

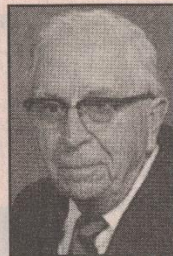
Caleb Crow (1819-1899) Family Record

By Jerry Long
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On 13 October 1982 I visited Lee Caldwell Truman (1899-1998) at his home at 2422 Allen Street in Owensboro KY. Mr. Truman was born 14 August 1899 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and died 21 December 1998 Bowling Green, Warren County, KY. He was the son of Lodford Truman (1872-1907) & Verda May Duke (1874-1956); grandson of Jacob David Duke (1846-1926) & Sarah Elizabeth Crow (1850- 1923); great-grandson of Caleb Crow (1819-1899) & Mary B. Midkiff (1831-1918); great-great-grandson of John Crow (1789-1855) & Pricy Boswell (1794-1835) and Joseph Robinson Midkiff (1796-1856) & Ann Davis Taylor (1793-1866); great-great-great-grandson of John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson, Walter Boswell & Eleanor Smallwood, Benjamin Midkiff & Elizabeth Robinson and John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis. Lee Truman's father, Lodford Truman, was a second cousin to President Harry S. Truman, and his great-great-grandfather, Joseph R. Midkiff was a first cousin of Kit Carson.

Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY
22 December 1998, p2C:

Lee C. Truman



Lee C. Truman, 99, formerly of Owensboro, died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home of Bowling Green. He was born in Owensboro, retired from Western Kentucky Gas Co. and was a member of Settle Memorial United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the Sam Miller Bible class and the No Name Club. His wife, Helen Lashbrook Truman, died

Nov. 3, 1994.

Survivors include a son, Lee C. Truman Jr. of Bowling Green; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rose B. Slack of Owensboro.

Services are at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Glenn Funeral Home in Owensboro. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro. Visitation is after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to either Settle Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund or Kentucky Wesleyan College Memorial Fund. Memorial contribution envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Lee C. Truman had a family bible record that descended to him from his great-grandparents, Caleb Crow & Mary B. Midkiff. The following names, births and deaths were

entered on the family register pages (column on right are annotations by Jerry Long and were not in the original record):

Births:

John Crow born 25th Feb. 1789.	[c/o John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson]
and married Pricey Boswell 28 th Apr. 1812.	[c/o Walter Boswell & Eleanor Smallwood]
Betsy Crow born 26 th Jan. 1813.	[c/o John Crow, Jr. & Pricy Boswell]
Walter Crow born 31 st Oct. 1814.	“ ”
Andrew Crow born 22 nd Feb. 1817.	“ ”
Caleb Crow born 18 May 1819.	“ ”
Polly Crow born 23 July 1821.	“ ”
Sally Crow born 1 st Aug.	“ ”
Ann Crow born 8 th Oct. 1826	“ ”
Eliga Crow born 3 rd Sept.	“ ”
John Crow born 15 th Oct 1832.	“ ”

T. T. Midkiff born 12 th Sept. 1824.	[c/o Joseph Robinson Midkiff & Ann Davis Taylor]
W. D. Midkiff born 25 th Nov. 1826.	“ ”
B. F. Midkiff born 14 th Apr. 1829.	“ ”
Mary B. Midkiff born 21 st Aug. 1831.	“ ”

Ann Davis Taylor daughter of John P. Taylor and Mary Davis was born 27 th Sept. 1793.	[c/o John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis]
Thomas L. Taylor born 10 th August 1795.	“ ”
Matilda Taylor born 15 th January 1797.	“ ”
Mary B. Taylor born 3 rd July 1799.	“ ”
Elizabeth Taylor born Apr. 1800.	“ ”
Ben B. Taylor born 15 th February. 1802.	“ ”
Sarah P. Taylor born Oct. 1804.	“ ”
Lucinda Taylor born Feb. 1806.	“ ”
Adah P. Taylor born 30 th April 1808.	“ ”
Jane Taylor born 3 rd Aug. 1810.	“ ”
John P. Taylor born 25 th July 1812.	“ ”

