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Richard Milton McCoy, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa., was born in Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., March 7, 1859. He is a son of **David** and **Mary J. (Gray) McCoy**, both of Scotch-Irish lineage. His paternal grandparents were **David** and **Mary (Moore) McCoy**, whose children were as follows: **William**, of Duncannon, married **Margaret Fitzpatrick**, had six children; **Catherine**, wife of **Rev. John Kistler**, of Cumberland County, had one son, **Harry L.**; **David, Jr.**, born February 5, 1832; **Matthew**; **Hackett**; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Bothwell)**, of Duncannon. The second member of this family, **Mrs. Kistler**, died in Africa, whither she had accompanied her husband, they being sent to that country under the auspices of the Board of Missions of the Lutheran Church. **Mrs. Kistler** was an earnest and faithful worker, and bravely took her life in her hand, as everyone must do who visits the "Dark Continent," that she might extend the kingdom of Christ; but the malarious climate proved fatal to her; she yielded her life for the cause to which she was so devoted, and her remains rest in the cemetery at Muhlenberg, in Africa. Two of the sons, **Matthew** and **Hackett**, and one son-in-law, **Robert Bothwell**, enlisted in the Union army during the Rebellion, **Matthew** and **Hackett McCoy** both passed their youth and early manhood in Perry County; both enlisted near the beginning of the war; the latter served until its close, returned home, and now resides in Huntingdon County, Pa.; but the elder of the two, after serving faithfully almost to the end of the struggle, was lost sight of, and probably rests in one of the many unmarked graves that are found on both northern and southern soil. **Mr. Bothwell** also served throughout the war; he was wounded in one of the Bull Run engagements. All three did their perilous duty with gallant fidelity. Their father, the elder **David McCoy**, was a farmer; he was a worthy and useful citizen, and a respected member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. He died in the prime of life, at about fifty years of age; **Mrs. McCoy** survived him until 1882, when she died, aged seventy.

David McCoy, Jr., was born at Petersburg, now Duncannon, Perry County, where he grew up and was educated in the public schools. At the age of seventeen, he applied himself to learning carpentry. After serving a full apprenticeship, he was employed as journeyman by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for several years. He then entered the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company, and continued in that service, an honored and trusted member of their working force, for over forty years. He was an excellent man, consistent and faithful in every relation of life. His wife, **Mary J. McCoy**, was a daughter of **Richard** and **Mary (Branyan) Gray**, born July 5, 1833. Their children are: **Harry**, who married **Tennie Dunkle**; **Richard Milton**; and **Jones W.**, married **Minnie Fasick**, of Altoona, Pa. Both **Mr.** and **Mrs. McCoy** were for more than forty years esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Duncannon, from which their separation by death was deeply regretted. **Mrs. McCoy** died November 14, 1884; her husband followed her on March 31, 1895.

After receiving his education in the public schools, **Richard M. McCoy** continued to reside with his parents until he had passed his majority. At the age of twenty-two, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as freight brakeman, and after serving in that capacity for about two years, was assigned to a clerkship in the railroad office, freight department, at Duncannon. In this position he remained for six years, and was then promoted, in 1889, to be

freight and passenger agent at Mapleton, Pa., but six months later, was transferred to his present responsible position, that of passenger agent at Lewistown Junction. These promotions indicate very clearly the efficiency and devotion to duty which he has displayed in every position he has held. Like his father and grandfather, **Mr. McCoy** is a Republican of decided convictions. He is affiliated with Evergreen Lodge, No. 20.5, I. O. O. F., at Duncannon.

Richard Milton McCoy was married June 15, 1886, to **Carrie E.**, daughter of **Samuel H.** and **Mary (Gross) Moses**. Their children are: **David Earl**, born May 5, 1887; and **Mary Alice**, born October 4, 1896. **Mrs. McCoy** is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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