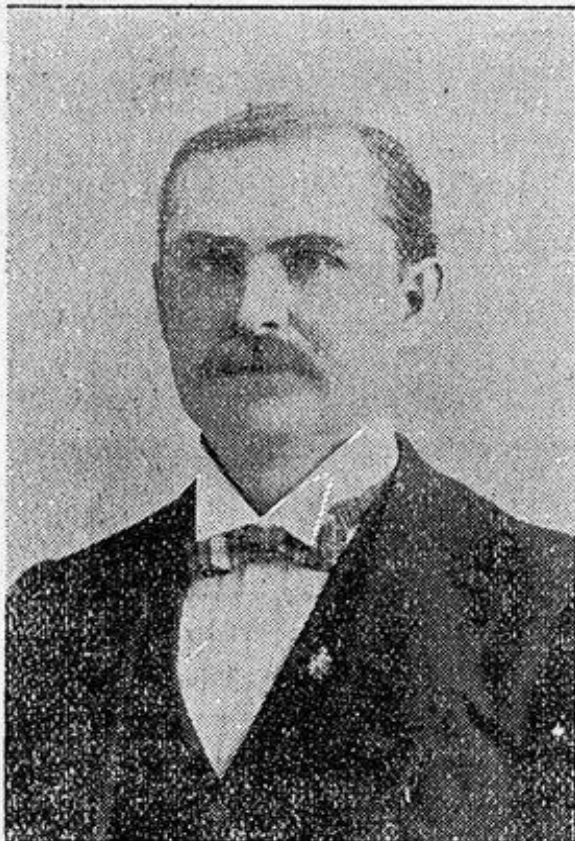


## Celebrated Their Golden Wedding.



Mr. and Mrs. Perry McLain.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Perry McLain observed their golden wedding anniversary Friday, that is their children celebrated it with them in a surprise party that fooled these good old folks good and proper. Not that Mr. and Mrs. McLain had forgotten that it was their 50th wedding anniversary, but their children had long planned and then most successfully carried out the surprise in celebration of the event.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Whitford arrived from Indianapolis on Thursday and these were all of the children whom the parents expected to have home with them for the day. Friday morning at about 10 o'clock while Mrs. McLain was busy in her kitchen preparing a specially good dinner and Mr. McLain was busy too at the store, all of their children came in home, and while Mrs. McLain was detained in her kitchen, the children crept into the house and gathered in the front room. Then a messenger was sent to tell Mr. McLain to "come quick, the stove pipe has fallen down," and hatless he hurried home. The surprise was complete on both Mr. and Mrs. McLain.**

**Their children present were Mr. and Mrs. Whitford and Mrs. Myrtle House of Indianapolis; Lawrence McLain and wife of Crawfordsville; Mrs. Ralph Essig and daughter Grace Madge of Eavenns, Ohio; William McLain, wife and son Robert of Frankfort and grandson, Reid McLain of Crawfordsville.**

**And the children all gathering home for this great event had not forgotten the dinner, and a turkey with cranberry sauce and all the other good things that go with it, and cakes and ice cream, they brought with them. And greatest of all the feast was the great golden cake with its 50 golden candles which embellished the center of their dinner table.**

**Mr. Perry McLain and Miss Millie Chapman were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. CHampman, near Jamestown, Indiana November 14, 1869, Rev. Ball, pastor of the Lebanon Methodist Church performing the ceremony. To this union were born 9 children, four of whom have passed beyond; two died in infancy; Mary E died April 5, 1914 and Charles A on June 16, 1917. They have four grandchildren. Although Mr. and Mrs. McLain have seen 50 years of happy married life, they are still both in their youth, Mr. McLain being only 68 and Mrs. McLain 67 years young. These children made their parents happy indeed in the celebration of this rare event. Each of them present the parents with five dollars in gold as gifts of the occasion. DURING the evening a number of neighbors and friends called and all wishing them that they might celebrate \_\_\_ diamond wedding \_\_\_. -- *kbz -- thanks to the Oppy family for sending this my way - love it!***