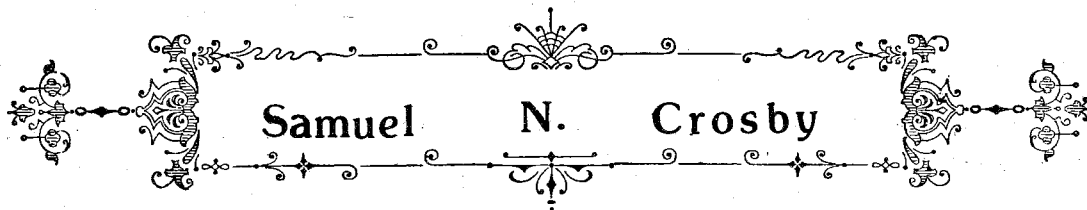


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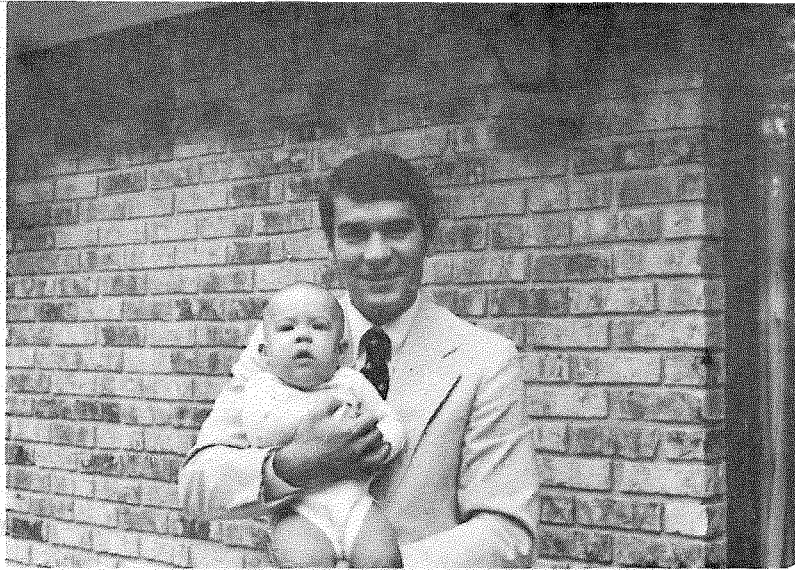
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THE CROSBY FAMILY
A PICTORIAL HISTORY



Mary Crosby

Mary "Polly" Crosby who is shown in the photograph above was the mother of Samuel Crosby (the husband of Letha Ann Crosby). Mary was born in August, 1811, and died in March of 1882 in Quitman, Mississippi. She was the author's great-great-great grandmother. (Photograph courtesy of Mildred Covington Sossaman)



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Dedication

This book is dedicated to my father, Joseph Raymond Crosby, Jr., and my daughter, Elizabeth Cason Crosby.

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The author has the negatives of all photographs contained in this book. A copy of any individual photograph may be obtained upon request. Inquiries should be made to:

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My main purpose in writing this family history was to preserve and compile the family's photographs. I hope the reader will forgive any omissions from, or errors in, the information contained in this book.

*For I am thy passing guest,
a sojourner, like all my fathers.*

Psalm 39:12

Introduction

Samuel Crosby was born on March 29, 1827, in Quitman, Mississippi. On August 12, 1847, he married Letha Ann Smith, who was born on June 4, 1831.

Samuel and Letha Ann Crosby had seven children prior to the death of Letha Ann on October 10, 1862. Samuel died shortly thereafter, on February 12, 1863.

After the death of their mother and father, the children made an arduous pilgrimage to Stockton, Alabama, to make their fortune.

One story which illustrates the life these children led involved the youngest child, Tom. When little Tom first arrived in Stockton, all the other members of the family had to work in the fields to help the family survive. The other children did not have anyone to watch Tom so they took a long rope, or tether, with plenty of slack so he could walk around but not escape, and they tied him to the house while they went to work in the fields.

This book is the story, in photographs, of the children of Samuel and Letha Ann Crosby.

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THE FAMILY OF ROLAND BOSWELL CROSBY
By: Hazel Coley Fitzwilliam
With Photographs Compiled By Samuel N. Crosby



GENEALOGY
of
The R. B. Crosbys
from
Mississippi and Alabama

Samuel Crosby
married - August 12, 1847
Born - March 29, 1827
Quitman, Mississippi
Died - February 12, 1863
(Buried Confederate Cemetary at
Vicksburg, Mississippi)

Letha Ann Smith
Born - June 4, 1831
Died - Oct. 10, 1862

Seven Children:

Roland Boswell - Born May 23, 1848, Quitman, Mississippi
William Warren - Born June 6, 1850, Quitman, Mississippi
Albert Brown - Born January 8, 1852, Quitman, Mississippi
John Floyd - Born March 14, 1854
Perry - Born April 6, 1856
Matilda Elizabeth - Born February 13, 1858
Thomas Willington - Born July, 1861

Roland Boswell Crosby married
December 24, 1866
Born - May 23, 1848, Quitman, MS
Died - August 18, 1902
(Buried Old Mission Cemetery
Shawnee, Oklahoma)

Mary Luiza Hays
Born - February 6,
1847, Quitman, MS
Died - June 10, 1926
(Buried Wright City,
Oklahoma)

Eight Children:

Annie Esther - Born March 22, 1869, Meridian, Mississippi
Reuben Albert - Born December 25, 1870, Meridian, Mississippi
Rufus Earl - Born January 7, 1873, Stockton, Alabama
Luther Vaughn - Born April 23, 1876, Stockton, Alabama
Arthur Thomas - Born February 23, 1878, Stockton, Alabama
Mary Frances - Born December 2, 1881, Cato, Arkansas
Ernest Leslie - Born March 22, 1884, Cato, Arkansas
Ava Merle - Born February 18, 1887, Ain, Arkansas

GENEALOGY OF THE ROLAND BOSWELL CROSBY FAMILY

Early History

Prepared by: Hazel Coley Fitzwilliam

The name Crosby is of Danish origin. The Danes invaded the British Isles in the fourth and fifth centuries. At that time there were no family names--the individual was known by some physical characteristic, prowess or trade. By the tenth century the Danes who had embraced the Christian religion began to draw apart from the non-Christians and lived in villages or towns known as the Towns of the Cross, or to use the Danish word for town Cross-Bies. During the Elizabethian period many of these people became Presbyterians. During the time of James I they were so persecuted they moved to Ulster in northern Ireland, about 1614. Hereafter they were referred to as Scot-Irish. The spelling of the name was changed to Crosby. In 1742 many of the Crosbys came to America, landing in the Carolinas. Some went south to Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and others turned north to Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The record of the first Crosbys with whom the Roland Boswell family will be related began with John Crosby and several of his brothers (whose names are not known) who entered the States at the port of Charleston, South Carolina. His wife was Mary Anne MacCauley. They had two children, Mary and Roland.

According to the standards of the time, John Crosby was a wealthy man. He was both a lawyer and a farmer. He came by river boat to Quitman, Mississippi. His daughter Mary married her first cousin Samuel Crosby (who will be referred to hereafter as Samuel, Sr.). They had one son, Samuel, Jr. Samuel, Sr., went to Texas during the U. S. western immigration and established a trading post, now referred to as Crosbyton (town). He was killed fighting Indians. His wife Mary remained a widow until Samuel, Jr., was fourteen years of age, then married Judge Covington of Quitman, Mississippi. Judge Covington was later Governor of Mississippi, afterwards moving to Baldwin County, Alabama. Mary's son, Samuel Crosby, remained in Quitman, where he was already established in the livery stable business. He also owned a large plantation near Poplarville, Mississippi. He had four half sisters and four half brothers (Covingtons).

Samuel, Jr., married Letha Ann Smith, daughter of Captain James Smith, who was famous in U. S. history as an Indian fighter. He, with a negro slave named Caesar and another white man, killed fifteen Indians in the "Cause Fight". His wife and oldest child escaped massacre at Ft. Mims August 29, 1815, by hiding under a boat at a lake near the fort when "Red Eagle" attacked. Incidentally, the son of another escapee married one of the Covington girls. It was they who later took care of the orphaned children of Samuel and Letha Ann Crosby.

Samuel, Jr., and Letha Ann had six children: Roland B., William Warren, Albert Brown, John Floyd, Perry, and Matilda. Samuel, Jr., joined the Confederacy in 1861. He was a member of the Seventh Battalion of the Mississippi Infantry C.S.A., serving in Companies A and E. He was killed fighting the Yankees near Vicksburg, Mississippi, February 12, 1863. Letha Ann had died October 10, 1862 from pneumonia. The Yankees had stolen the stock, burned their home and freed the slaves. Crosby relatives placed the children in an orphan's home until the Covington and Vaughn relatives rescued the children and took them to their home in Stockton, Alabama. There they had such opportunities for education and training that were available in reconstruction days.

