

Ranches of Bodega Bay

Samuel McCready - Ocean Township

Samuel McCready, born: 12 Jun 1828 Flushing New York, died: 21 Sep 1812 Santa Rosa, Sonoma County California, buried: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn, Sonoma County California, married: Jane Boyd 6 Dec 1863 (she was born: Mar 1832 Ireland, died: 6 Dec 1912 Bodega Sonoma County California, buried: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn, Sonoma County California) children: George 1867, Matilda 1869, John 1871 (buried: Bodega Bay Cemetery), Caroline 1871, Thomas 1875

Parents

Thomas McCready
1799-1860

Caroline Hide
1801-1880

Spouse & Children

Jane Boyd
1832-1912

George W. McCready
1867-1945

Matilda J. Mc Cready
1869-1948

John Mc Cready
1871-

**Caroline (Carrie) Anne
Mc McCready**
1871-1959

Thomas Mc Cready
1875-1949

Samuel Mc Cready

California, Select Marriages

Name: Samuel Mc Cready
Marriage Date: 6 Dec 1863
Marriage Place: Sonoma, California
Spouse: [Jane Boyd](#)

Samuel McCready

California, Voter Registers

Name: Samuel McCready
Age: ~~38~~ 40
Birth Year: ~~abt 1830~~ 1828
Birth Place: New York
Residence Year: 1868
Residence Place: Sonoma, California, USA

Child McCready

BIRTH	unknown
DEATH	unknown
BURIAL	Bodega Bay Cemetery Bodega Bay, Sonoma County, California, USA

Saul Mccready

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: Saul Mccready
[[Samuel McCready](#)]

Birth Year: abt 1828

Birthplace: New York

Home in 1870: Bodega, Sonoma , California

Post Office: Freestone

Occupation: Carpenter

Personal Estate Value: 200

Real Estate Value: 1000

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Saul Mccready	42
	Jane Mccready	41
	John Boyd	18
	Samuel Boyd	16
	Eliza Boyd	13
	George Mccready	3
	Matilda Mccready	10/12
	Annie J Kirk	32

Samuel Mc Cready

in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: Samuel Mc Cready

Birth Date: Abt 1827

Birthplace: New York

Home in 1880: Bodega, Sonoma, California,

Occupation: Carpenter

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Samuel Mc Cready	53
	Jane Mc Cready	50
	George W. Mc Cready	13
	Matilda J. Mc Cready	11
	Caroline Mc Cready	8
	Thomas Mc Cready	5

Samuel McCready

California, Voter Registers

Name: Samuel McCready

Age: 68

Birth Year: abt 1828

Birth Place: New York

Residence Year: 1896

Residence Address: Smith's Ranch

Residence Place: Sonoma, California

Samuel Mc Cready

BIRTH 12 JUN 1828 • Long Island, New York

DEATH 21 SEP 1912 • Sonoma, California, USA

When Samuel McCready was born on June 12, 1828, in Queens, New York, his father, Thomas, was 24 and his mother, Caroline, was 26. He married Jane *Boyd* on December 6, 1863, in Bodega, California. They had five children in 20 years. He died on September 21, 1912, in Sebastopol, California, having lived a long life of 84 years, and was buried there.

The story of Samuel McCready and Samuel Boyd's journey from New York (Feb 7, 1849) to San Francisco (Sep 9, 1849) upon the Clarissa Perkins.

With nothing to go on but his boundless energy, Gordon organized the California Association, and so strong was the gold fever that by November, 1848, Gordon had over 200 signed up to go to California under his leadership. The contract was a pretentious-looking document. Under it Gordon agreed to give each member a passage to San Francisco from New York in a good, fast sailing vessel commanded by an experienced captain. Besides first-class rations, they were to have tents, and for every company of ten two of Gordon's own make gold washing machines and gearing for applying horse-power, as well as a mining plant with tools. Gordon was to be president of the association and was to receive \$160 from each member. The adventurers also bound themselves in consideration of services to be hereafter rendered by Gordon to give him one-fifth of all gold obtained, and various other privileges, which almost amounted to the members becoming his voluntary peons.

Before sailing it was found necessary to make two divisions. The first band sailed from New York February 6, 1849, on the ship Clarissa Perkins, Captain J. W. Goodrich, and the second, under the command of Gordon himself, took the new and unexplored route subsequently known as the Nicaragua and, after enduring unheard-of hardships, arrived in San Francisco in October, 1849, a month after the Clarissa Perkins had reached port, bearing a party of angry, worn-out adventurers, who openly vowed that if Gordon had been there upon their arrival they would have hanged him. Long ago I had a first-hand description from the late Atkins Massey of the voyage of the 132 bold spirits that left New York for the trip around the Horn on a foul and leaky craft that could only properly accommodate fifty persons. How they escaped the fate of that trio of ancient mariners who once put to sea in a tub that proved to be scandalously unseaworthy was never understood by one of them.

