

CLARK SIDE - AMERICAN & IRISH ROOTS TULL SIDE - AMERICAN ROOTS

Wilbur Clark - born in Mondamin, Iowa

Ira Clark - Born in Harrison County, Iowa

Samuel Clark - born in Pennsylvania

Mary Jane Tull - born in Lawrence County, Ohio (first married Thomas Stewart but he died in the Civil war so then married Samuel Clark - she divorced Samuel and changed her name back to Stewart)

Unknown Clark - Pennsylvania

James Tull - Delaware, USA

Amelia Follet - Sussex,

Delaware, USA

Clark - Ireland

CRABB SIDE - AMERICAN ROOTS

LYTLE SIDE - AMERICAN & IRISH ROOTS

Lottie Crabb - born in Harrison County, Iowa

James Clark Crabb - born in Seymore, Jackson County, Indiana

Charlotte Lytle - born in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois

Edward Crabb - born in Montgomery, Maryland, USA

Hugh Lytle - born in Ross County, Ohio

Eunice Douglas - born in NY, New York

Christine Markle - born in Coshocton

County, Iowa

Charles Crabb - born in Prince George's, Maryland

James Lytle - born Clincorr, County Cork, Ireland

Susannah Smith - born in Prince George's, Maryland

SHIELDS SIDE - ONTARIO & IRISH ROOTS

Velma Shields - born in Phelpston, Ontario

Alexander Pearson Shields - born in Mona Road, ON

Mabel Mary Graydon - born in Grand Valley, ON

Robert Shields - born in Sandhill, ON

Alexander Shields - born in Mono Mills, ON

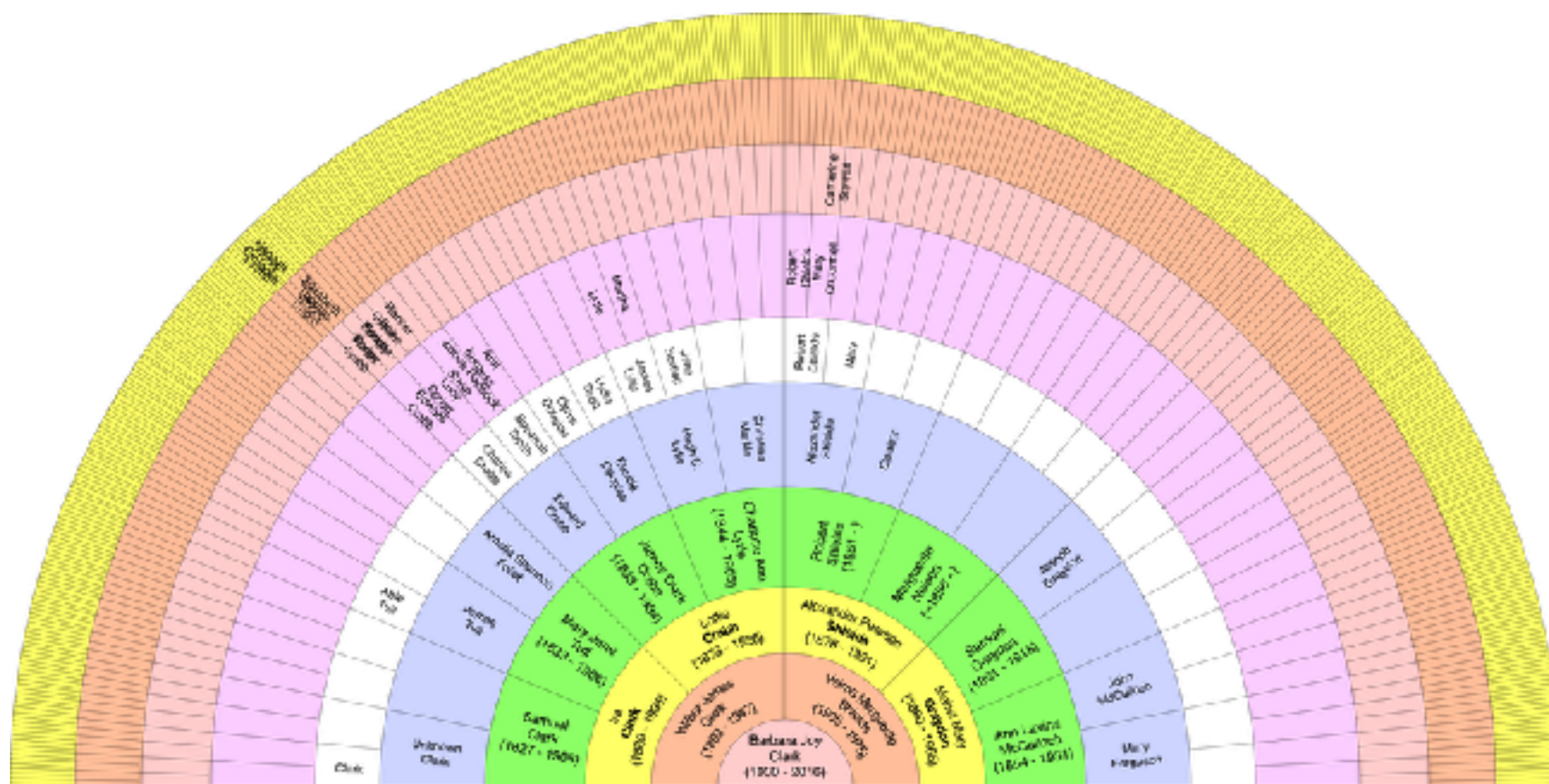
Robert Shields - born in County Armagh, Ireland (came to Canada in 1820)

