

INTRODUCTION TO THE NICHOLSON FAMILY TREE

By John D. E. Nicholson

I, John Duggleby Edwin Nicholson, could only take credit for laying this family tree out in the format that it is in due to the fact that I have access to an Apple Macintosh Computer. The format was introduced to me by Ted and Cynthia Giddy of Umlaas Road Natal, South Africa and to them my sincere thanks for their help which has turned this complex information into something readable and understandable.

The numbering of the descendants is the de Villiers/Pama method, recommended by the Geneological Society of South Africa and by the Human Sciences Research Council for the sake of uniformity. Please bear in mind that the "Family" information is open to correction. The fact that it is recorded on computer makes it very simple to add or delete details. Do not hesitate therefore to advise me of alterations or additions.

Remember to supply dates of birth, marriage and death wherever possible if applicable.

Any other information such as addresses, career, who married whom, achievements, and the like, concerning any member of the family will be welcomed as this will make the BRANCHES that much more interesting. I include my address and telephone number below as I would like to hear from any Nicholson descendants. If any part of the information as laid out is not clear please ask. Bear in mind that I have been working at this for some time now and it is possible that I might have taken something that needs an explanation as obvious.

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There are many people who have been enthusiastic enough to keep up the records of this "Nicholson Family" from way back when and it is due to these folk that I today am able to put out this Family Tree such as it is. I start by mentioning John Dixon Nicholson of Driffield in Yorkshire, U.K. who set me onto this fascinating pastime. In 1979 John came to S A and met up with James Mervyn "Skonk" Nicholson of Pietermaritzburg, Natal. The two of them had been corresponding for some years and as a direct result of his visit I decided to travel with my family to the U. K. in July of 1981. Of interest is that during the same month, Ruth Crouch (nee Nicholson), Skonk's third daughter and her husband Hylton also visited John Dixon and his wife Rosemary at their farm Pockthorpe Hall in Driffield.

Visits to the churches and graveyards in the area gave me a valuable background to the family history. Of even greater interest was the visit to the farm "Watton Grange" where Craven Nicholson spent his lifetime. Another farm visited was "Cawkeld." where lived Elizabeth Duggleby (my great great great grandmother - from whom I get my second name) wife of Elijah Nicholson (Craven's 8th child).

While certain of the Nicholsons in South Africa must get special mention for their contributions it is the three men in the U.K. who have done the hard work for most of the rest of the world. The overseas part of the tree was compiled by;

RICHARD NICHOLSON - DRIFFIELD (BRANCH 5)
JOHN NICHOLSON - DRIFFIELD (BRANCH 11)
LEONARD NICHOLSON - LEEDS (formerly from Canada) (BRANCH 2)

To these three men and all the people who helped them collate the information a sincere thank you from all of us who will benefit by it.

The South African Family tree could not have come together in the way that it has done if I had not had the response that was forthcoming from my requests for information. Thank you indeed to all who took the time and effort to provide information. Were I to single out any persons who have done more than their share they would be :

James Mervyn Nicholson (a8b1c3d1e4) BRANCH 17 of Pietermaritzburg and his sister,
 Kate Irene Nicholson (a8b1c3d1e1) BRANCH 17 of Underberg and
 John Nicholson (a8b1c3d3e1f2) BRANCH 17 of Johannesburg

Also to my wife Penny and daughters Shannon and Sheena for the hours spent on numerous tasks including proofreading, crosschecking and postage - To Penny especially for the line drawings and to Gareth for the times you gave up a game in the garden with me so that I could get on with the Tree. Thank you all.

In January of 1985 Clifford Earl Nicholson (a1b1c2d7e2) (BRANCH 2) a farmer from Morse, Saskatchewan visited us here in South Africa with his wife Dorothy. They spent some days in Natal, three of which days were spent here on our farm "X L" in the district of Underberg, Natal. We were able to catch up a little on the Canadian side of the Family history. Their visit also gave me the opportunity to get around to visiting with them some of the family from Richmond, Natal, family whom I do not often see.

