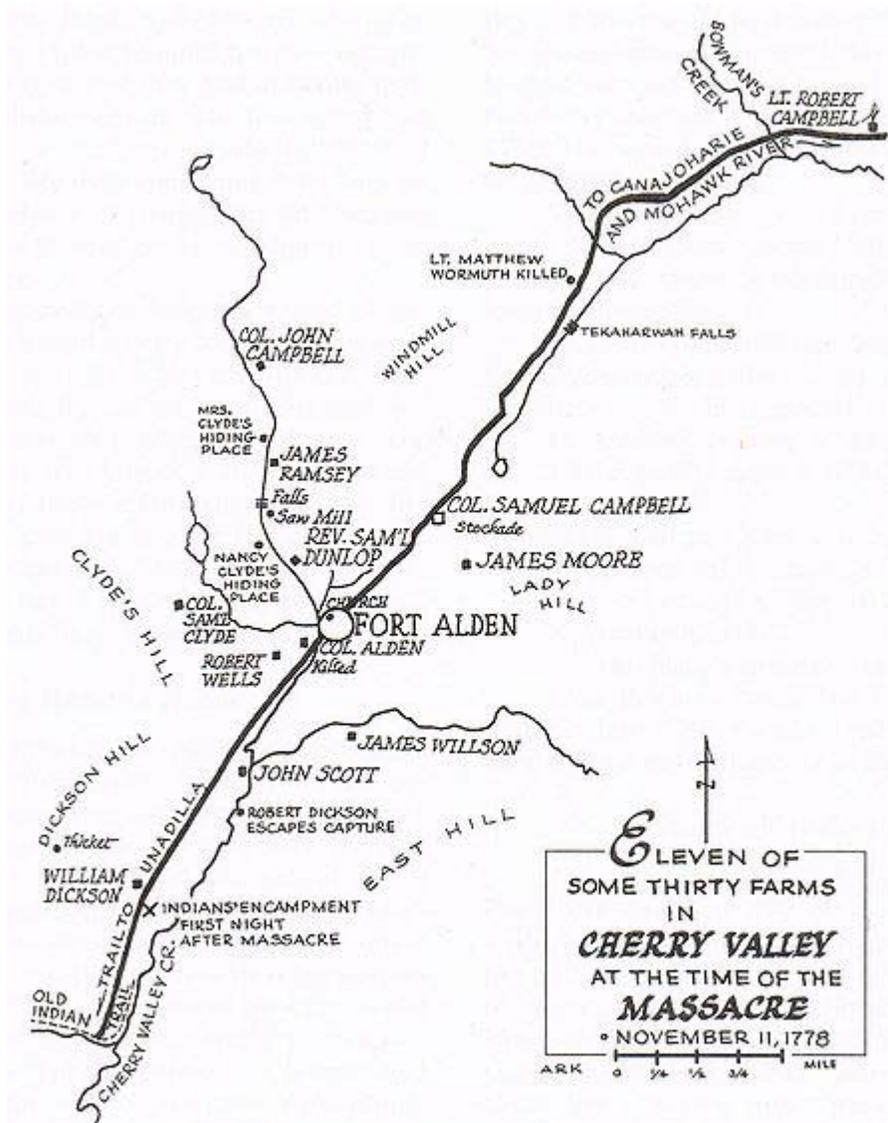


THE MCCUNE STORY



From a map drawn by the Reverend H.V. Swinnerton, 1877.
Lyman Draper Manuscripts. State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

McCune Generation 1

Archibald McCune

Jane

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Nancy McCune

William McCune

John McCune

Thomas McCune

Samuel McCune

Jane McCune

Elizabeth McCune

McCune Generation 2

Samuel McCune
Mary (Betsy) Boyles

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Polly McCune
Charity McCune
Elizabeth McCune
John McCune
Anna McCune
Samuel McCune
Susanna McCune
Martin McCune
Mathew McCune
Emma McCune
James McCune
Allen McCune

McCune Generation 3

James McCune
Sarah Case

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Mary McCune
Samuel McCune
Ann McCune
David McCune
Hannah McCune
Nancy McCune
John McCune
Sarah McCune

McCune Generation 4

**David McCune
Zippora Wickizer**

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**William McCune
John McCune
Una McCune
Herschel McCune
Adron McCune
Sarah McCune**

McCune Generation 5

Herschel McCune
Agnes Burkhardt

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Lucille McCune
John McCune
Joseph McCune
Engelbert McCune
Baby McCune
Frank McCune
William McCune
George McCune
Edward McCune
Leonard McCune
James McCune
Agnes McCune

This is a 200 year history of your McCune ancestors, dating from the pre-revolutionary war era to the mid 1900s. The origins of your ancestors are Irish, the McCunes and Boyles both coming from Ireland, While Charity Armstrong came from Germany. In tracing the history of the early McCunes, I must rely on what Myrtie Magrath wrote in "*The Tracy McCune Record*" dated August 6, 1900, a copy of which is at the Alden Library, University of Ohio at Athens, Ohio. Portions of her record are as follows:

"Martin McCune died in the city of Londondery, Ireland. His son Archibald married his wife in Pennsylvania at a place called Cherry Valley. Her name was Jane (last name, not given), and she had the misfortune to be taken prisoner by the Indians at the Cherry Valley massacre, and remained with them three years. The alarm of Indians had been given and all residents of the vicinity had gone to the block house. Jane McCune and one other woman and two men were out in the field pulling flax. The Indians not appearing as expected, they concluded all were gone, and these four returned to take care of the flax, and were surprised and captured. The married man was killed in the field, and, the babe belonging to the other woman, was taken from her on the march and its brains dashed out against a tree. The mother refused go away from it, and she was either killed or left there to die of grief, as Jane McCune and the other man were hurried away. One night Mrs. McCune, finding her hands unbound, she untied her feet and stole to the young man and cut the bonds on his hands and feet, and stealing a gun for him to carry with him, started him on a journey homeward, where he eventually arrived, and informed her friends of her fate. For this she was compelled to carry wood for a whole day to roast herself alive, but at the last minute, when she was just ready to be bound to the tree around which the wood was piled, an old squaw of a chief bought her for a slave from her captor (consequently owner) by giving a blanket for her. She was treated much better afterwards, and after peace was declared the agent found her among the prisoners to be exchanged, and returned her to her home. As Colonel Durkee, an old friend of hers, rode down the line looking at the prisoners, he recognized her and said: "My God! Is that you Jane?" She answered: "All that is left of me" She was in Canada when exchanged. The above information came from my grandfather Samuel McCune, son of John McCune and grandchild of Jane McCune, the subject of this sketch. He also said her husband, Archibald, was out as a soldier fighting Indians."

I would guess that she was exchanged in 1763-1764. I have tried to find this Cherry Valley referenced in other sources and have not been able to find anything about a massacre, nor could I find a Cherry Valley in Huntingdon County. All references I have found concerning Col. Durkee refer to his involvement in the Susquehanna Company, where families from Connecticut displaced resident Pennsylvanians in the Wyoming Valley. There were a number of Indian attacks and massacres at that time, notably the massacre at Willkes Barre, Pennsylvania in which ancestors of Zippora Wickiser, David McCune's wife, were killed. Samuel, John, and William McCune are all listed in the 1790 census of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, along with their brothers-in-law John Mansfield, John Royster, and Peter Boyles. A James Hardin, possibly Thomas McCune's father-in-law, is also listed on the same page. According to the Pennsylvania Archives, series 6, Vol. 3 pg 334, John and Thomas McCune were assigned to the Frankstown Township, Huntingdon County Ready Militia, Company 103 in 1778 under Capt. John Holiday. Also in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, which is adjacent to Huntingdon County, a land warrantee is listed for Archibald McCune:

Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Land Warrantees

McCune, S. Arch'd & Others in trust 29.112 acres May 16, 1808

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| William Holiday, Junr | 1 | " | 2 | " | 1 | William Pringle | 1 | 2 | 5 | " | " |
| John Holiday | 3 | 2 | 6 | " | " | John Martin | 2 | 2 | 5 | " | " |
| William Holiday | 1 | 2 | 5 | " | " | John Gargas | 1 | " | " | " | " |
| Thomas Blair | 6 | 1 | 5 | " | " | William Reed | 4 | " | 1 | " | " |
| William Gulliford | 1 | 4 | 5 | " | " | William Spare | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " |
| Hugh Long | 3 | 1 | 2 | " | " | John Marcham | 2 | 1 | 5 | " | " |
| Nichle Fetter | 2 | 2 | 2 | " | " | Thomas Armstrong | 2 | " | 3 | " | " |
| Samuel Moore | 3 | 1 | 2 | " | " | William Divinity | 2 | " | 1 | " | " |
| Peter Fetus | 6 | 2 | 5 | " | " | John Long | 1 | " | 5 | " | " |
| Daniel Fetus | 1 | 3 | 3 | " | " | Matthew White | 1 | 2 | 3 | " | 2 |
| Barnabas Bonner | 1 | 1 | 4 | " | " | Samuel Mcune | 3 | 2 | 2 | " | " |
| James McBlashey | 1 | " | 3 | " | " | William Mcune | 1 | " | 3 | " | " |
| Nicholas Inole | 1 | 4 | 1 | " | " | Jacob Gripe | 1 | 2 | 1 | " | " |
| Jacob Sumner | 2 | 3 | 3 | " | " | Simon Mason | 1 | " | 3 | " | " |
| William Anderson | 1 | 3 | 1 | " | " | Christian Shively | 3 | 2 | 3 | " | " |
| James Champlain | 1 | 7 | 3 | " | " | John Gripe | 2 | 1 | 1 | " | " |
| John McWhick | 3 | 1 | 2 | " | " | Jacob Shively | 1 | " | 1 | " | " |
| John Henry | 1 | " | 2 | " | " | John Tennison | 1 | " | 5 | " | " |
| John Marcham | 4 | " | 4 | " | " | John Royder | 1 | " | 5 | " | " |
| James Hearst | 2 | 2 | 1 | " | " | Lorenzo Lowrey | 1 | 2 | 3 | " | " |
| Eliza Lowrance | 2 | 1 | 6 | " | " | William Johnston | 3 | 1 | 3 | " | " |
| Francis Whetinger | 1 | 2 | 4 | " | " | Peter Boyls | 1 | " | 2 | " | " |
| John Freeman | 1 | 3 | 2 | " | " | John Wentet | 2 | 1 | 4 | " | " |
| William Forty the | 1 | 1 | 4 | " | " | Boston Bouslough | 1 | 1 | 3 | " | " |
| John Bowman | 2 | 4 | 5 | " | " | Nichle Walters | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " |
| Hugh Jackson | 1 | " | " | " | " | Henry Chamhonre | 1 | " | 4 | " | " |
| John Allen | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | " | Patrick Sullivan | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " |
| Daniel Moore | 3 | 2 | 5 | " | 1 | John Mansfield | 2 | 1 | 4 | " | " |
| John McLean | 3 | 1 | 5 | " | " | William Williams | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " |
| Samuel Caldwell | 2 | " | 1 | " | " | James Hardin | 1 | " | 4 | " | " |
| Patrick Capiday | 2 | 5 | 3 | " | " | Samuel Davis | 2 | " | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Geobert Kennedy | 3 | 2 | 3 | " | " | James Moore | 1 | " | 3 | " | 1 |
| Thomas McWhe | 3 | 2 | 4 | " | " | John Donnaloe | 3 | 5 | 5 | " | " |
| Abraham Robison | 3 | 2 | 2 | " | " | Edward Milligan | 1 | 2 | 7 | " | " |
| Daniel Martin | 1 | 1 | 2 | " | " | John Haggother | 1 | 2 | 1 | " | " |
| John David | 3 | 2 | " | " | " | Stephen Ollivy | 1 | 1 | 4 | " | " |
| William Field | 1 | 1 | 4 | " | " | John Gray | 1 | " | 3 | " | " |
| Andrew Fustler | 1 | 4 | 4 | " | " | John White | 1 | 4 | 4 | " | " |
| Leonard Wolf | 1 | " | 7 | " | " | Paul Fraasure | 1 | 1 | 4 | " | " |
| Hugh Murry | 1 | 3 | 2 | " | " | Andrew McIntosh | 1 | 1 | 2 | " | " |
| Alexander Lindsay | 1 | 2 | 2 | " | " | Daniel McIntosh | 1 | 1 | 2 | " | " |
| James Smith | 1 | 2 | 5 | " | " | John McForsin | 2 | 1 | 4 | " | " |
| Daniel Gripe | 1 | 4 | 4 | " | " | James McDonnaloe | 3 | 1 | 3 | " | " |
| Samuel Gripe | 1 | 4 | 1 | " | " | Nicholas Kene | 2 | " | 1 | " | " |
| James Crawford | 1 | 3 | 5 | " | " | Catin Fetter | 3 | 1 | 2 | " | " |
| William Crawford | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " | George Fetter | 1 | 5 | 5 | " | " |
| Peter Clawson | 1 | 4 | 2 | " | " | Jacob Burgoon | 1 | 1 | 6 | " | " |
| Josia Clawson | 1 | " | " | " | " | Christian Tups | 1 | 3 | 5 | " | " |
| Thomas Ferguson | 1 | " | 1 | " | " | Aaron Fanshite | 1 | 2 | 2 | " | " |
| Robert Curry | 2 | 4 | 3 | " | " | William Hairs | 2 | 3 | 3 | " | " |
| Nichle McGuire | 3 | 1 | 4 | " | " | Richard Clawson | 1 | 1 | 3 | " | " |
| Cornelius McGuire | 2 | 1 | 2 | " | " | William McFarlin | 1 | 1 | 4 | " | " |
| David Sprance | 3 | " | 2 | " | " | Henry Wright | 1 | 2 | 5 | " | " |
| Andrew Long | 2 | " | 3 | " | " | Charles Walburn | 1 | 2 | 3 | " | " |
| William Deason | 2 | 1 | 2 | " | " | Henry Caldwell | 1 | 3 | 2 | " | " |

