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Out of McCall Family History

S.L. McCall tells of the advent of the McCalls to Milford thus:

“They came to America in June, 1834, requiring six weeks to make the ocean voyage, and coming to Detroit via the Erie Canal. In Detroit they purchased a yoke of oxen; never having seen oxen before, to say nothing about driving them. Grandfather walked on one side with a prod. Great-grandfather Findlay (an old man past seventy) walked on the other side and Alexander Findlay (Tina Hubbell’s father), a young man of about eighteen years of age, walked in front of them with ears of corn to coax them along. Grandmother spent her time knitting a sock on the trip from Detroit. They got off on a detour and found their road blocked by a tree; so never having seen one cut, they decided to dig it up by the roots.”

As a matter of comparison, once or perhaps twice a year the McCalls would go visiting to the Muir family in Pleasant Valley, taking one day to go and returning the next, a distance of some twelve miles. There were no dinner parties in Milford followed by theatre parties in Detroit and back home for the usual night’s rest and on to business at the usual time the following morning.”