

Elm Grove, c. 1792
 113 Windway Drive
 Orange, VA 22960
 (Runnymede Subdivision)

My notes

1/25/17	Z Louis Klein Trustee The Louis Klein Revoc Dec of Trust 8687 Rockfish Valley HWY AFTON, VA 22920-3110	Transfer to trust Instrument # 0001393
12/02/05	Grantee: Z Louis Klein Bernard C. and Florence M. Smith TO Z Louis & Marjorie E Klein	
7/24/1998		
5/8/1981 Book 530 Page 370	Cincom Systems under laws of Ohio by deed from William and Marilyn Scully TO Bernard and Florence Smith	6.833 ac / lot 13 Plat 6/27/78 by Dexter Hubbard (Book 453, page 184) .356 acre parcel A .608 parcel B 16.064 ac Parcel A on plat (book 471, page 443) 4.998 ac parcel B .477 ac lot 23 & 24 sec 3 Plat date 12/20/78 .438 ac lot 18 sec 1 parcel 1 Plat 6/24/78 .240 ac lot 18 sec 1 parcel 2
6/29/1978 Book 453 Page 182	Robert Kline and Co TO William John Scully and Marilyne K. Scully	Easement/land formerly owned by US Historical Society Adjoining lake anna Book 366 page 230
3/3/1978 Book 471 Page 443	US Historical Society, Inc successor in interest TO Robert Kline & Company to William and Marilyne Scully	
5/1/1975 Book 366 Page 230	Robert H. Kline and Jean P. Kline TO Robert Kline & Company (deed book 306, page 302)	Parcel 1: 204.94 ac Plat 7/17/70 by James H. Bell, Jr. Chancery book T page 163 Parcel 2: 26.67 ac Book 8, page 13 deed book 250 page 250

11/1/1972 Book 306 Page 300	Talmage R. Fletcher and Margaret D. Fletcher and Harold L. Gardner and Vera E. Gardner	Plat 7/17/70 by Hurt & Bell, Certified land surveyors Plage book 8 page 13
1/13/1972 Book 292 Page 266	Jonas A. Cosner and Mary F. Cosner TO	204 acres
8/17/1970 Book 264 Page 39		
10/22/69 Book 250 Page 250	James E. Jarrell, Jr, Special Commissioner, acting under decree of cc of Spotsylvania Va in that chancery suit styled Talmage R. Fletcher and Harold Gardern vs. Mary B. Crafton final decree 5/18/70 chancery order book T page 163 conveyed to Talmage R. Fletcher and Harold Gardner	
10/29/47 Deed book 147 Page 493	Carol C. Lee, et als, heirs at law of J.A. Crafton who died intestate, seized and possessed of above RE on 4/17/42 TO Mary B. Crafton Book 147 page 493	
4/17/42	Carol C. Lee/John M. Lee Kathrene C. Cosby/R.F. Crosby Dorothy W. Crafton (single) parties of the first Mary B. Crafton party of the second	J.a. crafton died intestate on 5/17/42 270 ac Part of 390 ac tract of land conveyed to H.N.Crafton by F.H. Holladay et als by deed 1/1/1900 Deed book AM page 14 less 120 ac of which said tract was conveyed by H.N. Crafton et als to H.C. Burruss by deed 2/9/1900 Book AL page 359

		Land herein was conveyed to J.A. Crafton by H.N. Crafton and Blanch O. Crafton deed dated 12/30/1903 deed book AS page 38
1/1/1900 Book AM Page 14	F.H. Holladay, J.G. Holladay F.H. Holladay, Jr, Sally B. Holladay, M.C. Holladay first part H.H. Crafton second part	\$2400 390 acres +/- Adjoining land of Mr. H.C. Burruss of the west, Mr. Richard Goodwin of the South, Mr. Henry Payne on the East and by North Branch of North Anna River on North
2/9/1900	H.N. Crafton, F.H. Holladay J.G. Holladay Juliet Holladay (wife) Waller Holladay , F.H. Holladay, Jr., Sally B. Holladay, M.C. Holladay first part H.C. Burruss second part	120 acres +/- Adjoining land of Dr. W.J. Coleman, H.N. Crofton and others, it being part of land recently conveyed to H.N. Crafton by F.H. Holladay, Waller Holladay and others
1878	William Thomas Crafton (born 7/02/1829) Not in deed information/June 1880 census	
	Henry Carpenter (deceased 1860)	

Provided by Z:

An important connection is The Littlepage Inn at Prospect Hill (see attached). This is still owned by descendants of the Holliday Family. It was built in 1811.

