

Sarah Nelson (Dwelling #691)

Sarah Nelson is actually Sarah ‘Sally’ Ann Montgomery McIntosh, the wife of Cornelius and the mother of Solomon Parks (dwelling #685) and Nancy Ann McIntosh (dwelling #687). She was born June 15, 1789 in South Carolina. She was the daughter of Davison and Nancy Montgomery.

On September 20, 1817, Barnabas Smith sold Sally McIntosh and her five children, John A., Malinda T., Nancy, Solomon P., and William C., heirs of Cornelius McIntosh, deceased, 35 acres on the waters of Whippoorwill, for 30 dollars. Sally signed with an “X”. The very same day, Sarah D. McIntosh sold the land to James Conyers for \$100. It has been suggested that Sarah may have paid off a mortgage and then sold the land. At that time, her children were from one year to eleven years in age.

Sarah McIntosh married on Thomas Nelson on March 12, 1818. In 1820, the Todd County, Kentucky Tax Lists revealed Thomas Nelson’s family was as follows: 2 1 0 0 1 / 1 2 0 1 1. This means there were 2 males under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-40; 1 female under 10, 2 females 10-16, 1 female 18-26, and 1 female 26-45. Very probably Thomas and Sarah were both widowers when they married. Thomas Nelson was at least 26 years old and may have been as old as 45; Sarah Montgomery McIntosh Nelson was the female in the 26-45 year range as she would have been 31 in 1820 and the female 45 and over may have been her mother-in-law—Nancy M. McIntosh Larue.

There is a Sally Nelson in the 1830 census of Union, Illinois with 1 male 10-14, 1 male 15-19, 1 female under 5, 1 female 40-49, and 1 female 60-69. That would be William Carrol/Carl McIntosh, Solomon Parks McIntosh, Margaret Floranza Nelson, Sarah Nelson, and, Nancy M. McIntosh Larue, Sarah’s mother-in-law, because there is a Nancy Larue in Union County, Illinois in that period who was a member of the congregation of Nimrod McIntosh, Minister.

Sarah “Sally” Nelson may have died after the 1850 U. S. Census was taken. She didn’t appear in any of the Iowa State Census Records nor in the 1860 U. S. Census. If so, she is probably buried at Big Pigeon.