



Children of Joshua Fields Barker and Sarah Sabina DeMoss

Taken in Dawson N. Dakota--the last time they were all together

Left to right upper row

Dora Lietzman  
Wallula, Washington

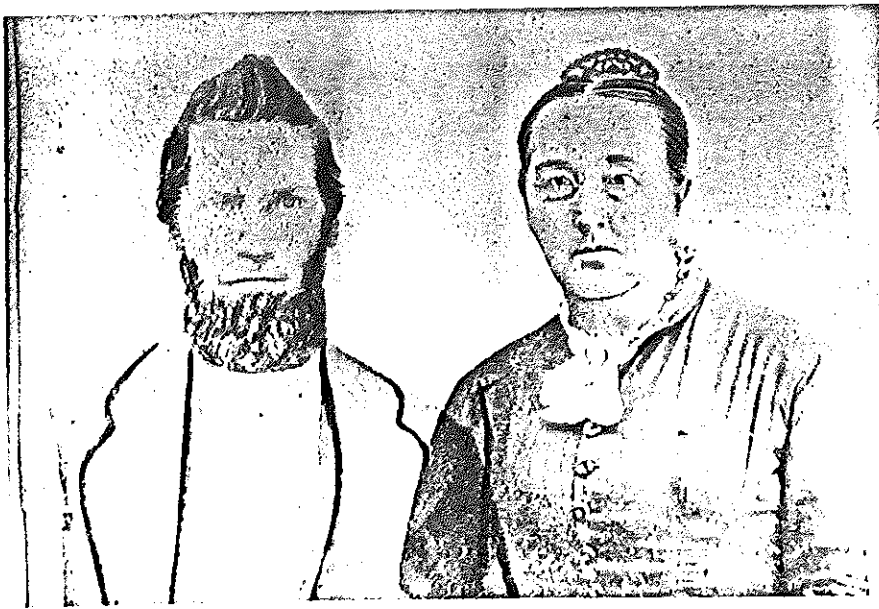
Elihu F. Barker  
Baltimore, Maryland

Cora Abbott  
Dawson, N. Dakota

lto r lower row

Mertha Pfaff  
Plainfield Ind.

Alice Johnson  
Hazelwood, Ind.



Joshua F. Barker  
and  
Sarah (DeMoss)

23. JOSHUA FIELDS BARKER b 11-25-1831 Hendricks Co. Liberty Twp Indiana  
d 5-10-1885 burial Salem M E Cem. located  
so-west of Plainfield, Indiana  
m. 11-17-1850

Sarah Sabina DeMoss b 10- 9-1831 Guilford Twp, Hendricks Co. Indiana  
da of David d 3-22-1886 burial Salem M E Cem  
& Hannah Case

They owned 20 acres on the so-west corner of Juntion Ind 39 and the Hazelwood road Also 161 acres on the so-east side of the same corner. Interstate 70 now bisects their property. Their home was located just to the south of the Hazelwood Road east of 39, back along the creek, some of the old log structure remained there until 1945. *The next structure of the Salem Methodist Church.*

Children:

Laura Barker	b 12-18-1851	m	Amos Marker	---(Conard Marker	1882
	d 9--4-1908		1840-1916	(Carl " "	
				(Opal " "	
				(Fred Pfaff	
Martha (Mat)	b 12-13-1855	<sup>12-31-1871</sup> m	Wesley Pfaff	--(Pearl " "	m ? Woods
	d 5--6-1931	<i>Ind Co.</i>		(Harry " "	
			Plainfield Ind		

\*Alice Adeline b 6-18-1858 <sup>3-10</sup> m 1879 Jeremiah Hadley Johnson  
d 5--9-1932 <sup>West Union</sup> b 1-5-1850 Monroe Twp Morgan Co Ind  
West Union d 12-1-1914 Burial West Union Monrovia

For Children of this family see #24 in the Johnson line

Sarah S. b6-20-1861 d 8-23-1861 Burial Salem M E Cem

Sarah J. b 7-13-1862 <sup>1-19-1881</sup> m Atlas Thompson---(Orville Thompson  
*(Wid Sarah)* <sup>West Co. (Crystal " "</sup>

Elihue F. <sup>8-2-1890</sup> m Lincon Bessett--(Wendall Barker  
*West Co.* (Joyce " "

