

WILLIAM A. McCLELLAND 1831-1900

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William A. McClelland was born November 16, 1831 to Silas and Penelope (Anderson) McClelland in Irwin County, Georgia. The McClelland family moved to Hamilton County, Florida in 1836, and then about 1846 moved again to Hichepuckasassa Settlement, Hillsborough County, Florida.

During the Third Seminole Indian War William A. McClelland enlisted in Captain S. L. Sparkman's Company, Florida Mounted Volunteers on February 17, 1856 at Ft. Brooke, (Tampa) Florida. He was discharged on February 17, 1858 at Ft. Brooke. At the time of enlistment he was described as five feet eight inches tall, with blue eyes, black hair and dark complexion. He never applied for a pension or bounty land on his service.

Later during the Civil War William enlisted at Camp Lee, Florida as a private in Company E, 7th Florida Infantry, CSA and was discharged on April 30, 1865 at the close of the war at Macon, Georgia.

On March 27, 1870 in Polk County, Florida William and Sabra Ann Elizabeth Lunn were married by Rev. Peter C. Hayes. She was born in Decatur County, Georgia, September 1, 1846. Her parents are unknown at this time.

To William and Sabra McClelland the following children were born:

1. Van Buren McClelland, born December 20, 1870; died December 22, 1901 and was buried in Fitzgerald Cemetery, south of Lakeland, Florida.
2. Vianna McClelland, born c1872.
3. John J. "Jud Mack" McClelland, born April, 1873; died March 15, 1937; buried at Fitzgerald Cemetery; never married.
4. Sabra Ann McClelland, born November, 1874.
5. Julia Donea McClelland, born May 23, 1876.
6. William H. McClelland, born December 10, 1878.
7. Ruby E. McClelland, born November 18, 1880.
8. Walter I. McClelland, born December, 1881.
9. Calvin S. McClelland, born May 15, 1885.
10. Sebrie McClelland, born December 10, 1888; married Edward C. Spahler February 28, 1905.
11. Susy A. McClelland, born August 14, 1890.

In the 1870 U. S. Census of Polk County, Florida the McClellands are living in District Eighteen (Medulla) and living next door was Alfred W. Lunn, Mrs. McClelland's brother. William's occupation was given as a farmer.

The 1900 U. S. Census finds the McClellands living in Precinct 4 (Medulla), Polk County, Florida. The census reports that they have had