

Picture of Melville F. McHaffie Family
in front of home in Stilesville, In.

George Florence Ernest Mary Oscar Minnie
 Melville Mary Ann

b. 12-27-1826
d. 5-27-1914

b. 7-16-1830
d. 7-19-1897

They moved into the house on August 5, 1872. This date is in the glass over the door behind them. Mary (Mayme) was the only child born in the house and appears to be around 20 in the picture. It possibly was taken around 1892. Mary Ann McHaffie died in 1897.

I believe it was called Forest Home Stock Farm by son, Ernest. His daughter, Ernestine was my mother, Mary Virginia's mother. Melville's father was Andrew McHaffie, who first came to Indiana. Andrew's father was John McHaffie who appears to have been a Revolutionary War soldier according to your County records. I would like to know more about him.

I do have more information about Mary Ann Thomas McHaffie if you would like that. Her father was Jonathan Thomas and her mother was Catherine Ulrich Thomas and they were from Penn. Last week I saw records ^{at} of the Mormon Church that are possibly related to them. They were baptismal records --Cataria Ulrich, Lebanon C. June 1809 and Jonathan Thomas, Phil, Pa. bp. April 21, 1803. This will take some more checking. If you know anyone who has information to share I would appreciate it if you would give them my name and address. Please let me know if you need any more specifics than what I sent or you have in your records.

We took pictures of the home when we were up there last month and were so sorry to see it just falling down. It would have been so beautiful restored.

MRS. JAMES G. INGRAM
130 Dedman Street
HARRODSBURG, KY 40330

Janet Ingram

Family History as Written by
McHaffie
Minnie Inez Hall Masters - Born May 8, 1858
older sister of Ernest McHaffie

My Grandfather's History

Andrew E. McHaffie - "Scotch Irish" - Virginian by birth.

Born February 16, 1798. Died October 17, 1863.

He had three brothers and two sisters.

John McHaffie, born 1794. Died February 26, 1834 - age 40 years, 11 months.

Married Betsy Dyer. Both are buried in the Stilesville cemetery. John,

just north and one row west of grandfather. Aunt Betsy buried in the

Hunter lot. Three children, they had.

Aunt Sarah married a Davidson. Aunt Ma _____ married Halmer Hunter;

twelve children were theirs - all died early in their lives. Aunt Orlena

married Andrew Evans; one son, Evander.

Grandfather's sister, Margaret, married William Dunnington (buried west of

Grandfather's lot - by the big cedar tree, by husband). She was born

August 31, 1818. Died November 23, 1857. No family.

Jim McHaffie - went to Texas in early days, and died there. Five children.

Mag Gordon. Ellen Scott. Frank. "Elwood died in the Civil War."

Mary Ellen Johnson. (All dead.)

Rachel, grandfather's sister, married Thomas Ward. A large family; all

buried in the lot west of where grandfather is buried. No markers.

Robert, a brother, lived and died in Owen County. A school there was the

McHaffie School House. I know little of Robert's family. He is buried in

Owen County.

My grandfather came to Indiana in 1830 - with his brothers and sisters and families from Knoxville, Tennessee. He was married in Knoxville to Nancy Woods; born April 1805; died April 1830. They were married in April 1823. April carried birth, marriage and death.

After her death grandfather emigrated to Indiana in 1830, entered land and built a cabin west of Stilesville and little east of the present Coatesville road. His children, Emaline, Melville and Jannie (died at age of 12, buried by grandfather in lot) were cared for by Aunt Betsey Dyer McHaffie and husband John.

In 1839 Grandfather returned to Tennessee and married Nancy Kilbourn. They rode horseback back to Indiana. To grandfather's marriage one child, Mary Angelina, was born June 15, 1840; died January 5, 1902; buried in Stilesville cemetery.

Aunt Emaline was married to William Roberts, at age of 16. Born October 22, 1824; died June 3, 1890. Melville Fitzallen McHaffie; born December 27, 1826; died May 27, 1914. Aunt Mary married Harve Lee. They moved after grandfather's death to Arkansas, about 1878. Grandmother died and is buried at Carlyle, Arkansas, in 1880.

Aunt Mary Lee had three boys. Ed, died of heart attack (single), buried in Stilesville. ^{Jin.} Charlie, killed in city on street by auto, left a wife. Is buried at Crown Hill.

