

## WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THE JONES AND CROSS FAMILY

by J.Amy Cross

My father John Cross, son of George Cross of Winslow Bucks, was married to Sarah Jones , daughter of George and Mary Jones of Buckingham. I was born in Wakefield December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1853. I think father was at that time a curate there; at one of the churches. My own mother Sarah Cross became very delicate and ill. I and my mother then came to live with my grandmother and aunt Millie , at Fernleigh, Moreton Road, Buckingham. Aunt Millie looked after me and nursed my mother with the help of nurse Martha. Father , I think , had a curacy then at Redcar in Yorkshire. He was not able to be with us at Buckingham because of that , but came when he could. After a while, I do not know the date, my mother had another little girl and she was called Cissie. She died , I think, when about 3 or 4 months old.. My own mother died September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856- I think she was 30 years of age. They had before this moved into Sandown House , my Grandmother having bought it from a Doctor Southam who had been living in it. Father made that his home when he could get away from his work. There my own little sister (Cissie) died . After my mother's death, I still lived with my aunt and grandmother, for three years or a little more. During this time my father was Curate to the revd. Samuel Russel of Charlbury. There he met Ann Maria Russel the granddaughter of John Russel R.A., ( and sister of Samuel Russel ) and became engaged to her. . I believe they were married early in 1859. Sometime during that year I left Aunt Millie and my grandmother and went to live with my father and step mother as father wished me to do so. We then lived at Charlbury in rooms . Father still being Curate to mother's brother the Rev S .Russell. On June 15<sup>th</sup> 1860 my step brother WILLIAM GEORGE HERBERT was born .. The autumn of that year my father was made Rector of Mursley, Bucks where we went to live. . Willie , being about 6 months old . Father was Rector there for 24 years where he passed away after only one weeks illness, on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1884 Father had one ???? sister Ann Cross , she was always called Nancy, , living at House in Winslow with his father and step mother . My own Aunt Nancy was a dear good creature and she passed away 1875 or 76 I think. I had three ??? Aunts born to my Grandmother Mary Jones – besides my Aunt Millie mentioned . These all died young. Their names are :  
Catherine Mary Jones Born Winslow Bucks Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1827 (?) Died March 1843  
Elizabeth Ann Jones born Winslow Bucks July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1818 Died Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1844  
Nancy Morecroft Jones born Winslow Bucks Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1820 . Died June 21 1837

Sarah Cross (nee Jones and my mother) sister to the above (died) Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1856

Mildred Dover (widow) died Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1902 aged 70

George Jones Died 1836

Mary Jones died March 7<sup>th</sup> 1877. She had a brother James Clarke and a sister Catherine Stroud to whom the Buckingham property , after my death, or to their descendants as stated in my grandmother's will, is to go

George Cross of Winslow Bucks was married four times. His last wife (Charlotte Fountain ) had two boys and two girls born to him. George Cross and Walter Cross sons and Charlotte Cross and Mary Cross daughters

Father had one ???? brother William Cross who when young went to Australia and died there . I think after he had only been there a short time-- much to the sorrow of all

The sampler I have (framed ) was probably worked by father's mother. She was a Burgess ( Anne) The first wife of Grandfather Cross ( George) was a Miss Essex-- Aunt Mary thinks- the second wife a miss Burgess (father's mother) . The third wife Miss Kate Bailey-- the fourth wife Charlotte Fountain.

Transcribed from the original by Malcolm Cross

**There follows a note in the handwriting of Edgar Henry Cross the half brother of Amy :**

The above was written by Josephine Amy cross daughter of Rev John cross of Mursley rectory, Nr. Winslow Bucks and Sarah cross daughter of George and Mary Jones of Sandon House Buckingham

Josephine Amy Cross

Born 3 December 1853 and died 24 may 1931

Born at Wakefield Yorks , died at Horsley Woodhouse ,Derbyshre

( Amy Cross never married )

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