

Hugh McCulloch

1808 - 1885



A native of Maine, Hugh McCulloch made the Midwest his permanent home in 1833 by moving to Fort Wayne. He was named Judge of the Probate Court in 1834 after which he joined the Fort Wayne branch of the Indiana Bank. In 1855, the Bank of the State of Indiana was chartered and McCulloch became its President.

He was called to Washington by President Abraham Lincoln to serve as a member of the Comptroller of the Currency, and eventually Secretary of the Treasury. Hugh McCulloch became known as the "father of the national banking system."