I married Penelope (Penny) Joyce Adcock in 1967, each of us being 22 years of age at that time. We have three children, Shannon Lissa (g1) b 1969 Sheena Robyn (g2) b 1971 and Gareth Andrew (g3) b 1983. Shannon being the eldest and for the sake of explaining the old method adopted in laying out the tree I have highlighted her lineage on the page following but instead of filling in names as is usually done I have incorporated the Alpha Numeric system

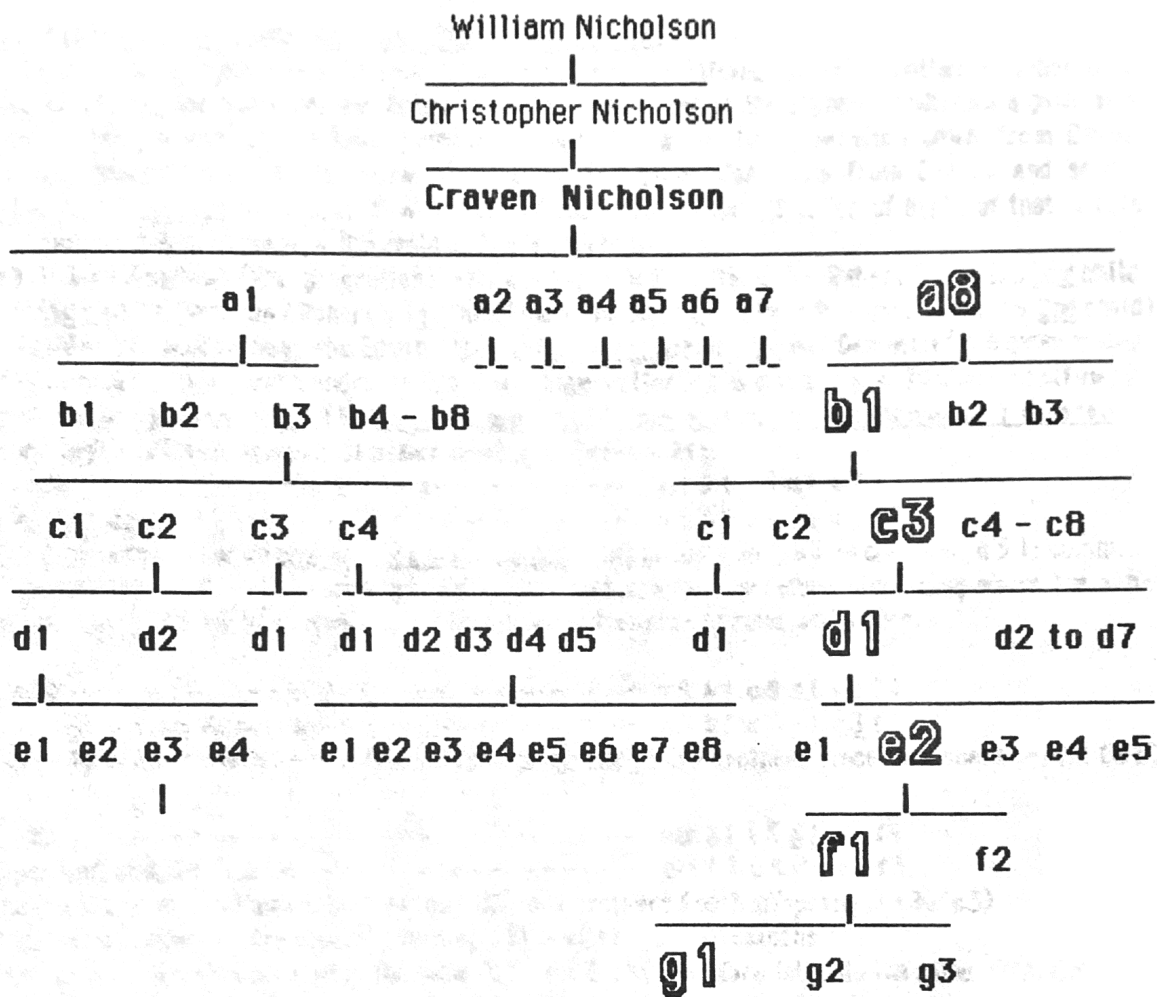
CRAVEN	Head of the Tree	
a8	Elijah Nicholson	8th child of Craven "a" being the 1st generation down from Craven.
b1	John Duggleby	1st child of Elijah "b" being the 2nd generation down from Craven.
c3	Robert	3rd child of John Duggleby (Head of BRANCH 17)
d1	John Bertram (Jack)	1st child of Robert
e2	Robert Desmond	2nd child of J.B. Nicholson
f1	John Duggleby Edwin	1st child of R.D. Nicholson
g1	Shannon Lissa (daughter)	1st child of J.D.E. Nicholson

