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Crockett Family Stories

A few events in the lives of The Crockett Family of Maine

[see also "The Crockett Family" digitized 2006]

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The Crockett family we descended from, lived in Maine from about 1770 to abt 1840 in Kittery, Vinal Haven, and Fox Island. They joined the LDS Church & came west with the Saints in the mid 1840's. They were in Nauvoo in the early 1840's and in Utah by 1850.

See [Crockett Family History from Maine to Arizona Time Line](#) for sources of information on each event listed in this paper.

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The first of the family to emigrate to America was probably Thomas Crockett, who is believed to have come from England to Maine as early as 1633 and possibly before. This emigrant settled first at what is now Salmon Falls and soon afterwards removed to Kittery and thence to York. It is thought probable that most of The New England family bearing this name were descended from Thomas... "

Scott, Donna Hopkins, [The Crockett Family of Maine](#) p1

Thomas "...came over in the ship called the Pied Cow, as a servant of Capt John Mason, the owner of the Piscataqua Plantation, in 1633. According to court dispositions he was born, probably in Scotland, as early as 1606. He received of Ambrose Giddons, Mason's agent 23, where he had 'e weeks diet' of John Pickerin at a cost of 12 shillings."

Scott, Donna Hopkins, [The Crockett Family of Maine](#) p1

"On 13 July 1633 Gibbins wrote to Mason that Thomas Wannerton had charge of the house at Pascataqua or Little Harbor and had with him ...Thomas Crockett, who is sometimes miscalled 'Crockwood.'"

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From Stackpole's "Old Kittery & her Families" quoted in
Scott, Donna Hopkins, [The Crockett Family of Maine](#), p6

Thomas Crockett "...received a gift of land from Thomas Georges in 1641"

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"A number of witnesses testify that George granted (Thomas Crockett) a neck of land within Spruce Creek about 1641. He lived at Warehouse Point and had land extending to the north ... of Kittery Point. The grant made to him by George was 'the necks of land that lyeth on the further side of the Cricke that runs behind Mr Gunnison's home.' (Ann, the wife of Thomas, was thought by Banks possible to have been a Gunnison. ELR) "It lyeth against the field of Thomas Crockett within Spruce Cricke." He lived at Kittery Point most of the time till later than 1658 & signed the submission to Mass. In York in 1652."

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1654 Thomas Crockett "43 in 1654, was brot to the Piscataqua as a young man by Capt Neale and app in the 1633 accts. He worked as cattleman for Capt. Wiggin and for Robert Mendum and Capt Pemberton as brewer, and for William Palmer. By 1640 he was living on Kittery Point, when Mr Thomas Gorges grant him the next point Notrh, called Crockett's Neck, in 1643. His Wife Anne, who with son Ephriam adm his estate in 1679, m 2nd Digory Jeffrey and was live age 84, in 1701. In 1648 he was the Braveboat Harbor ferryman and from 1652-1654 live east Capt Ravnes in York, where he took O.A. 1652 and had a 40 a. gr. 10 Jan 1653. Returning to Kittery he was const. In 1657 and had the Pisc. Ferry in 1659. List 41, 84, 275, 276, 298. Children John, Ephraim, Hugh, Elihu, Joseph, Anne, Sarah, *Joshua, Mary

Noyes, Libby, Davis, Genealogical Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire, 1972

"Legend of Crockett's Cove. ...On the western side of Deer Isle near Crockett's Cove, stands a high bluff nearly surrounded by water. Many years ago wily Indians had their wigwams on the shore. Their living was principally clams & fish taken from the waters along the Maine coast. There are now shells to the depth of many feet on the banks near here. Tall trees grew on the shore."

The legend tells of a fierce & ferocious chief Eagle Eye who had a sweet & lovely daughter, Sweetlips. She fell in love with a handsome brave who had been washed up on their shores. Eagle Eye watched and was ready when they tried to steal away. It was a dark & stormy night. Eagle Eye hurled the brave down to the bottom of the cliff to the rocks below. Sweetlips followed and they lay together at the bottom of the cliff. Eagle Eye was so sad, he followed his daughter down to the rocks below.

"It is said now, along the coast near Crockett's Cove, when the storm is raging and the waves roll high in anger that the old chief, Eagle Eye, may be seen on the cliff, searching the rocks below for his beautiful daughter and her Indian Brave."

From the "Zion's Advocate" 9 June 1909 quoted in

Donna Hopkins Scott's book The Crockett Family of Maine

"His grant of land was on the east side of Spruce Creek in Kittery, since called 'Crockett's Neck'."

Thomas Crockett "Signed submission of York in 1652"

Thomas Crockett "was constable in 1657" "Thomas lived a Warehouse Point in Kittery and his lands there were designed at Crockett's Neck, Crockett's Cove, and Crockett's Creeks; the two latter names to the same locality at high & low water. North of the Neck there was an inlet known as Crockett's Brake Cove."

"When he died in 1679 his widow, Ann, administered on his estate, and was married before 1682 to Diggory Jeffreys of Kittery Point."

"(Crockett's) lands at Crockett's Neck were divided among his son's & sons-in-law. Here, then, we find the Scotchman who became the common progenitor of all who bear his surname in New England, seated by the seaside in 'Old Kittery,' and we may assume with plausibility that he subsisted by using the hoe and fishhook from 1633 to 1679, a period of 46 years and up to his age of 73 years."

