

# **The Eldred Family**

**Particularly the Descendants of William Eldred of Yarmouth,  
and More Particularly the Eldreds of Greene County, Illinois**



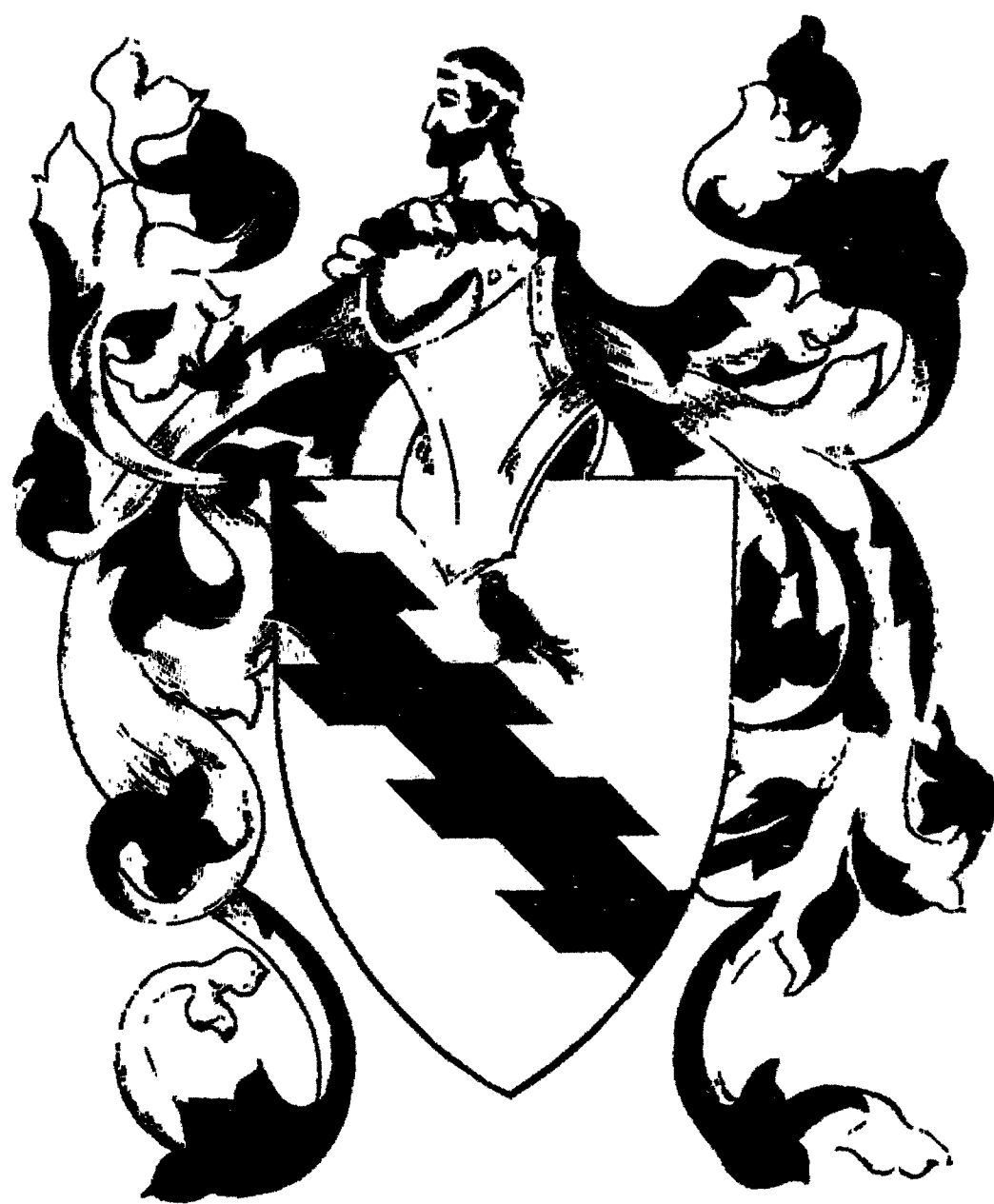
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## THE ELDRED FAMILY

This is exclusively a genealogy of the descendants of Jehosaphat Eldred who was of the fifth generation removed from William of Yarmouth, the first of that branch of the Eldred family in America - the line of descent being William<sup>1</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>3</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>4</sup>, and Jehosaphat<sup>5</sup>. The latter, Jehosaphat<sup>5</sup>, was the first Eldred to settle in Greene County, Illinois with his family.

However, before dealing with the genealogy proper I will attempt to answer in an expository manner questions that are likely to pop into the reader's mind. Such question as - Who are the Eldreds? Where did they come from? How far back do we know of them, etc?

Sometime after the dawn of civilization several tribes of men were known to exist on the neck of the Cimbric peninsula in northwestern Europe, which today is the province of Schleswig. They no doubt had migrated there through the course of centuries from the cradle of the human race in Central Asia, and sometime after the retreat of the second glacier, had settled there. They were known as Saxons, and one among them was our Ancestral Eldred. Not the Saxons that inhabit modern Saxony in Germany, for the Cimbric Peninsula where they settled was a portion of modern Denmark. They were a Nordic - almost a Scandinavian people rather than a Teuton. Their language was utterly different from the German spoken in Saxony today. Ptolemy first mentions them about the middle of the 2nd century. We hear of them in connection with piratical expeditions in the North Sea in 286. These raids became more and more frequent and they eventually conquered a considerable portion of north and southwest Germany. Beginning in 449 their maraudings carried them to Briton where they conquered the native Britons weakened by centuries of Roman support and now powerless following the fall of that Empire.

