The word "alumnus" as used in this letter, refers to any man who has matriculated at the University, whether a graduate or not.

Information asked of
Benjamin C. Crane

University of Georgia.

Dear Sir:

As an important part of the celebration of the Centennial of the University, the Board of Trustees has ordered the preparation and publication of a CENTENNIAL ALUMNI CATALOGUE, to contain, as far as possible, a full but concise account of the life and services of all the alumni during the century.

The hearty co-operation of all living alumni, and of the relatives and friends of all deceased, is necessary to the success of the undertaking. Your prompt and careful attention to the inquiries set forth below will be a real service to the University, and will be most cordially appreciated. If you are not able to give the information under any head, please leave the space blank, so that it may be filled by others.

The alma mater again extends to all alumni a hearty invitation to join with her in the celebration of the Centennial, June 12th—19th, 1901.

Fraternally yours,

WALTER B. HILL,
Chancellor.

1. Name, in full, (Do not use initials).
   Benjamin Elliott Crane

2. Address; state, county, city, street and number:

   Died January 15, 1886.

4. Date of entrance, with class entered: 1854, Freshman Class.

   He was prepared for college by Mr. Rudder and was ready to enter in 1853, but being under age, and his father not wishing him to be idle, secured a place for him at cloth in Mr. Peterson's book store for two years.
5. College honors, or distinctions of any kind:

6. Literary Society: **Phi Kappa**.

7. Date of graduation, and degree received, or date of leaving college: **1854**.

8. Other institutions attended later; degrees received; with dates: In **1854 or 1855**, he entered the Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, for the study of Civil Engineering, where he did not remain, but which the cause of being requested by his father for some good reason to change his plans.

9. Honorary degrees; by whom conferred, with dates:

10. Member of learned societies:

12. Facts as to occupation and business life: He was prevented from a continuation of the study of law which he had undertaken by failing sight and entered into a general merchandising business in Macon, Georgia. The firm being Langston, Crave and Yashmack. After the cessation of hostilities he settled in Atlanta as wholesale Grocer, Commission and Cotton merchant.

13. Public service:
   (a) Civil: Dates and titles of all public offices, appointments, or distinction: He was one of the four Commissioners appointed by Governor McDaniels in 1867 for the erection of the Capitol. The latter was built within the appropriation. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention, July 11, to August 25, 1877.

   (b) Military: Dates of service, name of commands, offices held: In 1870 he entered the Confederate Army as a member of the first Artillery Corps, 2nd Regiment. Thinking it more patriotic, he resigned as a lieutenant and went as a private. After several months as a private, he was commissioned a captain and in 1863 promoted to brigadier general. Quarter master with the rank of Major. He served atchamon and other positions. He fought at the battle of Fredericksburg and then was never a doubt on his mind as to his having been killed by the enemy.
15. Any additional information of a personal nature:

Major Crane was President of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce from its beginning in 1871 to his death in 1885. President of the National Association since 1872. An incorporator of the International Cotton Exposition and a member of its Executive Committee. An incorporator of the Opposition Cotton Mills, a director as also of the Farmers' Bank, the Atlanta Street Railway, etc. For twelve or thirteen years he was a vestryman of St. Phillips Church and chairman of the building committee in erecting new places of worship. In politics he was what he termed Mark Crank Democratic. He was also a Mason.

16. Names and addresses of any relatives, immediate or remote, who were alumni:

William Francis, of Barnett Crane was graduated in 1860. John Ross Crane should have finished his college course in 1861, but entered the Confederate Army where he served to the surrender, and consequently did not receive his diploma until 1868. Charles Robert Crane was graduated in 1869. There are brothers of Major Benjamin Elliott Crane, Jr., Ross Crane died in 1887. Mrs. William Crane died in 1899. Frank, Annapolis, Missouri, of Major Crane. Abraham Barnett Elliott was graduated in 1829. His niece, Mrs. E. M. Martin, was a charter member of the Phi Kappa Society.

Note: If this circular is sent to the relatives of an alumni deceased, kindly give accurately the date of death.

The delay in giving the above information has been unavoidable. Kindly excuse.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. J. C. Crane