Win. J. McKee was born near Beliast. Down county, Ireland, May 2th, 1822. He was married to Sarah Corrough. May 2, 1854, and soon after their marriage they sailed for America, arriving in Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, in June of the same year.

The first four years in America were spent on a farm about eight miles west of Davenport, Iowa. At the end of that time Mr. McKee purchased a farm one and a half miles west of Wolcott. Iowa, where he lived until 1881, moving in January of that year to the farm two miles west of Malcom, Iowa, where he lived until March 30, 1899. At that time he moved with his two daugnters to Grinnell, Iowa. December 5, 1995, he was stricken with paralysis and was a patient sufferer until called home on January 4, 1910.

Seven children survive him: Mrs. Thomas McKee, Grinnell, Iowa; Mary and Agnee McKee, Grinnell, Iowa; John McKee, Pomona, Calif.; Mrs. G. H. Pyle, Malcom, Iowa; Mrs. G. S. Duftus, Colfax, Iowa; and James S. McKee of Malcom, Iowa. Also one brother. David McKee of Des Moines, Iowa.

His wife preceded him to the home beyond eighteen years, having died on November 7, 1891.

Mr. McKee was one of the strong, reliable men of this county, whose integrity was unquestioned and whose word was universally trusted. If all men were built in the same mold as heathe world would be much better than it is. His children have to remember the legacy of an upright and honorable life.

The members of the family feel grateful for the loving sympathy and assistance given them by their friends during the many days of sickness and bereavement.