

The CREE Family

Sometime before 1781, Robert Cree, Sr., left his home in the Eastern part of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and settled in the Tenmile Country near Shepherd's Church, where he was living when serving in Captain William Crawford's Militia Company in the arraignment for October 15, 1781. It is quite evident that he was an elderly man when he migrated to this part of the frontier for some of his grown up children with their families accompanied him. There is not enough evidence to say that Robert Cree Sr. was the ancestor of all the Cree Family of this section, but such could be the case. If not, then William Cree of Muddy Creek, the Revolutionary soldier buried on the home place, and Patrick Cree listed in the tax lists for Cumberland Township in 1784, would be the exceptions. A William Cree is mentioned in the will of Robert Cree, Sr., but Patrick Cree disappears from local records. It is evident that all of his children followed his migration and even his will, which was probated in Greene County on April 6, 1823 mentions his wife, Jante, whose maiden name was probably Hamilton, as the Hamiltons were near neighbors in Cumberland County, and he perpetuated his name in one of his sons. He is probably buried in Shepherd's Church Cemetery, where at least two of his children are buried.

Children of Robert and Janet Cree

1. James Cree
2. Robert Cree, Jr., who married Elizabeth Villiers
3. Margaret Cree, who married Samuel Jackson
4. Ann Cree, who married Eli Mundell; she died in 1835, aged 67 years.
5. Florence Cree, who married John Roseberry.
6. Jane Cree who married Robert Rose
7. William Cree
8. Hamilton Cree, who married Agnes Hughes.

Family of Robert Cree, Jr.

Robert Cree, Jr. followed his father to Western Pennsylvania after serving in Captain James Fisher's Cumberland County Militia Company in 1782. (Pa. Archives Series III, Vol. 23, pp. 793). Here he met and married Elizabeth Villiers, daughter of John & Mary Villiers. She was born October 12, 1763, and they were married about 1786. They continued the westward migration by removing from the Tenmile Country to Harrison County, Ohio.

Children:

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| 1. Ann Cree | b. November 13, 1788 | m | ISSAC HARVIOR |
| 2. Mary Cree | b. December 17, 1789 | m | MORTON |
| 3. Janet Cree | b. February 5, 1790 | m | TAPPIN |
| 4. Robert Cree | b. May 12, 1791 | | |
| 5. George Cree | b. December 28, 1793 | | |
| 6. Elenor Cree | b. April 20, 1795 | m | IRONS |
| 7. John Cree | b. September 18, 1796 | | |
| 8. James Cree | b. May 12, 1798, d. May 16, 1859; | m. Sarah Woods on Dec. 27, 1817. | |

Will of Elizabeth Cree (of Harrison Co., Ohio) written 21 May 1831; Probated 12 April 1841.

Names sons: Robert, George, John and James Cree.

Names daughters: Ann Harviour, Mary Morton, Jennet Tappin and ELLENOR IRONS

Executor: James Cree

Witnesses: Moses Wright, Ebenezer Gray, Samuel Musgrove.