

MAJOR DONALD EDWARD CRITTENDEN
FIFTY-EIGHT TWENTY-ONE MORPETH STREET
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94618

24 July 1981

Mrs. S. Q. Cannon
3026 Bowling Green Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Dear Sue:

You've surely decided that I had forgotten our conversation at the airport. I'm grateful to you for finally getting me on the ball on this family history business: I've been promising my brother's children to do it for 7 or 8 years now. So I've finally brought it up to date, and done the copying.

About the arms & crest. I'm also inclosing a copy of the Halbert's "Historiography" which I sent for as a result of an ad some years ago, just to see what they had come up with, and how valid it was. You will note in studying my presentation and theirs, that there is a bit of disagreement. My source was an heraldry volume that looked about a hundred years old, which I found along with several others at the Louisville Public Library when I was stationed at Fort Knox in '65-'67. The arms definition & description is verbatim and confirmed from two sources, and without license, poetic or otherwise. In my color rendition, the elk's head should be brown (proper meaning natural color), but I seem to be out of brown pencils!

Note that Halbert's shows the mullets (some call them "estoiles") as pierced, but they do not let the base shield color come through. The number of droplets is, as far as I know, optional, so you can have the chevron splattered with as many as your artistic eye wishes. Halberts also makes an error in that they improperly interpret the term "crescent of the last." Webster's Unabridged states that the heraldic "crescent" has it's points upward, and usually has reference to a "second son." But the description specified that the crescent should be "of the last" (quarter), which puts the points to the right, just as it specifies that the mullets (stars, estoiles) are of six points, because by definition, a mullet has five points unless you are told otherwise. You will find most of these definitions in Webster's Unabridged (the LARGE book of short stories), as well as in the older (100-200 years) heraldic registry books.* Halbert's also doesn't give the crescent's "chief" it's full third of the shield, and keep the mullets out of the chief. I think that the mullets in my drawing could have been a bit larger from an artistic point of view. Lastly, I'm not sure whether the helmet and plumes are appropriate or not. The sources that I worked from didn't show them. I do remember that you don't get "supports" in the form of rampant lions, elks, persons, etc., until you get into the "Lord" class (baronets, barons, earls, dukes etc); "supports" meaning the figures flanking the shield and 'holding' it. I suspect that the helmet and plumes only goes to a member of the family who has been knighted, but I'm not sure. One of these days I'll look it up.

I'm also not very good at drawing elk's (or any other animal's) heads.

(* Preferably those printed in the British Isles, not in the U.S.A.)

Unhappily, my brother Ken has absolutely no interest in family history. Our Aunt Helen, who was a simply grand lady and my favorite relative, never could quite understand this - I can't either!

Hope you enjoy having all this data. And, we hope we'll have a chance to get together with you both again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Bob' written in a cursive, stylized script.

CRUTTENDEN

Family from Kent, England. The name Cruttenden believed to have derived from old or ancient English meaning "Valley of the Little Crooked River."

CREST: Az. a chev or. guttee de poix between three mullets of six points pierced argent, in chief a crescent of the last. Crest an olks head proper.

Definitions.

Azure: blue.

Or: gold.

Guttee de Poix: sprinkled with pitch (drops) of sable or black.

Mullets: stars, normally of five points. Also called "estoiles."

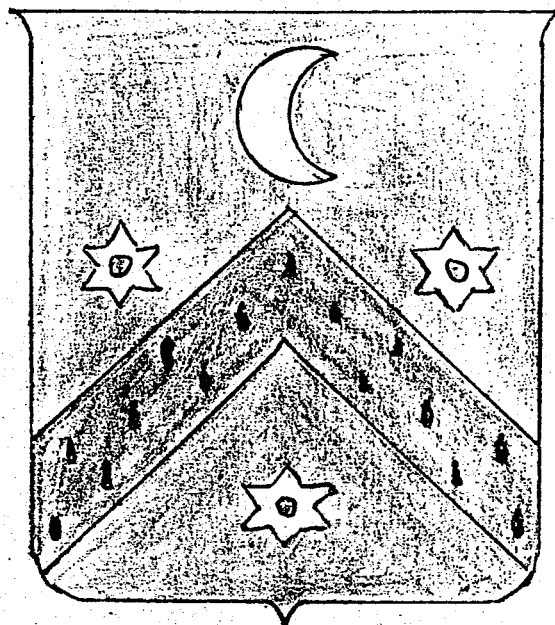
Pierced: meaning a circlet in center showing the base color of the shield.

