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10. JOSHUA² (*Samuel*² *William*¹) settled in Plymouth, wife Deborah, and had :—
 - i. JOSHUA, b. Sept. 17, 1736.
 - ii. NATHANIEL, m. Maria Clark, Oct. 19, 1768.
 - iii. DEBORAH.
11. WILLIAM² (*Samuel*² *William*¹) leaves us no trace of himself, without he be the William who appears in Rochester and by Bethia (Haskell) Sherman has a son WILLIAM.
12. GERSHOM² (*Samuel*² *William*¹) settled at Plymouth; married Sarah Stevens, and had :—
 - i. LUCY, b. June 5, 1742.
 - ii. GERSHOM, b. Oct. 8, 1744.
 - iii. SARAH, m. Osborne.
13. CALEB² (*Samuel*² *William*¹) settled at Plymouth, wife Rebecca, and had :—
 - i. YOUNG, b. June 6, 1746.
 - ii. RING, b. Dec. 17, 1749.
 - iii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 29, 1751.
 - iv. SARAH, b. June 27, 1753.
 - v. ELIZABETH, b. July 1, 1755.

☞ The Rev. Dr. Sherman's manuscript, deposited in the library of the New-England Historic, Genealogical Society, contains the later generations of this family down to the sixth generation.—[EDITOR.]

THE CRANE FAMILY.

Communicated by the Rev. JONATHAN CRANE, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

THE large number of persons, in this country, bearing the name of Crane, are generally the descendants of some one of the five families that were known as early as the year 1666. How they were related, and from what particular locality in England they came, remains yet to be learned; and in the hope that some progress may be made in this direction the following statistics are prepared. They are the best in our possession, and may need correction, being derived chiefly from correspondents. These five families are represented by Jasper, of Newark, N. J.; Benjamin, of Wethersfield, Ct.; Henry, of Killingworth, Ct.; Henry, of Dorchester, Mass., and Stephen, of Elizabethtown, N. J.

Jasper, one of the founders of Newark, N. J., is placed first, because he was evidently the eldest, having a family before he came to this country, and appearing in the New-Haven colony as early as 1639. His eldest son John was born in 1635, and was a native of England. He had, beside John, three sons and two daughters. His sons were as follows :—

JOHN, born 1635.

DELIVERED, OF DELIVERANCE, b. June 12, 1642.

AZARIAH, b. 1648; d. Nov. 3, 1730.

JASPER, b. 1650; d. March 16, 1712.

His daughters Hannah and Mercy were both married, one in Newark, N. J., the other in Stamford, Ct. Of the sons, Azariah took a prominent part in the Newark Colony and Church, having married a daughter of Robert Treat, who afterwards returned to Milford, Ct., and some of his

descendants settled what was originally called Crane Town, now known as Mt. Clair, New Jersey.

In the New-Haven Colony, a Henry Crane appears as marrying Concurrency, daughter of John Meigs, in 1663, and as one of the proprietors of Killingworth, Ct. His children were eight, three sons and five daughters, as follows:—

JOHN, b. about 1664.

ELIZABETH, b. 1666.

CONCURRENCE, b. Dec. 27, 1667.

MARY, b. Aug. 23, 1670.

PHEBE, b. Dec. 24, 1672.

THEOPHILUS, b. Jan. 25, 1675.

ABIGAIL, b. April, 1676; d. young.

HENRY, b. Oct. 25, 1677.

The eldest son, John, married Martha Daggett, of Rehoboth, or Taunton, Mass., May 25, 1694.

Not far from Killingworth, at Wethersfield, Ct., we find Benjamin Crane, who married April 23, 1655, Mary, daughter of William Backus, of Saybrook, Ct. A daughter of William Backus, of that period, married a Benjamin Crane, and this is the only Benjamin of whom we have any knowledge, of that generation, and though the name Breck has been given by Savage, it was also expressed as doubtful. Benjamin Crane had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, viz. :—

BENJAMIN, b. March 1, 1656; d. June 20, 1693.

JONATHAN, b. Dec. 1, 1658; d. 1734.

JOSEPH, b. April 1, 1661; d. Nov. 8, 1707.

JOHN, b. April 10, 1663; d. Oct. 23, 1694.

ISRAEL, b. Nov. 1, 1671; d. April 28, 1707.

ABRAHAM, b. 1668; d. July 5, 1713.

JACOB. ELIZABETH. MARY.