December 24, 1866, Roland B. Crosby married Mary Luiza Hays, the daughter of Reuben Albert and Laura Mary McCary Hays. Mary Luiza Hays Crosby used to tell her grandchildren, "We were married amid a host of friends and great rejoicing at Quitman, Mississippi." They kept the little brothers and sisters with them until they were grown. The family lived in Meridian, Mississippi and Stockton, Alabama from 1866 to 1881. They were the parents of eight children, named Annie Esther, Reuben Albert, Rufus Earl, Luther Vaughn, Arthur Thomas, Mary Frances, Ernest Leslie and Ava Merle.

They moved to Arkansas, arriving November 30, 1881, going first to Cato, Arkansas, where Mary Luiza's parents were living. They later moved to Sheridan, Arkansas. R. B. Crosby purchased land near the communities of Erin, Grapevine and Ain. There they lived for a number of years,

until the death of Roland B. Crosby. His death was the result of a riding accident at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he was buried in the old Mission Cemetery. His wife Mary Luiza was buried at Wright City, Oklahoma, with other members of the family.

Roland B. was named for the first Crosby who came to the States. He gave himself the name Boswell, the nearest name he could find as similar to "Boss", his nickname. When the children became orphans they looked to him, the eldest, as their leader and called him "Boss." Later, the Alabama nieces and nephews referred to him as "Uncle Boss". They spoke and wrote many times of how good he and his wife "Aunt Mary" were to them and how much they owed them for the Christian life they had together.

The eight children of Roland and Mary always spoke affectionately and with the deepest respect of their home life. As one, they have said, "He was a good man" when referring to their father. He was the Sunday School Superintendent in the Methodist Church, a strict but kind disciplinarian, and a leader in his community. My mother, Mary Frances Coley, gave me many descriptions of their everyday life. Only the most necessary work was done on Sunday.

Grandmother Crosby said the only time she could stay home in bed on Sunday was to have a baby! She drove a fringed surrey with a matched pair of horses, accompanied by the smaller children. Grandfather followed in a wagon with the older ones and the current hired men. Twice a year Grandfather drove to Pine Bluff for supplies--buying the staples in barrel-size lots.

The entire neighborhood turned to him in time of trouble. He even concocted medicines, good for man and beast. The orphans of the community found an open house and heart where they were cared for until relatives were found. Four even remained until grown and ready for their own homes!

On Sunday, after church, it must have looked like a triumphant procession returning from church. Grandmother never knew how many would be invited for dinner. The table was sometimes set at least three times to accommodate all. But Grandmother was always prepared. She must have been a marvelous manager and housekeeper.

To assist her in the complex management of running a big home was an indefatigable character known as "Aunt Caroline", an ex-slave, who had accompanied the family in their move from Stockton, Alabama to Cato, Arkansas. The trip was made overland by wagon. Two of R. B.'s brothers came along to help. Aunt Caroline assisted in the care of the children, as her beloved "Miss Mary" was in a "delicate condition", to use the term of the day. Indeed, her sixth child was born three days after arriving at Cato. Aunt Caroline never returned to Alabama. In the area near Sheridan, Arkansas, negroes were forbidden to live, so she lived in a small house near the big house. She eventually had four little daughters of her own, who also worked at the house. Aunt Caroline presided at a cast iron stove which reached across one end of the kitchen. She too must have credit for her contribution in the care of the family in her role of assistant housekeeper.

On Thursday, the baking of pies and cakes began. There was a cooling room just off the kitchen where food was set on shelves--a spring house with cooling water to keep the dairy products. The house was a white two-story one, with a large porch across the front.

In summertime the young neighborhood boys and girls came to spend the afternoon. Music was permitted--singing or playing the parlor organ (a pump one), mandolin, guitar, banjo and violin--but card-playing and dancing were not permitted, as they were "tools of the devil". On Saturday Grandfather always brought from the garden a wagonload of water melons to cool in the spring house, to be ready to cut for Sunday afternoon refreshments. In winter there were baskets of apples and popcorn. All days began and ended with a scripture reading from the Bible.

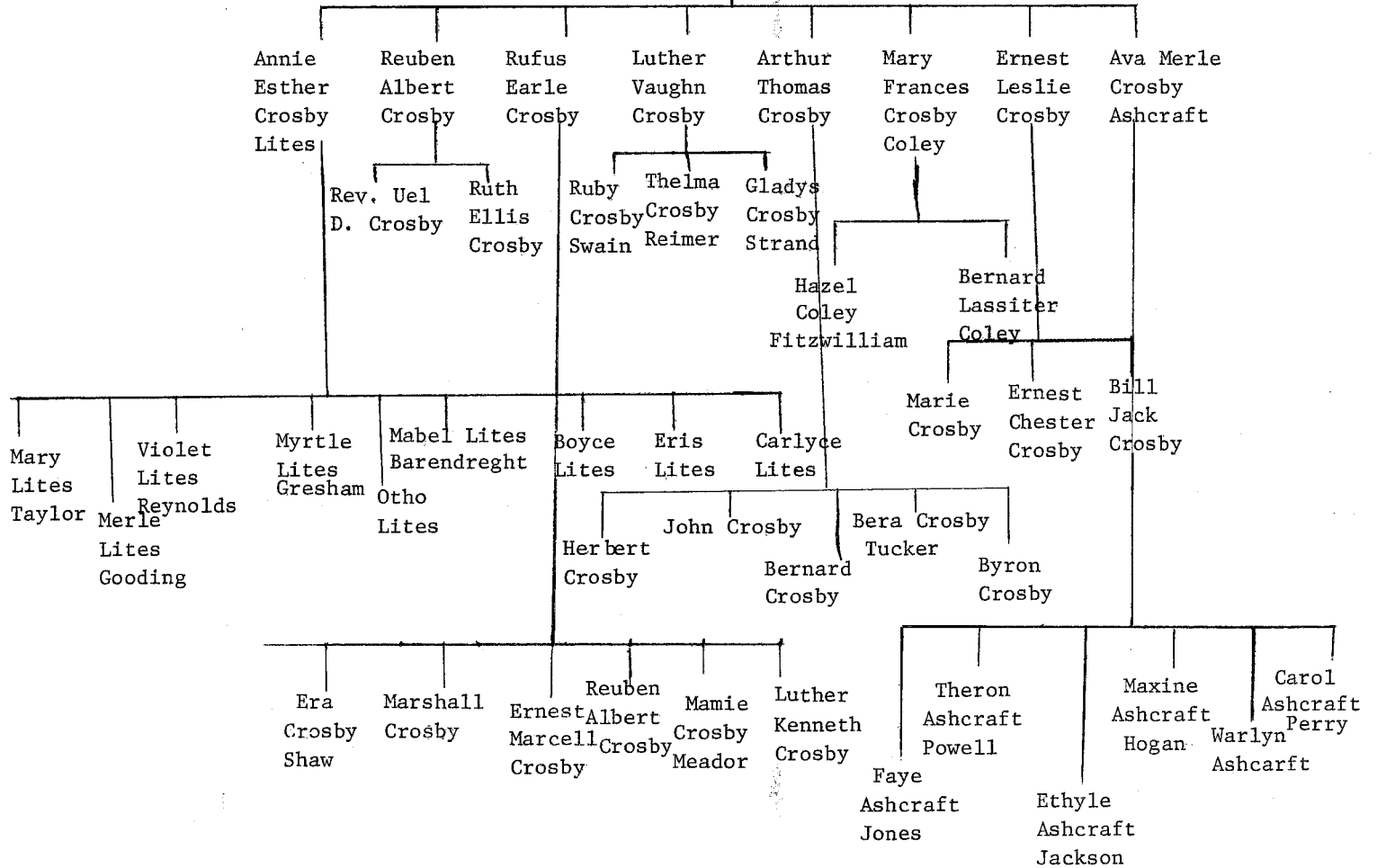
Grandfather's death at the age of fifty-four was a great tragedy for the family and community, and ended their way of life. The home burned in 1909. I remember it, as we visited Aunt Ava after she married and lived at Erin, Arkansas, but it is only a faint impression of a large house set in a grove of trees.

When we think of a young couple age 17 and 18 having the courage to marry in the chaotic times at the end of the Civil War, starting their lives together with a ready-made family of five, then acquiring eight children of their own--not to mention the orphans who came and went (and stayed)--we cannot but join in with their children who said, "They were good people--Christian people--we were fortunate to have such parents." We, too, are fortunate to have had them for ancestors.