Argent: silver. (Ar.)

In Chief: ~~at~~ the top third. ~~quarter~~

Crescent of the last: The moon in its last quarter, i.e., the points to the right. Crescents normally are with points up, unless otherwise noted.

Proper: represented in natural color.



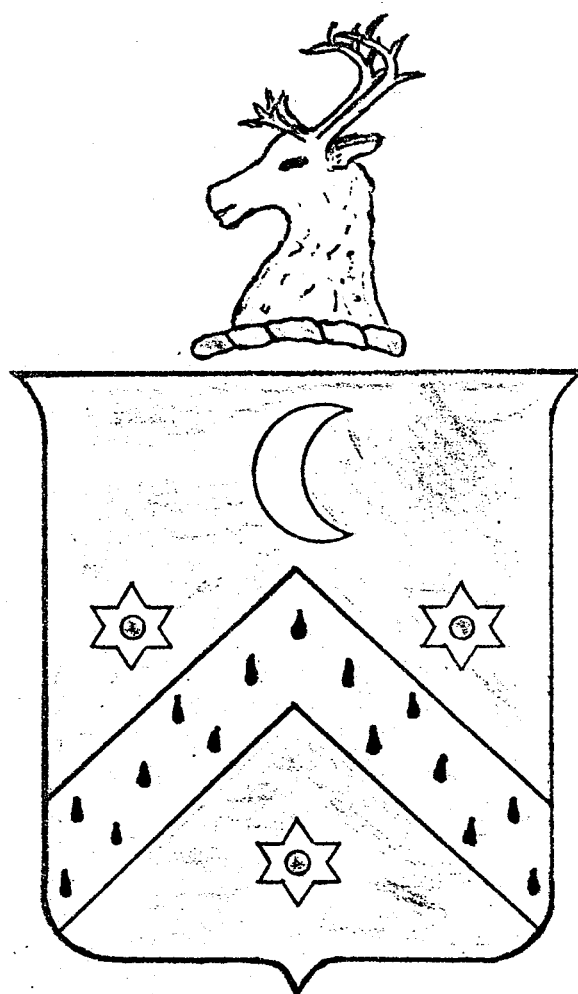
The Guilford, CT records show all "Cruttendens". Apparently once the New York and upper Connecticut River valley generations left Connecticut, they changed the "U" to an "I". In England, it seems to be Crittenden also, in most cases. I like Crittenden better, anyhow.

