

# Descendants of John Chrimes

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## Generation 1

1. **John Chrimes**-1 was born on 25 May 1823 in Warrington Lancashire, England. He died on 17 Apr 1876 in Chicago IL.

Notes for John Chrimes:

General Notes:

In 1872 the second owner , John Chrimes, moved it 28 blocks south to 45th and Wabash and tore off the house's front and rear porches for the transport. (article 1) Chrimes , a tailor who reportedly made the inauguration suit for Abraham Lincoln , would be the first of three generations of his family to live in the house.

John Chrimes, a tailor, and his wife Lydia purchased the Clarke House in 1872. The previous year, the Great Fire of 1871 had begun west of the Clarke House and spread northeast through the downtown area, bypassing Clarke House. Fearful of another fire, and wanting to get an ailing child out to the purer air of the country, the Chrimes had the Clarke House moved twenty eight blocks south and one block west to 4526 South Wabash Avenue. In the move, the original pillared front portico was removed. Three generations of the Chrimes family occupied the house from 1872 to 1941. The Chrimes' daughter Mary married William H. Walter, and during their residence they took great interest in the house's history. The two Walters daughters, Lydia and Laura, both graduates of the University of Chicago and teachers in Chicago public schools, in turn appreciated the historic significance of their 1836 house. When they no longer needed as much space, they urged the City of Chicago to acquire it, but these efforts were unsuccessful. Bishop Louis Henry Ford and the St. Paul Church of God in Christ offered to buy the house from the Chrimes family in 1941, and the granddaughters accepted.

JOHN CHRIMES

JOHN Chrimes was born in Warrington, England, April 22, 1823, a son of John and Ann (Johnson) Chrimes.

The Chrimes family came to England from Holland with William, Prince of Orange. The coat of arms of the family of Chrimes is of German origin and dates back to 1603. The name was formerly spelt Ghrimes. The family settled in Warrington, England, half-way between Liverpool and Manchester. Some of the family are still living in that locality.

John Chrimes was left an orphan in early life, and his cousin, a London lawyer, took him in charge. He went to Paris, France, to learn his trade and became a civil and military tailor. He came to the United States in a sailing vessel, which took three months to cross the ocean, and landed at New Orleans. About 1850 he settled in New Orleans, and then, for a time, located in Rochester, New York. In the spring of 1856 he came to Chicago and established his home and his business connections here.

For several years he worked for A. D. Titsworth, and he then went into business for himself under the name of Waterbury & Chrimes, civil and military tailors. Their first location was at 146 Dearborn Street, but this property was destroyed at the time of the Chicago fire. Waterbury & Chrimes next opened their store at Twenty-second Street near Wabash Avenue, but within a short time moved to 102 Madison Street.

In 1872 Mr. Chrimes purchased the home, then referred to as "Widow Clark's house," now located at 4526 Wabash Avenue. This house was built about 1836. Mrs. W. H. Walter, daughter of Mr. Chrimes, still lives in this house, which is probably the earliest residence still standing in Chicago.

John Chrimes was married in the fall of 1853 to Lydia Claghorn Richardson. Seven children were born to them: David P. Chrimes (deceased) ; Lydia Chrimes; George H. Chrimes; Mary R. Chrimes; William P. Chrimes; John Chrimes, and Robert L. Chrimes.

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Mr. Chrimes was an Episcopalian, and, in later years, a Unitarian. He belonged to the Masonic order and was a charter member of Home Lodge.

John Chrimes passed away April 16, 1876.

He is still remembered as an outstanding pioneer tailor in Chicago and as a man of strong purpose, high ideals and fine character.

At the present time all of John Chrimes' family have passed on except one daughter, Mary R. Walter. There are nine grand-children, (six are children of Mrs. Walter, and three of the late Robert L. Chrimes), and twelve great grandchildren.

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**Lydia Claghorn Richardson** daughter of William Plunkett Richardson and Mary Porter was born in Jan 1828 in New York<sup>[1]</sup>. She died on 08 Dec 1903 in Chicago IL (Burial Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago, IL).

