

Part 7  
Crafts

James M. Crafts, in addition to writing the history of Whately, was the Crafts family historian and published a comprehensive history titled *The Crafts Family: A Genealogical and Biographical History of the Descendants of Griffin & Alice Crafts of Roxbury Mass, 1630 – 1890*. He thus had a great deal of information about descendants of Griffin Crafts beyond those many Craft families in Whately. This project will omit several who had no Whately connections.

**GRIFFIN CRAFTS 1**

Griffin Crafts was born about 1600 and came to New England on the *Arbella*, the flag ship of Gov. Winthrop's first four ships. He married (1) Alice (mnu); (2) Ursula, daughter of Henry Adams of Braintree and (3) Dorcas French. His six children were with his first wife:



**Replica of the ship *Arbella***

**JOHN CRAFTS 2**

The son of Griffin (1) and Alice (mnu) Crafts, he was born on board the ship *Arbella* on 10 July 1630 and died at Roxbury, 3 Sept. 1685. He married (1) Rebecca Wheelock, and (2) Mary Hudson. He had five children with each of his wives, all were born in Roxbury.

Children of John and Rebecca:

**Thomas**, b. 1656 and has his own entry (5)

**John**, b. 1658

**Rebecca**, b. 28 Aug. 1660

**Mary**, b. 16 Aug. 1663

**Joseph**, b. 5 May 1666

Children of John and Mary:

**Abigail**, B. 6 March 1670

**Mehitable**, b. 31 Aug. 1673

**Sarah**, b. 17 Feb. 1674

**Ephraim**, b. 9 Aug. 1677

**Lydia**, b. 8 April 1681



**Phip's Expedition to Canada 1690**

**SAMUEL CRAFTS 3**

The son of Griffin (1) and Alice (mnu) Crafts, he was born at Roxbury 12 Dec. 1637 and died on Phip's (or Phipp's) Expedition to Canada, 1690. He m. Elizabeth Seaver and had eleven children.

**MOSES CRAFTS 4**

The son of Griffin (1) and Alice (mnu) Crafts, he was born at Roxbury 28 April 1641 and died in 1718 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. <sup>1</sup> He married Rebecca Gardner and had five children.

**THOMAS CRAFTS 5**

The son of John (2) and Rebecca (Wheelock) Crafts, he was born at Roxbury in 1656 and died in Hadley 16 Feb. 1692. He lived on present day North Street, not far from center of Whately. He married Abigail, daughter of John **DICKINSON 2** of Hadley and Hatfield. They had six children:

**John**, b. 1684 and has his own entry (6)

**Mary**, b. 1686 and d. 6 Jan 1714 in Sunderland. <sup>2</sup> She m. Thomas Hovey

**Abigail**, b. 1688 and d. 15 Nov. 1770. <sup>3</sup> She m. Joseph White.

**Thomas**, b. 27 Feb. 1690 and d. unmarried, 9 Feb. 1764.

**Elizabeth**, b. 17 April 1691 and d. 1764 I Hadley. She m. Benjamin Smith, a nephew of Samuel

**SMITH (1)** of Hatfield.

**Benoni**, b. in 1692 and d. May 1722. He m. Rebecca Edwards.

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<sup>1</sup> Wethersfield Village Cemetery, Wethersfield CT #20363305

<sup>2</sup> Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA #155060270

<sup>3</sup> Evergreen Cemetery, South Hadley MA #125224772



### **JOHN CRAFTS 6**

The son of Thomas (5) and Abigail (**DICKINSON**) Crafts, he was born in Hadley on 8 Nov. 1684 and died on 2 May 1730 in Hatfield. According to Crafts, his headstone in the Hill Cemetery was re-cut by donations of a dime from each of his Whately great-great grandchildren. He married Martha, daughter of John **GRAVES (8)** of Hatfield. She was born 4 Nov. 1689 and died 5 June 1780. She married (2) Eleazer **ALLIS (5)** of Hatfield. John's land was in the Bradstreet Grant in what in 1771 became Whately. John and Martha had five children:

**Thomas**, b. 1717 and has his own entry (7).

**Moses**, b. 22 Oct. 1719 and d. before 1753 but the date of his death is not known and it is believed that he did not marry.

**Rebecca**, b. 12 Oct. 1721 and d. 27 Aug. 1788. <sup>4</sup> She m. Gideon **DICKINSON (11)** of Hatfield.

**Benoni**, b. 1725 and has his own entry (9).

**Gaius**, b. 1727 and has his own entry (10)

### **THOMAS CRAFTS 7**

The son of John (6) and Martha (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born at Hatfield 16 Aug. 1717 and died in Whately on 4 Feb. 1803. <sup>5</sup> He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph **GRAVES (14)** of Hatfield. She was born on 13 Nov. 1717 and died on 13 Jan. 1803, 23 days before the death of her husband. <sup>6</sup> Both were 85 years old and both died of old age. Although both death records are for 1803, the gravestone is clearly inscribed 1802. <sup>7</sup> They had nine children:

**John**, b. 1743, has his own entry (11)

**Joseph**, b. 1745, has his own entry (12)

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<sup>4</sup> Hill Cemetery, Hatfield MA #26896980

<sup>5</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

<sup>6</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

<sup>7</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA Thomas #30746396, Sarah #30746448

**Martha**, b. 1748 and d. 28 Aug. 1836.<sup>8</sup> On 2 December 1798 she married, as his second wife, Jacob Rosevelt, a Hessian soldier. Crafts wrote that he was “captured with Bourgoyne and while on their way to Boston he dropped out”. She was about 50 when they married and they had no children. In 1800 they were in Hatfield but not found after that.

**Moses**, b. 1750, has his own entry (13)

**Sarah**, b. 16 July 1752, d. young. No death record found.

**Miriam**, b. 10 Dec. 1754, d. 28 April 1794 of a “nervous fever”.<sup>9</sup>

**Rhoda**, b. 1756, d. 31 March 1836.<sup>10</sup> She m. Phineas **SCOTT (15)** of Whately and they resided in Hawley.

**Graves**, b. 1759, has his own entry (14)

**Seth**, b. 1762, has his own entry (15)

### **BENONI CRAFTS 9**

The son of John (6) and Martha (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born at Hatfield 17 Nov. 1725 and died in Whately 25 April 1812 “from the inability to swallow food”. This cause of death was not in the death record but was provided by Crafts. He built on present day North Street, a house still extant.<sup>11</sup> Benoni made his will on 6 April 1805, seven years before he died. He divided his land between his two sons after having given his son Asa an additional *four rods, 6 feet and two inches upon the north side of my land*.<sup>12</sup> To each of his three daughters he bequeathed \$83.33. He married Abigail, daughter of Isaac and Mary **GRAVES (15 ½)** of Hatfield who was born in Hatfield 4 Feb. 1731 and died in “travail”, 25 March 1774 the same day that she bore a stillborn child.<sup>13</sup> Benoni and Abigail had seven children.

**Reuben**, b. 1759, has his own entry (16)

**Jerusha**, b. 1762 and d. 15 Dec. 1845.<sup>14</sup> She m., as his second wife, Abel **SCOTT (13)** of Whately.

**Asa**, b. 6 May 1765 and d. unmarried, of old age, on 9 Sept. 1854.<sup>15</sup>

**Elizabeth**, b. 1767 and d. of old age 30 July 1848.<sup>16</sup> She m. Perez **WELLS (13)** of Whately.

**Abigail**, b. 1769 and d. after falling on ice 13 Feb. 1853.<sup>17</sup> She m. Moses **GRAVES (31)** of Whately.

**Unnamed** infant, stillborn, Oct. 1771.<sup>18</sup>

**Unnamed** infant, stillborn, 25 March 1774.<sup>19</sup>

Benoni Crafts has a detailed sketch in Volume 3 of *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790*, published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

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<sup>8</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.100

<sup>9</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 132 of 464

<sup>10</sup> Doane Cemetery, Hawley MA # 29032206

<sup>11</sup> Dufault # 1

<sup>12</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #5778*

<sup>13</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 127 of 464

<sup>14</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127219104

<sup>15</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 388 of 464

<sup>16</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 177 of 464

<sup>17</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 387 of 464

<sup>18</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 127 of 464

<sup>19</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 127 of 464



**Militia marching to Lexington**

### **GAIUS CRAFTS 10**

The son of John (6) and Martha (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born 22 Dec. 1727 at Hatfield and died from the effects of a fall, 30 Sept. 1802, in Hatfield.<sup>20</sup> He was very much a soldier; marched to Crown Point in 1756 and took part in the Expedition to Canada in 1758; both were operations in the French and Indian War. When the Revolutionary War began, he was one of the men who marched to Lexington and Concord. He built a house in Whately but never lived there, never married and returned to Hatfield.

### **JOHN CRAFTS 11**

Son of Thomas (7) and Sarah (**GRAVES**) Crafts. he was born at Hatfield 7 Jan. 1743 and died 3 May 1826 in Whately.<sup>21</sup> He was a Revolutionary War soldier. He married (1) Thankful, daughter of Solomon **ATKINS** (3) of Whately. She died of childbed fever, aged 36, in Whately 14 Feb 1786.<sup>22</sup> He married (2) Martha, daughter of Orange Warner of Hadley. She died 21 March 1830.<sup>23</sup> The death record in 1830 says simply “widow of John Crafts”.

Children of John and Thankful:

**Unnamed** child, stillborn 1 June 1785.<sup>24</sup>

**Thankful**, born in Feb. 1786 and died of consumption, 19 May 1863.<sup>25</sup> She married Calvin **WELLS** (17) of Whately.

Children of John and Martha:

**Orange**, b. 12 Feb. 1796, d. 5 Feb. 1801.<sup>26</sup> Cause of death appears to be “feeble”.

**Emily**, b. 1798, d. 29 June 1836.<sup>27</sup> She m. John Russell of Hadley.

**Lydia**, b. 1801, d. after 1850 when she was living with her husband and five children in Troy, Wisconsin. She m. as his second wife Elias Hibbard of North Hadley.

### **JOSEPH CRAFTS 12**

Son of Thomas (7) and Sarah (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born at Hatfield 6 Nov. 1745 and died in Whately 18 Oct. 1815.<sup>28</sup> He built on the Esther Road...*looking over the ground where never more a*

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<sup>20</sup> *The Crafts Family* p. 102

<sup>21</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127195480

<sup>22</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 130 of 464

<sup>23</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127195485

<sup>24</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 130 of 464

<sup>25</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 397 of 464

<sup>26</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

<sup>27</sup> Russellville Cemetery, Hadley MA # 38818646

*house will exist, I wondered why a man of common sense should ever locate in such an out of the way as well as unsuitable locality.* <sup>29</sup> Joseph married Roxcellany, widow of David White and daughter of Gideon Warner of Hadley. There is undocumented information that she was born in 1745 and died in 1830 but she is not buried in Whately, nor is her husband. Roxcellany had two children with her first husband and ten more with Joseph.

**Mary Pauline**, b. 1780, d. at an unknown time and place. She m. Curtis Root of Columbia, Maine.

**Lucretia**, b. 1781 and d. of consumption, 30 Sept. 1811. <sup>30</sup> She m. Joseph **WAITE (45 1-2)** and moved to Columbia, Maine where two children were born, then returned to Whately.

**Chester**, b. 1783, has his own entry (17)

**Sabra**, b. 1785 and d. 26 Feb 1814.

**Ansel**, b. 1787. He was a carpenter killed when falling from a church roof he was working on in Westfield, 15 Oct. 1809. <sup>31</sup>

**David**, b. 15 Oct. 1790, d. 31 Aug. 1844 in Whately, of consumption. <sup>32</sup> Dwight Dickinson was paid by the Town of Whately to board David Crafts and the town paid for a razor for David. <sup>33</sup> He never married.

