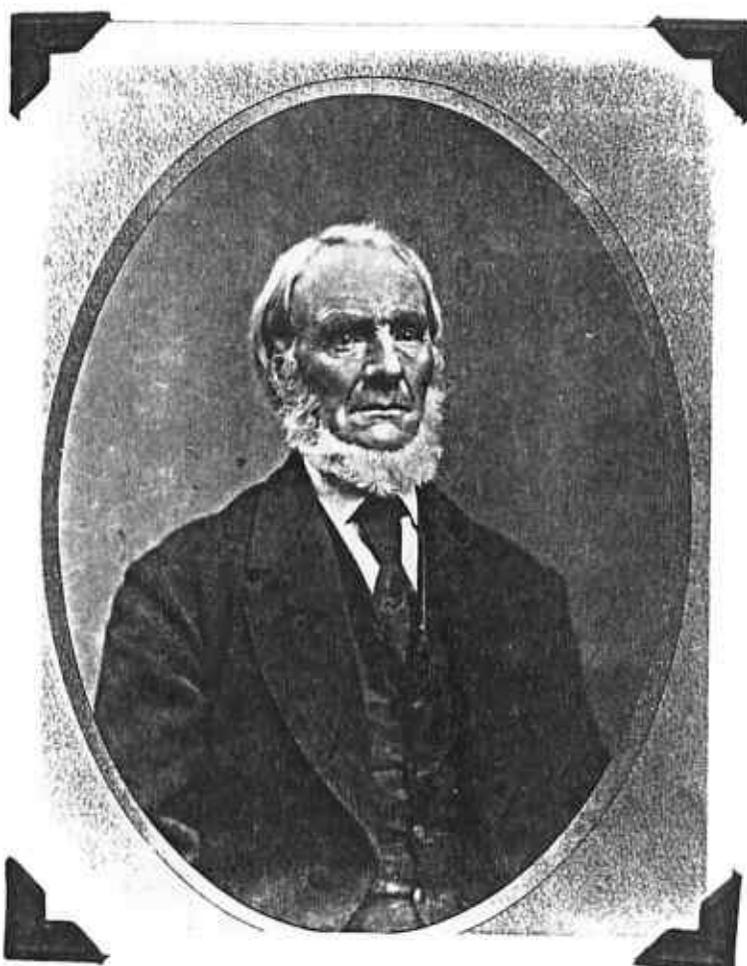


Crossley

Genealogy of the John Crossley family



John Crossley

All that is known concerning John Crossley and his family before he came to the United States is more or less legendary. Sarah Crossley Barden remembered certain things which her father told her; and these she retold to her daughter, Estelle Barden Watson who is writing this genealogy.

The name "Crossley" originated when one branch of the "Cross" family moved across the "lea" in England. It was first spelled "Crosslea", but had been changed to "Crosley" before John came to the United States in 1827. Later a second "s" was added, making the name "Crossley". This change appears in entries made in the family Bible by John himself. (This Bible is now in the possession of Norman A. Watson, son of Estelle Watson.)

Inquiries made in England about 1895 by a friend of Frederick Barden (see p. 19) indicate that "John Crossley was of the family of Crossley living in Halifax, England, who were and now are, large carpet manufacturers".

John Crossley left England because of a

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quarrel which he had with his brothers over the division of his father's estate. He never returned to England, hence never received his share. Whatever it might have been, it has long since "reverted to the Crown" through the Bank of England. He did receive the interest twice, it being collected by a friend, John Sharp. The amount is not known.

John Crossley was a weaver and dyer of broadcloth by trade. He followed this trade in England and later for a time in Wrentham, Mass. with John Sharp as his partner.

In 1823, John Crossley married Sarah Bradbury. Her family seems to have been one of some wealth and distinction. An interesting story is told about one member who was a judge in an English Court. Early in his life he acquired a large estate, by bidding for it just at the moment the candle regulating the sale, flickered out.

