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A genealogical history of the family of William McCoy, one of the Scotch families coming to America before the Revolutionary War, who died in Kentucky about the year 1818. Also a history of the family of Alexander McCoy, a Scotchman who served through the Revolutionary War, and died in Ohio in the year 1829.

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In the following pages is given the history of an average Western family. It began with a middle-class Scotch family, that came to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. This family, like most others emigrating to this country in an early day, remained for a time in the eastern portion of the American Colonies, their descendants rapidly multiplying and swarming westward. A few of the McCoys who came to America at this time remained in Maryland, and others in Pennsylvania and Virginia; but the great majority of them are scattered over the northern half of the Western States, between the Alleghenies and the Pacific Ocean. The two brothers, Daniel and Alexander, sons of William McCoy, first settled in Maryland, then in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and lastly in Kentucky. Most of their sons and daughters, finding the institution of slavery distasteful to them, pushed northward and westward, until they are found in all the Northwestern States; and yet some are in Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, and Texas.

Alexander McCoy, of Brown County, Ohio, was cousin to Daniel and Alexander, and brother-in-law to the former, as they married sisters, daughters of Angus Sutherland. Alexander was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. All information obtainable concerning this old soldier's descendants is given. Three of his grandchildren are living.

The sons of Daniel and Alexander McCoy were early pioneers of Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. The accounts given
in these pages are gleaned from the present generation, and
traditions handed down from father to son. The second and
third generations are all gone, and the scarcity of reliable
records of these early emigrants will account for the meager
reports of the earlier families. The account of the more recent
generations is chiefly derived from data supplied by corre-
spondents. No doubt many errors (we hope no serious ones)
will be found in this work. For errors found in accounts of the
earlier generations, the compiler pleads in justification that
he oftentimes was compelled to choose between unsupported
conflicting traditions, using his best judgment as to which
was most reliable. For errors in the history of the later gen-
ergations, he may not be altogether to blame, and it is not all
his fault that the accounts of some of the recent branches of
the family are comparatively meager.

Efforts have been made to include in this book an account
of every one of the descendants of William McCoy born to
his surname, and though not always successful, the number
not included is comparatively small. In nearly all cases the
marriages of female members of the family are given; and, in
a majority of cases, an account of their descendants is given
for one or more generations.

In the arrangement of the genealogy, simplicity and con-
venience have been aimed at. We have tried to group families
as much as possible, for convenience. Each descendant of
William McCoy of his surname, has a regular number. When
he appears as the head of a family, this number is inclosed in
curves. The plus (+) sign after an individual's name, indi-
cates that he will appear further on as the head of a family.
Descendants through females are described immediately after
the first mention of their names. The children of each of the females are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc.; her grandchildren, (1), (2), etc.; her great-grandchildren, i, ii, etc. The abbreviations employed are those in common use.

The book is a brief history of the family, as well as a genealogy. Trivialities, except in the case of earlier generations, where they are interesting on account of their antiquity, have been to a large extent excluded; but such facts as military service, political honors, academic degrees, remarkable business success, and other facts of general interest, have been noted as fully as possible. The only titles mentioned are professional and academic titles, and titles which indicate commissions in the army, navy, or militia.

There has been some difference of opinion as to the spelling of the name. The form McCoy has been used uniformly in this book. Some of the descendants of William McCoy spell the name McKay, and other members of the family have spelled the name differently, some having it McCay.

LYCURGUS MCCOY.

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INTRODUCTION

The author and compiler of this small volume hardly deems it necessary to apologize to the reader, or ask permission of his friends to thrust a new book upon them, for the reason that it has no rival, and does not trench upon the rights of any. He is only sorry the work was not undertaken at an earlier date, before all of the second and third generations had passed away. Now that they are all gone, it has been extremely difficult to procure even meager traces of the early pioneers who emigrated to America near the middle of the eighteenth century.

Suffice it to say, that it is purely a work of love and respect for his dear parents, their ancestors and descendants; and he trusts he may not seem clannish or conceited, because of his respect for a noble and patriotic ancestry, for he believes that the men and women who were brave enough to forsake the Old World and seek a home in America, then a new continent, comparatively unknown, and inhabited largely by savages and wild beasts, certainly command our highest admiration and reverence. They left the land of their nativity because they loved liberty and the rights of conscience. In Scotland and Ireland, civil and religious rights were greatly abridged; and these heroic men and women, chafing under the oppressions and indignities of despotic rule, bade adieu to the land of their fathers, risked the then long and perilous passage of the ocean, and joined hands with the struggling patriots of Amer-
ica, rather than endure the harsh and oppressive treatment accorded British subjects.

When the McCoys, Sutherlands, Campbells, and others landed on American soil, the colonies had not yet declared for independence. The ancestry named in this volume were men and women who had the courage of their convictions, a heroism born of adversity. They were God-fearing men and women, who had a burning desire to help establish a church without a pope, and a state without a king. They and their fathers were inured to hardships and toil. They were not highly educated, but were intelligent, frugal, and industrious. They were sincere worshipers of the God of heaven.

The McCoys, Campbells, and Sutherlands were from the highlands of Scotland. They first settled in Maryland, afterward in the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, and later in Nicholas and Bourbon Counties, Kentucky. The Lawsons and Hamiltons were from the north of Ireland. The former settled in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and later some of them in Decatur County, Indiana; the latter in Virginia, and later in Bourbon County, Kentucky. The Lawsons came to America after the close of the Revolutionary War. All these people were Protestants, and mostly Presbyterians. From these sprang my parents,—my father’s parents from Scotland and my mother’s father from Ireland.

As I advance in years, and the margin between me and my ancestors grows wider, especially as memory fails to reproduce the voices and features of our dear ones, I am moved to gather, as best I can, the little that remains of the memories of the generations of men and women we love so dearly, those who, under the providence of God, made
this country what it is. Among these were my revered ancestors.

When a small boy, and later, I heard from my father and those of his associates, again and again, the story of the hardships and great deprivations of the early settlers of Kentucky and Indiana; and in the years that followed, it did not occur to me that my memory would fail to retain these thrilling sketches, so forcibly impressed upon my mind, many times; but as the aged pioneers passed away, and the incidents were not repeated, they have faded out of memory, and I find that tradition only lasts one or two generations.

I will here make a quotation from a letter received a few months ago from a Decatur County, Indiana, friend, an octogenarian, which is worth remembering to the latest generation:

"I am very glad you are getting the family history in shape to live. Tradition only lasts two or three generations, and is forgotten in the busy whirl of young life. It is only when we grow old that we realize the value of the sterling good souls of the race of uneducated people from which we sprang. Now as I look back on their achievements, in which I in a small part assisted, it seems more like a legend than a reality. I have pretty nearly lost my identity. When I look, as 'twere yesterday, at Uncle John McCoy, just returned from Kentucky, with his big bell-crowned hat full of letters and his head full of messages, which were eagerly read and listened to, and which he delighted to narrate, it seems but yesterday.

"This was our principal mail twice a year—now once a day all over the country free; and if we can't wait, we take
the 'phone, and in a moment talk to any one of a thousand people, scattered all over the country, and distant parts of the State. Still I don't know as Uncle John would be quite happy with this arrangement. His chief enjoyment would be gone. Still I remember many people who would, and I would love to see them enjoy the changed conditions; though I doubt but that some of the primitive engineers that located and blazed the one, two, and three-notched roads through the 'red man's forest,' as they called it, would curse the vandal hand of civilization that destroyed those trees with their blazes, and removed the roads to the section lines.

"This is a wonderful age we are living in. It confuses me, although I have been here all the time. Can you imagine how it would strike one whose life went out sixty or seventy years ago, were he transplanted back without any knowledge of the lapse of time?"

In speaking of his immediate family, he says, "We are very proud of our children and grandchildren, but are very lonesome as we stand 'on the threshold of two worlds,' and none to occupy the beautiful home and fields my father and I toiled to build, improve, and make attractive for our children. How disappointing!

"Someone has written something like this, that seems prophetic in our case: 'On the slope of an eastern hill stands an old farm house, deserted, desolate, and gray, the sport of winds that mock it at will. The hoot of owls and flitting bats only echo within its walls. The rippling stream that runs near by still babbles on. Along its banks once children played, and scattered flowers, and grew, and went away. But such is life, the common lot, and we must not complain."
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There is a sadness in such reminiscences that brings the unbidden tears, but they only sparkle in the beautiful light of the glorious day soon to dawn when these dear ones will come forth clad in immortal beauty—these stalwart men and women whose generations have passed; men whose rugged manhood, unquestioned integrity, and nobility of character, are only equaled by the heroism, fortitude, and womanly graces of their wives and daughters. Bishop Potter asks: "Is it to civilization that the world owes its happiness? Are we of to-day, with our higher and finer civilization, happier than our forefathers? They were without a multitude of advantages that we have, and the range and the pace of their lives were almost infinitely narrower and slower; but in widening the range and quickening the pace, have we deepened the current and enriched the quality of our lives?"

It was the purpose of the writer simply to give the genealogy of the various families, and not to give even a brief sketch of each family, but to trace the ramifications of families, and give their locations, and mention some of the prominent incidents in the lives of these men and women. I have tried to make a record of those who served in the United States and Confederate States Armies, and yet many errors have crept in. Studious efforts were made to get records of some families not noted, but they could not be obtained.

I want to thank most heartily those persons who have rendered aid most cheerfully; but for these, the effort would have been in vain. We beg of our friends to indulge in no severe criticism because of the numerous mistakes in dates and sometimes in names, for the data for this record has been gleaned from a thousand sources; and it was frequently found
that persons making a second report would fail to confirm a former report, and to correct and prove all these would take a series of years. We have done the best we could under the circumstances.

It is a source of regret to the writer that he has been unable to get records of all bearing the family name. A very persistent effort has been made to get all. More than two thousand letters have been written, and many persons have been appealed to several times without receiving any reply. The author will not revise or attempt a second edition. Every family mentioned may procure a copy of the book if they desire it, before the edition is exhausted.

There are many persons to whom the writer is greatly indebted for assistance in this compilation. He wishes to acknowledge the invaluable services of Cassius C. McCoy, Greensburg, Ind.; Judge E. W. Knott and wife, Kirkwood, Mo.; Simon Elliott, of Princeton, Ill., and others.

"O God, beneath thy guiding hand,
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer and psalm they worshiped thee.

"Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer;
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward through all ages bear
The memory of that holy hour.

"Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God,
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves."
"And here thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more."

THE AUTHOR.
Judge Angus C. McCoy
Born March 13, 1789; died Oct. 12, 1865.

Rev. John C. McCoy
Born May 30, 1782; died, 1865.

Hon. George McCoy
Born June 21, 1800; died April 6, 1863.

Polly (McKinney) McCoy
Born March 30, 1800; died July 23, 1872.
William McCoy and His Descendants

SECOND GENERATION

(1) WILLIAM McCoy, born in Sutherlandshire, on the estate of the Earl of Angus, in Scotland, about 1730. Married to Jean ——, about 1752, and after the birth of most, if not all, of their children, emigrated with his family to America in 1772, and settled on the east shore of Maryland. He probably moved with his family and some other relatives to the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania. He may have died, however, in Maryland. Nothing is known definitely of the death of his wife, Jean. Rev. Theo. W. McCoy, who had made a thorough examination of all traditions obtainable, says ancestor William lies buried at Ruddles Mills Cemetery, Bourbon Co., Ky., at the confluence of Stoner and Hingston Creeks.

Robert A. Hamilton was, when about twenty-one years of age, riding on horseback in company with Uncle John McCoy. On coming to the old Ruddles Mills Cemetery, John stopped, and pointing to two locust trees, said, "Here lies my father and my grandfather." Robert says he repeated this twice. Children: —
2. ALEXANDER, b. 1753, + (2).
3. DANIEL, b. 1755, + (3).
4. CHRISTINA, b. 1758, in Scotland; m. William McCloud, of Washington Co., Pa. Some of this family formerly resided in Rush Co., Ind., but no records can be obtained.

THIRD GENERATION

(2) ALEXANDER McCOY (William), born in Scotland about 1753, and married Nancy Campbell in Washington Co., Pa., about the year 1780. They first became acquainted on the long sea voyage (two months), from Scotland to America. They came to the American colonies before the Revolution (1772), in consequence of the harsh measures adopted by the British government, after the battle of Culloden Muir, in suppression of the clanship of the Highlanders. Soon after the close of the Revolutionary struggle, Alexander and Nancy McCoy went to the Wyoming Valley, in Pennsylvania. They did not remain long, but removed to Washington Co., Pa., near West Alexandria, where John C., William, Daniel, Angus C., Margaret, and Alexander were born. Alexander, with his family, removed to Bourbon Co., Ky., about the year 1794, settling in the neighborhood of the Stonemouth Presbyterian Church, where Jane, Mary, George, James, and Campbell were born. Alexander McCoy died in Bourbon Co., Ky., and was buried probably at the Stonemouth Graveyard. Nancy, his wife, died in Decatur Co., Ind., and was buried at Kingston Cemetery. Children:

The writer remembers him very well, more than sixty years since, as he frequently visited his father's home. They usually spent the greater part of the night talking over reminiscences of former days. Uncle John McCoy, as he was familiarly called, was greatly beloved by all. This man of God was a true missionary, a lover of humanity, a house-to-house evangelist. Traveled on horseback from place to place, and found a welcome everywhere. Once a year he made a trip to Kentucky from Decatur Co., Indiana, on horseback, carrying letters and messages both ways. The McCoys, Hamiltons, Donnells, and others were originally from Kentucky, and they all had relatives in Kentucky, and his coming was hailed with delight, on both sides of the Ohio River. It is my candid opinion that no better man has ever lived than John C. McCoy, and should I meet him in the home of the saved, on the earth made new, and I sincerely hope to, I shall expect to see him on his white pony. He 'never married.


10. **Margaret**, b. May 2, 1792, Washington Co., Pa.; m. Joseph Mitchell, in Kentucky, and they removed to Decatur Co., Ind., at an early day; lived two miles east of Greensburg. No children. They lived to a good old age, and were highly respected by all. Died where they lived, and are buried at Kingston Cemetery.


from Virginia, and of the same descent. The father died June 7, 1817, Bourbon Co., Ky., leaving James E. in charge of the farm and family. In March, 1822, James E., and his brother Cyrus, with their wives and the two children of the former (Philander and Robert A.), emigrated to Decatur Co., Ind., and on the 11th day of March, 1822, unloaded their household goods by the side of a large poplar log, in the then unbroken forest, very close to where the family residence has ever since stood. Putting up a temporary shelter of the bark of the log, these six persons there passed their days and nights, until the two men had cut the logs and put up a cabin — the first one built between Greensburg and Kingston. Here in the unbroken forest, without roads, and almost without neighbors, they began opening out that farm which has been so far and well known. He was a farmer in the true sense of the word. All his ambition was centered upon success in his vocation, and his was a great success. The thousands he gave away while living, the thousands of which he died seized, were all the product of the farm. He was a model of industry and frugality, liberal to the cause of Christianity and education, a generous friend to the poor and needy. He was a charter member and elder in the old Presbyterian Church at Sand Creek, now known as Kingston Church. His wife was a noble woman, sharing with her husband in all the vicissitudes of pioneer life. Mr. Hamilton was married the second time to Rosanna McCoy, in 1853. She was daughter of Alexander McCoy, and born in Brown Co., Ohio, 1808. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; was badly wounded in battle by a sabre thrust through the body, and yet he recovered. His wife was a Sutherland, and sister to Daniel McCoy's wife, whose name was Sutherland also. (See the record of this branch in its proper place.) Rosanna McCoy
made her home with my father for a few months, and I have heard her and my step-grandfather, Joseph Norris, who was a Revolutionary soldier, talk about those scenes. Rosanna Hamilton continued to reside on the old farm until the 15th of June, 1887, when she went to Princeton, Ill., and made her home with her niece, Mrs. Simon Elliott, until her death, July 21, 1891. She was a well-educated woman, with winning manners, and a fine conversationalist. Much more might be said of this very remarkable man, but I must close by saying that James Hamilton and my father were bosom friends, and "Bart," as he called him, fully reciprocated the attachment of Mr. Hamilton. When these old pioneer settlers meet on the other shore, I want to be where I may hear them again. Children (Hamilton):

1. Hon. Philander, b. Sept. 20, 1819, Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. March 5, 1849, Greensburg, Ind. Graduated from Hanover College; taught school in Bloomfield, Ky.; principal of Decatur County Seminary. Studied law under Judge Andrew Davidson, Greensburg, Ind.; admitted to the bar, 1843, and attained to honorable distinction in his profession at the time of his death. He represented Decatur Co. in the State Legislature for two sessions, 1847, 1848. Unmarried.

2. Robert A., b. July 22, 1821, Bourbon Co., Ky.; m. Feb. 7, 1849, Susan, daughter of Capt. James and Cynthia (Hall) Saunders, Greensburg, Ind. Capt. Saunders was a very highly respected citizen of Decatur Co., was twice elected sheriff, and twice made treasurer of the county, and also represented his county in the State Legislature. In the year 1855 he removed with a portion of his family to Albia, Monroe Co., Iowa, and he and his wife died there. Two of his sons, Newton and Miles,
were accredited Presbyterian ministers, and resided in Kentucky. It was the privilege of the writer to attend school at the old log schoolhouse two miles west of Greensburg, with the younger members of this family, and also later at the old seminary in Greensburg with Miles and Hugh, and their black-eyed sister, Eliza, now the estimable wife of P. T. Lambert, of Greensburg, Ind. Robert A. Hamilton is one of the pioneers of Decatur Co., coming from Kentucky in early childhood with his father, March 11, 1822, to the farm he now occupies on the pike, four miles east of Greensburg, then a wilderness of heavy timber. Within the lifetime of Mr. Hamilton, more than fourscore years, what a transformation has taken place. Few men have had a continued residence so long in one place. From early manhood he has made and operated one of the finest farms in Decatur Co., or the State of Indiana. It is an ideal location and home, superbly planned and splendidly equipped with every modern convenience and luxury. "Mt. Auburn," as it is familiarly known, has been for the past fifty years a friendly social resort, where the numberless friends of this deservedly popular family have found a most cordial and felicitous welcome from their genial host and hostess, and even now in their advanced years they continue to royally entertain their multitudes of friends. May they live to be a hundred years of age. Their liberalities to the needy have been munificent. I am credibly informed that during the dark days of the war, from 1861 to 1865, Mr. Hamilton made it his special business to look well to the comfort and care of the soldiers' families. No man did more than he to feed and clothe the
destitute ones. His philanthropy will never be forgotten. He has never sought for or held public office, but it is a well-known fact that the judgment and advice of this clear-headed, well-informed farmer has been much sought after, and its superiority and fairness remains unchallenged. He has demonstrated that a well-informed, contented, successful farmer is the peer of any man.

Children (Hamilton):

1. Inez, b. April 4, 1850, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. May 17, 1871, Judge David Waite Howe, b. Oct. 24, 1839, son of Daniel H. and Lucy (Hicks) Howe, a lineal descendant of John Howe, first white settler of Marlborough, Mass., about 1657. Among the American ancestors were Thomas Howe, prominent in King Phillip's war; Capt. Eleakim Howe, and his son, of Henniker, N. H., both in N. H. militia in the Revolutionary War. Capt. Nathan Howe, his grandfather, served in the Seventy-first New York, war of 1812. Judge Howe graduated from Franklin College (Ind.), 1857; attended law lectures in Indianapolis in 1860. In 1861 enlisted as private, Co. H, Seventh Ind. Vol. Infantry; was in battle Carrick's Ford. In 1863 enlisted in three-years' service; first lieutenant, afterward captain, Co. I, Seventy-ninth Ind. Vols. In battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and battles of Atlanta campaign; was severely wounded Kenesaw Mt., Ga., June 23, 1864. He graduated, 1867, from Albany Law School; began practise in Franklin, Ind., filling the offices of city attorney and State prosecuting attorney. In 1873, removed to Indianapolis; in 1876, elected one of the judges of Superior Court, serving until 1890. In law prac-

(2) Philander, b. Nov. 21, 1852; d. Nov. 26, 1852.


(4) James, b. June 24, 1860; d. Jan. 8, 1861.

(5) Prof. James Hal., b. Oct. 31, 1861, Decatur Co., Ind. Graduated Hanover College, B. S., 1885; Cincinnati University, LL. B., 1887; Indiana University, A. M., 1894; University of Wisconsin, Ph. D., 1876; Professor of Sociology at Syracuse, N. Y., University, 1902, 1903, and resigned to accept the superintendency of University Settlement, 1884, Eldridge St., New York (1903). Prof. James Hal. Hamilton has traveled extensively abroad; m. June 30, 1890, Maud Hume, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cleland) Hume, of Cincinnati, Ohio, b. Nov. 24, 1861, d. Dec. 4, 1902. Child (Hamilton): i. Hildegard Hume, b. Sept. 10, 1898.
Mary (McCoy) Hamilton
Born Sept. 18, 1798; died Sept. 8, 1881.

Cyrus Hamilton
Born July 14, 1800; died Aug. 19, 1879.

Rosanna (McCoy) Hamilton
Born Nov. 15, 1808; died July 21, 1891.

James E. Hamilton
Born March 30, 1795; died Jan. 14, 1881.


5. Mary Ellen, b. March 19, 1828; d. Sept. 19, 1902; unmarried. She was an invalid through life, and made her home with her brother Robert for some years before her death. She received a handsome competence from her father's estate, which was very discreetly managed by her brother, Robert, and she made very large donations to worthy charitable objects and for the spread of the gospel.

7. Fidelia Jane, b. Sept. 3, 1837; m. first, 1860, Michael Sefton, who died June 15, 1869; m. second, Charles Buchanan, about 1870. Children (Sefton): —


(5) Eva, b. May 7, 1875; d. Aug. 15, 1876.

13 Mary, b. Sept. 18, 1798, Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. Sept. 8, 1881; m. Feb. 22, 1822, Nicholas Co., Ky., to Cyrus Hamilton, b. July 14, 1800, d. Aug. 19, 1879, Decatur Co., Ind. This couple were blessed with eight children; all living but one. They celebrated their golden wedding Feb. 22, 1872, at which time all their children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, together with nineteen grandchildren, were present, and yet no death had occurred up to that time in any of the families. Cyrus Hamilton, brother of James E., also removed from Kentucky to Decatur Co., Ind., March 11, 1822. All his children were born in Decatur Co., Ind. He was a very prosperous farmer, an active official member of the church, a man whose judgment was sound, and much sought after. He was a peacemaker, and yet pronounced in his opinions. He was an ardent anti-slavery man, and his influence was widely felt. He was of fine physical
appearance, and one of God's noblemen. Mary Hamilton was a ministering angel among the sick and poor.

Cyrus Hamilton and wife came to Indiana from Kentucky, to what was then called "The New Purchase," breasted the hardships incident to pioneer life, lived to see the interminable forests felled, and broad and fertile farms take their place—churches, schoolhouses, and advanced civilization take the place of the wilderness. Probably no man did more to mold public sentiment and secure good morals and foster the public good than he; one of the charter members of Old Sand Creek, now Kingston, Church. An ardent temperance advocate in the day of Washingtonianism, a radical abolitionist, and assisted in organizing these societies in the county in which he lived. Though not an orator, he was a fine talker, and was always interesting. He was an indefatigable worker, and knew no failure when working in a good cause. He came of a long-lived race. In the years 1822 and 1823, his mother, a widow with four sons and eleven daughters, emigrated from Kentucky to Decatur Co., Ind. Now all are gone. The last to go was Aunt Minerva Donnell, who has just died (Nov., 1903), nearly 87 years of age. How much the world, and Decatur Co., Ind., especially, owes to this godly mother and her children.