Compiled by Hazel Coley Fitzwilliam

Granddaughter of the R. B. Crosby's

ROLAND BOSWELL CROSBY



ROLAND BOSWELL CROSBY
First Child of Samuel and Letha Ann Crosby

Generations:

- I. A. Roland Boswell Crosby
Born: Quitman, Mississippi, May 23, 1848
Married: Mary Luiza Hays, December 24, 1866
Died: August 18, 1902 (Buried - Old Mission
Cemetary, Shawnee, Oklahoma)
- B. Mary Luiza Hays (wife of Roland Boswell Crosby)
Born: Quitman, Mississippi, February 6, 1847
Died: June 10, 1926 (Buried - Wright City,
Oklahoma)

CHILDREN OF ROLAND B. CROSBY AND MARY H. CROSBY

- II. A. First Child: Annie Esther Crosby Lites
Born: Stockton, Alabama, March 22, 1869
Married: John Lites, November 18, 1886
Died: January 20, 1950
John Lites (her husband) Born: July 22, 1865,
Died: July 6, 1960
- B. Second Child: Reuben Albert Crosby
Born: December 25, 1870, Meridian, Mississippi
Married: December 24, 1895 - Lula Frances
Childers - Sheridan, Arkansas
Died: February 25, 1948, Bartlett, Texas
Lula Crosby (his wife) Born: July 11, 1872,
Died: October 1, 1959, Fort Worth, Texas
- C. Third Child: Rufus Earl Crosby
Born: January 7, 1873, Stockton, Alabama
Married: January, 1896 - Annie Reed, Sheridan,
Arkansas
Died: April 17, 1936, Frost, Texas
Annie Reed Crosby (his wife), Born: August 12, 1878
- D. Fourth Child: Luther Vaughn Crosby
Born: April 23, 1876, Stockton, Alabama
Married: December 24, 1899 - Violet Swain
Died: January 23, 1960 - Las Cruces, New Mexico
Violet Swain Crosby (his wife) - Born: March 17,
1872, Died: August 29, 1958

- E. Fifth Child: Arthur Thomas Crosby
 Born: February 22, 1877, Stockton, Alabama
 Married: February 23, 1908 - Estelle Wilson,
 Rison, Arkansas
 Died: July 25, 1956 - Pine Bluff, Arkansas
 Estelle Wilson (his wife) - Born: June 8, 1890,
 Died: April 16, 1957
- F. Sixth Child: Mary Frances (Mamie) Crosby Coley
 Born: December 2, 1881 - Cato, Arkansas
 Married: December 29, 1901 - William Richard Coley,
 Sheridan, Arkansas
 Died: April 5, 1960, Texarkana, Texas
 William Richard Coley (her husband) - Born:
 February 18, 1882, Died: July 23, 1943
- G. Seventh Child: Ernest Leslie Crosby
 Born: March 22, 1884 - Cato, Arkansas
 Married: June 18, 1911 - Lola Moores who was
 born: April 11, 1888
 Home: Wright City, Oklahoma
- H. Eighth Child: Ava Merle Crosby Ashcraft
 Born: February 18, 1887 - Ain, Arkansas
 Married: October 12, 1908 - Reuben McConnell
 Ashcraft
 Died: July 29, 1948 - Salem, Oregon
 Reuben McConnell Ashcraft (her husband) -
 Born: January 21, 1881, Died: August 15, 1956

CHILDREN OF ANNIE ESTHER CROSBY LITES AND JOHN LITES

- III. A. First Child: May Lites Taylor
 Born: February 3, 1887
 Married: April 16, 1905 - Hugh Taylor
 Home: Valliant, Oklahoma
 Hugh Taylor (her husband) - Born: December 3,
 1882; Died: January 25, 1964
- B. Second Child: Merle Lites Gooding
 Born: September 26, 1889
 Married: Henry L. Gooding who was born: April 20,
 1891; Died: April 23, 1958
 Home: Durant, Oklahoma

- C. Third Child: Violet Lites Reynolds
Born: December 7, 1891
Married: October 21, 1911 - Walter Louis Reynolds
Home: Valliant, Oklahoma
Walter Louis Reynolds (her husband) - Born:
October 21, 1889; Died: May 5, 1953
- D. Fourth Child: Myrtle Lites Gresham
Born: April 8, 1893
Married: Sam Gresham
- E. Fifth Child: Otho Lites
Born: January 18, 1896
Married: October 6, 1921 - Allie Kimbrough
Home: Dierks, Arkansas
Allie Kimbrough Lites (his wife) - Born: August 31,
1904; Died: September 30, 1961
- F. Sixth Child: Mabel Lites Barendrecht
Born: December 21, 1898
Married: S. L. Barendrecht
Home: Chula Vista, California
- G. Seventh Child: Boyce Lites
Born: August 18, 1902
Married: September 13, 1923 - Annie Scroggins
who was Born: June 12, 1901
Home: Wright City, Oklahoma
- H. Eighth Child: Eris Lites
Born: April 21, 1906
Died: June 11, 1908
- I. Ninth Child: Carlyce Lites
Born: November 29, 1908
Died: November 20, 1917

CHILDREN OF REUBEN ALBERT CROSBY AND LULA CHILDERS CROSBY

- III. A. First Child: The Reverend Uel D. Crosby
Born: December 7, 1896 - Sheridan, Arkansas
Married: June 8, 1926 - Opal Bailey who was
Born: April 15, 1902
Home: Temple, Texas

B. Second Child: Ruth Ellis Crosby
Born: June 20, 1901
Died: August 15, 1961
Buried: Bartlett, Texas

CHILDREN OF RUFUS EARL CROSBY AND ANNIE REED CROSBY

- III. A. First Child: Era Crosby Shaw
Born: November 11, 1896 - Sheridan, Arkansas
Married: (1) January 18, 1919 - Curtis L. Pierce
who was Born: June 26, 1894; Died: January 11,
1924; (2) March 29, 1929 - William M. Shaw
Home: Bynum, Texas
- B. Second Child: Marshall Crosby
Born: October 19, 1900
Died: July 11, 1906
- C. Third Child: Ernest Marcell Crosby
Born: August 29, 1906
Married: February 7, 1935 - Leila Miles who was
born: March 2, 1910
Home: Dallas, Texas
- D. Fourth Child: Reuben Albert Crosby
Born: May 21, 1909
Married: Pearl Elaxander
- E. Fifth Child: Mamie Ruth Crosby Meador
Born: August 5, 1913
Married: September 27, 1935 - Earl Carrington
Meador who was Born: April 21, 1913
Home: Arlington, Texas
- F. Sixth Child: Luther Kenneth Crosby
Born: January 31, 1920
Married: September 4, 1946 - Betty Barbara
Ralmadge who was Born: May 10, 1928
Home: Dallas, Texas

CHILDREN OF LUTHER VAUGHN CROSBY AND VIOLET SWAIN CROSBY

- III. A. First Child: Ruby Crosby Johnson
Born: May 25, 1902
Married: October 18, 1920
Home: Las Cruces, New Mexico
J. B. Johnson (her husband) - Born: July 24, 1901;
Died: July 12, 1959

B. Thelma Crosby Reimer
Born: May 11, 1905, Frost, Texas
Married: June 22, 1935 - F. A. Reimer

C. Gladys Pearl Crosby Strand
Born: December 25, 1911
Married: December 25, 1931 - Robert A. Strand
who was Born: February 12, 1910

CHILDREN OF ARTHUR THOMAS CROSBY AND ESTELLE WILSON CROSBY

- III. A. First Child: Herbert Crosby
Died: Age 3 years
- B. Second Child: John Crosby
Died: Age 11 months
- C. Third Child: Bernard Thomas Crosby
Died: Age 9 months in 1924
- D. Fourth Child: Bera Ione Crosby Tucker
Born: October 7, 1913
Married: October 31, 1938 - Ira Owen Tucker
Home: Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Ira Tucker (her husband) - Born: February 12, 1913
- E. Fifth Child: Byron Crosby
Born: December 9, 1920
Married: July 7, 1949 - Mary Inez Morrison who
was Born: November 25, 1921

CHILDREN OF MARY FRANCES (MAMIE) CROSBY COLEY
AND WILLIAM RICHARD COLEY

- III. A. First Child: Hazel Elizabeth Coley Fitzwilliam
Born: April 12, 1903
Married: Morgan Sayers Fitzwilliam - November 1,
1927
Home: Texarkana, Texas
Morgan Fitzwilliam (her husband) who was Born:
December 7, 1895

- B. Second Child: Bernard Lassiter Coley
Born: October 1, 1905
Married: March 1, 1935 - Fay Grieson, Gurden,
Arkansas; Born: August 4, 1908
Home: Houston, Texas

