

From Mildred Crothers Mrs. House
Sent me by Shirley (Sherman) (Kilbuck) Sept. 16, 1966
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About 1720 James Carruthers and wife went from Scotland to the North of Ireland. They had four children, John, Sarah, James and Andrew. James and Andrew were twins and looked so much alike, it is said that their fond mother could only tell one from the other by a small mark on the forehead of one.

In 1765, the children of this family all came to America; settled in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

John was in French and Indian wars and severely wounded. He had four daughters, Mary, Isabelle, Sarah and Eleanor.

James married Nancy Neely and Andrew married Mary Neely; and their name is now known as "Carothers" instead of by the old Scotch form "Carruthers". James was born in 1739, so was about 26 when he reached Pennsylvania. He was a fighter in French and Indian wars, like his older brother John. He was in General Armstrong's Command at the battle of Killaming Point. He made his home in Huntington County, where he lived once on a farm called "The Loop". His wife, Nancy, died in 1776 and later he married Abigail Henderson, altogether he had fourteen children.

Great Grandfather Crothers, John Crothers came to Orange County, New York, from County Doren, Ireland. His wife died soon after reaching this country, leaving one child, a daughter. Later he married Betsy Baity. By this wife were born ten children. John was the only one of the family who came to this county. He died in 1798. Betsy Baity was from Orange County, New York.

CARRUTHERS - CAROTHERS
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John and Betsy Crothers's children and who each married were:

Robert	married	Penella Penoger
John	"	Betsy Sickles
Isabella	"	John Hooper (Saratoga)
Betsy	"	James Ellsworth
Jane	"	Perry Gifford
Henry	"	Clarrisa Canfield Abigal Davis (part Indian)
<i>Shirley Burroughs</i> <i>and</i> <i>sons</i> <u>Sally</u>	"	<u>Joseph Baker</u>
<i>Shirley Burroughs</i> <i>and</i> <i>sons</i> William Grandfather Crothers	"	Eunice Dunham
Nancy	"	Amos Daniels (Brother to our Great Grandmother on Mothers's side.)

Grandfather Crothers (William) was born in December 1784 and married Eunice Dunham who was born in Williamsburg, Mass. on April 26, 1785.

Eunice Dunham had one brother, Hezekiah, and one sister Patti. Her father remarried and had two children by the second wife, a son Timothy and a daughter Anne. Timothy went to the Revolutionary War when 17 years old for two years, when the war closed.

Patti married John Jones, went to Chautauqua and to Illinois and then died there.

Anne married Ephrium Marble. Hezekiah married Betsy Burroughs. Timothy Dunham married Lydis Smith. He was a Crier at Court at Canandaigua. They had a daughter Fannie and a son Walter.

Eunice Dunham had one half-brother and one half-sister; the sister married a man by name of Moody.

Great Grandfather Dunham married from his second wife a Mrs. Faunce, whose maiden name was Rebecca Briggs, fifteen years after the first wife died March 8, 1865

*Pres. not applying to me but
Shilley (Harmon) Hillman just
sent it all to show how we are related*

William and Eunice Dunham Crothers owned the New Whitney Farm.

Then bought the old farm and built the log house where Lyman and Sophie were.

Grandfather Crothers - William by name - was born in Orange County in December 1784. He was the youngest of nine children and came to Phelps, Granger Place when 13 years old (1797). He married Eunice Dunham at age of 26 years.

The matter of the spelling of this name is interesting. In the early days both spelling were used by the same persons interchangeably and it is only within comparatively recent times that one form has been adhered to by any branch of the family. The spelling of this name was only an instance of the general disregard of fixed rules about spelling among the early Colonists. Even a simple name was spelled half a dozen different ways by as many different men who bore it. It is hardly to be wondered at that a name as complicated as "Carothers" or "Carruthers" should be spelled several different ways.

Those of the Carruthers family of Howans are described as: Gulls, two chevrons engraved between three Fleur-de-lis. On the crest is a Seraphim volant-proper, motto: "Prompties et Filetis" that is "Prompt and Faithful".

*This does not apply to me but
it does to Charles Harmon, father*

William Crothers was born in Orange County, N.Y. and came in 1798, with his parents, to Phelps where he lived until his death on July 10 1860. He married Eunice Dunham on March 22 1810. She was born at Martha's Vineyard, Mass. on April 26 1785 and died March 8 1865. They had seven children as follows

- 21 Elmira Crothers born April 4 1811, died September 12 1837
- Louisa Crothers born February 14 1813, died January 3 1844
- 22 Lyman Crothers born March 23 1814, died December 13 1890
- Sophia Crothers born January 30 1816, (Married Simeon Harmon)
- Amanda Crothers born April 12 1817, died May 19 1878
- Oliver Granger Crothers born January 12 1819, died June 3 1897
- Albert H. Crothers born May 30 1824, died May 22 1852

Oliver G. Crothers married Ann Burgess on January 12 1853. She died, with an infant daughter, on May 22 1856.

Oliver G. Crothers married Mary E. Ridley, daughter of Elihu and Betsey (Harmon) Ridley in December 1861 and she died July 8 1870. They had three children as follows

- William Lincoln Crothers born April 25 1865, died July 4 1938
- Carrie Crothers Haslett born April 17 1867, died February 1934
- Mary Ann Crothers McCoy born June 11 1870, died June 1949

Oliver G. Crothers married Eunice Nye on March 18 1873. She died in 1934. They had a daughter, Nellie Erma Crothers Prichard, born October 18 1874. She is living in Phelps on this date (1-5-1959)

William L. Crothers, son of Oliver G. Crothers, married Georgiana Frisbie, daughter of Gerritt S. and Jennie (Hubbell) Frisbie on June 1 1892. She died August 28 1955. Three children reached adult age as follows

- Oliver Frisbie Crothers born April 7 1893 (Phelps Town Supervisor) (1949-1957 inclusive)
- William Everett Crothers born February 23 1895, died July 17 1922
- Gertrude Frisbie Crothers born February 27 1905, died January 9 1956

Oliver Frisbie Crothers married Armeda VanDemark on February 21 1918. They have two children as follows

- Barbara Crothers Cope born March 20 1921
- William Van Demark Crothers born September 18 1922

Barbara Crothers married Dr. Robert S. Cope on December 29 1945. He is, beginning 2-1-1959, Director of Admissions and Registrar at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. They have five children as follows

- William Randall Cope born March 15 1947
- Stephen Crothers Cope born June 21 1949
- Sandra Jean Cope born June 21 1949
- Ellen Armeda Cope born April 4 1952
- Barbara Ann Cope born April 4 1952

William Van Demark Crothers married Suzanne S. Smith on May 1 1954. He is Director of Sales, Home Decorators, Inc. Newark, N.Y.. They have two children as follows

- Katherine Ann Crothers born June 11 1955
- William Van Demark Crothers 2, born December 10 1956