Little substantiated proof of the Warren County, Tennessee McGregor lineage exists, however researcher Mary Elizabeth Barnes believes that it appears the McGregors came to Warren County from Northampton County, North Carolina. Her assumption is based primarily on the fact that several families who intermarried with our line of McGregors also left Northampton County, North Carolina area and moved to Warren County.

Mary's research, published in The Wiseman Family and Allied Lines states; There are at least three William McGregor men listed in the 1790 census of North Carolina and two in southern Virginia. The William McGregor born about 1755 of Warren County is believed to be the son of a William McGregor, Sr. who was born between 1730-1735. This William Sr. also is assumed to have a son Richmond McGregor.

The Wiseman Family book further states; The following information has been gathered in an attempt to solve this problem of the parentage of William McGregor of Warren County, without resolution. It is presented here so that the reader may draw his own conclusion.

The Will of John Gregory Jr., Charles County, Virginia, Westover Parish, dated 1776 names wife Martha Gregory, children Richmond Gregory and John Munford Gregory and brother William Gregory. William Christian was bondsman. (Martha Stiles McGregor is thought to be the name of William McGregor's wife.)

A William and a John Gregory were Revolutionary soldiers in the 6th Virginia Regiment.


In Index to the 1790 Census of Northampton County, North Carolina, shows John McGregor, William McGregor and Flowers McGregor, along with Thomas Webb. By 1796 the above were joined by Green Hill and Rowland Ware. Also the 1790 Census in Montgomery County, North Carolina, shows William McGregor, Bartlett McGregor, Thomas Huckaby and Bennett Solomon.
John McGregor's will is in Montgomery County in 1794.

A William McGregor bought land in Montgomery County in 1782 and 1779, and in Anson County in 1778, although these deeds are not necessarily all to the same William McGregor.

In 1776 William McGregor was given a license to preach in Franklin (formerly Bute County) NC. He served as pastor of the Mouth of Uwharrie Baptist Church.

On 1 July 1778 William McGregor bought the first land of record in Anson County, North Carolina, from Henry Mounger.

In 1795, land was surveyed for William McGregor in Montgomery County, North Carolina

1805 Tax List, Warren County, Tennessee shows: Ezekial McGregor, William McGregor and Willis McGregor

1805 Tax List, Davidson County, Tennessee shows: Thomas McGregor

1811 Tax List, Davidson County, Tennessee shows: Flowers McGregor

1811 Tax List, Maury County, Tennessee shows: William McGregor

1812 Tax List, Warren County, Tennessee shows: Ezekiel McGregor, William McGregor and Willis McGregor

1820 Census, Warren County, Tennessee shows:
Ezekiel McGregor with 2 males under 10, 1 male 18-26, 2 males over 45, 1 female under 10 and 1 female 16-26
William McGregor with 2 males 10-16, 1 male over 45, 1 female 16-26 and 1 female over 45
Richmond McGregor with 1 male under 10, 1 male 18-26, 1 female under 10 and 1 female 16-26

1830 Census, Warren County, Tennessee shows the following families: Jehu McGregor, William McGregor, Jr, Ezekiel McGregor, Richmond McGregor, Ezekiel McGregor, William McGregor and Willis McGregor

1836 Tax List, Warren County, Tennessee (Dist 4) lists: Jay McGregor (Jehu), William McGregor, Sr., Ezekiel McGregor, Richmond McGregor, William McGregor, Willis McGregor (Dist 9)

1840 Census, Warren County, Tennessee shows the following families: Ezekiel McGregor, William McGregor, Richmond McGregor, Jay McGregor, Ezekiel McGregor (slave schedule), William J McGregor and Willia McGregor

Mary Elizabeth Barnes' research closes with the following statement: "It would appear that William McGregor and Richmond McGregor, age 70-80 in the 1830 Census, both of whom lived and died in Warren County, Tennessee, might be the sons of William McGregor, Sr. who was born between 1730 and 1735."