Crabb Book Progress

When I started the Crabb book in 1990, I thought I could complete a 500 page book in two years which would have been sometime in late 1991 or early 1992. This newsletter in two years has contacted dozens and dozens of Crabb descendants across the country and in Canada and has brought in more Crabb and allied family material than I ever dreamed existed.

About 150 Crabb and allied descendants have already reserved a copy or copies of the coming Crabb book. This figure will help determine the number of Crabb books printed. I don’t want boxes of Crabb books left over and stacked in the garage, and yet, I do want to print enough copies for all those want a book.

Last summer I had 718 rough-draft pages typed on the Crabb and allied families book. Today, about nine months later, there are 895 rough-draft pages in the Crabb book, and that doesn’t include the many pages required for the lengthy bibliography and long index of names. It will be possible (cont. page C2)


1857 Crabb Expedition

Henry Alexander Crabb of Ca., son of Judge Henry Crabb 1793-1827, of Nashville, Tn., and grandson of Col. Ralph Crabb 1760-1836, of Franklin Co., Tn., led a filibustering expedition into Sonora, Mexico in 1857 with tragic consequences. It was popular in America in the first half of the 19th century to try to take over and colonize areas of Mexico and Central America by force. These attempts were called filibustering expeditions.

I am still trying to determine whether Col. Ralph Crabb was the son of Edward Crabb 1734-c1801, and wife Ursula or the son of Henry Wright Crabb 1723-1764, and wife Ann Snowden, both of Md. Col. Ralph Crabb supposedly died in Winchester, Franklin Co., Tn., in 1836, but his tombstone is not listed in the Franklin Co. cemetery book. Does a reader have access to the 1836 newspaper records of the Winchester, Franklin Co., Tn., which might include an obituary of Col. Ralph Crabb since he was one of the founders of the town? The newspaper microfilm will probably be in the Tn. Archives in Nashville if not in Winchester. A document showing the birth date (or his age at a certain year) of Col. Ralph Crabb would probably help determine his parentage. The son of Edward Crabb was probably born in 1760, and the son of Henry Wright Crabb was probably born in around 1749.

The following is an account of the 1857 battle in Caborca, Mexico, that appeared in the 4-3-1967, Denver Post. Ruth Harrison of Fairfield, Ii., sent the newspaper clipping 2-1993. The late Willena Crabb of Smithfield, Ky., had a copy of this 1967 newspaper article in her Crabb files. The newspaper story included photographs of the Caborca church which the Crabb party tried to dynamite, a street of Caborca at the time of the April fiesta, and the 1926 plaque on the facade of the church honoring the 1857 Mexican defenders of Caborca against the North American invaders. This is only one account of the tragedy. Other accounts and details will appear in the coming Crabb book. Caborca is about 100 miles southwest of Nogales, Mexico.

“Mexico Town’s Fiesta Marks 110-Year-Old Bloodbath” by W. Thetford LeViness

Caborca, Sonora, Mexico. People of this bustling ranch community near the Arizona border are preparing for their annual April 6 fiesta. Mariachis will play, children will eat tacos and ice cream, and there will be lots of street dancing. Every year this celebration is much like any Mexican fiesta, but it differs from them all in its gory origin.

Caborca’s holiday commemorates (cont. page C2)
Subscriptions Due for 1993

Most of the 1992 Crabb newsletter subscribers have already sent in the 1993 subscription form included in the last newsletter (winter 1992-1993) with their $12 checks. I really appreciate your prompt payment so I won't have to take the time for a follow-up subscription reminder. If you forgot and still enjoy the Crabb newsletter and would like to continue receiving the quarterly, please send in your check today. I will scribble a note on the newsletter of those who haven't paid for 1993.

Crabb Book Progress (cont. from the front page)

to revise and edit down some of the 895 pages, but I still have more data to enter in the book. The book could easily reach 1,000 pages before I finish.

I have been able to identify and gather material on the following six major Crabb lines: 1. Maryland, 2. Virginia, 3. North Carolina and Georgia, 4. other various lines from England and Scotland, 5. 20 pages of German Krebs (Crabbs) who immigrated to America in the 19th. century, and 6. and about 75 pages of miscellaneous or unconnected Crabbs who probably came from Britain (see listing of these unconnected Crabbs in this newsletter).

If all the still-missing Crabb family data were known and all the allied family lines (female, wives) were complete back to the immigrant, we could publish five or ten volumes of 1000 pages each. In other words, even after the Crabb book is published, there will still be much to research and to finish. In ten years or so, if I live long enough, I hope to publish an updated 2nd edition to the Crabb book.

If you have not sent your family sheets by now or if you have additional new family data for the book, don't delay too long because one of these days I will place the final period on the last sentence and begin the stage of revising and editing and finally the compiling of the index of names. It will be very late in 1993 or more likely sometime in 1994 before I complete the book and publish it. I will mail out Crabb book-order forms about the time I finish the book. This newsletter will keep you posted on the progress on the book.

