

## CRAIG GENEALOGY.

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Records of the Craig family are very meagre, and all that I can give in this sketch is from inscriptions upon monuments, from data found in old Bibles and from testimony of living witnesses who have carried down from generation to generation the story of their ancestors. From the best evidence obtainable it is known that the Craigs and Sawyers came to East Tennessee from Virginia sometime about the middle of the eighteenth century, attracted there by the rich valleys and beautiful mountains of that section. They were of Scotch-Irish descent and were faithful and devout supporters of the doctrines and policies of the Presbyterian Church. During the Revolutionary war they were loyal patriots and distinguished themselves in that great contest. My great-grandfather, John Sawyer, was a Colonel in that war and led a thousand of the Pioneers of Tennessee, who sprang out of their hills in defense of their home and country. These backwoodsmen and Indian fighters (it is told) assembled in a grove and leaning on their squirrel rifles