

**JAMES AND MARY (JUDSON) McBAIN**

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**McBain Family —1935**

**Seated: Mary Esther Judson McBain, 1845-1936.**

**Standing, L. to R.: John McBain, Geneva Nelson, Josie Pugh,  
Loretta Hurless, Lura Looker, Lillie Patch, Leslie and Oscar McBain.**

**Gilbert McBain, the father of James, was born in Scotland. He married Nancy Walter, born in Pennsylvania, March 14, 1807. They raised a family of ten children in Carroll County, Ohio.**

**In 1854 Gilbert came to Bloom Township and claimed two quarter sections of land — one in Section 19 and the other in Section 29. They joined at one corner. Both had springs on them where the buildings were later located.**

**A son, Duncan, and wife, Harriett, settled on the property in Section 19 within a few years but soon sold it to Elijah Allbaugh. It is now a part of Junlyn Farms.**

**Another son, James, served in the Civil War and soon after his discharge settled in Section 19. He married Mary Esther Judson November 19, 1866. Mary was the oldest child of Benjamin and Jane**

**(McCullough) Judson and was born in Ashland County, Ohio, March 21, 1845. The Judsons had moved with their six children from Ohio to a farm near Yuba in 1860.**

**James and Mary McBain started their married life on the McBain farm where they were to spend the remainder of their lives. They built a log house and other farm buildings, cleared the land over the years, and became the parents of ten children. The children were Loretta, born October 6, 1867, married Ivan Hurlesson October 4, 1890, and had four daughters, Hattie, Eva, Ethel, and Ruby. The family lived at West Lima and LaFarge. Ivan was a livestock dealer. Vernetta, born September 2, 1869, married Israel Putnam May 28, 1893, and had one son, Leslie. Israel was postmaster at Merrill for many years. Oscar, born October 6, 1871, married Nellie Allbaugh March 18, 1894, had three children, Everett, Bud, and Hilda. Oscar was a farmer and carpenter. They spent their last years at Seymour. John, born September 27, 1873, married Edith Walter on March 12, 1904. Their children were Hallie, Gertrude, Geraldine who died as an infant, Orlie, Byron, Marjorie, and John. They farmed in the Richland Center area. Orlie, born February 20, 1876, died at age two. Lura, born September 8, 1878, married M. Dennis Looker February 19, 1905, and they had six children, Veva, Woodburn, Lynford, Ella, Freda, and Mary. They farmed in Bloom Township. Leslie, born March 6, 1881, married lone Cross December 12, 1906, raised foster children, Garland and Ada Nell Sandmire. They farmed the old McBain place and spent their last years at Gillingham where he did carpenter work and worked in his cabinet shop. Geneva, born July 2, 1883, married Jack Nelson January 11, 1906, had seven children, Theo, Leon, Velma, Myra, James, John and Verlin. They spent most of their lives farming in the Townships of Bloom and Ithaca. Josie, born November 2, 1885, married Thomas Pugh June 17, 1905, had six children, Lorus, Kenneth, Opal, Tneron, Murial, and Jack. They lived in Minneapolis for many years where he was a railroad maintenance worker. Lillie, born September 25, 1888, married Clyde Patch. Their children were Pauline, Eva, Wilford, Myron, Wendel, and Bernice. They farmed in the Richland Center area.**

**James died December 6, 1905, age sixty-six; Mary died November 21, 1936, age ninety-one. Leslie outlived all the family passing away February 22, 1976, lacking a few days of being ninety-five.**

*Submitted by Lynford Looker*