

William Crabtree



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Born: 6 Mar 1682 Broughton, England

Married: 3 May 1703 Jane Halstead

Died: 10 Sep 1756 Maryland

Parents: Thomas Crabtree & Elizabeth Webber

William Crabtree, b. 6 March 1682, Broughton, Yorkshire, England

Occupation: Farmer

Religion: Anglican Church (attended church at Joppatown, MD)

Note: received landgrant for land on Deer Creek in MD

Married 3 May 1703, Broughton, Yorkshire, England

Spouse: Jane Halstead, b. 6 June 1687, York, England

d. 17 March 1757, Baltimore, MD

Father: James Halstead, b. ~ 1636, d. 1690

Mother: Grace DeCourtney, b. ~ 1645, d. 1690

Children:

1. William Crabtree, b. 5 November 1706, Migby, York, England
2. **Thomas Crabtree**, b. 12 October 1707, Baltimore, MD
3. Grace Crabtree, b. 29 May 1711, Baltimore, MD
4. Ann Jane Crabtree, b. 15 January 1714, Baltimore, MD
5. James Crabtree, b. 20 February 1716, Baltimore, MD; d. 1786, MD
6. John Crabtree, b. 5 September 1718, Baltimore, MD
7. Elizabeth Crabtree, b. 13 December 1720, Baltimore, MD
8. Samuel Crabtree, b. 25 July 1725, Baltimore, MD

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Now it is time to talk of William Crabtree, the man who was the first of our particular line to come to America. Since there are a number of William Crabtrees in the direct line, I will refer to him as William Crabtree I.

We do not know if William Crabtree and Jane Halstead were Adventurers, Bond Servants, or Independent Plantation Owners. There is some reason to think that they came to Baltimore Co. in 1705. According to the Deed Records he acquired his first land in 1716. Perhaps this indicates that he was unable to buy property any earlier because of a lack of money.

Family tradition holds that William and Jane Crabtree came from Yorkshire, England to Baltimore County, with their baby son, in the year 1705. This tradition is supported by an article submitted by Howard Bowers, of Phoenix, Arizona. The article was published in the Genealogical Newsletter of Jackson County, Ohio. It contained the following information: Early accounts state that William Crabtree was born near Broughton in Yorkshire England, on 6 March 1682. He was the son of James (Thomas) Crabtree and Elizabeth Webber. William Crabtree married Jane Hosteed (Halstead). She was born to James Hosteed and Elizabeth Courtney on 6 June 1687. Jane was bound out to James Hogg from 1698 to 1703. This information was obtained from Royale Crabtree of Towson, Maryland. Proof documents are not in the possession of this author. Note: There was an earlier mention of J. Hogg and an Edward Crabtree.

Baltimore County Maryland was established about 1659, under the government of Celius Calvert, Lord Baltimore, Lord Protector of the Province of Maryland. At that time it included what is now Harford and Carroll Counties and the part of Cecil County that included the city of Baltimore. The smaller subdivisions were called Hundreds and these consisted of an area large enough to contain a hundred men of gun-bearing age. These men were all required to serve in the Militia when they were needed to defend the community. These subdivisions were also called Parishes. They combined the religious life of the community to the civil life. The Parish was required by law to maintain the records of births, deaths and marriages. The William Crabtree's were part of the Gunpowder Hundred and The Saint John's Parish.

The William Crabtree Family. The Louis Dumas Family and the Poteet Family all lived in that part of Baltimore County which is now Harford County. Deer Creek one of the boundaries of their plantations flows eastward across the northeast corner of the state where it empties into the Susquehanna River above Fort Deposit near the border of Pennsylvania. In 1716, the population of Baltimore County was 785 men, 572 women, 1,114 children and 452 negroes.

It is my assumption that William and Jane Crabtree were Protestant, perhaps connected to the Church of England since their family records were found in the Saint John's Parish Church Records of Joppa, Maryland.

