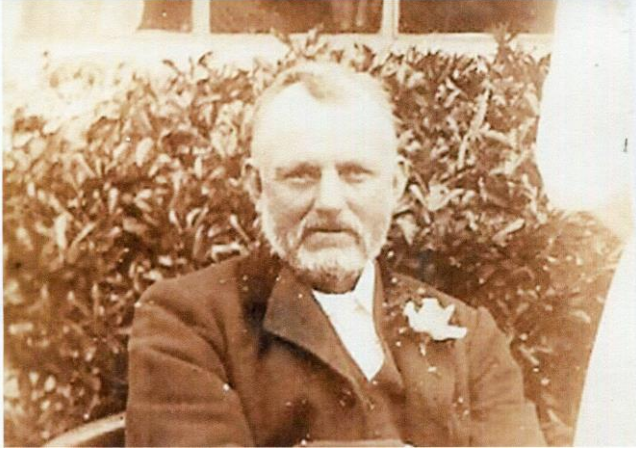


Albert John Crabb & Frederick William Crabb

Graham Davies, 2018



Albert John Crabb (1845-1910)

They came to live in Horse Street, Lyme Regis.

Before 1900, the part of today's Coombe Street that extends from the Ship Inn to Gosling Bridge was known as Horse Street.

In addition, there were no street numbers for houses in Lyme until 1900 which makes the location of their house uncertain.

However, from 1900, their address is No. 24 Coombe Street, which might well have been the family home for over 40 years. Albert and Mary Ann had ten sons and one daughter.

Albert John Crabb was born in Charmouth. His parents were George and Charlotte Crabb, with George described as a sea pilot.

He married Mary Ann Govier, from Uplyme, in 1867.



Mary Ann Crabb (1846-1915)



Coombe Street in 2018

In the census records Albert Crabb is described as a mariner at sea (1871) and a Trinity pilot (1881-1901)

He would have been a local pilot with a Trinity House licence but paid by the Lyme Regis Borough. Many of the local pilots were fishermen.

Albert Crabb replaced Thomas Bradley as coxswain of the life boat 'William Woodcock' in 1885 and continued as coxswain for at least the next ten years.

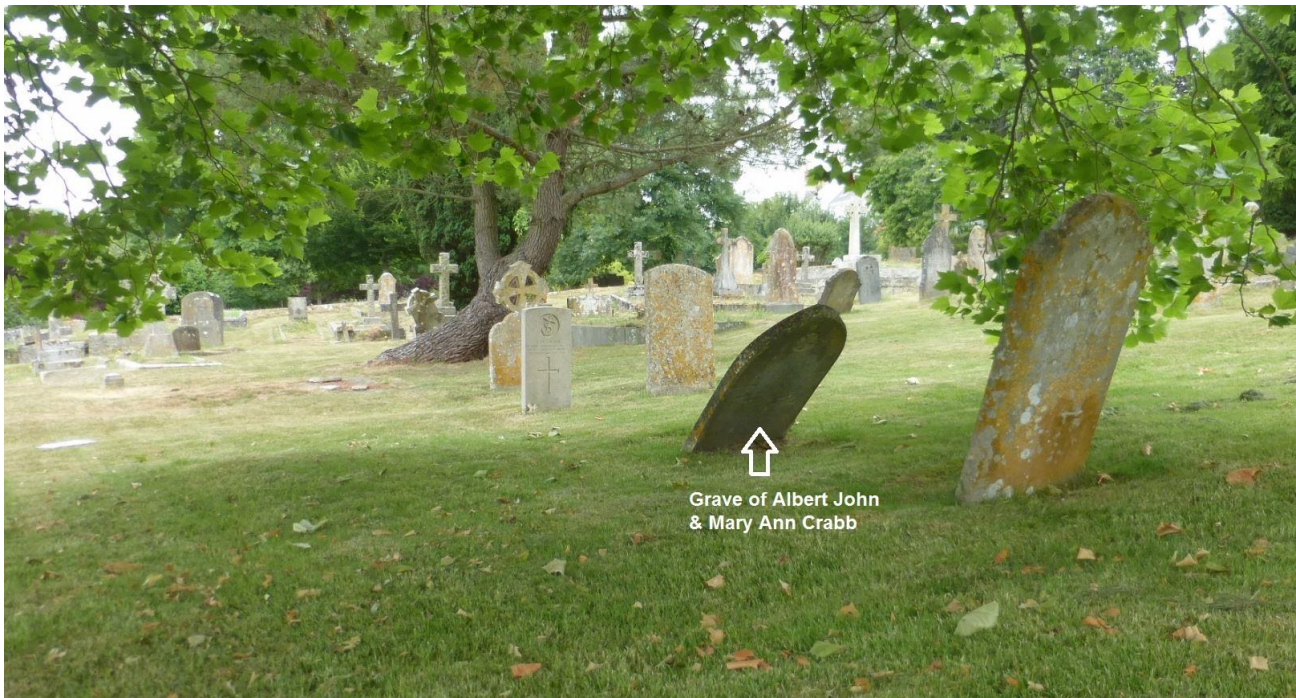
In 1891, the 'William Woodcock' was replaced by the 'Susan Ashley'.



'Susan Ashley'

'William Woodcock'

Albert and Mary are buried in Lyme Regis Cemetery, Charmouth Road, together with their son, Albert John. On the day of Albert's funeral, Dec 15th 1910, a hearse and 4 coaches were hired at a cost of £3.



Inscription on headstone:

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
ALBERT JOHN CRABB
WHO DIED JAN. 10TH 1910
AGED 63 YEARS
ALSO OF MARY ANN, HIS BELOVED WIFE
WHO DIED OCT. 30TH 1915
AGED 68 YEARS
ALSO OF CHARLES CRABB
WHO DIED AT HONG KONG MARCH 24TH 1899
AGED 27 YEARS
ALSO OF ALBERT JOHN CRABB
WHO DIED JUNE 24TH 1909
AGED 30 YEARS



Frederick William Crabb was one of Albert John Crabb's sons. Born in 1873 and apprenticed as a carpenter.

Frederick married Florence Huxford in 1896. Florence was the daughter of Lyme carrier, William Huxford.

The business card was found under the floor boards of No.17 Lym Close which was once the home of Frederick's brother, Sidney.

The card describes the livery business that Frederick was running from the Nags Head at the turn of the century.



Photo outside Nags Head c1900 showing extent of F W Crabb's livery business.

In Kelly's Directory of 1903, Frederick William Crabb is described as a beer retailer in Silver Street. He then fades from the records. His mail cart run between Lyme and Chard was taken over in 1906 by Ernie Stapleforth of the Black Dog, and by 1911 Frederick Crabb had moved to Yeovil to work as a carpenter. Frederick Crabb died in 1933, aged 60, whilst living in Sherborne.