

Chart, Fry, Woodhams and other families of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Plainwell, Michigan

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William Chart (b. 1781) married Elizabeth Fry (1777-1816), daughter of Robert Fry, at Croydon, England, in 1802. They had seven children, 1803-1816, born at Croydon and Blackburn and Hartfield, Sussex, England. He married 2) Katherine Wickenden in England in 1818. They had four children, 1819-1825. Family members immigrated to the United States in the 1830s. Descendants listed, to ca. 1906, lived in New York, Michigan, California and elsewhere.

Includes the Fry, Rumble, Aubrey and other allied families.

1781	William Chart was born	1781	1813	Martha Chart daughter of William & Elizabeth Chart was born February 26 th	1813
	Married in Croydon ¹ , England	1802		at Hartfield, Sussex	
1777	Elizabeth Fry daughter of Robert Fry, Blacksmith. Born in	1777	1816	Susannah Chart daughter of William & Elizabeth Chart was born Sep 9	1816
	Married to William Chart in Croydon ¹	1802		at Hartfield, Sussex	
	1777 Elizabeth Chart wife of William Chart died September 16			Marriages of children	
	aged 39 years. She died seven days after the birth of her daughter Susannah	1816	1811	William Chart and Mary Wickens were married in	1833
	Children of this marriage.			In parish church in Croydon, England.	
1803	Elizabeth Chart daughter of William and Elizabeth Chart was born July 19	1803	1808	Mary Wickens was born Sept 7 th	1808
	at Croydon ²			at East Grinstead Sussex Co. England	
1805	Joseph Chart son of William & Elizabeth Chart was born April 5 th	1805	1834	Joseph Chart son of William & Mary Chart was born October 10 th	1834
	at Blackham, Sussex, England			at Rochester N Y	
1806	Obediah Chart son of William & Elizabeth Chart was born December 18 th	1806		Joseph Chart went across the Plains 1854 with his cousins William H and Alfred R Woodhams to the Pacific Coast.	
1809	Mary Chart daughter of William & Elizabeth Chart was born October 1 st	1809		Was lost on the return trip from California in the "Central America" off Cape Matteras. Joseph Chart was on board when the boat sank during the storm not a man was saved not even the captain, four hundred and twenty six were lost. This happened in 1857.	
	at Hartfield, Sussex			Captain Herndon's daughter was President Arthur's wife.	
1811	William Chart son of William & Elizabeth Chart was born July 30 th		1836	William Chart son of William & Mary Chart was born May 13. 1836 at Rochester New York	
	at Hartfield, Sussex, England			Died February 7. 1837	
	Died in Galesburg (<i>date indistinct</i>)		1841	Frederick John Chart son of William & Mary Chart was born in Plainwell Michigan March 25 th	1841

¹ William and Elizabeth were married in St Michael's & All Angels Church, Withyham, Sussex on 24th May 1802
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² Given that her parents were married in Withyham and William was living in East Grinstead it is unlikely that Elizabeth was born in Croydon. It is more likely she was born, like her brothers, in Blackham.

1843	Susan Eliza Chart daughter of William & Mary Chart was born in Plainwell Mich. October 12	1843	12.	1905
	Died Feb 24	1896	in Plainwell Michigan	
	in Chicago Aged 53 years			
1846	William Irving Chart son of William and Mary Chart born Nov 6 th	1846	1803	Elizabeth Chart daughter of William Chart & Elizabeth Fry Chart was born July 19
	in Kalamazoo Mich			1803
	He was twice married			at Croydon England
	Died March 3 rd	1891		Married to
1877	Ada Ward Chart daughter of William Irving Chart & Mary Ward Chart was born in Plainwell Michigan Sept 1877		1801	William Henry Woodhams born Oct 12
	Died August 25	1879		1801
	Aged 1 year 11 months 16 days.			Married Feb 14
1841	Frederick John Chart & Adelaide Schuyler were married Oct. 4 th	1868		1827
	at Galesburg Mich			at Croydon England
1869	Mary Fanny Chart daughter of Frederick J & Adelaide Chart was born in Plainwell December 12 th	1869		8 children
1871	Inez Elizabeth Chart was born at Plainwell October 5	1871		See Woodhams Record
1874	Frederick Ray Chart son of Frederick John and Adelaide Chart was born in Plainwell April 29	1874	1805	Joseph Chart married Susannah Woodhams at Croydon, Kent
1876	Ernest Joseph Chart son of Frederick John & Adelaide Chart was born in Plainwell September 14	1876		1828
1882	Alice Belle Chart daughter of Frederick John & Adelaide Chart was born in Plainwell January 6	1882		Came to America
	Died January 23 rd 1905 aged 23 years			1830
1874	Frederick Ray Chart and Jessie Elizabeth Nelson were married November 15	1899		Died in Troy
	at Gobleville Mich			1832
1905	Ruth Alice Chart daughter of Frederick & Jessie Elizabeth Chart was born Apr.		1828	Elizabeth Chart daughter of Joseph & Susannah Chart was born at the home of her paternal grandfather in Leatherbottle Lane Newbridge Norwood England April 23 rd
				1828
				Died in Chicago 2 pm Feb 22 1909
				Buried in Plainwell
			1830	Joseph Chart son of Joseph Chart and Susannah Chart was born in Newbridge Norwood England
				Died in Troy
				1832

