

with ten per cent interest per annum, what would you think of me if I would come to you a year or two after, and insist on your surrendering to me the said obligation, and receiving in lieu thereof my note for the \$100, in which I stipulate that the note shall draw no interest and I shall pay it whenever I please? You would undoubtedly say that the offer was an unjust one and that I was either a fool, a knave or a maniac. Of course I have no desire to call an aged relative by harsh names, but will be perfectly satisfied with his selection.

In regard to the negro question, I have very little to say at this time. I never believed that the negro race was equal to the white. I think they are a lower grade of humanity but capable of improvement. In this city they are learning the common branches of education rapidly, making as rapid advances generally as the white children. I have grave doubts whether the negro brain is as capable as that of the white of acquiring a knowledge of the higher branches of education.

The system of American slavery was a curse to the negro and a still greater curse to the whites in the states in which the system flourished; it retarded the growth and prosperity of said states and begot a population of a few wealthy, educated lordly aristocrats and a mass of people that were ignorant, lazy and cruel, possessed of that depravity of the human heart which only such a system could engender. These are facts which you cannot successfully refute, because past history with the record of current events will bear me out in what I say. I think that any argument of mine to convince you that slavery was a curse to the south is useless, because you know it to be true. in regard to the propriety of giving the negro the ballot I will reserve my comments for a future occasion for I have written more now than I intended when I commenced.

Write to me again and give me your views in regard to the propriety of giving the ballot to our wives and daughters. Hoping to hear from you soon. Excuse the illegibility of penmanship as I am writing in a great hurry.

I remain ever your nephew.

John M. Davis

McCLeary Extracts

J. A. Caldwell. *History of Belmont and Jefferson Counties, Ohio.* Wheeling, W. VA: Historical Publishing Co., 1880.

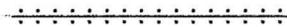
p. 605. "J. C. McCleary, Esq., says: 'George Carpenter, a noted Indian Spy, established a blockhouse below the mouth of Rush run, in about 1785. The next year Enos Kimberly, Robert McCleary, Benedick Wells, John McElroy, John Humphrey and some others, made a settlement at the mouth of Short creek, where the town of Warrenton is now situated.'

"Robert McCleary was born in York county, Pa., in 1760, and at the age of thirty years migrated to what is now Jefferson county."

"ELECTION OF WARREN TOWNSHIP. The following is from J. C. McCleary, Esq. an old citizen of the township. 'This township was organized soon after the organization of the territorial government. John Humphrey, John McElroy and Benedick Wells were the first trustees elected, and Robert McCleary, the first justice of the peace, in said township, he having received the appointment by Governor St. Clair under the territorial government.'"

p. 606. "ROBERT McCLEARY, the father of the subject of this sketch was born in York county, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the year 1760. He was one of the brave pioneers, who came to Ohio and settled in Jefferson county, in the year 1790, and assisted in organizing the state government, and was the first justice of the peace, in Jefferson county, Ohio. He died on his farm in Warren township, in the year 1815, leaving a family of four sons and three daughters."

"JOSEPH C. McCLEARY, the youngest of the family was born January 8, 1815, on the old "homestead farm" near Portland station, C. & P. R. R., in Jefferson county, Ohio, where he now resides. He attended a common school until he was fifteen years of age at which time he indentured himself as an apprentice, to Samuel J. Miller, of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, to learn the bricklaying business. He worked as an apprentice for five years. At the age of twenty he left his master and "lit out" and made a tour throughout the United States, working at his trade in nearly all the principal cities and towns in the Union, and also in Quebeck [*sic*], Montreal and Kingston in Canada. At the age of twenty-five he quit his trade and retired to his old homestead, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. At the age of thirty-four he read law in the office of O. C. Gray the celebrated Ottawa lawyer, and was admitted to the bar October, A. D. 1846. In the year 1857, he was elected a senator to represent the 21st district, composed of the counties of Jefferson and Columbiana. In 1862, he was appointed by President Lincoln, Assesor of the 17th Congressional District, Ohio, and served in that office for five years. After the close of the war he purchased the old Smith farm, on Short creek, in Warren township, and is now one of the most successful farmers and wool growers in the county of Jefferson."



Joseph E. Doyle. *20th Century History of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Ohio, and Representative Citizens.* Chicago: Richmond-Arnold, 1910.

p. 730. "ROBERT JAMES McCLEARY [partial], justice of the peace at Connorville, O., and owner of 150 acres of farm land, on which he resides in Warren Township, Jefferson County, was born December 19, 1856, at Warrenton, this county, and is a son of Joseph C. McCleary.

