

The Cross Family

17.1 Origins

17.1.1 Although the name is not listed in "Surnames of the Manks" it may have a Gaelic if not a Manks origin.

In English it is topographic name for someone who lived near a stone cross set up by the roadside or a market place, from the old Norse *kross* which in middle English quickly and comprehensively displaced the old English form *curc*.

In a few cases the name may have been given to someone who lived by a crossroads but this sense of the name seems to have been a comparatively late development.

In some cases the surname (and its European cognoms) may have denoted one who carried the cross in a procession of the Christian church, but in England at the least the usual word for this sense is *Crozier*.

Another possible derivation is an Anglicized form of the Irish Gaelic *Mac an Chrosain*, a patronymic from *crossan*, a reciter of satirical verse.

17.2 WILLIAM CROSS—1690

17.2.1 William Cross (1190) was born circa 1690 at Ballaugh. He married Mary Cain on the 4th of June, 1715, at Ballaugh. He died on the 1st of January, 1739-40, at Ballaugh.

William appears to have had a brother, John, as one of the pledges given at the probate of his Will is "John Cross, the uncle". William's five children were appointed joint administrators. Patrick was absent and surrendered his rights to Jane. As Mary and Margaret were under age Jane and William acted for them.

17.2.2 Mary Cain (1207) was born circa 1690. She married William Cross on the 4th of June, 1715, at Ballaugh. She was buried on the 22nd of May, 1753, at Ballaugh.

17.3 The Children of William Cross & Mary Cain

continued from 17.2.1 and 17.2.2

Number & Name		Type & Birthdate	Place/Notes
1192	Jane	B 19th Feb 1716	Ballaugh
1209	William	B 17th May 1718	Ballaugh
5210	Isabel	B 26th Nov 1720	Ballaugh
1208	Patrick	B 18th Mar 1722	Ballaugh
5211	Michael	B 8th Mar 1724-5	Ballaugh
5212	Joney	B 15th Apr 1727	Ballaugh
1210	Mary	B 20th Jun 1730	Ballaugh
1211	Margaret	B 20th Oct 1735	Ballaugh

- 17.3.1 Jane Cross (1192) was baptized on the 19th of February, 1716, at Ballaugh. she married John Caley (see 12.2.2) on the 16th of February, 1729, at Ballaugh. She was joint administrator with her brother William of their father's Will in 1739. See 12.3 for details of her descendants.
- 17.3.2 William Cross (1209) was baptized on the 26th of November, 1720, at Ballaugh. He was appointed joint administrator with his sister Jane of their father's Will in 1729.
- 17.3.3 Isabel cross (5210) was baptized on the 26th of November, 1720, at Ballaugh. She was buried on the 25th of December, 1739, at Ballaugh.
- 17.3.4 Patrick Cross (1208) was baptized on the 18th of March, 1722-3, at Ballaugh. He was not present at the probate of his father's Will in 1839. He was not mentioned in June of 1757 when Mary and Margaret acknowledge receipt of goods due to them from their father's estate. It seems likely that Patrick had left the Island before 1839.
- 17.3.5 Michael Cross (5211) was baptized on the 8th of March, 1724-5. He was buried at Ballaugh on the 8th of May, 1838.
- 17.3.6 Joney cross (5212) was baptized on the 15th of April, 1727, at Ballaugh. She did not survive infancy and was buried on the 19th of April, 1728, at Ballaugh.
- 17.3.7 Mary Cross (1210) was baptized on the 20th of June, 1730, at Ballaugh. She married Andrew Cowley sometime before June, 1757, at which time, under her married name, she acknowledges receiving all the goods due to her from her father's estate.
- 17.3.8 Margaret Cross (1211) was baptized on the 20th of October, 1735, at Ballaugh. She was still unmarried in June of 1757 at which time she acknowledged receiving all the goods due to her from her father's estate.