"THE CRABTREE FAMILY OF WAYNE COUNTY, W.VA."

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INTRODUCTION

On July 4, 1976, the people of the United States will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Declaration of their Independence from England. All across the nation there will be many and varied celebrations of this historic event. In an effort to personalize the 200 years of American history and to identify those who have gone before, I recently began gathering data on a family tree. I wanted to discover just who my ancestors were and if possible, something about their lives. I wasn't looking for heroes or villains and I found none. But I was seeking a glimpse of the past, a past in which our forefathers worked steadily and hard, unsung and unrecognized, to bequeath to us all, that heritage that we now enjoy and shall soon celebrate.

My brief sketch is only a beginning, an outline of names and numbers. A fuller history can be written but it will need the efforts of someone with more time and talent than I possess.
NOTE

I would like to emphasize that this book is not a history of the Crabtree family, for such a history would fill many volumes. The book is not an attempt to be comprehensive but I had reached a point where I felt it was necessary to organize what material I had compiled and to make it available to others. This compilation of data is limited by the limitations of the sources. The information is accurate in so far as my sources were accurate but there are some mistakes, due to errors in Courthouse records, Census records, personal papers and in the memories of contributors.

In Chapter II, there are several names listed at the top of each page. These names give the male Crabtree lineage of the particular person back to Solomon Crabtree (1779-1853). These names make it easier to trace the lineage back to the earlier ancestors.
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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GOLDIE CRABTREE LEWIS  ELLA CRABTREE BLANKENSHIP

I would also like to give credit to the late Strother Crabtree. During the 1930's, he compiled information on the family but was unable to finish the work due to failing health. His notes, which were forwarded to me by Chauncy Crabtree, formed the basic groundwork around which this book was organized.

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CRABTREE LINEAGE

William Crabtree I
(1683-1756)

William Crabtree II
(1705-?)

William Crabtree III
(1726-1777)

Abraham Crabtree
(1750-1838)

Solomon Crabtree
(1779-1863)

Jacob John Hiram Wesley James
(1800-1885) (c.1807-?) (c.1809-c.1885) (1812-1865) (c.1813-c.1868)
William Crabtree I

William Crabtree II

William Crabtree III

Abraham Crabtree

Solomon Crabtree

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William Crabtree (I)
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The name CRABTREE is of English derivation.
The original bearer of the name Crabtree was in some way associated with a crab apple orchard. He lived near one, worked in one, owned one, etc. Taking the name of an occupation or locality was a method of local identification, as in, "John-of-the-crabtrees", which became permanent when written records became required in Medieval England. Prior to 1700 there are many occurrences of the name in the records of the County York (Yorkshire) in northeastern England.
In England during the 1600's many small farmers were driven from the land which their families had tilled for generations because of the practice of "enclosure". This was the action whereby the great land owners fenced in their land and used it for large flocks of sheep. The European demand for wool made raising sheep much more profitable than the feudal system of land use, whereby farmers, who were bound to the land, would pay a portion of their harvest to the land owning nobles. This meant that there were many farmers who were cut off from their traditional link to the land and their source of income. This sturdy stock of yeoman farmers were prime candidates to be recruited to settle the vast emptiness of the American colonies.

Unlike most of the other American colonies, Maryland was organized as a proprietorship. The King of England granted the ownership of this colony to George Calvert the Lord of Baltimore. Lord Baltimore, wishing to gain income from his vast holdings in America, gave grants of land to settlers, provided they would improve the land and pay him a small yearly rent. In this way Lord Baltimore could accumulate a fortune in rent monies and extend his political power in the New World. Lord Baltimore was Catholic but he believed that only by opening his colony to settlers of all faiths could the colony grow and prosper. Hence, Maryland was among the first colonies to establish religious toleration as a part of public policy. This brought many Protestants from England and from neighboring colonies that were more restrictive in their religious practices.

WILLIAM CRABTREE, a farmer who probably lived near Leeds in Yorkshire County, England, received a grant of land of several hundred acres in Baltimore County, Maryland. He was no doubt offered this land grant to encourage him to migrate to America and settle on the lands of Lord Baltimore.

According to family tradition WILLIAM CRABTREE (I) was born in 1683 in Yorkshire County, England. In 1705 he brought his wife, Jane, and infant son to America. The family settled about 30 miles northeast of present day Baltimore, Maryland along Deer Creek, which flows into the Susquehanna River near Port Deposit. The Crabtrees were members of the Church of England and attended the Anglican Church in Old Joppatowne, Md.

The Crabtree family grew and prospered in the New World. William increased his land holdings and was even able to purchase the services of an Irish indentured servant named Alexander Anderson. William had a second servant as referred to in his will plus a Negro who may have been an indentured servant or possibly a slave.

Wm. d. 9/10/1756, Jane d. bet. Jan & July 1759
The children of William Crabtree (I) and Jane Crabtree were:

WILLIAM, eldest, born about 1705, married MARY PYKE of Baltimore County, Md. on 17 FEB 1725. William's death date is unknown


JAMES, born 20 FEB 1716 in Maryland. Married CATHERINE DUMAS (DeMoss). He died in 1784 in Washington Co., Md.

JOHN, born 5 SEPT 1718, in Baltimore Co., Md.

GRACE, born 29 MAY 1711, in Baltimore Co., Md. Married a man named HAYES.

ANN, born 15 JAN 1714 in Maryland

ELIZABETH, born 13 DEC 1720 in Maryland

SAMUEL, born 25 JULY 1725 in Maryland.

William Crabtree (I) died on September 10, 1756 at Kingsville in Baltimore County, Maryland. His will, as recorded in the records of that county, follows.
WILL OF WILLIAM CRABTREE (I)
Nov. 4, 1747

WILLIAM CRABTREE of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland, being weak and sick in body, but in perfect sound mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God, therefore but calling to mind the uncertain state of this transitory life do for the better settlement of my temporal affairs and disposal of such Estate as God has blessed me withal, make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking and thereby disannulling all former will or wills, testament or testaments by me heretofore made and hereby constituting and appointing this present writing to contain my last Will and Testament, which I make as follows, viz:

I give and bequeath to my loving wife Jane Crabtree my dwelling plantation with one hundred and fifty acres of land of the Southernmost end during her natural life or widowhood that shall first happen then to go to my son, William Crabtree, his heirs and assigns forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my loving wife Jane Crabtree one Irish serving lad called Alexander Anderson, during her widowhood, then to go to my son William Crabtree. 2nd, I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Crabtree, one servant man that Samuel Webb owes me, to his heirs and assigns. 3rd, I give and bequeath to my son, John Crabtree, one Negro boy called DUKE to him, his heirs and assigns forever, but my will is that my son John Crabtree shall pay unto his brother, James Crabtree, Five Pounds current money in goods and chattels, also unto his brother Samuel Crabtree, Five Pounds current money in goods or chattels. And as for the remaining part of my Estate, personal Estate, my will and mind is that my wife, Jane Crabtree shall have her equal thirds out of it and the remainder to be equally shared betwixt my five sons, and three daughters, share and share alike without any administration.

I further appoint that my wife, Jane Crabtree, and five sons and three daughters, shall at an equal charge in paying all my just debts and burying in a decent manner.

In witness whereof I shall to this present writing containing one side and this piece of a side of paper, set my hand and affix my seal the day and year above written.

WILLIAM CRABTREE
(His mark)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the Presence of Thomas Bond, Jacob Bond and Rebecca Pattee.

OCTOBER 9, 1756 — Jacob Bond being one of the People called Quakers, solemnly affirmed that he saw the Testator, William
Crabtree, sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament. That at the time of his so doing, he was, to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory, that he subscribed his name as a witness to the said will in the presence of the Testator and at his request and that he saw Thomas Bond and Rebecca Pattee the other two witnesses sign the same. Affirmed before William Young, Dep. Commissary, Baltimore, County, Maryland.
WILLIAM CRABTREE (II), eldest son of William and Jane Crabtree, was born in England and came to America as an infant in about the year 1705. William grew to manhood in Baltimore County and followed in his father's footsteps, farming the fertile bottomlands of Northeast Maryland. He owned several hundred acres of land on which he raised livestock, tobacco and wheat.

Little is known about William Crabtree (II) except that he held strong religious beliefs. Upon one occasion he refused to pay for the services of the local teacher for it became known that the teacher was a Catholic. William Crabtree, a strong Protestant, could not condone this "Papist" instructing his children.

On February 17, 1725, William Crabtree (II) married MARY PYKE of Baltimore County, Maryland. Their children were:

WILLIAM - born 22 DEC 1726
married HANNAH WHITAKER on 27 MAY 1746
m. Ann Riley 4/25/1754

ELIZABETH - born 5 NOV 1728
married JAMES POTEET on 20 SEPT 1748

MARY - married WILLIAM PIKE on 9 JUNE 1752

JOHN - married HANNAH BUTCHER on 22 APR 1755

THOMAS - married ELIZABETH BARTON on 23 OCT 1760

(The death date of William Crabtree (II) is unknown)
WILLIAM CRABTREE (III), son of William Crabtree and Mary Pyke, was born 22 DEC 1726 in Baltimore County, Maryland. In that county on 27 MAY 1746 he married Hannah Whitaker, who was born about 1725 in Kingsville, Maryland.

William Crabtree, like his forebears, was a successful farmer, but land was getting scarce in Baltimore County. The flood of settlers into the area had boosted land prices and it made it difficult to obtain new lands on which to grow the food necessary to feed a growing family. William needed more land and land that he could afford. During the mid-1700's, reports were reaching Baltimore County of a vast fertile valley to the Southeast, where good farmland was available for the asking. This area was the upper Shenandoah Valley and the various vallies that comprise the Great Valley of Virginia. So, after his father's death, in about the year 1758, William moved his family southward through the Shenandoah Valley to Bedford County, Virginia. (The area he settled is just east of present day Roanoke.) This area was then the Western frontier of the Virginian colony. As did his neighbors, William served in the Bedford County Militia to protect the community from Indian attacks which were prevalent during the French and Indian War.

William Crabtree (III) prospered in Bedford County, his family grew larger and he was able to obtain a considerable amount of land from the government. In July of 1768 he received a land grant of 378 acres in Bedford County on Cub Branch, a west branch of Gill Creek. He also obtained 222 acres on Maggotty Creek in Bedford County.

By the late 1760's, the area where he lived in Bedford County was becoming thickly settled. His sons were coming of age and they wanted farms of their own. Once again the Crabtree family was in need of good, low cost, farm land. This meant moving further West, following the frontier. Sometime between the years 1768 and 1772, William moved his family from Bedford County to Washington County, Virginia. (The area he settled is near Saltville, in present day Smyth County, Virginia.) The area near Saltville was at that time known as Big Buffalo Lick. The salt lick located there was an attraction for all types of game, especially elk, deer, bear, and buffalo. This meant excellent hunting for the settlers. There was also plenty of good farm land in the area available for the taking. Also the salt from the lick was used as a preservative, an essential commodity to the pioneers.

So it was there, near Saltville, that William Crabtree spent his last days. He was a well-known farmer and woodsman. He had hundreds of acres of land
on which he raised cattle, sheep, and a variety of crops. He raised a large family, with four of his sons taking a very active part in the American Revolution. William died in the Spring of 1777.
The children of WILLIAM CRABTREE (III) and HANNAH
WHITAKER were:

1. WILLIAM - b. about 1748 in Baltinore Co., MD
   n. 1. Hannah Lyons
      2. Catherine Starnes
   d. 1818 in Tazwell Co., VA

2. ABRAHAM - b. about 1750 in Baltinore Co., MD
   n. MARY ?
   d. 5 FEB 1838 in Russell Co., VA

3. ISAAC - b. about 1757 in Baltinore Co., MD
   n. Sally Pike
   d. 1847 in Wayne Co., KY.

4. JACOB - b. about 1759 in Bedford Co., VA
   n. Mary Price on 4 AUG 1786
   d. MARCH 19, 1846 in Lee Co., VA

5. JAMES - b. 2/20/1762 in Bedford Co., VA
   d. Washington County, Illinois

6. JOB - b. 4/19/1765 in Bedford Co., VA
   n. 12/17/1790 to Rebecca Smyth
   d. 1/12/1828 in Lee Co., VA
   buried Crabtree/Purcell Cemetery, Woodway, VA

7. PRISCILLA - b. about 1766 in Bedford Co., VA
   n. 12/7/1790 to John Price
   d. Washington Co., VA

8. HANNAH - b. about 1768 in Bedford Co., VA
   n. 9/7/1787 to Edward Smyth
   d. Washington Co., VA

9. MARGARET - b. about 1770 in Bedford Co., VA
   n. John Simons
   d. Washington Co., VA

10. SARAH - b. about 1772 in Bedford Co., VA
    n. 12/7/1790 to Benjamin Clark
    d. Washington Co., VA

11. (Daughter) b. about 1773 in Bedford Co., VA
    d. ?

12. JOHN - b. 8/25/1774 in Bedford Co., VA
    n. 7/29/1800 to Alice Friend
    d. 7/23/1865 in Lee Co., VA
Abraham Crabtree's brother, JACOB CRABTREE, in March of 1775 went with a company of thirty men, led by Daniel Boone, and marked a path through the forest to the Kentucky River. They arrived on April 6, 1775 at Big Lick on the Kentucky River just below the mouth of Otter Creek. Here it was decided to build a town called Boonesborough.

The men in the expedition were:

- Daniel Boone
- Squire Boone
- Edward Bradley
- James Bridges
- William Bush
- Samuel Coburn
- Coln. Richard Calloway
- CAPT. JACOB CRABTREE
- Benjamin Cutbuth
- David Gass
- John Hart
- William Hays
- William Hicks
- Edmund Jennings
- Thomas Johnson
- John Kennedy
- John King
- Willian Miller
- Willian Moore
- James Nall
- James Pecke
- Bartlet Seary
- Rouben Seary
- Michael Stoner
- Samuel Tate
- Oswell Townes
- Capt. William Twitty
- John Vandeman
- Felix Walker
Sons of WILLIAM CRABTREE and the REVOLUTIONARY WAR

WILLIAM, the eldest son, was active as an officer in the Washington County Militia during the Revolutionary War. He manned the various garrisons and forts along the Holston and Clinch Rivers which protected the settlers from British inspired Indian attacks. He fought at the Battle of Pt. Pleasant in October of 1774. He also fought at the Battle of King's Mountain in South Carolina in 1780. In this battle the backwoods men of Southwest Virginia defeated a British force under Col. Ferguson. This ended Gen. Cornwallis' threat to the frontier settlements of North Carolina and Virginia. It enabled the people of the frontier to continue in assisting the Continental Army who were fighting the British in the major battles in the East with food, lead, gunpowder, and other provisions necessary in the war effort.

ABRAHAM served in the Washington County Militia. He served as a spy along the Clinch River Valley looking for signs of possible Indian attack. He did garrison duty along the forts of the Clinch and Holston Rivers. He participated in the expedition against the Cherokee towns in eastern Tennessee. It was during this expedition that he came down with fever and disease that afflicted him all his life.

ISAAC also served in the Virginia Militia as did his brothers. In 1773 he was the lone survivor of the James Boone Massacre. A small group of settlers led by Daniel Boone's son, James, was attacked by Indians. This attack convinced Daniel Boone to postpone his settling of Kentucky until the Indians became less hostile.

JACOB also served in the Virginia Militia and did his part in protecting the Virginia frontier from British inspired Indian raids. Possibly the most honorable event in the life of Jacob Crabtree was when he accompanied Daniel Boone on the expedition that blazed the Wilderness Road through Cumberland Gap to the site on the Kentucky River that was to become Boonesborough.
ABRAHAM CRABTREE

VETERAN OF THE REVOLUTION

Abraham Crabtree, son of William Crabtree (III), was born in Baltimore County, Maryland on June 6, 1750. As a boy, he moved with his family to Bedford County, Virginia, and later moved with them to Washington County, Virginia, settling in the Saltville area.

*(Most of the information that I have about him is taken from his will and from a deposition he gave before the Russell County Court in 1834 by which he made application for a pension due him for his services in the Revolutionary War. Both of these documents are on file in the Russell County Courthouse, Lebanon, Virginia. Other information is from the County Court records of the Virginia counties of Fincastle, Washington, and Russell.)*

Abraham Crabtree’s wife was named MARY. Their children were SOLOMON CRABTREE, RUTH SPEER, and MARY CRABTREE. The records of Abraham Crabtree in Fincastle County are spotty at best. (This area later became Washington County). His name appears on a tax list in June of 1770. In early July of 1773 he was a juror and later a witness before the Fincastle Court. A Fincastle survey dated 30 May 1774 shows that Abraham Crabtree owned 104 acres of land situated on both sides of the North Fork of the Holston River joining and between tracts known as Paw Paw Bottom and Clay Lick. This is the area between the present town of Saltville and the Clinch Mountain.

