

Cranford Notes from Clarke County

From Deed Book A, p. 238:

James Monroe, President of the United States. Know ye that in pursuance of Acts of Congress granting land to the late Army of the United States, passed on and since the 6th day of May, 182 (??), Josiah Cranford having deposited in his favor a warrant No. 648 (??), there is granted unto said Josiah Cranford, late a corporal in Cook's detachment of the 8th Regiment of Infantry, a certain tract of land, containing 320 A., the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 17, Township 14 North, Range 5 West, in the tract appropriated by the Acts aforesaid for military bounties in the Territory of Illinois ... This deed dated 5th April, 1818, and signed by Josiah Migs. Comr. of the General Land Office. Recorded in Vol. 23 in the General Land Office, p. 521.

Note in Deed Book A in Clarke Co.: "The above came to this office 25 Oct. and was recorded 5th Nov., 1822."

From Minutes of Orphan's Court, Book B (1829-40):

p. 182. Nov., 1835. Dickson Boutwell appointed guardian of Louisa, John J., Jesse J., Josiah W. and Wm. W. Cranford, minor heirs of John Painter, dec'd.

p. 210. July 4, 1836. Hearing of the petition of Samuel Loftin for a sale of the land belonging to the estate of the late John Painter. Citation has been served on all the heirs; all of whom reside within this state; and Dixon Boutwell, guardian of the minor heirs of Elizabeth Cranford, deceased, and Sam'l Loftin having produced written evidence of Ennis Loftin and Josiah Cranford, that the land cannot be equitably divided without a sale; it is ordered that Ennis Loftin, Thos. B. Hawkins, and Stephen Gilmore be commissioners to sell said land, and to report 1st Monday in Sept. next. Notice to be given in the Clarke Co. Post, published at Sugsville.

p. 265. 7th Aug., 1838. Ordered that citation issue to Dickson Boutwell to appear on 1st Mon. in Sept. next, to make final settlement of his guardianship of the minor heirs of Joseph Cranford.

This day came Jesse Cranford in person, and Josiah, Wesley, and James Cranford by certificate from justices of the peace, all minor heirs of John Painter, dec'd --- and all over 14, and chose Samuel Loftin as their guardian. Loftin made bond for \$1500.00 with Christopher Pritchett and Wm. W. Alston as his securities.

p. 270. 1st. Oct., 1838. Came Dickson Boutwell, guardian, and made a final settlement of his guardianship of Josiah, Jesse, James and Wesley Cranford, minor heirs of John Painter, dec'd. Josiah and Jesse drew \$133.60 each; James and Wesley drew \$122.35 each.

p. 279. 7th Jan., 1839. Report of Samuel Loftin, as gdn., for the year 1838.

Estate of John Painter, Clarke Co., Ala.

From Minutes of Orphans' Court, Book B, p. 167:

6th April, 1835. Charlotte Painter, widow of John Painter, cited to appear in Court and show cause why letters of adm. should not be granted on said estate.

p. 169. 4th May, 1835. Samuel Loftin appointed adm. of estate of John Painter.

p. 171. 1st June, 1835. Sam'l Loftin filed an inventory and appraisement of this estate. Comrs. appointed by the court to divide the estate of John Painter, dec'd.

p. 173. 6th July, 1835. Report of these comrs.

p. 203. 2 May, 1836. Above report set aside as informal & illegal. Five new commissioners appointed to divide John Painter's estate between the widow and the following heirs: Thos. Harris, John H. Martin, Samuel Loftin, Richard J. Painter, and the children of Elizabeth Cranford, dec'd.

p. 226. Jan., 1837. Final settlement by Sam'l Loftin, of the estate of John Painter.

Note: Book C, Minutes of Orphans Court, contains several reports by Sam'l Loftin, as gdn. of Wesley and James Cranford, up through the year 1844.

From Clarke Co. Marriage Record A (1814-34):

p. 216. Josiah Cranford to Elizabeth Johnston. License dated 20th Nov., 1826; ceremony same day by Joel Bell, J. T.

p. 98. Samuel Loftin to Nancy Panther. License issued on 29 Sept., 1818; executed by J. B. Chambers, J. P. (or J.Q.) on 30th Sept., 1818.

The marriage of John Painter is not recorded in this Vol.

From Clarke Co. Marriage Record B (1834-65):

p. 83. Robert J. Cranford to Martha Lide
Sept. 28, 1843

From Deed Book H, p. 242:

James A. Cranford and Martha, his wife, deed to Chas. L. Sisson (?), dated Jan. 24, 1857.

Also from Deed Book H, p. 105:

Robert J. Cranford, and Martha, his wife, of Ouachita Co., Arkansas, appoint James H. Cranford, of Clarke Co., Ala., to take possession of and bring to me, 3 Negroes; also to receive any legacy that may be coming to us from the estate of Cynthia Lide. Dated 25 May, 1857.

The above is not an exhaustive study of the Cranford records.

Abercrombie Notes, Perry Co., Ala.

Will of Isaac Abercrombie from Will Book A, Perry Co., Ala.:

Pages 20-23: This will names wife, Mary.

To Thos. Billingsley and Isaac Abercrombie,
certain Negroes, in trust for the use of my
daughter, Mary Burroughs

My children: Archibald, James, Isaac,
Alexander, and Thos. Abercrombie

Heirs of my deceased daughter, Elizabeth
Billingsley

Executors: Thos. Billingsley
Isaac Abercrombie

Dated 10th June, 1824
Probated Aug. 5, 1825

Witnessed by: D. Sullivan
Chas. Stevenson
Henry Scott