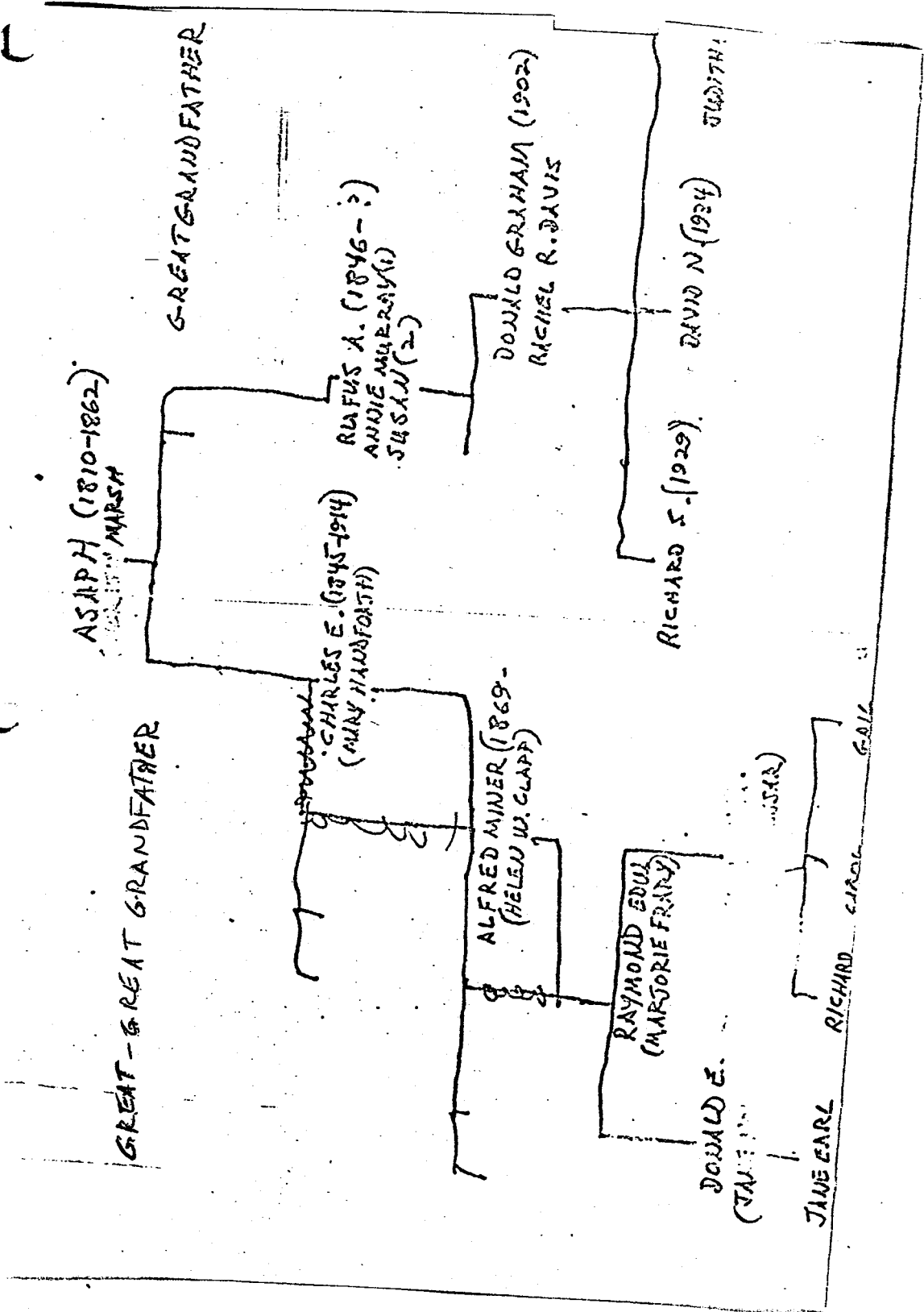
CRUTTENDEN (CRITTENDEN)

Family from Kent, England. One branch immigrated to Virginia in the Norfolk area in 1609, and apparently founded the town of Crittenden, which is now only a post office address. The last of the line in Crittenden, Virginia was Katie Crittenden Atkinson, who was in her 40's in 1942. The northern branch of the family originated from Kent also, when the first Samuel Crittenden came from England with his wife and children in 1639, settling in Guilford Connecticut.

