

## John Crowley Family

JOHN CROWLEY was born 1767 in Halifax County, Virginia and died 15 November 1847 in Clay County, Missouri and was buried in the Crowley Cemetery. It is said he had 88 grandchildren when he died. John was the second son of Samuel Crowley and Elizabeth Strong. The eldest James had 57 grandchildren at his death. They were brothers of Mary Crowley who married James Kimsey.(I)

John Crowley married 1/ about 1786 in Henry County, Virginia to Elizabeth McClain, the daughter of Thomas McClain who served in the Revolutionary War in Ohio under Col. George Rogers Clark in the Vincennes Expedition and was one of those who turned down an offer of Illinois land for his services in the attack on the British there. He later lived on Rockcastle Creek making horseshoes for the militia while living in Henry County as a blacksmith. John Crowley's brother James Crowley married 1786 to Mary McClain, sister of Elizabeth. Many marriages of Henry County, Virginia were destroyed years ago. John Crowley's marriage was not found.

In 1790, John and Elizabeth Crowley left Henry County and moved to Wilkes/Oglethorpe District of Georgia and remained there until about 1798 when he and his wife Elizabeth and their six children moved to Powell Valley, Tennessee. He owned land in Campbell and Claiborne Counties. John was a member of the Davis Creek Baptist Church in 1797 Powell Valley and paid taxes that year in Grainger County, Tennessee along with his younger brother, William Crowley.

Elizabeth McClain died about 181\_ and John remained single until after removing to Missouri. He then married 2/ to Margaret {Munkers?} and she was John's widow. Wash Crowley, a son of Margaret, continued to live on the old home place after his father's death in 1847 until after the Civil War.

The first election was held in 1822 in the eastern part of Clay County, Missouri at the home of James Munkers. James Dagley was elected constable. They were brothers-in-law, having married daughters of John Crowley.

On 19 March 1836, John Crowley and Margaret his wife sold to Hiram Sneed, 160 acres, being the East half of the NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 51, Range 32. The land was granted to Thomas Crowley on 9 November 1825.

The children of John<sup>3</sup> Crowley (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>) and 1/ Elizabeth McClain:

1) Jeremiah Crowley, b. 17 Nov 1787 in Henry Co, Va; d. 1/4 Jan 1860 in Ray Co, Mo; m. about 1809 in Campbell Co, Tn to Mary Cary, b. 18 Jan 1785 in VA; d. 17 May 1870 in Ray Co. Jeremiah Crowley the eldest son of John Crowley first came to what is now Carroll County, Missouri and removed to Ray County by 1821 (Tax list). He became the founder of a large Crowley group in the Rayville area; they were the parents of John Crowley II, b. 27 Sep 1810 in Powell Valley, Tn; d. 30 Aug 1880 in Ray Co, Mo; m. 1/ Nancy Jane Curtis who died from exposure trying to save a drowning child when son S.K. Crowley was a child. Solomon Kimsey Crowley was born 1 Nov 1833 in Ray Co, Mo; d. 26 Apr 1915 Oregon; m. Hannah Rebecca Fulkerson (1838-1931). Solomon was named after Rev. Solomon Kimsey, born 28 Feb 1799 in Patrick Co, Va; d. 1860 in Maries Co, Mo; a circuit minister; son of Benjamin Kimsey and Agnes Lane.

Etna Cemetery located about four miles north of Rickreall, (Polk Co, Or) just west of Highway 99 West, in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 4 West:

Solomon Kimsey Crowley, born 1 Nov 1833; died 26 Apr 1915  
Hannah R. Fulkerson Crowley, born 1838; died 1931 (wife of S.K.)  
John F. Crowley, born 15 Jun 1861; died 17 Jan 1897  
Solomon H. Crowley, born 1866; died 1945  
Laura V. Crowley, born 1860; died 1939; (wife of Solomon)  
Manson Kimsey Crowley, died 8 Jul 1946, age 77y, 3m, 16d  
Ida May Crowley, born 16 Apr 1871; died 15 Mar 1960; wife of Manson  
Rena May Crowley, born 1892; died 1893  
John Crowley, born 27 Sep 1810; died 31 Aug 1880  
Elizabeth Crowley, born 4 Aug 1825; died 14 Jan 1872  
David Crowley, born 1835; died 1885  
Arminta Crowley, born 27 Nov 1854; died 23 Nov 1871, dau of J.& E.  
Laura Crowley, died 16 Jan 1889, age 2y; dau of Dr. J.M. & E.L.  
Sarah H. Crowley, died 25 Sep 1885, age 4y; dau of Dr. J.M. & E.L.  
Infant Crowley, died 19 Jul 1868; child of J.R. & M.C.  
Sallie E. Crowley, born 20 Oct 1872; died 15 Sep 1873, dau of J.R. & M.C.

2) Sarah Crowley, b. 1789 in Henry Co, Va; d. after 1847 in Holt Co, Mo; m. John Smith

3) Samuel Crowley "Little Sam," b. 20 Jun 1791 in Wilkes Co, Ga; d. 7 Mar 1873 in Linn Co, Ore; m. 20 Jan 1811 Claiborne Co, Tn to Susanna McInnich. Sam Crowley was in Clay County in its days. He removed 1835 to what is now Andrew County and was appointed judge there when organized in 1841.