Cyrus Hamilton was the first of his own or his children's families to die. His wife followed him two years later, both having filled up their full measure of days. They are buried with their kindred at Kingston Cemetery. Children (Hamilton):—

1. William M., b. Nov. 26, 1822, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. Jan. 24, 1854, Euphemia, daughter of Luther and Jane (Braden) Donnell, b. Oct. 5, 1829, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. Dec. 6, 1892, Clarksburg, Ind. He is a farmer, stock raiser and dealer, and
banker. A man of great physical endurance, and, like his father, a man of large and commanding influence. He has accumulated a large fortune, being the owner of 4,000 acres of land in one body, and there is no better land in the State of Indiana. It is all in the best of cultivation, and under his direct management. He is now 81 years of age, and yet has business well in hand. He has held no office except bank president and county commissioner. No man in Decatur County has wielded a larger influence, and it has been on the side of temperance, morality, and good citizenship. He resides near Clarksburg, Decatur Co., Ind. Children (Hamilton), all born in Decatur Co., Indiana:—


(2) Grace Greenwood, b. Nov. 20, 1858; d. Jan. 16, 1898, Clarksburg, Ind.


(5) Mary Blanche, b. May 9, 1868; m. Dec. 19, 1899, George Lyons. Farmer, living near Kingston, Ind.


   (3) Edith Pearl, b. Sept. 27, 1871, Decatur Co., Ind.

   (4) Mary Amanda, b. Dec. 4, 1873, Decatur Co., Ind.

4. Everett, b. Oct. 16, 1841; m. Nov. 10, 1870, Mary Jane, daughter of Preston E. Hopkins. Mr. Hamilton is a well-to-do farmer living near Kingston, Ind. Children (Hamilton):


   (3) Frank, b. April 2, 1883, Decatur Co., Ind. Single.
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(2) Cora M., b. March 14, 1853.


15. James, b. Sept. 29, 1802, + (15).
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1. William Adolphus, b. Jan. 7, 1844, Orange Co., Ind.; m. Nov. 27, 1870, Mary J. Reid, b. Jan. 20, 1844, Washington Co., Ind. He was a soldier in the Union army in war of 1861, Co. A, 38th Ind. Infy. They have lived at Salem, Ind., Parsons, and Fargo Springs, Kans; now at La Junta, Colo. Ranchman. Three children (Gillum):—

(1) Hattie McCoy, b. Sept. 17, 1873, Parsons, Kans.

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(3) *Irvine Lusk*, b. March 9, 1882, at Salem, Ind. A ranchman near La Junta, Colo.


(2) *Maurice Leland*, b. Sept. 27, 1892.
20. Margaret Mitchell, b. March 5, 1820; d. Sept. 24, 1821, Orange Co., Ind.


22. Louisa Campbell, b. April 3, 1826, Orange Co., Ind.; m. April 16, 1861, Jesse A. Irvine, b. April 13, 1819. Both living (1903). He is a tailor by trade, and they live at Orleans, Orange Co., Ind. Child (Irvine): —

       (1) Sarah Louisa, b. Feb. 1, 1886.
       (2) Grace Leone, b. Jan. 29, 1888.
       (3) Tillie Marie, b. May 6, 1893. All born at Orleans, Ind.

23. William Pitt, b. July 13, 1829, Orange Co., Ind.; d. Sept. 7, 1864. Was a soldier in the Civil War, B Co., 66th Ind. Infy; was with his regiment in many engagements, and taken prisoner at Collieville, and after eleven months of great suffering, died in Andersonville, Ga., prison.


(8) Daniel McCoy (Alexander, William), b. Sept. 18, 1876, Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. Paris, Ky., 1816; m. 1889, Bourbon Co., Ky., Margaret Redmon, b. April 4, 1787, d. April 16, 1869, Rush Co., Ind. Their home was on what was known as "Flat Run," Bourbon Co., Ky. Children: —

27. George, died in infancy.


   1. James Brent, b. April 9, 1866.
   2. Myrta La Vaun, b. March 17, 1867.


   1. Child died in infancy.

   3. Robert Bruce, b. April 18, 1890.
   5. Frank, b. Oct. 20, 1892.


   1. Jessie Leland, b. June 22, 1864, Augusta, Ga.; m. Nov. 14, 1882, Charleston, S. C., to D. Pinckney Johnstone, b. March 1, 1840, Charleston, S. C. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; was severely wounded twice. He was in Company A, Twenty-third S. C. Regiment Volunteers. Served in many battles in Virginia. He is connected with municipal government of Charleston, S. C., as health officer, where the family resides. Children (Johnstone), all born in
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2. Carrie Steadman, b. Aug. 16, 1865, d. April 22, 1866.


Electrician, Jacksonville, Florida.


36. Amelia Anna, b. Dec. 29, 1842, Augusta, Ga.; m. Oct. 30, 1862, Frederick W. Stoy, b. June 28, 1838, Augusta, Ga. He served the first year of Civil War in First Ga. Infantry Regiment, Confederate Army. His health failed, and he engaged in commercial business for twenty years, connected with a large cotton factory; after which he was secretary of the Graniteville Mfg. Company, at Vancluse, S. C., for twenty-four years; now retired from business, and lives at Stone Mountain, Ga. Four children (Stoy): —

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(1) Annie May, b. March 15, 1886. Graduate of Augusta, Ga., High School (1904).

(2) Kenneth Houston, b. June 2, 1899, Vancluse, S. C.

(3) Helen Waring, b. Nov. 15, 1901, Augusta, Ga.


37a. Sally Ann, b. Aug. 6, 1848, Augusta, Ga.; m. Oct. 8, 1864, John V. Keener, of Augusta, Ga., b. April 12, 1844. Retired from business. Farmer for many years. Re-
sides at Augusta, Ga. Five children (Keener), all born in Augusta, Ga.: —


(35) Col. WILLIAM EDWARD 6 McCoy (Charles Monroe, 4 Daniel, 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Nov. 14, 1840; m., first, March 5, 1878, Katherine Hammond Gregg (widow), who died November, 1882. Daughter of ex-Governor and U. S. Senator James H. Hammond, of South Carolina; m., sec-
ond, Sept. 24, 1889, Jannette Hamlin Redfield (widow), who died January, 1896, daughter of Hon. R. D. Hamlin, of Smethport, Pa. No children. He was in the Fifth Ga. Infantry, Co. A, Confederate Army, from May, 1861, to the close of the war, going safely through it. Since the war has been engaged in the cotton trade and cotton manufacture, besides brick-making. Now in retirement, living in Augusta, Ga.

(37) CHARLES DANIEL 8 McCROY (Charles Monroe, 4 Daniel, 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Jan. 30, 1845, Augusta, Ga.; m., first, Nov. 10, 1875, Elizabeth Bell, of Trenton, Ky.; d. Stone Mountain, Ga., Sept. 24, 1890; m., second, March 31, 1897, Julia O. Lynch, b. Feb. 21, 1870, Charleston, S. C. He enlisted in Confederate Army, in 1861, Fifth Ga. Regiment Infantry, when sixteen years of age, and served at Pensacola, Cumberland Gap, etc., and transferred to Sixtieth Ga. Infantry; was in battle of Missionary Ridge, and all engagements of Johnston's retreat to Atlanta; wounded at Peach Creek, Atlanta, July, 1864, losing part of his left hand. On plantation since the war, dealing in live stock. For twenty years has lived in Charleston, S. C. Ten children: —

38. WILLIAM H., b. July 24, 1877, Charleston, S. C.
39. MARY B., b. Dec. 12, 1879, Charleston, S. C.
40. FRANK BAMBERG, b. Aug. 22, 1882, Charleston, S. C., now at Clensen College, S. C.
41. KATIE C., b. April 8, 1884, Charleston, S. C.
42. CHAS. D., JR., b. May 28, 1886, Charleston, S. C.
43. FANNIE ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 23, 1888, Summerville, S. C.
44. JOHN B., b. Dec. 9, 1889; d. June 3, 1890, Summerville, S. C.
45. ELLEN LYNCH, b. Dec. 26, 1897, Charleston, S. C.
47. **Sarah S.**, b. March 22, 1902, Charleston, S. C.

(37b) **Major Frank Bourbon** 5 **McCOY** (*Charles Monroe*, 4 **Daniel**, 8 **Alexander**, 2 **William** 1), b. Oct. 23, 1851, Augusta, Ga.; m. Dec. 26, 1881, Memphis, Tenn., Ella Ferstenheim, b. June 24, 1864. He was appointed from Georgia second lieutenant, Twenty-fourth U. S. Infantry, Nov. 26, 1880; transferred to Third Infantry, Aug. 8, 1903. Served on frontier until the outbreak of Spanish War, when as captain was commissioned lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Minn. Vol. Infantry; mustered out with regiment. Served in Cuba and Philippine Islands till Oct. 12, 1901. Since then a recruiting officer at Milwaukee, Wis. Three children:

49. **Leona May**, b. May 1, 1884.
50. **Frances Louise**, b. Sept. 11, 1887; d. April 19, 1903.

(9) **Judge Angus C.** 8 **McCOY** (*Alexander*, 2 **William** 1), b. March 13, 1789, Washington Co., Pa.; d. Oct. 12, 1865, Decatur Co., Ind.; buried at Greensburg; m., first, Feb. 16, 1815, Elizabeth May Smith, b. Loudon Co., Va., May 9, 1799, daughter of Zadock and Nancy Smith, d. Sept. 23, 1844, Decatur Co., Ind.; m., second, Dec. 24, 1846, Rachel McPherson, b. Dec. 25, 1806, d. Sept. 8, 1881, Greensburg, Ind. He was married first in Kentucky, and removed with his family to Decatur Co., Ind., about 1825, settling on farm east of Greensburg, on which is located McCoy's Station. Remained here until his death. A man of extraordinary ability; was Probate Judge of Decatur Co., from 1829 to 1843. He was a strong anti-slavery man, and his influence was widely felt. A man
of sterling integrity and excellent judgment. Eighteen children, first six born in Bourbon Co., Ky., and the remainder in Decatur Co., Ind.:—

51. William Anderville, b. April 24, 1816; d. July 2, 1866, at the old homestead, Decatur Co., Ind.

1. Catherine Jane, b. Dec. 6, 1836; d. Dec. 15, 1889; m. April 9, 1857, Ferdinand A. Belser.
3. Angus C., b. June 20, 1839; m. Jan. 2, 1866, Mary E. Doyle, b. July 14, 1847. Farmer, lives at Greensburg, Ind. Six children (Hazelrigg):—


1 (3) Eva Connor, b. July 13, 1878; m. Nov. 25, 1903, Henry E. Marsh, b. Dec. 12, 1875, North Vernon, Ind.

(5) Angus Cecil, b. Sept. 27, 1885; d. same day.

(6) Florence Montgomery, b. Feb. 1, 1890.


8. Robert Trimble, b. Sept. 9, 1849; d. April 12, 1893, Greensburg, Ind.


10. Adelia, b. Feb. 12, 1853; m. April 18, 1872, Leroy Dobyns, b. Nov. 13, 1840, Decatur Co., Ind. Four children (Dobyns):

(1) Rollie H., b. Dec. 6, 1872.


(4) George T., b. June 21, 1882.

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54. Thomas Melvin, b. April 2, 1821, + (54).


57. Douglas Smith, b. Nov. 16, 1825; d. May 6, 1901, Decatur Co., Ind.


59. Robert Trimble, b. April 24, 1829; d. Sept. 9, 1849, McCoy's Station, Ind.


   2. Infant son, b. Sept. 2, 1861; d. same day.


   4. Elisabeth Jane, b. Jan. 12, 1866, Boone Co., Ind. Resides in Los Angeles, Cal.


61. Sarah Margaret, b. Decatur Co., Ind., Feb. 22, 1833; d. March 7, 1877, Decatur Co., Ind.

63. Nancy Azilla, b. Jan. 31, 1837, in Decatur Co., Ind.; d. Feb. 6, 1879, Thorntown, Ind.; m. Oct. 25, 1860, Origen Thomson, b. Dec. 2, 1829, Decatur Co., Ind., d. Nov. 8, 1882, Greensburg, Ind. Son of John Thomson, b. Nicholas Co., Ky., March 26, 1796; d. Feb. 3, 1856, Greensburg, Ind. He was descended from Wm. C. Thomson, born Glasgow, Scotland, who emigrated to North of Ireland about 1700. His son James, born Ireland, 1730, m. Mary Henry, of Donegal, Ireland, 1760, came to America, 1770; died Nicholas Co., Ky., 1817. His wife died 1823. William, son of James B., born in Ireland, 1761; d. Kentucky, 1822; m. Sally McConnaughey, who d. Decatur Co., Ind., 1835, who was father of John. Orville, brother of Origen, b. June 20, 1823, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. May 15, 1845, Nancy Hazelrigg, b. Feb. 15, 1825, Nicholas Co., Ky.; d. Jan. 15, 1900. His father, John Thomson, established the Greensburg, Ind., Standard, in 1835, which paper was afterward edited and conducted by Orville Thomson for many years. It may be truthfully said that no man has so thorough a knowledge of the history of Decatur Co., Ind., and its pioneer and leading citizens, almost from the organization of the county, as Orville Thomson. If all he has written for the press concerning Decatur Co. and its citizens, was gathered in a volume, it would be an excellent history of the county. He is now writing a history of the Seventh Regiment of Ind. Vol. Infy., which will be hailed with delight by all who know the boys of that gallant regiment. The work will be well and faithfully done. To Nancy A. and Origen Thomson was born a daughter, Luina, June 2, 1863; m., first, Sept. 16, 1882, Edward C. Ross, b. Oct. 17, 1829, South Hadley, Mass., d. Aug. 28, 1899. Was in hotel business. Married, second, Nov. 15, 1899, Edgar A. Sebring, b. Dec. 27, 1864. Lumberman and live-stock dealer. They live in Tekonsha, Mich. One child (Ross): —
1. Edward A., b. March 25, 1883. Origen Thomson was a man of fine intellect and good education, but frail physically. He was one of Dr. Crawford's party to cross the plains, the long overland journey to the Pacific coast, with ox teams, in 1852. He and wife are buried at Greensburg, Ind. John Thomson, the father of Orville and Origen, m. Nov. 22, 1824, in Nicholas Co., Ky., Spicey Glover Hamilton, b. Oct. 19, 1802, Nicholas Co., Ky. Came to Decatur Co., Ind., 1823. She died Dec. 22, 1838. They are buried at Greensburg, Ind. He and my father, Barton S. McCoy, were schoolmates in Kentucky, and being brothers-in-law, they were warm personal friends.

64. Capt. Angus Frank McCoy, b. Jan. 16, 1839; bachelor. Soldier in the Civil War; served in the 16th Indiana Infantry; promoted to captain in 123d Indiana Infantry. Treasurer Decatur Co., Ind., two terms. Lawyer, in practise, Omaha, Neb.


67. Willoughby Columbus, b. Sept. 21, 1847, + (67).


1. Anna Lorena, b. Aug. 9, 1871. She and sister Ethel live in Greensburg, Ind., and are engaged in teaching school.

2. Edgar Angus, b. Oct. 6, 1875; lives in Tonkawa, Okla.

(54) THOMAS MELVIN 4 McCoy (Judge Angus C., 3 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. near Paris, Bourbon Co., Ky., April 2, 1821; d. Feb. 11, 1878; m. March 1, 1853, Sarah, daughter of John and Jane Hughes, b. Dec. 27, 1830. He removed with his parents to Decatur Co., Ind., 1825, where he afterward lived. He was a very active, energetic man, over six feet in height, and fine physique. A successful stock farmer, a "dyed-in-the-wool" abolitionist, and was a conductor on the underground railway. He took great pride in the education of his children. A man of splendid capabilities, never held office. He was a frequent visitor at my father's home, and they were bosom friends. In later life he took active part in the organization of Sunday schools in the county, and was a strong and eloquent advocate of temperance, opposing vigorously the use of intoxicants and tobacco. His consistent life and worthy example are a precious legacy to his children. He died, leaving several hundred acres of fine farm land, a competence for his family. Four children:—

69. EDGAR SCOTT, b. Dec. 3, 1853, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. Feb. 18, 1882. Educated at Granville and Wooster, Ohio, and graduated from the Cincinnati Law School. He located for practise at Minneapolis, Minn., where he died within a few months after locating there. He had a bright prospect before him. Buried at Greensburg, Ind.

70. WILBURN MONROE, b. July 17, 1857, + (70).

71. ELIZABETH JANE, b. Jan. 31, 1859, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. Nov. 19, 1884, to Albert Alonzo Innis, b. April 10, 1854; farmer. She was educated at the Female Seminary at Oxford, Ohio. Lives near Milroy, Ind. Children (Innis):—

1. Esther M., b. March 18, 1886; d. April 23, 1889, Milroy, Ind.
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2. THOMAS HUBERT, b. Sept. 15, 1890, Milroy, Ind.

72. FRANK LINCOLN, b. Feb. 9, 1862, + (72).

(70) WILBURN MONROE 6 McCoy (Thomas M., 4 Judge Angus C., 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. July 17, 1857, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. Nov. 23, 1882, Addie Mary Gavin, b. March 18, 1858, Greensburg, Ind. He was educated at State University, Bloomington, Ind., and has been for five years postmaster at Guthrie, Okla. (1903). Four children, first three born Decatur Co., Ind:—

74. Helen, b. Aug. 5, 1887.
75. Frank Thomas, b. Sept. 15, 1889.
76. Marguerite, b. Oct. 15, 1897, Guthrie, Okla.

(72) FRANK LINCOLN 6 McCoy (Thomas M., 4 Judge Angus C., 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Feb. 9, 1862. He was a graduate from Indiana University at Bloomington, Ind., 1884, and from Cincinnati, Ohio, Law School, 1886; located at Omaha, Neb., and is in practise of his profession at this time (1903); m. June 10, 1896, Edna Eleanor Ruth, b. June 16, 1872. Two children, born in Omaha, Neb.:—

77. Ruth, b. Sept. 30, 1898.
78. Sarah, b. June 24, 1901; d. Feb. 11, 1903, Omaha, Nebr.

(58) GEORGE WASHINGTON 4 McCoy (Judge Angus C., 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Jan. 30, 1827, Decatur Co., Ind. Now known as McCoy's Station. He died July 12, 1900, near Fort Wayne, Ind. At the age of twenty he entered Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., graduating in Classical Course, 1853. In fall of 1856 he entered Lane Seminary, Cin-
cinnati, Ohio; remained there three months, intending to prepare for the ministry, but circumstances changed his plans. He engaged in warehouse business, Greensburg, Ind., for two years. In 1859 removed to Ft. Wayne where for over a year he engaged in hardware business. In 1860 he engaged in farming, two miles northeast of Fort Wayne, soon owning a farm of three hundred and seventy acres, and was successful; m., first, Jan. 12, 1859, to Martha J., daughter of B. W. Oakley, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., d. Sept. 9, 1869; m., second, March 2, 1885, Anna C. Ginther. She still resides on the home farm near Ft. Wayne. Children: His first marriage resulted in the birth of five children, only two of whom are living, and their whereabouts are unknown to the writer. One child by second marriage: —

58a. Angus C., b. June 11, 1886, near Ft. Wayne, Ind. He lives with his mother on farm. No further record of this family can be obtained.

(65) CHARLES DANIEL 4 McCoy (Judge Angus C. 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. July 25, 1841, Decatur Co., Ind.; m., first, Sept. 14, 1865, to Nancy Lynn, b. Feb. 19, 1846, Dearborn Co., Ind., d. April 13, 1886, Indianapolis, Ind.; divorced June 1, 1875; m., second, Nov. 28, 1878, Florence Amelia Welch, b. March 11, 1853, near Thorntown, Ind. He was a soldier in Union Army, enlisted Aug. 6, 1861, regiment of Indiana Infantry. Wounded in thigh at Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., ball passing through leg, and lodging in pants, fell to the shoe, and he has it. Discharged April 10, 1863. Children: —

79. David Claudius, b. May 29, 1867; d. in infancy.
80. Charles Lynn, b. Sept. 25, 1868, Indianapolis, Ind.; d. March 3, 1888, McCoy’s Station, Ind.
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82. EARL CARLTON, b. June 12, 1880; d. March 29, 1886.

83. HELEN PAREPA, b. March 23, 1882; graduated in Salem, Ore., High School, June 14, 1901.


85. MIRIAM FRANC, b. Dec. 8, 1889. Family resides in Salem, Ore. 

(62) JOSEPH AUSTIN 4 McCoy (Judge Angus C., 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. in Decatur Co., Ind., Feb. 15, 1835; d. March 21, 1899; m. March 10, 1859, Elizabeth H. Robinson, b. March 24, 1838. One child: —

86. MARY L., b. Jan. 3, 1861; m., first, Jan. 15, 1880, Fritz O. Patton, divorced; m., second, March 17, 1896, Edwin E. Cowles, City Agent Big Four R. R., St. Louis, Mo. Two children (Patton): —


(67) WILLOUGHBY COLUMBUS 4 McCoy (Judge Angus C., 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Sept. 21, 1847, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. Sept. 7, 1901. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Kansas City, Kans. He was postmaster for twelve years at Adams, Decatur Co., Ind. They afterwards removed to Kansas, where he farmed for some years, but his health failing, he went to Kansas City, Mo., where he died. He was a druggist. Married June 20, 1871, Bettie Crawford, b. April 12, 1853, Christian Co., Mo. Mrs. W. C. McCoy resides in Kansas City, Mo. Five children: —
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   1. Paul McCoy, b. March 9, 1897. They reside in Kansas City, Mo.

