

Wesley Crow Cemetery

Ohio County, KY

At the foot of Hoover Hill on Highway 231 turn west onto the Belltown Road. Out about three miles on the left is the New Bethel Methodist Church and Cemetery. The Wesley Crow Cemetery is across from the church.

Wesley Crow

23 Aug 1822

28 Dec 1893

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY
Wednesday, 3 January 1894 p2

A Good Man Gone.

Honorable Wesley Crowe died Wednesday, the 27th ult., of heart trouble. In his death there has gone from Ohio county one of her oldest and most highly respected citizens. By industry and frugality he had accumulated quite a little fortune which will go to a family of deserving boys and girls, for among the sturdiest of the younger men of the county may be mentioned the sons of Wesley Crowe.

As a citizen, sober, energetic and successful, Mr. Crowe was an honor to the county of his residence, and among his strongest friends he numbered the men who knew him best. The mistake of his life was made when he permitted himself to be dragged into public life, and through a mistaken notion of his duty to the men who elected him, he retained the nominal occupancy of a position which he was physically unable to fill. This error was doubtless the outgrowth of an impaired power, once so strong in the man, to view his duty as it really was, and was as much attributable, no doubt, to bad counsel as to infirmity in himself.

While we had our political differences in which neither he nor we indulged in any concealments, yet we honored the sturdy, manly character of Wesley Crowe, and to his grave we bring the tribute of our profound respect for his honorable and useful life, and in that land where differences do not come, may his spirit find that undisturbed repose which here on earth is denied to the children of men.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY
Friday, 29 December 1893 p1

"UNCLE" WESLEY CROWE.
**Ohio County's Unique Representative Dies
After a Long Illness**
Hon. Wesley Crowe, late representative of Ohio county in the legislature, died yesterday at his home near Newville, after a long illness from a complication of diseases. He was taken sick during the session of the last legislature, several months before its adjournment, and never resumed his seat. He was about 65 years old and had lived and conducted a farm in Ohio county for many years. He was the first and only People's party representative from Ohio county and acquired distinction by the fact that he made not a single speech and only one motion during the long session of 1890-'91-'92. He was married during the session of the legislature to a widow in Frankfort, who survives him.

Delila Crow (w/o Wesley)

21 Mar 1828

25 Oct 1886

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY
Wednesday, 10 November 1886 p2
Abbyville, Ky. letter

A gloom has been cast over this entire community by the death of Delila, wife of Wesly Crow, after a long and painful illness of typhoid fever. Deceased was a noble and highly respected lady, and will be sadly missed in the community in which she lived. She has gone, but her memory will stand fresh in the minds of all who knew her in this life. It is vain for me to try to pen a fitting memoir of her life so full of noble, self-sacrificing works. Words are inadequate to express the reverence felt for this noble woman, now irrevocably lost in this life.

Yes, Aunt Delila, thou art gone
To join that heavenly throng,
On that far off Mystic shore,
Where the good and great belong.
GRAZIA.

Lydia C. Crow (w/o W.)

3 Jan 1864

24 Aug 1890

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY
Wednesday, 10 September 1890 p3

Abbieville, Ky. letter

Died at the residence of her husband Mr. Wesley Crowe, near Newville, of consumption, Mrs. Lydia Crowe, Aug. 28, 1890. Her remains were interred in the family burying ground at their home. Mrs. Crowe was very young and beautiful, and her sweet, womanly nature had endeared her to many friends. She leaves an aged husband, a baby girl and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death.

Francies Olevia Drow (d/o Wesley & Delila)	1 Jan 1867	29 Jul 1869
John Breckenridge Crow (s/o Wesley & Delila; Age 2 yrs., 6 ms. 22 dys.		29 Nov 1858
Martha L. Crow (d/o W. & D.)	19 Jun 1861	11 Jul 1862

