

WILLIAM LINDER McINTYRE AND HIS WABASH & ERIE CANAL CONNECTIONS By Charles Davis

William Linder McIntyre was born on January 8, 1830 to Jesse and Ann (McFarlan Christy) McIntyre in Bowling Green, Clay county, Indiana. He was reared on his father's farm until the age of twenty-one. He was the second of four children, two boys and two girls.

At a young age, William signed up to help build the Wabash and Erie Canal in Parke county. Commencing at the Aquilla Justice farm in Wabash township and from there he worked at different places along the line to within eighteen miles of Evansville, where the Central Canal had been completed from Evansville to Pigeon Creek in Warrick county in 1837. The Wabash & Erie Canal took over these last eighteen miles.

Before the canal's completion, William returned to Parke county in 1851. He spent his first year working for Jonathan and Julia Maris near Annapolis and formed a friendship with this family that was continued through their lives.

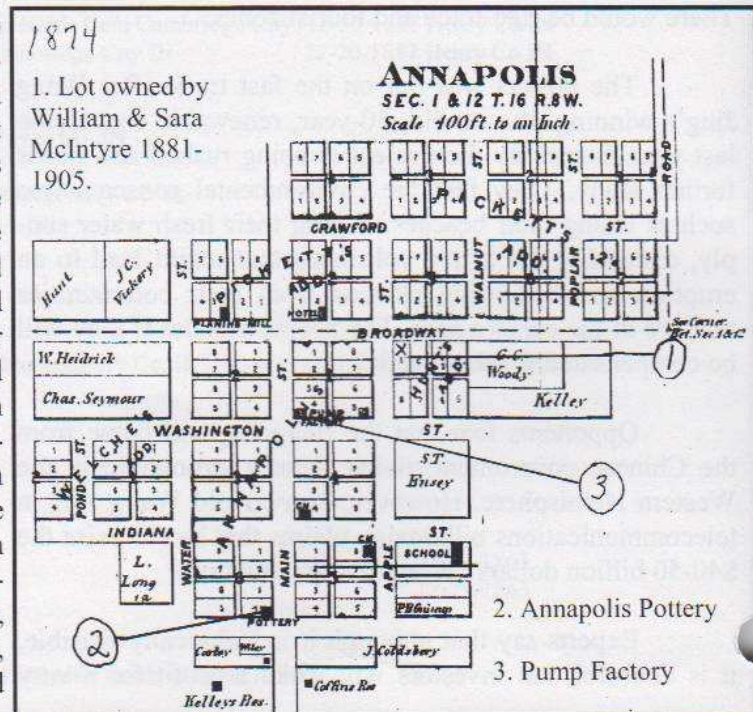
William married Sara Teague, the daughter of Henry and Martha Teague on January 27, 1853 and lived at Annapolis. While there he became a canal man. In 1855 he ran a boat on the canal from Terre Haute south. He was quoted in the *Rockville Tribune* of April 14, 1909 saying, "The State became so involved that she sold the canal to her creditors, the Rothchild's, and they in turn sold the right to build from Terre Haute to Evansville to a Virginia company, which finished it. They paid us off with Virginia money. The name was changed on that part of the cross-cut canal. About fifteen miles southeast from Terre Haute was built a large reservoir and the Eel river feeder came to the canal and could feed both ways, the waste water ran into the reservoir, which fed the canal to White River. We backed out into the river and ran in the river four or five miles and back out into the canal at Newberry [Indiana]. White river furnished water to the Pigeon reservoir, which furnished water to Evansville. We crossed East White river through an aqueduct. It was soon found that Eel river could not furnish sufficient water and they built another reservoir on Birch creek in a heavy timbered bottom, which the people resented and cut it, letting the water out. This brought on what was known as the Clay county war. The Governor ordered out the militia. One company came from Evansville, under Captain Gavit, all commanded by Col. John B. Hess, but as soon as the soldiers left the dam was cut again and

the other reservoir, so that was the ending of that part of the canal. I was on the ground at the time and had been boating on that part of the canal."

Nine children were born to William and Sara, two dying at a young age and one at maturity. During the Civil War, Dr. John S. Dare of Annapolis suggested to Capt. John Tenbrook Campbell, a former canal worker, to put in a word for McIntyre to Col. Richard W. Thompson to appoint him a United States Detective. It was done and William made a good one. His report that John Hunt Morgan was to make a raid into Indiana and Ohio was one of the first that Governor Oliver Morton received.

