

## Line of JOHN MATTHEW CROWELL

John Matthew Crowell was born in Jefferson county, Va., 18 June 1823, died in the Hawaiian Islands in 1881, and was buried there. His father, Samuel Crowell, was born in Cumberland county, Penna., 7 May 1793, and died in Fremont, Ohio, 9 April 1859. His mother, Mary Link, the daughter of Adam Link, Jr., was born in Jefferson county, Va., 11 Dec. 1792, and died in Fremont 16 March 1856. They were married in Jefferson county 16 June 1814.

John Matthew Crowell married in Fremont, Ohio, 30 April 1848, Ann Thraves. She was born in Nottingham, England, in 1826, died in Yuba county, Calif., 3 July 1866, and was buried in Camptonville, Calif.

## Brothers and sisters of John Matthew Crowell:

1. Emanuel, b. 23 Feb. 1816.
2. Samuel Adam, b. 8 Jan. 1818.
3. George Alex, b. in Jefferson county, Va., 25 June 1820.
4. Moses Hoge, b. 29 March 1826.
5. Mary Jane, b. in Sandusky county, Ohio, 13 Oct. 1829.
6. Catherine, b. 27 April 1833.
7. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 10 June 1834.

## Children of John Matthew and Ann (Thraves) Crowell:

1. Abner Buel, b. in Fremont, Ohio, 9 March 1849 (below).
2. Mary Morella, b. in Fremont, Ohio, 1 Sept. 1850; d. in Berkeley, Calif., about 1925; m. John Kennedy.
3. John W., b. 16 June 1852; d. in Ohio 2 Aug. 1852.
4. Lizzie Ann, b. in Fosters Bar, Yuba Co., Calif., 3 Dec. 1855; living in 1929 in Modesto, Calif.; m. (1) Eugene Covey; m. (2) Charles Munsey.

Abner Buel Crowell, the son of John Matthew and Ann (Thraves) Crowell, was born in Fremont, Ohio, 9 March 1849, died in Monterey, Calif., 2 Aug. 1928, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Oakland, Calif. He married in Grangeville, Tulare Co. (now Kings Co.), Calif., 3 May 1874, Mary Ann Kanawyer. She was born in Des Moines, Iowa, 21 Aug. 1855, died in Oakland, Calif., 23 March 1928, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Her father, Capt. Peter Kanawyer, was born 19 March 1819, died in Hanford, Calif., 11 Dec. 1891, and was buried in Grangeville. Her mother, Abigail Cole, was born in Ohio 25 July 1819, died in Grangeville 12 Aug. 1886, and was buried there. They were married 4 Oct. 1842.

## Children of Abner Buel and Mary Ann (Kanawyer) Crowell, all living in 1928 except the second:

1. Letus Narcissus, b. in Grangeville, Calif., 21 April 1875; m.

in Fresno, Calif., 22 Sept. 1906, Lenora Lewis, b. in Center-ville, Alameda Co., Calif., 17 Feb. 1885; res. (1929) New Orleans, La., where he is a federal judge.

Child:

a. Beryl Ernestine, b. in San Francisco, Calif., 8 June 1909.

2. Alvin Buel, b. in Hanford, Calif., 14 Nov. 1876; d. in San Francisco, Calif., 3 Aug. 1900; bur. in Grangeville, Calif.; unm.

3. Charles Chester, b. in Hanford, Calif., 17 Sept. 1878; m. there 18 Nov. 1900, Lillie May Frederick, b. in Modesto, Calif., 8 Dec. 1878; res. (1929) Turlock, Calif., where he is a rancher.

Children:

a. Ella May, b. in Hanford 15 March 1902; m. in Turlock 3 July 1920, Sydney Thomas Lee; res. Los Angeles, Calif.

b. Orval Chester, b. in Grangeville 11 May 1903; m. in Salinas, Calif., in 1924, Estelle Logan; res. Turlock.

Child:

(1) Vivian Estelle, b. in Sacramento, Calif., 5 March 1925.

c. Abner Melvin, b. in Turlock 24 Feb. 1905; m. in Oakland, Calif., 5 June 1928, Beth Ione Cleland; res. Oakland.

d. Loren Eugene, b. in Turlock 3 Jan. 1907; res. Oakland, Calif.

e. Virgil Lloyd, b. in Turlock 23 May 1909; res. there.

f. Charles Colman, b. in Turlock 14 Dec. 1911; res. there.

4. Leo Calvin, b. in Hanford, Calif., 30 April 1880; m. (1) Adelia Seaman; divorced; m. (2) in Oakland, Calif., 24 Dec. 1928, Alma Ward; res. (1929) Fresno county, Calif., where he is a rancher.

5. Arthur G., b. in Hanford, Calif., 5 Feb. 1883; m. in San Jose, Calif., 18 July 1906, Esther Erica Hall, b. in Stillwater, Minn., 17 Oct. 1882; res. (1929) Turlock, Calif., where he is a rancher.

Children, born in Turlock:

a. Lela Joyce, b. 24 Oct. 1908.

b. Gladys Marian, b. 28 Oct. 1910.

c. Arthur Verne, b. 8 July 1917.