Robert McCleary, grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch-Irish descent and one of the pioneer settlers of Warren Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. He was a farmer and was one of the first justices of Ohio as well as of Warren Township. He was survived many years by his widow who later in life removed from the old home place to Rayland, where she spent her declining years.”

Portrait and Biographical Album of Louisa County, Iowa. Chicago: Acme Publishing Co., 1889.

p. 293. “J. P. WALKER [partial]: On the 23d of July, 1846, in Louisa County, Iowa, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Mrs. Rachel Ann McCleary [*sic*], widow of John McCleary, and a daughter of William and Sarah Ann (Truman) Dickey”

pp. 346-347. “H. B. CHAMBERLIN [partial]: “In 1861, in Louisa County, Iowa, the marriage of Mr. H. B. Chamberlin and Sarah Ann McCleary was celebrated. She was one of Louisa County’s daughters, born on the section where she now resides. Her parents were Abram and Sarah (Trimble) McCleary, the father a native of Ohio, and the mother of Pennsylvania. They were among the earliest pioneers of Louisa County, settling on a claim on section 22, Grand View Township, in 1836, where they remained for about three years. In 1839, during the Burlington land sales, Mr. McCleary, in partnership with his brother, purchased 1,300 acres of land in Grand View Township, and his brother dying shortly afterwards without leaving a will, Mr. McCleary fell heir to two-thirds of his interest, the remainder going to his widow, who subsequently married John P. Walker. After having passed together fifty-seven years, seven months and twenty-five days of a happy married life, fifty years of which were spent in Louisa County, Mrs. McCleary was called to her final home Aug. 15, 1887, at the advanced age of eighty years, seven months and five days. But a short time elapsed before Mr. McCleary too crossed the dark river to be reunited with his wife, his death occurring March 6, 1888, at the ago of eighty-two years, four months and twenty-one days. Their long residence in this county served but to increase the respect and esteem in which they were held by its citizens, and the death of both was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin settled upon a farm on section 33, Grand View Township, which had been given her by her father, there remaining until the month of August, 1882, when they removed to a farm on section 34, where they yet reside. They removed to their present farm so that they might care for Mrs. Chamberlin’s parents in their old age, who at their death willed the home farm of eighty acres conjointly to our subject and his wife.”

p. 356. “S. P. BUSTER [partial]: In the autumn following his return [1866] Mr. Buster wedded Nancy Helen McClerry [*sic*], their marriage being celebrated on the 30th of October. Mrs. Buster is a native of Iowa, and a daughter of Abram and Sarah (Trimble) McClerry, the father being born in Ohio, and the mother in Pennsylvania. Their sketch appears in that of H. B. Chamberlin.”

p. 644. “GRANVIEW TOWNSHIP. One of the finest bodies of land in Louisa County is that of Grandview Township, which comprises all of township 75 north, range 3 west, with the exception of a small portion lying east of Muscatine slough, and the western half of township 74 north, range 3 west, lying north of the Iowa River. It is so named on account of the grand and natural view to

be seen from the village of that name. The township was settled in 1836 by J. H. Benson, J. H. Wilson, Abram McCleary, Samuel R. Crow, Levi Thornton and John Chriswell. Among those who came in soon after were: Martin Gray, S. G. Chamberlin, Alex. Ross, J. B. Latta, J. P. Walker, George E. Mitchell, David Humphrey and Philip Wagner. The first birth in the township was Jack McCleary, born in October, 1836. The first death was that of Mr. Miller, a native of New York, who died in 1838.”



Arthur Springer. *History of Louisa County*, 2 vols. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1911. Vol. 2. *Iowa from its Earliest Settlement to 1911*.

p. 178. “LOUISA COUNTY SOLDIERS [partial]: Among the old files are found the records of two courts martial held in 1840. The following, which seems to have been held on Sept. 19, 1840, was doubtless held in Grandview township, although it does not so state. We quote it literally:

“I do heare by certyfy that the folowing is a corect transaction acording to law. Martin Gray Capt.

“A court marcial being Detailed of the undersined acording to law of the 5 comp. 1 Reg. 1 Birgade 2 Division, S. M. on the 19th of September 1840 was organized, an as folows aseted the fines of Delinquents as follows:

- “Jacob Holbrook, fined \$2.00.
- “Wm. Thompson, Jun. fined \$3.00.
- “Lot Thornton, fined \$2.00.
- “Thomas MCoy, fined \$3.00.
- “Thomas Suleven, fined \$2.00.
- “Wm. Shoemaker, fined \$3.00.
- “Abraham Mclearey, fined \$3.00
- “Abraham Sellers, fined \$2.00.