When or if Shannon has children they will not necessarily carry the Nicholson name, therefore, although they will be recorded in the tree her children's names will not be highlighted in **bold type** (they will be recorded in "this" style of type) and they will be of the "h" generation.

Christopher Nicholson (1716 - 1781) was the father of Craven
 Craven Nicholson was the Father of all the "a" generation
 and therefore the grandfather of the "b" generation
 and the great grandfather of the "c" generation
 the great great grandfather of the "d" generation
 great great great grandfather of the "e" generation
 great great great great grandfather of the "f" generation
 and so on.....

William was Craven's Grandfather so add another two greats if you want to work that one out.

It is because Craven Nicholson is the first Nicholson to be common to us all in this documentation that I have used him as a founder of the tree as it were. His offspring therefore becomes the "a" generation. William's only child as far as is known was Christopher (Craven's Father)
 Craven had three sisters and a brother who died at two months old but nothing further is so far known of the sisters.



From the above tree laid out in the original type of format one can see how much in demand space is and also how difficult it would be to add an extra son or daughter along the line if one such person was later found to exist. Remember that this family tree is world wide and it is not easy to trace all the family at once especially as we are going back many years. So, if we had to make up a tree in the above format using names it would stretch from one end of a fairly large room to the other. From the above tree you can now see how Shannon's code works out as **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1 g1**.

EXPLANATORY NOTE WITH REFERENCE TO BRANCHES

In the documentation of this Family Tree a **BRANCH** is a file containing information relating to the lineage (descendants) of any one member of the "c" generation. The "c" generation is the 3rd generation down from Craven Nicholson who for the purposes of this FAMILY TREE is its head. There are so far 34 recorded members of the "c" generation, therefore there are currently 34 **BRANCHES** numbered 1 to 34.

Each member of the "c" generation is head of his/her own **BRANCH**

In the section headed **History of Branches 1 to 34** is a very simplified Nicholson Family Tree showing the four so far recorded "b" generation members of the family who between them had thirty four children and it is each one of these thirty four children who is head of his or her **BRANCH**, which **BRANCH** in turn has his or her descendants listed down to current time, so long as the information has been to hand.

ALPHA / NUMERIC EXPLANATION - NICHOLSON FAMILY TREE

The alpha/numeric system can be used to work out one's relationship with another member of the family by placing the two codes one below the other. Each letter of the alphabet indicates a generation. Craven for the purposes of this family tree is its head. **a** = 1st generation down from Craven

b = 2nd generation down from Craven **c** = 3rd generation down from Craven and so on.

The numeral following the alphabetical letter indicates the numerical order of birth of that family.

a8, Elijah, (1st generation) = 8th child of Craven Nicholson.

a8b1 = John Duggleby (2nd generation)(Elijah's 1st child) **a8b1c3** = Robert (John D's 3rd child)

a8b1c3d1 = John Bertram (Robert's 1st child) **a8b1c3d1e2** = Robert Desmond (John B's 2nd child)

a8b1c3d1e2f1 = John Duggleby Edwin, the writer - 1st born of Robert Desmond (6th generation)

a8b1c3ed12f1g3 = Gareth Andrew (3rd child of the writer) (**a b c d e f g** = 7th generation)

A code like this: **a1b1c1d1e1f1g1** would mean being descended from the 1st born of each generation.