The Saxons were apparently satisfied to settle down in Briton, for after the 6th century we hear nothing further of them as a sea roving people. The other tribes, who also had occupied the Cimbric peninsula, accompanied them in this invasion of Briton - they were the Jutes and Angles. The latter completing the term Anglo-Saxon and giving England its name, (Angland). It is doubtful how far the Saxons who invaded Briton were really distinct from the Angles, for all their affinities both in language and custom are with the latter, and not with the old Saxons of the Continent. These Saxons were fierce warriors, heavily bearded, wearing horned helmets and carrying circular leather shields that could throw off a lance or arrow or sword thrust. Although they lived in families there were no family names or surnames, as this practice didn't appear until the 11th century. Instead, each individual had one name to distinguish himself by - such as strong, fast, small, handsome, terrible, etc. The Saxon word for the noun "The Terrible" was "eldred", and hence our name.

When the Saxons first conquered Briton each tribe set up its own kingdom and at first the country was disrupted by wars and rivalry between different communities - each claiming its king to be descended from the mythological god, Woden. Finally only the dynasty of the West Saxons alone survived and its king, Egbert of Wessex,

who was descended from the kings of migration time, became ruler of the united Saxons in 802. Thus began the line of Saxon kings. In the years 946-955 an Eldred who spelled the name Edred was King of England in this succession. He was the youngest son of Edward the Elder who ruled 899-925, and succeeded his brother Edmund I who ruled 940-946.

In 1066 an Eldred was Archbishop of Canterbury and it was he who crowned Harold II, King of England. The Eldreds were a very old and important Saxon family in a land of Saxons and they were - and in England, still are - proud of the fact. Burkes General Armory says, "They are descended from a very ancient family claiming Saxon origin." They have always lived in the south and east of England. The Domesday Survey of 1085 showed that they held lands in Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Gloucester, Salop and York. In later centuries they were found for the most part in Berkshire, Essex, Suffolk, Sussex, Surrey, Norfolk, and in and around London. They were mostly of the landed gentry and yeomanry. It was not until after the Norman Conquest that the surname generally became prevalent. Hence, those who had been calling themselves Eldred, made Eldred their last or family name and prefixed Christian or first names to each member of the family; thus the family name of Eldred can be dated as being about 900 years old. However, after the Battle of Hastings in 1066 when William the Conqueror of Normandy defeated Harold the Saxon King, those Saxons, the Eldreds included, who were of any position in the Country were practically wiped out. Those surviving after the Conquest were made Norman serfs and as the Normans kept no records of their serfs it will never be known exactly what happened to the family in the 400 years following the Conquest. It is believed that the family almost became extinct with just a fragment existing in Lincolnshire.

But with the passing of time and of Feudalism there ceased to be Saxons and Normans; instead a fusion of all the bloods occupying Briton were molded into Englishmen and then entries such as the following began to appear on public record. "In the 6th year of Henry VIII (1516), Thomas Coupe confirmed to Reginald Eldred of Gnateshall, Yeoman and others, lands in Gnateshall, lying between crops of John Eldred." "In the 19th year of Henry VIII (1528), so and so in pursuance of the will of Reginald Eldred, confirmed to Agnes his widow, John Eldred of Easthope, Reginald Gent, and John Eldred, younger son of Agnes, 13 pieces of land. From the Registers of Bardwell County, Suffolk.

- 1561 - William Eldred married Ales (Alice) Burdys. Nov. 2.
- 1562 - Anne Eldred, daughter of William, baptized, 27th of Sept.
- 1563 - Ealse (Alice) Eldred the wife of William Eldred was buried Nov. 2.
- 1564 - William Eldred and Agnes West married 16th of March.

From the will of Sir Henry Lello of Asbdon, Essex. Jan. 7, 1629.

