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Children of Thomas and his first wife: **(1)** Andrew born circa 1796, in NC. This may be the Andrew located in Union County 1850 census married to a Lois. Veteran from War of 1812 **(2) John born 21 May 1801, in NC, died 11 September 1881, in Huerfano County, CO.** He married first, Sarah (---) circa 1822 in NC. He married second, Margaret Elizabeth Gribble Clark (*per Gribble Family bible*) between 1860-1864. **(3)** William

born 17 June 1803, in NC, died 13 November 1866, in Waynesville, Haywood County, NC. He married Nancy Leannah Corbin, 11 December 1821, in Haywood County, NC. Thomas McClure was the Bondsman for this marriage. **(4)** Joseph born 16 July 1810, in NC, died 2 November 1855, in Fayette County, AL. He married Patience Elizabeth McLain, 29 October 1835, in AL. Joseph supposedly served in the Mexican War **(5)** Thomas (No further information), **(6)** Elizabeth born circa 1820, in NC, married first Harlan Moody 24, April 1834, in Haywood County, NC. She married, second, Ira Farmer, 9 October 1845, In Haywood County, NC.

Thomas married second, Sarah (Kirby Crawford), 25 October 1823, In Haywood County, NC. There are no known children from this union.

Sarah was born circa 1775, in VA. She died after 1860 in Union or Towns County. Sarah was the widow of George Washington Crawford Senior who died about 1820 in Haywood County, NC.

Thomas McClure's life ended in Georgia before the Civil War. In 1856 he sold his Lot #35 to Robert S. Patton (a probably step son-in-law), except for a portion of the lot deeded to John McClure (above, son) and to Enos Crawford (his step-son). Sarah (Kirby Crawford) McClure is a widow in the 1850 census in the household of Robert S and Nancy (Crawford) Patton.

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*References: NC & GA land records, U.S. Federal Census, "The McClure Family" by James Alexander McClure (1914), Department of Interior Bounty Land Claims, NC & GA vital records, Kimsey and Crawford family records.*

*\*Gribble is incorrect for John's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife per Joanne Black.*

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