Corah b 6-18-1869 m Comadore Abbott--(John Abbott  
(Paul " "

Dora b 6-18-1869 <sup>1-14-1891</sup> m Charley Leitzman--(Ernest " "  
(Ethel " "  
(Edith " "

In 1903---twenty-one years ago---this Association was formed at a meeting which was held in Fairview Park, Indianapolis. At that meeting W. R. Craven presided and William Reagan acted as secretary. These officers were re-elected for the following year. Since that time the following named persons have served as President---Dr. Joel T. Barker, 1905; John W. Craven, 1906; Abrem Hoadley, 1907; W. M. Craven, 1908; Alva R. Shirley, 1909; Emmett Craven, 1910; Abram Hoadley, 1911; D. V. Richardson, 1912; S. M. Ralston, 1913; Dr. Joel T. Barker, 1914; John W. Craven, 1915; Dr. J. Rilus Eastman, 1916,; R. D. Stone, 1917; Arthur Craven, 1918; Alvin Woodward, 1919; John W. Craven, 1920; Mrs. Frank T. Day, 1921; John T. Richardson, 1922; Mrs. Julian D. Hogate, 1923; Earl H. Richardson, 1924. John Reagan was secretary in 1905, Clara Mays in 1906, Ada Richardson in 1907 and 1908, Anna B. Tincher was secretary the years of 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, and 1917. Wesley Craven was elected secretary for 1918, Clara Richardson for 1919, and Anna B Tincher was secretary in 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923, and is secretary for 1924. During this time seven of our meetings were held at Indianapolis, six at Clayton, three at Center Valley or near there, three at Danville, two at Cartersburg, and one at Plainfield. These meetings have increased in interest from the beginning. Many of those who attended in the years gone by have gone to join the great majority on the other side, and it is for us the living to carry forward the torches they gave us.

This Association was formed to honor our forebears, those hardy pioneers who came to this country and changed the wilderness to civilization. Our forefathers came in oxcarts, in wagons, and on horseback. We, their descendants, live in houses of brick and stone and lumber. They read by the log fire and the tallow candle. We read by the electric light. They warmed their houses by fire-places. We heat our homes with furnaces. They got their news at long intervals. We get ours morning, noon, and night. They wore clothes of homespun. We were tailor-made clothes of manufactured materials. They poured their dishwater in the yard. Our dishwater goes into the kitchen sink. They wrote with a goose quill. We write with a fountain pen. They rode or walked miles to talk to their neighbors. We send our messages by telegraph or talk over the telephone or the radio. They went to the county seat or state capitol at rare intervals, by walking, riding horse-back or traveling in uncomfortable vehicles at slow speeds. We, their descendants, go frequently, but in automobiles, on railroads, interurbans, or perhaps in flying machines. If we, the descendants of these early pioneers, were compelled to live for a week or two as they lived, we would go to their graves take off our hats and pay tribute to them for the sacrifices they made, the results of which we now enjoy. All honor to our heroic forebears who blazed the way in order that we might travel in comfort.

This Association meets annually to pay tribute to the memories of William Murray Craven, Jane Barker, and Daniel Richardson, and Their parents. It is in their honor that we call ours the Craven-Barker-Richardson Association.

The first of these pioneers to arrive in Indiana was William Murray Craven who married Jane Barker in 1825. He was a descendant of Peter Craven who came from England and settled in Pennsylvania. A short time before the Revolutionary War the Peter Craven family together with five other families moved to North Carolina and settled near Deep River. To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Craven were born six sons - Thomas, Peter, John, Jacob, Daniel and Solomon. Thomas, the eldest son, was born in what is now Randolph County, North Carolina, August 25, 1742 and died in 1817. Jacob was born August 11, 1779 and died September 25, 1865 and is buried at Center Valley. He married Dorcas Raines who was born May 16, 1782

Craven, Barker, Richardson

and died May 27, 1862. To them were born the following children - William M., John A., Ira M., Lorenae D., Reece C., Sarah, Rebecca D., and Henrietta A. - all born in North Carolina, and all except Reece C. emigrated to Indiana and settled in what is now the southern part of Hendricks County.