For the first day or so out none of us cared a picayune what was going on around us, we were all so seasick. But when we came to with yawning appetites and found that there were only six men in the crew and that there was no one to cook for us and that the ship was filthy enough to breed a pestilence, said Massey, you can imagine the state of our feelings. We got a scornful look from the captain and a hint that we could cook our own grub or leave it. Well, an indignation meeting was called on the quarter deck, the captain being driven below. It was at first proposed to hang the captain off the yardarm. Better counsels prevailed, however, and I, being used to the sea, aided by the Darlington boys, of whom there were five brothers from Westchester county, N. Y., was elected as a sort of ship's major-domo. I told off the passengers into messes of thirteen, and members of each mess were to take turns in cooking and cleaning the ship, for we realized that it was

a case of working our passage. Even the crew snickered at our plight. There was a lot of grumbling in the association, but by a few of us holding things with a firm hand we managed to suppress murmurs and threats of mutiny and to lighten the hardships, which told heavily upon some of the young fellows who were not used to roughing it.

One of the toughest experiences was near Cape St. Roque, where the captain lost his reckoning, and we lay becalmed for thirty days, with the pitch liquefying in the deck seams under the burning sun. Every one turned ugly again and a committee was appointed to hang the captain forthwith, but he had retired to his cabin, and there remained, armed to the teeth. The crew waited on him, cooking his meals and taking his orders. At Rio Janeiro we lost thirteen of our number, they deciding to stay there. We also lost another member, George Little, a confectioner of Bridgeton, N. J., who fell overboard while endeavoring to catch a Cape pigeon.

We arrived in San Francisco, luckily having encountered no stormy weather, on September 9, 1849, and expected to find on our arrival our second division, that had gone overland, as it was understood they were to prepare for our reception have ground located for digging, so that we might immediately begin taking out gold. Such was our dream. They did not arrive until the following month, and it turned out their experiences had been rougher than ours. Smythe Clarke and James Stillman came with Gordon's party, and the men composing it were so incensed against the speculator that about the time we fellows were hunting Captain Goodrich to hang him the overlanders were selecting lariats strong enough to swing Gordon from a tree. Such, in brief, is an outline of the history of Gordon's famous California Association, which stands out in unique relief among the many records of peril and adventure through which the gold seekers of forty-nine passed in their voyaging to the new El Dorado. The ill-feeling against Gordon for what they considered the shameless way in which they had been deceived and betrayed was not long sustained by his associates. The voluminous, signed contract turned out to be as worthless as a handful of sand, yet the adventurers felt that the release worked two ways, as they realized after reflection how they had tied themselves up to a foolish and decidedly bad bargain. They were freed to pursue their own course in gathering the yellow metal.

In a later year an effort was made to revive the old association, as the members looked back upon their adventures and hardships. The Gordon adventurers rounded each other up, as do old college classmates, and they took to holding reunions. In 1874 there were but nine of that adventurous band out here seven in San Francisco and two in the Santa Clara valley. The late Jerome B. Painter, the pioneer type foundry man, promoted these friendly gatherings. With his death many years ago they ceased and the few scattered members kept in touch with each other by letter.

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CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY

McCready, Samuel.

Name in full

Samuel Mc Cready

Place of birth

Long Island New York

Date of birth

June 12th 1828

Parent

Father

Thomas Mc Cready

Mother (maiden name in full)

Caroline Hide

Married or unmarried

Married

If married, to whom

Jane Boyd

Date of marriage

Place

Bodega

Samuel Mc Cready

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: Samuel Mc Cready

Birth Date: Jan 1827

Birthplace: New York

Home in 1900: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Spouse's name: Jane Mc Cready

Marriage Year: 1862

Father's Birthplace: New York

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Occupation: Farmer

House Owned or Rented: O

Home Free or Mortgaged: F

Farm or House: F

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Samuel Mc Cready	48
	Jane Mc Cready	48

Samuel Mc Cready

California, Pioneer and Immigrant Files

Name: Samuel Mc Cready
[Samuel McCready]

Birth Place: Long Island, New York

Birth Date: 12 Jun 1828

Father: Thomas Mc Cready

Mother: Caroline Hide

Spouse: Jane Boyd

Marriage Place: Bodega

Previous Residence: New York

Residence: Bodega, Sonoma County,
California

Index Card Year: 1906

Samuel McCready

City Directories

Name: Samuel McCready

Residence Year: 1908

Residence Place: Santa Rosa, California

Occupation: Farmer

Samuel Cready

1910 United States Federal Census

Name: Samuel Cready
[[Samuel McCready](#)]

Birth Year: abt 1829

Birthplace: New York

Home in 1910: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Street: Bodega Road

Spouse's name: Jane Cready

Father's Birthplace: New York

Mother's Birthplace: New York

Industry: Own Income

Home Owned or Rented: Own

Home Free or Mortgaged: Free

Farm or House: House

Years Married: 40

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Samuel Cready	81
	Jane Cready	74
	Samuel Boyd	56

M'CREADY FUNERAL

Samuel McCready, a widely known pioneer of the Bodega section, and a resident there for over half a century, passed to his reward on Saturday morning at his home overlooking the ocean.

