

History of the Counties McKean, Elk, Cameron and Potter, Pennsylvania, Biographical Selections, Including Their Early Settlement and Development; A Description of the Historic and Interesting Localities; Sketches of Their Cities, Towns and Villages; Portraits of Prominent Men; Biographies of Representative Citizens; Outline History of Pennsylvania; Statistics. Illustrated. Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., Publishers, 1890.

Joseph M. McClure, attorney at law, a member of the firm of **Mullin & McClure, Bradford**, was born in Perry County, Penn., December 28, 1838, the sixth of ten children of **James and Rachel Oliver (Patterson) McClure**, who were natives of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent, former of whom died in 1865. In his boyhood **Joseph M.** had but limited educational advantages, attending in the winter the district schools. He served an apprenticeship at the tanner's trade, and after mastering the main details served two years in the currier and roller department. Although his time was so much taken up, his thirst for knowledge induced him to study in all his spare moments, and when he was twenty years old he accepted a position to teach, and successfully taught the higher department of a graded school. The next year he entered Tuscarora Academy, where he prepared for college, and in the autumn of 1862 he was able to enter the freshman class at Yale College, where he graduated in 1866 in a class of ninety-six. He then took up the study of law at Mifflintown, Penn., completing his course in Chambersburg with the Hon. John Stewart, who is now president judge of Franklin County. He was admitted to the bar in Franklin County in 1867, and in 1868 moved to Harrisburg. In 1869 he was appointed assistant State librarian, and in the fall of 1869 was appointed deputy attorney-general of the State. In 1873 he went to Doylestown, Bucks County, where he edited and managed English and German weekly newspapers. In 1875 he again resumed the practice of his profession at Allentown, and in 1879 removed to Bradford. He was admitted to the Supreme Court in 1869, and also to the United States Court. In politics he is a Democrat. He takes an active interest in the cause of education, and has served as a member of the Bradford school board, of which for a time he was president. He was married in Philadelphia November 27, 1867, to **Alice Hamersly**, daughter of **George W. Hamersly**, and they have five children: **Mary L.**, **Margaretta D.**, **Robert**, **Kenneth** and **Donald**. **Mrs. McClure** is a member of the Episcopal Church.

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