Let us begin with a simple brother sister relationship.

My code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1**

My sister Joy----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f2**

To work out a relationship always work from the left. **a8** is common **b1** is common **c3** is common **d1** is common **e2** is common **f1** and **f2** are not common therefore since they share the same parent (**e2**) they must be brothers or sisters or as in this case brother and sister.

My code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1**

My first cousin Penelope----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e3 f2**

We can't be brother and sister (**f1** and **f2**) because **e2** and **e3** are brothers since they share parent (**d1**)

My code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1**

My second cousin John----- **a8 b1 c3 d3 e1 f2**

e2 and **e1** are not brothers since **d1** and **d3** are brothers (both offspring of **a8b1c3**)

Therefore **e2** and **e1** are cousins, making **f1** and **f1** second cousins

Up to this point we have all shared the same "c" i.e. **c3** and therefore fall into the same BRANCH.

That is BRANCH 17. There are lots of other **c3**'s but none the same as **a8b1c3**.

Next we have two BRANCHES as we are dealing with family of the **a8b1c3** line and the **a8b2c6** line from BRANCHES 17 and 30 respectively. Why then are the BRANCH numbers so far apart you might ask? Take a close look at the codes.

c3 and **c6** are not brothers, they are first cousins (so also are **a8 b1 c3** and **a8 b2 c3**)

My code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1**

My father, Robert Desmond's code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2**

My father's third cousin Ravenor M Nicholson (jnr) **a8 b2 c6 d2 e1**

Since **b1** and **b2** are brothers, (they share the same parent **a8**) **c3** and **c6** are cousins, **d1** and **d2** are second cousins, **e2** and **e1** are third cousins. My code takes me down one generation more therefore Ravenor jnr. (although we are much the same age) is my third cousin once removed. Ravenor's father, Ravenor (senior) is my third cousin twice removed. (Third cousins but two generations apart)

Philippa, (Ravenor jnr's daughter) is at school with my two daughters, Shan & Sheena

My code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1**

Philippa's code----- **a8 b2 c6 d2 e1 f1**

My daughter Sheena's code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1 g2**

a8 is common, **b2** and **b1** are brothers **c6** and **c3** are 1st cousins **d2** and **d1** are 2nd cousins

e1 and **e2** are 3rd cousins **f1** and **f1** are 4th cousins. This combination makes Philippa my 4th cousin.

