

## 12. McCLURE COUNTRY PLACE

1500 N. McClure Road (1882)



**Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution:** October 21, 1991

**Designated by City Council:** November 26, 1991

**Description:** This house is of the Victorian Italianate style with a large projecting cornice and brackets. The original porch has been removed and replaced with a small brick stoop. Major additions in the 1930s and '40s include a kitchen and dining room addition, and an extension made into the parlor.

**Historic Significance:** The McClure Place was built on the banks of Dry Creek in 1882 to replace an earlier home destroyed by fire in 1875. Bailey Peyton Hogin, a Confederate army veteran, who arrived in California in 1870, built the new home. He farmed 60 acres around the house. The farm was the birthplace of Grafton Madoux Hogin, Stanislaus county sheriff from 1922 to 1949. He died in 1967 at the age of 92. The farm was sold after the turn of the century (1904) to Ernest McClure. McClure, an enterprising young man from Los Angeles, was lured by advertisements of Stanislaus County as the land of water and plenty. He farmed 320 acres south of the house, mostly alfalfa to maintain his dairy herd. In 1925, a peach orchard was planted on the property.

The City of Modesto purchased 16 acres of the McClure property in 1973 for inclusion in the Dry Creek Regional Park. This purchase included the house and outbuildings. A second purchase by the city in 1975 added a triangle-shaped land area extending to Claus Road.