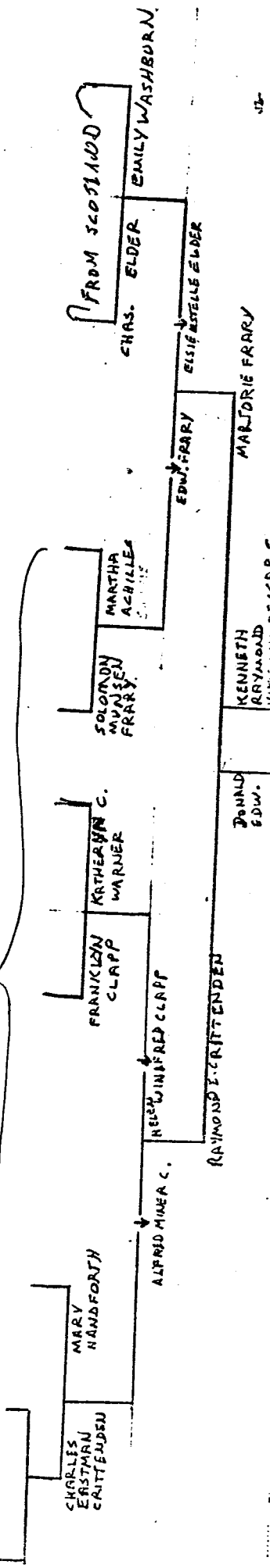
ARMS: Az. a chev or guttee de poix between three mullets of six points pierced or., in chief a crescent of the last.

CREST: An elks head proper.

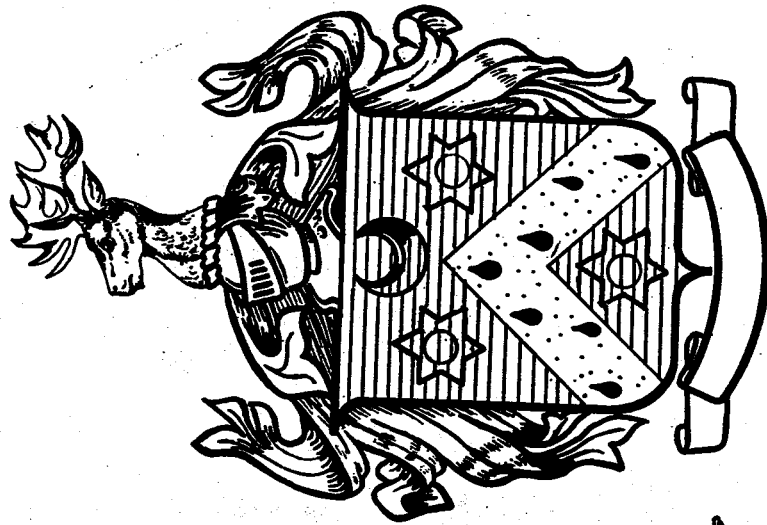




ENGLISH ANCESTRY



Coat of Arms



Crittenden

Historigraphy

The Crittenden Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Crittenden Coat of Arms design can be found in Bolton's American Armory. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Azure a chevron or gouttee de poix between three estoilles of six points pierced azure in chief a crescent of the last."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Blue, a gold chevron with black droplets between three blue stars of six points upper third a blue crescent."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"An elk's head proper."

A translation of the Crest description is:

"An elk's head in natural color."

Family mottoes are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A Motto was not recorded with the Crittenden Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Crittenden appears to be locational in origin, and is believed to be associated with the English, meaning, "one who came from, or lived near Criddon." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Crittenden are Crittendon, Crittenton, Crittentons, Criddon and Crittendens.

Census records available disclose the fact there are approximately 1225 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Crittenden name. The United States Census Bureau estimates there are approximately 3.2 persons per household in America today which yields an approximate total of 3920 people in the United States carrying the Crittenden name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Crittenden name have made to history.

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THE FAMILY OF

C R I T T E N D E N

Mrd Johanna Chittenden on 31 May 1665 (2nd wife)

1639 CRITTENDEN (1) Abraham Cruttenden came from Cranbrook England in 1639* with his wife Mary and three children* and settled in Guilford, Connecticut. He was born about 1610, d. in Jan 1683.