**Roxcellany**, b. at an unknown date but d. as an infant of inflammation of the bowels, 8 April 1793. <sup>34</sup>

**Roswell**, b. 1794 and d. 25 Sept. 1827, in Deerfield. <sup>35</sup> His grave annotation gives his parents incorrectly. He made his will on 7 Sept. 1827 stipulating that his property be divided equally between Josephus, Chester, David, Roswell and Albert Crafts, all sons of his brother, Chester Crafts. Although no cause of death was found for Chester or Roswell, Roswell must have known that his brother was also dying and in fact, Chester d. just two days after Roswell. Roswell's will also read "*my said Trustee shall pay to my Honored and affectionate Mother Roxcellany Crafts, so much money as shall afford her a comfortable maintenance and support annually, provided however, that my said Trustee shall not pay to my said mother more than seventy-two dollars per year*". <sup>36</sup>

**Unnamed** child, b. 13 Sept. 1794, stillborn. <sup>37</sup>

**Parsons**, b. 1795, d. 1839 in Rome, Illinois. <sup>38</sup> He m. Judith (Chase) Dudley, a widow.

**Josephus**, b. 1798, d. 15 Dec. 1805. <sup>39</sup>

### **MOSES CRAFTS 13**

Son of Thomas (7) and Sarah (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born at Hatfield 6 May 1750 and died 8 Jan. 1826 in Whately. <sup>40</sup> He lived first on present day North Street, then moved to the Claverack area. He was a Revolutionary War soldier. He married Abigail, daughter of Joel Kellogg of Hadley. She was born in 1757 and died 8 June 1833. <sup>41</sup> They had eleven children:

**Sarah**, b. 1778, d. 16 April 1834. <sup>42</sup> She m. Jeremiah **WAITE (45)** of Whately.

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<sup>28</sup> *The Crafts Family* p. 177

<sup>29</sup> Crafts p. 85

<sup>30</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 136 of 464

<sup>31</sup> No death record was found. Cause of death supplied by Crafts.

<sup>32</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 172 of 464

<sup>33</sup> Whately Book of Paupers

<sup>34</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 132 of 464

<sup>35</sup> Mill River Cemetery, Deerfield MA, #89592360

<sup>36</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #5792*

<sup>37</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 132 of 464

<sup>38</sup> *Descendants of Andrew Warner* p. 234

<sup>39</sup> *Descendants of Andrew Warner* p. 235

<sup>40</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 11 of 464

<sup>41</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 30779065

<sup>42</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127195622

**Thomas**, b. 1781, has his own entry (19)

**Joel Kellogg**, b. 1782 and d. in Hadley in 1823.<sup>43</sup> He m. Elizabeth Cook of Hadley but his family had no Whately associations.

**Rufus**, b. 1787, has his own entry (21)

**Abigail**, b. 1789 and d. of consumption, in Whately, 12 Aug. 1850.<sup>44</sup> She m. Jesse **JEWETT (3)** of Whately.

**Caroline**, b. 1791 and d. 17 Feb. 1822 in Whately.<sup>45</sup> She m. Benjamin **LARRABEE** of Whately. .

**Sophronia**, b. 1793, d. of dysentery 30 Dec. 1794.<sup>46</sup>

**Caleb**, b. 1795 and d. age 3 of “rattles”.<sup>47</sup>

**Ralph**, b. 29 May 1798, d. 15 Oct. 1798 of dysentery.<sup>48</sup>

**Caleb**, b. 28 July 1800, has his own entry (22)

**Rhoda**, b. 1803, d. 20 Aug. 1878 in Amherst.<sup>49</sup> She m. John Cushman.

#### **GRAVES CRAFTS 14**

Son of Thomas (7) and Sarah (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 26 Oct. 1759 and died in of old age, 29 July 1847 in Whately.<sup>50</sup> He built on North Street around 1817.<sup>51</sup> He was a Revolutionary War veteran and is said to have stood on guard the night before the execution of Major Andre. A few years later, along with his brothers Seth and John, Graves was a participant in Shay’s Rebellion. He is buried in the Center Cemetery.<sup>52</sup> He married (1) Eunice, daughter of Israel **GRAVES (20)**. She was born in 1763 and died in December 1826.<sup>53</sup> He married (2) Sarah, the widow of Barnabas Howell and daughter of Capt. Lucius **ALLIS (12)** of Conway. She died of dropsy, in Whately on 3 April 1852.<sup>54</sup> With his first wife he had thirteen children:

**Israel**, b. 21 March 1783, d. 4 April 1787.

**Lucy**, b. 1784, d. 31 Aug. 1830.<sup>55</sup> She m. Elijah **GRAVES (30)**.

**Elijah**, b. 1786, has his own entry (23)

**Israel**, b. 1788, has his own entry (24)

**Justin**, b. 21 Jan. 1792, has his own entry (24 1-2)

**Justus**, his twin, b. 21 Jan. 1792, has his own entry (25)

**Gad**, b. 1794, has his own entry (26)

**Miriam**, b. 1796, d. of dropsy, 21 Dec. 1840.<sup>56</sup> She m. Justus **GRAVES (58)** of Whately.

**Sophia**, b. 30 Nov. 1797, d. of an “apoplectic fit”, in Whately, 4 April 1868.<sup>57</sup> She was unmarried.

**Eli**, b. 1799, has his own entry (27)

**Graves**, b. 7 July 1803, d. 25 April 1820 of epilepsy, in Whately.<sup>58</sup>

**Unnamed infant**, stillborn. 10 Feb. 1805.<sup>59</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> Old Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA #128513709

<sup>44</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 20 of 587

<sup>45</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Ch. Records*, Image 71 of 125

<sup>46</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 132 of 464

<sup>47</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 133 of 464

<sup>48</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 134 of 464

<sup>49</sup> North Cemetery, Amherst MA # 125036847

<sup>50</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 175 of 464

<sup>51</sup> Dufault # 37

<sup>52</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #30779603

<sup>53</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #30779643

<sup>54</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 386 of 464/

<sup>55</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127195542

<sup>56</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately Ch. Records*, Image 57 of 130

<sup>57</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 402 of 464

<sup>58</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 139 of 464

Silas, b. 1807, has his own entry (28)

### SETH CRAFTS 15

Son of Thomas (7) and Sarah (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 21 Oct. 1762 and died 22 June 1836, also in Whately.<sup>60</sup> He made his will on 17 July 1827, not mentioning Anna Brockway French, his second wife, although she was alive at the time.<sup>61</sup> In May of 1839 this wife, although already married to her third husband, petitioned the court for her right of dower; *she is the late widow of said Seth Crafts deceased late of said Whately...deceased intestate. That the said Seth Crafts lately died seized in his own right in fee of certain real estate situated in said Whately whereof she is dowerable & hath nothing and that the heirs of the said intestate now hold the same as their estate in fee and have neglected to assign to her her reasonable & dower therein according to law.* Since there was in fact a will accepted by the court, this petition was not successful. Seth married (1) Joanna, daughter of David **GRAVES (22)** of Whately. She was born in 1760 and died of consumption on 11 June 1814.<sup>62</sup> In 1815 he married (2) Anna Brockway French, daughter of Isaiah Brockway of Southampton and widow of Boyington or Boynton French. She was born in 1774 and died in 1863.<sup>63</sup> She is buried as Anna Crafts but her death record, listing her as a widow and attributing her death to dropsy, is in the name of Anna Clapp.<sup>64</sup> Seth's ten children were all born to Joanna. In July and August 1795, the eldest five of these children all died of "canker rash" or what we now know as scarlet fever.<sup>65</sup>

**Dexter**, b. Feb. 1787, d. 22 Aug. 1795.<sup>66</sup>

**Rebecca**, b. Sept. 1788, d. 4 Aug. 1795.<sup>67</sup>

**Pamelia**, b. Oct. 1789, d. 16 July 1795.<sup>68</sup>

**Matilda**, b. July 1792, d. 13 July 1795<sup>69</sup>

**Miriam**, b. Dec. 1794, d. 1 Aug. 1795.<sup>70</sup>

**Dexter**, b. 1796 and d. of congestion of the lungs in 1861.<sup>71</sup> He never married. He and his brother Noah lived on the family homestead.

**Rebecca**, b. 1798, d. 27 July 1842, aged 44 years.<sup>72</sup> She m. Justus Ferry of Granby.

**Noah**, b. 1800, has his own entry (30)

**Pamelia**, b. 1802, d. 1 Sept. 1835.<sup>73</sup> She m. David Wells of Deerfield.

**Luther**, b. 1807, d. unmarried at Granville, New York in 1832.<sup>74</sup>

### REUBEN CRAFTS 16

The son of Benoni (9) and Abigail (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 25 March 1759 and died of typhus fever in Whately, 14 Feb. 1814.<sup>75</sup> He did not make a will but left four minor children for

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<sup>59</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 135 of 464

<sup>60</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 30781675

<sup>61</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #18

<sup>62</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 137 of 464

<sup>63</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 30781884

<sup>64</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 397 of 464.

<sup>65</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 133 of 464.

<sup>66</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 133 of 464.

<sup>67</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 133 of 464.

<sup>68</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 133 of 464.

<sup>69</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 133 of 464.

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<sup>71</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620 – 1988*, Whately BMD, Image 395 of 464

<sup>72</sup> West Street Cemetery, Granby MA # 124251644

<sup>73</sup> *The Crafts Family* p. 317

<sup>74</sup> DeKalb Cemetery, Granville NY #10979028



whom their uncle Asa Crafts was named guardian.<sup>76</sup> He married Henrietta, daughter of Matthew **GRAVES (23)**. She was born in 1764 and died of old age 9 Jan 1853.<sup>77</sup> The death record mistakenly names her father as Nathan. Reuben and Henrietta had eight children:

**Charlotte**, b. 1786, d. 12 July 1866.<sup>78</sup> She m. Samuel Francis Bigelow and removed to Manchester, Michigan.

**Cotton**, b. 1788, has his own entry (31)

**Erastus**, b. 1791, has his own entry (32)

**Caleb**, b. 3 Aug. 1793, d. of a bilious fever, 10 June 1795.<sup>79</sup>

**Hannah**, b. 1796, d. in 20 July 1859<sup>80</sup> of a liver complaint.<sup>81</sup> She m. (1) Amasa **LAMSON** of Whately. Along with her sister Charlotte, Hannah and her husband moved to Michigan. She m. (2) William Baldwin of Michigan.

**Miranda**, b. 1799 and d. 2 Dec. 1884 of “hypertrophy of heart”.<sup>82</sup> She m. Samuel **DOANE** of Whately.

**Fanny**, b. 1802, d. 19 May 1877, in Michigan.<sup>83</sup> She m. Warren Pease of Ludlow.

**Caleb**, b. 1805, has his own entry (33)

Reuben Crafts has a detailed sketch in Volume 3 of *Western Massachusetts Families in 179*, published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

### **CHESTER CRAFTS 17**

Son of Joseph (12) and Roxcellany (Warner) (White) Crafts, he was born at Whately 9 Dec. 1783 and died 27 Sept. 1827.<sup>84</sup> Strangely, his brother Roswell made a will on 7 Sept. of that year leaving his estate largely to the sons of Chester. Roswell died on the 25th of that month and Chester died just two days later. In neither case could a cause of death be found. Chester died intestate but left minor children, David, Roswell and Albert.<sup>85</sup> Chester Hastings was appointed guardian. Not mentioned in the list of minors was Phila, too young to need a guardian other than her mother. Chester married Phila, daughter of Reuben Jewett of South Deerfield. She died on 2 July 1880.<sup>86</sup> Chester has gravestones in both Deerfield<sup>87</sup> and Northampton.<sup>88</sup> One must be a cenotaph. Chester and Phila had nine children:

**Josephus**, b. 1810 in Deerfield and d. of old age, in Northampton, 24 Dec. 1899.<sup>89</sup> He m. Roxa, daughter of Lyman Cross of Ashfield and resided at Northampton. He is buried in Ashfield.<sup>90</sup>

**Chester**, b. 1812, d. of consumption on 10 June 1871 in Holyoke.<sup>91</sup> He (1) Martha Morgan, (2) Sarah Knight and (3) Olive Day. He had eight children but none with Whately associations.

