



Picture 1: Mother and six daughters of Joseph & Mary Jane Medill McCune in 1890's

Back: Keren Happuch Laura Alma Theresa Maxima

Seated: Mother, Mary Jane Medill McCune Mary Margaret Jessie Ellen Nancy Jane

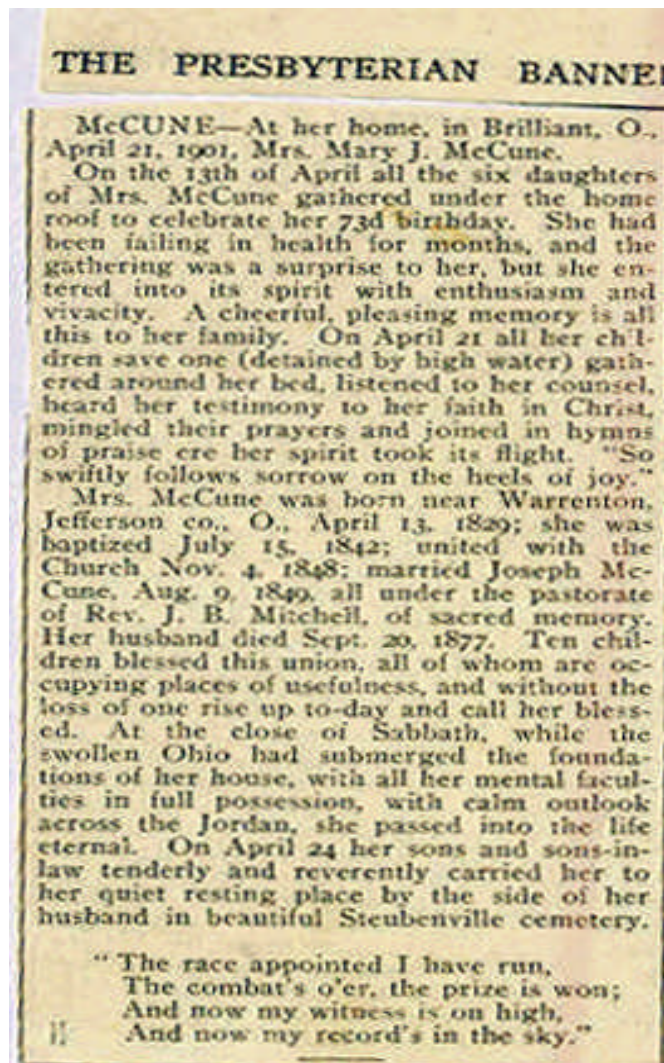


**Picture 2: CHILDREN OF JOSEPH & MARY JANE MEDILL McCUNE –
July, 1925 at “Little Village Farm” in Mount Pleasant**

Kneeling at back: Albert Elsworth Samuel James Laura Alma McCune

Seated: Jessie Ellen McCune Joseph Addison McCune Keren Happuch Kimball Margaret McConnell
Nancy Jane McConahey Theresa Maxima Potter

Missing: Thomas Fleming McCune



Picture 3: Obituary - Mary Jane Medill McCune – April 21, 1901
The Presbyterian Banner was a newspaper published by the Presbyterian Church.



Picture 4: Rear of McCune Brothers Store and the family home across the street from the store where Add, Jessie and Laura lived. (Pictures taken in the 1936 flood when the water reached the ceiling of the first floors.)

J. A. McCUNE,

STATEMENT,

S. J. McCUNE,

Brilliant, Ohio

Dec 13 1895

M^r F. M. McConahey

TO McCUNE BROS., Dr.

DEALERS IN

General Merchandise.