1790 Census of Huntington County

“Jane McCune had two children before her capture by the Indians. She was with the Indians three years before the war closed and prisoners were exchanged.

Her two children saved in the block house were Nancy and William, and after her return she had 5 more, John, Thomas, Samuel, Jane, and Elizabeth, or "Betsy", as she was called.

Nancy married John Royster (Roister), and moved to Ohio , and from there to Kentucky, where she died.”

Records of Upper West Conococheaque Presbyterian Church,
Mercerburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania
Marriages by John king, D.D. 1769-1812

December 25, 1782 Roister, John McKewn, Nancy

William McCune was thrown from a horse in Pennsylvania and instantly killed.

Thomas McCune, son of Archibald and Jane married Rachael Hardin, from Pennsylvania, and settled near Amesville, Athens county, Ohio. He Volunteered in the war of 1812, and died in Detroit in 1814, after Hull had surrendered to the British.”

Thomas McCune, the 4th child of Archibald and Jane McCune was born around 1767 in Pennsylvania.. He married Rachel Hardin, probably in Huntingdon county, and settled in the southeastern part of Ohio. He first settled in what is now Athens county, then to Jefferson county, and later to Ross county, Ohio. In 1801, the 3rd session of the Ohio Territorial Legislature was held in Chillicothe with Thomas McCune being one of the representatives from Jefferson county. In spite of his age, he was a volunteer in the Ohio Militia during the War of 1812, and died in Detroit in 1814 according to the ***“Tracy McCune Genealogical Record”***. Rachel’s pension application states he was in the 2nd Ohio Regiment serving under the command of Brig. Gen. Tappen, Col Robert Stafford, and Capt. Luther Shepherd. I was not able to find him in the listings of the Ohio 2nd Regiment. I did find a Capt. Luther Shepherd but Thomas McCune is not listed with his company. There is a Corp Thomas McCime listed in his company and may be a misinterpretation of long-hand writing of Thomas McCune. I was not able to find any McCime listed in any census. The pension application also states that the final payment of the original 5 year, half payment of \$3.50 was made the 26th of March, 1819. From this, I assume that his death occurred in the early part of 1814. I have not been able to find a battle involving the Ohio militia in the Detroit area within this time frame. According to the book, ***“History of Detroit and Wayne County”***, an epidemic swept through the garrison at Detroit during the winter of 1813-1814, similar in action to that of cholera, that decimated the ranks. It was so bad, there wasn’t enough wood to make coffins, so the dead were dumped in a pit and covered up. ***“Seven hundred soldiers were buried west of the fort in the winter of 1813-1814.”*** In Later years when that area was being developed, there were reports of numerous bones being dug up. I have as yet been unable to find a listing of those who perished, but I suspect Thomas McCune was one of the casualties of this epidemic.

Rachel lived in Chillicothe, Ohio the remainder of her life, and is listed in the 1860 census as being 91 years old. I have been able to identify only one child of Thomas and Rachel, a Lucinda McCune who married a butcher by the name of John Colson. Lucinda’s death record lists her parents as Thomas and Rachel McCune. Rachel was living with John and Lucinda Colson according to the 1850 and 1860 census. I assume there were other children of Thomas and Rachel. There was a Mahala McCune, listed as a granddaughter of Rachel in the 1850-1860 census. The following documents are copies of Rachel’s pension application filed in 1858, and the 1853 transfer of bounty land granted to certain soldiers and signed by president Franklin Pierce.

Subscribed & sworn to in open
Court this 15th day of June 1853
Samuel F. McCreary
Probate Judge

^{her}
Mahala & McCreary
mark
Elizabeth Gibbs

The State of Ohio
Ross County

I Samuel F. McCreary, Judge of
the Probate Court for the county and state aforesaid
hereby certify that the foregoing affidavits were
taken by me in open Court at the time therein
stated, and that I am personally acquainted with
the within named Rachel McCreary and know
her to be the same person she represents herself to
be. I further certify that I have full power
and authority by law to authenticate my own
acts, by the seal of the said Probate Court of
Ross County

In testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my name and affixed
the seal of the said Court this
15th day of June 1853 -

Samuel F. McCreary
Probate Judge

The State of Ohio }
Ross County } ss

On this 15th day of June 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court within and for the county of Ross and State of Ohio, Rachel McBune, a resident of Chillicothe, in the county of Ross, aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed the 3^d February 1853, granting the renewal of half pay to certain widows and orphans: that she is the widow of Thomas McBune, who was a private in Captain Luther Shephard's Company, Second Regiment of Ohio Militia, commanded by Col Robert Safford, War of 1812; that the monthly amount of half pay which she received under the act of 16th April 1816, was four dollars per month. She further declares that she is still a widow

Subscribed & sworn to in 3 Rachel ^{her} McBune
open Court this 15th day of ^{month} June 1853
Saml M^{ary} Probate Judge

The State of Ohio }
Ross County } ss

On this 15th day of June 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court for said county, Mahala McBune and Elizabeth Sills, both of lawful age who being first duly sworn by me depose and say that they are personally acquainted with Rachel McBune widow of Thomas McBune dead and that the said Rachel McBune is still a widow never having married since the death of the said Thomas McBune

The State of Ohio

Ross County

On this 8th day of September, A.D. 1858,
personally appeared before the undersigned a
Notary Public, in and for said
county and state, Rachel McCune, a
resident of the city of Chillicothe, in
the county of Ross, and state of Ohio,
aged 58 years, who being first duly
sworn according to law doth on her
oath make the following declaration, in
order to obtain the benefits of the pro-
vision made by the act of Congress passed
the 3^d June 1858, entitled "An Act to
extend an act entitled 'an act to continue
half-pay to certain widows and orphans'
approved February threeth eighteen hundred
and fifty three

That she is the widow of Thomas
McCune deceased, who was a private in
the Company commanded by Captain
Luther Shepherd, in the second Regiment
of Ohio Militia commanded by Genl
Robert Safford, under Brigadier General
Edw. W. Snicker, in the war with Great Brit-
ain, declared by the United States, on the 18th
day of June 1812-

That she is the identical person

who was pensioned under the 1st section of
the act approved ^{February} ~~February~~, 3, 1853, at the
rate of three dollars and fifty cents per month;
which said pension she received from the
agent for paying pensions in Cincinnati,
County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio;
That her former pension certificate ^{has}
been surrendered, ~~and~~ of which she has
neglected to procure a copy, and cannot
therefore state its date but that the date
of the commencement of said certificate
and its ~~commencement~~ must have been some
time in the month of February A.D. 1853,
and its termination in the month of
February A.D. 1858. That she has resided
in Chillicothe Ross County Ohio, her
present post office and residence, for
about forty nine years. She further declares
that she is still a widow.

She further hereby constitutes and
appoints William H. Safford, of Chillicothe,
in the County of Ross, and State of Ohio,
her true and lawful attorney, hereby
authorizing him to prosecute this her claim
for a renewal of her pension, and to
receive the certificate to be issued thereon.

Rachel ^{her} McBane
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day
and year first above written; and I certify
that I am not interested in said claim as
attorney, agent or otherwise.

William R. Madeira
Notary Public

The State of Ohio

County of Ross

On this 8th day of September, A.D. 1858, per-
sonally appeared before me the undersigned
Judge a Notary Public duly authorized
by law to administer oaths for general pur-
poses in said county and State, George S. Batten

_____ and Uriah P. Whiston
who are to me well known to be residents
of the county of Ross and State of Ohio,
and credible witnesses, and who being by
me first duly sworn depose and say, that
they are well acquainted with Mrs. Rachel
McCune, who subscribed and swore to the
above declaration in their presence, ^{that}
^{the said Whiston}
~~they~~ ^{has} known her for at least twelve
and the said George S. Batten for at least 30
years last past. That she is the
widow of Thomas McCune deceased, who
served in the Regiment and company thus
mentioned. That she is the identical
person to whom a pension has heretofore
been granted at the rate of three dollars

and fifty cents per month, and that the said Rachel McCune is still a widow.

Affiants further state that they derive their knowledge of the facts herein deposed to from a long and intimate acquaintance with the said Rachel McCune, being her neighbors, and having known said family for the length of time herein before deposed to. They further state that they have no interest in the application of the said Rachel McCune for a continuance of her pension.