Deaths

John Crow died 12 th Nov. 1855.	[c/o John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson]
Pricy Crow died 14 th Apr. 1835.	[c/o Walter Boswell & Eleanor Smallwood]
Walter Crow died 19 Apr, 1834.	[c/o John Crow, Jr. & Pricy Boswell]
Betsy Ambrose died 27 th July 1866.	“ ”
Andrew Crow died 6 th Jan. 1874.	“ ”
Eliga Crow died Jan. 1887.	“ ”
Polly Crow died 1886.	“ ”
Ann Midkiff died 4 th July 1865	[c/o John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis]
Caleb Crow died 27 th Sept. 1899.	[c/o John Crow, Jr. & Pricy Boswell]

Mary B. Crow died May 28, 1918.

[c/o Joseph Robinson Midkiff
& Ann Davis Taylor]

Sarah E. Duke died November 24, 1923.

[c/o Caleb Crow & Mary B. Midkiff]

J. D. Duke died April 23rd 1926.

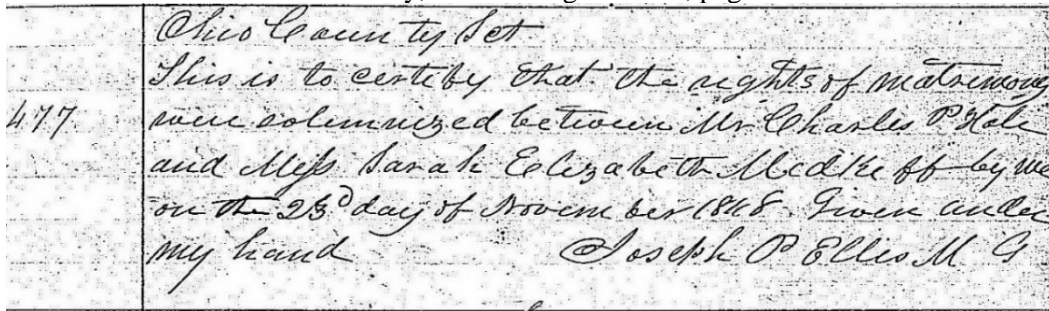
[c/o William Duke & Julia Ann Neeley]

Lodford Truman died November 14th 1907.

[c/o Humphrey D. Truman &
Elizabeth V. Phillips]

Caleb Crow was born 18 May 1819 Ohio County, KY. He was the son of John Crow, Jr. & Pricy Boswell and grandson of John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson and Walter Boswell & Eleanor Smallwood. Caleb Crow married Mary B. Midkiff, 7 December 1848 Ohio County, KY. Mary ('Polly'), daughter of Joseph Robinson Midkiff & Ann Davis Taylor, was born 21 August 1831 Ohio County, KY. Consent signed by her father was filed with their marriage. They were married by Rev. Joseph Perkins Ellis, a Baptist minister.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book F, page 81:



Caleb Crow is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He farmed until 1870 when he moved to the town of Hartford. From 1870 until 1895 he operated a popular tavern and hotel in the town of Hartford. On 22 January 1895 he moved his family to Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where he conducted a boarding house (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 23 January 1895, p3).

Caleb Crow died 27 September 1899 in Owensboro, KY, at his home, 411 Grove Avenue. When he moved to Owensboro, he had his home at 411 Grove Avenue built; the residence is now 411 West Eighth Street. His widow, Mary B., died at her home at 411 Grove Avenue on 28 May 1918. They were buried in Elmwood Cemetery, in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY.



411 West Eighth Street, Owensboro, KY



Grave at Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 28 September 1899 p1:

GOOD MAN GONE
**Caleb Crow, Aged Eighty-one
Years, Died Last Night
Very Suddenly.**
Was Reared in Ohio County and Had
Lived in Owensboro for the
Last Five Years.
Mr. Caleb Crow died last night at
9:30 o'clock at his residence on Grove
avenue of a probable rupture of a blood
vessel on the brain. He had been un-
usually well all the day before and
did a hard day's work in putting the
roof on a shed on his premises. He ate
supper and seemed as well as usual,
but a short time after he commenced to
complain of a pain in his back. Dr. L.
G. Armendt was summoned, and in a

short time he experienced relief. The
doctor went home and about 9 o'clock
Mr. Crow was seized with a pain in
his head. At 9:30 Dr. Armendt was
again summoned, but before he could
reach the house, which was just across
the street, he was dead. His family
said that he appeared to feel better and
turned over on his side and died imme-
diately.

