

He is also given his own article in the book, Heritage of Union County, Georgia, even though he never settled there, but his children did.

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Andrew Sr. resided in Burke Co., NC then owned property on both sides of Crabtree Creek in Haywood Co., NC. He was deceased by 20 December 1815, when his son Joseph made application as administrator. Since Joseph was administrator it might suggest he was the older son.

Andrew's personal property sold at auction and the amount of bids recorded June 1816. Besides his livestock of horses, cows and hogs, there was bed furniture, tables, chairs, kettles, baskets, oven and utensils and even a candlestick snuffer and a tomahawk. This inventory allows us to further envision the McClure's lifestyle that included farming tools of plows, swingletrees (single-trees) and cleavices. Andrew Sr. had 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 his son, John, so 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" names as: **Thomas McClure**, John McClure, Andrew McClure, William 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. I believe, based on these records and the mention of Joseph who was deceased, that there were no other heirs who shared in the distribution of Andrew Sr.'s estate.

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