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<sup>75</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127195469

<sup>76</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #7591

<sup>77</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 210 of 658

<sup>78</sup> Reynolds Corner Cemetery, Manchester MI # 27801224

<sup>79</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 31 of 464

<sup>80</sup> Reynolds Corner Cemetery, Manchester MI # 27801197

<sup>81</sup> U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850 - 1885

<sup>82</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 418 of 464

<sup>83</sup> Oak Grove Cemetery, Manchester MI # 39677520

<sup>84</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Deerfield BMD*, Image 56 of 481

<sup>85</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5781

<sup>86</sup> Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton MA #85558641

<sup>87</sup> Sugarloaf Street Cemetery, South Deerfield MA #93524306

<sup>88</sup> Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton MA #85558617

<sup>89</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 891 of 2415

<sup>90</sup> Plain Cemetery, Ashfield MA #104993459

<sup>91</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Holyoke BMD*, Image 2100 of 2785

**Ann**, b. 1814, d. 7 Oct. 1858.<sup>92</sup> Cause of death was left blank. She m. Enos Parsons.

**Parthena**, b. 1816 and d. 9 Jan. 1817, in West Springfield, age 29. <sup>93</sup> Cause of death was left blank. The date of death on her gravestone is 28 Feb. 1846, a marked difference. <sup>94</sup>She m. Elihu S. Stall.

**Sylvia**, b. 1818 and d. of a “hemorrhage of bowels”, in Northampton, 29 Jan. 1901.<sup>95</sup> She m. Alvin Field of Conway.

**David White**, b. 1820, d. of uremic poisoning, 12 March 1901, in Northampton.<sup>96</sup> He m. Wealthy Munyan of Williamsburg and resided in Northampton. His death came less than six week after his sister Sylvia.

**Roswell Parsons**, b. 1822, d. of chronic nephritis, 3 Sept. 1904 in Holyoke.<sup>97</sup> He m. Delia Charlotte, daughter of Pliny Jones of West Springfield. He resided in Holyoke.

**Albert William**, b. 1825 and d. of Arteriosclerosis, in Ashfield, on 4 Feb. 1916. <sup>98</sup> He m. Statira Ann, daughter of Olin Bardwell of Ashfield.

**Phila Amelia**, b. 14 Jan. 1827 and d. of a pulmonary hemorrhage, in Northampton, 21 Dec. 1888.<sup>99</sup> She m. Henry J. Walker

### THOMAS CRAFTS 19

Son of Moses (13) and Abigail (Kellogg) Crafts, he was born at Whately 10 Sept. 1781 and died of a bilious fever, in Whately, 7 Oct. 1861. <sup>100</sup> It was this man who began the pottery industry in Whately. He built a house on what was then called Claverack and it was moved when Route 91 came through. It is now at 1 LaSalle Drive and much dilapidated. <sup>101</sup>Thomas made a will dated 24 May 1852. <sup>102</sup> *It is my will that my son Elbridge G. Crafts shall furnish a comfortable home for my brother-in-law, Perez Graves and that he shall support the said Perez during his natural life, provided it is the choice of said Perez to remain with him.* <sup>103</sup> Thomas married Mehitable, called Mabel, daughter of Martin **GRAVES (24)** of Whately. Her brother was Perez Graves mentioned in the will. Mehitable was born in 1779 and died 29 Dec. 1861, having fractured her hip. <sup>104</sup> This was less than three months after the death of her husband. There is a probate file listing her next of kin. They were her living children Martin, Elbridge, Thomas and James and the Belden children of her deceased daughter Aurelia. <sup>105</sup> Thomas and Mehitable had eight children:

**Martin**, b. 15 Sept. 1805 and d. 17 Jan. 1806.<sup>106</sup>

**Martin**, b. 1807, has his own entry (42)

**Aurelia**, b. 1808 and d. 1 April 1857 of pleurisy.<sup>107</sup> She m. Allen **BELDEN (33)** of Whately.

**Triphena**, b. 20 April 1812 and d. 24 Sept. 1814. <sup>108</sup>

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<sup>92</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Northampton BMD*, Image 1200 of 2680

<sup>93</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 363 of 546

<sup>94</sup> Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton MA #89589207

<sup>95</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 865 of 2728

<sup>96</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 867 of 2728

<sup>97</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 612 of 903

<sup>98</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Ashfield BMD*, Image 128 of 289

<sup>99</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 502 of 1504

<sup>100</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 351 of 1098

<sup>101</sup> Dufault #48

<sup>102</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5794

<sup>103</sup> Perez Graves was living in the Thomas Crafts household in 1850 and 1860. In 1870 he was with Elbridge G. Crafts. He died in 1871.

<sup>104</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 395 of 464

<sup>105</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5740

<sup>106</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 135 of 464

<sup>107</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 216 of 679

<sup>108</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.106

**Elbridge Gerry**, b. 1814, has his own entry (43)

**James Monroe**, b. 1817, has his own entry (44)

**Triphena**, b. 1819 and d. 21 Dec. 1842.<sup>109</sup> She m. David **BELDEN (36)**, the brother of her sister's husband.

**Thomas Spencer**, b. 1825 and d. at an unknown date. In 1880 he was in Amador County, California. He did not marry.

## **RUFUS CRAFTS 21**

Son of Moses (13) and Abigail (Kellogg) Crafts, he was born in Whately 8 March 1787 and died of "organic disease of the heart", 14 Nov. 1843.<sup>110</sup> He built on Claverack, present day State Road. Rufus made his will on 1 April 1839.<sup>111</sup> In it he named his wife Lucy as executor, but she begged off, petitioning that her son Ralph be appointed in her stead. Rufus married Lucy, the daughter of Joseph Kellogg of Amherst. She was born in 1788 and died of congestion of the lungs, 2 Sept. 1868 in Whately.<sup>112</sup> Rufus and Lucy had ten children:

**Ralph Erskine**, b. 1812, has his own entry (47)

**Chapman**, b. 1813 in Whately and d. 1872 at Troy, Wisconsin.<sup>113</sup> He m. Almina, daughter of David Jones of North Hadley and had four children.

**George Washington**, b. 1814 and d. 3 June 1884 in Kings, New York.<sup>114</sup> He d. at the home of his brother Rufus while in New York on business. He married Ellen, daughter of William Beach. She was born in New York and died in California. George was an early settler in California.

**Myron Harwood**, b. 1816 in Whately and d. 13 Sept. 1886 in California.<sup>115</sup> He m. (1) Miranda Capen and (2) Eliza Robbins. He had five children, none born in Whately.

**Elvira Jerusha**, b. 22 August 1818 in Whately, d. 18 Feb. 1858.<sup>116</sup> She m. Robert Dodd **WEEKS** of Newark, New Jersey. They lived for some years in Whately.

**Joseph Kellogg**, b. 1821 in Whately and was still alive in 1910 in Schenectady, New York. He m. Margarette McLean, lived in Schenectady and had eight children all born there.

**Joel Franklin**, b. 1822 in Whately and d. 7 Oct. 1824.<sup>117</sup>

**Joel Franklin**, b. 1825 in Whately and d. in Brooklyn, New York. He m. a woman from Brooklyn and had four children all born there. He was a butcher, and his brother Rufus was a policeman and they both appear in city directories for Brooklyn.

**Rufus Wells**, b. 1828 in Whately, and d. 19 May 1885 in Brooklyn, New York.

**Lemuel Bates**, b. 16 Oct. 1830, d. 30 June 1831.<sup>118</sup>

## **CALEB CRAFTS 22**

Son of Moses (13) and Abigail (Kellogg) Crafts, he was born at Whately 29 July 1796 and died of "quick consumption" 1 June 1854.<sup>119</sup> He died intestate and insolvent and there is a large probate file.<sup>120</sup> Sophronia, his wife was about 49 years old when widowed; *she is in feeble health, lame and unable to labor, with a child of the age of three years dependent upon her.* She was allowed her

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<sup>109</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 100 of 464

<sup>110</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 207 of 464

<sup>111</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case 5793*

<sup>112</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 402 of 464

<sup>113</sup> Oak Ridge Cemetery, East Troy WI #106737983

<sup>114</sup> *New York NY Extracted Death index, 1862 – 1948*, text only

<sup>115</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.462

<sup>116</sup> Mount Hope Cemetery, Lansing MI # 21587251

<sup>117</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127228117

<sup>118</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127241408

<sup>119</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 388 of 464

<sup>120</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #5779*

wearing apparel and \$150.00.<sup>121</sup> Caleb married Sophronia, daughter of Daniel **MORTON (12)** of Whately. She was born in 1807 and died of consumption, 18 Feb. 1866. Caleb was a potter and spent part of his working life in Troy, New York but returned to Whately. They had seven children over a span of almost thirty years.

**Harriet Cornelia**, b. in Whately 1823, d. after 1910 when she was living in Portland, Maine. She m. Dexter Daniels of Portland.

**Maria Louisa**, b. in Whately 1825 and d. 4 April 1907 in Leverett.<sup>122</sup> She m. (1) Thomas Bowers of Nashua, New Hampshire and (2) Silas Dwight Kellogg of North Amherst.

**Charles Perry**, b. in Whately 1827 and d. in Waltham, Massachusetts on 25 Oct. 1913.<sup>123</sup> He m. Almira Bowers of Nashua, New Hampshire and lived in that place and in Waltham.

**Edward Alonzo**, b. in Whately in 1830 and has his own entry (55)

**George Morton**, b. in Troy, New York in 1835 and has his own entry (56)

**Thomas Hart**, b. in Portland, Maine in 1837 and d. in the same place in 1887. He m. Augusta Sawyer.

**Sophronia Morton**, b. at Whately 1851 and d. after 1930 when she was a widow living in Amherst. She m. George Keet of North Amherst.

### **ELIJAH CRAFTS 23**

Son of Graves (14) and Dolly (Trescott) Crafts, he was born in Whately 5 Nov. 1786 and died 12 Aug. 1874 in Prattsburgh, New York.<sup>124, 125</sup> There is a long annotation from the Crafts family history included with the grave record. He married Dolly Trescott of Wilmington, Vermont. She was born in 1788 and died in Feb. 1833.<sup>126</sup> Elijah and Dolly had eight children, the first three born in Whately.

**Sarah**, b. 7 April 1812 and d. 18 Aug. 1817.<sup>127</sup>

**Eunice Maria**, b. 1813, d. 27 Feb. 1886.<sup>128</sup> She m. George Stanford of Schenectady, New York.

**Lucy**, b. 1815 and d. 12 November 1842.<sup>129</sup> at an unknown place. She m. Amasa Noble of Middlesex, New York.

**Myron**, b. 1819 and d. 8 Oct. 1897.<sup>130</sup> He m. (1) Mary Ann Clemens and (2) Mary A. Sims.<sup>131</sup>

**Nancy**, b. 22 Oct. 1820 and d. 11 July 1827.<sup>132</sup>

**Sophia**, b. 1822 and d. 10 Jan. 1859.<sup>133</sup> She m. Philander Perry.

**Clymenia**, b. 1827 and d. after 1875 when she was enumerated in the New York State census in Prattsburgh. She m. John V. Stevens

**Norman**, b. 1829 and d. 1899.<sup>134</sup>

### **ISRAEL CRAFTS 24**

Son of Graves (14) and Dolly (Trescott) Crafts, he was born at Whately 11 Dec. 1788 and died of heart disease, 4 April 1855.<sup>135</sup> His will was made on 26 Aug. 1854.<sup>136</sup> He married (1) Esther, daughter of

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<sup>121</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case 5779

<sup>122</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 275 of 909

<sup>123</sup> Mount Feake Cemetery, Waltham MA # 141363581

<sup>124</sup> This is Prattsburgh NY not Plattsburgh as in Crafts

<sup>125</sup> Ingleside Old Cemetery, Prattsburgh NY # 62717603

<sup>126</sup> Ingleside Old Cemetery, Prattsburgh NY # 62717671

<sup>127</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.313

<sup>128</sup> Lisha's Kill Reformed Church Cemetery, Colonie NY # 61465841

<sup>129</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.469

<sup>130</sup> Factoryville Cemetery, Factoryville MI # 13871791

<sup>131</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.469

<sup>132</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.313

<sup>133</sup> Ingleside Old Cemetery, Prattsburgh NY # 62719909

<sup>134</sup> New Haven Cemetery, New Haven NY # 163513244

Lemuel **WELLS (9)**. She was born in 1785 and died on 29 Jan. 1823.<sup>137</sup> Israel married (2) Clarissa, the daughter of Elisha Wells of Hawley and widow of Asa **SCOTT**. She was born in 1791 and died of consumption, 5 Sept. 1858.<sup>138</sup> She made a will on 13 June 1857 leaving \$10.00 to her granddaughter Clara and all the rest to her son Charles Dwight.<sup>139</sup> Her son Luther, though still alive, was not mentioned in the will.