William, to thwart Copperhead activity, was involved in what was called McClure's War in Parke county. This was brought about because McIntyre was a plain Democrat before the war, but for about four months of that time his neighbors did not credit him with being a good "Union Man" as the loyal men were then called. He began to denounce Lincoln on general principles and find fault with every Federal general who had the impoliteness to whip an army of Confederates. He soon became very popular with those who sympathized with the rebellion and became most bitterly hated by the Union side.

William went to Illinois, where he became acquainted, joined the "Knights of the Golden Circle" [Copperheads], got deeply into their secrets, and kept Capt. Campbell posted about the midnight work of that organization. He came very close to causing Capt. Campbell



be killed and maybe a good many others on both sides.

William was so close on the track of the Confederate Colonel Johnson that he lacked only a few hours of corraling Johnson in John Given Davis' house in Rockville, where he stayed over night. Johnson was in command of the rebel prisoners at Indianapolis and was to release them as soon as the Golden Circle should make a rush. Col. Johnson slipped away and his tracks got cold.

William and his family suffered so from the hatred of the people of Annapolis that he was compelled to explain to a few friends what he was doing, and they to a few more, until in a week every kid in the town knew all about it, and thereby spoiled his usefulness. He had to be dropped from the rolls for that reason.

He was part of the posse under Constable Nelson McClure, which brought in copperhead Ira Phipps during McClure's War. This is recorded in my, Charles Davis', book *Parke County, The Civil War, During the Canal Era* that was published in 2006 and can be found in the Rockville and Terre Haute libraries.

Nelson McClure, called "Uncle Nelson," sawed the timber on site for the Sugar Creek Feeder Dam for the Wabash and Erie Canal in Parke county in 1844. After that he lived in Annapolis and applied his trade as a painter until he died in 1908. He was buried in the Linebarger Cemetery with his wife and son, Mazarine, who was killed in the Civil War.

During his younger days William took an active part in everything for the betterment of his community. He was a life long Democrat, a strong supporter of the Union, and, in 1864, cast one vote of the only two Democratic votes cast in Penn township. William Craft cast the other one.

William and his partner, Martin Teague, built a shingle factory in Section 15 Washington township that was located about six miles southeast of Annapolis. He also made round pumps from poplar logs that he loaded on wagons and drove them from Joseph A. Gurley's pump shop at Annapolis throughout this area in Indiana.

In the 1870 census William was listed as a farmer. His two sons, William Martin age 15 and David Henry age 17, were working in the Annapolis pottery owned by John Welch and Alexander Lee.

The greater part of William and Sara's lives was spent in and around Annapolis where William was the Post Master for several years. He also was the Justice of the Peace for a long number of years and his studious habits and natural liking of the law easily made him one of the best posted men on law in that vicinity. He was consulted on points of law continually and his opinions were rarely wrong.

For many years "Uncle William" was used as an authority on the early history of his locality and Penn township in particular. Looking at old deed records I found that he didn't own property very long. He and Sara owned Lot 1 in Block 1 Hunt's Addition in Annapolis from 1881 to 1905. Deed Record 41/2337 and D.R. 47/338 I assume when he farmed, it was as a tenant farmer.

For several years William was the correspondent for the *Rockville Tribune* from Marshall, Indiana and his name was always to be found upon the subscription list, it first being there in 1870 when the publication was known as *The Indiana Patriot*. He was also a great student of the Bible and could easily give the desired quotations to sustain his stand in any argument. He was a member of the Laboring Man's Institute of Annapolis and was one of its greatest readers.

William Linder McIntyre spent his last days in the home of his daughter, Mrs. "Lizzie" Houghland, where he died in Marshall, Parke County, Indiana on June 6, 1918. He was buried in the Poplar Grove Cemetery just north of Marshall.

