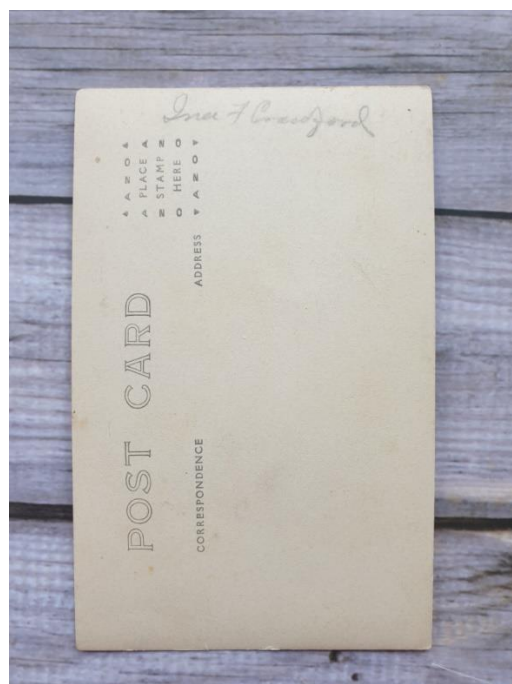


Ina F. Ockerman née Crawford



Another faded photo lost in history. A name hardly readable, hand-written in pencil a hundred years ago. A stranger with a warm smile and a twinkle in her big blue eyes. Who was this lovely soul?



She was **Ina Francis Crawford**.

My lovely fellow-old-photo-detective Tereza once again solved this puzzle – look at what she found in the world wide web (this photo is not mine, click [HERE](#) to see full image of the family photo as published on FamilySearch)! These are Ina, her toddler brother John with parents Nellie and Matthew Crawford.



I'm convinced we've got the right Ina Francis Crawford here – just compare those eyes and that mouth!



Ina Francis Crawford was born on July 18th, 1895, in Powersville, Putnam, Missouri, as the second child of parents [Matthew Robert Crawford](#) (1865-1904) and [Nellie Theresa née Torrey](#) (1867-1951). Ina had altogether 3 siblings: the older toddler in the family photo was brother [John Stillmann Crawford](#) (1893-1973), two years older than Ina. Followed by [Merle Julius Crawford](#) (1899-1986) and [Fred M Crawford](#) (1901–1932). In 1900, the family was living on a farm in Sherman Township in Putnam, Missouri.

Father Matthew was a farmer. Unfortunately, he passed away in 1904 at just 39 years of age. I can't find his death certificate, so I don't know what happened to him. According to the 1910 Census, the widowed mother Nellie as well as the older sons continued to work on the home farm in Putnam, Missouri.

In 1914, mum Nellie re-married and her new husband William L. Rowan was living and working on the Crawford home farm together with Nellie and the three younger siblings. Older brother John had started his own family by 1920 and was living next door.

Ina married **Aaron Francis Ockerman** (1891-1956) in August 1922 (as recorded in the family tree on [HERE](#) FamilySearch, but I cannot find a record for it online). Aaron was a farmer from Iowa and after their wedding, Ina and Aaron moved to Allerton, Wayne in Iowa. In the 1930s and 1940s, they were living in Clinton, Wayne in Iowa.

Ina and Aaron had six children:

—**Lowell C. Ockerman** (1923-2000).

—**Lois Eloise Ockerman** (1925-2017), who married George Howard **Morrett** (1921–1998). I think they had 7 children (the obituary of Lois' son William Andy Morrett (1950-1969) from 1969 names them all):

“He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, George and Lois Morrett, four sisters: Mrs. Linda Horton, Derby, Iowa; Mrs. Evelyn Horton, Chariton, Iowa; Lois Jean and Cynthia; two brothers, Danny and James; two brothers-in-law, Charles and Roger Horton; two grandmothers, Mrs. Peco Morrett, Chariton and Mrs. Ina Ockerman, Corydon and a host of relatives and friends including one nephew and three nieces.”

—**Geneva Frances Ockerman** (1927-2019), married Irvin **Whiteley**, but I don't know if they had children.

—**Anna Mae Ockerman** (1930-1988), married Fred **Punelli** (1919–1965). After Fred's death, re-married Charles **Tonelli** (1907–1994). Anna had altogether 6 children: David, Joe, Bob and Frank Punelli, Susan Snowgren and Cheryl Tonelli.

—**Nellie Darlene Ockerman**, born in 1935, but unfortunately passed away a year later.

—**Duane William Ockerman** (1932-2020). He had children Michael Ockerman and Ken Ockerman. Ina passed away on July 6th, 1979, in Allerton, Wayne County, Iowa. She and her husband were buried at [Allerton Cemetery](#).

A few words about Ina's maternal line. Here's a photo of her gorgeous mum Nellie Therea née Torrey (this photo is not mine, link [HERE](#)):



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Ina's mum Nellie Theresa née Torrey had been born in Putnam as the oldest of 6 siblings born to blacksmith Samuel Stillman Torrey (1845-1931) and his wife Roseanna née Putnam (1847-1912) whose photo has also been published on FamilySearch, link [HERE](#):



Ina's maternal line has been well researched and published on FamilySearch. The information about her maternal ancestors goes back as far as 1370 AD, with the first ancestors arriving in the United States from England in the 1630s! And the information is accompanied by photos of Ina's grandparents (see above), great-grandparents, and even 2xgreat-grandparents Jay Lewis Torrey (1788-1880) and Betsy née Titus (1794-1878), link [HERE](#):



Epigenetics scientists claim that only about 3% of our genes are non-changeable, the rest is influenced by our environment and lifestyle choices. Those 3% can be very persistent, though, and can be carried on through generations. In Ina's case, it was definitely the eyes! Look at this beautiful line-up of women in Ina's maternal ancestry, starting with the photo I have of Ina, and followed by the photo I found of her on FamilySearch (all links above in text) as a toddler, a photo of her mother, maternal grandmother, great-grandmother and 2xgreat-grandmother, all available on FamilySearch.



I've added Ina's photo to [FindAGrave](#) and her [FamilySearch](#) page. Let's hope her many descendants will find me and claim this photo of her.