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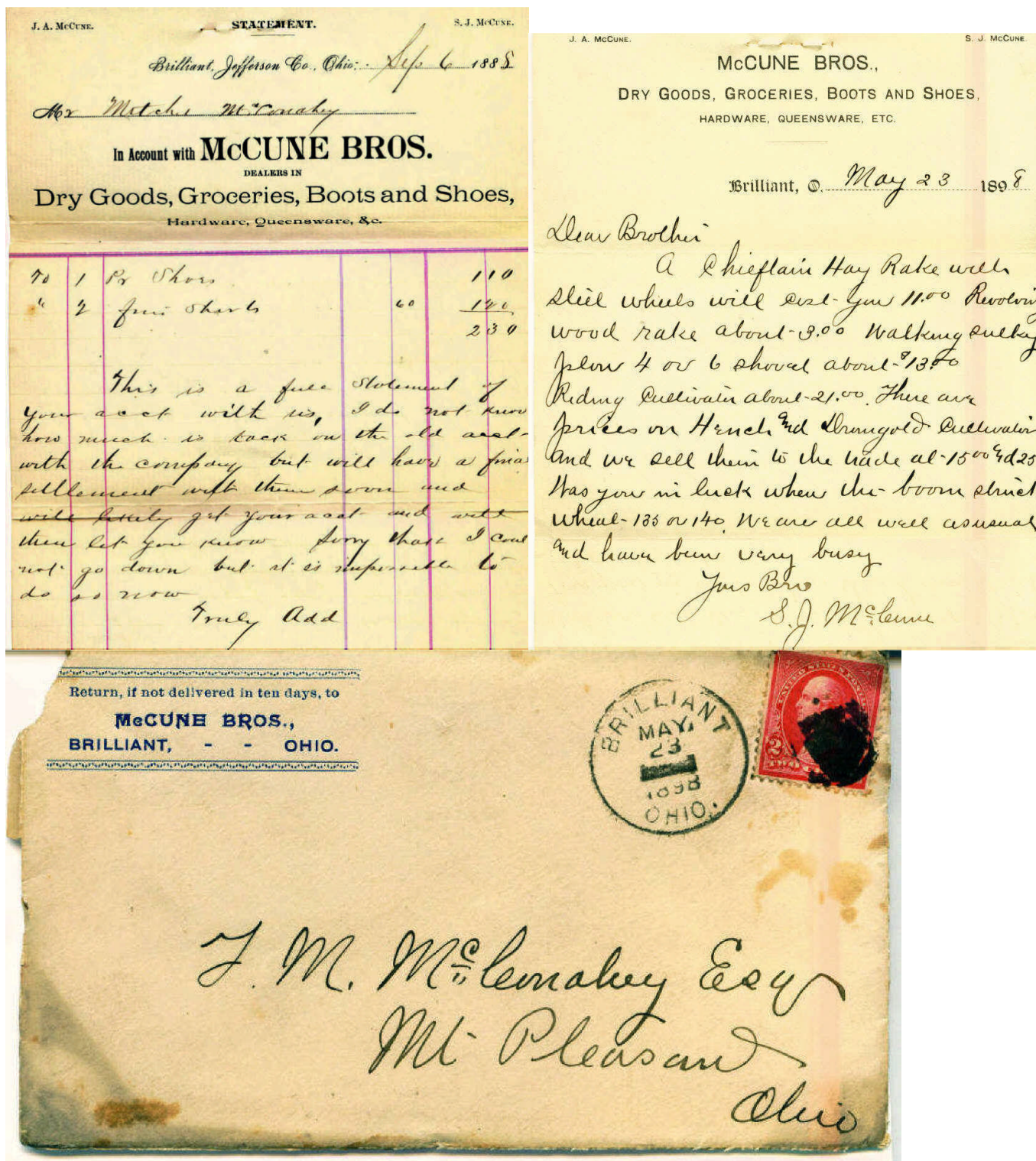
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Picture 5: Left - Receipt for purchase of eight hogs from T. M. McConahey (1895) and Right - Monthly statement for T. M. McConahey (1888) Thomas Mitchell McConahey is a brother-in-law.




Picture 6: Left: A note from Add to brother-in-law T. M. McConahey written just after McCune Brothers started (1888).

Right: A price quotation from Samuel to T.M. McConahey (1898)

Below: 1898 envelope.