The only relatives known to have been living in the United States during John Crossley's lifetime, were

- (1) Ann Bradbury Rhodes (or Roades), a sister of his wife, Sarah. She lived in Torrington, Connecticut about 1845-1855
- (2) "Aunt" Ashton who lived in Lowell, Mass. In 1850(?) Sarah Crossley (Barden) visited Aunt Ashton, who took her with her own daughters to the theater in Boston. The theater was considered "a questionable amusement" by the Crossleys. Further visits were not permitted. The Crossleys belonged to the "hard-shelled" Baptist Church.

John Crossley brought his wife and two small daughters to the United States on a sailing vessel leaving England in April 1827. After a very rough voyage of six weeks or more, they landed at New York. In a few months they settled in Simsbury Connecticut, where they lived until 1843. Four children were buried there. Then they moved to Wrentham, Mass., living on a farm until John's death in 1878. He died of heart failure while laying up a stone wall for a neighbor. John Crossley was very highly

respected by everyone who knew him, being familiarly called "Honest John."

The records and legal papers which John Crossley had accumulated were kept in a small trunk in the attic of his Wrentham home. This trunk was accidentally destroyed soon after his death. The family Bible alone remains. From it are copied the entries made by John Crossley, himself.

John Crossley - born April 4, 1802 - England
 married on February 23, 1823 to
Sarah Bradbury - born 1803 - England
 died April 8, 1878 - Wrentham, Mass.
 ("heart failure")
 died March 23, 1849 - Wrentham, Mass.
 ("quick consumption")

Children

1. Betty Crossley - b. Jan. 22, 1825 — England
d. Aug. 3, 1827 - Simsbury, Conn.
2. Jane Crossley - b. Feb. 29, 1827 — England
p. 13 d. Dec. 13, 1889 - North Attleboro, Mass.
3. Reuben Crossley - b. Feb. 17, 1829 - Simsbury, Conn.
p. 15 d. Oct. 7, 1867 - Franklin, Mass.
4. Thomas B. Crossley - b. Mar. 6, 1831 - Simsbury, Conn.
d. Oct. 1833 - Simsbury, Conn.
5. John Crossley, Jr. b. July 17, 1832 - Simsbury, Conn.
d. Jan. 1833 - Simsbury, Conn.
6. Sarah Ann Crossley b. April 6, 1835 - Simsbury, Conn.
p. 17 d. Oct. 4, 1932 - Urbana, Ill.
7. John Crossley, 2nd b. Mar. 20, 1837 - Simsbury, Conn.
d. Oct. 1839 - Simsbury, Conn.

8. Elizabeth Crossley - b. Dec. 6, 1839 - Simsbury, Conn.
p. 29 d. July 3, 1922 - South Pasadena, Calif.
9. Benjamin Crossley - b. May 31, 1842 - Simsbury, Conn.
p. 31 d. 1910 - Franklin, Me.
10. Joseph Crossley b. June 22, 1845 - Wrentham, Mass.
p. 33 d. May 15, 1915 - South Pasadena, Calif.

John Cros(s)ley

married a second time on March 4, 1851 in
Wrentham, Mass. to

Susan Belcher (Guild), a widow

born - Sept. 29, 1802

died - June 1903 - Kingston, R. I.

Susan was a first generation Daughter of
the American Revolution.

John Crossley and both his wives are
buried in the Shepardsville Cemetery near
Wrentham, Mass.

Jane Crossley married Charles Bisbee Thompson
December 17, 1848 - North Attleboro, Mass.

Children

1. Charles Melville m. Laura Blackington
 - 1' Harriet m. Fred Tourtellot - no children
 - 2' Irma J.
2. Eugene m. Julia Horton
 - 1' Charles Herbert
 - 2' Harley Eugene
 - 3' Harry Beniah
 - 4' Earl Bisbee
3. Walter m. Mary Robinson
 - 1' Christine
 - 2' Howard
4. Minnie 1m. William Mason (divorced)
 - 1' Charles m.
 - 1" Josiah
 - 2" daughter
 - 2m. Josiah Coggeshall
5. Leda Jane b. 1864 d. 1919
6. Elizabeth Belcher b. 1867
d. 1955
married Dr. Edmund G. Flint of North
Attleboro, Mass.

6. — Children

1' Edmund Goodrich, Jr. m.

1" [unclear]

2" [unclear]

2' Kathryn m. Leroy K. Armstrong

1" Edmund Flint

2" Mary Kenyon

3" Kay Flint

3' [unclear] died in childhood.