GRAYDON SIDE - ONTARIO & IRISH ROOTS

Samuel Graydon - born in County Fermagh, Maguires Bridge, Northern Ireland (came to Canada in 1868)

Ann Lavina McCulloch - born in Chiguacousy, ON

John McCulloch - born in Ireland



SPECIAL NOTES

Wilbur James Clark

Wilbur James Clark, b. 20 Feb., 1899, along with Otis, and their older brother, accompanied their father, Ira Clark, to lay stake of land in Alberta in May of 1913. They built a shack to house the rest of the family in Empress, Alberta. Charlotte [Lotty] (Crabb) Clark followed them north with the remaining 7 children, via Winnipeg, a few months later. They left their tenant farming life in Mondamin, Iowa (Mississippi River bank eastern shore, I believe) Their father, Otis, b. 1900, husband of Stella, died tragically of a stroke in his sixties. Stella married Clark brother Raymond a number of years later, the youngest of the 7 who came with their mother, Lotty in the summer of 1913.

Ira Clark

OBITUARY OF IRA CLARK

"IRA CLARK OF EMPRESS DIES AT AGE OF 66"

(Special to the Albertan)

EMPRESS, Oct. 30. – The death occurred at Medicine Hat on Oct. 23 or 1936. Ira Clark, 66 of Empress, after an illness of several months. The late Mr. Clark was a native of Little Sioux, Iowa. His wife, who predeceased him in 1925, was Miss Lottie Crabb. They were married at Magnolia, Iowa, in 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their family came to Canada and settled near Empress in 1912. He leaves five sons: Irvin, Moorhead, Iowa; Maurice, in Idaho; Wilbur, in Edmonton; and Otis and Raymond at home; and five daughters, Ruth Pearl, Eva, Inez and Opal.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bell at the United Church on Sunday, and interment was made in the Empress cemetery.

NOTES:

In 1911, Ira immigrated to Canada.

Samuel Clark

According to Irvin Clark (Samuel's grandson) Samuel drove a stagecoach from Logan to Sioux City. He was known as "gassy" Clark and was supposedly an honorable man in his dealings. In 1888 or 1889, he left home in the middle of the night with four horses and a wagon, taking his two oldest boys, William and Ira. He divorced Mary Jane Tull Stewart Clark and remarried. He then had a son named Leroy who was born in 1891 in Colorado. Samuel was a grade contractor for the railroad in Colorado. Leroy became a railroad engineer.

