



The Crawford family of Crawfordsburn, Co. Down

William Crawford married ?? possibly Ursula ?? (surname unknown)

William's son, John Crawford (born c.1670), married Jane Crawford of Ballysavage.
Jane was possibly a cousin of John Crawford.

John & Jane's children included:

- James Crawford (??-1777) who married Mabel Johnston (c.1720-1772) in 1740.
Mabel was the daughter of Hugh Johnston (MP for Killyleagh, Co. Down)
Mabel inherited the Rademon Estate, Crossgar, on the death of her brother
Arthur Johnston c.1827.
One of her sisters became Mrs Mussenden – a significant family link to banking.
- Anne Crawford (??-??) who married James Arbuckle.
Their daughter Alice Arbuckle married Robert Gordon of Florida Manor, Co. Down
(father of David Gordon – see below – who married James and Mabel Crawford's
daughter Mary). Please note: Anne's father was indeed a John Crawford, but there
is some doubt as to whether or not it was the John Crawford of Crawfordsburn.

James and Mabel's children were:

- John Crawford (c.1744-1827) married (1784) Maria Kennedy (c.1748-1829)
Maria was the daughter of Hugh Kennedy of Cultra.

John and Maria's children were:

- Mabel Fridiswid Crawford (1785-1844) married
William Sharman (1780-1861) (becoming William
Sharman-Crawford and inheriting Crawfordsburn)
- Arthur Johnston Crawford (1786-1826) – unmarried
- Arthur Crawford (c.1748-1833) married Theodosia Waddell (c.1772-1849)

Arthur and Theodosia's children included:

- James Crawford (c.1795-1860)
married (1823) Ellen Ferguson (c.1797-1880)
- John Crawford (c.1796-1864) married (1825)
Harriette Mackintosh
- Arthur Crawford (c.1798-1827) – unmarried,
died in India.

- William Crawford (c.1800-1872) married
Jane Cairns of Parkmount.
- + daughters

- James Crawford (c.1750-1787) married ?? unknown
James was a Major in the Bengal Army and died in India.
His daughter Jane (?-1797) married Francis Savage MP, Hollymount, Co. Down, in 1795. Francis and Jane's only child Mary-Anne married Matthew Forde of Seaforde, Co. Down and Coolgreany, Co. Wexford.
- Jane Crawford (1751-1835) – unmarried
- Anne Crawford (c.1753-1777) married (1774) James Alexander (1750-1802)
James Alexander became the 1st Lord Caledon.
- William Crawford (1757-1834) of Cork, married
(1) Elizabeth Cooke (or Mary Bordman?)
(2) Mary Uniacke
- Mary Crawford (?1768 -?) married (1789) David Gordon (1759-1837)
of Florida, Co. Down.
Mary was a cousin of David Gordon's mother, Alice Arbuckle.
This is another family link to banking. The Gordon family had previously been wine and spirit and general merchants, but David Gordon entered the legal profession and was an important banker.
David's sister Anne Gordon married Eldred Pottinger in 1799.

Belfast News Letter, 2 August 1808

We learn with pleasure that business commenced yesterday at the Belfast Bank, No.1 Donegall Square. The partners are David Gordon, Narcissus Batt, John H. Houston and Hugh Crawford, Esquires. The rising opulence of Belfast and the great increase in its trade, evidently renders such an establishment necessary.

This next quotation (re James Crawford above) is from:

Savage-Armstrong, George Francis. *The Ancient and Noble Family of the Savages of the Ards, with Sketches of English and American Branches of the House of Savage*. Marcus Ward & Co., Ltd., London, Belfast and New York, 1888.

Mr. Francis Savage (1769-1823) resided chiefly at Hollymount, and his withdrawal from his ancestral home at Ardkeen no doubt tended to hasten the decay of the House by Strangford Lough.

We find Mr. Francis Savage mentioned in 1796, along with two other members of the Savage family, as one of the Grand Jury that endeavoured to repress the seditious movements which began to manifest themselves in that year even in the County of Down, and which culminated two years later in the Rebellion of '98. "At the Summer Assizes in 1796," writes Mr. Lilburn (*Belfast Weekly News*, Feb, 26, 1887), "the country being in a very disturbed state, owing to the rebellious movements of the people, the Grand Jury of

Down resolved to exert themselves to preserve the peace of the country and enforce due obedience to the law. The resolution was subscribed by Daniel Mussenden, Sheriff; Francis Savage [of Ardkeen], foreman; Sir John Blackwood, Bart; Hon. Robert Ward; J. Reilly; David Kerr; Richard Magennis; Matthew Fforde; Nicholas Price; Patrick Savage [of Portaferry]; J. W. Maxwell; Arthur Johnston; Savage Hall; Rainey Maxwell; Arthur Annesley; Holt Waring; Gawn Hamilton; Robert Waddell; George Mathews; Thomas Dowglas; John C. Gordon; Thomas Lane; Francis Savage [of Glastry]; Thomas Waring.”