Note: There are two spellings for William's last name - McIntyre or McIntire



WILLIAM L. MCINTIRE
JAN. 8, 1830 ~ JUNE 6, 1918
SARAH TEAGUE
HIS WIFE
AUG. 3, 1832 ~ MAY 18, 1906

Photo by Charles Davis

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McINTYRE GENEALGY by Charles Davis

Name	Birth	Place	Death	Place	Marriage Place
Jesse McIntyre	9-29-1799		11-05-1851	Clay City IN	
m. Ann McFarian Christy	2-11-1810		6-25-1841	Clay City IN	
Wm Linder McIntyre	1-08-1830		6-18-1918	Poplar Grove Parke IN	1-27-1853 Parke Co IN
m. Sara Teague*	8-03-1832		5-18-1906	Poplar Grove Parke IN	1-27-1853 Parke Co IN
<u>David Henry McIntyre</u>	11-22-1853		1-16-1944	Tampa FL	12-14-1876 Parke Co IN
m1. Mary Z. Ephlin	9-19-1855		8-09-1882	Linebarger Cem Parke	12-14-1876 Parke Co IN
Henry McIntyre	1-26-1880		3-28-1880		
Carrie Ethel McIntyre	5-27-1881		3-15-1961	Rosehill Cem Tampa FL	4-23-1901
m. Ira Morris	6-16-1870		9-20-1954	Rosehill Cem Tampa FL	4-23-1901
m2. Amanda Stockdale	1-05-1850		5-29-1930		5-22-1886
Grace Fern McIntyre	4-03-1888		1965	Asbury Cem Morristown	8-02-1906 Shelby IN
m. Ralph McBain					
Francis Louis McBain	1907		1966		
Rowena McBain	1908				
<u>Wm Martin McIntyre</u>	4-23-1855		7-16-1923	Bethany Cem Parke IN	9-13-1877 Parke Co IN
m. Rachel A. Ephlin	4-27-1858		7-27-1915	Bethany Cem Parke IN	9-13-1877 Parke Co IN
Luther R. McIntyre	9-05-1878		7-??-1940	Bethany Cem Parke IN	10-24-1907 Parke Co
m. Estella V. Russell	12-10-1880		12-28-1912	Bethany Cem Parke IN	10-24-1907 Parke Co IN
John Wm McIntyre	5-19-1919	Kansas City	8-14-1992		9-05-1958
m. Greta Clara Hemphill					9-05-1958
David A. McIntyre				(living in Excanaba, MI)	
Warren D. McIntyre	8-18-1886		11-18-1895		
Dr. Francis Vernon McIntyre	9-21-1888		7-09-1969	Poplar Grove Parke Co IN	
m1. Diantha L. Newlin	5-02-1890		2-15-1921	Poplar Grove Parke Co IN	
m2. Mary J. Elliott	10-02-1897		2-28-1993	Marshall IN	3-22-1922 Parke Co IN
Marion McIntyre	10-25-1925			(living in Houston TX)	
Phyllis McIntyre	6-21-1930		7-10-1996		9-11-1948 Parke Co IN
m. Jerry Hugh Hodge					9-11-1948
Dr. Francis Elliott "Mac" McIntyre	5-15-1923		4-03-2010	Austin TX	8-27-1955 Indianapolis IN
m. Mary Eleanor Harrell					8-27-1955 Indianapolis IN
Barbara McIntyre				(living in Portland OR)	
Sylvia McIntyre	3-01-1957			(living in Gainesville FL)	
m. Larry Crook					
Carolyn McIntyre					
m. Michael White				(Brooklyn NY)	
Dorah Elizabeth McIntyre	8-14-1894		3-??-1985	Bethany Cem Parke IN	9-09-1917 Parke Co IN
m. Lewis Stark	11-11-1894		3-09-1981	Bethany Cem Parke IN	9-09-1917 Parke Co IN
Dorothy Stark					
m. Wm Dean Hobbs	4-29-1946		12-06-2000	National Cem Bushnell FL	Vietnam Vet.
Homer McIntyre	9-24-1897		7-07-1919	Bethany Cem Parke IN	
<u>John Franklin McIntyre</u>	2-24-1857		3-10-1951	Woodruff SC	10-31-1885 Kansas
m. Nancy Ellen Johnson	8-06-1859		11-04-1910	Woodruff SC	10-31-1885 Kansas
Floyd Linder McIntyre	10-15-1886		1963		8-18-1907 SC
m. Bernice Ivey	12-31-1890				8-18-1907 SC
Claude Earl McIntyre	8-07-1888		1963	Cedar Grove Cem SC	11-02-1916
m. Mable Clara Godfrey	9-30-1889		5-13-1939	CGC Laurens Co SC	11-02-1916
John Osborn McIntyre	1910		11-22-1941	CGC Laurens Co SC	
Florence Ellen McIntyre	10-22-1912		12-30-1969		
Charles Edward McIntyre	9-01-1930		9-01-1930		
5 children (private)					

