Christian Crose Family

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Christian Crose was the father of Michael Crose (1765-1819) who settled in Bourbon County, Kentucky and had a farm on Hinckston Creek at Long Branch. He died 21 June 1819 and was a Revolutionary War Patriot and is buried in the Crose-Utterback Cemetery. He was also the father of Henry Crose (1752-1845) who settled in Clintonville, Bourbon County, Kentucky. Henry Crose died 1 August 1845 and is buried in the Curtwright Cemetery. Christian Crose was the father of Philip Crose (1757-1838) who settled in Fayette County, Kentucky later moved to Pickaway County, Ohio.
There has been questions as to whether these three Croses were brothers. They were the sons of Christian Crose.
Henry Crose (1752-1845) left Hardy County, Virginia (Now West Virginia) about 1785.
(Henry CROSE Families)
First Marriage: Unknown

1. Absolem born abt 1780 in Hampshire County, Virginia.

2. Abraham born abt 1783 in Hampshire Coutny, Virginia.

2nd Marriage:

HORNBACK, Jane on 24 Jul 1787 in Mercer County, Kentucky by J. Hall.

By his marriage to Jane Hornback they had 6 children. One of which as referred to in the book "History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky," by Robert Peter M.D., Edited by William Henry Perrin, printed by C.L. Baskin & Co., Chicago, 1882, pages 137 to 140 Major Levi Crose. Levi Crose (son of Henry Crose (1752-1845) married MATHEWS, Elizabeth (Betsy) on 14 Apr 1808 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Levi and Elizbeth had five children one of which was Absolem born abt 1820. Alsolem never married but in deed records is reffered to Absolem, Jr. to separate him from his uncle Absolem born abt 1780.

1. Elizabeth born abt 1788

2. Levi born abt 1789

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3. Nancy born abt 1790

4. Henry born abt 1792 married Sallie Curtwright

5. James born abt 1794

6. Sarah born abt 1796 she married DAWSON, Gabriel on 1 Feb 1816 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. They were married by William Morris. They had eleven children.

Will of Christian Crose

Notes: In the Will itself Christian Crose names children: Mary, Elizabeth, Adam, and Michael. In Deed Records Henry, Solomon, and Philip came in for their one seventh share. Some Crose researchers claim there were eight children. The eighth child being George Crose but according to court records there were only seven children. George Crose was the infant child of Jonathan and Susan (Utterback) Crose and it is buried in the Crose-Utterback Cemetery at Hinckston Creek at Long Branch in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

Christian Crose left a Will and Last Testament dated September 9, 1803, wtnessed by James Machin, George Harness, Jr., and Adam Harness. It is recorded in Will Book 2, pages 63 to 70, Hardy County Court House, Moorsfield, West Virginia.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I Christian Croose of Hardy County and State of Virginia being in a low state of health at present but in my perfect senses and memory and state of health at present but in my perfect senses and memory and considering the uncertainty of human life and that necessary for all persons so to despose of their affairs in their lifetime as may prevent and disents amongst relations after their death to perfect the same as much as may be in my own family. I think proper to give dismiss aand dispose of my estate in the following manner and form.

TO WIT; First of all I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Barbara Croose one horse and sadle one cow one bed and furniture of her own choosing as her own property.

Secondly the residue of my moveable effeccts to be sold by my Executors and my just debts together with my funeral expenses be paid.

Thirdly I will to my daughter Elisabeth twenty dollars also to my daughter Mary ten dollars as their part or full shares of my whole estate. Also my Will is that my son Michael Croose shall have no part in his possession but that his children shall have his part of share which is to equal the share of each of the ---residue of my children and further I also will that Adam Croose shall have my lands and maintain my wife Barbara Croose so long as she liveth and at her death I will my lands to be sold and the money to be divided equally between the residue of my children...Giving Michael Crooses children his part....

Also, I do hereby constitute and appoint Jacob Tevebough and Adam Croose my Executors to this my Last Will and do hereby revoke and disallow all other former testaments wills or bequests declareing this and no other to be my last will and testament--and in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Ammo Domini--one thousand eight hundred and in the 3rd year of the commonwealth 9th September.