The **unnamed child** of Israel and Esther was b. and d. on 27 Jan. 1823, two days before Esther herself died.

Children of Israel and Clarissa:

**Charles Dwight**, b. 1827 and has his own entry (60)

**Esther Wells**, b. 1829 and d. of consumption, in Northampton, 29 May 1857.<sup>140</sup> She was 27 years old. She m. Edward Lyman Smith.

**Luther M.** b. 1832 and has his own entry (61)

### **JUSTUS CRAFTS 24 ½**

Son of Graves (14) and Dolly (Trescott) Crafts, he was born in Whately 21 Aug. 1791 and died in 1869 of old age.<sup>141</sup> He married Spiddy, daughter of Asa **BARDWELL (18)**. She was born in 1793 and died of consumption 4 Aug. 1842.<sup>142</sup> Justus and Spiddy had eight children:



**Mary**, b. 25 Jan. 1816 and d. of “inflammation of stomach” on 21 Sept. 1882.<sup>143</sup> On 9 Feb. 1876, when she was 60 years old, she m. Joseph Dunn, a man many years her junior.<sup>144</sup> On 24 Sept. 1882, three days after Mary’s death, Joseph Dunn was charged with murder. The complaint stated that Joseph

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<sup>135</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 389 of 464

<sup>136</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #5788*

<sup>137</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #137229272

<sup>138</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 392 of 464

<sup>139</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991, Case #5782*

<sup>140</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915, Image 270 of 679*

<sup>141</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 403 of 464

<sup>142</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 206 of 464

<sup>143</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915, Image 352 of 1268*

<sup>144</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 351 of 464

Dunn, on the eleventh of September *feloniously, willfully and maliciously did mingle a large quantity, to wit two [drams?] of a certain deadly poison called white arsenic with the drink of Mary Dunn with intent thereby then and there the said Mary Dunn feloniously, willfully and of his malice aforethought to kill.* <sup>145</sup>Witnesses on behalf of the state were Joseph Bynam, M.D., James M. Crafts, Austin Crafts, Luther, Crafts, Ellery J. Crafts, Walter W. Bardwell, Horace Bardwell, Harriet Bardwell, Elizabeth Crafts, Eunice Smith and Lucy Rice. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and the government entered a “nolo prosequi” judgement, meaning they would not prosecute. A note on the document reads

“The Dunn case I reported to Sec. of State as commenced and not finished, merely arrested & arraigned.” It is interesting to note that James M. Crafts, original compiler of these records, author of the Crafts genealogy, and listed as a witness in this case, did not mention it in either book. A newspaper article at the time added juicier details including that Dunn had only one eye and was not an attractive looking person. He is supposed to have worked on Mary Crafts’ farm for six years previous to their wedding and she owed him money for his labor; the debt to be canceled by the marriage.

**Austin**, b. 1818 and has his own entry (62)

**Graves**, b. 1820 and d. soon. No birth or death record found.

**Infant**, b. 1822 and d. soon. No birth or death record found.

**Graves**, b. 1823, died of cancer, 5 May 1896, in Chicopee.<sup>146</sup> He m. Mary Paulina Eastman of Ludlow and lived there and in other places. Their three children had no Whately associations.

**Lucia Ann**, b. 1826 and d. in Granby on 19 Jan. 1898.<sup>147</sup> She had “sub-acute panencephalitis with senile decay”.<sup>148</sup> Lucia m. Frank Rice

**Eunice**, b. 1830 and d. in Shutesbury of “paresis brain and defective nutrition”.<sup>149</sup> 1 May 1904.<sup>150</sup> She m. Justus Wright **SMITH (76)** of Whately.

**John Wesley**, b. 14 March 1836 and d. 30 Aug. 1836.<sup>151</sup>



**Emigrants crossing the plains**

## **JUSTIN CRAFTS 25**

Son of Graves (14) and Dolly (Trescott) Crafts and twin brother of Justus (24), he was born in Whately 21 Jan. 1791 and died in 1850 while crossing the plains to California.<sup>152</sup> He married Katherine Cressy

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<sup>145</sup> Whately Historical Society, Catalog #2018.400.100

<sup>146</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Holyoke BMD*, Image 2469 of 2785

<sup>147</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Granby BMD*, Image 131 of 441

<sup>148</sup> This is a rare and chronic form of progressive brain inflammation

<sup>149</sup> Neurosyphilis. The infection of the brain begins 10 – 30 years after the initial infection.

<sup>150</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 6 of 8

<sup>151</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241230

<sup>152</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.314

of Chesterfield, New Hampshire. She is incorrectly called Lydia by J.M. Crafts, that being the name of her mother. Justin and Lydia had no known children.

### **GAD CRAFTS 26**

Son of Graves (14) and Dolly (Trescott) Crafts, he was born in Whately 17 Feb. 1794 and died 11 Aug. 1864. In 1848 James M. Crafts was paid \$25.50 for his support.<sup>153</sup> He died intestate but the probate records include a very detailed description of his real estate.<sup>154</sup> He married Electa, daughter of Oliver **GRAVES (28)** of Whately. She was born in 1799 and died of heart disease, 10 Dec. 1885.<sup>155</sup> Gad and Electa had six sons five of whom were alive in 1881 when their childless uncle Sylvester **GRAVES** named them in his will.<sup>156</sup>

**Luman Spencer**, born 1829 in Whately and died after 1910 in Hatfield. His gravestone has no birth or death dates but he was alive in Hatfield, age 82, in 1910. He married Lovina Anderson of North Hatfield and resided there for his lifetime. Their son, Carlton Crafts married Cora (Crafts) Crafts, their grandson, Caryll Crafts married Josephine, daughter of Edward **DICKINSON (52)** and their great grandson, Edward Dickinson Crafts married Myrtle Lenore, daughter of Lincoln **BOND** of Whately.

**Chester Graves**, b. 1831, has his own entry (65)

**Sylvanus**, b. 1833, has his own entry (66)

**Almeron**, b. 1835, has his own entry (67)

**Freeman Atkins**, b. 1838, has his own entry (68)

**Thomas**, b. 16 Aug. 1840, d. 25 Aug. 1905 at the Dickinson Hospital in Northampton of apoplexy.<sup>157</sup>

There is a probate file naming his heirs at law, including the children of his deceased brother Sylvanus.<sup>158</sup> Thomas never married. He is buried in Whately with his parents.<sup>159</sup>

### **ELI CRAFTS 27**

Son of Graves (14) and Dolly (Trescott) Crafts, he was born 13 Nov. 1799 and died of consumption, 22 May 1871.<sup>160</sup> Eli built on "Lover's Lane," present day Haydenville Road.<sup>161</sup> He made his will on 27 Aug. 1870<sup>162</sup> by which time he was a widower. To his daughter Sarah Townsend he left \$25 and the *featherbed, bedding and bedstead used and occupied by me in my room*. To his daughter Ruth Elder he left \$100 and *two large silver spoons marked E.L.Crafts and two small silver spoons marked L.M.*<sup>163</sup> Eli married Louisa, daughter of Isaac Marsh of Deerfield. She was born in 1806 and died of "general debility", 25 Jan. 1864.<sup>164</sup> Eli and Louisa had four children:

**Infant**, b. and d. in Berlin, Vermont, 21 June 1831.<sup>165</sup>

**Sarah Allis**, b. 1832 in Berlin and d. of influenza in Greenfield on 8 Jan 1908.<sup>166</sup> She m. Luther Townsend.

**Leander Francis**, b. 1834, has his own entry (69)

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<sup>153</sup> Whately book of Paupers

<sup>154</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5786

<sup>155</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 419 of 464

<sup>156</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #8752

<sup>157</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 447 of 464

<sup>158</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #14689

<sup>159</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127228825

<sup>160</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 405 of 464

<sup>161</sup> Dufault #103

<sup>162</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5785

<sup>163</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5785

<sup>164</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 398 of 464

<sup>165</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.316

<sup>166</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 5 of 152

**Ruth Scott**, b. 1838 and d. in 1924.<sup>167</sup> She m. James Austin, the son of John **ELDER** of Whately.

### **SILAS CRAFTS 28**

Son of Graves (14) and Dolly (Trescott) Crafts, he was born in Whately 24 Jan. 1807 and died of heart disease on 1 Oct. 1879.<sup>168</sup> He built on the east side of Chestnut Plain Road, now 68 North Street.<sup>169</sup> Silas married Abigail, daughter of John **ELDER**, of Whately. She was the sister of Ruth Elder, wife of his uncle Eli. Abigail was born in 1817 and died of erysipelas on 15 Feb 1891.<sup>170</sup> Her gravestone in the Center Cemetery calls her “Abbie” and has the incorrect death date of 1890.<sup>171</sup> Silas and Abigail had three children:

**Unnamed male twin** b. Dec. 1846 and d. on 31 Dec. 4 days old.<sup>172</sup>

**Unnamed female twin** b. Dec. 1846 and d. on 8 Jan. 12 days old.<sup>173</sup>

**Clarence Elder**, b. 1858 and has his own entry (70)

### **DEXTER CRAFTS 29**

The son of Seth (15) and Joanna (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately on 19 May 1796 and died of congestion of the lungs, 15 May 1861.<sup>174</sup> He died intestate and the next of kin petitioning to be heirs were his brother, Noah Crafts and two nieces: Joanna Frary of Belchertown, the daughter of Dexter’s sister Rebecca and Sarah Ann Wells, the daughter of Dexter’s sister Pamela. In the end his debts were greater than the value of his estate.<sup>175</sup> There is a long list of creditors in the probate record. Dexter did not marry.

### **NOAH CRAFTS 30**

The son of Seth (15) and Joanna (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 28 Sept. 1800 and died of dropsy, 28 Oct. 1878.<sup>176</sup> He married Nancy, daughter of Calvin **WELLS (17)** of Whately. She was born in 1809 and died of old age on 8 Nov, 1891.<sup>177</sup> Noah and Nancy had three children:

**Ellen**, b. 1839 and d. of typhoid fever, in South Deerfield, 2 Sept. 1866.<sup>178</sup> She was 27 years old. She m. William Hubbard of Windsor.

