

# **CROSSFIELD FAMILY CEMETERY**

**Anderson County, KY**

This book is dedicated to Virginia Crossfield Holbrook, a descendant of Woodford Crossfield (Richard Henry's brother) and Amanda Gudgel. Without her support and encouragement it could not have happened. Many thanks to Linda Gudgel Finnell, Kate Jacques, Leonard Ware Smith, and Russell Greer for their help. Also, unbounded gratitude to Ed and Brenda Barnes, not only for their help, but for their commitment to preserving the history of the Crossfield family.



Ed and Brenda Barnes, owners of R.H. Crossfield house and Crossfield Cemetery

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Located in Anderson Co., Ky., south of Anderson City Rd. between Fox Creek (intersection of 513 & U.S. 62) and the Drydock Rd. intersection. Heading west from Fox Creek on the Anderson City Rd., at 0.7 miles from Hwy. 62, look for a gate on the left, just past a white frame house. There is a little gravel driveway between the gate and the road where you can park. The property is owned by Edward and Brenda Caudill Barnes, who also own the R.H. Crossfield house. \*Always get permission\*  
GPS location: N37°59.288', W84°58.877' Elevation 804 ft.



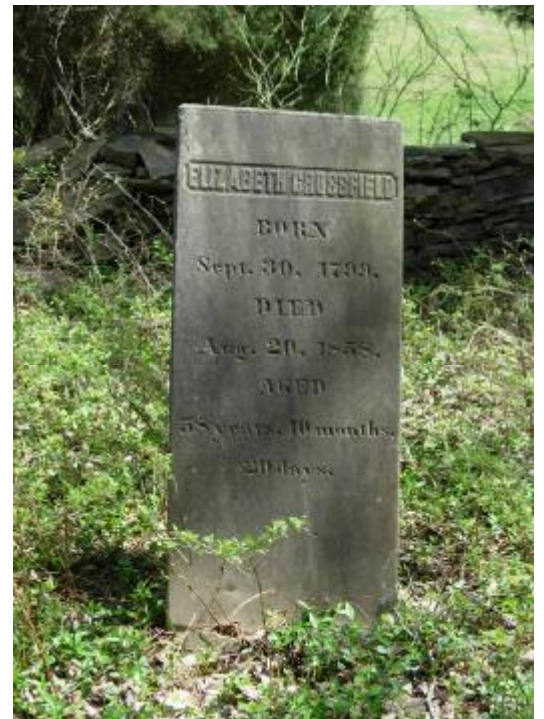
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1. **R.H. CROSSFIELD**  
Oct. 15, 1821 – Mar. 15, 1908

**E.A. CROSSFIELD**  
Aug. 6, 1837 – Feb. 12, 1908

**MARTHA CROSSFIELD**  
May 30, 1824 – Mar. 2, 1858

(Photo courtesy of Kate Jacques)



2. M.C.  
3. E.A.C.  
4. R.H.C.

5. **ELIZABETH CROSSFIELD**  
BORN Sep. 30, 1799  
DIED Aug. 20, 1858  
AGED 58 years,  
10 months, 20 days



7. **MARTHA**  
**WIFE OF**  
**R.H. CROSSFIELD**  
**BORN May 30, 1829**  
**DIED March 2, 1858**  
 (stone broken, lying on ground, propped up  
 for picture)

14. **M. M. CROSSFIELD**  
**BORN Dec. 12, 1852**  
**DIED April 20, 1887**  
 (stone lying on ground)



16. **G. W. CROSSFIELD**  
**BORN Oct. 6, 1844**  
**DIED Jan. 4, 1871**  
 (stone broken, lying on ground)

20. **OUR MOTHER**  
**THURZA JACKSON**  
 BORN Sep. 20, 1814  
 DIED Nov. 3, 1876  
 (stone lying on ground,  
 propped up for picture)



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19. **SALLIE D.**  
 WIFE OF  
**Z. T. BLACKERBY**  
 BORN June 20, 1856  
 DIED Dec. 12, 1881  
 (stone broken, lying on ground)

