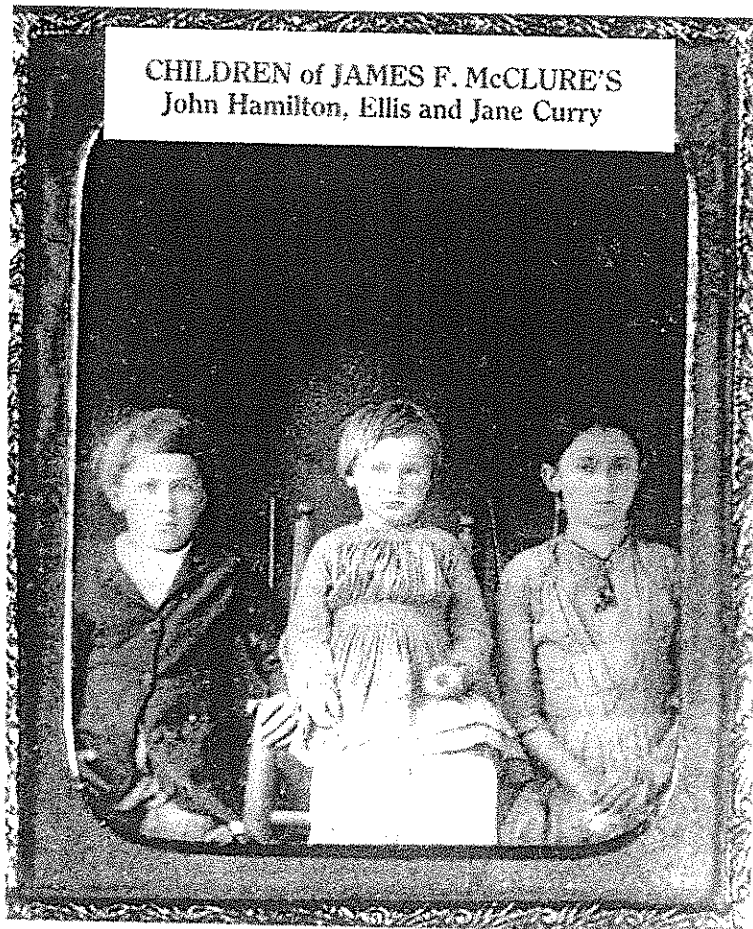


James F. and Nancy (Bruce) McClure



## THE McCLURE BROTHERS

Vincent, James and Harrison McClure, the brothers who traveled west together, were the sons of Samuel and Jane Curry McClure. Samuel and his wife with their first child had moved from Mercer County, Kentucky to Indiana in 1807 and settled in the area of Oaktown in Knox County. Records show he served under William Henry Harrison in the Battle of Tippencanoe and was present at the Conference between Harrison and Tecumseh.

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Vincent Scott McClure was born in Oaktown on August 30, 1815 and in 1834 married Sarah "Sallie" Bruce, daughter of Major William Bruce, from the neighboring town of Bruceville. At the time of their departure to Oregon Territory, two children were living with them. Jane was nearly sixteen years old and William Henry Harrison was thirteen. Their oldest daughter, Hetty, traveled with her husband of two years, Isaac William Bond, also of Knox County. Hetty and Isaac William's claim was located adjacent to her parents.

On March 4, 1854 Vincent and Sallie McClure took notice of a claim of full 320 acres (No. 3905) at T16/R4W/S31 located between the later settlements of Clear Lake and Irving. When Sallie died in 1858, Vincent married Mrs. Sarah Tandy Benson and lived on her claim but retained his own original claim. His second wife had arrived in Oregon in 1851 with the Tandy-Harlow train that met with considerable trouble and exciting adventures with Indians and Mormons. Mrs. Benson had three daughters by her first marriage and one son was born to her and Vincent who died in infancy. V. S. McClure was instrumental in the formation of the First Christian Church in 1866 and served as the first deacon. He was elected to the legislature in 1862 serving one term; and according to Walling's account in 'History of the Willamette Valley', he gave "satisfaction to his constituents who still maintain for him that regard which is the reward of honest integrity and uprightness." Often called "Uncle Vinty" by family and friends, he died May 18, 1893 and is buried in Luper Cemetery near Irving in Lane County.

