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CROSBY LINEAGE

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ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF TIMOTHY CROSBY, JR.
SOLDIER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

(Thomas Crosby, born about 1575, was the member of the oldest generation of the Crosby family to emigrate to America, although his son Simon preceded him. Thomas is assigned the generation number 1, and is shown herein as Thomas¹ Crosby. His son is shown as Simon², his grandson as Rev. Thomas³, etc.; and his father as Anthony^A, his grandfather as Thomas^B, etc. A generation letter or number in the birth record of an individual is used to indicate that the record of that individual appears separately thereafter in the compilation.)

References: Simon Crosby the Emigrant, by Mrs. Eleanor F. D. Crosby; New York Genealogical & Biographical Record, July 1940, et seq.; family Bible and genealogical records; recollections of living descendants; and sources cited in the compilation.

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John^D Crosby, of Stillingfleet and Alne, co. York, England, b. ca. 1440; will dated 20 Apr. 1502, proved 8 June 1502. John^D Crosby had 7 known ch.

Miles^C Crosby, b. ca. 1483, inherited from his father the lease of "a house called Gyhowse, lying in Flawath, with the appurtenances." He was listed as an archer with a "bowe", in Shipton, co. York, in a muster of able bodied males taken 30 Henry VIII (1538). Miles^C Crosby had 2 known ch.

Thomas^B Crosby, b. ca. 1510; bur. 16 Mar. 1558/9 at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, co. York. He was listed as an archer with a "bowe" in the same muster with his father and was assessed 12 pence on goods valued at 6 pounds in the Lay Subsidy of Yorkshire taken 36 Henry VIII (1544). Thomas m. ca. 1542, Jannett, widow of John Bell of "Bursay." Her will was dated Gribthorpe, parish of Bubwith, in Yorkshire, "the fyft day of November in the year of our Lord god a thousand fyve hundrethe thre-score and eight," and probated 9 May 1569.

Thomas^B and Jannett Crosby had 4 ch.

Anthony^A Crosby, b. ca. 1545 at Holme-on-Spalding Moor; m. ca. 1570, Alison (probably Blanchard).

On "the morrow of All Saints, 34 Elizabeth" (2 Nov. 1592), Anthony purchase by "fine" from the sons of Richard Lambert a commodious 100-acre farm in Holme. He also owned a close in Wheldrake (8 miles from Holme), where he died in comfortable circumstances for a farmer.

Anthony's undated will was probated 7 Mar. 1599/1600 and left major bequests to his wife Alysonn, his son Thomas, the children of his daughter Ellen Weldrake; and left to "Richard Jackson my servnte twenty pence so y he be diligent and trustie to his service this yeare followinge, otherwise to succease. Also I give to Isabell Stevenson my mayd servnte twentie pence. Also I give to poore people of Wheldrake ten shillinges to be distributed amonge them...."

Anthony^A and Alison (Blanchard?) Crosby had 2 ch.

Thomas¹ Crosby, b. Holme-on-Spalding-Moor ca. 1575; d. at Rowley, Mass. and bur. there 6 May 1661; m. at Holme 19 Oct. 1600, Jane Sotheron, bp. there 4 Mar 1581/2 dau. of William and Constance (Lambert) Sotheron. Jane was bur. at Rowley, Mass. 2 May 1662.

Thomas and Jane probably came over to America in the late fall of 1638. They settled in Cambridge, Mass., near their son, Simon, and remained there until 1649 when they removed to Rowley.

Thomas had an interest in Stephen Daye's printing press, the first press set up in the new world. It was brought over from England in 1638 in the ship "John of London."

Thomas¹ and Jane (Sotheron) Crosby had 4 ch.

Simon² Crosby was b. at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, co. York, England, ca. 1607; d. at Cambridge, Mass. in Sept. 1639 at the early age of about 32; m. at Holme 21 Apr. 1634, Anne Brigham, b. there ca. 1602, dau. of Thomas and Isabel (Watson) Brigham.

On 18 Apr. 1635 Simon and Anne, with their 8-week old babe Thomas, sailed for New England on the "Susan and Ellen," Edward Payne, Master, arriving at Boston in July. They settled at Newtown (now Cambridge), Mass., where Simon acquired considerable real estate. He was admitted a freeman on 3 March 1635/6 and chosen one of the selectmen on the 7th of the following November, despite his youth. On 26 Oct. 1638 he was re-elected to the same office and also chosen as constable, an office equivalent to that of town treasurer, assessor and marshall, combined into one. His estate was appraised at the very respectable net value of 454 pounds 4 s. 4 d.

Simon's widow m. (2nd) the Rev. William Tompson of Braintree (now Quincy). Her epitaph, in the Braintree churchyard, reads, "Here lyes buried ye Body of Th Pious Mrs. Ann Tompson wife to Mr. William Tompson who deceased October 8, 1675 aged 69."

Simon² and Anne (Brigham) Crosby had 3 ch.

Thomas³ Crosby, bp. 26 Feb. 1634/5 at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, co. York, England; d. (prob. 11) June 1702 at Boston, Mass. His widow Sarah, maiden surname unknown m. (2nd) 8 Apr. 1703 the widower John² Miller, Esq., of Yarmouth, son of Rev. J. and Lydia Miller.

Thomas graduated from Harvard College in 1653 and undertook graduate studies there. One item credited toward his account was a "Cow, which did amount to 5 pounds." In 1655 he was employed by the church at Eastham on Cape Cod "to carry on the public service of the Lord's day," receiving a salary of 50 pounds a year as a religious teacher until 1670. He was propounded for freeman in June 1664.

The Rev. Thomas Crosby also successfully engaged in trade. He had a 1/4th share in the sloop which Capt. John Lathrop sailed up and down the coast, and owned considerable real estate in Eastham and in Harwich, to which town Thomas moved in 1670. His gross estate totaled 1,091 pounds, net 374.

Rev. Thomas Crosby was one of the eight founders of the Harwich First Parish Church in 1700. He was the author of several published religious sermons and essays, including "The Work of A Christian, or Directions on How to Make Religion One's Business," and "Discourses in Preparation for Sudden Death."

Rev. Thomas³ and Sarah Crosby had 12 ch.

Simon⁴ Crosby, b. Eastham, Mass. 5 July 1665; d. Harwich 19 Jan. 1717/8; m. at Eastham 27 Aug. 1691, Mary Nickerson, b. last week of July 1668, dau. of Nicholas and Mary (Derby) Nickerson.

Simon owned real estate in Harwich and, with his father, was one of the eight founders of the Congregational Church of Harwich in 1700. His wife was admitted to membership 22 June 1701. She d. at Harwich 17 Apr. 1746, aged about 77 years.

Simon⁴ and Mary (Nickerson) Crosby had 14 ch.

Thomas⁵ Crosby, b. ca. 1795, probably at Eastham. "Thomas, son of Simon Crosby," was admitted to membership in the First Parish Church, Harwich, on 20 Oct. 1717. On 18 Sept. 1748 "Thomas Crosby, of Simon...with his wife, dismissed to a church in Norwich," Conn. In Dec., 1752, "Thomas Crosbie & wife" were listed as members of the Newent Congregational Church, in Lisbon, Conn. (five miles northwest of Norwich).

Thomas' will is dated 7 June 1758 at Newent. No date of probate is shown but the three witnesses were sworn in 19 Dec. 1767 and the inventory taken 4 Jan. 1768 so Thomas probably did not d. until 1767.

The identity of Experience, wife of Thomas Crosby, has not been determined, nor has any record of her death or admin. of her estate been found.

Thomas⁵ and Experience Crosby had 8 ch.

Timothy⁶ Crosby, bp. 1 Mar. 1735/6 at Harwich, Mass. He m. twice.

On 27 Apr. 1759 he m. Mary Mory (Morey) of Voluntown, Conn. (Norwich V.R.). They removed to a location that was in 1795 set off from Waterbury, Conn. as the township of Plymouth. The records of the Congregational Society of Northbury (now the First Congregational Church of Plymouth) show the 13 Aug. 1769 admission to full communion of "Tim^o Crosby and wife," with the notation "Nwt Diss," no doubt, Newent Dismissal. These church records show the 18 Aug. 1776 death of "Wife of Tim^o Crosby" (Mary).

Timothy m. (2nd) at Litchfield (10 miles northwest of Plymouth), on 20 Nov. 1777, Ruth Gibbs, b. there 25 May 1752, dau. of Gershom and Tabitha (Moore) Gibbs. No record of the d. of either Timothy or Ruth has been found.