1857 Crabb Expedition (cont. from the front page)

a little-known blood-bath. For on April 6, 1857, Henry Alexander Crabb, a former Ca. state senator, surrendered here with 57 of his companions. All were US. citizens, and they were filibusters. And all but one, a 15-year-old boy, were executed the next morning- by firing squad and without trial. Later that day 16 others, on their way to reinforce Crabb and his party, were captured and shot. The slaughter continued until 81 Americans lay dead.

These killings of 110 years ago are an all-but-forgotten episode in US. relations with Mexico. Our State Department made a strong protest in Mexico City, but nothing came of it. The Buchanan administration became involved in events leading to the Civil War as months of diplomatic exchange wore on. Mexico had internal troubles, too, and a new government there couldn't be held responsible. No one was ever punished for the massacre.

Crabb, the son of a Tennessee slave owner, migrated to Ca. during the gold rush. There he entered politics and soon won his legislative seat. And he married a daughter of Manuel Ainsa, a Spanish merchant who lived in San Francisco and had political connections in Sonora. Frustrated in a try for the US. Senate in 1856, Crabb turned his attention to intrigue in this northern Mexican state. Sonora was controlled by ex-royalists, families who had resisted Mexico's War against Spain in 1810-1812, and were still in power in the 1850s, after lands to the north had been ceded to the United States.

Ignacio Pesqueira, a popular young army officer, wanted a change. He had little backing and couldn't finance a revolution, but one of his followers offered to seek help from Crabb's father-in-law in San Francisco. Manuel Ainsa had lost properties in Sonora, but he refused to aid Pesqueira. Instead, he told Crabb of the situation. Soon there was talk of a colony.

Under Mexican law, US. citizens could colonize, and Pesqueira saw the colony plan as a way to win his revolt. So he offered Crabb a colony concession in exchange for a boat load of war supplies and some gold. Whether this was a decisive factor in Pesqueira's campaign is not clear, but early in 1857 his faction triumphed. He became de facto governor, but promptly repudiated Crabb.

He warned Crabb to stay out of Mexico. But by then Crabb had recruited around 100 would-be colonists from the San Francisco area, and they were ready to leave for Sonora. An additional group of about 900 had promised to go by boat and land at Puerto Libertad on the gulf coast near Caborca. Crabb now had no intention of giving up the colony idea.

His men were mostly rough-hewn adventurers who had gone to Ca. in the gold rush and failed. Disillusioned, they were ready for almost any get-rich-quick proposal. The scheme to obtain free acreage in lush farm valleys of Sonora had its appeal.

They went by boat to Los Angeles and by March 25 were in Sonoyta, on the boundary opposite what is now Lukeville, Az. There they were told they couldn't go farther. Crabb sent a letter to the military authorities in Sonora, stating he was determined to colonize and would resist attempts to prevent him. The party was heavily armed - a fact mentioned repeatedly later in diplomatic wrangling over the massacre.

Crabb sent a letter of his men to Tucson for help, and left four others at Sonoyta. Only about 65 began the dry, dusty march into Mexico. They arrived on the outskirts of Caborca April 1. The 900 who were to land at Puerto Libertad and make up the bulk of the colony never left San Francisco. Crabb and his men were alone in a hostile country.

The letter from Sonoyta went by courier ahead of the Crabb party, and Pesqueira issued a call to arms. All Sonora was aroused. There had been trouble with filibusters along the US.
break and run for the border, fighting their way if necessary. But April 6, however, more Mexican troops arrived. Crabb and his

The book presents various accounts of American Southwestern pioneers besides Henry Alexander Crabb: four “Rough Times on the Border.” The Gadsden colonizing expedition to Sonora, Mexico, in chapter four “Rough Times on the Border.” The Gadsden Purchase had been ratified in 1854, and many thought that Mexico would eventually be settled by Americans. The book presents various accounts of American Southwestern pioneers besides Henry A. Crabb.

Rhoda and I discovered other newspaper clippings on Henry A. Crabb and his expedition in the Tennessee archives in Nashville on our fall 1991 genealogical trip to the Midwest and East Coast. These too will be included in the Crabb book.

According to the Arizona obituaries card catalog file in the Mormon library in Mesa, Az., the following newspapers contain articles about Henry Alexander Crabb: Arizona Sentinel of 12-22-1877, 1:3; Tucson Post of 11-7-1908, 3:3; and the Star of 12-11-1910, sec. 2, 1:1. Does a reader in the Phoenix area have time to look up and make copies of the Henry Alexander Crabb stories in these three old newspapers which must be in the state library or archives?