John Chrimes and Lydia Claghorn Richardson were married between Sep-Dec 1853. They had the following children:

2. i. **Robert L. Chrimes** was born on 20 Apr 1869 in Chicago IL. He married Anna Kappler on 01 Jun 1891 in Chicago, IL. He died on 06 Jan 1927 in Evanston, Cook, Illinois, USA (Burial - Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago, IL).
- ii. **Lydia Chrimes** was born in Oct 1855 in Kentucky. She died in 1931.
- iii. **George Haines Chrimes** was born on 29 Dec 1857 in Chicago, IL. He died on 12 Dec 1913 in Chicago IL (Buried at Oakwoods Cemetery).
3. iv. **Mary Richardson Chrimes** was born in Dec 1859 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She married William Harry Walter in 1885. She died on 03 Mar 1939.
- v. **William Plunket Chrimes** was born on 15 Jan 1864 in Chicago IL. He died on 03 Oct 1930 in Chicago IL (Buried at Oakwoods Cemetery).

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- vi. **David Chrimes** was born in Jul 1854 in Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA. He died in 1854.

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## Generation 2

- 2. **Robert L. Chrimes-2** (John-1) was born on 20 Apr 1869 in Chicago IL. He died on 06 Jan 1927 in Evanston, Cook, Illinois, USA (Burial - Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago, IL).

**Anna Kappler** daughter of Eugene Kappler and Anna Louisa Rudolph Vanrausane was born on 21 Jul 1870 in Indiana. She died on 08 Sep 1931 in Chicago IL.

Robert L. Chrimes and Anna Kappler were married on 01 Jun 1891 in Chicago, IL. They had the following children:

- 4. i. **Robert Claghorn Chrimes** was born on 03 Jul 1895 in Chicago IL. He married Florence E. Proctor in 1923. He died on 21 Aug 1941 in Chicago IL (Burial - Riverside Cemetery, Janesville WI).
  - 5. ii. **Anna Chrimes** was born on 30 Dec 1891 in Indiana. She married Carl Roy Froberg on 20 Nov 1920 in Chicago IL. She died in 1971 (Acaicia Park, Chicago, IL).
  - 6. iii. **John Kappler Chrimes** was born on 12 Jun 1893 in Star City, Pulaski, Indiana. He died on 01 Oct 1930 in Kankakee, Illinois, USA.
- 3. **Mary Richardson Chrimes-2** (John-1) was born in Dec 1859 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. She died on 03 Mar 1939.

**William Harry Walter** was born in 1856.

William Harry Walter and Mary Richardson Chrimes were married in 1885. They had the following children:

- i. **Harry Crimes Walter** was born in 1886. He died in 1966.
- ii. **Lydia Walter** was born in 1889. She died in 1972.
- iii. **Frank W Walter** was born in 1892 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on 02 Feb 1979 in Upland, San Bernardino, California, United States.
- iv. **Laura Chrimes Walter** was born in 1896. She died in 1970.
- v. **Ralph A Walter** was born in 1899 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois. He died on 16 Apr 1980 in Lake Geneva, Walworth, Wisconsin, USA.
- vi. **Byron Henry Walter** was born on 08 Jan 1902. He died in 1967.

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## Generation 3

- 4. **Robert Claghorn Chrimes-3** (Robert L.-2, John-1) was born on 03 Jul 1895 in Chicago IL. He died on 21 Aug 1941 in Chicago IL (Burial - Riverside Cemetery, Janesville WI).

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**Florence E. Proctor** daughter of Luie Adin Proctor and Hattie Rooney was born on 03 Dec 1896 in Wisconsin. She died in Sep 1971 in Janesville, WI (Burial - Riverside Cemetery, Janesville WI).

Robert Claghorn Chrimes and Florence E. Proctor were married in 1923. They had the following children:

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  - i. **Robert Louis Chrimes** was born on 21 May 1925 in Sewell Chile. He married Elizabeth Jane Florin on 28 Aug 1945 in Janesville WI. He died on 02 Nov 1985 in Janesville, WI (Interred - Trinity Episcopal Church, Janesville WI).
  - ii. **Eugene Proctor Chrimes** was born on 06 Oct 1927 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died on 06 Jun 2009 in Sparta Wisconsin.
5. **Anna Chrimes-3** (Robert L.-2, John-1) was born on 30 Dec 1891 in Indiana. She died in 1971 (Acaicia Park, Chicago, IL).