Geo J Baker
Du J. W. Luster

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first in this affidavit written.

William R. Madeira
Notary Public

The State of Ohio }
Ross County, ff. } 3

A. A. Hanson, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that William R. Madeira Esq. by whom the within and foregoing affidavits were taken was at the time of taking the same and now is a Notary Public, in and for the county of Ross aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, and that his signatures respectively thereto are genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at Chillicothe, this 8th day of September A.D. 1858.

A. Hanson, Clerk

Beilicethe Ohio

September 8th 1858

How George B Whiting

Commissioner of Pensions

Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I forward you the application of Mrs Rachel McCune for a renewal of her pension under the act of June 3rd 1858

You will please examine the papers in the case and if found correct issue certificate of pension directed to me at this place

Very respectfully yours

M. H. Safford

Atty for Applicant



copy June 22, 1894 C 91
The United States of America,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 31,954 for 80 acres, issued in favor of

Rachel McLune, widow of Thomas McLune, Deceased, Private in Captain Shepard's Company, Ohio Militia, Mar 1872

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the

West half of the South West quarter of Section thirty three, in Township ten, of Range nineteen, in the District of Lands subject to Sale at 6 mills - co. Ohio, containing eighty acres.

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL: *Which had been assigned unto Joseph Hague.*

Now Know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said *Joseph Hague*

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *Joseph Hague, and to his*

heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Franklin Pierce,* PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.



GIVEN under my hand, at the City of WASHINGTON, the *first* day of *December,* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty-three* and of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED STATES the seventy-*eighth*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Franklin Pierce*

By *J. H. Wheeler,* Asst. Sec'y.

J. A. Granger, Recorder of the General Land Office.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

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WHEREAS, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, entitled an "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 62 62 for 80 acres, in favor of Rachel M'Gune a widow of Thomas M'Gune, deceased, a Private in Captain Stephens Company of Ohio Militia, War of 1812

with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the West half of the South East quarter of Section two in Township Ninety one North of Range Twenty three West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Fort Dodge, Iowa, containing eighty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL The said Warrant having been assigned by the said Rachel M'Gune to Lawrence Manogue in whose favor the said tract has been located

NOW KNOW YE, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Lawrence Manogue as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Lawrence Manogue as assignee as aforesaid and to his

heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Franklin Pierce PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, and of the Independence OF THE UNITED STATES the Eighteenth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Franklin Pierce By J. S. White Sec'y. Recorder of the General Land Office.

Returning to the Tracy McCune Genealogy Record

"Samuel McCune, (your direct ancestor) "son of Archibald and Jane, married a sister of Jacob, David and Peter Boyles, the father and uncle of his brother John's wife. Her name was Mary, but went by the nickname "Betsey".

Jane McCune, daughter of Archibald and Jane married David Boyles, another of the three Boyles brothers, and she lived and died in Ames township.

Elizabeth or "Betsey" McCune, married Joseph Ingard. Both husband and wife died in Pennsylvania.

Now, while the Boyles and McCunes were so intermarried, it is best that an account be given of them. These three brothers, Jacob, David and Peter, and their sister Betsey were early settlers in Athens county, and near the first homestead of the McCune family. As John McCune first owned land where the Canaanville depot stands now, and was in close proximity to what afterwards became Nehemiah Warren's farm, or "Jockey" Warren, as he is generally called.

Their mother, Charity Boyles, born Armstrong, was a widow, and came from Germany. She died at Cherry Valley at the age of 102 years and 3 months. I do not know which Cherry Valley they were from, as there are four in Pennsylvania, but I think the Boyles family went from Bedford county.

Jacob Boyles was born in Germany, and it was supposed that all of Charity Boyles children were born there. His wife was Nancy Wilgus, whom he married in Hackettstown, New Jersey, and they lived there eight years before going West. They had a daughter named Mary, who became the wife of John McCune, from whom almost all Athens county McCunes are descended.

Jacob Boyles and his wife Nancy Wilgus had also two sons, Martin and John.

Martin Boyles married Judith Davis, from Sugar creek, Athens county, Ohio, and they had five boys and one girl, who was named for her mother, Judith. Martin died near Nelsonville, and his wife died in Illinois.

John Boyles, brother of Mary Boyles McCune and Martin Boyles, married Nancy Miller, daughter of John Miller. The marriage occurred near Amseville, John Miller's residence occupying the site of what was known to children my age as "The Judge Wright" house, long since destroyed, near the large rock called "Sportsman's Hall", where stolen chickens and sweet potato remains were often discovered.

John Boyles and Nancy Miller Boyles' children were John, Absolom, Wallace, Sarah and Lois. Absolom married Lucinda Owens. Their children were Julia, Oscar, Emma, Addie, Charles and Marion. Charles married Thurza Corns. Their children were Morgan and George. John married Amanda Howard and had one son, John May. The second wife was Jane Smith.

Wallace married Jennie Haines. Lois married John Black. Sarah never married. All of these Boyles brothers and sisters moved to Illinois after they sold their farm to Samuel and Almira McCune. Lois was married there and had one child named Nancy, for her mother. Not having their address I could not write to them.

Jacob Boyles married twice. The last wife was Lois Decker. She had one son, Absolom. At his death Jacob willed all his money and real estate to his second wife, leaving out Martin, Mary and John, his first wife's children, who had done the hard work in their younger days to place their father in comfortable circumstances. At the death of Lois, she willed everything to her son, Absolom, and at his death the property went from Nancy, his wife, to Abel Glaizer, a nephew of Nancy's, on a contract to support and provide for her until death. He afterwards sold it to Henry Curtis with the same proviso.

This state of affairs caused an estrangement among the first children and the father, and his second wife and son, that was never wholly overlooked or forgotten.

Jane McCune, daughter of Archibald and Jane McCune, married David Boyles.

That made Samuel McCune and Jane McCune, brother and sister, marry Betsey Boyles and David Boyles, brother and sister, and the third brother Jacob Boyles' daughter, married John, who was the older McCune boy, and brother of Samuel and Jane.

You may study this puzzle for yourself, for I have tried in vain to decipher the relationship.

Mary Boyles was married to John McCune in Pennsylvania about 1798, and removed with her parents and brothers to Ohio, and settled with six other families on a school lot near Willow creek, or Canaanville.

The father, John, died in 1814, aged 50 years, and Mary died in 1832, leaving the family in charge of Samuel, the oldest son. He was born August 9, 1799, died January 20, 1885.

Samuel McCune (your direct ancestor) was born August 23, 1772. He married March 25, 1811, "Betsey" Boyles, born June 5, 1785."

The marriage date is an obvious error and is in fact the marriage date of his second wife, Polly Dixon.

"Their children were: Polly McCune, born December 27, 1791; Elizabeth and Charity (twins), born February 10, 1793; both died same day; John McCune, born April 25, 1794; Anna McCune, born January 7, 1796; Samuel McCune, born August 22, 1797; Susanna McCune, born March 29, 1799; Martin McCune, born October 4, 1801; Matthew McCune, born May 11, 1803; Emma McCune, born October 6, 1804; James McCune, born January 17, 1806; Allen McCune, born October 19, 1807.

Samuel McCune married his second wife, Polly Dixon, born June 5, 1785; married March 25, 1811."

Another obvious error in the birth dates of Samuel's wives, both born on the same day. I expect Polly Dixon's is correct since it agrees with her tombstone inscription, and Betsey's is wrong, especially since the date of her first child's birth is 27 December 1791. The James McCune mentioned above is your direct ancestor.

"Samuel's children by second wife: Elizabeth, born February 17, 1812; Nelson, born May 19, 1814; Samuel, one of the first children, died April 26, 1818; John, one of the first children, died August 4, 1801;"

I think the above statement "Samuel, one of the first children died April 26, 1818" is an error. The Mudsock cemetery inscriptions taken in the early 1900s, list "McCune, Samuel birth unreadable, death 26 April 1818 age 47". This would make the death date cited by Mrs. Magrath as the one for the elder Samuel, not his son. When we were at the cemetery in 2005, the headstone was weathered to the point of being unreadable. I have not found anything further on the younger Samuel. Before Samuel married his second wife Polly Dixon, he set a dower, promising her title to 100 acres of his land upon his death. This is supported by documents on file at the Alden Library. These documents, as well as records of the inventory and sale of other property after his death in 1818, are shown in later pages, along with Polly Dixon McCune's will. The 1920 federal census of Ames Township, Athens county, Ohio shows Polly McCune as head of household: one female 24-65; one female 10-16; one female under 10; three

males 16-18; one male under 10. (probably Polly, Emma, Elizabeth, James, Allen, Martin, Samuel, and Nelson). In reading Polly's will dated 1 November 1824, she bequeaths, upon her death all property to be divided among her three children, specifying two daughters and a son. The two children listed in the "*Tracy McCune Genealogy Record*" are Elizabeth (Betsey) and Nelson. The third one is not named in either Polly's will or the "*Tracy McCune Genealogy Record*". I have never found any other reference to this third child. Something else that is curious, is the date of the will 1 November 1824. Polly's tombstone reads "Mary Wife of Samuel McCune died September 1824 in her 40th year" (The names Mary and Polly were interchangeable back then).

Additional tales of the McCunes and Boyles of Athens county is given in the "*History of Athens County, Ohio*" pgs 373-375.

"In the year 1798 Samuel, John, and Thos. McCune, three brothers, and David, Jacob and Peter Boyles, came from Pennsylvania and settled temporarily on the Hocking, on what is now N.O. Warren's farm, where they remained till 1802 when they removed to the township of Ames and settled within half a mile of the present village of Amesville. George Ewing Jr., brother of Thomas Ewing, married a daughter of this David Boyles. The three McCune brothers, as also two of the Boyles brothers, were strong, athletic men, and great hunters, sometime killing, it is said, twelve or fourteen deer and three or four bears in a day. John McCune was something of a mechanic, and used to repair the guns of his neighbors. On one occasion a man brought his gun to be mended and borrowed McCune's gun to use in the meantime. Before repairing the gun, McCune went out with it to kill some game. Coming unexpectedly on a bear, he tried to shoot it, but the gun failed to go off, when the bear, as if seeing his advantage, made for the hunter. McCune, unlike his gun, went off. He ran as fast as he could for some distance, the bear closely pursuing, and McCune trying every few rods to fire his gun, which, however seemed to like the situation, and refused to be discharged. After running about half a mile, a neighbor's dogs came to his assistance, and Bruin was driven off but not killed. Wolves were, of course, very abundant at that time, and killing a wolf was a common occurrence. The wife of John McCune seeing something pass the door of their cabin one evening which she took for a dog, set their own dog upon it, and, at the same time stepping out the door, found it was a large black wolf. Arming herself with a pitchfork that stood within reach, she and the dog kept up a running fight of several rods and finally killed the wolf.

