July 10, 1839

Dear Mr. Brown,

Your letter of the 7th interested me greatly, and I only wish I could supply the information you need. However, I am glad to tell you the little I know.

The Rev. James
who was a Royalist, and came to Canada in 1788, from Stillwater, U. F. He was born 1751, and died 1806, being buried near my home. He was my first great-grandfather. My mother being Mary of Crean, Samuel bringing them some with him from Stillwater, one son being Samuel, Jr.; but I do not know that he ever attended Union College. Fancy they were educated in Canada. However, I do know that James of Shea, a son of the Rev. James, lived in Ballston, and perhaps your Samuel of Shea, was his son.

Recently, I have been reading “New Yorke, Making” by Ulani de Pezâar, Rutgers.
Up to a, studied at the log college (Mechanicsville, Pa.) and was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Farmington, N.J., from 1740-1766. He was twice married and had a large family, not all the named of the children being known to me. There I was the famous and unfortunate Jane, and her brother, Samuel.
Up: Cre a Cooper (Taramee)
published by Ushelman
& Co., Ltd.; 368 Strand, Strand, W.C.1,
London. She is a descendant of Stephen
Up: Cre a, brother of
Jane Up: Cre a, who
was a surgeon in the Revolution. American
I have the pleasure of writing this and am endeavoring to compile a family history. Canadian branch: for my children. If you should find anything of interest, I would appreciate greatly if you would let me know.

I recently learned that John Updegraff, my oldest brother, graduated from Princeton with the degree of A.B. in 1762.

This dwelling into the past is melancholy. I see many things—people—never to be involved.

Wishing you every success in your work. I am

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

(Elva T. F. Spaulding)
Army. The author seems to possess considerable knowledge about the U.S. Cre a family, and may be able to help you. I intended writing her, as I am curious to know where the first U.S.Cre came to America. His name, date of arriving, and where from in Scotland.
Died: At his residence in Milton, March 22d, Samuel McCrea, in the 80th year of his age. The deceased was once a practicing lawyer of this county, but retired from practice many years ago. He has since been a practical, and was a highly esteemed citizen. Samuel McCrea, the father of the deceased, was a brother of the celebrated Jane McCrea, of Revolutionary memory. He was one of the early settlers of Ballston, and died whilst Supervisor of that town, in 1809.

The Saratogian
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
April 8, 1863.

SAMUEL MCCREA, 1805 nongraduate, of Ballston, N.Y., was a member of the Adelphic Society. (Died: 1865)
Dear Charlie:

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This does not give you any information which is worth much for alumni records, but sometime when I am writing to my uncle in South Dakota, I shall try to get more satisfactory data.

Cordially yours,

Samuel McCrea Cavert

General Secretary

Professor Charles N. Waldron
Union College
Schenectady, N. Y.

SMO AS
March 27, 1930.

Dear Sam,

Thank you for your letter about the ancestor matter. I am sending your letter to Joe Brown, Jr.

We still refer to your fine sermon here.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Rev. S. W. Gavert, M. A.

3 Glen Washington Road

Bronxville, N. Y.
March 26, 1930.

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(signed) Samuel McCrea Cavert
class of 1910

Professor Charles N. Waldron
Union College
Schenectady, N. Y.
McCrea, Samuel

From: Ballston, N.Y.
Last residence: Milton, N.Y.

Records show one
Samuel McCrea
Pvt and Ensign in Lieut. Ezra Parkill's Co.,
37th Regt. (Noble's) N.Y.Militia

Commencement of service: Aug 1, 1813
Expiration of service: Aug 7, 1813
Commencement of service: Sept 1, 1814
Expiration of service: Sept 15, 1814
CLASS OF 1805

SAMUEL MC CREA

Of Glens Falls, married Rachel, daughter of Nehemiah and Esther (Underhill) Wing, in 1813. They had four daughters, viz.,

1. Mary Ann, who married James Brann, who removed to Iowa and died in 1868.
2. Caroline, who married John S. Smith, of Albany, N. Y.
3. Elizabeth.
4. Jane, who married James Field, of Milton, N. Y.

History and Genealogical Register of John Wing of Sandwich, Mass. 2nd Ed. p. 345
Rev. Conway P. Wing, D. D.
DeVinne Press
1888.