My understanding is that it is newer than Elm Grove but related. I cannot remember who told me but it seemed to come with some authority that Littlepage was built as a gift by residents/owners of Elm Grove for family. The structure is about 2.5 miles east of Elm Grove (same side of the road) on Monrovia.

The Littlepage Inn is a remarkably well-preserved Virginia Plantation Complex of main home and six original out buildings, founded and owned by the Holladay Family since 1805. The Federal era home was lovingly restored in 1991-92, with the inclusion of modern baths, kitchen, and climate control; Furnishings include many original Family pieces with others of the 1811 period. . Located in the rolling hills of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, the Littlepage Inn at historic Prospect Hill is less than thirty minutes by car from four of the largest battlefields of the Civil War (Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania) Lake Anna is a short distance away, across the fields north of the house, and nearby facilities make available a host of activities from water sports to horseback riding. njoy the quiet beauty of this pastoral setting as you have a picnic lunch by a wooded spring, watch a summer afternoon thunderstorm from the north porch, or read a book by the parlor fireplace. Two old fieldstone gate posts at the head of an avenue of cedars mark the beginning of your trip back in time. Follow this country lane beyond the gate to the large white frame house and visit a special place out of our nation's past. The center hall door opens in welcome, and there you find a plantation home essentially as it was in 1811, untreated heart pine floors and painted graining on the doors and wainscot panelling, stairs worn by the footsteps of six generations--bride and groom, babe and sage, legislator and soldier, friends from near and far. Enjoy the warm and gracious ambience of the spacious rooms, their light and proportion. Of their period furnishings, many are original to the family, some made on the place. Here indeed is the world of 1811, a Federal era home of exceptional detailing and character, refined to modern standards of comfort with full climate control and modern kitchen and baths. Here you can take a moment to live, to love this place in a way that is not possible at the wonderful museum houses of the region: Montpelier, Monticello, Stratford Hall, Mount Vernon. For a unique excursion, plan to visit some of the recreational areas or fascinating places nearby, but spend your nights with us. The hospitality of Prospect Hill, the life and love of the place, has been a Holladay family hallmark for six generations, and as the Littlepage Inn, this historic home welcomes you to a new experience of American life nearly two centuries in the past.

Contact Information

Littlepage Inn
15701 Monrovia Rd.
Mineral, Virginia



Brief history provided by Z. Klein:

- Crafton family for 100 years
- not sure of name between
- 3 bachelor brothers and 1 spencter sister
- 2 infants buried on property (mother checks on them???)
- 2-page history provided
- a (bedroom) door at the house upon which is written in pencil the names and birth dates of numerous individuals born at the house, mostly in the 1800's. It's not easy to read due to low contrast of lead on dark wood but is legible with strong light (& good eyes!)

See photos below:



I cannot begin to count the times I have started to research the home of my mother, only to be diverted to something I enjoyed more, e.g., family genealogy. But the few facts I have gathered over the years I am delighted to pass on to the new owners of "Elm Grove." It having been in the Crafton family for 98 years, you can imagine my elation over the good news that it is being restored and not flooded by the creation of the huge dam below, which I have heard it would be.

William Thomas Crafton married Mary Elizabeth Nelson on October 24, 1854. They lived first in a home place called "Fairview" in Louisa County, Virginia, next to the Old Boxby home. The record states that 18 years later and with seven children he bought an old home, "Elm Grove" (so called because of the lovely grove of elm trees -- no doubt long gone) in Spotsylvania County, near Cherry Grove (post office Halladay, Virginia). In February of 1873 he bought this property from the Halladay family. This information as to his change of residence is also verified by our grandfather's Civil War record, that he went from Louisa County to serve until May 18, 1865. And his wife, Mary Elizabeth, drew a widow's pension in Spotsylvania after his death on May 14, 1894.