In August and September of 1774, Abraham served with the Virginia Militia under Capt. James Thompson. He was stationed at Fork Blacmore, which is located in the Clinch River Valley about forty miles west of Saltville. He manned the fort’s garrison and scouted the Clinch Valley for signs of hostile Indians. During the summer and fall of 1774, the Indians who lived in southern Ohio had made many raids against the Virginia Frontier. Abraham, being 24 years of age, was assigned to the force that was to defend the frontier settlements while the more experienced frontiersmen in the Militia were to attack the Indians at their Ohio encampments. This group of Virginia Militia, under Col. Andrew Lewis, marched north and engaged the Indians at the Battle of Pt. Pleasant.

In June of 1776, Abraham Crabtree served under Col. Arthur Campbell as a scout, patrolling for signs of Indian activity along the North Fork of the Holston River. Later in the summer of 1776, he joined the expedition of Col. William Christian which ranged south-
ward to attack the Cherokee in Tennessee. In the
summers of 1777 and 1778, he again served in garrisons
along the Holston River.

In April of 1777, Abraham was named administrator
of the estate of his father, William Crabtree. In
September of 1777 he was appointed as a commissioner
to locate a road from the North Fork of the Holston
to the Courthouse at Abingdon. In the early 1780's
Abraham is listed as participating in the functions
of the Washington County Court by serving as a juror,
witness and bondsman. In the early 1790's, Abraham
Crabtree moved his family westward across Clinch Mountain
and into the Clinch River Valley near New Garden in
Russell County, Virginia. He had a farm of several
hundred acres on Cedar Creek on what was known as
House and Barn Mountain. The reason for moving into
the Clinch Valley was probably the availability of
better and cheaper land. This, of course, was often
the prime motivation of many pioneer settlers. Between
1797 and 1806, Abraham acquired about 850 acres of land
in the Clinch Valley.

The next information that I have on Abraham
Crabtree is a petition to the Virginia Legislature
requesting financial assistance in compensation
for illness contracted while serving in the Virginia
Militia. Listed in the Russell County Census of 1830
as head of the household is Abraham Crabtree, aged
70-80; his wife, aged 70-80; and a daughter, aged
30-40. The next reference to Abraham Crabtree is
dated June 3, 1834, when he appeared before the
Russell County Court to make a sworn statement in
applying for a Revolutionary War pension. He made
his will on 29 April 1838. He died in May of that
year, probably on the 2nd. The will was probated
on 5 June 1838. Abraham would have been 88 years
old on June 6th of that year.

Following is a copy of Abraham Crabtree's Will,
a copy of his petition to the Virginia Legislature,
and a copy of the deposition he gave concerning his
service in the Revolutionary War.
ABRAHAM CRABTREE - WILL

I Abraham Crabtree of Russell County and State of Virginia do hereby make my last will and testament, in manner and form following. 1st - I desire that so much of my perishable property be sold after my decease to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, if there be any. 2nd - After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I give to my son Solomon Crabtree one cent. 3rd - I give to my daughter Ruth Speer one cent. 4th - I give to my daughter Mary Crabtree all the balance of my perishable property, and all my debts due and to come due, also a certain tract of land lying in the state of Kentucky, Cumberland County on the headwaters of Sulphur Creek, to her and her heirs forever. Also one note on Morgan Richardson for $18.62½, one other note on Phillip Eden for $6.62½, one other note on James Watson for $10, one other note on William Farmer for one dollar and 50 cents, to be hers forever. And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Mary Crabtree and William D. Hunt executors of this my last will and testament; hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord 1838.

Abraham Crabtree

Signed, sealed, published and delivered as and for the last will and testament of the above named Abraham Crabtree, is in presence of us:

Edward White
William McGraw

At a Court of Quarterly Session, held for Russell County, on the 5th day of June 1838.

This instrument of writing was exhibited in court as and for the last will and testament of Abraham Crabtree (dec'd) and proved by the oaths of Edward White and William McGraw, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded; and on the motion of Mary Crabtree and William D. Hunt executrix and executor therein named who made oath and together with Meshach White and Richard Price their securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of $200 conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted the said Mary Crabtree and William D. Hunt for obtaining probate of the said will in due form.

Teste
James R. Carroll
To the Honorable . . . Legislature of Virginia,

The petition of ABRAHAM CRABTREE, an old soldier, humbly represents that in the year 1768 in the first settlement of the Western part of Virginia, the inhabitants were frequently disturbed by the Indians and had frequently nearly abandoned the country; to prevent this, the young men of that day in that part of the country were kept in an almost perpetual state of war . . . . from exposure to cold, without tents or blankets, and to hunger and alone in the woods without supplies. At that time, your petitioner, a young man of 17 years of age, was one of 20 men who were all the men in the present county of Washington and on whom the families there relied on for protection. This kept him always exposed, not only to the enemy but to the inclement weather of the mountains more terrible than the Indians. This continued to be the life of your petitioner until the year 1776 when he was called on to march, under Captain Aaron Lewis, commanded by Colonel William Christian, on the Cherokee expedition. On that expedition, your petitioner suffered from exposure of every kind, being employed as a spy, contracted a disease in his leg, that has distressed him from that day to this. He has suffered difficulties of bodily infirmity . . . made out by his individual labor to support himself without other help till now. He is 79 years old and those diseases that he contracted in the army of youth so affected him as to render him helpless. He now, when about to die, asks his country for the first time to help him, relying on the younger men of the present day, that his prayer will be heard, only a little while and their charity may stop a few years and he will join his friends of '76.

ABRAHAM CRABTREE

(The above petition was made in November of 1828)
State of Virginia 
Russell County 

On this 3rd day of June in the year 1834 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Russell County aforesaid now sitting, Abraham Crabtree, a resident of the said county of Russell and State of Virginia aged 84 years on the 6th day of the present month who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United ( ? ) under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz in the year 1774 and in the latter part of the month of August of that year, (he being at that time a resident of Washington County in the State of Virginia.) he belonged to a militia company then under the command of Capt. James Thompson, and by whom he was commanded to march in the latter part of the said month of August to a fort upon Clinch River then and ever since called and known by the name of Blackmore's Fort. That they were then upon a spying expedition against the hostile Indians who were then committing constant depredations and massacres upon the frontier settlers upon the western border of Virginia, then in a condition almost defenseless. That he remained spying upon and defending that part of the frontier in the vicinity of the said fort for forty days and was then permitted to return to their respective homes without having any engagement with the Indians who about that time killed and scalped a man by the name of Dale Oarter and took five boys as prisoners, that he then remained at home for a few days and was appointed a Sergeant in the company of the said Captain James Thompson, and remained stationed in the immediate neighborhood of King's Saltworks for two months longer, at which time the soldiers who had marched from the same region of the country against the Shawnee tribe of Indians returned, bringing with them the intelligence that Col. Lewis had succeeded in defeating the Indians at the battle of the point- (Pt. Pleasant) and his success in negociating a treaty of peace, and thus putting an end to present difficulties; whereupon the said Abraham Crabtree with his comrades in the service were then discharged and returned to their respective homes where they expected to remain in peace.

That in the year 1776 in the month of June he, the said Abraham Crabtree, was appointed by Col. Arthur Campbell as an Indian spy to range from Harrison's Fort in Washington County near the said Saltworks, up and down the valley of the North Fork of Holston River, and continued to range as an Indian spy regularly from the time he commenced for the space of 80 days, at which time Col. William Christy ordered the said Crabtree with a small detachment to take up the line of march against the Cherokee Indians upon Tennessee River, with orders to rendezvous at the Long Islands of Holston River at which place they joined the main army raised for that expedition under the command of the said Col. William Christy. *(The Colonels name was Christian, not Christy)*
At that time he belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Aaron Lewis. That pursuant to his order he did rendezvous at the Long Island aforesaid and remained there three or four days and took up the line of march to the Indian towns and at the three springs he, the said Crabtree, was taken with what then was called the slow fever and being unable to march was sent back again under the care of Thomas Ramsey to the Long Islands where he was placed under Major Anthony Blutcher who then had the command of the fort at that place. The said Crabtree continuing very ill and altogether unable to perform any duty it was proposed that he should be committed to the Military Hospital. The said Crabtree being however unwilling to go to the hospital, obtained permission from Major Blutcher to be placed at the home of the said Thomas Ramsey about three miles distant from the said fort, at which place he remained from that time drawing his regular rations as a soldier in actual service until the last week in February 1777 when he was taken home by his brother and his own wife who came after him.

That in the summer of 1777 and in the summer of 1778 he each year remained stationed at Harrison's fort and Vance's fort in the County of Washington, but was during that time measurably was unable to render any essential service to his country except some garrison duty.

That he has no documenting evidence of his services and never had any written discharge from his officers. That he can produce some evidence of his services if ever he shall be able to procure it but from his circumstances in life which are very limited and humble and from personal disability, he fears he will not be able to get the necessary proof in time to relieve him from his present wants. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Abraham Crabtree
SOLOMON CRABTREE, son of Abraham and Mary Crabtree, was born near Saltville, Virginia on February 18, 1779. He moved with his family across Clinch Mountain and grew to manhood on his father's farm near New Garden, in Russell County, Virginia. Here he became quite prosperous as is demonstrated by the terms of his will. He married Susannah Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, about the year 1799. To this union were born eleven children: Jacob, Hiram, John, James, Wesley, Nancy, Mary, Celia, Elizabeth, Naora, and Rebecca.

The occurrence of the name "Wesley" implies that the family were Methodists, as this denomination was first introduced to Southwestern Virginia in the 1780's. Solomon is listed in the Russell County Census of 1820, 1830 and 1840. In February of 1849 he sold his property in Russell County, Virginia. It is assumed that at about this time he moved to Wayne County (W.Va.) where he settled at the head of Big Hurricane Creek, near Ft. Gay. His farm was at the base of the hill where the Crabtree-Thomson Cemetery is now located. Solomon's name appears in the 1850 and 1860 Wayne County Census. According to the Census, his sons Wesley and James made the move to Wayne County at about the same time, that is the mid-1840's. Solomon's sons Hiram and John were already in the area, but his eldest son, Jacob did not make the move to Wayne County until about 1858.

In the 1850 Wayne County Census, Wesley lived on the same farm with his father. In the 1860 Census Jacob lived on the same farm as his father.

Except for his will, the only other information I have about Solomon Crabtree is that in 1850 he owned three slaves: a 55 year old female named May, a 23 year old male and a 10 year old female. According to Grace Crabtree Ferguson, the young male slave was sold to a farmer in Virginia and that after the Emancipation, he returned to Wayne County and lived with his mother May until she died.

Susannah Crabtree, Solomon's wife, died June 28, 1860 at the age of 80. Solomon made his will on June 19, 1862. Solomon died December 22, 1863 and was buried beside his wife at the Crabtree-Thompson Cemetery at the head of Big Hurricane Creek.

Following is a copy of Solomon Crabtree's Will which is on file at the Wayne County Courthouse. There is also a page of Census information about Solomon Crabtree. Most of the Crabtrees in Wayne County and surrounding areas are directly descended from Solomon Crabtree through one of his five sons.

Served Co C 90th N.Y. Regiment
The last will and testament of Solomon Crabtree of the County of Wayne and State of Virginia. I Solomon Crabtree considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I give and bequeath to my eldest son Jacob Crabtree one hundred dollars and one cow and calf. 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Hiram Crabtree sixty dollars and one wagon and one bill. 3rd I give and bequeath to my son John Crabtree one hundred and twenty five dollars of which one hundred and twenty has been loaned to him. 4th I give to my son James Crabtree the survey of land he now lives on. 5th I give to my son Wesley Crabtree fifteen dollars. 6th I give to Nancy Wilson (dec) her heirs one dollar each. 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Geisel one hundred dollars. 8th Selah Thompson my daughter one hundred dollars. 9th to my daughter Elizabeth Wade one hundred dollars. 10th I give on a bequest to my daughter Naoma Thompson one hundred dollars. 11th I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Thompson one hundred dollars. I direct my executors to sell the tracts of land where I now live and also a certain tract of land lying and adjoining William Thompson and James Thompson in the fork ridge of Big Hurricane containing one hundred acres, the proceeds I desire to be paid to my several heirs as above mentioned and the household furniture to be divided equally between all my living daughters and the rest of my personal property to be sold and the remainder if any be after my several heirs receive the several sums above mentioned to be equally divided between all my living children. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Naoma Thompson my colored woman Mary and also in case that Mary should become infirm so that she was not able to pay her board and clothing I wish for my executors to retain in their hands seventy five dollars for her benefit, to be paid to the said Naoma Thompson when need requires. I do hereby appoint John Brealey my sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the 19th day of June 1862.

Solomon Crabtree (seal)

Signed sealed published and by the above named Solomon Crabtree to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto.

Reuben Booten Joseph Workman

Recorders Court of Wayne County, West Virginia, July 10th 1865 This day the last will and testament of Solomon Crabtree (now dec) was presented for proof and probate and being proven by the oath of Reuben Booten who also testified to the signature of Joseph Workman
(now dec) who was one of the subscribing witnesses to said will and also Alderson Workman testified to the handwriting of the witness Joseph Workman and the same is admitted to record and thereupon John Brunly the executor appointed in said will personally appeared and together with Isaac Bloss and Lewis S. Ferguson his security entered into bonds as required by law in the sum of $3200 conditioned as required by law and thereupon the said John Brunly took the several oaths required by law.

Given under my hand and seal 3rd October 1865 Wm Kendrick Recorder
SOLOMON CRABTREE
b. 18 FEB 1779
d. 22 DEC 1863 aged 84
years, 10 non., 4 days

WIFE: Susannah
b. 22 MAY 1780
d. 28 JUN 1860 aged 80
years, 1 non., 6 days

CHILDREN:

I. JACOB CRABTREE
born about 1800
married 1) ??
2) Elleanor Wright
3) Clarissa Muncy

II. JOHN CRABTREE
born about 1808
married - Betty ??

III. HIRAM CRABTREE
born about 1809
married - Evaline Short

IV. WESLEY CRABTREE
born in 1812
married - Nancy Ball

V. JAMES CRABTREE
born about 1813
married - Elizabeth ??

VI. CELIA CRABTREE
married - James Thompson

VII. MARY CRABTREE
married - John Grizzle

VIII. ELIZABETH CRABTREE
married - Fleming Wade

IX. NAOMA CRABTREE
born about 1822
married - William Thompson

X. NANCY CRABTREE
married - William Wilson

XI. REBECCA CRABTREE
born about 1826
married - Menville Thompson ?
Solomon Crabtree

1779 - Born February 18 in Washington County, Virginia

1820 - CENSUS, Russell Co., Va.
Solomon 5 males, 6 females in household

1830 - CENSUS, Russell Co., Va.
Solomon 50-60 (These numbers represent the
wife 50-60 age categories used by the
2 males 15-20 Census takers)
3 females under 10
3 females under 20

1840 - CENSUS, Russell Co., Va.
Solomon 60-70
wife 60-70
1 female 10-15
1 female 15-20
1 female 20-30

1849 - Moved with his family and his sons' families to
Wayne County which was then a part of Virginia.

1850 - CENSUS, Wayne Co., Va.
Solomon 71 (He lived next door to Wesley
Suzan 70 Crabtree)
Rebecca 24

Solomon 81 (He lived next door to Jacob
Susannah 80 Crabtree)

1863 - Died on December 22, age 84.
SECTION ONE

JACOB CRABTREE

Son of

SOLOMON & SUSANNAH CRABTREE
JACOB CRABTREE, eldest son of Solonon Crabtree, was born in Russell County, Va. in the year 1800. He was married three times. The name of his first wife is unknown to me, but she was the mother of Abrahan Crabtree, born in 1827; Mitchell Crabtree, born 1828; William Crabtree, born ?; Solonon Crabtree, born in 1834; (This Solonon Crabtree was killed in the Civil War fighting for the North.) and Melvina Crabtree, birthdate unknown. There were possibly several other children from this marriage but their names are unknown to me.

JACOB's second wife was Eleanor Wright, who was born about 1811. (One source says 1815). The children of this marriage were:

Leah born about 1844  Wesley A. " " 1846
Hiran H. " " 1847  James " " 1848
Winfield Scott " 1850
Thompson " " 1852  George M. " 1855

On October 17, 1864, in Louisa, Kentucky, JACOB CRABTREE married for the third time. This last wife was Clarissa Muncy. The only child of this union was JACOB CRABTREE, JUNIOR, born in May of 1866.

According to Grace Crabtree Ferguson, a granddaughter of Jacob, Sr, he lived in a loghouse atop Crabtree Hill at the head of Big Hurricane. Jacob died about the year 1885. He is buried between his second and third wives at the Crabtree-Thompson Cemetery at the head of Big Hurricane Creek. The graves are marked with unlettered sandstones.

