Cindy Crawford is one of the first supermodels to achieve international fame. She was at one time the highest paid model in the world and has graced the covers of over four hundred magazines. In addition to modeling, Crawford has helped launch new lines of beauty products, home goods, and furniture, and has supported several charitable causes.

In 2013, Crawford appeared on an episode of the television series *Who Do You Think You Are?* The episode featured Christopher C. Child, Senior Genealogist at New England Historic Genealogical Society and now editor of this journal, who helped Crawford discover that her grandmother, Ramona Hemingway, is an eighth cousin of the author Ernest Hemingway, himself a *Mayflower* descendant through Richard Warren.

Child also revealed to Crawford her descent from Great Migration immigrant Thomas Trowbridge, again through her grandmother Ramona Hemingway. The remainder of the episode explored Trowbridge’s return to England and his role in the English Civil War as a captain in the Parliamentarian forces opposing King Charles I. Also noted was Trowbridge’s descent from the Emperor Charlemagne.

The episode did not however explore Ramona Hemingway’s descent from *Mayflower* passenger Francis Cooke. Cindy Crawford’s *Mayflower* descent through her grandmother is presented below.

1. **FRANCIS COOKE**, married **HESTOR LE MAHIEU**.
2. **MARY COOKE**, married **JOHN THOMSON**.

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1 Ramona Hemingway is an eighth cousin of Ernest Hemingway through their common descent from Ralph Hemingway. Also not revealed on the episode was Ramona Hemingway’s kinship (ninth cousins) to Ernest Hemingway through Thomas Trowbridge. See FamousKin.com for charts and details.

2 Gary Boyd Roberts, *The Mayflower 500: Five Hundred Notable Descendants of the Founding Families of the Mayflower* (Boston: NEHGS, 2020), 183. Cindy Crawford also appears in Roberts’s book alongside her first husband, actor Richard Gere. Gere had several *Mayflower* descents featured in the book (pp. 323–325). However, no *Mayflower* descents were given for Crawford.


3. **Hester/Esther Thomson**, married **William Reed**.\(^5\)

4. **John Reed**, married **Mary Wheeler**.\(^6\)

5. **Ezekiel Reed**, married **Hannah Beal**.\(^7\)

6. **Samuel Reed**, born at Abington, Massachusetts, 25 December 1756.\(^8\) He died at Chesterfield, Massachusetts, 24 April 1826\(^9\) and was buried there at Mount Cemetery.\(^10\) Samuel married at Chesterfield, Massachusetts, 18 June 1781, **Betty/Betsy Smith**.\(^11\) She was born at Easton, Massachusetts, 23 January 1763, daughter of Solomon and Elisabeth (Cole) Smith.\(^12\) Betsy died at Chesterfield, Massachusetts, 22 December 1834\(^13\) and was buried there at Mount Cemetery.\(^14\)

   Samuel Reed was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He was among the men who marched on 20 April 1775 from Abington to Marshfield in response to the Battles of Lexington and Concord the day before.\(^15\) The two battles marked the outbreak of armed conflict between the colonies and Great Britain, and the start of the American Revolution.

   Samuel’s son Daniel left his daughter Ellen some records that included a story about Samuel during the war. Samuel Reed and twelve others were out scouting when, as told by Ellen, “they suddenly came upon a company of Red Coats who fired upon them. Some threw down their arms and fled. Grandfather ran

\(^5\) *MF5G*, 12, Cooke (2011), 95–96.


\(^7\) *MF5G*, 12, Cooke (2011), 571–572.


\(^9\) Massachusetts VRs, 1620–1850, Chesterfield, 2:92; Reed Genealogy, 110; History of Chesterfield, 296; U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889–1970 [hereafter Sons of the American Revolution], image online at Ancestry.com, Nat’l #66684. The latter two sources give Samuel’s death date as 25 April 1826. His tombstone, vital records, and the Reed Genealogy give it as 24 April 1826.