4) Agnes "Nancy" Crowley, b. 11 May 1794 (tombstone) TN (census); d. 6 Aug 1883 Clay Co, Mo; buried Elisha Cameron Cemetery; married while the families were in the Powell Valley area of Tennessee to James Munkers, b. 20 Jan 1788 NC; d. 1 Mar 1854 in Clay Co, age 66; son of James Munkers and Jemima Cameron.

5) John Calvin Crowley, b. 1796 Tn; d. enroute to Oregon Territory in 1846; m. Malissa Thorp

6) Thomas McClain Crowley, b. 1798 Grainger Co, TN (Powell Valley); d. 1846 on Oregon Trail; namesake of his grandfather, Thomas McClain; m. 3 Aug 1820 Ray Co, Mo to Catherine Linville, daughter of Richard Linville. After the widow Catherine arrived in Oregon, she married 2/ 1848 to James M. Fulkerson.

7) Dorcas Crowley, b. 1800 Powell Valley, Tn; d. before prior to 1830; m. 29 Jul 1818 in Howard Co, Mo to James Dagley by James Zevely, JP. Their daughter Elizabeth Dagley (b.1822) married 1837 to Rev. Joseph Warren Turnidge, b. in Missouri and died 1857 in Linn Co, Or. He was a Hardshell Primitive Baptist preacher who worked with Rev/Elder William Simpson in the organization of the Unity Baptist Churches in Oregon. Their wives, Elizabeth Dagley Turnidge and Mary Kimsey Simpson were cousins. James Dagley and Dorcas Crowley married 1818 in Howard County, Missouri; later to Clay Co, Mo..

8) Mary "Polly" Crowley, b. 1 Oct 1802 in Powell Valley, Tn; d. 7 Mar 1888 in Scio, Polk Co, Or; buried there in Miller Cem; m. 9 Dec 1818 in Howard Co, Mo to Benjamin Munkers by John Scripper of M.E.Church. Benjamin, a cousin of James Munkers, was b. 17 Sep 1799 in Campbell Co, Tn; d. 17 Apr 1885 Or. Benjamin and Polly were called "Aunt and Uncle" by the Oregon Kimsey and Simpsons. They traveled together on the same wagon train to Oregon Territory in 1846.

9) Elizabeth Crowley, b. 13 Jan 1804 in Campbell Co, Tn; d. 28 Jul 1879 Scio, Linn Co, Oregon; m. 31 Mar 1825 in Clay Co, Mo to William T. Thorp Jr, b. 13 Jan 1802 in Madison Co, Ky; d. 20 Nov 1851 Ca; son of Rev.

William Thorp Sr. and Frances Owen. Betsy Crowley Thorp and her brother James Crowley and his wife Betsy Thorp, sister of William, all removed to Oregon Territory.

10) James Crowley, b. 3 Jul 1807 in Campbell Co, Tn (Powell Valley); d. 13 /17? Nov 1880 at Tulare Co, Ca; m. 16 Jul 1829 in Clay Co, Mo to Elizabeth Thorp, sister of William Thorp Jr. above.; James and Betsy removed to Oregon Territory and then on to California.

Children of John Crowley Sr., and 2/ Margaret (Munkers?):

11) George Washington Crowley, called "Wash," b. 1825-6 Mo; m. 31 Mar 1852 in Clay Co, Mo to Elizabeth Buster. George remained on the home place in Clay Co after his father's death until after the Civil War and then removed to Barton County, Missouri in 1867.

12) Louisana Crowley, b. ca 1829 Mo; m. 7 Jan 1847 in Clay Co, Mo to Robert Searcy. She had three children before her death in the late 1850s in Clay Co.

After John Crowley's death, the widow Margaret Crowley sued the children of John for assignment of her share of dower as widow of deceased:

1849 Feb 23 - Clay Co, Mo - Circuit Court

Margaret Crowley, widow and relict of John Crowley, deceased

vs

George W. Crowley, James Munkres, Agnes Munkers, Robert Searcy, Louisana Searcy, William Thorp, Betsy Thorp, James Crowley, James Smith, Jeremiah Crowley, Samuel Crowley, Benjamin Munkres, Polly Munkres, John W. Crowley, Hanson Russell, Polly Russell, Richard Crowley, Rebecca Jane Crowley, Margaret Crowley, John Crowley, Nancy Crowley, Sarah Crowley, Thomas Crowley, Emily Dagley, Joseph Dagley, John Dagley, Joseph Turnage, Betsy Turnage, Oscar Dearing, Sarah Dearing, HEIRS OF JOHN CROWLEY, DEC'D - also Hiram Sneed, James Buster and George W. Crowley, Admr. of said estate -

Benjamin Munkers and Polly (late Crowley); also Richard Crowley, Rebecca Jane Crowley, Margaret Crowley, John Crowley, Nancy Crowley, Sarah Crowley, and Thomas Crowley, also Joseph Turnage & Betsy his wife, late Betsy Dagley, each and all of whom are NON-RESIDENTS of MISSOURI.

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