According to Hardesty's History of Wayne County, Jacob Crabtree brought his family to Wayne County in the year 1858. He had originally lived in Russell County, Virginia, but the family probably lived for a few years in Buchanan County which is just north of Russell County. Hardesty's History also states that several of Jacob's sons were in the Civil War. Mitchell, Hiran and Janes were in the Confederate Army. Wesley and Solonon were in the Federal Army with Solonon dying after two years of service.
Solomon

I. JACOB CRABTREE, eldest son of Solonon Crabtree, lived from 1800 to about 1885. He had three wives and thirteen children

1) Unknown
2) Elleanor Wright
3) Clarrisa Muncy

Children:

1 A. Abraham m. Sarah Jessie
B. Mitchell m. Melisa (lived in Russell Co., Va.)
C. William - went West
D. Solonon - died in the Civil War, Federal Army
E. Melvina - no information

2 F. Wesley A. - went to Tennessee
G. Hiran H. m. Harriet Meridith
H. James m. Lola Clarke
I. Winfield Scott - no information
J. Thompson m. Nevada Ferguson
K. George M. m. Mary Ellen Copley
L. Leah m. ?? Harris

3 M. Jacob Jr. m. Ruth Ann Massey
Solomon

UNITED STATES CENSUS

JACOB CRABTREE born about 1800 in Russell Co., Va.

1820 - Russell Co., Va.

Jacob is listed as a head of household;
1 male & 1 female

1830 - Russell Co., Va.

JACOB CRABTREE 30-40
Wife 30-40
1 male 10-15
2 males 0-5
2 females 5-10

1840 - Russell Co., Va.

JACOB CRABTREE 40-50
Wife 30-40 1 male 15-20
2 males 5-10 2 males 0-5
2 females 15-20 1 female 0-5

1850 - Russell Co., Va.

JACOB CRABTREE 50
Elleanor 39
Leah 6
Wesley 4
Hiran 3
James D. 1
Winfield S. 1 month
Mitchell 21
Solomon 16

1850 - According to Hardesty's History, Jacob brought
his family to Wayne County in this year.

1860 - Wayne County, Va. (W.Va.)

JACOB CRABTREE 60
Ellender 49
Leah 16
Wesley 15
Hiran 13
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ABRAHAM CRABTREE, son of Jacob Crabtree, was born in Russell County, Virginia on January 7, 1827. He died in Wayne County, W.Va. March 21, 1916. His wife, Sarah Jessie, was born July 16, 1831 in Russell County and died in Wayne County on March 17, 1903. Both are buried at the Crabtree Cemetery on Joel's Branch.

Abraham and Sarah Jessie Crabtree were married in Russell County, Virginia. She inherited some money from her grandfather, Larkin Herndon. They moved to Wayne County, probably in the spring of 1860, and settled for a while on the Ferguson farm at the head of the Right Fork of Greenbrier. A short time later he moved to the head of Joel's Branch and lived on the farm of his uncle, Wesley Crabtree. He next bought a farm about one mile down Joel's Branch from his uncle's farm, and lived there the rest of his life.

The children of Abraham & Sarah Crabtree were:

1. Oliver - b. 1854  m. Lucinda Jackson
2. Caroline - b. ca. 1855  m. William Ball
3. Larkin - b. 1859  (never married)
4. Jacob - b. 1861  m. 1) Arninta Rowe
   2) Rebecca Thompson
5. Mary Ann - b. ca. 1862  m. Lee Morris
6. Aminda - b. 1867  m. Henry Scaggs
7. David - b. ca. 1870  m. Cora Cyrus
8. Archie - b. ca. 1873  (never married)
9. Sarah - b. 1875  m. Albert Workman
10. Abraham, Jr. - b. 1876  m. Couzzie Cyrus
Wayne County, West Virginia

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Wayne County Court

In Vocation, April 8, 1916

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Abraham Crabtree Sr. deceased was presented to me Sam J. Crum, Clerk of the County Court of Wayne County, West Virginia for probate.

And thereupon came Edmond Thompson and Isaac Crabtree the two subscribing and attesting witnesses thereto, who after having been first duly sworn, testified that the said Abraham Crabtree Sr. deceased published and declared the said instrument to be his last Will and Testament and that he, the said Abraham Crabtree, Sr., had signed the same in their presence and that they had signed the said paper writing as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Abraham Crabtree Sr. and in the presence of each other; it is therefore ordered that the said instrument of writing be admitted to probate as and for the last Will and Testament of the said Abraham Crabtree Sr. deceased.

Thereupon came David Crabtree the executor named in said will and accepted said trust entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars conditioned as the law directs together with Larkin Crabtree his surety therein. Thereupon the said David Crabtree took the several oaths as prescribed by law as such Executor.

WILL

Know all men by these presents that I ABRAHAM CRABTREE, SR. who being feeble in health but in my right mind do make and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and declaring all former Wills void and of no effect. First not being possessed with any personal property at all and only possessed of our tract or parcel of land and it being the same tract of land formerly conveyed to me by David Crabtree and wife bearing date on the 25th day of September 1911 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Wayne County, W.Va. in Deed Book No. 84 at page 420.

It is my Will and desire that said tract of land shall not be sold for a term of Ten years from this date but shall be rented to the best advantage for all concerned and the proceeds of rental shall be disbursed as follows: To pay all my just debts and burial expenses. Then I give and bequeath to heirs
of my daughter Caroline Ball one dollar; and I give
and bequeath to the heirs of my son Jacob Crabtree
one dollar; I also give and bequeath to the heirs
of my daughter Arminda Scaggs, jointly an equal portion
that the said Arminda Scaggs would have received had
she been living.

Then I give and bequeath to my other son and daughter
Manley Oliver Crabtree, Larkin Crabtree, David Crabtree
and Abraham Crabtree Jr., Mary Ann Morris and Sarah
Workman, equally all the rest of my property and I
hereby appoint my son David Crabtree as the Executor
of this my last Will and Testament, with the power
and right after my life and the period above named to
sell said land upon the following terms; one third
cash, one third in six months and one third in twelve
months.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 23rd day of Dec. 1912.

ABRAHAM CRADTREE

We Edmond Thompson and Isaac Crabtree do certify
that we saw Abraham Crabtree sign, seal and acknowledge
the foregoing writing to be his last Will and Testament
and that we have signed the same in the presence of
said Abraham Crabtree Sr. and in the presence of each
other.

EDMUND THOMPSON
ISAAC CRADTREE
OLIVER CRABTREE was born in 1854, he died January 27, 1936. His wife was Lucinda Jackson.

Their Children:

a. Boyd - b. 6 APR 1890  d. 20 NOV 1917 (unmarried)
b. Elbert - b. 7 SEPT 1891  n. Jennie Lloyd Ball
c. John Henry - b. 7 JAN 1895  n. 1) Sarah Phelps
   2) ??
   3) Nellie Wilson
d. Wesley - b. 12 JUNE 1901  n. Malinda Roseberry
e. Ollie - b. 24 AUG 1903  n. Hazel Copley
f. Sarah - n. Charles Wellman
g. Norma - b. 23 MAR 1893  n. 1) ? Poe
   2) Frank James
h. Mary - b. 3 FEB 1897  n. 1) Booker Lloyd
   2) ?? Thompson
i. Hanie - b. 14 MAR 1910  n. 1) Litha Adams
   2) Hazel Fields
ELBERT CRABTREE was born September 7, 1891. On January 25, 1921, he married Jennie Ball.

Their children were:

- Nellie b. 22 FEB 1922
- Glen Howard b. 17 APR 1925
- Ezra b. 2 APR 1928

He married Nola Mae Lester.

Children:

- Patricia b. 7/15/52
- Cheryl
- Debra b. 3/4/55
- Denise b. 6/30/56
c. JOHN HENRY CRABTREE was born January 7, 1895. On June 6, 1925 he married Sarah Phelps. He was 30, and she was 27. John Henry was married a second time but I do not know the name of his wife. On February 9, 1956, he was married for the third time to Nellie Wilson.

John Henry Crabtree's children:

Glen Elwood - b. 25 MAR 1934
John Henry - b. 25 AUG 1932
Gladys Mae - b. 5 JULY 1927
Edgar Taylor - b. 24 AUG 1929
e. OLLIE CRADTREE was born 24 August 1903. His wife was Hazel Copley.

Children:  
Rose Mary  b. 2 SEPT 1940
Robert Darrel  b. 4 DEC 1946
HAMIE CRABTREE was born March 14, 1910. His first wife was Litha Adams. On the 10th of February 1947, he married Hazel Ernestine Fields.

Hanie’s children were:

James Earl  b. 24 APR 1933
Clyde Samuel b. 1 FEB 1936
2. CAROLINE CRABTREE married William Ball

Children:

Louisa m. Albert Riggs

Sarah m. 1) Pearlie Wilson
         2) Arthur Brumfield

Fannie m. 1) Cecil Smith
         2) Linsey Pack

Stella - died in infancy

John Wesley m. Mary Rowe

William m. Cynthia Davis

Beverly m. Adrian Huff

Henry m. Martha Pelfrey

Kelly m. Rosalee Bradshaw

Chapman m. 1) Bertha Thompson
           2) Mary Pelfrey
           3) Reccy Ball

3. LARKIN CRABTREE (1859-1931) Never married
JACOB CRABTREE was born in 1861 and he died in 1903. On May 19, 1883, he married Arminta Rowe, the daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth Rowe.

Jacob and Arminta had one child, Bertha, who was born May 10, 1885. On February 27, 1903, Bertha married Booker Lloyd. Their children were: Reuben, Golden, Minerva, Minty, Faye, Lillian and Opal.

Jacob Crabtree married Rebecca Thompson on September 2, 1889. She was the daughter of Solomon and Nancy Ball Thompson.

Their children were:

a. Ezra Carey - b. 3 OCT 1890 d. 29 NOV 1968
   m. Bessie Artrip
   Children:
   Thelma
   Clyde
   Claude
   Clifford
   Betty

b. Etna b. 9 APR 1892 d. 14 MAY 1971
   m. Ella Quilan (No children)

c. Jay Austin - b. 3 NOV 1893 d. 23 MARCH 1932
   m. Tina Ball on 14 FEB 1919
   Children:
   Brice b. 4 NOV 1919
   Lora Bell b. 18 MAY 1921
   Ralph b. 6 APR 1923
   Eunice
   Viola
   Tina Mae

d. Clyde - b. 15 AUG 1897
   m. Sarah Lycans
   Children:
   Bert - b. 10 MAY 1918
   Dorothy - b. 14 NOV 1919
   Mildred - b. 28 JULY 1921
   Roy - b. 25 JULY 1923
   Fred Marley - b. 14 JAN 1928
c. MAX LEE CRABTREE was born December 4, 1899. He married Thelma Lemaster. They had one child, Harold Lee Crabtree, born August 13, 1920. Harold's children are:

Robert Lee Crabtree
Thomas Jefferson Crabtree

f. Donald Crabtree - died in 1908, age five.

g. Culley - died in infancy, 1901

5. MARY ANN CRABTREE married Lee Morris
   No children

6. ARMINDA CRABTREE married Henry Scaggs
   Children:
   Grace m. Pearlie Noe
   Nokie m. James Nowlan
   Tokie m. 1) Robert Summers
          2) ? Edwards
          3) ? Everett
   Herbert - died in WWI
   Roy - died young
   Emma m. ?
   Sarah m. James McClure
7. DAVID CRABTREE was born about 1870 and he died December 11, 1964. His wife was Cora Cyrus.

Children:

a. Myrtle b. 19 OCT 1895
   m. Alva Ball

b. Bessie b. 12 JULY 1897
   m. John Maynard

c. Nancy b. 24 OCT 1899
   m. Emory Riggs

d. James P. b. 14 MAY 1911
   m. Lois Christian

e. Alta b. 17 NOV 1914
   m. Walter Price

8. ARCHIE CRABTREE - (Never married)

9. SARAH CRABTREE married Albert Workman

Children: Nellie m. Clayton Powell
          Edgar m. Shirley ?
          Marie m. Paul Billups
          Laura m. ? Sizemore
          Jay m. Manie Thompson
          Boyd m. ? Murphy
          Arthur m. ?
10. ABRAHAM CRABTREE, JR. was born July 2, 1876, and he died November 16, 1952. On September 4, 1897, he married Lou Couzzie Cyrus, the daughter of Jin & Pernella Cyrus. Couzzie was born in 1880 and she died December 14, 1963.

Children:

1) Martha - b. 6 AUG 1898
   n. Chester Spurlock
   No children

2) Elizabeth "Lizzie" - b. 8 MARCH 1900
   n. Walter Woods

3) Ruth - b. 10 DEC 1901
   n. Jennings Jackson

4) Mae - b. 19 MARCH 1905
   n. Golden Bartram

5) Ona - b. 24 JAN 1909
   n. 1) Okey Workman
       2) Emnet Ferguson
2) Elizabeth "Lizzie" married Walter Woods

Children:
   a. Donald  m. Bula ??
      Children:  Janet
   b. Billy - never married
   c. Walter Ray  m. Nancy ??
   d. Anna Mae  m. ? Crisman
   e. Couzzie Faye  m. ? Mackenzie
   f. Chester  m. Clara Ellen ??

3) Ruth married Jennings Jackson

Children:
   a. Jennings b. m. ?
   b. Ann Ruth m. John Collins
   c. Wendell m. Anna Marie ?
   d. Dora m. Tom Collins
   e. Andrew n. Anna Collins
   f. Permolia n. ? Asbury
   g. Betty Lou n. ?
   h. Mary Ellen n. ?
   i. Gladys Mae n. Jenkins
   j. Hanie Lee un

4) Mae married Golden Bartran

            b. Pearl Gladys n. ?
            c. Golden, Jr.
            d. Ray

5) Ona married 1) Okey Workman, 2) Emmet Ferguson

Child:  a. Aunica n. 1) Jack Ross
          2) Leonard Bailey
1 B. MITCHELL CRABTREE was born about the year 1828. He did not move to Wayne County but remained in Russell County, Virginia. He served in the Civil War with the Confederacy. The only additional information that I have is the 1870 Census record for Russell County.

MITCHELL CRABTREE  42
Melisa           36
Ellen            14
2 G. HIRAM H. CRABTREE was born about 1847. On April 4, 1874, he married Harriet Meridith. He was 26, she was 16 and the daughter of David and M. Meridith. Harriet was born March 25, 1858 and she died June 11, 1881.

Children:

David J. b. 26 JULY 1876
Mary E. b. 26 DEC 1878
2 H. JAMES CRABTREE was born in 1848 and he died 29 NOV 1928. His wife, Alola Clarke, was born in 1864 and she died in 1905.

Their children:

1. Ida A. b. 10 JAN 1887 n. Edward Pinson
2. Thompson S. "Thonpy" b. 29 OCT 1889 d. 1974
3. Grace b. 5 APR 1893 n. Ebb Ferguson
4. Walter Roy b. 13 JUNE 1896 d. 2 MAY 1964 n. Hannah ??
   No children
5. Otis (Sr) married 1) Belva Hatcher
   2) Anna Luther
6. Bruce died in infancy - 1896
7. Georgie died in infancy - 1897
8. Norma died at the age of 4 in 1898
9. Minnie ?? b. 5 APR 1892 ???
3. Grace Crabtree married Ebb Ferguson

Children: 1. Earl Ferguson n. Lucy ?
2. Myrl Lakin
3. James C. Ferguson
4. Robert Ferguson

1. Ida Crabtree married Edward Pinson

Children: 1. Wilna
2. Ruby
3. Kenneth

5. Otis Crabtree, Sr. married 1) Belva Hatcher

Child from 1st marriage:

Otis Crabtree, Jr. b. 25 MAR 1924
"Married in Rittman, Ohio
lives in Florida, has two children."

Children from the marriage to Anna Luther:

Ann Ruth b. 29 SEPT 1935
Doris Mae b. 22 FEB 1937
Donald Gene b. 20 MAY 1939
Ruby Thelma b. 18 APR 1941
Roy Adrian b. 20 SEPT 1943
James Clifford b. 9 MAY 1945
Charlotte Marie b. 28 JULY 1947
Lola Catheryn b. 10 AUG 1949
Phillip Henry b. 18 FEB 1952
Timothy Robin b. 14 OCT 1954
2 J. THOMPSON CRABTREE was born about 1852. He died of malaria on Nov. 18, 1893. Thompson Crabtree, age 32, married Nevada Ferguson, age 16, on July 21, 1884. She was the daughter of Thomas & Josephine Ferguson.