To that union was born Joe, John, Almira, Francis, Charlie and Nute. Joe was a soldier in the four year war; later worked on the Indianapolis Journal; later the "News" ^{*} John was drowned on the Missouri river while on a fishing trip; buried in Illinois.

* Joe died in 1879 - in M.E. Hospital; is buried by his mother,

as he requested, in the Stilesville cemetery. Almira married Jim Alexander in 1865 and lived in Edinburg, Illinois; both are buried there; had 7 children. Aunt Frances married Ike Logan who died in Colorado when her two children, Sara and Charlie, were both small; Aunt Frances died in 1918. Uncle Nate had a large family; lived and died in State of Washington. Charlie had one son, a fine musician; Charlie lived and died in Eaporia, Kansas.

These were my mother's half brothers and sister

Catherine Ulrich Thomas Long ^{2nd marriage after Jonathan Thomas died.}
 Grandmother and Grandfather Long came to this State. Grandmother had money.

They bought the land now owned by Mary Vaughn, bought by Mary's father Josholin Fastee about 1866. Grandfather Long was a German, very jovial. Wore a plug hat, and "put on style". He, with his children, went to Illinois after the war and is buried at Mason City, Illinois.

My mother married my father, Melville Fitzallen McHaffie, August 15, 1850. Mother was 18 when grandfather Long brought father into the home and introduced them. Mother was on the floor, cutting out a little pair of pants for one of the children. "It was love at first sight", as mother was 20 in July, married on August 15, 1850. They were married by Uncle Tommy Lockhart at Putmanville, by a Christian minister. They rode horseback. They lived with grandfather McHaffie until March of '51. Then began housekeeping at the home, a two-story brick of four rooms, two below and two above, with hall and stairway, and a stairway out of the living room. A frame kitchen to the north, later a backporch from the hall and a bedroom to the east were added. In that home nine children were born:

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Florence Alice, born May 30, 1851; died 1879. Buried at Crown Hill.

Married to Charlie ~~Dager~~. *Bridges*

Clara Virginia, born April 28, 1853. Married Thomas Boggess of Macon, called Thozza Jane (called Ginny) Mississippi; died December 5, 1872, at Macon of brain fever and pneumonia.

Body returned by father; buried in Stilesville cemetery. One child,

Bennett, born July 3, 1872; died October 10, 1918. His wife, Maud

Woodard Boggess, November 7, (1958), in Mississippi.

George William McHaffie, born February 24, 1856. Married to Emma Cosner.

Two daughters, Katie Cosner and Mary Melville, were their children.

✓ Minnie Inez Bell, born May 8, 1858, married to Horwood G. Masters, a practicing physician, September 12, 1877. He died August 23, 1902.

Four children: Orion, Eva, Max and Alexander T. were their children.

The youngest, Lex, born November 8, 1893; died December 9, 1958;

buried on his mother's lot at Stilesville.

Andrew E. born October 7, 1860; died November 30, 1877.

Clement lived 1½ years, the only blue-eyed and light-haired one. Born July 1862. Died of flux.

Marcus, age 3½ years, died in 1864 of gray flux.

Samuel Oscar, born April 6, 1868, died November 13, 1927. Married May

Leachman; died 1918. One son, Melville J., married Lena Gilbert

August 15, 1918. One daughter, Martha Eunice, born June 24, 1922.

✓ Ernest, born August 26, 1870; died July 25, 1922. Married Anna Greer of Seymour, in 1892. Their children: Ernestine, Robert and Maxine.

Mary Emeline McHaffie Shiel was born October 4, 1872. The only one born in the new house. We moved there August 5, 1872, and Mayzie (Mary Emeline) was born on October 4.

The house was two years building. The brick was burned just east of the house by Sam Minter; the carpenter work done by Sam Swope and others. The stones were hauled by men who dug it near Putnamville. Mother, with help, cooked for 25 men, for dinner and supper and overnight. There were no hour limits. They worked before light and after sunset. Pa believed in feeding his men; a full stomach made them contented and they wanted to do their best. There was no limit to food. Sugar, coffee (green) to parch, flour and meal by the 100 lb., vegetables of all kinds raised on the farm, for winter use. How proud we all were when we moved in.

