

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD was for a number of years before his death a prosperous farmer and well-known resident of West Mahoning township, Indiana county. Born July 22, 1826, in East Mahoning township, this county, he was a son of Moses and Mary (Jamieson) Crawford, the former of whom came from representative pioneer stock and lived in Indiana county from early day.

Moses Crawford was born in 172. His family was early settled in Kentucky, helping to begin the development of that State from primitive conditions, but he was very young when he came thence to Indiana county, locating near Centerville. He afterward removed to East Mahoning township, where he died March 22, 1831. He was a cooper and carpenter but gave most of his time to farming. In politics he was a Whig. During the war of 1812 he served as a scout. He was a ruling elder in the Gilgal Presbyterian Church. Mr. Crawford was twice married, and his first wife, whose maiden name was Scroggs, had nine children: Jane, Samuel, Mary, John, Allen, David, Ann, Elizabeth and James. His second marriage was to Mary Jamieson, daughter of Archie Jamieson, a Scotch Covenanter, who settled near Armagh, Indiana county, and followed farming. Her ancestors claimed kin with William Wallace, the Scottish hero. She was born in October, 1790, and died April 30, 1864. Seven children were born to Moses and Mary (Jamieson) Crawford, namely: Archibald J. T., born Aug. 21, 1819, a well-known citizen of North Mahoning township, died Sept. 6, 1904; he served many years as justice of the peace. Rachel, born March 22, 1821, died in December, 1879. Margaret C., born Sept. 19, 1822, died Jan. 5, 1907. Isabelle A., born Aug. 15, 1824, died Oct. 2, 1903. William Huddleson is mentioned below. Martha, born in October, 1828, died Oct. 9, 1904. Moses Scott, born in September, 1830, died Feb. 7, 1910.

William Huddleson Crawford lived at home until the time of his marriage, meantime attending the local subscription schools. For the twelve years following his marriage he lived in East Mahoning township, in 1869 settling in West Mahoning township, where he made a permanent home, his widow and children still occupying the farm there. Mr. Crawford followed farming and also dealt in horses and stock, and he also took an intelligent interest in public affairs, serving his township in the offices of school director and auditor. In politics he was a strong Republican, in religious connection a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died Dec. 5, 1909.

On Oct. 1, 1857, Mr. Crawford married Mary R. Gourley, who was born Jan. 27, 1841, on the place where she now lives in West Mahoning township, daughter of James and Margaret (Travis) Gourley. Her grandparents, George and Rosanna (McNiel) Gourley, came to America from Ireland in 1816, and first located in Nova Scotia. They came to Pennsylvania, settling near Sinking Valley, Blair county, where Mr. Gourley followed his trade, that of blacksmith, for a time. Later he bought a farm in Indiana county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Sept. 6, 1853; his wife died Sept. 9, 1853 (both died of dysentery) He was a sincere member of the Presbyterian Church, and used to go eight miles through the woods on horseback to attend services. His children were born as follow: Thomas, Oct. 28, 1805; John, May 19, 1808 (died in May, 1891); James, Aug. 23, 1810 (died March 21, 1867); Margaret, Jan. or June 24, 1812;

Alexander, June 4, 1814; George, March 17, 1816 (died Jan. 23, 1846); Rosanna, June 12, 1819; Armstrong, Sept. 15, 1820; Robert, May 27, 1822; Nancy, Nov. 23, 1823 (died in August, 1871); Mary Ann, Sept. 18, 1826.

James Gourley, father of Mrs. Crawford, was born Aug. 23, 1810, near Londonderry, Ireland, and came to Nova Scotia with his parents in 1816. He accompanied them to Pennsylvania, learned blacksmithing and followed that trade, and also engaged in farming, owning a farm in West Mahoning township, where he died March 21, 1867. He entered the Union army during the Civil war, and his health giving out was assigned to hospital duty, serving to the end of the struggle. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a republican. He first joined the Presbyterian Church, later becoming a member of the M. E. Church. His wife, Margaret (Travis), was born Dec. 7, 1818, and died Jan. 1, 1889, at Paxton, Ill. Her parents, William and Mary (Gahagan) Travis, were of Irish and German extraction, respectively, and staunch Presbyterians in religious belief. Mr. Travis owned a gristmill and a farm in West Mahoning township, at what is now the site of Goodville.

James and Margaret (Travis) Gourley had a family of six children: Louisa, born Feb. 16, 1837, died Sept. 23, 1867; Mary R., Mrs. Crawford, was born Jan. 27, 1841; Margaret Ann, born May 5, 1843, died Aug. 25, 1882; Joseph T., born July 7, 1845, now resides in Colorado; John McNiel, born Aug. 3, 1847, is living in Illinois; William S., born Nov. 5, 1850, died Sept. 18, 1853.

To Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were born twelve children, all of whom were educated in the home schools, namely: Ella May married Robert A. Dilts, who lives near Trade City, Pa.; Virginia M. married Clark Halowell, of Dubois, Pa.; James L., formerly a teacher, is now a hardware merchant in Burns, Kans. (he married Myrtle Swongel); Lena married R. E. S. McIntosh, of Burns, Kans.; Joseph P. is engaged in the mercantile business in Sylacauga, Ala. (he married Minnie Stewart); Emily Louise married Frank Loring, of near Dayton, Pa.; Frank Earl, of North Point, West Mahoning township, is a farmer and manufacturer of cider and vinegar, and is serving as justice of the peace (he married Mary Barrett); William H., a harnessmaker, of Armstrong, Ill., married Edna Smith; Mary B. is on the home place; Charles H., of Birmingham, Ala., superintendent of delivery for the Steelsmith Dry Goods Company, married Olive Williamson; Martha Ruth, who lives at home, has been an invalid for several years; John G., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead, married Maud Hicks.

Miss Mary B. Crawford taught school for ten years in East and West Mahoning townships and Clearfield county, and since giving up her profession has devoted all her time to caring for her invalid sister Ruth and looking after her farm interests. The old home place has been improved in various lines, including the setting out of a fruit orchard of 450 trees, apples, peach, pear, plum, cherry and apricot, in fine condition.