nassau Family.

Savileta was the first cousin of the famous tailor, politician and businessman. S.C. McPherson whom the author knew very well as they were neighbours. Thomas and Savilita had nine children,; Hartman, Daisy, Annie, Joe, Walter, Ruth, Hartman (another son who was named after his brother who died). Ester and Ruth (another Ruth who was named after his sister 'Ruth' who died! Out of these nine children, we only have information on Daisy and the youngest, Ruth.

Daisy Hope married Granville Smith who was a Horse and Carriage Tour Operator known affectionately as 'My Worthy'! It is interesting to note that Daisy was the first cousin of Willie McGee's children and Granville was the second cousin of Willie McGee's children on May Don's (Willie McGee's Wife) side.

Daisy was a tall, fair skinned, elegant woman who was very close to her cousin Timothy Osborne Sr. She linked up with the late Bishop Evans and helped him establish the Church of God on East Street and Lily of the Valley Corner.

Daisy was a devout christian and a pillar of the Church of God. She and 'My Worthy' had one son and five daughters: Charles (Clyde) lives in Maryland, USA and is a retired US Army Veteran; Mary Patton is a retired nurse, Olga Mae, Margarete Moss, Hillcerina Thompson who is the asistant housekeeper of Doctor's Hospital and Rose Bradshaw, Human Resource Manager at ZNS Radio and Television

Ruth Hope married George Knowles (deceased). She still looks as young and beautiful in spite of her 67 years of age. Ruth is one of those people who never ages.

She and George had a very happy marriage and out of this union came two children, Kirkwood (Kirk) who has Eric, Derek, Dion, Dian and Cassandra; and Andrea who has Richard Knowles and Jermoe Hope Sawyer.

'Aunt Missy Edwards had three sons, but their names have not been found.

Nothing has been obtained on Diana's other daughter, Margaret.



#### V. The Exuma & Long Island Connection

It is known that McCartneys from Eleuthera often visited Exuma and Long Island and some migrated there.

Sammy McCartney and his two brothers George McCartney and Sheddie McCartney migrated to Exuma. Sammy had Revelyn McCartney who married an Exuma woman named Euoline. Out of this union came two boys and a girl Viz.

Arnold McCartney, who is deceased, Alexander 'Sky' McCartney, a well known Barber and Taxi Driver, who lives in Nassau, and Enid McCartney who is also still alive.

Their family tree will be more comprehensively researched and corrections made to the overall 'Tree'!

In Long Island, there are the McCardys and the McCARDYS!. These two families are alleged to have been originally McCARTNEYS from Eleuthera but because of some dispute, went through a radical name change.

Perry McHARDY of the Road Traffic Department and the husband of Dale nee Carey has given the following information. Hopefully, we may be able to discover this link on the overall McCartney Family Tree.

William Holowesko also informs the author that there was a Judge (Justice) of The Bahamas Supreme court, an Englishman by the name of McCartney who had lots of children - mostly illegitimate in Nassau. Some of these migrated to the Islands.

We are getting more information on Judge McCartney and just may find more branches to our overall Family Tree!!

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

This by no means, brings to an end the McCartney Family Story.

It was thought that for Reunion 1990, a brief history should be published to place the family in a more cohesive prospective.

There is so much more information to be collected and many corrections to be made on some of the present informaiton.

It is sincerely hoped that within the next year, the author will travel to Ireland, Scotland and England and link up with the McCartney's there. Also reearch will be carried out at the Archives in Nassau, and information sought so that Jack Freeman's African wife can be properly traced.

Professor John McCartney is at present in America getting material on Willie Sonnie McCartney, and I hope that he will agree to collaborate in the writing of a comprehensive history of the family. This, believe me, will be a mammoth task!!

It has been unfortunately discovered that a very important segment of Anne Mackey Major's Family (Willie McGee's Sister) has been left out. this omission is even more embarrassing since Cousin Virgie (Ingraham's) children and grandchildren are very much in evidence, and especially Aileen Farquharson who did the typing for the Family Synopsis found in the Reunion Programme. However, the family can be found on the overall Family Tree.

Profound apologies are also made to those members of the family who have been left out because of the lack of information at present, or linkages have not been properly made.

There are many errors in the spelling of family members and in the placing of members on the wrong family tree branch. Also, many present day children and grandchildren and great grandchildren have unfortunately been left out.

McCartney's, please, please send me as detailed information as possible, especially the Florida, Kansas, California and New York family members.



It should be noted that because of the crucial time constraints and printing deadlines, we could not edit this first manuscript; so syntax, spelling, construction etc. have been ignored. This script has been written extemporaneously and late into the nights as a labour of love, and has been one of the most fascinating and growth enriching projects ever attempted by the author. I am highly stimulated to continue towards excellence!

May God continue to richly bless our family, and may His Grace which is so bountiful a gift to us sustain, guide and project us as people of faith, values, honesty and integrity for His honour, praise and glory!!.

TO OUR DISTINGUISHED FAMILY MCCARTNEY, 'STIMULAT SEDORNET'.

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