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These Three Hundred and Forty Years of Witness: An Historical Outline of Dundonald Presbyterian Congregation 1645-1985 –
By Alexander Hanna (Outlook Press, 1985) (copy of letter found in book)
History of Richhill Presbyterian Church – by Rev. Dr. A.R. Scott
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The Romance of Dundonald – by John J. Marshall (Baird, 1929)

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WILLIAM EDGAR MCBRATNEY (1892-1951)

William Edgar McBratney, son of John McBratney and Mary Harper Edgar, was born 9 October 1892 in St. Kilda (Melbourne), Victoria, Australia. He migrated to the United States in 1906 and began his employment in the linen firm established by his uncle. During World War I, he served as a First Lieutenant in the infantry, and became the commanding officer of the 29th Military Police Company and provost marshal. During World War II, he served as Captain and was assigned to the military government branch. He saw service with the Fifth Army in Sicily, Sardinia and the Italian mainland. He served as the military governor in the provinces of Pistola, Lucca and Bolzano.

McBratney was executive vice-president of Robert McBratney and Co., Inc., linen importers, of New York. He also served as president, vice-president and member of the board of directors of the Linen Trade Association of New York. In his work with this organization he took part in negotiations with the federal government on trade treaties and tariff questions.

William Edgar McBratney married Sara Canavan Greer Galway on 12 October 1921 in County Down, Northern Ireland. Born 21 October 1897, she was the daughter of John Galway and Sophia Greer. They were the parents of three sons.

William Edgar McBratney died 4 August 1951 in Montclair, New Jersey, and was buried in Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover, New Jersey.

[McBratney Family Papers, MS1041, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA]

WILLIAM EDGAR MCBRATNEY, JR. (1923-)

William Edgar McBratney, Jr., son of William Edgar McBratney, Sr. and Sara Canavan Greer Galway, was born 28 November 1923 in Montclair, New Jersey. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A graduate of the University of Virginia in 1947, he excelled in track and basketball "in spite of being afflicted by polio as a youth." On 20 October 1950, in Lynchburg, Virginia, he married Leila Percy Christian, daughter of James Dearing Christian and Josephine Percy Handy. He worked at Scott Insurance in Lynchburg for thirty-five years, retiring as vice-president. In addition to numerous community and church activities, he also served as a board member and treasurer of Jones Memorial Library.

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