Mary Jane Tull changed her name back to Stewart.

In the 1900 Census:

A Samuel Clark, born in Pennsylvania in 1867 was living in Boulder, Colorado.

A Samuel C. Clark, living in Teller County, Colorado was born May 1838.

Mary Jane Tull

Mary Jane Tull married Thomas J. Stewart on February 27, 1854. He died January 20, 1865 in the Civil War. She then married Samuel Clark on November 6, 1866. After divorcing Samuel Clark she changed her name back to Stewart.

OBITUARY OF MARY JANE TULL-STEWART

Mary Jane Tull was born in Ohio, July 4th, 1833 and died at her home in Little Sioux, Iowa, Thursday morning January 11th, 1906; aged 72 years, 6 months and 7 days.

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Mary J. Tull-Stewart Clark were much saddened when on yesterday morning, they learned of the demise of a faithful friend and a true christian woman.

She was married February 27, 1854 to Thomas Stewart and to this union were born six children, all of whom are living – viz: Henry Stewart, Thomas Stewart, Albert Stewart and Mrs. F. M. Terry, of Little Sioux; Chas (William ?) Stewart of Mondamin; and Mrs. Wm. Hillard, of Pisgah.

About 59 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Stewart held a homestead in what is now known as the Poppelton addition of Omaha. This is now located in the central part of Omaha's choicest residence portion, the property being owned by the bon ton society of that city. After leaving Nebraska they moved to Magnolia, Iowa, and it was here that she resided when her noble husband went down to death on the field of battle with the "boys in blue" on January 20, 1865.

Her second marriage occurred to Samuel Clark in Magnolia and during the year 1867 they came to Little Sioux where they made their permanent home. Six children were born to this her second union. Ira Clark, William Clark and Reuben Clark of Little Sioux; and Floyd Clark, of Mondamin, survive their mother while Dora Clark, and Mrs. Lillie Wills of Mondamin preceded her to the great beyond.

The funeral services were conducted in the M.E. Church this morning by the Rev. Fenlon Silsby, of Persia, Iowa after which interment was made in the Little Sioux cemetery.

The house was crowded with relatives of the deceased and sympathetic friends who came to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed one. With the exception of a very few years, Mrs. Stewart was a resident of Iowa and we may well speak of her as a true type of an Iowa woman loved, respected and esteemed by all with whom she came in contact and honored by all who only knew her as a passing friend and helper. She associated herself with the church in early youth and at the time of her death was a member of the M.E. church of this place. Her life was an exemplary one and she lived her faith well, and her weary spirit sought repose in the arms of Him who rules the universe as well as the souls of mankind. She died trusting in Jesus.

James Clark Crabb

According to Irvin Clark (James' grandson):

James Clark Crabb bought, along with his brother John, one thousand acres of mostly swamp along the foothills east of Little Sioux prior to 1866, for \$0.50 an acre. Then sold for \$1/acre shortly thereafter. John then bought land on the Jordan River while James bought 500 acres of timberland in what is now River Sioux. He made a deal giving the railroad a right of way through his land, built a saw mill, laid out lots and sold off River Sioux. He then bought 173 acres next to Smith Lake. His son had him declared incompetent around 1930 (at the age of 97) and sold the farm for \$11,000. Irvin Clark offered him \$12,000 but Les wanted immediate cash. James and Samuel Dewell plotted River Sioux, first called Malta. He gave half to the railroad and then the railroad put the depot in the town.

THE STORY OF THE CHURCH written by Inez Smith Davis gives information on James C. Crabb. He was baptised on May 26, 1862, ordained December 14, 1862 and retired April 1916.

FROM MONONA COUNTY, IOWA RECORDS:

License for marriage – James C. Crabb and Anna Lytle, May 5, 1869 in Monona County.

James Crabb came to Belevidere Township, Monona county in 1855, then moved to Harrison County. In 1865 he was on the Board of Supervisors, Monona County.