William Murray Craven came to this county in 1826 and made arrangements to settle in the new country. He returned to North Carolina and in 1828 brought his wife and oldest child, Wesley Craven, to Indiana. He built a log house twelve feet long and ten feet wide on the eighty acre farm which he entered from the Government in 1829 and the deed was signed by President Andrew Jackson. This farm is now a part of Center Valley and at that time was in Morgan County. In 1868 there was a strip two miles wide taken off the northern part of Morgan County and added to the south part of Hendricks County. It was in this strip or near that most of the early settlers related to the Cravens, Barkers and Richardsons lived.

In 1830 Mr. Craven built a second log house and in 1835 he built a third log house and this one is still standing on its original site. In 1850 he built a frame addition and this is still standing on the old farm.

To Mr. and Mrs. William M. Craven were born - Wesley H. (November 20, 1826); Lucinda Emmeline (April 5, 1829); Jesse W. (December 2, 1830); Jeremiah W. (February 5, 1833); Melinda Adaline (August 29, 1855); William R. (July 2, 1839); and John Henderson (May 19, 1942). With the exception of Wesley H., who was born in North Carolina, all the children of William M. and James Barker Craven were born at the Old Homestead at Center Valley, Indiana.

John A. married Mary Duncan and to them were born Francis N., Emily, Asenath, Candacy, and one son who died in infancy.

Ira M. married (first) Rahab Barker and to them were born John D., Elizabeth and Perlitta Caroline; (second) Mary Rushton and to them were born Reece, William E., Allen, Perlina, Lovy, Melissa, Rebecca and Eliza.

Lorenzo D. married Lovy Spoon and to them were born Marion, Milton, Sarah, and Maggie.

Reece C. married Permelia Brown and to them were born Dennis, Clark, Sarah J., Bettie and Cally.

Sarah married Henry Lambert.

Rebecca married Thomas Brooks.

Henrietta W. married Gradison Euliss and to them were born William M. and Letha.

When William M. Craven and his wife came to Center Valley in 1828 wild animals were numerous. The Indians were still here. One of the Indian squaws took a fancy to Wesley Craven, then only about two years old, and wanted to trade a papoose for him. Almost a century has passed since those pioneer days. The wild animals are no longer here and the Indians are in the west, or have gone to their Happy Hunting Grounds. Modern machinery has taken the place of the hand-made apparatus of former times and the lands that once were the source of fever and ague bring forth their harvests of waving

wheat and growing corn. Let us use this day to contrast the old and the new and rejoice that we live in the twentieth century.

### The Barker Family

In early times the Barkers resided in England. At the time King Charles was beheaded and Cromwell came into power the Barkers left England and remained in Holland until they returned with William of Orange. When he gained the throne he gave the Barkers estates in Ireland because of the help they had given him. The family crest was a falcon on a rock and their motto was "In Deo solo salus" - "In God alone is safety."

The ancestors of Jeremiah Barker (father of Mrs. William M. Craven) emigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania, and one of them, John Barker, emigrated to North Carolina at the time the Peter Craven family and five other families moved there. Jeremiah Barker was born in Randolph County, North Carolina in 1773, and died there October 31, 1825. He married Mary Beeson and to them were born Samuel, Beeson, Jeremiah, David, Thomas Elizabeth, Jane, Dorcas, and Rahab. Samuel married Sarah Cox and moved to Iowa where he died. To them were born Thomas, Jeremiah, Orland, Joshua F., Elihu, Mary, Elizabeth, Martha, Rahab, and Angeline. Beeson married Mary Moffett and moved to Iowa where he died. To them were born Aaron, Jeremiah, David, William, Rahab, Martha, and Sarah. The last two named died in early life. Jeremiah married Jane Caviness and to them were born Jasper, Newton, Jogn, and Sarah Adaline. David married Lucinda Bray and to them were born William, Albert, Columbus, Moriah, and Jane. Thomas married Sarah Conroe and to them were born Jeremiah J., Joel T., Mary, Elizabeth and Anna. Elizabeth married Enos Hadley and to them were born William, Sarah and others who died in infancy. Dorcas married Daniel Richardson and to them were born Alfred H., William B., John T., Christopher, Caroline, Wesley, Lovey and Jeremiah.

Members of the Barker family were among the early pioneers to enter land in Liberty Township. The first one of the name to take out final papers was Samuel Barker, Sr., who on November 19, 1828, entered eighty acres of land in Section 23 and this is now owned by the A. H. Richardson heirs. On August 25, 1832 he also entered a forty acre tract in Section 23 and in October 1834 he entered another forty acre tract in Section 22, and these two tracts are owned by G. A. Edmondson.