Signed SEaled and Acknowledged in
the /s/
Christian Gross SEAL

presents of

/s/ James Machin
/s/ Geo Harness Junr
/s/ Adam Harness

At a court held for Hardy County the 8th day of February 1814. This Last Will and Testament of Christian Crose deced. was presented in Court by Jacob Tevebough and Adam Crose the Executors therein named and proved by the oaths of James Machin and Adam Harness two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Executors certificate is granted them for obtaining and probate thereof in this form they having taken the oath of executors and together with James Miles their security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

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/s/ Ed Williams ce

"Christian Crose (1725-1814) And His Descendents"

This History of the CROSE FAMILY has been in the process for eighty three years. It was first started in 1911 when Fred Everett Dyer wrote his nephew, Barton Washington Crose, asking him what he knew about his family. Barton Washington Crose was the grandson of Michael and Mary (Ross) Crose. The second one to start the history was Mr. Jean Joy Crose in 1918. Mr. Jean Joy Crose's research papers were on the Philip Crose (1757-1839) line. The third member to start the history was Dr. Samuel Crose. Dr. Crose's research papers have not been found. However, the Michael II and Zilla (McCoy) Crose Bible was updated and kept current by Dr. Crose. The fourth member to start, but again not finish was Robert H. Crose. He was mentioned in a letter from W. L. Crose, Sidney, Iowa as having gathered information on the Crose Family for a book. Nothing has ben found of his research. The fifth member to start, Mrs. Loute Squires Thompson, and according to relatives in California, printed a phamphlet which they have a copy. Mrs. Thompson's papers are in storage in Lexington, Kentucky, with her niece, but there are problems involved to view them. The sixth member to start, and again not finish was Mrs. Abby Dyer Griffin. Mrs. Griffin's research papers were by far the most intensive and complete and again were not aqvailable.

It is not the starting of the CROSE FAMILY HISTORY, but what happened to all of the research material? The many, many hours of work that was not culminated into a book. It was necessary to come in the back door to gain some of the research work of Mrs. Griffin and her brother Mr. Fred Everett Dyer. Mrs. Dorothy (Mann) Knoff worked with Mrs. Griffin and as a result had some copies of her papers. The research papers of Mr. Jean Joy Crose were made available by his daughter Mrs. George Day (Helen Crose Day). Mrs. Day helped on the Philip Crose (1757-1839) line not only with her fathers papers but the many hours she spent researching the United States Federal Census. Upon the demise of Edith Crose Gardner on May 14, 1977, Mrs. Virginia Schwarz donated the Edith Crose Gardner papers. These papers were the labors of Fred Everett Dyer started in 1916, taken over by Mrs. Abby Dyer Griffin, and added to by

Edith Crose Gardner. These papers were the lineage of the nine children of Jonathan and Susan (Utterback) Crose up to 1950 in some cases. Also included was the lineage of Jonathan Crose's brother Andrew Jackson and Nancy (Rogers) Crose, in all 131 pages and a lot of research.

There are some branches of the Crose Family left out of this publication because members wanted their lineage in book form. In these cases the lineage have been omitted but their publications are listed:

Bessie Burris Hunt "Ancestors and Descendants of Jonathan Burris and Mary Jemima Boardman" with Allied Families of Baxter, Bryant, Crose, Gillispie, Hudson, Johnson, Rice. Printed by Sun Printing, Naperville, Illinois, 1982. This book contains the lineage of Mary (Crose) Boardman (1806-1878) daughter of Michael and Mary (Ross) Crose.

William I. Utterback, Dr. "The Utterback Family 1620-1938" William I. Utterback A.M. Marshall College, West Virginia. Gentry Bros. Printing Company, Huntington, West Virginia 1937. This book (lst and 2nd Editions) contain the lineage of Susan Utterback (1787-1834) who married Jonathan Crose, son of Michael and Mary (Ross) Crose. Covington Utterback (1791-1864) married Sarah Crose, daughter of Michael and Mary (Ross) Crose. Benjamin B. Utterback (1781-1859) married Elizabeth Crose daughter of Michael and Mary (Ross) Crose.

Walter Salts "The Salts Genealogy" 1978 Edition 1,165 pages written and printed by: Walter Salts, 304 East Third Street, West Lebanon, Indiana 47991. This book contains the lineage of Rebecca Ross (1779-1858) who married Edward Salts, Sr. Rebecca Ross was the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Crose) Ross.