Thomas Crockett's widow was still living in 1712.

Scott, Donna Hopkins, The Crockett Family of Maine, p5

Nathaniel Crockett was christened 31 Mar 1719 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. His parents were John Crockett & Mary Knight. He married Margaret Andrews on 29 Oct 1740 in Scarborough, Maine. She was born abt 1723 in Chebacco Parish, Ipswich, Essex, Mass. Her parents are Jonathan Andrews & Sarah Smith

. Their seven children were all born in Vinal Haven between abt

Isaac Crockett was born in Vinal Haven abt 1750 (or baptized in Scarborough, Maine, 1746 or Falmouth, Mass. 1746.) His parents were Nathaniel Crockett & Margaret Andrews. He married Susanna Hooper (Mrs James Tobin) in 1769. Susanna was born 1754 (1744) and was from Vinal Haven. Her Father was James Hooper. Their seven children were all born in Vinal Haven between abt 1770 & 1782.

1776 Revolutionary War - While I don't know what happened to our family during the war I do know something about the conditions of the area during the war. "...Vinal Haven, an Island off the coast of Maine in Penobscot Bay" "These men were frequent victims of the 'shaving mills' - boats manned by Tories who robbed the loyal settlers of their crops and animals, burned their houses and, after the British occupied Castine, forced many to leave their families and work upon the enemy fortifications. Many men served during the expeditions to the Penobscot; but before the end of the war, the enemy had so plundered and burned that the families became refugees, not returning to the island until after the peace."

Scott, Donna Hopkins, The Crockett Family of Maine p 307

Isaac Crockett "did not sign petition for a town in 1786 as did most of the inhabitants. He could easily have been away at sea fishing. ...I located a deed... This old deed showed that Isaac Crockett had sold his land at the Great Fox Island (Vinalhaven) in 1774.

Scott, Donna Hopkins, The Crockett Family of Maine

James Crockett was born 27 April 1777, in Vinal Haven. His parents were Isaac Crockett & Susanna Hooper (Mrs Tobin?). On 6 Nov 1802 He married Elizabeth (Eliza) Brackett born 20 Feb 1777 (or 9 Mar 1778), Cape Cod, Mass. Her parents were Zachariah Brackett and Sally Brown. Their seven children were all born in Vinal Haven between 1803 & 1818. They both died in Vinal Haven. James joined the LDS Church but did not "go west with The Saints. "

David Crockett was born to James Crockett & Elizabeth Brackett on 30 Dec 1806 in Vinal Haven, Knox, Maine.

Alvin Crockett was born to David Crockett & Lydia Young at Vinal Haven, Maine 19 Oct 1831.

Our Crocketts joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They were baptized by Wilford Woodruff on Fox Island. Lydia Young Crockett on 14 Dec 1839 Her husband David Crockett on 9 Mar 1840. Their oldest son Alvin Crockett on Apr 8 1840.

"On the 20th of December (1837) I spent an hour with Mr Isaac Crockett, in clearing away large blocks of ice from the water in a cove, in order to baptize him, which I did when the tide came in..." "The Saints were established in the truth while the wicked were contending against us and some were disposed to take our lives if they had the power." "...but the devil raged to such an extent that some of them were terrified."

Wilford WOODRUFF Daily Journal quoted in
Scott, Donna Hopkins, The Crockett Family of Maine p12-14

Our family left Maine between 1841 & 1844. Wilford Woodruff brought the gospel to them and they believed what he said when he preached of gathering the saints to "Zion." Persecution was rather fierce in this area. Relatives & friends who didn't join the church made it quite miserable for them. A

plan of the old cemetery at Vinalhaven shows several of the family members who did join the church were buried at an angle as a final insult to them for being Mormons. This was done so that the deceased could not rise up and see the risen Lord on the day of resurrection.

According to Donna Scott in her book The Crockett Family, David & Lydia (Young) Crockett & their family left Maine to join the saints in Ohio but they were already leaving to come to Nauvoo. They had children born in Nauvoo in 1844 & 1845. Another child was born in Iowa in 1847 & another in Salt Lake City in 1850. Next they moved to Payson Utah & where their last two were born there in 1852 and 1855.

1852 June 20 Alvin Crockett married Mary Sophia Reed. Her ring was made of the gold he found in Calif. "When Alvin came to Payson from Calif he met ...Payson's first school teacher ...Mary Sophia Reed" "He distinguished himself in the military organization of that day. ...protect the white people from the fierce attacks of the Indians. ...Colonel for 12 years" "Alvin was kind & friendly to the Indians ...when he was on guard, either day or night, the Indians never molested them."

Hopkins, Roxana Crockett, Biography of Alvin Crockett

My nearest Crockett ancestor was Lydia Lavera Crockett who married Archibald Orrell Lamoreaux on 26 Dec 1878. She was born 21 Oct 1858, in Payson Utah. She was named after her paternal grandmother Lydia Young Crockett. She died 30 May 1830. (in ?, Arizona?)

The women in the Crockett family live to ripe old ages... good strong "Pioneer Stock." Several of David & Lydia's daughters lived to their late 90's & into 100's.

Lydia's father was Alvin Crockett. Alvin was born 19 Oct 1831, in Vinal Haven, Knox Co., Maine. Her mother was Mary Sophia Reed, born 6 Sept 1833 in Acworth, Cheshire, New Hampshire.