Mr. Crow was born in Ohio county,
and lived there all his life until about
five years ago, when he removed to
Owensboro. He was a farmer until he
was about fifty years old. He then re-
moved to Hartford and engaged in the
hotel business. He was always thrifty
and accumulated money in a business
in which others had uniformly lost it.
He leaves a wife and one daughter,
Mrs. Sarah Duke, who has lived with
them for many years. Mrs. Lodford
Truman was his only grandchild.

The funeral occurred from the resi-
dence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. In-
terment at Elmwood.

The 1900 & 1910 Daviess County censuses report that one child had been born to Mrs. Mary B. Crow. Caleb Crow & Mary B. Midkiff were the parents of Sarah Elizabeth Crow, who was born 16 January 1850 Ohio County, KY. She married Jacob Davis Duke, 26 March 1873 Ohio County, KY. Jacob, son of William Duke & Julia Ann Neeley, was born 21 April 1846 Ohio County, KY.



On left Mary B. Midkiff Crow (1831-1918); on right her daughter Sarah Elizabeth Crow Duke (1850-1923); next to Mary B. is granddaughter Verda May Duke Truman (1874-1956); in front Mary B.'s great-grandson Lee Caldwell Truman (1899-1998).

Jacob D. & Sarah (Crow) Duke were divorced during 1874-1880. Jacob D. Duke married Cora Elizabeth Thomasson (1858-1891), 16 June 1881 Ohio County, KY and Allie M. Carter (1867-1952), 26 May 1892 Ohio County, KY. Jacob D. Duke died 23 April 1926 Hartford, Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery. Sarah Elizabeth Crow Duke died 24 November 1923 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where she was buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Sarah Elizabeth Crow & Jacob Davis Duke had one child – Verda May Duke (1874-1956); she married Lodford Truman (1872-1907), 4 October 1898 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY & George Britwell Bailey (1869-1945), 28 December 1909 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Jacob D. Duke & his second wife, Cora, had three children – Robert Almond (1884-1967, married Vera H. Miller) & two died infancy. Jacob D. Duke and his third wife, Allie, had three children – Martha Sanderfur (1897-1971, married John Wade Hamlett), Jacob Edward (1899-1949, married Louise Cooper & Ione Smith) and William Alfred (1905-1949, married Helen Marie Westerfield).

Caleb Crow's father, John Crow, Jr., was born 25 February 1789 Mercer County, KY. He was the son of John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson., who were married in Mercer County, KY in June 1788. Their families were among the first settlers of Ohio County, KY.