On October 18, 1830, Jesse Barker entered eighty acres in Section 26 and this tract is now owned by John W. Cravens.

On October 18, 1830, Isaac Barker entered eighty acres in Section 26 and his land is now owned by A. B. and Hannah Scotten. On October 18, 1832 he also entered another forty acre tract in Section 26 and this is now owned by David Scotten and John Kasserman.

On October 29, 1831 Jeremiah Barker entered one hundred and sixty acres in Section 27 and this farm is now owned by W. M. Craven.

On October 29, 1831 Samuel Barker, Jr., entered eighty acres in Section 15 and this tract is now owned by Lloyd K. Rushton.

On October 21, 1833 David Barker entered an eighty acre tract in Section 26

and this is now owned by . A. Rabb. He also entered another eighty acre tract in Section 26 and this is now owned by Eliza C. Thompson.

On December 9, 1839 James Barker entered a forty acre tract in Section 21.

#### The Richardson Family

Christopher Richardson and Lovey English were married in Germany and came to America, to Randolph County, North Carolina, in the early history of this country. To them were born six children - Daniel, Abram, Peter, Polly, Milley, and Lavina. All of these children remained in North Carolina except Daniel. He and Dorcas Barker were married in North Carolina and soon thereafter (1829) came on horseback to Indiana, the two riding one horse. They settled in Hendricks County on what is now known as the Alfred Hadley farm one mile north of Center Valley. They put up a cabin on this place. Neighbors were few and far between in those days. One man came from Mooresville, one from Mill Creek, others from nearer neighborhoods, making seven in all who engaged in the work of creating the cabin. The Richardsons expected to close arrangements to purchase this land, but they had an opportunity to sell their interest at a profit and they entered an eighty acre farm now owned by John T. Richardson and his mother, Mrs. W. P. Cox. The record shows that the deed was dated in 1830. The land cost one dollar and twenty five cents an acre and Daniel Richardson paid a large part of it from money he received for working on the National road, where his wages were thirty-five cents a day. In 1831 Daniel Richardson entered an adjoining eighty acre tract.

After Daniel and Dorcas Richardson moved from the land now known as the Alfred Hadley farm they lived in a rail pen on their new farm until they could get another cabin built. On this pen they used a quilt for a door. The cabin was erected and it had a puncheon floor. It had a clapboard door with wooden hinges. Dorcas said when they moved into this cabin she thought she was rich. Wild beasts were numerous in those days and the panthers would frequently scream at her when she went to the spring for water.

To Daniel and Dorcas Richardson eight children were born as follows:

1. Alfred Hadley Richardson who married (first) Sarah Round and to them were born five children - Mary Emeline, William Christopher, Lucinda, John Wesley, and Sarah Ellen. He next married Hannah K. Jones and to them were born eight children - Anna Belle, Alice Ada, Alfred Hendricks, Daniel Voorhees, Frank Emery, Allie Kenton, Earl Hampton, and Von Eber.

2. William Beeson Richardson married Mary Hurd and to them were born seven children - Katherine, Martha, Elizabeth, J. O. Newton, Ella, Emma, and William Alfred.

3. John T. Richardson married (first) Hester Larimore and to them were born four children - Elizabeth, Daniel N., Sarah Ann, and Thomas Douglas, and (second) Molsey Lambert and to them were born a daughter, Hester, who married Gilbert Allen.

4. Christopher Richardson who died at the age of four years.

5. Caroline Richardson who married Solomon Scotten. To them was born a daughter, Myra Emeline who died when she was less than one year old.

6. Daniel Wesley Richardson who married Mary Carter. To them were born four children - Emma Adeline, Amanda Eveline, John Thomas, and Ora.

7. Emaline Richardson, who married Ira M. Bray. To them were born three children - Sarah Caroline, Jeremiah W., and Mary Annis.

8. Jeremiah D. Richardson, who married Amanda York. To them were born nine children - Minnie, Charles, Myrtle, Mattie, William, Wesley, Arthur, Daniel and Clarence.

It may be asked by the younger generation just where the Cravens, Barkers, and Richardsons were first related and perhaps here is the best place to give this information. Daniel Richardson, the pioneer, married Dorcas Barker, and Dorcas Barker was a sister of Jane Barker who married William M. Craven.