\(^10\) Online image of gravestone at Mount Cemetery, Chesterfield, Massachusetts, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Anonymous” (memorial # 57907301).

\(^11\) Massachusetts VRs, 1620–1850, Chesterfield, 1:117, 127, 269, includes intention dated 27 November 1780; Reed Genealogy, 110.

\(^12\) Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626–2001, online database at FamilySearch.org, Easton, 115; Massachusetts VRs, 1620–1830, Chesterfield, 1:128; History of Chesterfield, 332. Births for the children of Solomon and Elisabeth Smith are recorded at both Easton and Chesterfield; the former lists the four oldest children including Betty. History of Chesterfield states that the first seven children were born in Easton.

\(^13\) Massachusetts VRs, 1620–1850, Chesterfield, 2:91; History of Chesterfield, 296, lists death date as 23 January 1835; Sons of the American Revolution, Nat’l #66684, Betty’s death date as 22 Jan. 1835. Tombstone and vital records list it as 22 Dec. 1834.

\(^14\) Online image of gravestone at Mount Cemetery, Chesterfield, Massachusetts, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Anonymous” (memorial #57907249).

\(^15\) Sons of the American Revolution, Nat’l #66684.
but the strap of his knapsack caught in a bush. While trying to disentangle himself the bullets flew thick around him. He thus became separated from his comrades and it was several weeks before he could find his command, as they had moved and he could get no trace of them in that sparsely settled country.”

7. **Joseph Reed**, born at Chesterfield, Massachusetts, 26 May 1793. He died at Evansville, Wisconsin, 25 November 1866 and was buried at North Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, Wisconsin. Joseph married first, at New York 9 September 1813, **Wealthy Williams**. She was born at Norwich, Massachusetts, 7 July 1795, daughter of Freeman and Mercy (Packard) Williams. Wealthy died at Evansville, Wisconsin, 14 February 1856 and was buried at North Magnolia Cemetery. Joseph married, second, probably at Rock County, Wisconsin, between 14 February 1856 and 24 July 1860, his first wife’s sister **Amanda (Williams) Nash**. She was born at Norwich, Massachusetts, 4 February 1807 and died in Missouri 14 February 1876.

Amanda (Williams) Nash appears in the household of Joseph Reed in the 1860 Federal Census as Amanda Reed; her daughter appears as Mary A. Nash. However, Amanda was not a widow; her first husband, Martin Nash, did not die until 1862 at Ringgold County, Iowa. His probate file there includes a $2 debt for the making of his coffin in November 1862. Another debt of $8 for an overcoat dated 18 October 1859 showed that he had been in Ringgold County for at least three years. The circumstances regarding their separation have not been found.

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16 *Reed Genealogy*, 111.
18 Gravestone at North Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, Wisconsin, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “DJ Persons” (memorial #42266887); Vernon S. Phillips, *Francis Nash of Braintree, Mass. and 1550 of His Descendants* (Akron, Ohio: typed manuscript, 1933) [hereafter *Nash Genealogy*], 30, gives Joseph’s death place as Evansville; *Sons of the American Revolution*, Natl #66684.
19 *History of Chesterfield*, 296; *Reed Genealogy*, 166; *Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System*, online database at dar.org [hereafter *Daughters of the American Revolution*], Natl #763657.
20 *Nash Genealogy*, 30; *Daughters of the American Revolution*, Natl #763657; *Sons of the American Revolution*, Natl #66684. Wealthy Williams is said to be a twin of her brother Wiram Williams.
21 Online image of gravestone at North Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, Wisconsin, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “DJ Persons” (memorial #42267221).
22 *Nash Genealogy*, 16, 30. Amanda is said to have died at the home of her daughter Julia (Nash) Eichler.
23 1860 U.S. Census, Magnolia, Rock County, Wisconsin, p. 135, family 984.
24 Iowa, Wills and Probate Records, 1758–1997, Ringgold County, probate dated 29 June 1863, images online at Ancestry.com. As of 3 June 2020, online image of gravestone at Alexandria National Cemetery, Alexandria, Virginia, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Stan Jett” (memorial #40158247), claimed to be of Martin Nash, age 56, husband of Amanda (Williams) (Nash) Reed. Instead that grave is for a Martin Nash, age 25, a member of the New York 77th Infantry who died of disease in the Convalescent Camp at Alexandria, Virginia, and was buried 25 November 1862. A correction, along with the appropriate sources, has been sent by the author to FindAGrave.com.
Joseph Reed was a veteran of the War of 1812. He is said to have been both a fifer and a drummer.25