6. Mary, Ph.D., Mills College, b. in Hanford, Calif., 18 May 1885; m. in Oakland, Calif., 27 June 1910, Elmer Lee Burch, M.D., b. in Lewiston, Mo., 13 Nov. 1869; res. (1929) Oakland.

Children (surname Burch):

a. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Raymond, Calif., 27 May 1911.

b. Elmer Crowell, b. in Raymond, Calif., 11 Nov. 1912.

7. Elizabeth, b. in Hanford, Calif., 3 April 1887; m. in Oakland, Calif., 17 Oct. 1917, Charles William Kolb, b. in St. Louis, Mo., 29 Dec. 1883; res. (1929) Monterey, Calif.

## Children (surname) Kolb):

- a. Charles William, b. in Madera, Calif., 19 Nov. 1918.
- b. Albert Crowell, b. in Madera, Calif., 7 Nov. 1920.
- 8. Clarence Victor, b. in Hanford, Calif., 22 Sept. 1889; m. in Mariposa, Calif., 25 Nov. 1910, Blanche Hall Turner, b. there 26 Sept. 1890; res. (1929) Stockton, Calif., where he is in business.

## Children:

- a. Eleanor Estelle, b. in Hanford 30 Dec. 1911; d. in Turlock 28 Dec. 1913; bur. there.
- b. William Turner, b. in Oakdale, Calif., 1 Oct. 1913.
- c. Vernor Alexander, b. in Stockton 28 Nov (?) 1915.
- d. Ivan Clarence (twin), b. in Stockton 23 Nov. 1919.
- e. Irene Florence (twin), b. in Stockton 23 Nov. 1919.
- 9. Beulah, b. in Hanford, Calif., 14 Oct. 1892; m. in Oakland, Calif., 9 May 1911, Bernard Simon Schindler, b. in Appleton, Wis., 31 March 1888; res. (1929) Burlingame, Calif.

## Children (surname Schindler):

- a. Beulah Teresa, b. in Seattle, Wash., 14 Feb. 1912.
- b. Mary Louise, b. in San Francisco, Calif., 19 Aug. 1913.
- c. Bernard Crowell, b. in San Francisco, Calif., 10 Aug. 1916.

Abner Buell Crowell came to California with his parents via the Isthmus of Panama in 1855, sailing from New York. They settled in Yuba county, first in Fosters Bar and later in Camptonville, and engaged in Placer mining. He worked in and about the mines until after his mother's death, when he returned to the east, clerked in his Uncle George's store in Peru, Ind., and attended school. When he was about 19 years old, he returned to California, coming overland by train, and taught school in Grangeville, then part of Tulare county but now in Kings county, boarding at the home of Capt. Peter Kanawyer, whose daughter he married. In about 1873 he purchased 160 acres of government land and began farming on the tract that is now known as the Crowell sub-division and is adjacent to Hanford. He and his wife lived on this farm until 1908, engaging principally in dairying. In 1908 his health failed and he retired and they moved to Oakland. They lived there until Mrs. Crowell's death, when he went to his daughter's home in Monterey.

He was raised to a Master Mason in Hanford Lodge No. 279, F. & A.M., 13 Sept. 1890. He was a trustee of the Hanford High School from the time the district was formed until 1908, and was for many years a trustee of the Hanford Grammar School.

Mary Ann Kanawyer came to California when she was six years old, with her father, who was in charge of an ox train. She was a member of Lucerne Chapter O.E.S. at Hanford and an active member of the Christian church.

Abner Buel Crowell and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Oakland in 1924, at which all of their living children and grandchildren were present. They both attended the Pioneer Day Celebration in Hanford in 1927, and were given special honors as among the oldest pioneers of Hanford.

Notes on the Crowell family, supposed to be lineal descendants of Oliver Crowell, Lord Protector of England:

Samuel Crowell, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was born in New Jersey in October 1741 and died in Essex county, N.J., in 1782. He married Thankful Earl, who was born in September 1740.

Children:

1. Samuel, bapt. in December 1771.
2. Henry Earl, bapt. in April 1783.
3. Rachel, b. in 1780; m. (1) John Fox; m. (2) Jesse Gardner.

Samuel Crowell, the son of Samuel and Thankful (Earl) Crowell, was born in Essex county, N.J., 26 Sept. 1766, and baptized in December 1771. He died 30 Nov. 1834, and was buried in Newville, Cumberland Co., Penna. He married first 25 March 1789, Mary Walker, the daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Johnson) Walker, natives of Ireland. She was born in Cumberland county 5 July 1769, and died in Jefferson county, Va., 7 July 1793. Samuel Crowell married secondly 18 May 1795, Polly Walker, a cousin of his first wife.

Samuel Crowell, the son of Samuel and Mary (Walker) Crowell, married Mary Link. They were the parents of the pioneer.