According to the records, quoted in an article, on the history of St. John's Parish, we find the following information: In accordance with the Act of the Assembly, which met in St. Mary's Cittie, June 2, 1692, the Justices of Baltimore County, at a Court held in November of the same year, laid out three parishes. In the county records of June 1693, it is stated, that the vestry of the Parish of Gunpowder Hundred, agree that the church for this parish should be built at Elk Neck on Gunpowder River on two acres of land for both Church and Churchyard. Jeremiah Eaton devised 340 acres of land, for the maintenance of the first protestant ministers, who should reside in Baltimore County. This bequest was confirmed to the Rector of St. John's Parish in Baltimore County, by the Colonial Assembly in 1719. Gunpowder Hundred, a political sub-division was sometimes used as a name for St. John's Parish.. Later this Parish was known as Copley's Parish. The authorized Church at Elk Neck was finished in 1697.

Sometime later between 1724 and 1730 Saint John's Parish Church was built at Joppa, the County Seat. This church functioned for about 90 years. When Joppa was no longer the County Seat, it dwindled away until only a few buildings were left and the Church fell into a state of decay. Nothing remains of the Church building itself but there is a graveyard with a few stones left standing. The only thing that remains of the original church is the Pewter Communion Service.

In 1815 the location of Saint John's Parish was changed to Kingsville, Maryland. Some of the stones from the old church at Joppa were moved over to become part of the new church at the town of Kingsville. There is no doubt, that the records, that contain the Crabtree History, were the ones that were kept at Joppa. The original, early records are housed at the Hall of Records at Annapolis, Maryland. Reverend John Yeo was reported as the first Clergyman at Saint John's, serving from 1682 to 1685. Others were Mr. William Tibbs, Rev. Andrew Landrum and Rev. Hugh Dean.

On a research trip to the Maryland State Archives at Annapolis, Maryland, I had the privilege of holding in my hands the original record book kept by the Saint John's Church at Joppa, Maryland. It was a thrill to open this old book that had been used in the late 1600's and early 1700's. There were the birth records, death records, and marriage records of those brave and adventuresome early ancestors, who had come to settle in this new land.

William Crabtree, a farmer and his wife Jane Hosteed Crabtree, and their first son William settled on a tract of land about 30 miles northeast of present day Baltimore, near a town called Joppa. Their farm or plantation was at the confluence of Deer Creek and Stoute Bottle Branch in Gunpowder Hundred, Saint John's Parish. It was adjacent to Louis Demoss' Plantation called Frenchman's Repose.

I attempted to find the location of the old church at Joppa Maryland but was unsuccessful. I did find the Saint John's Church at Kingsville, Maryland. I include pictures of that church.



