



**MCCLOUGHLIN HOUSE
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
713 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045**

HOURS:
TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(CLOSED IN JANUARY)

COME AND VISIT THE HOME OF

DR. JOHN MCCLOUGHLIN
"The Father of Oregon"

**FOR MEMBERSHIP AND
TOUR INFORMATION -**

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Born into a Quebec farming family in 1784, McLoughlin was 19 when he signed on as a physician for the Northwest Company. He soon worked his way up to a company partner. After the merger with the Hudson's Bay Company in 1821, McLoughlin was sent to the Oregon Country as a chief factor (president). McLoughlin was in charge of Ft. Vancouver and other posts throughout the Oregon Country. He was sent to the falls on the Willamette to claim the land in the late 1820's, and he eventually bought Oregon City for \$20,000. Forced to retire from his position at Ft. Vancouver after offering aid to the American settlers, McLoughlin spent the last 11 years of his life at his home in Oregon City. He became an American citizen in 1851. He married Marguerite in about 1812. She was part Cree Indian.

Dr. McLoughlin had come to the Northwest to promote the Hudson's Bay Company and the British interests in the Oregon Country. By the time his career ended, he was best known for helping the Americans secure most of the territory. A pioneer from Pennsylvania said of McLoughlin: "He is always on the lookout for an opportunity to bestow his charity, and bestows it with no sparing hand." Because of his kindhearted acts and his thoughtfulness, Dr. McLoughlin is remembered as the "Father of Oregon". His home stands as a memorial to the memory of this giant of a man.