If you have old newspaper clippings or see stories in your newspaper about Crabb descendants, please send copies to the editor. Also, do you have old Crabb descendant’s letters from the time of the Civil War, the Great Depression, WWII, etc. that show the human and personal side of life? These give life to the newsletter and the Crabb book.

**Four Crabb Brothers in WWII**

The last issue of the newsletter contained a story about four Mississippi Crabb brothers who fought in the Civil War, three on the Confederate side and one on the Union side. Brother Joseph “Josie” Crabb was captured in 1863 near Vicksburg in the siege of that city and died in the Union prison camp at Point Lookout, Md., which is located on the southern tip of Md. My brother, Dan Prall, of Annopolis, Md., wrote that the Annapolis Library has a 1972 book by Edwin Beitzell entitled Point Lookout Prison Camp for Confederates. In the book, Joseph Crabb is listed as one of the Confederates who died in the camp. The book indicated that the cemetery has been moved a couple of times because of wave erosion at coastal Point Lookout. Today, there don’t seem to be individual markers, just a large monument to the Civil War dead.

A parallel story of the four Civil War Crabb brothers is that of four Crabb brothers from Williamsburg, Ks., who served in WWII. Needless to say, these four fought on the same side against the Axis powers in Europe and the Pacific. Like the Confederate brothers, one died in the war.

Robert L. Crabb, son of the late Jeremiah Edward Crabb Jr. 1890-1966, and Grace Hallenbeck 1892-1992, was stationed in England and completed 30 bombing missions in B-24 bombers over Nazi Germany with the 354th squadron and was free to return to the states, but instead he volunteered to stay on in England as a fighter pilot flying P51 Mustangs with the 354th fighter squadron. 1st Lt. Robert L. Crabb was killed while on a training flight in May of 1945 just as the war in Europe was ending.

Oldest son, Ed Crabb, today living in Williamsburg, Ks., was drafted into the army in late 1941 just before Pearl Harbor. In the 9th Ordnance Company, he served in the Nov. 1942 invasion of North Africa, the July 1943 campaign in Sicily, the Sept. 1943 landing in Italy, the Jan. 1944 landing at Anzio, Italy, the Aug. 1944 landing in Southern France, and finally the winter of 1944-45 campaign in Southern Germany. Ed was discharged with the rank of 2nd Lt.
of sergeant in Sept. 1945 after serving four long years in the Mediterranean and Europe without seeing Ks.

Second son, Hugh Crabb of Cocoa, Fl., enlisted the army in May of 1937 but changed to the navy and submarines in June of 1940. Hugh was stationed on a submarine in Australia at the time of Pearl Harbor. He was a seaman on the submarine USS. Spearfish in May of 1942 when it took the last survivors off Corregidor before the surrender of the island to the Japanese [see front page story in summer 1992 Crabb Newsletter]. During WWII, Hugh served as an electrician on many submarine patrols in the Pacific. His job was to see that the banks of batteries were charged for underwater operation. It was five years before he saw the states or his parents in Kansas. Remember that Hawaii was not a state in 1945. Hugh went on to make a career out of the Navy.

Youngest son, William “Bill” Crabb enlisted in the Navy in the fall of 1942 with the provision that he could finish one year of college. He entered Naval officers training in July of 1943 and was scheduled to join the war in the Pacific, but the bomb was dropped on Japan before he shipped out. Bill served in the Pacific and went on to finish his term of enlistment in Sept. of 1946 before returning to Ks. Bill was one who encouraged his two brothers to record and send their WWII experiences. The coming Crabb book will contain a more complete story of the WWII record of the four Kansas Crabb brothers. All three of the surviving brothers attended the Crabb reunion in Ottawa, Ks., in June of 1991.

Write for your ancestor’s military record and then search for a book on the history of the regiment or unit in which he or she served. By putting the personal and regimental history together, you can compile a fairly complete story of your ancestor’s military service. State, county, and state libraries may have the regimental history books, especially those of the Civil War. To order the proper forms for the search, write-Reference Services Branch (NNIR), National Archives and Records Service, 8th and Pa. Ave. NW., Washington, DC. 20408.

Once you mail in the proper forms, and the archivist discovers microfilm records of your ancestor, there will be a few dollars charge depending on how much they find. You usually need your ancestor’s specific military unit and the state from which he or she served to get a positive reply. This form is good for wars from the Rev. to the Spanish American War. Of course, there is another form for service in WWI and all later wars. Nat. Personnel Records Center (Military Records), GSA, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132. Good luck in your search.

Reader Survey Results

The last issue of the newsletter contained a reader survey along with the subscription renewal form. Thanks to all those who took the time to answer the survey and mail it in along with their 1993 subscription check. About 60 surveys were returned to date. The results are listed by survey question number.