	(CRUTTENDEN)	(born)	Children (married)	(died)
2	Thomas	-s		
3	Abraham		Susana Gregson	25 Sep 1694
4	Isaac		Lydia Thompson	10 Jul 1685
5	Mary		Dea. Geo. Bartlett	11 Sep 1669
6	Elizabeth		John Graves	
7	Hannah		Geo. Highland	
8	Debora			21 Apr 1658
3	Cruttenden, Abraham			25 Sept 1694
	m. Susanna Gregson, dau of Thomas of New Haven on 13 May 1661, d. 8 Sep 1713.			
9	Abraham	8 May 1662	Susanna Kirby	14 May 1725
10	Sarah			
11	Thomas			
12	John			
13	Joseph	9 Apr 1674	Mercy Hoyt 7	6 Feb 1753
9	Cruttenden, Abraham,	b. 8 May 1662,	d. 14 May 1725.	
	m. Susanna Kirby on 6 May 1686. She d. in Oct 1729.			
23	Abraham	1 Apr 1688	Sarah Sutlief	?
24	Mary	15 Dec 1690	Thomas Gould	9 May 1776
25	Thomas	--		dy-
26	John	15 Dec 1693	(Durham Conn)	9 Dec 1760
	Daniel	27 May 1696	Patience ?	1751
28	Anna	10 May 1701	Ebenezer Parmelec 38	28 Nov 1789
29	Ebenezer	1 Sep 1705	Abigail Buxton 42	18 Nov 1778
23	Cruttenden, Abraham,	b. 1 Apr 1688,	res. in Durham Conn.	
	Sarah Sutlief of Durham.			
59	Sarah	-s, 10 May 1715		-dy
60	Sarah	12 Sep 1718	Abner Tiffals	
61	Susanna	5 Sept 1720		
62	Mary	27 Sep 1722		
63	Ester Esther			
64	Anna	25 Dec 1726		
65	Nathaniel	-s. 5 Apr 1730		-dy
66	Nathaniel	21 Jul 1731		
67	Samuel	9 Sep 1734	*Rebecca Mason*	*31 May 1816*
68	Abraham	3 Aug 1714	Sarah ?	

The above records were copied from Talcot's Geneology, property of the Town of Guilford, Connecticut. *Samuel (67) moved to Conway Mass. about 1750 and settled on Cricket Hill there. Apparently Abraham (23) mc his family to Durham, Conn. about 1630-1640.

* Not in d. in Tale



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

CITY CLERK
JOHN P. FOLEY

April 1, 1946

To Whom It May Concern:

According to the records of the City of Northampton, State of Massachusetts, the marriage of Fred M. Crittenden and H. Winifred Clapp took place in Northampton, Massachusetts December 20, 1892. The names H. Winifred Clapp and Helen W. Clapp identify and describe one and the same person. The death of this same person Helen W. (Clapp) Crittenden occurred June 10, 1945, in Northampton, Mass. and was recorded as Helen (Clapp) Crittenden. The names Helen (Clapp) Crittenden and Helen W. Crittenden also identify and describe one and the same person.

Very truly yours,

John P. Foley, City Clerk
Northampton, Mass.

T H E F A M I L Y O F B O Y D E N

From History of Conway, Massachusetts, 1767-1917, ed by Rev Charles Stanley Pease, AM.

- 001 Josiah Boyden (Jonathan, Thomas) b in Groton Conn, 21 Sep 1701, m there 7 Jan 1729 to Enice Parker. She d 1 Jan 1745. He m Jane Reed. He d Oct 17, 1772.
- 002 Eunice (noted 22 May 1733 m Ebenezer Woods 25 Jun 1752.
 003 Josiah error) 22 May 1734 m Sarah Butting
 004 John 12 Jan 1735 m Sarah Frye and Mrs Esther Farnsworth.
 005 Mary 2 Sep 1740
 006 Jonathan 6 Sep 1741
 007 Samuel 25 May 1751
 008 Sarah 14 Nov 1752 m Wm. Dalrymple in 1778
 009 Jane 24 Jul 1754 m Joseph Keyes in 1786
- 003 Josiah Boyden (Josiah, Jonathan, Thomas) b 22 May 1734, m 10 May 1879 Sarah Butting. She d 19 Jan 1822, He d 20 Oct 1821.
- 010 Joseph 14 Feb 1760 m Priscilla Luce
 011 Josiah 19 Nov 1761 m Anna Gates
 012 David 1764 d unm 7 Apr 1791
 013 Nehemiah 1765 d unm 27 Apr 1791 (These are not errors)
 014 Mary Aug 1767 m Medad Crittenden, d 13 Mar 1869 @ 101y.