*Father Henry Teague
Mother Martha Frazier

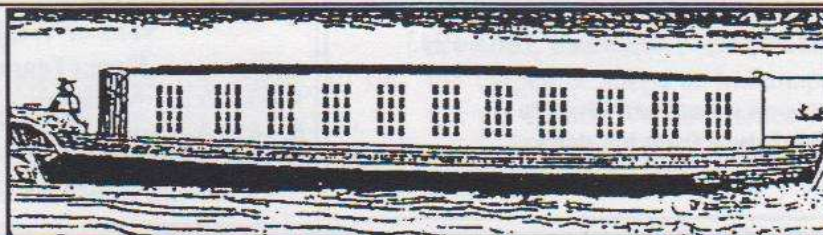
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6-20-1889 Rawlings Cem.
9-20-1864 Rawlings Cem.

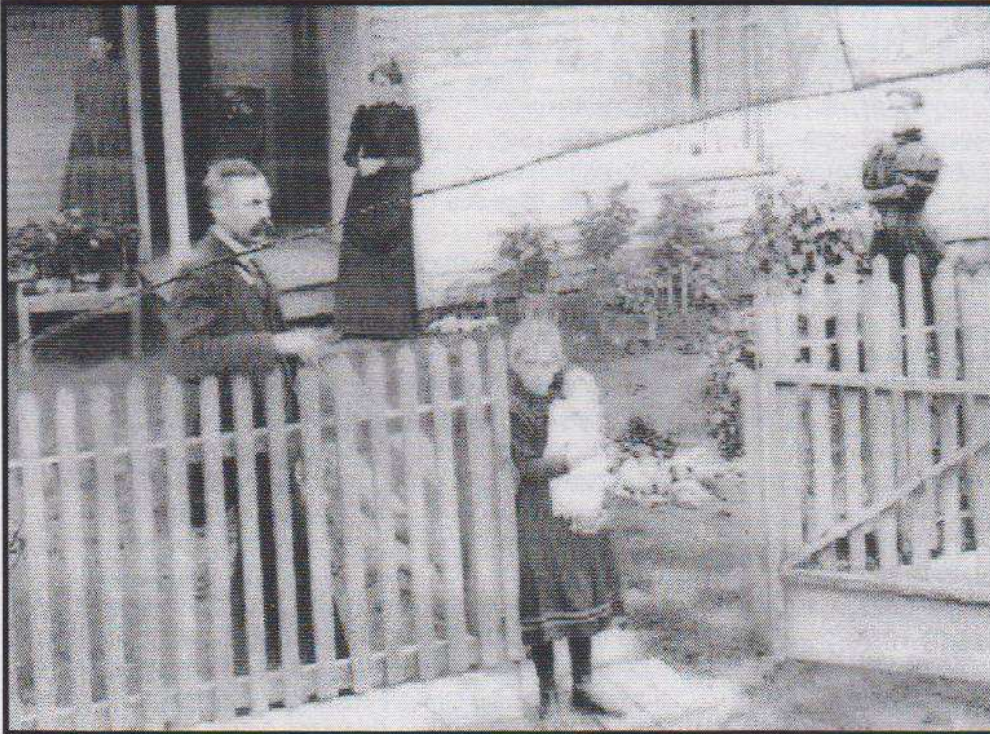
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McINTYRE GENEALGY (continued)