Reuben Crossley m. Mary Fales Hill

September 10, 1857, Franklin, Mass.

Children

1. Flora Belle b. Sept. 3, 1858, Franklin, Mass
d. Sept. 28, 1937, Foxboro, Mass

2. Elmer Ellsworth b. Apr. 12, 1861, Franklin, Mass
d. Mar. 18, 1865, Franklin, Mass.

3. Edwin Reuben b. June 12, 1863, Franklin, Mass.
d. Apr. 26, 1928, North Attleboro, Mass

married Flora Stanley Woodcock, Oct. 26, 1892
in North Attleboro, Mass - No children.

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Sarah Ann Crossley m. Stephen Halsey Barden
 April 27, 1856 - Mansfield, Mass.

Stephen Halsey Barden b. Aug. 30, 1830, Plainville, Mass.
 d. June 19, 1881, North Attleboro, Mass.
 (ruptured spleen due to R.R. accident)

Children

1. Charles Albert
 p. 19
 b. Feb. 26, 1858, North Attleboro, Mass.
 d. Apr. 3, 1916, Wollaston, Mass.
2. Frederick William
 p. 19
 b. Jan. 5, 1860, North Attleboro, Mass.
 d. July 26, 1938, Clinton, Mass.
3. Wallace Lincoln
 p. 21
 b. Sept. 23, 1862, Plainville, Mass.
 d. Dec. 20, 1939, Providence, R. I.
4. Sarah Elizabeth
 b. Dec. 5, 1864, Plainville, Mass.
 d. Sept. 15, 1866, North Attleboro, Mass.
5. Edward Everett
 p. 23
 b. Sept. 19, 1867, North Attleboro, Mass.
 d. Nov. 12, 1947, South Pasadena, Calif.
6. Estelle Jane
 b. Dec. 6, 1874, North Attleboro, Mass.
 d.

1. Charles Albert Barden m. Clara Cornelia Wilbur
December 19, 1887, at Newark, N.J.

Clara Cornelia Wilbur - b. Oct. 9, 1860, New Bedford, Mass.
d. May 6, 1945, Sharon, Mass.
no children

2. Frederick William Barden m(1) Emily D. Carter
November 12, 1884 at Providence, R.I.

Emily D. Carter b. May 8, 1862, Nova Scotia
d. July 4, 1900, Ayer, Mass.
no children

Frederick William Barden m(2) Mrs Marion Hale Heuser
August 1904 at Worcester, Mass.

Marion Hale b. New York City, N.Y.
d. Dec. 18, 1936, Worcester, Mass.
no children

3. Wallace Lincoln Barden m (1) Jennie Estelle Cranston
September 23, 1885 at Providence, R.I.

Jennie E. Cranston b. Feb. 20, 1864
d. Sept. 5, 1901, Providence, R.I.

Children

1' Madeline b. Sept. 7, 1887, Providence, R.I.
d.

Wallace L. Barden m. (2) Gertrude Speakman
at Providence, R.I.

Gertrude Speakman b.
d. August 13, 1947, Providence, R.I.

No children

1' Madeline Barden m. Rev. Frederick F. H. Nason
June 8, 1918 at Providence, R.I.

Frederick F. H. Nason b. Newport, R.I.
d. Hartford, Conn.

Children

1" Elisabeth Cranston b. Nov. 6, 1920, Essex Conn
d.

Elisabeth Cranston Barden m. Raymond Lossing Hilton
December 20, 1941 at Hartford, Conn.

Raymond L. Hilton b.
d.

Children

1. " Raymond Leasing, Jr. b. Feb. 25, 1943, Hartford, Conn.
d.
2. " Jane Elizabeth " b. Mar. 23, 1947, Hartford, Conn.
d.
3. " Mary Louise b. Mar 5, 1950, Hartford, Conn.

5. Edward Everett Barden m(1) Mary (Mayne) Ella Wood
September 24, 1891 at South Pasadena, Calif.

Mary Ella Wood b. Feb. 25, 1862, Waverly, N. Y.
d. July 21, 1937, South Pasadena, Calif.