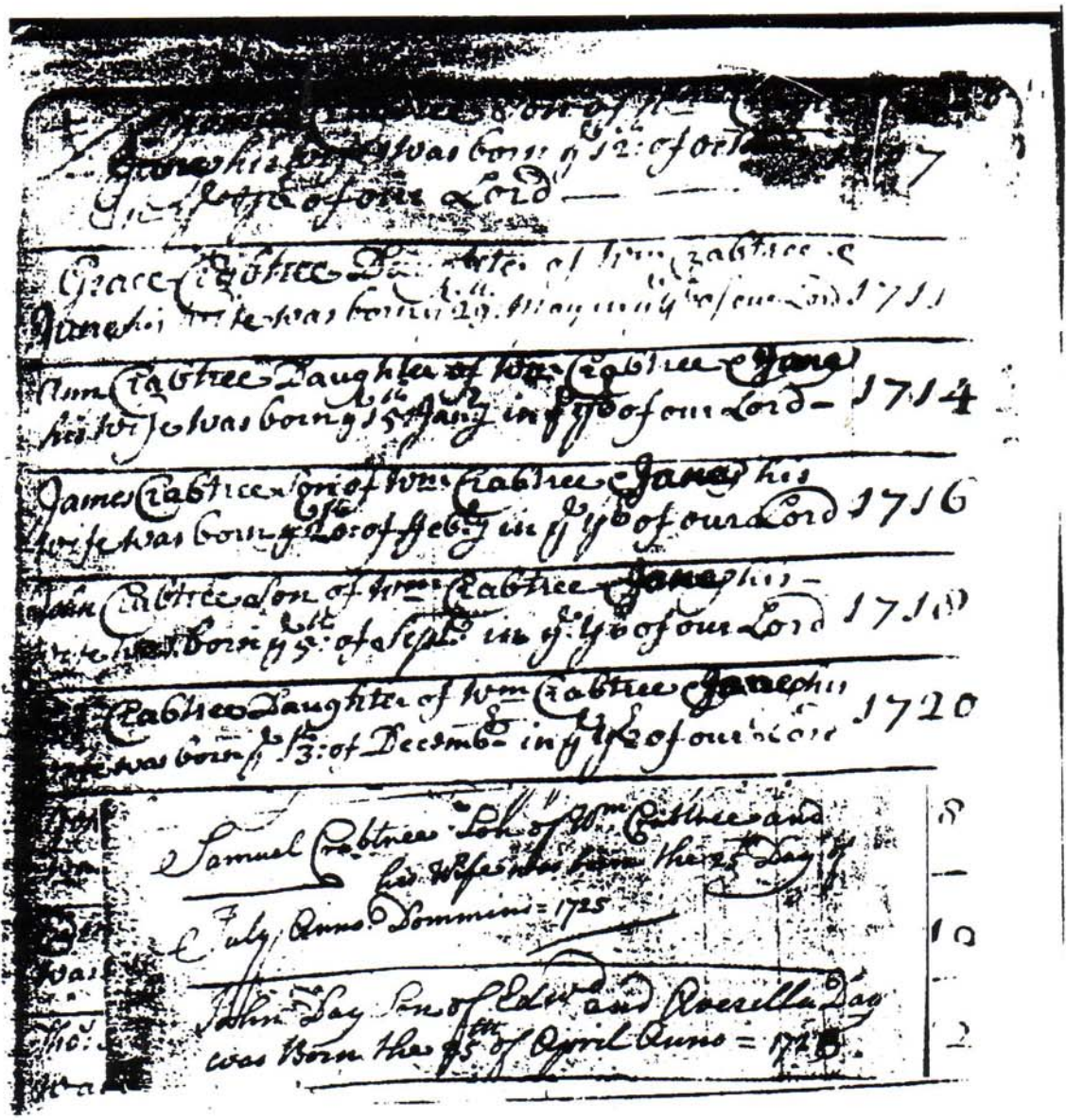
St. John's Episcopal Church

This is the church that was moved from Joppa, MD to Kingsville, MD, in 1815 using some of the original stones to build this church.

Saint John's Parish Records contain the names and birthdays of seven of William and Jane Crabtree's children:

Thomas	b. 12 October	1707	to William & Jane Crabtree
Grace	b. 29 May	1711	to William & Jane Crabtree
Ann	b. 15 January	1714	to William & Jane Crabtree
James	b. 20 February	1716	to William & Jane Crabtree
John	b. 5 September	1718	to William & Jane Crabtree
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Samuel	b. 25 July	1725	to William & Jane Crabtree

Xerox Copy of the Original



William Crabtree I bought his first land, in Baltimore County of the Province of Maryland on the 7 of September 1716. It was thought by some researchers that the land was granted directly to William by King Charles the II of England. The Archivist at the Maryland Hall of Records did not agree with this opinion. He pointed out that all land in the Province of Maryland had been granted to Ceclius Calvert, Lord Baltimore. Lord Baltimore, was the individual who made grants of land. The deed states that, the original conditions of the Charter were laid out on the 5th day of April 1684, and additional provisions were added the 5th day of December 1696. The date of the warrant to William Crabtree is the 7th September 1716. The following is an exact transcription of the deed which originated with the granting of the original charter to Lord Baltimore, then through Lord Baltimore by the person of John Nair, from the Proprietor's Office.