CHILDREN OF ERNEST LESLIE CROSBY AND LOLA CROSBY

- III. A. First Child: Marie Crosby
Born: December 13, 1917
Died: April 17, 1933
- B. Second Child: Ernest Chester Crosby
Born: December 16, 1913
Married: July 15, 1933 - Eva Felker who was
Born: February 15, 1913
- C. Third Child: Bill Jack Crosby
Born: September 3, 1926
Married: Helen Wooden who was born July 1, 1925
Home: Wright City, Oklahoma

CHILDREN OF AVA CROSBY ASHCRAFT AND REUBEN ASHCRAFT

- III. A. First Child: Faye Rebecca Ashcraft Jones
Born: July 26, 1909
Married: November 15, 1936 - Heracial William Jones
who was born November 18, 1903
Home: Wallowa, Oregon
- B. Second Child: Theron O'Neal Ashcraft Powell
Born: April 8, 1911, Erin, Arkansas
Married: November 10, 1937 - Zenith Ora Loma Powell
Born: December 2, 1911
- C. Third Child: Ethyle Louise Ashcraft Jackson
Born: March 13, 1913 - Erin, Arkansas
Married: November 12, 1938 - Warner Jackson
- D. Fourth Child: Maxine Ava Ashcraft Hogan
Born: October 25, 1919 - Sheridan, Arkansas
Married: March 15, 1944 - Wilbur Edward Hogan
Born: October 10, 1917

- E. Fifth Child: Warlyn McConnell Ashcraft
Born: October 13, 1926 - Maxville, Oregon
Married: January 28, 1955 - Carol Eloise
Stalwick who was born May 9 , 1935
- F. Sixth Child: Carol Janet Ashcraft Perry
Born: February 26, 1929
Married: March 18, 1950 - Norman Lee Perry
Born: February 28, 1930
Home: Lake Oswego, Oregon

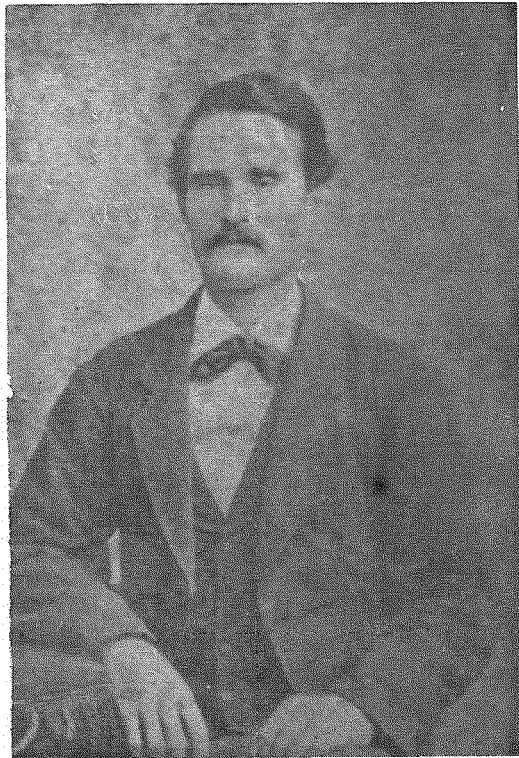


ROLAND BOSWELL CROSBY, MARY HAYS CROSBY &
CHILD - STOCKTON HOME



ROLAND BOSWELL CROSBY

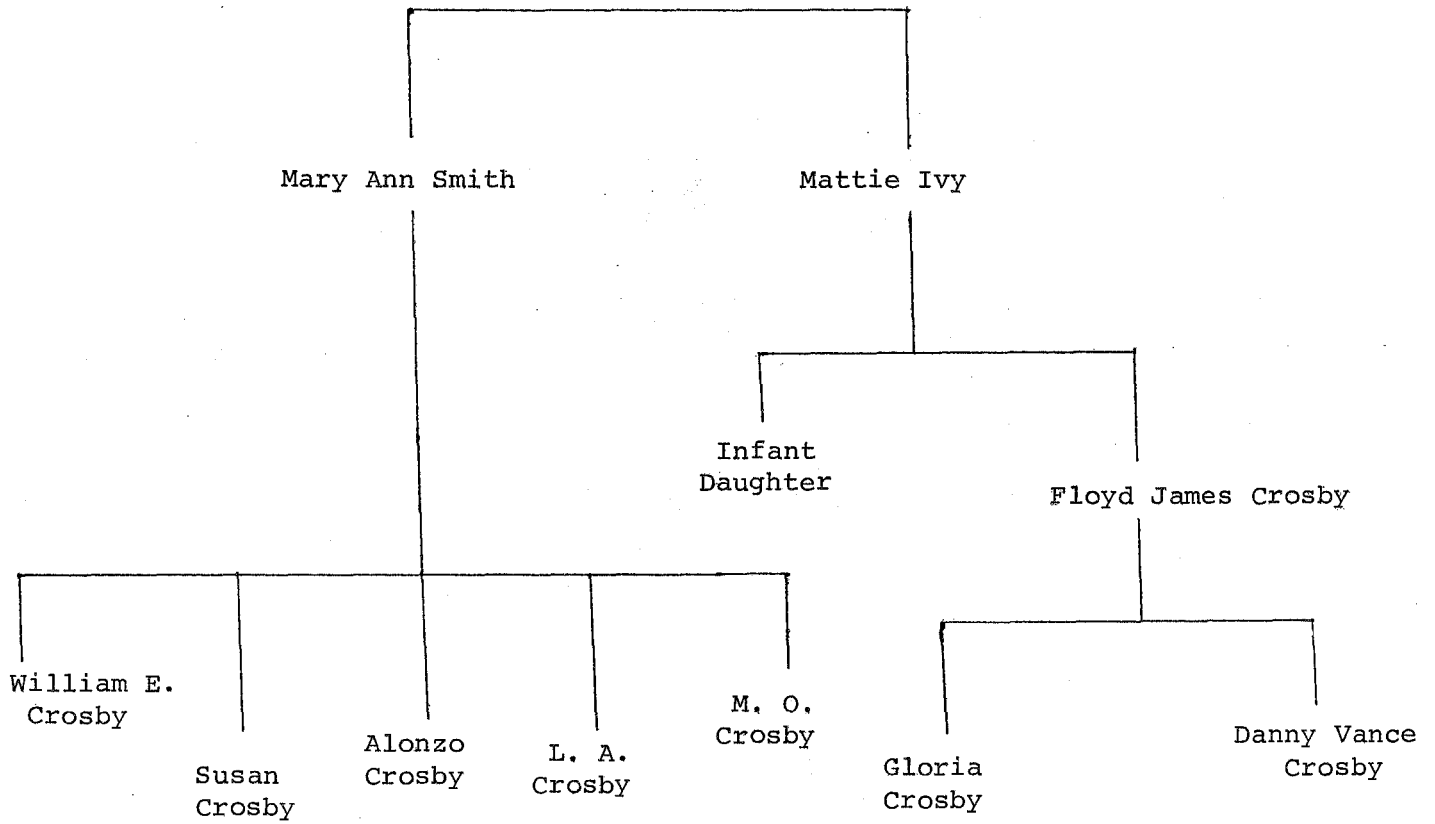
THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM WARREN CROSBY



Will was a farmer who lived outside of Quitman. One member of the family remembered Will well from her childhood days in Quitman. She said Will attended every social event held in Quitman, and he always came to listen when any local politician spoke. He wore a wide brimmed white panama hat and white shoes to these social outings.

Will enlisted in the Turner Battery at Cuba, Alabama, three weeks before the Civil War ended.

WILLIAM WARREN CROSBY



WILLIAM WARREN CROSBY
 Second Child of Samuel and Aletha Ann Crosby

Generations:

- I. William Warren Crosby
 - Born: June 6, 1850
 - Married: 1) Marry Ann Smith, October 14, 1867
 2) Mattie Ivy, October, 1910
 - Died: 1935 - Quitman, Mississippi
 - Occupation: Farmer

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WARREN AND MARY ANN SMITH CROSBY

- *A. First Child: William E. Crosby
 - Born: 1869
 - No information

- *B. Second Child: Susan Crosby
 - Born: 1870
 - No information

- *C. Third Child: Alonzo Crosby
 - Born: December 21, 1872
 - Married: Beatrice Owen who was born May 28, 1883
 - Died: August 6, 1939
 - Occupation: Teacher and Sheriff-Elected Sheriff, 11-4-19
 1-5-20, took office

- *D. Fourth Child: L. A. Crosby (Daughter)
 - Born: 1873
 - No information

- *E. Fifth Child: M. O. Crosby (Daughter)
 - Born: 1879
 - No information

*Also no information found on children of the above

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WARREN AND MATTIE IVY CROSBY

- A. First Child: Daughter

- B. Second Child: Floyd James Crosby
Born: June 13, 1911, Quitman, Mississippi
Married: Louise Martin who was born on September 30,
1916
Died: 1957 - Quitman, Mississippi
Louise Martin Crosby (his wife) died on December
10, 1978
Occupation: Appliance Store

III.