Children

1' Harold Edward b. Sept. 25, 1892, South Pasadena, Calif.
d.

2' Stephen Halsey, 2nd. b. Dec. 26, 1900, South Pasadena, Calif.
d.

Edward Everett Barden m(2) Mrs. Emma Marie Glazier
January 22, 1938 at Riverside, Calif.

Emma Marie Glazier b.
d. June 5, 1942, Los Angeles, Calif.

1' Harold Edward Barden m. Mrs. Myrtle Mason Sprague
March 16, 1921 at Los Angeles, Calif.

Myrtle Mason b. Nov. 29, 1880 Arroyo Grande, Calif.
d.

no children

Harold Edward Barden served in the Navy.
Submarine division during World War I - and also in
the Navy, Pacific Ocean Area, in World War II. He
retired with the rank of "Captain, U.S.N.R."

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ford, Conn

2' Stephen Halsey Bardin, 2nd m. Lenora Margaret Anderson
 May 20, 1928 at Riverside, Calif.

Lenora Margaret Anderson - b. Jan. 7, 1904, Milton, Florida
 d.

Children

1" June Estelle b. Dec. 25, 1931, Los Angeles, Calif.
 d.

2" Patricia Ella b. July 30, 1935, Alhambra, Calif.
 d.

1" June Estelle Barden m. Winston Walker Royce
 May 3, 1952 at Las Vegas, Nevada

Winston Royce b. Aug. 15, at Santa Monica, Calif.
 d.

Children

1" Susan Louise b. Apr. 4, 1953 at Santa Monica, Calif.
 d.

2" Walker Edward b. Aug. 23, 1955 at Santa Monica, Calif.
 d.

6. Estelle Jane Barden m. Lloyd Rowe Watson
 August 14, 1902, at South Pasadena, Calif.
Lloyd Rowe Watson b. Apr. 23, 1872, Lawrence, Kansas
 d.

Children

- 1' Norman Allen b. May 11, 1909, Champaign, Ill
d.
- 2' Robert Barden b. Apr. 14, 1914, Champaign, Ill.
d.

1' Norman Allen Watson m. Ruth Burnett
 July 14, 1936 at Reno, Nevada
Ruth Burnett b. Jan. 18, 1910, Bodie, Calif.
 d.

No children

2' Robert Barden Watson m. Genevieve Lund Carter
 October 11, 1941 at Kingston, N.Y.
Genevieve Lund Carter b. Jan. 13, 1920,
 d.

Children

- 1" Ann Barden Watson b. Apr. 20, 1943, Cambridge, Mass
d.
- 2" Roberta Gail b. Mar. 16, 1945, Cambridge, Mass
d.
- 3. "Douglas Carter Watson b. Feb. 26, 1947, Austin, Texas

(over)

Elizabeth Crossley m. William Church Brainerd

October 8, 1873 - North Attleboro, Mass.

William Church Brainerd b.

d. Feb. 22, 1918, South Pasadena, Calif.

no children

William Brainerd had one son, Arthur Morse Brainerd by a previous marriage. He was raised by William's only sister, Mary.

Elizabeth and William took Joseph Crossley's (p. 33) two children, Lena Fogg and John Frederick after the separation of their parents in 1879, and raised them to adulthood. They were not adopted.

Benjamin Crossley m (1)
divorced

Three children only one of which lived to maturity
Elizabeth (called Lily) married A. E. Cunningham
of Haverhill, Mass.

Children -

- 1' Alan P.
- 2' Charles
- 3' Bernice (?)

Benjamin Crossley m(2) Mary McPherson of
Franklin, Maine - where they lived, died,
and are buried.

During the Civil War, "Benjamin Crossley
served in the Army of the James, having been
a member of Company M., 2nd Regiment,
Massachusetts H.A., Eighteenth Army Corps."
He was furloughed for a time because of
severe attacks of malaria. Returning to active
service he suffered a leg wound that never
healed.

Joseph Crossley m. Ida Victoria Tibbets
separated in 1879.

Children

- 1' Lucy died when a baby
- 2' Lena Fogg b. Nov. 13, 1873, North Abington, Mass.
d. Aug. 17, 1955 - South Pasadena, Calif.
- 3' John Frederick b. Mar. 3, 1877, Plymouth, Mass.
d. Nov. 5, 1943, South Pasadena, Calif.