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Wesley Crowe was born 23 August 1822 KY. The spelling of his name was about equally divided between Crow and Crowe. The spelling of Crow was used in his final will. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was the son of Jesse Crowe (c1790-c1822) & Nancy Anderson, who were married in Ohio County, KY on 1 October 1814; and he was the grandson of John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson and Athel Anderson & Jean Byers (see “The Crow Family: Kentucky Family Records, Vol. 9, 1982, pp90-95, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association, McDowell Publications, Owensboro, KY). Wesley had siblings, Louisa (married Samuel Hamilton), Olivia (single) & Chapman (married Susan Rusher). Wesley married Delila Dexter (21 March 1828 – 25 October 1886), 29 May 1845 Ohio County, KY and Lydia C. Riley (3 January 1864 – 24 August 1890, daughter of Benjamin Franklin Riley & Mariah Mosley), 11 November 1887 Ohio County, KY. His first wife died of typhoid fever and his second wife of consumption. He married Mrs. M. L. (Mary Emaline) Stewart (c1845-) in Frankfort, Franklin County, KY on 30 June 1892. He represented Ohio County in the Kentucky Legislature during 1891-1893. Wesley died 28 December 1893 Ohio County, KY. He was survived by his widow, Mary, who married Dr. George W. Campbell, of Webster County, KY, 28 January 1896 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY.

The will of Wesley Crow was recorded in Ohio County, KY will book D, p342, in February 1894:

Will of WESLEY CROW, states that he has already advanced to his children Nancy Elizabeth May, W. V. Crow, Mary Matilda Crow, Jesse D. Crow, James W. Crow, Joshua A. Crow, Delilah Vitura Nance and Charles M. Crow, \$1,100.00, or its equivalent, to each, and to youngest child, May Crow, an infant of tender age, nothing yet as he has yet not reared her as the others have been. Gives to said May Crow \$1,100.00 to make her equal with the other children, and the use and the benefit of the homestead, together with-beloved wife Mary E. Crow, to used and enjoyed, jointly until daughter arrives at the age of 21 years or marries. If wife leaves and gives up the homestead, and accepts, in lieu of the same, the provisions of this will, then said

daughter shall have the use and benefit of the homestead until she becomes of age or marries. Gives to beloved wife Mary, such part of, the household effects as the law would give her as if no will had been made, and also \$500.00, in lieu of dower. Also to wife \$450.00 annually, in the event she shall determine any time within eighteen months after his death to abandon the homestead and relinquish, her rights thereto. If the payment of such legacies, along with the just debts, cannot be made out of money on hand, then the executors to sell so much of the personal property as will be sufficient to do so. Appoints sons Jesse D. Crow and James W. Crow as executors. All remainder of the estate, real and personal, is to be divided equally among all his children. (Not dated.); C. W. Massie and W. Y. Hayward, witnesses. Probated February Court 1894.

Children of Wesley Crow were:

1. Nancy Elizabeth, born 10 March 1846 Ohio County, KY; married Eldred Casper May (20 January 1839 – 31 October 1906), 11 December 1862 Ohio County, KY; she died 9 August 1905 in Daviess County, KY near Maxwell; she & her husband were buried New Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
2. William V., 'Bud', born 10 March 1847 Ohio County, KY; married Mary Delila Cooper (23 November 1849 – 17 March 1873), 21 October 1869 Ohio County, KY and Lucy Evelin Henry (1 July 1859 – 11 September 1885), 1873-1878; died 12 November 1923 Daviess County, KY; buried New Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
3. Mary Matilda, born December 1849 Ohio County, KY; married Joseph May (c1847-after 1900), 10 December 1868 Ohio County, KY; in 1900 she & her husband were residing Jefferson, Jackson County, AR.
4. Jesse Daniel, born 21 January 1852 Ohio County, KY; married Margaret Arminta Forister 9 August 1859 – 17 September 1915), 28 May 1879 Ohio County, KY; he died 23 June 1919 Livermore, McLean County, KY; he and his wife were buried New Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
5. James Wesley, born 14 March 1854 Ohio County, KY; married Tabitha Jane Henry (30 January 1855 – 6 June 1884), 14 November 1872 Daviess County, KY and Claudia A. Mackey (26 December 1872 – 12 May 1930), 23 June 1889 McLean County, KY; he died 1 May 1936 Central City, Muhlenberg County, KY; he and his first wife were buried Green Brier Baptist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY.
6. John Breckenridge, 7 May 1856 Ohio County, KY; died 29 November 1858; buried Wesley Crow Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
7. Joshua A., 5 March 1859 Ohio County, KY; married Rhoda Elizabeth Jarnagin (22 August 1856 – 30 August 1925), 4 June 1877 Ohio County, KY; he died 28 October 1945 McLean County, KY; he and his wife were buried New Bethel Methodist Church

Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. On his death certificate his father's name was entered as John Wesley Crowe.