Children:

1. Gertrude b. 5 MAY 1891

2. Henry Ward Beecher b. 29 AUG 1887
   "Beecher married Etta Bartram and moved to Oklahoma with the Bartram Family."

3. George Thomas Dewitt b. 20 JULY 1865
   "Dewitt married Inez ?? and moved to Florida, where he died."

   Children:
   
   Hubert Dewitt Crabtree b. 23 OCT 1911
   W. F. Crabtree b. ??
2 K. GEORGE MAHON CRABTREE was born 15 AUG 1855. On 5 FEB 1880 he married Mary Ellen Copley, the daughter of Anthony and Penelope Copley. Mary Ellen was born 1 FEB 1864 and she died 2 SEPT 1886.

Children:

1. Anthony b. 5 JUNE 1881

2. Nevada D. b. 11 MAR 1885 d. 2 JAN 1886

3. Grover C. b. 11 MAR 1885 d. 7 DEC 1886

** In Hardesty's History of Wayne County there is a short article about George M. Crabtree.
3 M. JACOB CRABTREE, JR. was born in May of 1866. On July 5, 1896, he married Ruth Ann Massey, the daughter of Jacob and Ellen Massey. Ruth Ann Massey was born in 1875 and she died on November 6, 1903.

Their children were:

1. Elvery b. 19 FEB 1890
2. Wayne b. 19 MAR 1892 (Obviously one of these two dates are wrong
3. Amanda b. 5 JULY 1892 but I don't know which)
4. Crit b. 9 JAN 1895

"Crit Crabtree married Anna Booth on 15 NOV 1919, he was 24, and she was 16."

Their children:

Pearl Ailene b. 10 SEPT 1920
Garold Bert b. 14 MAY 1922
Irvin b. 22 AUG 1927
Oneda Ruth b. 21 SEPT 1929
Clyde b. 16 NOV 1930
Vay b. 6 JUNE 1932
Arlie Ray b. 22 MAY 1935
SECTION TWO

JOHN CRABTREE
Son of
SOLOMON & SUSANNAH CRABTREE
It is known that Solomon Crabtree had a son named John, for he is mentioned in Solomon's Will. In the 1830 Russell Co., VA, Census, there is listed a John Crabtree who lived in the same area as Solomon Crabtree. The genealogical writings of Strother Crabtree also refer to a John Crabtree as the son of Solomon Crabtree. Strother Crabtree said that John's wife was named "Betsey" and that he had at least three children: Louisa, who married a Rice; Jacob and William. Strother Crabtree writes that he had been told that John and family moved to Henry County, Missouri, but he was uncertain of this.

The following information concerning John Crabtree is based on speculation and the fact that most of John Crabtree's family moved to the Ft. Gay, W.Va. area in the 1840's. From the 1840's to at least the late 1860's, there was a John Crabtree who lived in the Louisa, Kentucky area, owning land on Two-mile Creek. He was a lumberman and land speculator. The only association with the Wayne County Crabtree's that I could find is the fact that on OCT 16, 1830, this John Crabtree married Elizabeth Short in Louisa, Kentucky. Three years later in Louisa, Hiran Crabtree, son of Solomon Crabtree, married Evaline Short. It is not known if these girls were related, or if this John and Hiran Crabtree were related. This John Crabtree was listed in the 1850 Lawrence Co., Kentucky Census as follows:

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Of this family:

Adelaide married Jacob Rice  
Samuel married Mary Ann Patton  
Smith married Martha White

This JOHN CRABTREE is mentioned in William Ely's, "Big Sandy Valley".
The following information is speculation based on various bits of information that soon to form a pattern, but of course my conclusions may or may not be correct. I believe that the John Crabtree who lived near Louisa in the 1850's and 1860's was indeed the son of Solomon Crabtree, although the above information is far from conclusive. He was a lumberman around the Louisa area, and owned land on Two-mile Creek. It is known that a John Crabtree lived on the head of Cats Fork in the 1870's. I speculate that John Crabtree's family moved farther up Cats Fork as the land close to the river was timbered off. The family eventually moved across the ridge and onto the head waters of the Little Sandy River in the Webbville area. Oscar Crabtree, age 86, told me that his grandfather, John Crabtree, lived in this area after the Civil War. The Little Sandy empties into the Ohio River at Greenup, Ky. and for a family in the timber business, the river provides a roadway from Webbville to Greenup. In the 1870 Greenup County Census is another Crabtree family. It is my guess that old John Crabtree of Louisa had at least two sons. One was the John Crabtree, who lived near Webbville and was the grandfather of Oscar Crabtree. Members of this family also settled near Coal Grove, Ohio. (See "Other Lineages" at the end of the book) Another son, James, married Elizabeth McClung and lived near Greenup, Ky. according to the 1870 Census. Later, members of this family moved to Logan Co. W.Va. to work in the mines and to Huntington, W.Va. (See "Other Lineages" at the end of the book).

In order to correctly establish these Crabtree lineages and to discover if they are related to the Crabtree's of Wayne County, W.Va., much research needs to be done in the records of Lawrence, Boyd, Carter, and Greenup Counties in Eastern Kentucky.
SECTION THREE

HIRAM CRABTREE

Son of

SOLOMON & SUSANNAH CRABTREE
*HIRAM CRABTREE married Evaline Short on 25 March 1832 in Louisa, Kentucky.

Children:
A. Solomon n. 1) Marinda ?? 2) Jennie Scaggs
B. Samuel n. Nancy Jane Wellman
C. Mary Ann n. Harvey Steel
D. Caroline n. John Wellman
E. Hiran Jr. n. Nancy ?
F. Nancy n. Lell Scaggs
G. Susan n. David Pelfrey
H. Elizabeth n. Allen Hayton
I. Rebecca n. Sam Frazier
J. Dick ???

*Hiran was born about 1809 in Russell Co., Va. He died about 1885 near Ft. Gay, W.Va. His wife was born about 1815.
HIRAM CRABTREE born Russell Co., Va. about 1810

1830 - Russell Co. Census

Hiram Crabtree age 20-30 (No family)

1850 - Wayne County, Va. Census

Hiram Crabtree 40
Evaline 35
Solloman 16
Rebecca 13
Samuel 12
Mary A. 9
Hiran 4
Caroline 1

1860 - Wayne County, Va. Census

Hiram Crabtree 54 ?
Evaline 45
Samuel 21
Mary 17
Hiran 15
Caroline 12
Susan 9
Elizabeth 6
Nancy 2

1880 - Wayne County, W. Va. Census

Hiram Crabtree, Sr. 71
Evaline 66
Hiram Crabtree, Jr. 32
Nancy 27
Frederick W. 5
A. Solomon D. Crabtree married 1) Marinda ?
2) Jennie Scaggs

Children:

a. James B. Crabtree n. Martha Lambert
b. Jenkins "A.J." Crabtree n. Mary Thompson
c. Wayne Crabtree  b. Sept. 1372
d. Andrew Jackson Crabtree  b. 1062
   d. 2 JAN 1942, age 30

"On 22 SEPT 1306, Solomon Crabtree married Jennie Scaggs. He was 53, a widower. She was 24, the daughter of Mary Scaggs."

Their children:

Mary Ann       b. 30 JUNE 1338

Nannie         b. 6 MARCH 1390
a. JAMES B. CRABTREE married Martha E. Lambert on 20 AUG 1879. He was 23, she was 20.

Parents: Solomon D. Crabtree & Marinda Crabtree
         Eli & Sarah Lambert

Children: 1. John P. Crabtree b. 14 AUG 1880
           married Lizzie Toney

           Children: Arthur b. 3 JUNE 1912
                       Arthur b. 12 JUNE 1913
                       Janes b. 27 MAR 1907
                       Leon b. 26 MAY 1904
b. JENKINS "A.J." CRABTREE, age 35, married Mary Thompson, age 23, on 23 FEB 1890.

Children: Toka b. 1 AUG 1890
Niza b. 6 SEPT 1890
Lilla b. 27 DEC 1901
Claude b. 23 APR 1903
William b. 26 DEC 1903
Georgia b. 23 APR 1914
Bertha b. 25 SEPT 1918
Willie b. 7 MAR 1909 d. JULY 1971
Fred b. 25 SEPT 1905

"Mary Crabtree died 15 NOV 1939, age 64, daughter of Solonon Thompson & Nancy Ball."
Solomon
Hiran

B. SAMUEL CRABTREE married Nancy Jane Wellman at Louisa, Kentucky in 1869.

Children: 1. Josephine b. 1869 m. ? Waddington
2. Hiran m. Carrie Workman
3. Evaline
4. Minerva - not married
5. Elisha m. Frankie Graves (This may be an error)
6. Alice b. 1804 d. 10 JAN 1891
7. Marietta b. 22 NOV 1873

SAMUEL died 31 JUNE 1911 at the age of 71 years, 6 mos. 6 days.

UNITED STATES CENSUS - 1880 Wayne County, W.Va.

Samuel Crabtree 39
Nancy 36
Hiran 8
Josephine 10
Mary E. 6
Minerva 4
Evaline 2
2. HIRAM CRABTREE married Carrie Workman on 29 AUG 1894. He was 23, she was 17.

Children:

Hiran - b. 11 APR 1903

Marie - b. 18 JULY 1899
5. ELISHA CRABTREE married Frankie Graves*
   He was born 20 MAY 1901.

Children:  1. San Dock  b. 3 SEPTEMBER 1909
           2. Frances  b. 27 JULY 1913
           3. Nancy Marie  b. 12 JUNE 1916
           4. Jesse Eugene  b. 22 NOVEMBER 1921
           5. Lenora  b. 23 JULY 1926 d. JAN 1923

*Frankie Graves Crabtree died 9/13/75, aged 71.
Her parents were Anson Graves & Francis Workman.
C. MARY ANN CRABTREE married Harvey Stool

D. CAROLINE CRABTREE married John Wellman

Children: Mont Wellman
          Elisha Wellman

E. HIRAM CRABTREE, JR. married Nancy ?
   He was born in 1846, died 22 APR 1929, aged 83.

   Children: 1. Edward b. 9 JUNE 1835
              2. Frederick W. Crabtree b. about 1875,
                 married Elizabeth Loar
2. FREDERICK W. CRABTREE married Elizabeth Loar on 11 SEPT 1900. She was the daughter of Benton and Belle Loar.

Children: 1. Violet May b. 6 OCT 1901 m. Bascom Lakin

*2. James Loar b. 7 JAN 1906 m. Cella Saulsberry on 21 OCT 1924

3. Frank Wallace b. 12 OCT 1909

4. Fred Harlan b. 7 JUNE 1913

*JAMES LOAR CRABTREE, b. 7 JAN 1906, d. 13 NOV. 1973
married Cella Saulsberry (Peck)

Children:

Burl Ray b. 6 NOV 1923

Fred

June m. ? Dean

Nellie

Lakin Wallace - b. 14 AUG 1925

James D. m. Janet Rae Bartran

Child: Panala Rhena
F. NANCY CRABTREE married William E. Scaggs on 11 MAR 1875.
   Child: Evalin Scaggs

G. SUSAN CRABTREE married Daniel Pelfrey on 20 MAR 1871.
   Child: Samuel M. Pelfrey

H. ELIZABETH CRABTREE married Allen Hayton on 1 JAN 1873.
   ? ? ?

I. REBECCA CRABTREE married Samuel Frazier on 23 JAN 1855
SECTION FOUR

WESLEY CRAWTREE

Son of

SOLOMON & SUSANNAH CRAWTREE
WESLEY CRABTREE, the youngest son of Solonon Crabtree, was born in 1812 in Russell County, Va. In the early 1830's, he married Nancy Ball, the daughter of John and Polly Ball in Russell County. (There are several pages of material on this Ball Family at the end of this paper.) Wesley Crabtree's name appears on the Russell County Census for 1830 and 1840. In the late 1840's, he joined his father and brothers in moving to Wayne County, Va. (now it is West Virginia). As their home was located near the headwaters of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, it is not unreasonable to assume that the river valley was their roadway to the Ft. Gay area of Wayne County.

Wesley's name appears on the Wayne County Census of 1850 and 1860. He had settled in the bottom land at the head of Joel's Branch, where he raised corn, cotton, tobacco, sheep, hogs, etc. Wesley and Nancy Crabtree were pious, religious people and raised their children accordingly. Although the family lived well for that day and time, they never accumulated much money as is evidenced by the Estate Settlement of Wesley Crabtree.

According to Chauncy Crabtree, Wesley lived in a log house in the bottom just below the Crabtree Cemetery on Joel's Branch. This bottom had bad drainage and surface water would pollute the well. Both Wesley and his wife are said to have died from typhoid fever. She died December 12, 1863 and Wesley died May 20, 1865. They are buried in the Crabtree Cemetery at the head of Joel's Branch.

On the following pages is information concerning Wesley and Nancy Crabtree's children, Census information, a copy of Wesley's Estate Settlement, and other information of interest.
Solomon

WESLEY CRABTREE married Nancy Ball*

Children:

A. John Wesley  
   b. 19 DEC 1836** (died at age 2)

B. Solomon T.  
   b. 20 SEPT 1838, d. 7/23/1902  
   m. Cassie Ferguson

C. Louisa  
   b. 22 APR 1840, d. 1910  
   m. John Osburn

D. Isaiah Drake  
   b. 25 SEPT 1841, d. 1863  
   (never married)

E. Surrilda  
   b. 2 JULY 1843, d. 3/1878  
   m. William Ball

F. Mary "Polly"  
   b. 25 OCT 1845, d. 12/05/1929  
   m. Enoch Bartram

G. Rebecca  
   b. 15 NOV 1847, d. 7/20/1920  
   m. Menville Thompson

H. Charles Wesley  
   b. 2 JUNE 1849, d. 6/14/1924  
   m. Mary Dartran

I. Martha Jane  
   b. 17 AUG 1851, d. 1875  
   m. Francis Jackson

J. Susan Ellen  
   b. 5 NOV 1853  
   m. Edmund Thompson

K. Nancy Cathryn  
   b. 5 MAY 1855, d. 1871  
   (never married)

* See the material on the BALL FAMILY

** These birthdates are based on an old list found in the papers of Myrtle Porter, granddaughter of Wesley and Nancy Crabtree.
United States Census

Wesley Crabtree born 1812 in Russell County, Va.

1830 - Russell Co., Va.

Wesley Crabtree 18 (No family)

1840 - Russell Co., Va.

Wesley Crabtree 20-30
Wife 20-30
1 female 0-5
2 males 0-5

1850 - Wayne County, Va. (W.Va.)

WESLEY CRABTREE 30
Nancy 30
Solomon 11
Eliza 10
Isaiah 8
Surrilda 7
Polly (Mary) 5
Rebecca 3
Wesley (Charles) 1

1860 - Wayne County, Va. (W.Va.)

WESLEY CRABTREE 47
Nancy 47
Eliza 10
Isaiah 17
Surrilda 15
Mary 13
Rebecca 11
Charles W. 10
Sue Ellen 5
Martha 7
Nancy 2
Settlement

Wesley Crabtree's Estate

Sol. T. Crabtree Admr.

A settlement of the Estate of Wesley Crabtree Deed, made with the undersigned commissioners of the Recorders Court of said County by Solomon T. Crabtree the administrator of said Estate.

To amount of assets which came to of Admr.

To amount of Sale bill July 25, 1865 $135.30

Cr.

By amount disbursments

Aug 1 1866 amount paid John W. Dean (A) 2.00
  "  "  "  "  "  Wm T. Hall (B) 7.00
Jan 10 1867 "  Lewis Bartram (C) 3.67
Feb 20 1867 "  Tax Rect. 1865 (D) 6.00
  "  1865 "  Tax Rect. 1862 (E) 3.92
  "  "  "  "  Finley Thompson (F) 2.25
July 25 1865 "  Granville Thompson (G) 2.00
  "  "  "  "  Minville Thompson (H) 4.00
Sept 17 1866 "  Dr. B.F. Johnson (I) 33.75
By amount paid recorder fees (J) 2.50
By amount paid Consrs. for settlement 2.00
  "  "  Expenses of Admr. (K) 13.27½
  "  "  Commissioner on $92.26 disbursments 4.61

Amount of disbursments $96.37½

Balance in hands of Admr. of assets unadministered $33.42½

Given under our hand the date above

Jos. C. Wheeler  }  Commissioners
  E.S. Bloss

A Copy Toste

Louis C. Queen  Recorder
Dear Brother & Sister

I take this privilege of writing a few lines to you. We are in common health at this time which we thank God for all his blessings toward our happiness & that these few lines may come (? swiftly) to your hand and find you all in the enjoyment of good health. We would be glad to see you both and all the children, I can say to you, Wesley & Nancy, if you are both living, that we have had hard times here. It has been a time of blood shed and carnage here, men have been shot in their (?) very own) houses, Union men have been way laid and shot by guerillas and bushwackers and murderers. The people's had to keep doors barred and locked of a night as if they lived in a savage nation. The Rebels at the start had the majority here but now the Union men have the majority here. I took my stand under the old flag, I am for the Union & Constitution that was guaranteed to us by our forefathers who scaled the covenant with their blood unto us and God forbid that we should go against it, for we have enjoyed all the blessings and privilege that any nation could have wished for both of life and property. I am a Lincolnite and we hope that you are all the same, union & constitution, that we may go hand & heart together to uphold the government and submit to anything President Lincoln may do to fetch this unholy war to a close.