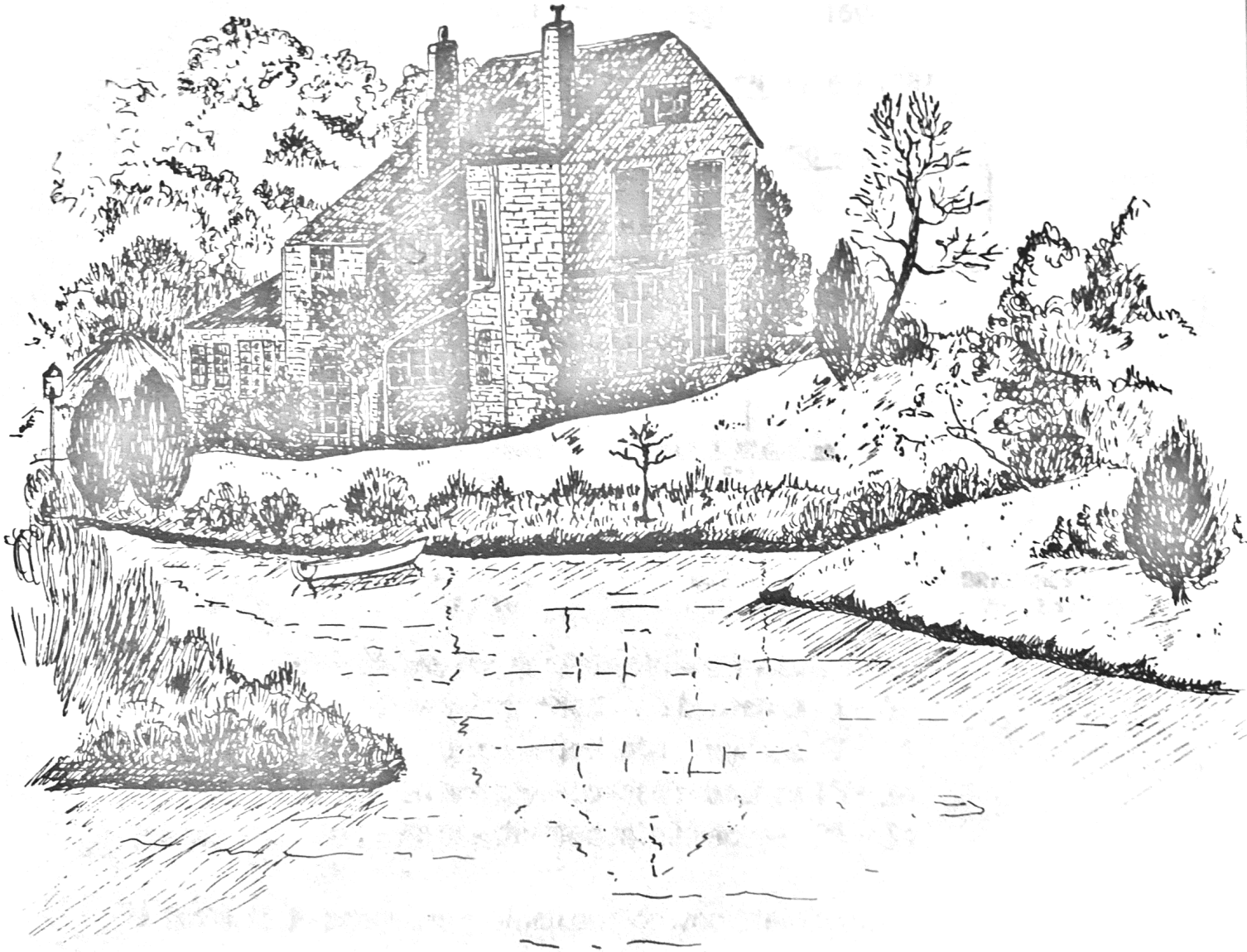
Shannon **g1** and Sheena **g2** are then Philippa's fourth cousins once removed. (One generation apart)

My code----- **a8 b1 c3 d1 e2 f1 b 4/9/1944**

John Dixon Breary Nicholson (Drifffield U.K.) **a1 b8 c5 d1 e1 b15/9/1940**

Since there is nothing common in the code, Craven, who is head of the tree, is the first ancestor common to us both. We are therefore, although almost the same age, fourth cousins once removed. This is brought about by a gain in generation. John Dixon and my father Robert Desmond are fourth cousins.