Note: Charles Eastman (122) and Fred Muir (137) were Masons + masters of Jerusalem Lodge 15 & 111 in Northampton. Raymond Edward (140) also a member of Jerusalem Lodge. Donald E. (147) and David N. (144) also Masons + members of Okunewa Lodge #118 (Grand Lodge of the Philippines). William Warner Robinson (see note, #141) also a member of Jerusalem Lodge.

THIS WRITTEN BY DONALD E. CRITTENDEN'S
GRAND MOTHER, HELEN WINIFRED CLAPP
CRITTENDEN

Donald E. Crittenden

Donald Abraham Crittenden b. 1902
married Rachel Reed Davis O. 1-1927

children Richard S.
born July 4th 1929

of Davis N.
Feb. 9. 1934

Judith S.

Jan 28. 1937

41. N. W. line at 47 border St Mrs. L. L. L. in Mass

1st Abraham Ruttinden came from Cranbrook, England in 1639 with his wife Mary and their three children, and settled in Guilford Conn.

2nd Abraham born in England

3rd Abraham born in Guilford Conn

4th Abraham born in Guilford moved to Durham Conn. died in Durham

Samuel 2nd son of Abraham (4th) & in Durham 1734 d May 31st 1816 in Lake Center N.H. settled in Lenox in 1772

Medad 4th son of Samuel born in Lenox 1765 - died Aug 13 - 1856

married Mary, dau. of Josiah Boyden. She was born Aug 14 - 1767 died Feb 18 1847 she was born on the day of the first town meeting and was present at the Centennial Celebration of Lenox.

Araph 9th child of Medad & June 3 - 1810 d. Aug. 27 - 1862

married Lucretia Marsh who d. Aug 1850, married Jane Fort

Charles sixth child of Medad - Lucretia born Aug 29th 1845, died Dec 13 - 1914

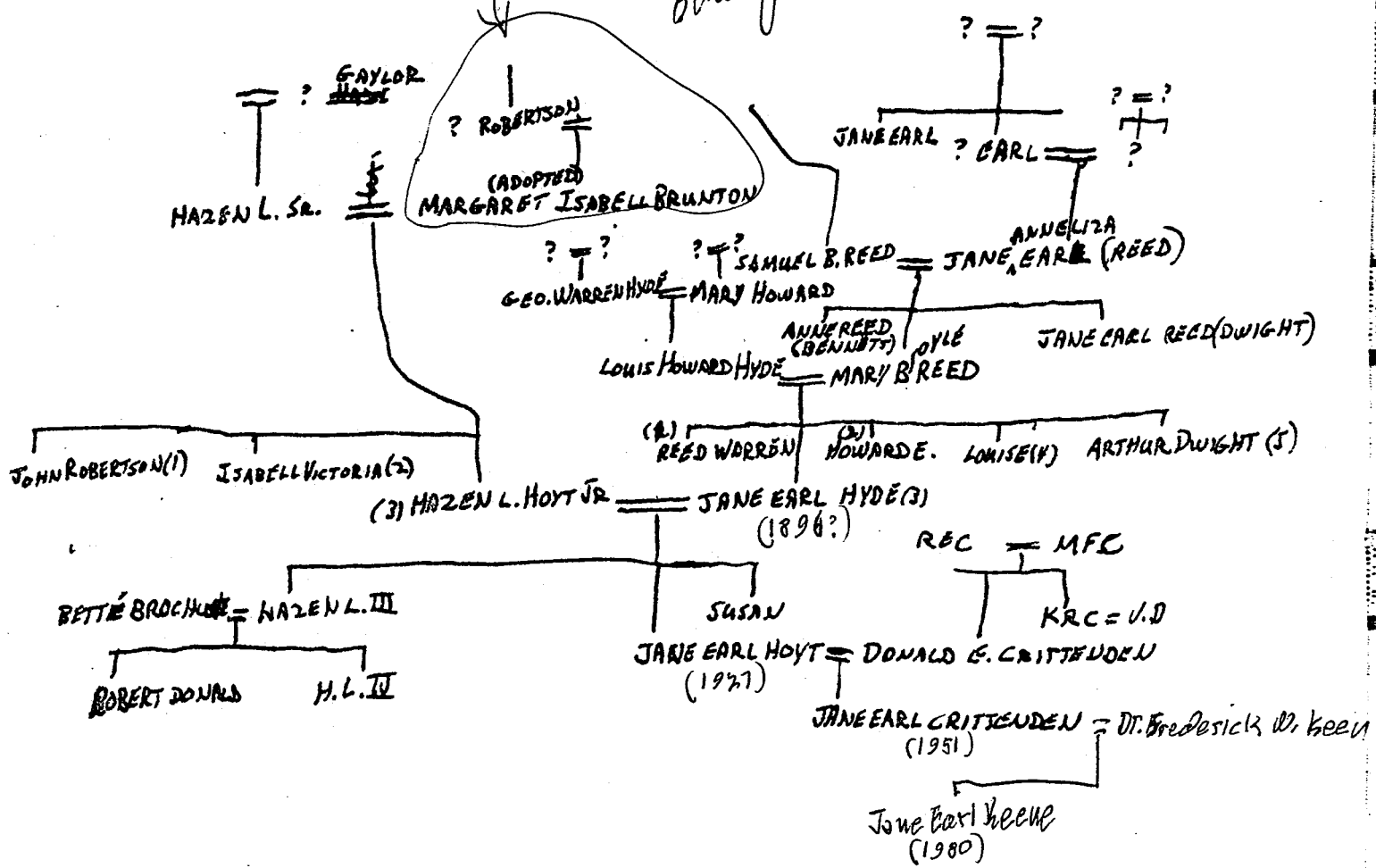
married Mary Handforth Dec 31 - 1868. She was born in Manchester, England Dec 1st 1845, died Jan 11th 1924