Well Nancy Catherine says to tell you that she has had 4 of the prettiest boys since she has been in Missouri. They can't be beat by any of the connection. The oldest Lewis Hemar was born February 25th 1856, the second Josephine Randolph was born June 15th 1858, and died May 11th 1862, age 3 years-10 mon & 27 days. The third, Spencer Tunnell was born December 10th 1860, the 4th, John Neeley, was born November 29th 1862 and Cilba & Caroline is both reading and a little writing. The children sends their best respects to you and children. Well, Wesley, if you get these few lines, I want you to write to me and let me know how you all are and how you are doing and how the times are there, how the crops are there and the price of land. What is land worth per acre & what are horses worth & cattle & hogs & sheep & grain & calico domestic and everything else. Land is worth all most nothing here, coffee 40 cents per pound, sugar 6 pounds to the dollar, bale thread 5 dollars a bunch, calico 25 to 30 cents per yard, domestic 30 to 60 cents a yard, all things else in proportion, horses worth 100 to 150 dollars, sheep 2.50 to 5 D, work oxens from 70 to 100 D, Milch cows 15 to 20 D, hogs low.

We had killing frost here, it came on the night of the 23 of August and it was for 7 nights in succession, corn is badly bit, tobacco all most ruined and all kinds of melons, pumpkins, buckwheat and we have had a very dry summer here.
B. SOLOMON T. CRABTREE, son of Wesley Crabtree, was born in Russell County, Virginia on the 20th of September, 1830. As a boy, he came with his father to Wayne County during the 1840's, and lived at the head of Joel's Branch. On February 14, 1856, Solomon married Cassie Ferguson, the daughter of Joel & Elizabeth Ferguson. The family set up housekeeping on a small farm at the head of Big Hurricane Creek, near Crabtree Hill. Solomon was a farmer and in his later years turned to preaching. He also served as Justice of the Peace for Butler District. Solomon was a friendly man and loved children. He was also a very big man, and gained the nickname "Fatty Sol". He is said to have weighed over 360 pounds. He would set in a chair in the back of a wagon to preach because it was too much of an effort to get down and go inside the church.

Solomon died July 23, 1902, aged 64, of heart disease. His wife, Cassie, who was born about 1830, died February 11, 1903, aged 66, of pneumonia. They are both buried at the Crabtree-Thompson Cemetery at the head of Big Hurricane.

Their children were:

1. Nancy Jane b. 24 MAY 1857 n. Isaac Crabtree

2. Isaiah Thornton b. about 1860 n. Susan Thompson

3. Ada b. about 1862 n. Zedok Thompson

4. Louisa b. about 1865 n. Calahan Copley

5. Sarah Aurelia b. 22 OCT 1867 n. Frank Sloan

6. Virgin b. about 1871 n. 1) Simon Cole 2) John Echrior

7. John Wesley b. 19 MAR 1874 n. Naomi Thompson

8. Thomas Benton b. 3 OCT 1877 n. 1) Julia Fletcher 2) Lizzie Dean

9. Menville Thompson b. 20 FEB 1880 n. 1) Sara Fletcher 2) Lizzie Boys
1. NANCY JANE CRABTREE married Isaac Crabtree on 11 June 1973. Isaac was the son of Janes Crabtree, a brother to Wesley Crabtree, hence Nancy Jane and Isaac were first cousins, once removed.

Isaac Crabtree was born in 1951, died 17 JAN 1931
Nancy Jane was born 24 MAY 1957, died 20 OCT 1912

Children:

1. Dora n. ? Belcher
2. Ida n. John Wilson
3. Virginia
4. Elbert n. Rhoda ?
5. Solomon Moody n. Elizabeth Herbert
6. Zedok "Doc" n. Georgia Copley
7. Thornton n. Bertha Lynch
8. Carl n. Maude Selbee
9. George Brooksie n. Rosie Sanson
10. Virgin n. Bill Cassady
11. Lee Anna n. ? Jackson
12. Laura
14. Claytie
15. Cassie
16. Drusey

For more information on this family see the listing on ISAAC CRABTREE.
2. Isaih Thornton Crabtree was born about 1860 and he died Aug 5, 1930. On 27 MAR 1879, he married Susan Thompson, the daughter of Granville & Mahala Thompson. She was born about 1860 and died July 25, 1946.

Their children were:

a. Lora  b. 5 MAR 1880  n. John Hundley

b. Kenneth  b. 3 OCT 1881  n. Annie Peck
Child: Arthur

Child: Max  b. 25 MAY 1914


c. William Edgar - b. 7 OCT 1887  n. Kizzie Peck
Child: Max  b. 25 MAY 1914


d. Vina - b. 24 FEB 1885  n. Bill Bartran
Children: Paul
Honor
Haskell


e. Vangie - b. 26 JULY 1895  n. Curt Thompson
Children: Ishmel
Charles
Ruth
Roland
Dottie
Nell
Denver


f. Georgia - b. ? married Bill Hardy

g. Barney - "On 1 NOV 1910, Barney Crabtree, 21, married Stella Copley, 17"
Children: Irene  b. 4 MAR 1915
Clyde  b. 19 SEPT 1912

"On 22 OCT 1934, Barney Crabtree, 41, married Mary Dean, 34"
Children: Dewayne, Dale, Drucy, and Debert - b. 6 OCT 1940
Dorothy B. - b. 27 APR 1942
Doris Lee - b. 27 APR 1942
Dewitt - b. 1935, died age 9

(Mary Elizabeth Crabtree, died March 17, 1974, age 73. Parents: Wayne and Dessie Frazier Dean)
3. ADA CRABTREE was born about the year 1062. On 10 SEPT 1079, she married Zedok "DOC" Thompson. He was then 25, and she was 17. He was the son of Jacob and Johanna Thompson.

Children: Zedok, Jr.
        George
        Lonnie
        Henley
        Cleveland
        Mary
        Laura

4. LOUISA "LIZA" CRABTREE married Calahan Copley.

Children: Phoebe
         Paul
         Amannais
         Nicholas
         Monroe
         Job Thomas

5. SARAH AURELIA CRABTREE married Frank Sloan. She was born on October 22, 1067. Her full name was "Sarah Helen Aurelia Caldonia Victory Elizabeth Crabtree".

Children: Charles
         (Others names not known to me)

6. VIRGIN CRABTREE was born about 1071. She was married first to Simon Cole, and secondly to John Echrion.

Children: (1st marriage)
         Minnie
         Cassie
         Lizzie
         Tennie
         Simon
         Fred
         Dirdie

         (No children by second marriage)
JOHN WESLEY CRABTREE, son of Solonon T. Crabtree, was born in Wayne County on March 19, 1874. In 1890 he married Naoni Thompson,* who was born on June 21, 1830. She was the daughter of Finley Thompson and Mary (Thompson) Thompson.

John Wesley and Naoni first set up housekeeping on a small place at the head of Big Hurricane near Crabtree Hill. About 1907, he moved his family by wagon to a farm at the head of Bartran Fork near East Lynn. John Wesley Crabtree was a farmer by occupation. In addition to food raised for family use, he raised seed corn and red clover as cash crops. He sold molasses and also raised calves to sell.

John Wesley Crabtree was a well-known Methodist preacher in-and-around the East Lynn area. He was a life-long student of the Bible, and constantly read it for a deeper understanding. In 1920 John Wesley ran against John McComas for a seat as a Commissioner of the Wayne County Court. John Wesley Crabtree won the election with 4492 votes against 3690 for McComas. He served on the Court from 1921 to 1927 and during his tenure in office the present Courthouse was built. (It had been destroyed by fire in 1921)

Naoni Crabtree died June 15, 1945. John Wesley Crabtree died November 20, 1965, and was buried beside his wife at the Crabtree Cemetery on Joel's Branch.

The children of John Wesley Crabtree were:

Dewey Beecher
Fannie Shirley
Goldie Homer
Curtis Vangie
Raymond Opal
Grace

*See the material on the THOMPSON FAMILY at the end of this paper.
The children of John Wesley Crabtree and Naomi Thompson were:

DEWEY: b. March 10, 1899  d. March 2, 1963  
Married: 1. Any Ferguson  2. Ethel Bowen  
Children: Dewey  n. Nannie Asbury  
Children: Roger, Sally  
John Henry  n. Josephine McComas  
Children: David, Patricia  
John Henry Jr "Duddy"  
Catherine  n. Henson Perdue  
Children: Judy, Amy Jean, Danny

FANNIE: b. OCT. 3, 1900  d. March 9, 1949  
Married: Enory Cassady  
Children: Bunice, Brady, Otto, Irene, Norman  
"Dob", and Wilma Jean who married Bob Trautwein  
and their children are Randy & Debby.

GOLDIE: b. Aug. 31, 1902  
Married: Claude Lewis  
Children: Donald  n. Helen Bowen, Children:  
Mike

CURTIS: b. Sept. 6, 1904  d. OCT. 13  
1904  Stephen  
Scott

RAYMOND: b. Aug. 20, 1905  d. 30 NOV 1962  
Married: Edith Mathis

GRACE: b. Nov. 11, 1903  D.  
Married: Oscar "Doc" Doss  
Children: Brenda whose children are Jimmy  
(Jackson) and Shawn (Gibson).

DEECHER: b. Nov. 22, 1910  d. 1971  
Married: Maude Queen  
Children: Deecher Jr "Junior", Glen, Barbara,  
Curt, Earl

SHIRLEY: b. Jan. 12, 1913  
Married: Hester Osburn  
Children: Alice  n. Larry Dickmell  
Children: Lisa  
Beth  n. John Lambert  
Children: Ann Carroll

Married: Myrtle Hale  
Children: Joyce, John
VANGIE:  b. Feb. 22, 1919
Married:  Herman Jackson
Children:  Larry m. Sarah
      Children:  Sherry, Teresa, Dana
Ronnie
Dennis "Denny" m. Kay Hershey
      Children:  Shawn, Heather
Randy

OPAL:  b. March 9, 1922
Married:  Gaylord Perry
Children:  Susan m. Roger Crum
      Children:  Tondra
Darrell m. Lillian
      Children:  Kelly, Jeff, Ronda
Shirley m. Ronnie Marcum
      Children:  Sherry, Keith, Barry
Nealon

Naomi Crabtree died June 15, 1945.  John Wesley Crabtree
died November 28, 1965, and was buried beside his wife
at the Thompson-Crabtree Cemetery on Joel's Branch.
THOMAS BENTON CRABTREE was born October 3, 1877, and he died on October 18, 1948. His first wife was Julia Fletcher who died about the year 1905. His second wife was Lizzie Dean who died in February 1944.

Children from the first marriage were:

Norma - b. 20 DEC 1898 m. Cecil Thompson
Children: Findley Benton "Jack"
          John Earl
          Howard
          Floyd "Pat"

Vinnie - b. 15 NOV 1900 m. Ben Cassady
Children: Virginia
          Opal
          Clifton
          Maxine
          James
          Lois

Ella - b. 7 OCT 1902

m. 1) Charles MacKenzie
   Children: Shirley
             Elizabeth
             Ruby
             Janice Opal
             Charles

m. 2) Ezra Damron
   Child: Franklin

m. 3) Willis Blankenship

Children from the second marriage of Benton Crabtree:

Earl - m. Marie Bell
Children: Earl Jr.
          Donald
          Paul
          Nancy
          Jean
          Ralph
9. MENVILLE THOMPSON CRABTREE was born February 20, 1880 and he died in 1963. He was married first to Sarah Fletcher and secondly to Lizzie Boys. Sarah Fletcher died about 1907. Lizzie Boys died on August 15, 1934.

Children of M. T. Crabtree's first marriage:

Bertie - married Arthur Lucas

*Ora - b. 17 FEB 1907 n. 1) Jeff Varney
2) Duffy ??

Goble - b. 15 NOV 1902

n. 1) Lefa Copley on 6 FEB 1924
Children: Charles
Buford - b. 1 DEC 1924

n. 2) Georgia Robertson on 7 DEC 1931
Children:
Taylor Danon - b. 23 AUG 1932
Iris Glenda - b. 17 MAY 1935
Gary Ronald - b. 19 AUG 1937
Patricia Gale - b. 10 NOV 1939

n. 3) Becky ??

Children of M.T. Crabtree's second marriage:

Lorain - m. Jack Huff

Georgia - b. 25 DEC 1909 n. Newton Lambert

Woodrow - b. 7 SEPT 1914 n. Della Fletcher
Children:
Tony - died in infancy
Don Edward - b. 6 SEPT 1941
Betty Jean - b. 20 NOV 1942
Clara Yvonne b. 26 SEPT 1938

*Ora's children were:
Juanita, Janice, Joann, Joyce, Jeff Jr.,
Billy Jack, Marvin, and Edward.
C. LOUISA CRABTREE married John Osburn. She was born 22 APR 1840 and she died about 1910.

Children: Florence n. William Ferguson
           Rueben n. Rachel Dillon
           Virgin n. 1) Dr. S. Owens
                     2) J. Trogden
           Louisa n. Sam Smith
           Stella b. 23 MAY 1875, d. 25 JUL 1971
                    n. 1) ? Smith
                    2) ? Webb

D. ISIAH DRAKE CRABTREE was born 25 SEPT 1841, he died 10 FEB 1863 of typhoid fever at Salen, Virginia. He was serving in the Civil War for the Confederacy.
* See the following pages for more information.*

E. Surrilda Crabtree was born 1843 and died on May 18, 1878. She married William "Billy" Ball, who was born 8 FEB 1845 and he died 25 MAR 1916.

Children: Ida Ball n. James Riggs
          Isiah D. Ball n. Fannie Pyles
          Robert Ball - died - unmarried
          James Harvey Ball n. Anna Pyles
          Lucinda Ball n. ?? Cyrus
Isiah D. Crabtree, son of Wesley & Nancy Crabtree, died 7 o'clock P.M. February 10th 1863.  
Born Russell City, Va.  
Residence Wayne Co., Va.  
Departed this life at Salem, Roanoke County, Va.  

In addition to the above I will submit the following statement for the satisfaction of the friends of the deceased.  
I visited the young man above named during his illness & conversed freely with him upon the subject of eternal happiness, he made manifest a strong desire to become a child of God. I prayed for his conversion daily, he requested me especially to pray for him he seemed willing of times to die, he remarked to me frequently that his parents were pious, & that he had pious training & oh said he if I could only be at home, he told me he had prayed constantly for God's mercy, in his last days I think his spiritual prospects were better and brighter.  
I was not with him near his death his spiritual prospects when he deceased this life might of been good.  
In conclusion I would say to the friends of the deceased, I leave him in the hands of God, the all wise and just judge.  
I would also say for the comfort of the bereft.  

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away  
Blessed be the name of the Lord

Samuel Sheppard  
Chaplain 17th Va. Cal.  
Residence, Wirt County, Virginia
Isiah D. Crabtree of Wayne County, Va. joined the Confederate army under Captain Spurlock Ferguson & Regiment in September 1862 and died at Salem, Va. of typhoid fever the 10th of February 1863. He was the son of Wesley and Nancy Crabtree. He was a promising young man, moral and upright and beloved by all who knew him. It is said he was never known to use profane language, he was raised by religious parents, he died far away from home but he left an evidence of his readiness to depart

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Isiah is gone from the army on earth and as joined the army of the saints in glory, thus another son of the South has given his life for his country. His name stands enrolled on history's page and when Southern independence shall be acknowledged by the world, the name of Isiah Drake Crabtree will be remembered with gratitude by his country men. P G Lockhart

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Rebecca Crabtree I want to go where Jesus is, I want to meet my father and mother and brother there, I want to meet my friends in glory. Rebecca Crabtree
MARY "POLLY" CRABTREE was born 25 OCT 1845. On 11 OCT 1865 she married Enoch Bartram. He was then 21, and she was 19. He was the son of Lewis & Eliza Bartram.

Children:

1. John Wesley m. Cynthia Margaret Jackson
2. Frances died age one
3. Freelin m. Druzella Osborne
4. Tennessee m. Sid Ferguson
5. Enoch, Jr. m. 1) Nancy Pratt 2) Arizona Workman
6. Percival "Pearlie" m. Carrie Ferguson
7. Bernard m. Georgia Thompson (Parents of Marie Bartram Hobbs)
8. Labon m. Florence Haynie
9. William m. 1) Venia Crabtree 2) Norma Lewis
10. Albert Sidney m. 1) Laura Thompson 2) Eva ?? 3) Shirley Eldridge
11. George m. 1) Marie Lawson 2) Frankie Webb
12. Rebecca m. Fred McCroskey
REBECCA CRABTREE married Menville Thompson on February 19, 1870. He was the son of Fleming & Drucilla Thompson of Joel's Branch.

