

cc: Tod Marshall

Letters of Sarah (Marshall) McConnell  
Passed down through son David McConnell  
Della (McConnell) Rex, Vera (Rex) Green  
and then to Ronald E. Toops  
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**Comment:** I completed my initial research and analysis of the Marshall/Wright families in July, 2001; As I had just signed an acceptance of an offer for my property in Colorado on July 7th, I decided to start sorting, labeling and packing my belongings, including my various genealogical files. As I worked on one pile I found some copies of some of the letters that I had originally copied for "The McConnell Letters" which I had compiled in 1975 (They were in the possession of my cousin Vera Green or her mother at that time) ; A few years ago I stopped to visit Vera and she gave me the Original Letters and also a photograph of Robert McConnell the subject of the 1975 compilation.

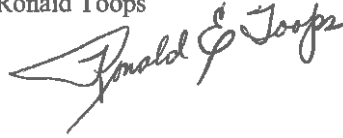
See Letters Below - Christmas in July!!!

Letters of Sarah (Marshall) McConnell

Letter # 1, Mary Brooks or Charity Marshall from their brother Right Wright -

to Mary Brooks - or Charrity Marsh -all  
Ohio Miama -  
- County, Newton town-  
Ship pleasant - hill post office  
New Hope SC 25  
Nov 7th

"This is on one side of the  
four (4) sides which make up  
this letter" - Ronald Toops



State of South Carolina Spartan Burgh District

**Dear Sisters** I onst more Rite a few lines to try to hur from you we have not had any letter from you lately we have lost one more of our Children Sence we hurd from you our - last Baby By the name of **Mark Wright** Deceased last fall It has Been A Verry Sickly hur this last Summer and fall My family are all up at present we Still live in Spartan Burgh I thought that we wold Come to that cuntry Before Now But Sickness and Deth pervents us from Dooing as we Some times think

**Henry** and me talks if we Can of Coming out there next Spring or Summer we cant moove yet and I wanted to See that Cuntry once more to See how times is thare times hur is vary Dull Money and provisions are tollarable Scarse with us pore folks But let us not grumble at naught for we have a nuff of Boath to doo with I want you if you get this to Rite to me as soon as you can and let me no how you are and send in you next letter how Charrity is in Respect to the Consumpton whether Shee has got well or how Shee is and if you Still like that cuntry Better than this

let me hur from **Nathan Wright** and **Nathan Coppock** if they are living and how they are Dooing

I am Like to Loose Some of My work of Mill Bilding on account of mean men

the man that I Bilt one for Deceased and his Exetors Dont want to Settle (?) for we have greed to ... it to men  
I dont how they will do

I Bilt one grist mill on tiger River I got pay for that with aney grumblings

I hant had no letter from **Brother Wm Wright** Sence I hurd from you he has quit Riteing to me of late the last letter I think gave an account of **Sophia Being Married John and James** was living Some distance from him But was not married as I hurd let me no if **uncle John Jay** and ant lucy is well thee said that we had 2 uncles and aunts yet living what too are they (?) we wold Bee glad to hur from **uncle James and Gemima Jay** and his family **Mills and Matilda Jay** and whare they live

**Henry** has Been working at the tanners trade 8 months I want hin to larn to Bee a tanner  
if we come thare I want him ot work in Some Tan ward

if you have rote to me lately I have not got your letters if you get this Rite as Soon as you can

So Conclude and Remain your Brother **Right Wright**

This November 5th day 1841

Some notes at the bottom: Thomas Moors hall Thomas

Also: Comment on Letter - John Marshalls hand and pen as good ...

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See MARSHAL.DOC:

# 4) Deeds, Newberry District, South Carolina

a. July 23, 1804 - George Arnold to **William Wright** ... part of a tract of eleven acres... being part of a tract conveyed from David Davenport unto George Arnold and **Nathan Wright** lying on Little River at the mouth of Mud Lick Creek, Waters of Saluda...

