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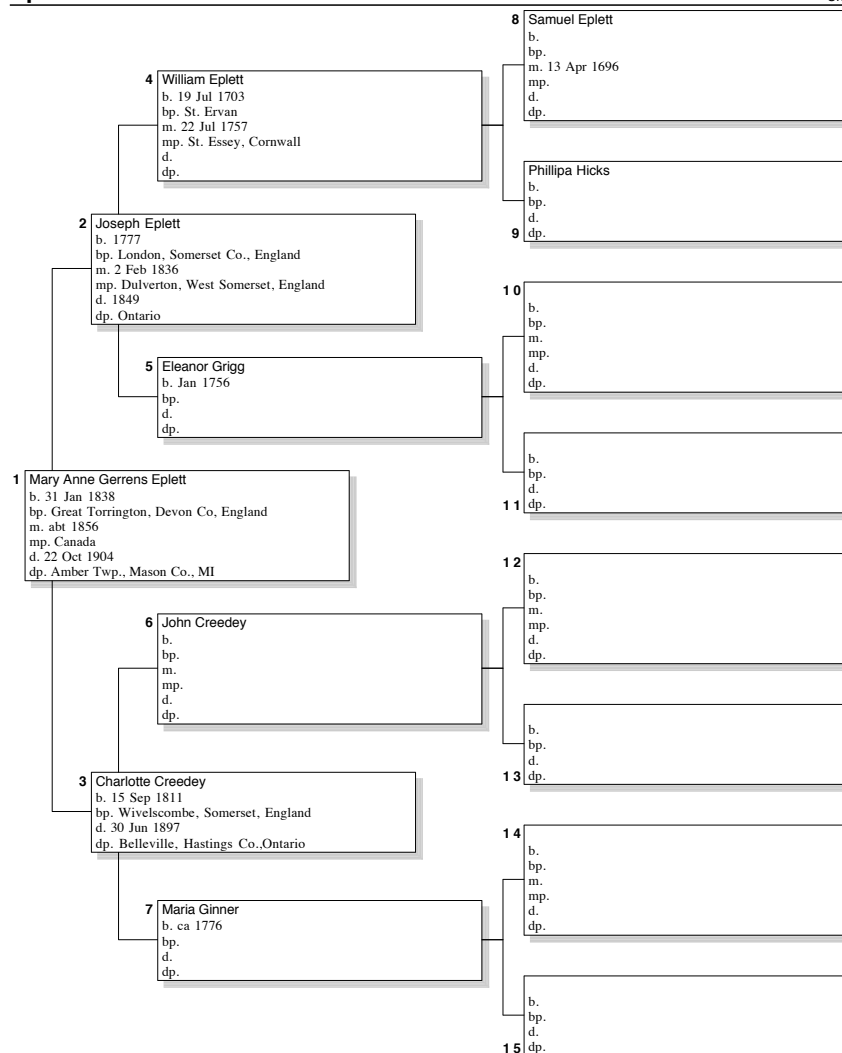
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## The Eplett Family - "One of our brick walls"

Our interest in the ancestry of the EPLETT families is because of Mary Anne Gerrans EPLETT who married Eli CHINNERY about 1856<sup>1</sup> in CANADA WEST. We present a brief pedigree chart for Mary Anne as best as we have been able to determine.

### Eplett

Chart #1



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Created 2 Jan 2013 by Don Chinnery

<sup>1</sup> US 1900 Census indicates 48 years of marriage - this would make it 1852. But, this would mean Mary Anne was only 14 yrs old at marriage, if 1852.

