

McCoy spoon

This spoon belonged to Christina Polke McCoy, wife of Baptist minister and missionary, Isaac McCoy. Christina Polke was born in Kentucky in 1787. She married Isaac McCoy in 1803. The McCoys spent thirty years in Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Indian Territory (now Kansas and Oklahoma) as missionaries to the American Indians living in those areas. In 1828, the United States government sent McCoy to survey lands west of the Mississippi River to determine whether tribes from the east could be resettled there. His report provided information used to draft the Indian Removal Act of 1830. The McCoys remained in the area that would become Kansas City for the next decade, continuing their missionary work. In 1842, Isaac returned to Kentucky, where he died four years later. Christina lived in a house built for her by her son in Kansas City until her death in 1850.

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