Witnessed: Joseph Reagin and Thomas Reagin

b. **July 1, 1819** - Samuel Rogers (Originally granted to David McLaran - 350 A.) to William Wright (100 A.) lying on the north Bank of Big Saluda River ... Signed: Samuel Rogers & wife, Mary (X) Rogers  
Witnesses: Benjamin Lindsay (J.P.), Right Wright and **William (X his mark) Marshall**  
- Personally came **William Marshall** ... deed ...unto **William Wright** son of **Nathan Wright** ... that Benjamin Lindsey and Wright Wright ... Signed: William (X) Marshall, **Nov 1, 1821**

# 5) Estates of Newberry District, South Carolina:

a. May 6th, 1805 - Nathan Wright, dec'd, Box 59, 39 -... we Sarah Wright, William Wright, Charles Lester, and James Copeland ....Administrators: Sarah Wright and William Wright ...

# 6) Newberry County, South Carolina, Historical and Genealogical Annals, by George Leland Summer, Other Pioneers (continued) pg 361

. John Wright (Sr.)...died abt. 1790, leaving children: 1) John, 2) Joseph, 3) **Nathan**, 4) the wife \* of Isaac Cook, 5) the wife \*\* of Isaac Hollingsworth, 6) William, 7) Thomas, 8) Isaac.

... **Nathan** was the father of **William (Wright)**... All of these families moved with Quakers to Ohio, **some going to Indiana...** **Nathan Wright** (s/o John, Sr.) died in Newberry District abt. 1805, leaving a family, his wife being Sarah Wright. See Estate Record 5) above, (Appears to be John & Rachel (Wells) Wright; Note: Bush River MM (Jun 24 1809): William Wright and wife Mary and children, Nathan, Sarah and Rachel... Vol 1, pg 1016; request to become members of Springfield MM (May 8, 1822): William, Nathan, John Mills, James Anderson, Mary, Sarah, Rachel and Sophia Wright - Action: Where is the Springfield MM located? (Clinton Cty, Ohio?)

ANALYSIS OF LETTER (November 5th, 1841):

1. Author is Right Wright brother to Mary (Wright) Brooks and Charity (Wright Marshall); Wright Wright appears in both the 1840 - SPAR 068 No Twp & 1850 - SPAR 112 Spartanburg US Census Index for South Carolina to be reviewed in the future.
2. A William Wright is identified as a brother to the author Right Wright; A William s/o Nathan is tied to a Right Wright in the deed identified above in #4b and possibly # 4a & 5., along with a William Marshall.

Several other individuals are identified in the letter:

3. Mark s/o Right Wright which had recently passed away
4. Henry (s/o?) who appears to be living with Right Wright (Action: Check local 1840 Records)
5. Nathan, John, James and Sophia (Wright); It appears that these three are living close together; There is a great similarity between this family and that listed above in the annals of Newberry, i.e. ...

Also

- . Uncle John Jay and Aunt Lucy
- . Uncle James and Gemima Jay (James Jay, m. Jemima Mills Apr 7, 1791, in Bush River - Quaker Records); According to Dan Buckley, <BUC@GBSO.NET, James was to s/o William & Elizabeth (Netherson) Jay.
- . (Uncle?) Mills and Matilda Jay; According to Wendell W. Stream, <xisp142@netins.net, Mills Jay married Matilda Hilborn and is the s/o James & Jemima Jay - Mills d. prob. Mar 17 1864, Henry Cty, IA.
- . Nathan Coppock; Appears along with several other Coppocks in the 1830 US Census for Newton Twp, Miami County, Ohio - 075 MIA NEW (Doesn't appear to be there in 1840 or later!)