17. **LIZZIE G.**  
 daut. of  
**Z. T. BLACKERBY**  
 BORN Aug. 18, 1879  
 DIED Jan. 23, 1896

18. **L.G.B.**





29. **MARTHA B.**  
**DAUGHTER OF**  
**R.E. & S.F.**  
**THACKER**  
**BORN Oct. 1, 1881**  
**DIED Feb. 27, 1888**

30. **M.B.T.**

(Photo courtesy of Kate Jacques)

31. **AMANDA**  
**Wife of WOODFORD CROSSFIELD**  
**Born June 12, 1820**  
**Died Dec. 25, 1893**

32. **footstone**



(Photo courtesy of Kate Jacques)



33. **WOODFORD CROSSFIELD**  
**BORN Sept. 16, 1816**  
**DIED Dec. 23, 1890**

34. **footstone**

35. **LUCY B.**  
**DAUT. OF**  
**W. & A. CROSSFIELD**  
**BORN Aug. 9, 1854**  
**DIED Feb. 20, 1882**



(Photo courtesy of Kate Jacques)



(Photo courtesy of Kate Jacques)

36. **WILLIAM H.**  
**Son of**  
**Woodford & Amanda**  
**CROSSFIELD**  
**BORN May 18, 1844**  
**DIED July 26, 1860**

37. footstone

38. **INFANT**  
**Son of**  
**Woodford & Amanda**  
**CROSSFIELD**  
**BORN Sep. 20, 1864**  
**DIED Oct. 25, 1864**

39. footstone





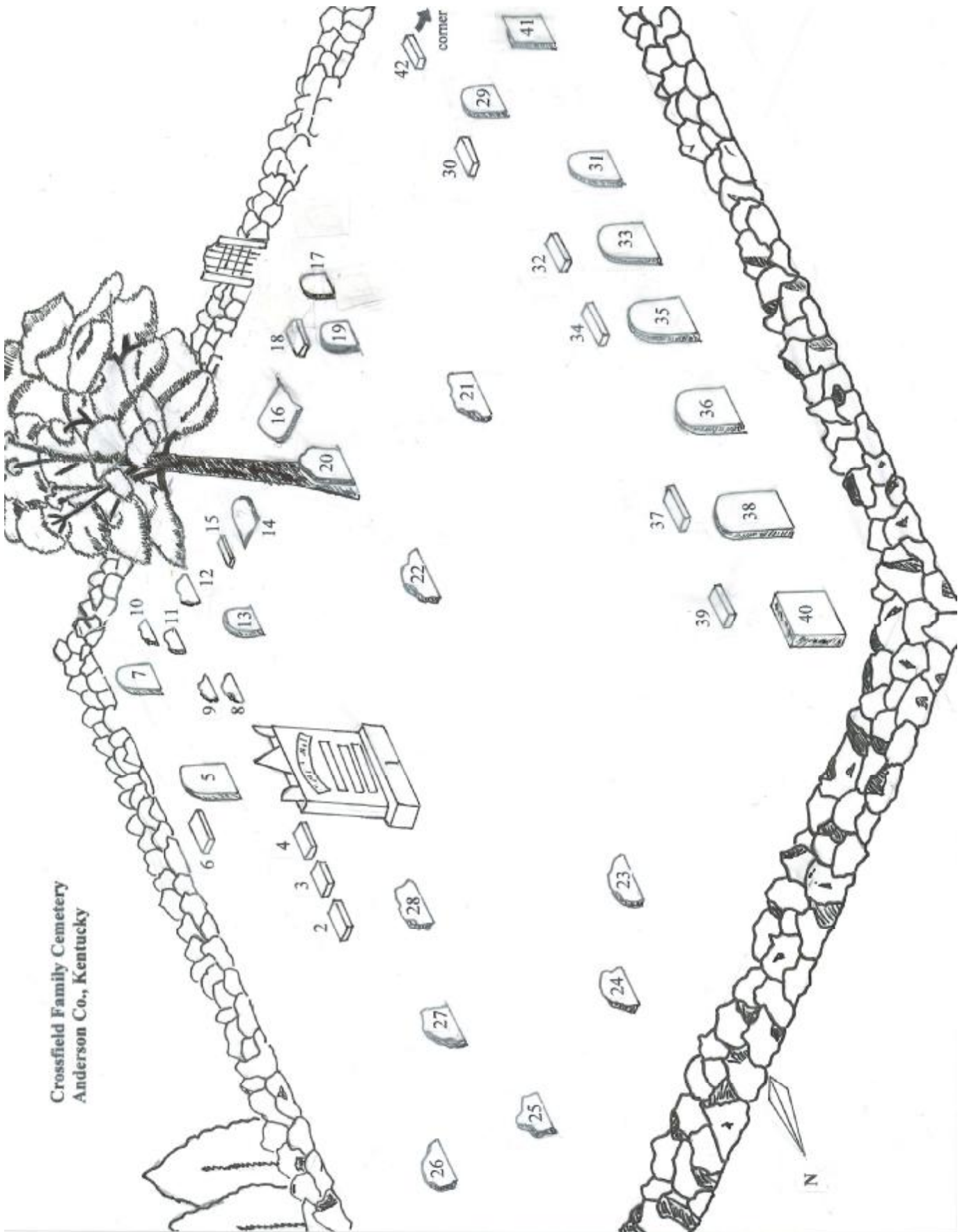
40. **E.G. CROSSFIELD**  
BORN July 7, 1849  
DIED Mar. 16, 1897

