

# **THREE BLACK BIRDS**

**The 900 Year History of a Lincolnshire Family**

**Volume III – Late Hackthorn**

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## VOLUME III: LATE HACKTHORN

**ROBERT CRACROFT** (son of Robert Cracroft, of Hackthorn - see Vol. II), of Hackthorn and sometime of Louth and of the Close of Lincoln<sup>1</sup>, born 6 February 1702/03 and baptised at Hackthorn, Lincs.; married firstly at Panton, Lincs., on 3 March 1729, Anne Browne, daughter and co-heiress of Martin Browne, of Louth, Lincs. (born 1713; post nuptial settlement dated 25 June 1734; buried at Louth, Lincs., on 9 July 1738) and had issue,

1. Anne Cracroft, born at Louth, Lincs., on 6 July 1732 and buried there *via patris* on 23 August 1732.
2. Anne Cracroft, co-heiress of her mother, born at Louth, Lincs., c. 1734, and married January 1767 Rev John Langhorne (born March 1735; died 1 April 1779), and died 4 May 1768, leaving issue.
3. Grace Cracroft, co-heiress of her mother, born at Louth, Lincs., on 19 September 1735 and married there on 18 August 1757, William Marshall, of Theddlethorpe, Lincs. (baptised 20 May 1723; died 3 October 1770); died a widow at Louth, Lincs., on 3 June 1790, aged 55, leaving issue.
4. Mary Cracroft, co-heiress of her mother, born at Louth, Lincs., on 7 June 1737; married at Little Grimsby, Lincs., on 19 May 1766, John Nelthorpe, of Little Grimsby, Lincs. (born 1736; died 16 March 1784)<sup>2</sup>; died at Lincoln on 12 January 1809 and buried at Little Grimsby, Lincs., on 17 January 1809, aged 73, leaving issue.

He married secondly at Winthorpe, Notts. on 30 May 1746, Rebecca Waldegrave, daughter of Edward Waldegrave, of Louth, Lincs. (by his wife Mary Wilson, daughter of Bernard Wilson by his wife Mary Twentyman), and niece and heiress of Rev Bernard Wilson DD, of West Keal Hall, Lincs., Vicar of Newark and Prebend of Worcester (born at Louth, Lincs., on 24 December 1722; marriage settlement dated 5 June 1746; buried at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 9 October 1802, aged 79; will dated 21 June 1799, then of the Close of Lincoln, widow, proved at Lincoln 9 October 1802); buried at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 9 August 1763, aged 60; will dated 14 August 1762 and proved 11 April 1764, leaving further issue,

5. Robert Wilson Cracroft, of Hackthorn and of Denham Court, Bucks., baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 10 March 1746; died unmarried at High Wycombe, Bucks. on 27 February 1787, aged 40, and buried at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 15 March 1787; will dated 21 July 1781 and proved 18 March 1787.

6. **John Cracroft**, of whom.
7. Thomas Cracroft, of West Keal Hall, Lincs., baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 12 September 1749; executor of his mother 21 June 1799; married Elizabeth Bennett, daughter of Bentley Bennett, of Keddington, Lincs., by his wife Martha Ayscough, daughter of Edward Ayscough, of Louth, Lincs. (died at West Keal, Lincs., in February 1807); died at West Keal, Lincs., in May, 1813, leaving issue,
  - 1a. Elizabeth Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 14 September 1775.
  - 2a. Thomas Robert Cracroft, of West Keal and Harrington, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 2 October 1776; married Isabella Franklin, daughter of Willingham Franklin, of Spilsby, Lincs.<sup>3</sup> (died at Dorking, Surrey, on 2 April 1883, aged 99<sup>4</sup>); died suddenly at Horncastle, Lincs., on 11 July 1824, leaving issue,
    - 1b. Sophia Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 13 August 1815; died unmarried at Kensington, Middlesex, aged 76, on 20 June 1892<sup>5</sup>.
    - 2b. Henry Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 8 November 1818.
    - 3b. Thomas Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 26 December 1819.
    - 4b. Catherine Cracroft, baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 19 October 1824; died unmarried at Dorking, Surrey, on 14 April 1885<sup>6</sup>.
    - 5b. Emma Cracroft, married at St Giles on 17 November 1853, George Benjamin Austen Lefroy, civil servant, of Blackheath, Surrey<sup>7</sup>, and had issue.
    - 6b. Isabella Cracroft, married at St Thomas on 10 March 1840 Thomas S Lacy, son of Lt Col Joseph Bruce Lacy.
  - 3a. Letitia Ann Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 16 September 1777; married on 4 April 1796, Rev Robert Bransby, of Hingham, Norfolk; died at East Carlton, Norfolk, on 17 March 1866, aged 88.
  - 4a. John Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 2 September 1778; married at Boston, Lincs., on 5 December 1822, Harriett Pepper

(died at Boston, aged 95, on 19 July 1891<sup>8</sup>); died at Boston on 30 December 1847<sup>9</sup>, and had issue,

- 1a. Harriet Maria Cracroft, baptised at Boston, Lincs., on 10 November 1823, and married at Spalding, Q1 1860, her sister's brother-in-law Charles Rice, of Boston, Lincs., and had issue.
- 2a. Charlotte Diana Cracroft, baptised at Boston, Lincs., on 18 November 1824 and died there Q4 1843.
- 3a. Sophia Letitia Cracroft, baptised at Boston, Lincs., on 16 June 1832, and married at Boston, Q4 1854, Williams Rice, of Boston, Lincs., and had issue.
- 5a. Maria Martha Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 13 September 1779 and died unmarried at Harrington, Lincs., on 24 July 1846<sup>10</sup>.
- 6a. Ayscough Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 27 October 1780.
- 7a. Sophia Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 22 October 1781; died unmarried at Derby on 10 June 1845<sup>11</sup>.
- 8a. Bentley Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 26 April 1783.
- 9a. Charlotte Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 17 June 1784 and died unmarried there 9 June 1813<sup>12</sup>.
- 10a. Maj Charles Cracroft, Madras Infantry<sup>13</sup>, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 5 October 1785; died 2 October 1826; will dated 28 September 1826<sup>14</sup>; letters of administration granted to sister Letitia Ann Francis (*sic?*) but after discovery of will new letters of administration granted to Peter Cator on 30 July 1839; by his "female companion", Vegatchallum, he had two natural children,
  - 1b. Charles Cracroft
  - 2b. Letitia Cracroft
- 11a. Francis Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., 15 June 1787; will dated 9 August 1824 and died 29 August 1826.

- 12a. Diana Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 27 June 1788; died unmarried at Derby on 4 January 1860, aged 71<sup>15</sup>.
- 13a. Elizabeth Clementina Cracroft, baptised at West Keal, Lincs., on 21 April 1790.
- 8. Edward Cracroft, baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 18 November 1750 and buried at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 23 December 1763.
- 9. Rev Bernard Cracroft, Rector of Rippingale and East Keal and also of South Elkington, executor of his mother; baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 1 February 1753; married Mary [Bennett](#) (died at Barton-le-Street, Yorks., on 19 August 1837, aged 80); died suddenly in Horbling Church on 6 May 1821, leaving issue,
  - 1a. Rebecca Anne Cracroft, baptised at Bardney, Lincs., on 11 July 1779; died unmarried at York on 26 April 1862<sup>16</sup>.
  - 2a. George Cracroft.
  - 3a. Robert Edward Cracroft, baptised at Bardney, Lincs., on 3 September 1780; [married 1808 Mary Holmes, and died without issue in March 1821.](#)
  - 4a. Bernard Cracroft, baptised at Bardney, Lincs., on 6 September 1781.
  - 5a. Rev Edmund Cracroft, a Baptist minister; married 1stly Sarah ..... (died at Dry Hall Lane, Warrington on 21 May 1846, aged 57), and 2ndly at Great Budworth, Cheshire, on 22 February 1848 Mary Etock, of Appleton, Cheshire (died at Warrington on Q1 1852), daughter of John Etock, gentleman, and died at Warrington on Q2 1866, aged 79, leaving issue by his second wife:
    - 1b. Bernard Hodgson Cracroft, born at Appleton, Cheshire on 29 May 1849; married 1stly 24 October 1885 at St John Baptist's Church, Kidderminster, Worcs., Jane Beale (died on Q2 1901 at West Bromwich, aged 44), daughter of William Beale, of Brussell Street, Kidderminster, Worcs., cabinetmaker, and 2ndly at Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, on 29 April 1903 Lizzie Lucas (after her husband's death she married 2ndly on Q3 1922 at King's Norton George Littlewood), daughter of David Lucas, artist, of Balsall Heath, and died on Q1 1910, aged 60.

- 6a. Mary Cracroft, born 16 April 1786 and died unmarried at York on 13 February 1856, aged 69.
- 7a. Jane Cracroft, married Rev Charles Hodgson.
- 10. Charles Cracroft, baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 2 June 1754; married at Llanfihangel, Breconshire, on 3 October 1786 Dorothy Watkins (born at Llanelly, Breconshire, on 22 June 1769 and died on 3 May 1802), and died at Banff on 8 Sep 1829, leaving issue,
  - 1a. Charles Watkins Cracroft, born at Crickhowell, Breconshire, on 19 September 1787; married at Batheaston, Somerset, on 10 April 1825 Jane Charlotte Torre (born c. 1794 and died at Bath, Somerset, on 22 June 1887), and died at London on 28 June 1832 leaving no legitimate issue<sup>58</sup>.
  - 2a. Dorothy Harriet Cracroft, born at Crickhowell, Breconshire, on 13 Dec 1788; married Matthew Ford and died before 1849.
  - 3a. Robert Cracroft, born at Crickhowell, Breconshire, on 3 April 1790; married Rebecca Nash (born at Iver Buckinghamshire on 26 December 1799 and died at Battersea, London on 13 October 1886), and died at London on 28 June 1832, leaving issue,
    - 1b. Ann Rebecca Cracroft, born at London on March 1827 and died at Wandsworth, London, on Q4 1885, leaving no legitimate issue<sup>59</sup>.
- 11. Francis Tyrwhit Cracroft, baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 5 October 1755; mar. Elizabeth ....., and had issue:
  - 1a. Harriet Cracroft, born at Baltimore, Maryland, USA; married in Alexandria County, Virginia, USA, on 10 March 1819 John Washington.
  - 2a. Rebecca Waldegrave Cracroft, born at Baltimore, Maryland, USA, on 8 February 1791; married in Alexandria County, Virginia, USA, on 21 July 1814 William H Washington.
  - 3a. Edward Waldegrave Cracroft, born at Baltimore, Maryland, USA, on 23 June 1792.
- 12. William Cracroft, baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 16 September 1757; married Elizabeth Sewell Hawkes (died at Uxbridge on Q3 1837), daughter of Joseph Hawkes, of London, a Levant merchant, and had issue,

- 1a. William Sewell Cracroft, born 1787 and died 3 April 1840.
- 2a. Walter Sewell Cracroft, [born 1795](#); married firstly “Princess Amoy of Malay”, and had issue:
  - 1b. Elizabeth Sewell Cracroft, [born at Penang, Malaysia, on 20 July 1822](#), and died at Uxbridge on Q3 1837.
  - 2b. Emma Sewell Cracroft, [born at Penang Malaysia in 1825](#) and died at Belper on Q3 1846.

