

WILLIAM McCONNEHEY, deceased, came to Adams County in May, 1837, with his wife and seven children, settling on the Hill farm, now owned by W. P. Rice. He remained there only a short time, having built a cabin on his land that he entered after reaching Adams County. This land was the west half of section 36, Root Township, where he lived until his death, which occurred March 14, 1851; he is buried in the Pillars cemetery. He was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, then removed to Darke County, Ohio, where he lived until he came to this county. He was the sole contractor to furnish plank for the road that was built between Willshire and Decatur. He worked at this road almost day and night, and by these exertions brought on the sickness that terminated in his death. He was a zealous member of the United Brethren church, and his residence was freely given to hold meetings for several years, until the church was built. He was a local preacher, and often officiated in that capacity. The names of children are - Sarah, Rebecca, David, Josiah, John, Susanna, Mary, Andrew and William. The father lived to see all his children growing up around, the youngest being eight years old. Susanna, Mary, Rebecca and William have died since the death of the father. David McConnehey was born in Darke County, Ohio, March 23, 1829, and came to Adams County when eight years old, with his parents. He now lives in Decatur. He was married June 5, 1850, to Miss Mahala Harden, who was born in Pennsylvania, and died in 1856, aged thirty years. The father of William McConnehey was born in Scotland, and came to America with his wife and settled in Pennsylvania, where he remained until his death. The wife of William was born in Pennsylvania, and was of German ancestry. Her name was formerly Catherine Clever. The Hardens are also of German origin, and came to this county about the year 1845; both died in Adams County. William Henry McConnehey was born in Root Township, this county, March 20, 1851, on the farm his grandfather entered from the Government. With the exception of three years spent in Mercer County, Ohio, he has lived all his life in Adams County. He was married March 12, 1874, to Miss Margaret E. Lee, who was born in Wabash County, Indiana, October 26, 1855 where she was reared until sixteen years old, then came to this county with her parents, and was soon after married. Her parents were William and Eve (Misner) Lee. Mr. and Mrs. William H. McConnehey have had six children, three of whom are living - Mabel, born December 2, 1874, died December 5, 1874; Charles B. C., born February 26, 1876; Christian L., born September 4, 1879; Derusa E., born February 13, 1884. William H. has been a school teacher for thirty-three terms, making eleven years. His education was finished in the public and Normal school of Decatur. During the summer he follows other occupations. Politically he is a Democrat, as was his father and grandfather.

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