90. Donald W., b. Nov. 13, 1884.

(56) JAMES THORNTON McCoy (Judge Angus C.,8 Alexander,2 William1.), b. May 22, 1824, Bourbon Co., Ky. He removed with his parents to Decatur Co., Ind., where he has lived since. At his father's death he purchased the home farm, known as McCoy's, five miles east of Greensburg. Was postmaster at McCoy's Station for thirty-five years. Now resides in Greensburg. He is widely known as a zealous advocate of temperance, a sturdy prohibitionist, and anti-slavery man in an early day. Married Nov. 15, 1849, to Martha Jane Custer, b. Sept. 30, 1829, d. July 15, 1893, Decatur Co., Ind. Eight children, born Decatur Co., Ind.: —

94. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Oct. 12, 1855; d. Feb. 1, 1890.
96. Mattie Gertrude, b. May 10, 1861; d. May 18, 1885.
97. General Curtis, b. May 2, 1863, + (97).
(95) ROBERT ARNOLD  

(97) General CURTIS  
McCOY (James T., Judge Angus C., Alexander, William), b. May 2, 1863, McCoy’s Station, Ind. Farmer and clothing merchant, Greensburg, Ind. Married Nov. 18, 1885, at McCoy’s Station, Ind., to Carrie Alice Trimble. Two children: —

100. HAZEL BELLE, b. May 23, 1888, Wabash, Ind.
101. JOHN TRIMBLE, b. May 10, 1894, Greensburg, Ind.

(98) WILLIAM ANGUS  

102. MABEL GLENN, b. Jan. 29, 1893.
103. EUGENE MECK, b. Nov. 21, 1896.
104. HERSHEL B., b. Oct. 18, 1898.

(11) ALEXANDER  
Ind., Jan. 31, 1857. He died on his farm near Kingston, Ind., where he first settled, June 1, 1877. He and wife are buried in Kingston Cemetery. He was a charter member of the old Sand Creek Presbyterian Church, now known as Kingston Church. And at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its organization, he was the only surviving charter member, and as he was the chorister of this church for many years, he “pitched and carried the tune,” when hymn was lined out. He on this occasion, by request, led the choir, as he was wont to do fifty years before. And now, at the age of eighty, he for the last time sang old Dundee with clear but tremulous voice. There was not a dry eye in the house. But these grand old men are gone, and who of us are filling their places? They had nine children. Martin was born in Salem, Washington Co., and all the rest in Decatur Co., Ind., near Kingston. The family removed from Kentucky to Washington Co., Ind., and then to Decatur Co., Ind.:—

106. Leander Aretas, b. March 14, 1834, + (106).
107. Sarepta, b. June 20, 1836, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. Oct. 9, 1860, William Franklin Cox, b. Feb. 24, 1837, Decatur Co., Ind. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and a member of Co. G, Seventh Indiana Infantry. They reside at Montrose, Ill. Farmer. One child (Cox):—

1. William Alexander, b. June 11, 1867, Coles Co., Ill.; m. March 5, 1890, to Alice Wishard, b. Aug. 2, 1864, Jasper Co., Ill. Reside at Montrose, Ill. Eight Children. All born at Montrose, Ill. (Cox):—

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112. Melissa Jane, b. March 29, 1849; d. July 17, 1851, Decatur Co., Ind.


1. Ralph Thomas, b. Nov. 12, 1899.

2. William Roland, b. Dec. 11, 1901. They reside in Terre Haute, Ind. He is a salesman-clerk.

115. Ralph Evans, b. June 20, 1878. Farmer, near Greensburg, Ind.

116. Robert, b. April 16, 1880. A civil engineer (railroading); makes home Greensburg, Ind.

(106) Leander Arethas ⁴ McCoy (Alexander,³ Alexander,² William ¹), b. March 14, 1834; d. Aug. 7, 1900; born and died on the old home farm near Kingston, Ind.; m.
Nov. 21, 1864, Ellen Lane (widow), b. Nov. 21, 1844, Brookville, Ind., d. May 8, 1900, near Kingston, Ind. Four children, born on the old farm near Kingston, Ind.: —

120. Carl Herman, b. June 11, 1882.

(117) Dr. EDWIN BRUCE McCOY (Leander Aretas, Alexander, Alexander, William), b. Jan. 30, 1867, Kingston, Ind.; m. Mary Elizabeth Hopkins, b. Aug. 29, 1869, Decatur Co., Ind., d. April 20, 1901, Berea, Ky.; m., second, Nona B. Griggs, b. April 11, 1872, at College Hill, Ky. She graduated from College Hill M. E. Seminary, and Richmond, Ky., High School. The doctor graduated from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, in Cincinnati, O., April 12, 1899. Received first honorable mention in a class of sixty-one students. Two children: —

121. Walter Blaine, b. Feb. 22, 1892.


123. Willard W., b. Aug. 6, 1894.

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He was a member of Co. G, Seventh Regiment Ind. Infantry. Married Feb. 26, 1861, Mary Lane, b. Sept. 5, 1842, d. April 8, 1899, Maitland, Mo. One child: —

1. Emmit Lane, b. July 22, 1867.
5. Infant, b. March 26, 1878; d. same day.

(110) PHILONADUS 4 McCoy (Alexander, 8 Alexander 2, William 1), b. June 3, 1842, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. Cerilda Boyce. They reside at 37½ Kentucky Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Four children: —

126. Orlando Cassius, b. Dec. 6, 1876.

(III) ORPHEUS 4 McCoy (Alexander, 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Jan. 8, 1846, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. March 3, 1904, Terre Haute, Ind. He married March 21, 1880, at Rising Sun, Ind., Cora Virginia Stratton, b. Oct. 13, 1861, Illinois. He resided in Decatur Co., Ind., some forty years, removing to Terre Haute, Ind., in 1886, remaining there until his death, which was sudden, from heart trouble. He was an expert at the art of enameling, and a worthy, exemplary citizen. Three children: —
130. Amy, b. Nov. 27, 1881, Indianapolis, Ind.; m. May 14, 1898, Terre Haute, Ind., Edward B. O'Neal, b. April 10, 1873, Indianapolis, Ind. Child (O'Neal):—

130a. James Blaine, b. July 12, 1884, Filson, Ill.

130b. Harry, b. March 21, 1887, Filson, Ill.

(14) George8 McCoy (Alexander, William), b. Bourbon Co., Ky., June 26, 1800; d. April 6, 1863, of chronic diarrhea, contracted in the army service. He was a soldier in the Thirty-seventh Iowa Vol. Infantry, known as the "Gray Beards"—all members over forty-five years of age. Enlisted August, 1862, and was discharged from service on account of disability, and died soon after, Benton Co., Iowa. Married Nov. 28, 1822, Washington Co., Ind., Polly McKinney, b. March 30, 1800, Bourbon Co., Ky., d. July 23, 1872, Benton Co., Iowa. He removed from Kentucky to Orange Co., Ind., in 1822. Lived a while in Washington Co., Ind. The four older children were born in Washington and Orange Counties, Ind., the other children in Decatur Co., Ind., to which place the family removed in about 1832; and in 1852, he with his family removed to Benton Co., Iowa, where he remained until death. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, was a zealous temperance advocate, and strong abolitionist; fond of debate, and frequently engaged in public discussion of the leading questions of the day. Elected to the Iowa State Senate from Benton Co., 1855, and served in sessions of 1856 and 1858. Was author of bill locating the State Institution for the Blind at Vinton, Iowa. The work and life of George McCoy deserves more than a passing notice. Probably no man in the State of Indiana did more than he to assist fugitive slaves on their way toward the North Star. He was a hard fighter
against human slavery and the liquor traffic. Under the fugitive slave law it was a perilous business to harbor or aid in smuggling through the States the runaway slaves who were passing constantly like meteors through space; and George McCoy was as brave as he was alert in the art of the underground railway. Hundreds of the blacks, could they be heard, would bear willing testimony to this readiness to give aid, food, and shelter whenever opportunity offered.

I am glad to be able to record the fact that this man, the true friend of the enslaved black man, had the privilege and courage to enter the grand Army of the Union, although at the age of sixty-two years, and gave his life for the preservation of the Union. He had two sons and one son-in-law in the Union Army. Burney died in Andersonville, Ga., prison. Ten children: —

   3. Augustus, b. Jan. 1, 1848, Decatur Co., Indiana; m. Catherine Hopkins; brickmason, and resides at Waterloo, Iowa. No further record.
d. Feb. 16, 1899, Quincy, Ill.; m. to William Baker,

5. Susan Ann, b. Jan. 11, 1852, Greensburg, Ind.; m.
Dec. 2, 1871, Benton Co., Iowa, Luman B. North,
b. Feb. 26, 1847, Shellsburg, Iowa. Family have
lived at Benton Co., Iowa, York Co., Neb.; Walla
Walla Co., Wash., and Free Water, Ore. He is a
gardener, Free Water, Ore. Children (North): —
(1) Rosabelle, b. Nov. 4, 1872, York Co., Neb.;
m. Nov. 30, 1893, Walla Walla, Wash., Philip S.
i. Philip Vivian, b. March 31, 1900, Umatilla Co.,
Ore.
(2) Burton Rodell, b. Oct. 25, 1874, Shellsburg,
Iowa; m. Sept. 1, 1903, Inella Mary Greatorex, b.
Nov. 16, 1883, Woodbury Co., Iowa. They live at
Susanville, Ore. He is a machinist.
(3) Daise L., b. June 25, 1876, Vinton, Iowa; d.
Oct. 19, 1877, Benton Co., Iowa.
(4) Winnie B., b. Sept. 20, 1878, Traer, Iowa;
m. Nov. 15, 1902, Julia H. Greatorex, b. Sept. 12,
1881, Sioux City, Iowa. They live at Eureka Junction,
Wash. Farmers.
(5) Edith Irene, b. Nov. 21, 1882, Springville,
Iowa; m. Sept. 17, 1897, Walla Walla, Wash.,
Arthur M. Kellogg, b. July 11, 1872, Montgomery
2, 1900. They live at Hood River, Ore. Farmers.
(6) Lela Inis, b. May 18, 1887, Walla Walla,
Wash.
9. James B., b. Dec. 6, 1861, Benton Co., Iowa; m. Kestor A. Hall. He is a contractor and builder, and lives at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

133. Margaret Mitchell, b. Feb. 1, 1827, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. July 24, 1893, at Tecumseh, Nebr.; m. William L. V. Burke, b. Kentucky, d. Lincoln, Nebr., April 6, 1895. They were married in Decatur Co., Ind., and about 1854 removed to Benton Co., Iowa, living here some twenty years; then followed their children to Nebraska. They had five children, all of whom are dead, except John A., and his whereabouts is not known to any of his kindred. He is probably in Oregon, if living. Children (Burke):

1. Emma, died young.
2. Katherine J., b. Sept. 15, 1845, Greensburg, Ind.; m. Robert Collier, June 22, 1881, d. April 30, 1886, at Bennett, Nebr. She was a teacher. Mr. R. A. Collier is married the second time, and is in the hardware, groceries, and furniture trade at Campbell, Nebr.
4. Angie, b. 1858, Benton Co., Iowa; d. 1894, Tecumseh, Nebr. Teacher.
5. Henry, b. Benton Co., Iowa; d. age of 17, Bennett, Nebr.


1. Hollis Palmer, b. Jan. 11, 1850. He writes that he is rather an eccentric fellow. In early youth he had a love for travel and romance, and has seen much of the West. Was a soldier in the regular army from Oct. 6, 1873, to July 18, 1877, enlisting at Dubuque, Iowa, Co. G, 14th Regiment Regular Infantry. He was fond of adventure, and during his four years of army service he had some thrilling experiences. He has furnished much of his observations and severe trials, but limited space forbids the publishing of it in full.

His field of service was in the Northwest, among the Indians. Soldiers and citizens were very frequently ambushed and shot by these treacherous red men. They were familiar with the contests between the Kit Carson men and the desperadoes, the latter being killed or driven out of the Black Hills country.

At this time wild game was very plentiful all through this region. His army traversed through the gaps and passes of the ever-changing and bewitching mountain scenery, witnessing the thousands of sheep and antelope feeding in the valleys below, under the lofty peaks of the Warsach range, bathing their snowy caps in the clouds, or reflecting the beautiful sunlight above them. They
traversed the Salt Lake Valley, and climbed the mountains from Fort Douglas, viewing the peerless Salt Lake Valley, which appears like a green carpeted world, inclosing the Great Salt Lake, some eighty miles in length, and the Mormon city, altogether forming one of the most beautiful panoramas the human eye ever beheld.

Passing Provo, Cameron, Fremont's Peak, named for the celebrated pathfinder, they crossed the Sierra Nevadas, to subjugate hostile tribes in the Big Horn Mountains, policing the country where the gallant Custer and his valiant men met their terrible slaughter.

They drove Sitting Bull to Canada, and braved many perils, and suffered much from cold and exposure and wild beasts.

He makes his home at Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, Iowa.


4. Della May, b. July 22, 1862, Benton Co., Iowa; m. Oliver Clark, and they have a daughter, b. 1887. They reside in Marion, Iowa. No further record can be obtained.

5. Henrietta, b. Jan. 8, 1866, Benton Co., Iowa; m. Michael Clark. Two children: a son, b. 1887; a daughter, b. 1895. The family reside in Kansas City, Kans. No further record can be obtained.


139. JAMES MORELAND, b. Oct. 27, 1839; d. September, 1843, Kingston, Ind.

140. GEORGE BURNEY, b. Dec. 22, 1841; d. Oct. 11, 1864. A soldier in Civil War, Co. G, 5th Iowa Infantry. Was taken prisoner at the battle of Missionary Ridge, near Chattanooga, Nov. 25, 1863, and died after a long incarceration in prison at Andersonville, Ga. Lieut. Frank N. McCoy, now of Kansas City, Kans., and a member of Company F, commanded Company G, Burney’s Company, that same day. He says twenty-five men of that company were taken prisoners, and that the remainder, about twenty-five, retreated from the picket line double-quick one mile to their command, passing under the fire of six batteries.


142. Aurelean, b. June 4, 1859, + (142).


2. Lawrence Harrison, b. June 29, 1901, Atkins, Iowa.
BRANCH GEORGE 8 McCoy


(136) William Wallace 4 McCoy (George, 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. April 15, 1833, Decatur Co., Ind. Removed with his parents to Iowa, Benton Co. Married Dec. 30, 1866, Lizzie Thompson, b. July 12, 1845. He enlisted in the army in 1862, and served three years in Co. D, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry; was corporal. Removed to Nebraska. A farmer near Aurora, Nebr. One son:—

147. Wayne E., b. Oct. 1, 1867; d. Aurora, Neb., Feb. 11, 1895. Graduated from business college at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but declined in health from that time, and died two years later, at home of his parents, Aurora, Nebr.

(142) Aurelean 6 McCoy (John C., 4 George, 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. June 4, 1859, Benton Co., Iowa; m. Dec. 28, 1880, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Lucy C. Kittering, b. April 24, 1865. He is conductor on street railway. They have three children:—


149. Jessie May, b. March 31, 1888, Madison, S. D.

150. Harrison W., b. June 14, 1890, Madison, S. D.

(143) Ernest C. 6 McCoy (John C., 4 George, 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Dec. 24, 1865, Benton Co., Iowa; m., first, Jan. 17, 1889, at Madison, S. D., Helen Lawrence, b. April 3, 1869, Big Springs, Nebr., d. July 25, 1894, Wayne

151. John E., b. May 16, 1892, Sully Co., S. D.

(15) Rev. James 8 McCoy (Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Sept. 29, 1802, Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. Feb. 6, 1865, Indianapolis, Ind.; m. Aug. 24, 1825, in Paris, Ky., Margaret Jane McClure McKinney, b. Feb. 24, 1806, Bourbon Co., Ky.; d. April 2, 1873, Jeffersonville, Ind. He began preaching the gospel in early manhood, and spent his life as a Presbyterian minister. So far as I have been able to learn, he was one of God’s noblemen—kind, firm, and true to the principles of Christian temperance and godliness, devoted to the best interests of his family and congregation. In an early day he removed from Kentucky to Orange Co., Ind., where their children were born, all deceased, three sons, one daughter:—

155. Dr. James A. C., b. March 14, 1827, + (155).
156. Dr. William Newton, b. Dec. 13, 1833, + (156).

(155) Dr. James A. C. 4 McCoy (Rev. James, 8 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. March 14, 1827, Orange Co., Ind.; d. Tacoma, Wash., about 1897; m. Zerelda Nichols. They had one son, Edgar A., and he and mother reside at Tacoma, Wash.
Dr. J. A. C. McCoy graduated in medicine, and first practised in Jeffersonville, Ind., then Henryville, and Indianapolis, Ind., afterward at Tacoma, Wash., where he died. No further record can be obtained.

(156) Dr. WILLIAM NEWTON \textsuperscript{4} McCoy (Rev. James\textsuperscript{5}, Alexander\textsuperscript{2}, William\textsuperscript{1}), b. Dec. 13, 1833; Orange Co., Ind.; d. Feb. 9, 1891, Jeffersonville, Ind.; m. Dec. 31, 1874, Jeffersonville, Ind., Maria Goodwin, b. March 25, 1853, Utica, Clark Co., Ind. He graduated from Louisville, Ky., University, as M. D. During Civil War was post surgeon, with rank of captain, first at Mound City, Ill., then at Carondelet, Mo., and Jeffersonville, Ind. At close of war took post-graduate course, Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and settled in private practise in Jeffersonville, Ind., where he died. Three children, all born in, and they with their mother reside at, Jeffersonville, Ind.: —

159. MARY INEZ, b. Sept. 12, 1881; m. June 10, 1903, Charles T. Hertzsch, b. 1881. Manufacturer at Jeffersonville, Ind.
   With American Car and Foundry Co., Jeffersonville, Ind.
161. JAMES CLIFTON, b. April 7, 1886, Jeffersonville, Ind. With
   American Car and Foundry Co., Jeffersonville, Ind.

(157) Rev. THEODORE WILBERFORCE \textsuperscript{4} McCoy (Rev. James\textsuperscript{5}, Alexander\textsuperscript{2}, William\textsuperscript{1}), b. Jan. 31, 1839, Clark Co., Ind.; d. Aug. 1, 1896, Hanover, Ind. The years of his boyhood were spent in towns of Southern and Central Indiana, as his father was a minister of the gospel, and this led him from place to place. At the age of sixteen he entered Wabash College, remaining until 1861; in his senior year he enlisted at
the first call for troops, three months' men, and re-enlisted for three years. He was in some severe conflicts, and rose to the rank of captain in Co. I, Thirty-ninth Regiment Ind. Volunteers, or Eighth Regiment Mounted Infantry. At the close of the war he began the study of law at Indianapolis, Ind. And upon the death of his father, Rev. James McCoy, 1865, he with his mother and sister removed to Jeffersonville, Ind. Opened a law office, and was collector of Internal Revenue, under General Scribner. In the year 1868 he was elected clerk of Supreme Court of Indiana, and served four years, returning to Jeffersonville, Ind., where he was induced to enter the ministry, in which he continued until his death. Family pride, generosity, and most complete identification of himself with the interest of his relatives and friends, were strong characteristics of his nature. His various experiences in war, law, and politics, and his wide reading and travel, as well as keen interest in everything, made him a man of broad intelligence and marked ability as a conversationalist. He contemplated the compiling of McCoy genealogy, and had gathered much matter for such a work, but the writer has not been able to reap the benefit of it, except a brief account of the first McCoy families emigrating to this country, which is found in the introduction of this work. He was married Sept. 24, 1868, to Eliza Taggart, b. Feb. 7, 1844. Four children: —

163. Theodora, b. Nov. 2, 1872. A teacher, and temporarily at Miles City, Mont.
164. William Taggart, b. Nov. 7, 1875, + (164).
165. Margaret, b. March 10, 1877. Teacher.
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(164) WILLIAM TAGGART 8 McCOY (Rev. Theodore W., 4 Rev. James, 3 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Nov. 7, 1875, m. June 5, 1900, Nellie S. Moss, b. March 16, 1876. He is a teacher in High School, Chicago, Ill.


3. Andrew Ella, b. June 3, 1859, Memphis, Mo.; m. Sept. 1, 1881, Cave City, Ky., William N. Locke,


171. *Martha Campbell*, b. Dec. 25, 1840, Bedford, Ind.; m. Sept. 6, 1858, Judge E. W. Knott, b. near Lebanon, Ky., March 11, 1833. Mrs. Knott is a good representative of the McCoy family—may be styled clannish, and proud of the name and blood, and very loyal to her Scotch ancestry. She and her husband, Judge Knott, have assisted me in untangling some "knotty" family problems—not their own, however. Not having met this worthy couple, yet they have invited me to share their "hoe cake" at any time. Still I will venture to say they are well mated, and am proud to give them a place in our record. While she has never refused to fraternize with any of the countless relatives under the name McCoy, she draws the line, however, on cousin "Kid McCoy," the noted pugilist, whom she accuses of masquerading under an assumed name. E. W. Knott made his residence in Missouri in 1853, and was judge of Court of Common Pleas and probate of Macon County for six years, in the seventies. He was appointed assistant superintendent of Insurance Department of the State in 1880; was reappointed in 1884, and served in that capacity eight years in all. Settled in the town of Kirkwood, a suburb of St. Louis, where he and family have since resided. He calls my attention to the fact that he made his first appearance on earth the same year of the great meteoric display made by so many other stars. May he continue to shine as a star of the first magnitude.

Seven children (*Knott*):

1. A son, b. July 21, 1859; d. same day.

WM. McCOY AND HIS DESCENDANTS

   Wholesale druggist for a number of years.

(167) ANDREW MCCLURE 4 McCOY (Campbell, 3
   Alexander, 2 William 1), b. July 21, 1828, Orange Co., Ind.;
   m., first, July 16, 1861, Eliza A. Wright, b. March 14, 1837,
   d. Sept 8, 1872; m., second, Dec. 12, 1894, Emma R. Quebe,
   widow, b. April 22, 1866. He has resided in Cave City, Ky.,
   for many years, and has now retired from business. One
   adopted son:—

   172. CHARLES EDWARD, b. Sept. 12, 1864, + (172).

(172) CHARLES EDWARD 5 McCOY (Andrew Mc-
   Clure, 4 Campbell, 3 Alexander, 2 William 1), b. Sept. 12, 1864,
   Louisville, Ky.; m. Jennie Parrish, b. Oct. 12, 1870, near Cave
   City, Ky., daughter of B. Mills and Bettie Hare Parrish, of
   Cave City, Ky. Mr. McCoy resides in New Decatur, Ala., and
   is a locomotive engineer on L. & N. R. R. Children:—

   173. ANDREW VERNON, b. May 6, 1890, Cave City, Ky.
   175. EMILY PARRISH, b. Nov. 1, 1899, New Decatur, Ala.

(170) SAMUEL A. 4 McCOY (Campbell, 3 Alexander, 3
   William 1), b. Jan. 11, 1838, Bedford, Ind., m. Oct. 6, 1864,
   to Harriet J. Graham. They reside in New Decatur, Ala. He
   is in the employ of the Louisville and Nashville R. R. They
   have six children:—

   177. ALBERT G., b. July 3, 1867.
   178. JAMES H., b. May 27, 1869, + (178).
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179. Katie, b. May 9, 1876.
179b. Frank, b. June 12, 1882.

(178) James H. 8 McCoy (Samuel A.*, Campbell, 8
Alexander, 2 William 1), b. May 27, 1869; m. Sept. 12, 1901,
Alma McGregor, b. Sept. 13, 1878, at Town Creek, Ala.; live
in New Decatur, Ala. One child: —

Branch of Daniel McCoy

THIRD GENERATION

DANIEL McCoy was born on the estate of Earl of Angus, in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, about 1755, and emigrated to America with his parents before the Revolutionary War. They sailed for America probably, Aug. 15, 1772, and landed at Philadelphia the seventh day of October following. On the same ship were a number of Scottish clansmen and relatives. Among them were the Sutherlands and the Campbells. One of these, Christina Sutherland, Daniel afterward married, about the year 1781. They may have married in Maryland. The probabilities are, however, they did not marry until they reached Pennsylvania or Virginia.

These Scottish families tarried a while on the eastern shore of Maryland, and after the war of the Revolution had closed, they removed to the Wyoming Valley, Pa.

Christina Sutherland, who afterward became the wife of Daniel McCoy, emigrated to America with her father, Angus Sutherland, landing in Philadelphia, Oct. 7, 1772. This family of Sutherlands were descendants of Lord Sutherland, for whom Sutherlandshire, Scotland, was named, and who at one time, so tradition says, dominated a large number of the Highlander clans.

It is also an interesting fact that Christina Sutherland, the
Andra McCoy
Born Dec. 20, 1789; died July 14, 1871.

Robert McCoy
Born May 20, 1787; died June 22, 1877.