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ANALYSIS OF LETTER #1 (November 5th, 1841):

Continued -

**Conclusion:** It is my opinion, that Mary (Brooks), Charity (Marshall), Right Wright, William Wright and possibly Nathan, John, James and Sophia (Wright?) are siblings and the children of Nathan (s/o John and Rachel (Wells) Wright) and Sarah Wright. Obviously more research is in order in Spartanburg, Laurens and Newberry County S.C. and in Ohio for the above individuals listed in the letters. - Ron Toops

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Letter # 2, Dear Sister (Probably Sarah (Marshall) McConnell from William and Elizabeth Marshall:

Greenville

May 19, 1873

Dear Sister it is with plesur that I write you a fue lines to that as well as comon but me I had a chill yeaster day and had a hi fever afterword to day I hav bin takin quinine for to morrow I hav to go away to help vue a rode for a free pike I have bin on 3 and haft to go on 5 mor yeat tel the 5 of June I ant getin to work mush this spring we hav a han now for five months at 18 per month he cam to hir on Saterday and Thom was commin down thair a Sunday to See if he cod get a hand thair he is from Pensilvanyis a purty good han so we ar getin along purty well we have a 11 achers of corn planted and 16 mor redy to plant to morrow it has bin vary wet and cold it rand all for noon to day or we wod ben planted today tel David that I am lookin for him to com out hear as soon as corn is planted to stay a copel a weeks maby I can us him to set out tobaco to a good advantedg tel him to cam eny how if I dont want him to work

**Elizabeth** Ses if you hant got her caarpet in to much it one yeard and 2 inches wide if you can she ses tel you She is mechin buter and relin So She will hav the mony for you when you get it don She sels 14 lbs buter every wek for 20 cts cash mech it as soon as you can and send a leter and we will com down after it

tel **Jane** I hant had a leter from in a long time i wod be glad to her from her by leter for I am comin to See you all when we com for the carpet if we can leave hom if our work is so we can leave home we have a heap of work to do tel harvrs if we dont get to com on a visit we will com after harvist So be shour and write

**Wm Marshall**  
**Elizabeth Marshall**

ANALYSIS OF LETTER #2 (May 19, 1873):

See MARSHAL.DOC:

1. William and Elizabeth Marshall lived in Darke County, thus Greenville, Ohio.
2. Thomas is the s/o William and Elizabeth Marshall
2. Since this letter is found in the letters of Sarah (Marshall) McConnell, it is assumed that most of the text is addressed to her, sister; This is also supported by the mention of David (McConnell), Sarah's son.
3. Jane (Marshall/Bright) is also mentioned and Sarah's sister, thus William's sister

**Conclusion:** This William (wife Elizabeth) is in my opinion the s/o of William & Charity (Wright) Marshall and thus the brother to John, Thomas, Sarah, Jane, Sampson, et. al.

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Letter # 3, Dear Aunt Brother & sisters from Ahab Marshall:

Washington Iowa

Oct \_\_\_ 1850 (Day Blotted Out!)

Dear Aunt Brother & Sisters I take my pen in hand to write a short letter to you which I should have done before this time, but on the account of sickness. I was taken sick with the chills & fever about the 23rd of Sept which turned in to a slow fever I forgot the name that the Doctor called it. I was sick about three days before I sent for a Doctor hoping that it would pass by and I knew that I was not able to pay Doctors bill, but at last I sent for one but the disease had such hold on me it seemed that he could do little good. I lay about two weeks insensible of any misery or any thing else. I then taken a turn for the better and have benn mending as fas as could be expected since. I am now so that I can walk round town a little and can set up all day with only one resting spell. I expect my doctor bill will be 25 or 30 dollars for he was to see me a bout three or four times a day for about three weeks I was unwell two or three weeks before I was taken dow but I did not take medicine for I thought it would pass by. It run on so till about two days before court and got worse. I did not take any medacine yet because I had buisness to tend to in Court and not wanting to be running out all the time. then I got through with the business and court broke up but I was very sick by this time and this is the way that the sickness got such holt on me. The Doctor said every day for about two weeks that I would die, but he missed it and not very much at that, for I come as near it as ever a person did I reckon to not die. I feel in prietty good hart now an I am gaining very fast and I think in a nother week that I can tend to my buisness. I commenced to write you a letter four or five days ago but my hand was so trimly that I could not write and had to wait till now. I write bot now that I do not know wheter you can read it or not, but among you all mabe you can make it out. I would say to **Sampson** that I expect he enjoyed our birth day much better than I did as I lay on my back on that day insensible of any thing that was going on.

