



## Joseph McKibben

**BIRTH** 1700

County Down, Northern Ireland

**DEATH** 1761 (aged 60–61)

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, USA

**BURIAL** Burial Details Unknown

**MEMORIAL ID** 232957289

A BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH MCKIBBEN, by Laurence Overmire (6G grandson), genealogist and family historian, October 2021:

Much of what we think we know of Joseph McKibben (McGibbons) comes from various, undocumented family traditions. Therefore, the information presented here should be taken with a grain of salt until solid evidence can be found, which at this late date, might be unlikely. Records in 18th century Pennsylvania are notoriously lacking. Unfortunately, many on the Internet are making guesses about people's ancestors without sufficient evidence or proof. Truth is important.

Of Scots-Irish heritage, Joseph McKibben, the ancestor of the McKibbens of Lurgan Township, Pennsylvania, is thought to have been born about 1700-1710 in County Down or County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. It is said he came to America with his brothers James and Thomas about 1725-1740. The latter date seems more likely as Joseph's first three sons were said to be born in Ireland.

Probably about 1730, given the age of his eldest known child, Joseph married Elizabeth Gibson, probably in Northern Ireland. Elizabeth is said to be the daughter of Alexander Gibson and to have immigrated with her brothers Alexander and William Gibson. They owned land in Little Britain Township in Lancaster Co., PA, by 1749. It has been reported by researcher Rick L. McKibben, et. al., that a Rev. James Gibson noted in a family history he wrote in 1856 that his father, aunt and uncle were the immigrants who crossed the ocean and that his aunt married a Mr. McKibben (presumably Joseph). The Gibson family was in Westmoreland, England

in the late 1500's. They moved from England to Scotland, then to Ireland about 1616.

Joseph and Elizabeth McKibben had the following children, all named in Joseph's will, but details are largely from family traditions:

1. James (c. 1731-1786, m. Lettice \_\_\_\_\_)
2. Capt. William (c. 1735-1808, m. Hannah Blair) Private, Revolutionary War, under Capt. Noah Abraham. Promoted to Captain on June 30, 1790.
3. John (c. 1740-1814, m. Margaret Jane Cooper, Margaret Lewis)
4. Agnes (b. abt. 1744)
5. Lt. Joseph (1748-1801, m. Mary Geeves) Revolutionary War Veteran, Lieutenant, Cumberland County, Militia.
6. Elizabeth (b. abt. 1750)

The McKibbens were apparently Presbyterian.

On February 26, 1746, Joseph and Elizabeth (Mc Gibbons) were granted 80 acres of land in Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, situated west of the Octobara River and southwest of Strassburg. The land was sold to Samuel Scott in 1768. (Penn. Warrant Books - 228 Survey Book 1, p. 212-213, courtesy of Rick L. McKibben).

By 1751, Joseph McKibben owned property in Lurgan Township, Cumberland Co., PA, as shown on the tax list of that year. Lurgan Township became part of Franklin Co. in 1784.

Joseph was living in Lurgan Township when he wrote his will on Nov. 10, 1750. It was probated Oct 28, 1761 (Pennsylvania Wills, 1682-1834). He died, therefore, before 1761. He may, in fact, have died as early as 1753, when tax records show his land was owned by "Widow McKibben."

In the will, Joseph gave one third of his estate including land in Lurgan Township to his wife Elizabeth, one third to his son John and one third to be divided into four shares for his sons Joseph and William and his daughters Agnes and Elizabeth. The eldest son James received 15 shillings. Agnes also received four cows and a horse and saddle. Elizabeth received four cows, a horse and saddle, a feather bed and

some furniture (research of Rick L. McKibben).

NOTE: If anyone can provide additional source documentation, please contact us.  
We strive for accuracy.

## Family Members

### Spouse



Elizabeth *Gibson* McKibben  
1700 – unknown

### Children



James Westley McKibben  
1731–1786

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