Timothy⁶ Crosby had 7 ch. by his 1st m., and 3 by his 2nd.

TIMOTHY CROSBY, JR. AND HIS WIFE, CORNELIA SIBLEY

Timothy⁷ Crosby, Jr., b. Lebanon, Conn. on Sunday, 18 July 1762 (Lebanon Vit. Rec., Vol. 1:48) and bapt. 15 Aug. 1762 at the First Church at Lebanon (4:59); d. in an epidemic of "spotted fever" at Waterville, Sangerfield Twp., Oneida Co., N. Y. on 22 Feb. 1813 (per records left by Henry S. Crosby), or 23 Feb. 1813 (per Marsh D.A.R. Application), or 24 Feb. 1813 (per William Otis Crosby's record), or 29 Feb. 1813 (per Eliakim Crosby's Bible record). He married (prob. at Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y.) in 1787, Cornelia² Sibley, b. on Friday, 1 Apr. 1768; d. in Sangerfield Twp., in 1834; dau. of Henry¹ Sibley, q.v.
Ch. of Timothy⁷ and Cornelia (Sibley) Crosby, (15):

1. Henry Sibley⁸ Crosby, b. 24 July 1788.
2. Mary (Polly) Crosby, b. on Sunday, 31 Jan. 1790 at Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N.Y.; d. there on Saturday, 6 Mar. 1790.
3. Erastus Crosby, b. Stillwater, N.Y. on Wednesday, 12 Jan. 1791; drowned in Conawango Creek, Poland Center, Chautaugua Co., N. Y. 23 Mar. 1865. Erastus, a carpenter, was supposedly married and separated from his wife, who had lost her mind. No details known. They had no ch.
4. Mary⁸ Crosby, b. 3 Jan. 1793.
5. Hannah Crosby, b. on Saturday, 8 Nov. 1794 at Waterville, Sangerfield Twp., Oneida Co., N.Y.; d. there on Thursday, 12 Mar. 1795.
6. Lydia⁸ Crosby, b. 10 Feb. 1796.
7. William Page⁸ Crosby, b. 14 Feb. 1798.
8. Timothy⁸ Crosby, III, b. 23 Oct. 1799.
9. Elizabeth⁸ (Betsy) Crosby, b. 1 Sept. 1801.
10. Eri Crosby, b. 9 May 1803 at Waterville, N.Y.; d. 1894; m. 30 Aug. 1829, Polly Squires. They lived in Medina County, Ohio. In a letter to his brother Henry he wrote, "I have one wife, one cow, and half a dozen chickens, but no children."
11. Sarah Crosby, b. on Thursday, 13 Feb. 1805 at Waterville, N.Y.; d. there on Wednesday, 5 Mar. 1805.
12. Eliakim⁸ Crosby, b. 13 Sept. 1806.
13. Unnamed infant son, stillborn at Waterville 11 July 1808.
14. Cornelia⁸ Crosby, b. 7 Oct. 1809.
15. Amos Hewitt⁸ Crosby, b. 9 July 1811.

Nothing is known of Timothy Crosby's childhood. Our first record of him, other than the records of his birth and baptism, relates to his service in the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

Connecticut in the Revolution gives the following account of the service of Timothy Crosby's regiment.

In May 1776 Major Elisha Sheldon of Salisbury commanded a regiment of Connecticut Light Horse under Lt.-Col. Commandant Thomas Seymour of Hartford. They were disbanded in the summer but returned to duty in Sept. and Oct. 1776. Major Sheldon's regiment accompanied General George Washington on his retreat through New Jersey in Dec. 1776. It was on this tour of duty that Major Sheldon received authority to raise the 2nd Regiment, Continental Dragoons, of which he became Colonel 12 Dec. 1776.

Of the four regiments of Cavalry, or "Light Dragoons", raised for the Continental Army in 1777 the 2nd, or Sheldon's, was credited to Conn., although a few officers and men belonged to other states. Its field of service during the war was generally the east side of the Hudson along the Westchester front. Occasionally its companies served at different points. It wintered generally in Connecticut. In 1780-1, it was sent to western Massachusetts, where hay and forage were plenty. Regiment disbanded June 1783.

Included in the 2nd Regt. Light Dragoons was Gideon Hawley of Stratford, Conn., who enlisted 16 Apr. 1777; Sgt. 16 Sept. 1777; Quarter Master Sgt. Sept. 1778; and Cornet (lower than Lieutenant) 14 June 1781, mentioned below. Also, George Hurlbut of New London, appointed Cornet 12 Apr. 1777, Lieut. 25 Dec. 1777; and Capt. 1 Aug. 1779, the hero cited below.

In July 1781 General George Washington, Commander-in-Chief, aligned his troops near Peekskill, N. Y., in the following battle formation:

Right Wing

Advanced Position - Col. Sheldon's Dragoons, followed by Col. Scammell's Light Infantry.

First Line - 5 Conn. and 1 R. I. regiments under Major-General Parsons.

Second Line - 2 N.H. and 1 Mass. regiments under Major-General Heath.

Left Wing

Advanced Position - Conn. State Brigade under Gen. Waterbury.

First Line - 6 Mass. regiments under Major-General Lincoln.

Second Line - 3 Mass. regiments under Major-General Sterling.

Center - Second Line - Artillery, Engineers, Sappers, etc. under Major-General Howe,

Certain French troops, on their arrival, encamped to the left of the American troops.

On July 17, 1781 General Washington issued the following order from "Head Qrs. Phillipsburg":

"The Commander in Chief is exceedingly pleased with the conduct of M. Genl. Howe for marching with so much alacrity & rapidity to the defense of the stores at Tarrytown & Repulsing the enemy's Shipping from thence:- He requests Genl. Howe & all the officers & soldiers of the American & French armies who were employed on the occasion to accept this public acknowledgment of their services.

"The gallant & spirited exertions of Col. Sheldon & Capt. Hurlbut (Conn.) of the 2nd Reg. of Light Dragoons, Capt.-Lt. Miles (Conn.) of the Artillery & Lieut. Shaler of the 4th Conn. Regt. previous to the arrival of the Troops, in extinguishing the flames of the vessels which had been set on fire by the enemy, & rescuing the whole of the stores & ordnance from destruction, entitles them to the most distinguished notice & applause from their General."

Afterward, in certifying for the above Capt. Hurlbut's pay, General Washington stated:

"I do hereby certify that Capt. George Hurlbut, of the Second regiment of light dragoons, received a wound in the gallant performance of his duty near Tarrytown in the summer of '81, of which after having languished in the most exquisite pains until the 8th of May, 1783, he expired.....He saved a very considerable quantity of stores by swimming on board a vessel, and extinguishing the flames that had been kindled by the enemy, amidst a severe fire from their ships."

Our Timothy Crosby, Jr. undoubtedly participated in this minor but spirited engagement. The record of his recruitment in Sheldon's Dragoons reads as follows, "Tim^o Crosby, Private. 25 Jan. 1781, for 3 years; from Woodbury. Farmer; 5' 11"; dark complexion."

By the end of 1782 Timothy's regiment was operating in New York State. The following is taken from p. 249 of Vol. 1 of New York in the Revolution:

"Roll and Muster of the fifth Troop in the 2nd Regiment Light Dragoons, Commanded by Capt. David Edgar, for the Months of Oct., Nov'r and Dec'r, '82.

"Private No. 21, Tim'y Crosby; Term for Inlistment, 1 y. 1 m.; Certified 3 Jan. 1783 by Gideon Hawley, Lieut. and Dec. 1782 by W. Basier, Major and Asst. M.M. Army."

That this refers to our Timothy is proven by the name of Lt. Gideon Hawley, the Cornet of the 1781 Conn. record noted above.

Capt. David Edgar was one of the few non-Connecticut men in Sheldon's Light Dragoons, he having enlisted 25 Jan. 1777 at Woodbridge, N. J. as a Lieut. Made Capt. 23 Nov. 1778.

A supplementary membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, National No. 19355, Washington (D.C.) No. 1055, was granted to Edwin Jay Prindle based on the service of his ancestor, Timothy Crosby, Jr.