Copy of Deed to William Crabtree

Charles the Second and to all persons know ye that William Crabtree of Baltimore County hath due him one hundred acres of land within our said Province by virtue of a warrant granted to him the seventh day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixteen appears in our land office upon such conditions and terms as are expressed as our conditions of plantations of our Province bearing date the fifth day of April one thousand six hundred and eighty-four and remaining on record in our said Province together together with such alterations that are made by further conditions bearing the date the fifth day of December one thousand six hundred and ninetysix and registered in our land office of our said Province. We do therefore grant unto him, the said William Crabtree all that tract or parcel of land called Labour lyeing or being in Wood Forrest in Baltimore County. Beginning at two bounded white oaks standing in a bottom on a branch of Deer Creek descending unto the South Side of Said Creek and running thence South East and East by eighty perches then South South West two hundred perches, then North West and West eighty perches then with a straight line to the beginning tree and Containing and laid out for one hundred acres of land more or less according to the Certificate of Survey thereof taken and returned to our office bearing the date the twelfth day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixteen and there remaining therewith all rights, profits, benefits, and privileges thereunto belonging (Royal Mines excepted To have and to hold the same unto the said William Crabtree his heirs and assigns forever to be held in of us our heirs as of our Manour of Baltimore in Free and Common(usage) by Fealty only for all manner of service Yeilding and Paying therefore yearly unto us or our heirs Receipt at the City of St. Maries at the two most (usual) (sp ?) feasts of the year. Viz: The Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel by even and equal portions the Rent of one shilling sterling in silver or gold for a fine upon every Alienation of said land or any part or parcel thereof for one whole years rent in silver or Gold or the full value thereof of such commodities) and our heirs or such officers as shall be appointed

by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same, shall accept in discharge at the choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid before such alienation and the said alienation entered upon a record either in the Provincial Court or County Court where the same parcel of land (?) within one month after such alienation then the said alienation shall be void and of no effect. Given under our greater Seal at Arms this twenty first day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighteen; Witness our trusty and well loved John Nair, Governor and Keeper of our said Greater Seal ou our said province of Maryland.

John Nair (SEAL)

William Crabtree purchased an additional tract of land on: 5 July 1723. A Land Warrant to William Crabtree from Thomas Bond of Baltimore for 100 acres of Land, the tract was called Crabtree's Addition.

William Crabtree purchased a third tract of land on: 5 January 1724. A Land Warrant to William Crabtree from Thomas Bond of Baltimore for 100 acres called Crabtree's Lott

The deed listed above, and the information concerning Crabtree's Addition and Crabtree's Lott came from Xerox copies. These copies were obtained at the Maryland Hall of Records at Annapolis, Maryland. These Xerox copies of the original records are in the working papers of the author of this work.

I have discovered no personal papers or diaries of William Crabtree, therefore the only clues we have to what transpired in the lives of these early Crabtrees. are legal records or what we call "The Paper Trail". The following is a list of items that have been found in various places.

- 1726 - 100 acres Baltimore County, J. L. B. p. 32
- 1728 - Gift Wm. Crabtree to his dau. Grace Hays, 100 acres
- 1729 - Gift Wm. Crabtree to his son Thomas Crabtree, 100 acres
- 1729 - Gift Wm. Crabtree to his son Thomas Crabtree, 2 steers and a yearling - 4 June 1729 Liber J. 3. Vol 18
- 1730 - Tract called "Begin" purchased by William Crabtree, JR.
- 1734 - Crabtrees Addition to Baltimore Cty. 100 acres
- 1738 - Tract "William's Lott" Sold to James Billingsley
- 1739 - Rent Rolls - William Crabtree, Jr. of Baltimore, Cty. Maryland, 1739-1746; 1756-1757.
- 1739 - Nov. 2 - Purchase of 300 acres of Turkey Forrest from Charles and Daniel Carroll, to be equally divided between William Crabtree and Thomas Johnson On the Westernmost (?) of said Tract of Land called Turkey Forrest.
- 1749 - Jan. 6th, Thomas Crabtree, et al "Brothers Lott" Between William and Thomas Crabtree. Thomas bought 28 acres from William, 9 Sept 1745. Indenture between