**Seth Brockway**, b. 1840, has his own entry (71)

**Diana Mary**, b. 1842 and d. of consumption, age 35, on 20 June 1877.<sup>179</sup>

### **COTTON CRAFTS 31**

Son of Reuben (16) and Henrietta (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately on 27 July 1788 and died 29 May 1843 of delirium tremens.<sup>180</sup> His wife Sarah was named guardian for Amanda M. “over 14” and Asa J. “under 14”.<sup>181</sup> He married Sarah, daughter of Selah **SCOTT (14)** of Whately. She died of

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<sup>167</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127226672

<sup>168</sup> *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850 – 1885*, Image 53 of 60

<sup>169</sup> Dufault # 89

<sup>170</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 425 of 464

<sup>171</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127220338

<sup>172</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 374 of 464

<sup>173</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 374 of 464

<sup>174</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 395 of 464

<sup>175</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5784

<sup>176</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 412 of 464

<sup>177</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 425 of 464

<sup>178</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 251 of 909

<sup>179</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 411 of 464

<sup>180</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 207 of 464

<sup>181</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #5783



old age, 27 July 1883.<sup>182</sup> The death record is incorrect regarding her parents. Cotton and Sarah had four children:

**George Washington**, b. 1821 and has his own entry (72)

**Henry Clinton**, b. 20 Nov. 1823 and d. 25 May 1831.<sup>183</sup>

**Amanda Malvina**, b. 1826 and d. 28 June 1922 in Whately.<sup>184</sup> She m. Daniel **DICKINSON (45)** of Whately.

**Asa Jackson**, b. 1829, and has his own entry (73)

### **ERASTUS CRAFTS 32**

Son of Reuben (16) and Henrietta (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 3 March 1791 and died of pneumonia, 27 April 1881.<sup>185</sup> He married (1) Charlotte, daughter of Selah **SCOTT (14)** of Whately. Charlotte and Cotton's wife Sarah were sisters. Charlotte died on 25 Oct. 1815 a few days after the birth of her first child.<sup>186</sup> That child, also **Charlotte**, died on Nov. 10.<sup>187</sup> Erastus married (2) in 1817, Marion, daughter of Samuel **LAMSON** of Whately. She was born about 1792 and died of heart disease April 1872.<sup>188</sup> Erastus and Marian had seven children:

**Reuben**, b. 1818, has his own entry (74)

**Alonzo**, b. 1821 and has his own entry (75)

**Walter**, b. 1823, has his own entry (76)

**Rodolphus**, b. 22 Sept. 1825 and d. 15 June 1831.<sup>189</sup>

**Louisa**, b. 1827 and d. of acute bronchitis in Greenfield on 30 Oct. 1913.<sup>190</sup> She m. Joseph Porter of Greenfield.

**Fidelia**, b. 1831 and d. 13 Aug. 1878, cause of death being unclear.<sup>191</sup> In most records she is Delia. She m. Dodge Hayward.

**Rudolphus**, b. 1833, d. of typhoid fever, in Bernardston, 6 Dec. 1861.<sup>192</sup> He was 28 years old. His only child, **Lewis Porter Crafts**, was five years old. He m. Fanny Thayer of Dummerston, Vermont and lived in Greenfield

### **CALEB CRAFTS 33**

Son of Reuben (16) and Henrietta (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 3 Feb. 1805 and died of consumption, 14 April 1856.<sup>193</sup> He married Eunice, daughter of Chester **BARDWELL (25)** of Whately. She was born in 1819 and died of old age, in Whately, 30 July 1907.<sup>194</sup> Caleb and Eunice had six children:

**Dency Luthera**, b. 1839 and d. after 1930 when she was living with her brother Warren in Whately. She m. Ephraim Stoddard and lived in New Orleans until she was widowed and returned to Whately.

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<sup>182</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 417 of 464

<sup>183</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127240587

<sup>184</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127224891

<sup>185</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 415 of 464

<sup>186</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 138 of 464

<sup>187</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 138 of 464

<sup>188</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 406 of 464

<sup>189</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.320

<sup>190</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 160 of 195

<sup>191</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 374 of 1134

<sup>192</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Bernardston BMD*, Image 193 of 233

<sup>193</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 390 of 464

<sup>194</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 19 of 27

**Maria Henrietta**, b. 1841 and d. 22 Jan. 1937.<sup>195</sup> She never married.

**Sarah Angelina**, b. 14 Nov. 1843 and d. of typhoid fever, 26 Oct. 1863.<sup>196</sup>

**Dwight Lewis**, b. 1850, has his own entry (78)

**Warren Pease**, b. 1855 and d. 6 Dec. 1938.<sup>197</sup> He m. Bertha, daughter of Benjamin Andrews of Conway and had one child, **Philip**, b. in 1898. Within three years of the marriage Bertha and Philip were living with her parents in Conway and in 1920 Warren was recorded as divorced.

#### **MARTIN CRAFTS 42**

Son of Thomas (19) and Mehitable (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 4 April 1807 and died of pneumonia in Newark, New Jersey in 1880.<sup>198</sup> He married Emily, daughter of Samuel Ingram of Newfane, Vermont. He and his family moved several times and only the first of his eight children was born in Whately.

**Samuel Thomas**, b. in Whately on 5 Aug. 1833 d. died on 23 Aug. 1833.<sup>199</sup>

**Edward**, b. in Portland, Maine on 17 Aug. 1834 and d. on 18 Aug. 1834.

**Alonzo**, his twin, b. on 17 Aug. 1834 and d. on 18 Aug. 1834.

**Mary**, b. 1835 at Portland, Maine and d. of dropsy, 12 July 1865 in Whately.<sup>200</sup> She m. Edwin

**BELDEN (57)** of Whately.

**Harriet Mehitable**, b. 1840 in Nashua, New Hampshire and d. soon.

**Harriet Triphena**, b. 1843 in Nashua, New Hampshire and d. at an unknown date and place. She m. Rudolphus Allen **BELDEN (58)** of Whately. He was the brother of her sister's husband.

**Martin Alonzo**, b. and d. at Nashua on 15 Aug. 1845.

**Emma M.** b. at Nashua in 1847 and d. in California at an unknown date. In 1880 she was in Castroville, California with her husband and her widowed mother, Emily. She m. John Scott of Salinas, California.

#### **ELBRIDGE GERRY CRAFTS 43**

Son of Thomas (19) and Mehitable (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 13 Dec. 1814 and died of pneumonia, 5 Dec. 1886.<sup>201</sup> He married Lydia Cilinda, daughter of Daniel Hodgkins of Wilmington, Vermont. She was born in 1819 and died 30 April 1914.<sup>202</sup> In 1871 they were included on a list of residents who owned a dog. Elbridge and Lydia had six children:

**John Murray**, b. 17 June 1842 and d. of inflammation of the bowels, 24 June 1847.<sup>203</sup>

**Infant**, b. 12 Jan. 1844, d. the next day.

**John Murray**, b. 1847, has his own entry (80)

**Edmund Burke**, b. 7 July 1850, d. of scarlet fever, 2 Jan. 1854.<sup>204</sup>

**Edmund Burke**, b. 28 June 1854, has his own entry (81)

**Earl Henry**, b. 22 Feb. 1861, d. of "fitts", 23 March 1861.<sup>205</sup>

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<sup>195</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127242258

<sup>196</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 397 of 464

<sup>197</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241868

<sup>198</sup> *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850 – 1885*, Image 135 of 208

<sup>199</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.453

<sup>200</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 399 of 464

<sup>201</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 442040 of 464

<sup>202</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127195474

<sup>203</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 396 of 492

<sup>204</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 220 of 676

<sup>205</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 395 of 464

#### **JAMES MONROE CRAFTS 44**

The original compiler of these records, he was the son of Son of Thomas (19) and Mehitable (**GRAVES**) Crafts, born in Whately 26 Feb. 1817 He died of old age “failing for several months”, in Orange, on 18 Sept. 1903.<sup>206</sup> Crafts wrote that in 1866 he built on the Daniel Morton place and that his buildings burned in 1873. This property was not located on the 1871 map. James’ will was written on 5 Oct. 1899.<sup>207</sup> In it he bequeathed to his daughter-in-law, Lizzie the residue of his estate after paying for his “last sickness and proper burial”. He also asked that Lizzie give to each of his grandchildren a copy of his history of the Crafts families. He is buried in Whately.<sup>208</sup> James M. Crafts married Mary Ann, daughter of Jesse **JEWETT (3)** of Whately. She was born in 1822 and died of rheumatism on 17 April 1879.<sup>209</sup> James and Mary Ann had nine children and three of his sons outlived him but only Charles, husband of Lizzie, was mentioned in his will. They had two sets of twins.

**Charles Ransom**, b. at Nashua, New Hampshire and has his own entry (82)

**Thomas Edward**, b. at Nashua on 31 Aug. 1841 and d. soon.<sup>210</sup>

**Annette Aurelia**, b. in Whately 27 Jan. 1843 and d. of typhoid fever 7 Oct. 1871.<sup>211</sup> She m. Wesley **WOODARD** of Whately.

**Irving Browne**, b. at Whately 11 Oct. 1844 and d. 27 Sept. 1890.<sup>212</sup> He was a soldier in Company C, 27<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. He was discharged for “sequellae of typhoid fever. He died in Greenfield in a “R.R. accident”. He married Minerva Field of Montague and lived there. They had one daughter who died young.

**James Knox Polk**, b. at Whately 6 April 1846 and d. of dysentery, 14 Sept. 1849.<sup>213</sup>

**Thomas Spencer**, b. 1851 and has his own entry (no #)

**James Monroe**, his twin, b. 28 Nov. 1851 and d. 1 March 1853.<sup>214</sup>

**Mary Alma**, b. at Whately 6 March 1856 and d. 23 March 1856.<sup>215</sup>

**Frank Darwin**, her twin, b. 6 March 1856 and d. in 1931 in San Joaquin, California.<sup>216</sup> He m. Annie Louise Hannegan of Fall River. Their son Linwood was born in 1890 and died in 1891. By 1900 Frank and Annie were in California and by 1920 Frank was divorced and living alone.

#### **THOMAS SPENCER CRAFTS**

The son of James Monroe (44) and Mary Ann (Jewett) Crafts, he was born at Whately 28 Nov. 1851 and died 2 July 1925 in Northampton.<sup>217</sup> He married Sarah Hillman of Northampton, was a cigar maker, and resided there. Sarah Wilder Hillman was born 9 Jan. 1856 and died 4 Jan. 1926.<sup>218</sup> Thomas has no separate entry in James Crafts’ genealogies because he lived in Northampton and his children were born there. His daughter Mary Percis Crafts was particularly close to her grandfather, however, and left an important collection of family letters to Historic Northampton.

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<sup>206</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 26 of 46

<sup>207</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #13967

<sup>208</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127219796

<sup>209</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 413 of 464

<sup>210</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127219823

<sup>211</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 405 of 464

<sup>212</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 448 of 1677

<sup>213</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 393 of 662

<sup>214</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127279784

<sup>215</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127219848

<sup>216</sup> *California Death Index, 1905 – 1939*, Image 724 of 1027

<sup>217</sup> Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton MA # 88161891

<sup>218</sup> Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton MA # 88161880

**Louis Clark**, b. 19 Nov. 1883 and d. 10 June 1966.<sup>219</sup> His name was often seen as Lewis. No marriage was found but in 1950 he was a patient in the “Old Folks Home” in Worcester and recorded as widowed.

**Mary Percis**, b. 19 Sept. 1886<sup>220</sup> and d. in 1966.

**James Taylor** 18 Nov. 1888 and d.

#### **RALPH ERSKINE CRAFTS 47**

Son of Rufus (21) and Lucy (Kellogg) Crafts, he was born at Whately 26 Jan. 1812 and died there of “cystitis and Bright’s Disease”, 20 June 1895.<sup>221</sup> He died intestate but six of his children were named as heirs in the probate record.<sup>222</sup> They were Bela, Myron, Elmer, George, Ellen and Esther. He married Amelia Cushman of Wilmington, Vermont. Amelia made a will on 26 Aug. 1892.<sup>223</sup> It is apparent that she owned real estate in her own right because she left the use of real estate to her husband during his life. As it turned out she died on 7 April 1895 of La Grippe<sup>224</sup> and his death came just two and a half months later. After his death her daughter Esther Gray was to get \$500. The third clause in Amelia’s will was that he granddaughter Ada Crafts **shall have a home and support on the premises now owned by me during the life of my husband Ralph E. Crafts**. The entire residue was to go to her daughter Esther Aurelia Gray. She nominated her daughter Esther to be the executrix, but the name was crossed out and the name of Lyman Crafts substituted in its place. Lyman Crafts in turn declined the office and Esther Aurelia Gray then agreed to do it. Ada Crafts, the granddaughter mentioned in the will, was born in 1884 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the daughter of Ralph Elmer Crafts and his wife Jennie Maguire.<sup>225</sup> Jennie died in 1885, Ralph remarried in that same year and although her residence in the meantime is unknown, in 1900 Ada was the ward of Wright and Mary Waite in Amherst. Ralph and Amelia had nine children:

**Bela Kellogg**, b. 1841 and has his own entry (88)

**Esther Aurelia**, b. 1843 and d. after 1900 when she was living in New York City with her second husband, James Gray.

**Ellen Amelia**, b. 1845 and d. in Manhattan, 1 March 1904.<sup>226</sup> She is buried in Elmhurst.<sup>227</sup> Ellen m. George W. Collier of New York City.