Public records referring to Timothy are scanty, indeed. Although he probably married Cornelia Sibley at Stillwater, N. Y., and their first four children were certainly born there, the only public reference to him in that period is found in the 1790 Federal census, showing Timothy and wife at Stillwater with an infant son (Henry Sibley Crosby). What data we have of his children is due to the excellent records left by that son, Henry, and the Bible records kept by another son, Eliakim.

Sometime during 1793 Timothy, his wife, and their 3 surviving children moved to what is now Waterville, Sangerfield Township, Oneida Co., N. Y. It may be that Timothy was drawn to that area because he was born at Lebanon, Conn. The Nortons, Hales and others who settled the new area were also from Lebanon and planned to call the new township New Lebanon. But Judge Sanger brought a barrel of rum to the meeting called to adopt a name for the township, and his generosity was effective. A glowing Sangerfield was more attractive to the early settlers than a nostalgic New Lebanon! By an act of the Legislature passed 5 Mar. 1795, the township of Sangerfield was erected.

The first settlers in what is now known as Waterville, Sangerfield Township, were Nathan Gurney and Benjamin White, who in 1789 built log cabins on the east branch of Oriskany Creek, where water power was abundant. Other buildings were soon huddled in the valley and the village became known as "The Huddle." Soon after the organization of the village in 1796 a post office was established there, later removed to Sangerfield. In 1808 the name Waterville was adopted for the town although the change of name was not generally known until 1822, when the Waterville Post Office was opened.

The village developed rapidly. The first town meeting was held 7 Apr. 1795 and the Town Records are complete except for the brief period 1797-1800. Judge Sanger built the first sawmill in 1793, four more mills being constructed within a few years. Benjamin White built the first grist mill in 1796 and in 1801 he erected the first frame house. In 1799 the first store and tavern was opened in the log house of Sylvanus Dyer. In 1802 the Cold Springs Brewery was built and by 1806 The Huddle contained thirty-two dwellings and 206 inhabitants.

The American Hotel was opened in 1815 and the Waterville State Bank established in 1838 (it became a National bank in 1865). On 30 Oct. 1867 the first locomotive steamed into Waterville from Utica on the new railroad. On 20 Apr. 1870 the Village of Waterville was incorporated by act of the Legislature. The Union School was dedicated in Sept. 1872. By 1885 Waterville was the third most important community in Oneida County.

Waterville had a worldwide reputation as a hop center. The earliest settlers brought hops with them and found the soil and climate well adapted to their cultivation. The Hop Reporter, a trade sheet, was printed weekly in Waterville for many years, and the New York Extract Plant was opened in 1870.

Waterville's most famous native son was George Eastman, whose invention of the Kodak camera brought him fabulous wealth.

The compiler is indebted to Mr. Charles W. McLean, custodian of records of the Waterville Cemetery Association, for most of the details of the town's early history, and to Mr. Norman Cowan of Stockwell, a local historian, for the anecdote about the naming of Sangerfield Township. The compiler visited both gentlemen in

1951.

Several newspapers have been published in Waterville - the first, in 1816. The Waterville Times, the current paper, was first published in 1857. The following was presumably copied from an 1890 issue of The Waterville Times:

"Captain Frances (sic) W. Crosby, of Washington, D.C., is in town making, with Frederick W. Putnam, specimen rock collections for scientific purposes. The Captain is father of Prof. W. O. Crosby of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and grand-son of Timothy Crosby, who was one of the first settlers of Sangerfield. He purchased the northeast part of lot No. 26 (one of the lease lots of John I. Morgan, now part of the farm owned by E. C. Terry) and sold it to John Tower, a brother to Jotham, early in the century. Timothy Crosby's house was between Mr. Terry's present residence and the road. It was torn down when Esquire Park erected the brick edifice about 1839. Timothy Crosby's name first appears, with those of other settlers, on petitions for new roads and is on the first assessment roll of the town in 1796. The last time it appears is on the roll of 1813 when the tax is made to his heirs."

While on this visit Capt. Crosby took a number of excellent photographs of the Park mansion and barns, hot house, hop house, windmill and hop-pickers dwelling. Through the kindness of Mrs. Jessie Crosby Clawson of Sequim, Washington, the compiler has a set of five 8" x 10" prints of these photographs bearing copies, on the reverse sides, of notations made by Capt. Crosby.

The farm is just one mile from the Civil War Monument in Waterville, on the right-hand side of the road running in a westerly direction to Oriskany Falls. The most striking features of the mansion are the enormous two-story Ionic columns supporting the roof over the entrance. The compiler noted quite a number of homes with such columns in the area but only a few dwellings, including the Park mansion, were stately enough to warrant so pretentious a display.

In August 1951 the compiler called on Mr. Earl C. Barrett, who has owned and occupied the farm since 1914. Mr. Barrett provided a most interesting tour of the buildings and grounds, and pointed out such details as the great stone carriage step bearing the name Coggeshall. State Senator H. J. Coggeshall had acquired the farm sometime prior to 1893 through his marriage to one of the daughters of the owner, a Mr. Terry. The Senator made it a showplace of the area, with tennis courts, a great hot house, etc. In 1893 he induced Henry Martyn Park, son of the builder of the mansion, to write an account of its construction. Through the generosity of Mr. Barrett and his grand-daughter, Miss Sandra Barrett, a copy of this account was made and given to the compiler and appears herein as Supplement A. Although Timothy Crosby, Jr. died long before the mansion was constructed on the site of his farm, the account of the work is so unusual and interesting that the compiler cannot bring himself to omit it.

The second paragraph of the account refers to the "John Tower house, one of the oldest frame houses in the town, having been originally built and occupied as a store by Brown and Hewett." The compiler has corresponded with Mr. William L. Avery of Brewster, N. Y. who has in his possession the original Accounts Receivable Ledger of Brown and Hewett. The first entry is dated 21 Oct. 1796. However, subsequent entries are by folio number, not dates, and since Mr. Avery does not have the Cash Book, dates cannot be ascertained with any degree of certainty.

The first entry for Timothy Crosby is from page 7 of the Journal, for Sundries, 1 pound, 1 shilling, 5 pence, the pound sterling having about the same value as two and one-half Spanish dollars, or one early Federal dollar. Other entries, in addition to many Sundries items, were for "blanketts, 2:1:5; 25 3/4 lbs salt 0:6:11; 1/4 lb. Tea 0:1:3; Files (several entries) at 0:2:10; 1/4 yd

flannel 0:1:0; 1 pocket Hkf 0:3:8; 10 panes Glass 0:8:0; and several purchases of rum and brandy, the rum at 0:4:0 a quart and the brandy at 0:4:4. Timothy's account was also charged with 24 shillings for the account of Betsy Rowe. Most credits were made by Ashes, at 8 shillings a bushel (wood ashes, used in making fertilizer); one credit of 12 shillings was for cider; another of 8 shillings for a bushel of wheat; a number of small cash payments were made, and payments were made by "Mr. King, Thos. Hale, Zeno Terry, and D. Brown," doubtless debtors of Timothy's. The account was closed out on 24 Aug. 1802.

Lest any descendant be concerned over Timothy's purchases of rum and brandy, they are assured that most of the early settlers used these beverages medicinally, although some doubtless took an occasional nip as a precaution. And, quite probably, in those days before homes were heated by central heating systems, the warming (and in severe weather, the numbing) effects of alcoholic beverages met a practical need!

In the ten years covered by the Brown & Hewitt ledger, some 480 names appear as heads of families. Some of the entries are unusual. For example, the account of Joshua Morgan for the purchase of 1/2 yard of linen (2 shillings, 3 pence) was settled "By Runing away & going States Prison."

Timothy Crosby, Jr. was a turner and cabinet maker by trade. He was a strict Presbyterian, although there seems to have been no such organized group in Waterville until after his death.

In 1812 Timothy sold his farm to John Tower and bought "a few acres several miles away" (according to the records of Amarilla Crosby), where he died the next year. Amarilla's mother, Sarah A. Crosby, visited Timothy's widow Cornelia at this second farm in 1825, where Cornelia supposedly died and was buried in 1834. The farm has not been located as yet, although the tax records, if searched, might reveal its whereabouts and, possibly, the grave of our patriot ancestor.

Cornelia (Sibley) Crosby, Timothy's widow, was left to provide for 11 children, ranging in age from 19 months up. The following account, written by her granddaughter Amarilla Iantha⁹ Crosby, daughter of her firstborn, Henry Sibley⁸ Crosby, tells of her solution to this predicament.