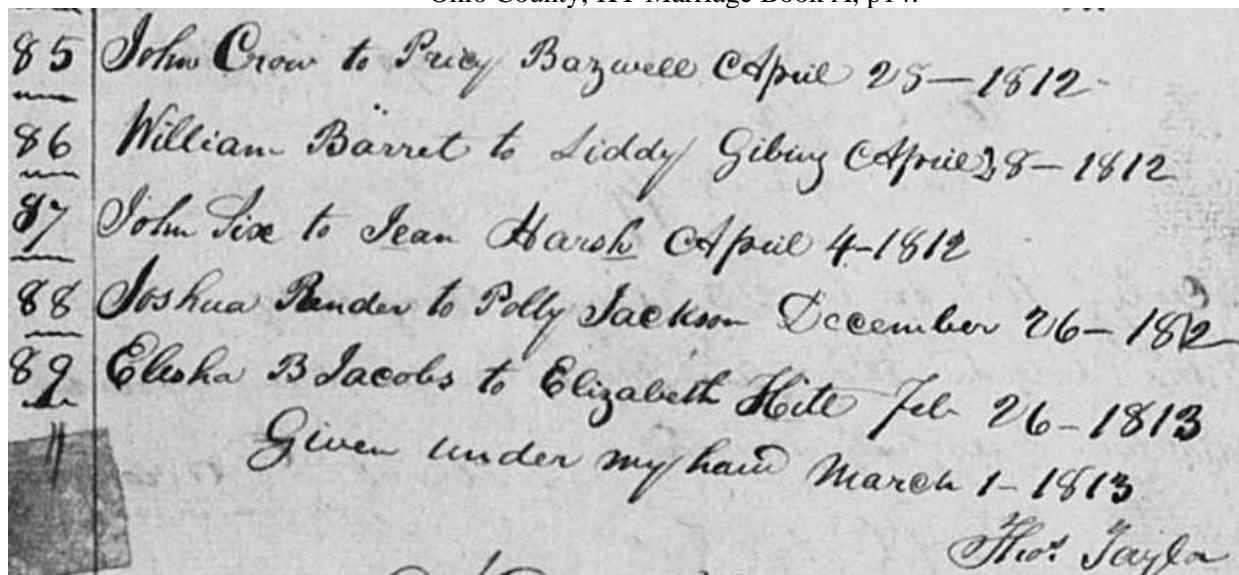
Mercer County, KY Marriage Register Volume 1, p12:

12		MARRIAGE	
Date of Marriage.		Parties' Names.	
1788 March 26	✓	Randolph White & Margaret Kneeland Kirkland	
1788 March 26	✓	James Calverin & Susannah Ruckett Licence out	
1788 June 3d	✓	John Cochran & Jane Brown Licence out	
1788 June 23d	✓	John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson	

Elizabeth Jackson was the daughter of Christopher Maccabeus Jackson & Magdalene Boggess. John Crow, Sr. died 1796 Hardin County, KY, in the area that became Ohio County, KY in 1799. Children of John Crow & Elizabeth Jackson included – John (married Pricy Boswell), Elijah (married Judith Johnson), Jesse (married Nancy Anderson) and Benjamin. Elizabeth (Jackson) Crow married second Michael Riley, 26 October 1797 Hardin County, KY. Elizabeth (Jackson) Riley is listed as a household head in the 1810 census of Ohio County, KY. The children of Michael Riley & Elizabeth Jackson included – Lewis (married Cassandra Pedicord), William (married Ann Armstrong), Martin C. (married Elizabeth Smith) and Ann.

John Crow, Jr. married Pricy Boswell, 25 April 1812 Ohio County, KY. Pricy, daughter of Walter Boswell & Eleanor Smallwood, was born 10 November 1794 in Maryland.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book A, p14:



John Crow (Jr.) is listed in the 1820, 1830, 1840 and 1850 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Pricy Boswell Crow died 14 April 1835, John Crow married second Mary (Pate) Jackson, 9 July 1835 Ohio County, KY. Mary, daughter of John Pate & Janet Crawford, was born 1793-1794 VA. Mary Pate married first Gabriel Jackson (1795-1877), 21 May 1815 Ohio County, KY and they were divorced in 1825. Gabriel Jackson was a first cousin of John Crow, Jr. On 12 November 1855 John Crow (Jr.) died. His will was probated in Ohio County, KY in April 1856. His widow, Mary Pate Crow, is listed in the 1860 Ohio County, KY census.

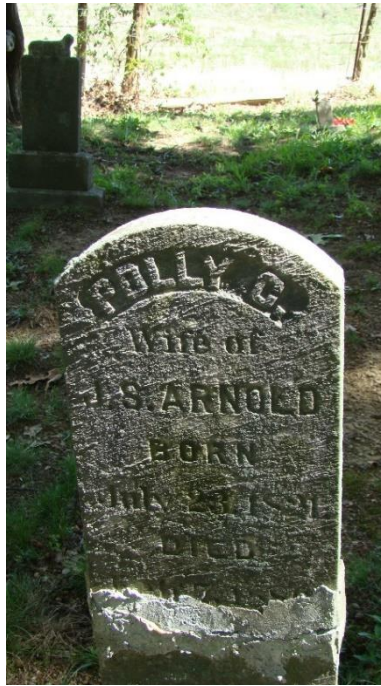
Ohio County, KY Will Book C, p156:

