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John's wife, Sarah, was deceased by this time and he had married second Margaret Gribble Clark (per Gribble family bible) between 1860-1865.

In 1870\* John and Margaret sold personal belongings and the above lots to William Patton. By the fall of 1870 John and Margaret resided in Colorado. The Sheriff seized the parcels of land in 1877 and held a public sale

by which the land was "knocked off" to William Patton for \$30.00, who was assigned the right title and interest of John McClure. John McClure died in Colorado 11 September 1881.

John and his first wife, Sarah, had the following children:

George W. married 27 Mar 1846 in Union Co. to Talitha Cami Owenby. (2) James McClure, whose birth date is recorded in the Gribble family Bible as 10 June 1825. This James has not been positively identified. (3) Rachel Matilda married 29 January 1854 to John William Gribble. (4) Joseph M. married 17 February 1861 to Mary M. (Crawford) Patton. (5) William George married circa 1858 to Sarah Jane Quarries. (6) Thomas William married 6 September 1863 to Mary Ann Elizabeth Quarries. (7) Mary Ann married in Colorado to Charles Wayman (8) Sarah Jane married 17 February 1861 to John Waldroup. (9) John; believed to be John Alexander married Martha Townsend. (10) Isabelle (11) Julia married 17 December 1868 ? to George Washington Gribble (12) Matilda Elizabeth married 15 December 1868 William Woodward Patton.

John and Margaret McClure had two children. Adeline and Charles.

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*References: Union and Town Co. court and vital records, land records, and US federal census records.*

\*This is when they moved to Colorado

\*Gribble was not John's second wife's name per Joanne this is not correct information

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