

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McCune, Leonard Turley, Senator

Represented Ringgold and Taylor Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 May 1832 Woodford County, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah J. Mahan 12 Dec 1849 Kentucky

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar Feb 1856 at Danville, Indiana

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; Mason; GAR

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1868, 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Judge of the Probate court 1861; Taylor County prothonotary

B. State

C. National

7. Death 26 Dec. 1928 Bedford, Iowa; buried Bedford Cemetery, Bedford, Iowa

8. Children Nancy (died age 8); John (died 1878); Mary J. (Mrs. C. F. Cornutt);  
Emma (died early childhood); Martha (died in infancy); Katherine, one of whose children died in infancy;

9. Names of parents Leonard T. McCune, Sr. John S. and Elizabeth (Munday) McCune

10. Education He was educated in public schools and a seminary at Danville,  
Indiana.

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

- At age 10 he accompanied his parents from Norfolk County, Kentucky to  
Danville, Indiana. At age 13 his father died and so at age 16 he enlisted  
in the military.
- Military service - Mexican War - Company E, 2nd Regular Infantry having  
enlisted in the regular army and went as a recruit to Vera Cruz.
- Military service - Civil War - Company D, 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry, later raised as  
Company G of the 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, later was elected captain of  
Company B of the Border Brigade
- He had moved to Bedford, Taylor County, Iowa in fall 1863. After the war  
he returned to Bedford to practice law, having been admitted to the bar  
in Danville, Indiana in 1856.
- At Bedford he bought farrow land
- He practiced law in Bedford, Iowa for 65 years.



**L. T. McCOUN, 96,  
BURIED HERE WITH  
MILITARY HONORS**

PRACTICED LAW IN BEDFORD  
FOR SIXTY FIVE  
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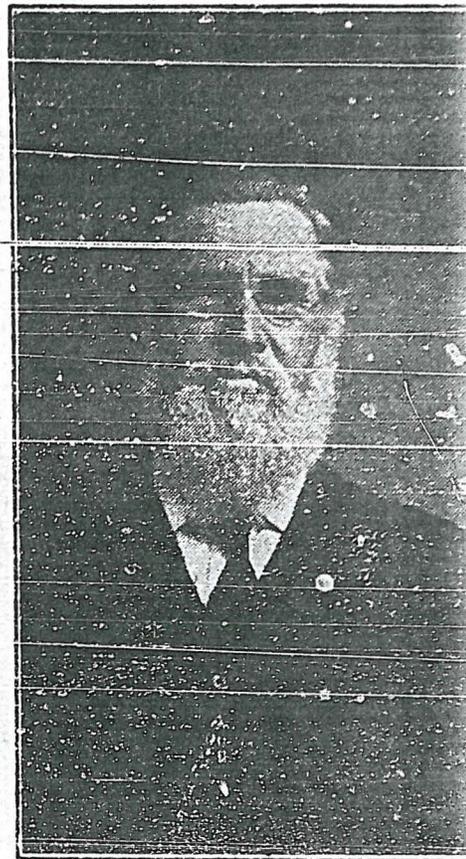
**VETERAN OF 2 WARS**

Passed Away at Home in Bedford  
Sunday Evening At  
8:30 O'clock.

L. T. McCoun, the oldest resident of Bedford, passed away at his home in Bedford Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. C. Harris. Interment was made in the Bedford cemetery. The firing squad from the American Legion, under the direction of Lieut. Chas. Cornell, U. S. A. R., fired the salute over the grave, and the bugler blew taps.

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*Celebrate 60th We*



The above picture is of M quietly celebrated their sixtieth home in Bedford today. The pic was 67, and Mrs. Hensley was 82 years respectively.

**TAYLOR COUNTY  
CORN AND GRAIN  
SHOW HERE SOON**

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WILL BE ANNOUNCED  
NEXT WEEK

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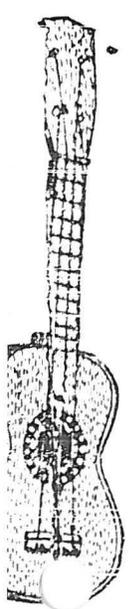
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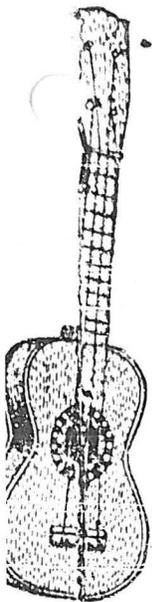
\$50.00 Cash Offered For the Best  
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In The Show.