John Boyles and John McCune, while hunting one day, came upon a mother bear and two cubs. Boyles fired at it and wounded the old bear, and then, wishing to see his dog kill one of the cubs, laid down his gun and hissed his dog on to attack the cub-the old bear and other cub beating a retreat. Boyles, becoming interested in the fight between his dog and the cub, had approached near them, when he was disagreeably startled by seeing the old bear return, brought by the cries of the cub, and place herself between him and his gun. He was preparing to make the best battle he could with his with his hunting knife, when McCune, hearing his call for help, hastened to the spot and dispatched the bear by a bullet from his rifle. The sons of the McCune brothers still live in the county, and like their fathers before them, have been famous hunters and contributed much toward ridding the settlement and eastern part of the county of the wild game and "vermin" that so annoyed the early settlers. Jacob McCune, one of the sons of John McCune, a few years since, on the occasion of a squirrel hunt, killed in one day one hundred and three grey squirrels, and Samuel McCune, his brother, killed eighty-three."

Of Samuel McCune's children by his first wife Mary(Betsy) Boyles: Polly married Rueben Davis

January 27, 1811 in Athens, Ohio. She died in Athens, Ohio in 1818; Anna married Joseph Butt December 25, 1816 in Athens, Ohio. She died in 1852 in Athens, Ohio; Matthew married Myrum Mansfield; Emma married Samuel Butt in Perry county, Ohio. She died May 11, 1861 in Nelsonville, Ohio, and is buried in Fort Street cemetery; James, David McCune's father married Sarah Case February 01, 1827 in Athens, Ohio; Allen married Elsie Connet November 15, 1827 in Athens, Ohio.

It is worth noting the service of two of David McCune's cousins who were killed during the Civil War. George Washington Butt was the son of Emma McCune Butt, and Edward McCune was the son of Allen McCune. The first article comes from a Tom Davis:

“Butt and McCune”

“Twenty-four years after our country gained its independence, the nineteenth century began. At that time in SE Ohio my great great great grandparents were born. Little more is known about them other than their names--Joseph Butt and Anne McCune. They were both natives of Ohio with Joseph being born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio and Anne believed to be from Athens County. They were married and daughter, Charity Butt, my gg grandmother was born on February 22, 1830 in Athens county, Ohio. I am assuming she had a brother named George W. Butt who was born in Tuscarawas County in 1843. George and Charity had a cousin on their mothers side named Edward J McCune. Edward as born in 1839 in Athens County.

In the Fall of 1861 as the country was in full realization of the Civil War, these two young men joined the Ohio Volunteers as a newly formed company in Nelsonville, Ohio. This company became Co. G, 18th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and a member of the Army of the Cumberland.

Edward was then 22 years old and a farmer. He was dark complexioned, 5' 10 1/2" tall with Hazel eyes and brown hair. His cousin George Butt was a shoemaker, 5' 6 7/8" tall with light complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. George was 18 years old when he volunteered on October 2, 1861. Edward volunteered 18 days later and both men were "muster-in" the Army on October 24th at Camp Dennison, Ohio. The company then met roll call in Cincinnati on November 5th where they would join similar companies of men from around the state of Ohio to form the 18th Regiment. So George and Edward would cross the Ohio River at Cincinnati and head into war with very little training. But nevertheless they were no better or worse trained than most of the Union Army or the enemy. These two would cross the river back into Ohio one more time each. George Butt would return home on leave March 18, 1862 because he was sick. Ed McCune would return home in the summer of 1862 after being released from a Confederate prison.

After they rejoined Co. G, they would never see Ohio again. The Butt and McCune families back in Athens County would learn their sons had given their lives "to save the Union". Both would fight on the same red clayed earth of northern Georgia at a battle called Chickamauga. On Sunday, September 20, 1863 as their parents prayed in churches, both George and Edward would be wounded. Corporal George Butt died that day from a wound through his body. Private Edward McCune died from a wound in his left leg between the knee and ankle in Chattanooga 24 days later.

From their records, these two men had Army careers which began and ended together, but were actually very different:

George got sick some four months after joining. The word "sick" is all that is recorded, it could have been one of many medical problems. Since all these men came from the same county maybe the Company Commander sent George home as being "homesick". He was on leave for the April roll call, but was present in May 1862.

Meanwhile George Butt was attending to his military duties and was promoted to Corporal on

January 11, 1863, while cousin Edward was floating around Ohio for eight months.

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About the time Edward was reinstated in April, Rosecrans's Army of the Cumberland met Bragg's Army of Tennessee at Murfreesburg. There, the two forces lay inactive for six months less than 40 miles apart. Then Rosecrans' Army slipped around Bragg's flank and forced the Confederates out of Tennessee with out a fight. Bragg retreated 12 miles into Georgia to await reinforcements from Virginia. While fumbling for each other in the mountain terrain, the two armies collided at Chickamauga Creek, on September 19, 1863. The next day at 9 AM Sunday morning the Confederate Armies led by General Bragg, Polk and Longstreet attack a protruding line of Union troops led by General George Thomas. After repelling the Confederate early attacks, Longstreet breaks through the Union's right flank and starts to over run the Union forces. There are two things to note here. Gen. Thomas' lightly defended right flank stops Longstreet at Snodgrass Hill enabling the rest of the army to retreat from a potential slaughter, thus earning him the nickname "The Rock of Chickamauga". Point two, this was the exact spot where Co. G, 18th Regiment was located and where the red blood of two boys from Nelsonville would meet the red clay of Georgia.

*Among all the noise, confusion and intensity of the battle, a comrade reported that Corporal Butt had been wounded and was lying in a field nearby. Captain Cable detailed Sergeant Launcelot L. Scott and Jack Figgins to find him. These two intercepted two other Union soldiers as they were carrying Butt in a blanket. Scott and Figgins relieved them and they carried Corporal Butt to a spot under a white oak tree near the Snodgrass house which was now a field hospital. The house and surrounding yard was full of wounded needing medical attention. Corporal Butt asked for some coffee and complained he was cold. So his comrades wrapped him in blankets and made him some coffee, but he was unable to drink due to his mortal condition. Sgt Scott first heard the enemy advancing toward them and then noted the area was being over run with Confederate troops. He then realized his army had retreated back to Roseville Road leading back to Chattanooga. To avoid being captured, Scott and Figgins left Corporal Butt to the care of James C. Chapman, who was also wounded. Both men became missing in action and it is believed that Corporal Butt died that day. Chapman died in a Confederate prison in Danville, Virginia (Chapman, James C, d. 03/26/1864, PVT CO B 18 OHIO INF, Plot: C 483, *) George W. Butt died as a prisoner of war, but was never recorded as dead and no burial place noted. Thus he was recorded as missing in action.*

Private Edward McCune with a wounded left leg was able to retreat with the mass of the Army of the Cumberland back to Chattanooga, where they were able to fight another major battle of the war. Grant took over from Rosecrans and the war went on. Edward McCune avoided being captured a second time and was placed in a hospital in Chattanooga. On October 24, 1863 the second anniversary of his "muster in" at camp Dennison, he died. Nothing is known about his wound, but speculation is that like many others, the leg was amputated and then gangrene set in. He is buried under stone # 1203 in the military cemetery at Chattanooga.

A year later in the fall of 1864 these two men from Nelsonville were given their official discharges. On October 30th, George W. Butt was noted he had received in advanced \$50.00 for uniforms. George had paid this and his discharge noted that a bounty of \$100 was due him. On the other hand, Edward J. McCune received his discharge on November 9th, and he had received \$36.14

for clothing which was noted, "his clothing account had never been settled since the organization of the company". Both men had last been paid on June 3, 1863 and were thus due four months pay. Corporal Butt's family should have received that four months pay plus the \$100 bounty. Private McCune's family should have received that four months pay, and obviously, minus the \$36.14."
Tom Davis 1/31/94

Sources: National Archives, "The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War", and a article from an unknown newspaper by L. I. Scott (supplied by Betty Renshaw and Cousin Addie la France)

NOTE: Ohio Civil War records show George as wounded and missing in action on 20 September 1863, and Edward as being wounded on 20 September 1863 and his death on 11 October 1863. (ancestry.com)"

The government did pay George Butts bounty of \$118.20 on January 20, 1866 and is included in Emma Butt's estate settlement. His grave has never been located.

The sources for the following bios are unknown.

Biography of George W. Butt, Co G

"Not much is known about George Butt's early life. From the age at the time of his enlistment, it is assumed he was born in 1843 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. His parents were Joseph Butt and Ann McCune. George and his sister, Charity Butt, had a cousin named Edward McCune who also enlisted in the 18th Ohio. On his enlistment papers, George is described as being 5 foot 6 7/8 inches tall with light complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. It is felt that the mood and enthusiasm in the country to take up arms must have been a strong inducement to join Company G.

Moving into Kentucky with the Regiment in early November, the winter of 1861-1862 would prove to be a hard one for many of the young soldiers. At Bacon Creek, Kentucky, the doctors would work around the clock tending to the many cases of measles, mumps, rubella, and smallpox. Another soldier described the conditions of the makeshift hospital which consisted of an old house where one person did the cooking and not much of that was done. Another said it was not much better than a hog shed where the cold wind blew through every time the door was opened. George was given leave to return home on March 18, 1862, but returned to the company in May of 1862.

It is assumed that he was with the unit throughout the summer and fall of 1862 when the Regiment was marching and countermarching all over Tennessee and Alabama. When cold weather arrived in the fall of 1862, the new leader of the Army of the Cumberland, General William Rosecrans, led the offensive against Bragg at the town of Murfreesboro. The Battle of Stones River took place on the icy morning of December 31, 1862. At some point during the battle, George was wounded. His name was recorded by the Regimental Surgeon, Dr. William Parker Johnson in a letter home to be published in the Athens Messenger.

Having several months to recover, George was still with the 18th into the spring and summer of 1863 when Rosecrans' army was again on the march. The fateful battle took place on September 19 and 20. The 20th proved to be particularly bad for the Regiment as they made a desperate charge at the Horseshoe Ridge to push back the numerically superior Confederates. During the engagement, George was wounded and it was believed to be mortal. Sgt. Launcelot Scott and Jack Figgins were sent to the Snodgrass Cabin to lend assistance and to carry the wounded George Butt who was reported to be still lying on the battlefield. Finding him in particular bad shape and requesting coffee, Scott and Figgins set about making it only to have George be unable to drink it. Realizing the Union army was in retreat and about to be captured, Scott made the decision to leave George and the other wounded and try to make it back to the Federal lines. James Chapman, also wounded and from Company B, said he would

stay with George. Nothing more is known of the fate of George Butt. He is listed as missing, but was most probably buried in an unmarked grave somewhere on the battlefield. If wounded as severe as Scott believed, he would not have survived with the inadequate care reported by other survivors who suffered the same fate. The search for George Butt's final resting place is an ongoing project and it is hoped that Confederate records or letters may shed some light on what happened to him."

Biography of Edward J. McCune, Co G

"Edward J. McCune was born in Athens County, Ohio in 1839. In the fall of 1861, Edward was 22 years old and making a living as a farmer. At the time of his enlistment in the 18th Ohio Volunteers, he is described as being 5' 10 1/2" with hazel eyes and brown hair. His complexion was described as dark. On the 20th of October, 1861, Edward volunteered for service and was mustered into the Federal Service on the 24th of October, 1861 at Camp Dennison, Ohio. His cousin, George Butt entered the service at the same time.