(Photo above and below courtesy of Kate Jacques)



Looking west – left to right: Nos. 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40





Crossfield Family Cemetery  
Anderson Co., Kentucky

## CROSSFIELD FAMILY CEMETERY

### 3 D Map Key

1. **Richard Henry Crossfield Monument**  
**Martha Bell Gudgel (1<sup>st</sup> wife)**  
**Elizabeth Ann Jackson (2<sup>nd</sup> wife)**
2. **Martha Bell Gudgel footstone**
3. **Elizabeth Ann Jackson footstone**
4. **Richard Henry Crossfield footstone**
5. **Elizabeth Crossfield (half sister of R.H. Crossfield)**
6. **Elizabeth Crossfield footstone**
7. **Martha Bell Gudgel (this stone marked her grave from 1858 to 1908, when R.H. Crossfield died)**
- 8-12. **unmarked field stones**
13. **unmarked grave stone**
14. **Mattison Monroe Crossfield**
15. **Mattison Monroe Crossfield footstone**
16. **George Washington Crossfield**
17. **Elizabeth G. Blackerby, daughter of Sallie D. Golden and Z.T. Blackerby**
18. **Elizabeth G. Blackerby footstone**
19. **Sallie D. Golden, daughter of Elizabeth Ann Jackson's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage to Dudley S. Golden**
20. **Theresa Ware, mother of Elizabeth Ann Jackson**
- 21-28. **unmarked field stones**
29. **Martha B. Thacker, daughter of Sarah Frances Crossfield and Rufus E. Thacker.**
30. **Martha B. Thacker footstone**
31. **Amanda Gudgel**
32. **Amanda Gudgel footstone**
33. **Woodford Crossfield**
34. **Woodford Crossfield footstone**
35. **Lucy Bell Crossfield, daughter of Woodford Crossfield and Amanda Gudgel**
36. **William Henry Crossfield, son of Woodford Crossfield and Amanda Gudgel**
37. **William Henry Crossfield footstone**
38. **Infant son of Woodford Crossfield and Amanda Gudgel**
39. **Infant son of Woodford Crossfield and Amanda Gudgel footstone**
40. **Elijah Gudgel Crossfield**
41. **unmarked grave stone**
42. **unmarked foot stone**

