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**Thank you for your letter dated August 5, 2004 regarding Barron Decalb McKaughan. We are sorry it has taken us so long to answer your letter.**

**"Baron Decalb McKaughan, born Aug. 26, 1865 (must have been 1835, not 1865) enl. in Oak Hill, Nov. 20, 1864 in Co. F. Present on Dec. 1864 roll. Living in Surry Co., N.C. in 1910. Died Jan. 12, 1917." This information is in the book, "36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Battalions Virginia Cavalry" by J. L. Scott. He was in the 37<sup>th</sup> Battalion Virginia Cavalry. This book states Company F was formed October 26, 1862, mostly of men from Surry Co., NC. The captain was Meredith T. Norman and Lieutenants were Isaac F. Eldridge, J. W. Fields, George S. Herbert, George W. Thompson.**

**With the unusual name it leads to believe that this would be the same man rather than two men of that name in the Civil War. Perhaps he enlisted twice. The reason I have this book is that my great-grandfather was in the 37<sup>th</sup> Cavalry also. He was in Company D. Per the book it states he enlisted August 2, 1862. I also have records that he was in the 74 Reg NC Militia in Surry Co., NC 8 Jul 1862 under Col. A. Dunnagan.**

**Baron Decalb McKaughn is listed in the book, "Surry County Soldiers in the Civil War." It shows him in Co F 37 Battalion Virginia formed 26 Oct 1862. The same Captain and Lt. are listed as named above. This book also states the following: 2<sup>nd</sup> Co a 2 Reg of Volunteers and Conscripts was raised at Dobson 5 Sept 1862 by James A. Waugh. This was the last company raised in Surry.**

**I'm sorry that this is all the military information found on your ancestor. I believe his widow gave the correct information but don't know why the pension was filed in Buncombe Co., NC unless she moved there from Surry Co. after 1910 or after her husband died in 1917 which is likely if he is buried in Rockford, NC. Have you checked the census records in 1910 and 1920 to verify they were in Surry in 1910 and the widow was in Buncombe Co. in 1920? Following is what was found in Surry census records from 1860-1900.**

In the 1860 Surry Census Esther McKaughn (age 43 widow) was listed in the Dobson District. In her household were B. D. (age 24, a tanner), Wm. (21, tanner), Mary (19), Elizabeth (17), B. T. (14m), J. N. (11m), J. W. (9m), B. C. (7f), and L. J. (5f). In 1860 in Esther McKaughan (age 53) is James (20) and married in December), Nancy (20), Easter (17) and Laura J. (15).

B. D. McKaughn married E. M. Stanly 25 Sep 1860 in Surry Co., NC

B. D. McKaughan was a witness on the will of Jemima Kyle dated 27 Dec 1860. Jemima had a daughter Nancy Stanly (wife of William Stanly). McKaughan was also the executor of the will of Jesse W. Cummings dated 6 Jan 1871.

In the 1870 Surry census he is listed age 34 with Ellen (age 32) keeping house, Allen (age 8), and Laura (age 5). They are living in the Rockford Township.

In 1880 Surry census he is listed as age 45 with wife Mariah, son J. A. (age 19), dau. S. E. (age 15), son H. D. (age 6) and Lucy Stanly (age 70 widowed grandmother) as a boarder, born in VA. They are in the Rockford Township.

Baron D. McKaughan was listed at age 64 in the 1900 Surry Census as having four children and three living in 1900. His wife Mariah E. (age 62) and single dau. Rose E. (17) and granddaughter Lucy E. Fleming (age 6) is in the household. They live in the Rockford District.

You probably have most of this information but thought we would go ahead and add it. Sorry we did not have more on his military information.

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Dear Ms./Mr.:

The purpose of this letter is to request information about one (possibly two different people with same name) who served in the Confederate Army. The primary person in mind is my GREAT GRAND UNCLE Barron Dekalb McKaughan.

He was born August 26 1835. He died January 12 1917. He was buried in Rockford, N.C.

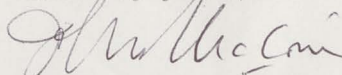
The record gets confusing as computer data suggest two Barron DeKalb McKaughan's. According to pension records the widow of B.D. McKaughan applied for a widow's pension on July 15, 1921. On that application she stated he entered the Confederate Army in 1864 and served in Company F, 37th Virginia Battalion (C.S.A.) The Broadfoot Publishing Co., Wilmington, N.C. as the same information. (Rank of Pvt.) Pension filed in Buncombe Co., N.C..

However, Broadfoot Publishing Co. also has a Barron D. McKaughan listed as being assigned to the 2nd Regiment, 2nd Detailed Men (CSA). This unit was organized late in 1864 and was captured at Salisbury, N.C. on April 12, 1865. He reportedly served in Co. E of that Unit as a 2nd Lt. He reportedly was from Rockford, N.C., Surry County.

Question: Could these two names belong to one person rather than 2? Is it possible that B.D. McKaughan's widow made a mistake on the Pension application when she stated her husband served in the 37th Battalion (Virginia)? Could he instead have served in Co. E, 2nd N.C. Detailed men (Both services were reportedly late in 1864)?

In conclusion, any help you can provide in solving this mystery will be greatly appreciated (Information on B.D. McKaughan B: August 26, 1835; D:January 12 1917 is verified and that he was my great grand uncle. (It's the other B.D. McKaughan that I'm seeking information about). I need to verify that an ancestor served in the Confederacy as a Commissioned Officer in order to be eligible for membership in the MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS). Please let me know the ~~cost~~ involved in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

  
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