Dorothy C. Knofff "George Adam Mann 1734-1821" A family on Four Frontiers, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. Printed by: Polyanthos, New Orleans, 1977. This book contains the lineage of George Washington Crose Wilsons" daughter Elizabeth Catherine who married David Lewis Mann on 18 June 1868. George Washington Crose Wilson was the grandson of Michael and Mary (Ross) Crose.

The CROSE FAMILY is a large family. The Patriarch Christian Crose lived in what is now Grant County, West Virginia. He had seven children. Only two of his children stayed at the home place, Mary and Adam. Elizabeth, his eldest daugher, went to Ohio around 1800. Her children were content

to stay in Ohio except for her son John Ross who died in Putnam County, Indiana. Henry Crose went to Kentucky around 1785. He died in Kentucky in 1845 outliving his children. His children stayed in Kentucky. Philip Crose, after the Revolutionary War, went first to Monongalia County, Virginia (now West Virginia) for about two years, then went to Fayette County, Kentucky for 17 years, then to Pickaway County, Ohio for a few years. He then journeyed to Illinois, finally to Tippecanoe County, Indiana where it is believed he passed away in 1839. Michael Crose married his niece Mary Ross in 1786. He left the home place around 1788 and went to Bourbon County, Kentucky. He died in 1819 and is buried in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Solomon Crose left the home place around 1816 went to Ohio for a few years. He then went to Bourbon County, Kentucky for the sale of his brother Michael's Estate in 1819. He then went to Morgan County, Kentucky for approximately 20 years. Around 1840 he went to Martin County, Indiana and died after 1860 in Daviess County, Indiana.

The grandchildren of Christian Crose migrated to Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois and Virginia (West Virginia now). His great grandchildren were pioneeers in Iowa, Kansas, Arizona, Califoria, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, in fact in most states west of the Mississippi. His, Christian Crose, descendants today are in all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska.

It would be a difficult task to write in detail the migration of Christian Croses descedants. There were new frontiers to conquer and settle. "Go West Young Man", was the motto and his (Christian Crose) descendants adhered to it.

This list is from the files of the late Mrs. Abby Dyer Griffin, Indianapolis, Indiana: C or G Crose, died 1801 could have been son of father of Michael I believe it is the son of Jonathan and Susan (Utterback) Crose.

Abby Dyer Griffin and Loute Squires Thompson are the only two who I have records of taking inventory of the Crose-Utterback Cemetery. Neither of them indicated a birth date only a death date. Now you come up with a birth date of 1753. No one has ever come up with a factual first wife for

Henry Crose (1752-1845); Philip Crose (1757-1838) or Solomon Crose (1773-after 1860).

The Tevebaugh or Stump family researcher do not have a Barbara marrying Christian Crose. There is not proof Christian Crose was born in Germany.

This is the inventory of the Crose-Utterback Cemeteryk:

The burials in the old Crose Cemeterky across from the old Michael Crose farm, which was on Hinkston Creek and Long Branch. His house stood on the county line of
Bourbon and Nicholas Counties. This list is from the files of the late Mrs. Abby Dyer Griffin, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Michael Crose, born 1765 - Died June 21, 1819

Mary (Ross) Crose, Born 1769 - Died September 13, 1852

Harmon Utterback, born 1755 - Died 1854
Elizabeth his wife, born October 20, 1757 - Died Maky 10, 1829

Harmon Utterback, Jr., born July 12, 1799 - Died July 1, 1827

Benjamin B. Utterback, Born February 12, 1781 - Died June 8, 1859
Elizabeth (Crose) his wife, born October 7, 1789 - Died September 7, 1860

Malinda Utterback, Born September 10, 1809 - Died August 18, 1827

Only child of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Crose) Utterback

C or G Crose, Died 1801
Could have been son or father of Michael
I Believe it is the son of Jonathan and Susan (Utterback) Crose

Coving Utterback, Born 1791 - Died July 25, 1864
Sarah (Crose) his wife, Born May 22, 1798 - Died July 17, 1878

Some burial with no stone and some stones unreadable

Abby D. Griffin

Fron the files of Abby Defres, niece of Abby Dyer Griffin, Worthington, Indiana I received photograph of the Crose-Utterback Cemetery and the

Two story log cabin of Michael Crose. These photos were taken in the 1930's. AT that time the homemade tomstone of Michael Crose was 1/3 consumed by a tree. So in the year 2007 it probably does not exist anymore.