**Picture 7: Samuel James McCune and Elizabeth Purdy McCune
September 20, 1938 – 50th Wedding Anniversary**



For State Representative

SAMUEL J. McCUNE

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

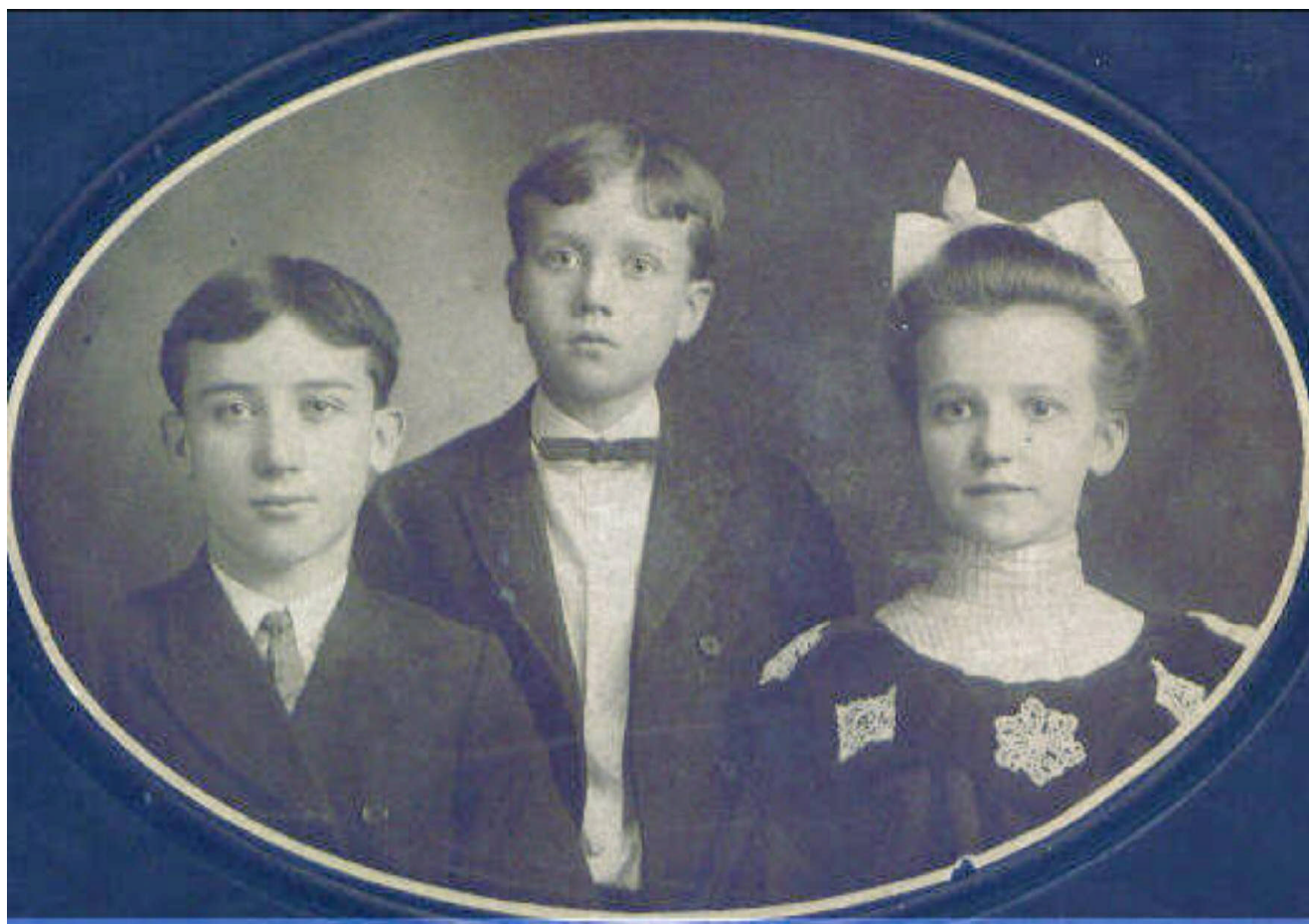
Will Appreciate
Your Vote and
Influence at
Election

| 1914 | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | 1914 |
|------|------|----------|------|------|------|------|--|------|
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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | | | |

STUDEBAKER CO. CLEVELAND, OHIO

**Picture 8: Advertising blotter for Ohio State Representative election in 1914.
Brother Joseph Addison, a Republican, won.**

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**Picture 9: Children of Samuel James and Elizabeth Purdy McCune
Brilliant, Ohio,**

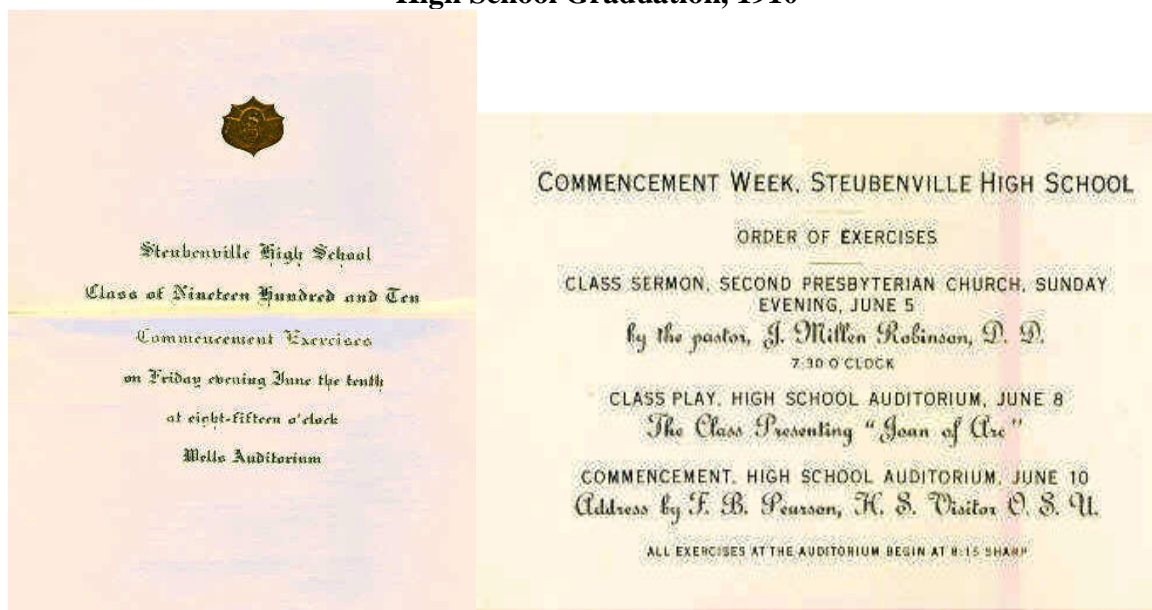
Joseph Condit McCune
b Jan. 9, 1890

James Edwin McCune
b Dec. 3, 1894

Mary Purdy McCune
b May 24, 1892



**Picture 10: Mary Purdy McCune
High School Graduation, 1910**





Picture 11: Mary Purdy McCune - 1913



**Picture 12 - Mary Purdy McCune – 1914
Graduation from Wilson College,
Chambersburg, PA**



Picture 13: Reading on the porch at Brilliant

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WILSON COLLEGE

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Name **McCUNE, Mary Purdy**
Home address **Brilliant, Ohio**