Moving into Kentucky with the Regiment, Edward was on board the steamship, "Jacob Strader". The voyage down the Ohio River was described as uneventful, except for the practical jokes the soldiers were constantly playing upon each other. Surviving the winter sicknesses of Camp Haycraft outside Bacon Creek, Edward was with the Regiment throughout the early spring campaign. Unfortunately, Edward was one of the men who was captured at Athens, Alabama when Col. Scott and the 1st Louisiana Cavalry forced the Regiment to make a hasty retreat from that place. After spending time as an unintended guest of the Confederate government, he was released in the summer of 1862 and was allowed to come back to Ohio. Rejoining his unit in Tennessee in January of 1863, he missed the fight at Stones River.

When the Union Army was once again on the march in June of 1863, Edward was with them and remained until early September. At the Battle of Chickamauga, Edward McCune was wounded in the left leg but managed to retreat with the rest of Rosecrans' army toward Rossville and eventually back to Chattanooga. It is not known as to the cause of his death, but having his wound become septic and gangrenous was the most likely reason. In any event, almost a month after the Battle of Chickamauga, he died and was buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery at Chattanooga Tennessee. His grave plot number is reported to be #1208 in Section C."



Note: Ohio Civil War records show George as wounded in action on 20 September, 1863 and Edward as being wounded on 20 September, 1863 and his death on 11 October, 1863

The government did pay George Butt's bounty of \$118.20 on January 20, 1866, and is included in Emma Butt's estate letter as having been received. His grave has still not been located.

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Samuel W. Butt Adm^r of Emma Butt de^d.
in a/c. with the Estate of said deceased 20

To amount of Pay and Bounty of George W. Butt de^d.
received from the United States (6/20/66) Jan. 20, 1866. \$118.20

Supra Cr.

| | |
|--|----------------|
| By p ^d Probate Judge, for Aug. 25, 1865. as per voucher | \$0.00 |
| By p ^d Same for on first a/c - Feb. 6, 1869 - | |
| By 6/20/66. adm ^r 's fee on \$118.20 - | <u>7.02</u> |
| Total Credits | \$ |
| Balance for distribution | |
| By p ^d Judge on 11 th of | 11 13 |
| By p ^d Trustee | 2.00 |
| | <u>13 13</u> |
| Balance in Adm ^r 's hands | <u>\$92.98</u> |

Samuel W. Butt Administrator as above
swears that the foregoing account is just and
true in all respects as he believes

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 6th day of February 1869 } Samuel W. Butt
Circuit Judge

Emma Butt Estate

Getting back to Samuel McCune, he settled in Amesville and built his house on a hill which now overlooks the Mudsock cemetery. After his death, his personal effects were sold. An accounting of the sale is given in the following documents:

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of Samuel McCune deceased, late of the Township of Ames and County of Athens, taken by us John Brown, Ezra Green and James Coakle, Appraisers, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of said County.

| | \$ | Cts. | | \$ | Cts. |
|----------------------------------|----|------|----------------------------------|----|--------|
| A Wagon at | 20 | 00 | Old Kettle | 00 | 75 |
| A Loom | 05 | 00 | 3 little spinning wheel | 02 | 50 |
| a small plough | 03 | 00 | 1 ^h Bushel | 00 | 75 |
| a shingle bar | 00 | 50 | 4 Barrels | 01 | 00 |
| a saddle | 04 | 00 | Meal Chest | 01 | 00 |
| 20 yoke, King & Staple | 02 | 00 | 4 Chairs | 01 | 25 |
| a grind stone | 02 | 50 | a Jugg | 00 | 25 |
| An Ox | 01 | 25 | 4 Brewster plates | 01 | 50 |
| Old Iron | 03 | 55 | a Knife Box | 00 | 50 |
| Side Saddle & saddle | 07 | 00 | Shears | 00 | 12 1/2 |
| Log Chair | 01 | 50 | Brown Cankern | 01 | 38 |
| Horse Greases | 05 | 50 | 2 Water pails | 00 | 75 |
| Ox Steel | 02 | 00 | a Leather Bed slatted | 12 | 00 |
| 2 Sythe hangings | 01 | 25 | a Little Bed | 04 | 50 |
| 1 Harrow Set | 05 | 50 | a Table | 03 | 00 |
| Wagon Box | 01 | 50 | 5 Sheep & 11 Lambs | 30 | 00 |
| 2 Clevis | 00 | 50 | Old Iron | 00 | 12 1/2 |
| a Cupboard | 10 | 00 | Note on Robert Long and Workover | 47 | 00 |
| Books | 01 | 75 | 8 Hacks & a Warrup | 03 | 50 |
| Iron Shovel & Tong | 03 | 50 | Kettle & Pail | 04 | 00 |
| Iron Kettle | 02 | 00 | Wagon Wheel | | |
| Iron pot #2. 5 Dribb Oven 150 | 03 | 50 | Wick Green & Milk | 14 | 00 |
| 2 Dribb Oven 125, 3 Chair frames | 02 | 75 | Shoe and 6 Nips | 02 | 00 |
| | 44 | 25 | a pair of 63 Gravel Sticks | 30 | 00 |
| | | | Two boxes with Milk | | |
| | | | Calves #1, 15 each | 30 | 00 |
| | | | Leaves 2 Gas on Steer | 13 | 00 |
| | | | one pair Old Hinges | 05 | 00 |
| | | | 44 nails & Pickers in the Oven | 00 | 00 |
| | | | | 23 | 02 1/2 |

Inventory of Goods

| | | \$ Cts |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| Account of Sales of the Personal Property of Samuel & M. Caine deceased at a Vendue holden the seventh Day of July. A.D. 1815. | | |
| Three Chair frames sold to | Joseph Burt | 1 50 |
| A Lythe Smith of Irons to | Elihu Brown | 0 87 1/2 |
| A Stone Hammer | to Joseph Burt | 0 50 |
| A Lythe | to John Stranes | 1 18 |
| A Grind Stone | to Joshua Smith | 2 57 |
| ten Ore Dies | to Thomas Gardner | 1 58 |
| A Saddle | to John Boyles | 4 75 |
| A Clevis | to Joseph Burt | 0 75 |
| 2 Old Lythes | to Jacob Boorman | 0 84 |
| A Cutting Knife & other | to Casseus Siffers | 2 00 |
| A Treadle | to Samuel Gillet | 1 12 |
| Old Irons | to Nicholas Smith | 1 80 |
| Old Irons | to Joseph Burt | 0 52 |
| A Double & Single | to J. B. Burt | 2 00 |
| A Stake | to John Boyles | 0 25 |
| A Swinglike | to Elihu Brown | 0 51 |
| Old Irons | to Martin Boyles | 1 28 |
| Old Irons | to Claudious L. Sisk | 0 27 |
| A Riffle Iron | to John B. Miller | 17 00 |
| A Bake Oven | to Mary M. Caine | 2 00 |
| A Cupboard | to Jacob Boorman | 16 00 |
| A Kettle | to Elijah Talby | 0 75 |
| A 700 Reed | to Elijah Talby | 17 |
| A 800 Reed & 500 Reed | to Elijah Talby | 143 |
| A 600 Reed & Kettle | to Elijah Talby | 165 |
| Beau harrys Coffers | to Hope & Wise | 0 63 |
| | | Total 65 04 |

Buyer and Purchase Price

The division of Samuel McCune's estate is described in Rueben J. Davis' account in the New England Historical and Genealogy Register Vol. 117, pg 52. Rueben was married to Samuel's daughter Polly McCune on 27 January, 1811 in Athens county. Polly's identity is shown in an administrator's deed, disposing of the real estate of her father Samuel McCune, deceased. This conveyance (Athens county, Ohio, Deeds, 5:312,) recites the following sequence of events: The estate of Samuel McCune, who died shortly before 17 July, 1818 (according to Athens County, Ohio, Probate # 226), consists of approximately 100 acres in the N ½ section 2, T6 R13, in Ames Township, Athens county. On 25 October 1819, one third of this property was set off as the widow's dower, the remainder to be divided to the children in twelve equal undivided shares: to son Samuel; to daughter Susan, who died in December, 1818, devising her share to her brother Samuel; to the heirs of deceased daughter Polly, "who intermarried with Rueben Davis" and left children, "whose names are unknown to the petitioner" and "whose natural guardian was the said Rueben Davis"; to son Martin, a minor whose guardian was Martin Mansfield; to son Matthew, a minor, guardian Robert Linzee; to children Emma, James and Allen, minors, guardian Sylvanus Ames; to the three youngest children, Nelson, Eliza, and Betsey, "his only children by his second wife, the widow and their natural guardian; and to daughter Anna, who was of age at her father's death and who has since sold her share to the petitioner, one Samuel Gillet. In July, 1821 the said Gillet sued in Common Pleas Court for partition or sale of the land. The following October, the appraisers appointed by the court, reported the property (worth \$375) could not be suitably divided and therefore should be sold at public venue. At the sale, held 15 April, 1822, the highest bid was \$170.25 by Nathan Dean, Jr. Polly (McCune) Davis' last appearance in the public records of Athens County was her acknowledgement on a 26 July, 1818 to a deed of 20 April, 1814 conveying 84 acres on Sugar Creek in Section 7 T 10 R 14 from Rueben J. Davis to Rueben Davis (Athens County, Ohio Deeds 2:218).

While this record cites 12 children of Samuel, only 11 are named. The Tracy McCune Genealogy Record lists other children of Samuel as John, Charity, and Elizabeth, the latter 2 being twins who also died on the same day. John is listed as having died in 1801.

In this record Rueben J. Davis is shown with a sister named Judith Davis.

Judith, b. ca. 1785; d. nr. Spring Garden, Jefferson county Ill., sometime after 1852; m. in Athens county, 23 Dec. 1807, Martin Boyles, b. 1780-1790, d. before 1839, probably son of Jacob Boyles. Nine children. In 1830 Martin and Judith Boyles were living in York Township, Athens county. Shortly after her husband's death and before the 1840 census, Judith and five of her children (Rueben, Judith, Timothy, Ezra, and David) moved to Jefferson county, Ill., where she purchased a quarter section near the village of Spring Garden and not far from the home of her brother Nehemiah. Her four other children (Cyrenus, John, Martin, and Absolom) remained in Ohio.

From New England Historical and Genealogy Register Vol. 117, pg 52

The following documents concern the dower and will of Polly McCune, Samuel McCune's second wife. Polly's tombstone reads "Mary wife of Samuel McCune died Sept 1824 in her 40th year". (Note: The names Mary and Polly were used interchangeably back then). The will is interesting in that she signed the will in November of 1824, a month after her death.

