

Virginia K. Charlton's Explanation of Her McIntosh Records

She is the great-granddaughter of Catherine (Cate) McIntosh, John and Laughlin McIntosh's older sister

Here's some information on John and Laughlin McIntosh. It's either from my genealogy research or from John and Laughlin McIntosh's Compiled Military Service Records and Pension Files from the National Archives.

John A McIntosh (1839–1928) and **Laughlin McIntosh** (1841–1863) were brothers. They were the second and third children and oldest two sons of Alexander McIntosh and Ellen Noble. Alexander McIntosh was a farmer in Madison Township, Columbiana County, Ohio. The "settlement" referred to in John McIntosh's letter of 8/2/1862 is the Scottish settlement in Madison and Yellow Creek townships in Columbiana County.

John McIntosh, at the time of his enlistment, was 22 years old, 5 feet 7 ½ inches tall, of fair complexion, with blue eyes and auburn hair. **Laughlin McIntosh**, at the time of his enlistment, was 20 years old, 5 feet 11 ¼ inches tall, of fair complexion, with blue eyes and red hair.

John McIntosh was detailed as color guard from November 1864 to May 1865.

John McIntosh's letter of 8/2/1862 is addressed to the family at home which at that time included his father and mother and the following children: Catherine (1838-1923), Jennet (1842–1881), Nancy (1844–1923), Margaret (1845–1904), Daniel (1848–1923), and Isabella (1852–1929). John refers to being unwell and not tending his teams. He was detailed as a teamster during the months of July and August by order of Col. Leggett. He also comments that his brother Laughlin's health is good.

His letter of 1/18/1865 is addressed to his younger sister Jennet. The uncle Angus McBane mentioned as not responding to his letters is his father's brother-in-law.

His letter of 4/24/1865 is addressed to his older sister Cate (Catherine McIntosh).

After the War, John McIntosh returned home to his father's farm. He worked on the farm until the early 1870s when he moved to Mayfield Heights near Cleveland. He lived there until his death in 1928. In his obituary, it is mentioned that he was active in the GAR. He's buried in Knollwood Cemetery and his grave marker reads as follows: John A. McIntosh, Co. I, 78th O.V.V.I., 1839–1928.

Laughlin McIntosh (1841–1863) died of remittent fever in General Hospital #2 on 8/24/1863 at Vicksburg, MS. He was buried there and his grave marker was lost. He may have been reinterred as an Unknown in Vicksburg National Military Cemetery. His brother John was in the same hospital at this time, probably also suffering from remittent fever. He was in the hospital until the middle of September and then on furlough home for six weeks.

Laughlin McIntosh's letter of 6/4/1862 is addressed to his father Alexander McIntosh.

His letter of 2/24/1863 is addressed to his younger sister Maggie (Margaret McIntosh). He mentions getting letters from his sisters Nan (Nancy McIntosh) and Jennet (Jennet McIntosh). He also mentions that J.A. (his brother John A. McIntosh) sent money home.

His letter of 3/2/1863 is addressed to his younger sister Maggie (Margaret McIntosh). He mentions that he sent a card to his youngest sister Bell (Isabella McIntosh). He also mentions Sergeant T. C. Starr as his bed mate. Thomas Clinton Starr was killed in action 6/14/1864 at Big Shanty, GA.