A. B. Degree Conferred **June 10, 1914**
Honors

Date of Matriculation **9/ /1910**
Date and Place of Birth **5/24/1892**

Entered from **Wells High School, Steubenville, Ohio**
by **certificate**

Field of Concentration: **CLASSICAL**
Major
Allied

| ENTRANCE UNITS | | Course Number and Description | | Hours per week | | 1st Sem. | | 2nd Sem. | | Hours per week | | 1st Sem. | | 2nd Sem. | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|---|----------------|-----|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------------|-----|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Specs. | | | | Rec | Lab | Gr | Grade | Gr | Grade | Rec | Lab | Gr | Grade | Gr | Grade |
| 1910-11 | | 1912-13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Lat. I, Sel. Cicero, Idv., Horace | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | A | 3 | A | 3 | A |
| 4 | Ger. III, German Composition | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 2 | B | 2 | A | 2 | A |
| 3 | Math. I, Solid & Spher. Geom., Col. Algebra, Pl. Trig. | 4 | A | 4 | A | 4 | A | 4 | A | 1 | B | 1 | B | 1 | C |
| 2 | Eng. I, Lit. fm Chaucer to present | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B |
| 1 | Physiology & Hygiene I | 1 | B | 1 | B | 1 | B | 1 | B | 3 | A | 3 | A | 2 | B |
| 1 | Bible, Hist. of Hebrews to Solomon | 1 | C | 1 | C | 1 | C | 1 | C | 3 | | 3 | | 2 | B |
| HOURS OF CREDIT | | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | | 14 | |
| 1911-12 | | 1913-14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Ger. IIIA, Hist. of Ger. Lit. through Classical Period | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 2 | A | 2 | A | 2 | A |
| 3 | Eng. II, Lit. to Johnson, Description, Argumentation | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B |
| 3 | Hist. I, II, Mediaeval, Modern Europe. Bible II, Hist. of Hebrews fm Solomon to Roman Period | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B |
| 2 | Math. II, Analytical Geometry | 1 | A | 1 | A | 1 | A | 1 | A | 3 | A | 3 | A | 2 | A |
| 1 | French I, Elementary | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 3 | B | 1 | B | 1 | B | 1 | B |
| 1 | Phys. Ed. | 3 | A | 3 | A | 3 | A | 3 | A | 16 | | 16 | | 13 | |
| HOURS OF CREDIT | | 16 | | 16 | | 16 | | 16 | | 16 | | 16 | | 13 | |
| TOTAL | | 164 | | 164 | | 164 | | 164 | | 164 | | 164 | | 164 | |

Required for Graduation: 120 semester hours and 2 years Physical Education

Date **8/31/15**
Signature **C. Elizabeth Ford**
Registrar

On official transcript bears the seal of the College.
GRADING SYSTEM—A, 90-100; B, 80-89; C, 70-79; D, 60-69; E, 50-59. Condition:
F, Failure; Cr., Credit; P., Passed; Inc., Incomplete.
QUALITY POINTS: A, 4; B, 3; C, 2; D, 1; E, 0; F, .1.
CREDIT UNIT—Semester Hour—One weekly class appointment of at least 50 minutes for one semester.
LENGTH OF SEMESTER—16 weeks, including the examination period.
NORMAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM—15 credits per semester.

Picture 14: Transcript from Wilson College

McCune Helped Write Page Of Ohio History

Member of Commission
Supervising North-
west Caravan

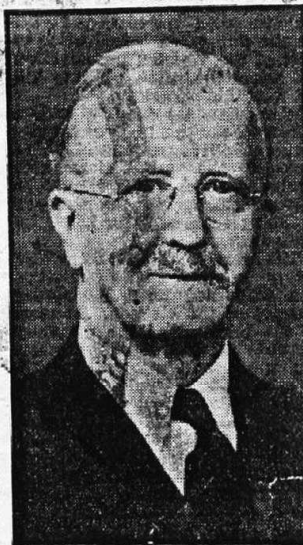
NAME ON PLACQUE

The name of a county man, S. J. McCune, Brilliant, has figured prominently in one of the greatest triumphs of 1938 in the history of the United States, the Northwest Territory celebration. There were many fine features in the sesqui-centennial program but the great achievement was the successful movement of a caravan of 36 men, two oxen, five pack horses, a covered wagon, a costume trailer truck and a portable stage into 250 cities where the men enacted their pageant, "Freedom on the March" each night. When the idea for such a spectacle was first proposed, the general opinion was that it could not be done. But today, the idea has become a fact, and history has been made.