Abstract - Will of JOHN CROW, gives to son John Crow, Jr., the farm and all the land that belongs to it, 212 1/2 acres contained in three deeds, and the black boy William, and the entire stock of every description, and all the grain and hay that is raised the said farm; also the wagon and buggy, all the household kitchen furniture, and all the farming utensils. Son John should furnish testator's wife with a horse and buggy to ride when and where she may please to go, and in all cases to treat her like a mother. Son John to keep the old negro woman and Cena her child free from charge to the County, and that he pay Elijah Crow \$200.00, \$50.00 each year until paid, Son John also to pay Caleb Crow \$100.00 in annual payments of \$50.09 until paid, Son John to have all money and notes that the testator has, after funeral expenses and debts are paid. To each of other children, he gives \$1.00 each, son John to pay the same to Polly Arnold, Betsey Ambery [sic], and the same to grandson John J. Smith. Written October 6, 1855. George H. Roach, W. W. Hines and Granville Crawford, witnesses. Probated April Court 1856.

John Crow, Jr. and Pricy Boswell had nine children:

1. Elizabeth (Betsy) Crow was born 26 January 1831 Ohio County, KY. She married Henry Ambrose (1801-1873), 4 August 1836 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth died 26/27 July 1868 and was buried Ambrose Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. See article "Ambrose Cemetery, Ohio County, KY", by Jerry Long, on website West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy).

2. Walter Crow was born 31 October 1814 Ohio County, KY and died 19 April 1834 Ohio County, KY.
3. Andrew (Andre) Crow was born 22 February 1817 Ohio County, KY. He married Marian Miller (c1828-after 1870), 10 January 1846 Ohio County, KY. Andrew died 6 January 1874 and was buried Ambrose Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
4. Caleb Crow was born 18 May 1819 Ohio County, KY. He married Mary B. Midkiff (1831-1918), 7 December 1848 Ohio County, KY. Caleb Crow died 27 September 1899 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, where he was buried in Elmwood Cemetery.
5. Mary Ann (Polly) Crowe was born 23 July 1821 Ohio County, KY. She married Job S. Arnold (1816-1885), 29 October 1846 Ohio County, KY. She died 7 February 1886 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Leach Cemetery.



6. Sarah (Sallie) Crow was born 1 August 1823 Ohio County, KY. She married Henry Smith (c1823-1859), 30 January 1844 Ohio County, KY. She is listed with her husband and son, John J. Smith (1846-1927) in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY. In the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics a record of her death was recorded – Sally Smith died of consumption 18 May 1854 Ohio County, KY, age 30, married, daughter of John & P. Crow. Her son, John J. Smith, was named in the will of her father in 1855.
7. Anna Crow was born 8 October 1826 Ohio County, KY. She married Dr. Stephen A. Gillespie (1822-1900), 29 October 1846 Ohio County, KY. She died 7 January 1852 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery. See article “Gillespie – Royal Cemetery, Ohio County, KY”, by Jerry Long, on website West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy).



8. Elijah Crow was born 3 September 1829 Ohio County, KY. He married Charlotte Fuqua (1836-1873), 1 April 1852 Hancock County, KY and Sarah Elizabeth Johnson (1840-1894), 8 March 1881 Ohio County, KY. Elijah died 13 January 1888 Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the Crow Cemetery. See article “Crow Cemetery, Ohio County, KY”, by Jerry Long, on website West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy).



9. John Crow was born 15 October 1832 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In 1850 he was in the home of his father & stepmother and in 1860 he was in the home of his brother, Andre. The 1880 census reported he was widowed; he was then living with the family of Ed C. Renfrow near Sulphur Springs. An obituary of his brother, Caleb Crow reported he was survived by a brother who was residing at Magan in Ohio County, KY (Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 28 September 1899 p5). John Crow married Elizabeth Medcalf, 1 December 1858 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Medcalf & Sarah Carrico, was born c1828 and died after 1870 & before 1880 (see Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suits, case #1461 Ishmael C. Sutton vs. Charles Medcalf's heirs, filed in 1858, and case #3962 George W. Medcalf vs. S. L. Midkiff et al, filed in 1884). Elizabeth Medcalf Crow was survived by four children – Isaac A., Mary E., Henry McGrude and Anna Laura. John Crow, born October 1832 KY is listed in the home of his son, Grude Crow, in the 1900 census of Union County, New Mexico.



