

I am the daughter of Colonel Henry  
McNish. My mother was Jane Dupree Dupont  
Both of St. Luke's Parish, Beaufort District (now  
Beaufort County) South Carolina. In 1830, I  
married Mr. Ralph McNeill. At that time he  
was residing on his Waterloo plantation in  
the above named parish. He was a widower  
at the time of my marriage to him. He was  
possessed of ample means. Was a member of  
the Protestant Episcopal Church and afterwards  
a vestry-man of the Church of the Holy Trinity  
Grahamville, South Carolina. My husband  
has frequently told me the story of his life which  
was as follows:—

My husband's father was Daniel McNeill  
a Scotchman, I believe from Argyllshire. He  
married an English lady Miss Sarah Parkinson.  
He was an officer of Customs and was ordered  
to the coast of Ireland to watch the smugglers.  
He lived at different times in the towns of  
Strangford and Killough, County Down. I had  
four sons, viz: Daniel, John, Thomas and  
Ralph who was my husband.

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The eldest son, Daniel was a wine merchant. His place of business on the strand, London, England, and was possessed of a large fortune. He married but had no children. His wife's first name was "Ann" but I do not remember her maiden name. The second and third sons, John and Thomas both came to America. John died of yellow fever in Philadelphia and Thomas died at my husband's home in South Carolina. I have seen his grave. Neither of them were ever married. My husband left his father's home when very young. His mother died when he was an infant. He had a difficulty with his father's <sup>House</sup> - HOUSE - keeper. The cause of the difficulty was, as follows: he was amusing himself one day making a toy boat out of some barrel staves. She interfere with him and he struck her with one of the staves. She was not however

seriously hurt, but he became frightened, fearing his father's displeasure and ran off, and made his way to his brother in London, who placed him at school where he staid for several years. His brother seeing his taste for the sea

induced to put him in the Navy, and accordingly procured for him the position of a Midshipman.

The captain of the man-of-war was a cousin of his wife. The vessel's name was I think, St. Albans.

During the war with the colonies he served as a

First Lieutenant on board the American vessel

the Salem. The Salem was captured and he

was released, and afterwards made several

voyages in merchant ships. On one voyage

from Copenhagen to Cork the officers became

ill and although he was a mere boy he navigated

the vessel into Cork, and was presented

by the owners with £500. He was only 16 or

years of age at the time. He landed in Charleston

in 1784 and was a guest of his cousin

<sup>Ralph (see gazette 3 Jan 1785)</sup> Captain John McNeill who had married a

<sup>Edward</sup> widowed lady Mrs Griffith. She was formerly

<sup>(see HM 66 p. 237)</sup> Miss Martha Miles. Captain McNeill died and

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after a time my husband married his  
widow sometime after her death I married  
My husband has frequently told me that  
brother Daniel was possessed of a large fortune  
and that our children would be benefited by it  
I have frequently asked him why he did not  
take possession and bring the property to this country  
He would object saying "let it alone, they will  
need it more at a future time". He had such  
implicit faith in the justice of the British  
laws, that it would be well cared for and the  
children benefited when needed. I have frequently  
thought that one of his chief reasons for not  
removing the property to this country was, he al-  
ways said there would be a war between  
the Northern and Southern states, for the difficulty  
would never be settled except by the sword.  
My husband died in July 1865.