"While her husband lived, Cornelia had in him both helper and comforter, for he was a kind and conscientious father and helpmeet. When he died, in 1813, she was left to struggle on alone with her little ones, the boys one after another leaving the home. Hampered as she was by poor health and lack of managing ability, the fight was too difficult. So she was persuaded to marry a neighboring farmer, Abner Eaton by name, an industrious man but rough and ill-natured. Her own children could not get along with him and left home as soon as they were able, so that when she died in 1834, not one of the eleven was with her."

Two years prior to her death, Cornelia wrote a final letter to her children, quoted in full, herewith.

"Sangerfield, N.Y., Sept. 11, 1832

"Dear Children:-

I take this opportunity of writing to you to let you know of my health, which is very poor at present, and I do not think it will ever be any better. I want to see you all but I do not expect to. I send my respects to you all, and wish you well, hoping that you may prosper.

I have gone through a great deal of sickness and trouble since I saw you, but the Lord has been my helper through it all. I feel as though my time is short, but I am ready and willing to go, waiting patiently for that time, as I

see nothing that I have any anxiety to live for. I feel that if I am happy after death it is through Christ alone, and I feel to put my trust in him.

I want you should take the Bible as your council and your guide. I want you to read it and see what it teaches, for I feel that it is the best of all books. It is given for man's good, that he may learn what is right, and what the will of the Lord is. I have always learned you to do by others as you would have them do to you; and now I put you in mind of it again, I expect for the last time. Love your neighbor as yourself, do good unto all men.

I selected the text that I mean to have preached from at my funeral, about two years ago. It is Romans 14th Chapter, from the 7th to the 14th verse, seven verses.

My request to you all is for each of you to take a copy of this and keep it to remember me by, as I expect it is the last time that I shall have a chance of sending any word to you.

Timothy, you wished that I would examine myself and see whether I am right and whether I enjoy the love of God now as I did when you lived at home. I think that my love to God is as great now as it was then and that I have examined myself. Perhaps I have not altered so much as you think, for I had the belief forty-seven years ago that Christ would have all that he died for, and it is my firm belief yet.

You wrote to me that you had experienced religion, and I was glad to hear it, hoping that you have got the pure and undefiled religion; and that is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep yourself unspotted from the world. I hope you will be faithful in religion, for it is a fine thing. Examine the Scriptures and remember the commandments, and especially the new one that Christ gave. I believe that Christ died for the whole human family and that he will accomplish it too, and none shall pluck them out of his hands; to make an end of sin and bring in everlasting righteousness.

You must not think, my children, that I think you will be saved in your sins, for you will not. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked; they are like the troubled sea which casteth up mire and dirt. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the God I adore, my faithful, unchangeable friend. His love is as great as his power, it neither knows measure nor end.

'Tis Jesus the first and the last
That guideth our spirits safe home;
We praise him for all that is past,
And trust him for all that's to come.'

And now, my dear children, I send my love to you all, hoping that these few lines will find you in good health and prosperity, in peace with yourselves, your families, and your neighbors; with the love of God in your hearts. God grant you so to end your days as He shall think it best, that I may meet you in the heavens above where I do hope to rest.

He hath shown thee, O Man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.

This is from your most affectionate mother; and so good bye,

CORNELIA EATON."

This touching letter, a mother's benediction to her distant children, is mentioned in the 11 Jan. 1936 letter of Mattie (Martha Frances⁷ Crosby) Proffitt, granddaughter of Cornelia and daughter of Amos Hewitt⁸ Crosby, to

Effie Dora¹⁰ (Shaver) Blackstone, as follows:

"When my father was 21 he came out west, which at that time was to Michigan. Before he left New York his mother, who was in poor health, had him write her last letter to her children and send a copy of it to every one of them. When his copy was delivered to Timothy, he would not accept it because he, being a strict Methodist and she a strong Universalist, would show his disapproval of her. She spent the most of her last years with the Bible on her knees, studying it. She could repeat many whole chapters and could tell where to find almost any text or quotation from the Bible."

Cornelia's definition of the nature of "the pure and undefiled religion" as requiring one "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction" gives a hint of the grievous trials she experienced. Truly she endured much in her 66 years. Motherless at 5 and placed in a foster home by a father who, except for one brief visit, evidenced no further interest in her; mother of 15, of whom 4 died as infants; a widow at 45, her youngest child being but 19 months old; remarried by force of economic necessity to a man who, by his ill disposition, drove her children away from her as soon as they felt self-sufficient; plagued all her life with a delicate constitution (despite her 15 children in 23 years); and finally, waiting patiently, with her Bible on her knees, for death to end her trials.

Surely Cornelia's descendants (including the compiler, who contemplates with smug satisfaction his prospective retirement at age 65 to a life of security, contentment and ease) should derive some inspiration from a knowledge of her strength of character.

References for Timothy Crosby, Jr. section:

Genealogical records left by Henry Sibley⁸ Crosby.

Records preserved in the Eliakim⁸ Crosby Bible.

Other family records, letters and mementos.

DESCENDANTS OF HENRY SIBLEY⁸ CROSBY

Henry Sibley⁸ Crosby, b. Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N.Y. on Thursday, 24 July 1788;
d. Chillicothe, Mo. 15 Mar. 1877; m. twice:

- m. (1) 2 Mar. 1814, Wednesday, at Schenectady, N.Y., Lydia Joanna Wilkie, b. there
18 Mar. 1794; d. Albany, N.Y. 6 June 1822; dau. of William and Lydia
(Darrow) Wilkie. See Supplement B for their genealogical record.

Henry and Lydia had 4 ch.:

1. William Wilkie Crosby, b. Sherburne, Oneida Co., N.Y. 6 Mar. 1815;
d. at Geneva, N.Y. 13 Sept. 1816.
2. Cornelia Ann⁹ Crosby, b. Geneva 30 Jan. 1817.
3. Henry Willard⁹ Crosby, b. Albany 19 Oct. 1819.
4. Wilkie Darrow Crosby, b. Albany, N.Y. 2 June 1822; d. 16 Oct. 1854
at Stillwater, Minn. He married in Tama Co., Iowa, about 1849, and
had one child, a daughter, who d. ae. 2 or 3 y. The names of his
wife and child are unknown. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby separated before
the death of their only child.

- m. (2) 29 Sept. 1822 at Albany, Sarah Ann Capron, b. Cortlandt, Westchester Co.,
N.Y. 7 Sept. 1801; d. Anclote (4 miles from Tarpon Springs), Fla. 10 Mar.
1893; dau. of Jeremiah and Jerusha (Hartshorn) Capron of Hudson, N.Y.

Henry and Sarah had 12 ch.:

5. Francis William⁹ Crosby, b. Schenectady 23 July 1823.
6. Amos Leander⁹ Crosby, b. Schenectady 22 Oct. 1825.
7. DeWitt Clinton Crosby, b. Schenectady 16 Sept. 1827; d. unkm. 10 Nov.
1852 at Ray, Macomb Co., Mich.
8. Mary Louisa⁹ Crosby, b. Schenectady 6 Feb. 1829.
9. Newton Franklin⁹ Crosby, b. Black Rock, N.Y. 1 Oct. 1830.
10. Corinthia (Cora) Minerva Crosby, b. Buffalo, N.Y. 12 Oct. 1832; d.
unkm. 19 Apr. 1900 at Anclote, Fla. She was a school teacher.
11. Caroline Frances⁹ Crosby, b. Buffalo 20 July 1834.
12. Robert Dale Owen Crosby, b. Royal Oak, Mich. 14 Dec. 1836; killed 7
June 1863 while serving as commander of a negro regiment in the
battle of Millikin's Bend (La.) Not m.
13. Spencer Sibley Crosby, b. Royal Oak 25 Mar. 1839; d. unkm. at Anclote,
Fla. 10 Oct. 1893.
14. Horace Sidney⁹ Crosby, b. Royal Oak 25 Mar. 1841.
15. Amarilla (called Ama) Iantha Crosby, b. Ray, Macomb Co., Mich. 21
Sept. 1843, d. unkm. at the Sequim, Wash. home of her niece Jessie
(Crosby) Clawson on Thursday, 11 Jan. 1929, from the effects of
burns received when her clothing caught fire.

Although confined to her bed and chair for many years as a
result of a spinal injury caused by a fall as a child, she was spry
and capable of taking care of herself in her later years. Ama was
a poetess of local renown and, although she never wore glasses,
carried on an extensive correspondence. Among her other genealogi-
cal efforts, she compiled the Capron Family. In her 85th year she
wrote more than 100 letters to friends and relatives!