Judge John S. Forsyth
Born Aug. 6, 1796; died Sept. 18, 1876.

Alexander McCoy
Born Oct. 18, 1794; died June 1, 1877.
wife of Daniel McCoy, was sister of Frances Katherine Sutherland, the wife of Alexander McCoy, of Brown County, Ohio, and these men were undoubtedly first cousins also, as well as brothers-in-law.

The McCoys also belonged to the clan of Sutherland. This fact I learned some years since while in Scotland.

Some eighteen years ago I met a family of Sutherlands living near Drakesville, Davis Co., Iowa. This man's wife's maiden name was McCoy, and they came originally from Wyoming Valley, Pa. From the history obtained from this family, I was satisfied at the time they were of the same stock of our ancestors, William and others, who came to America 1772.

Some of the proof of the above lies in the fact that John W. McCoy, now living at South Omaha, Nebr., son of Robert McCoy, remembers hearing his father talking of his uncle, Alexander McCoy, of Brown Co., Ohio, and I have statements of Angus S. Thom, of Minonk, Ill., grandson of Alexander McCoy, saying he remembers well the visits of Robert McCoy, the New Light preacher, at his father's (Alexander Thom's) home in Brown Co., Ohio; that they, Robert and Priscilla McCoy Thom, daughter of Alexander McCoy, were cousins, and that the families were warmly attached to each other. John McCoy, son of Robert, also bears testimony to the same fact. This evidence by two living witnesses clears the subject of all doubt, and others besides these fully concur in the statements above made.

Alexander McCoy was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and received a saber thrust through the body by a Tory, but survived, and returned and married Frances Katherine Sutherland; settled afterward in Mason Co., Ky., for a brief time,
and then permanently settled in Brown Co., Ohio, near Ripley. He reared a family of eight children. One of these, Rosanna McCoy, was the second wife of James E. Hamilton, of Decatur Co., Ind., and died in Princeton, Ill., at the home of her niece, Mrs. Simon Elliott, in 1891. Alexander McCoy died in 1829, Brown Co., Ohio.

After a few years' sojourn in the Wyoming Valley, Pa., Daniel McCoy and family removed to near the mouth of Wheeling Creek, Virginia, where the city of Wheeling is now situated. The two older sons of Daniel, Angus and William, were born in Pennsylvania, while Robert, Andra, and George S. were born in Virginia. About the year 1792, Daniel with his family removed to near Boonesboro, Clark Co., Ky. Not long afterward, in 1784, they settled permanently in Nicholas Co., Ky., at a point afterward known as Old Concord Meeting House. This old church and camp-ground was near or upon Daniel McCoy's farm of four hundred acres of land. This information was received from Barton McCoy and his brother, Andra McCoy.

It was here that Barton W. Stone and others held their great revival meetings, about the year 1800, and later. The far-famed and wonderful physical manifestations, or phenomena, known in history as the jerking, barking, and laughing exercises, originated here. Many devout people attributed these exercises to the power of God, others to Satanic agencies. All these old pioneer citizens held in the highest esteem the labors and personal character of Barton Stone, a man of great ability and unblemished integrity. My father, born in 1802, was named for him, and he had the honor of entertaining the venerable gospel minister at our home in Greensburg, Ind., in
1850, then in his eightieth year, and quite feeble. I remember well hearing him preach in the old Christian Church in Greensburg, and because of feebleness and infirmity, he spoke to an immense audience while seated in his chair. He was then on his last tour through the States of Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, dying at Springfield, Ill., the same year.

The following incident, which tradition hands down to us, is furnished by John W. McCoy, son of Robert McCoy, as occurring in the history of Grandfather Daniel McCoy, when a young laddie in Scotland:

Young Daniel was herding cattle and sheep on the mountains for a certain nobleman, and there were deer also feeding with the cattle, but none but the lord of the estate, or some one authorized by him, was permitted to kill game of any kind. Daniel observed a deer feeding on the ledge of rock, and he concealed himself until the young deer came within his reach, and it being in a cramped place could not escape, and Daniel seized it by the leg, and hurled it on the rocks below, killing it. He hid the deer away until nightfall, when he proceeded to carry it to his home, five miles away, which was a hard task. Had he been discovered in the act he would have been deported from the country. The McCoys occupied territory in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and paid feudal homage to the Duke of Sutherland, for whom the clan is named, and with whom the McCoys intermarried.

Daniel lived and died on the old Kentucky farm, sometimes known as the Old Concord Camp-ground. His wife, Christina, died in April, 1805. He died some years later. They are buried at Old Concord Churchyard. William, Daniel's second son, went to Madison Co., Ohio, when a young man, learned
the wagonmaker’s trade, and married, and remained there. Afterward his younger brothers, Robert and George, went to Ohio, learned the same business, returning to Nicholas Co., Ky., and made the first wagon ever seen in that part of the country. This was about 1816, or later.

(3) DANIEL² McCoy (William¹), b. in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, 1755, d. in Nicholas Co., Ky., about 1818; m. in Pennsylvania, 1781, Christina Sutherland, b. July 15, 1760, in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, d. in Nicholas Co., Ky., April, 1805. Both are buried in Old Concord Churchyard, Nicholas Co., Ky. Ten children: —

181. Angus, b. 1783; d. 1815, + (181).
186. Lucretia, b. 1794; d. about the age of thirteen, in Nicholas Co., Ky.

In 1852, John Forsyth was elected county judge of Benton Co., held office four years, was then elected county commissioner, holding office two years. I should have stated that he was sheriff of Boone Co., Ind., and resigned his office when he removed to Iowa. In 1872
he went to Kansas, as part of his family was there. He was a stonemason by trade. Uncle John Forsyth was one of the best men I ever knew, generous, kind-hearted, and true as steel. A splendid conversationalist, irreproachable in his private and public life, and universally esteemed. It was the custom of his children and grandchildren to celebrate his birthday each year for some thirty years before his death. The last celebration was at the home of his son-in-law, John S. Epperson, Sumner Co., Kans., Aug. 6, 1878, only a few weeks before his death. He died as he lived, in peace with all men, in full assurance of a glorious immortality. The following is an article he wrote and read at his birthday celebration, Aug. 6, 1871:—

"Dear Children and Friends: I am nearly one thousand miles from the place of my birth, Aug. 6, 1796. I lived twenty-four years in Kentucky, the State of my birth, and then removed to Indiana, in the month of October, 1820. In the month of October, 1844, I removed to Iowa, and in two months I will have lived in Iowa twenty-seven years. When I moved from Kentucky I left there the friends of my youth, with regret; and when I left Indiana, I left many friends with whom I had many pleasant seasons. There I enjoyed prosperity, and felt the withering hand of adversity; but my friends remained firm in adversity as in prosperity; and words can not express my feelings of sorrow at parting. Some of my children have removed to Kansas, and if life and health permit, it is my intention to visit them. When I moved from Kentucky, I crossed the Ohio River, and when I moved from Indiana, I crossed the Mississippi River, and if permitted to go to Kansas, I will cross the Missouri River—these being three of the largest rivers in the West. In each of the moves, my object was to better myself and family; and if I am not permitted
to see Kansas, or cross the Missouri River, there is a river that age and infirmity admonish me that I must soon cross; that river is the cold Jordan of death, where my condition will be more improved than with all the former crossings. There is a Pilot that will land me safely on the other shore. He has promised to be with me in six troubles, and in the seventh he will not forsake me, and I have faith in his ability to perfect all that he has promised. I have many friends there, and the meeting will be a joyful one. We will know each other there. We are informed that we shall see as we are seen, and know as we are known. Then this mortal will have put on immortality. There will be no pain there, and all tears will be wiped from our eyes, and no more parting. There we will live in the smiles of our Saviour, and be Kings and Priests to God through all eternity. O glorious hope! I would not give it for all this world's enjoyment. "May God bless you all, and give you an inheritance that will never fade, is my prayer.

   John S. Forsyth."

Ten children were born to them (Forsyth): —

   d. July 22, 1864, of wounds received at the Battle of Atlanta, Ga. He was sergeant of Co. G, 13th Iowa Infantry. A man of fine promise, and much like his father.

2. Robert McCoy, b. Sept. 20, 1820, Nicholas Co., Ky.;
   d. Oct. 10, 1902, Wellington, Kans. Served in the Civil War, Co. D, 8th Iowa Infantry; was broken down by a forced march from Sedalia to Springfield, Mo., and was discharged for disability, February, 1862. The family removed from Benton Co., Iowa, to Sumner Co., Kan., in 1872, taking a homestead near Wellington. In 1876, removed to Oxford, and in 1882 to Pueblo, Colo.
returning to Wellington, Kans., in 1883. There
the widow still resides. He was married Decatur
Co., Ind., first, July 31, 1846, Amanda S. Mc-
Cartney, b. Jan. 22, 1823, d. July 25, 1855; m.,
second, June 24, 1857, Benton Co., Iowa, Susan
E. McCoy, b. May 30, 1835, Decatur Co., Ind.,
daughter of George and Polly McCoy. Seven
children, all born Benton Co., Iowa (Forsyth) :

10, 1854.
3) Lora Belle, b. April 24, 1858; d. March 11,
1885; m. Oct. 6, 1878, to W. H. Taylor. He is
now in the newspaper business at Cripple Creek,
Colo. No children.
4) Mary Jane, b. April 20, 1861, Benton Co.,
Iowa; m. Oct. 8, 1885, Wellington, Kans., Wil-
liam A. Caldwell, b. Oct. 14, 1848, Decatur Co.,
Ind. Attorney-at-law, Wichita, Kans. Child
(Caldwell) : i. Vivian, b. Nov. 30, 1889.
5) Edward Burney, b. May 29, 1865; d. May
28, 1892. Instantly killed in a cyclone in Wellin-
ton, Kans., in a falling building.
6) John Silva, b. March 9, 1867; m. Oct. 6,
1896, Lillie M. Harp, b. Aug. 4, 1867, Bloom-
ington, Ill. He is clerk in office of division superin-
Children (Forsyth) : i. Roland Elmore, b. June
10, 1900; d. June 11, 1900. ii. Gail, b. Dec. 7, 1903,
Wellington, Kans.
26, 1870; newspaper publisher, Point Richmond,
Cal. Unmarried.

3) Amaseth Tholbert, b. June 5, 1822, Decatur Co., Ind.,
being the same day the county seat of Greens-
burg was laid out. Died Dec. 2, 1881, Wellington, Kans.; m. Nov. 6, 1838, Boone Co., Ind., Judge Elijah Evans, b. Aug. 4, 1815, in Kentucky. They removed to Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, remaining there until 1850, when they made their home in Vinton, Iowa. He was justice of the peace there for eight years, and was also engaged in merchandising. In 1870, they removed to Independence, Kans., where he was elected police judge, holding the office until they removed to Wellington, Kans., and was soon elected police judge there; afterwards elected probate judge of Sumner Co., which office he held until his death, June 30, 1883. A man of excellent business qualifications, and highly esteemed. Nine children (Evans):—


charged, June 21, 1865, Co. D, 28th Iowa Vol. Infantry. Lost right leg at middle third of thigh, battle of Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864. Last man of his regiment shot in the war. He lay on field of battle twenty-four hours, two months in field hospital, sixty days at home, and remained at Davenport until the expiration of his time of enlistment, three years. Attended school at Cornell College, elected to the office of county auditor, Benton Co., Iowa, Jan. 3, 1870, re-elected for seven terms of two years each; resigned office, May 15, 1883. Ill health caused him to resign in 1884, and took a position in railway mail service, until December, 1892; resigned to accept office county recorder, Jan. 4, 1893. Held this two terms, to January, 1897. Elected mayor, Vinton, April, 1899, now (1903) serving third term. He suffers much from his wound. He has been a favorite with the people, and was never defeated for office.

(4) Louisa, b. Aug. 20, 1847; d. Sept. 11, 1847, Marion, Iowa.


children all born in Benton Co., Iowa, and three of them died there.

5. Christina, b. 1826; d. in Wisconsin; m. John Perkins. They had no children. Both deceased. Can find no trace of John Perkins. Last heard of was at Independence, Kans.


(3) Julius E., b. July 30, 1857, Vinton, Iowa; d. Jan. 26, 1901, Wellington, Kans.; m. Sara Ellen Seeger, b. Nov. 7, 1864, Miami Co., Ohio, brought up in Dayton, Ohio. She and family reside in Oklahoma City, Okla. He showed great heroism by being carried to train on cot to make the journey to prove up a claim lived on six years, for his family, one week before his death. He was a
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Iowa Infantry, Aug. 7, 1861; promoted to corporal and sergeant, and mustered out of the United States Army service, April 20, 1866. Taken prisoner at battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862; held a prisoner at Tuscaloosa, Ala., ten months. He is a carpenter and builder. Resides at Hutchinson, Kans. Has lived in Benton Co., Iowa, and Wellington, Kans. Was on the police force in Wellington, Kans. Six children (Forsyth):—


(5) Marion Evans, b. Nov. 11, 1867, Shellsburg, Iowa; m. Alta M. Copenbarger, b. Aug. 18, 1873. Child (Forsyth): i. Edward C., b. Sept. 7,
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1892. M. E. Forsyth is a cigar manufacturer, and resides at Newton, Kans.


(7) Kate Myrtle, b. June 1, 1881.

188. Nancy, b. July 4, 1798, Nicholas Co., Ky.; d. Jan. 3, 1873, Marion, Iowa; m. 1819, in Nicholas Co., Ky., James Caldwell, b. Nov. 11, 1789, Nicholas Co., Ky., d. March 6, 1851, Springfield, Ill. Nancy was a remarkable woman. Natural artificer and skilful handicraft woman, an adept at needlework or tailoring. She was a typical bread-winner, unlike her husband, who was "a rolling stone, that gathers no moss." James Caldwell never seemed to find out just what the good Lord had intended him for. They matched well, for Aunt Nancy provided for the family, and kept the meal-bin filled, and Uncle James was usually on the move, and they, like Jacob, had no abiding place. Some one has said, speaking of the Carlwells' frequently moving from place to place (and in those days people frequently took with them all their live stock, including the poultry), "when the chickens were called and fed, they would fall down, cross their legs, ready to be tied for another journey. It had been repeated so often it became a habit with them." Aunt Nancy had her full share of the McCoy obstinacy. She managed her own affairs without the aid of others. She was of a happy disposition, notwithstanding her firmness, and a model mother. She was greatly esteemed by all, and idolized by her children. She taught her boys to do domestic work, for her older children were boys, and any of them could knit mittens and stockings, and she made buckskin gloves and furnished them to dealers. When she and her brother Barton sat down for a chat, and they happened to differ in opinion, and this was not infrequently, it was a well-matched game, Greek against Greek, and in such case usually a "draw game." She was a noble woman, and as true to her faith as
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the needle to the pole. They removed from Kentucky to Decatur Co., Ind., about 1822. Farmers. My father used to say Uncle "Jim" was the best hand with a reaphook he ever saw, for he could reap and bind his cut, while others were pushed to make the cut without binding. I should say, Aunt Nancy made a public profession of Christianity under the labors of Barton W. Stone, in Kentucky, and was a member of Old Concord Church. They removed to Jefferson Co., Iowa, in 1840, and thence to Indiana in 1850; from thence to Springfield, Ill., 1846; were close neighbors of Abraham Lincoln. Her husband died there in 1851. She returned to Marion, Iowa, 1855, remaining there until her death. They had ten children (Caldwell):—


(1) Columbus, b. Jeff Co., Iowa, Oct. 17, 1844; m. Oct. 17, 1869, Marian H. Stockhouse, b. June 26, 1848, first white child born in Warsaw, Wis. He enlisted in Co. H, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, at Independence, Iowa, Aug. 11, 1862; was in twelve battles, and with his regiment in every engagement and march made by it. Mustered out before he was twenty-one years of age; served three years. Farmer; painter by trade.
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Lives near Winslow, Ark. Children (Caldwell):

(2) Thomas O., b. May 25, 1847; m. April 1, 1872, Mary Beckhart, d. 1881. His occupation, rural mail carrier, Scandia, Kans.

(3) Dr. J. William, b. April 3, 1850; married. No children. Dentist. Resides Marion, Iowa. No further record can be obtained.

(4) James Angus, b. July 31, 1852; m. Nov. 12, 1897. Street commissioner and city marshall. Formerly a farmer, Scandia, Kans. No children.


Tarlton was a soldier for one year in the Mexican War, and also a soldier in the Union Army, war of 1861 to 1865. He was captain of company in Sixth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was harnessmaker by trade, and farmer. Eleven children (Caldwell):

(1) James Harrison, b. June, 1852; m. Maggie Sellers. At last account they resided in Chicago, Ill. Five children (Caldwell): Maude, Madge, Mirth, Carl, and Charles (who is dead).

(2) Annie, b. 1854; deceased.

(3) William McCauley, b. Nov. 24, 1856; m.

(4) Cassius Clay, b. 1858; d. 1860.

(5) Jessie, deceased.

(6) Lycurgus, deceased.


(10) Aura C., b. Sept. 9, 1874; m. 1903, Mary Huber, near Formosa, Kans. Farmers.

(11) Bert, b. July 25, 1876; m. Lillie Ball, of Iowa. No children. They live at Waterloo, Iowa.

4. Lafayette, b. 1825; d. 1826.

5. Angus, b. April 17, 1827, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. March 1, 1892, Wichita, Kans.; m. 1870, Marion, Iowa, Barbara J. Van Dyke (widow). He was in livery and hotel business in Marion, Iowa, for some years; then removed to Wichita, Kans., and was engaged in mining in Joplin, Mo., for a time. In 1852 he crossed the plains to Pacific Coast, was in employ of Union Pacific Railroad for years, returning to Marion, Iowa, 1869, where he is buried beside his mother. One child (Caldwell): (1) Sadie, b. Marion, Iowa. Wife and daughter reside Wichita, Kans. Sadie is a school teacher.

6. Daniel McCoy, b. May 4, 1831, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. Aug. 6, 1900, Shellsburg, Iowa; m. Sept. 23, 1855, Benton Co., Iowa, Katherine E. Jones, b. Sept. 4, 1834, Decatur Co., Ind. Daniel was a soldier in the Civil War for three years — Iowa Volunteer
Infantry. Was permanently disabled by exposure and sickness. She resides in Vinton, Iowa. Children (Caldwell):—


2. Florence B., b. May 12, 1858; d. March 20, 1867, Benton Co., Iowa.


8. Hugh D., b. July 9, 1873, Clay Co., Iowa; m. April 15, 1900, Jennie Harrison, b. Jan. 13, 1880, Benton Co., Iowa. He is a painter, residing at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Benton Co., Iowa, Independence, Kans., Eureka, Cal., and now (1904) lives with his sister, Eliza Morse, at Los Angeles, Cal. Children (Caldwell):

   (i) Robert Earl, b. Oct. 28, 1903, Eureka, Cal.


10. Margaret, b. Nov. 11, 1835; d. June 12, 1852, in Oregon; m. 1851, Aaron Chambers, b. 1824; newborn infant died same time of mother. Have no trace of Chambers.
189. **Elizabeth S.**, b. April 12, 1802, Nicholas Co., Ky.; d. May 10, 1874, Greensburg, Ind.; m. Nicholas Co., Ky., 1821, Capt. James Morgan, b. Nicholas Co., Ky., Jan. 9, 1802. They removed from Kentucky to Decatur Co., Ind., in 1822, before he was of age, settling some three miles northeast of Greensburg, in the unbroken forest, and taking shelter in the hollow trunk of a large poplar tree, being very large at the ground, and hollow, and as large as an ordinary room of a house. Here they spent first winter. He afterward used same stump, as the tree was cut away, for a stable for a span of horses. He was full of energy and push; was active in politics all his life. In 1829 was elected to position of County Commissioner, which gave him the management of the school funds of the county. He held this position until 1833. He was then elected sheriff, and held this office until 1837; then elected member of State Senate, and was re-elected twice, making three terms he held the office. In 1845 was elected member of House of Representatives. In 1860 and 1862 was elected County Treasurer. He was a leader of men, of unswerving integrity, and of an excitable temperament, yet a man easily approached, and a generous friend of the poor. Severe in his denunciation of what he believed to be wrong, but highly respected by his opponents. For many years he was extensively engaged in buying and shipping hogs and pork-packing in Cincinnati. He was an honest, faithful public servant. In 1861, when Ft. Sumter was fired upon, he at once raised a company for the Seventh Indiana Regiment, in the three months' service, was commissioned captain, and served his time in West Virginia. A man of undoubted courage. He was worshiped by his men. He thought seriously of going into the three years' service, and Governor Morton offered him the colonelcy of a regiment, but his friends protested vig-
Ann Tweed (Fielding) McCoy
Born Jan. 17, 1793; died March 28, 1854.

William McCoy
Born Jan. 30, 1785; died Sept. 3, 1869.

Elizabeth S. (McCoy) Morgan
Born April 12, 1802; died May 10, 1874.

Capt. James Morgan
Born Jan. 9, 1802; died April 1, 1872.
orously, because of his advanced age, and he gave it up. He was a generous friend of the soldiers' orphans and widows. "Aunt Betsy Morgan," as she was familiarly known, was twin sister to Barton S. McCoy, and was of a quiet, humble disposition, of few words, but of a strong determination of character. Capt. Morgan died April 1, 1872. They had nine children, all born in Decatur Co., Ind., except Amazet (Morgan):

1. Amazet H., b. April 23, 1822, Nicholas Co., Ky.; d. June 6, 1881, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. April 22, 1842, Rice R., son of Willard Cobb, b. Jan. 2, 1811, in Vermont; came to Indiana with his father when nine years of age; died June 5, 1897, Indianapolis, Ind., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robbins. He was a farmer, merchant, and stock dealer, and very successful. He and wife spent many winters in Tallahassee, Fla. For some twenty years made large shipments of mules to the South. Traveled extensively in the United States. Held no public office, except president of Decatur Co. Agricultural Society. Was a prominent citizen in his county. Mrs. Cobb was much attached to her kindred, very proud of her lineage, and was the family genealogist. The spot just east of Greensburg, Ind., now occupied by the Odd Fellows' Home, is the site of their once model farm home. Four children came to this home, all born in Decatur Co., Ind. (Cobb):

(1) Cassandra, b. March 10, 1843, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. April 10, 1862, Greensburg, Ind., Major Irvin Robbins, b. March 30, 1839. He was journal clerk, Indiana State Senate, 1861; private Co. F., Seventh Indiana Volunteers, 1861; captain Co. H, 104th Indiana Volunteers, July, 1863; adjutant Seventy-sixth Indiana Volunteers, July, 1862;
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(2) Woodson D., b. Sept. 15, 1848, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. Sept. 10, 1896, at National Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind. He was Union soldier in the Civil War; m. Miranda Hillis, Decatur Co., Ind. They lived in Decatur Co., Ind., and Dallas, Tex. Three children born to them (Cobb): Two died at Dallas, Tex. Hulbert, b. in Decatur Co., Ind., is married, and resides in Dallas, Tex. Mrs. W. D. Cobb resides in Greensburg, Ind.

(3) Mahaska M., b. July 31, 1847, near Greensburg, Ind. He is a prosperous commission merchant in Los Angeles, Cal. Has been there for a number of years. Unmarried.