I got a letter yesterday from **William** which stated that you ware all well. I never got a letter that done me so much good as I was so anxious to hear from you since I have been sick. He says in his letter that **Thomas** has bought **John** out. He also says that it has been tolerable healthy there this summer & fall which I was glad to hear. I can say that it has generally been health here too, that is said to be a very healthy Country and I believe it is. I was the cause of my own hard sickness as I let it get such deap holt befor I done any thing. I think I will be more careful after this. This is the prettiest Country that I ever saw and the best ground.

How bad I wish for you all to be out here as I know that you would like this Country. If I only had one of my brothers or sisters out here it would be a heap of company to me.. I did \_\_\_ for one of the girls to tend on me so bad when I was sick for the folks that I board with when I first was take down let me lay up stairs for a whole day and night at a time without comming to see whither I wanted any thing or not. I nearly famished for watter some times.

fortunately two or three days after the young man that come out here with me from Ohio come, as he had been away for a while and he stayed in my room all the time while I was so bad and tended on me as faithful as a brother could. I will certainly never forget him for it. for I believe that I would have died any how if it had not been for him. I have done considerable buisness since I came out here. I expect that I have sixty five or sevent dollars owing to me now and have better prospects for next \_\_\_\_ I had this. I have to pay so much for boarding that it takes nearly all that I can make yet, I have to pay two dollars a week for bording. there is the most and best corn in this Country that I ever saw. I must close my letter as my space is nearly all filled up excuse my poor writing as it is the best that I can do till I get stouteer. write as soon as you can and let me know how you all come on. tell **Sampson** to write and try to write a little better than he did before as I know he can write better and to spell his words better as he certainly can spell better than his other letter. Direct your letters to Ahab Marshall Washington Iowa and they will come to me

Ahab Marshall

Written on the side: I wrote this letter on Sunday as it was the first day that I felt that I could write at all.

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ANALYSIS OF LETTER #3 (Oct \_\_\_\_ 1850):

See MARSHAL.DOC:

1. When I did my research, I found it interesting that I could not find Ahab in Ohio or Indiana, now I know why; Washington (City/County) Iowa, Oct \_\_\_\_ 1850 (Action: Research records for Washington County, Iowa)
2. Dear Aunt Brother & Sisters: Probably Aunt Mary (Polly) Brooks as she was living in 1850, Sampson and Sarah & Jane.
3. ... **Sampson** that I expect he enjoyed our birthday: Sampson , b. Oct 7, 1834; Ahab, b. Oct 7, 1825, d. Jun 18, 1851  
Reference: The History of Miami County Ohio ... W.H. Beers & Co. 1880.
4. I got a letter yesterday from **William** ... that **Thomas (s/o William)** has bought **John** out, ... Comment: This may be John s/o John and Sarah (Pearson) Marshall.; Checking the deeds may verify this connection.

"Letter # 4", **J. Bright** in bold Script at top of page.

Bartonia, Randolph County, Ind. - Written By Minnie Marshall      No Date is apparent!

This appears to be either a copied set of scripture or something possibly created by Minnie Marshall; I will not write this down, although it is quite inspiring writing.

**Conclusion:** This appears to support that Jane Bright is in fact Jane (Marshall) Bright. Again see MARSHAL.DOC:

Ronald E. Toops, heading for "The Villages"/Lady Lake Florida by way of Marshall, N.C.