

Letter to Glyndon Harry Crocker From Madge Crocker  
Smith, dated Jan. 26, 1927

Dear Glyn,

You do not know how glad I was to get your nice long letter. Was especially glad to know that you were interested in the family data I have been getting together. I have been working so hard on it and have felt so badly when I felt no one would benefit by it after I was gone. With you, its different, anything you do in genealogical work, your children and their children will be benefitted by.

I have never had anything interest me so much. Its like a game--always something looming ahead, just out of reach--whetting ones appetite for more knowled of their forbears.

At Grafton, when we went to bury mother, I drove out and looked over the original farm lands settled and cleaned by our great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather Ebenezer Leland. He cleaned it and passed it on to his sons. He, his son James, and James's son Benjamin are all buried in the town where Ray's mother is buried. I put a sprig of green on his graves. I had a great burst of pride Glyn, when I looked at those vast lands, all cleared by hand! James Leland's wife was Hannah Learned. Her Father's father Isaac Learned fought in King Phillips war 1675.

James Leland's granddaughter, Lucy Leland married Eleazer Fletcher. They lived in Sutton, Mass. When Tabitha, their daughter married, she went to Croyden, H.H. with her husband, Emerson Hall, the Revolutionary Soldier.

The Halls lived there until Lydia Hall, daughter of Tabitha and Emerson Hall married Joel Monroe in 1798. They lived in Croyden until 1808. Our Great Grandmother Maria Monroe (who married Nathaniel Tuttle or Tuttle) was born in Croyden in 1800. In 1808 (about) the family moved to Sempronius, N.Y. Great Grandmother was a very small child. She and Great Grandfather did not come to Ohio until 1831.

When Eleazer Fletcher died Tabitha, his wife went to live with her daughter Lydia. When Lydia died, Tabitha had to come to Berlin to live with her granddaughter Maria Tuttle (our great grandmother) The little L back of the store in the sitting room

The Crockers and the Nye's pioneered and settled almost the whole of Franklin County, Indiana. Great, ~~and~~ grandmother Crocker, Luther Crocker's wife came from right there --as did great grandmother Nye. Zadoc Nye, great , great grandfather Nye's brother , had the first cook stove and the first piano in the whole county--- Glyn, its only fitting, with your family having settled the county, that that county have the finest J.C. Penney store in the whole state of Indiana. What say you? Much love to you and ~~Wm~~ to all the family . When I get all my charts together, I'll make you one. If you have time to spare, you ought to see the Nye Genealogy by Best and Nye at the New York Public Library. See Page 110-196 - 303-304. Mother's and Dad's marriage on page 304.

Madge

was built on for her<sup>2</sup> bed room. You remember the corner gramp used to call the "Amen" corner, it was always so hot.

I went ~~to~~ in the D.A.R. on Benjamin Nye and Lemuel Snow, on dad's side.

I want to use ~~the~~ Emerson Hall also.

You get an additional stripe on your ribbon for every Revolutionary Soldier in your ancestry. I want Alice to go in, too. She, of course, would have to use Emerson Hall. To use him, it is important to have the marriage date of Maria Monroe (or Maria and Nathaniel Tuthill (or Tuttle). I do not know what office keeps the vital, statics there. Different states have different systems. Here the County ~~Reese~~ Records Office keeps them. Some places the Board of Health keeps them.

I think Emerson Hall, Lydia (Hall) Monroe and Joel Monroe are all buried there. Joel is our great, great grandfather. The genealogist in Boston who has been working for Ray wrote me today to tell ~~a~~ she was a cousin of mine, on two lines. She is making out my papers for the "Mayflower Society". I hope to get you interested enough so you will want to join it. Its an invitational order--but I am sure, after I receive my papers back that I can arrange some way to get the other signer - as a matter of sentiment I'd sort of like to be the one to invite you!

Just think Glyn, great grandfather Tuthill, when a boy of 17 or 18-- left Long Island and started on ~~foot~~ for New York State. He settled in Almond, New York first and then went to Sempronius- Emerson and Lydia Hall may not have lived right in Sempronius. Nate Hoak said great grandfather used to talk about Homer. And also about going to a little ~~to~~ town of Nonesuch, New York. Do you know where that is? You are eligible to S.A.R. --- and I am sure that the notes I have could be authenticated so that you would be eligible to the Descendants of the Colonial Wars and the wars of 1812--- and best of all "The Mayflower Descendants"--- On the back of one of the charts is a complete "Mayflower" line.

I find a Thomas Rood in a company from Vuluntown, Conn. in King Phillips war-- I think that is our ancestor on grandmother's side.