“S. R. CROW, prs.,
JESSE BENEFIEL,
WM. P. NORRIS,
JOHN TAYLER,
ALEXER. ROSS.”



p. 377. “M. R. EDMONDSON [partial]: On the 22d of March, 1884, in Linn county, Kansas, Mr. Edmondson was united in marriage to Miss Ida McCleary, who was born in Louisa county, Iowa, on the 19th of January, 1862, her parents being George W. and Nancy (Simpkins) McCleary, likewise natives of this county. The father was the son of Abraham and Sarah (Trimbul) [sic] McCleary, both natives of Ohio, in which state they were reared and married. They afterward made their way down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi to Port Louisa in 1836. Abraham McCleary had previously visited the county in 1835 and was so well pleased with the district that he returned the following year. He then located in Grand View township, upon a farm which remained the home of himself and wife until they were called to their final rest. Their family numbered six children, of whom only two survive--George McCleary and Mrs. H. B. Chamberlain, of Grand View, Iowa. The McClearys were Scotch Irish and emigrated to America at an early day. George W. McCleary followed farming here until 1883, when he removed with his family to Linn county, Kansas, there residing until 1890. For the past twenty-one years he and his wife have make their home in the Peoria Indian Reservation in Indian Territory. Unto them

were born thirteen children, as follows: Mrs. Edmondson; S. J., who is a resident of Columbus Junction, Iowa; Mrs. Helen Classin, living in Linn county, Kansas; Mrs. Victoria Carpenter, who also makes her home in Linn county, Kansas; John of Kansas City; Mrs. Bertha Martin, residing at Miami, Oklahoma; Mrs. Annie Holtz, of Lynch, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lulu Davis, who lives in New Mexico; Jeff D., who makes his home in Miami, Oklahoma; Mrs. Pearl Skye, of Peoria, Oklahoma; Grover, at home; and George and Ruth, both of whom died in infancy.”

Atlas Map of Louisa County, Iowa. Chicago: Andreas, 1874.

p. 20. “OLD SETTLERS IN LOUISA COUNTY, IOWA [partial]: ABRAM McCLEARY, one of the most prominent agriculturists of this county, and now residing in Grandview, was one of the first pioneers in the county. He came here in the month of May, 1836. He was born on the 15th day of October, 1805, in Jefferson County, Ohio. He was the fifth of nine children, whose parents were Robert McCleary and Ann Crow. His father was a native of Maryland, and was one of the early and brave pioneers of the State of Ohio. He lived in Ohio as a farmer, and died in that state in 1815. The mother of Abram was a native of Pennsylvania, and died in this county. Abram was but ten years of age when his father died, and was soon thrown on his own resources. In introducing his occupation in life it will be in taste to here observe that at a very early date after his father’s death he started on a keel-boat on the Ohio River and continued to St. Louis, from which place he walked by land back to his home. From this time till he reached the age of twenty-five he followed river navigation as a pursuit, traveling from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. He then

gave up the occupation he had followed so long and bought a farm in Jefferson County, Ohio, where he resided as an agriculturist till he came to this state. He came by steamboat to this state in 1836, and immediately settled on section thirty-four, Grandview Township, where he has resided ever since, and where in all probability he will pass the balance of his days.

The early education of Mr. McCleary was merely common school, and very limited at that; but it will be in taste to observe that the occupations of his life-time have given him what is far better than book-culture -- a keen knowledge of human nature. He has always been a close and keen observer. He started in life without any money, and his property is now an evidence of what can be acquired by perseverance, industry and integrity.

On the 20th day of December, 1809, he was united in marriage to Sarah Trimble, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom he has nine children, five of whom are living. Politically, Mr. McCleary is a strong Democrat, voted first for General Jackson. He has always been remarkable for the enthusiasm with which he has supported the tenets of that democracy whose true and patriotic exponents were Jackson and Douglas. Religiously, his views are by no means circumscribed by the doctrines of any particular church. He is a man of quick and generous sensibilities, and a friend to any one in distress. He believes that true religion will advance in the world just in proportion as the true character of our Saviour and his mission on earth are understood. Socially, he is very frank and courteous; has rather the style of a genuine western man, and is entirely devoid of anything that is sinister. His constitution is robust for one so old, and plainly indicates a sound mind in a sound body.