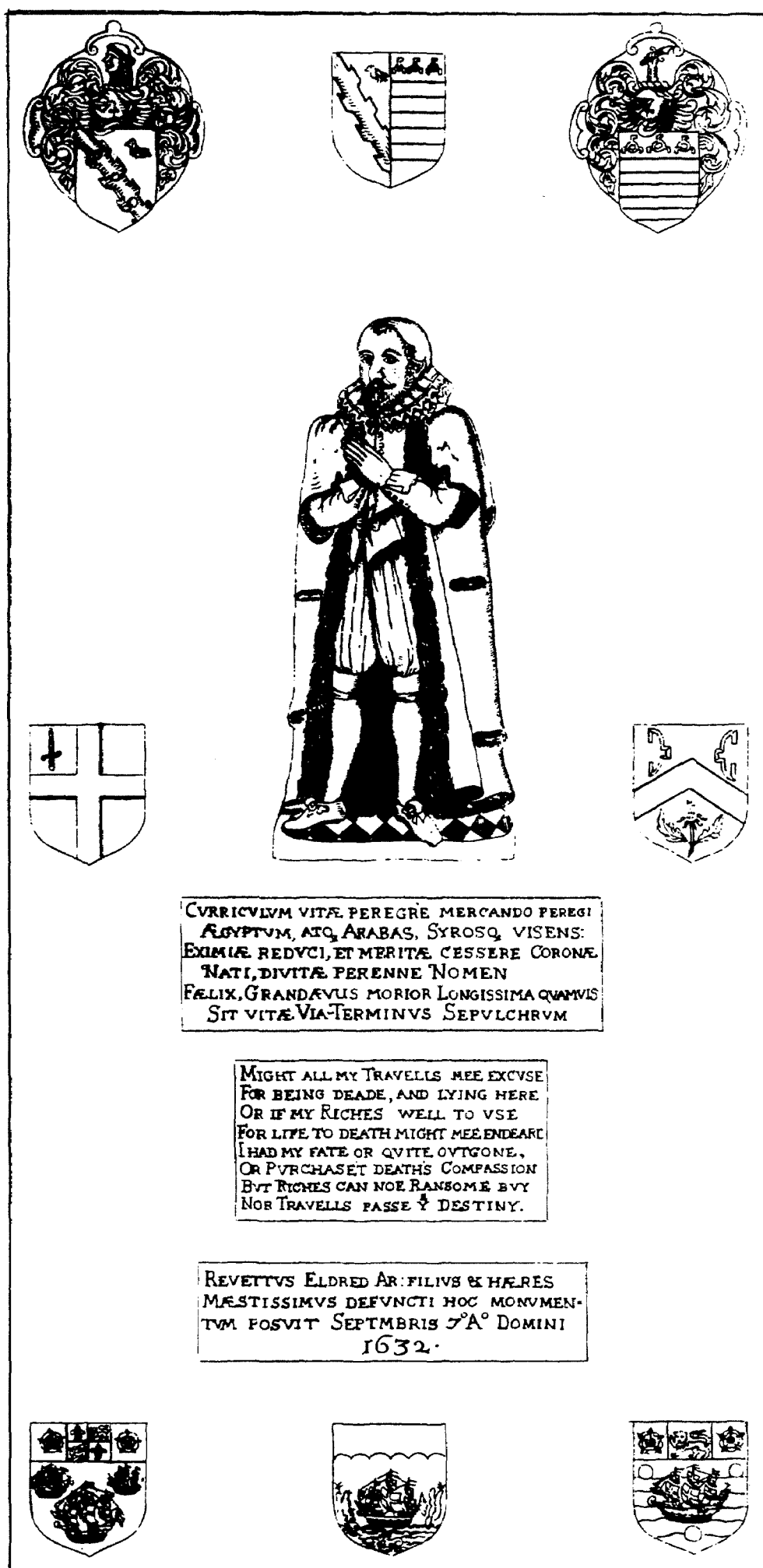
Bequests to John Eldred the elder 20 pounds.

I owe Benjamin Eldred 400 pounds which my executors shall pay should I not. Whereas I and John Eldred purchased the Fleet together and keeping the Palace of Westminster jointly, since John Eldred has released his rights to the above to me for 8,000 pounds.

To my nephew Henry Hopkins I give all the above and all my interests in the East India Company. A bequest to John Eldred's son, Nathaniel, my god-son.

Thomas Eldred of Knatishall, Suffolk, is one of the first of that fragment mentioned above who appears on public record following the interim. He was born about 1450 and died in about 1530. His direct descendants are living today and

An old engraving of John Eldred of Great Saxony  
with his epitaphs and brasses.



JOHN ELDRED  
*Great Saxham Church.*



it is very probably that all of the Eldreds today are descended from him or his son, Nicholas, who was born about 1470 and died in 1566. From then on the family grew and prospered. Thomas Eldred the Mariner sailed around the world with Cavendish in 1586. He was from Ipswich and was the father of John Eldred of Colchester and Olivers in Essex who had a grant of arms in 1634. William Eldred who lived about the same time was the Master Gunner of Dover Castle. He wrote a book entitled "The Gunners Glasse" which is the only complete treatise on artillery technique as practiced in his day.

Another John Eldred, known as John of Great Saxham, 1552-1632, became a great merchant, owning a fleet of ships that carried him to all corners of the world for trade. His travels to Tripoli and Babylon in 1583 are described in Hackluyt's Collection of Voyages. He was Alderman of the City of London and was one of the founders of the State of Virginia; from 1609 to 1624 he was a member of his Majesty's Council for the Virginia Company of London. As a director of this Company he granted a patent to the Pilgrims in 1620 to settle in Virginia, but, as we all know, contrary winds blew them to Cape Cod.

In 1597 he purchased the Manor of Great Saxham, Suffolk, with the belief that this was the ancestral home of his Saxon ancestors. However, in this he was probably mistaken as Great Saxham originally belonged to the Saxon, Britulf, Son of Leomar, whose lands the Conqueror William had bestowed upon the monastery of St. Edmund. In 1546 with the dissolution of monasteries the abbey of Great Saxham consisting of 420 acres of land, 15 acres of meadow and pasture, 31 acres of wood and a windmill, the manor-house, the church and rectory, was given to private ownership by Henry VIII. John Eldred's daughter, Dorothy, married Thomas Lee, who was the ancestor of General Robert E. Lee.

In 1592, John was given a grant of arms defined as follows - "Or, on a bend ragule Sable, 3 besants, a martlet for difference; Crest, An Arabian head couped proper, bearded and crined Sable, tied about with a band and the pendant argent, the ends gemelly and fringes Gules" (This is the coat-of-arms and crest that you, as an Eldred, are entitled to use.) He was buried in Great Saxham Church where a bust of him remains to this day, together with his brass and inscriptions. (Brynley Jones the present (1940) Rector of Great Saxham would gladly show you the ancient Church Register, etc., should you ever visit Great Saxham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England.)

His eldest son, Sir Rivet Eldred, fell heir to the estate and was created a Baronet in 1641. He died in 1652 with no children, and his wife, Lady Ann Eldred, held Courts Baron at Great Saxham for several years after. The Manor finally left the family in 1745.