Name	Birth	Place	Death	Place	Marriage	Place
Oscar Wayne McIntyre	3-04-1891		8-06-1965		12-25-1912	SC
m. Eula Clara Fincher	10-12-1893		1922	SC	12-25-1912	SC
Coy Vincent McIntyre	7-23-1914		2-28-1966			
Maxwell Glenn McIntyre	2-04-1893		6-16-1978	Bramlett U.M. SC	3-27-1920	
m. Otha Glenn	5-09-1899		9-16-1991	SC	3-27-1920	
Allen G. "Mac" McIntyre	3-31-1927		2-07-2005	Greenville SC		
m. Hazel Few						
Virginia McIntyre			(Worcester, MA)			
m. ? Jackson						
Harry Squires McIntyre	11-13-1896		4-27-1967	Oakwood Hickory NC	1929 NC	
m. Gladys May Gwynn	5-19-1901		5-01-1993	Oakwood Mecklenburg	1929 NC	
(1 private)						
Cora Madge McIntyre	10-01-1901		1970			
m.						
m.						
<u>Martha Ann McIntyre</u>	3-19-1860		10-03-1861			
<u>Elizabeth Ellen McIntyre</u>	1-05-1863		1943	Poplar Grove Parke IN	12-21-1893	Parke Co IN
m. William Henry Houghland	1-01-1853		4-09-1915	Poplar Grove Parke IN	12-21-1893	Parke Co IN
<u>Mary McFarlan McIntyre</u>	8-11-1864		1950	Poplar Grove Parke IN	11-06-1890	Parke Co IN
m. William Henry Stockdale	3-??-1856		8-31-1909	Poplar Grove Parke IN	11-06-1890	Parke Co IN
Mable Claire Stockdale	10-12-1891		6-26-1912	Poplar Grove Parke IN	(killed in auto accident)	
Hazel Marie Stockdale	3-02-1893		9-02-1970		9-24-1913	
m. Layton Edward Connerley						
Harold Layton Connerley	11-04-1916		6-13-1999	Poplar Grove Parke IN	9-10-1944	Rockville
m. Mary Kathleen Busenbark	6-15-1922		3-24-2001	Eaton OH Poplar Grove	9-10-1944	Rockville
James Joseph Connerley				(living in Marion IA)		
William Edward Connerley				(living in Eaton OH)		
Charlotte Kay Connerley				(living in Lake Havasu AZ)		
m. ? Zulkowski						
<u>Nancy Grace McIntyre</u>	9-28-1866		10-06-1869			
<u>Laura Terrecy McIntyre</u>	3-09-1871		12-07-1895	Poplar Grove Parke IN	2-18-1892	Parke Co IN
m. Solomon F. Robbins	1-28-1862		2-22-1915	Poplar Grove Parke IN	2-18-1892	Parke Co IN
Frank Robbins	4-12-1893		1-13-1928	Poplar Grove Parke IN	9-10-1920	Parke Co IN
m. Audrey Ina Hockett	5-01-1892		2-12-1937		9-10-1920	Parke Co IN
Ruby Helen Robbins	11-21-1920		12-03-2002	(of Veedersburg IN)		
m. Artie Crowder						
Roy Paul Robbins	7-27-1927		2-02-1999	Batesville IN	9-20-1947	Parke Co IN
m. Betty Jean Osborn+						
Fred Robbins	5-03-1895		10-27-1968	Poplar Grove Parke IN	1935	Parke Co IN
<u>Cora Pearl McIntyre</u>	5-08-1874		4-??-1960	Poplar Grove Parke IN	2-04-1911	Parke Co IN
m. Alfonzo Erwin	1876		7-??-1954		2-04-1911	Parke Co IN
Mary E. Erwin	8-21-1911		2-11-1994	(of Cayuga IN)		
m. ? Davis						
Virginia Josephine Erwin	2-23-1913		10-29-1970	Mem. Gardens Rockville	9-05-1941	Parke Co IN
m. Glenn Sutherland	4-28-1908		12-26-1989	Mem. Gardens Rockville	9-05-1941	Parke Co IN
Marjorie Erwin	1916					
m. DeStefano				(of Canajoharie, NY)		



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**Children of Wm. Linder
& Sara (Teague) McIntyre**

David Henry McIntyre by fence
B. 1853 Marshall, IN
D. 1944 Tampa, FL

**Mary McFarlan (McIntyre)
Stockdale at the right of the gate**

Grandchildren of Wm. & Sara

**Grace Fern McIntyre, David's
daughter, holding doll**

**Carrie Ethel (McIntyre) Morris,
David's daughter, on the porch by
the door**

Photo taken around 1900



Daughters of William Linder & Sara (Teague) McIntyre
(left to right)

Mary McFarlan (McIntyre) Stockdale 1864-1950

Cora Pearl (McIntyre) Erwin 1874-1960

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ellen (McIntyre) Houghland 1863-1943

This picture was on a postcard given to
David Henry McIntyre from his sisters.



**Sons of William Linder &
Sara (Teague) McIntyre**

David Henry McIntyre
B. 1853 Annapolis, IN
D. 1944 Tampa, Florida

John Franklin McIntyre
B. 1857 Annapolis, IN
D. 1950 Woodruff, SC

Photo taken about 1938 in Woodruff, South Carolina