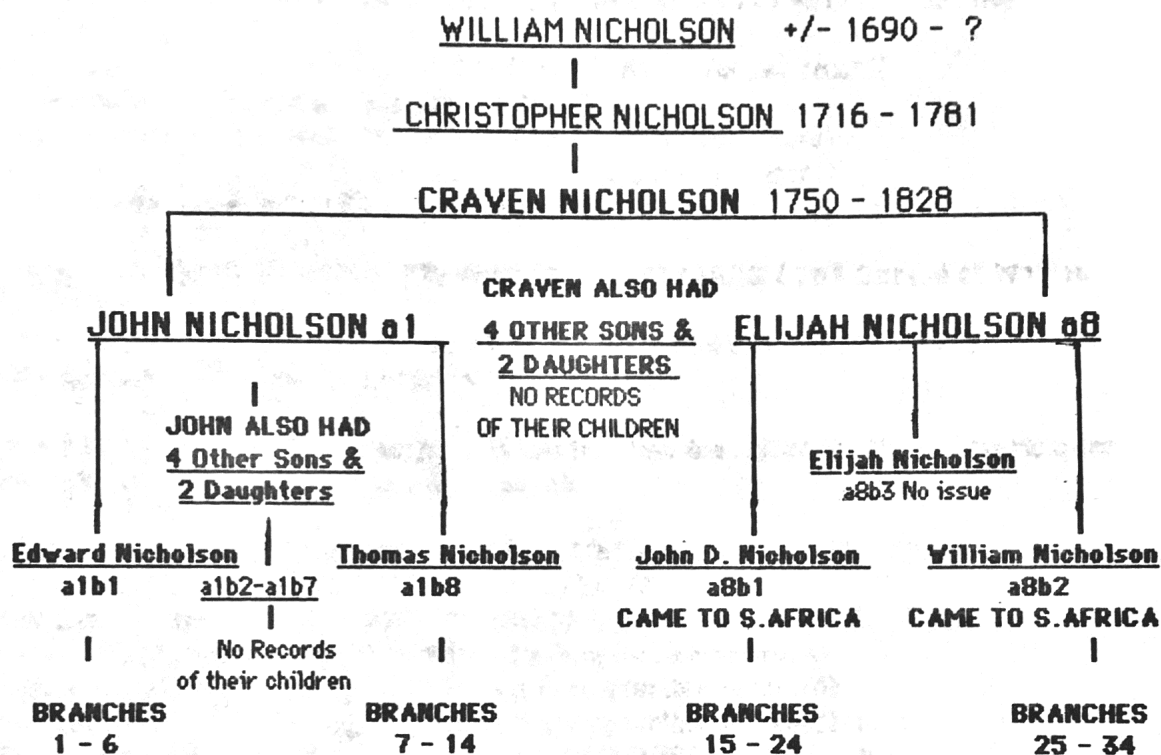
NICHOLSON FAMILY
HISTORY OF RANCHES 1 TO 34



PENNY NICHOLSON

Cawkeld Farm, Yorkshire
Home of the Dugglebys

NICHOLSON FAMILY TREE HISTORY OF BRANCHES 1 TO 34



The above tree shows our ancestry in a very simplified form.

Edward's 6 children are divided into branches 1 - 6

Thomas's 8 children are divided into branches 7 - 14

John D's 10 children are divided into branches 15 - 24

William's 12 children are divided into branches 25 - 34

A total of 34 branches - which one do you stem from ?

Summary of Possible Extent of the Family taking into account guesstimate of missing records	
Assume Craven's 4 other sons and 2 daughters had 3 children each	= 18 "b" generation
On record already John's 4 sons & 2 daughters but no recorded children	= 6 "b" generation
Possible total of family of b's with no record of children	24 "b" generation
Assume three children each (b generations on record average 8 each)	x3
Possible extra BRANCHES	72 "c" generation
Existing BRANCHES	34
TOTAL POSSIBLE BRANCHES	106 (maybe even more)

Could You possibly introduce a missing branch by bringing to light some information ?

THE TREE

WILLIAM NICHOLSON of Brompton - (No record of whom he married)

CHRISTOPHER NICHOLSON 1716 - 26/8/1781 (65) - son of William
 married 26/4/1744 (Troutdale- Scarborough) Catherine Craven 1716 - 21/7/1782 (66)

They had 5 children:

Elizabeth Nicholson b 12/8/1748 d 30/1/1784 (36) (no further record)

Craven Nicholson (Head of this Family Tree)

Catherine Nicholson b 6/4/1754 d 23/2/1781 (no further record)

Mary Nicholson b 28/5/1756 d 2/7/1777 (no further record)

Christopher Nicholson b 9/9/1758 d 1/11/1758

CRAYEN NICHOLSON of Beverley 27/9/1750 - 13/3/1828 (78) Buried at Watton
 Farmer: Watton Grange

His first wife: Mary ? (28/9/1751 - 23/6/1815) m 19/5/1779

His second wife: Ann Storry St Martins St. Beverley

Craven had 11 children who for the purposes of this tree have been given the Alpha/Numeric codes

-- a1 a2 a3 a4 a5 -- a6 a7 and a8 --

Listed below are CRAYEN'S eleven children ("a" generation)