CHILDREN OF FLOYD JAMES AND LOUISE MARTIN CROSBY

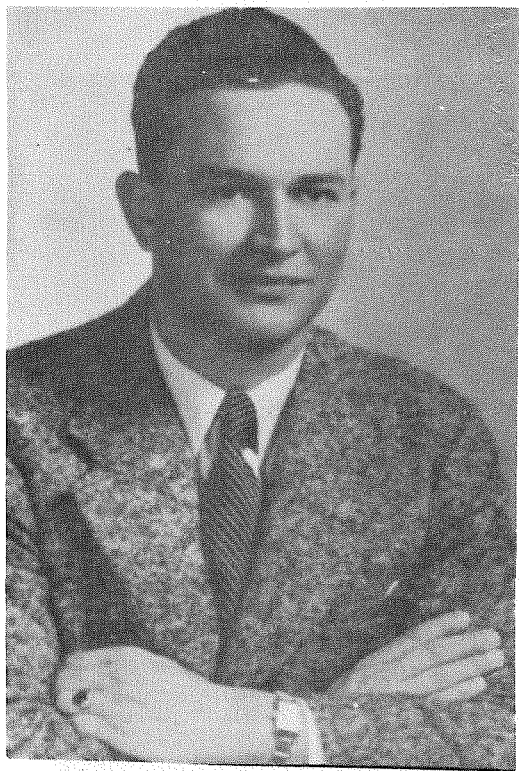
- A. First Child: Gloria Crosby
Born: 1942 - Died while an infant
- B. Second Child: Danny Vance Crosby
Born: November 13, 1944
Married: June 10, 1967, Veronica Louise Snider,
who was born February 2, 1949
Occupation: Jeweler
Home: Baton Rouge, LA



WILLIAM WARREN CROSBY &
MATTIE IVY CROSBY



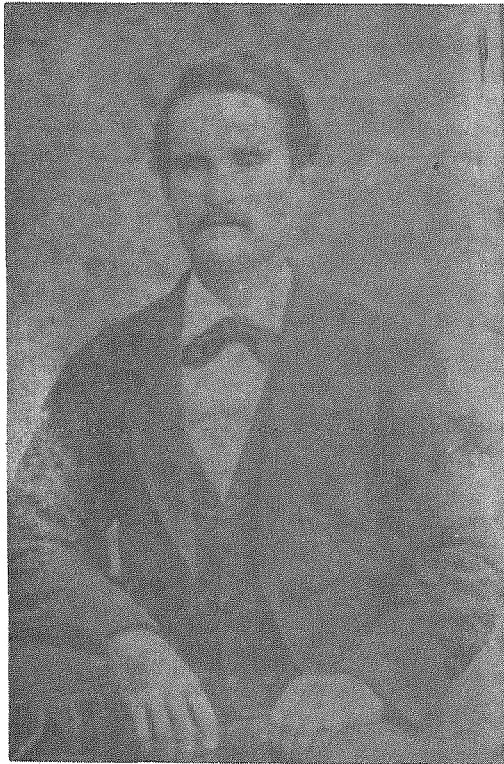
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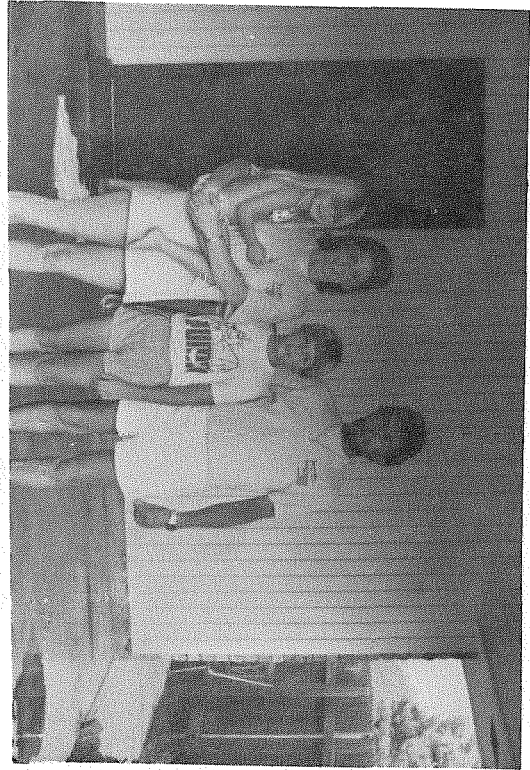
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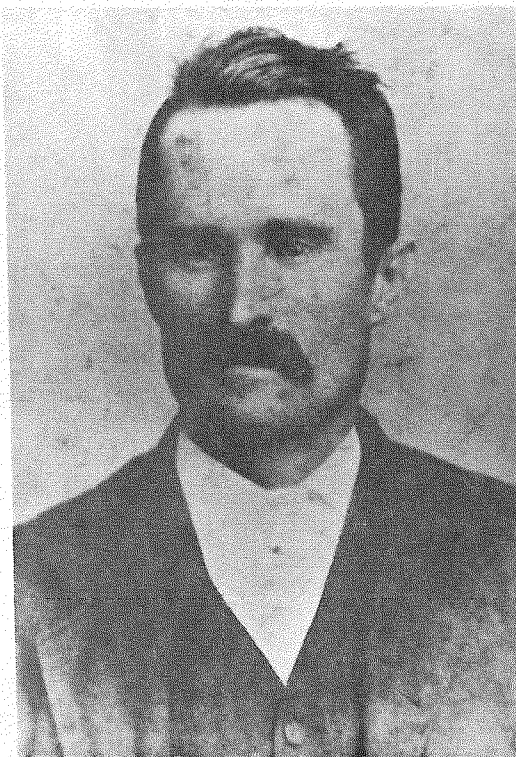
DANNY VANCE CROSBY & VERONICA LOUISE
SNIDER CROSBY WITH FAMILY



*WILLIAM WARREN CROSBY

*Author's Note: Although this photograph looks a great deal like Albert Brown Crosby, it had William Warren Crosby's name written on the back and is close in date to the photograph of a much younger Albert Brown Crosby in the next chapter, therefore, I believe this is William Warren Crosby.

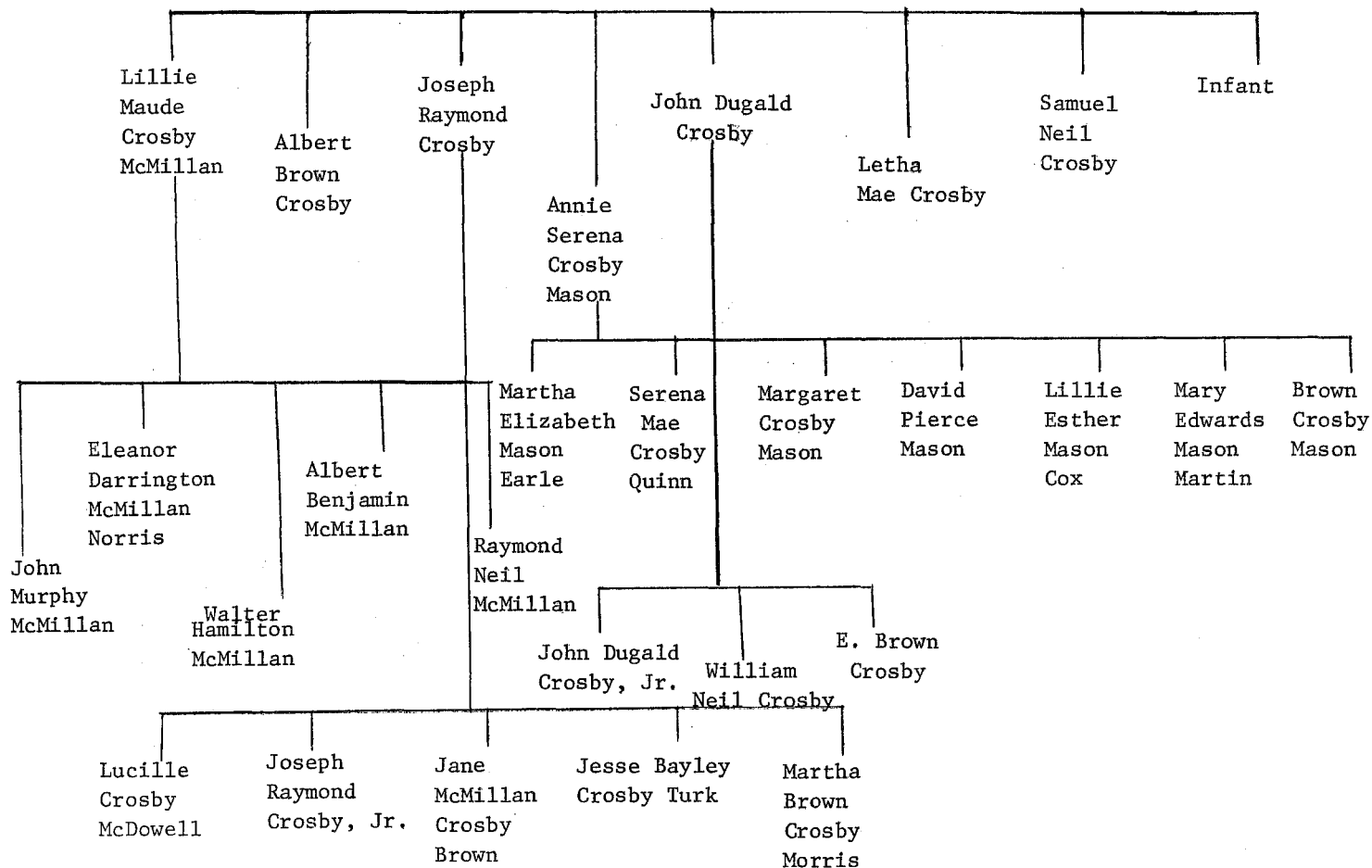
THE FAMILY OF ALBERT BROWN CROSBY
By: Samuel N. Crosby and David P. Mason