**Mary Emma**, b. 1846 and d. of consumption, in Hadley, 24 Nov. 1876.<sup>228</sup> She m. G. E. Cook of Hadley.

**Ralph Elmer**, b. 1850, last found in 1900 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He m. (1) Jennie Maguire of Sunderland and after her death in 1885 he m. (2) Catherine Condon.<sup>229</sup> Sometimes seen as Elmer,

**Almira Minerva**, born 4 Nov. 1852 and died of pneumonia, 22 July 1866.<sup>230</sup>

**Lucy Maria**, born 1 Feb. 1856 and died 25 Oct. 1856.<sup>231</sup>

**George Herbert**, born 1857 and died 22 Jan. 1935 in Los Angeles.<sup>232</sup> He had a first marriage on 2 July 1883 in Whately.<sup>233</sup> This marriage, not mentioned in Crafts, was to Annie Greene from Minerva, New

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<sup>219</sup> Bridge Street Cemetery, Northampton MA # 57758071

<sup>220</sup> *Massachusetts Birth Records, 1840 – 1915*, Image 691 of 1652

<sup>221</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 611 of 2157

<sup>222</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #11622

<sup>223</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #11621.

<sup>224</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 611 of 2157

<sup>225</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.598

<sup>226</sup> *New York Extracted Death Index, 1862 – 1948*, text only

<sup>227</sup> St. Michael’s Cemetery, Elmhurst NY # 115930316

<sup>228</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 392 of 1178

<sup>229</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.598

<sup>230</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 358 of 1321

<sup>231</sup> Center Cemetery Whately MA # 127228135

<sup>232</sup> *California Death Index, 1905 – 1939*, Image 724 of 1027

York. It is supposed that this marriage failed as there is no death record for Annie. George married (2) Zilpah (Albroas) Beekman. In 1895 when his father died, he was named as a resident of Neola, Iowa. **Myron Cushman**, born 1860 and died in 1930.<sup>234</sup> He married Cora Maria Pratt of South Deerfield. She was born in 1861 and died after 1920 when she was living with her husband and two children in Ohio. Myron and Cora had four children:

**Ralph Waldo**, b. 30 Jan. 1884 and d. of cholera infantum, in Whately, 6 Sept. 1884.<sup>235</sup>

**Helen Bertha**, b. 16 June 1886 in New York City

**Margie Beulah**, b. 15 Dec. 1888 in Whately and d. of consumption, 21 March 1890, in Deerfield.<sup>236</sup>

**Maud**, b. in 1896 and died of cholera infantum, 21 Aug. 1896.<sup>237</sup>

### **EDWARD ALONZO 55**

Son of Caleb (22) and Sophronia (**MORTON**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 8 Jan. 1830 and died at Amherst 31 March 1872.<sup>238</sup> He married Martha Loraine, daughter of Justus **HARWOOD (10)** of Whately. She was born in 1829 and died 14 Nov. 1911.<sup>239</sup> She married (2) as his fourth wife and after 1880, Bliss Sutherland. She married (3), on 24 Jan. 1893, in Douglas, Illinois, Charles Dwight **CRAFTS (60)** of Whately.<sup>240</sup> Charles was the second cousin of her first husband. This marriage is presumed to have been brief and unsuccessful. Martha was not with Charles in 1900 and he is not mentioned with her grave annotation. Edward and Martha had two children.

**Herbert Elwood** was b. in St. Johnsbury, Vermont in 1852 but was enumerated with his parents in Whately in 1860. In 1905 he was enumerated in a South Dakota state census with the information that he had been in that state for 23 years.

**Lizzie Clayton**, b. in Whately in 1854 and d. 4 Nov. 1877.<sup>241</sup> She married William Rockwell of Chicago

### **GEORGE MORTON CRAFTS 56**

Son of Caleb (22) and Sophronia (**MORTON**) Crafts, he was born at Troy, New York 16 May 1835 and died 29 Nov. 1920.<sup>242</sup> He was a soldier in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. He married Laura Frances, daughter of William **BELDEN (34)** of Whately. She was born in 1836 and died 16 Oct. 1920.<sup>243</sup> George and Laura had five children:

**George Eben**, b. at Amherst in 1864 and d. after 1930 when he was living in Portland, Maine. He married Mary Elizabeth Hibbard of Holyoke.

**Henry Caleb**, b. at Amherst in 1865 and d. after 1930 when he was living with his wife in Amherst. He m. Mary Dunbar of Troy, Pennsylvania.

**Leon Albert**, b. at Whately 1869 and d. after 1930 when he was living in Brooklyn, New York.

**Anna Laura**, b. at Whately 1872 and d. after 1930 when she was living in Holyoke. She m. Willard Nelson of Conway.

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<sup>233</sup> *Massachusetts Marriage Records, 1840 – 1915*, Image 389 of 1329

<sup>234</sup> Hillside Cemetery, Edgerton MN # 79480317

<sup>235</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records 1841 – 1915*, Image 366 of 1287

<sup>236</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 442 of 1677

<sup>237</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 631 of 2206

<sup>238</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA #127240706

<sup>239</sup> Riverside Cemetery, Huron SD # 138156326

<sup>240</sup> *Illinois County Marriage Records, 1800 – 1940*, text only

<sup>241</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.604

<sup>242</sup> North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA # 59883255

<sup>243</sup> North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA # 59883297

**Fred Belden**, b. at Whately 1875 and d. 18 Aug. 1949.<sup>244</sup> He m. Isabella Church of Amherst.

### **CHARLES DWIGHT CRAFTS 60**

Son of Israel (24) and Esther (**WELLS**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 2 July 1827 and died after 1900 when he was 72 years old and living with his wife Emma in Tuscola, Illinois. He married (1) Eliza, daughter of David Houston of Charlemont who died of consumption in 1860.<sup>245</sup> He married (2) Maria Mount, daughter of Walter Perkins of Southwick and widow of Charles T. Mount. She was born in 1822 and died on 29 Nov. 1890.<sup>246</sup> He married (3) Martha (Harwood) (Crafts) Sutherland, the widow of his second cousin Edward Alonzo **CRAFTS (55)** of Whately. For fuller details see above for Edward. He married (4) Emma Hamilton who was born in 1834 and died 10 June 1933.<sup>247</sup> In 1900 he and his wife reported being married for 39 years but that is clearly an error. His gravestone does not have a death date.<sup>248</sup> Charles had four children with his first wife.

**Charles Pierce**, b. at Shutesbury in 1855<sup>249</sup> (not Whately as in Crafts) but went with his father to Illinois, m. there and it was there his four children were born. He d. 12 Aug. 1936 in Orange, California.<sup>250</sup>

**Henry Houston**, d. young.<sup>251</sup>

**Minnie Houston**, b. 10 May 1858 and d. 7 March 1859 of canker rash.<sup>252</sup>

**Minnie Houston**, b. about March 1860 (3/12 in the 1860 census taken in June) and d. in April 1861.<sup>253</sup>

Charles also had a son with his second wife. He was **Lorenzo H.** Crafts, b. 1885 in Nebraska and d. in June 1969 in Los Angeles.<sup>254</sup> He m. Florence Emma Downy, b. 1887 in Illinois.

### **LUTHER M. CRAFTS 61**

Son of Israel (24) and Esther (**WELLS**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 15 June 1832 and died of paralysis, 30 Oct. 1902.<sup>255</sup>

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Allen Perry of Northfield. She was born about 1831 in Leyden and died 11 July 1901 of “general catarrh scrofula” and “cellular dropsy”.<sup>256</sup> Luther was a Civil War soldier in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Infantry and survived the war. Despite being alive he was not named in his mother’s will. Luther and Elizabeth had two children:

**Allen Perry** b. 1859 and d. 27 Sept. 1914. A 1899 notice in the Greenfield paper tells that he lost one of a team of horses to meningitis. The death record says “fell dead suddenly, probably heart disease”.<sup>257</sup> He m. Mary Atkinson of Westfield and had four children born in Whately. between 1896 and 1908 but by 1910 they were in Northampton. He m. Mary Elizabeth Gardner.

**William Wright**, b. 1861 and has his own entry (106)

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<sup>244</sup> North Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA # 53425275

<sup>245</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Deerfield BMD*, Image 391 of 481

<sup>246</sup> Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola IL # 96237444

<sup>247</sup> Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola IL # 96237303

<sup>248</sup> Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola IL # 962337396

<sup>249</sup> *Massachusetts Birth Records, 1840 – 1915*, Image 318 of 1031

<sup>250</sup> Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana CA #132984020

<sup>251</sup> *The Crafts Family*, p. 472

<sup>252</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 393 of 464

<sup>253</sup> *The Crafts Family*, p. 472

<sup>254</sup> Fairhaven Memorial Park, Los Angeles CA # 132984021

<sup>255</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 674 of 2369

<sup>256</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 673 of 2728

<sup>257</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 288 of 398

## AUSTIN CRAFTS 62

Son of Justus (24 ½ ) and Spiddy (**BARDWELL**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 9 March 1818 and died of apoplexy in Granby, 10 Feb. 1887.<sup>258</sup> He married Mary Sheldon, daughter of Elisha **BELDEN (18)** of Whately. She was born in 1810 and died of consumption, 11 March 1875, in Belchertown.<sup>259</sup> Austin and Mary had five children, all born in Whately:

**Sumner Wesley**, b. 1841 and d. 27 March 1900, in Granby, of heart disease.<sup>260</sup> He m. Elizabeth, widow of Frederick Mortimer, daughter of Allen **BELDEN (33)** of Whately and had four children, all b. in Granby. She was b. in 1843 and d. after 1880 when she and Sumner were living in Ludlow. She has a gravestone in Granby with no dates.<sup>261</sup>

**Francis Austin**, b. 1845 and d. of heart disease in Granby, 11 March 1909.<sup>262</sup> He m. Mrs. Lucretia Cook, widow of William Cook of Saratoga, New York. She was b. in 1840 and d. 12 June 1913 in Granby.<sup>263</sup> They had no children.

**Ellery Jefferson**, b. 1848 and d. 1 March 1907 of heart disease.<sup>264</sup> He m. Malvina Burns, the widow of George Hubbard.

**Allen Elisha**, b. 1850 and d. 1917.<sup>265</sup> He m. Emma Covell of Hatfield. They resided in Granby.

**Marietta**, b. May 1852 and d. 17 Feb. 1853 of “dropsy on brain”.<sup>266</sup>

## CHESTER GRAVES CRAFTS 65

Son of Gad (26) and Elects (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 12 Sept. 1831 and died of cancer of the face, 7 Sept. 1887.<sup>267</sup> He built east of the railroad depot and was station master for many years. Chester made his will on 4 Feb. 1871, many years before he died.<sup>268</sup> He married Jane, daughter of Plynia **GRAVES (55)** of Whately. She was born on 17 Dec. 1833 and died 20 Feb. 1917.<sup>269</sup> In 1910 she was widowed and boarding with the family of Samuel Wilder in Whately. Chester and Jane had no children.

## SYLVANUS CRAFTS 66

Son of Gad (26) and Elects (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 17 April 1833 and died of peritonitis, in Williamsburg, in Feb. 1880.<sup>270</sup> He is buried in the Center Cemetery in Whately.<sup>271</sup> He married Caroline Amanda Smith of South Deerfield. She was born in 1837 and died 8 Dec. 1928.<sup>272</sup> Sylvanus and Caroline had three children born in Hatfield. All three of their children were named in the will of their uncle Thomas who himself was childless.