2. Sarah Jane, b. March 28, 1824, near Greensburg,
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Ind.; d. June 11, 1887, and buried at South Park Cemetery, Greensburg; m., first, Oct. 5, 1837, to Elkanah Lathrop, who died Jan. 20, 1851, Greensburg, Ind. She was married, second, Feb., 1861, to James Chambers, her deceased sister's husband, b. Nov. 23, 1822, Kentucky, d. April 29, 1899, Shelby Co., Ky.

She had four children by Lathrop, and at the time of her marriage with Chambers he had five children. She was the same kind, loving mother to his children that she was to her own; they were as loving and kind as one family of brothers and sisters. So well did she train her own children, that her husband said what few step-fathers can say, that he never received a single disobedient or unkind word or look from any of them. Her husband's children loved her as well, and sometimes he thought better, than they did him. She possessed in an eminent degree those sterling qualities that make woman the queen of home. She was universally loved and respected for her many loving womanly qualities. She was a generous friend to the needy and suffering, and her benevolence and kindly acts of charity were many. When she came to die, she said to her children and friends, "I have a great deal I would like to say to you, but have not the strength to say it now. I have no fears for the future. I have always tried to do my duty the best I could, but it is hard to leave my children. I always thought I had the best children in the world." Her husband's children not being present, she said: "Tell them how much I loved them. I love them still." Of her only surviving sister in Iowa, she said, "Tell Ellen that I loved her to the end." As
the last moments approached, turning to her husband, she said, "And this is the last cold stream of death; but I will soon be over. Oh, how much I wish you could go with me." Noble woman! As a boy, I remember her well. She often came to my father's home. Her kindly, loving advice lingers with me yet. I last saw her in 1868. She had four children, born in Decatur Co., Ind. (Lathrop): —

(1) Sidney Diorus, b. 1842; d. Aug., 1876; m. Maggie Jamison, now deceased; both buried at Greensburg, Ind.

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(3) Almira Arabelle, b. 1847; d. Jan., 1863, Decatur Co., Ind.


3. Mary E., b. Nov. 7, 1825, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. May 29, 1859, Greensburg, Ind.; m. Feb. 20, 1844, James Chambers, b. Nov. 23, 1822; d. April 29, 1899, Shelby Co., Ky. Mrs. Chambers was never rugged in health. Mr. Chambers was a man of good ability and good education. A farmer most of his life. He also engaged in merchandising, lumber, and milling business for years. He resided in Decatur and Bartholomew Counties, Ind., and lastly Shelby Co., Ky., and died in the latter. He
taught school in his younger days, and preached the gospel as opportunity offered, but was never ordained to the gospel ministry. Upon the death of his wife he married Sarah Jane Lathrop, sister to his first wife. No children by second marriage. He married the third wife, who survived him. Mary E. had five children, all born in Decatur Co., Ind. (*Chambers*): —


derson, Ind. iii. Mabel, b. March, 1885, d. same month.


(4) Isora, b. Sept. 22, 1853, Decatur Co., Ind. Dressmaker, resides at Indianapolis, Ind.


Ky., d. Jan. 18, 1893, Miami Co., Kans.; m., second, May 24, 1868, Decatur Co., Kans., to Catharine B. Peery, b. March, 1835. She now resides in Hillsdale, Kans. He was married, and lived for many years in Decatur Co., Ind., removing to Kansas in 1868, and died there. Farmer. Child (Self): —


(2) Cassius C., b. Sept. 21, 1854, Decatur Co., Ind. Has not been heard from for many years.

(3) Frank, b. May 3, 1857, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. June, 1892, at Haywards, Cal., Jennie Lawrence. Fruit grower, Campbell, Cal. He fails to answer letters sent him.


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Alvin R., b. Dec. 29, 1890. iii. Clark A., b. Feb. 8, 1892.

(5) James Lincoln, b. Oct. 31, 1864; married, but family have lost all trace of him and family.

(6 and 7) Ellen and William, twins, b. June 6, 1869; both died in infancy.


190. Barton W. Stone, b. April 12, 1802, + (190).

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(181) Angus 8 McCoy (Daniel 7 William 6), b. 1783, Washington Co., Pa. He met with a tragic death at the hands of the Indians, after peace was declared in 1815. He was a citizen of Ohio at the time, and was a soldier of the war of 1812-1815. His detachment of the army was returning as guard for their supply train on their way home, and were on the Sandusky plains in Northeastern Ohio. Angus, thinking to save distance in walking, left command, and took a cut-off to save travel; and following an Indian trail through a bottom of high prairie grass, sometimes to the shoulders, he suddenly found himself ambushed by some Indians, and being some distance from his command, and alone, he attempted, as we conclude, to evade meeting them by fleeing to the supply train, knowing the reds were hostile and treacherous, notwithstanding peace was declared. He tried running, but after a time found his foot failing him, having cut it with an ax some years before. But for this, no Indian could have distanced him, for he was a powerful man of six feet in height, weighing 185 pounds, and a great runner. He halted, and prepared to sell his life as dearly as possible, armed with only a large butcher knife, made by himself, being a blacksmith. As conjectured, the Indians wanted to make him a prisoner, and they surrounded him, attempting to disarm, overpower, and capture him alive, but he used his knife so savagely that he succeeded in killing five of the seven Indians. When found by his comrades, he was scalped and stripped of his clothing, and his fingers mostly cut off; this was done by their tomahawks, and
thus he was disabled from using his knife. This unequal but
sanguinary battle was fought on the Sandusky plains of North-
eastern Ohio. This account I have heard from Barton, Rob-
ert, and Andra McCoy, his brothers. He left a wife and two
children up in Ohio, away from his Kentucky brothers, and
we have no trace of them. Doubtless they died at an early day.

(182) WILLIAM 8 McCoy (Daniel, 2 William 1), b. Jan.
Ohio. He was a man of fine physical proportions, a good iron
and wood mechanic. Left his home in Nicholas Co., Ky., in
early manhood, and settled in Ohio, near Cynthiana, High-
land Co., and married there,—some say in Kentucky,—then
removed to Madison Co., near Lafayette, March 10, 1807, and
raised a large family. Married in 1807, to Ann Tweed Field-
ing, oldest daughter of William Fielding, b. Jan. 17, 1793, in

191. CYNTHIA HELEN b., Sept. 8, 1808, Madison Co., Ohio; d.
July 24, 1858; m. April 1, 1824, Hiram Edwards, b. Feb.
11, 1801, d. Oct. 15, 1850, in McLean Co., Ill. Chil-
dren (Edwards), all born in Madison Co., Ohio:—

1. William Columbus, b. Feb. 11, 1825; d. Aug. 25,
1852. Farmer; bachelor; Madison Co., Ohio.
2. Wilshire McCoy, b. Nov. 30, 1827; d. 1870, Philadel-
4. Josephine Thompson, b. April 5, 1836; m. Sept. 13,
1854, Capt. John R. Montgomery, b. Richland Co.,
Ohio, 1830, who enlisted as private soldier in
Eleventh Regiment Kansas Infantry, 1862, pro-
moted to adjutant and second lieutenant, 2d Regt.
Kansas Colored, 1863; Commander Camp of In-


(2) Josephine, b. Oct. 11, 1859; m. April, 1877, John Fox, of Lancaster, Pa. Five children (Fox): Three sons and two daughters. No further record.

(4) Daniel Edwards, b. Nov. 18, 1864; d. March 16, 1901; m. March 15, 1900, Miss Smith. He was an electrician. She resides in Philadelphia, Pa. No children.


(6) Phebe Ann, b. April 10, 1871; d. Feb. 27, 1890, at Lancaster, Pa.


193. Angus Sutherland, b. Feb. 4, 1814; d. April 23, 1832, Madison Co., Ohio.

   1. Constine Lucretia, d. at age of eighteen years.
   2. Calvin, d. at age of sixteen years.
   3. William,
   4. Milton, was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., 1864.

   1. William Bruce, d. 1854, aged 21 years.
   2. David (Wood), no trace of him.

1864, Ella Flanagan. He was a Methodist minister, and a most excellent man. Widow resides at Columbus, Ohio. Children (Martin): —


4. Christian Henderson, b. March 22, 1846, Madison Co., Ohio; m., first, April 18, 1865, Olive F. Riker, burned to death July 2, 1866; m., second, Oct. 22, 1867, Elenora B. Darnell, b. March 20, 1849, Groveport, Ohio, and after five children were born to them they were divorced. She resides in Columbus, Ohio. He resides at Akron, Ohio. Children (Martin): —


(2) Vernon V., b. Sept. 30, 1868; m. Jan. 12, 1897, Grace E. Shay, b. Sept. 16, 1878. No children. They live in Buffalo, N. Y. Piano tuner and salesman. For some years lived at Dayton, Ohio.


(5) Harry Clinton, b. May 3, 1872; d. July 1, 1872.

(6) Clinton Christian, b. Oct. 7, 1875; served in Co. C, Fourth Regiment, O. V. I., during the Spanish-American war, a corporal, served in Porto Rico; m. Charlotte Brannon, June 30, 1900, b. April 10, 1871, Sidney, Ohio. They reside in Jacksonville, Fla. He is a piano tuner.

(7) Sidney Salem, b. Oct. 9, 1877. Resides with his mother at Columbus, Ohio. They are in the bakery business.


(1) Eldon Warrick, b. Feb. 22, 1880, Liverpool, Ohio; d. Jan. 9, 1882, Cleveland, Ohio.

(2) Rodney Webster, b. Jan. 21, 1883, Cleveland,
Ohio. Has just (at age of 21) finished his education in business college at Dayton, Ohio.

(3) *Gretchen Elaine*, b. Nov. 13, 1884, Dayton, Ohio. She has just (at age of 19) completed her course at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. She has good ability as a reader, but owing to ill health and through influence of parents, is at home for awhile. She has not yet appeared before the public, to the regret of her many friends.


(5) *Mildred Mary*, b. Feb. 28, 1894, Dayton, Ohio. She is now (age of 9) in a private school, and is an exceedingly bright scholar, and surpasses in intellect, and beyond her years. She is phenomenal. All of Mr. Martin's children have been educated in private schools, until ready to enter college.

Mr. Martin resides in one of the oldest and most beautiful residences in the beautiful city of Dayton, comprising a block in a desirable part of the city. He is fond of fast horses, and keeps the best. His business success has been marvelous; now operating three large business houses, pianos, organs, and other musical instruments, under name and style of J. C. Martin & Co., doing business in Dayton, Washington C. H., and Eaton, Ohio. He has a splendid business, man of more than State reputation of twenty-five years' standing. When a young man he studied law, and held various city and county offices. His wife has just received a handsome legacy from her father's estate, Mr. Allen Pence, late of St. Paris, Ohio.


   . Proprietor of Spring Hill farm, breeder and dealer in Jersey cattle, swine, and poultry, Washington C. H., Ohio. No children. Mrs. Stewart, upon the death of her mother adopted her younger sister, Lora Ella, and now that she is an invalid, Lora returns the loving care received when she was left motherless. She is now a strong, beautiful girl, and a great blessing to her foster mother, who is permanently crippled by a railway accident.


1. George W., b. May 12, 1844; m. Feb. 24, 1870, Emma Virginia Ryan, b. July 8, 1843, Clark Co.,
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Ohio. He is a carpenter and joiner, living at London, Ohio. Child (Davidson):—


(3) Tweed, b. July 14, 1882, London, Ohio; m. Oct. 22, 1902, William Ray Watts, b. April 1, 1879, Columbus, Ohio. He is assistant manager of Columbus National Baking Co., Columbus, Ohio.


(1) Florence, b. June 29, 1874, London, Ohio. She graduated from London High School, 1892.


199. Lauretta Henderson, b. Jan. 1, 1831, London, Ohio; d. 1861; m. John Colvin. They had two sons: one, Jennings, died at three years of age; second, William, is also dead.


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(201) Dr. WILLIAM B. McCoy (William Henry Clay,4 William,3 Daniel,2 William 1), b. Feb. 13, 1856, Madison Co., Ohio; m. March 27, 1881, Laura V. McCoy, b. Dec. 9, 1859, Russells, Ohio, daughter of Daniel W. McCoy. He graduated at Urbana College; Urbana, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio, Medical College, 1878; Starling Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1880; also from Campbell University, Holton, Kans., 1889, Now in medical practise at Osa, Missouri, where they reside. The doctor is vice-president of Missouri State Poultry Association. Children:—

204. Celesta Boyd, b. March 11, 1884, Topeka, Kans.

(202) HENRY CLAY 6 McCoy (William Henry Clay,4 William,3 Daniel,2 William 1), b. April 25, 1858, Madison Co., Ohio; d. Dec. 7, 1898, London, Ohio; m. Jan. 29, 1887, Janey W. Mitchell. She is a teacher. He graduated from London, Ohio, High School, and from Law Department of Boston University, with highest honor. Was in active successful law practise at London, Ohio, at the time of his death. Child:—

(183) ROBERT* McCoy (Daniel,2 William1), b. May 20, 1787, at the mouth of Wheeling Creek, Va., where the city of Wheeling is now situated; d. June 22, 1877, at Mondovi, Wis., at the extreme age of ninety years; m., first, Brown Co., Ohio, 1815, Miss Horne, who died in 1825; m., second, March, 1827, Brown Co., Ohio, Nancy Oldaker, b. Dec. 1, 1807. She died Oct. 10, 1848, in Highland Co., Ohio.

Robert McCoy was born at the mouth of Wheeling Creek, Va., where the city of Wheeling is now situated, May 20, 1787. His parents came here from Washington Co., Pa., about one year previous to this. Some years later, probably about 1792, the family moved down the Ohio River to Boonsboro, Ky., and soon after settled in Nicholas Co., Ky. They were troubled more or less with the Indians. One event will be interesting to all. All the men were gathered together for the purpose of driving back an attacking party of Indians. Daniel's wife and children fled at night through the thick woods in thicker darkness, with her four children, Andra being a babe in her arms. She, alone, with her children, made her way safely to the block house two miles distant. This was in Clark County, Ky. When Robert neared manhood, he and his brother George went to Ohio, and the latter learned blacksmithing and wagon making, returned to Kentucky, and made the first wagon ever seen in Nicholas County, Ky. Soon after this, Robert and William went to Ohio, settling in Madison Co. Robert soon removed to Highland Co., Ohio, where he purchased a large tract of land, and married Miss Horne. He opened a farm and erected buildings thereon. His four older children, Angus, Margaret, Louisa, and Mary Jane were born here. Here his wife died in 1825. The younger children, Louisa and Mary Jane, made their home
with their uncle, James Horne; they were adopted and brought up by him, and were married at his home. Robert remained on his farm with his two older children until he married again, December, 1826, to Nancy Oldaker. Five years later he sold his farm, and invested his means in the preparation of a machine he called a self-propeller, or perpetual motion, and continued his efforts in this direction until all was lost. He then removed to Greensburg, Ind., and kept hotel for two years. He then built a mill on Sand Creek, near Greensburg; sold this, and returned to Highland Co., Ohio. This was in 1838. He lived a number of years at Russell Station. He then removed to Centerville, Clinton Co., Ohio, remaining there six years; removed to Madison Co., near his brother William. Here his second wife died in October, 1848, and is buried in Cramer Cemetery. He removed to Illinois, living a portion of the time with his daughters, Louisa and Mary Jane, most of the time with his son George, at Springfield, Ill. Stayed for a while with his daughter, Margaret Barker, at Keosauqua, Iowa. From here he went to Osseo, Wis., and made his home with his son John, who afterwards removed to Mondovi, Buffalo Co., Wis., where Uncle Robert died, June 22, 1877. In 1875, he visited my home at Sigourney, Iowa, for a few weeks, and his faith in his ability to produce a self-operating machine was still strong, and although nearly blind and eighty-eight years of age, he was very anxious to go to work and construct the machine. Although he had bankrupted himself several times, he was firm in the belief that he could yet succeed. He was a strong, vigorous man, a natural mechanic, and millwright by trade, and built several mills in his time. He preached the gospel also, and was of the old New Light, or
Barton Stone, faith. He was a lover of humanity, and gave liberally for every benevolent purpose. He was rather of a roving disposition, having lived in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Illinois. His hand was ever open to the poor, a marvel of industry, and the soul of honor. He was one of God's noblemen. Children:—

208. Angus, b. Feb. 29, 1816, + (208).

209. Mary Jane, b. 1818. Deceased.

210. Margaret, b. 1820; m. 1842, Benjamin Barker. They removed from Decatur Co., Ind., to Van Buren Co., Iowa, at an early day, reared a large family of children. Lived on farm on bank of Des Moines River, just north of Keosauqua, until about 1880, when Mr. Barker died, at the age of 75 years. The widow and family removed to Oregon. No trace of them. The writer met them at their home in 1878.


(208) Angus 4 McCoy (Robert, 8 Daniel, 2 William 1), b. Feb. 29, 1816, Brown Co., Ohio; d. Feb., 1865, in Springfield, Ill.; m. 1835, Matilda Crew. He was a lawyer by pro-
fession, and was the first probate judge of Clinton Co., Ohio. He was a man of prominence, and an able lawyer. Eight children were born to them. Four of them died in infancy, and three in early girlhood; namely:—

219. Priscilla.
220. Louise.
221. Melissa.
222. Alice, b. Dec. 25, 1850; m. Sept. 2, 1864, in Natchez, Miss., Col. Samuel A. Harrison, of the Fifty-eighth Infantry Regiment, U. S. Army. They reside at La Crosse, Wis.

Six children (Harrison):—
4. Maud, b. April 7, 1874; m. Howarth.
5. Ruth McKay, b. Aug. 24, 1881; m. H. Emerson.

(212) JOHN WILLIAM 4 McCoy (Robert,3 Daniel,2 William 1), b. Feb. 27, 1828, Highland Co., Ohio; m., first, May 12, 1848, Isabelle Pierce, b. Aug. 9, 1830, Fayette Co., Ohio, d. March, 1853, near Knoxville, Ill.; m., second, Feb. 2, 1855, Knoxville, Ill., Emily Wood, b. in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. He served three years in the Union Army, enlisted as a private in Co. G, Second Wisconsin Infantry; promoted to second lieutenant. He was a farmer, carpenter, blacksmith, and millwright. He was a lawyer, and later in life practised in the courts. He resided at various places in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Now resides at South Omaha, Nebr.

John W. McCoy has had a checkered experience, which
will serve to illustrate the lives of many pioneer settlers of America. He was born in Highland Co., Ohio. When four years of age he with his father removed to Greensburg, Ind., and within a few years returned to Highland Co., Ohio. He was then ten years of age. They resided at Russell Station. With his father removed to Centerville, Clinton Co., Ohio, remaining six years, thence to Fayette Co., near Washington C. H.; engaged in farming, a few years later going to Madison Co., Ohio. His mother died here in 1850.

After marriage he removed to Dane Co., Wis., and from thence to Trempeleau, Wis., May, 1855. For one year worked on new farm, erecting new buildings. In 1856, worked at carpenter’s trade in O’Clair and Chippewa Falls, Wis., returning to Dane Co., and in Sept., 1856, located at Hastings, Minn. Worked at millwrighting. The financial crash of 1857–58 came, and everybody went broke. Located at Buffalo, Co., Wis., at Alma on Mississippi River. Flat broke; not a friend on earth; chopped cord-wood on the Mississippi bottom. Spring of 1858, worked at carpentering. There was no money, and took lumber and hardware for his labor. Went back into the country, and took a claim of one hundred and twenty acres of land, where he lived on water gravy, corn coffee, and potatoes; wore rawhide moccasins and bagging pants. Sold his claim, and traded for a breaking team of oxen and plow, and started a new place, and was living happily on potatoes and water gravy. Aug. 16, 1862, he enlisted in the army service for three years, as a private; was promoted to lieutenant, and served through the war. Returned home, went to blacksmithing. Before the war service he was a pettifogger before justice of the peace, studying law meanwhile, and at close of war
was admitted to the bar to practise in courts of Wisconsin. He resided at Mondovia, Wis., from 1865 to 1870. Here he purchased a half interest in steam sawmill and a section of pine land. Lost it all, and six months' hard labor. Left the woods, purchased a hotel property, and worked at smithing. Got on his feet again, when hotel burned, and all was lost. Left Osseo, and settled in White Hall, Wis.; built smith shop, got well started, sold out, bought a good law library, began the practise of law. An unknown chattel mortgage took his library, and he again embarked in hotel business. Left White Hall, and settled in Iduna, Wis.; built a hotel; traded hotel for farm near Mondovia, Wis., May, 1877. This family spells the name McKay. Seven children:—


224. WILLIAM WESLEY, b. Oct. 4, 1851; d. March, 1852.


226. LOUISE BELLE, b. Sept. 12, 1861, Buffalo Co., Wis.; m. Aug. 6, 1887, Malcom R. Gillis. Reside in South Omaha, Nebr.

227. JOHN W., Jr., b. March 19, 1866, + (227).

228. CORA BELLE, b. Aug. 6, 1869, Mondovi, Wis.; d. Aug. 25, 1876.

229. FLOYD THEON, b. Sept. 6, 1879, Mondovi, Wis. Lives South Omaha, Nebr.

(227) JOHN W. McCOY, Jr. (John W., Robert, Daniel, William), b. March 19, 1866, Mondovi, Wis.; m., first, June 27, 1890, Mary Loveland, b. May 12, 1867; d. April 9,
1897, Omaha, Nebr.; m., second, July 4, 1899, Mary ——, b. May 2, 1879. This family reside in South Omaha, Nebr. They spell their name McKay. Children: —

231. Grace E., b. June 7, 1892.

(213) George Andrew 4 McCoy (Robert, Daniel, William 1), b. July 11, 1830, Highland Co., Ohio; m. Louisa St. Clair. Lived for many years at Springfield, Ill. Married, and reared a family of three children. Attended the races at New Orleans for many years, while living in Springfield, Ill.; was fond of fast horses. He was alive in 1897, and visited his children at Minneapolis, Minn., at that time, but probably he is not alive now. Can get no trace of his family. His only surviving brother, John W., thinks he is not alive now (1904).


235. Laura Virginia, b. Dec. 9, 1859, Russells, Ohio; m. March 27, 1881, Dr. William B. McCoy, b. Feb. 13, 1856, Madison Co., Ohio. He graduated at Urbana College, Ur-
branch, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio, Medical College, 1878; Starling Medical College, 1879; Pulte Homeopathic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1880; also from Campbell University, Holton, Kans., 1889. Now in medical practice at Osa, Missouri, where they reside. The doctor is vice-president of Missouri State Poultry Association. Children:—


236. GEORGETTA RICHARDS, b. Aug. 27, 1863; m. Sept. 15, 1886, Charles Newton Woodell, b. June 8, 1859. He is an extensive grain dealer at Nickerson, Kans., where they reside. Children:—

1. Donald Earl, b. June 8, 1887, Great Bend, Kans.

237. Robert, b. Oct. 5, 1867; d. same day, Russells, Ohio.
238. Allison, b. Oct. 5, 1867, d. same day, Russells, Ohio.

He is a wood workman in Pullman car shops of Columbus, Ohio, where they live. Children:—

FOURTH GENERATION

(184) ANDRA 8 McCoy (Daniel, 2 William 1), b. Dec. 20, 1789, Wheeling Creek, W. Va. Removed with his parents to Nicholas Co., Ky., in the year 1791, and from Kentucky to Decatur Co., Ind., in 1823. The two older children were born in Kentucky, and the others in Decatur Co., Ind. He was a farmer and a good mechanic, and took great pains in breeding horses. He brought with him from Kentucky to Indiana some of the old Ballou stock, and kept some of this strain of horses until his death. He lived and died on land he located on, settling in Decatur Co., some three miles south of Clarkburg, now owned and occupied by his son, Sutherland. He was a powerful man physically, and a hard worker. Universally respected and beloved. He served six years as county commissioner, from 1853, during which time the present courthouse was erected, and the west front bears his name as one of the commissioners. No man ever questioned his honesty or integrity. He was married Jan. 15, 1818, Nicholas Co., Ky., to Margaret Hopkins, b. Sept. 29, 1793, Nicholas Co., Ky., d. Aug. 27, 1851. She was sister to Judge John and G. W. Hopkins, early pioneers and well-known citizens of Decatur Co., Ind. He died July 14, 1871. They are buried at Carmel Cemetery, near the old farm, beside their first-born children. Nine children came to them. The four older ones died within three weeks, of a virulent fever.