A history of the Craven, Barker, and Richardson families would not be complete without a reference to the Friendship Baptist Church and the little town of Center Valley. It was in that neighborhood our forebears settled and around the church and the immediate neighborhood there cling and cluster many pleasant memories. The church was organized Saturday, August 3, 1832 at the home of William M. Craven by a Presbytery composed of Elders William Pope, John W. Thomas, John Jones, and Deacons John Asher, David Gibbons, and Solomon Durgaon. The character members were William M. Craven, Jane Craven, Rahab Craven, Beeson Barker, Samuel Barker, Mary Barker, Sallie Barker, Dorcas Richardson, Leban Wood, Sophia Wood, James Mason, Charlotte Mason, Nancy Dawes, and Polly Kivett. Elder Beeson Barker was chosen as Moderator and William M. Craven as clerk. It was agreed to hold regular meetings at the home of William M. Craven until a house could be built. In 1834 the first building which was of logs was created. It was used until 1906 when it was rebuilt and it stands here today, a tribute to the pioneer Baptists and their descendants and associates. Adjoining the church building is the cemetery in which are buried almost five hundred persons, a very large number of whom are related to the Craven, Barker, and Richardson families.

The first store at Center valley was established by W. R. Craven in a little room which was a part of the blacksmith shop. In 1866 Mr. Craven erected the building which is still in use. Its original location was about one hundred feet south of the residence. In 1868 it was moved to a site adjoining the residence and in 1889 was moved to its present location. It was in this store that the Center Valley Post Office was located for so many years. It was established April 30, 1856 and Jesse W. Craven was the first postmaster. He served until July 15, 1857 when Lysnader T. Yose was until October 14, 1861 when Uriah Ballard was appointed. On March 25, 1862 W. R. Craven was appointed and served until April 16, 1879 when John C. Ferree was appointed. At the time Ferree was appointed the spelling was changed by the government from Centre Valley to Center Valley. On February 16, 1883, W. R. Craven was again commissioned as postmaster and he served until October 23, 1886 when he resigned. The postmasters since that time were William J. York, October 23, 1886 to March 10, 1887; Douglas Rushton, March 10, 1887 to August 14, 1888; Thomas R. Hawkins, August 14, 1888 to February 8, 1892; Adolphus Mann, February 8, 1892 to February 16, 1894; Columbus E. Johnson, February 16, 1894 to October 31, 1902, when the office was discontinued on account of rural service, mail to Clayton.

The pioneers in whose memory we meet - William M. Craven and Jane Barker Craven, Daniel Richardson Barker Richardson - went to their reward many years ago. The last of the children of William M. Craven and Jane Barker Craven to die was Mrs. Adaline Pollard who passed away about a year ago. Two of William M. Craven's children by another marriage - Mrs. Elizabeth Eweeney and Miss Lydia Craven - reside at Greencastle. Jeremiah Richardson, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richardson resided in Indiana until about 1878 when he went to Kansas where he is residing near Coffeyville.

I cannot close this paper without giving due credit to those people who have kindly assisted in securing the facts herein presented. In 1911 W. M. Craven read a paper before our Association at Clayton, and in that he gave most valuable data concerning the Craven and Barker families. I am also indebted to Miss Adaline Craven for information concerning the Craven family. Miss Eunice R. Barker gave me helpful statements concerning the Barker family. Mrs. Anna B. Tinchler and John T. Richardson furnished interesting sketches of the Richardson family. Julian D. Hogate gave data from the files of the Republican and Alvin T. Woodward, assisted by Down & Taylor, have information that they obtained from the records in the Hendricks County Courthouse. I am indebted to the Postmaster General Harry S. New for the information concerning the Center Valley post office.

My task is done and it has been a most pleasant one. It is not for us to speak of any merits our living members may have or the parts they are playing in their respective fields of labor. It is for us to keep fresh in our lives the memories of those splendid men and women who toiled in the wilderness that we, their descendants, might have advantages that the pioneers did not have and could not possess. They have left to us a goodly inheritance. They left the world better by their having lived in it. We do well to meet each year and recall their sacrifices and their services. In the study of the past and the determination of the present we find the hope of the future.

Written about 1924

Written by: Earl Richardson  
son of Alfred