In 1913, Joseph Reed’s son Elisha recounted to a local newspaper the story of his family’s migration to Rock County, in what was then the Wisconsin Territory. Elisha’s story is emblematic of the migration of families from New England to the upper Midwest.

A century earlier in 1813, Joseph Reed followed his brother Samuel from Massachusetts to Orleans County, New York, where six of Joseph’s children were born. Joseph moved further west to Chautauqua County, New York, in 1826, where three more children were born. Sometime around 1830 he moved to Geauga County, Ohio, where his last three children were born.

In the spring of 1845, Joseph, his brother Samuel, and several of his children, including Freeman (below), left to settle in Wisconsin. Joseph then returned to Ohio for the rest of his family. In August 1845, Joseph, his wife Wealthy, and three of their children—Phebe (age 16), Elisha (age 9), and Louisa (age 6)—left Geauga County. They were part of a procession of five wagons known as Prairie Schooners, with three of the wagons led by horses, and two by oxen. Another wagon included Joseph’s oldest child Simeon with his wife and infant son.

Joseph’s group traveled through Cleveland and along the southern shore of Lake Erie close to the water’s edge. They crossed Indiana, traveled around the southern end of Lake Michigan, through Chicago, and into Wisconsin. They arrived at the Elkhorn Tavern, a “double log house” with a pole in front of it. Atop the pole was a pair of elk’s horns. Years later after the Civil War, a town would grow up around the tavern and become Elkhorn, Wisconsin. They continued west until they arrived in Rock County where Joseph’s brother Samuel had already built a log house. The family stayed with Samuel while Joseph built their own log house nearby. The house was finished in time for Joseph and his family to move there on Christmas Day.

That night, they went to sleep in a house with no door, no window, and no floor. There was one feather bed, one rocking chair, two splint-bottomed chairs, a basket of potatoes, some corn meal and a pail of water which was spilled before they all went to bed. The kids slept on marsh hay piled in the corners. All they had was what they could fit in the wagons when they left Ohio. The rest of their belongings and dry goods had been boxed and taken to Cleveland where they were contracted to be shipped across the Great Lakes to Milwaukee. But the boxes never arrived. Instead of putting them on a steamboat per the contract, they were placed on a schooner. A storm came and drove the schooner onto a sandbar where high waves washed over the stern and sank it. Although the goods on the schooner were salvaged, Joseph Reed never recovered his belongings.

25 Reed Genealogy, 166.
Elisha also related what he considered to be a “very important incident” that occurred while the family traveled through Indiana on their way to Wisconsin. He recounted, “We crossed the first and only railroad track that any of us had ever seen. It was such a curiosity to us that after having crossed the track and were at a safe distance away from it we halted the team and everyone, men, woman [sic] and children, all went back to investigate the wonderful thing, and wondered how in the world they could make the wheels stay on the narrow rails . . . . While we wondered, worried, waited and wished, a train came thundering past like a streak of greased lightening . . . . We saw the monster fly past, saw the wheels whirling, but did not find out what prevented the wheels from running off the track, that remained a very mysterious mystery.”