Under supervision of the Ohio commission for the celebration, of which Mr. McCune was a member, this cavalcade was carried into 52 cities of the Buckeye state, and the tour concluded October 12 at Bel- pre, where the caravan disbanded. Mr. McCune was an important member of the commission, his suggestions were constructive and through his efforts the program in Ohio was dignified, educational and entertaining.

Almost every city heralded the arrival of the pioneers with a parade, banquet or reception, and the state commission cooperated with plans for these local festivi- ties. Ohio will benefit for many years because of the publicity gained through the program. Two issues of new postage stamps were first sold in Ohio in 1937-1938 per- taining to the sesqui-centennial, and more than 20 cities issued wooden nickels telling the story of the history of the Buckeye state.

Also, because of the 150th anni- versary observance of the estab- lishment of civil government here, the President of the United States paid a visit to Marietta in July. In addition to the wooden nickels, there were souvenirs of all varieties, pocket pieces, miniature covered wagons to be used as ornaments, pioneer relics, and other things to spread the news of Ohio's birth- day throughout the nation. Iron- ton sold iron half dollars, Dayton is- sued aluminum commemorative coins, Gallipolis had the French centime as a souvenir, and other types of souvenir money were issued.



S. J. McCUNE

Through the Ohio commission cooperating with the license bureau the automobile license plates for this year bore a picture of a covered wagon, the symbol of the sesqui-centennial, and thus spread news of the celebration in all parts of the nation.

Inspiring patriotism for their Ohio was one of the achievements of the commission. Through the dramatization of the beginnings of government depicted in the pageant, the people of the state learned much history. The work was an innovation in government pro- grams. All members of the com- mission served without pay. In Ohio, 2,000,000 people saw the covered wagon caravan in parades and 400,000 saw the pageant.

The federal government erected a monument to the pioneers at Marietta. The Ohio commission placed a beautiful bronze tablet in the state house, Columbus, to tell the story of this one hundred and fiftieth observance of the first settle- ment on Ohio soil. Jefferson county will have a just pride in this record of the Northwest Territory celebration because the name of Mr. McCune is on that marker, memorial to the work of all the civic groups who assisted in pro- moting the success of the sesqui- centennial and to the members of the Ohio commission.

Other members of the commis- sion were: Gov. Martin L. Davey, George White, Marietta, chair- man; Hon. C. Ellis Moore, Cam- bridge, vice chairman, and A. H. Mitchell, Martins Ferry.



Samuel J. McCune

Replicas of the first silk mill west of the Alleghenies and the first Methodist church in Ohio are on display in the General Grant cabin at the state fair. They were pro- vided by Samuel J. McCune of Brill- iant, a member of the Ohio North- west Territory Celebration commis- sion.

The silk mill was operated at Mt. Pleasant nearly 100 years ago. The church is a miniature of the one erected at Hopewell by the con- gregation organized there in 1787.

The Northwest Territory commis- sion had the co-operation of the Ohio Historical society in setting up the display. Souvenir postcards are given to visitors.

Samuel J. McCune was appointed to this commission by then Governor Martin L. Davey

Advertising Eastern Ohio.

S. J. McCUNE of Brilliant believes in advertising Eastern Ohio. His latest effort along this line was the presentation of five interesting Jefferson county historical models to the Ohio State Museum. The models are reproductions of Fort Steuben, built in 1786-87; blockhouse built at Blockhouse Run in 1790; Hopewell church, constructed in 1798; the Benjamin Linton mill erected on Salt Run near Brilliant, a number of years before the close of the Eighteenth century, and the silk factory erected by Thomas White and John W. Gill at Mt. Pleasant in 1841.

The Hopewell church was one of the first built by the Methodists in the Buckeye State. The Linton mill is supposed to have been one of the first of its kind in the entire Northwest territory. The silk factory, which was operated successfully for a number of years, was the pioneer silk mill in the Buckeye State.

