

## **Tommy McBane - Synopsis**

There is very little evidence collected on Tom McBane of the Campbell Clan. There is no birth or death record. It's been rumored that he owned land in 48 states, and news reports and clippings span from 1919 all the way to the mid to late 1960s. There are no records of him after 1970 and there are also no records of him owning any property, land or otherwise, however we know he had a fond love of 19th century war artifacts as well as music, puzzles and magic.

Shortly after the end of prohibition, McBane lived in Paducah Kentucky where he hosted an annual Fourth of July celebration. Part of this yearly gathering was a treasure hunt, which involved the solving of riddles which led to a box of money. It's said that no one ever solved Tommy's fourth of July puzzles, and it was also about this same time when rumors started to spread among his friends that Tommy was taking strange trips with the purpose of burying his wealth.

Tommy's gambling affair and his neverending luck were well known, but his friends claim he would take week long excursions without letting anyone know where he was off to. Some people claim he was purchasing land all over the country, and news reports can also verify this. The rumors, however, never stopped, that Tommy was off every other weekend putting a jar of silver or gold in the ground. Some people swear to have seen a book of prose on McBane's shelf in his study containing poems and riddles which lead to his treasures.

It was all rumors until a couple from Bisbee Arizona found a leather bound book at a garage sale 5 years ago. They sold this book to an antiques shop not long after buying it, as was their livelihood. This shop is long gone and the book is once again missing. However, before selling the book they kept a loose page with a poem etched in silver and framed it for a keepsake. They also kept a bill of sale which fell out -- apparently some artifacts from the turn of the 19th century. One of them appears to be some set of officer's pistols.

Everything here is the total accumulation of info known to remain on Tommy McBane, we believe the poem leads to the silver scratch and verifies the legend of Tommy McBane, but without the silver to prove it, it could be just another tall tale. Are you able to solve the riddles of Tommy McBane and recover the famed "Silver Scratch?"