14 North Washington Street - Home of Stewart Crawford and Mildred (Crawford) McNeil

Stewart Crawford was born in 1843, in Delaware, Ohio. He was the son of Thomas and Matilda Crawford. He was also the nephew of Stewart Crawford. Thomas and Stewart Crawford were two of the five Black men from Kentucky, who helped built the McClure Tavern on U. S. Route 36.

In 1868, nephew Stewart Crawford, was a co-founder of the Crawford Band.

In 1884, Dr. Abram DeHart Hawn married Stewart Crawford and Mary A. Lewis, in Delaware, Ohio. They were blessed with 3 daughters and a son. Dr. Abram Hawn was the pastor the First Presbyterian Church, located at 160 North Franklin Street, in Delaware, Ohio.

Stewart Crawford had many jobs. Beside being a musician, he worked as a plasterer, an engineer for a local transit company and a janitor for a local school and the court house. Wife Mary Crawford earned a living as a caterer.

Stewart Crawford died in 1911. Mary Crawford died in 1923. They are buried in the Chapel Side Section, at the Oak Grove Cemetery, in Delaware, Ohio.

Daughter Mildred Crawford was the first Black female
Delaware native and second Black female OWU graduate (1908). She
married the second Black male OWU graduate (1907), Stephen A.
McNeil. She died in 1912 of tuberculosis, at a South Washington
Street home, in Delaware, Ohio. She was buried in the Chapel Side
Section, at the Oak Grove Cemetery, in Delaware, Ohio.

The first Black female OWU graduate (1903) was Olive Elizabeth Day from Hamilton, Virginia, Loudoun County. She was born in 1900, and she died in 1962, at the Temple University Hospital, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was buried in her hometown, Hamilton, Virginia.