

Mary CRAZE 1814 - 1886

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Origin of the Surname CRAZE

CRAZE has Cornish origins, and is a variant of Grace.

John CRAZE b1712

We are moderately confident that Mary's great grandfather was John CRAZE (recorded as CROSS on FamilySearch), and he was born in 1712 in Dunster, Somerset. He married Joan THOMAS sometime before 1749 when their son John CRAZE was born.

John was born in Dunster in Somerset (1 on the map). This coast is the southern shoreline of the Bristol channel.



John CRAZE b1749

John was born in 1749, probably in Dunster. He married Joan HOLE before about 1770. Their second child and second son was Robert CRAZE, born in 1777 in Dunster. He was most likely a twin, one of two pairs born to John and Joan. John died in 1811 in Dunster.

Robert CRAZE b1777

Robert was born in 1777, in Dunster, and I have found decent records for this generation. He married Jane HAWKINS in 1808, in Dunster. Their third child was Mary CRAZE, born in 1814.

Mary CRAZE b 1814

Mary was born in 1814, in Dunster, and she is the subject of this narrative. She married James GILL in 1835, at Dunster. They probably lived in Staunton Cottage from this time. I have a single photo of Mary, and I have added a photo of Staunton Cottage on the next page. Their eighth child and seventh daughter was Emily GILL, and she married into the SQUIRE family, marrying Isaac SQUIRE.

> Mary CRAZE image - Her story is largely described in the introduction, above, and continues in the SQUIRE narrative, written previously. Mary is Jan's great great grandmother.



> Staunton Cottage, taken by Jan in 2007. James GILL, and Isaac SQUIRE and families lived here from around 1840 till 1924. An extension has been added at the rear, but do not know when or by who.



Mary CRAZE's web page: <https://jansquire.com/tng/getperson.php?personID=1797&tree=squire>
John SQUIRE's narrative: <https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=75&medialinkID=76>

Facebook Summary

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Mary CRAZE

♀ 1814 - 1886 (72 years)

Generation: 1

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1. Mary CRAZE was born on 10 Apr 1814 in Dunster, Somerset, England (daughter of Robert CRAZE and Jane HAWKINS); died on 30 Aug 1886 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England .

Other Events:

- o Census: 1841, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1861, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1871, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1881, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England

Mary married James GILL on 11 Jul 1835 in Dunster, Somerset, England. James (son of William GILL and Mary WATTS) was born on 5 Dec 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Dec 1812 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died in 1897 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

Children:

- i. Eliza GILL was born in 1836 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 13 Mar 1836 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ii. Charlotte GILL was born on 23 Jun 1838 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 22 Jul 1838 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. Ann GILL was born on 8 Dec 1841 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iv. Elizabeth GILL was born on 2 Jan 1843 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 5 Feb 1843 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 10 Nov 1871 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- v. William GILL was born on 16 Nov 1845 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 14 Dec 1845 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 31 Oct 1914 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.
- vi. Mary Jane GILL was born on 19 Oct 1848 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 19 Nov 1848 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vii. Ann GILL was born in 1840 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 3 Jan 1841 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 10 Mar 1849 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was buried on 11 Mar 1849 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- viii. Emily GILL was born on 15 Apr 1851; was christened on 25 May 1851 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England ; died on 15 Feb 1939 in Lynmouth, Devon, England; was buried on 18 Feb 1939 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ix. Robert GILL was born in 1853 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- x. John GILL was born on 04 Jan 1854 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 11 Jan 1854 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- xi. Ann GILL was born on 08 Dec 1855 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 13 Jan 1856 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- xii. Charlotte GILL was born in 1860 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 2

2. Robert CRAZE was born in 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Mar 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England (son of John CRAZE and Joan HOLE).

Other Events:

- o Census: 1841, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1861, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England

Robert married Jane HAWKINS on 18 Apr 1808 in Dunster, Somerset, England. Jane was born in 1789 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died in 1848. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

3. Jane HAWKINS was born in 1789 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died in 1848.

Other Events:

- o Census: 1841, Dunster, Somerset, England

Children:

- i. Elizabeth CRAZE was born on 16 Jun 1809 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 2 Jul 1809 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ii. Fanny CRAZE was born on 5 Apr 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 6 May 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. 1. Mary CRAZE was born on 10 Apr 1814 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 30 Aug 1886 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England .

- iv. William CRAZE was born in 1817 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 Feb 1817 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- v. Ann CRAZE was born in 1819 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 1 Jan 1820 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vi. John CRAZE was born in 1822 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 9 Jun 1822 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vii. James CRAZE was born in 1824 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 17 Oct 1824 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 3

- 4. John CRAZE was born in 1749 (son of John CRAZE and Joan THOMAS); died in 1811.

John married Joan HOLE. Joan (daughter of William HOLE and Mary WILLIAMS) was born in 1744; died in 1816. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

- 5. Joan HOLE was born in 1744 (daughter of William HOLE and Mary WILLIAMS); died in 1816.

Children:

- i. John CRAZE was born in 1771; died in 1851.
- ii. 2. Robert CRAZE was born in 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Mar 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. Mary CROSS was born in 1779.
- iv. Thomas CRAZE was born in 1779.
- v. John CRAZE was born in 1783.
- vi. Thomas CRAZE was born in 1785.
- vii. Robert CRAZE was born in 1785.

Generation: 4

- 8. John CRAZE was born in 1712 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

John married Joan THOMAS. Joan was born in 1716 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

- 9. Joan THOMAS was born in 1716 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Children:

- i. 4. John CRAZE was born in 1749; died in 1811.

- 10. William HOLE was born in 1720; died in 1769.

William married Mary WILLIAMS. Mary was born in 1725; died in 1768. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

- 11. Mary WILLIAMS was born in 1725; died in 1768.

Children:

- i. 5. Joan HOLE was born in 1744; died in 1816.