1806	Obediah Chart married Mary in England		California children
	Married Mrs Phebe Wilcox in Plainwell September	1852	Charles Aubrey San Francisco has 3 daughters one married 1 grandchild
	She died in Apr	1897	Mrs Jennie Masters Aubrey has two grown sons
	Uncle Obed June 39 in Oakland California	1899	Mrs Adeline Aubrey Stanley has two sons and one daughter married one grandchild
	Uncle Obed of the Grapes		Edward Aubrey as the youngest not married.
1813	Martha Chart was married to		All in San Francisco California
1815	Frederick Woodhams October 23 1837 in Croydon Eng		Mr & Mrs Aubrey died about a week of one another in the spring of 1896.
	Eleven children		
1816	Susannah Chart was married to Thomas Warrant in Rochester about		1821 Susan Chart married in Kalamazoo in 1852 John Rumble an Englishman died in Nov 1872
	lived in Plainwell		Mrs Rumble died in 1895
	Died in giving birth to a daughter both buried in one grave		Children of Susan Chart & John Rumble
1781	2 nd marriage of William Chart to Katherine Wickenden in England in 1818	1853	John Josiah Rumble
	Children	1856	Emily Rumble
1819	Katherine Chart	1858	William Rumble
1821	Susan Chart		Marriages of Children
1823	Michael Chart died 12 years	1853	John Josiah Rumble married in 1880 Mary Collison
1825	John Chart died 6 years		Children
1819	Katherine Chart to Oliver Aubrey in Rochester New York about	1881	Aubrey Rumble died
	1840	1883	John Rumble
Note	Went to Canada to live	1885	Frederick Rumble
	Three or four children were born and died there.	1887	Elsie Rumble
	Came to Kalamazoo where little Katie was born and died		Afloat & Bethel
	When the went to California in 1852 they tool with them one baby girl Maria who died at 7 years	1887	Elsie Rumble of East Gun Plains married October 20 th 1905 Harry E. Hale of Spring Brook

- 1856 Emily Rumble born in Kalamazoo
married Alanson L. Knowlton in
Plainwell
- One daughter Mabel Knowlton.
- Residence Carp Lake Emmett Co.
Michigan
- James Knowlton in Cali
- Robert Knowlton
- 1858 William Rumble born in Kalamazoo
married Sarah Cronk has four sons
and two daughters. Second daughter
is married and has a little girl
- Family living in Napa City California
- Attend Salvation Army.
- Have 7 or 8 children oldest is Jessie
one son died in world war.
- 1876 Ernest Joseph Chart son of Frederick
John Chart & Adelaide Chart was
married to Mabelle I Swartz at four
o'clock Tuesday afternoon November
6 1906 in Otsego by Rev. John
Fletcher
- Thirty years before on same day and
hour the parents of the bride were
wed

In the persecution of the protestants in the time of Queen Mary we read that one of the learned assistants of Tyndale in translating the Bible was John Fry. He was burned to death at Smithfield in 1552

One of the stories current among the descendants of John Fry, was to the effect that one of his sisters went with him to a place of worship. It was nine miles off and they walked there. Long before light in winter a voice could be heard at the young girl's door "Sister it is market day"

On market day every body had something especially good to eat in those country towns. Ah! But this meant food for the soul and those dear young Christians started off, perhaps in the rain, with a glow in their hearts, which nothing could guess of. They made one rest on the way. It was at a barn where they held a little prayer meeting especially to plead that God would keep back the mob or the police from breaking up the meeting. His religious zeal never flagged

1748 Robert Fry born 1748 was a blacksmith. Successful in business he left every one of his large family enough to set them up in business

He had in his possession, a table which had come down to him from his martyr ancestors. The top of the table could be made to stand perpendicularly. Across the lower part of this was a strap and back of this was a bible. In the last persecution of the Protestants this bible was used in family worship while a child was stationed at the window to give notice if any one came to the house.

If any one came the top of the table was turned down so that they could not be convicted of the crime of reading the Bible

Robert Fry's name was written in it.