One of the biggest events of the year will be the Taylor County Corn and Grain Show sponsored by the Farm Bureau to be held at Bedford some time in January the date to be announced next week.

All entries must be from Taylor county. All corn and grain must have been produced by the exhibitor in 1928. All samples shown in township display eligible in all other classes.

The premiums will be as follows:

- Best 50 ears sample corn—\$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Best 10 ears Yellow Corn—\$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Best 10 ears White Corn—\$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Best 10 ears Sample, other than white and yellow—1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Single ear, any variety—\$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Sweepstakes, 10 ears, any variety—1st, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2.
- Best peck shelled corn, 14 lbs—1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00.
- Best peck Wheat—1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Best peck Barley—1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Best peck Oats—1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Best peck Red Clover seed—1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
- Best peck Soybeans seed—\$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 50 cents.
- Boys' Class—12 to 18 Years**
- Best 10 ears, any variety—\$2.00; 2nd, \$2.00; 3rd, \$1.00.
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the army.

Mr. McCoun was married on  
the 12th of December, 1849, to  
Miss Sarah Mahan. Their family  
numbered seven children, all but  
one having preceded him in death,  
Mrs. Mary Connett. He is also  
survived by an adopted son, L. T.  
McCoun, Jr., of Lander, Wyo. Mr.  
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The Bedford Community  
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corn, grain and grass seed.

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Taylor county and watched  
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cases.

HISTORY  
OF  
TAYLOR COUNTY  
IOWA

FROM THE EARLIEST HISTORIC TIMES TO 1910

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By FRANK E. CROSSON

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Also Biographical Sketches of Some  
Prominent Citizens of the County

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spent on the home place, where he died June 1, 1900. He served for some years as township school treasurer and was a member of the township board. His fellow-townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to several offices, the duties of which he discharged in a most prompt and creditable manner. His wife survived him for about four years and died in 1904.

Charles H. Hunter was brought to Iowa an infant in his mother's arms and was reared to manhood under the parental roof. The educational advantages which he received were those offered by the county schools but his opportunities were somewhat limited for his services were needed in tilling the soil. He remained with his father in the care and development of the farm until after he had attained his majority and later succeeded to the ownership of eighty acres. He has since erected thereon a good, neat residence, has fenced his place and is continually planning further improvements which will add to the value of the land. In addition to his home farm he has for some years cultivated eighty acres which belong to his sisters Cora and Lillie. The fields bring forth abundant harvests for which he finds a ready sale on the market and he also has no difficulty in disposing of the high-grade stock he raises. He handles hogs, cattle and horses and his annual income is materially increased thereby.

On the 31st of August, 1904, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage, in Bedford, to Miss Maggie Frost, who was born in Gay township and was educated there. She is a daughter of Newton Frost, formerly from Greene county, Pennsylvania. Politically Mr. Hunter is a republican and has voted with the party since casting his first ballot for Major William McKinley. He has since supported every nominee at the head of the ticket and at all times he has kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He was appointed to fill out a term as township trustee in the fall of 1908 and was elected assessor and made one assessment of Gay township. Mr. Hunter has been a resident of the county for thirty-five years, during which period he has been a witness of much of the growth and development that has occurred. He has greatly desired the progress of the county and has therefore cooperated in measures which have had direct bearing upon its growth.

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Indiana, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death there occurred in 1844, when he was about forty-five years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Elizabeth Munday, who was likewise born in the Blue Grass State and was a daughter of Thomas Munday, a native of Kentucky, who established a ferry on the Kentucky River near Harrodsburg, and also built flat-boats. That place is now called Munday's Landing. He died of cholera when past middle life and his wife, who was called "Sookie" (Slaughter) Munday, also died in middle life. The death of Mrs. Elizabeth McCoun occurred in 1833, and for his second wife Dr. McCoun chose Miss Arsena Towles. There were two children of the first union, Leonard T. and Elizabeth, but the latter died in early childhood. The children of the second marriage are: Nancy, now the widow of Harlan Hadley, and a resident of Danville, Indiana; and Fidelia, the wife of James L. McCoun, of Danville, Indiana.

