

Samuel Crothers & Family

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Born 22 October 1783, Chambersburgh, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Died 20 July 1856, Oswego, Kendall County, Illinois

Parents:

Father was Benjamin Crothers, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, being a member of the Flying Camp. He was the son of William Crothers and Mary Doke, natives of Ireland. Their children were: William who, as a young man, moved to Carolina and was never heard from afterwards; Susannah who married a man named Carson and died in Kentucky leaving one child; Mary who never married; Rachel who married a man named McNab; Benjamin. Benjamin and Rachel were twins, and an hour after their birth their mother died. A Mrs Daniel Kenedy took Benjamin, keeping him until he was nine years old when he was apprenticed in the tailor trade. He was treated cruelly and did not like the trade, never following it.

Mother was Susannah Lockhart. Her grandmother was Susannah Irwin Lockhart. At the age of seven she was the only survivor of her family during the Siege of Londonderry, 1688-1689. At the end of the siege she set off on foot and travelled thirty miles to relatives who then raised her. Her only son was named Patrick and was the father of Susannah, Samuel's mother. When they were married in 1750 at Brandywine Manor, Chester County, Pennsylvania, 34 miles from Philadelphia. When Patrick Lockhart died Susannah inherited land near Chambersburgh, Pennsylvania where Benjamin and wife, Susannah, moved in 1774. In 1787, having sold the farm, the young couple moved the family to live near Lexington, Kentucky. Samuel was 5 years old at the move.

Family of Scotch Presbyterian ancestry

Samuel entered the Lexington Academy in 1798. He united with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1803. He studied at the New York Theological Academy from 1805 – 1809 and was licensed to preach the Gospel on 9 November 1809. He then spent time as a missionary in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois

In the fall of 1810 Samuel accepted a call to pastor the congregations of Chillicothe and Hop Run Associate and Reformed Presbyterian churches in Ross County, Ohio. March 1813 he settled in Greenfield to be near the Hop Run church.

He resigned his position in Greenfield on 10 April 1818 because of differences over church doctrine. He removed to Winchester, Kentucky where he lived for two years preaching and teaching in an academy

He united with the Presbyterian Church and was called to Greenfield where, on 24 January (June) 1820, the Presbyterian Church of Greenfield was organized with 60 members

He was an active abolitionist and was a strong supporter of the temperance movement. Two important anti-slavery books he authored are: *The Gospel of the Jubilee* and *The Live of Abraham*.

One source states that he was the first writer west of the Alleghenies to write against slavery.

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He was one of the organizing leaders of the Paint Valley Abolition Society
Died on a trip to visit his son, John Crothers, and family in Oswego, Illinois

Married 2 March 1813, Mary McChord, Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio

Born 13 September 1789, Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky

Died 3 January 1826, age 36 y, 3m 21d, Old Burying Ground, Greenfield, Highland
County, Ohio

Children:

Isabella Stuart Crothers, born 18 June 1814, Lexington, Kentucky

John Mason Crothers, born 17 April 1817, Greenfield, died 22 March 1860, age
42-11-5, Old Burying Ground

Married Catharine Cottle, daughter of W. & A. Cottle, born 1 April 1821
in New Hampshire, died 10 April 1848

Married Nancy Foster, daughter of Amanda McCague

Children:

Allie Foster Crothers , died 1 April 1878, age 23 years,
Springfield, Ohio, buried Old Burying Ground,
Greenfield

Henry Foster (McChord) Crothers, died 12 December
1852, age 4 months, 14 days, buried in Old
Burying Ground,
Greenfield

Samuel McChord Crothers

Susanna Jane Crothers, born 1 January 1821, Greenfield, died 8 August 1831,
Old Burying Ground, Greenfield

Married 1827, Mary A, as listed on the tombstone in the Old Burying Ground. One source
suggests that this is Martha Alexander. Another source states that Reverend James
Dickey married "Mary Depew who lived near Paris Kentucky, and whose sister married
Dr. Samuel Crothers, of Greenfield, Ohio." (Correspondence of Thomas Ebenezer
Thomas relating to anti-slavery conflict in Ohio)

Born abt. 1795, Paris, Kentucky

Died 8 August 1827, age 39 years, Old Burying Ground, Greenfield, Ohio

One source states that they were married in 1827 and she died seven months later.

Married 19 July 1829, Mary Jane Young, daughter of John & Mary Young

Born 6 December 1797(1794 or 1795)

Died 12 April 1834, (One source states death in San Francisco, California – This seems
unlikely.)

Children:

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James Young Crothers, 17 July 1830, Greenfield, died 1900

Samuel Dickey Crothers, 20 April 1833, Greenfield, died 1916

Raised by Amanda Crothers

Married Mary Dunlap, daughter of Dr. Milton Dunlap

She was born 1839 in Greenfield

Children:

George Crothers, a noted physician, surgeon and author

Ernest Crothers who moved to Salem, Oregon, and became a
successful farmer

William Crothers who became a well-known Presbyterian
minister

John Crothers became a Presbyterian minister

Other sources include a Mary

Married Amanda Dunlap Foster McCague, one source states 18 January 1835 in Ripley, Brown
County, Ohio; another source states in the springtime in Greenfield.

Born, 1803 (1802), Ripley, Brown County, Ohio

Died, 13 February, 1881, age 78 y, 8 m, 23d, Old Burying Ground, Greenfield

Sister of Dr. Milton Dunlap

One source states she was the mother of five children of which only one lived to
maturity. Another source states she had two daughters who accompanied her
in 1833 on her move to Greenfield as Dr. Dunlap's housekeeper.

Previous marriages:

Married 6 November 1821, William Henry Foster, 1800-1821

Children

Nancy Amanda Dunlap Foster, 1826-1881, married John M.
Crothers

Married 4 September 1828, William McCague, 1791-1828

Children:

George Milton McCague, 1829-1829, born 30 June 1829, Ripley,
Adams, Ohio, died 1846

Children with Samuel Crothers:

Mary D. Crothers, died 12 September 1852, age 16 y, 10 m, 10 d, this would put
birth at 2 November 1835. (one source gives birth on 2 December 1835)

William Benjamin Crothers, b abt. 1842-1883

1850 U.S. Census:

Samuel Crothers, 66, clergy U.S. Presb., real estate value \$2,700, born in Pennsylvania

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Amanda O Crothers, 48, born in Ohio
James Y Crothers, 19, student, born in Ohio
Mary O Crothers, 16, born in Ohio
William Benjamin Crothers, 8, born in Ohio
Nancy Foster, 20, born in Ohio
Rachel Stafford, 70, born in Maryland

1870 U. S. Census

Amanda Crothers, 68, keeping house
Ann A Crothers, 47, at home
Alice F. Crothers, 16, at school
Samuel Crothers, 13, at school
Stephen Dunlap, 50, farmer
Lula Dunlap, 10, at school
Nancy Dunlap, 9

1880 U. S. Census

Amanda Crothers, 78, bedridden
Nancy A. Crothers, 56, daughter, housekeeper
Loulie Dunlap, niece, clerk
Fannie Dunlap, 18, niece, at school
Emily Thomas, mulatto, 43, cook

DAR Notebook – Margaret Plyley Murray

Cemetery Inscriptions – McBride

Ancestry.Com Member Family Trees

U. S. Census Records

Material shared by Ernest G. Crothers of Dayton, Ohio, with John Ed Donnell of the Greenfield Historical Society. This material included notes on the Crothers genealogy from Isabella Crothers Jolly to her brother, Samuel Crothers D. D. of Greenfield, 2 June 1892.