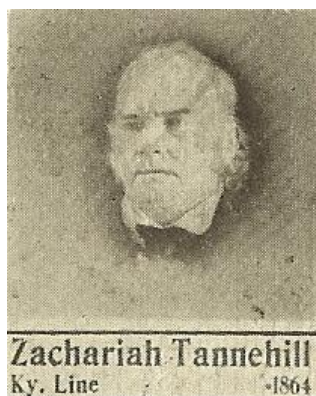


Zachariah Tannehill 4 Nov. 1794-30 Sept. 1864

Pioneer, Flatboatman, Miller, Soldier, State Senator and Judge

Zachariah Tannehill served in both houses of the Indiana State legislature, 1834-1844, and was also the first judge of Bartholomew County's Court of Common Pleas. He was born in Maryland, 4 Nov. 1794, and married Ursula Blasingame, about 1809 in Kentucky. They were parents of six known children: Louvinia, Jabez Buckley "Jack," James Madison, Richard Southgate, Minerva Bell, and Zachariah Buckley Tannehill. In 1810, the family was in Campbell Co., KY. Tannehill served in the War of 1812 as a Lieutenant, Quartermaster, Gray's 13th Regt., Kentucky Militia.

By 1818, Tannehill's family was residing in Jefferson Co., IN, where the three younger children were probably born. In 1828, Tannehill purchased 1200 acres of land and a mill and distillery near Taylorsville, paid for in part by 700 barrels of whiskey. The mill was on Driftwood River, just above modern-day Tannehill Bridge. Tannehill renovated the distillery into a successful woolen mill, and the mills remained in the family until the 1870s. One of the large grinding stones still stands alongside Tannehill Road. (Another lies broken, submerged in the river.)



The eldest daughter, Louvinia, married Dr. Samuel Simpkins in 1828, against her parents' wishes. She died in childbirth in Bartholomew Co. after 1830, prompting bitterness and death threats between her father and husband. Simpkins left, never to return. The eldest son, Jack Tannehill, was drowned in White River, spring of 1839 or 1840, in a flatboating accident. The second son, James Madison Tannehill, also died young, about 1845, leaving one daughter. The three younger children lived long lives and had large families, two removing to Kansas, while the youngest, Z.B. Tannehill, remained in Bartholomew Co.

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