And now we are down to where our original American Ancestor appears on the scene. His name was William Eldred and the first we hear of him is in Yarmouth, Massachusetts in the year 1645, although he was probably in Yarmouth for several years before that. At the present time no one knows definitely when William came over; where he came from; or what family he belongs to. There is much data and many opinions to be weighed in determining this, but in the end you will have to form your own conclusion because no one can prove that he has the right answer. I will give you my guess later, but here are the facts. William could have come from any of the little known Eldred families of the time who were not auspicious enough to have their lineage recorded firmly like John of Saxham (even though distantly they

are all probably related to him). There is a Parish Record most likely in some little town in Norfolk that would tell us everything if we only knew where to look for it. It is known definitely that William was not among John's direct descendants unless you wish to place credence in the belief that John was married five times and one of his children by one of these marriages was named William, born 1627 - there is nothing to prove this beyond a single record in the Church Register. John had a brother Peter, a grocer of Braud Street, London, and we know that William was not among his descendants. John and Peter also had two older brothers whose names are unknown and it is with them that I like to let my fancy roam in the following way. John was raised at New Buckenham, Norfolk. I assume that the two unknown older brothers inherited the plot of land, and John and Peter went to London to seek their fortunes. Now our William seems to have tied himself up with Norfolk people in many ways. He married a Norwich, Norfolk girl in 1647. There lived at Yarmouth at the same time he did a Robert Eldred whom many believe to be his brother. This Robert we know came from Norfolk. He sailed from Yarmouth, Norfolk in 1637 and with him were his wife to be and his in-laws to be, all of Norwich. So I say possibly William was the grandson of one of these unknown Norfolk brothers. They were born about 1546. William, it is my opinion was born about 1615. The following Will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1624.

WILL OF ROBERT ELDRED, Yeoman of Winfarthington, County Norfolk.

Dated 27 January, 21 James I (1624)

P.C.C. Byrde 34.

I bequeath to my wife, Joan, all my houses, lands, etc., in Winfarthington, for life, with contingent remainders, after her death, to my son Henry and his issue, to my son Walter and his heirs for ever, the latter to pay my son Thomas 200 marks.

To the said Walter, my dwelling house.

To my son Henry, the land called Smerkens.

To my son Robert, my lands in Jersefield and Bresingham, Norfolk  
he to pay my executors 40 lbs.

To my son Richard, my lands in Shelfhanger, Norfolk, after the death of Agnes Grubb, widow, and I give him also 60 lbs. at his age of 24.

To my wife Joan, 40 lbs. due to her from the will of her first husband, Clement Clarke.

To my son, WILLIAM ELDRED, 200 marks to be paid him at his age of 24.

To my daughter, Elizabeth Eldred, 100 lbs.

To my daughter, Lydia Mapeson, 3 lbs.

To my wife's daughter, Alice Arborough, 40 shillings.

To my servant, Margaret Clark, 20 shillings.

To my sons Walter and Robert, furniture.

Residuary legatees and executors John Buscton of Dekleborough, gent. and my nephew Robert Assize of Diss Heywood, they to give the residue to my children by said Joan - Supervisor, my son Walter. Signed (Mark)  
Witnesses: Humphrey Warner, Thos. Barron (Mark), Wm. Cocke (Mark),

Proved: 23 April, 1624 by the executors named.

The town of Winfarthington is 3 miles from New Buckenham. I believe William was born about 1615 which would make him 32 when he married. This would make him 9 when his father died. He couldn't get his inheritance until he was 24 or 1639, his elder brothers owned the farm, so he stayed at Winfarthington until 1639, collected his 200 marks, and went to America about 1640 which is about when our William did arrive. Although this is all only beautiful conjecture I will fabricate our Old Country Tree on the assumption that this is so until better information refutes it.

#### THE NEW WORLD

So much for his ancestry - now for the New World. There showed up at Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts at about the same time 3 Eldreds - Samuel, Robert and William. It is not known whether they were related or not. Robert and William might have been, but not Samuel. We can dispose of him by adding that he is first heard of in Medford, Massachusetts before 1651, then Cambridge, Massachusetts, and finally Stonington, Connecticut. He led an interesting and historical existence as did many of his descendants of whom there are hundreds in America today, although many of them spell the name Eldridge or Eldredge -- but that is another family tree altogether.

Robert we first learn about from the Register of the ship "Rose" of Yarmouth, England; William Andrews, Jr., Master.

"April 11, 1637. Examination of Robert \_\_\_\_\_,  
Singleman, is desirous to pass."

This we know to be Robert Eldred.

It is also interesting to note that in this same ship's register we find the following:

"April 8, 1637 - William Lumpkin of Norwich, Norfolk, Locksmith, age 33 and Elizabeth his wife, age 34, with 1 child and servant, Thomas Howe, are desirous to go to Boston to inhabit and remaine."

The daughter mentioned is Anne Lumpkin who marries our William Eldred in 1647. William, however, was not on the boat.

Another entry in the register interesting to note is:

"April 8, 1637, Nicholas Nickerson of Norwich, Norfolk. Weaver, aged 33. Anne, is wife, aged 34 and children, Nicholas, Robert, Elizabeth, and Anne, desirous to go to Boston to live."

Robert Eldred and the above Elizabeth Nickerson were married in 1649. He was bound out for his passage to Nicholas Sympkins of Boston and transferred for 3 years, May 25, 1639, to Governor Pence of Plymouth. He was living at Plymouth in 1643 for we find him listed under this Plymouth record -

"August 1643, Plymouth. The Names of all the Males that are able to beare Armes from XVI Yeares old to 60 Yeare within the severall Towneshippes."