#1. All those who responded noted that the newsletter arrived in good condition. This was somewhat of a surprise since the newsletter is mailed without an envelope to save expense, and only one staple is used to hold the pages together. I use the computer address mailing program (MacEnvelope) to print the addresses on the back of the newsletter to same time and expense. Perhaps the postal service is better than we think.

#2. Although the majority of newsletters are read by one person, quite a number arrive and are read by two and three in the family. A few arrive in mail boxes where they are read by four, five, eight, even 10 family members. One survey reply said that 50 family members read the newsletter. Now that is getting the Crabb story out to the family. I should have asked in the survey how many keep the newsletter in a folder or binder for future reference or donate it to a local library. Perhaps that’s a good question for the next survey.

#3. All except four said they read the entire newsletter.

#4. This question asked the reader to circle the categories which were most interesting- stories-articles, contemporary news, queries, or family charts. The results were fairly evenly divided with some adding the topic “all.” Stories-articles received a few more votes than the others with contemporary news a slightly lower vote. Contemporary news in the newsletter becomes a permanent record of births, marriages, deaths, etc. for future generations, but it is only interesting if you have close family members included.

#5. Of the following types of writings: queries, cemeteries, 1850 census, allied families, Crabb marriages before 1900, Crabb poems, famous Crabbs, or Crabbbs in the wars, the survey results to date indicated that the majority favored more space for famous Crabbs and Crabbs in the wars with less space for Crabb poems and the 1850 census with the other categories receiving an average number of votes. (See more on this topic in the story in this issue “Newsletter’s 2nd Anniversary.”)

#6. All who replied said that the print size was easy to read. The type and size of printing usually used in the newsletter is Times font size 12 and is close to that of many books. This font allows more words per page and thus more information and news in the newsletter. Most people don’t become interested in the family history until they are middle aged and have poorer eyesight than they did as youths. It was good to learn that the print of the newsletter is easily read.

#7. About half who returned the survey wanted to see more photographs in the newsletter, but the other half circled no. If I ever decide to spend $1,000 for a scanner for my Macintosh computer, I would then be able to reproduce easily-recognizable old photographs in the newsletter. Until that time comes, the newsletter will rely mainly on the printed word, in spite of the fact
"that a picture is worth a 1,000 words." The usual Xerox coping process produces only poor to fair copies of newsletter photographs. A computer page or photo scanner with a good computer program would make it possible to enhance the shades of gray in old black and white family photos and compensate for some of the quality lost in copying.

Questions #8 & #9 requested your complaints and suggestions. I sincerely appreciated those who took the time to write all their complaints and suggestions. Some even wrote paragraphs on the back of the survey page. Thanks! Sample suggestions are as follows: give lists of books to aid in further research, Xeroxed photos aren't clear enough to identify, more documents, you are doing a great job, thanks for asking our opinion, keep up the good work, more on Southern Crabbs, more indices of various sorts, liked the listing of names and addresses with their lines to give us a chance to make contact with others of our line, less current news, etc.

I will use this survey to try to make the newsletter better and more interesting. But don't wait for the next survey; if you have suggestions to make the newsletter better, mail them immediately to the editor. Even more importantly, if you have a good story or information for the newsletter, send it to the editor.

Basil Crabb Update

On page B26 of the fall Crabb newsletter were a couple of paragraphs asking for more information concerning Basil Crabb born in 1772, the son of Edward and Ursula Crabb of Prince George's Co., Md. A Basil Crabb was in the 1800 census of Nicholas Co., Ky., and I discovered in the Ky. Historical Library and Ky. Archives in Frankfort, Ky., in the fall of 1991 that Basil was on the voter and tax payer lists of Nicholas Co. from 1800 to 1810, and he sold 100A of land on the Fork of Beaver Creek in Nicholas Co. in 1811.

The microfilm copy of the 1811 deed of 100A was very difficult to read, and it looked like Basil was living in Ohio in 1881 in a county that looked something like "Mtronor." "Mtronor" doesn't seem to come close to the name of any Ohio county.

Recently, I stumbled onto a copy of a 1980 letter from the late Mrs. Benjamin Franklin (Willena) Crabb of Smithfield, Ky., written to Sarah Lucas, now of the Houston, Tex., area. Willena's letter stated that Basil went west to Muhlenberg Co., Ky., but she did not give a source. Muhlenberg does look roughly like the word "Mtronor."

If you have information on Basil Crabb and his possible settlement in Muhlenberg Co., Ky., or access to the Ky. state (at Frankfort) or county records (at Greenville), please let the editor know. Nicholas Co. is in northeast Ky. near Lexington, and Muhlenberg Co. is west of Bowling Green in western Ky. I don't have access to very good Ky. records in Albuquerque. Someday, we may solve the disappearance of Basil Crabb and his possible descendants.