Walter Sewell Cracroft married secondly at St Clement's, Worcester, on 22 October 1829, his first cousin, Jane Cracroft (died at Grantham on 1 July 1876, aged 66), daughter of Edmund Cracroft; died at sea on or about 20 March 1864<sup>17</sup>, leaving issue,

- 3b. Maj Gen Bernard Cracroft, Indian Army, born on 1 April 1837 and baptised at Powick, Worcs., on 6 August 1837; married 1stly, at St Mary's Church, Benares, India on 20 September 1859, Catherine Hilliard (born about 1841; died at Rawalpindie, India, on 5 July 1867<sup>18</sup>), daughter of Maj John Hilliard, of Benares, India, and had issue,
  - 1c. Maj Bernard Walter Cracroft, Indian Army, born 12 June 1860, married at Paddington, Middlesex, 25 June 1891, Madeline Ellen Williams (died at Devizes, Wilts., aged 37, on 1 February 1902<sup>19</sup>), daughter of Dering Williams, ICS, and died at Paddington, Middlesex, on 15 January 1905<sup>20</sup>, leaving issue,
    - 1d. Guy Bernard Dalrymple Cracroft, late Devonshire Regiment, born at Paddington, Middlesex, on 28 June 1892; married at Brentford, Middlesex, on 11 April 1915, Lillian Ethel Grace Gain (born 10 Jul 1895 and died at Surrey S W on Q4 1981), daughter of Maj A Gain, and died in Surrey SW on 13 January 1966<sup>21</sup>, leaving issue,
      - 1e. Hermione Katherine Cracroft, born at Brentford, Middlesex, on 9 February 1916; married at Eton, Berkshire, on 1 April 1938, Lt Col Peter Pope, Oxford and Bucks L I, only son of C G Pope, of Northampton, and had issue.

- 2e. Verity Anne Grace Cracroft, born at Chelsea on 20 July 1928; married at Kensington on 10 May 1952, Ian Robert Hall, son of Albert William Hall, of Oxhey, Herts., and had issue
- 2c. Frances Jane Cracroft, born at Bradford, Yorkshire, on 26 December 1864.

He married 2ndly, at Jhalum, India, on 10 February 1870, Charlotte Grace Lear, daughter of Richard Lear, of Jhalum, India (born about 1844 and died at Bath on 11 July 1934<sup>22</sup>), and died at Bath on 17 December 1909<sup>23</sup>, leaving further issue,

- 3c. Mary Ann Cracroft, born c. 1871 and died at Bath on Q1 1944.
- 4c. Lt Col Hugh Cracroft DSO, RASC, born on 22 August 1873; married at Bath on 3 December 1902, Georgina Montagu Stevenson (died at Cambridge, aged 60, on 29 May 1937<sup>24</sup>), daughter of Capt Montagu Dicken Stevenson, 30th Regiment, and died at Bath on 10 May 1923<sup>25</sup>, leaving issue,
  - 1d. Brig Hugh John Bernard Cracroft DSO ADC, Tank Regiment, born at Murree, Bengal, India, on 12 August 1905; married 1stly at Hartley Witney on 5 February 1927, Christine Susan Montgomery, daughter of James Montgomery of The White House, Cove, Farnborough (born on 30 May 1904 and died at Weymouth on Q4 1978), and has issue,
    - 1e. Sheila Margaret Cracroft, born at Hartley Witney on 3 June 1930; married at Poole, Dorset, on 23 February 1952, Maj Robert Alexander Stuart Newall, 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards, son of Stuart George Newall, of Pyrton Manor, Watlington, Oxon., and had issue.
    - 2e. Capt Peter Kenneth Cracroft, 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards, born at Aldershot on 9 February 1933; married at Ploughley on



23 July 1960, Deborah Willow Vyvyan Thomas, daughter of Cmdr Anthony Vyvyan Thomas JP RN, of Tretowe House, Crickhowell, Brecs., by his wife, Hon. Deborah Mary Bailey<sup>26</sup>, daughter of Hon. Herbert Bailey and sister of David [Bailey], 4th Baron Glanusk, and has issue,

- 1f. Fenella Jane Cracroft, born on 20 October 1962 and married at Brecknock in 1990, David H Meyer, and has issue.
- 2f. Henrietta Louise Cracroft, born on Q4 1966 at Crickhowell and married at Brecknock on Q2 1993, Mark C Speirs, and has issue.
- 3f. Miranda Susan Cracroft, born on Q4 1966 at Crickhowell and married at Brecknock on Q4 1993, Peter J Granger, and has issue.

Brig Hugh John Bernard Cracroft married 2ndly at Weymouth on Q3 1980, Bridget R Paul, and died at Weymouth in 1988 without further issue.

- 2d. A/V/M Peter Dicken Cracroft CB AFC, born on 29 November 1907; married at Wellington School on 27 April 1932, Margaret Eliza Patchett (died 2001 at S&W Dorset), daughter of George Sugden Patchett, of Wellington, Salop., and has issue,
  - 1e. F/Lt Hugh George Cracroft, born at Wellington School on 23 December 1936 and married at Surrey SW on Q3 1964, Jeanne A Rodwell.
  - 2e. Anthony Dicken Cracroft, born at Barnstaple on 13 January 1942 and

married at Wednesbury on Q2 1964,  
Anne P Tunney, and has issue,

1f. Peter Nigel Cracroft, born at Meriden on Q1 1968; married firstly at Claro on Q0 1994 Julia Gamblin, and secondly at Colwyn on Q0 1998 Samantha J Garside, and has issue by his second wife,

1g. Zara Elizabeth Cracroft, born in West Surrey on Q0 2000.

2g. Rory Peter G Cracroft, born in North Yorkshire on Q0 2001.

2f. Lucy Elizabeth Cracroft, born at Bromsgrove on Q4 1969.

3d. Lt Col Robert (Desmond) George Cracroft, Royal Tank Corps, born at Gairloch, Farnborough Park, Farnborough, Hampshire, on 15 November 1909; married at Kensington on Q3 1943, Helen Elizabeth Gordon-Thompson (who married 2ndly at Chelsea on 11 February 1960, James Edward Kenneth Sprot), and was killed in action at Falaise, Normandy, on 13 August 1944<sup>27</sup>, leaving issue,

1e. Elizabeth Anne Cracroft, born at Bath on Q1 1945 and married at Weymouth on Q3 1964, Nicholas J Flemming.

5c. Jane Cracroft, born at Friars, Exeter, Devon, on 11 October 1874 and died at Bath on Q4 1897.

6c. Edmund Cracroft *later* Cracroft-Russell, born at Sydney Buildings, Bathwick, Somerset, on 24 March 1876 and died at Kensington on Q1 1950.

7c. Laura Cracroft, born c. 1878; married at Widcombe, Somerset, on 22 Jul 1913 Gerald Cairns Shannon, Indian Civil Service, of York Mount, Bathwick,

Somerset, son of Robert James Shannon, dec'd, of the Indian Public Works Department

- 8c. William Cracroft, born at Friars, Exeter, Devon, on 16 November 1883 and died there on Q4 1883.
- 9c. Frances Cracroft, born at Norfolk Crescent, Bath, Somerset, on 20 May 1885.
- 10c. Clementina Cracroft, born at Nelson Place, West Bath, Somerset, on 5 March 1888.
- 4b. Henrietta Cracroft, (born at Upton on Q3 1838) baptised at Powick, Worcs., on 23 September 1838 and married Maj Gen William Playfair, Indian Army, and had issue.
- 5b. Laura Cracroft, (born at Upton on Q4 1839) baptised at Powick, Worcs., on 1 July 1841 and married at Juanpore, Bengal, India, on 13 June 1860, Lieut James William O'Dowda, Indian Army, son of Robert O'Dowda, of Juanpore, India, and had issue.
- 6b. Sarah Cracroft, (born at Upton on Q2 1841) baptised at Powick, Worcs., on 1 July 1841 and married [at Halswell, New Zealand, on 13 February 1868 Charles John Harper, and had issue.](#)
- 7b. Hugh Cracroft, born at Kensington on Q2 1844<sup>28</sup>.; [married 3 October 1867 Elizabeth Eva ..... \(born 2 May 1840 and died at Godstone on 29 July 1913\), and died without issue on 1 February 1883.](#)
- 8b. Clementina Cracroft, (born at Marylebone on Q4 1846) baptised at Kingsbury on 15 August 1847 and married Benjamin Hill Russell, veterinary surgeon, of Grantham, Lincs.
- 9b. Walter Cracroft, (born at Tamworth on Q4 1848) baptised at Kingsbury on 28 October 1849.
- 3a. Elizabeth Clementina Cracroft, b. c. 1785; married at Mangalore, India, in 1806 Alexander Wilson, of Marylebone, London (died 28 November 1863), and died 24 September 1861, leaving issue.