In the 1850 Federal Census, Joseph Reed’s household in Magnolia, Rock County, Wisconsin, consisted of Joseph Reed, 57, born in Massachusetts; Wealthy Reed, 55, born in New York; and Daniel Reed, 16; Elisha Reed, 14; and Louisa Reed, 11, all born in Ohio. All but Daniel made the trip in August 1845, as described above by his brother Elisha. Daniel had made the trip earlier that spring with his father Joseph and two older brothers. Daniel had remained in Wisconsin with his older brother Freeman while his father Joseph returned to Ohio to retrieve the others.

8. Freeman Williams Reed, born at Murray, New York, 17 or 27 October 1822. He died at Winnebago, Minnesota, 27 May 1862 and was buried there at Basey Cemetery (also known as Pleasant Prairie Cemetery). Freeman married at Portage County, Ohio, 13 April 1845, Ruth Lucina Cole. She was born at Wayne County, New York, 7 August 1824, daughter of Joshua and Innocent (Durfee) Cole. Ruth died at Vernon Center, Minnesota, 18 February 1906 and was buried at Basey Cemetery. Ruth married, second, Henry H. Lewis at Faribault County, Minnesota, 6 October 1875.
Freeman Reed, a newlywed, came to Wisconsin from Ohio in the spring of 1845 with his father Joseph, uncle Samuel Reed, and brothers Wiram and Daniel (age 11). Freeman rented some land to farm in Summit, Waukesha County. His father Joseph returned to Ohio, brought the remainder of the family later that fall, and settled in Rock County. A year later in 1846, Freeman, his wife, and an infant daughter followed the rest of his family to Rock County.\textsuperscript{33}

9. **Emma Jane Reed**, born in Waukesha County, Wisconsin, 15 February 1846.\textsuperscript{34} She died at Winnebago, Minnesota, 16 November 1920,\textsuperscript{35} and was buried there at Basey Cemetery.\textsuperscript{36} Emma married at Winnebago 27 May 1866, **Robert Harrison Marsh**.\textsuperscript{37} He was born at Hardin County, Ohio, 15 September 1840, son of Daniel and Ann Elizabeth (Bazel) Marsh. Robert died at Faribault County, Minnesota, 27 December 1908,\textsuperscript{38} and was buried there at Basey Cemetery.\textsuperscript{39}

10. **Mary Jane Marsh**, born at Shelby, Minnesota, 18 December 1876.\textsuperscript{40} She died at Winnebago, Minnesota, 1 May 1946,\textsuperscript{41} and was buried there at Basey Cemetery.\textsuperscript{42} Mary married at Pleasant Prairie Church, Winnebago, 26 November 1895, **Thomas William Brown**.\textsuperscript{43} He was born in Minnesota

\textsuperscript{33} *Wisconsin Review; Reed Genealogy*, 251, “eldest child [Emma Jane] born in Waukesha Co., Wis.; all the others born in Rock Co., Wis.”

\textsuperscript{34} *Reed Genealogy*, 251.

\textsuperscript{35} Death certificate, Winnebago, year: 1920, reg. dist. 2231, reg. no. 4181; *Minnesota People Records Search*, Minnesota Historical Society, online at mnhs.org, death certificate #1920-MN-004181; *Minnesota Deaths and Burials, 1835–1990*, online at FamilySearch.org; obituary for Emma Jane Reed, transcription online at files.usgwarchives.net/ mn/faribault/obits/reedej.txt.

\textsuperscript{36} Online image of gravestone at Basey Cemetery, Winnebago, Minnesota, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Nicholas W” (memorial #7687453).

\textsuperscript{37} *Reed Genealogy*, 251; obituary for Emma Jane Reed, transcription online at files.usgwarchives.net/ mn/faribault/obits/reedej.txt.

\textsuperscript{38} *Religious Telescope* (Dayton, Ohio), 24 February 1909, vol. 75, no. 8, p. 29, obituary for Robert Harrison Marsh; *Minnesota, County Deaths, 1850–2001*, Faribault County, C:84, online at FamilySearch.org, image 296, which incorrectly gives Robert’s birth place as Harden Co., Minn.