OBITUARY OF JAMES CLARK CRABB

"AT REST IN LITTLE SIOUX CEMETARY"

James Clark Crabb, son of Edward and Eunice (Douglas) Crabb, was born in Seymore, Ind., May 7, 1833.

In 1855 he with his brother John, came west by team and located in Monona county on a farm now known as the "Brown" farm south of Turin, Ia. He sold this farm and came to Harrison county, buying a timber tract which is the present site of River Sioux, Ia.

In clearing this land he engaged in the sawmill business. Here he met his wife, Miss Charlotte N. Lytle of Little Sioux. They were married March 8, 1860. In May 1862, he was baptised into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was called to the office of elder and ordained December 14, 1862.

In the year 1863 he went east with his wife in a covered wagon and spent about a year in and around the old home preaching to the people. In 1864 he located in Little Sioux and was one of the leaders in building up the church in that community.

Thus we see that Mr. Crabb on coming to Iowa met bravely all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life in a new country. He has lived to see the great State of Iowa transformed from a vast prairie into beautiful farms, with

thriving cities and towns between. Those were days of strenuous living – progress by horse or team was over trackless prairie, through wintry blizzards, fording swollen streams and travelling muddy roads – but Elder Crabb's indomitable courage and perseverance ...

...Quorum of Seventies, and in 1878 he was ordained to the office of High Priest and served until November 14, 1924, when superannuated from active ministerial responsibilities.

Who can estimate the influence for good upon the life of a community wielded by such a man as Elder Crabb? What record save that recorded in the "Eternal Book of Life," will ever reveal the transcript to his unselfish labors in behalf of humanity?

In 1869 he located on his farm between Mondamin and Little Sioux. Here he reared his family, cared for his farm and preached the gospel. He was a man loved by everybody.

Mr. and Mrs. Crabb were the parents of thirteen children – six living and seven deceased. The living are, Charles of Little Sioux; Mrs. Carrie Stewart of Empress, Alberta, Canada; Arthur Crabb of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mark Crabb of Black Leaf, Mont.; Leslie Crabb of Mondamin, Ia.; Mrs. Laura Bassett of Los Angeles, Cal. Besides these sons and daughters, Mr. Crabb had 34 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren; 10 great great grandchildren to rise up and call him blessed. His beloved wife and companion departed this life in April 1902, at Independence, Mo.

On his one hundredth birthday, nearly two years ago, he preached to the people of Little Sioux, and it is said there were few dry eyes in the church as they listened to the "words of wisdom" as they fell from the lips of this grand and noble man.

Thursday evening the 13th of December marked the sunset of life for Elder Crabb and he...

...now ready to be offered the the time of my departure is at hand.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." And Elder Crabb wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and lay down to pleasant dreams.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Elder Franklin Mintun of Council Bluffs, a co-worker with Elder Crabb in the ministry, being in charge. The service opened at the Crabb home in Mondamin, where prayer was offered. The service was then transferred to Little Sioux. Here in the church he had helped to organize and had served so faithfully for so many years it was fitting that the congregation most of whom had known him as their leader all their lives, should be out in good numbers for the last farewell. Burial was in the Little Sioux cemetery beside his wife.

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

ELDER J.C. CRABB DIES THURSDAY

Elder J.C. Crabb was relieved of his suffering at about 6:45 tonight (Thursday). He had been growing weaker and weaker for some time and all hope that he would ever be able to get up again had been given up.

Mr. Crabb was getting along toward his 102nd birthday. His case was a good deal like that of "The One Hoss Shay." He had no special ailment- he lived on until all parts gave away at once.

Elder Crabb had been one of the leading men of this locality ever since the trails or roads wound around the lakes and woods in pioneer days.

1833 TO 1933 AND ONE YEAR MORE FOR CRABB

Elder J.C. Crabb completed the first year of his second century Monday, May 7, 1934. One hundred one years seems to us younger folks like a long time but to look back it is short as memory brings the objects clearly into view.

Elder Crabb was not so well this year for his birthday. He was injured by a fall not long ago and not yet able to be up. Such being the case, there was no formal celebration of his birthday, but a large number of his friends called on him Sunday and Monday with reminder of the occasion. Besides this he received many letters and cards from his co-workers in the L.D.S. church the the days gone by.

