

Leona (the sister-in-law) threw a stick of stove wood at it, but missed. It turned around and my mother followed it and it just disappeared.

Nellie McAnally also stated that family members were awakened on several occasions by the sound of the huge folding doors between the living room and dining room being slammed back, only to find them in normal positions. When it stormed, a baby was heard crying outside of the window.

McAnally said in the interview that M.G. Chaney “used to lock himself in an upstairs back bedroom, hoping that whatever occupied the house would show itself to him, but it never did.”

What the Chaney's Said. Bernice and Mac Chaney were told about the article and asked about the ghostly happenings. They said neither M.G. Chaney nor any other family members had told them about ghostly happenings. They said they were sure they would remember “something like that.”

The McAnally History

The following information about the history of the McAnally family and General Jackson (‘Jack’) McAnally was found in the entry submitted by Billy Lee McAnally and Donald Marcus McAnally to *The Heritage of Madison County, Alabama*.

Albert McAnally’s father, General Jackson (Jack) McAnally owned a store at the corner of Holmes Avenue and Pulaski Pike. The McAnallys originated in Scotland. The arrival of the first McAnally and the part the next generations played in American history is noteworthy. Albert’s great great great grandfather Charles was kidnapped from the shores of Scotland and transported to America in the hull of a ship with soldiers. His son John was a veteran of both the French and Indian War and the American Revolutionary War.

John’s oldest son David served in the campaign defeating Cornwallis. John’s brother, Captain Charles McAnally commanded American forces based in North Carolina. John’s son Elijah was a frontiersman and a land speculator who traveled south from the Bristol, Tennessee area to Big Spring in 1813 and then on to Ditto Landing, in what was then the Mississippi Territory. He joined forces with General Andrew Jackson.

After the war, Elijah moved to what was to become Blount County. Elijah had great admiration and respect for Andrew Jackson, and he requested that his sons name the first-born son after Andrew Jackson. In 1848, Edmond McAnally respected his father’s wishes. His firstborn son’s name was recorded on his birth certificate as General Jackson McAnally.

General Jackson McAnally settled near Valhermosa Springs in Morgan County after the Civil War. In December of 1867, he married Mary Lucinda Rutledge, the great great