\textsuperscript{39} Online image of gravestone at Basey Cemetery, Winnebago, Minnesota, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Nicholas W” (memorial #7687442).

\textsuperscript{40} 1880 U.S. Census, Shelby, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, Enumeration District 15, p. 3, family 30; 1900 U.S. Census, Winnebago, Faribault County, Minnesota, Enumeration District 98, sheet 4A, family 68; *Minnesota, Births and Christenings Index, 1840–1980*, online at Ancestry.com, 18 Dec. 1876 birth record of unnamed daughter of Robert H. Marsh.

\textsuperscript{41} Death certificate, Winnebago, year: 1946, reg. dist. [blank], reg. no. 4162; *Minnesota People Records Search*, Minnesota Historical Society, online at mnhs.org, death certificate #1946-MN-004162.

\textsuperscript{42} Online image of gravestone at Basey Cemetery, Winnebago, Minnesota, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Nicholas W” (memorial #7687528).

\textsuperscript{43} *Minnesota Official Marriage System*, Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO), online at moms.mn.gov, Faribault County, marriage certificate #G-525; *Minnesota, County Marriages, 1860–1949*, Faribault County, FHL 1673575, DGS #004539650, image #516, Marriage returns 1894–1896.
2 December 1871,\textsuperscript{44} son of William and Ann (Bottomly) Brown.\textsuperscript{45} Thomas died at Winnebago 28 January 1926,\textsuperscript{46} and was buried there at Basey Cemetery.\textsuperscript{47}

11. **Hazel May/Mae Brown**, born at Winnebago, Minnesota, 21 March 1897.\textsuperscript{48} She died at Winnebago 17 November 1988\textsuperscript{49} and was buried there at Basey Cemetery.\textsuperscript{50} Hazel married at Faribault County, Minnesota, 28 November 1917, **Frank Randall Hemingway**.\textsuperscript{51} He was born at Shelby, Minnesota, 21 March 1896,\textsuperscript{52} son of Louis Randall and Carrie May (Salisbury) Hemingway.\textsuperscript{53} Frank died at Blue Earth, Minnesota, 4 January 1987\textsuperscript{54} and was buried at Basey Cemetery.\textsuperscript{55}

12. **Ramona Eileen Hemingway**, born at Winnebago, Minnesota, 6 October 1922.\textsuperscript{56} She married at Paris, Texas, 6 February 1943,
KENNETH LEROY CRAWFORD. He was born at Luck, Wisconsin, 20 January 1921, son of David P. and Amelia Christina Maria (Hansen) Crawford. Kenneth died at Truman, Minnesota, 24 November 1989 and was buried at Basey Cemetery, Winnebago, Minnesota.

13. DANIEL KENNETH CRAWFORD, born at Winnebago, Minnesota, 7 September 1944. He married at the First Congregational Church, DeKalb, Illinois, 5 October 1963, JENNIFER SUE WALKER. She was born at DeKalb 26 November 1946, daughter of James Richard and Dorothy May (Montgomery) Walker. Daniel and Jennifer were divorced at DeKalb County in September 1982. Both Daniel and Jennifer have since remarried multiple times.


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58 Online image of gravestone at Basey Cemetery, Winnebago, Minnesota, at FindAGrave.com, posted by “Nicholas W” (memorial #103541553).

59 Marriage license and certificate, DeKalb, no. 10929, gives bride and groom’s birth dates and locations, and identifies their parents; wedding announcement, *Daily Chronicle* (DeKalb, Illinois), 25 Oct. 1963, online at Newspapers.com, identifies church.

60 *Daily Chronicle* (DeKalb, Illinois), 7 Nov. 1982, online at Newspapers.com, dissolutions granted in DeKalb County Court in September.