Alfred M. (name afterward changed to Fred M.)

oldest son of Charles born Sept 22nd 1869, died Oct. 18th 1928 married H. Winifred Clapp Dec 20th 1892. She was born Oct 16 - 1868 died June 1945

Raymond C. son of Fred born May 7 - 1894. married Marynie Frary

From Scotland
other English ancestry.



Abraham C. Crittendon B 21 Feb 1822 Crittendon, Conn. D 16 May 1888	Abraham C. Crittendon B 21 Feb 1822 Crittendon, Conn. D 16 May 1888	Abraham C. Crittendon B 21 Feb 1822 Crittendon, Conn. D 16 May 1888
Susannah Kirby D 2 October 1729	John Kirby Thomas Kirby Sarah Kirby Thomas Kirby Abraham Kirby	John Kirby Thomas Kirby Sarah Kirby Thomas Kirby Abraham Kirby
Nathaniel Sullist B 27 July 1672 Plymouth, Mass. D 1 April 1728	Meharal Sullist Hannah Plymton John Plymton Jane Demant	Meharal Sullist Hannah Plymton John Plymton Jane Demant
Samuel Sullist B 1693 17 January D 12 November 1760	John Savage Sarah Brown	John Savage Sarah Brown
James Rice B 15 April 1662 Sudbury, Mass. D 28 February 1682	Thomas Rice Mary John Linscom Hannah	Thomas Rice Mary John Linscom Hannah
Isaiah Rice B 10 December 1642 Sudbury, Mass.	John Linscom Hannah	John Linscom Hannah
James Rice B 16 December 1726 Wareham, Mass. D 2 May 1780 O 9 August 1780	Hannah Linscom D 21 May 1724 Sudbury, Mass.	Hannah Linscom D 21 May 1724 Sudbury, Mass.
Sarah		
Elizabeth Rice B 12 September 1723 Wareham, Mass.		
Elizabeth Kingston B 16 November 1712 Wareham, Mass. D 1764 Wareham, Mass.	Silence	
James King, Jr. B 22 May 1683 Wareham, Mass. D 21 January 1746 Cape Breton, Nova Scotia		
Isiah Allis B 29 July 1667 Wareham, Mass. D 27 July 1727	John Allis Mary Mackie Clark Samuel Balding Sarah Fellows Billing John Shelden Hannah Stalkins Japhet Chapin Abiniah Couley Thomas Walls Mary Goodale Benjamin White Martha Leonard John H. L.	John Allis Mary Mackie Clark Samuel Balding Sarah Fellows Billing John Shelden Hannah Stalkins Japhet Chapin Abiniah Couley Thomas Walls Mary Goodale Benjamin White Martha Leonard John H. L.
Samuel Allis B 12 December 1702 Wareham, Mass. D 4 November 1724 O 16 September 1726	Mary Balding D 29 September 1724	Mary Balding D 29 September 1724
