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Robert S. McCann, roller, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born at Montebello Furnace, Perry County, July 23, 1842, son of the late **Edward** and **Martha (Graybill) McCann**. His grandfather, **Torrence McCann**, was born in Ireland, and settled in Perry County at an early date, where **Edward McCann** was born. The latter lost his life by accident, in 1846, at the early age of thirty four, while in the employ of Fisher & Morgan, at Montebello Furnace. **Mr. McCann's** maternal ancestors were of German origin, but were among the earliest settlers of Perry County. **Robert S. McCann**, after the untimely death of his father, went with his mother to Duncannon, he being then four years old; he has been a continuous resident of Penn Township since that time. He received his education in the public schools, and since the age of ten years has been in the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company. During all these forty five years, **Mr. McCann** has enjoyed a high reputation for industry, integrity and a faithful and efficient discharge of all the duties devolving upon him.

Mr. McCann was married in Penn Township, December 24, 1867, to **Susan**, a daughter of **Evan** and **Mary Jones**, for many years respected residents of Penn Township, but both now deceased. **Mr. and Mrs. McCann** have had twelve children, four of whom are deceased. The survivors are: **Edward; William; Thomas; Naomi (Mrs. Charles Leper); Jeremiah; Martha; Charters;** and **Delilah**. **Mr. McCann** and his family attend the church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Mr. McCann's war record is a most creditable one. He early listened to the nation's call for defenders; and in September, 1861, enlisted in that magnificent regiment, of glorious record, the Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry, becoming a member of Company A, under Capt. Griffith Jones. With this regiment he served for nearly four years, during which time he participated, with honor, in almost all the prominent engagements of the Western armies. He was one of the escort to the flag of truce, when, in North Carolina, Gen. Joe Johnson surrendered the last of the army of the Confederacy to the victorious Sherman. He was mustered out of service at Lexington, N. C., June 6, 1865, after a period of faithful service covering nearly the entire duration of the war; in all that time, **Mr. McCann's** valor and heroism was unstained by a single blemish. He is a member of Lieut. William Allison Post, No. 196, G. A. R. **Mr. McCann** is a staunch Republican. Both he and his family are attendants upon the service of the church of the United Brethren in Christ.

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