**Flora Hill**, b. 7 July 1869 and d. in 1961.<sup>273</sup> She m. Walter Crowl of New Salem.

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<sup>258</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 451 of 1411

<sup>259</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Belchertown BMD*, Image 1302 of 1340

<sup>260</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Granby BMD*, Image 133 of 441

<sup>261</sup> West Street Cemetery, Granby MA #151225359

<sup>262</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 2 of 6

<sup>263</sup> West Street Cemetery, Granby MA #69289067

<sup>264</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 8 of 43

<sup>265</sup> West Street Cemetery, Granby MA # 124847045

<sup>266</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 220 of 676

<sup>267</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 372 of 1411

<sup>268</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #9543

<sup>269</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately # 127240551

<sup>270</sup> *U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850 – 1885*, Image 135 of 208

<sup>271</sup> Center Cemetery Whately MA # 54069079

<sup>272</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127228840

<sup>273</sup> North New Salem Cemetery, New Salem MA # 107128965

**Lena Maria**, b. 13 February 1871 and d. on 5 April 1948.<sup>274</sup> She married Frank C. Cogswell of New Salem.

**Fred Newton**, b. 31 July 1875 and d. after 1930 when he was living in Boston with his wife, Isabel Morrison.

#### **ALMERON CRAFTS 67**

Son of Gad (26) and Elects (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 10 Aug. 1835 and died of heart disease in Hatfield on 6 Sept. 1906.<sup>275</sup> In 1877 Almeron married Elizabeth Muzzy Vining, the widow of Oliver **VINING**.<sup>276</sup> They had no children but in 1871 Almeron was on a list of Whately residents who owned a dog. They were together in 1880 but by 1900 they were divorced, and she was living with Ella Abbott, her daughter by her first marriage. She was born in 1832 in New Hampshire and died on 1 April 1903, in Whately, of apoplexy.<sup>277</sup> Her death record and her gravestone are in the name of Elizabeth M. Vining.<sup>278</sup>

#### **FREEMAN ATKINS CRAFTS 68**

Son of Gad (26) and Elects (**GRAVES**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 12 Oct. 1838 and died on 25 Oct. 1912 of "aortic insufficiency".<sup>279</sup> He made his will on 2 Aug. 1912 leaving \$25 to his two daughters, Catherine Pease and Hazel Young and "my Parker shot gun" to his son Charles.<sup>280</sup> He married Martha Edson of Brookfield, Vermont. Her father, Harris **EDSON (6)** was a descendant of Jonathan **EDSON (3)** of Whately. She was born on 19 May 1843 and died 30 May 1917.<sup>281</sup> They lived in Brookfield and in New York State for some time but returned to Whately. Freeman and Martha had three children:

**Charles Edson**, b. at Brookfield, Vermont in 1869 and has his own entry (113)

**Catherine Electa**, b. at Brookfield in 1871, d. 7 June 1968.<sup>282</sup> She m. (1) George **PEASE (12)** of Whately in 1897 but was widowed and living with her parents by 1910. She m. (2) Morris **POWERS**. There were no living children from either marriage. In 1967 a petition was filed declaring her incompetent by reason of age and senility and asking that Paul Field be appointed as guardian.

**Hazel E.** b. in New York State in 1889. In 1906 in Northampton, she m. Joseph Young. By 1910 she was living with her husband and young daughter in Schenectady, New York. She d. in Jan. 1924 and is buried with her parents in the Center Cemetery.<sup>283</sup> Hazel was not included in the list of children provided by Crafts.

#### **LEANDER FRANCIS CRAFTS 69**

Son of Eli (27) and Louisa (Marsh) Crafts, he was born at Whately 21 Nov. 1834 and died there in 1918.<sup>284</sup> He married (1) Sarah Slocomb in 1859 and she died of consumption in Sept. of 1864.<sup>285</sup> He married (2) Mary Elizabeth Gould, called Lizzie, of Northampton. She died of acute rheumatism in

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<sup>274</sup> North New Salem Cemetery, New Salem MA #54069079

<sup>275</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 19 of 27

<sup>276</sup> *Massachusetts Marriage Records, 1840 – 1915*, Image 317 of 977

<sup>277</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 1 of 10.

<sup>278</sup> North Hatfield Cemetery, Hatfield MA #109884162

<sup>279</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 11 of 18

<sup>280</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #16920

<sup>281</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127219640

<sup>282</sup> East Whately Cemetery # 127171472

<sup>283</sup> Center Cemetery Whately MA # 127219622

<sup>284</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127195483

<sup>285</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 398 of 464



1887<sup>286</sup> and he married (3) Lucretia Clary of Whitingham, Vermont. Lucretia was born in 1848 and died in 1917.<sup>287</sup>

Children of Leander and Sarah:

**Perry Francis**, b. 1860 and d. of tuberculosis on 20 Aug. 1924 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.<sup>288</sup> He is buried, however, in Whately.<sup>289</sup> He m. Isabelle Sinclair from Conway, lived in Shelburne Falls and had two children.

**Frank Marsh**, b. 1862 and d. after 1940 when he was living in New Haven, Connecticut, age 77. He m. Jessie Ives from New Haven and lived there.

Children of Leander and Lizzie:

**Hattie Belle**, b. 1866 and d. in 1944.<sup>290</sup> She m. Luther H. Reed

**Frederick Edwin**, b. 1868 and d. 18 June 1907 of heart disease.<sup>291</sup> He m. Ellen Witherall. As her third husband she m. Henry **KNIGHT** of Whately.

**Henry Theron**, b. 2 Sept. 1872 and d. 19 April 1873.<sup>292</sup>

### **CLARENCE ELDER CRAFTS 70**

The son of Silas (28) and Abigail (**ELDER**) Crafts, he was born in Whately on 30 Dec. 1858 and died in Florida on 4 Jan 1929.<sup>293</sup> He m. Agnes Lunen of Quebec who was born in 1852 and died 26 Feb. 1942 in East Providence.<sup>294</sup> He was with his family in Whately in 1870 and 1880 and purchased the Asa Marsh house in 1886, the year before he married. He must have moved to Rhode Island by 1892 when his second daughter was born but did not sell the house until 1906. Clarence and Agnes had two children:

**Wilhelmina**, called Minnie, b. 1888 in Whately. She m. George Lidstone.

**Ethel**, b. 1892 in Rhode Island and m. James Sherson.

### **SETH BROCKWAY CRAFTS 71**

Son of Noah (30) and Nancy (**WELLS**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 28 Aug. 1840 and died of "gastritis and chronic nephritis", 17 Jan. 1909.<sup>295</sup> He is buried in the Center Cemetery in Whately.<sup>296</sup> He made his will on 29 Aug. 1893 and having no children left \$150 each to Lizzie E. and Anna, the children of his sister Ellen Hubbard, and to Bertha E, the wife of Charles Waite. In addition, he left \$250.00 to Herbert Root. The remainder went to his wife, Helen. On 7 Oct. 1893 he made a codicil to the will against the possibility that his wife would die first. In that case he stipulated that the first three legatees receive \$150, and that the remainder be divided between Mary E. Root and her son, Herbert Root. This bequest to Herbert Root was to be in addition to the \$250.00 he was given in the original will. Seth married Helen Luanna, daughter of Randall **GRAVES (63)**. She was born in 1851 and died 10 Feb. 1932.<sup>297</sup> They had no children.

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<sup>286</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 421 of 464

<sup>287</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241314

<sup>288</sup> *Vermont Death Records, 1909 0 2008*, Image 339 of 1585

<sup>289</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241373

<sup>290</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127267221

<sup>291</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 17 of 27

<sup>292</sup> Center Cemetery Whately MA # 127241345

<sup>293</sup> Lakeside-Carpenter Cemetery, East Providence RI #189570212

<sup>294</sup> Lakeside-Carpenter Cemetery, East Providence RI #189570306

<sup>295</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 1 of 18

<sup>296</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241584

<sup>297</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241622

### **GEORGE WASHINGTON CRAFTS 72**

The son of Cotton (31) and Sarah (**SCOTT**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 2 June 1821 and died there of arteriosclerosis on 10 Nov. 1913.<sup>298</sup> Brothers George and Jack operated a cider mill and were known for a superb product. The Whately Historical Society has seventeen volumes of diary written by George Crafts. They begin in 1879 and run through 1909 but there is not a diary for every year.



### **ASA JACKSON CRAFTS 73**

The son of Cotton (31) and Sarah (**SCOTT**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 30 Aug. 1829 and died of cirrhosis on 11 Nov. 1910.<sup>299</sup> He made his will on 2 June 1905 and added a codicil on 3 April 1906.<sup>300</sup> He lived and farmed with his brother George and did not marry. The two brothers share a stone in the Center Cemetery.<sup>301</sup> The assets listed in his probate record show that Asa amassed considerable wealth. In 1880 their mother Sarah was living with these two adult sons. Their dwelling house was for many years called the “George and Jack House.”

### **REUBEN CRAFTS 74**

Son of Erastus (32) and Charlotte (**SCOTT**) Crafts, he was born in Whately 30 Dec. 1818 and died of apoplexy, 18 Nov. 1885.<sup>302</sup> He built about 1845 at present day 215 State Road.<sup>303</sup> He married (1) Lucinda, daughter of Plyna **GRAVES (55)** of Whately. She was born in Dec. 1824 and died of consumption in 1851, aged 26 years.<sup>304</sup> He married (2) Sarah Hill of Charlestown, New Hampshire. She was born about 1828 and died of pneumonia, 29 March 1880, in New Bedford.<sup>305</sup>

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<sup>298</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 15 of 18

<sup>299</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 14 of 15

<sup>300</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #16323

<sup>301</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA, Asa #127241096; George #127241057

<sup>302</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 367 of 1328

<sup>303</sup> Dufault # 87

<sup>304</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 183 of 616

<sup>305</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 138 of 1222

Children of Reuben and Lucinda:

**Elizabeth**, b. 24 March 1847 and d. of dysentery 7 Sept. 1848.<sup>306</sup> Called Charlotte E. in her death record.

**Henry Merriam**, b. 1849 and d. in 1930.<sup>307</sup> He m. Lottie Graves of Wendell and they had five children, none born in Whately.

**Lizzie Charlotte**, b. 25 May 1851 and d. after 1940 when she was widowed, age 72 and living with her daughter, Cora Crafts. She m. Charles R. **CRAFTS (82)** of Whately. Charles, son of James Monroe Crafts was her fifth cousin and Lizzie was thus related to her father-in-law; the man for whom she cared in his last illness and to whom he left his estate.

Children of Reuben and Sarah:

**Frank Graves**, b. in Greenfield in 1853 and d. a “suicide by gas poisoning”, on 29 Sept. 1905 in Somerville.<sup>308</sup> He was 52 years old. He m. Emma Lusk of Gardner and did not reside in Whately. His two children were born in Worcester.

**Alice Lucinda**, b. at Whately in 1855 and d. at an unknown date and place. She married James Kean of Philadelphia.

**Leon Willie**, b. at Montague in 1862 and d. at an unknown date and place. He married Sadie Thompson of Gardner and removed to Chicago. His four children were b. at Gardner.

#### **ALONZO CRAFTS 75**

Son of Erastus (32) and Charlotte (**SCOTT**) Crafts, he was born 17 May 1821 and died. 15 July 1887 of cancer of the face.<sup>309</sup> He m. Caroline Amanda, daughter of Moses Felton of Shutesbury but they had no children. In 1871 they were included on a list of residents who owned a dog. Moses Felton lived in Shutesbury until sometime before 1880 when he came to Whately to live with his daughter and son-in-law. He died of old age, in Whately, 6 Jan. 1882.<sup>310</sup> The Whately Historical Society has pictures of Moses and other Feltons.

#### **WALTER CRAFTS 76**

Son of Erastus (32) and Charlotte (**SCOTT**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 16 Aug. 1823 and died 23 March 1902 of “exhaustion and paralysis of the intestines”.<sup>311</sup> He married Lucy, daughter of George Alexander of Northfield. She was born about 1823 and died of “paralysis of heart” on 8 Nov. 1888.<sup>312</sup> They had one child, **Lyman Alexander** who was born in 1854 and has his own entry (119) In 1900 Walter was living with his son Lyman.