2' Lena Fogg Crossley m. Frank Dwan Harris
May 22, 1900, at South Pasadena, Calif.

Frank D. Harris b. Sept. 5, 1868 Del.
d. Feb. 5, 1940, South Pasadena, Calif.

Children

- 1" Howard Louis b. April 20, 1902, Pasadena, Calif.
d.

Howard Louis m. Ruth Sully
June 15, 1928 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Ruth Sully b.
d.

Children

- 1" Howard Sully b. Feb. 23, 1930, Los Angeles, Calif.
d.

2nd Donald Franklin to Jan 31, 1932, Los Angeles, Calif
d.

Married Linda Carey Williams Aug. 24, 1958 in Pasadena, Calif.
Linda Carey Williams b. Feb. 22, 1935-

Children

Lesley Patricia Harris b. Dec. 26, 1958- in Santa Monica, Calif.
Married May 30, 1982

Mark Wallace Mullery b. Sept. 20, 1958-

Elizabeth Carey Harris b. Nov. 12, 1960-

Cameron Sully Harris b. Oct. 1, 1963-

1 III Howard Sully Harris b. Feb. 23, 1930- Los Angeles, Calif.

Married Bonnie Bressler b. Nov. 17, 1932-

Children

Ashley Suzanne Harris, b. Dec. 7, 1961-
Married May 25, 1986 Tim Slotka

Adam Sully Harris b. Jan. 31, 1965-

Jason Matthew Harris b. June 8, 1966-

s, Calif.

3rd John Frederick Crossley m. Adelaide Whitney
 1898, South Pasadena, Calif.
 Adelaide Whitney b. August 3, 1877, Chicago, Illinois
 d. Sept. 22, 1952, South Pasadena, Calif.

Children

- 1st John Frederick, Jr. b. March 28, 1899, South Pasadena, Calif.
d.
- 2nd Willis Joseph b. March 30, 1901, South Pasadena, Calif.
d.
- 3rd Winifred Loteta b. May 8, 1903, South Pasadena, Calif.
d.
- 4th Elizabeth Jane b. June 6, 1911, South Pasadena, Calif.
d.

1st John Frederick, Jr. m.

no children

John Frederick Jr. served in the Navy of the U.S.
 during World War I.

2nd Willis Joseph m. Louise Wiley

Divorced

Children

over

Children

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 st Mary Louise | b. |
| | d. |
| 2 nd Constance | b. |
| | d. |
| 3 rd Willis Joseph Jr. | b. |
| | d. |
| 4 th Snellen | b. |
| | d. |
| 3 rd Winifred Lolita | m. James Edward Porter |

James E. Porter was a soldier in the U. S. Army in World War I.

Children

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| 1 st James Edward, Jr. | b. |
| | d. |
| 2 nd John William | b. |
| | d. |
| 3 rd Marjorie Jane | b. |
| | d. |

4" Elizabeth Jane m. Homer Thomas Sawyer.

Homer T. Sawyer b.
d.

Children

1" Homer Thomas, Jr. b. March 16, 1931
d.

2" Richard b. May 10, 1936
d.

3" Sharon b. Sept. 22, 1938
d.

In August 1881, after the death of her husband, Sarah Crossley Barden moved from their home on Watery Hill, North Attleboro, Mass. to Providence, R. I. to make a home for her sons Charles, Frederick and Wallace. These three had inherited their father's share of the "Butter, Flour and Cheese" wholesale business known as "Barden and Keep" at 19 Exchange Place, Providence, R. I. From 1881 to 1886 Sarah and her family lived at 38 Chapin Avenue. She bought a cottage at Field's Point on Narragansett Bay, where they spent their summers. Also living in Providence were Elizabeth Crossley Brainerd, her husband, William, and brother Joseph Crossley's two children, Lena and John Frederick. The Brainerds, too, owned a cottage at Field's Point; and the two families were very closely associated.

In 1886, her Doctor advised Elizabeth that she should spend the Winter in a warmer climate because of a "weakness of her lungs". She refused to go alone; so Sarah decided she would go with her. Elizabeth would take John Frederick, and Sarah would take Estelle.

