

# Ziba McMahan

Occupant Name: Ziba McMahan

Location: Section O, Lot 21

Date of Birth: 11/30/1871

Date of Death: 4/6/1959

Date of Burial: 4/9/1959

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Z. McMahan

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



## Death Claims

### Ziba McMahan, Co. Home Supt.

Rites Held Today From Methodist Church For One Of Brownstown's Best Loved Residents.

Ziba McMahan, one of Brownstown's most colorful and best loved residents, who for twenty-nine years had been superintendent of the Jackson County Home, died shortly after 8:00 o'clock Monday morning at his home.

Failing since October of last year, Mr. McMahan's condition had become steadily worse the past few months and for the past week he had been critically ill.

Funeral rites were held this afternoon from Brownstown Methodist Church in charge of the pastor, the Rev. H. G. Ramsey. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Eighty-seven years old last November, Mr. McMahan was born at Houston, in Salt Creek township, on November 30, 1871,

a son of the late John H. and Nancy Greer McMahan.

All of his long and useful life was spent in Jackson county, and, prior to taking over the responsibilities as County Home superintendent in 1934, he was a farmer. He loved the soil and took great pride in his ability to make it produce.

On April 5, 1896, he was married at Houston, to Miss Alice Pruitt, who assisted him in management of the County Home as matron until her death on January 30, 1954. Since that time his daughter, Miss Doris McMahan, has been matron.

Horses were Mr. McMahan's hobby and for many years he won prizes and trophies at horse shows throughout Indiana and adjoining states. Next to his love of horses was his love of sleigh riding and snowy days his sleigh bells could be heard all over town, together with the laughter of the youngsters whom he delighted to have with him.

The success of the Jackson County Fair, which is recognized as one of the top fairs in the State, is due in a large measure to Mr. McMahan's wise counsel, foresight and untiring efforts. He was one of the original members of the County Fair Board, a post he held at the time of his death. He was instrumental in securing the present county fairgrounds and for many years was superintendent of the horse barns at the fair. He also served as a member of the Saddle Horse Show committee, and also on the building and grounds committee for many years.

Devoutly religious, he was a member of the Brownstown Methodist Church and, as a member of the official board, played an important part in promoting all church programs.

During the years he served as superintendent of the County Home he won repeated recognition from the county commissioners for his excellent management of that institution and for the care and kindness shown the residents.

Civic minded, Mr. McMahan supported all programs for community betterment.

However, "Uncle Ziba", as he affectionately was known by old and young, best will be remembered for his courtly manner, his warm smile, and his thoughtfulness of others.

Four children survive. They are Charles P. McMahan, of Tampa, Florida; Miss Maude McMahan, Brownstown librarian; Miss Doris McMahan, Home matron and her twin sister, Mrs. Druey Midkiff, of Beach Grove.

Also there are seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four sisters, Mrs. Aleenda Cross, of Fairmount, Indiana; Mrs. Celina Jenkins, Flatrock; Mrs. Manda Taylor, Ft. Freetown, and Mrs. Ollie Atkins, of Indianapolis.