- 4a. Maria Cracroft, born c. 1789; married 28 Nov 1805 Thomas Broadley Fooks (born 2 July 1774; died 19 August 1840), and died 14 October 1850, leaving issue.
- 5a. Charlotte Cracroft, married 13 October 1813 as his first wife Sir George Gerard de Hochepped Larpent, 1<sup>st</sup> Bt. (born 16 February 1786; died 8 March 1855), and died 18 February 1851, leaving issue.
- 6a. Frances Cracroft, married at Benares, India, on 2 November 1819, Lieut (later Col) Alexander Pope, Bengal Cavalry.
- 13. Elizabeth Clementina Cracroft, baptised at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 13 October 1760, and buried there 14 December 1771.
- 14. Lieut Edmund Cracroft, officer in the Bengal Infantry<sup>29</sup>, baptised at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 2 July 1762; executor of his mother 21 June 1799; married at St John Bedwardine, Worcester, on 6 October 1806 Sarah Lightburn (died at Tewkesbury, Glos., aged 67, on 26 March 1850); he died at Worcester in 1830, having had issue,
  - 1a. Jane Cracroft, born about 1810; married her cousin, Walter Sewell Cracroft; she died at Grantham, Lincs., aged 66, on 1 July 1876<sup>31</sup>, leaving issue (see above).
  - 2a. Emma Cracroft, baptised at Pershore, Worcs., on 12 October 1811 and married at Powick, Worcs., on 1 July 1841, Peter Osborne, widower and grocer, of Tewkesbury, Glos., son of Thomas Osbourne.
  - 3a. Maj Henry Cracroft, an officer in the Service of the Honourable East India Company<sup>32</sup>, born about 1813; married at Tamworth on Q1 1852 Eleanor Fletcher Bullivant (after her husband's death she married 2ndly at Holy Trinity, Weymouth, on 8 December 1868, Frederic James Waters *later* Cracroft, of Weymouth, Dorset (died at St Thomas on Q1 1907, aged 63), son of Thomas Waters, mariner; died at Croydon, Surrey, on Q3 1903, aged 77), daughter of Charles Fletcher Bullivant, and died at Upton Villas, Ealing, Middlesex, aged 48, on 3 April 1861<sup>33</sup>, leaving issue,
    - 1b. Edmund Hynde Bullivant Cracroft, civil engineer, born at Ealing on 26 April 1853; married at Islington Registry Office on 15 September 1878, Sarah Anne Davies, widow<sup>57</sup> (born at Shrewsbury on 16 January 1847, and died at King's Lynn on Q2 1922, aged 75), daughter of Samuel Mansell, dec'd.,

farmer, and died on 19 December 1889 at Norwich City Asylum, Hellesden, Norfolk, having had issue:

- 1c. Arthur Archibald Donald Cracroft, born at New Street, Insukwell, Shropshire, on 18 August 1879 and died at King's Lynn on Q1 1902.
  - 2c. Overend Corbet Cracroft, grocer's manager, born at Junction Road, Andover, Hampshire, on 18 December 1881; married at Billericay on Q3 1904 Ellen Eley (died at Southend on Q4 1964, aged 90), and died at West Ham on Q1 1941 having had issue:
    - 1d. Queenie Irene Eley Corbet Cracroft, born at The Fennells, Suffolk Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, on 25 October 1905, and died at Romford on Q1 1909.
    - 2d. Gwendolynn Winnifred Corbet Cracroft, born at 3B Kendall Road, Colchester, Essex, on 15 May 1907, and married at Romford on Q2 1939 John T Calf.
    - 3d. Phyllis M Cracroft, born at West Ham on Q2 1914 and married at Ilford on Q4 1948 Oliver Plunkett.
  - 3c. Annie Irene Cracroft, born at Somerford Road, Cirencester, Wiltshire, on 17 July 1883 and died at King's Lynn on Q3 1960.
  - 4c. Claud Lionel Atkinson Cracroft, born at Wisbech Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk, on 8 April 1887, and died there on Q3 1887.
  - 5c. Eleanor Winifred Mary Cracroft, born at 3 Valinger's Place, King's Lynn, Norfolk, on 16 March 1890; married 12 February 1916 at Blythe Wood, Glasgow, Robert Lindsay Harman (b. c. 1866; died on Q1 1948 at Fakenham, Norfolk), and died on 12 February 1961 at Hunstanton, Norfolk, leaving issue.
- 2b. Eleanor Jane Harriet Cracroft, born at Upton Villas, Ealing, on 6 May 1855 and married at Brentford Register Office on 26 March 1902, Alfred John Mercer, photographer, of Ealing, Middlesex, son of Richard John Mercer, dec'd, japper.

- 3b. Henry Lewis Walter Cracroft, master mariner, born at Haven Green, Ealing, on 14 August 1857; married Lucy Letitia Philpotts and died at Pelross Sound, New Zealand, on 15 January 1909<sup>34</sup>, having had issue:
  - 1c. Lucy Eleanor Cracroft, born at 10 Northcote Road, Croydon, Surrey, on 25 May 1894.
  - 2c. Thomas Henry Cracroft, born at 25 Saxon Road, Croydon, Surrey, on 10 July 1896.
  - 3c. Kathleen Florence Miriam Cracroft, born at 27 Arundel Road, Croydon, Surrey, on 5 July 1900 and married at Chelsea on Q4 1954 William J R Sheppard.
  - 4c. Donald Hector Cracroft, born at 37 Edith Road, Selhurst, Surrey, on 11 July 1902 and died there on Q2 1903.
- 4a. Edmund Cracroft, baptised at St Clement, Worcester on 29 June 1814.
- 5a. Frederick Bailey Cracroft, baptised at St Clement, Worcester on 25 September 1815.
- 6a. George Cracroft, engraver, baptised at St Clement, Worcester on 2 June 1817; married at St John in Bedwardine, Worcester on 16 June 1840, Emily Seely (died at 73 Tennyson Street, Liverpool, aged 78, on 26 December 1893), daughter of Capt. John Benjamin Seely, an officer in the Bengal Army, and died at Droitwich on Q2 1882, having had issue<sup>35</sup>,
  - 1b. Sydney Cracroft, born at Worcester on 16 November 1844 and died at Upton on Q4 1892.
  - 2b. Emy Cracroft, born at Worcester on 10 September 1846 and married at Claines, Worcestershire, on 18 January 1870, James Allen, widower and shoemaker, of Great Malvern, Worcestershire, son of James Allen, brewer.
  - 3b. Jessie Cracroft, born at Worcester on 30 July 1848 and married at St Mary's, Edge Hill, Lancashire, on 5 July 1879, Williston Nicholl, salesman, of Roch Ferry, Lancashire., son of James Endersby Nicholl, dec'd.

- 4b. Eva Cracroft, born at Worcester on 30 July 1848 (twin), married Ian Taylor (*sic?*).
- 7a. Charlotte Debresay Cracroft, baptised at St Clement, Worcester on 11 August 1820 and married at Tewkesbury, Glos., on 17 April 1858, M. Joseph Kreiger, of Faubourg St Germain, Paris, son of M. Jean Henri Francois Kreiger, chef de bureau.
- 8a. Alfred Matthew Cracroft, baptised at St Clement, Worcester on 21 September 1822; married at St Barnabas in St Luke, Middlesex, on 26 May 1846, Sarah Ann Greenland Zeal (after her husband's death she married 2ndly at St Mary's, Lambeth, on 6 August 1860 George Gregory, mercantile clerk, of Philadelphia Terrace, Lambeth, son of Samuel Gregory, hotel keeper), daughter of John Zeal, solicitor, of King Square, London, and died at St Lukes on Q1 1851, leaving issue,
  - 1b. Mary Annie Cracroft, born at St Luke's on Q1 1847.
  - 2b. Albert John Zeal Cracroft, born at St Luke's on Q3 1848.
  - 3b. Henry Cracroft, born at St Luke's on Q3 1850.
- 9a. Robert Cracroft, baptised at St Clement, Worcester on 5 June 1825.

**JOHN CRACROFT**, of Hackthorn, heir of his brother, Sheriff of Lincolnshire 1797, baptised at Louth, Lincs., on 11 October 1748; married at Durham on 4 February 1782, Penelope Anne Weston, daughter of Rev Charles Fleetwood Weston, of Somerby, Lincs., Rector of Therfield, Herts., and Prebendary of London, Durham and Lincoln (died 29 September 1821 and buried at Hackthorn, Lincs.); died 2 October 1821, aged 73, and buried at Hackthorn, Lincs.; will dated 30 April 1821 and proved 14 November 1821, leaving issue,

- 1. **Robert Cracroft**, of whom.
- 2. Rev John Cracroft, Rector of Ripley, Yorks., and Chaplain to the Forces, *b.* 1784, married 1stly at St George-the-Martyr, Middlesex, on 22 December 1807, Eliza Lewis, daughter of James Lewis, of Powis Place, London (died 7 February 1811 and buried 14 February 1811), and by her had issue,
  - 1a. Elizabeth Penelope Anne Cracroft, married Rev John Maine, of Bighton Wood, Hants.; living 1857.

He married 2ndly at St Peter's-in-Eastgate, Lincoln, on 10 November 1814, Jane Brown, daughter of Hezekiah Brown, of the Close of Lincoln (died 1857 and buried at Boulogne-sur-Mer, France); died at Neuwied-on-the-Rhine on 21 September 1842 and was buried there; administration to his widow Jane, 2 September 1843, having had further issue,

- 2a. Emily Cracroft, born at Valenciennes, France, on 30 March 1817; married at Brussels, Belgium, on 11 November 1857, Rev. William Slater Crowdy, and died 10 April 1875.
- 3a. Jane Cracroft, born at Genoa on 26 February 1820 and died unmarried at Tottenham, Middlesex, aged 77, on 11 February 1892<sup>36</sup>.
- 4a. Maj Gen John Edward Cracroft, 69th Bengal N I, born on 4 November 1821; married at Naini Tal, Bengal, India, on 4 June 1846, his cousin Emma Wilson, daughter of Alexander Wilson, of Marylebone, London (born 18 May 1815; died Notting Hill, Middlesex, aged 77, on 7 February 1893<sup>37</sup>), and died at Kensington, Middlesex, aged 63, on 14 January 1890<sup>38</sup>, leaving issue,
  - 1b. Robert Weston Cracroft, barrister-at-law, born on 1 January 1857; married at Hambledon on 20 April 1892, Beatrice Elizabeth Parker (died at Kensington, Middlesex, aged 73, 22 May 1933<sup>39</sup>), daughter of Rev Richard Parker, of Claxby, Lincs., and died at Kensington, Middlesex, aged 75, on 22 May 1932<sup>40</sup>, leaving issue,
    - 1c. Lt Robert Brian Cracroft, 3rd E Yorks Regt, born at Kensington, Middlesex, on 10 November 1895 and killed in action on the Somme on 10 July 1916.
    - 2c. John Humphrey Cracroft, K.O.Y.L.I., born at Kensington, Middlesex, on 26 February 1899; married there on 28 July 1926, Elsie Mabel Smith (born 10 Feb 1897, and died at Plymouth on Q0 1994), daughter of Charles Arthur Smith, of Reading, Berks., and died Q4 1980 at Brent, leaving issue,
      - 1d. Elizabeth Pretafer Cracroft, born at Kensington, Middlesex on 20 June 1927 and married at Surrey SE on Q3 1961, Robert R Cox.
      - 2d. Timothy Richard Mauleverer Cracroft, born at East Grinstead on 3 May 1930; married at