#### **DWIGHT LEWIS CRAFTS 78**

Son of Caleb (33) and Eunice (**BARDWELL**) Crafts, he was born at Whately 3 May 1850 and died 21 Oct. 1931 in San Diego. He is buried, however, in Whately.<sup>313</sup> When widowed he had moved to California to live with his daughter Eleanor. He married Annette (Lathrop) Dickinson, widow of George Orrin **DICKINSON (48)** of Whately. She was born in Canada in 1854 and died in Whately, 25 June 1922.<sup>314</sup> Dwight and Annette had three children born in Whately.

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<sup>306</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 393 of 662

<sup>307</sup> Crystal Lake Cemetery, Gardner MA # 108038686

<sup>308</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 855 of 1141

<sup>309</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 372 of 1411

<sup>310</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 352 of 1268

<sup>311</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 673 of 2369

<sup>312</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 422 of 464

<sup>313</sup> Center Cemetery Whately MA # 127240650

<sup>314</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127240676

**Montville Lewis**, b. 1884 and died 21 Dec. 1946 in San Diego.<sup>315</sup> He m. Alida Louise Barnes who was born in Baltimore. . Their daughter, **Della Louise** m. George A **DICKINSON** of Whately. George was b. in May 1914 in Whately and the couple moved to California.

**Murray Franklin**, b. 1886 and d. 6 Jan. 1954 in San Bernadino, California.<sup>316</sup> He m. Georgia **BILLINGS** who was born in St. Louis but whose family was originally from Hatfield. . They were in Whately when their son Gordon was b. on 13 Dec. 1914<sup>317</sup> and when their son George Lewis was b. on 26 Sept. 1916<sup>318</sup> and were still in Whately in 1920 but in Riverside, California by 1930.

**Eleanor Edna**, b. 1890 and d. 1 Dec. 1977 in Los Angeles.<sup>319</sup> She m. Ernest Sunbury.

### **JOHN MURRAY CRAFTS 80**

Son of Elbridge G (43) and Emily (Ingram) Crafts, he was born at Whately 17 Sept. 1847 and died 14 Oct. 1922 Whately.<sup>320</sup> He married (1) Luanna, daughter of Chester **BARDWELL (45)** of Whately. She died of consumption in April of 1871, aged 24 years.<sup>321</sup> He married (2) Clara Maria, daughter of Harrison Carpenter of Plainfield. She was born in 1854 and died in 1940.<sup>322</sup> When widowed Clara remained in Whately. In 1930 she was living with Charles and Flora Pease and in q940 she was living with Julia Crafts. John and Luanna had one child, **Louis** born on 25 March 1871 and died 2 April 1871.<sup>323</sup>

### **EDMUND BURKE CRAFTS 81**

Son of Elbridge G (43) and Emily (Ingram) Crafts, he was born at Whately 28 June 1854 and died 2 Nov. 1913 in a railroad accident.<sup>324</sup> *The body was terribly mutilated and as his money and watch were in his pockets and as the body was between the tracks, it is supposed he was killed by some train in the night...why he was on the tracks is a mystery and it will probably never be known at what hour he was killed.*<sup>325</sup> He had made a will on 24 Feb. 1908 leaving money to his son and his estate to his wife.<sup>326</sup> He married Lucy Ann, daughter of Amariah Strong of Hatfield. She was born in 1853 and died of nephritis on 18 Oct. 1886. He married (2) Etta Clarissa, daughter of Luman Crafts of North Hatfield. Edmund and his first wife had one child, **Clifford Louis**. He was born in 1881 and has his own entry. (126)

### **CHARLES RANSOM CRAFTS 82**

Son of James Monroe (44) and Mary Anne (**JEWETT**) Crafts, he was born at Nashua, New Hampshire 20 March 1840 and died in 1915.<sup>327</sup> He married Lizzie Charlotte, daughter of Reuben **CRAFTS (74)**. She died after 1940 when she was living with her daughter in Whately. (Wrongly indexed as Wendell). Charles was a Civil War soldier in Co. G. 21<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. He was wounded slightly three or four times. Charles and Lizzie had one daughter, **Cora**. She was born at White Hall, New York in 1871 and died in Sunderland in 1952.<sup>328</sup> She married Carlton Crafts of North Hatfield. Charles and

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<sup>315</sup> *California Death Index, 1940 – 1997*, text only

<sup>316</sup> *California Death Index, 1940 – 1997*, text only

<sup>317</sup> Births Registered in Whately, *Whately Town Report 1914*

<sup>318</sup> Births Registered in Whately, *Whately Town Report 1916*

<sup>319</sup> *California Death Index, 1940 – 1997*. text only

<sup>320</sup> Deaths Registered in Whately, *Whately Town Report 1922*

<sup>321</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Whately BMD*, Image 405 of 464

<sup>322</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127240758

<sup>323</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127240797

<sup>324</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 14 of 18

<sup>325</sup> *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, 8 Nov. 1913

<sup>326</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case 17380

<sup>327</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127219855

<sup>328</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988, Sunderland BMD*, Image 506 of 540

Lizzie cared for his father, during the last years of his life and Lizzie was the heir to James' estate. Both Lizzie and her daughter were born with the surname Crafts and both married men with the surname Crafts. There is a newspaper article about the genealogical eccentricity of this family on file at the Whately Historical Society.

### **BELA KELLOGG CRAFTS 88**

Son of Ralph E. (47) and Amelia (Cushman) Crafts, he was born at Whately 19 Oct. 1841 and died after 1920 when he was widowed and living in Fitch's Home for Soldiers and Soldier's Hospital in Darien, Connecticut. He was a member of Company D, Massachusetts 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment. He married Juliet Montague Cook of Hadley. She was born 15 Oct. 1847 and died 10 May 1900, "struck by an engine".<sup>329</sup> Her probate file lists her heirs-at-law.<sup>330</sup> Bela and Juliet lived in Whately where they had six children.

**Fannie Angeline**, b. 1867 and d. 4 April 1926.<sup>331</sup> She m. Giles Kellogg of Hadley.

**Lucy Maria**, b. 19 Jan. 1870 and d. 2 Feb. 1870.<sup>332</sup>

**Mary Jane**, her twin, b. 19 Jan. 1870 and d. 2 Feb. 1870.<sup>333</sup>

**Inez Esther**, b. 1874 and d. 15 Sept. 1963 of cancer, in Wilmington, Vermont.<sup>334</sup> She m. (1) Henry Rice of Conway who d. of typhoid fever in 1911 and (2) Herbert J. Foote.

**Floyd Stanley**, b. 1876 and d. 9 June 1970 in Pinellas, Florida.<sup>335</sup> He m. Mae Allen of Wilmington, Vermont.

**Annie Vincent**, b. 17 July 1878 and d. 21 Aug. 1878, in Hadley, of pneumonia.<sup>336</sup>

### **ALLEN PERRY CRAFTS 105**

The son of Luther M. (61) and Elizabeth (Perry) Crafts, he was born at Whately on 6 Jan. 1859 and "fell dead suddenly, probably heart disease" on 27 Sept. 1914.<sup>337</sup> He married Mary Atkinson of Westfield. They had five children all born in Whately but by 1910 they were in Northampton.

**Harry**, b. 17 May 1895 in Whately and d. 15 Nov. 1981 in Florida.

**Unnamed** daughter, b. and d. 24 Nov. 1896.

**Elwood**, b. 7 Aug. 1903 in Whately, d. 13 Oct. in Florida

**Leroy**, b. 31 Aug. 1905 in Whately and d. 31 Oct. in California.

**Nelson**, b. 27 Dec. 1907 in Whately, d. Oct. 1977 in Florida.

### **WILLIAM WRIGHT CRAFTS 106**

The son of Luther M. (61) and Elizabeth (Perry) Crafts, he was born 30 Oct. 1861 and died after 1930 when he was 68 years old, called single, and living with a man named William Arms in South Deerfield. He married Kittie Edna Jewett of Deerfield. In 1910 he was enumerated as a jeweler. It seems they divorced as in 1915 Kittie married (2) Alfred Emery Norton. She did not die until 1953. William and Kittie had one child, **Claude Jewett**, born in Whately in 1892. Claude was alive in 1940, single, a lodger, living in Windham, Connecticut.

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<sup>329</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 769 of 2704

<sup>330</sup> *Massachusetts Wills and Probate Records, 1635 – 1991*, Case #12883

<sup>331</sup> Old Hadley Cemetery, Hadley MA # 90916102

<sup>332</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.597

<sup>333</sup> *The Crafts Family* p.597

<sup>334</sup> *Vermont Death Records 1909 – 2008*, Image 2092 of 2095

<sup>335</sup> *Florida Death Index, 1877 – 1998*, text only

<sup>336</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 390 of 1134

<sup>337</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 288 03 398

### **LYMAN ALEXANDER CRAFTS 119**

Son of Walter (76) and Lucy (Alexander) Crafts, he was born at Whately 28 Oct. 1854 and died in 1925 in Whately.<sup>338</sup> He married Ann Maria Forbes of Sunderland. She was born in 1852 and died in July 1940.<sup>339</sup> Lyman and Ann had two children.

**Homer Lyman**, b. 1878 and has his own entry (127)

**Mabel Louise**, b. 1883 and d. of heart disease in Harvard, 4 Sept. 1978.<sup>340</sup> In 1910 she was enumerated as a public-school teacher. She m. Karl Putnam.

### **CLIFFORD LEWIS CRAFTS 126**

The son of Edmund (81) and Lucy Ann (Strong) Crafts, he was born 14 Dec. 1881 and died of acute nephritis 6 Nov. 1911.<sup>341</sup> He married Julia, daughter of Frank **DICKINSON (55)** of Whately. She was born 22 Aug. 1884 and died after 1940 when she was living in Whately with Clara Crafts, the widow of John M. Crafts. Clifford was the town treasurer and an audit after his death revealed a shortage of \$1700. An article in the Berkshire Eagle described the announcement of this discovery as a *distinct surprise, not only to his friends but to almost every citizen in town. Mr. Crafts was considered a man of exemplary character and shared the confidence of almost everyone who knew him.*<sup>342</sup>

**John Stuart**, b. 27 Jan 1908 and died in 1936. He is listed in the Record of Burials for Whately, but no stone or memorial was found.

**Lois**, b. 30 Sept. 1909 and d. ? She m. James Roberts. She lived in Puerto Rico.

**Lucy Elizabeth**, b. 17 June 1911 and d. 21 Nov. 1987 in Mesa, Arizona.<sup>343</sup> She m. Melvin Hussey.

### **HOMER LYMAN CRAFTS**

The son of Lyman Alexander (119) and Ann Maria (Forbes) Crafts, he was born in Whately 11 Aug. 1878 and died there on 14 Dec. 1940.<sup>344</sup> He married Mary Oakes Jones of Pelham who was born in 1883 and died in 1935.<sup>345</sup>

**Olive Maria**, b. 17 Jan. 1918 in Northampton and d. 18 Jan. 1996 in Hadley.<sup>346</sup> She m. (1) Lewis West and (2) Dana Turner.

**Elizabeth Mary**, b. 21 Dec. 1919 and d. 15 June 1990.<sup>347</sup> She m. Paul Harlow Haynes. "Betty" was the principal member of the Franklin County chapter of Christian Endeavor. She maintained a scrapbook of C.E. letters, programs and etc. that is in the collection at the Whately Historical Society.

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<sup>338</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127219249

<sup>339</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241831

<sup>340</sup> *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620 – 1988*, Harvard BMD, Image 863 of 1129

<sup>341</sup> *Massachusetts Death Records, 1841 – 1915*, Image 15 of 19

<sup>342</sup> *Berkshire Eagle*, 5 Dec. 1911.

<sup>343</sup> *U.S. Social Security Death index, 1935 - 2014*

<sup>344</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241771

<sup>345</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 127241803

<sup>346</sup> Center Cemetery, Whately MA # 198044274

<sup>347</sup> Billings Hill Cemetery, East Longmeadow MA #43390928