Another Eastern Ohio contribution to the State Museum is the original painted sign of the Free Labor store at Mount Pleasant, center of the Abolitionist movement in the Buckeye State. The store was maintained by anti-slavery advocates. The sign was contributed by Miss Elizabeth Jenkins of Mt. Pleasant.

We have yet to read of any Belmont county contributions to the museum. Yet Belmont county is fully as rich in historical points of interest and famous personages of the past as Jefferson. Here the first native-born governor of Ohio first saw the light of day; here Benjamin Lundy first labored in behalf of the Abolitionist movement; here were settlements which some historians declare were fully as early as that at the junction of the Muskingum and Ohio at Marietta; here numerous relics of the pre-historic mound builders have been unearthed and here one of America's foremost writers was born. Indeed, all of our Eastern Ohio counties could add to the stock of interesting things in the state museum if they would. All that is needed is a little personal effort and generosity such as Miss Jenkins or Mr. McCune have exerted.

Samuel James McCune (Uncle Sam)
Took active part in this Northwest Territory
Abolition, had mosque made of local
raw loam and made and accompanied the operation
while in local territory. Was packed with his
usual on the way!

To M. Conahey
March 6 1953
Mt. Pleasant, Ohio



Picture 15: McCune Family in Brilliant, July 4, 1914

Left to Right : Joseph Condit, Samuel James, Mary Purdy, Elizabeth (Bessie) Purdy, James Edwin



Picture 16: Joseph Condit McCune
Cornell University Graduation 1914



Picture 17: James Edwin McCune
Cornell University Graduation 1919

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Picture 18: McCune Family – 1929

Porch Steps at Brilliant, OH

Left to Right, Back Row: Samuel James, Mary Purdy, Bessie, Joseph Condit
Front Row: Samuel Knox (Son of Joseph C.), Mary Lucie (Daughter of James E.),
Duncan Chalmers (Son of James E.), James Edwin



**Picture 19: Visiting Aunt Mary in Brilliant – 1947
Duncan, Mary Ann, Mary Purdy, Mary Lucie, Friend**



Picture 20: “Little Village Farm” Mt. Pleasant, OH



Picture 21: Samuel Chalmers McConahey



Picture 22: McCune Family – 1938

On the porch of home of Joseph Condit and Lucie Brown McCune, 420 Locust Street, Edgewood, PA

Left to Right

Back Row

**Duncan Chalmers
McCune**

**Lucie Brown
McCune
Wife of Joseph
Condit**

**Mary Lucie
McCune**

**Francis White
McCune
Wife of James
Edwin**

Seated

**Joseph Condit
McCune**

**Elizabeth Purdy
McCune
Grandmother**

**Mary Purdy
McCune**

**Samuel James
McCune
Grandfather**

**Samuel
Knox
McCune**

Front

**Thompson
Brown
McCune**

Missing: James Edwin McCune – Probably the photographer

Aunt Mary Through the Years



Charles Town Seminary - 1916



Returning to Brilliant from NYC – 1942



Teacher Brilliant H.S. - 1950's



Librarian - Brilliant Branch – 1965



Living in Beaver, PA - 1969

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TAKING TIME out from work in her garden is Miss Mary P. McCune of Brilliant. Miss McCune has been gardening as a

hobby for the past 18 years. Last year, she was one of three women who were named "out-

standing gardeners" by Region 12 of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.

Gardening Is Hobby Of Brilliant Woman

BRILLIANT — Miss Mary P. McCune of Brilliant said she believes that there must have been many farmers among her ancestors because she enjoys working in the soil so much.

For the past 18 years, gardening has been her chief hobby, said Mrs. McCune, who retired two years ago after teaching school for 23 years, 16 of them at Brilliant High School. She is now librarian of the Brilliant branch of the Carnegie public library.

She is inclined to discount her own gardening ability, but others

in her community feel she is just being modest, according to Mrs. William Millard, who, with her husband, runs the local florist business in Brilliant. Mrs. Millard said Miss McCune is one of the foremost gardeners in the area.