Uckfield on Q1 1965, Fay S Chuter, and has issue,

- 1e. Clementine Ellen A Cracroft, born at Tonbridge on Q2 1971.
  - 2e. Harry Robert M Cracroft, born at Tonbridge on Q1 1976.
  - 3e. Maudant Robert M Cracroft, born at Tonbridge on Q1 1976.
- 3c. Edward Alan Cracroft, born at Kensington on 12 January 1902; married at London on 27 February 1935, Elsie Grace Otley, daughter of Walter Ernest Otley (born on 16 June 1899 and died at Paddington, Middlesex, on Q1 1970); died at Gloucester in 1985.
- 5a. Lt Robert Cracroft, Austrian Army, born at Spa on 4 July 1823 and killed at the Battle of Novara on 31 March 1849<sup>41</sup>.
  - 6a. Justina Cracroft, born at Dieppe on 21 July 1824 and died there on 18 September 1824.
  - 7a. Bernard Cracroft, barrister-at-law, born at Spa on 23 March 1828; married at St Mary-le-Bone Church, London, on 30 December 1868, Alice Maria Collingwood, daughter of Capt Carlton Collingwood, Madras Artillery (born in India c. 1850; died at Surrey SW, aged 91, on 22 September 1941<sup>42</sup>), and died at Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, Surrey on 29 May 1888<sup>43</sup>, leaving issue,
    - 1a. Mary Tudor Cracroft, born at Westminster in January 1870 and died unmarried at Surrey SW on 14 February 1944<sup>44</sup>.
3. Penelope Anne Cracroft, baptised 5 July 1789 at Hackthorn, Lincs.; died unmarried at 12 Torrington Square, Middlesex on 10 May 1861<sup>45</sup>.
  4. Emily Cracroft, baptised at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 30 August 1790; died unmarried in December 1828 and buried there.
  5. Lucy Cracroft, baptised at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 11 June 1792 and died unmarried at 34 Torrington Square, Middlesex on 11 May 1870<sup>46</sup>.
  6. Arabella Cracroft, baptised at Hackthorn, Lincs., on 22 July 1801; married in 1823, Matthew Henry Lister, of Burwell Park, Lincs. (born on 17 July

1801; died on 9 January 1876), and died on 1 September 1873, leaving issue.

**COL ROBERT CRACROFT *later* CRACROFT-AMCOTTS DL JP**, of Hackthorn, born on 25 January 1783; married 14 June 1814 Augusta Amcotts-Ingilby (died on 16 January 1857), sister and coheiress of Sir William Amcotts-Ingilby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bt., of Ripley Castle, Kettlethorpe Hall, Harrington Hall, etc., and second daughter of Sir John Ingilby, 1st Bt., of Ripley Castle, Yorks. (of the 2nd creation of 1781 which became extinct in 1854), by his wife Elizabeth Amcotts, only daughter and sole heiress of Sir Wharton Emerson *later* Amcotts, 1st Bt. MP, of Kettlethorpe Hall, Lincs., by his first wife Anna Maria Amcotts, sister and heiress of Charles Amcotts, of Kettlethorpe Hall, Lincs., and daughter of Vincent Amcotts, of Aistrop, Harrington and Kettlethorpe; died on 3 September 1862, having had issue,

1. **Weston Cracroft-Amcotts**, of whom.
2. Capt Peter Cracroft-Amcotts CB RN, baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 16 March 1816; married at St George's, Hanover Square, on 8 November 1851, Caroline Scott (died at Hanover Square, aged 76, on 3 January 1879<sup>47</sup>), daughter of Sir Samuel Scott, 2nd Bt. of Lytchett Minster, and died without issue at Port Royal, Jamaica, West Indies on 2 August 1865<sup>48</sup>.
3. Rev Robert Wentworth Cracroft-Amcotts, Rector of Harrington and Brinkhill, Lincs., baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 4 July 1826; married at St James', Westminster, on 7 July 1864, Hon Elizabeth Caroline Lane-Fox (died at Harrington, Lincs., aged 47, on 26 October 1879<sup>49</sup>), daughter of Sackville Walter Lane-Fox, MP, and sister of Sackville George [Lane-Fox], 12th Baron Conyers, and died without issue at Harrington on 22 March 1905<sup>50</sup>.
4. Frances Amcotts Cracroft-Amcotts, baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 1 March 1817; married at Hackthorn, Lincs., on Q1 1841, Rev Edwin Jarvis, Vicar of Hackthorn and Rector of Cold Hanworth (born 16 February 1816; died 11 November 1876), 5th son of Col George Ralph Payne Jarvis, of Doddington Hall, Lincs., and died 11 February 1891, leaving issue.
5. Augusta Cracroft-Amcotts, baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 1 March 1817; married at Doddington-by-Lincoln, Lincs., on Q2 1840 as his first wife, Rev Charles Macquarie Jarvis, Rector of Doddington (born 16 November 1804; died 7 November 1863), 2nd son of Col George Ralph Payne Jarvis, of Doddington Hall, Lincs., and died without issue in 1855.

6. Louisa Cracroft-Amcotts, baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 12 May 1819; married at Lincoln on 1 January 1846, Gervase Tottenham Waldo-Sibthorp MP, of Canwick, Lincs. (born 1 January 1815; died 13 October 1861), and died on 27 November 1911, leaving issue.
7. Constance Elizabeth Cracroft-Amcotts, baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 22 April 1821; married on 17 February 1859 as his second wife, Capt Charles Edmund Tennant RN, of Needwood House, Staffs. (died 2 January 1862), and died on 26 October 1898, leaving issue.

Col Cracroft assumed the additional surname and arms of AMCOTTS, by Royal Licence dated 5 July 1854, on his wife's succession to the Kettlethorpe estate, at the death of Sir William Amcotts-Ingilby, 2nd Bt.

**WESTON CRACROFT-AMCOTTS DL JP MP**, of Hackthorn and Kettlethorpe, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire 1861, baptised at Harrington, Lincs., on 9 March 1815; married 1stly. at Leominster 16 May 1844, William Emma Cherry (died on 9 July 1861), daughter and co-heiress of William George Cherry, of Buckland, Herefordshire, and had issue,

1. Vincent Amcotts Cracroft-Amcotts DL JP, born at Lincoln on Q1 1845 and died unmarried at 39 Portsdown Road, Middlesex, on 26 November 1881<sup>51</sup>.
2. Edward Weston Cracroft JP, of Hackthorn Hall, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire 1893, born on 5 January 1849; married at Lincoln on 24 April 1879, Cicely Sophia Mary Neville (died at Hackthorn, Lincs., aged 73, on 22 January 1929<sup>52</sup>), only daughter of Henry Neville, of Walcot Hall, Northants., and Wellingore Hall, Lincs., and died without issue at Hackthorn on 30 January 1933<sup>53</sup>, when he was succeeded by his nephew.
3. **Frederick Augustus Cracroft-Amcotts**, of whom.

He married 2ndly on 21 April 1864, Ellen Kempthorne Bryan (died at Hackthorn, Lincs., aged 65, on 9 February 1881<sup>54</sup>), widow of Henry Neville, of Wellingore Hall, Lincs., and daughter of Rev Charles Bryan, of Woolastone, Gloucestershire, and died on 14 July 1883.

**MAJ FREDERICK AUGUSTUS CRACROFT-AMCOTTS JP**, 5th Dragoon Guards, of Kettlethorpe Hall, born at Warwick on 3 May 1853; married at Sleaford on 17 February 1885, Emily Grace Willson JP (died at Sleaford, aged 77, on 13 October 1936<sup>55</sup>), sister of Lucy Maria, Countess of Clonmell, and 5<sup>th</sup> daughter of Anthony Peacock *later* Willson MP, of Rauceby Hall, Lincs., by his wife Mary Eliza Caroline Fane, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Rev Edward Fane, Rector of Fulbeck, Lincs., and died on 15 April 1897, leaving issue,

1. Sylvia Cracroft-Amcotts, born on 22 August 1886; married on 7 August 1919, George William Henderson, of Rauceby Hall, Lincs. (died 14 December 1934), and died on 14 May 1940, leaving issue.
2. **Weston Cracroft-Amcotts**, of whom.
3. Lt Cmdr John Cracroft-Amcotts DSC JP, of Rauceby Hall, Lincs., High Sheriff of Lincolnshire 1937, born on 3 January 1891; married on 12 February 1930, May Campbell, widow of Frederic Martin Campbell and daughter of H Redfearn-Shaw, Malayan C S (born on 30 May 1895 and died at Sleaford on Q4 1979), and died at Sleaford on 30 May 1956<sup>56</sup>, having had issue,
  - 1a. Barbara Anne Cracroft-Amcotts, born at Chelsea on 22 July 1932; married at Sleaford on 21 July 1953, Peter Hugh Davies (died 1959), only *son* of Edmund Hugh Davies, of The Leys House, Denton, Lincs.
  - 2a. Erica Sylvia Cracroft-Amcotts, born at Sleaford on 4 September 1934 and died there on 14 September 1934.
  - 3a. Gillian Verity Cracroft-Amcotts, born on 22 March 1936 and married at Kensington on Q4 1971, Samuel J Hoare.

**SIR WESTON CRACROFT-AMCOTT'S MC DL JP**, of Hackthorn Hall and Kettlethorpe Hall, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire 1954, born on 7 November 1888; married at Eton on 23 June 1927, Rhona Clifton-Brown (born 14 Jul 1901; died at Lincoln on 25 August 1997), 1<sup>st</sup> daughter of Edward Clifton Brown *later* Clifton-Brown, of Burnham Grove, Bucks. (elder brother of Douglas Clifton [Brown], 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Ruffside), by his wife Dora Winifred Hanbury, daughter of George Hanbury, of Blythewood, Bucks., and died at Lincoln on Q3 1975, having had issue,

1. Rosemary Grace Cracroft-Amcotts, born at Kensington on 17 April 1928; married on 24 May 1952, Lt Cmdr Gervis Hugh Frere Frere-Cook RN (died 8 November 1974), only son of R M O Cook, of Latymer Court, London, and has issue.
2. Marian Cicely Cracroft-Amcotts, born at Hertford on 13 September 1931; married at Welton on 15 June 1957, Thomas Charles Weguelin Micklem, of Foxbridge Farm, Kirdford, West Sussex, only surviving son of Maj Charles Micklem DSO JP, of Long Cross House, Chertsey, Surrey, and has issue.

