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McIntyre Cemetery ~ Part II

The McIntyre Clan was a close-knit family group, and as they raised their children, they saw the importance of leaving a legacy behind—this legacy was the inheritance of the family land, where couples could raise their own families. As generations of the family continued, many more families inherited the land, where they farmed or settled, bringing children into the world who would appreciate the family name and all it stood for. As more McIntyre descendants remain in the area, these families might not be farming as their ancestors once did, yet they do build homes, and enjoy the pleasures of living the country life of their forefathers.

Around 1863, another child born to J.T. & Lucinda Deer McIntyre was Daniel Nathaniel who married Lucinda “Bama” Stephens. Daniel managed the old property where he raised his family, and along the area of old Steamboat Bend, there was an area still known today as “Dan’s Landing” where steamboats stopped to take on wood, most likely harvested along the banks of the Sepulga River. The couple is buried in Old Town Cemetery; however, their roots run deep in the old McIntyre Cemetery where their ancestors are laid to rest. Daniel and Bama had 7 children: John Wilber, Mamie Lorena, Bessie Leona, Daniel Douglas, Ernest, Grace Lillian, and Virgil. Lorena married Lucian Lucas; and from them come some of Conecuh’s citizens who still reside in the Herbert, Mt. Union, and nearby Evergreen communities; still making ends meet on the old McIntyre and related family lands. The older generations of the McIntyre families lived, worked, worshipped, attended school, and died in the same place they’d settled—their children might have moved on for a while; however, they too must have felt the pull of the land in their bones, much like Duncan McIntyre, for many come back ‘home’ resettling the very areas that the first McIntyre saw so much potential in.

Some travel the world all over, looking for excitement; or pleasure; or a place to put down roots; while others are content to be right where they’ve always been. Whichever you do, is just right, for you; for your ancestors made the choices that brought you here; whether you stay or not is up to you. Be sure that you remember how your ancestors got here, and why; and no matter where you may roam, you can always come back home.