Brown was very successful in the farming, timber and turpentine business in Stockton. He gave his sister Tillie's husband, Henry Bryars, one of his first jobs, which was the construction of a long and difficult fence. When Henry's work on the fence did not suit him, Brown made him take the entire fence down and redo the work.

Although Brown had little formal education, he sent each of his children who lived to adulthood to college.

ALBERT BROWN CROSBY



ALBERT BROWN CROSBY
Third Child of Samuel and Aletha Ann Crosby

Generations:

- I. A. Albert Brown Crosby
Born: Enterprise, Mississippi, January 8, 1852
Married: Martha Jane McMillan Crosby
Died: October 27, 1929, Stockton, Alabama
Occupation: Farming and Timber
Martha McMillan Crosby (his wife) Born: October
25, 1855; Died: March 23, 1924

CHILDREN OF ALBERT BROWN AND MARTHA McMILLAN CROSBY

- II. A. First Child: Lillie Maude Crosby McMillan
Born: August 9, 1879, Stockton, Alabama
Married: March 25, 1906, Stockton, Alabama
Died: March 2, 1942
Murphy Murdock McMillan (her husband) Born:
August 27, 1876; Died: March 21, 1959
- B. Second Child: Albert Brown Crosby
Born: May 12, 1881, Stockton, Alabama
Died: November 16, 1882, Stockton, Alabama
- C. Third Child: Joseph Raymond Crosby
Born: July 27, 1883, Stockton, Alabama
Married: Jessie Tucker Bayley Crosby
Occupation: Banker
Died: January 1, 1960
Jessie Bayley Crosby (his wife) Born: January 16,
1887; Died: July 1, 1966
- D. Fourth Child: Annie Serena Crosby Mason
Born: November 27, 1885, Stockton, Alabama
Married: June 12, 1912 - Isaac Pierce Mason
Died: August 15, 1928
Isaac Pierce Mason (her husband) Born: August 25,
1884; Died: March 4, 1960
- E. Fifth Child: John Dugald Crosby
Born: November 26, 1887, Stockton, Alabama
Married: Myriam Davidson Crosby
Died: October 28, 1962
Occupation: Timber

- F. Sixth Child: Letha Mae Crosby
Born: March 9, 1890, Stockton, Alabama
Died: May 17, 1913, Stockton, Alabama
- G. Seventh Child: Samuel Neil Crosby
Born: September 30, 1892
Married: Mildred Locke Crosby
Died: December 7, 1964
Occupation: Oil and Timber
- H. Eighth Child: Infant
Born: February 8, 1896
Died: March 26, 1896

CHILDREN OF LILLY CROSBY McMILLAN AND MURPHY MURDOCK McMILLAN

- III. A. First Child: John Murphy McMillan
Born: May 9, 1907
Married: March 8, 1933, Madie Troutman McMillan
Home: Stockton, Alabama
Occupation: Timber
Madie Troutman McMillan (his wife) Born: May 19, 1912
- B. Second Child: Eleanor Darrington McMillan Norris
Born: June 9, 1909
Married: August 9, 1940
Home: Stockton, Alabama
Occupation: Teacher
Chester Hart Norris (her husband)
- C. Third Child: Walter Hamilton McMillan
Born: August 15, 1910
Died: January 20, 1913
- D. Fourth Child: Albert Benjamin McMillan
Born: October 10, 1912
Died: May 27, 1934
- E. Fifth Child: Raymond Neil McMillan
Born: June 15, 1915, Stockton, Alabama
Married: September 3, 1944, Marian Gantt McMillan
Occupation: Farming
Home: Stockton, Alabama
Marian Gantt McMillan (his wife) Born: May 14, 1916

III. ALBERT BROWN CROSBY - No Children

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH RAYMOND CROSBY AND JESSIE BAYLEY CROSBY

- III. A. First Child: Lucille Calvert Crosby McDowell
Born: July 27, 1911, Mobile, Alabama
Married: October 5, 1935, Thomas Francis McDowell
Home: Birmingham, Alabama
Thomas Francis McDowell (her husband) Born:
March 1, 1910, Ensley, Alabama
- B. Second Child: Joseph Raymond Crosby, Jr.
Born: October 6, 1914, Mobile, Alabama
Married: January 26, 1942 - Sarah Lillie Norris
Occupation: Business
Home: Stockton, Alabama
Sarah Norris Crosby (his wife) - Born: February 19,
1919, Enterprise, Alabama
- C. Third Child: Jane McMillan Crosby Brown
Born: December 6, 1916, Mobile, Alabama
Married: August 27, 1942 - George Lawton Brown
Occupation: Music Teacher
Home: Mobile, Alabama
George Lawton Brown (her husband) - Born:
January 9, 1915, Excel, Alabama
- D. Fourth Child: Jessie Bayley Crosby Turk
Born: June 15, 1923, Mobile, Alabama
Married: (1) June 29, 1951 - Wilfred Alexander
Cameron; (2) January 1, 1968 - Joseph Francis
Turk
Occupation: Social Service Worker
Home: Tucson, Arizona
- E. Fifth Child: Martha Brown Crosby Morris
Born: January 3, 1926, Mobile, Alabama
Married: July 18, 1945 - Elfed Wells Morris
Occupation: Insurance Adjuster
Home: Mobile, Alabama
Elfed Morris (her husband) - Born: October 1,
1924, Saratoga Springs, New York

CHILDREN OF ANNIE SERENA CROSBY AND ISAAC PIERCE MASON

- III. A. First Child: Martha Alizabeth Earle
Born: September 23, 1913, Stockton, Alabama
Married: August 16, 1933 - Thomas John Earle
Home: Blacksher, Alabama
Thomas John Earle (her husband) - Born: November
7, 1906; Died: April 6, 1969
- B. Second Child: Serena Mae Mason Quinn
Born: July 3, 1917, Stockton, Alabama
Married: April 13, 1941 - Francis S. J. Quinn
Home: Mobile, Alabama
- C. Third Child: Margaret Crosby Mason
Born: July 3, 1917, Stockton, Alabama
Occupation: Business
Home: Stockton, Alabama
- D. Fourth Child: David Pierce Mason
Born: November 10, 1919, Stockton, Alabama
Married: January 24, 1943 - Nancy Higgins
Mason - Born: January 24, 1925
Occupation: Professor
Home: Mobile, Alabama
- E. Fifth Child: Lillie Esther Mason Cox
Born: December 25, 1921, Stockton, Alabama
Married: February 4, 1941 - Cecil Douglas Cox
Home: Stockton, Alabama
- F. Sixth Child: Mary Edwards Mason Martin
Born: February 19, 1924, Stockton, Alabama
Married: July 9, 1949 - Robert Morris Martin
Occupation: Nurse
Home: Stockton, Alabama
- G. Seventh Child: Brown Crosby Mason
Born: February 23, 1927, Stockton, Alabama
Occupation: Pediatrician
Home: New Orleans, Louisiana