3. **Bridget Katharine Cracroft-Amcotts**, of whom
4. Penelope Sylvia Cracroft-Amcotts, born at Lincoln on 20 May 1938.

**BRIDGET KATHERINE CRACROFT-AMCOTT**S, of Hackthorn Hall, Lincs., HM Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire 1995, born at Hertford on 29 October 1933; married on 31 October 1959, Robert Peel Charles Eley *later* Cracroft-Eley (born 23 Jan 1931; died at Lincoln 1996), 1<sup>st</sup> son of Charles Ryves Maxwell Eley OBE, of East Bergholt Place, Suffolk, by his first wife Violet Eva Peel, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Col Herbert Haworth Peel, of Highlands, East Bergholt, Suffolk, and has issue,

1. Annabel Louise Cracroft Cracroft-Eley, born on 15 January 1961; married in 1987, (Andrew Stewart) Ross Jones, of 153 Portland Road, London W11, 1<sup>st</sup> son of R H Jones, of London, and has issue
2. Charles William Amcotts Cracroft-Eley, of Cliff House, Hackthorn, Lincs., born on 8 March 1963 and married in 1991 at Pershore, Margaret E Lole, only daughter of Roger Lole, of Hermitage Farm, Wadborough, Leics., and has issue,
  - 1a. Florence Elizabeth F Cracroft-Eley, born at Lincoln on 3 June 1994.
  - 2a. Cecily Ophelvi V Cracroft-Eley, born at Lincoln on 5 February 1996.
  - 3a. Elfreda Queenie Theodora Cracroft-Eley, born at Lincoln on 24 January 2000.

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#### **<sup>1</sup> Victoria County History - Lincolnshire**

The City of Lincoln retained its double representation [in Parliament] till the last Reform Bill in 1884/85, when it lost one member. Before 1832, in an electorate composed of freemen not averse to guineas, there was often a good deal of bribery and corruption. The election of April, 1745, was long remembered as one of the worst in this respect. The final figures were Hon. George Monson, 635, John Chaplin, 617, Robert Cracroft, 437.

<sup>2</sup> Her daughter, Maria Janetta Nelthorpe, married in 1799 William [Beauclerk], 8th Duke of St Albans (born 1766, Commander RN, High Sheriff of Denbigh and Lincolnshire, died 1825), and was mother of William Aubrey de Vere [Beauclerk], 9th Duke of St Albans, and ancestor of successive Dukes of St Albans.

<sup>3</sup> She was sister of Sir John Franklin, the Arctic explorer, and of Sarah Franklin, wife of Henry Sellwood, the mother of Emily Sellwood, 1st wife of Alfred [Tennyson], 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Tennyson.

#### **<sup>4</sup> Principal Probate Registry**

**ISABELLA CRACROFT - 25 April 1883**

*Personal Estate £2,138 10s 3d*

The Will of Isabella Cracroft formerly of the City of Winchester but late of 13 Rose-hill Dorking in the County of Surrey Widow who died 2 April 1883 at 13 Rose-hill was proved at the Principal Registry by Sophia Cracroft of 45 Phillimore-gardens Kensington in the County of Middlesex Spinster the Daughter the sole Executor

**5 Principal Probate Registry**

**SOPHIA CRACROFT** of 45 Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, Middlesex spinster died 20 June 1892. Probate London 12 July 1892 to George Benjamin Austen Lefroy gentleman. Effects £19,517 14s 10d.

**6 Principal Probate Registry**

**CATHERINE CRACROFT - 15 May 1885**

*Personal Estate £4,351 1s 9d*

The Will of Catherine Cracroft late of 13 Rose-hill Dorking in the County of Surrey Spinster who died 14 April 1885 at 13 Rose-hill was proved at the Principal Registry by George Bernard Austen Lefroy of 43 Shooter's-Hill-road Blackheath in the County of Kent Esquire one of the Executors

<sup>7</sup> He was great-nephew of the novelist Jane Austen.

**8 Principal Probate Registry**

**HARRIET CRACROFT - 15 August 1891**

*Personal Estate £491 13s 1d*

The Will with two Codicils of Harriet Cracroft late of Boston in the County of Lincoln Widow was proven at the Principal Registry by Harriet Maria Rice and Sophia Letitia Rice of Boston Widows the Daughters the Executrices

**9 Principal Probate Registry**

**JOHN CRACROFT - 8 March 1867**

*Effects under £100*

Letters of Administration (with the Will attached) of the Personal estate and effects of John Cracroft late of Boston in the County of Lincoln Gentleman deceased who died 30 December 1847 at Boston aforesaid were granted at the Principal Registry to Harriet Cracroft of Boston aforesaid Widow the Relict the Residuary Legatee for Life if she remain a Widow named in the said Will she having been first sworn

**10 Principal Probate Registry**

**MARIA MARTHA CRACROFT - 21 March 1867**

*Effects under £100*

Letters of Administration of Maria Martha Cracroft late of Harrington in the County of Lincoln Spinster deceased who died 24 July 1846 at Harrington aforesaid left unadministered by Diana Cracroft Spinster the Sister and one of the Next of Kin of the said Deceased were granted at the Principal Registry to Emma Lefroy (Wife of George Benjamin Austen Lefroy Esquire) of Granville-place Shooter's-Hill-road Blackheath in the County of Kent the Niece and one of the Persons entitled by Distribution in the Personal estate and effects of the said Deceased she having been first sworn. Former Grant Consistory Court of Lincoln November 1846.

**11 Principal Probate Registry**

**SOPHIA CRACROFT - 25 March 1867**

*Effects under £100*

Letters of Administration (with the Will attached) of the Personal estate and effects of Sophia Cracroft late of the Borough of Derby in the County of Derby Spinster deceased who died 10 June 1845 in the Borough aforesaid left unadministered by Diana Cracroft Spinster the Universal Legatee named in the said Will were granted at the Principal Registry to Williams Rice of Boston in the County of Lincoln Merchant one of the Executors of the Will of the said Diana Cracroft he having been first sworn. Former Grant Prerogative Court of Canterbury August 1845.

**12 Principal Probate Registry**

**CHARLOTTE CRACROFT - 23 March 1867**

*Effects under £100*

Letters of Administration (with the Will attached) of the Personal estate and effects of Charlotte Cracroft late of West Keal in the County of Lincoln Spinster deceased who died on or about 9 July 1813 at West Keal aforesaid were granted at the Principal Registry to Williams Rice of Boston in the said County Merchant one of the Executors of the will of Diana Cracroft Spinster the Sister and one of the Next of Kin of the said Deceased he having been first sworn

**13 Major Cracroft's career in the Madras Infantry was as follows:**

Cadet	1800
Lieutenant	20 July 1801
Captain	19 March 1817
Major	17 November 1825

**14 An extract of Major Cracroft's will reads as follows:**

"To my natural son Charles Cracroft born to me by my female companion Vegatchallum alias Ammee of Cumbum in Cedid District. He is now in Madras Male Asylum. To my natural daughter Letitia by the same, now under guardianship of my sister Letitia Francis of Edgefield, Norfolk. If sister Letitia died, my daughter to be placed under care of my sisters Sophia and Diana Cracroft. My cousin Walter Cracroft in Penang. Dated 28 September 1826. Witnesses: William Chinery, Thomas Brown."

**15 Principal Probate Registry**

**DIANA CRACROFT - 2 July 1860**

*Under £7,000*

*Resworn at the Stamp Office August 1867 under £800*

The Will of Diana Cracroft late of Derby in the County of Derby Spinster deceased who died 4 January 1860 was proved at the Principal Registry by the oaths of Williams Rice of Boston in the County of Lincoln Esquire and George Benjamin Austen Lefroy of Albert-place, Shooters-Hill-road, Blackheath in the County of Kent the Executors

**16 Principal Probate Registry**

**REBECCA ANN CRACROFT - 28 June 1862**

*Under £3,000*

The Will of Rebecca Ann Cracroft late of the City of York spinster deceased who died 26 April 1862 at York aforesaid was proved at York by the oath of Jane Hodgson (Wife of the Rev Charles Hodgson, Clerk) of Barton-le-Street in the County of York the Sister and the Sole Executrix

**17 Principal Probate Registry**

**WALTER SEWELL CRACROFT - 1 December 1865**

*Effects under £3,000*

The Will of Walter Sewell Cracroft late of Trowle Cottage near Trowbridge in the County of Wiltshire Esquire deceased who died on or since 20 March 1865 at Sea was proved at the Principal Registry by the oath of Jane Cracroft of 13 Pulteney-street in the Parish of Bathwick in the County of Somerset the Widow the Relict the Sole Executrix

**18 Principal Probate Registry**

**CATHERINE CRACROFT** of Peshawur, Punjaub, India (wife of Bernard Cracroft) died 5 July 1867 at Murree, Rawalpindee, Punjaub. Administration London 11 January 1899 to the said Bernard Cracroft retired major-general in Her Majesty's Indian-staff-corps. Effects £384.

**19 Principal Probate Registry**

**MADELEINE ELLEN CRACROFT** of Wedhampton, Devizes, Wiltshire (wife of Bernard Walter Cracroft) died 1 February 1902. Probate London 16 April 1902 to Edmund Tom Penlington esquire and the said Bernard Walter Cracroft retired major in H.M. Indian Army. Effects £2,222 2s 1d.

**20 Principal Probate Registry**

**BERNARD WALTER CRACROFT** of 21 Porchester-square, Hyde Park, Middlesex, retired major in H.M. Indian-staff-corps, died 15 January 1905. Probate London 28 March 1905 to Edward Conder esquire and Beatice Elizabeth Cracroft (wife of Robert Weston Cracroft). Effects £2,720 15s 5d. Double Probate June 1905.

**BERNARD WALTER CRACROFT** of 21 Porchester-square, Hyde Park, Middlesex, retired major in H.M. Indian-staff-corps, died 15 January 1905. Probate London 29 June 1905 to Sydney Bright Bright-Smith captain in H.M. Army. Effects £2,720 a5s 5d. Former grant Marcg 1905.

**21 Principal Probate Registry**

**GUY BERNARD DALRYMPLE CRACROFT** of 216 Austen Road Guildford died 13 January 1966 at St Lukes Hospital Guildford. Probate London 2 March 1966 to Lillian Ethel Grace Cracroft widow. £5,218.