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When the war was over Captain McCoun returned to Bedford and resumed the practice of law, for which he had previously qualified. He was admitted to the bar in February, 1856, at Danville, Indiana, and came to Bedford that year but did not locate here permanently until 1857. He is today the oldest practicing lawyer in Taylor county and throughout the entire period has been regarded as a representative member of the bar because of the ability which he has displayed in handling the legal interests entrusted to his care. He was also elected judge of the probate court in 1861 but resigned that position in 1862, in order to join the army.

Pleasantly situated in his home relations, Mr. McCoun was married on the 12th of December, 1849, to Miss Sarah D. Mahan, a daughter of John and Nancy (Woodson) Mahan. Mrs. McCoun was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, and her father was a native of that state, while her mother's birth occurred in Virginia. Their family numbered nine children, of whom three are now liv-

ing: Eliza, the widow of Joseph Lewis and a resident of Pittsburg, Indiana; Mrs. McCoun; and Indiana V., the wife of G. W. Turner, of Bedford.

When Mr. and Mrs. McCoun came to Bedford he purchased one hundred acres of land, for which he paid six hundred dollars, and he added to that, eighty acres. He brought his farm under a high state of cultivation but afterward sold the entire property with the exception of a tract of twenty acres, on which he resides and which constitutes an ideal home. In addition to this property he owns a large farm in Ross township, Taylor county. While carefully managing his business affairs and conducting his law practice—in both of which he has been very successful—Mr. McCoun is also supervising the interests of his own household. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, but the eldest, Nancy, died when eight years of age. John, who became a lawyer and practiced in Bedford, died in 1898. Mary J. is the widow of C. W. Connett, who was an engineer on the railroad and was killed in an accident. Emma died in early childhood. Martha died in infancy. William, who is a mason by trade, married Alma Bates, and after her death wedded Nellie Boner. The other child of the family died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. McCoun are devoted members of the Christian church and he belongs to Taylor Lodge, No. 156, A. F. & A. M. and to Sedgwick Post, G. A. R. He has long been recognized as one of the most prominent representatives in his district and was a member of the twelfth and thirteenth general assemblies of Iowa. He became county prosecutor and served for two terms, so that his official service has always been in the path of his profession. He owns a beautiful home just west of the corporation limits of Bedford, situated in the midst of a fine tract of land of twenty acres and there he spends his summer months, while in the winter season he occupies a good home which he owns in town. He is one of the old settlers of Taylor county and has watched with pride its growth and development as it has been transformed from a wilderness into one of the leading counties of the state. Throughout all these years he and his wife have been held in highest esteem here because of their many excellent traits of character. As a lawyer he ranks high, possessing an analytical mind and is noted as a successful pleader at the bar, having won many celebrated cases. Although he has now reached the age of seventy-seven years, he still remains in active connection with the profession and with public interests. In spirit he seems yet in his prime. Old age does not necessarily suggest helplessness or want of occupation. There is an old age which grows stronger and brighter mentally and physically as the years go by and continually gives out of its rich store of wisdom and experience, and such is the record of Leonard T. McCoun.

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#### HENRI WALTER.

The general farming and stock-raising interests of Taylor county find a worthy and well-known representative in Henri Walter, who for more than four decades has lived in this part of the state. For a long period he was closely connected with the agricultural life and still maintains a deep interest therein, although since 1902 he has lived retired in Lenox, the success which he achieved

You searched for **Leonard T. McCoun** in **Iowa**

## U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: **Leonard T. McCoun**  
Side: **Union**  
Regiment: **Iowa**  
State/Origin:  
Regiment Name: **46 Iowa Infantry.**  
Expanded:  
Regiment Name: **46th Regiment, Iowa Infantry (100 days, 1864)**  
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Rank In: **Captain**  
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Leonard T Mccoun**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1833**  
 Birth Place: **Kentucky**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Census Date: **1885**  
 Residence state: **Iowa**  
 Residence County: **Taylor**  
 Locality: **Bedford**  
 Roll: **IA1885\_267**  
 Line: **26**  
 Family Number: **146**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Leonard T Mccoun</a>	52
	<a href="#">Sarah D Mccoun</a>	50
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### Leonard T. McCoun

Birth **ABT 1832** in [Kentucky, USA](#)  
Death

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#### Timeline (View details)