Menville Thompson, b. 25 JUN 1842, d. 1 AUG 1917
Rebecca Thompson, b. 15 NOV 1847, d. 20 SEPT 1920

Children:
1. Martha Jane - died unmarried
2. Mary Francis m. M. Thompson
3. Arnettie m. Rev. John Dawson
4. Freelin m. ?? Akers
5. Idella m. Jay Frazier
6. Louisa m. ??
7. Myrtle m. V. See (1st)
   Porter (2nd)
   "Myrtle Ellen Porter, born Jan. 1, 1889; died June 22, 1973, age 84."
H. CHARLES WESLEY CRABTREE, son of Wesley Crabtree, was born on June 2, 1849. On February 16, 1868, he married Mary Bartram, the daughter of Lewis and Louisa Walker Bartram. She was born on May 31, 1848, and she died November 3, 1895. Charles Wesley Crabtree died May 14, 1925.

Children:

1. Josephine b. 10 DEC 1868 d. 7 FEB 1871
2. Strother b. 13 FEB 1871 n. Rebecca Frasher d. 13 FEB 1947 on 30 JUN 1891
3. Cordelia b. 22 JAN 1873 unnn. d. 24 SEP 1895
5. Hannoch b. 16 MAR 1877 unnn. d. 26 SEP 1898
6. Mary b. 24 FEB 1879 n. T.R. Ratcliff d. 27 MAR 1945 on 24 AUG 1899
7. Emma b. 4 MAY 1881 n. Lawrence Wilson d. 22 JAN 1954 on 18 JUN 1902
8. Effie b. 11 OCT 1883 n. Bert Hoozier d. 19 OCT 1973 on 4 MAR 1908
10. Charles Spurgeon b. 10 DEC 1888 d. 8 SEP 1889
11. Charles Munton b. 10 MAY 1890 d. 8 DEC 1890
2. STROTHER CRABTREE (1871-1947) married Rebecca Frasher on 30 JUNE 1891. She was born on 16 JAN 1863. The family left their farm on Greenbrier Creek and moved to Holden, Missouri about the year 1907.

Children:

1. Thompson S. b. 30 MAR 1892 unm.
2. Charles Luther b. 19 SEP 1893 d. age 8 years
3. Ethel R. b. 10 NOV 1895 m. M.R. Malsbury
   Children: Geraldine
   Barbara
   Richard
4. Earl E. b. 31 OCT 1897 m. 1) Goldie Rigg
   2) Mildred Johnson
   Child: Robert
5. George F. b. 5 JUN 1899 m. Harriet Stephens
   Children: Franklin
   Roy
6. Ella Bird b. 15 FEB 1901 m. C.B. Harrington
   Children: Wayne
   Ruth
7. Roy A. b. 11 MAR 1903 m. ? Scoville
8. Myrtle W. b. 19 JUL 1905 m. L.Y. Stephens
   Children: Eugene
   Harry
   John Wesley
9. Harold H. b. 16 DEC 1907 m. ?
4. REV. CARMI CRABTREE was born February 20, 1875. On 25 NOV 1898, he married Cuzzie Wilson. She was born 7 MAR 1879 and died 9 MAR 1967. Carin died 17 APR 1970, age 95. Carin Crabtree lived on a large farm about half way up Greenbrier Creek. He was a well known Baptist preacher in that area of the county.

Children:

a. Lucien - died in infancy

b. Charles b. 22 FEB 1900 d. 18 JUN 1927 unm.

c. Queen b. 14 OCT 1907 m. Jay Lambert
   Children: 1) George
             2) Ralph m. Roba ??
             Children: Marsha
                      Robert
             3) Mildred - unm.

d. Eva b. 26 FEB 1912 unm
   (Lives on Carin Crabtree's farm)

e. Della b. 12 SEP 1902
d. 11 DEC 1904 "Dress caught fire"

f. Taylor b. 12 JUL 1904 d. 5 MAY 1906

g. Sylvia b. 30 JAN 1910 m. Otis Thompson
   on 19 OCT 1925
   (They had many children)

h. Meda b. ca 1903 d. 21 OCT 1906

i. Basil b. 28 JUN 1916 "Killed in WWII, Battle
d. 24 DEC 1944 of Bulge; Belgium"

j. Woodrow b. 17 FEB 1921 m. Mary Jackson
   (Veteran of WWII - U.S. NAVY)
Solomon Wesley
Charles Wesley


Children:

1) Hazel  b. Sept 1900  n. Jay Perry

2) Hildred  b. 2 Dec 1902  n. George Wilson
"Hildred taught school and George was a nine foreman at Delbarton"

3) Ronald  b. ca 1904  n. Nora Riggs
Live at Wadsworth, Ohio

4) Clifford  n. ? Thompson
He died of Black Lung.

5) Inogene "Jean B." n. Fred Sword
   b. 30 Sept 1908
   "She writes a column for the Wayne News about the Mill Creek area."

6) Kenneth  b. 30 Mar 1913  n. Lotus Hampton

Children: First marriage

1. Jottie n. ? Barber
   Children: Stanley
   Robert

2. Wilma b. 2 APR 1905 m. ? Kelsey

3. Herbert d. 1940 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Second marriage

4. Priscilla n. Bill Smith
   live in Statesville, NC
Solomon
Wesley
Charles Wesley

3. EFFIE CRABTREE married (1st) Charles Ferguson.
(2nd) W.B. "Bert" Hoozier in 1903. They lived on Joels Branch and later at Ft. Gay.

No children by first marriage.

Children of second marriage were:

1. Roberta b. 11 NOV 1912 m. Marvin B. Wilson
   (live at Rutland, Ohio)
   Children: Pan Ainsloe

2. Juanita m. Honor Dean (Live in New Jersey)

3. Frieda m. Frank Lengacher

4. Berdenia m. Joseph ??
9. GUSSIE CRABTREE married J. Emmett Boyes. They lived on Greenbrier Creek.

Children:
1) Iris n. Paul Mogler
   (Live in Rittnan, Ohio)
2) Lorita n. Golden Lloyd
3) Audley n. ? Moved to California
4) Haskell n. Phyllis ??
   (Moved to Bakersfield, Calif.)
5) Ellen n. ??
6) Alfred n. ??
CHAUNCY RENO CRABTREE, the youngest son on Charles Wesley Crabtree, was born June 13, 1892. He grew up on his father's farm which was located on the gap between Greenbrier Creek and the head of Joel's Branch. Later he built a home on the Greenbrier side of the hill. Mr. Crabtree served with the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) during World War I, in France. He was a member of Company K, 5th Division "Diamond Division", 11th Infantry, AEF. He was wounded November 10, 1918 at the Battle of Meuse-Argonne. Mr. Crabtree was trained as a bookkeeper and worked at that occupation for many years in Huntington. During the 1930's he was the Postmaster at Ft. Gay, W.Va.

Mr. Crabtree is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans. He has traveled a great deal in the United States and maintains a substantial correspondence with friends and relatives across the country. Mr. Crabtree is very much interested in Wayne County History and has done extensive work in family history and genealogy. He presently resides in Huntington, W.Va.
I. MARTHA JANE CRABTREE married Francis Jackson on 22 FEB 1872. He was 25, she was 20. She was born 17 AUG 1851. Francis Jackson was the son of Miles & Nancy Jackson.

Children:
   Nancy Ellen n. ? Ferguson
   Florence n. B. Smith

J. SUSAN ELLEN CRABTREE married EDMUND THOMPSON.

(See next page)

K. NANCY CATHRYN CRABTREE - never married

   b. 2 MAY 1855
   d. 2 MAY 1871
J. SUSAN ELLEN CRABTREE married Edmund Thompson on 21 JAN 1871. He was the son of Flening and Zilla Thompson. Susan was born 5 NOV 1853 and she died 7 MAY 1878. Edmund died on 12 AUG 1927 at the age of 80.

Children:

1. Henry Bascon n. 1) Hannah
   3) Bertha Robertson
2. Flenin Wesley "Bud" n. Jane Huff
3. John Lindsey n. Eva Watts
4. Finley Benton n. 1) Sadie Riggs
   2) Nannie Selbee
1. Henry Bascom Thompson was born March 16, 1872. He died at the age of 81. He was married three times:
   1) Hannah Lambert
   2) Tenny Peters
   3) Bertha Robertson

Children:
Frank  Mabel Ferguson
John    Myrtle Patrick
Shirley Effie McKenzie
Aubrey  Rita Clark
Violet  Never Married
Blanche Never Married
Tennie  n. S.A. Stafford
Crete   n. Henry Wilson
Tage    n. Clarence Noc
Marjorie n. William Pfiel
Florence n. Hubert Waite
Avonelle n. C. H. Cole
2. Flenin Wesley Thompson married Jane Huff.

Children:

Fannie

Earl

Bruce
3. John Lindsey Thompson was born 26 Nov. 1875. He married Eva Watts.

Children:
Edmund "Buster" n. Faye Reynolds
Pearl n. Jay Huff
Manie n. Jay Workman
Florine n. Ferguson
Birch
Ralph n. 1)
2) Helen Smith
Don n. Jackson
Avonelle
Solomon
Wesley
Susan Ellen

4. Finley Benton Thompson was born Jan. 19, 1878 and he died at the age of 91. He was married twice: 1) Sadie Riggs 2) Nannie Selbee

Children:
Vernon
Fred
Alfred
Edmund
Lindsey
Edna n. Clay
Zora n. Irvin Jones
Eulah n. Hayton
Emily n. Russell Webb
SECTION FIVE

JAMES CRABTREE

Son of

SOLOMON & SUSANNAH CRABTREE
JAMES CRABTREE was born about 1813 in Russell County, Virginia. He grew up there, married and began raising a family. In the late 1840's, he moved with his father and brothers to Wayne County and lived on Big Hurricane Creek. He died in the late 1860's. His wife ELIZABETH was born July 13, 1820 and she died February 28, 1893, according to the tombstone at the Thompson-Crabtree Cemetery at the head of Big Hurricane.

Children:

A. John Wesley n. Emily Virginia Molder
B. Jane n. James Akers
C. William no info.
D. Julia Ann n. Nicholas Copley
E. Isaac n. Nancy Jane Crabtree
F. Susan n. Charles A. Billups
G. Solomon n. Alice Tomblin
H. Neona "Ony" no info.
I. Colia n. Thomas Muncy
J. Lena no info.
K. Lou Vina n. Nathan Akers

**(This list may not be complete, but it is the best I could do from available sources)**
Solomon

UNITED STATES CENSUS

1830 - Russell Co., Va.

Janes Crabtree 20-30
Wife 15-20
Male child 0-5

1860 - Wayne County, Va. "Roundbottom"

JAMES CRABTREE 47
Elizabeth 42
John W. 18
William 16
Jane 16
Julia 12
Isaac 10
Any 9
Solomon 5
Susan 3
Celia 1
Lena ? 1 month

1870 - Wayne County

ELIZABETH CRABTREE 49
Isaac 19
Naonia 17
Solomon 15
Bissocia ?? ?
Celia 12
Vonia 10
Snania ?? 9

1880 - Wayne County

ELIZABETH CRABTREE 59
Solomon 23
America 17
Solomon
James

A. John Wesley Crabtree married Emily Virginia Molder

Children:

1. Janes
2. Willian
3. Linsey
4. Colin
5. Clarissa b. 13 JUNE 1875
6. Maryland b. 15 JULY 1876
7. Louella b. 21 JULY 1882
UNITED STATES CENSUS

1870 - Wayne County, W.Va.

John Crabtree  25
Emilia       24
William      4
Janes        6
Linsey       2

1880 - John Wesley Crabtree 40
Emrley V.    40
Janes        15
William      13
Linsey       12
Celia        8
Clarissa     6
Maryland     2
B. JANE CRABTREE married James Ackers
"On 1 March 1066, Drusilla J. Crabtree, 21, married James Ackers, 22. He was the son of John and Elizabeth Ackers."

Children: *Jinnie n. Julia Crabtree
            Vina
            Others
            *Children: Dorothy
                        Garland
                        Leonard

C. WILLIAM

D. JULIA ANN CRABTREE married Nicholas Copley

Children: 1. Russian Copley n. Viola Crabtree
               Children: a. Fred Copley
                           b. Luther Copley

2. Blaine
E. ISAAC CRABTREE married Nancy Jane Crabtree on 11 JUNE 1873. She was the daughter of Solomon T. Crabtree, and was a first cousin — once renouned to Isaac.

Isaac Crabtree was born in 1851, died 17 JAN 1931
Nancy Jane was born 24 MAY 1857, died 20 OCT 1912

CHILDREN:

1. Dora b. 20 JUNE 1874 married ? Belcher
2. Ida b. 6 DEC 1875 married John Wilson
3. Virginia
4. Elbert b. 12 SEPT 1879 n. Rhoda ?
5. Solomon Moody b. 6 JUNE 1883 n. Elizabeth Herbert
6. Zedok "Doc" b. 15 AUG 1887 n. Georgia Copley
7. Thornton n. Bertha Lynch
8. Carl b. 24 MAR 1894 n. Maude Selboe
9. George Brooksie b. 2 DEC 1900 n. Rosie Sanson
10. Virgin n. Bill Cassady
11. Lee Anna n. ? Jackson
12. Laura
14. Claytie — never married
15. Cassie b. 1 JULY 1890
16. Drussey b. 12 MARCH 1891 d. 23 MARCH 1891

(I feel sure that this is not a correct list but it is the best I could compile from available sources.)
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1. Dora
2. Ida
3. Virginia
4. Elbert n. Rhoda?
5. Solonon Moody b. 6 JUN 1883 (one source says 21 SEPT 1885) He married Lizzie Herbert
   Children: Clara b. 7 OCT 1909
              Ethel Lou b. 4 JULY 1911
6. Zedok "Doc" married Georgia Copley, age 21, on 18 NOV 1907
   Children: Arville b. 2 OCT 1908
   Children:
   Grilda b. 1 JAN 1909
   *Russell b. 17 MAY 1906
   Lester b. 24 FEB 1911
   Lawrence b. 1 OCT 1913
   Lucian b. 5 AUG 1915
   Nellie b. 11 MAY 1927
   Clarence b. 26 JULY 1925
   Lelia b. 23 JULY 1920

*Russell Crabtree died 9 OCT 1975, age 69. His wife, Alice Spears Crabtree.

   Children: Oretha b. 3 JAN 1932
             Marcus Leonard b. 4 JULY 1928
             Howard Lester b. 10 NOV. 1929
             Carol Lorene b. 23 OCT 1941
             Clyde Edward b. 29 SEPT 1938
B. JAMES CARL CRABTREE, 27, married Maude Solbee, age 23, on 20 DEC 1922. She was the daughter of Zat & Mary Solbee.

Children:  
Carl, Jr.  b. Sept 26, 1923  
Duster  b. Aug 31, 1937  
*Herbert  b. Nov 11, 1920

*Herbert Crabtree married Lois Thompson

Children:  
Roy Lee  b. 19 MAR 1952  
Jimmie  b. 7 NOV 1953  
Betty Lou  b. 30 APR 1955  
Dale  b. 14 JUNE 1956
9. George Brooksie Crabtree married Rosie Sanson.

Children: Estia b. 19 OCT 1922
          Thelda b. 14 OCT 1920
          Reba b.
          Odie b.
10. VIRGIN CRABTREE married William Cassady

Children:  Taylor Cassady
           Ben Cassady n. Vinnie Crabtree
           Enory Cassady n. Fannie Crabtree

11. Lee Anna
12. Laura
14. Claytie
15. Cassie
16. Druscy
F. SUSAN CRADTREE, 18, married Charles A. Billups, 20, on 13 MAR 1873. He was the son of R.S. & M. Billups. They left Wayne County for Missouri where they raised their family.

G. SOLOMON CRADTREE, 24, married Alice Tonblin, 17, on 2 SEPT 1895. She was the daughter of Ison & Eveline Tonblin. Solomon was born 7 OCT 1854, and he died 30 JULY 1906.

Children:  Vena b. 1 AUG 1886  
            Pearly b. 10 NOV 1887  
            Rebecca b. 5 FEB 1895  
            George b. 17 JUL 1893  
            Sidney b. 4 DEC 1900  
            Lou Vernie b. 6 MAR 1899

H. NEOMA "OMY" CRADTREE, b. 16 JAN 1853 (no info)

I. CELIA CRADTREE, 20, married Thomas Muncy 27, on 26 DEC 1876.

Children:  Carri 
            Ezra 
            Virginia 
            Georgia 
            Lizzie 
            Nevada

J. LENA CRADTREE - (No information)
K. LOU VINA CRADTRED, 18, married Nathan Akers, 20, on 4 MAY 1970. She was born 21 MAY 1960.