244. Kate, b. Oct. 1, 1825; d. Jan. 12, 1834.


246. Sutherland, b. Nov. 8, 1829, + (246).


crossed the plains to Pacific Coast overland in 1852, with Dr. Crawford, Origen Thomson, and others. Went from Shasta Valley, Cal., with a company of sixty-three men to drive back the Indians. Was out thirty-three days, returned with twenty-seven men, thirty-six having been killed and wounded. McCoy returned with company, but with arrow wound in neck. He was a soldier in the war for the Union, Co. G, Seventh Indiana Infantry. Was in battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Rappahannock, under General Hooker; also at battles of Gettysburg, Thorough Gap, Mine Run, and several other engagements. He was county commissioner of Decatur Co., Ind., from 1882 to 1886. Grain and stock farmer. Resides on the farm his father located and improved. Children, all born in Decatur Co., Ind.:—

250. ELLA, b. May 5, 1877.


253. JOHN ALEXANDER, b. April 14, 1887; graduated from Clarksburg, Ind., High School, April 13, 1904.

(247) BENJAMIN MILLS 4 McCoy (Andra, 3 Daniel, 2 William 1), b. July 21, 1831, Decatur Co., Ind.; m., first, April 17, 1856, Elizabeth H., daughter of Andrew Robinson, b. Dec. 9, 1829, Decatur Co., Ind., d. Aug. 11, 1859, in Washington Co., Iowa; m., second, Dec. 6, 1866, Brighton, Iowa, Susan,
daughter of Richard Braden, b. March 4, 1842, Washington Co., Iowa, d. Nov. 28, 1897, Harrison Co., Mo. He grew to manhood, and was married in Decatur Co., Ind., then removed to farm, Washington Co., Iowa, owning a section of as fine land as Iowa affords. He engaged in feeding and shipping cattle, horses, and mules. He was very prosperous. He was too generous in indorsing for others, and was crippled financially. Sold his farm, built a flouring mill near Sigourney, Iowa. Sold and removed to Chicago, Ill., and engaged in commission business, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., for years. Bought a large body of land in Harrison Co., Mo., where he lost his wife. By the treachery of supposed friends he lost this valuable farm. Now resides at Goodland, Kans. His daughter Kate is with him. No man has done more hard work or has a more honorable record than he. In his younger days he was a giant in physical strength, one of the best stock men Iowa or Missouri ever produced; has a reputation and standing without a blot. Children, all born in Iowa:—

255. Rush, b. March 9, 1869; stock buyer and shipper, Kansas City, Mo. Single.
257. Kate, b. June 24, 1879; lives with her father at Goodland, Kans.


263. Frank S., b. Sept. 8, 1868, + (263).
BRANCH OF COL. GEORGE S. McCoy


(185) Col. GEORGE S. McCoy (Daniel, William 1); b. Dec. 26, 1791, Nicholas County, Ky.; d. Oct. 11, 1840, Decatur Co., Ind. Married first, May 27, 1830, Sarah Beckett, b. Bourbon Co., Ky., d. Feb. 19, 1833, Decatur Co., Ind. Married second, Jan. 18, 1838, Sarah Rutherford, b. May 19, 1801, Bourbon Co., Ky., d. Feb. 6, 1890, Decatur Co., Ind. He was a good wood mechanic. Wagon-maker by trade, and farmer. He and his brother Robert went from Kentucky at an early day to Ohio, and learned the blacksmith and wagon-maker's trade when young, and returned to Nicholas Co., Ky., and made the first wagon ever seen in the county. He was lieutenant-colonel of State Militia of Decatur Co., Ind., for many years. He removed from Kentucky to Indiana in the
early twenties; was well and favorably known throughout his county. He left two children:—


(270) William Wallace 4 McCoy (Col. George S., 3 Daniel, 2 William 1), b. June 22, 1831, Decatur Co., Ind. Married, first, Dec. 25, 1858, in Benton Co., Iowa, Elizabeth D., daughter of Hugh Jones, b. Oct. 22, 1836, Decatur Co., Ind., d. June 5, 1897, Buchanan Co., Iowa. Married, second, Nov. 22, 1900, Celia A. Bush, b. Aug. 15, 1846, Newark, Rock Co., Wis. About the year 1854 he left Decatur Co., Ind., and settled upon a half-section of as fine land as Iowa afforded, near Brandon, Iowa. A number of Decatur Co., Ind., families had settled here about the same time. The country was new and unimproved. He was a soldier of Co. D, Eighth Iowa Infantry, from September, 1861, to January, 1863. Farmer, and lives near Brandon, Iowa. Five children:—

2. Pearl R., b. Oct. 27, 1885, Brandon, Iowa; m. May 20, 1902, James E. Carey, b. Jan. 29, 1873, Shelbina, Mo. Child (Carey):—
   (1) Edmond Leroy, b. Nov. 14, 1903, Brandon, Iowa.

273. Mary H., b. April 29, 1864, Brandon, Iowa; m. June 12, 1892, Jesse N. Hall, b. Feb. 15, 1866, Mt. Auburn, Iowa; blacksmith, Mt. Auburn, Iowa. Four children, born at Mt. Auburn, Iowa. (Hall):
   4. Zelda Glee, b. April 7, 1901.

274. Angus George, b. June 27, 1867, Brandon, Iowa. He left home to find work when 18 years of age. Nothing is known of his whereabouts. He was a stout, rugged man, and we hope he is still living.


   2. Beatrice, b. April 12, 1890.

(271) Angus G. McCoy (Col. George S., Daniel, William 1), b. May 26, 1840, Decatur Co., Ind.; d. June 26, 1899, on the home farm, where his father and mother lived and died. Buried at Greensburg Cemetery. He was a natural mechanic, handy with any kind of tools, an excellent citizen.
A farmer. Married May 23, 1897, Hettie Risinger, b. Sept. 12, 1850, in Ripley Co., Ind. One son:—

277. CHARLES W., b. Nov. 2, 1881, Decatur Co., Ind. Lives with his mother on old home farm, three miles northwest of Greensburg, Ind.

(190) BARTON WARREN STONE & MCCOY (Daniel,2 William 1), b. April 12, 1802, Nicholas Co., Ky.; d. Oct. 15, 1857, Keokuk Co., Iowa. Married, first, April 14, 1831, Eleanor Hamilton, b. Sept. 12, 1806, Bourbon Co., Ky., d. Sept. 26, 1832, Greensburg, Ind. Married, second, April 24, 1834, Eunice Lawson, b. July 14, 1810, Armstrong Co., Pa., d. April 30, 1842, Greensburg, Ind., buried at Kingston, Ind. Married, third, June 4, 1843, Perlina Norris, b. Feb. 10, 1804, Mason Co., Kentucky, d. April 27, 1852, Keokuk Co., Iowa. Married, fourth, Jan. 8, 1856, Harriet M. (Botkin) Whisler, widow, born April 14, 1825, Clark Co., O., d. Dec. 26, 1895, Martinsburg, Iowa. He emigrated from Kentucky to Decatur Co., Ind., in 1821. Worked by the month for ten years, felling timber and clearing land. When married first in 1831, his vigorous constitution was broken, and then began the opening of a farm for himself, and by the time he had a home he was an old man at 40. His generosity kept him paying other people’s debts all his life. In 1845, with a team and wagon, he traveled 500 miles to Iowa, yet a territory, purchased from Government 600 acres of beautiful land, and removed his family to it in 1850. Seven years later, just as he had completed a good home (up to this time he lived in a log cabin), he took suddenly ill with pneumonia, and died. He was an excellent carpenter and builder, and at the old-
fashioned house and barn raisings, he was usually the commander. A man of great force of character; a leader of men; an untiring, unflinching advocate and defender of what he conceived to be right. A despiser of shams and hypocrisy; the foe of slavery and intemperance; and he had the courage of his convictions. The fugitive slave always found in him a friend and protector. As a conversationalist he was the acknowledged leader in any company, and very fond of his friends; but unrelenting toward his foes. In a company of ladies and gentlemen, he was a past-master, the soul of wit and humor. I may be permitted to say something of my mothers, for I was more fortunate and unfortunate than most boys, for I had three most excellent mothers. I have heard my father's first wife spoken of in the highest terms. She was a Hamilton, sister of James and Cyrus, and possessing many noble qualities. My own mother died when I was a child—a very serious loss for any boy or girl. My mother was the eldest child of John and Elizabeth (Stewart) Lawson, coming with her parents from Armstrong Co., Pa., to Decatur Co., Ind., in 1832. Her father owned a quarter-section of land on Michigan Road three miles northwest of Greensburg, and kept a tavern, known as the "Washington Hotel, or Travelers' Rest"—a very popular house and landlord in the forties and fifties. Three of the family, two sisters and one brother, are still living. She is always spoken of as a noble Christian woman.

Rev. Orr Lawson, in 1880, says:—

"The Lawson family were originally of the north of England, principally of the counties of York and Cumberland.

"The earliest of the family of whom history (so far as I
can learn) makes mention was John Lawson, who in the time of Henry III was Lord of Fawlesgrave, County York, England.

"From this time on, the name occurs frequently. One of the name was Lord High Admiral of the English Navy in Cromwell's time.

"John Lawson, M. D., was president of the Royal College of Physicians, London, in 1694, and in 1718 Sir Wilfred Lawson was elected as Fellow of the Royal Society of London. Several members of the family have been eminent in the literary world as authors and professors. John Lawson was Surveyor-General for the British Government in North Carolina in 1700. He lost his life among the Indians. Thomas Lawson was Surgeon-General of the Middle States, and died about the time of the breaking out of the Civil War, 1861.

"Sir Wilfred Lawson, Baronet of Brasenthwait Manor, Cumberlandshire, England, was a member of the Royal Commission to this country at the time of our Centennial Exposition a few years ago. He is a member of Parliament of England; the acknowledged leader of the temperance movement in that country—a man of great excellence of character, and of much influence.

"John L. Lawson, Esq., of Philadelphia (from whom I have derived the above facts for the greater part), is a gentleman of wealth and influence. It may be that some of you will vote for him on Tuesday next, as his name stands among the Republican electors for Pennsylvania. It would seem that branches of the family removed to Scotland and the North of Ireland in early times."

My first stepmother, Perlina Norris, was an excellent
mother to my father's children, and cared for them tenderly and lovingly for nine years, when we were left motherless again. The duties of the household then fell upon my sister Mary, who was then a little more than fourteen years of age. She was, however, equal to the task, and right well did she perform the duties of housekeeper for her father and two brothers.

For the fourth time my father again embarked upon the sea of matrimony. This time he took a widow lady, a few years his junior. This, as well as all the others, was a most happy union, and in the life and character of my second stepmother I saw the highest ideal of a good wife and mother. I want here to acknowledge the great goodness of my Heavenly Father toward my father and his children. She was indeed the queen of home. I hope the reader will not complain of me if I here insert a portion of an obituary written at the time of mother's decease.

IN MEMORIAM.

Notice of the death of Mrs. Harriet M. Mallonee, which occurred Dec. 26, 1895, has already appeared in these columns, but she being a pioneer settler, and having had continuous residence in Keokuk County for fifty years, a more extended notice may be of interest to the Journal readers.

The message received, "Mother Mallonee is dead," did not surprise me, and yet we are never prepared fully for the death message. It was my privilege to see and talk with this dear couple a few weeks before her death. As I united with them in family worship, I was impressed that it might be the last time I would join with them, and at parting I was
again reminded that it might be a final earthly parting, and so it was, to mother. I saw her again, but her spirit had gone. Her face, though sweet and natural, had lost its radiance; the eye was closed; her arms, that so warmly greeted her friends and pressed her children to her great womanly heart, were quietly folded above the heart that once throbbed with warmth of life, and the truest tenderness and sympathy. Yes, my kinswoman, the companion of my father, my lifelong friend, my counsellor and advisor, my ideal of truth, honor, and womanly and Christian integrity, has closed her earthly career.

My estimate of the life, character, and real worth of my departed mother is a very high one, though not too high, perhaps, to meet the general approval of the good people among whom she spent a long and active life. As a wife, she was affectionate and true; as a mother, loving and tender, a wise and safe counsellor, and in all her domestic and social relations a worthy pattern and example. She was a marvel of frugality, industry, and economy. She lived for the good and happiness of others. She had her full share of sorrow and hardships, being twice left in lonely widowhood, and having buried her only child—Mrs. W. E. Street—only a few months since. Her hand was ever extended to the poor and needy. The hungry were never turned away unfed from her door. A vast throng will bear hearty testimony to her kindness and hospitality.

I was a man of years when she became the wife of my father, and our acquaintance was brief, yet from the first there was a confidence and trust that seemed born of years, and she at once assumed the place of wife and mother in a most womanly and graceful manner. There was that gracious
womanly dignity in her manner, so free from affectation or deceit, a heartiness and sincerity that impressed one at once of the great, warm, and noble heart she possessed.

It was my misfortune to lose my mother in childhood, an irreparable loss, but my Heavenly Father graciously granted to me the blessed privilege of bestowing a son's love and devotion upon one who was worthy of my most ardent affection. And I wish to bear testimony here that this was more than reciprocated by my lamented mother. I will say that she loved me as tenderly as she would her own son. And I may be pardoned when I say I am sure she was proud of the privilege of giving to me a mother's love, for which I trust I may ever be grateful.

Less than three years after a happy union in marriage with my father, Barton S. McCoy, he was cut down by death. A second time she was a widow. Under this great shadow she naturally leaned upon me as her son; but that courage and fortitude of which she was a large possessor, did not fail her, and with her young daughter and my younger brother she continued the light and joy of the home. Three years later she was married to her surviving husband, Dr. W. D. Mallonee. My brother, her dependence, had already entered the army, and her husband also enlisted a few days after their marriage. Within a year all the male members of the family were in the army—husband, brother, two sons, and son-in-law, all from the same neighborhood. I speak of this only to show the sacrifice and trial that she underwent for her country's good. But after years of anxious waiting, her dear ones returned, and she was permitted to spend the remainder of her days very happily with her surviving husband.
It is not my purpose to eulogize the deceased. I only offer this as a tribute to one I love sincerely, and mourn deeply. Her memory is sweet to me. And now that her beautiful life has gone out, and I think over her kindly loving and lovable life, and try to pen my thoughts and express my appreciation of the dear one, I am made sensible of the fact that in life we never fully appreciate a friend, much less a mother. Mother! What an incomprehensible word! She is justly entitled to the benediction of the Seer of Patmos, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: . . . that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." While the tears come unbidden, yet she needs them not. Children, all except Franklin, born in Decatur Co., Ind.: —

278. Diorus, b. April 28, 1832; d. Sept. 28, 1832, Decatur Co., Ind.
279. Lycurgus, b. April 30, 1835, + (279).
281. Mary Elizabeth, b. Sept. 7, 1837, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. March 16, 1854, Keokuk Co., Iowa, William Skinner, b. Feb. 5, 1832, Vermillion Co., Ind., d. Oct. 20, 1902, Chicago, Ill.; buried at Creston, Iowa. A farmer. With his parents removed from Indiana to Keokuk Co., Iowa, 1848. He endured the hardships of a pioneer life. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. D, Thirteenth Regiment, Iowa Vol. Infantry. This regiment formed a part of Crocker's Brigade. He shared the service of his regiment until the battle of Atlanta, where he was taken prisoner, and suffered, with thousands of others, a living death for ten months, at Andersonville, Ga. He went into the army an athlete, but returned a physical wreck. The
family lived in Keokuk Co., Adams Co., Creston, and Des Moines, Iowa, and Chicago, Ill., where the widow and several of the family live at present. Mr. Skinner was on police force of Des Moines, Iowa, many years. Nine children (Skinner):—

   (2) Katherine, b. June 25, 1877, Creston, Iowa; stenographer; m. Jan. 8, 1903, Chicago, Ill., Charles A. Clemens, b. 1868, merchant tailor. They live in Chicago, Ill.


3. Franklin Spencer, b. April 23, 1862, Keokuk Co., Iowa; m. July 25, 1899, Annie Laurie Bloomer, widow, b. March 24, 1867. Children (Skinner):—
   (1) William McCoy, b. Sept. 4, 1901.
   (2) Margaret Gibbons, b. Sept. 30, 1903, Smith Co., Kans. Mr. Skinner is a traveling salesman and farmer. Living at Lebanon, Kans.


8. Amazel, b. March 21, 1878, Creston, Iowa; m. July 8, 1896, D. A. Thompson, b. Sept. 28, 1877, Pella, Iowa; printer by trade. Child (Thompson):—


(279) LYCURGUS McCOY (Barton Warren Stone, Daniel, William), b. April 30, 1835, Decatur Co., Ind.; m. Dec. 27, 1855, Keokuk Co., Iowa, Sarah Ann Lawson, b. March 2, 1834, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Removed with her parents to Decatur Co., Ind., 1837, and to Iowa, 1847. He received a common school education at Greensburg, Ind., and at the age of 15 went with his parents to Keokuk Co., Iowa. Farmer. Taught school in winters. In 1862 enlisted as private in Co. F, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry. Upon organization of company, was chosen second lieutenant. In Nov., 1862, while on duty in St. Louis, Mo., as officer of the guard, in charge of Gratiot Street Military Prison, he was accidentally shot through left ankle, permanently disabling him, partially paralyzing the limb, and leaving ankle stiffened. Resigned, and returned home, March, 1863. Was chosen treasurer Keokuk Co., Iowa, for two terms, 1864 to 1868. Formed a co-partnership with S. A. James, firm name McCoy & James, and for twelve years transacted a general real estate, loan and abstract business, at Sigourney, Iowa. Was the first mayor of Sigourney, 1867. Began preaching the gospel, 1876. In 1879 ac-
cepted a call to Battle Creek, Mich., as chaplain and business manager of Battle Creek Sanitarium, remaining for two years. In 1881 returned to his home in Sigourney, Iowa, again entering the work of the ministry, under direction of S. D. Adventist Conference, as an evangelist. In June, 1888, he accepted a call to again enter work at Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich., as chaplain and secretary, and is still in the service of the institution (1904). In the meantime, he has served four years as alderman of city council of Battle Creek. He has traveled extensively in United States and Europe; has always been much interested in political affairs, and has repeatedly refused honors in this line. He is also proud of his ancestry, and only regrets that he did not begin the compilation of the McCoy genealogy forty years ago. When in business he was successful. He and his wife are both well preserved for their age. Children:—

283. Eunice Emerine, b. March 1, 1857, Keokuk Co., Iowa. She was graduated from High School at Sigourney, and completed her education at Battle Creek College, Battle Creek, Mich. Married, Dec. 5, 1877, Albert Carroll, son of Geo. W. and V. E. Sheridan, b. Aug. 10, 1854, Brighton, Iowa. For twenty-five years he was operator and agent for Rock Island R. R. Co. at Centerville, Iowa; now chief clerk in office of Div. Supt. Delaware & Lackawana R. R., Buffalo, N. Y. Children (Sheridan):—


2. Carroll McCoy, b. March 6, 1889, Centerville, Iowa, now in High School, Buffalo, N. Y.

287. MARGARET ELEANOR, b. Aug. 18, 1894, Battle Creek, Mich.
288. SARAH ELOISE, b. Dec. 16, 1897, Battle Creek, Mich.

(286) HENRY CLAY 8 McCoy *(Lycurgus,4 Barton Warren Stone,8 Daniel,2 William 1)*, b. May 31, 1868, Sigourney, Iowa; m. Oct. 6, 1896, Battle Creek, Mich., Evelyn Lewis, b. May 4, 1873; divorced. He is a steamfitter and engineer, Battle Creek, Mich.

(282) FRANKLIN NEVITT 4 McCoy *(Barton Warren Stone,8 Daniel,2 William 1)*, b. Aug. 7, 1839, Dearborn Co., Ind. His father sojourned in this county for two years, building barns for his brother-in-law, David Nevitt, and thus this son was born there. He removed with his parents to Keokuk Co., Iowa, 1850, before he had advantages of an education, and his opportunities were very meager afterward. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War in 1861, he was among the first to enlist, and entered Co. F, Fifth Iowa Infantry. At the end of three years' service, he veteranized, and remained until the close of war. Was promoted from corporal to first sergeant,
to second lieutenant, and then to first lieutenant — all promotions within one month. Was with his regiment in all its most gallant work. Was with Gen. McPherson when he fell in battle. Was with his regiment in the following engagements: Iuka, Miss., Sept. 19, 1862; Corinth, Miss., Oct. 3 and 4, 1862; Jackson, Miss., May 14, 1863; Champion Hill, Miss., May 16, 1863; forty-four days in rifle pits at Vicksburg; Mission Ridge, Nov. 24, 25, 1863; Seventeenth Army Corps. Married, first, Sept. 25, 1865, Sigourney, Iowa, Mattie Lash, b. Aug. 31, 1867, d. June 8, 1873, Sigourney, Iowa; m., second, Jan 14, 1874, Ella Little, b. June 20, 1847, Nashville, Tenn. They live in Kansas City, Kans. He runs an eating café. Children:

289. Pearl, b. April 6, 1868, Sigourney, Iowa; d. 1885.


(292) Byron 5 McCoy (Franklin Nevitt, 4 Barton Warren Stone, 8 Daniel, 2 William 1), b. May 3, 1879, Oskaloosa, Iowa; m. Oct. 27, 1898, Freddie McNew, b. 1880, Rich Hill, Bates Co., Mo. He is employed in Swift &
Co.'s packing house, Kansas City, Kans., and resides in same city. Children:—

295. Frank, b. Aug. 23, 1902, Kansas City, Mo.

(293) ROY 5 McCoy (Franklin Nevitt, 4 Barton Warren Stone, 8 Daniel, 2 William 1), b. Oct. 31, 1881, Rose Hill, Iowa; m. June 20, 1903, Ludema Valeria, b. Appleton City, Mo. He is a stenographer. Employed in office of Swift & Co., Kansas City, Kans.

I want to give a place to my stepsister, the daughter of my stepmother. I trust her surviving husband and children will not object to this.

Agatha Dorcas, daughter of Jacob B. and Harriet (Botkin) Whisler, was born June 1, 1848, Lancaster, Iowa; died Aug. 24, 1895, near Hedrick, Iowa. Married Oct. 25, 1869, W. Edwin Street, born May 21, 1840, Decatur Co., Ind.; a son of Elizabeth J. (Ardery) Street, who was widow of Hon. Joseph Robinson, a former well-known attorney in Greensburg, Ind., in the forties. She is still living, at the age of 85 years, with her son. He was a Union soldier for three years, Co. I, First Iowa Cavalry Regiment. A prosperous farmer near Hedrick, Iowa. Mr. Street married, second, July 6, 1904, Emma Malonee, of Mt. Sterling, Ill. She is a niece of Dr. W. D. Malonee, recorded in this book. Children (Street), born Keokuk Co., Iowa:—

1. Willis W., b. Aug. 24, 1870; m. Dec. 31, 1895, Rella J. McFarland. He is a railroad man, and in the
employ of electric railroad system at Davenport, Iowa, where they reside.

