

# Crawford Family of Grafton County, New Hampshire Genealogy Page

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The earliest known ancestor of the Alexandria Crawford's was William Crawford, who came to America in company with his father-in-law, Robert Graham. Tradition says that his son, Robert, then two years old, came with them. They settled in Chester [[NH]].

Captain Robert Crawford, who was also a resident of Sandown. July 13, 1780, he gave his son, William, a deed of 276 acres of land in what is now the east part of Hebron and west part of Plymouth. Robert m. (1) Joanna Sanborn, (2) Jane Templeton, who d. July 10, 1833, ae. 91. He d. Sept. 6, 1791, ae. 68. He had ten children, of whom the second was

William, b. Mar. 1, 1759. He settled on the land above mentioned in 1782, and about 1798 exchanged this land with Dea. Zebulon Ferrin for land in Alexandria. In going to his new possessions he moved his goods across the lake in boats, because there were no roads between these two points. He m., in 1786, Joanna Melvin, who d. in 1822; he d. Oct. 19, 1837, ae. 78-7-18. He had ten children, among whom were:

Col. William Crawford, b. Oct. 25, 1789 (b. Plymouth), married Joanna, dau. of Moses Sleeper (See), b. Bristol, Oct. 5, 1801. He was a trader and farmer and accumulated a competence at what is known as Crawford's Corner in Alexandria, where he d. Apr. 8, 1851, ae. 61-5-13. She d. Alexandria, Apr. 25, 1864, ae. 62-6-20.

Their children were all born in Alexandria

George T. Crawford, b. Dec. 20, 1828, was educated at Hebron academy, Tilton seminary, and Proctor academy, Andover. He m. June 29, 1851, Hannah, the adopted dau. of William and Mary (Pattee) Simonds, b. Pawtucket, R. I., in January, 1831. He settled in Bristol in 1866, and was for ten years engaged in the flour and grain business on Central street, where are now Clarence N. Merrill & Son. He was an Odd Fellow, and was formerly one of the leading Democratic politicians of the state. He was a member of the legislature from Alexandria in 1854 and 1856. In Bristol he served two years as selectman, and three years as superintending school committee. He was two years treasurer of the county and served six years as county commissioner. He removed to Boston in 1880. He was for some years connected with the New Hampshire Land company in the purchase and control of large tracts of land in New Hampshire and Maine, and for ten years held the position of timber land agent of the Fall Mountain and Winnepesaukee Paper companies. He was also associated with his son under the firm name of G. T. & C. L. Crawford, timber land experts, Boston. He wrote articles for publication about forestry and was a member of the Massachusetts Forestry Association.

Caroline Maud, b. A., July 29, 1866; m. Apr. 26, 1893, George Henry Trask, son of John Heminway (Hemenway) and Mary Trask, b. Rochester, Vt., Sept. 22, 1864. They reside in Rochester, Vt. Children:

John Crawford, b. Rochester, Vt., Apr. 2, 1896 - died July 3, 1970.  
Margaret, b. R., Mar. 4, 1898 - died November 23, 1975.

Two of Caroline's siblings included: Helen Gertrude, b. Bristol, July 13, 1868. Res. in Boston. Luther, b. B., Aug. 2, 1869; d. Nov. 9, 1869.

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## Ethan Allen Crawford Family, Vermont

by Fred Nicholson

Ethan Allen Crawford was born in Guildhall, VT in 1792, son of Abel and Hannah (Rosebrook) Crawford. Abel and Hannah's children were Erastus (who married my 3rd great grandmother in St. Lawrence County, NY); Ethan Allen, who married Lucy Howe; Stephen, died unmarried; Everett, who married Esther; Dearborn; Thomas J., who married Mary; Hannah H., who married Nathaniel T. P. Davis; Abel J., who married Sophronia; and William Henry Harrison.

Abel (senior) was born in 1766, probably in Union, CT, son of John and Mary (Rosebrook) Crawford, who were married in Union 14 Dec 1758. Abel's wife Hannah Rosebrook was born 30 Oct 1773 in Lancaster, NH, daughter of Eleazar and Hannah (Hanes) Rosebrook. Abel Crawford and Hannah Rosebrook were first cousins.

Most of this comes from History of the White Mountains by Lucy Crawford, wife of Ethan Allen Crawford.

Any information on Ethan's brother Erastus Crawford (1791 - 1825) would be welcomed.

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