James F. McClure, the ninth child of Samuel and Jane McClure was born in Oaktown in 1821. He married Mary Ann "Nancy" Bruce in 1842—the sister of Vincent's wife, Sallie. (See Bruce Memoirs)\* Traveling to Oregon with their parents were Jane (12), John Hamilton (7), Samuel Ellis (4), and Robert (10 months). James and Nancy took their claim (No. 1342) at T17S/R4W/S6-N $\frac{1}{2}$ . It adjoined that of Isaac and Hetty Bond on the south. Here they worked to

\*In Lane County Historical Society publication, "How We Came To Oregon" by John Hamilton McClure

to prove their land and here Albert, Alice, Ella and Margaret were born. James died September 5, 1862 as a young man of forty-one and is buried at Luper Cemetery near Irving. In 1868 Nancy married James T. Kirk and they moved to the Junction City area.

Little is known of William Henry Harrison McClure other than he was born November 20, 1813 in Oaktown and married Minerva Malone who died in 1846. He later married Elizabeth Walker and with three children, Samuel, Virginia, and Jasper, traveled westward. They left the McClure party (according to Andrew McClure's diary) on July 3 "concluding to go to California instead of Oregon". They settled near a gold mining camp in California furnishing provisions for the miners. They prospered, and after a few years, returned in a sailing vessel around Cape Horn and settled down on a farm again.

McCLURE GENEALOGY

The earliest MacClures were a sept of the clan MacLeod who played an important part in Scottish history and whose castle still remains on the Isle of Skye in the New Hebrides off the northwest coast of Scotland. The descendency of this McClure line in America is as follows:

(Arthur  
 \*Halbert  
 John  
 (Halbert (ca. 1690-1754) b. Donegal Co. Ireland settled in  
 (m. Agnes ? Pennsylvania, ca. 1742  
 Moses/Isabella Steele  
 Nathaniel  
 Alexander/Martha Moore  
 Samuel  
 Hannah/Robert Allison  
 \*John/Mary Malcolm and Mary Allen  
 (John (1725-1788) Bourtetourt, Va.  
 (m. Mary Malcolm, 1746  
 Samuel  
 \*Alexander/Mary ?  
 Moses/Eleanor McPherson  
 Mary  
 Agnes/James McClure  
 Jennet/Thomas McClure  
 Malcolm/Elizabeth McClure  
 Hannah/David Worley  
 John/Margaret McClain  
 (Alexander (ca. 1750-1801)  
 (m. Mary ?  
 \*John/Mary Curry and Pricilla DuBois Morrison (Father of Andrew S. McClure  
 James/Mary Brenton  
 \*Samuel/Jane Curry (Father of Vincent, James,  
 Nathaniel/Gracey Gallegher and Harrison McClure)  
 Polly (Mary)/Sam Yocum  
 William/Elizabeth Vandiver  
 Thomas/Elizabeth Cohoun and Nancy ?  
 (Samuel (1784-1851)  
 (m. Jane Curry, 1805  
 John A. (1806)/Jane McClure and Eliza Haddon Harper  
 Thomas W. (1810)/Sallie Scroggins  
 Nathaniel H. (1807)/Jane Raper  
 \*Wm. Henry Harrison (1813)/Minerva Malone and Elizabeth Walker  
 \*Vincent Scott (1815)/Sarah Bruce and Sarah Benson  
 Peggy J. (1817)  
 Andrew W. (1818)/Nancy Phillips and Sarah Booker  
 \*James F. (1821)/Nancy Bruce  
 Eliza P. (1822)  
 Hiram H. (1824)/Rosella Seaney

\*Indicates direct line

ANDREW S. McCLURE

Andrew S. McClure was born May 5, 1829 at Darwin, Indiana. Andrew was the son of Priscilla DuBois Morris McClure, second wife of John McClure who was the brother of Samuel McClure—Vincent, James, and Harrison's father. In 1853, as a young bachelor, he started west along the Oregon Trail with his McClure cousins and their families. At the Malheur River, together with other groups totaling over one thousand persons, the McClure train left the Oregon Trail and turned west over a new route which was said to be many miles shorter than the old route. Their guide was Elijah Elliott. Becoming confused in the great Central Oregon desert, these groups wandered away from their western route and wasted precious time, consumed unnecessary food, and strained their already weary draft animals. Their situation in the fall of 1853 was grave.