In about two weeks threshers came late one night. The family laid on the floor (the children I mean) while 25 men took the beds, and were fed biscuit and ham for breakfast, but it was so common those days no one spoke of it. They would thresh for one week. George, Andrew and myself saddled, rode the horses round and round on the barn floor to thresh out the wheat. Yes, I know when I first saw the threshing machine. The men would thresh for a week and live with us then.

After we moved to the new house in May Pa brought a new carriage home from Green Castle. My first question, "Can we go to church?" Yes, indeed. Two big roan horses, Hoany and Mike, were hitched to carriage the following Sunday. All went to the Baptist Church at town. It was Communion Sunday. /I looked out, to see if any of my school mates saw me and were they "green eyed". My mother was a Lutheran by religion, as all Dutch families were. Mother was sprinkled, as that was their belief.

Aunt Sarah Sallust was two years younger than mother; married to William Sallust. Six children were born to them: Jim, Mary, Arthur, Weise, Walt and Clara, all "passed on". Weise died November 27, 1939.

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Doom averted for U.S. 40 landmark

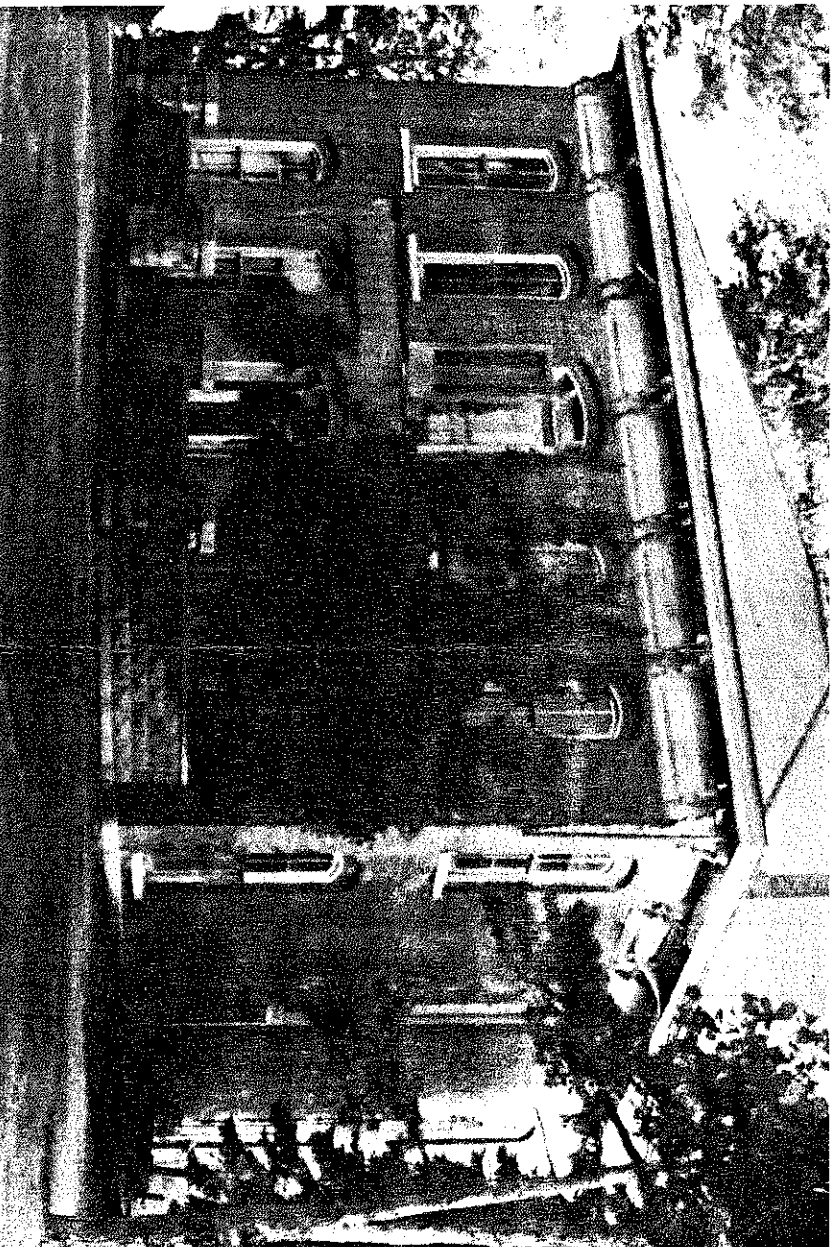
by Charles Niehaus

EVERY preservationist feels relief when he sees an important building saved from a seemingly inevitable doom brought on by neglect and indifference. That was certainly my feeling when I learned recently that a majestic old farmhouse which I had known since a boy, and which had stood empty and decaying for many years, had been purchased by someone who intended to preserve it. I was downright elated to hear from the new owners that in fact they are embarking on a long and carefully planned restoration project.