**Joseph Eplett Family**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Joseph Eplett</b>	
Birth	1777	London, Somerset Co., England
Death	1849	Ontario
Occupation	Watch Maker	
Father	William Eplett (1703-)	
Mother	Eleanor Grigg (1756-)	
Other spouses:	Ruth Hayden	
Marriage	2 Feb 1836	Dulverton, West Somerset, England
<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Charlotte Creeday</b>	
Birth	15 Sep 1811	Wivelscombe, Somerset, England
Death	30 Jun 1897	Belleville, Hastings Co., Ontario
Father	John Creeday	
Mother	Maria Ginner (ca1776-)	
Other spouses:	Franklin Clarke	
<b>Children</b>		
<b>1 F</b>	<b>Mary Ann Eplett</b>	
Birth	29 Sep 1836	Wivelscombe, Somerset, England
Death	30 Nov 1837	Great Torrington, Devon Co., England
<b>2 F</b>	<b>Mary Anne Gerrens Eplett</b>	
Birth	31 Jan 1838	Great Torrington, Devon Co, England <sup>1, 2</sup>
Death	22 Oct 1904	Amber Twp., Mason Co., MI
Spouse	Eli Chinnery	
<b>3 F</b>	<b>Elizabeth Eplett</b>	
Birth	28 Jun 1839	
Death	1929	Montreal West, Quebec
Spouse	John A. Hick	
<b>4 F</b>	<b>Eliza Eplett</b>	
Birth	16 Mar 1841	Wivelscombe, Somerset, England
Death	8 Feb 1917	
Spouse	Abram Madden	
<b>5 M</b>	<b>Joseph Hinton Eplett</b>	
Birth	25 Apr 1843	Wivelscombe, Somerset, England
<b>6 F</b>	<b>Anna Mariah Eplett</b>	
Birth	29 Dec 1844	Wivelscombe, Somerset, England
Death	15 Sep 1901	
Spouse	Thomas Walters	
<b>7 F</b>	<b>Charlotte Sabina Eplett</b>	
Birth	3 Aug 1848	Belleville, Hastings Co., Ontario
Death	22 May 1866	

**1851 Census of Canada West <sup>2</sup>**Name: **Mary A Eplett** [Mary Anne Gerrans Eplett]

Gender: Female Age: 14

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1838

Birthplace: England

Province: Canada West (Ontario)

District: Peterborough County District Number: 30

Sub-District: Asphodel Sub-District Number: 293 Page: 22 Line: 38

Living with George Playter Minister and family

<sup>2</sup> 1851 Census of Canada West was taken as effective date of January 11, 1851. Though in some areas census wasn't completed until 1852.

**Mary Anne Gerrans Eplett<sup>3</sup>**

Birth Certificate for Mary Anne shows birth of 31 January 1938  
1851 Census<sup>4</sup> indicates she was living with George Playter, Minister family.

The same census has her siblings<sup>5</sup>.

**Anna M Eplett**

Gender: Female, Age: 8  
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1844  
Birthplace: England  
Province: Canada West (Ontario)  
District: Hastings County District Number: 15  
Sub-District: Huntingdon Sub-District Number: 123 Page: 47 Line: 46  
Roll: C\_11727 Schedule: A  
Living with John Embury and family

**Joseph Eplett**

Gender: Male Age: 9  
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1843  
Birthplace: England  
Province: Canada West (Ontario) District: Hastings County District Number: 15  
Sub-District: Belleville Sub-District Number: 120 Page: 35 Line: 45  
Living with Samuel Ockerell and family

Name: Samuel Eggleton  
Gender: Female  
Age: 49  
Estimated birth year: abt 1803  
Birthplace: England  
Province: Canada West (Ontario) District: Hastings County District Number: 15  
Sub-District Number: 128 Sidney Page: 48 Line: 22  
Roll: C\_11727  
Schedule: A  
Ln 24 Ruth Wickett b. Eng. 15y  
Ln 25 **Elza Eplett** 11y b. Eng. living with Samuel Eggleton and family

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<sup>3</sup> Additional information on Eplett family, readers should refer to a previous article in The Four Drive, Vol XI No. 1 (Issue #37) pages 4 & 5

<sup>4</sup> 1851 Census Roll: C\_11727 Schedule: A

<sup>5</sup> The siblings were apparently placed with various families in the area, upon the death of their father ca. 1848.

## FUDGE

We recently received an e-mail from Jennifer Perry that was very interesting, and exchanges clarified some of our FUDGE<sup>6</sup> ancestry.

Hi, have been doing Fudge research for decades but keep coming across Fudge Trees that put Richard Fudge & Elizabeth Cox as ancestors of Abbotsbury/Portisham/Upwey lines. This is NOT true. It was a Richard and Mary Fudge m c 1746 with first 2 children b Fifehead Neville 1747 & 1749 the rest at Abbt' & Portisham, that were the ancestors of this group ( before they seem to have relocated to Upwey area).

There is a completely different family who are decended from Richd & Elizabeth (Cox)

Cheers Jennifer Perry

**Richard Fudge** (b ca 1720) = ca 1746 Mary  
Described as of Lydlinch 1747-49

### Issue:

Mary b 1747 Fifehead Neville

Richard b 1749 FN = Jane Barrett 1777 Abbotsbury. issue: Mary 1772 Abb',  
Sylvester 1775 Abb'.