-- Mary Nicholson b 1/5/1780 d 16/2/1783

a1 John Nicholson b 23/7/1781 - 1856

a2 Catherine Nicholson b 2/5/1783 (nothing further on record)

a3 Craven Nicholson b 15/4/1784 (nothing further on record)

a4 Ann Nicholson b 20/5/1785 (nothing further on record) twin

a5 Christopher Nicholson b 21/5/1785 d 14/3/1791 (8 yrs) twin

-- Elizabeth Nicholson b and d 26/1/1787

a6 William Nicholson b 17/2/1788 (nothing further on record)

a7 Sydon Nicholson b 22/2/1789 d 14/3/1789 (22 days)

a8 Elijah Nicholson b 23/2/1790) Two of Elijah's sons emigrated to South Africa in 1850

-- Elizabeth (2nd) b and d 11/12/1791

Since a2 through to a7 have, as yet, no record of descendants our two currently recorded lines of family stem from: **a1 - John Nicholson and a8 - Elijah Nicholson (sons of Craven)**

JOHN NICHOLSON (a1) b 1781 - 1856 (75) Farmer: Blanch and Watton Grange

married Harriet Pepper Breary at Market Weighton on 20/6/1808

Both buried at Watton. They had 8 children as listed below.

a1b1 Edward S M B Nicholson (b 22/9/1809) Father of Branches 1 - 6

a1b2 Catherine Jane Nicholson (b 1810 Blanch Farm) (nothing further on record)

a1b3 Craven Nicholson (b 13/6/1812 Blanch Farm) (nothing further on record)

a1b4 Elijah Nicholson (b 1814) (nothing further on record)

a1b5 John Nicholson (b 1815) (nothing further on record)

a1b6 Mary Ann Nicholson (b 1818) (nothing further on record)

a1b7 William Nicholson (b 1821) (nothing further on record)

a1b8 Thomas Nicholson (b 1823) Father of Branches 7 - 14

ELIJAH NICHOLSON (a8) (b 1790) of Cawkeld (John's Brother) d 30/8/1882

m Elizabeth Duggleby of Cawkeld 30/1/1816 Moved to Hampshire where they met the Harrows

They had 3 children as listed:

a8b1 John Duggleby Nicholson (2/1/1818 - 1879) Father of Branches 15 - 24

a8b2 William Nicholson (22/12/1819 - 1902) Father of Branches 25 - 34

a8b3 Elijah Nicholson (8/2/1822 - ?) no issue

List of the Heads of the Branches 1 - 34**CHILDREN OF (a1b1) EDWARD SPENCER MARTIN BREARY NICHOLSON**

22/9/1809 - 2/12/1862 Surveyor and Farmer at Watton Grange (m Sarah Gowthorpe)

Grandson of Craven - son of John (a1)

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| 1 | a1b1c1 | Harriet Nicholson | 1852-1926 (m 3x) (no issue) |
| 2 | a1b1c2 | Edward Breary Nicholson | 1853-1926 (Sask.Canada-m J Benson) |
| 3 | a1b1c3 | Sarah Nicholson | 1855- (m. Singleton Bowes) |
| 4 | a1b1c4 | Joseph Nicholson | 1857-1940 (m Bessie Boyle - d. Leeds) |
| 5 | a1b1c5 | Richard Nicholson | 1859-1937 (m Clara Coultas Tawning) |
| 6 | a1b1c6 | Catherine Nicholson | 1861-1940 (m Tom Wilson) |

CHILDREN OF (a1b8) THOMAS NICHOLSON 1823 - ? Grandson of Craven - son of John (a1)

(m Eliza White at Hutton in 1842 - Farmer at Watton Grange)