One of the grand daughters used to stop with her grandfathers when all his children were married, and she said he would stop working in his garden long enough to sit on a bench

under a pear tree, and take up his beloved Bible and look so happy. The death scene has often been related to me. He was eighty four. His neighbours who loved him came to see him, one after another. To each one he had something beautiful to say

Two of them were sceptics, both of them were converted at this dying bed. A light came out from his face which astonished everyone that came into the room. Said his pastor "I have come to hear you preach, you can not come to me. The room was crowded with friends. The room duf? Light from the face, and the triumphant voice called out "Sing Martha sing." "What shall I sing Father?" "O sing Worthy the Lamb that died" they cry. To be exalted thus

Worthy the Lamb our lips reply
For he has died for us.

Mary ann's mother was a beautiful singer. She raised her voice but before the verse ended the happy spirit was perhaps finishing the song with the Hosts above.

For the information herein contained I am indebted to Mrs Mary Rouse.

1748 Robert Fry had a large family of children. Of the girls your grandmother was the oldest Mary Ann's mother the youngest.

There was my grandmother, Aunt Hughes & Aunt Mills. I saw her when I was five years old, a lovely woman and also I saw Uncle Thomas Fry who lived at Tunbridge Wells, a dear kind man, who would carry me whenever we came to a hill though I told him I was a big girl and had two little brothers.

Besides that there was John & Michael who were drafted into the war and never heard from afterwards. The English always notify the families when any are killed and grandfather always hoped that the had been taken prisoners on some American cruiser.

Of the Chart side I know very little. I have heard Mother say that her grandmother was a noble old lady. Except Aunt Shoesmith I never saw any of the family. She was a larger woman than Susie Chart, but I always thought Susie looked like her. One of the sweetest women I ever saw, such an expressive face, the color coming and going as she talked.

So far as I know these all died in the faith. Truly we can say "Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

1748 Children of Robert Fry

1770 Sarah Fry

1771 Richard Fry

1773 Elias Fry

1775 Robert Fry

1777 Elizabeth Fry

1780 John Fry

1782 Michael Fry

1785 Philadelphia Fry

1787 Mary Fry Died at the house of her niece Ann ? Young at Gravesend July 1837

1790 Thomas Fry

1793 Martha Fry

These are the children so far as can be ascertained

1770 Sarah Fry married Lewis Thomas

Seven children

1771 Richard Fry and

1790 Thomas Fry were engaged in the manufacture or the celebrated Tunbridge Wells ware of inlaid woods

1773 Elias Fry fine flute player and singer

1775 Robert Fry lived at Lingfield Surrey

1777 Elizabeth Fry married William Chart

Seven children

1780 John Fry

1782 Michael Fry were drafted into the army

1787 Mary married Mr Hughes, soldier

One child Mary Hughes

1785 Philadelphia Fry married Mr Mills

One child Phyllis Mills

1793	Martha Fry married Mr Fox	
	Three children	
1802	Josiah Woodhams	1829
1804	Phyllis Mills	1829
	Croydon England	
	Children of Josiah Woodhams & Phyllis Mills Woodhams	
1830	William Woodhams	
1832	Frederick Woodhams	
	Children of	
1830	William Woodhams	
1853	William Woodhams	
1855	Charles Woodhams	
1802	Josiah Woodhams d. 1886	
1804	Phyllis Mills Woodhams Died in Croydon 1892	
1793	Martha Fry married Mr Fox in	1821
	Children	
1822	Martha daughter of Mr Fox & Martha Fry Fox	
1824	Mary Ann Fox daughter of Mr Fox and Martha Fry Fox youngest daughter of Robert Fry	
	Married John W. Brigham in 1848 in Plainwell	
	Died November 26	1894
1827	Thomas Fox born in England. Came to America in 1841.	
	Married Margaret Dyer at Lawton 1850	
	Margaret d.	1870
	Thomas married again	

Birthdays of Mr & Mrs William Woodhams family in England

William Henry Woodhams was born Monday Oct 12th 1801 in Edenbridge Kent

Josiah Woodhams was born Monday Dec 5 1802 in Edenbridge Kent

Susanna Woodhams was born Thursday Aug 30th 1804 in the parish of Hartfield, Sussex

Obed Woodhams was born Tuesday June 24 1806 in the parish of Hartfield, Sussex

Thomas Woodhams was born Tuesday Nov 29th 1867 in the parish of Hartfield, Sussex

Woodhams Genealogy

1717 William Woodhams (son of Matthias and Anne at Penshurst) m Cary Wickens of Rutherford Sussex England

Died 1795 at Hartfield lived at Bolebroke Hartfield about eight miles from Tunbridge Wells