Shortly after 1643 he went to Yarmouth, Massachusetts, as did the Nickersons. The site of Yarmouth itself was first visited in 1621 by a boat from Plymouth in search of a lost boy. At first it was known as Mattacheese from an Indian tribe living there. On January 17, 1639, Plymouth Colony granted land to several men for founding Yarmouth. Sometime later in that same year these settlers by name of Thatcher, Crow, Howes, Samuel Rider and William Lumpkin left Plymouth to found Yarmouth. The last named you will recall as our William's father-in-law. In 1644 there were 21 homes there. All the settlers agreed that Miles Standish should be on the Town Committee. No mention of an Eldred is made in a list of arm bearers in 1643, so both Robert and William must have come to Yarmouth shortly after 1643. On October 31, 1649 Robert married Elizabeth Nickerson. He is listed as having taken the oath of fidelity as a freeman in 1657.

From the Record of Fines of October Court 1667 is taken the following -

William Nickerson for sending scandalous writings to General	
	Nicholls is fined: 10:00:00
Robert Eldred for consenting to one of these writings is fined:	05:00:00

Treasurers Account, June 4, 1668. Debts due the Countrey by rates and fines as followeth:

Robert Eldred - 20:00:00	July 8, 1669 - Robert Eldred paid the 20:00:00
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In 1664 William Nickerson left Yarmouth and founded the town of Chatham, Massachusetts. In 1665 Robert and his wife followed and became the progenitors of the Chatham Eldreds many of whom live at Chatham today although they spell the name Eldridge - but that is another family tree altogether.

William Eldred stayed at Yarmouth and raised his family there. But before continuing with him let me explain that Samuel, Robert, and William were not the only Eldreds in the new world. Samuel Eldridge was one of the headrights in a grant of land September 13, 1636 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The Thomas Eldridges of Virginia are related to Pochohantas. (All Eldridges and Eldredges today were at one time Eldred which is the original name but has been mutated by misuse. Men have been born Eldred and buried with Eldridge on their gravestone illustrating the alteration in a single span of life.) There was a John Eldred in Hampton, New Hampshire in 1640 and a Nathaniel Eldred of Windsor, Connecticut in 1642. Many others later came over from the mother country, such as those that founded Eldred, Pennsylvania in the late 1700's.

Our ancestor, William Eldred, first appears on public record in America in Barnstable County (Cape Cod) Massachusetts in the Yarmouth Register under date of March 3, 1645. In 1647 he married Anne Lumpkin, daughter of William Lumpkin. They eventually settled in what is now the Town of Dennis (adjoining Yarmouth) on Cape Cod, on a farm near that of his wife's father and adjoining the farm of Thomas Howe. It was by a brook later called "Eldred's Brook", and in the neighborhood of Nobscussett. In 1657 he is included as a freeman among "The Names of Such of Yarmouth as took the Oath of Fidelities in the Yeare 1657." In the same year he was made Constable and surveyor of highways. We know that he was literate as we have his signature affixed to an early Yarmouth Church Document, a copy of which is shown on a nearby page. This document was a petition to the pastor of the church complaining against a certain sermon he had given.

## Can you find it?

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Anthony Thacher.  
 Edmund Hawes  
 William Linspach  
 James Matthews.  
 Jacob Risher  
 John Snow  
 J. J. Taylor  
 William Thores  
 Josiah Hawes  
 Geo. Hawes.  
 Lemuel Hawes  
 John Thacher.  
 Fay and Davis.  
 John Miller  
 Henry Whelming



At this point I would like to add that it is difficult for us middle-western dirt-farmer Eldreds to appreciate that our Cape Cod ancestors were mostly all seamen; Whalomen - Cape Cod Fishermen - Yankee Clipper sailors. At the ceremonies commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Yarmouth, in 1889, the name of Eldred -(ge) was cited for masterly seamanship. The houses in which the "well known shipmasters" John and Oliver Eldridge were born were "fitly marked". Asa Eldridge was Cornelius Vanderbilt's Captain and piloted his ship the "North Star" to Europe. As is to be expected many of them were lost at sea; among them the above Asa, and also William and Ward Eldred sons of Samuel<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Jehos<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, and William<sup>1</sup>. Returning to William<sup>1</sup> - he died at Yarmouth about 1679. His wife, Anne, had died in 1676.

One of their children was Samuel<sup>2</sup>, born about 1659. He continued to live at Yarmouth, married Keziah Taylor in 1689 and raised his family there. In 1675 he went to fight Indians at Mount Hope and received 4 pence 10 shillings for his services. Although he died in 1705 his children participated in the distribution of public lands in 1712.

One of his children was Jehosaphat<sup>3</sup>. He was born at Yarmouth in 1683 - married Thankful Rider in 1709. Sometime between then and 1716 he moved to Falmouth, Massachusetts. Legend has it that he came from somewhere off the "Cape" with 6 or 7 other persons. Some returned. But Jehosaphat and the others stayed and bought land from the Indians near the shores of Buzzards Bay. The town of Falmouth had been founded in 1686. He stayed there and raised his family there. The public records of Falmouth contain many Eldreds. These records state that in 1750 a new meeting house (Church) was built with 22 pews on the main floor and 11 in the gallery. The pews were numbered and sold. It is curious to note that the pews were sold in order according to the purchasers' position of "society" in the town. The first pew was for the minister. The second for Capt. Thomas Shwerick. The third for William Eldred. (This was one of Jehosaphat's children.) Jehosaphat died at Falmouth in 1765 and was buried at the "Old Burying Ground".

