

JOHN S McLAUGHLIN farmer, section 30, Noble Township, was born November 28, 1833, in Madison Township, this county, where he was reared to manhood and educated in the pioneer subscription school. His father, John McLaughlin, was born in Bath County, Virginia, February 21, 1799, and removed to Meigs County, Ohio, where he was married in 1823. In 1833 he came to this county with his wife and four children, locating on section 4, where the father entered 155 acres of land and commenced to make a home in the wilderness. He had to cut a road several miles to get to his new home. The family lived with another family named Kline, while their cabin was being built. Here they lived many years. The father died in Lancaster, Madison Township, March 16, 1860. The mother of our subject, Barbara (Spillman) McLaughlin, was born in Randolph County, Virginia, December 2, 1805, and died January 20, 1873. The father was a great hunter, and the first winter he was here he killed fifteen deer.

John S. McLaughlin was married December 4, 1859, to Miss Catherine Davis, who was born in Darke County, Ohio, June 1, 1838, and when two years of age, in March, 1840, came to this county with her parents and seven other children, she being the youngest. Her parents, James and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Davis, were born in Baltimore County, Maryland, the father, March 30, 1803, the mother, January 7, 1806. They were married in their native county in 1825. They were the parents of eleven children – Susan, John M., Robert, Nancy, Catherine Elizabeth; the deceased are – Mary, James, Elijah, a twin brother, Benjamin and William. The father died March 30, 1858, and the mother March 26, 1872. Mr. McLaughlin's parents had eleven children – Jane, Elizabeth, who died in this county at the age of fifty-eight years; Hugh, William H., John S., Frank M., Fideha A., Rebecca, Hannah, who died at the age of two years, Wiley, who was a soldier in the Eleventh Indiana Cavalry, and was killed at the battle of Franklin, and Henry, who died in this county. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have two children – Eugene F., born September 24, 1860, a practicing physician at Fort Recovery, and Flora G., born September 29, 1872.

Mr. McLaughlin's grandfather, Hugh McLaughlin, was born in Bath County, Virginia; was a blacksmith by trade; served in the War of 1812, and died in Bath County. His grandmother McLaughlin was the daughter of Irish parents. His maternal grandparents were born in Pennsylvania, of German descent, and died in that State. Mrs. McLaughlin's grandfather Davis died at the age of forty-five years, in Baltimore County, Maryland. Her grandmother, Nancy Davis, also died in Baltimore County, aged ninety-five years. The Davises are of English ancestry. Her maternal grandfather, John Zimmerman, died in Baltimore County, Maryland, his father having come from Germany and settled in that county. Her grandmother, Catherine Zimmerman, died in Baltimore County.

Mr. McLaughlin enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. They camped at Kokomo until March, 1864, and were then assigned to the Twenty-third Army Corps, Second Brigade and Second Division, General Schofield. He joined the corps at Chattanooga, was in all the principal battles to Atlanta, Georgia. He returned with his corps to Nashville, thence to North Carolina. He was discharged September 20, 1865. In politics he is a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for John O. Fremont. His father voted the Democratic ticket until Van Buren's time, but he died a staunch Republican and all his sons are Republicans.

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