16. Arthur Welton⁹ Crosby, b. Ray 29 Apr. 1847.

Henry Sibley⁸ Crosby moved with his parents in 1793 from Stillwater, N.Y. to The Huddle (now Waterville), Sangerfield Township, Oneida County, N.Y. He next appears in the records, soon after the death of his father, at Schenectady in 1814, where his first marriage took place. He apparently returned to Oneida Co. the following year, his 1st child being b. in Sherburne in 1816. He was in Geneva in 1816 and 1817, and in Albany from 1819 to 1822. His second marriage occurred in Schenectady in 1823, where he lived until 1829. A child was born the next year in Black Rock, and others in 1832 and 1834 at Buffalo. Children were born in 1836 and 1841 at Royal Oak, Mich., and in 1843 and 1847 at Ray, Mich.

Later, Henry removed from Michigan to Kentucky for about one year, and then to Piqua, Miami Co., Ohio. In 1868 the family of 14 persons moved to Missouri in two large covered wagons and one light spring wagon. Because of detours and bad road conditions, the trip took five weeks. They settled three miles east of where Braymer is now located, the nearest town being Mooresville, ten miles away. The journey ended in November 1868 and a cabin of vertical boards was hurriedly built to shield them from the cold. Included in the party were Ed and Charlie Lever, now (1952) living at the Clawson place in Sequim, Washington, aged 86 and 84. They were babies at the time of the long journey but often heard their elders tell of the adventurous trip.

During his residence in Schenectady, Mr. Crosby was associated with Union College (founded in 1785 as Schenectady Academy). According to his son, Capt. Francis Crosby, Henry served in every possible capacity save President and member of the faculty - Secretary, Superintendent, janitor, etc. Capt. Frank was fond of repeating his father's anecdotes and reminiscences of Pres. Knott and the didoes of the students.

In his youth Henry was warned by doctors that he would soon die of consumption. He managed, however, to father 16 children and to survive to the ripe old age of 89! His second wife, Sarah Ann Capron, bore 12 children and attained the age of 91. Whether or not their fecundity and longevity should be attributed to the fact that both were vegetarians is left to the reader to decide. Of Henry's 16 children all but Cornelia, Henry W., Amos, Mary, and Caroline, were vegetarians.

A message written in 1874 by Mr. Crosby to his son Henry W. Crosby, is reproduced in Supplement C.

In 1883, some years after her husband's death, Mrs. Crosby moved to Florida.

Amos Leander⁹ Crosby, b. Schenectady, N.Y. 22 Oct. 1825; d. Braymer, Mo. 4 Jan. 1920; m. at China, St. Clair Co., Mich. 5 Oct. 1858, Calista P. Parmley, b. Joliet, Ill. 8 Aug. 1838; d. Roswell, N.M. 10 Feb. 1894; dau. of Lemuel and Pamela (Ward) Parmley, who were m. 7 Jan. 1836. Lemuel was the son of James⁷ (Jeremiah⁶, Lemuel⁵, Nathaniel^{4,3}, John^{2,1}) Parmley (or Parmeley, Parmelee, etc.).

Calista has a claim to a place, of sorts, in world history. Descendants say she was the school teacher whose derisive remarks to the seven-year-old Thomas A. Edison caused him to abandon formal schooling after an attendance of only three months. So Calista, albeit unintentionally, exercised a major influence on the development of one of the great minds of the ages.

It seems Calista considered Thomas to be "addled". He ran home in tears one day after she had been particularly derisive. His mother marched him back to the school and told his teacher that Thomas had more brains in his little finger than Calista had in her whole head. Then Mrs. Edison marched him home again and kept him there - undertaking his education herself, with the aid of her husband, Samuel. According to the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, Inc., Thomas' only formal schooling was his attendance at the Engle Academy at Port Huron, Mich. for a short time in 1854, a small school run by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Engle. Calista was then only 16 years old, somewhat youthful for a teacher, by today's standards.

Amos lived in Pomona, Calif. for a few years but returned to Missouri in August 1914, remaining there until his death. He and Calista had 3 ch.:

1. Sarah Adella¹⁰ Crosby, b. Huntington, Ind. 6 Nov. 1863.
2. Nellie Pamela¹⁰ Crosby, b. China, Mich. 17 Feb. 1866.
3. Fred Parmley Crosby, b. Plymouth, Mo. 27 June 1870; d. there unm. 26 Jan. 1889.

Sarah Adella¹⁰ Crosby, b. Huntington, Ind. 6 Nov. 1863; d. Braymer, Mo. 17 Oct. 1947; m. near Plymouth, Mo. 5 Oct. 1883, John Johnston Rayner, b. Piqua, Ohio 12 May 1860; d. 8 Dec. 1937 at Braymer; firstborn of the 6 ch. of Jabez B. Rayner (b. Piqua, Ohio 27 Jan. 1835) who m. 7 July 1859, Mary A. Dennis (b. in England 15 Jan. 1840) of Shelby Co., Ohio.

Jabez was mustered into Co. F., 11th Regiment, O.V.I., at Columbus, Ohio, 26 Apr. 1861, and lived at Piqua; Carroll Co., Mo.; and Clearwater, Neb., where he had a government mail route. He was the son of the emigrant John Rayner, Jr. (b. Knesall, Eng. 1 Mar. 1795, son of John Rayner, Sr.) who m. Elizabeth Wainwright (b. Newark, Eng. 8 Nov. 1793, dau. of Joseph Wainwright by his 1st wife).

John J. and Sarah A. (Crosby) Rayner had 4 ch.:

1. Virgie Louella¹¹ Rayner, b. 1 Feb. 1886.
2. Olin Stuart¹¹ Rayner, b. 9 July 1888.
3. Bertha Ethel¹¹ Rayner, b. 4 Oct. 1891.
4. Fred Crosby Rayner, b. Braymer, Mo. 17 Dec. 1898; d. there 22 Dec. 1898.

Virgie Louella¹¹ Rayner, b. Braymer 1 Feb. 1886; m. there 20 Sept. 1905, John A. Plummer, b. Braymer 17 Jan. 1880; d. there 8 Jan. 1940; son of Thomas and Mary (Stuart) Plummer of Mercer Co., Ohio, later of Braymer.

John and Virgie had 2 ch.:

1. Evelyn Pearl Plummer, b. Braymer, Mo. 2 Oct. 1916; m. twice:

m. (1) at Kansas City, Kans. 5 Dec. 1933, Raymond Everett Corbin, b. 22 Aug. 1913 at Dawn, Mo.; son of Dave Madison Corbin (b. Va.) who m. at Ludlow, Mo. 28 Oct. 1890, Mary Ann Edwards (b. Kans.).

Raymond and Evelyn were divorced. No ch. by this m.

- m. (2) at Fort Madison, Iowa 26 Nov. 1947, Thomas W. Musson, b. Bucklin, Mo. 7 June 1917; son of Clarence William and Rose Mae (Klein) Musson of Chillicothe, Mo.

Thomas and Evelyn had 2 ch., both b. at Fort Madison:

1. Terry Wayne Musson, b. 6 Mar. 1949; d. 8 Mar. 1949.
2. June Kay Musson, b. 26 July 1950.

2. Mary Loree Plummer, b. Braymer, Mo. 3 July 1920; m. at Leavenworth, Kans. 26 Dec. 1944, Seth C. Sprouse, b. Braymer 1 Jan. 1916; son of Reuben and Mabel (White) Sprouse of that city.

Seth and Mary have 3 ch., all b. Braymer:

1. Weldon Dee Sprouse, b. 27 Jan. 1947.
2. Harlan Gail Sprouse, b. 21 Apr. 1948.
3. Loren Van Sprouse, b. 21 Oct. 1951.

Olin Stuart¹¹ Rayner, b. Marshfield, Mo. 9 July 1888; d. Denver, Colo. 25 May 1941; m. at Akron, Colo. 19 Nov. 1917, Elizabeth Ann Vance, b. there 23 Mar. 1893; dau. of Millard Fillmore Vance of Fairfield, Iowa, and his wife Helen Wilson of Hopkinton, Iowa, both later of Akron.

As a child Olin moved with his parents from Marshfield to Braymer, Mo. After his graduation in 1912 from the Univ. of Missouri he worked for two years in Washington, D.C. for the Federal government. In 1914 he became a member of the faculty of Colorado State College.