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Brother Crabb was a pioneer missionary of the church, and member of the Standing High Council. He lived to preach a vigorous and able sermon on his one hundredth birthday.

Charlotte Ann Lytle

A GOOD MOTHER GONE

Mrs. J. C. Crabb dies at Independence, Missouri. She came to Wetern Iowa in 1853 - has lived a life as a Christian and her memory will be revered.

Mrs. James C. Crabb was the daughter of Hugh Lytle who came to Iowa in 1853 from Nauvoo, Illinois with his family in company with the Latter Day Saint believers who settled at Preparation. This good wife and mother was in attendance at the Latter Day Saints Conference at Independence, Missouri when she was taken ill with pneumonia and only survived a few days, passing to the great beyond Wednesday, at the home of Gilbert Ericson. Her life was one of peace and happiness and she was blessed with thirteen children, eight of whom survive her. They are Mrs. Tennie Brooks, Mrs. Carrie Stewart, Mrs. Lottie Clark, Mrs. Laura Basset, Charley, Arthur, Mark and Leslie. Aside from these and the beloved husband, four brothers and a sister, Ivan, John, Omar and James Lytle and Mrs. Mary J. Winegar, survive her. That "when we are ready to live we are ready to die," is again exemplified in the passing of this good woman. The new home just recently completed by the family and supplied with all the comforts of life was not long to be enjoyed by her and her departure leaves a chair vacant in a once happy home. Charlotte Ann Lytle was born at Nauvoo, Illinois April 9, 1844 and moved to Iowa in 1853. She was married to James C. Crabb March 8, 1860. She died April 15, 1903, aged 59 years and 5 days.

The remains arrived Thursday morning and after services at the L.D.S. church, conducted by Elder J. F. Mintun, of Magnolia, were laid to rest in the Little Sioux Cemetery.

(Taken from THE LITTLE SIOUX HUSTLER – Friday, April 17, 1903)

Edward Crabb

Edward and Eunice Crabb owned a half-section of land in Indiana. They were good moral people but belonged to no church.

Hugh Lytle

Hugh was Scottish Irish. He joined the church after the first sermon he heard and was baptized the same night. His wife, Christina, was of German descent. Hugh was Treasurer and Recorder, and Superintendent of Schools.

FROM A BOOK ON MONONA COUNTY

Hugh Lytle, deceased, one of the earliest settlers of Monona County who took a prominent part in the organization of the same in the spring of 1854, came here and settled at the village of Preparation, in 1853. He was a native of Ohio, born May 29, 1810, and when about thirty-eight years of age removed to Illinois and settled in Hancock County. Thence in 1848, he went to St. Louis, Mo., and in the following year to St. Joseph, the same State where he made his home for several years. He had spent about six months in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, in the summer of 1848, where he engaged in farming, and in 1853 came to Monona County and settled. He was elected the first Treasurer and Recorder of the county, and re-elected his own successor in August, 1855. Before the expiration of his term of service, however, he resigned the position and in April 1858, was chosen to fill the office of County Superintendent of common schools. He died September 30, 1881, after a life of usefulness and activity.

The Lytles are buried in Conyers Cemetery in Little Sioux. This is located east of Little Sioux on the east side of Larpenteur Memorial Road between 138th Trail and 150th Lane, across the road and north of Little Sioux Cemetery.

Alexander Pearson Shields

According to a 1911 Census of Canada Alexander Shields lived with his wife Mabel in the district of Toronto North at 26 McAlfe.

Mabel Mary Graydon

At the time of her death, Mabel had been living with her youngest daughter Dorothy Shields Kilburn.

Samuel Graydon

In a 1901 Census of Canada it is reported that the Graydon family lived in the village of Grand Valley in Wellington North, Ontario, Canada.

In a 1911 Census of Canada it is reported that Samuel and Lavina lived in the district of Toronto West at 527 Brock Ave.

Immigrated to Canada in 1868.