ROSTER OF OHIO SOLDIERS IN WAR OF 1812

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ROLL OF CAPT. THOMAS LATTA'S COMPANY. (Continued)

Rank and Name of Soldier.	Rank and Name of Soldier.	Rank and Name of Soldier.
Privates.	Privates.	Privates.
Right, Joseph	Rouse, Benjamin	Riddel, John
Rolleur, Johnston	Reed, John	Ragison, Jacob
Ruly, John	Sewison, Benjamin	Spiken, Phillip
Swamby, Daniel	Swam, Hezekiah	Smith, Nathaniel
Snider, Adam	Saimmons, Cornelius	Scott, John
Scott, Thomas	Stevens, David	Sullivan, George
Simmons, Jacob	Spiker, Isaac	Strain, Robert
Sheebr, Nicholas	Snaith, John	Stover, Samuel
Solomon, Samuel	Simmons, Adam	Smith, Andrew
Thompson, Isaac	Truckmiller, Frederick	Tharp, William
Thompson, John	Tipton, John	Turnipseed, John
Updegraff, James	Vaughn, John	Vuts, Isaac
Vaughn, Richard	Vaughn, Jonothan	Williby, Frederick
Willisby, Robert	Woistell, William	Welday, Jacob
Worley, Thomas	White, William	Wilkins, Archibold
Wallace, John		

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ROLL OF CAPT. DAVID PECK'S COMPANY.

(From Either Harrison or Jefferson County.)

Served from August 25, 1812, until February 28, 1813.

Capt. David Peck	Lieut. Joseph Davis	Ensign Jacob Shaffer
Sergt. John Stoaks	Sergt. Daniel Higgins	Sergt. Dudley Smith
Sergt. Jesse Harnum	Corp. John Vaughn	Corp. James Davis
Corp. James Miller	Corp. Wm. McConkey	
Privates.	Privates.	Privates.
Albert, John	Armstrong, Archibold	Ayers, James
Barnes, Obediah	Bennet, Thomas	Beard, James
Burchfield, Charles	Busy, Joshua	Chambers, James
Christy, George	Chrys, George	Conn, Alexander
Crawford, Alexander	Dowden, John N.	Derry, William
Degar, Peter	Devore, Abraham	Devore, James
Dewall, Thomas N.	Dickey, William	Dickey, James
Fisher, Samuel	Fisher, Ephraim	Fisher, John
Gutshall, Henry	Gutshall, George	Gordon, George
Gibson, Joseph	Huffman, John	Huuter, John
Hosben, Michael	Johnston, Peter	Lyons, John
Lisle, Robert	Lisle, William	Morrison, Joseph
Morrison, William	Meach, Ephraim	Mann, Samuel
Miller, Isaac	Miller, Jacob	Montgomery, Abel
McCombs, John	McIntire, Archibold	McKinsaa, Nathaniel
McKinner, Samuel	McCleary, Robert	McAdams, William
Quillen, Joshua	Quillen, Adam	Quillen, John
Punaphrey, Zachariah	Richards, Jacob	Ruley, John
Raynolds, Caleb	Rolston, Joseph	Ritter, Benjamin
Ross, William	Smith, Robert	Shepherd, John
Simmons, Adam	Spiker, Jacob	Scholes, John
Smith, Andrew	Smith, John	Spiker, Isaac
Taylor, Henry	Tipton, John	Tingley, Benjamin
Thompson, Robert	Tharp, William	Toppe, Abraham
Titus, Timothy	Woods, Josiah	

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ROLL OF CAPT. WILLIAM STOAKES COMPANY.

(Probably from Harrison County.)

Served from August 21, 1812 until February 28, 1813.

Capt. William Stoakes	Lieut. Thomas Orr	Ensign John Cantwell
Sergt. John Elrod	Sergt. John Paramore	Sergt. David Hinzy or Kinzan
Sergt. William Bashford	Corp. Benjamin Dean	Corp. William Crothers
Corp. Isaac Bail	Corp. John Palmer	Fifer, Samuel Solomon
Drummer, Thomas Bay		
Privates.	Privates.	Privates.
Andrews, John	Archbod, Patrick	Benett, Benjamin
Bruce, Thomas	Baker, John	Barnett, George
Barnes, John	Beamer, Adam	Brokaw, William
Brokaw, John	Belknap, Horace	Clifford, James
Cowthers (or Carothers), Geo.	Cupp, John	Chambers, William
Conaway, John	Conaway, Michael	Davidson, Joshua
Emry, George	Eckley, George	Emery, Abraham
Fulton, John	Fletcher, Archibald	Guttery, Samuel
Hamilton, John	Hull, John	Hull, Jesse
Hartshorn, Spry	Hail, Andrew	Johnston, Daniel
Johnson, James	Joseph, Michael	Jack, Edward
Kizen, Jacob	Lutz, Henry	Moore, William
Martin, James	Moore, James	Muntier, Robert
McCatchen, Samuel	McEntire, Stephen	McGonegal, Thomas
McClary, John	Nixon, William	Peterson, Hugh