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## McKemie Pioneers

*An Early Chronology*

Many years of searches have enabled me to establish a chronology of the Makemies, McKemies, McCamys, McKemys, et al. This information was collected from many sources: courthouse records, correspondents, legal documents, libraries, and alas, occasionally anecdotal.

1658. Francis Makemie born. Father Robert; brothers John and Robert, sister Anne. County Donegal, Rathmullan or Ramelton, Ireland.

1683. Francis Makemie arrives Rehoboth, Md. home of Colonel Stevens, is Presbyterian missionary to colonists in Maryland, Virginia; later, even wider.

1687. Makemie a resident of Accomac City, Va., marries Anderson daughter Naomi, lives Matchatank Plantation.

1706. Together with six other Presbyterian ministers, two of whom he brought from London in 1691, he founds first Presbytery in America, in Philadelphia. Meantime he had founded a half-dozen churches in Virginia and Maryland; defended the right to preach the gospel in New York before the governor, Lord Cornbury, acting in his own defense; written a new catechism for the church.

1708. Makemie dies in Accomac, leaving daughters Anne, Elizabeth and his widow.

1711. Francis McKemie, nephew of the Reverend Francis and son