- between Thomas Crabtree, Henry (?) Crabtree, James Pateet, Charles Simmonds, John Pateet, Jr., and Giovanni Pateet.
- 1745 - William Crabtree et al, survey tract called Brothers Lott 95 acres. Thomas bought 28 acres from William.
- 1747 - Gift William Crabtree to son John, 150 acres of Turkey Forrest, Nov. 4, 1747.
- 1747 - Nov. 4: Gift: For the natural love I bear to my John, from his father, 150 acres of Turkey Forrest. Witness: Thomas Bond, Jr., John Bond, and Thomas Franklin (Brother of Benjamin Franklin)
- 1751 - William Crabtree, Jr., rent on "Begin" 100 acres.
- 1757 - On September 16, Thomas Crabtree bought 32 acres of "Brother's Lott" from William Crabtree and son the same day the brothers sold 63 acres to James Perrin.
- 1757 - Aug. 4 William Crabtree sold to James Perrin of Hunterdon Co., New Jersey, 100 acres called "Begin" on Our Creek, Baltimore Co. Md.
- 1759 - July 14, John bought the old home of William II who had lost it, in a suit.
- 1759 - July 14, Thomas White formerly of Baltimore Co. Md. now of Philadelphia, sold to John Crabtree of Baltimore Co., Md. for 502 lbs, and 549 lbs of of tobacco, the land in the southernmost part that had belonged to William Crabtree, Sr. (deceased) and that had been devised by him to his wife during her lifetime, and then hence to his son William Crabtree, and lately taken on a judgement obtained in Baltimore County by White vs. William Crabtree, Jr.,
- 1765 - ⁵⁻³⁴⁰ Thomas Crabtree sold to Thomas Bierly 100 acres part of Tax Record of Minsta in 1751 - 1769 when his name disappears from the Tax Rolls.
- 1765 - John Crabtree sold to Thomas Jackson, Jr., land on Our Creek, part of Turkey Forrest, S. W. Quarter of tract, plantation, houses, orchard, garden and improvements.
- 1765 - October 25, John Crabtree sold to Bennett or Barnett Johnson, land on Our Creek. Plantation, houses, garden, orchard, etc. 150 acres.
- 1769 - John Crabtree paid taxes through 1769 when his name disappears from rent rolls and debt books. He appears later in Southwest Virginia.

From the Baltimore County Debt Book (Information contained in the Calvert Papers # 904) Years 1720 - 1750) The following:

Page	8	-	John Crabtree	-	Turkey Forrest	150 acres
Page	9	-	William Crabtree	-	Turkey Forrest	150 acres
Page	11	-	William Crabtree	-	Begin	100 acres
Page	11	-	Thomas Crabtree	-	Minsta	100 acres
Page	23	-	James Taylor	-	Crabtree's Rest	90 acres

PARISH RECORDS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
KINGSVILLE, MARYLAND

By Mrs. Charlotte Fisher:-

Baltimore County, Maryland, established about 1659, included what are now Harford and Carroll Counties, at least a part of Cecil and the City of Baltimore.

William Crabtree, Louis Dumas and Poteets lived in that part of Baltimore County which is now Harford. Deer Creek, one of the boundaries of their plantations, flows eastward across the northeast corner of the state, not far from the Penn. border and empties into the Susquehanna River above Port Deposit. In 1716 the population of Baltimore County was 785 men, 572 women, 1,114 children and 452 negroes.