This property was owned originally by the Duerson family, ancestors of Virgil Duerson, who sold it to the Halladay family.

I would say it certainly dates back to very early 1800 and, I believe, the late 1700, my reasoning being a quote from "The Times Dispatch," Richmond, Virginia, Sunday, December 13, 1903: "Huldah Lewis, married Walter Halladay in 1802 and settled at Prospect Hill, Spotsylvania County." Perhaps that was a new home for his bride, as the Halladays owned all of that property, including Elm Grove. There were no homes between Elm Grove and Prospect Hill. Elm Grove was known to be older than Prospect Hill. Therefore, I conclude it was built in late 1700 or before 1802.

Having lived nearby, we grandchildren spent many happy hours at Elm Grove. I vividly recall the interior, exterior, and spacious grounds. I especially remember the narrow brick walkway that extended to the many small service buildings and to the flower and vegetable gardens. Toward the back of the flower garden, there were two tiny graves, babies of the Duerson family. We used to decorate them when we were children, often with our grandmother's choice blossoms. We used to put a stick fence around them, as the crude rock wall had long since fallen into decay. A rock was used for the headstone, and it was still slightly visible above ground level.

The house had an English kitchen with a small room back of that. Above the kitchen were two rooms, one on each side of the central hall. The same on the top floor. Through the years, the original portion of the house remained intact, except for the addition of a dining room and kitchen on the back of the house on the first floor. The addition was built not long before our grandmother died in 1916. Mary Dutsler probably knows the exact year as Dennis Dutsler and Willie Newnam built it.

During the recent restoration, they may have found, just to the left of the entrance to the English kitchen, evidence of a door, high above the ground level. Steps went up to a very small porch and a door which led to the sitting room and, in later years, a combination living and dining room. The main entrance to this room was through the front door and center hall. Food was prepared in the kitchen and brought up the steps on the outside of the house and served in that room. Perhaps with so many grandchildren, they outgrew the small area in the basement before the addition was made.

James Augustus (Uncle Gus) was the first Crafton born in the house and the first to die there (May 17, 1894). At the age of 20, he took over as head of the household when his father died (May 14, 1894). Whether he bought the place or if it was given to him for taking care of his mother and unmarried sister, I do not know. Maude, Cousin Mary, Arthur and Garland Crafton are probably the only persons, other than I, who remember the details of the original part of the house.

Sept. 26, 1971

Edw. T. Bunker

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WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Board of Health

File No.—For State Registrar Only
10925

1. PLACE OF DEATH.
County of *Shelburne*
District of *Roanoke*
Incl. Town of *Woodsboro*
City of _____
Registration District No. *8831*
St. _____

Registered No. *4*
(For use of Local Registrar)
If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME, its street number, and Ward.

2. FULL NAME *Mary E Crafton*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
3. SEX *Female*
4. COLOR OR RACE *White*
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, OR SEPARATED (Give the word)
6. DATE OF BIRTH *1898*
(Month) _____ (Day) *1* (Year) _____
7. AGE *18* yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. OCCUPATION (a) Trade, Profession, or Particular Kind of work, (b) General nature of industry, (c) Name of business, firm, or institution, which employed (or employer)

15. DATE OF DEATH *April 12, 1916*
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 191____ to _____ 191____ that I last saw h. _____ alive on _____ 191____ and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Old Age General Debility following rupture of aortic aneurysm

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) *Anna Grove*

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or recent Residents) At _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted, or place of death? _____

PARENTS
10. NAME OF FATHER *Andrew Nelson*
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) *Anna Grove*
12. MARRIAGE NAME OF MOTHER _____

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL. 20. UNDERTAKER *Anna C. R. Andrews*
DATE OF BURIAL *April 17, 1916*
ADDRESS *Anna C. R. Andrews*

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) _____
14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) *Mary E Crafton*
(Address) _____

FILED *Mary E Crafton*
Anna C. R. Andrews
LOCAL REGISTRAR

William Thomas Crafton born 5/14/1894 married Mary Elizabeth Nelson (married October 24, 1854). They first lived in a home called "Fairview" in Louisa next to the old Boxby home. 18 years later with 11 children they bought an old home, Elm Grove." Mary died: 4/12/1916 old age/fall down steps.