Gen. Crabb Portrait Update

Guy Roop of Santa Barbara, Ca., phoned and wrote in Dec. that he has a painting of Gen. Jeremiah Crabb 1760-1800. Guy said that it is a family tradition that the fort and flag in the background of the portrait are Fort McHenry at the entrance to Baltimore's harbor and that Gen. Crabb was there when the British attacked in 1812. Guy wrote that this tradition couldn't be true since Gen. Crabb died twelve years before this battle that made Francis Scott Key famous and produced the Star Spangled Banner. Guy is a descendant of Gen. Crabb through his daughter Sarah Griffith Crabb who married Philemon Griffith.

This is not the Gen Jeremiah Crabb portrait found on p142 of the 1988 book by Wm. G. Cook, edited by Mrs. Carol-jean Webster, entitled Montpelier and the Snowden Family. Gen. Crabb's father, Henry Wright Crabb, married into the well-known Snowden family of Maryland. The National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC., contacted the party in Tx. who has this portrait, supposedly by famous Rev. War portrait painter John Trumbull, but the Texas owner of this portrait has not replied. Guy Roop who has the second painting did reply and even subscribed to the Crabb newsletter. Guy offered to make a transparency of the portrait to include in the coming Crabb book, and he is sending family sheets on his Crabb line.

More Crabb Place Names

Karen E. Martin of Tempe, Az., sent information 12-1992, about two Crabb place names. The first school that her father James Francis Horine attended was the Crabb country school in Macomb, McDonough Co., Ill. James b. 1914, married 1-2-1942, Canton, Mo., Ella May Crabb. Ella May was the dau. of James Middleton Crabb 1857-1896, and Ella Quin. Karen believes that her Crabb line goes back to John Crabb 1636-1691, and Temperance Gerrard of the Va. Crabb line. That area of Macomb Township, Section 16, McDonough Co., Ill., where her family lived was called Crabb Twn (or Crabb Settlement). The area of Crabb Town was first settled by John M. Crabb 1792-1865, of Westmoreland Co., Va., in 1836.

I find the Illinois Crabb Town very interesting because my great-grandfather moved to Swan Creek, Warren Co., Ill., in 1865 after his service in Company I of the 11th Illinois Cavalry during the Civil War. Swan Creek is only 15 or so miles north of Macomb. Did my Maryland Crabb ancestors know about Karen's Virginia Crabb ancestors? They may have. Rhoda and I drove through the Macomb and the Swan Creek area of Warren Co., Ill., last August, but at the time did not know about the Va. Crabb line in Macomb. Please send information about other Crabb place names for the newsletter.
A list of “unconnected” Crabbs was published in the summer 1992 newsletter, and quite a number of readers wrote and identified about seventeen of the 89 “unconnected” and tied them to the correct Crabb line or pushed the line back a generation or two. Now there are 68 left in the following list to be identified. Thanks for helping to eliminate these Crabbs from the miscellaneous chapter of the Crabb book and placing them with their correct family lines. I still have 87 pages of “unconnected” Crabbs who need to be properly placed in the Crabb book.

Please study the following list carefully, and if you know where the named Crabb fits in the Maryland or Virginia Crabb line or how they fit in another Crabb line, please write as soon as possible with all the information you have.

About 10 of the original list of 89 Crabbs were born in England or Scotland, and the new “unconnected” list omits these ten British Crabb lines. The current plan is to include a separate chapter in the Crabb book for just those Crabb lines born in England and Scotland, except for the major Maryland and Virginia Crabb lines which also came from the British Isles. Much additional research will be required in the records of England, Scotland, and this country to determine any relationship of all the British Crabbs. In other words, someone needs to write a book on the Crabbs of the British Isles.

In some cases I have pages and pages on the descendants of the following Crabbs but no way to time them to other Crabb lines. If you sent in some of the following names and now know more about their forefathers, please send me the additional details.

Please go through your Crabb family sheets and files and see if you have another generation back in time that might make a connection to a known Crabb line. If you have an educated guess as to where the listed Crabb fits in the Crabb ancestry, please send that too. In many cases the date and place of birth, death, and marriage are unknown as well as the unknown parentage.

The names are listed in the random order as they appear in the present “Unconnected” chapter. The state abbreviations on right is where they or their descendants lived.

