

Rex McClain

Introduction to Rex McClain: Rex McClain's family members were some of the early settlers of the Avon area. Rex worked at Chrysler for many years and has been a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Rex was interviewed by Bud Ewoldsen, another long-time Avon resident.

When Prestwick Was a Farm

Rex: My great, great grandfather, Michael McClain, came here in 1830. He traded his horse and saddle for 40 acres, walked back to Kentucky, got his family, and brought them back to Avon to Vestal Road (525 East) in the Prestwick area...There is still some of that property in the McClain family; there is an old brick house and, until recently, there was an old barn there that Michael McClain had built in 1856, I believe it was.

I didn't actually grow up on the farm. I lived next door to my grandfather, Adrian McClain, and I helped him farm a lot. He farmed 200 acres with a team of horses and an old 1927 tractor...I helped him put up hay with a team of horses. My first job actually was leading the little mule that pulled the hay up into the barn...

Bud: Where the Prestwick condos are, was that part of the McClain property?

Rex: The clubhouse is where my grandfather had his house...All of my grandfather's 200 acres is now part of Prestwick. Also, in Parks of Prestwick is the McClain cemetery where my great, great grandfather, Michael McClain, is buried, along with other family members...

My grandfather, Adrian McClain, told about driving hogs to the slaughter house in Indianapolis. They would drive them up Rockville Road, or US 36, from what is now Prestwick all the way to White River in Indianapolis.