By Donna Crabtree of Takoma Park, Maryland

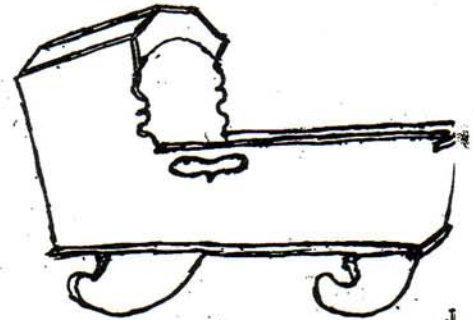
^{Deer}
~~Deer~~ Creek is a pretty wooded stream, quite a river with a nice current. I could imagine the early Crabtrees plying their boats on trips to Port Deposit. The port is a very quaint old place and most picturesque. It is 50 miles from Baltimore."

It is a tradition that William and Jane Crabtree came with their baby son, William, to Maryland from Yorkshire around 1705 or thereabouts. William, the oldest son, mentioned in his father's will a number of times, does not appear on the record of births at St. John's. He may have been born in or near Leeds, Yorkshire or in another part of Maryland.

William and Jane lived on ^{Deer}~~Deer~~ Creek in Baltimore County, Maryland (now Harford County) and there William died September 10, 1756, survived by Jane, five sons and three daughters. Jane died in 1759, between the months of January and July.

Their children are listed with dates of birth on the St. John's Parish records as follows:

Thomas - born October 12, 1707
Grace - born May 29, 1711
Ann - born January 15, 1714
James - born February 20, 1716
John - born September 5, 1718
Elizabeth - born December 13, 1720
Samuel - born July 25, 1725



William's Story

added by *patmatone65* on 6 Apr 2008
 "document submitted by *abstractdream* to *Stout/Massengale/Marlowe* on 19 Jul 2007"

William and Jane, with child William II came to America in 1706 and lived on Deer Creek in Maryland. He was a Husbandman (Farmer). He received a warrant dated Sept. 11, 1716 for a tract of land called "Labour" on Deer Creek from King Charles II. Another 100 acres was surveyed on July 25, 1723. On April 26, 1725 he purchased another 100 acres from Thomas Bond called "Crabtree's Lott". This tract was given to his daughter, Grace June 4, 1728. It was probably a wedding present. In 1729 he gave 100 acres to his son Thomas, plus 2 steers, 2 cows and a yearling. When he gave his son John 150 acres on Nov. 4, 1747 located in Turkey Forest it was witnessed by Thomas Franklin, Benjamin Franklin's brother.

Will of William Crabtree; 04 Nov 1747

I, William Crabtree of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland being weak and sick in body, but in perfect sound mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God, therefore but calling to mind the uncertain state of this transitory life do for the better settlement of my temporal affairs and disposal of such Estate as God has blessed me withall, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament revoking and thereby disannulling all former will or wills, testament or testaments by me heretofore made and hereby constituting and appointing this present writing to contain my last Will and Testament, which I make as follows, viz: 1 ly: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Jane Crabtree my dwelling plantation with one hundred and fifty acres of land of the Southernmost and during her natural life or widowhood that shall first happen and then to go to my son, William Crabtree his heirs and assigns forever. I likewise give and bequeath unto my loving wife Jane Crabtree one Irish servant lad called Alexander Anderson, during her widowhood, then to go to my son William Crabtree. 2 ly: I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Crabtree one servant man that Samuel Webb owes me, to him his heirs and assigns. 3 ly: I give and bequeath to my son John Crabtree one hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining to where he now lives, being the Northeast part, to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my son John Crabtree one Negro boy called Duke, to him his heirs and assigns forever, but my will is that my son John Crabtree shall pay unto his brother James Crabtree Five Pounds current money in goods and chattels, also unto his brother Samuel Crabtree Give Pounds current money in goods and chattel. And as for the remaining part of my Estate, personal Estate, my will and mind is that my wife Jane Crabtree shall have her equal thirds out of it and the remainder to be equally shared bytwist my five sons and three daughters, share and share alike without any administration.