## GENEALOGY

- 1 – 4. **Richard Henry Crossfield.** This monument marks the area where **Richard Henry Crossfield** and his two wives, **Martha Bell Gudgel** and **Elizabeth Ann Jackson** are buried. There are three footstones which mark each individual grave.
5. **Elizabeth Crossfield**, daughter of **John Crossfield** and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, **Lucy Gardiner**. She was a half sister of **Richard Henry Crossfield**, whose mother was **Polly Goode**. As far as I know she never married, which might explain her burial here.
7. **Martha Bell Gudgel**, 1<sup>st</sup> wife of **Richard Henry Crossfield**. She died in 1858 at age 34 (after bearing 9 children), so this stone probably marked her grave until 1908 when **Richard Henry** died, and then the big monument with a footstone engraved "M.C." became the marker.
14. **Mattison Monroe Crossfield**, son of **Richard Henry Crossfield** and **Martha Bell Gudgel**. He died in 1887 at the age of 35 after having married **Sarah Belle McMurry**, daughter of **Thomas H. McMurry** and **Elizabeth Routt**, in 1878. They had no children. He was Sheriff of Anderson Co. from 1876-1878.
16. **George Washington Crossfield**, oldest son of **Richard Henry Crossfield** and **Martha Bell Gudgel**. He died at the age of 27, and was never married.
20. **Theresa Ware**, daughter of **Henry Ware** and **Jane Newcome**, and sister of **Sally T. Ware**, **Squire Lancaster Ware**, and **William Henry Ware**. **Sally T. Ware** married **Thomas McMurry**, and they became the parents of **Thomas H. McMurry**, **Tinsley Jackson McMurry**, and **James Emerson McMurry**. **Theresa Ware** married **Tinsley Jackson**, and their daughter, **Elizabeth Ann Jackson**, became the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of **Richard Henry Crossfield**. The stone is marked "Thurza." This is apparently what she was called. "'Thurza,' (Thyrza), is the modern colloquial equivalent of the Hebrew, *Therese*, or it's alternate, *Tirzah*, as in *Song of Solomon 6:4* – 'You are beautiful as *Tirzah*, my love, comely as *Jerusalem*.'" from *Kentucky's Fox Creek*, by **Charles Crossfield Ware**, son of **Henry Nathan Ware** and **Julia Ann Crossfield** (daughter of **Richard Henry Crossfield** and **Martha Bell Gudgel**). Another interesting connection between these two families: **William Henry Ware's** son, **Squire Martin Ware**, married **Martha Belle Crossfield**, daughter of **Richard Henry Crossfield** and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, **Martha Bell Gudgel**. They eventually relocated to Oklahoma.
19. **Sallie D. Golden.** **Elizabeth Ann Jackson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of **Richard Henry Crossfield**, was married 1<sup>st</sup> to **Dudley S. Golden**. Their daughter, **Sallie D. Golden**, married **Z.T. Blackerby** in 1876. Their daughter, **Elizabeth G. Blackerby**, (1879-1896) died at age 16 of spinal meningitis and is also buried here (No. 17). She had been living with her grandmother since the age of 2, since both parents died in 1881.

29. **Martha B. Thacker.** Sarah Frances Crossfield, daughter of Richard Henry Crossfield and Martha Bell Gudgel, married Rufus E. Thacker in 1872. Their daughter, Martha B. Thacker, died in 1888 at the age of 7 and is buried here.
31. **Amanda Gudgel,** daughter of Elijah Gudgel and Lydia Ann Bell, and wife of Woodford Crossfield.
33. **Woodford Crossfield,** son of John Crossfield and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Polly Goode, and full brother of Richard Henry Crossfield.
35. **Lucy Bell Crossfield,** daughter of Woodford Crossfield and Amanda Gudgel, died in 1882 at the age of 28 and is buried here. She never married.
36. **William Henry Crossfield,** son of Woodford Crossfield and Amanda Gudgel, died in 1860 at the age of 16 and is buried here.
38. **Infant son of Woodford Crossfield,** son of John Crossfield and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Polly Goode, and full brother of Richard Henry Crossfield. Woodford Crossfield married Amanda Gudgel.
40. **Elijah Gudgel Crossfield,** son of Woodford Crossfield and Amanda Gudgel, married Nancy Cook in 1878. They had six children. Elijah Gudgel Crossfield died in 1897 at age 47.



**Elizabeth Ann Jackson (1837-1908),** 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Richard Henry Crossfield. Daughter of Theresa Ware and Tinsley Jackson, granddaughter of Henry Ware and Jane Newcome. Mother of Richard Henry Crossfield, Jr.