He lived at Fort Collins, Colo. until 1938, when made Supervisor in Plattsburg, Mo. for the Farm Security Administration, becoming Asst. F.S.A. Administrator at Columbia, Mo. in 1940. Olin was to have assumed a new position of importance in the Denver regional office on 1 April 1941. He died in St. Luke's Hospital, Denver, and was buried in Grandview Cemetery, Ft. Collins. He was a Mason and a member of the Methodist Church. Ch. (4), all b. at Fort Collins, Colo.:

1. Retha Elizabeth Rayner, b. 9 June 1919; m. at Yuma, Colo. 7 Sept. 1940, Donald Lyle Funkhouser, b. Kansas City, Mo. 15 Mar. 1919; son of Jack Reeves and Ruth (DeLancey) Funkhouser, who were m. 9 July 1916 at Kansas City, Mo.

Donald and Retha have 3 ch.:

1. Carole Lynn Funkhouser, b. Lake Charles, La. 28 Dec. 1946.
2. Janice Marie Funkhouser, b. 19 May 1949 at Des Moines, Iowa.
3. Linda Jean Funkhouser, b. Lake Charles, La. 22 June 1951.

2. Ethel Gertrude Rayner, b. 30 Jan. 1922; m. 8 Dec. 1945, Kenneth R. Ashley, b. 10 Dec. 1920 at Oak Park, Ill.; son of Raymond W. Ashley of Fort Wayne and his wife Alice K. Barron of Chicago.

Kenneth and Ethel have 2 ch., both b. Yosemite National Park, Calif.:

1. Janet Sue Ashley, b. 29 July 1949.
2. David Robert Ashley, b. 8 Apr. 1951.

3. Robert Vance Rayner, b. 13 Apr. 1924; m. at San Antonio, Tex. 14 June 1947, Jean Cox, b. Henderson, Ky. 13 Feb. 1925; dau. of Paul V. Cox of Marion, Ky. and his wife Laurine Howard of Henderson.

Robert and Jean have 1 ch.:

1. Mary Ann Rayner, b. San Antonio, Tex. 10 Nov. 1948.

4. Richard Stuart Rayner, b. 4 Jan. 1930; m. at the First Methodist Church of Lamar, Colo. 29 Nov. 1952, Margaret Jane Baird, b. Greeley, Colo. 14 Apr. 1930; dau. of Ralph Sidney Baird of Greeley, who m. at Denver, Colo. 19 June 1929, Agnes Catherine McCallum of Denver.

Richard and Margaret res. (1953) in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Bertha Ethel¹¹ Rayner, b. Marshfield, Mo. 4 Oct. 1891; d. 20 July 1954 at Plymouth, Mo.; m. at Braymer, Mo. 3 Mar. 1915, Roswell Ralph Rairdon, b. there 20 July 1891; son of William Thomas and Laura (Smith) Rairdon of Logan Co., Ohio.

Bertha attended the Univ. of Missouri at Columbia and was for many years an active member of the Braymer Methodist Church. This record of descendants of Sarah A. (Crosby) Rayner is the result of the interest and efforts of Mrs. Rairdon, who also assisted with the Nellie P. (Crosby) De Wolfe and other lines.

Children of Roswell R. and Bertha E. (Rayner) Rairdon (2), both b. Braymer:

1. Olin Lloyd Rairdon, b. 30 Apr. 1922; m. at Yuma, Colo. 8 May 1949, Audrey E. Stone, b. there 23 Mar. 1924; dau. of Ralph Henry and Mary Edith (Stevens) Stone of Beatrice, Neb.

Olin and Audrey live in Braymer; ch. (1):

1. Donald Lee Rairdon, b. 29 Jan. 1952 at Chillicothe, Mo.

2. Reba Arletta Rairdon, b. 7 Apr. 1927; m. at Kansas City, Mo. 26 Oct. 1952, Charles Leroy Pilant, b. Urich, Mo. 24 Mar. 1925; son of Charles William Pilant who m. at Montrose, Mo. 12 Nov. 1905, Eva Lena Brown.

Charles and Reba live in Kansas City.

Nellie Pamela¹⁰ Crosby, b. China, Mich. 17 Feb. 1866; d. 21 Jan. 1926 at Braymer, Mo.; m. there 22 Jan. 1889, William Fisher De Wolfe, b. Granville, Ohio 18 Jan. 1868; d. 11 July 1945 at Salina, Kans.; son of Harvey and Ann Eliza (Robertson) De Wolfe of Granville.

Mr. DeWolfe operated his farm in the northwest corner of Carroll County, near Braymer, Mo., until he retired about 1928 and moved to Salina, Kans., where he operated a small poultry and gardening venture. In his early years he was a member of Modern Woodmen of America. He and Nellie had 5 ch., all b. at Braymer, Mo.:

1. Grace De Wolfe, b. and d. 18 May 1890.
2. Frank Sibley¹¹ De Wolfe, b. 21 June 1891.
3. Oscar Hall¹¹ De Wolf, b. 20 May 1893.
4. Amos Crosby¹¹ De Wolfe, b. 12 Mar. 1895.
5. Una Calista¹¹ De Wolfe, b. 27 Apr. 1903.

Frank Sibley¹¹ De Wolfe, b. Braymer, Mo. 21 June 1891; d. 26 June 1950 at Amarillo, Tex.

Mr. De Wolfe was a Doctor of Osteopathy and successfully practised for a number of years in Pattensburg, Mo. and Guymon, Okla. Later he entered newspaper work in the advertising field and travelled extensively. He served in the Navy for four years prior to World War I. A 32nd Degree Mason, member of Lions, Kiwanis and the Toastmaster Club, and active in civic and church (First Baptist) affairs. His hobby was leather tooling. Mr. De Wolfe m. thrice:

- m. (1) at Hutchinson, Kans. 27 May 1916, Goldie Burtnett, b. Hamilton Co., Neb. 5 Aug. 1892; d. St. Louis, Mo. 6 Sept. 1922; dau. of John P. and Clara

(Wilt) Burtnett, and sister of Sylvia Burtnett, below.

No ch. by this m., but an adopted son, Robert Maurice De Wolfe, m. Violet Heitschmidt and had a dau. Ramona Jean De Wolfe, b. Amarillo, Tex. in Dec. 1942.

- m. (2) at Hutchinson, Kans. 24 Feb. 1924, Sylvia Burtnett, b. 3 July 1898 at Leoti, Kans.; dau. of John P. and Clara (Wilt) Burtnett, and sister of Frank's first wife, Goldie.

Frank and Sylvia were divorced in 1939; ch. (2):

1. Shirley De Wolfe, b. and d. 14 Feb. 1926 at Jamesport, Mo.
2. Emory Paul De Wolfe, b. 19 Apr. 1927 at Guymon, Okla.; m. at Hominy, Okla. 2 Dec. 1946, Margarette Chambers, b. there 5 Sept. 1927; dau. of Fred Whiteman and Mary Lorene (Cramer) Chambers.

Mr. De Wolfe was on active duty with the Army in 1945-6, serving 9 months of 1946 in Germany. After four years of inactive duty he was recalled to active service in Nov. 1950 and given training as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist, serving with the 38th E.O.D. Squad until his discharge in 1952. Paul is now (1954) an offset printer for Panhandle Associated Grocers, Inc., wholesale food distributors. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and res. at Amarillo, Tex.; 1 ch., b. there:

1. Vaughn Paul De Wolfe, b. 16 July 1952.

- m. (3) at Aztec, N.M. 20 Sept. 1940, Louise Ruth Ogan, b. Quanah, Tex. 27 Sept. 1913; dau. of Henry Lee and Clara (Hollingsworth) Ogan of Graham, Tex.

Mrs. De Wolfe res. in Amarillo, Tex. There were no ch. by this m.

Oscar Hall¹¹ De Wolf, b. 20 May 1893 at Braymer; m. at Columbia, Mo. 22 Apr. 1918, Minalee Ferree, b. 17 Aug. 1895 at Edwardsville, Ill.; dau. of Frank Y. and Ella M. (Reyburn) Ferree of Edwardsville, both of whom d. at Gardena, Calif.

Oscar served in World War I as a 1st Lieutenant. He is a graduate of the Univ. of Missouri and holds a master's degree from that university. A career employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; residence, Sedalia, Mo.; hobbies - rose culture and color photography.

