

John Ketcham made mark in Monroe County

Though two different Monroe County histories credit Daniel McHolland with being the first settler here, it is likely that John Ketcham wasn't far behind him.

BORN IN MARYLAND in 1782, Ketcham migrated to the area of Kentucky where Daniel Boone's Station was located. During his growing-up years there Ketcham developed a healthy and cautious respect for Indians, since his father was kidnapped by them and taken all the way to Detroit, where he managed to escape. On other occasions during those years the Ketcham family was forced to flee to Boone's Station for protection.

Nine years after his marriage to an

Looking back

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Elizabeth Percy, Ketcham packed all their belongings and moved across the Ohio River to Jackson County, Indiana. But after the Battle of Tippecanoe in November of 1811,

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The second Monroe County Courthouse