Mr. McCready's death followed that of his wife, who died two weeks ago. At the time of her passing he was in a critical condition. For over thirty-five years the deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows' order, being a charter member of Salmon Creek lodge, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. He was eighty-three years of age and is survived by several grown children.

The funeral took place Monday at 10:30 from the family home at Bodega and the Odd Fellows conducted the funeral ritual. Many local people attended the funeral service.

Jane Beggs

BIRTH MAR 1832 • Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland

DEATH 6 DEC 1912 • Sebastopol, Sonoma, California,

Jane Beggs was born in March 1832 in Ireland. She had two sons and one daughter with John Boyd. She then married Samuel McCready in 1863 in Sonoma County California and they had five children together. She died on December 6, 1912, in Bodega, California, having lived a long life of 80 years, and was buried at the Sebastopol Memorial Lawn in Sebastopol, California.

March 1911: Will of Samuel McCready

I Samuel Mc Cready of Bodega, Sonoma County, California, being of sound and disposing mind, do hereby will and bequeath unto my wife Jane Mc Cready all my personal property and real estate that I am now possessed of, to have and to hold and be in her exclusive control and charge during her natural life, should my said wife Jane Mc Cready survive me,

At her death it is my wish that the property of whatsoever kind that she, my said wife, may die possessed of, shall be divided equally share and share alike, between our four children respectively, George Washington Mc Cready, ^{Thomas Mc Cready} Tillie McCready Norton, and Carrie McCready Finlay.

Dated at Occidental, Calif.
March 14 1911.

S. McCready.

Witnesses J.D. Connolly. E.F. Griffin, San Jose, Calif.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA.

PROBATE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)

Samuel Mc Cready (also called)
S, McCready.)
Deceased.)

Certificate of Proof of Will.

I Thos C. Denny Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Sonoma do hereby certify: That on the 11th day of November A.D. 1912 the annexed instrument was admitted to probate as the last Will and Testament of Samuel McCready (also called S, McCready) deceased; that the testimony taken on the probate of said Will has been reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively, and filed herein, and from the proofs taken and the examinations had therein, the said Court finds as follows:

That said decedent died on the 20th day of September, A.D. 1912, in the County of Sonoma, State of California, and at the time of his death was a resident of said Sonoma County,

That the said annexed Will was duly executed by the said decedent in his life time in the County of Sonoma, State of California, in the presence of J.D. Connolly and E.F. Griffin the subscribing witnesses thereto. Also that he acknowledged the execution of the same in their presence and declared the same to be his last Will and Testament, and the said witnesses attested the same at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other. That the said decedent at the time of execution said Will was of eighteenth years and upwards, was of sound and disposing mind, and not under restraint, undue influence, menace, fraud, duress or fraudulent misrepresentations, or in any respect incompetent to devise and bequeath his estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate and caused the same to be attested by the Clerk of this Court under the seal thereof this 11th day of November A.D. 1912.

Thos C. Denny. Judge of the Superior Court.

Attest. W.W. Felt Jr, County Clerk.

By A.P. Cochran. Deputy Clerk.

Samuel McCready

California, Death Index

Name: Samuel McCready
Birth Year: abt 1828
Death Date: 21 Sep 1912
Age at Death: 84
Death Place: Sonoma, California, USA

Samuel McCready

California, Wills and Probate Records

Name: Samuel McCready
Will Date: 14 Mar 1911
Place: Sonoma, California, USA
Death Year: 21 Sep 1912

Samuel McCready

BIRTH 12 Jun 1828
Queens County, New York, USA
DEATH 21 Sep 1912 (aged 84)
Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California
BURIAL [Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery](#)
Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California

SAMUEL McCREADY'S WILL

The last will and testament of the late Samuel McCready of Bodega was filed for probate by Attorney D. R. Gale Monday afternoon. The decedent left an olographic will, in which he devised everything of which he died possessing to his devoted wife that she might have the enjoyment of the same during her lifetime. At the death of Mrs. McCready the property is to go in equal shares to the children of the deceased.

Samuel McCready

Find A Grave Index

Name: Samuel McCready
Birth Date: 12 Jun 1828
Birth Place: Queens County, New York,
Death Date: 21 Sep 1912
Death Place: Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California
Cemetery: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place: Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California
Spouse: [Jane McCready](#)