Minalee graduated in 1918 from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. with a degree in music, having majored in piano.

Oscar and Minalee had 2 ch.:

1. Mary Margaret De Wolf, b. Kansas City, Mo. 18 Mar. 1919; m. at Sedalia, Mo. 15 June 1941, John M.P. Merry, b. in Ireland 8 Dec. 1915; son of Rudolf and Mathilda (Galber) Niermann and adopted son of his stepfather, Bert Millard Merry of St. Louis, Mo., whose surname he took.

John is a graduate of Capital Radio Institute, Washington, D.C. and was a Staff Sgt., 138th Infantry, National Guard. He is Technical Director of television station WPIX; hobby - amateur radio.

Mary Margaret, like her mother, also graduated from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. with a degree in music, her major being voice. She also attended Central Missouri State College, Warrenburg, Mo. She is an officer in the local Parent Teachers Assn., sings in the church choir, and has sung over the radio. Hobby - dressmaking.

John and Mary live in Seaford, L.I., N.Y.; ch. (3):

1. Madeline Louise Merry, b. 3 Sept. 1943 at St. Louis, Mo.
2. Paul Michael Merry, b. St. Louis 2 Dec. 1945.
3. John Eugene Merry, b. 25 Feb. 1951 at Seaford, L.I., N.Y.

2. Howard Eugene De Wolf, b. 11 Apr. 1922 at Braymer, Mo.; m. at East Lansing, Mich. 6 Sept. 1947, Mary Lake, b. 28 Aug. 1926 at Chicago, Ill.; dau. of Lester and Ruth (Sweitzer) Lake of East Lansing.

Mary received a B.A. degree in psychology from Michigan State College in 1947; Howard a B.S. in forestry from the same college in 1945. He is employed by an architectural firm and res. at East Lansing, Mich.; no ch.

Amos Crosby¹¹ De Wolfe, b. at Braymer, Mo. 12 Mar. 1895; m. at Lawton, Okla. 1 Apr. 1918, Blossom Miller, b. 19 Mar. 1894 at Chicago, Ill.; dau. of Giles Ernest and Florence Estelle (Britts) Miller of Chicago.

Mr. De Wolfe attended Missouri State Univ. for two years. He served as a Wagoner in Co. A, 110th Engineers, 35th Division, from 6 May 1917 to 3 May 1919, participating in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives and in the Amiens, Alsace and Verdun sectors.

Except for the period 1940-1945, when he served as Postmaster at Guymon, Okla., Mr. De Wolfe has been engaged in the printing industry since World War I. Most of his experience has been as a Linotype operator. At present (1953) Mr. De Wolfe is maintenance man on Teletypesetters (automatic typesetting machines operating from perforated tape).

Mr. De Wolfe is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and of the American Legion. Res., Alva, Okla. Ch. (3):

1. Marie Estelle De Wolfe, b. Hutchinson, Kans. 9 Jan. 1920; m. at Austin, Tex. 14 July 1939, Nolan McWhirter, b. 21 Apr. 1914 near Texhoma, Sherman Co., Tex.; son of John Wesley and Zillah Anne (Black) McWhirter.

Mr. McWhirter received his B.S. from Panhandle A. & M. College, Goodwell, Okla.; did graduate work at the Univ. of Okla.; and was given his master's degree by the Colo. State College of Education at Greeley. He is Associate Professor of Science, and Curator of the Museum, at Panhandle A. & M. College; a member of Lambda Sigma Tau (honorary science fraternity), of the Lion's Club, and a charter member of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology. Hobby - pipe collecting.

Mrs. McWhirter attended Panhandle A. & M. and is now (1953) secretary to the librarian at that institution. Both Mr. and Mrs. McWhirter are members of the Oklahoma Education Association, the No Man's Land Historical Society, and the Methodist Church. Res., Goodwell, Okla. No ch.

2. Donald Crosby De Wolfe, b. Guymon, Okla. 26 Sept. 1921; m. at Ashland, Kan. 20 Sept. 1941, Mae Ruth Huddleston, b. 11 Feb. 1923 at Dill, Okla.; dau. of Sparton Richard Huddleston and his wife Willie Beatrice Tarver.

Mr. De Wolfe served with the U.S. Air Force for the five-year period 1941-1945 and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a newspaperman, residing at Encinitas, Calif. Ch. of Donald and Mae, (3):

1. Donald Kent De Wolfe, b. 19 June 1943 at Liberal, Kan.
2. Philip Proctor De Wolfe, b. Guymon, Okla. 25 Aug. 1946.
3. Candace Wynelle De Wolfe, b. 14 Apr. 1948 at Amarillo, Tex.

3. Lucile Fern De Wolfe, b. Guymon, Okla. 10 Nov. 1926; m. there 26 July 1942, Larry Kyle Gordon, b. Turpin, Okla. 21 Dec. 1921; son of James H. and Lila (Kimble) Gordon.

Mr. Gordon served three years and three months (22 months overseas) with the Air Transport Command during World War II. He is a maintenance repairman with The Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company; hobby - baseball. Mrs. Gordon collects and raises houseplants; res. Guymon; ch. (4), all b. there:

1. Janice Marie Gordon, b. 24 Aug. 1943.
2. Larry Don Gordon, b. 16 Oct. 1946.
3. Billy Ray Gordon, b. 31 Dec. 1949.
4. Kathy Lynn Gordon, b. 5 Jan. 1952.

Una Calista¹¹ De Wolfe, b. Braymer, Mo. 27 Apr. 1903; m. thrice:

m. (1) at Kansas City, Mo. 7 Jan. 1923, Virgil Elmer Boland, b. Johnson Co., Mo. 24 Feb. 1902; son of Zacharias and Clarissa (Miller) Boland.

Virgil and Una were divorced in 1943; ch. (4):

1. Laura Lee¹² Boland, b. 14 Nov. 1923.
2. Nellie Clarissa¹² Boland, b. 7 June 1926.
3. Lucille Grace Boland, b. Eldorado, Kans. 31 Aug. 1927; d. 30 Apr. 1929 at Kansas City, Mo.
4. Mary Evelyn¹² Boland, b. 4 Feb. 1929.

m. (2) at Olathe, Kan., 15 Jan. 1944, Theodore Alonzo Willoughby, b. Chariton, Iowa 28 July 1890; d. Kansas City, Mo. 17 Dec. 1949; son of Henderson and Florence Belle (Mickle) Willoughby. No ch. by this m.

m. (3) at Kansas City, Mo. 28 Oct. 1950, Leo Youck, b. Arapahoe, Neb. 25 Sept. 1899; son of Lorenz Youck (b. Iowa, d. 16 Apr. 1919) who m. at Columbus, Neb. 23 Nov. 1898, Aloisia Brauner (b. 24 Nov. 1871 in Germany).

Mr. Youck took courses in electricity, automotive mechanics and carpentry and has been employed for 30 years in those fields. Res., Kansas City, Mo.; no ch. by this m.

Laura Lee¹² Boland, b. Braymer 14 Nov. 1923; m. at Kansas City, Mo. 26 Sept. 1941, William C. Shupert, b. Atchison, Kan., 17 Apr. 1921; son of William B. and Margaret (Whittaker) Shupert, who were m. at Atchison.

William served three years with the 81st Wildcat Division (Infantry), two of them in the island hopping campaign in the Pacific - New Caledonia, Peleliu, Philippine Islands, Japan. He is assistant foreman and set-up man at a die casting plant. Hobbies - golf and fishing.

Laura puts her artistic abilities to professional use by coloring photographs in oil. Hobbies - crocheting and water sports.

William and Laura reside in their own home at Kansas City, Mo., and have 2 ch.:

1. William Warren Shupert, b. 8 Dec. 1943 at Kansas City, Mo.
2. Charles Lee Shupert, b. Kansas City, Mo. 12 Nov. 1948.

Nellie Clarissa¹² Boland, b. Chilhowee, Mo. 7 June 1926; m. at Laurel, Miss. 31 Oct. 1946, Allen Marshall Holifield, b. there 15 Nov. 1923; son of Robert and Kate (Therrell) Holifield.

Mr. Holifield entered service for World War II on 20 May 1943 at Camp Shelby, Miss. After three months of basic training he was sent overseas where

he served in England, France and Germany as Medical Aidman. After 11 mos. of such service he was wounded. Upon recovery he was made a Military Policeman. In addition to his normal MP duties he served as motorcycle escort guard and as driver of a radio-equipped jeep. Mr. Holifield was discharged from service 26 Apr. 1946 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., with the rank of Pfc. He was awarded the Medical Badge, Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 4 Overseas bars, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with 3 campaign stars.