Southern California was chosen as the place upon the enthusiastic recommendation of "Brother" (Rev.) J. A. Wood, a former pastor in North Attleboro, who was moving to South Pasadena, California to make his home. The sisters traveled West with the Woods (Rev. and Mrs. Wood and daughter Mayme), the train-trip requiring about ten days. Food was taken in large lunch baskets and prepared over alcohol stoves set on tables between the seats. Frequent stops of sufficient length were made so that passengers could see the towns and unusual bits of scenery.

The party arrived in Los Angeles, ^{at the} Southern Pacific River Station one September evening, surprised to find the City illuminated by electric arc lights installed on poles 156 ft. high. Providence was still lighted by gas lamps. Little Fred, very sleepy, asked the often quoted question, "Is that the moon, Auntie?" Temporary lodgings were secured on ("Fort" Street) near Fifth Street. Then the four settled down ^{Broadway} for the winter at the Lightfoot home in South Pasadena. This home was situated

in the center of a large orange grove - bounded by Fair Oaks (now Fremont) Ave. to the east, Monterey Road to the south, Diamond Ave. to the west and El Centro St. to the north.

The improvement in Elizabeth's and Estelle's health was so great that the sisters decided to make South Pasadena, Calif. their permanent home. In the Fall of 1887, they were joined by Edward Everett Barden, Joseph Crossley and his daughters Lena, and William Brainerd. Also Jane Crossley Thompson spent that Winter with her sisters, returning to her "Watery Hill", North Attleboro, Mass. home which she and her husband had bought from Sarah Crossley Barden. Sarah lived in South Pasadena until 1912 when she moved to Urbana, Ill. to be with her daughter Estelle, whose husband, Floyd R. Watson was a professor in the Physics Department of the University of Illinois.

Lena and Fred Crossley and Estelle Barden attended the first "El Centro" school in South Pasadena. Lena and Estelle graduated with the first Eighth Grade Class in 1890. All the members of the family attended the Methodist

Church of which Rev. A. W. Dunbar was the beloved pastor for several years. William Brainard (bass), Mayme Wood (Barden) (soprano), Lena Crossley (Harris) and John H. Jacobs (tenor) formed the Choir. Other members took active parts in the work of the Church and Sunday School.

Thus it was that a considerable number of the John Crossley family migrated from their New England homes and made new homes in Southern California.

CROSSLEY — Mrs. Adelaide Barry Crossley, 1208 Bank South Pasadena, passed Sept. 22, 1952. A native of Chicago, she had lived in South Pasadena about 50 years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Winifred French of Maywood, and Mrs. Betty Sawyer of Burbank; two sons, J. Frederick Crossley, Jr. of Puente, and Willis J. Crossley of Rosemead; nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and her sister, Miss Lucy Mae Whitney of Los Angeles. Services 3 p.m. Thursday at the chapel of Turner, Stevens & Eggleston, 1000 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, Rev. Dwaine Cerbin officiating. Interment, private.

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise
Assured alone that life and death
God's mercy underlies.

And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fringed palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

—John G. Whittier

Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures; He leadeth
me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He
leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His
name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for Thou
art with me; Thy rod and Thy
staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before
me in the presence of mine
enemies; Thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days
of my life; and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for
ever.

A service of memory for
MRS. ADELAIDE BARRY CROSSLEY

Born
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Passed away
SEPTEMBER 22, 1952

Services held
SEPTEMBER 25, 1952
CHAPEL OF
TURNER, STEVENS & EGGLESTON
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Clergyman
REV. DWAIN CERBIN

Soloist
JAMES TOWNSEND

Organist
CLAIRE BENNETT

Interment
PRIVATE

A service of memory for
MRS. LENA CROSSLEY HARRIS

Born
~~PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND~~
North Abington, Mass.

Passed away
AUGUST 17, 1955
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Services held
AUGUST 19, 1955
CHAPEL OF
TURNER, STEVENS & EGGLESTON
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Clergyman
DR. HARRY C. SLATER

Soloist
JAMES TOWNSEND

Organist
CLAIRE BENNETT

Interment
PRIVATE

Forest Lawn Cemetery