Children:

1. Lou Verna  n. Leo Galligher

2. Lou Verta  n. 1) Henry Smith  2) John Danron
   Children: *Betty Hutchinson
   Carol, Judy
   *Shirley Thompson
   Danny, Sherry
   *Bob Smith
   Mandy, Lois

3. Doc  n. Nannie Perry

4. Janes  n. ?

5. Jay  n. Georgia Lambert

6. John  n. ? Hampton

7. Nathan  n. Faye Galligher

8. Bob  n. Zora Freley

9. Ernest  n. 1) Isabelle Davis
   2) Manie Dawson
SECTION SIX

THE DAUGHTERS OF SOLOMON CRADTREE
VI. Celia Crabtree married James Thompson

Children: *Solomon Thompson married Nancy Ball
         John Thompson m.
         Wesley Thompson m.
         William Thompson m.  ? Frazier
         Lilburn Thompson m.

*Solomon Thompson m. Nancy Ellen Ball

"Nancy was the daughter of Wesley and Mary Carter Ball, Wesley was the son of Robert and Sarah Wilson Ball."

Children of Solomon Thompson:

Rebecca m. J. L. Crabtree
Georgia m. Bernard Bartran
Celia
James
Louella
Drucilla
Mary m. Jenkins "A.J." Crabtree
VII. MARY CRABTREE married John Grizzle (Geisel)

Children:

A. William - went West
B. Solomon n. ? Thompson
C. Rev. Hiran n. served in Confederate Army
*D. Rebecca m. Joseph Ball
E. Ellen m. ? Ferguson
F. Susannah m. Harris Colvin
G. George m. ? Billups
H. Lydia m. Albert Lambert
I. Noah m. ? Hutchinson
J. Robert - not married

REBECCA GRIZZLE married Joseph Ball

"Joseph Ball's second wife was Caroline Jackson"

Children of the first marriage:

Virginia m. Zachariah Riggs
Mary Alice m. Allen Riggs
Frances m. Doliver Workman
Cosby m. William H. Ferguson
Prudence m. Robert Lee Noble
Baylis m. ? Pauley
Josephine

Children of the second marriage:

Sidney m. Addie Workman
Alva m. Mertie Workman
Vernie m. Cleveland Thompson
Sadie n. William Dickerson
Ethel m. James Terry
Gypsie m. Eurastus Mays
Birdie m. Shelba "Pete" Hall
Elizabeth - died young
Otis m. Alice Ruth Christian
VIII. ELIZABETH "BETSEY" CRABTREE married Flening Wade in Louisa, Ky. in 1841.

Children:
Susan Wade n. ?  Porter
Corander Wade n. ?
Saul Wade

IX. NAOMA "OMA" CRABTREE married William Thompson

Children:
Crabtree Thompson
Anna Thompson n. David Meridith
Mary Thompson n. Finley Thompson
Janes Thompson n. Reece Childers
Jacob Thompson n. Louella Lambert
Susan n. ?

X. NANCY CRABTREE married William Wilson

Children:
Solomon Wilson
Parrot Wilson n. Elizabeth Frazier

XI. REBECCA CRABTREE married Menville Thompson, Sr.

Children:
Lindsey Thompson n. Tennessee Webb
Virginia Thompson n. Mate Ferguson
** The following material is about the family of
NANCY BALL (1810-1863) who married WESLEY
CRABTREE (1812-1865).**

John Ball, Senior
(1670-1722)

Moses Ball, Senior
(1717-1792)

George Ball, Sr. - BROTHER OF - Moses Ball, Jr.
( ? - 1839) (1748 - 1831)

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John Ball —MARRIED——Polly Ball
(1779-1863) (1788-1856)

Nancy Ball Crabtree
(1810-1863)

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JOHN BALL, SENIOR was born about 1670. He lived
in Stafford County, Va. and died about 1722. He
patented 221 acres of land on the north branch of
Little Hunting Creek. He also bought 343 acres from
Robert Brent, executor of Nicholas Brent, on the north
side of Hunting Creek. John Ball removed to Hunting
Creek soon after the purchase, and left a will proved
in the County Court of Stafford. This John Ball was
the father of Moses Ball. (See Four-Mile Land Grants,
by Stetson) A deed from John Minor to Thomas Shaw,
recorded in the Fairfax County records (Bk. G, p.1960)
established proof of this relationship. It was dated
1767, after John's death.

Moses Ball deposed in two suits over the Western
Boundary line of the Housing Patent concerning his
parentage and family, in records that have been
preserved. In the suit of Alexander vs. Birch, he
stated that he was a son of John Ball, that he had
lived all his life till 1741 on Hunting Creek, "about
a half mile above the ford". From then until 1755, he
had lived on the Potomac River, eight miles from the
ford. Stetson stated that this place was known as
GLENCARLYN PLATEAU.
JOHN BALL, SR. married Winifred Williams, daughter of William Williams, on March 9, 1714. (Charles Co., MD, Bk. F. No. 2, p. 56)

John Ball was known to have had the following children. (He may have been married twice)

1. Caleb Ball - b. 1700 d. 21 JUNE 1741
2. Thomas Ball - b. 1703 d. 27 OCT 1744 n. Mary ??
3. Mary Ball - b. 1705 n. John Jackson
4. George Ball - b. 1709 n. Ann Hanson on 15 APR 1749
5. John Ball, Jr. - b. 1714 d. 1776 n. Margaret Williams on 2 JAN 1746
6. MOSES BALL, SR. - b. 2 MAY 1717 d. 3 SEPT 1792 n. Nancy Ann Brasher, 27 JUN 1745
7. Ann Ball - b. 1719 n. Samuel Hawes
8. Janes Ball married Catherine ??

**The first section is about Moses Ball, Sr. It includes passages from Gen. George Washington's diary which mention Moses Ball, Moses Ball's will and other information.

According to "Genealogical Records" by Carrie White Avery, Moses Ball was born May 2nd, 1717, married June 27, 1745, to Ann Brasher and died September 3rd, 1792. From the same records we find that Ann Ball was born September 26th, 1729. The date of her death is unknown. According to family tradition, Moses Ball was related to Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. Although this kinship is implied, it has not been proven. The following extracts from the diary of George Washington lends support to this tradition.
"April 1785 - Friday, 22nd. Took an early breakfast, and accompanied Dr. Stewart and Lund Washington, and having sent for Mr. Moses Ball, who attended, I went to a corner of the above land within about three poles of the Run (Four Mile Run) a white oak 18" in diameter on the side of a hill about 150 yards below the ruins of an old mill and about 100 below a small branch which comes in on the northeast side. After having run one course and part of another, my servant William, (one of the chair carriers) fell and broke the pan of his knee, which put a stop to my surveying and with much difficulty I was able to get him to Abingdon, being obliged to get a sledge to carry him on, as he could neither walk, stand or ride. At Mr. Adams mill (mill of Robert Adams), I took Lund Washington's horse and came home." (To Mount Vernon)

"May 1786, Tuesday, 16, I rode to the plantation of Muddy Hole and Dogue Run. At Dogue Run the timothy seed appeared to be coming to thick. Began to plant corn at this plantation yesterday in the common method. When I returned home found Moses Ball and his son, John and William Carlin here; the first having his effects under execution, wanted to borrow money to redeem them; lent him ten pounds for this purpose."

Following is a copy of the grant made to Moses Ball by Thomas, Lord Fairfax, on record in "Northern Neck" Grant Book "F", page 288, in State Land Office, Richmond, Virginia:

"The Right Honorable Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, to all whom this present writing shall come, sends greetings:

Know ye that for good causes and in consideration of the composition to me paid and for annual rent hereafter reserved, I have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents, for me, my heirs and assigns to give, grant and confirm to Moses Ball of the County of Fairfax, a certain tract of waste and ungranted land in the said county, upon the branches of Four Mile Run and is bounded according to a survey thereof made by Mr. Guy Broadwater, as followeth:

Beginning at a white oak standing in a fork of a branch of Four Mile Run, extending thence North 88 degrees west along the line of John Ball, 343 poles to a hickory; thence south 27 degrees west 46 poles to a red oak, a corner to Captain Pearson; thence East, running and binding with John Alexander's line 70 poles to a white oak corner to Stephen Gray and Alexander, thence north 24 degrees East, binding with Stephen Gray's
line 80 poles to a white oak standing upon the south side of Four Mile Run; thence up the meanders of the Run North 63 degrees West 40 poles to the first station; containing 91 acres. Together with all rights, members and appurtenances there unto belonging, Royal Mines excepted, and a third part of all lead, copper, tin, coal, iron mines and iron ore that shall be found therein.

To have and to hold the said 91 acres of land, together with all rights, profits and benefits to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, except before excepted. To him the said Moses Ball, his heirs and assigns forever, or to my certain attorney or attorneys or agent of my heirs and assigns. Proprietors of the said Northern Neck, yearly and every year on the feast day of Saint Michael and Archangel, the fee rent of one shilling sterling money for every fifty acres of land hereby granted and so proportionately for a greater or lesser quantity. Provided that if the said Moses Ball, his heirs and assigns shall not pay above reserved annual rent, so the same or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the space of two whole years after the same shall become due, lawfully demanded, that when it shall and may be lawful for me, my heirs or assigns, Proprietors, as aforesaid, my or his certain attorney or attorneys, agent or agents, into the above granted premises to re-enter and hold the same so as if this grant had never been passed.

Given at my office in the county of Fairfax within my said Proprietary, under my hand and seal. Dated this 26th day of May in the 21st year of the reign of our Sovereign, Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Irelan, King Defender of the Faith, etc.
A.D. One thousand seven hundred and forty-eight.

"FAIRFAX"

Following is a copy of the last will and testament of Moses Ball:

"In the name of God Amen, the fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord God, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, I Moses Ball, being in perfect memory. Thanks be to God Almighty and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this transitory life, and that it is appointed once for all men to die, do make, constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, revoking and disannulling by these presents all and every other will and wills made by me and declared either by word or writing and this only is to be taken for my last will and no other.

And first I recommend my soul into the hands of God in
whom through the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission of all my sins, and that my soul with my body at the general day of resurrection shall rise again with joy. Secondly I recommend my body to the grave to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, and as for the settling of my temporal estate and such goods, chattels and debts which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order, give and dispose in manner and form following. That is to say, first I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, John Ball, twenty-five acres of land beginning on the south side of Four Mile Run at the White Oak corner of General Washington's line to Alexander's and the meanders of Long Branch westwardly until the quantity of twenty-five acres is made, then with a southerly line from the Long Branch to the said line of Alexander. Secondly, I desire that the remaining part of my land be in possession of my dearly loved wife, Ann Ball during her natural life to be at discretion during her widowhood, but, in case she marries, then the said land is to be disposed of at the discretion of my executors, and the profits arising therefrom to be equally divided among my surviving children after my just debts is paid (my son John excepted). Thirdly, I desire that my executors as soon as possible to pay his Excellancy, General Washington, the sum of ten pounds with interest, a sun I borrowed from him and William Carlin, security for which to secure Mr. Carlin. I have given him an instrument of writing mentioning two cows and yearlings, the only intending the said sum of ten pounds to be made out of the aforesaid cattle in case he (Mr. Carlin) should be obliged to pay to General Washington the above mentioned sum of ten pounds. Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter, Sibila Ball, one bed and furniture as it stands at the decease of her mother agreeable to the conditions of the land. Fifthly, I desire that my stock of horses, cattle and hogs and household furniture should be equally divided among my wife and Bazil, and Ann and Sibila. Sixthly and lastly, I desire that my son, John Ball and Mr. Joseph Birch be the only and sole Executors of this my last will and testament, and I do by these presents revoke and disannul all and every other will or wills, legacy or legacies heretofore by me made or done, acknowledging this and no other to be my last will and testament; in witness I have hereunto set my hand and the seal the day and year above written.

Moses Ball (Seal)
Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of
Elijah Wood
William Culberhouse
Chloe Culberhouse

At a court held for Fairfax County 17th September, 1792.
This will was presented in court and proved by the oath of
Elijah Wood. And at a court held for the said County,
15th October 1792, it was further proved by the oath
of William Culberhouse, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
F. W. Richardson, Clerk

"A copy Teste. Recorded in Will Book F, No. 1, page 176
and Ex.

Signed
F. W. Richardson, Clerk"

That Moses Ball was a brother to Lieutenant James Ball
of the Continental Line, American Revolution, is evidenced
by the following, found in "Virginia Soldiers 1776" by
Louise A. Burgess:

"Lieutenant James Ball. Executive Department, April
16, 1833. The heirs of James Ball are allowed Land Bounty
for his services as a Lieutenant in the Continental Line
for three years, if not hereafter drawn.
John Floyd, Governor"

And: F.I.A.R.F.A.C. COUNTY, VIRGINIA: "December Court, March 14,
1835, it was ordered to certified that James Ball, who is
said to have been an officer in the Revolutionary War,
died about the year 1783; that Moses Ball, of Fairfax
County, was his elder brother and heir; that Moses Ball
died in 1792, testate interstates as the estate of his
brother, James Ball.

Copy Teste
F. W. Richardson, Clerk

And from the same Court Order we find that Moses and
Ann Ball had the following children: John, Moses, George,
Dazil, Anne, Janes, Sabilla.

GEORGE BALL, SR. and MOSES BALL, JR. were sons of Moses
Ball, Senior of Fairfax County, Virginia. It is believed
that these two brothers, accompanied perhaps by other
relatives moved from Fairfax County, Virginia and halted
first near Abingdon, in Washington County, Virginia. It
is known that Moses Ball, Jr. moved on to Hawkins
County, Tennessee. George Ball, Sr. moved from Abingdon
to New Garden in Russell County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Tunnell and to then were born twelve sons and daughters, as is also given in a court record:

"Fairfax County, Court, 19th March, 1839. Certified that George Ball, late of Russell County, Virginia, died intestate leaving the following children:

1. Moses
2. William
3. Sally
4. Janes
5. Elizabeth
6. Wesley
7. Robert (married Sarah Wilson) ancestors
8. George, Jr. (married Catherine Hess)
9. Jessee (married *** Whitt)
10. Hester (married Jesse Fuller)
11. Nancy (married Daniel May)
12. John (married Polly Ball, daughter of Moses Ball, Jr.)

"That these are the only heirs at law of George Ball, deceased, who was a son of Moses Ball, Senior, deceased."

Copy Teste: William Moss, Clerk
Fairfax County Court

JOHN BALL, son of George Ball, Senior of Russell County, Virginia was born June 10, 1779. He married Polly Ball, (A cousin) the daughter of Moses Ball, Jr. of Hawkins County, Tennessee. Polly Ball was born May 4, 1788. To then were born the following children:

1. Janes
2. John Tunnell
3. George Washington
4. Moses
5. William Lee
6. Nancy (married Wesley Crabtree)
7. Polly (married William Fletcher)
8. Rebecca (married ---- Tunnell)
9. Eliza (married Allen Maynard)

John Ball died July 27, 1863, aged 84 years, 1 month 17 days. Polly Ball died Feb. 11, 1856, aged 67 years, 9 months, 17 days. They are buried in the Ball family cemetery on the Major Fletcher Ball Farm in Russell County, Virginia.

**The following material is about Moses Ball, Junior, who was the father of Polly Ball, the mother of NANCY BALL CRADTREE.

MOSES BALL, JUNIOR, born about 1748, was married to Mary Ann Hardin in Fairfax County, Virginia before the year, 1782, when the personal property tax book for Fairfax County shows that he had one son. His name appears in the Fairfax County tax books for 1791, and this is the last record that is found of him until the year, 1797, when he purchased a farm of two hundred acres, near Browns
Mountain, in the Beech Creek Section of Hawkins County, Tennessee, from Samuel Curry. It is probable that part of the intervening years were spent in Washington County, Virginia, near his brother, George, who settled near Abingdon, Virginia.