One of his children was Jehosaphat<sup>4</sup>. He was born at Falmouth in 1716. Married Elizabeth Swift in 1747 at Falmouth. About 1755 he migrated to Warren, Kent County, Connecticut, where he bought farm land and raised his family. In 1777 he was appointed by the Town of Kent to a committee to provide for the families of needy Revolutionary soldiers. The Town of Kent was founded in 1737 by an Act of The Assembly, saying they would sell land to make up the town and countryside. The town was divided into 10 divisions and you could either draw or pitch for your choice. In Division 8, in 1755, we first find the name of Jehosaphat Eldred mentioned together with Jabez Swift who was probably a brother-in-law. Jehosaphat died in 1801 at Warren.

One of his sons was Jehosaphat<sup>5</sup>. Born 1769 at Warren, Connecticut. Married Polly Langdon at Warren. At this point the reader may wonder - did any of my ancestors fight in the Revolutionary War? The answer is obviously "no". In 1775 Jehosaphat<sup>4</sup> was 59 years old and Jehosaphat<sup>5</sup> was only 6; but many of the name who were of the right age at the time were in it - among them: John Eldred, who received a Revolutionary Pension; P. Eldred of Connecticut, Commander of the Brigader "Resolution"; Thomas Eldred was in General Putnam's Regiment from May 30 to December 16, 1776; Lieut. Samuel Eldred marched to Ticonderoga and served with the northern army until the surrender of Burgoyne when he joined General Washington with the second Brigade. He was at Valley Forge, and assisted at the taking of Cornwallis in 1782. Many of the name were also in the War of 1812.

To continue with Jehosaphat<sup>5</sup>. His father deeded 100 acres of Kent County, Connecticut land to him in 1792 by a deed which reads as follows: (It is entirely in pen and ink)

To all People to whom this Presents shall come Greetings Know Ye that I Jehosaphat Eldred of Warren in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut for the Consideration of the Love, Good Will, and Paternal Affection I have and Do Bare to my Son Jehosaphat Eldred of said Warren which is to my full satisfaction Do give Grant Convey and Confirm unto the said Jehosaphat Eldred and to his Heirs and Assigns a Certain Tract or Parcell of land being and Lying in the Township of Kent in the County and State

aforesaid Being the 8th Pitch in the fourth Division Bounded as followeth Beginning at a Butternut Stadle and Stones about it in the Line of Cornwell 40 rods East of this South East Corner of the 35th Lot in the Second Division which Stadle is about three Rods West of a Brook and from thense it Runs East by South with the Bound Line of the Township 40 Chains and 50 Links to a heap of Stones thense South 25 Chains to a heap of stones on a flat Rock then West by South 40 Chains and 50 Links to a heap of stones thense to the first Bound Containing one Hundred acres.

To have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises with the appurtenances thereof unto him the said Jehosaphat Eldred and his Heirs and assigns forever to his and their own proper use and Behoof and also I the said Jehosaphat Eldred Do for myself and Heirs Executors and Administrators Covenant with the said Jehosaphat Eldred for his Heirs and assigns that at and until the Ensealing of these presents I am well seized of the premises as a good Indefeasible Estate in fee Simple and have Good Right to Bargain, Sell the same in Manner and form as is above written and that the same is free of all Incumberances whatsoever and Further More I the said Jehosaphat Eldred Do by these presents Bind myself and my Heirs forever to Warrant and Defend the above Granted and Bargained premises to him the said Jehosaphat Eldred for his Heirs and assigns against all claims and Demands whatsoever.

In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the 12th Day of July 1792.

(signed) Jehosaphat Eldred

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of  
Ward Eldred (signed)  
T. S. Swift (signed)

Litchfield County fs Warren July of  
12th, 1792.

Personally appeared Jehosaphat Eldred

Signed and Sealer of the foregoing Instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and Deed before me.

(Signed) Herman Swift ASSA

The following was copied from the Church Record, in Warren, Connecticut.

To all the Peoples to whom these Presents Shall Come:

GREETING

Whereas: Knowing that the preaching of the Gospel is a Divine institution necessary and conductive to the propogation of Christian Knowledge for the support and good order of Christian Knowledge for the support and good order of Civil Government in general and tends to the union, peace and happiness of towns and societies and, Whereas: Those privileges cannot be enjoyed without cost and expense, and being convinced that the way to support the Gospel Ministry by Public funds raised by free contribution and donation is the most likely to promote peace and harmony in ecclesiastical societies, and most desirous to provide for the support of the Gospel ministry, not only for ourselves, but also for our posterity to future generations

THEREFORE:-

We agree to raise by voluntary donations and contributions a Fund in Bank of Eleven Hundred Pounds or upwards, lawful money, which shall be appropriated to and for the support of the Gospel Ministry in the ecclesiastical Presbyterian Congregational Society of East Greenwich in Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut, in the name and under the regulations and instructions following, viz.---

That some of the donations of those subscribers may be paid in wheat, rye, Indian corn, neat-cattle, sheep or bar iron at the then current price; and in the payment of interest and principal, bulls and stags of any age, and other neat-cattle exceeding nine years of age shall be exempted. The committee to sell the articles and loan the money on double land security. Interest on notes to be paid in wheat, bar iron, neat-cattle, as above. When cash is loaned, only cash is to be received.

Dated - Warren, Conn. this 15th day  
of March, 1790.