- 1832 **Birth** [3 source citations](#)  
ABT Kentucky, USA
- 1849 **Marriage to Sarah D. Mahan**  
12 Dec Age: 17
- 1850 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 18 Centre, Hendricks, Indiana
- 1860 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 28 Bedford, Taylor, Iowa, USA
- 1870 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 38 Benton, Taylor, Iowa
- 1885 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 53 Bedford, Taylor, Iowa, USA
- 1885 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 53 Taylor, Iowa, USA
- 1910 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 78 Bedford, Taylor, Iowa, USA

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#### Family Members

##### Parents

No Father

No Mother

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##### Spouse & Children

- Sarah D. Mahan**  
1835 -
- Emma McCoun**
- Martha McCoun**
- William McCoun**
- Nancy McCoun**  
1850 - 1858
- John R. McCoun**  
1853 - 1898
- Mary J. McCoun**  
1856 -
- James W. McCoun**  
1862 -
- Leonard T. McCoun**  
1873 -

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##### 1870 United States Federal Census

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##### 1910 United States Federal Census

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##### Iowa State Census 1885

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence**

##### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

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## Leonard Turley "Cappy" McCoun

Memorial

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Birth: May 6, 1832  
Versailles  
Woodford County  
Kentucky, USA

Death: Dec. 23, 1928  
Bedford  
Taylor County  
Iowa, USA

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## LEONARD T. MCCOUN

Leonard T. McCoun is a veteran of the Mexican war and also of the Civil war; is a pioneer settler of Taylor county; and is numbered among the lawyers and law makers of the state. All these facts combined make him worthy of representation in the history of Taylor county, within the borders of which he has resided for more than a half century. A native of Kentucky, Mr. McCoun was born in Woodford county, May 6, 1832. His paternal grandfather, John S. McCoun, was likewise a native of that state, where he passed away after reaching mature life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Slaughter, died when well advanced in years. Both were of Scotch descent. They reared a family of several children, including John S. McCoun, who was born in Kentucky and became a physician and surgeon. In 1842 he removed to Danville, (page 313) Indiana, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death there occurred in 1844, when he was about forty-five years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Elizabeth Munday, who was likewise born in the Blue Grass State and was a daughter of Thomas Munday, a native of Kentucky, who established a ferry on the Kentucky River near Harrodsburg, and also built flat-boats. That place is now called Munday's Landing. He died of cholera when past middle life and his wife, who was called "Sookie" (Slaughter) Munday, also died in middle life. The death of Mrs. Elizabeth McCoun occurred in 1833, and for his second wife Dr. McCoun chose Miss Arsenia Towles. There were two children of the first union, Leonard T. and Elizabeth, but the latter died in early childhood. The children of the second marriage are: Nancy, now the widow of Harlan Hadley, and a resident of Danville, Indiana; and Fidelia, the wife of James L. McCoun, of Danville, Indiana.

Leonard T. McCoun was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Kentucky to Indiana, being reared in Danville. His education was largely acquired in the public schools and in the seminary there. He was only twelve years of age when his father died and was a youth of sixteen when

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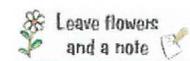
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he enlisted in the regular army and went as a recruit to Vera Cruz. There he was assigned to Company E, of the Second Regular Infantry, under command of Colonel Riley, while General Lyon of Civil war fame was at that time first lieutenant and was brevetted captain. Mr. McCoun served for one year in the regular army and in the organization of the militia on the border in 1861, he was elected lieutenant colonel of the regiment, the superior officer being Colonel Morledge. In 1862 he raised a company at Bedford, which became known as Company G, of the Fourth Missouri Cavalry. The company went to St. Joseph, Missouri, and there joined the regiment, and Mr. McCoun was chosen captain. He was with that command for more than a year, when, on account of ill health, he was obliged to resign. While at home at Bedford, in the fall of 1863, he was elected captain of Company B, of the Border Brigade, and so served until the following May. Subsequent to that time he raised Company D, of the Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was with that command during its time of service -- one hundred days. The regiment was commanded by Colonel D. B. Henderson, afterward speaker of the national house of representatives.