Notes for Anna Chrimes:

General Notes:

From the Emblem Yearbook of the Chicago State University - Class of 1912

"Anna Chrimes - She dances and she dances, with a merry face and a twinkling eye."

**Carl Roy Froberg** son of Gustaf H. Froberg and Susie Erikson was born on 11 Jun 1895 in Chicago IL. He died in Jun 1974 in Lombard, Du Page, Illinois, USA (Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago, IL).

Carl Roy Froberg and Anna Chrimes were married on 20 Nov 1920 in Chicago IL. They had the following children:

- i. **Roger Froberg** was born on 23 Feb 1925. He died on 04 Aug 1998 in Buffalo Grove, Lake, Illinois, USA.
  - ii. **Living Froberg.**
6. **John Kappler Chrimes-3** (Robert L.-2, John-1) was born on 12 Jun 1893 in Star City, Pulaski, Indiana. He died on 01 Oct 1930 in Kankakee, Illinois, USA.

**Living Hobbs.**

John Kappler Chrimes and Living Hobbs married. They had the following children:

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  - i. **William Robert Chrimes** was born on 17 Jul 1918. He died on 23 Dec 1991.
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  - ii. **John Kappler Chrimes** was born on 23 Apr 1921 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died in 2004.

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### Generation 4

7. **Robert Louis Chrimes-4** (Robert Claghorn-3, Robert L.-2, John-1) was born on 21 May 1925 in Sewell Chile. He died on 02 Nov 1985 in Janesville, WI (Interred - Trinity Episcopal Church, Janesville WI).

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**Elizabeth Jane Florin** daughter of Harold Adin Florin and Lillian Mae Michealson was born on 12 Dec 1926 in Avalon, WI. She died on 03 Aug 2010 in Jacksonville FL (Interred - Trinity Episcopal Church, Janesville WI).

Notes for Elizabeth Jane Florin:

General Notes:

Died from renal cell carcinoma

Robert Louis Chrimes and Elizabeth Jane Florin were married on 28 Aug 1945 in Janesville WI. They had the following children:

- i. **Living Chrimes.**
- ii. **Constance Louise Chrimes** was born on 21 Dec 1946 in Janesville, Rock, WI. She married Gary Lester Lisowe on 21 May 1971 in Janesville WI (Trinity Episcopal Church). She died on 22 Sep 2012 in Jacksonville FL.
- iii. **Steven Robert Chrimes** was born on 26 Mar 1952 in Janesville, WI. He died on 17 Apr 2005 in Houston, TX.

Notes for Steven Robert Chrimes:

General Notes:

Spoke with his son on Sunday evening April 17. Was found dead in his home on Tuesday morning April 19. Autopsy results indicated enlarged organs including heart, liver, lungs, and spleen. One artery to the heart was 75% clogged. There was evidence that the cause of death may have been blood clots to the lung (pulmonary thrombosis). He had been flying a significant amount of time over the past several years. Possibly the cause of blood clots.

- iv. **Robert Allen Chrimes** was born on 04 Jul 1961 in Janesville, Rock, WI. He died on 04 Jul 1961 in Janesville, Rock, WI.
8. **William Robert Chrimes-4** (John Kappler-3, Robert L.-2, John-1) was born on 17 Jul 1918. He died on 23 Dec 1991.

#### **Living Addington.**

William Robert Chrimes and Living Addington married. They had the following children:

- i. **Living Chrimes.**
  - ii. **Living Chrimes.**
9. **John Kappler Chrimes-4** (John Kappler-3, Robert L.-2, John-1) was born on 23 Apr 1921 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. He died in 2004.

#### **Living HOGAN.**

John Kappler Chrimes and Living HOGAN married. They had the following children:

- i. **Living Chrimes.**

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- ii. **Living Chrimes.**
- iii. **Living Chrimes.**
- iv. **Living Chrimes.**
- v. **Living Chrimes.**

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