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33. Thomas Crabb m. Wealthy Ann Bear
34. Charles E. Crabb m. Lauretta Belle Sickles
35. Daniel Crabb b. c1820, m. Mary Ellen Wyatt
37. Harry T. Crabb 1871-1950, m. Maltda T. Treppe
38. James Henry Crabb b. 1842 Mo., m. Missouri's Isabella Barnhill
39. James A. Crabb m. Mary Daughtery
40. John H. Crabb m. Nancy Arbuckle
41. Cecil Chester Crabb m. Bessie Louise Stayton
42. Francis M. Crabb 1869-1926, m. 1903 Ks., Caroline Hill
43. George Crabb m. 1845, Sarah Shepard
44. Wm. Crabb(e) b. 1854 Canada
45. John Wert Crabb of SD., m. Olga Dorinsen
46. George Crabb 1842-1927 Co., m. Susan Wright
47. Henry Crabb b. 1797 Ct., m. c1818 NY, Sally ---
48. Henry L. Crabb b. c1802 NY., m. 1846, Eliz. Martencse
49. Ben Crabb m. Candis Eliz. Loosli
50. Abraham Crabb m. Martha Ann Alexander
52. John Crabb(e) m. Jerilyn ---
53. Henry Crabb 1865-1944, m. Martha McNiel
54. John Crabb b. 1830 In., d. 1889
55. Rev. James Crabb 1797-1858, m. Nancy Middleton
56. M. A. Crabb b. 1856, m. Sarah A. ---
57. Wm. Elliott Crabb b. 1937, m. Helen Louise Crabb
58. Lottie Crabb b. 1940, m. Patricia H. ---
59. Odle Louis Crabb b. 1833 Ct., m. 1857, Emma Louisa Mills
60. Donald Ray Crabb b. 1820 In., m. 1857, Ruth Carol Gustin
61. John Crabb b. 1741 NY., d. NB., Canada, m. Eliz. Bassett
62. Wm. H. Crabb m. Ellen Fitchett
63. George Nelson Crabb 1881-1971, m. 1901, Effie Jane Edwards
64. Richard Crabb d. 1768 NY.
65. Wm. K. Crabb 1858-1938, m. Ella O. Howard
66. Francis E. Crabb 1867-1920, m. Sarah J. McIntosh
67. Mary Crabb d. 1836 Md., m. Robert Sands
68. S. F. Crabb b. NC., d. 1858 Ms., m. Mary A. Matthews b. Va., d. 1858 Ms. NC., Va., Ms.

Please send information and details on parents and ancestors of the above Crabbs. If you sent family sheets on this Crabb, I don't need to see the same family sheets and data a second time unless you have new information. With 87 pages of the above 68 "unconnected" Crabbs with unknown parents, you can readily see that I need help in learning more about these Crabbs before I publish the Crabb book. Please look through your Crabb files and family sheets for answers. Who are the parents of the above?

Contemporary Crabb News

Please send the news of Crabb and allied family births, marriages, anniversaries, graduations, deaths, reunions, awards, and other current news to editor Richard D. Prall, 14104 Piedras Rd. NE., Albuquerque, NM. 87123, phone- 505-299-8386. Remember to read your local newspapers for Crabb stories and news. Back issues of the newsletter are $3 per issue. Subscribers may submit free queries to the newsletter.

New Descendants

Tyler Robert Keeney was born 8-4-1992, at Yuba City, Ca., the son of Terry Keeney & Carolyn Ann Ankenman. Carolyn is a descendant of Priscilla Sprigg Crabb 1811-1846, & Daniel Holeman of the Maryland Crabb line. Viva Hutchens of Hendley, Ne., sent the details of this birth plus the following two births.
C8  Timothy Ryan Ankenman was born 7-2-1992, at Boise, Id., to Michael Alan Ankenman & Denise Darcel Phelps.

Aaron Quinn Ankenman was born 1-11-1992, at Las Vegas, Nv., to Mark Aaron Ankenman & Lynne Irene Bezona.

Kory David Wait was born 2-8-1993, at Seymour, In., to David Wait & Lori Murphy. Kory is the grandson of Irving S. Wait & Carol Clause of Seymour and a descendant of Charles Crabb & Susannah Smith of Jackson Co., In.

Marriages-
Kathleen Kay Ledford Rios married Tollie Stevens Jr., on 12-6-1992, in Dallas, Tx. Kathleen is the daughter of Jack M. Ledford and Mary Ellen Crabb of Irving, Tx. Mary Ellen is of the Joseph Crabb b. 1805 and Katherine Rogers Va. Crabb line. Also attending the wedding were the children of Kathleen by a first marriage, Victoria Maris Rios, Eliz. Kay Rios, Jessica Ann Rios, and David Robert Rios.

Rupert McIver Crabb III married Nancy Pummill on 1-23-1993. Sister Beth Crabb of Alamo, Tx., sent the information 3-1993. They are double Crabb descendants and their ancestors are the Rev. James Crabb 1797-1858 of Tx., and John Crabb b. 1830 In., d. 1889.

Anniversaries-
Thomas Audie Crabb and Dorothy Pauline Ryan celebrated their 50th anniversary on 9-26-1992, at Baldwyn, Ms. They were honored by their two children, Tommy and Jimmy Crabb, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Thomas Audie Crabb is the son of James Oliver Crabb 1885-1943, and Mary Brown, and the grandson of Thomas Asberry Crabb 1861-1940, of the Joseph Crabb b. 1805 and Katherine Rogers Va. Crabb line.