2. *Alvin Clyde*, b. Feb. 22, 1873; m. Sept. 6, 1897, Emma M. Myerly, b. Oct. 7, 1875. They live at Ohio, Ill. He is a bookkeeper and salesman in the employ of elevator company.


5. *Kathryn*, b. March 25, 1883; m. June 15, 1904, Clayton L. May. They reside at Hedrick, Iowa. He is a merchant.

Alexander McCoy and His Descendants

SECOND GENERATION

(296) ALEXANDER McCoy was born in Sutherlandshire, on the estate of the Earl of Angus, Scotland, about the year 1752, and emigrated to America before the American Revolution, leaving his native land and sailing for America, August 15, 1772, landing at Philadelphia the 7th of October following. He was accompanied on the voyage by others of his countrymen, including the family of Angus Sutherland and wife and seven of his sons and daughters. This the writer learns from papers now in the possession of Hannah B. Tool, of Lowpoint, Ill., granddaughter of Alexander McCoy. She has a diary kept by her grandfather. In his pocket Calendar, published in New York, 1777, is found the following memoranda, which the writer has copied verbatim. It reads as follows:

"An account of the birth of Angus Sutherland and of his isshew maide in and from the yr. of our Lord 1756. My first born, Robert Sutherland, was born January 22 in the yr. 1756. Catherine Sutherland was born the first day of May in the yr. 1758. Christina Sutherland was born July 15 in the year 1760. "2 Robert Sutherland was born March 27 in the year 1762."
Nancy (McCoy) Caldwell
Born July 4, 1798; died Jan. 3, 1873.

Harriet (Botkin) McCoy
Born April 14, 1825; died Dec. 26, 1895.

Priscilla (McCoy) Thom
Born July 16, 1801; died Dec. 13, 1871.

George McCoy
Born March 12, 1791; died Aug. 2, 1860.
"2 Catherine Sutherland was born April 15th in the year 1765. George and John Sutherland was born March 15th in the year 1769. Elizabeth Sutherland was born September the 15th in the year 1771.

"I took my voyage for America with this my family the 15th day of August in the yr. 1772, and wee landed at the city of Philadelphia on the following October the 7th.

"Then Ebenezer Sutherland was born April the 24th in the yr. 1774.

"John Sutherland was born November the 24th in the yr. 1776."

Thus ten children were born to them; and it will be noticed that there are two sons named Robert, two daughters named Catherine, and two sons named John. This, we learn, was not uncommon in that day where some of the children died and others were born. In this case, however, there were two Roberts and two Catherines came across to America. Two children were born to them after arriving in America.

It is also a well-authenticated fact that Alexander McCoy joined the army of General Washington, and served until the close of the war. He was seriously wounded by a saber thrust through the body, and was taken prisoner and carried to Halifax; and at the close of the war returned to his home. On December 20, 1787, he was joined in marriage with Frances Katherine Sutherland, eldest daughter of Angus Sutherland, above noted. She was born May 1, 1758, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, coming with her father's family to America, Oct. 7, 1772. She was a sister to Christina Sutherland, who married Daniel McCoy, first cousin of Alexander.

Alexander and his wife were probably married in Phila-
delphia, and afterward settled in Wyoming Valley, Pa., and later in Mason Co., Ky., near South Ripley, where some of their first children were born. Afterward they settled in Brown Co., Ohio, near Ripley and Georgetown. Alexander died on the old farm in Brown Co., Ohio, May 7, 1829. His wife, Frances Katherine, died Oct. 6, 1848, at her daughter's, in Ripley, Ohio. They had ten children.

298. George, b. March 12, 1791, + (298).
299. William, b. April 18, 1793, + (299).
300. Jane, b. March 12, 1796. She was married to John Johns. She died at Tonica, Ill. Five daughters were born to them:—

1. Cynthia, m. Samuel Turner, who is dead. She lived in Washington State, the last known of her.
2. Rosanna, m. Ben. Ong, who is dead. Last heard of, she lived near Windsor, Canada.
3. Rebecca, m. John McCall. She died at Tonica, Ill. He is living in Iowa.
5. Eliza, d. young.


302. Priscilla, b. July 16, 1801, Brown Co., Ohio; d. Dec. 13, 1871, Lacon, Ill.; m. Alexander Thom, b. July 2, 1801, d. 1877, Lacon, Ill. They first settled near Russellville, Ohio, remaining there until 1848, when they removed to Woodford Co., Ill. Seven children (Thom):—

1. Alexander, b. 1826, Brown Co., Ohio; m. Jan., 1855, Elizabeth Assinghamhurst. They had four children.
   No further trace of them.
2. Ann Elisa, b. 1828, Brown Co., Ohio; m. W. M.
Tool, who died in 1884, near Kearney, Nebr. Six children (Tool):—

(1) Louisa, m. Mr. Mellinger, and they have three daughters. He is a stockman, and lives in Kearney, Nebr.

(2) Lester, m. Anna Mellinger, and they have a family of children. Reside at Kearney, Nebr.

(3) Chambers, m., and lives near Kearney, Nebr. Farmer.

(4) Elbridge, m. Miss Wilson; two children; farmer, and lives near Hamilton, Mo.

(5) Samuel, m., and has a family, and lives at Kearney, Nebr. Bookkeeper.

(6) Margaret, m. Peter Ghetz; two children. He is a barber, and lives at Kearney, Nebr.

Have written all these Kearney people, but they fail to answer.

3. Angus S., b. Oct. 24, 1832, Brown Co., Ohio; m. March 19, 1862, Louisa E. Herrick, b. 1836, in Loudon Co., Va.; d. Aug. 10, 1899, at Minonk, Ill. Since their marriage they have resided on farm near Minonk. He is a prosperous farmer. Six children. All born at Minonk, Ill. (Thom):—


(2) Lyman, b. Sept. 24, 1864; d. Sept. 1, 1867.

(3) Homer, b. Sept. 7, 1868; m. June 15, 1904, to Mattie J. Sloan, of Rankin, Ill. Is in business as a grain and coal dealer, at Rankin, Ill.


(5) Charles, b. Nov. 11, 1872. Graduate of Lake Forest College, Ill., B. S. and M. A.; also Ph. D. from University of Missouri at Columbia, where he was employed for a time; and now
(1904) has charge of special experimental work for the State of Connecticut, at Middletown.

(6) William H., b. Dec. 2, 1877. A graduate of High School, is a fine musician, and presides at pipe organ at First Presbyterian Church at Minonk, Ill. He is now a student of music. Resides with his father on farm near Minonk, Ill. Three of these sons are unmarried.


5. James, b. 1836, Brown Co., Ohio; d. young.


(303) JAMES 2 McCoy (Alexander 1), b. Jan. 15, 1804, Brown Co., Ohio; d. March 1, 1884, Minonk, Ill. Unmarried. Was in his usual health in the morning of the day he died; but he said, "This is my last day on earth," and died the same day at evening, without any apparent cause.

He was noted for his excellent memory of current events, and readiness to recall and give very correctly the date and circumstances of any event of importance transpiring in Congress, from the adoption of the Constitution for a period of three fourths of a century, giving the name of the author of any bill or act, with names of parties favoring or opposing the
same. He was a walking encyclopedia of the political history of the United States for his time.

He and his brothers were all rabid abolitionists, and all voted the Free Soil ticket. They were born and reared near the border line of slavery, and were taught to detest human slavery. They were on the alert for the fleeing fugitives, and gladly did they render assistance to all such. The floors of their houses were frequently strewn with the dusky sleepers, weary and footsore on their flight toward the north star.

James, John, William, and George pushed westward to Illinois about 1843. Mrs. Mary E. Wheat, a granddaughter of John McCoy, writes me that she remembers very distinctly awaking in the morning, at the homes of her father and grandfather, and seeing the floor covered with runaway slaves. Not once only, but many times. And often her father and his brothers, armed with rifle and side arms, would escort the black friends by night and by day to the next station. Their moral and physical courage were simply heroic. They did what they conceived to be right, and feared neither men nor devils. James McCoy, at his death, bequeathed a handsome legacy for the support of orphans.


305. ROSANNA, b. Nov. 15, 1808, Brown Co., Ohio; d. July 21, 1891, Princeton, Ill.; m., 1853, to James E. Hamilton, of Decatur Co., Ind., an early settler from Bourbon Co., Ky., and one of the most prominent men in the county. He died Jan. 14, 1881. Rosanna continued to reside at the old home until June, 1887, when she removed to Princeton, Ill., and made her home with her niece, Mrs. Simon Elliott, until her death, July 21,
1891. She was buried beside her husband at Kingston, Decatur Co., Ind. She was a well-informed woman, of very winning manners and strong personality. Two or three years before her marriage she made her home for a time with my father, Barton McCoy, of Greensburg, Ind. I remember her well, and of hearing her and my grandfather, Joseph Norris, talk of the Revolutionary War; for he and Rosanna’s father, Alexander McCoy, were soldiers of the army of Washington. Mr. Hamilton and my father were brothers-in-law. My father’s first wife was Eleanor Hamilton.

306. REBECCA, b. Nov. 15, 1808, Brown Co., Ohio; died in Decatur, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1867. Unmarried. She and Rosanna were twins.

THIRD GENERATION

(297) JOHN ² McCoy (Alexander ¹), b. Jan. 4, 1789, Washington Co., Pa.; d. May 8, 1851, at Lowpoint, Ill., of cancer of the eyes. He was a soldier of the War of 1812. Married July 25, 1812, to Isabelle Baird, daughter of John Baird, b. near Kings Mountain, N. C., July 13, 1791. She removed with her parents to Brown Co., Ohio, when she was nineteen years of age. After her husband’s death she was granted a land warrant on account of his service in the War of 1812, and sold same for $460. When her parents moved from North Carolina to Ohio, they drove their sheep and cattle with them, and Isabelle, the eldest of the family, rode a pacing mare, and carried her one-year-old sister (her mother being dead) in her lap. She became the foster-mother of her father’s family, and right well did she perform the duty. She was a strong, handsome woman, and lived to ripe age, dying July 9, 1874, Champaign Co., Ill.
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This family were noted for their strong anti-slavery sentiments, were always friendly to the fugitive slaves traveling northward, and the latch-string of their home was always out for the dusky traveler seeking for liberty. They, together with George McCoy, and their sisters, Priscilla Thom and Jane Johns, emigrated to Woodford Co., Ill., about 1843.

A granddaughter writes that about the first remembrance she has, was to be startled upon rising in the morning, and seeing the floor of her grandfather's home covered with runaway slaves who had come in during the night, and were sleeping on the floor. This, she says, occurred frequently. These old Scotch families had the courage to do what they thought was right, regardless of the consequences. They removed with their family to Woodford Co., Ill., in 1841. Seven children lived to maturity; several died in infancy, of which there is no record.

307. Jane, b. July 2, 1814, Brown Co., Ohio; d. Jan 31, 1897, at Mt. Ayr, Iowa. She was a noble, beautiful woman, with fine intellect and a great motherly heart; a most beautiful type of motherhood; m., March 23, 1835, in Brown Co., Ohio, to William Snedaker, b. April 7, 1811, near Wheeling, Va., d. at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, Nov. 28, 1891. They lived at several places in Illinois, and finally settled at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, where they died. They were farmers.

Eleven children (Snedaker): —

1. Dr. James, b. July 1, 1836, at Brown Co., Ohio; d. about Jan. 1, 1863; m. about 1860, at Lasalle, Ill., to Emma Thurston. He attended Granville Seminary at Palatine, Cook Co., Ill., and College at Galesburg, Ill., graduating in dental surgery. Also attended medical lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio,
graduated as physician and surgeon, and was a physician of some note.

He enlisted, with his brother George, in the Union Army, Co. D, 104th Illinois Regiment Vol. Infantry, and was chosen second lieutenant of his company. His health soon failed, and he resigned, returned home, and died three months later of chronic diarrhea and typhoid fever. He left no children. His widow married Eli Walton, and they live in Huron, S. Dak.


4. George Harris, b. Feb. 16, 1842, Brown Co., Ohio; removed with parents to Putnam Co., Ill., 1843. Enlisted in Co. D, 104th Ill. Infantry, Aug. 20, 1862. Captured by the enemy at Hartsville, Tenn., Dec., 1862, and after long confinement and inhuman treatment and exposure, was discharged; m., Dec., 1864, to Melissa Brewer, at Camargo, Ill. They reside at Hennessey, Okla. Five children, all of them finely educated. (Snedaker): —

   (1) James, b. Douglas Co., Ill.
   (2) Ethel E., b. Douglas Co., Ill.
   (4) Ida M., b. Ringgold Co., Iowa.
   (5) W. W., b. Ringgold Co., Iowa.

5. Katherine, b. May 16, 1844, near Hennepin, Putnam Co., Ill.; m. March 9, 1869, to Malcolm T. McIntyre, b. Middlesex, Ont. They reside at Ladd, Ill. He is postmaster there (1904). They have two sons and three daughters (McIntyre): —

   (1) Laura Alice, b. Dec. 30, 1869; m. Sept. 18, 1895, Edward L. Wroten, b. Jan. 31, 1870. R. R.
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(3) Mary Edith, b. Aug. 12, 1872; d. Dec. 9, 1873, at Mt. Ayr, Iowa.

(4) Lois Edna, b. Sept. 25, 1877, Mt. Ayr, Iowa. Teacher at Sandwich, Ill.


(4) Harry Leoland, b. June 24, 1876. Graduate of Bloomingdale, Indiana, Academy and Draughon's Business College, Nashville, Tenn. Also a student in Lincoln University, Lincoln, Ill. A machinist, and residing at Allerton, Ill.

(5) Jessie Isabelle, b. Dec. 1, 1878; m. Feb. 22,

(6) Portia Jane, b. March 27, 1883. Living near Allerton, Ill.

(7) Naoma Aileen, b. Oct. 11, 1889.

8. William Harvey, b. Oct. 8, 1852, near Tonica, Ill.; m., first, Rebecca Skidmore, d. Nov. 1, 1891; m., second,

He is a contractor and builder. They live at Chariton, Lucas Co., Iowa. His oldest daughter is deputy in auditor’s office, Chariton, Iowa. Three children (Snedaker). No further record.


10. Amanda Alvaretta, b. March 14, 1857, Lasalle Co., Ill.; m. April 8, 1889, Newell Wardner Clark, b. Sept. 26, 1843. They are wealthy farmers, living near Clearfield, Taylor Co., Iowa. Now living in town to better educate their children. He was a soldier in the Civil War for three years. Was severely wounded at second battle of Bull Run. He is a very intelligent, influential farmer. His wife is a teacher and ardent temperance worker. Three children (Clark): (1) Hattie McCoy, b. Feb. 11, 1890; d. June 23, 1891. (2) Florence May, b. May 10, 1892. (3) Anna Laura, b. April 25,
1896; d. Jan. 26, 1899. (4) Helen Mary (by adoption), b. Oct. 30, 1894. The mother of these children had a remarkable growth of hair, measuring, when braided, four feet.

II. Nettie Alma, b. June 23, 1859, near Tonica, Ill.; m. Sept. 4, 1884, Joseph Bennett, b. April 18, 1861, Galva, Ill. Wealthy farmer, owning 380 acres of land near Mt. Ayr, Ringgold Co., Iowa, finely improved and stocked. Four children (Bennett):


1. Eleanor Isabelle, b. Oct. 24, 1842; d. June 25, 1885, Anthony, Kans.; m., first, Samuel Anderson Wright, who served three years in Co. C, Seventy-seventh Illinois Infantry in Civil War, first as sergeant, and then mustered out as first lieutenant; died May 7, 1867, from disease contracted while in the army service. She married, second, Dec. 28, 1871, Peter Riley, farmer, who had served three years in Forty-seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and one year in regular army.
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4. John West, b. April 8, 1851, Woodford Co., Ill.; m. Dec. 26, 1876, Hattie P. McCulloch, b. May 28, 1857, Woodford Co., Ill. They were divorced Nov. 22, 1901. No children. He is engaged in real estate and insurance at Pueblo, Colo.


7. Mary Edith, b. Oct. 25, 1860, Woodford Co., Ill. She is a portrait artist; m. May 9, 1882, to Alexis C. Gaines, merchant, at Anthony, Kans. She resides at 2101 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.


310. John Baird, b. June 1, 1824, Brown Co., Ohio; never married. Removed from Ohio to Illinois in 1841. Was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his cousin James, while out hunting Sept. 29, 1848. He is buried at Minonk, Ill. He was the favorite of his father's family. His father never recovered from the terrible shock of his son's calamitous death.


Doctor Wheat belongs to an old English family. His grandmother was Hannah Batterson, a lineal descendant of a brother of Daniel Boone, of Kentucky fame. He was a strong antislavery man. He enlisted in 1861 in the Fourth Illinois Cavalry, served eight months, discharged for disability, re-enlisted in 1862 in 104th Illinois Infantry, and served three years. Wounded at Chattanooga, Tenn., taken prisoner at Chickamauga, and served six months in prison at Richmond, Va. They reside at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Their sons have made their way and completed their education at college without aid from any one. They must have inherited some of the McCoy grit and continuity. These parents have much to be thankful for. They have been married thirty-eight years, and have twenty-eight lineal descendants, and yet no death has occurred in the family. Children (Wheat):


2. Laura Emily, b. June 4, 1868, Pettis Co., Mo.; m. Dec. 27, 1893, Rev. William Henry Foster, b. April 7, 1870, Hamilton Co., Iowa; M. E. minister. She graduated from Normal School, Dixon, Ill., in 1889, and she and her husband graduated from Loper School of Oratory, Chicago, Ill., in 1895.
They live in St. Paul, Minn. Children (Foster):


3. Dr. Fred Caldwell, b. Sept. 12, 1869, Pettis Co., Mo. Graduated from Pen Art School, Dixon, Ill., in 1889; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Business College, in 1893; Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1898, and from College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, Ill., in 1901. Holds diploma from Iowa State University for special course in bacteriology. Located in 1901 at Ellsworth, Minn., and has a successful practise. Is also railroad surgeon at that place. Married, Sept. 4, 1900, William Woodworth, b. Jan. 4, 1876. She is a graduate of Cornell College, 1899. Children (Wheat):


4. Benjamin Patterson, b. Sept. 21, 1871, Pettis Co., Mo. Graduated from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Business College, 1893; from Cornell College, Iowa, in 1898; m. same day, June 16, May Emeline Baker, b. Jan. 27, 1875; graduate of School of Oratory, Cornell College, 1895. He was principal of High School of Manitou, Colo., for three years. Graduated from the Law School of Columbia University, New York City, 1904. Has not yet located (1904). Child (Wheat): (1) Leora Maye, b. April 27, 1899, Manitou, Colo.


Junior, Cornell College, Iowa. Has made three trips to Europe as commercial traveler, visiting Paris Exposition, Passion Play, etc., 1900. A delegate to World's Y. M. C. A. Convention at Christiania in 1902. His goal is mining engineer.


2. Ruthella, b. Nov. 30, 1869, Utica, Ill.; m. Dec. 18,
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(315) John Calwell⁴ McCoy (Alexander³ John² Alexander¹), b. Jan 30, 1844, Granville, Putnam Co., Ill.; m. Sept. 13, 1881, Sadie Winegar, b. April 2, 1857, Canandaigua, N. Y. He is an attorney-at-law. Has resided and practised law at Fargo, N. D., Anthony, Kans., Lamar, Denver, and Cripple Creek, Colo. Left Colorado in 1902. Temporarily at Chicago, Ill., expecting to locate in the West for the practise of law. He served as a private soldier in the Union Army from June 11, 1862, to June 5, 1865, Co. D, Fifth
Illinois Infantry, Second Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-third Corps. Children: —

319. Maud, b. June 14, 1875, Chicago, Ill. She is a stepdaughter, but takes name of McCoy; m. Sept. 19, 1893, Edgar E. Goodrich. They live at Marengo, Ill. He is a launderer. Child (Goodrich): 1. Fern Juanita, b. June 27, 1897, at De Kalb, Ill.


(311) James Newton McCoy (John, " Alexan-der"), b. Oct. 15, 1826, near Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio; died near Hood River, Ore., Feb. 12, 1899. He removed with his parents from Ohio to Woodford Co., Ill., in 1842, and remained there until 1875. He was married Feb. 14, 1851, to Mary E. Herron. She died Feb. 5, 1885. In 1875 the family removed to Iowa, remaining there until 1885, when they removed to near Hood River, Ore.

Deacon James Newton McCoy was an excellent citizen. His life was a strenuous one, and his activities untiring. During the Civil War of 1861 to 1865, and later, he held the office of provost marshal of Woodford Co., Ill., and was a fearless, faithful officer. His niece, Mrs. Jos. G. Wheat, says he was the most recklessly courageous man she ever knew. He had no sense of fear, and yet was a most kindly disposed man, and greatly respected. Copperheads and draft skedaddlers shunned him as they would a grizzly bear. His moral and physical courage was unbounded. He would hunt the woods of the Illinois River the darkest night alone, with lantern in one hand and his revolver in the other. He had no fear of men or devils. She says she lived at his home six months during the
war, and she has always wondered that the deserters and copperheads did not kill him, for he was a terror to them. He died at Hood River, Ore., at the age of 75 years, honored and respected by all, a pillar in the church, and the ideal of all that was good and true. Ten children. Records of five only are given:—

325. **Minnie E.**, b. Sept. 8, 1866, Metamora, Ills. Graduated at Manson, Iowa, public school at age of 16, removed to Oregon in 1885, graduated from the Portland Business College, Portland, Ore., in 1891. Followed teaching and bookkeeping for six years; m. June 1, 1894, Milton Delmar Odell, b. Sept. 23, 1863, Hood River, Ore. They are farmers near Hood River, Ore.

(321) **William Herron** (James N.,
John, Alexander), b. Dec. 22, 1855, Metamora, Ill.; d. of paralysis, Dec. 20, 1902, White Salmon, Wash. He removed from Illinois to Hood River Valley, Ore., in 1882; m. in 1887 to Mrs. Victoria Johnson, widow, and daughter of N. M. Woods, of White Salmon, Wash. He followed railroading
for a number of years, and in 1889 removed his family to White Salmon, and engaged in farming until his death. He left a widow and three sons:—


(298) George 2 McCoy (Alexander 1), b. March 12, 1791, Mason Co., Ky.; d. Aug. 2, 1860. Located in Putnam Co., Ill., 1835, and late in life moved to La Salle Co., Ill., and died there. He was married in Brown Co., Ohio, to Jane Bimson. He was a peculiar man, fond of argument, and of his friends. He was averse to having his picture taken, and while in a heated political discussion a photographer caught his shadow unobserved by him, and it appears with his two sisters in this volume. They had five children:—

328. Alfred, went overland to Oregon in 1842, and was accidentally drowned at the mouth of Columbia River, as is supposed.
329. Margaret, married Amaziah Clark, and reared a large family. They lived at Putnam Co., Ill., and twenty miles north of Kearney, Neb. No further record of them.
330. James, d. 1850, Putnam Co., Ill.
331. William, removed from Putnam Co., Ill., to Nebraska, north of Kearney.
332. Frances Katherine, m. Mr. Kirkpatrick. They lived north of Kearney, Nebr., the last heard from. He is a newspaper man.