Andrew McClure left the McClure train, together with other young men, attempting to reach the Willamette Valley and send back aid to the struggling emigrants. Confusing the Three Sisters with Diamond Peak, they wandered in the wilderness of the Oregon Cascades. His diary, and that of Benjamin Franklin Owen, describes the great suffering to all the men. They reached the "high banks" of the McKenzie River (near the present town of Springfield, Oregon) about the same time as the main emigrant train they had left in Central Oregon managed to make its way over the pass south of Diamond Peak. It was rescued by settlers already in the Willamette Valley.

He married Sarah Jane Dillard on April 21, 1859 in Lane County and they had the following children: Henry (1860) Samuel Edgar (1861), Sarah Jane (1864), Horace (1866), Walter (1868), John (1870), Twin daughters who died shortly after birth (1874), and twin sons, Charles and William (1874). In 1855 he served as Captain in Co. A, Oregon Mounted and then reenlisted to serve again briefly with Co. F under William Wilkerson during the Rogue Indian War. Except for a few years spent in Eastern Washington and Portland, Andrew made his home in Eugene serving at one time as Lane County treasurer. He owned a dry goods store and was active in the Odd Fellows. He died March 21, 1898 from paralysis.

## JOHN HAMILTON McCLURE

John Hamilton McClure was seven years old when he came to Oregon with his parents, James F. and Nancy Bruce McClure and his sister, Jane, and younger brothers, Samuel and Robert. Little is known of the actual childhood of these young emigrants after their arrival in Lane County, but we can be certain that education and religious training were of prime importance in their upbringing.

Experiences of these emigrants on the new cut-off have been told and retold through the years. When John H. McClure was seventy years old he wrote the narrative poem presented by the Lane County Historical Society with the permission of Mrs. Florine Kirk Thurston, a McClure descendant. No doubt John McClure had copies of his father's and cousin's diaries from which to freshen his own memories of the journey to the west in 1853.

Born in 1846 in Knox County, Indiana, he married Miss Flora Cowan of Douglas County on March 20, 1872. They had no children. Both John and Flora are buried in the old Cowan cemetery on the Kingery ranch near Yoncalla, Oregon.

## THE BOND FAMILY

Genealogical records\* indicate that Isaac and Allen Bond's ancestors arrived in England with the Norman invasion about 1060 and that later three brothers—Dudley, Samuel and Joseph—came from England to America about 1700. Many Bonds are listed in early Virginia records where, in Shenandoah County, their father, Joseph Bond, was born in 1791. He married Mary Ashelman about 1809 and eleven children were born to them before their move to Knox County, Indiana in 1837. One daughter, Sarah was born in 1838.

\*Samuel Bond

Mary Bond

\*Joseph Bond (1791-1838)

m. Mary Ashelman, ca. 1809

Samuel (1810)/Elizabeth Orndorff/McClure/Walker

Catharine (1814)/Orndorff

George (1816)/Sarah Robertson/Watson

Adam (1818)/Sallie Sproatt

Eliza (1820)/Harper

Mary Ann (1822)

Jane (1825)/Harper/Jenkins

\*Isaac William (1827)/Hetty McClure

Morgan (1829)

Watts (1831)/Sallie Bratton

\*Allen (1833)/Rachel Robinson

Isaac William Bond was born December 19, 1827, the ninth child of Joseph and Mary Ashelman Bond. In 1851 he married Hetty McClure, eldest daughter of Vincent Scott and Sarah Bruce McClure and made the trek west with parents and relatives. On arrival in Lane County he settled on a claim (No. 1224) adjoining that of Vincent McClure and lived there until his death May 22, 1915. Hetty and Isaac had ten children.

