Rev. James Thomas McClure, D.D., an able divine who has for forty years held the pastorate of United Presbyterian church of Wheeling, was born near Pittsburgh, July 19, 1822. His parents, Daniel and Hannah (McFarlane) McClure, were both natives of Allegheny county, Penn., the former being a son of William and Elizabeth (Holliday) McClure, and the wife, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Lewis) McFarlane. Both of the grandfathers were born in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish families. Daniel and Hannah McClure were married in their native county August 11, 1808, and six children were born to them, of whom the only survivor is the subject of this sketch. The father died June 6, 1823, and the mother March 24, 1846. James Thomas McClure gained the rudiments of his education in a district school; and then at the age of fifteen years, began teaching in similar schools, and for five years, when not employed on the farm of his parents, was busied in the school room. In the spring of 1845 he entered the senior class of the Pittsburgh college, and being graduated in July, 1846, he soon afterward entered the Theological seminary of the Associated Reformed (now the United Presbyterian) church at Allegheny City, and attended three sessions. He was licensed to preach about April 1, 1849, and during that year traveled four months as a missionary in western Pennsylvania, and attended one session of the Theological seminary at Due West, S.C., the following winter. While there, he was called by the Associated Reformed church of Wheeling, and this call he accepted April 16, 1850, and was installed May 28th following. He first occupied the pulpit of the congregation as pastor, to which he has since ministered, on the second Sunday of March, 1850, and the subsequent period of his pastorate, which has been longer than that of any other minister in Wheeling, has been one characterized by kind relations and hearty co-operation on the part of minister and congregation. The church has notably prospered and its pulpit has been one of the most influential in the city. During this period, Dr. McClure has taken into the church nearly 1,000
people, and has married 309 couples. Being equipped with a good classical education at the beginning of his ministry, Dr. McClure has been a close student and has made himself familiar with literary and scientific advancement. The important questions of the day have called forth from him valuable contributions to literature, articles for the press, and his well-known volume, entitled "Science and the Bible." For more than thirty years also, he has served as director of the Theological seminary of Allegheny City. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Westminster college, of Pennsylvania. Dr. McClure was married March 28, 1850, to Helen Wall, of Pittsburgh, daughter of William and Lucy Wall, natives of England. They have had eight children, of whom the following survive: Helen Wall; James Hunter, wholesale grocer; Lucy, wife of W. J. W. Cowden; Robert Bruce, clerk in the Exchange bank; Zoe, and John H. McClure, D.D.S.

Brant & Fuller, 1890.

JOHN H. McClure, D.D.S.

John H. McClure, D.D.S., a leading surgeon dentist of Wheeling, was born in that city May 26, 1863, the son of Rev. James T. and Helen W. (Wall) McClure. His parents are natives of Pennsylvania, but have resided at Wheeling since 1850, at which date the father, who is a minister of the United Presbyterian church, became a minister of that denomination at Wheeling, a charge which he has ever since held. Dr. McClure was reared in his native city and there received his general education. Selecting dentistry as his profession he entered the office of Dr. S. B. McCormick in 1881 as a student, and in 1885 matriculated at the Pennsylvania college of dental surgery, where he graduated in 1887, with the degree of D.D.S. In the spring of the latter year he opened an office in Wheeling, and he
has since succeeded in acquiring a good practice. He is a member of the Ohio Valley Dental association. Socially Dr. McClure is one of the popular and prominent young men of the city.

**JAMES HUNTER McClure**

James Hunter McClure and wife, Belle Frances Chambers McClure

James Hunter McClure and wife, Belle Frances Chambers McClure (Older)
James Hunter McClure, holding son, Walter Hudson McClure, born 1882

Walter Hudson McClure
Photos taken at 7 Maryland Street, Wheeling Island

Walter Hudson McClure (1935) and wife, Besse Louise Reppetto McClure (1937)
(Standing, L - R) James H., Besse, John H., Betty Morris, Robert, Belle C., Zoe, Barbara Anne (d/o Walter & Besse). Annie (Stevenson) McClure, wife of John H., is sitting.

The children of Walter H. & Besse McClure
James G. (standing L), Frances (back R) Olive (lower L) & Barbara on Besse’s lap. James G. became a judge in Wheeling.
“Pa” & “Ma” McClure. Possibly James Thomas McClure & wife, Helen Wall, circa 1850.