The second son of Benjamin, Jonathan Crane, married Deborah, daughter of Francis Griswold, of Norwich, Ct., Dec. 19, 1678, and died in Lebanon, Ct., in 1735, having lived a number of years in Windham. His children, born between 1680 and 1700, were: Jonathan, Mary, John, Hannah, Isaac, Joseph, Elizabeth, Deborah and Abigail. The first three were born in Norwich. There was a John Crane, of Coventry and Mansfield, who is supposed to belong to this family, but in what way does not appear. His wife was Abigail, daughter of Peter Cross who removed from Norwich to Windham, in company with Jonathan Crane. The name of Deborah is also found, in his family of children and grandchildren; and so far as we can learn, the change of name to Crain is confined to some of the descendants of Jonathan, and John, of Mansfield, if he is of another family. He was married Oct. 29, 1712, and had nine children, five sons and four daughters, beside one that died in infancy. They were born between 1713 and 1731, and their names are as follows:—Abigail, John, Ebenezer, Mary, Samuel, Hezekiah, Deborah, Daniel and Ruth.

The third son of Benjamin, Joseph Crane, married Sarah, daughter of John Kilbourne, Dec. 10, 1684, and his son Joseph, born Nov. 25, 1696, was the father of Joseph Crane, who migrated to Putnam County, N. Y., and died Aug. 28, 1781, leaving eight children, five sons and three daughters, born between 1721 and 1735. To this family may be ascribed the origin, in some form, of Irving's fancy sketch, that has made the name Ichabod almost national, as connected with the Cranes.

Hezekiah Crane, and Elishama Crane, mentioned in the history of Windsor, Ct., were sons of John Crane, of Windham, Ct., and probably grandsons of Jonathan, second son of Benjamin Crane. John Crane, of Windham, married for his first wife, Sarah Spencer, Sept. 16, 1708, and

for his second wife, Prudence Balden, April 18, 1716, and had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, born between 1709 and 1731. Their names were:—John, Abia, Eunice, Elishama, Sibyl, Hezekiah, Prudence, Lemuel, Hannah, Rhoda and Adonijah.

The next and fourth family we find by the name of Crane, is Henry Crane, of Dorchester, Mass. From the Book of Records, of Suffolk Co., Mass., book 17, page 193, we infer he had a large property, and learn the names of his children. The property was divided among the children and their mother-in-law. The names as recorded are:—Benjamin, of Taunton; John, of Taunton; Stephen, of Braintree; Henry, of Dorchester; Ebenezer, of Milton; Anna, of Taunton; Elizabeth, wife of George Townsend, of Taunton; and Mary, wife of Samuel Hackett, of Taunton. The fifth child, Ebenezer, was born Aug. 10, 1665, and the presumption is, that his father was a brother of Benjamin, and nearly of the same age. The eldest son, Benjamin, with his brother John, bought real estate in Taunton, Feb. 15, 1693, and the names Benjamin and John that appear upon the records of Taunton, Dartmouth and Tiverton, were evidently of this family, and we presume the Cranes from Berkley, Mass., are the descendants of Benjamin the son of Henry.

The fifth distinct family we find, is that of Stephen Crane, of Elizabeth-town, N. J., who was in that town as early as 1666, which is the date of the origin of the town. According to Mr. Thomas O. Crane, of Perth Amboy, N. J., this Stephen married a Danish woman, and came over in the Caledonia, that sunk in the Amboy harbor. He was born about 1620, and his children were:—Jeremiah, John, Daniel, Nathaniel, and probably Azariah. The children of Daniel were:—Daniel, Jonathan, William, Stephen, who was the father of Gen. William Crane, mentioned in Appleton's *Cyclopædia*, and the grandfather of Com. William M. Crane, formerly of the United States Navy.

These five families were in all probability closely related to each other, for they were virtually of the same or similar colonies, came over early in the history of the country, and their descendants have revealed certain characteristics that would mark the families as possessed of a common ancestry, either in one or two generations previous to their migration to this country.

Visitors to Cologne, Prussia, are generally introduced to the chapel, for ancient relics connected with the church of St. Ursula, erected by John Crane, with the pictures of the birds on the ceiling, in reference to the origin of the name; and the church proper contains a monument, erected to the memory of St. Ursula, in 1643, by John Crane, styled an ambassador from Holland to Prussia.

The name Crane is found among emigrants from Ireland to this country, but they only take the name in English for the sake of convenience; their original being a different word, and having altogether a different signification.

We presume that the few families about Windham, Ct., in the fourth generation from Benjamin, who saw fit to cast off the reference to the bird, and introduced Crain, did so from a prejudice against the bird; but could they have seen the pictures of the Numidian crane, with its light tufts, or of the Siberian crane, as purely white, they would have discarded their repugnance to the species, and we should not find some of our families divided in the mere orthography of the name, nor any discrepancy between the fathers and the children in the origin of the name.