

ABOUT: PETER MCARDLE

Born: 6-22-1847

Place: Cullyhanna, County Armagh, Ireland

Immigrated: Came to USA in 1869

Died: 7-25-1926, at age 70 in Monroeville, Indiana

Ancestry: Irish father and mother, Owen and Anne McKinley McArdle

Burial: Catholic Cemetery in Monroeville, Indiana

Married: 2-8-1881 to Margaret Anglin English O'Toole at age 34

**Children: John Edward, Harry, Frank, Mary, Rose, Charles,
Marguerite, Helen, James**

Peter is believed to be the youngest of fourteen children. His parents lived and died in Cullyhanna, Ireland. A sister, Mary (McDonald) and brother, John, came to the United States. Many of his siblings went to Australia. Peter came to the United States with his brother, James. After working as hod carriers and on the New York police force, they went to Pennsylvania, Kentucky and into Indiana. He came to Allen County, Indiana in 1875. Peter first purchased land in East Liberty, Indiana, where the first railroad was to be routed. When, instead, the railroad was routed through Monroeville, Peter purchased land there and developed a successful 200 acre farm. Records show that this particular land was purchased from a Mary McDonald who lived in New York City. Peter was instrumental in the building of St. Rose Catholic School in Monroeville, and his name appears on the cornerstone of that building. When there were no Sunday church services in Monroeville, Peter rode his horse to church in Decatur, Indiana, some twenty miles away.

Description: Peter was over 6' tall with a slender build. He had deep set blue eyes. Later in his life his hair became gray and he wore a heavy beard. He was an ambitious, stern person with a strong personality. He was a successful farmer and horse trader. He was a take charge person and tried to determine the future for his children. Being of strong Irish blood, he was not happy that his oldest son, John, had chosen a German wife or had decided to be a doctor over his objections.