

## **MC LAIN, BERTHA MABEL**

### Birth

September 12, 1881 in Polk  
Co., Iowa

### Death

January 26, 1959 at home, Orilla,  
Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa



### Cause of Death

Cancer

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 4  
Lot was sold to John McLain and Joe Abild on March 10, 1927

### Maiden Name

Brubaker

### Father

Benjamin Franklin Brubaker

### Mother

Nettie S. Knostman

### Marriage

Bertha M. Brubaker to John McLain on January 30, 1909  
Ref: Book 14, page 186 of Polk Co. records on file at IGS Library

Return of marriage for the county of Polk for the year ending June 30, 1909  
77-1270  
License # 22321

John McLain  
Residence: Orilla, Iowa

Occupation: Farmer  
Place of birth: Warren Co., Iowa  
Age next birthday: 42  
1<sup>st</sup> marriage  
Father: James McLain  
Mother: Caroline VanHyning

Married  
January 30, 1909  
Orilla, Iowa

Bertha M. Brubaker  
Residence: Orilla, Iowa  
Place of birth: Polk Co., Iowa  
1<sup>st</sup> marriage  
Age next birthday: 28  
Father: B. F. Brubaker  
Mother: Nettie S. Knostman  
Witnesses: Jessie Thompson and Stella Kennedy  
Minister: A. Thombner

Census

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 17  
Dwelling 105; Family 108

Brubaker, Benjamin F.	42	farmer	OH
Nettie S.	34		IN
Perry A.	11		Polk Co., IA
George R.	09		Polk Co., IA
Stella	05		Polk Co., IA
<b>Bertha</b>	<b>02</b>		<b>Polk Co., IA</b>

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA

Brubaker, Ben F.	51	Wd	OH
Perry	21		Polk Co., IA
George	19		Polk Co., IA
Stella	15		Polk Co., IA
<b>Bertha</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>Polk Co., IA</b>
Eva	08		Polk Co., IA
Cora	08		Polk Co., IA

1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 61; Page 11; June 15, 1900  
Dwelling 154; Family 155

Brubaker, B. F.	57	Wd farmer	OH	VA	OH
		Born March 1843			
Perry A.	26	Born September 1873	IA	OH	IA

Bertha	18	Born September 1881	IA	OH	IA
Cora	13	Born September 1886	IA	OH	IA
Eva	13	Born September 1886	IA	OH	IA

1905 – Polk Co., Iowa; State Census

Brubaker, Bertha	23	single	IA	OH	IN
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1910 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED212; Page 6A; April 22, 1910  
Dwelling 54; Family 55

McLain, John	41	farmer Married 1 year	IA	PA	US
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Bertha	28		IA	OH	IN
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1915 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA;  
Card #448

McLain, Bertha	34		IA	OH	IA
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1920 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 218; Page 10A; Line 15; January 24, 1920  
Dwelling 240; Family 242

McClain, John	52	farmer	IA	PA	OH
Bertha M.	38		IA	OH	IN
Luciel M.	06		IA	IA	IA

1925 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Book 77; Line 74

McClain, John	57		IA		
		Father, James McClain born in PA Mother, Caroline Vanhyning born in unknown			
Bertha	42		IA		
		Father, B. F. Brubaker, born in OH Mother Netty Knoutsman, born in IN			
Lucille	11		IA		
		Father, John McClain, born in Iowa Mother, Bertha McClain, born in Iowa			

1930 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 91-18; Page 3B; April 10, 1930  
Dwelling 63; Family 63

McClain, John	62	farmer	IA	PA	OH
Bertha M.	49		IA	OH	OH
M. Lucille	17		IA	IA	IA

1940 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED91-19; Page 7A; April 16-17, 1940  
#136 – own home; value of home, \$1000; same house as 1935

McLain John	72	retired farmer	IA		
Bertha M.	58		IA		

Funeral Home

B. F. Galloway Burial Records

Bertha McLain, residence, Orilla, Iowa; born September 12, 1881 in Polk Co., Iowa; died January 26, 1959; age 77 years; widow; buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orillia, Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa; father was Benjamin F. Brubaker; mother was Nettie Sophia Knostman.

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Obituary

[West Des Moines Express, Thursday, February 5, 1959]

Mrs. Bertha M. McLain, 77, of Orilla, died of cancer Monday, January 26 at her home after an illness of several years.

A lifelong resident of Orillia Mrs. McLain was a member of the Methodist Church at Norwalk.

Services were held at 2 p.m. January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Galloway-McLaren Funeral Home in Norwalk. Burial was in the Orillia Cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter Mrs. Lucille Jenks and a sister, Cora Brubaker, both of Orillia; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

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[Indianola Paper]

Bertha Mabel McLain was born September 12, 1881, in Polk County, and she died January 26, at the age of 77 years.

She was the daughter of B. F. and Nettie Brubaker. January 20, 1908 she was married to John McLain and they lived all their life together on a farm near Orillia. She was preceded in death by her husband and a great granddaughter.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lucile and Chester Jenks, a granddaughter, Nancy King, a great grandson, Michall King, and one sister, Miss Cora Brubaker. Mrs. McLain was a member of the Methodist church at Norwalk.