8. Martha L., born 19 June 1861 Ohio County, KY; died 11 July 1862; buried Wesley Crow Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
9. Delila Vitura, born 10 May 1863 Ohio County, KY; married Robert A. Nantz (18 March 1859 – 14 February 1929), 26 May 1881 Ohio County, KY; she died 2 July 1945 Daviess County, KY; she and her husband were buried New Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
10. Francies Oleva, born 1 January 1867 Ohio County, KY; died 29 July 1869; buried Wesley Crow Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
11. Charles Marion, born 3 October 1869 Ohio County, KY; married Ophelia Myrtle Chandler (19 Apr 1872 – 18 June 1952), 29 September 1897 Ohio County, KY; he died 2 July 1954 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY; he and his wife were buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. He was a lawyer.
12. Mae, born 6 December 1888 Ohio County, KY; married Charles William Howard (6 November 1886 – 10 November 1980), 2 April 1919 Daviess County, KY; she died 21 May 1939 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY; she was buried at Utica, Daviess County, KY.

Journal of the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth:

The following communication was read, and ordered spread on the Journal, viz :

LIVIA, KY., March 30, 1893.

Hon. GREEN KELLER, *Clerk House Representatives, Frankfort, Ky.:*

SIR: Hon. Wesley Crow, of Ohio county, requests me to write you concerning his health. He is suffering from valvular disease of the heart, complicated by Bright's disease of the kidneys. His condition is very serious, and his diseases may assume a fatal form at any moment. He is able to take some exercise, but is incapable of sustained effort, either mental or physical. Mr. Crow wishes you to make known his condition to the members of the General Assembly.

Respectfully yours,

P. T. RHODES, M. D.

Mr. Sims offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That this body has just learned with sorrow of the painful afflictions of Hon. Wesley Crow, the Representative of Ohio county, and hereby tender him and his family our sincere and deep-felt sympathy.

Which was unanimously adopted.

NOT A "CORKUS" MAN.

Uncle Wesley Crow Wisely Winks While
Delivering Himself of His Deep
Remarks.

A Prospective Typical Record Maker
Who Will Answer Every Time
He is Called.

Uncle Wesley Crow, the Wheeler member of the Legislature from Ohio county, was in the city yesterday on his way to Frankfort. With an idea of striking him in a tender place, a reporter advised him that the session was to be a very long one, and that, at his age, he ought not to follow the tactics of the record-makers, and try to be present at every call of the roll. Uncle Wesley looked very wise as he winked an eye and drew himself up proudly, saying, "I shall be present every day. The people of Ohio county sent me up to look after their intrusts, and I am going to do it. Yes, sir, I am going to answer to any name every time it is called."

"Will you go into the Democratic caucus?" he was asked.

"I think not. No, sir, I shall not. I never did have no use for a korkus now." And he winked the other eye.

He said he would expedite business so as to get home as soon as possible. It was suggested to him that there were ninety-nine other men who would probably feel differently about the expediting business, and he would probably succeed but poorly by himself. This was evidently the first time he had realized that he could not do as he pleased in the Legislature, and he looked fairly disgusted.

Uncle Wesley is about 65 years old, with a pardonable pride in the fact that he "haint changed a bit in twenty year." He would be taken for a hawbuck anywhere, with his heavy boots and his red yarn neck comforter that he has carried with him for years. There is no better man living and few who are not better fitted for the Legislature through natural endowments and educational advantages. He was elected by less than one-third of the vote of Ohio county, and in spite of the good intentions and desires with which he is loaded to the eyebrows, the county will wish every day of the session that she had sent either the Democrat or the Republican in his stead.