The house is on U.S. 40, the old National Road, in the eastern tip of Putnam County. A large brick, Italianate structure, it is similar to a number of others which used to be seen along the route from Indianapolis to Terre Haute. Now only a very few remain, and most of them are in some stage of serious decay. Built by prosperous farmers in the heyday of traffic along the National Road after the Civil War, they are important as architectural achievements and as a visible link with a vital and dynamic period of our history.

The builder of this house was Melville F. McHaffie, a member of a Scots-Irish family who migrated from Virginia to Tennessee and then to Indiana. McHaffie, whose grandfather witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, was six years old when his father brought his family to Putnam County, Indiana, in 1832. McHaffie grew up on the National Road, helped to clear the way for the road, prospered at farming, banking, and livestock breeding. He became nationally known for his mules, but he also bred high quality race horses on his farm, where he maintained his own track. He also accumulated hundreds of acres of land in other states.

In 1870, McHaffie built his new house in the Italianate style popular at the time. Foursquare and solid without unnecessary frills or



Walter and June Prosser have drawn up a five-year restoration plan for Rising Hall Manor. (Photo courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Walter Prosser)

ornamentation, it was the fitting expression of the success and prosperity he had gained through hard work on the land. It cost \$12,500, a considerable sum for that day. The bricks for its construction were made on the farm, and the wood—poplar and cherry—was cut there. The brick walls, both interior and exterior, are fifteen inches thick.

Ten rooms, each sixteen feet square, are connected by a massive central stairway made of cherry. Because of this stairway, the new owners have named the house "Rising Hall Manor." The house still has its original slate roof. Three porches have disappeared but will be replaced. A most unusual feature is the brick barn, built in

the same style, with three lots, a dozen stalls, and a slate roof.

THE new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prosser of Indianapolis. Mr. Prosser is senior vice president of the Langsenkamp Company. With considerable experience in metal fabrication, house building, and woodworking, he is unusually suited to take on this challenging project. He and his wife June, who collects antiques, will do much of the work themselves. Their plans call for placing the house on the National Register, completing its restoration within five years, and within another five years completing the restoration of the barn, walks, drives, and gardens. The Prossers are to be much commended for recognizing the significance of this property, and for having the dedication and energy to undertake the restoration it deserves.

MY DESCENT FROM A HENDRICKS CO. PIONEER

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By Shene Clark

McHaffie

1 SALLY ROBARDS ROBERTS B August 25, '08; M--Aug. 24, 1940
 (Name of Applicant)
116 Berwyn Road Muncie Indiana 47304 Tel. No. 284-7402
 (Street and No.) (Town) (State) (Zip)
 2 Andrew Evans McHaffie March, 1798 July 7, 1823 October 17, 1863
 (Pioneer Ancestor's Name) B-birth date; M-marriage date; D-death date;
October, 1832 "3/4 miles from Stilesville" Franklin Twp.
 SS-settlement date in Hendricks Co.; (SS Place)

Ron C 8-30-74

Line of Descent

1. Parents:	H <u>Charles Wesley Robards</u>	B <u>8/17/1872</u>	M <u>Sept '07</u>	D <u>Sept. 20 1945</u>
	W <u>Geneva Vaught Robards</u>	B <u>3/16/1880</u>	M	D <u>Nov. 22 1947</u>
2. Grand Parents:	H <u>Andrew Marshall Robards</u>	B <u>10/5/1846</u>	M <u>11/4/1869</u>	D <u>May 4, 1832</u>
	W <u>Sarah Gentry</u>	B <u>6/7/1851</u>	M	D <u>April 23, 1928</u>
3. Great Grand Parents:	H <u>William Pettib Robards</u>	B <u>9/13/1813</u>	M <u>Oct. 22, 1840</u>	D <u>Mar. 14, 1885</u>
	W <u>Haney Emeline McHaffie</u>	B <u>10/2/1824</u>	M	D <u>June 3, 1890</u>
4. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H <u>Andrew Evans McHaffie</u>	B <u>Mar 1798</u>	M <u>7/7, 1823</u>	D <u>Oct. 17, 1863</u>
	W <u>Nancy Woods</u>	B	M	D <u>1830 1830</u>
5. Gr.Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H	B	M	D
	W	B	M	D
6. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr. Grand Parents:	H	B	M	D
	W	B	M	D
7. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H	B	M	D
	W	B	M	D

