

Nathaniel Crow (1823 – 1912)

In 1845, at the age of 21, Nathaniel traveled alone on horseback from his childhood home in Champagne Co., Ohio, to the wilderness of Indiana where his uncle had settled near Indian Village. It was only about 12 years after the Indians were moved west. After first buying land in Van Buren Township and teaching at the Strieby School, he moved to Turkey Creek Township and boarded with a neighbor, Joseph Moore and his wife Mary, just east of his newly purchased land on the northeast side of Lake Wawasee, as we know it now. Mrs. Moore's younger sister, Miss Louisa Eliza Airgood would occasionally come for a visit. Eliza had been born in Germany on Sept. 13, 1832 (we share a birthday!). Along with her parents and 2 sisters, she sailed to America she was 3 months old. She learned to walk on the ship's rolling deck. When they reached Lower Manhattan¹ she was nine months old! Nathaniel and Eliza were married in October of 1852.

Together, Nathaniel & Eliza acquired a wealth of over 560 acres around Lake Wawasee, practically all of it within the former Flat Belly Reserve. They were one of the largest real estate owners in the county.

Of the 8 children born to Nathaniel & Eliza, four died in infancy or at a very young age, and 3 died as young parents. Nathaniel and his wife, Eliza, are buried in the center of the Lake Bethel cemetery along with many of their relatives. High on the very tall spire of their headstone is an inscription, "Earth to earth, dust to dust, in God we trust."

¹ Mattie wrote the account from memory of the story told by her mother and grandmother. After arriving, they had 7 more children



Descendants of Benjamin Franklin Crow 1857-1893 & Anna

Charles C. & Adah Crow

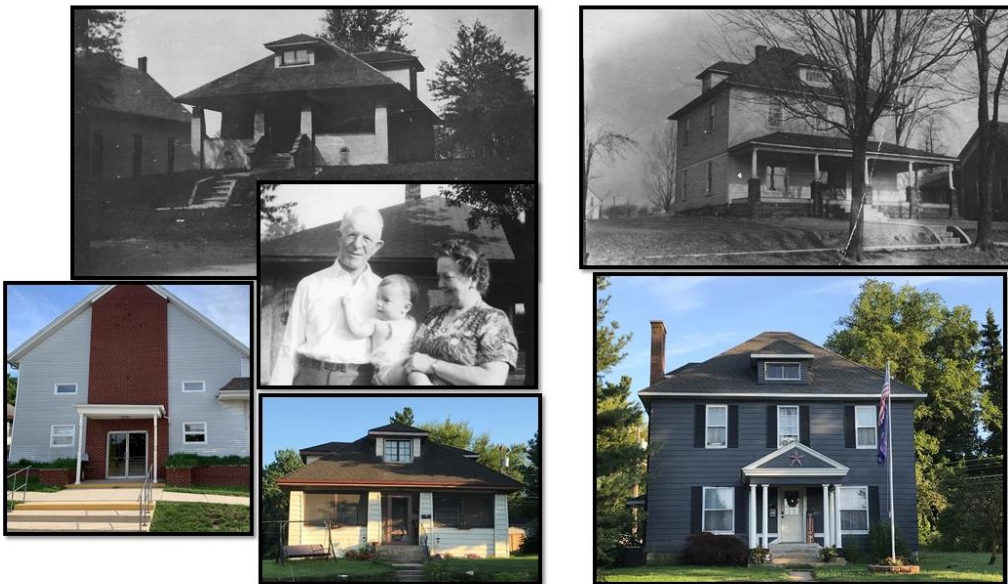
- Frances Roberta
- Maurice & Thelma Crow

Cora Crow & Guy Jarrett

- John Crow & Mary Jarrett
- Mary Gene Jarrett

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Dear Mother
 The Baby is considerable better
 she eats good all night, last night & woke just after
 enough to drink her milk & went to sleep
 without rocking. Dr. Newton wants me & the baby
 go up to his folks & stay a week so that he
 can see him then for he does not like to
 drive down here the boys it takes him away
 from his office to much office hours & he
 would like to see him for at least a week by
 that time he thinks I can come over and
 work and get medicine as he thinks it will
 take some time to get that so if you please
 out of his system and don't take the risk
 of going up there very much but I guess it is
 the best we can do so we have made arrange-
 for them to go to Evansville on the train &
 her folks to meet them there and take them out
 in the buggy. I will send cholly up tomorrow
 evening or Monday morning after some more of the
 milk is not to look.
 B. F. Crow

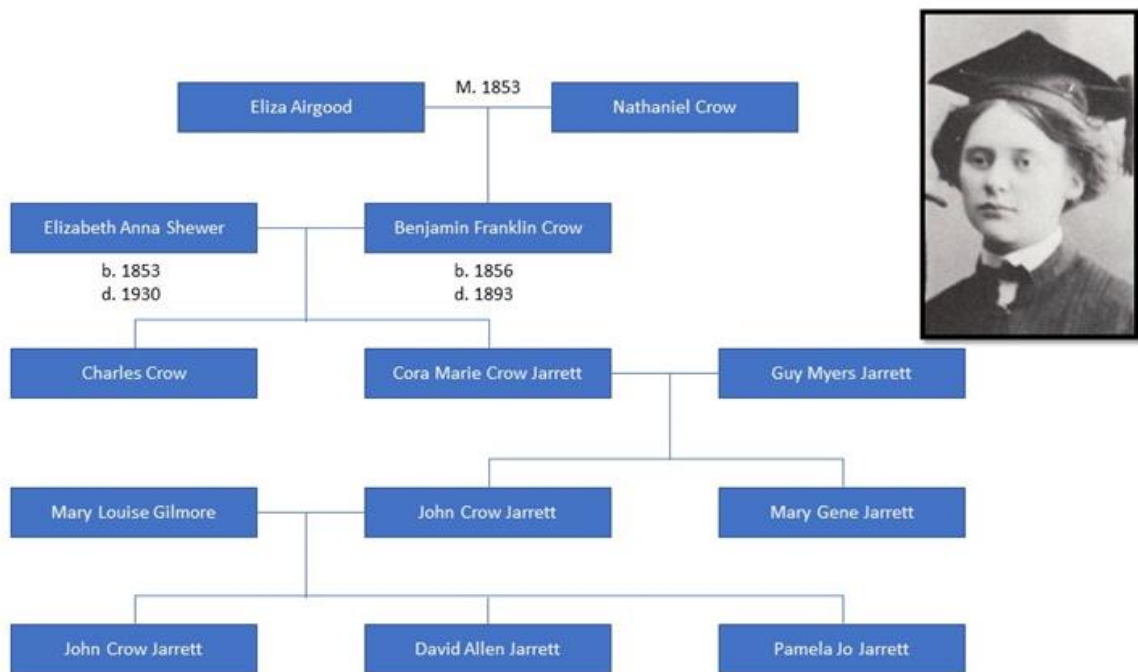




Great grandson
& great-great grandchildren
of Nathaniel Crow

Maurice & Thelma Crow family
Marsha, Chuck, Steve





1904 – L-R: Cora Crow, Rae Dull, Lulu Dull

Center: Mattie Crow (Fick) with Violet Dull



