

SAMUEL McCLENNY SEARCH – USA

Background Information For A Genealogical Research

1. The first official Canadian Records which show that Samuel McClenny was domiciled in Canada was the Canadian Census for the year 1871 .
2. His age was shown to be 40 years.
3. His date of birth has subsequently been determined to be 15 July 1830.
4. His place of birth is shown to be Ireland.
5. He is known to be an illiterate Labourer who worked for a man by the name of Robert McCormick.
6. A gravestone for Robert McCormick located right next to the grave of Samuel McClenny states that Robert McCormick was born in Niagara County, New York, June 22, 1818.
7. As there are no Immigration records available to show that Samuel McClenny landed in Canada, it is strongly suspected that he may have landed in the USA (New York?) and eventually travelled overland to Canada.
8. It is also strongly suspected that in view of the working relationship Samuel McClenny had with Robert McCormick, that the two men may have known each other in the USA prior to them coming to Canada.
9. Additional information (not confirmed) indicates that Samuel McClenny may have landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the 16th day of September 1846 at the age of 15 years.....on a ship called the BARQUE CREOLE.
10. A search of the Census Records for the State of Pennsylvania for the year 1850 shows a 'Saml McClhenny' age 19 years, living in the County of Alleghenny.
11. A search of Ships Lists for vessels arriving in the Port of Philadelphia between the years 1800 and 1945 shows a 'Biddy McClenny', age 18 years (b: 1826) whose Port of Departure was Londonderry Ireland. The name of the ship was 'SOLON' and the list was dated Sept. 7, 1844. Philadelphia Passenger Lists 1800-1882, Micropublication M425.RG036. Rolls#1-108 National Archives, Washington D.C.
12. A further search of US Federal Census for the year 1870 finds a 'Neil McClenny' living in Philadelphia Ward 1 District 2, age 38 and born about 1832 and whose birthplace was Ireland. As there is just 2 years difference in age between Neil and my Great-grandfather Samuel McClenny, the question is: could they have been brothers and could they have come to the US together?????
13. The US Census for the year 1850 shows a Robert McClenny living in Ontario, New York.

SUGGESTED TARGETS FOR SEARCH:

- Census records for the states of: New York and Pennsylvania
 - for the period 1840 to 1861

- Ships lists for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for 07 September 1844/46, especially the BARQUE CREOLE and the SOLON.

PURPOSE OF THE SEARCH

1. To determine date of landing in USA for Samuel McClenny.
2. To determine port of departure for Samuel McClenny
3. To determine place of residence prior to departure for Samuel McClenny
4. To determine names of any relatives travelling with Samuel McClenny
5. To determine any personal statistics (data) relevant to Samuel McClenny which might be available on any records searched.

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Signed: _____
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