Subscribers Kenneth O. Stevenson and Ruth E. DeRuyter of New Kensington, Pa., celebrated their 50th anniversary 9-9-1992. Kenneth is a Sprigg descendant and has sent me a great deal of information on the Maryland Sprigg family. Ralph Crabb c1694-1734, of Prince George's Co., Md., married Priscilla Sprigg in 1716. One chapter of the Crabb book will be on the Sprigg family. Attending the gathering were their six children and three of their four grandchildren.

Graduation-
Jenell Crabb of Weatherford, Tx., wrote that she and husband Norman attended their son Sherman Crabb's Marine Boot Camp graduation in San Diego, Ca., on Jan. the 8th. Sherman graduated Platoon Honorman in his group and made private first class.

In Memory of-
Gladys M. Lawell, 92, died 2-23-1993, in Seymour, In. She was a lifelong resident of Jackson Co., In. Gladys was the daughter of Abram V. Lawell and Flora Crabb. Burial was at Riverview Cem., Seymour, In. Cousin Carol Wait of Seymour sent the newspaper obituary.

Roscoe Carrol Crabb died 12-11-1992, in Waco, Tx. He was born in Ore City, Tx., in 1912 the son of Elmer Crabb 1878-1960, and Orva John. R. Carrol Crabb is of the "D" Crabb line, that is Jeremiah Crabb 1769-1840, of Ky. R. Carrol is survived by wife Dorothy Crabb, son Stephen Carroll Crabb, brother Houston L. Crabb, and sister Betty M. Withoff.

New Subscribers for 1993-
1. Keith Bradley, 8958 Park, Lenexa, Ks. 66215. Line- F, Priscilla S. Crabb Holeman of II.
   & John Crabb b. 1830 In., d. 1889, descended from two Crabb lines.
4. Dr. & Mrs. Joe Crabb, 20319 Arrow Cove Dr., Humble, Tx. 77346 1650. Line- Hillary Mercer Crabb of Tx., and Benj. Seward Crabb Sr. 1866-1934.
8. Helen Johnson, 4618 Lake Highland, The Colony, Tx. 75056. Line - A
9. Ruth Smith, 1009 180th, Ackworth, la. 50001. Line - A

Correction- Wayne and Linda Crabb of Milwaukie, Or., were listed twice in the Crabb directory of subscribers in the last newsletter, once under Wayne and again under Lawrence Wayne Crabb. Sorry for the duplication.

Crabb Serves in the Texas Legislature-
Joe Fred Crabb of Humble, Tx., was elected to serve as a state representative in the Texas legislature and took the oath of office 1-12-1992, according to a letter from his wife, Nancy L. Crabb. Joe is from the Enoch Crabb line of NC., and the grandson of Benjamin Seward Crabb 1866-1932, and the son of James Mercer Crabb 1901-1978, & Lottie B. Williams of Houston, Tx.

Joe Crabb, the Winningest Girls High School Basketball Coach in Oklahoma-
Peggy Bielich of Mangum, Ok., sent 1-1993, a clipping from the 11-25-1992, USA Today which stated that the winningest girls' coach in Oklahoma in 1992 is Joe Crabb, brother of Peggy, who has 470 wins and 175 losses. Joe coaches at Cordell, Ok.

Emile Holeman Appointed to the PER Board of Trustees in Oregon-
Mildred E. Warner of Albany, Or., wrote that Emile Holeman was appointed by Gov. Roberts to the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees recently. Emile of Pendleton, Or., is a descendant of Priscilla Sprigg Crabb 1811-1846, of Il., and husband Daniel Holeman. Emile operated the Holeman Texaco in Pendleton from 1960 to 1991, served on the Pendleton City Council, the Pendleton School Board, and is currently a Umatilla County Commissioner.

Crabb Names Available from the 1880 and 1900 Texas Soundex-
Betty Kastrop, 1105 Winchester Circle, Kilgore, Tx. 75662-3450, phone- 903-984-3824, has spent many hours, days, and weeks researching all the Crabb names in the 1880 and 1900 census soundex for the state of Texas and recording them by counties. If you have Texas Crabb relatives who might be in these two censuses, contact Betty by phone or mail. Include a stamped #10 envelope. There may be a small charge for the information because of the weeks of work to dig the data out of the reels of soundex microfilm. Betty, someday you might send the editor a copy or let me know what you would take for a copy. It might be possible to publish the soundex data in future issues of the Crabb newsletter. Let me know what you think.

