

Additional Info on Michael McClain

Michael McClains grandfather James McClain was of sterling Scotch ancestry and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War & the War of 1812. He was killed in an ambush by the Indians.

Michael was a "bound boy" born in Virginia. He had a peg leg. Michael was a trader. He finally had 200 acres. He was a saddle maker. They had for a long time a side-saddle which he made for his wife Jane.

One book in the state library has lengthy paragraphs about Michael's sons Bascom & Gilbert. Their entire Civil War records, engagements are listed. There also is a statement that Bascom was a County Commissioner. He also was Trustee of Washington Twp. (AVON). Gilbert's grandson Adrian P. McClain was also Washington Twp. Trustee, Assessor and President of the 1st Avon School Board.

Michael built the first little school house in his part of the county.

(deceased)

Ora McClain Briner granddaughter of Michael McClain had some papers of Michael in his hand writing, pen and ink, fingerprint (accidentally) included.

He kept good records and wrote well. One paper is a hog contract where he agrees to sell 100 hogs at a later date to a packing house on the west bank of White River near the city of Indianapolis.

There is an account book with names, items sold and amounts owed listed.

The barn south of the old brick house was built by Michael McClain in 1853. It was recently raised in the past year. The brick house mentioned was the home of Michael's youngest son John W. McClain and Sarah (McClain) McClain (double cousins the parents of Ora Briner and Ocie Hoodley, and later Martha Briner Freeman, mother of Fred, Susan & Carol. Susan is presently restoring the old brick house built in the 1880's or before.

The barn mentioned was part of the coverlet for the 1974 Hendricks County Sesquicentennial celebration. The barn represented Washington Twp. The drawings depicted were from drawings by Hazel McClain of Brownsburg, wife of Max McClain (grandson of Bascom McClain) and mother of Ross + Ray McClain of Brownsburg.

When Michael returned with his family to Indiana a feather bed was placed on each horse

Personal Note

Gilbert Mc Clain - Son of Michael Mc Clain

Gilbert during the Civil War was shot through the hat at Peach Tree Creek and at the battle of Atlanta a ball grazed his shoulder blades, cutting a flesh wound across the back. After the wound across the shoulders a captain offered his horse for Gilbert to ride. He refused saying he could "walk the tail off that horse". (Ray Brines)

Gilbert once had the largest draft horse in Hendricks County per a picture in the Indianapolis newspaper.

From the Plainfield Messenger, Dec. 11, 1938 -
"Fifty Years Ago" (1908).

"H. D. McClain and A. A. Parsons have returned from a trip to Atlanta and other points in the South. They were the only Hendrick County men at the Andersonville monument dedication and report having a good time and are much pleased with the trip."

The A. A. Parsons mentioned was Gilbert's long time friend from the Civil War and Wash. Twp. neighbor Adrian Parsons. Adrian Parsons

Gilbert named his son Adrian after his good friend. Adrian Parsons also named one of his sons Gilbert after Gilbert McClain.

Two generations later Gilbert's grandson Adrian McClain was married to Mary Dooley McClain and they had a son Rex McClain.

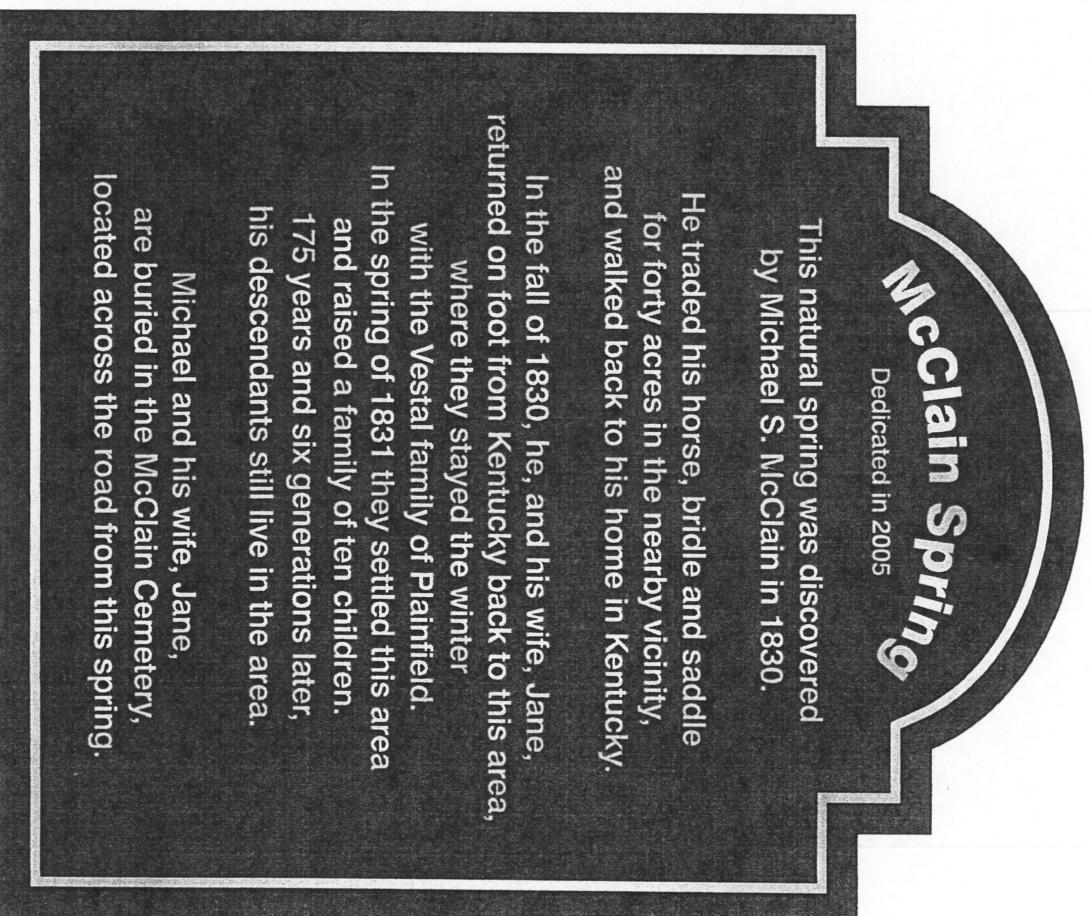
Adrian Parsons' grandson Adrian Parsons was married to Mary Price Parson and they had a son Rex Parsons.

Gilbert lived where the present Preswick Club house is located.

Most of Prestwick and the Parks at Prestwick is located on land owned by Gilbert or Adrian R. McClain.

The section west of the creek including the golf course was farmed by Adrian R. McClain with a team of draft horses until 1956.

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