

A letter from Mrs. George W. (Ellen Shearan) Grindell to Mrs. Sarah A. (Grindell) Purcell, written in pencil (perhaps first draft) ~1898, after the death of George W. Grindell, who died 15 Feb. 1898.

Mrs. Sarah A. Purcell.
Dear Friend.
My son called on you a few months ago, to let you know of the death of his father (your son) George W. Grindell. As I knew it was my duty as his wife, to ^{inform} ~~let~~ his relatives know of his death. It seemed as though you were inclined to disown him your own son. It was unnecessary for you to deny him for he was respectable and honored by all who knew him, and left a respectable ^{family} of eight (8) children. It has only made matters ^{more} complicated by you not speaking the truth for I went to Balto

Mary Atkinson Terrill found this letter in a box of memorabilia given to her by her mother. The letter was not necessarily written by Ellen herself, although she could read and write..

and had an interview with
Mrs. Laura Hayes his cousin.
From the interview I learned,
that you spoke falsely to
hide your own misdoings,
and to blemish your Son's
good name.

Your daughter asked my son
if his father married under the
name of Shindell. to this I will
say (yes!) he did and he was
reared up to believe that Shindell
was his name and if it is not
his name you are the one
who ~~can correct the~~
mistake is to blame.

If you wish to make
any communications by mail
they will reach me ~~by~~ at,

Mrs. George O. Shindell
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