

Nathan McCoy, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Penn Township, was born in Fayette County, Ohio, August 23, 1840, the eldest son of Patterson and Elizabeth (Bryant) McCoy, who were also natives of Ohio, the father of Scotch and Irish and the mother of English ancestry.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm where he remained until he enlisted in the late war, August 21, 1863. He was assigned to Company A, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, and served in the Army of the Cumberland in Kentucky and Tennessee until the close of the war. He received an honorable discharge September 25, 1865, when he returned to his native county, remaining on the home farm until March 5, 1875, when he was married to Miss Ella J. Lupton, a daughter of Adelma and Eliza Lupton, of Jay County, Indiana. After his marriage he came to Jay County and purchased a farm in Penn Township and there engaged in farming and dealing extensively in livestock.

After coming to the county, he contracted for the building of turnpikes, which he still follows to some extent and during this time has built forty-three miles in Jay County, besides many miles in Adams County and in Ohio. In 1882, he conceived the idea that a summer resort in the Allegheny Mountains in Tennessee would be profitable and the same year he erected a fine hotel at a cost of \$40,000, which now is unexcelled in the South and compares favorably with any in the East.

To Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have been born three children, two still living named Effie Maud and Della May. Their second child, an infant son, died unnamed.

Mr. McCoy is a member of the Odd Fellows Order, belonging to Relief Lodge, No. 145 of Pennville. He is also a comrade of James Cartwright Post, No. 385, G.A.R.

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