CHILDREN OF JOHN DUGALD AND MYRIAM DAVIDSON CROSBY

- III. A. First Child: John Dugald Crosby, Jr.
Born: March 2, 1922, Bay Minette, Alabama
Married: May 2, 1942 - Alicia Cane who was
born August 1, 1923, Mobile, Alabama
Occupation: Timber
Home: Bay Minette, Alabama
- B. Second Child: William Neil Crosby
Born: August 1, 1931
Married: February 26, 1955 - Mary Joe Nettles
Crosby who was born May 31, 1930
Occupation: Timber
Home: Bay Minette, Alabama
- C. Third Child: E. Brown Crosby
Born: February 9, 1940
Married: November 26, 1970 - Nancy Saver who
was born January 23, 1943
Occupation: Surgeon
Home: Asheville, North Carolina

LETHA MAE CROSBY

SAMUEL NEIL CROSBY AND MILDRED LOCKE CROSBY -
No Children

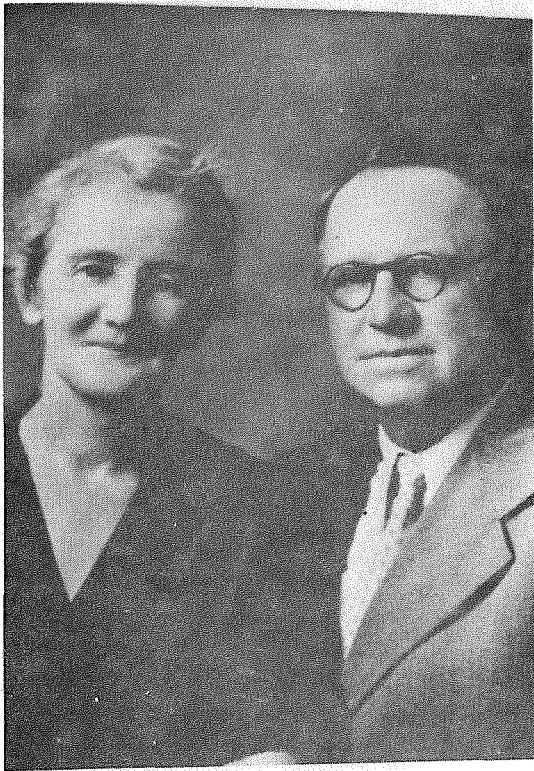
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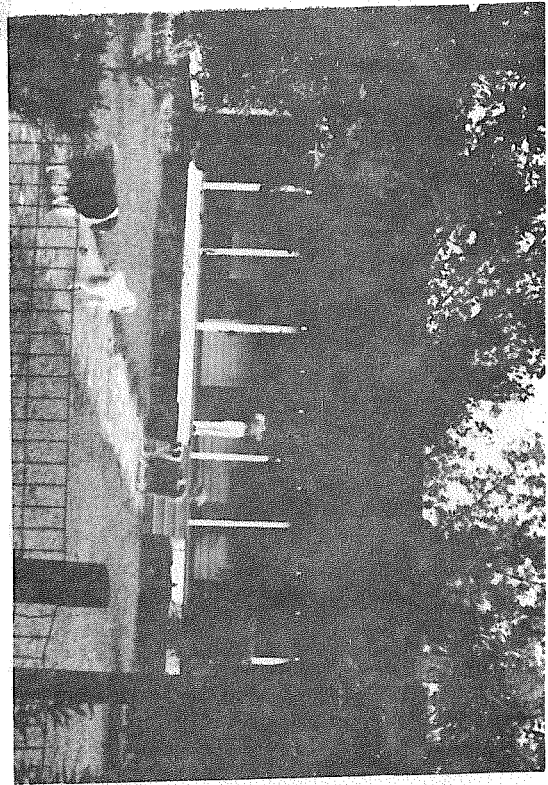


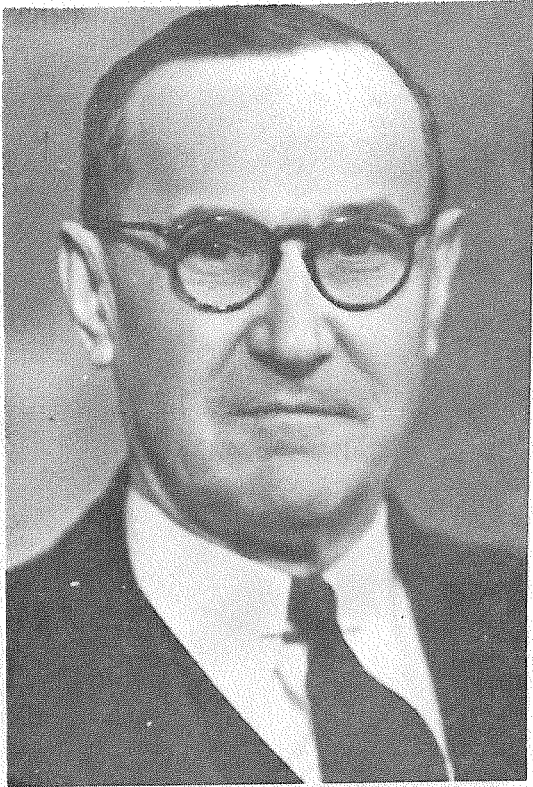
MARTHA JANE McMILLAN CROSBY



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HOUSE OF ALBERT BROWN CROSBY





JOSEPH RAYMOND CROSBY

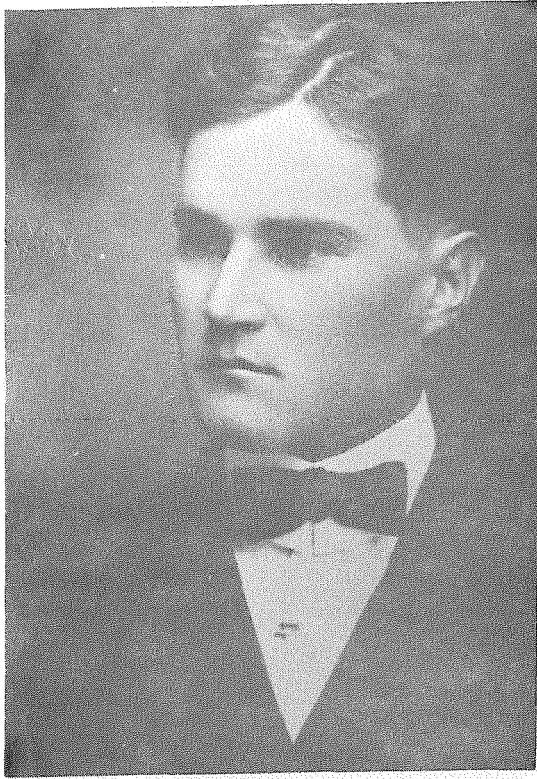


JESSE TUCKER BAYLEY CROSBY

ISAAC PIERCE MASON & LETHA ANN BRYARS



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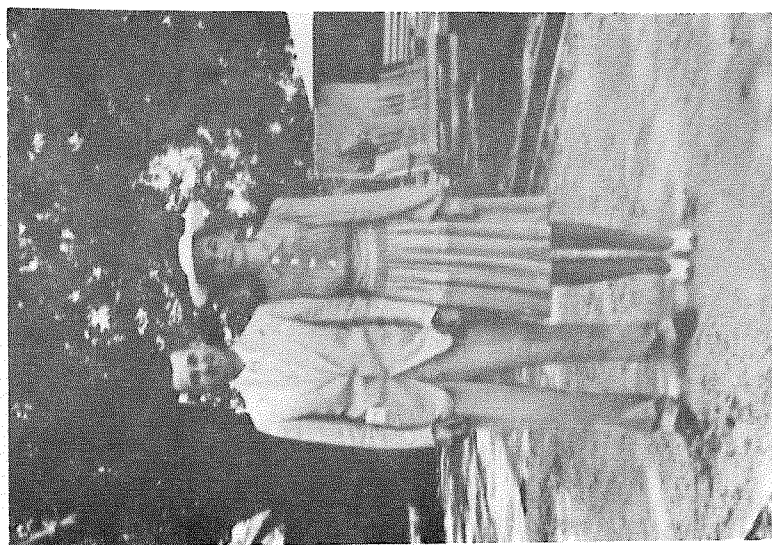
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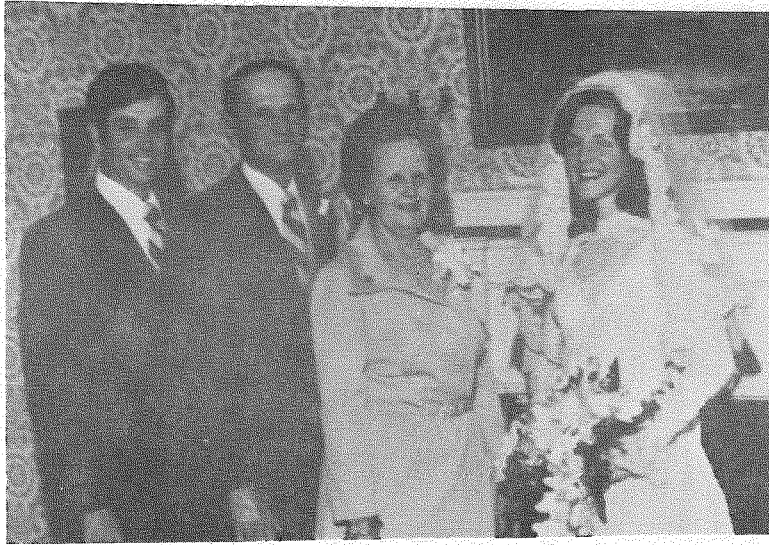
MILDRED LOCKE CROSBY