Allen is a builder of truck bodies. His hobbies are carpentry, hunting, fishing and swimming.

Mrs. Holifield is employed as an oil colorist (of photographs) by Rolland Studio, Kansas City. Her hobbies are crocheting and embroidery, and she shares her husband's enjoyment in fishing and swimming.

Mr. and Mrs. Holifield reside in Kansas City, Mo. and have 2 ch., both b. there:

1. Gary Ray Holifield, b. 18 Nov. 1947.
2. Sheryl Kay Holifield, b. 9 Nov. 1953.

Mary Evelyn¹² Boland, b. Kansas City, Mo. 4 Feb. 1929; m. 4 times:

m. (1) 7 Feb. 1946 at Kansas City, Mo., Charles Edward Bryant. Mary and Charles were divorced in 1948; ch. (1):

1. Charles Edward Bryant, Jr., b. 19 Apr. 1947 at Kansas City, Mo.

m. (2) in 1948 (name unavailable). This m. was dissolved within 3 mos.; no ch. by this m.

m. (3) in Oct. 1948 at Kansas City, Mack Jordan. Mary and Mack were divorced in 1951; ch. (1):

2. Wilma Lee Jordan, b. 24 July 1949 at Kansas City, Mo.

m. (4) in Aug. 1951 at Kansas City, Walter David Jagars, b. 15 Feb. 1903 at Kansas City, Mo. Mary and Walter were divorced in 1952. No ch. by this m.

SUPPLEMENT B

George Darrow, Sr., b. 19 Mar. 1712; d. 8 Apr. 1772; m. 5 Oct. 1735, Phebe Palmer, b. 24 Nov. 1717; d. 14 Aug. 1796. They had 8 ch. (Darrow): 1. Phebe, b. 18 Apr. 1737; 2. George, Jr., b. 16 Aug. 1743; 3. Mary, b. 8 Aug. 1745; 4. Francis, b. 1 Apr. 1748; 5. Joseph, b. 30 May 1751, d. 10 Feb. 1778; 6. John, b. 16 Dec. 1753; 7. Elizabeth, b. 14 Dec. 1755; and 8. Lydia, b. 20 Nov. 1758, d. in Feb. 1811, m. 24 May 1780, William Wilkie, q.v. below.

The following are Wilkie siblings, names of parents unknown: 1. Jacob, b. 12 Jan. 1748, d. 5 Jan. 1776; 2. Augusta, b. 26 Aug. 1749; 3. Jeremiah, b. 16 Mar. 1752; 4. Thomas, b. 15 Feb. 1753; 5. William, q.v. below; 6. Elizabeth Rowse (or Rorap), b. 1 May 1759.

William Wilkie (above), b. 17 Sept. 1755; d. 22 June 1796; m. 24 May 1780, Lydia Darrow (above). Ch.: 7 (Wilkie): 1. William, Jr., b. Tuesday, 29 Jan. 1782; 2. Fredrique, b. Monday, 19 Jan. 1784; 3. Jacob, "Jr." (not used to distinguish him from his uncle, who was d. before this ch. was b.), b. 9 Jan. 1786; 4. Polly, b. Sunday, 4 May 1788, d. 3 Apr. 1862; 5. Younglove, b. 3 Apr. 1790, d. Monday 16 June 1800 in his 11th year*; 6. Zilpha, b. Thursday, 15 Oct. 1791; and 7. Lydia Joanna, b. Tuesday, 18 Mar. 1794, who m. Henry Sibley⁸ Crosby.

Descendants treasure a flowery love poem penned 22 Oct. 1776 at Schenectady by William Wilkie to Miss Lydia Darrow. It is such a fine example of courtship technique in the still-colonial period that it is reproduced herewith in full.

To you, my charming Fair, I joyful send
These few unworthy lines in love I've penned.
May Heaven grant that these, when read by thee,
May find you happier than they leave me.
For joys I've none that's happy, none complete
Unless when with my love or when we meet.
Oh! What a transport then my soul does fill,
My pen cannot express nor tongue can tell.
Sure some guardian power with wondrous skill
Helps me to bear my joys and keep them still.
And that none may observe, or notice take
Like one reserved and dumb I scarce can speak.
Ah cruel Fate, too hard is thy decree,
That I must live - and live in misery,
And always absent from my charmer be.
But though we're far apart and long's the way,
My ever constant heart shall with you stay.
My love's not flighty, where 'tis placed 'tis found
Nor has the art to range the world around.
You still distrust my love, most charming Fair,
And yet on you it's placed, I need not swear.
For that would show myself not to believe,
As though 'twas formed another to deceive.
Oh, when will Fate be kind, and Fortune too,
And I be happy made - and blessed with you?
Amid my sleeping hours I paint the scene
And joys methinks none know or scarce have been.
I then claimed as my own:- When will that be?
That I am blessed with you and you not cursed with me.

My Guardian Seraph knows my heart too well
Where I'm well used, I never can give ill.
Steady and firm, my soul moves in its sphere,
And Reason, not the worst, my steps must steer.
Perhaps you'll chide me, that I speak too free
And hint at what may yet uncertain be.
But of your generous self I'll pardon crave
Since you have given me all the hopes I have.
Nor is it crime - for Nature so ordains
And worlds are bound together in those chains.
What chains bind stronger than true love combined
And what's more noble than love with wedlock joined?
The world's a proof - I need not mention more
Had it been wrong, 'twould ended long before.
But oh, my charming Fair, can you be true?
And yet you've been - I cannot distrust you.
I think I may rely upon the words
That spring from where such worth and sense is stored,
And yet to loose thee, I can ne'er endure.
I hope you'll pardon - do not take offense
For love directs my pen, instead of sense.
More I could say but would not seem to tire
Much fills the heart that love has set on fire.
But now my paper bids me quit to write
And has scarcely allowed time to indite.
But as it is, I send it to my love,
What's poor you'll skip, some thoughts you may approve.
May heaven be your guard, my second life:
If I may thus express - to say - my W___.

From your admiring friend
and most obedient servant, until death.

*All of the genealogical records of this Supplement are taken from a Bible record written by an unidentified person. Beneath the record of death of Young-love are written these poems, presumably original:

Sweet Youth, thy Days have here been few,
They've vanished as the morning Dew!
Thy kindred - neighbors, round thee meet,
To aid thee in thy last retreat;
But why thus hastened from the stage,
Does all their anxious thoughts engage?
An obvious reason may be shown,
A want of skill, but not thy own,
Hath thus cut short thine Infant Years,
And left a mother lav'd with Tears.

In life we travel all one way
The youth, the middle aged, and gray.
Then deign not, kindred, to deplore
A friend, not lost, but gone before.

SUPPLEMENT C

Henry Sibley⁸ Crosby sent a postcard dated Washington, Mo., Jan. 2, 1874, to his son Henry Willard⁹ Crosby, Hudson, Wisc. The card was postmarked at Utica, Mo., the town nearest the Crosby farm. The entire message was written in ink on one side of the 3x5" postcard in a tiny but legible handwriting, now badly faded - remarkable writing for a man of 86.

My Dear Son -

I will drop you a few lines on this card to let you know that our relatives in this part of the country are all in good health and spirits. My health is good, being now in my 86th year, quite free from all aches and pains, appetite is good, sleep good nights, have no ugly dreams, have but little strength left, can do no hard work, yet I can well walk off one or 2 miles with tolerable ease. My deafness is my greatest trouble, not being able to understand any thing that is said in common conversation. But tho' I have one good eye left, can read fine print from morning till night. Lost the use of my left eye about 35 years ago. Our children are somewhat scattered, 1 in Wis. 1 in Mich. 1 in Iowa 4 in Colo. 5 here with us in Mo. The 2 youngest are at home with us. _____ neighbors 13 _____ mother and children took dinner with us yesterday, all enjoyed themselves first rate. You will have to write and let us know how you and your wife and children are prospering these days, as I have not heard from you for some time past. Weather here has been quite mild so far this winter, the ground whitened a few times under 2 or 3 in. of snow, 6° above the coldest this season _____ dry and _____ almost like summer. Give my love and best wishes to your wife and children and friends. Your most affectionate father,

Henry S. Crosby