Kentucky Family Records, Volume 9, 1982, West-central Kentucky Family Research Association, Owensboro, KY, McDowell Publication, Owensboro, KY, pages 90-91:

THE JOHN CROW FAMILY

Submitted by a descendant, Mrs. Leta M. Noland, 9132 E. Belmont Bellflower, Ca. 90706

John Crow born ? died 1796 Hardin County, Kentucky married 23 June 1788 Mercer County, Kentucky to - Elizabeth Jackson born 1765 Prince William County, Virginia died ? daughter of Christopher Maccabens Jackson & Magdalene Boggess, married 2nd 23 October 1797 Hardin County, Kentucky to-Michael Riley, Irishman - early settler at Hartford

Oct. 1816, Charles Y. Duncan, Sheriff of Daviess County, Ky. to Thomas Montgomery of Lincoln County, as per Execution of writ in name of William Carson and William Smith, administrator of the estate of Stephen Langford, against estate of John Cockran and Jane, his wife, late Jane Crow, John Thompson and Ann, his wife, late Ann Crow, John Crow, Elijah Crow, Jesse Crow and Benjamin Crow, children, he of John Crow, deceased, for 224 pounds and \$22.941 and \$16.28 court costs dated August 3, 1816. Levied on part of a 6000 acre survey in Daviess County patented in the name of the heirs of John Crow, part being in Breckinridge County. Recorded October 19, 1816

Jane Crow married John Cockran 3 June 1788 Mercer County, Kentucky
Ann Crow married John Thompson - lived in Mercer County, Kentucky.

(This would indicate that Jane and Ann Crow were children of John Crow by a former marriage. Jane was married to John Cockran 1788, the same year her father married Elizabeth Jackson.)

Children of John Cockran and Jane Crow:

Sally Cockran married Stephen Wailer
Betsy Cockran married Matthew O'Brian
Benjamin F. Cockran

Will Book 80 page 257 and Will Book 9, page 322 Mercer County, Ky. John Cockran deceased, Inventory shows wife, Jane, and children: Sally, wife of Stephen Waller; Betsy, wife of Matthew O'Brian and son, Benjamin F. Cockran - 25 July 1825

Children of John Thompson and Ann Crow:

John B. Thompson
Mary B. Thompson married C?) Allen
Philip Thompson
George B. Thompson

Will Book 9, page 525 Mercer County, Ky. Will written June 2, 1833 - probated August term of Court, 1833 John Thompson nun: sons, John B., Phillip, George B. Thompson dan., Mary B. Allen John B. Thompson, executor (No mention of wife, Ann (Crow) Thompson - probably deceased)

Children of John Crow and Elizabeth Jackson (possibly 2nd wife)

1. John Crow born ca 1789 in Mercer or Hardin (now Ohio) Co., Ky. (John Crow married Trycy Boswell 27 Apr. 1812 - Ohio Co., KY.) (John Crow married Polly Jackson 8 July 1835 - Ohio Co., Ky.)

#608 - 1850 Census Ohio County, Ky. District 1

CROW, John -61 born Va. Fanner, Value Real. Estate \$2700

Mary -57 " Ky.

Elijah -20 " Ky.

John -17 " Ky

(This John Crow - right age to have been son of John, & Elizabeth Crow)

2. Elijah Crow born as 1791 in Mercer or Hardin (now Ohio) Co., Ky. (Elijah Crow married Frances Galloway 21 Jan. 1811 - Ohio Co., Ky.)
Elijah Crow married 2 Jan. 1814 Judy (Judith) Johnson, daughter of Rev. soldier - Samuel Johnson (possibly 2nd wife)
died 1834 Ohio County, Ky.

[pages – 91-95 have additional data on the descendants of Elijah Crow & Judith Johnson]