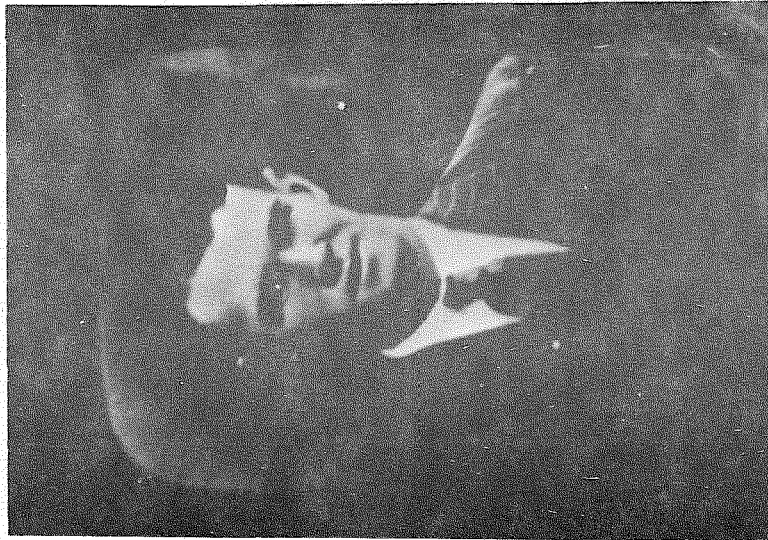
JOHN MURPHY McMILLAN & MADIE TROUTMAN McMILLAN



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& CHESTER HART NORRIS



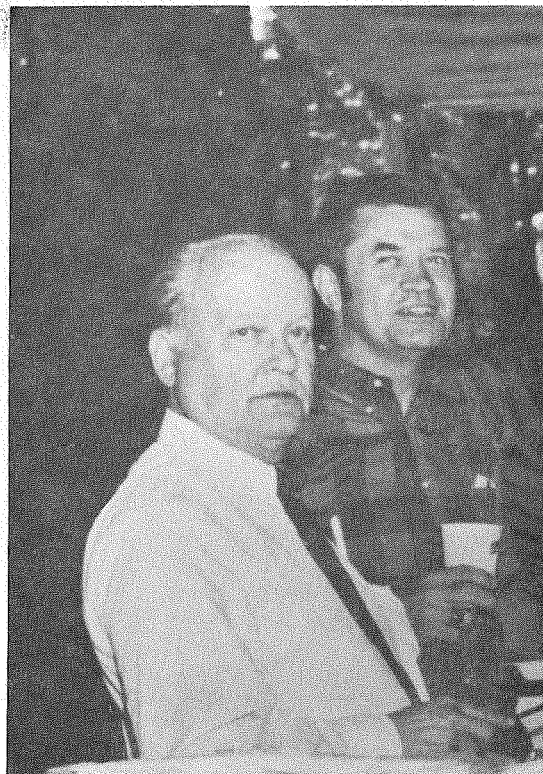
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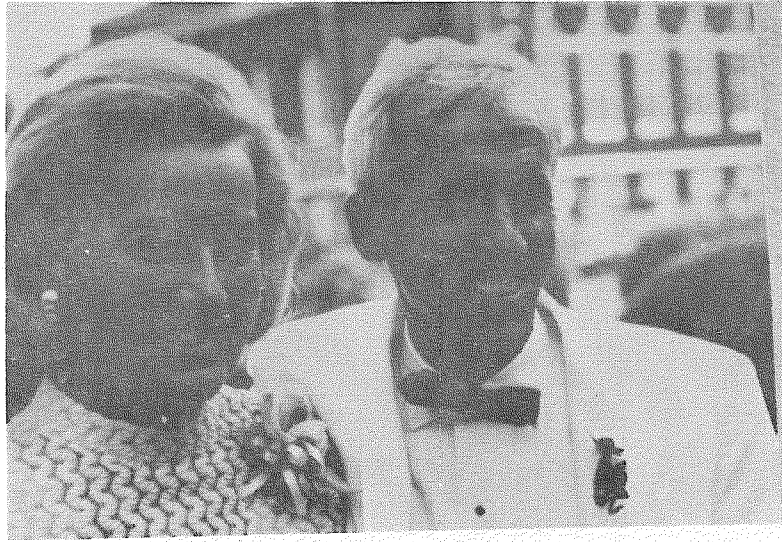
ALBERT BENJAMIN McMILLAN



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THOMAS FRANCIS McDOWELL



JOSEPH RAYMOND CROSBY, JR., AND SARAH LILLIE
NORRIS CROSBY



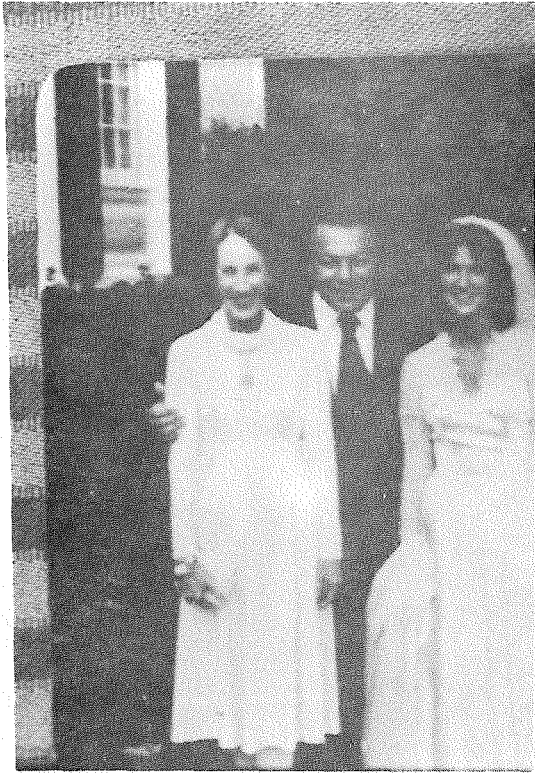
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JANE McMILLAN CROSBY BROWN

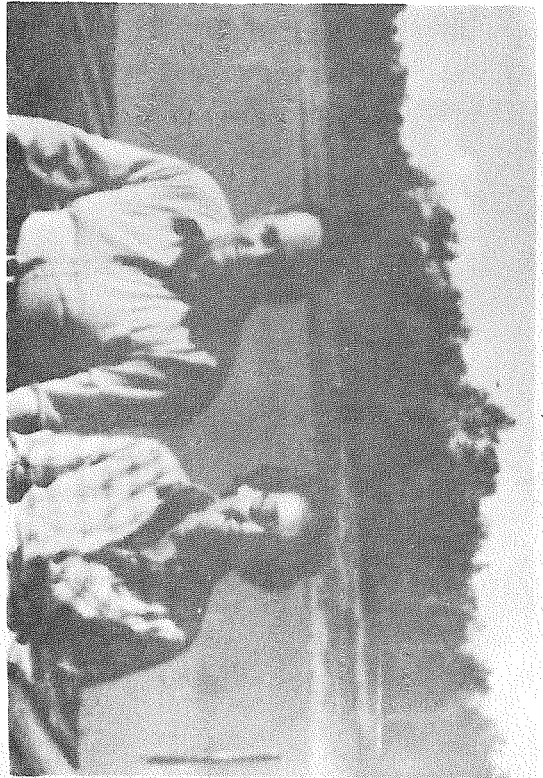


GEORGE LAWTON BROWN



JESSIE CROSBY TURK & JOSEPH F.
TURK WITH AUTHOR'S WIFE, ANN S.
CROSBY

MARTHA CROSBY MORRIS & ELFED WELLS MORRIS





MARTHA ELIZABETH MASON EARLE &
THOMAS JOHN EARLE



SERENA MAE MASON QUINN



FRANCIS S. J. QUINN



MARGARET CROSBY MASON