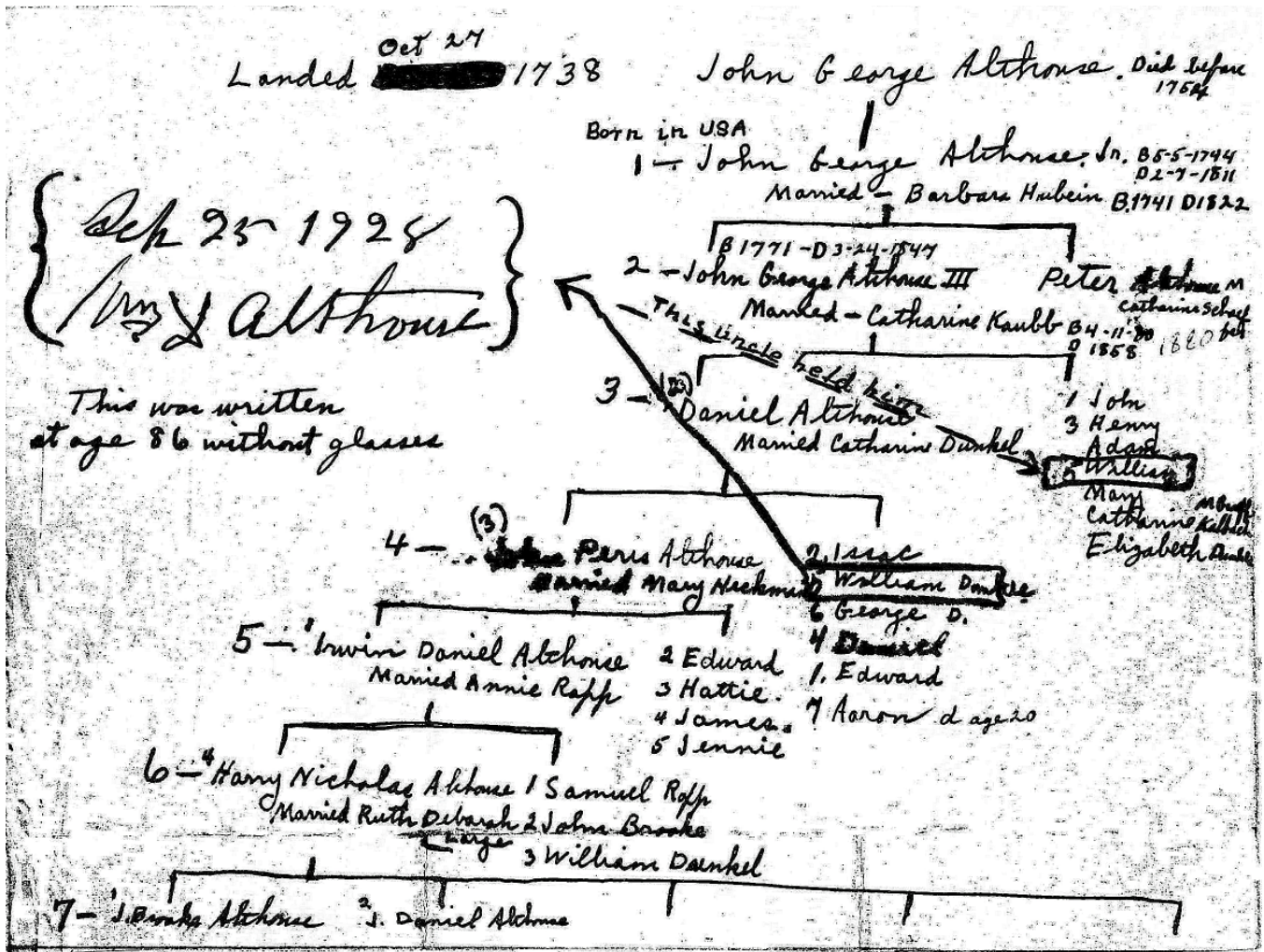


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Much has been repeated about Uncle Will of Phoenixville, during my life time. The printer was able to reproduce a copy of his signature. Some fifty years ago, I wrote the family tree which appears along with his signature. Forty-eight years ago while he was visiting my father, I had him sign on the margin. It was dated by him, September 25, 1928 and written without the use of glasses at age 86. He was born in 1842, just 104 years after the immigrant arrived in America.

It was at the time of this signing he once again told me how he was held by his Uncle William during his christening. His name was to be something other than William, but when the minister asked for the name, (in the ceremony) his Uncle said, William. Witnesses told that his mother arose from her pew to correct the procedure but his father, Dan, caught ahold of her dress and pulled her back, saying, "Sit down, it's too late now." So stated Uncle Will, "I was named William but I have always been called "Will".



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