

JOHN McCUNE, deceased, who was one of the early settlers of Adams County, Indiana, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, December 23, 1813. He grew to manhood in Kentucky, and received a fair common-school education. He came with his father's family to Indiana, they settling in Rush County. He was married in Rush County to Mary Aspey, who was born in that county September 11, 1813, a daughter of Lawrence Aspey, Sr. Twelve children were born to this union, five sons and seven daughters. After his marriage Mr. McCune located in the Fayette County, Indiana, and from there he removed to Hancock County. He subsequently returned to Fayette County, and in 1845 came to Adams County, and settled on section 27 of Monroe Township on land which had been entered for him by his father-in-law. His land was heavily covered with timber when he settled on it, and he immediately began clearing and improving the place. He built a hewed-log house one and a half stories high, covered with clapboards, and afterward built a more commodious frame residence, in which he resided until his death November 24, 1873, his wife surviving until August 23, 1874. Both were worthy members of the Christian church. Politically Mr. McCune was formerly a Whig, but later affiliated with the Republican party. He was active in all enterprises which had for their object the advancement of his township or county, and served faithfully as township trustee and constable. In the early days of the county he was considered quite a hunter. At one time he shot three deer from his north window. He was successful in his agricultural pursuits, and at the time of his death had 160 acres of choice land.

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