Queries-
1. Wm. T. Crabb b. 1862, m. Martha Ellen Harvey b. 1873, were living in Yell Co., Ar., in 1893. Wm. T. is the son of Wm. P. Crabb and Eliz. Home, and Martha Ellen is the dau. of John Harvey and Lula Duncan. Mary Ellen Crabb Ledford, 702 Fouts Dr., Irving, Tx. 75061 4126, needs information on this and the names in the next two queries.
2. Roxie B. Narcissus Crabb m. 3-27-1876, Prentiss Co., Ms., E. Carroll "Kyle" Wroten. Roxie may have been the dau. of Joseph Crabb and Katherine Rogers.
3. Rosa (Rosey) Crabb b. 1854 Ms., d. 1922 Ms., m. C. C. Lester b. 1851, d. 1915 Ms. Their children were- Bud, Lum, Willie, Mary, Ida, Maggie, Levada, Clint, Rosa, and Fred.
4. Peggy Crabb Bielich, 1509 Glenn Ave., Mangum, Ok. 73554, seeks information on the Crabb family of Fentress Co., Tn., prior to 1840. Also, do you know anything about Edward C. Crabb who is listed in the 1860 Madison Co., Tx., mortality list? He was born in Va. and died of typhoid fever at the age of 57.
5. Need parents of John Henry Wm. Crabb b. 11-20-1877 in either Ar. or Tx. May have lived in the Pauls Valley of Ok. May be related to Asberry Green Crabb. John Henry Wm. Crabb lived on a farm near Belton, Tx., died of lockjaw when his children were very young, and married Pearl Pricer Crabb Bonner who remarried. Teresa Crabb, 217 Crescent, Hewitt, Tx. 76643, is waiting for information on this Crabb.
6. Drop the editor a card or letter if you know the identity of the James Crabb who illustrated the magazine article entitled “Fooling Around in Harlan, Ia., by Zibby Oneal that is found in the July 1972 issue of Ford Times. Four James Crabb paintings are in the six-page magazine story. It would be great to identify this Crabb artist. Ruth Harrison of Fairfield, Il., sent a copy of the article in Feb.
7. Carolee Crabb, 2210 10th, Two Rivers, Wi. 54241 3710, is looking for the Illinois birth place of Lizzie Crabb who was born in late 1863 or early 1864 to Robert & Johanna Crabb who were married in Milwaukee, Wi., 2-1863. Lizzie’s brother George was b. 1865. Carolee would also like information on Daniel Crabb who was living in Milwaukee, Wi., in 1866 with Christopher and his brother Robert. Is Dan a brother to the other two? Chris was 22y and had fought in the Civil War. Robert was 33y, married, and with children Lizzie and George.

8. Barbara C. Clemmons, Box 90, Port Bolivar, Tx. 77650, would like more information on the ancestry and line of Asa Crabb b. Halifax Co., NC., d. 1846. He served in the Rev. War and was granted land in Polk Co. (formerly Paulding Co.), Ga. His first wife may have been named Pheneby, but in 1846 he was married to Theriba who was listed in the 1850 Polk Co., Ga., census. His sons were Samuel, Wm. D., Burton, and James.

Future Iowa Crabb Reunion for the Summer of 1994?

A number of Iowa Crabb descendants are considering a potluck picnic sometime during the summer of 1994. The idea started with descendants of Dan Crabb and Josie Greenfield of Milo, Ia., and now descendants of Thomas W. Crabb and Susan Coons of Warren Co., Ia., are interested. Other Iowa Crabb lines may want to become involved. Please drop me a post card or letter and let me know: 1. if you are interested in attending a 1994 summer picnic. 2. which part of the summer would be best for you. 3. and ideas for the program and schedule.

Because most of the Warren Co., Ia., Crabbs descended from Thomas W. Crabb who lived and died in Milo, Ia., we will first focus on the town of Milo. This summer while Rhoda and I are visiting in Warren Co., I will try to settle on a site in Milo if possible and schedule a time based on the cards and letters I receive from you before then. I will look into a hall or church to rent in case of rain. Last Sept. Rhoda and I attended an Iowa Prall picnic in Warren Co. in the rain. It is difficult to visit Crabb relatives in the rain and at the same time keep your fried chicken and mashed potatoes from washing off the side of your paper plate. Milo is still a small town about 25 miles southeast of Des Moines, and I doubt if there are motels except in the nearby county seat of Indianola or city of Des Moines. Amtrak runs through southern Iowa, and Des Moines has a major airport for those former Iowa Crabbs who like myself now live outside the state.

The Iowa gathering could be a one-day affair, or it could involve a weekend. One day could be set aside for sharing family history, visiting Crabb sites and cemeteries, etc. Let me know if you are interested in just a picnic on a Sun. or Sat. or want to spend the weekend.

Those of you in other states may want to consider organizing a reunion in your area. If so, I could help by placing a notice in this newsletter or having names and addresses that you could use. It is too bad that all Crabb cousins don’t attempt annual reunions or at least occasional ones.