Vincent Scott (1854)/Etta McConnell

Joseph Wolfe (1855)/Mattie Zumwalt

Louisa Elizabeth (1856)/Rufus Robertson

William Loretta (1859)

Allen Watson (1861)/Rachel Gross

Mary Ann "Mollie" (1863)/Charley Withrow

Emma Jane (1866)/William Wheeler

Eliza Catherine (1868)/Halvor Wheeler

Hetty Amanda (1870)/John Parker

Robert Bruce (1873)/Belle Gibson

He was a Pioneer Granger being a charter member of Pleasant Hill Grange and later a charter member of Irving Grange and served as deacon for many years in the Christian Church.

According to Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley Oregon by Chapman (1903), "So absorbed has he been in his home and church life

that Mr. Bond has never taken an active interest in political undertakings, although as the friend of education he has served on the school board for twenty years, and as the friend of good roads has been a member of the board of supervisors for three terms." And of Hetty McClure Bond was said, "Notwithstanding the hard work which she accomplished she reared two children to be useful men and women, impressing all with the necessity of thrift, economy, industry and integrity."

Allen Bond was born December 5, 1833 and left for Oregon Territory with his bride of one day, Rachel Robinson Bond. Newly married and having few possessions of their own, they assisted other members of the train with cooking and other chores necessary for survival along the trail. Family stories tell of Rachel's prize possession, a copper kettle, and the tale is related in "Allen and Rachel, An Overland Honeymoon in 1853" a narrative story by Walter McIntosh. Allen and Rachel took their claim at T17S/R4W/S5-W $\frac{1}{2}$  located on the east boundary of his brother, Isaac's claim. Portions of the original claim is still farmed by Bond descendants.

Their children were:

Benjamin Franklin (1854)/Clara Potter  
Mary Eliza (1856)/Albert Green  
Helen Jane (1858)/James Ebbert  
Samuel Lincoln (1861)/Belle Bushnell  
James Elmer (1863)/Etta Davidson  
Clara (1865)/Jeff Spencer  
Edward Allen (1867)/Minnie Brodie/Runyan  
Cynthia (1869)  
Isadora (1871)/Charles Thomas  
Daisy (1874)/Charles Minkler

Allen Bond died October 22, 1902 and Rachel died September 14, 1900. Both are buried in the Luper Cemetery close to the Isaac Bond family plot.

\*Genealogical information is from "Haddon, McClure, Curry and Allied Families" by Eliza Haddon Brevoort and Doris Bond Wheeler (1952) and Bond descendants still in Lane County.



[An entry in Andrew S. McClure's diary on March 25 reads, "...in all our crowd consists of 23 souls..."]

Daughter and father	Brother and sisters	Vincent Scott McClure	b. 30 Aug 1815	(37 years old)	1
		Sarah "Sallie" Bruce	m. 13 Nov 1834		
		Jane	b. 15 Nov 1815	37 years old	2
		Wm. H.H.	b. 3 Aug 1837	15	3
			b. 6 Oct 1840	12	4
		James F. McClure	b. 25 Feb 1821	32	5
			m. 12 Mar 1842		
		Nancy Ann Bruce	b. 15 Nov 1824	28	6
		Jane	b. 8 Dec 1842	10	7
		John Hamilton	b. 1846	7	8
Brothers	Cousins	Samuel Ellis	b.	4	9
		Robert E.	b. 15 May 1852	10 months	10
		Andrew S. McClure (Single)	b. 3 May 1829	23 years old	11
		David Bruce (Single)	b. ca. 1931	32 years old	12
		Isaac William Bond	b. 19 Dec 1827	25 years old	13
			m. 9 Oct 1851		
		Hetty McClure Bond	b. 19 Apr 1835	17	14
		Allen Bond	b. 5 Dec 1833	19	15
			m. 23 Mar 1853		
		Rachel Robinson Bond	b. 1 Nov 1831	21	16
Brothers		Frances Blevins	no relation		17
		William Howard	no relation		18
	Harrison McClure	b. 20 Nov 1813	39 years old	19	
	Elizabeth Walker	b. 21 Feb 1821	32	20	
	(We will assume the three unaccounted for members were children in this family. Birthdates of his children are unavailable.)				21
					22
					23