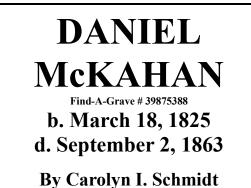
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CANAWLERS AT REST



Daniel McKahan was born to Mr. and Mrs. William McKahan in Pennsylvania on March 18, 1825. He was one of their ten children. The others were Hugh, who died at the age of sixty-two; Mary Jane, who married John Q. Simons, of Wabash, a captain of Company K. One Hundred and First Regiment Indiana Volunteers, who served as sheriff of Wabash county from 1868 to 1872 before moving to Indianapolis, Indiana where he died at age 60; Elizabeth; Lewis, a physician, who died at the age of 44; Andrew Jackson, who died at the age of 31; Ellen; John M.; Julia and Jerry.

William and his wife came to the new country poor in worldly wealth. But they were strong and noble and through hard work managed to accumulate enough money to buy land. In 1836 he purchased land in Indiana from the government. It was located about three miles north of the Wabash county seat. There the family settled. They cleared and otherwise developed a good farm. His wife preceded him in death at the age of 68. William died at age 84.

Daniel McKahan, our subject, was a young man, age 18, when he first came to Wabash county. For a number of years he dealt quite extensively in horses, buying and shipping to the Eastern market. He was also largely identified with traffic on the Wabash & Erie Canal, owning two boats, which he ran for many years, being captain of one and exercising per-

sonnel supervision over the other. The 1860 U.S. Federal Census lists his occupation as boatman. He was an aggressive business man and was financially successful. His trading operations, as well as his boats, returned him a liberal income.

Daniel, at age 25, married Mary Barnhart. They had ten children within a 12 year period. Their oldest child was born on November 15, 1850 and was named Daniel B. after our subject. Almost half of their children died as little more than infants. Unfortunately Daniel died in Wabash on September 2, 1863 when only 37 years old leaving Mary to survive him and rear their children. She died on June 9, 1899.



McKAHAN

DANIEL McKAHAN 1825-1863 MARY McKAHAN 1828-1899 MATTIE M. McKAHAN 1882-1914

Plot: Sec H, Lot 82 Falls Memorial Gardens Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana, USA

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Upon his father's death, Daniel B. McKahan found that although Daniel had been successful in life, he had left little beyond a piece of swamp land. Thus Daniel B., a mere boy, was obliged to contribute largely to the support of his mother and the younger children. Their home was a little log cabin around which a small area of Daniel B. McKahan ground had been cleared. It was



field. The family survived by selling the timber from mill was quite extensive and gave employment to 6-8 this land. Whenever possible Daniel B. attended what men. Although the mill was very successful, his last schools the county afforded.

mother looking after her interests until age 40. He the nominal cost of fuel. worked at clearing more land on the home place. He cleared and cultivated fifty acres, meanwhile devoting certain portions of his time to cutting cord wood for worker in the Republican party. In recognition of his other people and converting nearly all the available valuable services, he received the nomination for shertimber on the farm into wood to add to his earnings. At iff in 1890 but was defeated due to the strength of the some later date he sold this farm to A. W. Schuler. In opposing party. Four years later he was re-nominated Schuler's biography its describes the old homestead as for the office and elected by one of the largest majori-"a fine farm of sixty-seven acres in Lagro township, ties ever given to a candidate for the office. He served located two and a half miles from Urbana on the north in this position from 1895 to 1899. Manchester Pike. This place has a peculiar interest not only as a tract of land exceptionally well managed and producing the staple crops of Wabash county, but also opened a meat market in Wabash and continued his because of the fact that it has produced two exception- farming. He eventually owned a valuable farm of one ally efficient and honored county officers. It was origi- hundred and eighty acres. In addition to general agrinally the Daniel McKahan heirs' farm, and from this culture he was largely interested in live stock, especialplace Daniel [B.] McKahan, Jr. went into the office of ly cattle, which he bought, fed and shipped in partnersheriff by the vote of his fellow citizens. Only recently ship with a gentleman who lived on his place. He was Mr. A. W. Schuler retired from the office of county on the board of directors of the Timber Canyon Mines recorder..."

Daniel B.'s timber business eventually overtook his farming. For the next five or six years he also engaged in the manufacture of hubs, dealt in lumber in connection with the timber business and met with suc- Find-A-Grave : cess and financial profit. He built up a large trade.

On November 15, 1894, the forty-first anniversary of his birth, Daniel B. married Mrs. Florence DeArmond. Her maiden name had been Jack. She was

the daughter of John Jack and the widow of Job DeArmond, who had served a justice of the peace in his township and was also the trustee for several consecutive terms. She had married DeArmond when she was nineteen years of age. He died fourteen years later. They had one child, Zoe DeArmond. After marrying Daniel B., they had a child and named her Mary after Daniel B's mother

Later Daniel B. began the manufacture of brick and drain tile, which he carried on for eight to ten not even large enough to be dignified by calling it a years, in the meantime purchasing a large sawmill. The two or three years in the tile trade were not profitable because of the competition in the gas belt where the As Daniel B. grew up he remained with his tile could be manufactured very cheaply on account of

For a number of years Daniel B. was an active

After his term as sheriff expired, Daniel B. Company. The mine was located 25 miles east of Baker City, Oregon.

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