**22 Principal Probate Registry**

**CHARLOTTE GRACE CRACROFT** of 31 Daniel Street Bath widow died 11 July 1934. Probate Bristol 3 august 1934 to Mary Cracroft spinster. Effects £2,848 7s 5d.

**23 Principal Probate Registry**

**BERNARD CRACROFT** of 2 Widdecombe-crescent Bath retired major-general died 17 December 1909. Probate Bristol 13 January 1910 to Charlotte Grace Cracroft widow. Effects £907 2s 1d.

**24 Principal Probate Registry**

**GEORGINA MOTAGU CRACROFT** of The Garth Combe Down near Bath died 29 May 1937 at The Evelyn Nursing Home Trumpington-road Cambridge. Probate Bristol 12 August 1937 to Hugh John Bernard Cracroft captain H.M. army. Effects £3,159 14s 5d; resworn £3,071 0s 11d.

**25 Principal Probate Registry**

**HUGH CRACROFT** of The Garth Combe Down Bath retired lieutenant colonel H.M. Army died 10 May 1923. Administration (with Will) Bristol 17 August 1923 to Georgina Montague Cracroft widow. Effects £2,584 2s 11d.

**26** Raised to the rank of a Baron's daughter in 1948.

**27 Principal Probate Registry**

**ROBERT GEORGE CRACROFT** of Tudor Cottage Shaldon Teignmouth Devonshire died 13 August 1944 on war service. Probate Llandudno 6 November 1944 to Helen Elizabeth Cracroft. Effects £3,757 10s 3d.

**28** In the Parade Ground Cemetary, Secunderabad, India, there is a plaque which says:  
"Sacred to the memory of Major Hugh Cracroft, 3rd Madras Light Cavalry, who died at Boenpully 1st February 1883 in his 39th year"

**29** Lieutenant Cracroft's army career was as follows:

- Appointed cadet on 19 December 1780, aged 19
- Sailed for India in the *Chapman* on 13 March 1781, aged 19
- Promoted to Ensign 1781
- Promoted to Lieutenant on 16 September 1782
- Resigned 1791



<sup>30</sup> According to a report (AJO NS XXV,265) he had arrived at Launceston from India for the benefit of his health!

<sup>31</sup> **Principal Probate Registry**

**JANE CRACROFT - 10 August 1876**

*Effects under £3,000*

The Will of Jane Cracroft late of 50 Pulteney-street Bath in the County of Somerset Widow who died 1 July 1876 at Grantham in the the County of Lincoln was proved at the Principal Registry by Benjamin Hill Russell of Westgate in the Parish of Grantham Veterinary Surgeon one of the Executors:

Jane Cracroft of 50 Pulteney Street, Bath, Somersetshire. To my grandsons Herbert George and Raymond Playfair the sum of £100 each. To my six children Bernard Cracroft, Laura O'Dowda, Sarah Harper, Hugh Cracroft, Clementina Russell and Walter Cracroft the whole of my money to be equally divided between them with a request that they allow their aunt Charlotte £10 a year between them. To my son Bernard Cracroft my pictures, photographs, family bible, his great-grandfather's gold headed cane, the plate marked with the crest, the medals and all my papers. To my son Hugh Cracroft all the plate and plated goods not marked with the crest. To my son Walter Cracroft his grandfather's gold seal with crest and initials. To my son-in-law Benjamin Hill Russell my furniture. All my other effects between my daughters Laura O'Dowda, Sarah Harper and Clementina Russell. Appoint my son Bernard Cracroft and son-in-law Benjamin Hill Russell to be executors. Dated 6 February 1875.

<sup>32</sup> Major Cracroft's military career is recorded as follows:

Appointed Cadet in 1829

Promoted to Ensign on 30 September 1833

Promoted to Lieutenant on 5 October 1836

Promoted to Captain (Brevet) on 22 November 1844

Promoted to Captain (Regiment) on 23 March 1847

Retired 12 October 1852

<sup>33</sup> **Principal Probate Registry**

**HENRY CRACROFT - 2 May 1861**

*Effects under £1,000*

The Will with a Codicil of Henry Cracroft late of Ealing in the County of Middlesex Esquire late Major in the Service of the Honourable East India Company deceased who died 3 April 1861 at Ealing aforesaid was proved at the Principal Registry by the oath of Eleanor Cracroft of Ealing aforesaid Widow the Relict and the sole Executrix:

Henry Cracroft a Captain in the Honourable East India Company's Service at their Bombay Establishment. Messuage or tenement or dwellinghouse with the brewhouse stableyard garden and court thereto adjoining situated at Newark in the County of Nottingham....to my wife Eleanor Cracroft....during her life with remainder to any of our issue or....to my brother George Cracroft for life or to....late brother Alfred Matthew Cracroft. To sister Charlotte Debresay Cracroft a legacy of £500. Dated 9 February 1852.

<sup>34</sup> **Principal Probate Registry**

**HENRY LEWIS WALTER CRACROFT** of Yneca Pelross Sound provincial district of Marlborough New Zealand died 15 January 1909 at Picton Marlborough aforesaid. Proved Blenheim Nelson District to Lucy Letitia Cracroft widow. Sealed London 5 November 1909. Effects £138 9s 0d in United Kingdom.

<sup>35</sup> By his housekeeper, Mary Ann Stevenson, he had further issue,

- 4b. Viola Cracroft *Stevenson*, born in Droitwich on Q3 1852 and died there unmarried on Q1 1874.
- 5b. Florence Cracroft *Stevenson*, born in Droitwich on Q2 1854 and married at Claines, Worcestershire, on 13 February 1878, Henry Oastler, glover, of Worcester, son of Bryan Oastler, also a glover.
- 6b. Mary Cracroft, born at Worcester on 14 December 1855 and died there on Q1 1856.
- 7b. Alfred Dinmore Cracroft *Stevenson*, china painter and gilder, born at Droitwich on Q4 1856; married at Worcester Register Office on 24 September 1877, Mary Ann Lawrence, daughter of Alfred Lawrence, stone mason, of Worcester (died at Worcester on Q2 1930), and had issue,
  - 1c. Alfred George Dinmore Cracroft, born at Worcester on 7 October 1877 and died at Droitwich on Q1 1878.
  - 2c. Rosalie Cracroft, born at Sandys Road, Claines, on 11 January 1879; married at Worcester on Q2 1916 Arthur D Smith, and had issue:
    - 1d. Clarence Victor Dinsdale Cracroft, born at 20 Waterworks Road, Worcester, on 12 September 1897, married at Worcester on Q2 1926 Evelyn M Harrison (born c. 1904; died at Worcester on Q1 1956) and died at Solihull South on Q0 1986 having had issue:
      - 1e. Florence L Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q2 1928; married at Worcester on Q3 1952 Reginald W Willis.
      - 2e. Joan D Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1930 and married at Worcester on Q2 1955 Robert J Allison
      - 3e. Rose Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1932; married at Worcester on Q3 1951 Hugh Beard.
      - 4e. Victor J Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q4 1943; married at Worcester on Q3 1964 Barbara J Anderson, and had issue:
        - 1f. Lisa Michelle Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1967 and married at Solihull South on Q2 1993 Dean A Smith.
        - 2f. Darrell Victor Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q2 1969.
        - 3f. Michael John Cracroft, born at Solihull on Q3 1977.

- 3c. Lilian Cracroft, born at Waterworks Road, Claines, Worcestershire, on 3 October 1880, and died at Worcester on Q2 1906.
- 4c. Lawrence Dinmore Cracroft, born at 90 Waterworks Road, Worcester, on 12 June 1895; married at Worcester on Q3 1918 Elizabeth May Creese (born 17 February 1895; died at Worcester on Q1 1971), and died at Worcester on Q3 1957 having had issue:
  - 1d. Lawrence Dinmore Cracroft, born and died at Worcester on Q4 1919.
  - 2d. Eric Geoffrey Cracroft, born at Worcester on 28 September 1921; married at Worcester on Q2 1945 Florence E Bradley, and died at Worcester on Q3 1976 having had issue:
    - 1e. David L Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q2 1946; married at Droitwich on Q3 1969 Christaline Bishop, and has issue:
      - 1f. Amanda Jane Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q3 1970 and married at Worcester on Q0 1989 Richard P Howes.
      - 2f. Trevor Lawrence Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1973; married at Worcester on Q0 2000 Nicola J Jackson, and has issue:
        - 1g. Ashley James Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q0 1998.
        - 2g. Libby Jade Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q0 2001.
    - 3f. Jason Lee Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q2 1974; married at Worcester on Q0 1998 Sarah L Woodfield, and has issue:
      - 1g. Liam Jay Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q0 2001.
    - 4f. Laura Jade Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q0 1993.
- 3d. Irene R Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q4 1923; married at Worcester on Q2 1949 Edwin G Boalch.
- 4d. Olive M Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q4 1926; married at Worcester on Q2 1949 John Felmingham

- 5d. Ivor Raymond Cracroft, born at Worcester on 29 December 1928; married at Worcester on Q3 1958 Marie Josephine E Antley (born 19 January 1960 and died at Worcester on Q0 1996), and died at Worcester on Q0 1986 having had issue:
- 1e. Martin D Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1961; married 1stly at Worcester on Q4 1980 Sandra D Hill (married 2ndly at Worcester on Q0 1989 Russell A Moss), and has issue:
    - 1f. Paul Scott Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q4 1982.
    - 2f. Gemma Jade Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q0 1985.

Martin D Cracroft married 2ndly at Worcester on Q0 1986 Helen L Taylor.
  - 2e. Amanda Jane Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q2 1968 and married at Worcester on Q0 1991 Timothy J Watterson.
- 6d. Sylvia J Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1936 and married at Worcester on Q3 1963 Gerald Matthews.
- 8b. Edmund George *Stevenson (also George Edmund)* Cracroft, sauce manufacturer's packer, born at Droitwich on Q4 1858; married at St Georges's, Claines, Worcestershire, on 2 October 1883 Fanny Cull, daughter of Job Cull, farm bailiff, of Claines, Worcestershire, farm bailiff (after her husband's death she married 2ndly at Worcester Register Office on 11 April 1914, William Done, widower and signal fitter, of Worcester, son of William Done, builder) and died before 1911 leaving issue,
- 1c. William George Cracroft, printer's compositor, born at Baxbourne, Claines, Worcestershire, on 11 December 1884; married at Worcester Register Office on 23 December 1911, Amy Eliza Patten, widow, of Worcester, daughter of William Richard Bennett, carpenter (after her husband's death she married 3rdly at Worcester on 19 June 1915, Edwin James Pittaway, widower and saltmaker, of Worcester, son of Matthew Pittaway, also a saltmaker), and died at Upton on Q2 1913.
  - 2c. Frank Leonard Cracroft, labourer, born at Baxbourne, Claines, Worcestershire, on 17 November 1887; married at St Christopher's, Everton, Lancashire, on 17 November 1912, Ethel May Edge, of Everton, Lancashire (born on 6 May 1890 and died at Liverpool on Q4 1980), daughter of Joseph Edge, carter, and died at Liverpool N on Q2 1938. leaving issue,
    - 1d. Gordon L Cracroft, born at W Derby on Q2 1913 and died there on Q3 1914.