Luce Allis B 14 May 1717 Wareham, Mass. D 10 August 1765	John Shelden B 13 September 1687 Wareham, Mass. D 20 June 1723 Hannah Chapin B 12 July 1689 Wareham, Mass. D 20 September 1765 Thomas Walls B 20 July 1689 Wareham, Mass. Mary Ware D 21 February 1672	John Shelden Hannah Stalkins Japhet Chapin Abiniah Couley Thomas Walls Mary Goodale Benjamin White Martha Leonard John H. L.
Hannah Shelden B 1 October 1707 Wareham, Mass. D 2 July 1759		
Samuel Allis B 26 Oct 1709 Wareham, Mass. D 6 November 1723		
Thomas Walls B 12 September 1699 Wareham, Mass. D 1 March 1748 Wareham, Mass.		
Mary White B 1788 Wareham, Mass. D 2 July 1790		
Samuel Hecke B 1788 Wareham, Mass. D 1792 Wareham, Mass.		
Joseph Smead B 17 30 April 1671	William Smead Elizabeth Lawrence Joseph Dickerson Phoebe Breezy Daniel White Sarah Crow Samuel Balding Mary White Benjamin White Martha Leonard John H. L.	William Smead Elizabeth Lawrence Joseph Dickerson Phoebe Breezy Daniel White Sarah Crow Samuel Balding Mary White Benjamin White Martha Leonard John H. L.
Nathaniel Dickerson B 20 May 1670 Wareham, Mass.		
Hannah White B 24 June 1708 Wareham, Mass.		
John Balding B 20 September 1714 Wareham, Mass.		
Mary Balding B 27 July 1707 Wareham, Mass. D 20 May 1726		
Samuel White B 20 September 1714 Wareham, Mass.		
James Partridge B 21 April 1687 Wareham, Mass. D 14 May 1727 D 21 December 1757 Martha Williams D 26 November 1764	William Williams Elizabeth Cotton Solomon Stoddard Father Wetheram	William Williams Elizabeth Cotton Solomon Stoddard Father Wetheram
Oliver Partridge B 21 June 1712 Wareham, Mass. D 17 July 1792 D 11 24		
Martha Williams B 17 24		
William Williams B 21 May 1717 Wareham, Mass. D 21 December 1762		
Hannah Stoddard		

Samuel Crittendon
B 17 February 1739
Wareham, Mass.
D 31 May 1816

Palmer Mason

Samuel Crittendon
B 17 February 1739
Wareham, Mass.
D 31 May 1816

William Crittendon
B 12 September 1742
Wareham, Mass.
D 24 June 1789
D 27 March 1826
Wareham, Mass.

Clarence South Crittendon
B 26 December 1739
Wareham, Mass.
D 1 February 1785
D 9 August 1819
Haystack, Utah

James H. Crittendon
B 7 February 1772
Haystack, Utah
D 22 January 1842

George Correll Crittendon
B 16 December 1786
Haystack, Utah
D 10 February 1822

Elizabeth Ware
B 22 November 1764
Birmingham, England
D 12 May 1808
Haystack, Utah

James Van Sargent
B 2 July 1774
Haystack, Utah