State of Ohio
Athens County

We Silvanus Armes, Ora Walker and
George Walker Commissions Appointed
by the Honorable Court of Common Pleas
of Said County, to Set Apart the Widow's Right
of dower in a certain tract of Land lying in
Ames Township in ^{and} Said County of said State the
property of Samure McLean Deceased containing
One Hundred Acres — After Viewing the premises
of said do hereby Set Apart and Assign to

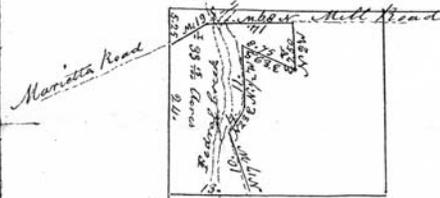
Polly McLean Widow and Relict of the of said
Samure McLean Deceased
Acres of
Land, being part of the of said tract of Land and
is bounded agreeable to a Survey made by Amos
Miller Esquire here with Geo Walker

Ames

Commissions

Geo Walker
Ora Walker
Silvanus Armes

A Plot of the Survey of the Dowry set off
to the Widow of Samuel M^c Cune Dec'd
Oct 25th D 1810



Section No 2

A Represents the House and
B the Barn one half which is set off to the
Widow

Beginning 5.25 Links S. of the N. W. Corner of the Sect on the
south side of the Road leading from Athens to Marietta
thence S. on said Sect line 2 1/2 Chains Thence E. 13. Chains
Thence N. 17 1/2 W. 10 Chains Thence N. 23 E 4 Chains Thence
N. 1/2 W. 11 Chains Thence S. 63 E. 8. 75 links through the
centre of the Barn Thence N. 2 W. 7. 50 Links to the Mill Road
Thence N. 89 W. 14 Chains Thence S. 61 W. 7 Chains to the place of begin
ning containing $33\frac{15}{100}$ Acres Abel Miller Surveyor A. C.

Polly McCune dower-2

Expence of the within Survey &c. (viz)
 Surveying Plotting &c. ----- \$ 5.25
 Chain-carriers & Aman 1 day each ----- 2.75

 \$ 8.00
 Appraisers fees paid say \$ 2.00 each
 Abel Miller Surveyor A.C.

Report of Treasurer
 appointed to see off the claim
 of the widow to the Estate of
 James McCune deceased

In the Name of God, Amen. I Polly — — Mc Cune being
Weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory
do make and publish this my last will and testament in form
and form following. that is to say first I will & bequeath all
my personal property to my three Children to be Equally divided
between them it is also my will and desire, that my Eldest
Daughter Betty should live and dwell with Mr. Griffith ^{Dean}
until she arrives to the age of Eighteen years — and that my
youngest Daughter should live and dwell with Mr. Rufus
Cutler until she arrives to the age of Eighteen Years
and also that my Son Nelson should live and dwell
with Mr. Charles Cutler until he arrives to the age of
Twenty One Years. and further what ever sum or sums of
Money that is now due to me as Guardian of my three
Children & any other money that may be due to me
should be put out at Interest in the safest and best
manner for the benefit of my Children when they become of
Age to be Equally divided

and I do hereby Appoint my Friends, John Brown
and Charles Cutler Esqrs. my Executors of this my last will
and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & Seal at Amherst this first day of November
the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & twenty
four

Seems read published and done
in the Name of Polly Mc Cune her
last will and testament in the presence
of us who have hereunto Subscribed
our names as Witnesses in the presence
of the testator

Geo. Walker
Sathan Dear

Polly Mc Cune
mark

Seal

Polly McCune's Will



Polly (Mary) McCune's Grave, Mudsock cemetery

Of Samuel's children by his first wife, Anna and Emma married brothers Joseph and Samuel Butt. Joseph and Anna lived in Rome Township, and Samuel and Emma lived in York Township, Athens county. Mathew married Myrum Mansfield and resided in Hocking county. One wonders if Myrum was a daughter of Martin McCune's guardian, Martin Mansfield. Allen married Elsia Connet and resided his entire life in York Township, Athens county. **James McCune** your direct ancestor married Sarah Case and initially resided in Dover Township, Athens county.

James and Sarah married 1 February 1827 in Athens. I am unsure of Sarah's Parents, although I think it may have been David and Mary Case. Sarah had a brother, John Case who migrated north to Hardin/Wyandott County about the same time as James and Sarah. James and Sarah had four children born in Athens County, Mary, Samuel, Ann, and **David** (your direct ancestor). After moving to the Hardin/Wyandott county, Ohio, they had four more children, Hannah, Nancy, John, and Sarah. Sometime between 1850 and 1857, James' wife Sarah died On 3 November, 1857, James married Hulda Bristol Wickiser in Wyandott county. Hulda was previously married to Jacob Worthington Wickiser. James and Hulda had one daughter, Emma, born in 1859. James seems to disappear from any records after the 1860 census. Hulda is listed with daughter Emma in the 1870 census. Hulda died in 1888. More on the Bristol and Wickiser genealogy further on.

Of James and Sarah's children, Mary married a James Blakely, Hannah married a Daniel Derringer, Nancy married a Isaac Lambert, and Sarah married a Robert Bailey, all spending their lives in Ohio. Of the brothers, both John and David served in the same outfit during the Civil War and later settled in Allegan county, Michigan. The life of Samuel after 1850 is a bit speculative.



David and Zippora McCune

David McCune, your direct ancestor, was born 23 June 1837 in Athens county, Ohio. He is not listed in the 1860 any census. I assume he went back to Athens County since he enlisted in Co. C of the 39th OIV at Nelsonville in Athens County, on 22 July, 1861 for three years. He declared his occupation when he enlisted as a collier (mine worker). There was some coal and lead being mined in the Athens area at that time. He was discharged at Prospect Tennessee on 26 December 1863, he reenlisted, and was discharged in Louisville Kentucky at the close of the war in 1865. He was wounded 22 July, 1864 before Atlanta, and in a hospital September and October of 1864. He was wounded again on March 21, 1865 at Bentonville, North Carolina, where the Confederate army made a final offensive against the Union army. He was present for duty in May and June of 1865. Somehow during September of 1864 he managed to get back to Wharton, Ohio and married his step-sister Zippora Wickiser, daughter of Hulda and Jacob Worthington Wickiser, Hulda being married to James McCune at the time. David farmed in the Wharton, Ohio area, and in 1875, migrated with Zippora and four children to Allegan county, Michigan Their children born in Wyandott county were William, John, Una, and Herschel. Adron was born in Allegan County along with a sister Sarah, who died a month after birth.

William McCune, the eldest, born 22 March 1866, remained unmarried. Census records show him living with his parents up until the death of Zippora, and then living with his sister Una and her husband. When Una died, he was shown living at the Allegan county poor farm in Allegan. There is no record of his death or burial location. I suspect he had a disability of some kind.

John McCune was born 16 March, 1868. He married a local Dorr girl, Winnie Crapsey, on 13 March 1894. They had two children born in Dorr, Russell D. in 1895, and Arthur L. in 1897. Winnie

died 6 November, 1900 in Antrim county, Michigan, leaving John with two small Children. John and Winnie were either visiting John's brother Adron, who was married to Winnie's sister or Winnie's parents.

John left his youngest son Russell with his father-in-law, Russell Crapsey, and his eldest son Arthur with David and Zippora. John remarried around 1919 in North Dakota to an Eleanor(?). Arthur was in Minnesota working as a farm hand in 1920. His marriage to Martha Wigen in Minnesota resulted in the birth of two girls, Lois in 1927, and Norma in 1930. John died in Oregon in 1949.

Word received here recently, announced the death of Arthur L. McCune, aged 50, former Ada resident, at the Dalles, Oregon on July 6, 1949. The accident happened early that morning when the coupe he was driving overturned after leaving the Columbia River highway. State police believe McCune had fallen asleep at the wheel. His son-in-law, Jack Schuluneger, a passenger in the car, escaped with only a slight injury. McCune had resided in Ada for a number of years and was employed at the Ada Co-operative oil station before leaving for the West a few years ago, locating at Portland, Oregon His wife died there a few years ago.

from the Ada Minnesota newspaper

Russell had migrated to Montana. His WWI draft registration card dated 18 December, 1917 lists him as single, living in Missoula County and occupation as an engineer. In the 1920 census he is living in Evertt, Washington, and is married to a Georgette Brown, who also was born in Michigan. They later migrated to Alaska where he died 6 June, 1966 in Ketchikan.



John and Arthur McCune



Russell and Georgette McCune

Una F. McCune was born 27 March, 1870 in Wyandott, Ohio. She married Albert Smith 11 April, 1886 in Dorr. They farmed in the area and raised four children, Clara, Nora, Florence, and Clifford. Una passed away in 1936, Albert in 1946.

Mrs. Una F. Smith, aged 66, passed away at her home in Dorr Tuesday evening. Besides her husband Albert, she is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Clara Herb of Dorr, Mrs. Nora Hunter of Allegan, Mrs. Florence de Vries of Moline; one son Clifford, of Grand Rapids; 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. The body will lie in state Friday at the Dorr Methodist Church from 1 until 3 o'clock at which time the funeral services will be held. Interment in Door cemetery. Arrangements by C. E. Cross, Caledonia .

Grand Rapids Press Obituary of 8 July, 1936

Adron McCune was born in Allegan County 15 November, 1876 and married Rena Crapsey, the sister of John McCune's wife Winnie, in Dorr on 30 March 1896. By 1900 they were living in northern Michigan, Antrim County, and by 1910 were living in Boyne City, Charlevoix county, Michigan where they raised their children Ada, Olive, and Adrian.

Adrian A McCune, 59, popular Horton Bay resident, is dead. He served as Foreman of the Boyne City Chemical Co. plant for many years. Surviving are the widow, three daughters; Mrs. M. D. Jones of Marinette, Wisconsin, Mrs. Ralph Durance of Flint, and Mrs. Claude Again of Davison; a son Adrian A. at home and six grandchildren. Funeral Sunday at Horton Bay Evangelical Church with burial in Maple Lawn cemetery at Boyne City.

Adron, his wife Rena, son Adrian, Winnie Crapsey McCune and the baby of Herschel and Agnes McCune are all buried in Maple Lawn cemetery at Boyne City.

Sarah McCune was born in August of 1887 and died the following month.



Herschel and Agnes McCune

Herschel McCune, the fourth child of David and Zippora, was born in Wyandott county, Ohio on 28 December, 1871. The family moved to the Dorr area in 1875. While working at the Dorr hotel, he met his future wife, Agnes Burchardt, who was also employed by the hotel. They married August 22, 1893. The marriage produced twelve children, 10 sons and two daughters; Lucille, born 30 September, 1899; John, born 6 May, 1901; Joseph, born 15 March 1903; Engelbert, born 6 December, 1906; Baby, born 11 March, 1908; Frank, born 4 May, 1909; William, born 17 August 1911; George, born 1914; Edward, born 17 November 1915; Leonard, born 8 November, 1917; James, born 8 August, 1920; and Agnes, born 11 November 1922, all surviving into adulthood except for one son who was stillborn. In 1894 Herschel and Agnes purchased a lot and home on Cherry Street (lot 29 Jos. Nueman's Addition) next to Herschel's parents. In 1898 they sold the home to Herschel's brother Adron, and purchased a 20 acre farm from his older brother John. While most of their married life was spent farming in the Dorr area, there was a period in 1907-1908 where they lived in Boyne City, Antrim county, Michigan, with Herschel involved in the lumber business. In March of 1908, Agnes being only 6 1/2 months pregnant, gave birth to a stillborn son. By 1909, they were back in the Dorr area, farming 80 acres in Section 15 of the township. Eventually Herschel purchased property in Dorr behind the old L. W. Ehle hotel. (lots 15 & 16) and in 1930 sold those lots and purchased the property on which the old hotel stood (lots 13 & 14). He and his sons built a house on this land, where Herschel and Agnes spent the remainder of their lives. Herschel injured his back at the old mill, and was semi-disabled due to the constant pain. That injury eventually led to his death on 5 February, 1936.