Sylvester b 1752 Abbotsbury

Sarah b 1754 A

James b 1757 A

Robert b 8th Mar 1759 Abbotsbury ( bur Upwey 1828 age 69) = 1781 Elizth  
Lock

Elizabeth b 1761 Portisham

Elizabeth b 1764 Portisham

Jane b 1766 P (bur Upwey) = Rueben Groves

<sup>6</sup> The family of Richard Fudge and Elizabeth Cox was obtained from Ancestry.com and also the marriage from Dorset marriage index. - They had a probability of being the parents of our Robert Fudge and Elizabeth Lock. The information received from Jennifer fit in with rest of our tree so all we had to do was delete Richard Fudge and Elizabeth Cox. Jennifer supplied information for siblings of our ancestors that we have since added. Removal of this family affects the family tree information on The Four Drive #21, Vol IV No. 2 published 24 July 2000.

**Robert Fudge** 1759-1828 was a Master Butcher  
= 25 Feb 1781 **Elizabeth Lock** of another 'Butcher' family  
Issue:

Elizabeth Fudge d yng

Elizabeth Fudge = William Reason

Richard Fudge = Mary Legg

Mary Fudge - spinster

**Robert Fudge = Martha Weston<sup>7</sup>**

William Fudge = dyng

William Lock Fudge =

James Fudge = Rachel Cohu

George Fudge = Phyllis Robens

Thomas Fudge =

Henry Fudge = Bachelor

Frances Fudge = d yng

The following from a followup e-mail from Jennifer

Hi, yes we are cousins! James Fudge (Robert fudge's brother) and Rachel Cohu (from Guernsey where James went to work as a butcher in the early 1820's before he became a Customs Officer, moved back to Melcombe Regis - before moving to Liverpool) are my ggg grandparents.

A number of brothers were butchers. Both Robert & James (and I suspect the entire family) were Weslyans/Non-conformists, both attending Conyar Street, Weslyan Chapel in Weymouth, but both brothers lived in Melcombe regis. This was, I think, because their father Robert had extensive property relating to the 'butcher' trade in Melcombe, even though he lived in Upwey. Of all the siblings I think Robert and James were the closest - possibly in business together as well as worshipping together. Weslyans used a kind of 'godparent' system which would have invariably meant that our ggg grandparents were godparents to each others children. I think your ancestors who emigrated to the States were also Weslyans - involved in the church?? The faith of the Fudges played a big part in their lives/outlook.

Their elder brother Richard Fudge inherited or set himself up as Butcher in Dorchester. Most of his children married in Dorset but later emigrated to Australia (Victoria) where they named a pioneer outpost in the foot hills Upwey. It is still called Upwey today!