(Photo from *Kentucky's Fox Creek*, by Charles Crossfield Ware. Courtesy of Leonard Ware Smith)

**Richard Henry Crossfield, Jr.** (1868-1951) distinguished preacher, academician, and administrator in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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R.H. Crossfield house, c. 1890  
(Photo courtesy of Brenda Caudill Barnes)

**Richard Henry Crossfield** (1821-1908), son of **John Crossfield** and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, **Polly Goode**, built this house in 1865 near Fox Creek, Anderson Co., Ky. "Uncle Dick" was a successful farmer and stock trader. He was Sheriff of Anderson Co. twice – 1874-75 and 1881-82. In 1885 he was County Judge. He represented Anderson Co. in the Ky. State Legislature in 1889-1890, and was also an elder of the Fox Creek Christian Church for many years.

**Richard Henry Crossfield** and **Martha Bell Gudgel** were married in 1843. They had nine children before she died in 1858. Richard's brother, **Woodford Crossfield**, had married Martha's older sister, **Amanda Gudgel**, in 1840. Richard then married **Elizabeth Ann Jackson** in 1860. She had previously been married to **Dudley S. Golden**. Richard and Elizabeth had three sons.



R.H. Crossfield house, c. 1920's. Man in white hat is **Henry Nathan Ware**, husband of **Julia Ann Crossfield**. (Photo from *Kentucky's Fox Creek*, by **Charles Crossfield Ware**. Courtesy of **Leonard Ware Smith**)



R.H. Crossfield house, 2007

From the **Crossfield Family Cemetery**, head south (gate is on the south side) down the hill, cross the creek (which is one of the branches of Fox Creek), climb up the hill on the other side and when you come out of the trees the house will be visible to your left.

### CLEARING UP A POINT OF CONFUSION

In an article entitled **Sarah Frances (Crossfield) Thacker** (see No. 29), written for the book *History and Families – Anderson County, Kentucky*, Dr. James S. Pope states that *"Sarah Frances died on 5-3-1910 and is buried in the Crossfield graveyard across Fox Creek from the homestead where she was born."* As Dr. Pope was such a thorough and accurate researcher, in this one instance he must have been the victim of some inaccurate information. In another article about **Rufus E. Thacker** (same book) Aileen McAnly correctly states that *"Mr. and Mrs. Thacker and the deceased families of Aileen, Henry, and Cordie are buried in the Lawrenceburg Cemetery."*



Gravestone of Rufus E. Thacker and Sarah Frances Crossfield (foreground) in Lawrenceburg Cemetery



Crossfield Family Cemetery  
Looking east

View from Anderson City Rd. looking south. There is a little pond just below and to the right of the trees in the middle of the field behind the tractor. Notice the fence line running along beside the tractor. The cemetery is located where the fence line intersects the line of trees (middle of picture) on the edge of the field.



## A Young Wife's Farewell Mattison Monroe Crossfield and Sarah Belle McMurry

It was in the Fall of 1878 when Mattison Monroe Crossfield, son of Richard Henry Crossfield and Martha Bell Gudgel, known as "Mat," married Sarah Belle McMurry, daughter of Thomas H. McMurry and Elizabeth Routt. He was 26 years old, she was 17. He had just finished a two year term serving as Sheriff of Anderson County, Kentucky, following in his father's footsteps.

The couple had no children and after a brief nine years of marriage, Mat took ill and died in April, 1887 at the age of 35. Sarah was 26 years old at the time, and would remarry three years later. As a tribute to their love she wrote a beautiful poem and had it inscribed on the side of his gravestone in the Crossfield Family Cemetery.



*Closely nestled is my husband  
in the arms of Jesus now.  
He was called by God our Father  
Suddenly from this world below.  
Taken where the angels dwell  
To that Heaven bright and fair.  
Yet I know that by and by  
I can go and meet him there.  
Sweet loving words, no more I hear  
Fond caresses no more meet.  
I often view the vacant chair  
And listen for the coming feet.  
They cease to move thou lovely one  
Thy rest is calm and sweet.  
And when my time of life is o'er  
My husband again I hope to meet.*