

CROWSONS IN AMERICA

By re-capitulating information gotten from many people and numerous sources, I am convinced as of now (July 17, 1977) that a great majority of the Crowsons in America can trace their "roots" to the William Crowson who married Mary Thomas. However, there is still some question as to who were his forebearers and where his place of birth was, and I'd like your help on that.

Well, the following is documented and quite certain:

WILLIAM CROWSON was born about 1740-1750 in Virginia or North Carolina and died about 1814 in Giles County, Tennessee. He married Mary Thomas (her birth date and date of death are unknown) and they had 10 children sure and probably 12

NAME	NAME	NAME
RICHARD	Aaron	Moses
Mary (Polly)	Jacob	John
Abraham	Isaac	Thomas
Jonathan	Jane	William

William Crowson was a soldier from North Carolina in the American Revolutionary War, and for his services he was granted by the Government in 1788 a tract of land (400 acres, Grant #2282) on the North side of Big Pigeon River in Greene County, Tennessee. Reference: The North Carolina Land Grants for Revolutionary Soldiers of the Continental Line, Page 109, and North Carolina Land Grants by McGhee, Volume 1-3.

The County of Giles was established by an Act of the Tennessee Legislature on November 14, 1809, (Reference; Tennessee Cousins by Ray S. Worth, Page 574) and the first white settlement was on the Elk River near the mouth of Richland Creek. Among the first Elkton Settlers were Mr. and Mrs. William Crowson, several sons, (some with families of their own) a daughter named Jane, and probably a daughter named Mary, known also as Polly. The Crowsons had previously lived in Sevier County, Tennessee, subsequent to having lived in Greene County.

William Crowson drowned in the Tennessee River while trying to retrieve a boat which had gotten loose from its moorings, and the Giles County Government authorities during their sessions in September and December of 1814 ordered that William Crowson's estate be divided between his widow and other rightful heirs in accordance with his will. (Reference: Giles County, Tennessee, Minute Book 1813-1815. Pages 210, 290, 298, 299, and 346.

RICHARD THOMAS CROWSON

Richard Thomas Crowson, the eldest child of William Crowson and Mary Thomas, was born on April 17, 1770, in North Carolina, but moved with his parents to Eastern Tennessee about 1791.

His first wife was Huldah Lindsay, (born about 1175, and died prior to 1814) whom he married in Tennessee about 1791 and they had 12 children:

William M.	David	Aaron	Joshua West
Rachael T.	Thomas	John C.	Nancy
Rebecca	Sarah	Huldah	Mary

After the death of Huldah, his first wife, Richard Thomas married Sarah Moore and they had 3 children:

Richard Moore	Martha H.	Margaret
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Richard Thomas was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Tennessee Militia in 1796, but in 1797 he moved to Madison County,

Alabama, and became a land owner there in the Huntsville area. He is shown on the census records and tax lists in Madison and Monroe Counties of Alabama for 1810 as head of a family of 6 males, 7 females and 2 slaves.

In 1814 he was appointed as one of the administrators of his father's estate, (his father having drowned in the Tennessee River) was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for Shelby County, (Shelby County had been created by dividing Monroe County) Alabama in 1818, and was listed in the census there in 1820 as head of a family consisting of 5 males, 7 females, and 2 slaves.

Richard Thomas Crowson died on November 6, 1826, and is buried near the city of Talladega in Talladega County, Alabama.