

Sterling McGavock
1783-aft 1846
Enslaved at Carnton

1783 (abt) Sterling McGavock was born.

1820 Here is an example of the U.S. Census in 1820. Only the free head of household was listed by name. All other people living at the location were enumerated as slash marks by race, gender and age. I added Sterling's name to his age.

| Name | Randal McGavock |
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| Enumeration Date | 7 Aug 1820 |
| Home in 1820 (City, County, State) | Franklin, Williamson, Tennessee, USA |
| Free White Persons - Males - Under 10 | 3 |
| Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over | 2 |
| Free White Persons - Females - Under 10 | 3 |
| Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25 | 2 |
| Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44 | 1 |
| Slaves - Males - 14 thru 25 | 2 |
| Slaves - Males - 26 thru 44 | 2 |
| Slaves - Males - 45 and over | 1 Sterling |
| Slaves - Females - 14 thru 25 | 3 |
| Slaves - Females - 26 thru 44 | 2 |
| Slaves - Females - 45 and over | 1 |
| Number of Persons - Engaged in Agriculture | 6 |
| Free White Persons - Under 16 | 6 |
| Free White Persons - Over 25 | 3 |
| Total Free White Persons | 11 |
| Total Slaves | 11 |
| Total All Persons - White, Slaves, Colored, Other | 22 |

- 1830 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN listed Randal McGavock as head of household. The rest of the household members were listed with slash marks in their category designated by age, gender and race. The household consisted of seven free White people and nineteen enslaved Black people. Four male slaves between the ages of 36-54 were listed, one of these men was Sterling.
- 1840 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN listed Randal McGavock as head of household. The rest of the household members were listed with slash marks in their category designated by age, gender and race. The household consisted of four free White people and twenty-one enslaved Black people. Six male slaves between the age of 36-54 were listed, one of these men was Sterling.
- 1843 Randal McGavock died. Sterling was listed as one of Randal's twenty-two slaves in the inventory of his Estate. All twenty-two of Randal McGavock's slaves were bequeathed to his wife Sarah Rodgers McGavock. "Sterling, aged 60" was the oldest listed slave.

Negroes

*Sterling aged 60 Richard aged 15 Ben aged 15
 Michael aged 43 Joe aged 17 Wm aged 21 Madison
 aged 19 Lewis 15 Edmund 11 Jack & Maria 5 George 3
 Cary 17 weath. Turkey 70 Mary 15. Betty 32 Francis 17
 15 Susanna 14 also 3 Eliza 7 Julia 6*

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- 1846 Sarah McGavock bequeathed Sterling to her daughter of Elizabeth McGavock Harding. "To my daughter Elizabeth Harding I give and bequeath my gold pair of gold spectacles & my old faithful servant man, Sterling."

*3^d To my daughter Elizabeth Harding
 I give & bequeath my gold pair of gold
 spectacles & my old faithful servant man
 Sterling*

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There is no further record of Sterling.

¹ Inventory of Randal McGavock, Williamson County Archives, Franklin, TN.

² William Hicks Jackson Papers, Special Collections, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN, Box 4, Folder 26