The children of Moses and Mary Ann (Hardin) Ball were:

1. William (married Nancy Tate)
2. Robert
3. John (married Patience Dolton)
4. Wesley (married Nancy Bailey)
5. Thomas (married Kelly)
6. Bennet
7. Spencer (married Anne Hughes)
9. Sarah "Sally" (married John Long, Jr.)
10. Sabilla (married John K. Long)
11. Hester (married William McDaniel)
12. Mary "Polly" (married her cousin, John Ball)

WILL OF MOSES BALL, JUNIOR:

"In the name of God, Amen. I Moses Ball of the County of Hawkins, State of Tennessee; being weak in body but being in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say: First of all I give and recommend my soul to the Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after appointed, nothing doubted but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate where it has pleased God to bless me in this life. First of all I give and bequeath to my son, Spencer Ball, one dollar out of my estate and no more. Secondly I give and bequeath to my son, Robert Ball one dollar and no more out of my estate. Thirdly, I give and devise to my son, Bennet Ball, a certain parcel of land, lying and being between my sons, William and Thomas Ball and from the southern boundary of my land, and running northward to where the Beech Creek Road runs through my land and no further. And it is my further will and desire that if my wife Molly shall have the said land that I have devised to my son, Bennet Ball during her natural life for her support. Fourthly I give and devise to my grandson, Jonathan Ball, a certain described parcel of land being on the north side of the Beech Creek Road and being between the said William Ball and the said Thomas Ball land and including my apple orchard and running to the northern boundary of my land. And it is further my will and desire that my executors after my decease shall rent said parcel of land and orchard,
and the money arising from said rent to pay for the education of my grandson, Jonathan Ball. And it is my further will and desire that my said grandson, Jonathan Ball, shall have a horse, saddle and bridle out of my estate. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Molly Ball, all the residue of my personal estate and money that is owing to me, during her natural life. Sixthly, it is my further will and desire after my wife’s decease the property, if any, is to be sold except my wearing clothes and the planks that is in my loft and my books, the planks to remain where they are, my wearing clothes and books to be divided as equally between my children as they can. And the money arising from the said sale to be equally divided between my daughters; Hester McDaniel, Nancy Warren, Polly Ball, Sibily Long and Sarah Long’s children and my grandson, Jonathan Ball or their heirs. There are thirty two that I paid William McDaniel in part pay for McDaniel’s Wagon, sixteen dollars of said William McDaniel was to pay John K. Long, who married my daughter, Sibley. If John K. Long has recovered that, that and they are to settle with my executor. I constitute and appoint my son, Wesley Ball and Thomas Ball, my executors of this last will and testament to manage my estate, real and personal as they think best. I hereby utterly revoke and disannul all and every other former wills, testaments, and legacies before mentioned, willed, bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this 15th day of December in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

MOSES BALL (Seal)

Attest:

Reuben Dermard
Jesse Ball
John Ball
James Tunnell

***This material was taken from copies of WPA Historical Surveys, the originals of which can be found in the Public Library, Lebanon, Russell County, Virginia. These surveys contain much additional material on the Ball Family of southwestern Virginia.

Besides Nancy Ball Crabtree, who came from Russell County in the late 1840’s, it is known that at an earlier date Robert and Sarah (Wilson) Ball moved to Wayne County and settled in the Echo-Greenbrier area near Ft. Gay. They were the progenitors of many of the Balls now in Wayne County. Their son, the Rev. William Tunnel Ball, was for many years the minister at the Greenbrier Baptist Church. His children were: Mary Jane (married Wm. Walker), Lafayette F. Ball, Melissa Ball, and Sarah Alice Ball.
THE BARTRAM FAMILY

STEPHEN BARTRAM was born in Scotland and later migrated to Dublin, Ireland. He later sailed for America, to Virginia, and settled in the Piedmont region somewhere south of Charlottesville, Virginia. Sometime around 1785 he moved to Tazewell County, Virginia and lived on the Maiden Spring Fork a tributary of the Clinch River. Around the year 1807, Stephen Bartram and his family moved to the area now known as Wayne County, W.Va. The family possibly lived in Kentucky for a short time before settling in Wayne County, but this is not for certain.

Stephen Bartram's first wife was probably Jane Perry. His second wife was Elizabeth Swangran. Stephen Bartram's children were:

- David - (ancestor of many Bartram's around Ft. Gay)
- Betsy
- John
- Polly - (married a Bowen)
- James P. - (married Delily Wilson)

Stephen Bartram wrote his will in September of 1820. The will was probated in May of 1821. He must have died sometime between those two dates.

JAMES P. BARTRAM emigrated from Tazewell County, Virginia to Wayne County, with his father, Stephen, about the year 1807. They were among the very earliest settlers of Butler District, Wayne County. James P. Bartram served his country in the War of 1812 against the British. On May 7, 1813, James P. Bartram, married Delily Wilson. The couple had many children: one of the more well known of these children was Rev. Lewis B. Bartram.

REV. LEWIS B. BARTRAM was born March 10, 1818 in Wayne Co. (Then the territory was under Cabell County). On April 2, 1840 he married Eliza "Louisa" Francis Walker who was born on March 7, 1823. Rev. Lewis B. Bartram united with the Bethesda Baptist Church in September 1844, and was licensed to preach March 18, 1854, and was ordained July 14, 1856. He was pastor of several churches and missionary of three appointments.

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Rev. Lewis Bartram had the following brothers and sisters:

- Robert Bartram m. ?
- Mary "Aunt Polly" Bartram m. a Cyrus
- Rilda Bartram m. a Bartram

The above Mary "Aunt Polly" Cyrus and husband reared their family on the hill dividing the head of Greenbriar Creek and the Left Fork of Mill Creek.
Lewis and Louisa Walker Bartram reared their family in a log house built on the upper bottom land of the Rev. Carmi Crabtree farm on Greenbriar Creek. A water well yet stands near the location. The eight children of their union are as follows:

1. Martha
2. Enoch
3. Mary
4. Arnilda
5. Enerine
6. Lewis, Jr.
7. Rhoda
8. America

1. Martha Bartram married Laban Thompson. They reared their family at Genoa, and later moved to Holden, Missouri.

2. Enoch Bartram married Mary "Polly" Crabtree, a sister of Solomon and Charles Wesley Crabtree. Enoch was a veteran of the Civil War in the Confederate Army.

3. Mary Bartram married Charles Wesley Crabtree. They reared their family on the hill dividing the head of Joel's Branch from Greenbriar Creek. At first a log house, later a large frame house which burned the year of 1916 in latter June or early July.

4. Arnilda Bartram married Lindsey Wilson. They reared their family on a farm near Genoa.

5. Enerine Bartram married Rev. William V. Dickerson. Rev. Dickerson was born April 7, 1857 and died December 28, 1935. Enerine Bartram was born September 10, 1855 and died July 1, 1894. They reared their family in the home of her parents on Greenbriar Creek. The log house was weather boarded by Dickerson, in later years, torn down. The well remains. **William Dickerson had a brother Rev. Lawrence B. Dickerson, lived at Prospect, Ohio. Born 1-24-1860, died 10-19-1945.**

6. Lewis Bartram, Jr. married a Gerguson, upon her decease he married Tennie Artrip. Reared family on Crabtree Hill. Lewis Bartram, Jr. died in December 1910.

7. Rhoda Bartram married Lewis Gerguson. They reared their family on Greenbriar Creek. He and she later moved to Missouri and thence to Colorado. She died March 21, 1944 at Kenova, being the last survivor of Lewis Bartram, Senior. As of 1945 the husband was still living in Colorado. *Note* Rhoda's youngest daughter--Nellie Gerguson Baker of Iowa wrote Oct. 15, 1969 that Rhoda died 19 Oct. 1944 and Rhoda was born 13 August 1863.

8. America Bartram married William Pelfry, a Blacksmith by trade, on Greenbriar Creek. She died in early life, he then married Anne Robinson.
THE THOMPSON FAMILY

The name THOMPSON is widely known in the British Isles. The name originally meant "son of Tom". THOMSON is the Scottish form and that with the 'p', THOMPSON, is the English. With the migration of Englishmen and lowland Scots into Ireland, both forms are found there.

The oldest THOMPSON ancestor that I could identify was RICHARD THOMPSON, who was born in Ireland in the mid-1700's. He came to America and settled in Virginia. His wife was named Margaret and she was English by birth. Richard and Margaret had two sons, John and William Thompson. About 1805 Hohn and William moved from Virginia to the Big Sandy River Valley, later moving to the Mill Creek area, (east of Ft. Gay, W.Va.) On 1825 William put up a grist mill on Mill Creek, it being one of the first in the area. The other brother, JOHN THOMPSON (1775-1857) had married Elizabeth Kirby (1783-1867). They had three sons: Menville, Ginley, and Flenamon Thompson.

MENVILLE THOMPSON was born about 1822. He married Rebecca Crabtree, the daughter of Solomon and Susannah Crabtree. Their children were Lindsey Thompson who married Francis Webb and Virginia Thompson who married Mate Ferguson.

FINLEY THOMPSON, son of John Thompson, was born on 9/29/1816. (See p. 223 of Hardesty's History of Wayne County) He married Nancy Wilson on March 7, 1839. She was the daughter of Alexander and Sarah Wilson. Finley and Nancy Thompson's children were:

- Laban b. 9/1/1840
- Eliza Jane b. 3/5/1843 d. 12/3/1871
- Cynthia Ann b. 7/3/1845 d. 12/17/1857
- Lafayete b. 6/9/1848
- James b. 7/26/1852 d. 12/16/1857
- Sarah b. 3/5/1855
- Bernard b. 6/25/1857
- Flenamon b. 12/22/1859 d. 12/24/1861
- Albert b. 4/24/1862
- Henry B. b. 1/25/1865
- Marcus L. b. 5/20/1868

FLENAMON THOMPSON (the ancestor of the Joel's Branch Thompsons) was born about the year 1815 on his father's farm on Mill Creek. (The name is also written "Flening, Flenin, and Flenon") He worked on the farm of his father, John Thompson, and possibly worked in the mill built by his uncle. On November 22, 1838, Flenamon married Druzilla Ferguson; Rev. David Kemper performed the ceremony. Druzilla or "Zilla" as she was called, was about ten years younger than Flenamon. She was born about 1824. Flenamon Thompson lived to be 60 years old; he died July 21, 1874.
The children of Flenamon and Zilla Thompson were:

1. Joel b. 1840 (approximate year of birth)
2. Menville b. 1842
3. Elizabeth b. 1845
4. Edmund b. 1847
5. John b. 1849
6. Mahala b. 1853
7. Linsey b. 1856
8. Finley b. 1859
9. Virginia b. 1864
10. Maryland b. 1868

1. JOEL THOMPSON was born about 1840 and he died on April 15, 1925. He married Martha Wilson who was born about 1843 and she died January 20, 1923.

2. MENVILLE THOMPSON was born June 25, 1842 and he died August 1, 1917. On February 19, 1870 he married Rebecca Crabtree, the daughter of Wesley and Nancy Crabtree. She was born November 15, 1847 and she died September 20, 1920. Their children were:

   Martha Jane — died unmarried
   Mary Francis — m. M. Thompson
   Arnettie — n. Rev. John Dawson
   Free — n. ? Akers
   Idella — n. Jay Frazier
   Louisa — n. ?
   Myrtle — n. V. See (2nd marriage to a Mr. Porter)

4. EDMUND THOMPSON married Susan Ellen Crabtree, the daughter of Wesley and Nancy Ball Crabtree. Edmund was born in 1847 and he died August 12, 1927. Susan was born Nov. 5, 1853, she married on Jan 21, 1871, and she died May 7, 1878. Their children were:

   Henry Bascom Thompson (For more information
   Flenin Wesley Thompson on this family see
   John Linsey Thompson pages 86-90)
   Finley Benton Thompson

5. JOHN THOMPSON died of the measles as a young boy.

7. LINSEY THOMPSON, he lived to manhood but I have no information concerning him.
8. FINLEY THOMPSON, the youngest son of Flenanon Thompson, was born on June 10, 1859. As a boy he worked on his father’s farm and he later worked in a tanning yard near Ft. Gary. On the 8th day of May 1879 he married Mary Thompson. He was 19 years old and she was 20. The ceremom was performed by Rev. Solomon Crabtree. Mary’s parents were William Thompson (born about 1823) and Naoma "Onoy" Crabytree Thompson (born about 1822). Mary’s brothers and sisters were:

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Finley and Mary Thompson set up housekeeping on Hurricane Creek near Ft. Gay. They had eight children:

NAOMI married John Wesley Crabtree

PEARL married Marthe Cyrus
Children: Alfie, Gaynell, Veda, Mary Zora, Bill, Jim.

THORNTON unmarried (killed in the coal mines)

FRED married 1. Martha Cyrus 2. Emily Osburn
2. Edgar, Julia, Clifford

WILLIAM "BILL" married Rachel Elkins
Children: Marvin, Barbara, . . . ?

CURT married 1. Ruth ? 2. Vangie Crabtree
Children: 1. Oscar, Helen
2. Ishmel, Charles, Ruth, Nell, Roland, Dottie, Denver

CLARENCE married Virgie ?
Children: Billie, Ruby, Alberta, Brady

CECIL married Norma Crabtree
Mary Thompson died March 19, 1895 and was buried in the family cemetery on Hurricane Creek. On April 30, 1900, Finley Thompson married for a second time. His new wife, Annie Richardson, was 32 years old. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Solomon Crabtree at Rev. Crabtree's home. At about this same time, Finley moved to a house on Bartram Fork, near East Lynn. Several years later Finley moved back to Ft. Gay, W.Va. where he became a constable. One night, late in the year 1921, Finley Thompson was assaulted and left for dead. He was found the next morning near the Ft. Gay side of the Louisa bridge, unconscious and with a severe head wound from which he never recovered. He was confined to a bed for many weeks and finally died February 7, 1922. He was buried at the Crabtree Cemetery on Joel's Branch.
1840 Cabell County, Va. U.S. CENSUS

Findley Thompson  20-30
Wife  15-20
Flemming Thompson  20-30
Wife  15-20
Son  0-5

1850 Wayne County, Va. (WVA) U.S. CENSUS

John Thompson  76
Elizabeth  66
Menville  28

Fleming Thompson  34
Zilla  26
Joel  10
Menville  8
Elizabeth  5
Edmund  3
John  5 months
(Next door)

1860 Wayne County, Va. (WVA) U.S. CENSUS

Fleming Thompson  46
Zilla  36
Joel  20
Menville  18
Elizabeth  15
Edmund  13
John  11
Mahala  7
Linsey  5
Finley  1

1870 Wayne County, W.Va. US CENSUS

Fleming Thompson  54
Zilla  44
Edmund  22
Linsey  13
Finley  9
Virginia  6
Maryland  2
Three CRABTREE brothers came to Louisa, Ky. before the Civil War. They were BILL, HENRY, and JOHN, SR. They were originally from the Tazewell-Russell Co. area of Virginia and had settled for a while in Floyd Co. Ky.

BILL CRABTREE settled near Coal Grove, Ohio. His children were: Joshua, Walter, and Harve. Crabtree Hollow is where the family settled.

HENRY CRABTREE settled near Charleston, W.VA. His sons were: Harve, Wilkes, Henry, and Will.

The third brother was JOHN CRABTREE, SR. who was born about 1840 and died in 1915. He married Sara Keathly. He had fought in the Civil War for the North and was known as Yankee John. He settled on Cat's Fork, west of Louisa, in Lawrence Co., Ky.

John Crabtree, Sr. had four sons:

1. Jack Crabtree n. Mary Ann Crabtree
2. Harve Crabtree n. Vina Holbrook
3. Jesse Crabtree n. Stacy Crabtree (raised near Nolan, WV)
   For a time, he was a blacksmith at Hubbardstown, WV
   Children: Nancy A. b. 17 JUL 1878
            Anthony b. 17 DEC 1898
4. John Crabtree, Jr. b. 10 MAR 1863 d. 1945
   n. Mary Jane Holbrook

   Children:
   1. Charles
   2. Henry
   3. Nancy n. ? Lester
   4. Oscar n. Rhoda Marcum
      Oscar was born 1 JAN 1890
      "One of his children was Virgil Lee Crabtree
      born 31 MAR 1939. He married Willa Mae Robertson.
      Children: Steve
               Robin
This line of Crabtrees can be traced to Greenup, Kentucky in the 1860's. Members of this family later moved to Logan Co., WV to work in the mines and some settled in Huntington, WV to work in the factories, etc.

The oldest member of this line that I could identify was JAMES CRABTREE, who married Elizabeth McClung. Among their children were: William, James Jr. and Harvey.

HARVEY CRABTREE married Clerey Pritchard. Their children were:

1) William Crabtree who married Virginia Shopeard, had a son named Cecil. Cecil married Edna Vivian Myers and their children were: Robert, George, Philip, and Mary.

2) Wesley Crabtree, who died 22 MAR 1974, aged 79. He had married Rosa Lee Fraley. They had ten children.

   1. Carl
   2. Fred
   3. Martin
   4. Dallas
   5. Rev. James
   6. Curtis
   7. Rev. Marion
   8. Talnadge
   9. Lucien
   10. Rev. Andrew Crabtree m. Rena Coleman

Children:
Kenneth Ray
Dorothy Lee
Darrel Marcus
Bessie Mae
Rena Faye
Henry Mahlon Crabtree m. Ida Napier

Children:
James Edward
Henrietta
Donna Sue
Randall Lee
Kenneth Ray

The following Census record probably refers to this line but I am not certain. (1870 - Greenup Co., Ky.)

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  Anthony b. 1869

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* James & Amanda Crabtree, child John b. 1832

* James & Rhoda Crabtree, child Marion b. 1900

* J.D. Crabtree, b. 1831 d. 1895, wife: Hester

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