Herschel McCune was born in Ohio, December 28, 1870, and departed this life February 5, 1936 at the age of 65 years, one month, and eight days. At the age of 3 he came to Dorr with his parents and resided there ever since. He was married in 1898 to Agnes Burchardt of Hilliards. To this union were born eleven children; Mrs. Charles Skorupski, John, Joseph, Englebert, Frank, William, George, Edward, James, Leonard, and Agnes, who, with his widow survive . He also leaves to mourn his passing three brothers, Adrian of Boyne City, William of Allegan, John of North Dakota, one sister Mrs. Albert Smith of Dorr, and 11 grandchildren. services were held Saturday at 1:30 P.M. at the residence, and at 2 P.M. at the Dorr Methodist Church with Rev. Harris officiating. Burial was at Jones cemetery. Arrangements by Bennett.

(Wayland Globe 14 February, 1936)

Agnes Burchardt McCune, the second eldest daughter of Michael and Agnice Burchardt, was born in Hilliards, Allegan county on 15 April, 1878. Her marriage to Herschel at the age of 15, along with her family being Catholic and Herschel being Protestant, did not sit well with her family and was a source of alienation from her biological family during much of her married life. Additional hardships occurred when three of her sons were serving overseas during WWII, and her son George was killed in action on Christmas day 1944. Charlotte Moore, her granddaughter, claims she was her favorite grandchild. She lived with her from about age 3 to 6, and spent many week-ends with her after that, until she died. She was a small but feisty person, frugal, but not stingy. Her son Joe tells the story about the time two of his brothers were having a fist fight in the back yard, and Agnes decided she would put a stop to it. She went in the house and put the poker in the kitchen's wood burning stove, and after it got hot, she took it outside and whacked one of the boys across his behind. That caused the other boy to bust out laughing, deriding his brother, so she gave him a whack also. Then she took them both in the house and made them take off their pants so she could "repair" them. Her cupboards had many niches into which she saved scraps of everything, from string, paper, ribbons, threads, small coins, etc. There was a barrel at the corner of the house to catch rain water. She always maintained both a vegetable and flower garden, spending much of her time tending to both. She had waist length hair but was always rolled up on the top

of her head. When she had saved a few extra pennies, she would take Charlotte to the store and buy ribbons for both their hair. She spent the last months of her life living with her eldest daughter Lucille in Wayland.

Mrs. Agnes McCune 75, a resident of Dorr township all her life, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Skorupski of Wayland, Friday morning, after a year illness. She leaves besides Mrs. Skorupski another daughter, Mrs. Agnes Tabor of Grand Rapids; eight sons John, Bert, Edward, James and William all of Grand Rapids, Joseph of Jamestown, Frank of Tampa, Florida, Leonard of Kalamazoo; 53 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; two sisters; Mrs. Catherine Skula of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Elizabeth Menchowski of Hilliards. Funeral services were held at Archer Funeral Home on Monday at 2 pm. Burial was in Jones cemetery, Dorr.

(Wayland Globe 19 June, 1953)



Burchardt Children, Agnes on right



Agnes and Charlotte Moore



Agnes, Anna and Catherine Burchardt



**Herschel and Agnes McCune with children
Lucille, Frank, Jaseph Engelbert, and John**

Both Herschel and Agness are buried in Jones cemetery, along with some of their children and Herschel's parents.



George McCune

George McCone, the eighth child of Herschel and Agnes McCune, was born in 1914 in Dorr. His early life is an unknown, but he ended up paying the supreme sacrifice in World War II. He enlisted in Kalamazoo on 5 August, 1941 according to the National Archive records, and became part of the 609th Tank Destroyer Battalion out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina..The 609th became part of General Patton's 10th Armored Division during the Allied invasion of France, Luxemburg and Belgium in 1944, George

serving as a cook. He was reportedly killed on Christmas day 1944. He was originally buried in the American cemetery in Luxemburg, and his remains returned to the United States in December 1948. A marker still existed for George in the Luxemburg cemetery in 1867 when we visited the area.

The 609th Tank Destroyer Battalion was activated on 15 December 1941 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, landed at Utah Beach on 20 September, 1944, equipped with M18s. Went into corp reserve beginning 28 September, east of Moutier, France, where crews fired artillery missions through October. Joined operations against the Siegfried Line in November and early December. Most of company C moved to Bastogne on 18 December with the 10th Armored Division. The remainder of the battalion fought along the Sauer river. The entire battalion fought to eliminate the Bulge in January 1945. Deployed to Saar-Moselle triangle in February. Participated in the capture of Trier in March Supported attack south and east out of Mannheim bridgehead across the Rhine in late March-April, and reached southern Bavaria near Fussen by the end of April. Attached to: 101st Airborne Division; 10th Armored Division, 90th and 94th Infantry Divisions.

I had written to the Army Casualty and Memorial Center in Alexandria, Va. In hope of getting more information concerning the events resulting in George's death. Documents received show that George was killed by an exploding artillery shell while he was going to inspect the units water supply on December 25th 1944.

Memorial services for the late George McCune of Dorr, son of Mrs. Agnes McCune who was killed in action in Germany recently will be held in the township hall on Sunday afternoon, March 25. The services will be under the direction of the American Legion Post of Byron Center.

(Wayland Globe 22 March, 1945)

T/5 George McCune aged 31 who passed away December 25, 1944 at Luxemburg, Germany. Surviving are his mother Agnes of Dorr; eight brothers, John of Wayland, Joe of Jamestown, Englebert, Frank, William, and Edward all of Grand Rapids, Leonard of Otsego, James of Byron Center; two sisters, Lucille Skorupski of Grand Rapids, and Agnes Tabor of Dorr. Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 PM in Jones cemetery. Arrangements by Klinesteker of Hopkins.

(29 December, 1948 Grand Rapids Press obituary)



George at the 609th TDB



George's Purple Heart and Dog Tag



Jim circa 1935



Jim circa 1945

James McCune, the third youngest son of Herschel and Agnes, was born in Dorr, Michigan on August 8, 1920. He attended school in Dorr through the 8th grade, when like other youngsters his age, he went to work helping on the farm. In 1936 he showed an interest in the Dorr baseball team, and played third-base on the team in later years. During this time he was employed as a lathe operator at the Nichols Clement Co. in Grand Rapids.

In October, 1940 he enlisted in the Army at Ionia, Michigan as part of the 126th Infantry National Guard. After Basic Training and a brief schooling in motor maintenance at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. In 1943, he and the other members of the 126th were shipped across the Pacific, eventually becoming part of the 32nd Red Arrow Division, fighting in the battle for New Guinea. According to the Grand Rapids Press; *"Of nearly 11,000 combat troops that went into battle on New Guinea, more than 9,600 were killed, wounded or disabled by illness." "The Grand Rapids based 126th infantry Regiment was decimated. Of 131 officers and 3,040 enlisted men who went into battle in November, just 32 officers and 579 enlisted men remained in late January"*. Jim, being wounded, was one of the casualties of that campaign. In 1943 he was a patient at a hospital in Indianapolis. A Grand Rapids Press article states: *"Presents E Pins Dorr--Sgt. James McCune, son of Mrs. Agnes McCune of Dorr, who was wounded on the New Guinea campaign a year ago, presented "E" pins Friday to 125 employees of the Sherrill Research corporation, of Peru, Ind., manufacturer of a magnetic director compass used in army tanks and navy ducks. He is a patient at Billings hospital, Indianapolis, Ind."*

Jim was discharged at Fort Sheridan, Illinois June 3, 1945. During his service, he was awarded the Bronze Battle Star and 2 Silver stars for heroism in the New Guinea campaign.

After his discharge, he returned to the Dorr area and eventually married Doris Foote, also from the Dorr area. They later moved to Grand Rapids where they raised their family, Jim working as

an electronic technician in the Radio/TV business. On July 10, 1981 Jim suffered a heart attack at his home and passed away. He is buried at Pine Hill cemetery in Kentwood.



1936 Dorr Ball Team: Ed McCune second from left, Jim McCune fourth from left



Jim McCune circa 1942



Leonard McCune
High School Graduation

Leonard McCune, was born in Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan on November 8th, 1917 to Hershel McCune and Agnes Burckhardt McCune. The ninth of twelve children. An avid sportsman, Leonard enjoyed hunting and fishing, but perhaps his best loved pastime was football. In high school, he earned the nickname 'Coach,' a nickname that followed him to college and beyond. Also, in his younger days, he entered and won many roller skating and dance competitions. Unfortunately, Leonard was unable to finish college after the passing of his father, Hershel, and returned home to tend to the family farm. He also had a somewhat limited stint in the United States Army in the closing days of World War II, a service from which he was honorably discharged.

Leonard married his wife Bertha Randall of Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan in 1940 and quickly started a family which later grew to ten children in all. Those ten children later expanded the family with the blessing of 21 grandchildren.

Leonard was reputed to be a very handy man who could build or fix almost anything. His work as a tool and dye maker as well as a mechanic and carpenter and love of gardening attest to his aptitudes in various creative fields. He was also very talented with musical instruments and, when spending time with his children, taught them songs and dances that they would carry with them for a lifetime. Later, he also worked as a security guard for the Detroit Lions football team. More than simply a job of necessity, it is highly likely that he took the job more out of his love of the sport and his desire to at least be near the game that he enjoyed so richly as a young man.

Edward McCune, born 17 November, 1915 in Dorr, was the ninth child of Herschel and Agnes. Like his brother Jim, was an avid baseball fan, and a player on the Dorr amateur baseball team. Around 1939, he married Evelyn Thompson. They had five children, Herschel, Sharon, Wayne, Dennis, and Rosemary, Herschel having died shortly after birth. On March 9, 1948, tragedy struck the family. The following articles in the Grand Rapids Press describe the tragedy.

House Fire Fatal To Mother, Son

A fire that swept their little attic apartment at 1248 Randolph Av., SW, Tuesday afternoon caused the death less than eight hours later of a mother and her youngest son.

Burned as she assisted in the heroic rescue of her four youngest children from flames, Mrs. Evelyn McCune, 25, died at St. Mary's hospital Tuesday night.

Preceding Mrs. McCune in death by about two hours was her son, Dennis, 2, one of four children her landlady, Mrs. Hazel Suttorp, passed down the stairway into the arms of neighborhood gas-plant workers.

Unhurt was Mrs. McCune's youngest child, Rosemary, 6 weeks, whom the mother laid on a first-floor davenport after she discovered the fire.

The two older children, Sharon, 4, and Wayne, 3, and Mrs. Suttorp, 36, also were burned and were in "fair" condition at St. Mary's hospital Wednesday.

The two surviving children suffered severe face, arm, and body burns. Mrs. Suttorp suffered body burns.