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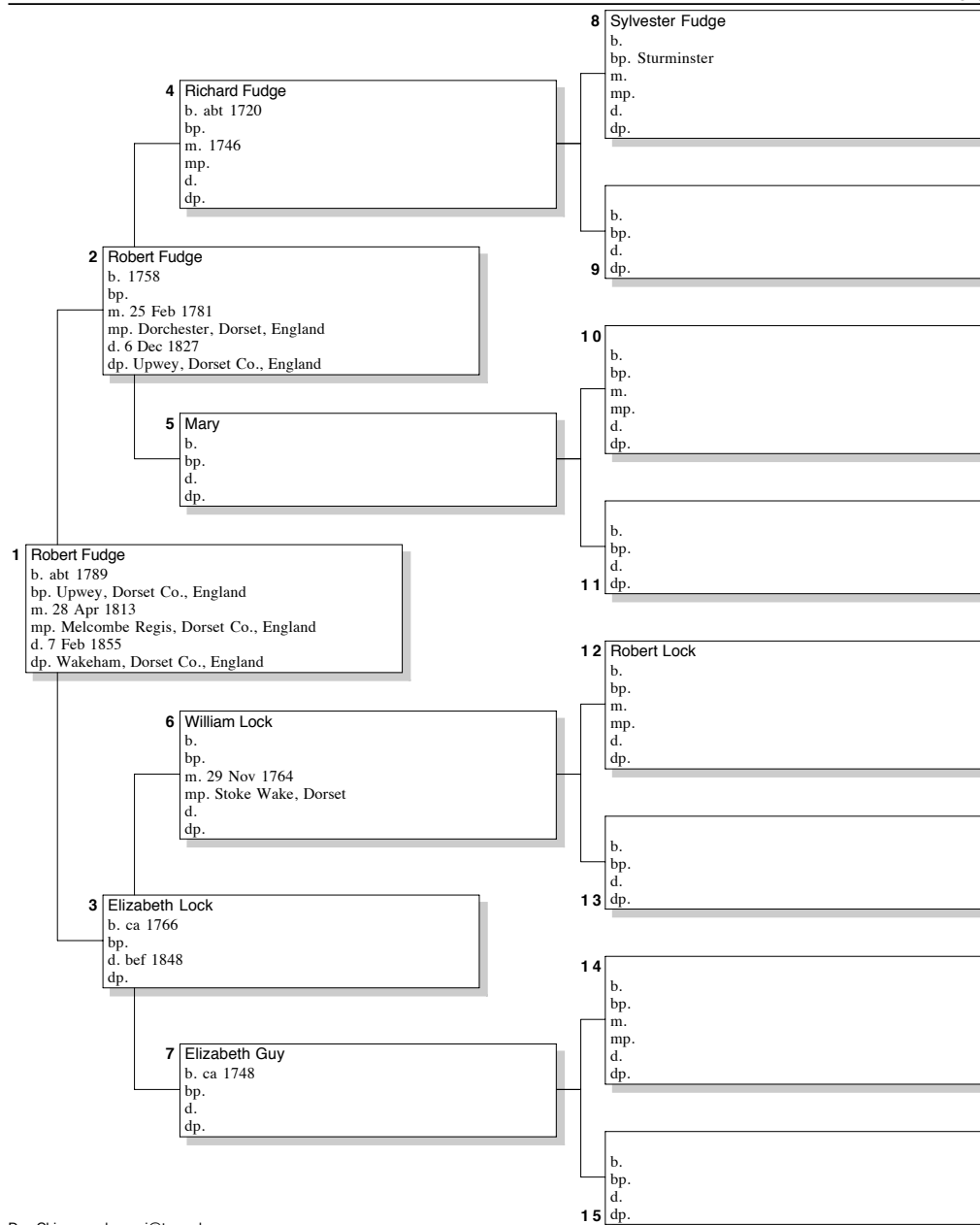
<sup>7</sup> We are descended from Robert Fudge and Martha Weston. Source of this information from Nicholas J. Royale who subsequently turned his research over to Dorset & Summersett Family History Society.

Another feature of the Fudge/Lock families is that they tended to marry their cousins! This trend (probably common in their day) is worth bearing in mind when trying to figure out previous generations. This interweaving meant that everyone knew everyone!

// Jennifer

**FUDGE**

Chart #1



## RESEARCHING

Donald Chinnery has been researching the following branches

### **FUDGE & EPLETT Trees**

Research of Fudge and Eplett trees are on going. Information reported in this issue includes material submitted by Jennifer Perry and Barbara Millar. Jennifer being descended from the **FUDGE** line and Barbara from **EPLETT** line. Our thanks to both for the material they submitted that was used in this issue. Jennifer's information helped clear up the confusion regarding Richard Fudge and Elizabeth Cox and allowed us to remove from our tree.

### **John ADAMS**

John Adams, 2nd President of the United States and his wife Abigail Smith. I have been a student and admirer of John and Abigail ADAMS and with the connection to ADAMS family as presented on the first pages of this newsletter now have the goal to see if this famous ADAMS is related to the ADAMS family of our tree. Nothing new to report since previous issues.

### **Ancestry.COM**

I have resubscribed to Ancestry.Com and hopefully I can do some more US Census work related to the descendants of Alfred and Rebecca Thompson.

## VITAL RECORDS

### **BIRTHS**

None reported.

### **MARRIAGES**

none reported

### **DEATHS**

**Arlene Brant** died at age 92 7 Jun 2012 in Muskegon, Michigan. Aunt Arlene was survived by daughter Judith, sons Clifford and Charles and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren. She was the last survivor of the Children of Charles W Fitch and Ethel Vivian Rose.

## CHARLES W. FITCH DIARIES

Transcribing continues. Judy Jett is working on transcribing 1957. Don Chinnery has started to transcribe a diary that contains four years. 1944-1947, currently working on 1944. I am sorry to report that we haven't had any progress in transcribing this past year (2012). All previously transcribed diaries (11) are available at the Chinnery website. [www.chinnery.info](http://www.chinnery.info) - Click on genealogy and on that page you will find the link to the diaries. All are available as "pdf" files and easily downloaded, than you can read or print off line.

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