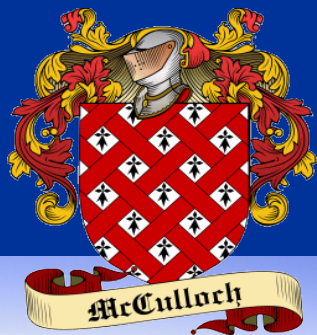


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# The Descendants of Captain John McCollough (1770-1847) and Anna Elizabeth Spangler (1779-1858) Pioneers of Butler County

By Mark A. McCollough and Curtis F. McCollough



The McColloughs share a proud history dating back to the 1700s in America and beyond to Ireland and Scotland. Rich in family lore, *The Descendants of Captain John McCollough and Elizabeth Spangler* chronicles the 250-year legacy of the McCollough, Fiscus, and Spangler families and their roles in settling the wilderness of western Pennsylvania. Their story is steeped in legends of Indian wars and attacks, heroes and rascals, soldiers and survivors, and whiskey rebels and land speculators. Mostly they were farmers - and good ones at that! This book builds on 30 years of research by the authors. It reveals many new discoveries about our family and a glimpse into America's past. Included is the first compilation of the Indian attacks in Westmoreland County and Captain John McCollough's legal struggles to defend his hard-won land in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

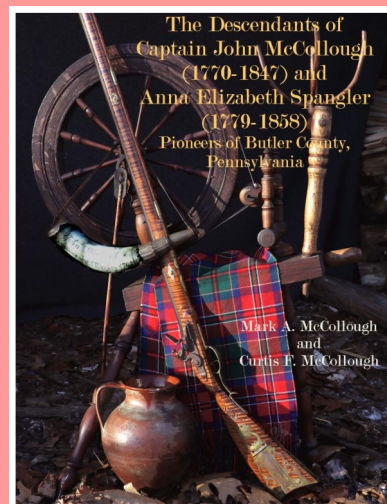
*You'll find the forth In West More Land County  
In the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty seven John McCollough  
And a Elizabeth Spangler Was joined together at the house of the  
Widow gribb hoping to live together*



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Since the first edition of this book was published in 2003, Mark and Curtis McCollough continued to research our family history and made many new and exciting discoveries. In 2012, we found a 1796 will at the Westmoreland Historical Society that identified Captain John McCollough's parents, grandparents, and aunts and uncles. We learned that his mother died young and that John was raised by his German grandparents. His father continued to live in western Pennsylvania and lived long enough to see John and Elizabeth married. After assembling old land records, we found the farms where John was born and raised in Westmoreland County. This new edition traces our family history one generation further into the mid-1700s. Using the new techniques of genetic genealogy we trace our roots even further back to southwest Scotland, but with some unexpected twists and surprises! Our McCollough genes take us even farther back to the Alps and the steppes of Russia. Genetic tests and a chance discovery in eastern Pennsylvania allowed us to trace our Spangler ancestors back to Lebanon County, Pennsylvania and to the Reformation in Germany in the 1500s. We found two land ejectment cases involving Captain John McCollough in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. They relate how John and Elizabeth obtained their land near Chicora, and how they fought with a Philadelphia land baron to keep it. On a recent trip to Scotland we gathered new tales about McCulloch castles, stone circles, and ghostly apparitions. We translated John McCollough's entire journal and found hidden clues to our family's past, including a reference to his father. Dozens of old McCollough photographs and new sidebars were added. Our McCollough family tree is expanded to over 5,000 individuals. Curtis contributed stories about growing up on a McCollough farm in Chicora in the 1930s and 1940s. *We hope that you enjoy the new information in this completely revised edition.*



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