Three of the Suttorp children were downstairs when the fire broke out but escaped safely. The other two Suttorp children and the other two McCune children, Lawrence, 6, and Barbara, 5, were at school at the time.

Joint funeral services for Mrs. McCune and her son will be held at Hildreth chapel in Grandville. Burial will be in Wyoming Township cemetery.

Additional details on page 2.

**Says Blaze
Self-ignited**

**Slocum Blames Fire on
Rubbish Pile**

The attic fire which fatally burned a mother and her young son and seriously injured three other persons Tuesday probably was caused by spontaneous combustion in a rubbish pile, according to District Fire Chief George Slocum.

The fire at 1248 Randolph Av., SW, was fatal to Mrs. Evelyn McCune and her 2-year-old son Dennis.

According to employees of the Gulf Refining Co. bulk plant across the street from the scene, Mrs. Hazel Suttorp, landlady, and one of the injured, dashed out of the house and ran into the oil firm yard screaming that her house was afire and her children were trapped. Three workmen in the Gulf warehouse, Rudolph Williams, 3860 Loraine Av., SE, Henry Bratt, 1244 Alto Av., SE, and Bill Burnett, Kalamazoo, dashed into the dwelling with Mrs. Suttorp.

Form "Human Ladder"

Williams said he went upstairs with Mrs. Suttorp while Bratt and Burnett took stations on the stairway and passed the three older children to safety. The fourth child, a 6-week-old infant, was left downstairs. While snatching the children from the flames, Mrs. Suttorp's clothing ignited and she collapsed. The three men tore her flaming dress from her body and rushed her to the ambulance with the three children.

After helping in the rescue of her children Mrs. McCune crawled on the roof of the front porch from which firemen assisted her and a dog to the ground.

The dog had been crippled several days ago when it was struck by an automobile and had been kept in a box in a corner of the room, unable to walk.

After she had escaped the burning home, Mrs. McCune telephoned her mother, Mrs. Mamie Thompson, 554 Marta St., SW, told her of the fire, and asked her to "take care of my babies."

Clinton Hop, Zeeland R2, office manager for the Gulf company, summoned firemen and the police ambulance while his fellow workers rescued the children trapped in the blazing house.

The flames were confined to the upper apartment with some damage to the roof.

Fire Chief Frank Burns said damage to the home was estimated at \$800 in addition to \$500 damage to the contents of the McCune apartment.

Mrs. Suttorp told officers the residence, although small, housed 11 children and 4 adults. Although she, her husband and their five children lived there, they had befriended the McCune family, with six children, since New Years day when they lost their home.

CHAIN LETTER'S "LUCK" FOLLOWED ONLY BY DEATH

Residence Housed 15

Mrs. Suttorp's husband, Peter, employed at the Chesapeake & Ohio railway yards, was at work, as was Mrs. McCune's husband, Edward, who works at DeJager Fuel Co.

Besides her five surviving children, Mrs. McCune, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and a resident of this locality for 25 years, leaves her mother, Mrs. Thompson; three brothers, Wayne Thompson of Grandville and Charles and George of Grand Rapids, and five sisters, Mrs. Pearl Cole of Spring Lake, Mrs. Alice Glashower and Mrs. Marie Hall of Grandville, and Mrs. Ruth Polunus and Mrs. Clara Mellis, both of Grand Rapids.

Besides his parents, sisters and brothers, Mrs. McCune's son leaves his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Agnes McCune of Dorr.

Mrs. Ruth Polunus, 554 Martha St., SW, sister of Mrs. Evelyn McCune, Wednesday displayed a copy of a "chain" letter Mrs. Polunus received last week. "According to the writer, who didn't sign his name, the letter was supposed to bring good luck four days after it was received by me if I sent it to someone else the day after it arrived" Mrs. Polunus related

"I made a copy of the letter, but sent the original the next day, Tuesday-the day my sister and her baby died in that tragic blaze-was to have been our day of good fortune," she sobbed.

(from the GRAND RAPIDS PRESS March 10, 1948)

Ed never remarried, and spent the rest of life in the Grand Rapids area. He was particularly close with his sister and brother-in-law Chet and Agnes Tabor.



Frank McCune

Frank McCune, born 4 May 1909 in Dorr, married Etta Exton. In the 1950s, upon his doctor's recommendation to get out of the cold weather, he packed everything in a step van and moved his family to Florida. The van broke down in Tampa according to his son Elzie, and they all lived out of the van until Frank could find work. All the family remained in Florida the rest of their lives. Frank passed in 1969 in Hillsborough county and Etta in 1980 in Tampa. The only surviving child at this time is Elzie (Pewee) McCune, who is living in northern Florida near the Georgia line.



Bill and Gertrude McCune

William McCune, was born 17 August 1911 in Dorr. In 1935, Bill married Gertrude Ritsema in Wayland and together they raised seven children. In the late 1950s, Bill disappeared, his family not knowing why or where he went. He supposedly had contact with his sister Agnes McCune Tabor, and was rumored to be in the Chicago area, working on a horse farm. Agnes never volunteered any information about his whereabouts. There were rumors that the reason for his disappearance was that the mob was after him for skimming money from the numbers racket. To this date, no one knows for sure his reason for leaving or where he finally ended up. Son William and youngest daughter Penny reside in Florida, while Peggy and Ronnie live in Michigan. Shirley passed away in Florida in 2013



John and Esther McCune

John McCune was born 6 May 1901 in Dorr. He married Esther Kain in the 1920s and together raised four children, Jean, John, Robert and Glen. They spent their lives in Grand Rapids. John passed away in October 1972, and Esther in April 1973

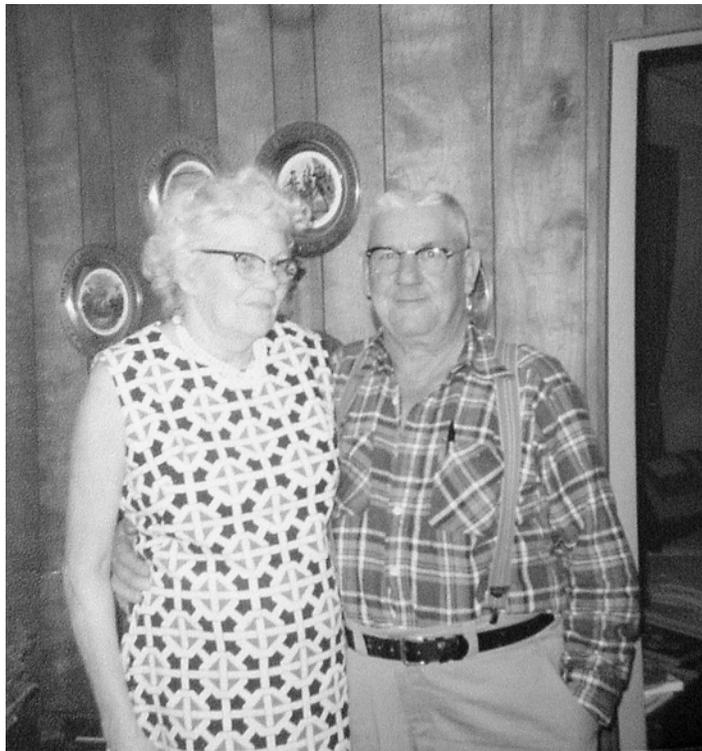
Lucille McCune, the eldest child of Herschel and Agnes, was born 30 September 1899 in Dorr. She married Charles Skorupski, settling in the southeast corner of Dorr township and raising four children, Agnes, Charles, Victoria and Mary. She passed away 29 January 1969 at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids.



Lucille McCune circa 1902



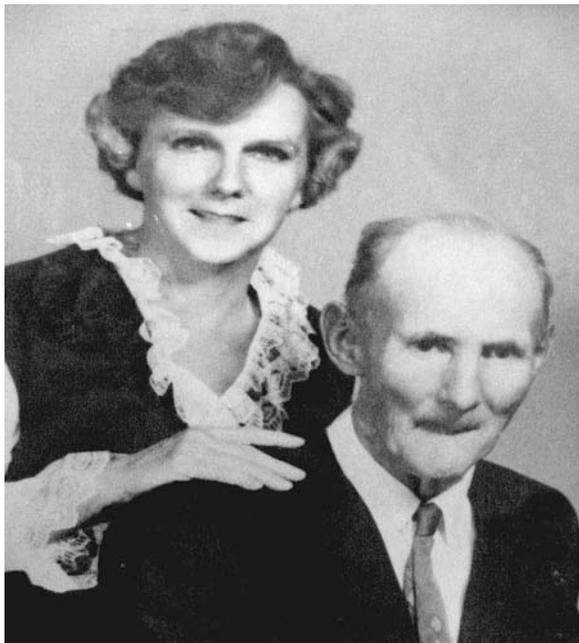
Lucille McCune



Joe and Daisy McCune

Joseph McCune born 15 March 1903 in Dorr. Originally married in Elkhart, Indiana on 1 January 1932 to Gladys Dancer Graham. Gladys was a resident of Grand Rapids and nine years older than Joe. She had been previously married, her being husband deceased. Joe's occupation was listed as a truck driver. It is not known how the marriage ended. Joes family was not happy with the marriage. He claimed to be working at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio during WW11. Eventually Joe married Daisy Yskes a widow. For a time they owned a gas station on Byron Center Avenue and 100th St. When he retired and sold that place, they moved to Zeeland, where they spent the rest of their lives. They would summer in Zeeland, and winter in Florida, staying in a 12 ft long camper trailer. There were no children from either marriage.

Engelbert McCune was born 6 Dec 1904. He married Mary McGraine in the early 1940s. They spent their entire lives at 1133 Joosten, in Wyoming, Michigan . They raised nine children, Joy, Patricia, Thomas, Harold, Richard, Mark, Steven, Margaret and Mary Kay. Bert spent his working life at the Kelvinator Appliance plant in Wyoming, up until his becoming disabled. He suffered from Parkinson's disease, being incapacitated by violent shaking. Bert passed away in 1972. He and his wife are buried in Resurrection cemetery, Wyoming.



Bert and Mary McCune

Agnes McCune, your great-grandmother, the youngest of Herschel and Agnes' children, was born 8 February 1922. She was only the second of the children to graduate from high school, Leonard being the other. On 25 August 1941, she married John Moore in Middleville, Michigan. The marriage resulted in two children, Charlotte in March 1942 and Sharon in October 1943. Sharon died in infancy in May 1944. They divorced sometime between 1943 and 1945, Agnes marrying Chet Tabor in 1945. That marriage resulted in three children, Karen, Arlene and Cheri Tabor. They lived in Wyoming and Grand Rapids.

Agnes helped in a real-estate office for a while, and also sold Avon cosmetics. When Cheri was born, Agnes was 42 years old. None of her daughters even knew she was pregnant, even though they saw her quite often. They couldn't believe it when their father, Chet, informed them that their mother was in the hospital delivering a baby. In 1979 Agnes was diagnosed with cancer and on 4 August 1980 she succumbed to the disease.



Agnes McCune

The following pages show early 1900 tax rolls and early plat maps for Dorr. You can see where some of the McCunes lived, although the houses probably no longer exist.