



Pulaski County Pioneer: Samuel T. Crossland

Samuel Turner Crossland was born March 1, 1847, in Tennessee. He came to Missouri with his parents, Jeff and Betsy Adams Crossland, around 1855 or 1856. His father was a doctor who provided greatly needed medical services to this rural part of the state.

Siblings included Will Crossland, Leigh Crossland, Lefate Crossland, Lizzie Crossland Brown, Mary Ann Crossland Story, John Jeff Crossland and Louisa Arrena Crossland.

Bushwhackers killed John Jeff down by the Big Spring near Waynesville in the Civil War. Samuel, who was a soldier at the age of fifteen, was held prisoner and forced to go to the place where the bushwhackers had killed his brother and made to hold the dead brother's head in his lap all night. Samuel always told people afterwards that the birds sang all night that night.

Brother Leigh also was killed by bushwhackers during the Civil War in a separate incident at the head of Smith Hollow near Bloodland (now a part of Fort Leonard Wood). Lefate was kicked and killed by a horse down by the Amos Dean place on Smith Hollow.

Samuel Turner Crossland was married to Lucinda M. Anderson by Judge George Gan on October 10, 1866. They raised ten children--Francis Elisabeth, Narbanas Emery, Arena Louise, Benjamin Franklin, Mary Jane, Laura Bell, Martha Alice, John Jefferson, Samuel Cleveland and Lucinda Emeline.

The boy in the picture with Samuel T. and Lucinda is a grandson, Robert Samuel Crossland, the son of John Jefferson and Cora (Gan) Crossland. Cora died while giving birth to the boy.

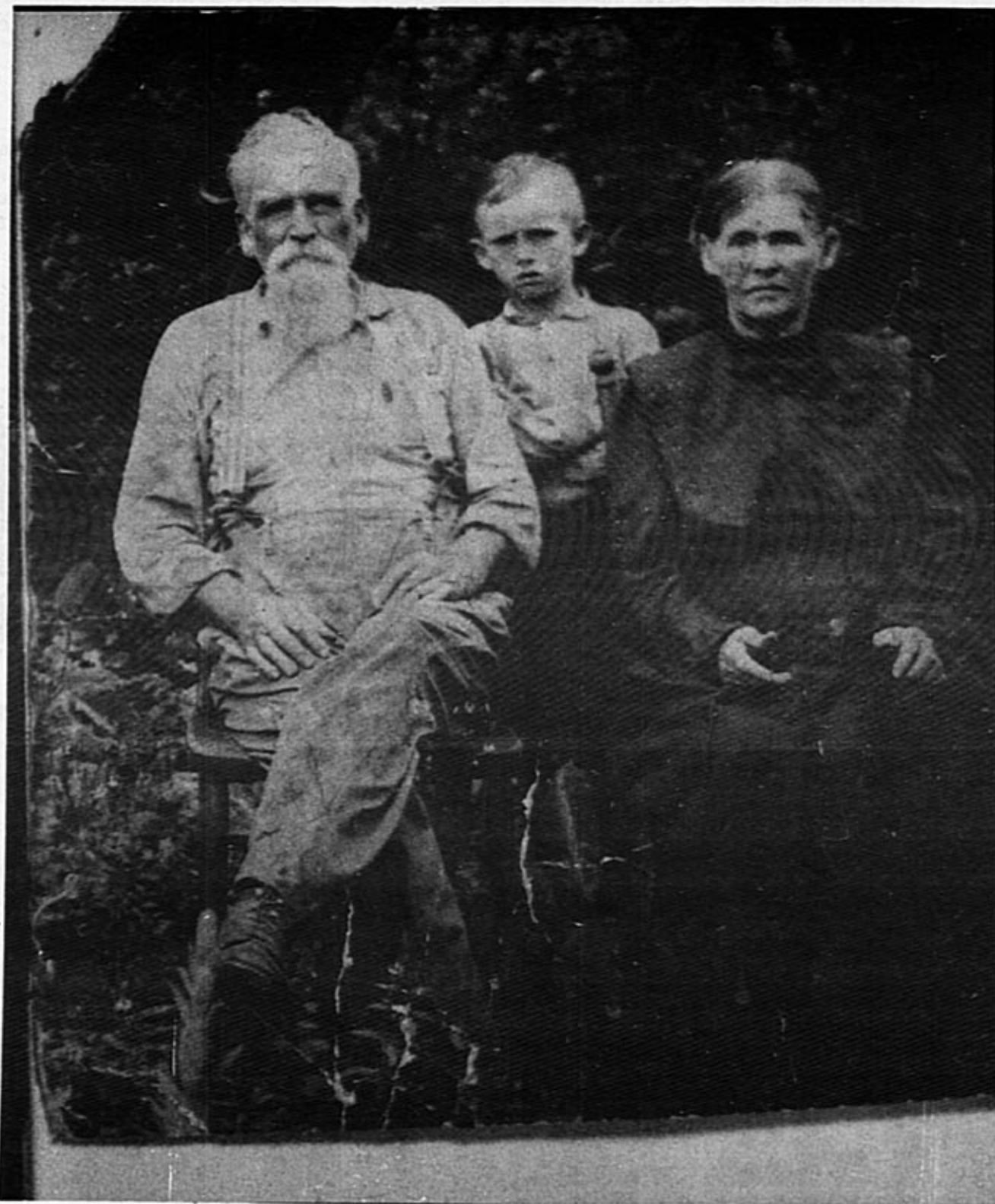
Arrena Louise Crossland married Jeames Elberry Gann and 8 children were born--Nora York, Cindy Adkison, Effie Tucker, Edmun Gann, Cora Williams, Edna Williams, Melzona Goodrich Fagan and Polly Ann Brown.

Cora Elizabeth Gann married James Sterling Williams and 6 children were born: Darcas Asilea Williams, who married William Alva Bales; Edna Arrena Williams, who married Lloyd Leland Graves; Kellis Lloyd Williams, who married Luciell Bowling; Ella Lucinda Williams, who married Luigi Caruso; Donna Lorine Williams, who married Carl Edward Landes; and James Floyd Williams, who married Belton Ray Shoemaker, Betty Mack and Lorene Moore.

Samuel T. Crossland, Robert Samuel Crossland and Lucinda Crossland. Photo courtesy of Phyllis Graves.

Edna Arrena Williams married Lloyd Leland Graves, and they had 7 children-- James Larry Sisk, Lloyd Daniel Graves, Lindel Lilburn Graves, Linda Arrena Graves, Thomas Allen Graves, Robert Dale Graves and David Edward Graves.

Roger Dale Graves married Phyllis Maxine Massey, and they have 2 children-- Roger Dale Graves II, who married Cora Norissa G'Sell, and they have one son, Trevor James; and Angela Dawn Graves.



Downtown Dixon looking north from the Frisco railroad tracks. Photo courtesy of Christian Health Center.