

WILLIAM MCCOLLUM, one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of East Franklin township, was born in county Donegal, Ireland, February 3, 1825, and is a son of William and Sarah (McGarvey) McCollum. William McCollum left his native county of Donegal in 1829, and came to what is now East Franklin township, where he purchased two hundred acres of land, and was engaged in farming until his death, in 1853, when in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He was an early settler in the township, was a member of the United Presbyterian church, and supported the Republican party from the time of its organization until his death. He married Sarah McCollum, who was a native of the same county, and a member of the same church as himself. She died in 1835, when only thirty-five years of age.

William McCollum was reared from four years of age on the farm on which he now resides, and has always resided ever since his fourth year. He attended the early common schools of his township, and then engaged in farming, which he has followed until the present time. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of the home farm, to which he has added forty-eight acres additional by purchase. His farm is well-improved and well-watered. He raises good crops of grain and some very good stock. He is a staunch democrat, and has served his township as assessor for one term, and as a member of the school board for several terms. He is a member of the Limestone Evangelical Lutheran church. Mr. McCollum is of rather a retiring disposition, has not thirst for office or political position, and has been successful in farming and stock-raising. He enjoys the respect of his neighbors, has a comfortable home, and is genial and hospitable.

In 1851 he married Susan Tarr, daughter of Joseph Tarr, of this township. They are the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters: Joseph, who married Annie Lemmon; Martha, wife of Robert Rogers, an oil driller; George, of butler, Pa.; Mary, married to David Bowser, a farmer of this township; William, an oil contractor of Freeport, and married Aggie Coleman; Sarah, wife of William Rogers, who operates a flouring-mill; Eliza, wife of Robert Thompson, of Leechburg; Margaret and Nancy.