Adam Link, Jr., the father of Mary Link, was born in Philadelphia, Penna., 31 Dec. 1756. He married in Frederickstown, Md., Jane Ogle, born near there 23 Sept. 1761, the daughter of Alexander and Martha (Patty) Ogle. His father was Adam Link, born in Germany 21 Aug. 1722. His mother was Elizabeth Miller.

The above items were taken from records made in an old Bible in 1816 by Samuel Crowell, 3rd. This Bible was presented to him by his father-in-law, Adam Link. The following notes are on a separate sheet of paper, and while it appears that Samuel Crowell, Revolutionary soldier (above), was the son of Samuel and --- (Ward) Crowell, no statement to that effect is made on the original paper. Elizabeth C. Kolb, who signed the paper, states: "The line has been proven to a Revolutionary ancestor and I am confident that it can be traced back further. I have considerable information concerning it."

Samuel Crowell, the founder of the Crowell family of South Orange, N.J., was born in or near Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., N.J., 11 July 1711, and was the son of Edward and Sarah (Vail) Crowell. He

probably came to South Orange when quite young, as his name is mentioned in the opening of the road, now called Parker Avenue, in 1728. Samuel Crowell was married three times. The names of the first two wives are unknown. The third wife was ---- Ward. By his first wife he had one son, Joseph; by his second wife, three children, Daniel, Recompense and Samuel; and by his third wife, Aaron, Phebe and Sarah. Ref.: Ms, unsigned, entitled "The Crowell Family of South Orange Township, New Jersey" in the possession of the New Jersey Society, 16 West Park Street, Newark.

Samuel Crowell, son of Edward Crowell of Woodbridge, N.J., born 1711, had four sons and two grandsons in the Revolutionary War. Ref.: Genealogical Notes of the Newark Evening News, now in scrap book No. 4, in the library of the New Jersey Historical Society, Newark. No. 4540.

Samuel Crowell was born in 1711 and died in 1764, as letters of administration were granted 31 May 1764. Ref.: N. J. Wills, Liber H, p. 377. Trenton, N.J.

Letters of administration were granted 14 Nov. 1785, to Samuel Crowell's widow, Thankful Crowell, his brother Daniel, and Joseph Tompkins. Ref.: N.J. Wills, Trenton. Liber 27, p. 377

Edward Crow, b. about 1644, came to Woodbridge, N.J., from Massachusetts, and died leaving a widow and five children. The widow, Mary (Lathrop) Crow m. (2) before 1695. Her first husband died in 1688. Children by the first marriage were Mary, ----, Yelverton, Benjamin, and Edward, b. in 1685.

Edward Crowell, the son of Edward and Mary (Lathrop) Crow, was born in Woodbridge in 1685 and was the first of the family to determine the modern spelling of the name as Crowell. Among his children were Elizabeth, b. in 1708, and Samuel, b. in 1711.

Samuel, the son of Edward Crowell, was born in Woodbridge in 1711, and married ---- Ward, the sister of Abel and Elihu Ward. About 1728 he bought and settled upon land in what is now South Orange, N.J. His children were Joseph, Daniel, Samuel and Aaron. His four sons and two grandsons were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Ref.: New Jersey Genealogy, 2:726.

#### Notes on the Kolb family:

Charles William Kolb was born in Saxony and fought with the his brother Albert in the Civil War soon after coming to America. He married Marguerite Mary Hirt, a native of Hilburchhausen.

#### Children:

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| 1. Adolph.           | 4. Eugenia, m. ---- Heinrichhoffen. |
| 2. Edwin.            | 5. Alvina, m. ---- Cann.            |
| + 3. William Albert. |                                     |

William Albert Kolb, the son of Charles William and Marguerite Mary (Hirt) Kolb, was born in St. Louis, Mo., 26 June 1860, and married Gertrude Frances Treff, who was born in Kansas City, Mo., 25 May 1861.

Children:

1. Edna, m. --- Rasmussen.
2. Charles William, b. in St. Louis 29 Dec. 1883; m. Elizabeth Crowell (above).
3. Norman Leop.
4. Walter Albert.
5. Alice, m. --- Kanavan.
6. Leo Howard.
7. Roy David.
8. Frederick Theodore.

Authorities:

- Records torn from Family Bible originally belonging to John Matthew Crowell; given to Elizabeth C. Crowell, Monterey, Calif., by her father's sister Lizzie. /Kolb
- Family Bible given to Samuel Crowell by his father-in-law, Adam Link; cited above.
- Various sources, cited in Crowell notes.
- D.A.R. record of Elizabeth C. Kolb.
- Items relative to children and grandchildren of Abner Duell Crowell obtained from each individual by Elizabeth C. Kolb, except that of Alvin Crowell, known personally by her.
- Dates and facts regarding the Kolb family given to Elizabeth C. Kolb by her father-in-law, William Albert Kolb.

Signed: Elizabeth C. Kolb, Monterey, Calif., 26 Jan. 1929.

Berkeley Hills Chapter, Berkeley. Clara Glover Case (Mrs. W.M.), Chapter Chairman. Elizabeth C. Kolb, Chapter member.

No signature of State Chairman. No date. Copied January 1953.



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