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Removed to Woodford Co., Ill., in 1848. He was a soldier in War of 1812–1815. Married in Brown Co., Ohio, to Jane H. Baird, b. April 10, 1797, d. April 7, 1877, Woodford Co., Ill. They, with all their children, removed from Brown Co., Ohio, to Illinois, making the trip by water down the Ohio River to its mouth, up the Mississippi and the Illinois River, landing at Spring Bay, Woodford Co., Ill., on a small Illinois River steamer, in the spring of 1848. They had eight children, all born in Brown Co., Ohio:—


334. James, b. March 9, 1826; d. Aug. 14, 1893, suddenly, while engaged in digging a well. He was found dead, standing leaning against the wall of earth. He was a soldier in Union Army in Civil War, and a member of the Forty-seventh Regiment of Illinois Infantry. Bachelor.


McCook Co., Nebr.; the others in New Windsor, Colo.


336. Mary E., b. Aug. 7, 1830; d. Nov. 20, 1900. She died in her chair at home, where she lived alone, and it was four days before she was found. Buried at Minonk, Ill.

337. Sarah A., b. Jan. 28, 1833; m. April 23, 1856, Lowpoint, Ill., to Hon. Simon Elliott, b. Feb. 10, 1827, Hamilton Co., Ohio. Mr. Elliott is a well-informed farmer, stock raiser, and dealer. Very successful. Now retired from business, and resides in comfort at Princeton, Ill., and has resided in Bureau Co. many years, enjoying the respect and confidence of all. Was a member of the Illinois Legislature from Bureau Co. in 1879 and 1880. Was vice-president of State Board of Health for five years; also president of the Academy of Sciences of Princeton, Ill., twelve years, and a vigorous writer on these subjects. A member of Board of Supervisors of Bureau Co. four years, during which time the present courthouse was built, in 1860. A man of large influence in county and State affairs. They have six children, born in Bureau Co. Girls are graduates of Princeton High School. (Elliott): —


339. Frances Katherine, b. Feb. 11, 1838; d. Aug. 5, 1874, Livingston Co., Ill.; m. Nov. 21, 1872, Charles F., son of William S. and Sarah (Maxwell) Woodburn, b. Sept. 26, 1837, Cumberland Co., Pa. When a child he removed with his parents to Morrow Co., Ohio, where they lived some twenty years, then removed to Woodford Co., Ill. He served three years in the Union Army in war of 1861; was corporal in Co. I, Forty-seventh Illinois Infantry. At close of war removed to Livingston Co., Ill. He married, second, Feb. 27, 1878, Lucy E. Philbrook, b. Dec. 17, 1845, Rushville, N. Y. Mr.
ALEX. McCoy AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Woodburn died March 28, 1900, at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago; buried at Forest, Ill. His wife resides at Dixon, Ill. He has one son by his first wife (Woodburn): —


340. John P., b. Nov. 1, 1840, Brown Co., Ohio; d. Feb. 17, 1890, suddenly, of paralysis, at Minonk, Ill. He was a soldier in the war for the Union, in Seventy-seventh Regiment Illinois Infantry. Was shot at the battle of Vicksburg, Miss., May 20, 1863, the ball entering the right eye, and coming out on the opposite side of the head; but he recovered, and lived twenty-seven years afterward. He was unmarried.

Five members of William McCoy's family never married, and lived together until they died.

It has been very difficult to make a record of Alexander McCoy's descendants, as they are scattered very much; and no one has made any effort to make a record. The writer never had the privilege or pleasure of meeting any of the children, excepting Rosanna, and none of the grandchildren, save Mrs. Hannah V. Tool and Sarah A. Elliott, daughters of William McCoy, and Angus S. Thom, son of Priscilla (McCoy) Thom, and he is indebted to these persons for much of the record given. He is sorry it is not more complete. Possibly some one may be encouraged to trace this branch of the McCoy family more thoroughly.
The writer is also much indebted to Mrs. Mary E. Wheat, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and John C. McCoy, of Chicago, Ill., grandchildren of John McCoy, for valuable information.

A portion of the records of this branch of McCoys was gathered after the manuscript was placed in the hands of the printer, and for this reason the work has been delayed.
THE MOTHER

THOMPSON.

'Tis a name that charms the savage ear, that softens the warrior's heart; it is the sweetest name on earth, save "Jesus." How strong a mother's love! How her eye watches at the cradle of her fading babe! and when it dies, how does her heart plunge! Let an angel tell. I have seen her at the coffin, taking her last farewell—lingering, and kissing the cold clay, and kissing it again, and placing her cheek to its marble brow, and breathing between its livid lips, and refusing to give it up, until torn away by friendly hands; and I have almost prayed that she, too, might die, and follow the bright and beauteous little spirit to heaven.

In the circle to which I belonged, when a tenant of the nursery, there were three rosy boys, one younger and one older than myself. The youngest, by a wonderful precocity of intellect, became the central orb, the family favorite. He had a body and soul cast in a superior mold. He was one of nature's little noblemen. In our petty disputes, he was umpire; in our sports, he was president; and on the reception of common presents, he was distributor, always reserving to himself the least share. The poet has said,—

"The flower that blooms the brightest,
Is doomed the first to fade;
The form that moves the lightest,
In earth is soonest laid."

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Thus it was in our family. My eldest brother and I still live; but William, "sweet William," sleeps in the family vault, across the deep. But how shall I describe the anguish of my mother's heart as she bent over the little sufferer's dying couch? O, God, I can not! Long after his remains were deposited in the "narrow house," she wept by day; and in the vision of the night her spirit entered the paradise of God, and ranged through all its beauties in distress, not caring to see a single rose, or lily, or carnation, until she found her own "sweet William" blooming there.

How enduring a mother's love! When all other earthly affections are forfeited and withdrawn, a mother's love still burns. When man has hardened his heart, and crimsoned his hands; and when every eye turns from him, and every heart sickens at him, and every man is impatient to have him removed from the earth, of which he has rendered himself unworthy, a mother's footsteps are heard at the door of the dungeon, and a mother's lips bear the burning message to the wretched culprit that there is yet one heart that can feel for him, and one tongue that can pray for him. I have often thought it was well that Sarah's faith was not tested as Abraham's. I fear that her heart would have burst when Isaac, ascending the mountain, said, "Here is the wood, and there is the knife, but where is the lamb?" There is, perhaps, no passage in the Bible that affords more consolation to the penitent than that in which God's love is represented by a mother.

Mother! How many delightful associations cluster around that word! — the innocent smiles of infancy, the gambols of boyhood, and the happiest hours of riper years! When my heart aches at the world's wickedness, and my limbs are weary,
and feet bloody, traveling the thorny path of life, I am accus-
tomed to sit down on some mossy stone, and, closing my eyes
on real scenes, to send my spirit back to the days of early life.
I rock my cradle, and sing my lullaby, and play with my dorm-
mouse, and watch my goldfinch, and catch my rabbits; I walk
the streets of my native city, and gaze at the show-windows;
I walk around the "walls," and look over the green; I listen
to the band, and see the nodding plumes and glittering bay-
onets of the marshalled host; I hear the shrill bugle, and I
view the prancing cavalry; I go down the dockyard, and view
the shipping; I walk along the seashore, and gather shells and
pretty pebbles to fill my pockets; I dip "poor Tray" in the
ebbing tide, and laugh to see him swim; I prattle with my
brother, and kiss my sweet sister; I feel afresh my infant joys
and sorrows, until my spirit recovers its tone, and is willing to
pursue its journey. But in all these refreshing reminiscences
my mother rises. If I seat myself upon my cushion, it is at
her side; if I sing, it is to her ear; if I walk the hills or the
meadows, my little hand is in my mother's, and my little feet
keep company with hers; if I stand and listen to the piano, it is
because my mother’s fingers touch the keys; if I enter the
King’s Tower, and survey the wonders of creation, it is my
mother who points out the objects of my admiring attention;
if a hundred cannon pronounce a national salute, I find myself
clinging to her knees. When my heart bounds with its best
joy, it is because, at the performance of some task, or the reci-
tation of some verses, I receive a present of a tree, or a horse,
drawn and painted by a mother’s hand. There is no velvet so
soft as a mother’s lap, no rose so lovely as her smile, no path
so flowery as that imprinted with her footsteps.
THE MOTHER

Mother is a name connected with all my useful knowledge. When I trace a pure thought to its infancy, I find it in my mother's arms. When I follow a refreshing channel of truth to its source, I find her, like Moses in Horeb, smiting the rock from which the fountain flows. I trace my earliest religious impressions to my mother's lap. I well recollect the tearful, perplexed anxiety with which she taught me of Jesus, and salvation, and heaven, and the sweet hymns she used to sing at my pillow. If I have a good principle in my mind, or a holy emotion in my heart, I trace it to my mother. Cherished recollections enshrine our Lord's prayer in my mind, so that infidelity never had power to invade its sanctity. The hymns my mother used to sing come over me like sounds from the upper world. When I hear one, I lose my philosophy, and tears unbidden steal down my cheek. I can recollect when God laid his afflicting hand upon me. Who, then, was first at my pillow in the morning, and last at my couch at night? — My mother. If I heard one at the hour of midnight carefully open the door, and steal softly over the carpet to my bedside, and draw aside the curtains gently, as though an angel touched them, I knew who it was; and as she put her head down to my pillow, and whispered, with subdued emotion, "What can I do for you, my dear boy?" my struggling brain radiated a more genial influence over my body, and every little nerve seemed to recover a temporary health; and when my eye was becoming glassy, and my muscles were moving without the will, and my limbs were growing cold, and the silver cord was loosening, and the golden bowl breaking, there was one who could not leave my chamber — whose sunken, sleepless eye watched over me; and when at last physicians had exhausted their resources,
and had given me up, there was one who forsook not my pillow, and, as she whispered in my dull ear, "Edward, I have not yet given thee up; I have yet a remedy, a blessing from God for thee," the fainting heart beat up new courage, and all the little pulses woke up, and the child grew warm, and I yet live— a monument of a mother's love. I have sometimes thought that, should I ever become a lunatic, I should be an idolater, and drawing my mother's image, kneel down before it. Lay me down (said the poet), when I die, upon the grass, and let me see the sun. Rather would I say, lay me down to die where I can see my mother. Let the last sensation which I feel in the body be the impression of her lips upon my cheek, and let the last sound my departing spirit hears be the voice of my mother, whispering "Jesus" in my cold ear. Mother, shouldst thou pass to thy rest before me, I'll steal, at midnight, to the cemetery, and kneeling on thy grassy couch, I'll sing that sweet hymn I first learned from thy lips,—

"There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign."


SORROW FOR THE DEAD

IRVING.

The sorrow for the dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced. Every other wound we seek to heal; every other affliction to forget; but this wound we consider it a duty to keep open; this affliction we cherish and brood over in solitude. Where is the mother who would willingly forget the infant that perished like a blossom from her arms, though every recollection is a pang? Where is the child that would willingly forget the most tender of parents, though to remember be but to lament? Who, even in the hour of agony, would forget the friend over whom he mourns? Who, even when the tomb is closing upon the remains of her he most loved, when he feels his heart, as it were, crushed in the closing of its portal, would accept of consolation that must be bought by forgetfulness? No, the love which survives the tomb is one of the noblest attributes of the soul. If it has its woes, it has likewise its delights; and when the overwhelming burst of grief is calmed into the gentle tear of recollection; when the sudden anguish, and the convulsive agony over the present ruin of all that we most loved, is softened away into pensive meditation on all that it was in the days of its loveliness, who would root out such sorrow from the heart? Though it may sometimes throw a passing cloud over the bright hour of gaiety, or spread a deeper sadness over the hour of gloom, yet who would exchange it, even for the song of pleasure, or the
Sorrow for the Dead

burst of revelry? No, there is a voice from the tomb sweeter than song. There is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn, even from the charms of the living. O, the grave! the grave! It buries every error; covers every defect; extinguishes every resentment! From its peaceful bosom spring none but fond regrets and tender recollections. Who can look down upon the grave, even of an enemy, and not feel a compunctious throb that he should ever have warred with the poor handful of earth that lies molding before him?

But the grave of those we loved — what a place for meditation! There it is that we call up in long review the whole history of virtue and gentleness, and the thousand endearments lavished upon us almost unheeded in the daily intercourse of intimacy; there it is that we dwell upon the tenderness, the solemn, awful tenderness, of the parting scene. The bed of death, with all its stifled griefs, its noiseless attendance, its mute, watchful assiduities. The last testimonies of expiring love! The feeble, fluttering, thrilling — O, how thrilling — pressure of the hand! The last fond look of the glazing eye, turning upon us even from the threshold of existence! The faint, faltering accents, struggling in death to give one more assurance of affection!

Ay, go to the grave of buried love, and meditate. There settle the account with thy conscience for every past benefit unrequited; every past endearment unregarded, of that departed being, who can never, never, never return to be soothed by thy contrition!

If thou art a child, and hast ever added a sorrow to the soul, or a furrow to the silvered brow of an affectionate parent; if thou art a husband, and hast ever caused the fond bosom
that ventured its whole happiness in thy arms, to doubt one moment of thy kindness or thy truth; if thou art a friend, and hast ever wronged, in thought, or word, or deed, the spirit that generously confided in thee; if thou art a lover, and hast given one unmerited pang to that true heart which now lies cold and still beneath thy feet; then be sure that every unkind look, every ungracious word, every ungentle action, will come thronging back upon thy memory, and knocking dolefully at thy soul; then be sure that thou wilt lie down sorrowing and repentant on the grave, and utter the unheard groan, and pour the unavailing tear; more deep, more bitter, because unheard and unavailing.

Then weave thy chaplet of flowers, and strewn the beauties of nature about the grave; console thy broken spirit, if thou canst, with these tender, yet futile, tributes of regret, but take warning by this, thy contrite affliction over the dead, and henceforth be more faithful and affectionate in the discharge of thy duties to the living.
DON'T SELL THE FARM

The following question and answer, by David Reed Miller, may touch your heart as it did mine, and help the reader to remember fondly and tenderly the old home around which cluster the most sacred memories:—

Why don't you sell the farm? There is no money in farming nowadays. Put your money into business and get rich. Why not? Let me tell you something, said my friend. I have a little farm lying out among the hills, and it will probably never be worth more that it is now; but I have left it, and gone into business. Some one put it into my head to sell the old homestead, and I had about made up my mind to put it on the market. The money would bring me a larger revenue if judiciously invested. So one day I drove out to my farm. I had not been there for a long time, and you know how it is, as we are apt to forget when we are away. The mind is taken up with other things, and the scenes with which we are familiar are like the scenes of the stage when the curtain is dropped. They are all retained, perhaps, but for the time are lost to view. The doors of our mental picture gallery are closed, so to speak. The scenes are on the walls, and they are just as beautiful as ever, but the doors are only open at certain hours of the day.

Well, as I drove down the road through the woods, or where the woods used to be, even before I came in sight of the old home, something seemed to roll up the curtain, and at the same time take hold of my heart. The doors of the gal-
lery were thrown open, and boyhood's days came back to me in a hundred pictures. Was this not the road over which I had traveled every Sabbath-day to the brick church that stood by the graveyard? Why the very color of the horse I rode came back to me, the shape of his rugged old head and ragged fetlocks; and how in the winter, when the roads were bad, we would guide the old fellow along the fence so that we would not get our trousers splashed with mud. Here's where we "worked on the roads" after we got the "seeding" done in the spring, when all the neighbors were called out by the supervisor, and every man with a shovel or mattock worked out his road tax—"one dollar for a man, two dollars for a scoop, and three dollars for a plow." It was a great streak of good luck when a fellow could have a scoop or a plow the same day—five dollars counted big.

I came in sight of the house: there it was on the upper side of the road, just where it had been since I was a child, a little older grown, perhaps, like the rest of us, but still holding its own fairly well. I hitched my horse and went in. Now you want to know why I did not sell the farm. As I went through those rooms, or walked about the house, or over the fields, I lived more years than I am old, twice over. Things were changed wonderfully, but I did not think of that except by way of contrast. My mind was back, a pilgrim, like my body, amid scenes that would never come again, when we were all at home—father, mother, brothers, and sisters. Not one has trodden those familiar floors for many a year. There is the fireside around which we knelt at evening and morning prayers. In this room the table was spread, with its white covers and its big plate of bread on the corner. Here in this room we
entertained our friends. And when one of my sisters, a beautiful, black-eyed, sunny-tempered young woman, died, it was there her casket rested, while our pastor tried to comfort us in our grief. I remember just where he stood the day of the funeral, and where we all sat, and the black coffin with the silver handles, and the pale face lying there so still and so uncommunicative. I can see yet the black gloves of the pallbearers, and that last ride with our dead to the silent city rises out of the past before me. I can see it all. And I remember the hush in the home when we returned. Can we forget such scenes as these?

Out there by the side of the porch there grew a big bunch of hollyhocks where the bumblebees crawled down into the pink and white funnels, and came out with their witless heads covered with pollen. They might as well have tried to suck honey out of a chunk of shredded biscuit. Over there was the garden with its unpainted paling fence, and its little square beds with paths between and a border down the center. There grew the lettuce and the beets and the onions and the cabbages, which, like some people, were all head and no heart. Over in the corner was reserved a patch for the early potatoes. And it seemed to me, as I stood on the porch that day and looked over the garden, I could see my father and mother bending over the vegetable beds, or where the flowers grew along the walk. It was usually after a rain when the ground was soft, and father could not work in the fields, that he turned to the garden; the weeds would come out so much easier then. The fathers and mothers of those days, you know, did not idle away much time. What they had they worked for, and worked hard, and early and late.
I can see them there — father with his strong, honest face, and mother, with all her gentleness, toiling quietly, bent over the beds, saying nothing, just silently working away, mother among her flowers and father among his vegetables. Where are they now? You bring up a rush of memories which I can not suppress. I can see first one procession, and then, after years, another. Each leaves the gate, the hearse preceding, and winds down the lane, across the stream, and over the crooked road, a long procession with carriages and spring wagons, and some on horseback, to the village and the village church-yard; and there, where the little piece of earth is ridged with mounds and white with monumental marble, we laid them. Side by side they sleep, undisturbed, waiting for the breaking of the day. I know they would want to be near each other when the final morning dawns. It would be so nice for them to greet each other first, and then go together to meet their Saviour and share the blessings of eternal life with each other.

Maybe I ought not to speak of these things or recall memories which are, of course, but personal to myself; but you know I started out to tell you why I did not sell the farm. Could I sell with such mortgages on it? Why, memory had laid every acre of that homestead under perpetual tribute. Not a room in the house, not a foot of earth in the garden, not a stall in the barn, not an acre of those old hills and narrow vales, but belonged in fee simple to the sacred and inalienable past. Memory held the deed, and would not surrender it. After all, why should I sell? What justifiable reason was there that all those sacred scenes should be turned over to an alien? Why should I walk through another’s door or another’s fields to
visit the scenes that hold so much of sacredness to me? Why, it seemed like asking another's permission to visit the grave of my father, or to recall the memory of my beautiful dead. Per-cent is not worth everything, my brother. This may be but a sentiment; hope dies, and homes perish from earth, and one who trades sentiment for hard-earned cash has wrecked the nobility that is in him forever.

No, sir, I did not sell the farm. I may never more work on it, or toil in the furrows as my father toiled, but that which was won by him by hard and honest foresight I shall keep sacred to his memory and to all the scenes of youth and early manhood, to recollections that will not die, and that are more precious to me than gold, yea, than much fine gold.
CONCLUSION

“Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.”

This work is done, and yet very imperfectly done. Across the years that have stretched between us and our forefathers herein considered,—many of whom we have known only by tradition,—we see many changes, many vacant places, vacant save in memory. “Life itself is not the boundary of a good man’s usefulness, for an influence never dies — once born, it is immortal.”

Peace to the memory of the fathers, who, long years ago, were called to their reward! Green be their graves and calm be their resting place! Our friends are rapidly passing away —many are undoubtedly standing upon the margin of the unknown beyond. Another and younger generation is on the world’s stage of activity. Their opportunities and preparation for their work far excel the meager and circumscribed limits of their ancestors. May the sacred trusts committed to their care, and the manner in which they use them be as sacreely kept and as faithfully performed. Let those of us who have not completed our record, see to it that the talents and the powers God has entrusted to us have been wisely used, and thus ennoble our calling, whatever it may be. There is no work so humble but that it may be done to a great purpose and ennobled thereby.

Let us not be indifferent to life’s purposes, but have ever before us the thought that “life is a fixed and stern reality, fuller
of duties than the sky is of stars,” and that we each have a
great work to do—“a deep and earnest life work, solemn, real,
and useful.” He who will not meet the issues of life bravely
and faithfully is cowardly, and his life a failure.

If we would win in the battle of life,—for it is a conflict,—
and leave behind us a life work worth preserving, one that will
live after us, we must have a worthy object and a noble pur-
pose in view, and concentrate all our powers and energies upon
that object. Franklin says: “If you would not be forgotten as
soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading, or do
things worth writing.” Every man or woman has a respon-
sibility to God; we are rapidly hasting to the day of accounts.
“Every man must give an account of himself to God.” How
very brief is human existence, and yet the influences put in
motion by each human being will reach through eternity.

We are all candidates for immortality and eternal life. The
responsibilities and possibilities of human life are the most
thrilling and tremendous questions that were ever grasped by
the human intellect. The present mortal life is given us that
we may prepare for the future immortal life. Alas! how many
make the fatal mistake of simply living for this life, unmindful
and unappreciative of its golden opportunities or its momentous
responsibilities. The great Teacher said, “Seek ye first the
kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things
shall be added unto you.” Let us not stand idly dreaming,
waiting, waiting until occasion tells us what to do, or to have
our task marked out, else we shall die and leave our task unful-
filled; but rather let us wisely avail ourselves of every oppor-
tunity, and “gather roses while they bloom,” not waiting for
the “golden chance.” In the words of the poet: —
CONCLUSION

“He who is wise will not sit down
With folded hands and say,
‘Sometime, I trust, the Golden Chance
Will come along this way.’

“To such the opportunity
They wait for never comes;
It does not herald its approach
With noisy beat of drums.

“It comes with quiet tread and mien;
The dreamer does not see
That which he’s waited for so long—
His opportunity.

“And so the chance he seeks goes by,
To never come again,
And all too late he learns the truth,
When other watchful men

“Who do not fold their hands and wait
For great things, win the prize;
They seize the chance of every day
Before it hitherto flies.

“And thus they gain what dreamers lose;
Each chance that comes may be
The Golden Chance; so squander not
The opportunity.”

We can not recall the past life except by retrospect. We pass this way but once; a lost opportunity can never be recalled. We should so live that when we reach the evening of life, if such be our lot, and look back through the mist of years, it may not be over an ill-spent life; but rather may the years rise before us as a beautiful edifice, enduring forever, and enjoyed through the endless ages of the life to come.
CONCLUSION

At that grand reunion by and by, when the good and the blest of all ages shall come forth clad in immortal beauty and eternal youth, I want to see the brave, stalwart men and women whose memory we hold dear, whose great and noble deeds are an inspiration to us all, and a legacy imperishable.

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