When the war was over Captain McCoun returned to Bedford and resumed the practice of law, for which he had previously qualified. He was admitted to the bar in February, 1856, at Danville, Indiana, and came to Bedford that year but did not locate here permanently until 1857. He is today the oldest practicing lawyer in Taylor county and throughout the entire period has been regarded as a representative member of the bar because of the ability which he has displayed in handling the legal interests entrusted to his care. He was also elected judge of the probate court in 1861 but resigned that position in 1862, in order to join the army.

Pleasantly situated in his home relations, Mr. McCoun was married on the 12th of December, 1849, to Miss Sarah D. Mahan, a daughter of John and Nancy (Woodson) Mahan. Mrs. McCoun was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, and her father was a native of that state, while her mother's birth occurred in Virginia. Their family numbered nine children, of whom three are now living (page 314): Eliza, the widow of Joseph Lewis and a resident of Pittsburg, (this is probably incorrect it should be Pittsboro Indiana); Mrs. McCoun; and Indiana V., the wife of G. W. Turner, of Bedford.

When Mr. and Mrs. McCoun came to Bedford he purchased one hundred acres of land, for which he paid six hundred dollars, and he added to that, eighty acres. He brought his farm under a high state of cultivation but afterward sold the entire property with the exception of a tract of twenty acres, on which he resides and which constitutes an ideal home. In addition to this property he owns a large farm in Ross township, Taylor county. While carefully managing his business affairs and conducting his law practice -- in both of which he has been very successful -- Mr. McCoun is also supervising the interests of his own household. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, but the eldest, Nancy, died when eight years of age. John, who became a lawyer and practiced in Bedford, died in 1898. Mary J. is the widow of C. W.

Connett, who was an engineer on the railroad and was killed in an accident. Emma died in early childhood. Martha died in infancy. William, who is a mason by trade, married Alma Bates, and after her death wedded Nellie Boner. The other child of the family died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. McCoun are devoted members of the Christian church and he belongs to Taylor Lodge, No. 156, A. F. & A. M. and to Sedgwick Post, G. A. R. He has long been recognized as one of the most prominent representatives in his district and was a member of the twelfth and thirteenth general assemblies of Iowa. He became county prosecutor and served for two terms, so that his official service has always been in the path of his profession. He owns a beautiful home just west of the corporation limits of Bedford, situated in the midst of a fine tract of land of twenty acres and there he spends his summer months, while in the winter season he occupies a good home which he owns in town. He is one of the old settlers of Taylor county and has watched with pride its growth and development as it has been transformed from a wilderness into one of the leading counties of the state. Throughout all these years he and his wife have been held in highest esteem here because of their many excellent traits of character. As a lawyer he ranks high, possessing an analytical mind and is noted as a successful pleader at the bar, having won many celebrated cases. Although he has now reached the age of seventy-seven years, he still remains in active connection with the profession and with public interests. In spirit he seems yet in his prime. Old age does not necessarily suggest helplessness or want of occupation. There is an old age which grows stronger and brighter mentally and physically as the years go by and continually gives out of its rich store of wisdom and experience, and such is the record of Leonard T. McCoun.

A Mexican and Civil War Vet., and a Lawyer. Nickname " Cappy ". Born in Woodford Co., Kentucky, Woodford borders Mercer Co. Moved from Indiana to Bedford, Iowa in 1857. Cappy was quite a gambling man and many times over lost the family home in poker games. He was a criminal lawyer of note, also a state legislator, probate judge, and county attorney. Leonard's earliest known ancestor was James McCoun I, d. 3/6/1706 age 105 he married Margaret Hamilton in Scotland in abt 1624. James's ancestors were Danes, adventurers into Scotland during the Danish invasions of the tenth century. James III b. 1717 in Antrin, Ireland immigrated to Norfolk Virginia in 1742 later settling on the Catawba in Botetourt County, VA. he married Margaret Walker in April 1744. His son James V was a brother-in-law of Robert McAfee (Robert married James's sister Ann) and a member of the McAfee Company that went in to Kentucky in 1771-2 in search of a new home. Finally settling 7 miles north of Harrodsburg in an area around the New Providence Presbyterian Church which they founded. This is on todays US 127 in Mercer Co., KY the exact address is 3301 Louisville Rd. Salvisa, KY 40372. Gen. Robert Breckenridge McAfee b. 2/18/1784 the son of Robert and Ann McCoun McAfee wrote " The Life and Times of Robert B. McAfee and his Family and Connections in 1845. The Kentucky State Historical Society in Frankfort has the manuscript.