Children

1 Wickens (Buckinghamshire)

Children of Wickens

Elizabeth died young

Sarah Barnes Brooklyn N Y

Children of Sarah Barnes

Emma, Anna, Eugene, Sarah, Angel, Albert

Joseph Santa Clara California

Lucy Smith Maurice

Alfred, Oscar, Mary Eliza, Seth

Isaac no children

James Lansing Michigan

Maria Grant ?? City

Mrs Hollinsworth, David

Samuel & Rebecca died

2 William Woodhams (Stone Cross & Edenbridge)

1782 married Elizabeth Woodhams
1760 (daughter of Henry Woodhams of Top Hill & Mary Camfield who died in 1805 of Groombridge Place married December 21 at Speldhurst

Children

1801 Wm H born Oct 12 Edenbridge

1802 Josiah December 5 Edenbridge

1804 Susannah Aug 30 Hartfield

1806 Obed Jan 24 Hartfield

1808 Thomas Nov 29 Hartfield

1810 Mary Oct 1 Hartfield

1812 Jesse Oct 16 Hartfield

1815 Frederick & Edwin May 8 Leigh

1816 Alfred July 7th Leigh

3 Mary Henham (East Peckham)

3 sons & 5 daughters

4 Obed (Bromley)

Children

1863 Josiah born at Edenbridge

James, W

John W

Obed W

Ann

Josiah

John

Dowman

Edwin

Frederick who has a hat store 43 Finsbury St EC London. I met him

- 5 Susannah Eaton Croydon
 Children
 Cary George (Ypsilanti)
 Mrs Lizzie Swaine
 Fred George
 Cary died
 Mary died
 Mrs Spencer (Eliza Eaton?)
 Mrs Sutton Hamer Eaton
 Mrs Matthews – Susanna
 Six children in all
- 6 Maria Cheeseman ? ? (Luddesdown)
 11 children
- 7 Elizabeth (Crowhurst) 3 sons & 3
 daughters
- 8 Sarah died at 30
- 9 Cary died at 24

Obed & Susannah were first of family dissenters from the Church of Eng. Obed & Rev. Chapman started Dormans Land Baptist Church. The building was thrice enlarged by having a larger one built right over the church in use. Chapman preached there 50years. I thin k great grandfather Chart or Fry also helped on this church. Great, great grandfather Robert Fry also dissenter very intelligent & religious had bible fastened under table. Uncle Josiah had it.

June 22 '26 in possession of Mary Price ??

Children of Thomas & Sarah

Recorded at Ashurst

1760 1 Henry (married Mary Canfield in 1781)

1761 2 Sarah

1765 3 Matthyas

1767 4 John

1770 5 Mary Elizabeth

1717 Birth of a William son of Matthew & Anna at Penshurst. I do not know whether he is father of William W of Bolebroke or not.

1727 Richard baptized 1727. Uncle William thought that Richard the direct ancestor must be “grandfather Dick”

Speldhurst churchyard is full of ?? tombs and the marriage of Henry W. and Mary Canfield and Canfields & Mathers and Frys are recorded in this church’s register.

Homes

Groombridge the home of the Canfields is ten miles from Tunbridge Wells, a fine brick house Elizabethan style, with moat filled with water still surrounding it, where are fine terraced gardens and a chapel dating from 1625 having a curious clock – one hand on face, up in gable end of chapel. Within the works are skeleton and the long pendulum swinging nearly to the floor. The churchyard is full of fine Canfield tombs.

Mary Canfield who married Henry Woodhams in 1781 must be our great great grandmother.

Bolebroke is in Hartfield not far from Groombridge. Was a fine old moated house now partly in ruins, but one wing – a three story brick still occupied. The towers are now used for hops and stables

William Woodhams my great great grandfather lived there 1¼ miles toward Ashurst church and Top Hill Stone Cross 1½ miles from Groombridge- are not far away. I think Henry & Mary were supposed to live at Top Hill and great great grandfather at Stone Cross. Ashurst churchyard full of Woodhams grave.

Woodhams crest “A buck’s head ? between two sprigs of roses all proper. Gules – chevron between three roses.

See Chambers Encyclopedia under Heraldry for the meaning of the terms in the description.

Motto – Welch – translated “We tread on none and are trodden on by none.”

Coat of arms of the founders of Wadhams College Oxford is “I am a rose, I am a shell.”

Col Wadhams US Navy told me the name was spelled Woodhams

1760 Henry Woodhams of Top Hill and Mary Canfield of Groombridge Place were married December 21st 1781

Mary Canfield died 1805

Children

1782 Elizabeth Woodhams

Thomas Woodhams

Jesse Woodhams

1782 Elizabeth Woodhams of Top Hill married William Woodhams of Stone Cross & Edenbridge in 1800

1782 Elizabeth Woodhams died in Troy June 1862

1780 William Woodhams died in Leigh England 1817