Among the subscribers are:

Adonigah Carter-----L	25	Ward Eldred-----L	15
Peter Starr-----	25	Jehosaphat Eldred	20
Judah Eldred-----	20	Benj. Sackett----	10
Samuel Eldred-----	12	Platt Starr-----	8
Elisha Eldred-----	15		

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Jehosaphat purchased 77 more acres in Kent County in 1804. In about 1806 he decided to go to New York, so he sold his land, leased out his bees, and went. This Bee lease is interesting enough to quote:

Kent. December 4th, 1805.

This Agreement made by and between Horace Weston and William Egles of Kent in Litchfield County on the one part and Jehosaphat Eldred of Hamilton in the State of New York on the other part witnesseth That whereas Egles and Weston on the one part Coveant and agree with the s.d. Eldred to take four hives of Bees and to keep the sd bees for the space & term of eight years and then to return the sd four hives of Bees together with one half of the increase to the s.d. Eldred. The said Eldred on his part agrees with the sd Egles and Weston to let them have the sd bees as above stated provided they are to keep the sd Bees in straw hives and to keep them under Cover. It is also understood By us the Subscribers that the s.d. Eldred is to have one half of the hives when the Bee is Divided. as witness our hands

(signed) Wm. Patterson, Jr.

(signed) William Egles

(signed) Horace Weston

He purchased land near the town of Winfield in Herkimer County, New York, which **didn't** become a town until 1816, but had been founded by Abel Brace in 1793. Moses Eldred, his brother, had gone there in 1805. Soon afterward many of the other brothers and their families came, hence the public records of Winfield and the surrounding towns are filled with Eldreds. He and his family lived there until 1820, when they decided to go west to Greene County, Illinois. This then brings us up to the generations which comprise the major part of this genealogy - and the following pages contain that lineage in detail - preceded first by a skeleton pedigree of the generations before Jehosaphat<sup>5</sup>.

SKELETON PEDIGREE PRECEDING JEHOSEPHAT<sup>5</sup>

- ENGLAND -

Thomas Eldred of Knattishall, Suffolk.

b. 1450?

d. 1530? m. Agnes Lawsdall

CH: Nicholas Eldred of Knattishall.

b. 1470

d. 1566 m. Bridget \_\_\_\_\_?

CH: John Eldred of Knattishall.

CH: William Eldred of Knattishall.

b. 1490 m. Alice Burdys  
living in 1566 & Agnes West

CH: John Eldred of Knattishall.

b. 1515 m. Ann \_\_\_\_\_?  
living in 1609

CH: John Eldred of New Buckenham, Norfolk.

b. 1535 m. Margaret \_\_\_\_\_?  
d. 1558

CH: 1. Son B. 1546?

2. Son

3. Peter the Grocer, of London.

4. John of Great Saxham, b. 1552. d. 1632.

CH: of Son #1 - Robert Eldred of Winfarthington,  
d. 1624 Norfolk.CH: William Eldred<sup>1</sup>b. 1615? Winfarthington, Norfolk  
d. 1679, Yarmouth, Massachusetts

## - UNITED STATES -

WILLIAM ELDRED<sup>1</sup>

Married 1647, Anne, daughter of William and Tomsain Lumpkin of Norwich, Norfolk. She came over with her parents in 1637.

She was buried November 1, 1676. He died about 1679.

Children of William and Anne (Lumpkin) Eldred. - all born at Yarmouth.

1. Anne; b. 12/16/1648.
2. Sarah; b. 10/10/1650.
3. Elisha; b. 1653.
4. Bethia. Mentioned in her grandfather Lumpkin's will, dated July 23, 1668, as being under 20 years.
5. Jehosaphat; b? m. (Probably) Elizabeth, dau. of Nathaniel & Sarah (Nickerson) Covell.
6. Samuel<sup>2</sup> b. about 1659. d. 1/3/1705.
7. John; b? m. Abigail Littlefield and moved to Wells, Maine.
8. Ezekiel; b? Moved to Cape May, New Jersey before 1688 and founded the New Jersey Eldreds.
9. Thomas; b? Deeded land in Yarmouth to Samuel Hall, on 2/25/1668.
10. Mary; b? Married 11/30/1668, at Eastham (now Wellfleet) Massachusetts, John Smith.

Most of this family spell the name "Eldredge". As the Yarmouth Records were destroyed by fire in 1674, early vital records from that town are now difficult to obtain.

SAMUEL ELDRED<sup>2</sup>

Born about 1659 at Yarmouth, Massachusetts

Died January 3, 1705 at Yarmouth.

Married February 6, 1680, at Yarmouth, Keziah, daughter of Richard and Ruth (Burgess) Taylor. She was born February 18, 1656; died March 3, 1733.

The will and codicil of her father, Richard Taylor, proved October 6, 1703, mentions, among others, daughter Keziah Eldridg, and grandsons Samuel and Jehosaphat Eldridg. The children were all born at Yarmouth, and are all named in the will of the widow, dated October 15, 1772.

Children of Samuel and Keziah Eldred.

1. Samuel; b. 9/25/1681. d. \_\_\_\_\_. m. 1/26/1703, Mary Bates of Lynn, Massachusetts
2. Jehosaphat<sup>3</sup>; b. 10/12/1683; d. 9/30/1765.
3. Mehitabel; b. 1/1686. d. 11/10/1748. m. 9/27/1705, Ebenezer Hall.
4. Ezekial; b. 3/1689. d. \_\_\_\_\_. m. Bethia Rider, 1/21/1714.
5. Anne; b. 4/1691. d. \_\_\_\_\_. m. 2/17/1713, at Plymouth, Mass., Samuel Rider, Jr.
6. John; b. 2/1692. m. Sarah Howes, 8/29/1722.
7. Keziah; b. 3/1695. m. John Crowell, 10/23/1718.
8. Mary; b. 3/1697, d. \_\_\_\_\_. m. 4/26/1720, John West.