Last year, Miss McCune was selected as one of the three "outstanding gardeners" by Region 12 of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, which is composed of garden clubs in Belmont, Jefferson, Noble, Harrison, Carroll and Monroe Counties.

Mrs. Millard said that she was named because of her knowledge of plants; her ability to raise them and the disadvantage under which she has had to work due to the fact that her gardening must be done on an extreme slope.

The hilliness of her back yard, which is the site of her horticultural activities, is the reason that she has specialized in rock gardens, according to Miss McCune, who explained that certain plants do badly on a hilly surface, while others are ideally suited to such a topography.

Her knowledge of plants extends to shrubs and trees according to Mrs. Millard. For a Christmas show sponsored jointly by several garden clubs in the area last November, Miss McCune prepared an exhibit of pine cones, for display, each of which was labeled according to the name of the tree from which it had been taken.

Mrs. Millard also credits Miss McCune with having spurred the sale of a certain type of azalea that she has in her garden. Customers come to the Millards saying that they would like to buy an azalea, "like Mary McCune's", Mrs. Millard said.

Steubenville Times Leader — 1961

Brilliant's Miss McCune Leads Interesting, Useful Life At 72

BY
ROSE MARIE ARGENTINE

The expression "Jack of All Trades" certainly applies to Miss Mary P. McCune of 121 New Alexandria Road, Brilliant.

She taught Mathematics at Steubenville High School for five years. Then she went back to Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., and worked as an alumnae secretary for three years.

Then she decided she would go to Columbia University where she worked on a study of branch banking. She worked at the Journal of Commerce, a daily business newspaper in New York, one of the oldest newspapers in the country. The Journal of Commerce was published long before telegraph wires came into existence. They got news from Europe by boat. She worked on the newspaper for 15 years. On the death of her father she came back to Brilliant and began teaching mathematics at Brilliant High School where she taught for 16 years.

AFTER 23 YEARS of teaching, she retired and became a Librarian at the Brilliant branch of the Carnegie Public Library and after two years, she resigned in order to go abroad.

Miss McCune is 72 and is a very active woman. She is a member of the local, state and national Retired Teachers Association. A member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Brilliant and teaches a women's Bible Class. She is very active in church work, and belongs to the Valley Garden Club and two social clubs and also is a member of the Brilliant Women's Club.

A FEW YEARS AGO she was named "Outstanding Gardner" by region 12 of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. She has a rock garden on the hillside of her back yard, the site of her horticultural activities. Certain plants do badly on a hilly surface while others are ideally suited. Her knowledge of plants extends to shrubs and trees.

Living in the original home where she was born, she has many antiques which have belonged to her family for many



LETTERS FROM YESTERYEAR. Miss Mary P. McCune, of 121 New Alexandria Road, Brilliant, is reading a letter, written in 1825, and even though the paper is very thin and yellow with age the writing is quite legible.

many years. Her bed was made for her by her great grandfather more than 100 years ago. Her collection of books is vast. It includes a collection of God-ey's Lady Books which were very popular back in the 1800. A book called the General View of The World was printed in 1846, an English Reader written in 1837 and Noble Deeds of American Woman from the year 1857. She has a collection of jewelry some hand made by her relatives from California gold. There are a variety of Daguerreotypes which were used before our modern photographs came into being.

A WRITING CASE which belonged to her grandmother still contains writing paper used in the early days. There are letters written to her grandmother in 1825. The paper is thin from

age. She has an outfit which her great uncles wore when they were little boys. The outfits were hand made, made like girls' dresses, hand stitched with big gold buckles on the belt.

She has several pieces of a tea set from the revolutionary period of 1776. There are autograph books used many years ago just like our teenagers use today.

Even though Miss McCune is retired from teaching she still is called on to substitute which she does occasionally. She just returned home from a vacation in Florida. With the warm weather approaching she will be out in the yard working in her flower beds.

When asked her philosophy of life she answered "Make the best of what ever you have, and do the best you can."

The Herald Star, Steubenville, OH - May 8, 1965