

JOHN McCLELLAND 1820-1872

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John McClelland was born about 1820 in Tattnall County, Georgia to Silas and Penelope (Anderson) McClelland. He used the name John in the 1850-70 United States censuses and in his military records. On Winnie, his wife's headstone it is shown as John W. McClelland; however, in her application for a widow's pension with five supporting affidavits it is shown as John L. McClelland. Also, since one of their sons is named John Lane McClelland, the compiler believes it to be John L. McClelland.

About 1836 John McClelland moved to Hamilton County, Florida and on June 16, 1837 enrolled and was to be mustered in at Camp North on Sept. 26, 1837 into Captain William B. North's Company, 2nd Regiment, East Florida Mounted Volunteers in the Second Seminole Indian War; however, the military records show that "he was sick at Ft. White (Florida)" delaying his mustering in until Dec. 18, 1837 at Ft. Gilliland.

According to military records this company saw action from north to central Florida and there were casualties on the dates and places listed: "Oct. 1/37 Ft. Fanning; Nov. 10, on march from Micanopy to Ft. Gilliland; Nov. 11, Ft. Beckman; Nov. 17 Ocklawaha; Nov. 28 on march from Volusia to Ft. Mellon; Dec 1/37 Ft. Lancaster; Dec. 9, Ft. Gileman; Dec. 10, on march Kissieney Lake to Ft. Gilliland."

John McClelland reenlisted as a private at Camp Gilmer on July 2, 1838 and mustered out at Camp Gilmer, Georgia on June 12, 1839. At the time of enlistment he was described as five feet five inches tall, with blue eyes, dark brown hair and fair complexion.

At Blount's Ferry on the Suwannee River in Columbia County, Florida about twenty miles north of Lake City, John McClelland was married on April 20, 1845 to Mrs. Winnie Tanner by a Justice of the Peace, Grandison Barber. Winnie was the widow of Simon B. Tanner from Pike County, Ala. She was born Nov. 8, 1818 but her maiden name is unknown.

Born to John and Winnie McClelland were the following children (birthdates of several are approximated):

1. William McClelland, born Feb. 23, 1846; died July 1901; married Mrs. Isabell (Willingham) Driggers on May 18, 1866. She was the daughter of William Henry and Annie (Hilliard) Willingham and widow of Jacob Driggers.
2. John Lane McClelland, born Dec. 3, 1847; died July 12, 1922; married 1st, Elizabeth Hunter (daughter of John A. and Mary Hunter) on Dec. 25, 1870; married 2nd, Mary D. Loper on Apr. 17, 1909; married 3rd, Mrs. Martha Futch on Oct. 13, 1919.
3. Penelope (Purney) McClelland, born 1849; died Feb. 28, 1928; married Wesley Bailey on July 2, 1874.
4. Sarah Ann McClelland, born 1851; married Joshua H. Hunter on Aug. 4, 1871.
5. James Silas McClelland, born Apr. 16, 1853; died June 19, 1936; married 1st, _____; married 2nd, Charity Walker on Oct. 3, 1886.
6. Elizabeth Jane McClelland, born 1854; married Rev. Allen Cathwood Parrish on Oct. 31, 1878.