I further appoint my wife Jane Crabtree and my five sons and three daughters shall be at an equal charge in paying all my just debts and burying in a decent manner.

In witness whereof I have to this present writing containing one side and this piece of a side of paper, set my hand and affized my seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in	his
the presence of Thomas Bond, Jacob	William X Crabtree seal
her	mark
Bond and Rebecca X Puttee	
mark	

At the foot of the foregoing Will was this written viz:

October 9th 1756-Jacob Bond being one of the People called Quakers solemnly affirmed that he saw the Testator William Crabtree sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he subscribed his name as a witness to the said Will in the presence of the Testator at his request and that he saw Thomas Bond and Rebecca Poteet the other two witnesses sign their names.

Affirmed before

William Young, Deputy Commissary, Baltimore County.

NOTE: Alexander Anderson was indentured. Duke was a Negro slave.

State of Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD. 21404.

Wills 30 f. 149/150 Baltimore Co., MD 1756.

Information from online research at: Ancestry.com

More information from the book, "Crabtrees of Ohio" pgs 17-19

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William Crabtree had given his children gifts of land and goods in the past, and they were all treated equally and generously.

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William Crabtree - 1757 - 1758
Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md. Will Dept. Liber 41. p. 337
Account of James Billingsley, executor of the Estate of William Crabtree, late of Baltimore County.

Funeral Charges to John Crabtree, pd.	1.6.7
For Drawing up Inventory	0.10.0
One Alexander Anderson	1.10.0
To Son, Thomas Crabtree, his portion	3.4.10
To wife Jane, her 1/3	9.15.0
To John Crabtree for care Samuel Crabtree	7.11.10
To James Crabtree	6.0.0
To William Crabtree	5.15.1
To Benj. Colgate for horse	7.0.0

Account....Est. William Crabtree, cont'd:

Reaping and threshing	1.16.1
William Young	
Count all	6.15.10
January 5, 1759 Estate Accounts	

Final Distribution Book, Liber 2, Folio 78, p. 23
1758 Book, Annapolis File. William Crabtree's Estate
Baltimore Maryland.

Amount	14.17.10 secured by law
	62.16.10 balance to be distributed
To widow	1/3 which is 11.19.3/4
To Thomas Crabtree	one servant man not appraised
To Widow	one servant lad not appraised
To John	one negro Duek, not appraised
Residue:	divided equally between 5 sons and three daughters.

Note: The will names Jane, wife of William Crabtree, sons: William, Thomas, John, James and Samuel. states that he has three daughters. The daughters are named in the birth records of Saint John's Church: Grace, Ann and Elizabeth.

There are some other administration records concerning the Estate of William Crabtree that I have not included. I am going to give the Inventory List. I think that it would be of interest.

A true and perfect Inventory of the goods and chattels, rates and credits of William Crabtree late of Baltimore County, Deceased. Taken and appraised by the Subscribers thereof:

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To his wairing apparil	0.10.0		
To 2 cows 3-10-0 ea	7. 0.0		
To 2 cows 1 old, 1 small	6. 0.0		
To 2 large heifers @ 2-10 ea.	5. 0.0		
To 1 small steer @ 1-19	0.10.0		
To 2 small steers @ 30/ ea	3. 0.0		
To 2 yearlings @ 15/ea	1. 0.0		
To 2 sheep @ 7/ ea.	0.14.0		
To 1 old horse	3. 0.0		
To 2 large hoggs 10/ ea	2. 8.0		
To 4 small hoggs 7/ ea.	0.16.0		
To 1 old feather bedd ^c & Furniture	2.15.0		
To 1 old bolster & ruggs @	2. 5.0		
To old black bedd & furniture	1. 5.0		
To 2 old syder barrells 2/ ea	0. 4.0		
To 2 large barrells 5/ 3/ ea	0.10.0		
To 1 large barrell	0. 4.0		
To pr small iron rings & wedges	0.10.0		

