

There is an article about Andrew McClure in the Haywood County NC Heritage book. He is article number 230. I have transcribed the article here:

**Haywood County Heritage, pg 87
230 ANDREW McCLURE, SR**

Andrew McClure, my 4th great grandfather and man descendants shared in settling Haywood County. His birth is estimated before 1745, with only certainty that he was over the age of 45 by 1790. He married Mary Wilson in Rowan County, NC 13 June 1769.

Andrew Sr. resided in Burke County, NC, then owned property on both sides of Crabtree Creek in Haywood County, NC. He was deceased by 20 December 1815, when his son Joseph made application as administrator. Andrew's personal property sold at auction and the amount of bids was recorded June 1816. Besides his livestock there was bed furniture, tables, chairs, kettles, baskets, oven and utensils; even a candlestick snuffer and a tomahawk. This inventory allows us to further envision the McClure's lifestyle that included farming tools of plows, swingle-trees (single-trees) and cleavices.

Andrew Sr. had obvious skills as a barrel maker, wood worker and carpenter owning cooper tools, augers, wedges and drawing knives. All of his known sons made purchases at the auction with the exception of this son John, who may have already left North Carolina for Missouri. Andrew, Sr.'s widow, Mary (Wilson) McClure, was still alive in 1816, also bidding on some of the personal family items. Sons-in-law Thomas Kimsey and Peter Mason bid on items as did neighbors and other possible relatives.

New information discovered has allowed Andrew and Mary's family to, at last, be acceptably identified. Andrew Sr.'s Haywood land was sold in 1834 to Francis McKee (McGee) by Andrew's "heirs" named as: Thomas McClure, John McClure, James McClure, John McClure as administrator for Joseph McClure (deceased), James

Bradshaw and Margaret his wife, Peter Mason and Mary his wife, Thomas Kimsey and Ann his wife.

Based on these records, and the mention of Joseph who was deceased, there were probably no other heirs who shared in the distribution of Andrew Sr.'s estate.

These children were Thomas, whose first wife is unknown, second wife Sarah Crawford; Thomas and Sarah moved to Macon County, NC, then to Union County, GA; John married Sarah Cathey, went to Missouri and returned to NC, later also moving to Union County; Joseph died in Missouri about 1821, naming his brother John as Executor. Andrew McClure, son of Andrew Sr., is probably the Andrew living in Haywood County who first married Deborah Akin. William McClure married first Nancy Strain and second Elizabeth Jones and resided in Macon County, NC. James married Sarah Strain and also resided in Macon County, NC.

Early McClures migrated from Pennsylvania through the Shenandoah Valley. My descent from Andrew is through his son, Thomas. Thomas is the proposed father to John (1801-1881); John had twelve children including my great grandmother Matilda Elizabeth McClure who married William Patton in Union County, Georgia. They moved to Blount and Monroe counties in Tennessee where my grandfather Ida (Patton) Farr was born. After the birth of my mother Murtis Isabelle (Farr) Cook in 1905, the Farr family moved from Tennessee to western Kansas.

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