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| 7 | a1b8c1 | Craven Nicholson | 1843- ? (married ? - had 4 sons) |
| 8 | a1b8c2 | John Fenby Nicholson | 1845-1916 (Canada-no trace) |
| 9 | a1b8c3 | Eliza Nicholson | 1850- (Nothing further on record) |
| 10 | a1b8c4 | Elizabeth Nicholson | 1853- (Nothing further on record) |
| 11 | a1b8c5 | Dixon Nicholson | 1854-1939 G/father of John Dixon N.(m Harriet A Bentley) |
| 12 | a1b8c6 | Harriet Nicholson | 1855- (Nothing further on record) |
| 13 | a1b8c7 | Annie Nicholson | 1856- (Nothing further on record) |
| 14 | a1b8c8 | Thomas Nicholson | 1857- (Nothing further on record) |

CHILDREN OF (a8b1) JOHN DUGGLEBY NICHOLSON 1818-1879

Grandson of Craven, son of Elijah (a8) and brother of William (a8b2)

Came to Richmond Natal South Africa in 1850 Married Harriet Harrow the sister of Fanny.

Both John and Harriet are buried in Richmond

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| 15 | a8b1c1 | Willie Nicholson | 1844 ? - 8/5/1925 (m Anna Moore) |
| 16 | a8b1c2 | Edward Nicholson | 1846 - 1862 d Richmond |
| 17 | a8b1c3 | Robert Nicholson | 1851-23/6/1940 (87) (m Kate Findlay) 1855-1942 |
| 18 | a8b1c4 | Henry Nicholson | 1853-1934 (m Isabella Christina Mckenzie) 1859-19/8/1921 |
| 19 | a8b1c5 | Elizabeth Nicholson | 1856 - 29/4/1938 (Aunt Lizzy) (not married) |
| 20 | a8b1c6 | Ellen Nicholson - | not married (emigrated to Reigate Surrey England) |
| 21 | a8b1c7 | Minnie Nicholson | 1861 - 1926 (m Frederick Symons) |
| 22 | a8b1c8 | Tom Nicholson | 1862 - 1949 (m Ada Gold) 1872-1932 |
| 23 | a8b1c9 | Florence Nicholson | 1867 - ? (m Walter Crocker) |
| 24 | a8b1c10 | Margaret Fanny Nicholson | 1868-1897 She&child died c/birth (m Henry Callaway Gold) |

CHILDREN OF (a8b2) WILLIAM NICHOLSON 1820-1902

Grandson of Craven, son of Elijah (a8) brother of John Duggleby (a8b1)

Came to Richmond Natal South Africa in 1850. Married Fanny Harrow-(sister of Harriet)

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| 25 | a8b2c1 | Charles Nicholson | 1853 - 13/7/1931 (no issue) |
| 26 | a8b2c2 | John Craven Nicholson | 22/7/1854 - 9/9/1920 (m Alice Louisa Dyer) 1860-1954 |
| 27 | a8b2c3 | Frank Nicholson | 9/7/1856 - 10/5/1929 (m Fanny Caroline Stride) 1867-1934 |
| 28 | a8b2c4 | Kate Nicholson | 17/10/1858 - 15/6/1942 (not married) |
| 29 | a8b2c5 | Harrow Nicholson | 1860 - 1944 (m 28/3/1894 Beatrice Rose Stewart) |
| 30 | a8b2c6 | Walter Nicholson | 15/3/1863 - 21/3/1941 m Margaret Wells (Daisy) Pinnell |
| 31 | a8b2c7 | Arthur Willie Nicholson | 10/7/1865 - 15/5/1938 (m Bertha Bullen) 1883-? |
| - | a8b2c8 | Mabel Nicholson | 1867 - 13/1/1871 (died a child) |
| 32 | a8b2c9 | Edith Nicholson | 20/7/1870 - 17/11/1939 |
| 33 | a8b2c10 | Gertrude Nicholson | 4/9/1872 - ? (m James Egerton Rose) 1858-1935 |
| 34 | a8b2c11 | Bertram Nicholson | ? - ? (m Adelaide Marion Stewart) m 2x (no issue) |
| - | a8b2c12 | (son) died in infancy | 1875 - 1875 |



This family photograph was taken at the Nicholson homestead at Illovo Mills near Richmond in about 1887 (see names overleaf)