- 2d. Vera M Cracroft, born at W Derby on Q4 1919 and died there on Q1 1920.
- 3c. Alfred Henry Cracroft, born at Spring Lane, Worcester on 12 January 1891; married there on Q4 1922, Jessie Waters (born on 20 November 1889 and died at Malvern in 1984) and died at Worcester on Q2 1962, leaving issue,
  - 1d. Eric A R Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1924; married at Staincliffe on Q1 1952, Annie Hargraves, and has issue,
    - 1e. Jacqueline A Cracroft, born in Staincliffe on Q2 1955 and married at Leeds on Q1 1976, Michael Allen.
    - 2e. Patricia D Cracroft, born in Staincliffe on Q4 1958 and married in Wharfedale on Q2 1980, Anthony G Godley.
- 4c. Ethel Mary Cracroft, born at 22 Providence Street, Worcester, on 24 March 1894 and married at St Peter the Great, Worcester, on 2 October 1915, Sergeant Edwin Howard Gray, 7th Dragoon Guards, of Worcester, son of John Gray, bass dresser.
- 5c. Horace Harold Cracroft, born at Severn Street, Worcester, on 11 December 1899, married 1stly at Worcester on Q3 1924 Rachel Phillips (born c. 1894 ; died at Worcester on Q2 1968), and had issue:
  - 1d. Dennis Roy Cracroft. born at Worcester on 20 August 1924; married at Worcester on Q3 1953 Mary C Trow, and died at Worcester on Q0 1994 having had issue:
    - 1e. Christine A Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1954 and married at Bristol on Q0 1987 Richard Warwick.
    - 2e. Allen R Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q1 1957; married at Worcester on Q0 1988 June Banks, and has issue:
      - 1f. Ashley James Cracroft, born at Worcester on Q01997.

Horace Harold Cracroft married 2ndly at Hitchin on Q2 1968 Ellen Marion Dearing (born 15 Oct 1898 and died at Stevenage on Q1 1983) and died at Stevenage on Q0 1985.
- 6c. Thomas Reginald Cracroft, born at 3 Severn Street, Worcester, on 18 April 1903; married at Worcester on Q1 1929 Gladys Emily Cook (born 3 January 1907 and died at Worcester on Q0 1986), and died there on Q0 1993.
- 9b. Henry John Cracroft *Stevenson*, born at Worcester on Q3 1861 and died there on 13 September 1861.

**36 Principal Probate Registry**

**JANE CRACROFT** of 12 Shrubbery Road, West Green, Tottenham, Middlesex, spinster died 11 February 1892. Administration London 16 March 1892 to Robert Weston Cracroft barrister-at-law. Effects £30.

**37 Principal Probate Registry**

**EMMA CRACROFT** of 43 Ladbrooke-square, Notting Hill, Middlesex widow died 7 February 1893. Administration (with Will) London 17 March 1893 to Robert Weston Cracroft esquire. Effects £135 0s 5d.

**38 Principal Probate Registry**

**JOHN EDWARD CRACROFT - 11 February 1890**

*Personal Estate £1,000 4s 7d*

The Will of John Edward Cracroft formerly a Lieutenant-General in the Bengal Staff Corps and Commissioner in the Punjaub but late of 28 Brunswick-gardens Kensington in the County of Middlesex a retired Major-General in Her Majesty's Army who died 14 January 1890 at 28 Brunswick-gardens was proven at the Principal Registry by Emma Cracroft of 28 Brunswick-gardens Widow the Relict the sole Executrix

**39 Principal Probate Registry**

**BEATRICE ELIZABETH CRACROFT** of 17 Ladbrooke-square Middlesex widow died 28 October 1933. Probate London 5 July 1934 to John Edward Cracroft of no occupation and Edward Alan Cracroft musician. Effects £5,592 0s 3d.

**40 Principal Probate Registry**

**ROBERT WESTON CRACROFT** of 17 Ladbrooke-square Middlesex died 22 May 1932. Probate London 19 July 1932 to Beatrice Elizabeth Cracroft widow and John Humphrey Cracroft and Edward Alan Cracroft esquires. Effects £14,887 10s 9d.

**41 Principal Probate Registry**

**ROBERT CRACROFT - 5 March 1879**

*Personal Estate under £450 in England*

Administration of the Personal estate of Robert Cracroft late of Novara in Italy Bachelor who died 31 March 1849 at Novara left unadministered by Jane Cracroft Widow the Mother and only Next of Kin was granted at the Principal Registry to John Edward Cracroft of 4 Kensington-square Kensington in the County of Middlesex Esquire a Retired Major-General in Her Majesty's Army the Brother. Former Grant Prerogative Court of Canterbury July 1849

**42 Principal Probate Registry**

**ALICE MARIA CRACROFT** of Foxholes Farley Green Albury Surrey widow died 22 September 1941. Probate Llandudno 10 January 1942 to Mary Tudor Cracroft spinster. Effects £4,786 10s 9d.

**43 Principal Probate Registry**

**BERNARD CRACROFT - 30 July 1888**

*Personal Estate £24 2s 6d*

The Will of Bernard Cracroft formerly of 9 Saville-row Piccadilly but late of 2 Oxford-and-Cambridge-mansions Marylebone both in the County of Middlesex who died 29 May 1888 at Bolingbroke Hospital Wandsworth Common in the County of Surrey was proved at the Principal Registry by Alice Maria Cracroft of 1 Stanford-road Kensington in the County of Middlesex Widow the Relict the sole Executrix

**44 Principal Probate Registry**

**MARY TUDOR CRACROFT** of Foxholes Farley-green Albury Surrey spinster died 14 February 1944 at Heatherbank Hindhead Surrey. Probate London 5 May 1944 to Cecil Halford Heath chicken farmer. Effects £21,367 14s 5d.

**45 Principal Probate Registry**

**PENELOPE ANNE CRACROFT - 1 June 1861**

*Under £8,000*

The Will of Penelope Anne Cracroft formerly of Lea in the County of Lincoln but late of 12 Torrington-square in the County of Middlesex spinster deceased who died 10 May 1861 at Torrington-square aforesaid was proved at the Principal Registry by the oath of Lucy Cracroft of 12 Torrington-square aforesaid Spinster the Sister and the sole Executrix

**46 Principal Probate Registry**

**LUCY CRACROFT - 10 June 1870**

*Effects under £16,000*

The Will of Lucy Cracroft late of 34 Torrington-square in the County of Middlesex Spinster deceased who died 11 May 1870 at 34 Torrington-square aforesaid was proved at the Principal Registry by the oath of William James Farrer of Lincoln's-Inn-fields in the County aforesaid Esquire the sole Executor.

**47 Principal Probate Registry**

**CAROLINE CRACROFT - 14 June 1879**

*Personal Estate under £90,000*

Special Administration (with the Will) of the Personal estate of Caroline Cracroft (heretofore Wife of Peter Cracroft Esquire) late of 34 Albemarle-street in the County of Middlesex Widow who died 3 January 1879 at 34 Albemarle-street was granted at the Principal Registry to Anna Maria Ward of 29 Bruton-street in the said County Widow the Sister and only Next of Kin

**CAROLINE CRACROFT - 23 July 1881**

*Personal Estate £4,120 9s 5d*

Administration (with the Will) of the Personal estate of Caroline Cracroft (heretofore Wife of Peter Cracroft Esquire) late of 37 Albemarle-street in the County of Middlesex Widow who died 3 January 1879 at 37 Albemarle-street left unadministered by Anna Maria Ward Widow the Sister and only Next of Kin was granted at the Principal Registry under the usual Limitations to Sir Edward Henry Scott of Sindridge Park in the County of Kent Baronet the Nephew and one of the Persons entitled in Distribution. Former Grant Principal Registry June 1879

**CAROLINE CRACROFT - 19 March 1885**

*Personal Estate £800*

Administration (with the Will) of the Personal estate of Caroline Cracroft (heretofore Wife of Peter Cracroft Esquire) late of 37 Albemarle-street in the County of Middlesex Widow who died 3 January 1879 at 37 Albemarle-street left unadministered by Anna Maria Ward Widow the Sister and only Nest of Kin and by Sir Edward Henry Scott Baronet the Nephew and one of the Persons entitled in Distribution was granted at the Principal Registry to Montague Williams of Woolland near Blandford in the County of Dorset Esquire the surviving Executor of the Will of the said Anna Maria Ward. Former Grant Principal Registry June 1879 and July 1881

**48 Principal Probate Registry**

**PETER CRACROFT - 7 November 1865**

*Effects under £16,000*

The Will of Peter Cracroft formerly of Clarence-parade Southsea in the County of Southampton but late of Port Royal, Jamaica in the West Indies a Captain in Her Majesty's Navy deceased who died 2 August 1865 at Port Royal aforesaid was proved at the Principal Registry by the oaths of the Reverend Robert Cracroft of Harrington in the County of Lincoln Clerk the Brother and the Reverend Edwin Jarvis of Hackthorn in the County of Lincoln aforesaid Clerk the Executors

**49 Principal Probate Registry**

**THE HONOURABLE ELIZABETH CATHERINE CRACROFT - 12 May 1880**

*Personal Estate under £17,000*

The Will of the Honourable Elizabeth Catherine Cracroft (Wife of the Reverend Robert Wentworth Cracroft) late of Harrington Rectory in the County of Lincoln who died 26 October 1879 at Harrington Rectory was proved at Lincoln by the said Reverend Robert Wentworth Cracroft of Harrington Rectory Clerk and Weston Cracroft-Amcotts of Hackthorn Hall in the County of Lincoln Esquire the Executors. Probate being granted under certain limitations

**50 Principal Probate Registry**

**THE REVERAND ROBERT WENTWORTH CRACROFT** of Harrington-rectory Lincolnshire clerk died 22 March 1905. Probate London 31 March 1905 to the Reverend Francis Amcotts Jarvis clerk Robert Weston Cracroft barrister and Stephen Weston Marsden gentleman. Effects £22,299 19s 2d. Resworn £30,702 0s 9d.

