

James Robertson Crowley

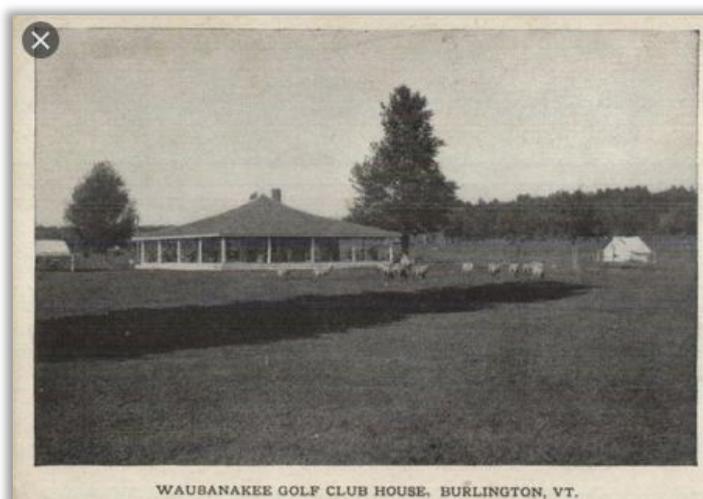
1887 - 1962?

James Robertson (otherwise Rolen or Robinson*) Crowley was born in New York on 29th November 1887. His father, James Crowley, and mother had arrived in New York in early 1887 and his father was a joiner/golf clubmaker (q.v.). Since he was born in New York, he was an American citizen. His father was working as a golf professional, latterly at Philadelphia Cricket Club where he stayed until about 1909 when he came back to Earlsferry. His wife and family came back to Earlsferry rather earlier and James Snr was back and forth across the Atlantic until about 1908. His son James Jnr probably was apprentice of sorts to his father who had set up business as a golf club maker, initially in Earlsferry and latterly when he moved to Glasgow in 1911.

[*this is as a result of the illegible handwriting of the minister who baptized him!]

We also know that James Crowley Jnr, i.e. J R Crowley, arrived back in USA in 1905 and was shown that his last residence was in Barrhead and he was going to Burlington. We think from that that he may have been attached to Fereneze at one point but he certainly also had affiliations to Whitecraigs, where his father also taught. He is designed as a golf club maker. This is certainly James Jnr because of his age in the manifest. But it is interesting that the Burlington Newspaper Vermont shows an entry in May 1907.

James Crowley, the professional golf player who has charge of the Waubana-kee links in this city, has arrived in town. Up to the present time no golf has been played at the links, owing to the cold weather.



James Crowley has been re-engaged for the season, as professional.

The committee announces to players that James Crowley, last year with Woodbury, N. J., club, has been engaged as professional and will be found on the grounds after May 15.

1905

We reckon by this time James Snr was back in Scotland had moved through to the west. He is shown in the 1911 census and living in Shawlands. However, this is where the plot thickens because James R Crowley Golf Professional is shown as on an assisted passage to Australia in 1909.