The first two items must be completed to obtain a certificate. Additional information helpful is occupation of pioneer, public office held, political party, where educated, church affiliation. If descendancy can be traced to more than one ancestor other blanks must be used. Ask for them.

Verification of above may be found (check at least one); County Clerk's office; Old Bible; Church Records; Voting Records; Cemetery records; others _____

IMPORTANT: REGARDING LAND ENTRIES

1. Do you have a patent for land issued to your ancestors in Hendricks County? Yes. Yes
2. How many deeds? 1 For how many acres? 160 To whom issued? Andrew E. McHaffie
3. How many of these acres have been held continuously in the family? 160
4. Indicate line of descent of ownership. Title to this 160 acre parcel passed from Andrew E. McHaffie to daughter Haney Emeline McHaffie Robards, to Andrew Marshall Robards to Charles Wesley Robards to Sally Robards Roberts

ANCESTOR - DECENDANT COMMITTEE

P. O. 154 DANVILLE, INDIANA 46122

HUSBAND Roberts, Donald B.

Born Aug. 13, 1906 Place Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Chr. Episcopal 1907 Place Presbyterian Ind., Ft. Wayne

Mar. Aug. 24, 1940 Place Shrewsbury, Ind.

Died _____ Place _____

Bur. _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER Birdell James Roberts HUSBAND'S MOTHER Evelyn Barr Roberts

OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Roberts Sally Roberts

Born Aug. 25, 1908 Place Shrewsbury, Ind.

Chr. _____ Place _____

Died _____ Place _____

Bur. _____ Place _____

WIFE'S FATHER Chas. W. Robards WIFE'S MOTHER Geneva Vaughn Robards

OTHER WIVES _____

CHILDREN

SEX	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED
M	Given Names	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY MONTH YEAR
	Sarah Evelyn Roberts	30 June '43	Indianapolis	David E. Kranbuehl	
	Katherine Robards				
	Kate Roberts	Feb '50	Muncie, Del.	James E. Keenan	

1 Sarah Evelyn Roberts 30 June '43 Indianapolis Marion Ind David E. Kranbuehl

2 Katherine Robards

3 ~~Kate~~ Roberts Feb '50 Muncie, Del. James E. Keenan

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Sally Roberts Roberts, (Mrs. Donald B.)
116 Berwyn Road, Muncie, Ind.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I attended Grade School at Stilesville, Indiana
I graduated from High School at Stilesville, Indiana 1926
I (attended-graduated from) college at DePauw Univ. 1930-A.B
I took post-graduate work at U. of Illinois Library School 1931-BS in L.S.
I hold degrees (AB/BS/MA/MS/PHD) A.B. BS in L.S.
I am a member of First Presbyterian, Muncie, Ind. church
I have had offices in that church as follows Deaconess 1965-70

My principal occupation is City Librarian Muncie, Ind. 1935-1940
House wife 1940 -

I usually support the (Republican-Democrat) party and have been elected to the following offices (include dates) none

I am a member of the following Lodges and/or Civic Organizations, and have held the following offices Paul Revere Chapter D.A.R., Altrusa Club, Tri Kappa, Alpha Phi Sorority, Art League Muncie Art Students League

My hobbies are _____
I have lived in Hendricks County since 1908-1931 and own my own home Muncie, Ind. 1931 -
If farm land is owned, number of acres 459 in Franklin Township

I served in the Armed forces from _____ to _____ and saw duty in _____

Decorations received _____

Please attach another page if necessary to record the above information. The questions above are only an outline to suggest to you the information to be covered that will make a more interesting biography to your grandchildren and their grandchildren.