**51 Principal Probate Registry**

**VINCENT AMCOTTs CRACROFT-AMCOTTs - 7 January 1882**

*Personal Estate £1,626 0s 1d*

The Will of Vincent Amcotts Cracroft-Amcotts late of Kettlethorp in the County of Lincoln and of 39 Portsdown-road in the County of Middlesex Esquire who died 26 November 1881 at 39 Portsdown-road was proved at the Principal Registry by Edward Weston Cracroft-Amcotts of Hackthorn Hall in the County of Lincoln Esquire the Brother the sole Executor

**52 Principal Probate Registry**

**CICELY SOPHIA MARY CRACROFT** of Hackthorn Hall Lincolnshire (wife of Edward Weston Cracroft) died 22 January 1929. Probate Lincoln 11 March 1929 to the said Edward Weston Cracroft esquire and Weston Cracroft Amcotts engineer. Effects £2,598 17s 1d.

**53 Principal Probate Registry**

**EDWARD WESTON CRACROFT** of Hackthorn Hall Lincolnshire died 30 January 1933. Probate Lincoln 5 May 1933 to Weston Cracroft Amcotts major H.M. army. Effects £68,317 4s 6d; resworn £70,965 19s 11d; resworn £71,025 3s 11d.

**54 Principal Probate Registry**

**ELLEN KEMPTHORNE CRACROFT-AMCOTTs - 30 April 1881**

*Personal Estate under £3,000*

Administration (with the Will and Codicil) of the Personal estate pf Ellen Kempthorne Cracroft-Amcotts (Wife of Weston Cracroft-Amcotts) (formerly Neville, Widow) late of Hackthorn in the County of Lincoln who died 9 February 1881 at Hackthorn was granted at the Principal Registry under certain Limitations to Ralph Henry Christopher Neville of Wellingore Hall in the said County Esquire the Son a Legatee

**ELLEN KEMPTHORNE CRACROFT-AMCOTTs - 19 May 1881**

*Persoanl Estate under £6,000*

Administration of the Rest of the Personal estate of Ellen Kempthorne Cracroft-Amcotts (Wife of Weston Cracroft-Amcotts Esquire) late of Hackthorn in the County of Lincoln who died 9 February 1881 at Hackthorn was granted at the Principal Registry under certain Specialities to the said Weston Cracroft-Amcotts of Hackthorn. Limited Administration (with Will) at the Principal Registry April 1881

**55 Principal Probate Registry**

**EMILY GRACE CRACROFT-AMCOTTs** of Kettlethorpe Hall Lincolnshire widow died 13 October 1936 at Rauceby Lincolnshire. Probate Lincoln 29 April 1937 to Weston Cracroft-Amcotts retired major H.M. army and John Cracroft-Amcotts retired commander RN. Effects £29,812 10s 2d; resworn £36,360 15s 4d.

**56 Principal Probate Registry**



**JOHN CRACROFT-AMCOTTS** of Rauceby Hall near Sleaford Lincolnshire died 30 May 1956. Probate London 7 November 1956 to Sir Weston Cracroft-Amcotts knight and May Redfearn Cracroft-Amcotts widow. Effects £102,491 19s 8d.

<sup>57</sup> By her previous husband she had an only son, Edmund Henry, born around the time of her marriage to her second husband. He took his stepfather's name:

**Edmund Henry Davies Cracroft**, musician; born c. 1879; married at the Register Office, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, on 30 May 1905 Janet Helen Gertrude Santy, daughter of Edmund Santy, dec'd., formerly a farmer, and died on Q4 1960 at Romford, aged 82, leaving issue,

1. Margaret Gwendoline Davies Cracroft, born at 38 Arundel Road, Great Yarmouth, Suffolk, on 24 July 1906, and died at Plymouth on Q1 1913.
2. Cynthia Beryl Cracroft, born at Church Street, Wymondham, Norfolk, on 23 October 1907
3. Nora Phyllis Cracroft, born at Towngreen, Wymondham, Norfolk, on 25 July 1909.

<sup>58</sup> **By his mistress** Laura Walker (born c. 1809 and died at Lambeth, London on Q2 1885) **he had eight illegitimate children:**

- 1b. Emma Cracroft, **born in London in 1826 and** died at Southwark, London on Q2 1864.
- 2b. Joseph Cracroft, civil engineer, **born in London in 1828**; married Rachel Bartholomew, and had issue,
  - 1c. Maria Laura Cracroft, born at 7 Parsonage Row, Newington, London on 23 November 1857 and died at Newington on Q1 1858.
- 3b. Fanny Jessie Cracroft, **born in Brixton, London in 1829 and** married at St Andrew's Church, Stockwell, London, on 18 Jul 1878 Anthony Edward Oliphant, of full age, clerk, son of Lt Col James Oliphant, Royal Engineers
- 4b. Clementina Cracroft, **born in Pimlico, London in 1831 and** died at Lambeth, London, on Q4 1921, aged 90.
- 5b. **Francis Cracroft, born in London in 1833.**
- 6b. Letitia Laura Cracroft, **born in London in 1835 and** married at St Peter's Church, Walworth, London, on 19 May 1858 William Robert Willson, aged 22, pianoforte maker, son of James Edward Willson, mercantile clerk.
- 7b. Clara Rebecca Cracroft, **born in London in 1837 and** married at St Peter's Church, Walworth, London, on 12 June 1862 Wilfred Tate, aged 25, Government clerk, son of Rev William Burling Tate, dec'd.
- 8b. George John Cracroft, born at 6 Cumberland Place, Southwark, London, on 23 March 1846 and died at Newington on Q4 1862.

<sup>59</sup> Anne Rebecca Cracroft had an illegitimate child:

- 1c. Arthur Cracroft, compositor, born at 11 Stepney Green, Mile End Old Town, London, on 24 June 1863; married firstly at St Mary's Parish Church, Lambeth, London, on 22 October 1888 Alexandra Burrige, aged 19, of 17 Newport Street (died at Wandsworth, London, on Q3 1904, aged 36), daughter of Alexander Burrige, sailmaker, and had issue,
- 1d. Arthur Cracroft Burrige, [born in London on 22 July 1886](#); married at Camberwell Register Office, London, on 30 November 1915 Emma Cook, aged 40, of 424 Old Kent Road, London (died at Wandsworth, London, on Q4 1925, aged 49), daughter of Samuel Cook, dec'd., firework maker, and died at Battersea, London, on Q1 1963, aged 76.
- 2d. Edwin Cracroft, born at 43 Summers Town, Wandsworth, London, on 17 March 1889 and died at Wandsworth on Q2 1904, aged 15.
- 3d. William Alexander Cracroft, born at 10 Bonfield Street, Battersea, London, on 13 December 1890; married firstly at Hendon Register Office, Middlesex, on 25 July 1915 Elizabeth Parry, aged 24, domestic cook, of 16A Ramsey Road, West Hendon (died at Hendon, Middlesex, on Q4 1928, aged 38), daughter of Hugh Parry, carpenter, and had issue,
- 1e. Betty S Cracroft, born at Hendon, Middlesex, on Q3 1920, and married there on Q4 1939 George H A Franklin.
- 2e. William Arthur Cracroft, born at Hendon, Middlesex, on 22 July 1928; married at Aled on Q2 1956 June S Jones, and died at Denbigh North on Q0 1996, leaving issue,
- 1f. Sera Elizabeth Cracroft, born at St Asaph on Q2 1966 and married at Colwyn on Q0 1990 Peter P Stewart.
- 2f. Catrin Mari Cracroft, born at St Asaph on Q3 1968 and married at Colwyn on Q0 1997 Paul MacAlinden.
- William Alexander Cracroft married secondly at Hendon, Middlesex, on Q4 1934 Emily Carter, and died at Hendon on Q4 1965, aged 75, leaving further issue,
- 3e. Wendy A Cracroft, born at Marylebone on Q1 1937 and married at Hendon, Middlesex, on Q3 1957 Edward W Bateman.
- 4d. Emily Amy Cracroft, born at 20 Darien Road, Battersea, London, on 4 September 1893 and married at Wandsworth on Q4 1916 Edward F Channon.

- 5d. Susannah Albena Cracroft, born at 16 Benfield Street, Battersea, London, on 19 October 1895 and married at Wandsworth on Q4 1920 William H Lloyd.
- 6d. Matilda Cracroft, born at 11 Granfield Street, Battersea, London, on 4 August 1898 and married at St John's Church, Battersea, London, on 5 February 1921 Frederick John Leppard, aged 25, rag sorter, of 12 Didcot Street, son of William Leppard, plasterer.
- 7d. Robert Thomas Cracroft, born at 10 Weston Street, Battersea, London, on 18 September 1900; married at Wandsworth on Q3 1931 Eileen M O'Sullivan (died at Wandsworth on Q4 1964, aged 66), and died at Worthing on Q0 1992, leaving issue,
- 1e. Michael John Cracroft, bank clerk, born at Wandsworth on 18 January 1932; married Bessy Margaret Price, and died at Haywards Heath on Q0 2002, leaving issue,
- 1f. David Andrew Cracroft, born at Weir Maternity Hospital, Balham, London, on 31 May 1960; married firstly at Haywards Heath on Q3 1993 Marianna A Giovino, and secondly at Haywards Heath on Q0 2002 Margaret Bursell.
- 2f. Margaret A Cracroft, born at Cuckfield on Q3 1962 and married at West Berks on Q0 1999 Richard A Cowlshaw.
- 8d. Alexander John Cracroft, born at 84 Grant Road, Battersea, London, on 16 September 1902; married firstly at Wandsworth on Q3 1928 Lilian May Goble (born 29 January 1902 and died at Wandsworth on Q1 1970), and had issue,
- 1e. Enid M M Cracroft, born at Battersea on Q4 1930 and married at Battersea on Q1 1953 Alan J Baker.
- Alexander John Cracroft married secondly at Wandsworth on Q4 1974 Elizabeth E Aylieff, and died at Lambeth on Q0 1984, with no further issue

Arthur Cracroft married secondly at Wandsworth, London, on Q4 1924 Sophia Eliza Goble (died at Battersea, London, on Q3 1937, aged 62), and died at Battersea, London, on Q1 1941, aged 77, with no further issue.