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JEHOSAPHAT ELDRED<sup>3</sup>

Born October 12, 1683 at Yarmouth. Died September 30, 1765 at Falmouth, Mass.

Married (1). Feb. 1709. Thankful Rider,

b. 1689

d. 4/13/1750 at Falmouth

Married (2). Feb. 28, 1751. Mrs. Mary Hatch.

Children of Jehosaphat and Thankful Eldred, all born and recorded at Falmouth.

1. Jehosaphat<sup>4</sup> b. 6/12/1716. d. 1801 at Warren, Conn.
2. Daniel. b. 9/26/1718. d. at Falmouth.
3. Judah. b. 5/14/1721. d. 3/30/1754 at Falmouth. (A load of wood turned over on him.)
4. William. b. 1/5/1724.
5. Thankful b. 7/28/1726.

JEHOSAPHAT ELDRED<sup>4</sup>

b. 6/12/1716 at Falmouth, Mass.

d. 1801 at Warren, Connecticut

m. 12/17/1747 - Elizabeth Swift

b. 1/10/1727

daughter of Moses

and Mary (Foster) Swift

of Sandwich, Mass.

In December 1757 his brothers, William and Daniel, bought him out for 500 lbs "lawful money" and he went to Kent County, Conn.

Children of Jehosaphat and Elizabeth Eldred. First 3 born at Falmouth, Mass.  
The remainder in Kent County, Conn.

1. Samuel            b. 7/4/1750; d. 1755.
2. Ward            b. 7/24/1752; m. 11/25/1774, Mary Smith. No children.
3. Judah            b. 6/21/1754; d. 5/25/1843; m. 6/21/1780, Sarah Finney.
4. Elisha           b. 8/1/1756; d. 10/16/1825 at Detroit, Mich.; m. 10/6/1785  
Naamah Owen
5. Ruth            b. 9/19/1758; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Forsythe.
6. Elizabeth       b. 3/22/1761; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Sackett.
7. Samuel           b. 9/7/1763. Removed to Winfield, New York.
8. Joanna           b. 3/26/1766; m. 1791, Rufus Swift; d. 1/29/1844 at Warren.
9. Jehosaphat<sup>5</sup>   b. 4/28/1769; d. Galena, Illinois, 1842.
10. Moses           b. 5/31/1771; d. Winfield, New York.
11. Rufus           b. 5/21/1773.

In the spring of 1818, Ward Eldred<sup>6</sup> and Swift Eldred<sup>6</sup> travelled from their eastern farms to the territory of Illinois. What made them make up their minds to take this trip is unknown, but apparently it was to size up this newly opened country with the idea of settling there. Swift was Ward's first cousin; the son of his uncle, Judah. He was 31 when they made the journey; Ward was 22. Swift did not move to Winfield when the others did, but stayed at Warren, Connecticut. Likewise for some reason he decided against moving to Illinois for good as Ward did. He eventually went to Nelson, Ohio where he died at the age of 55. While in the Illinois Territory in 1818 they made the acquaintance of George Churchill who was a leader in the drive to settle the State with an anti-slavery element. After their return back east he wrote a letter to the pair, addressing it to Swift, urging them to settle in the new State which had been admitted to the Union in the same year. This letter undoubtedly had a lot to do with influencing Jehosaphat and his family to migrate.

Madison County, Illinois  
September 9, 1818.

Mr. Swift Eldred  
Warren County  
Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Agreeably to the promise which I made on parting with you on the 3rd of August, I now take my pen to inform you of the result of the Convention. They have decided against slavery in general; but as if they had not courage to do entirely right they have I am told confirmed the indenty by which some persons now hold slaves, but enacted that no more negroes shall be indentured for a longer term than one year. The children of slaves to be free, the males at 21 and the females at 18 years of age. They have tolerated, until the year 1824 the introduction of slaves into the Lick Reservation, a tract of 12 miles square, near to Shawneetown on the Ohio, usually called the United States Saline. The pretext for this measure is this: When Salt Works are leased to certain wealthy Kentuckians, who work them by their slaves should become free by being sent into Illinois.

The Governor and Lieut. Governor are elected for four years. Senator for four years and Representative for two. Sheriffs and Coroners are also chosen by the people. Four judges of the Supreme Court are to be appointed to hold their seats till 1824 and those who shall then be appointed are to keep their seats during good behavior. The Governors and Judges have each a salary of 1000 dollars. The members of the Legislature not exceeding two dollars per day. Six months residence in the territory will entitle a citizen to vote, and at the first election which will commence on the 17th instant, all citizenry will be permitted to vote, who were in the territory at the adoption of the constitution. Col. Shadrach Bond, of Kaskaskia is the only candidate for Governor. He will of course be elected. Dr. Cadwell, a native of Connecticut, is a candidate for the senate from this country, and I trust will be elected. John Y. Sawyer, Esq., a brother Yankee is a candidate for Representative from this county and I have hopes of his gaining the election. The Convention have left the mode of election to be fixed by the Legislature, but this election is to be conducted on the old plan, that is, viva voce. I hope that we shall

soon bring about a change and have elections conducted in the Yankee fashion. I have just drawn up a Memorial in favor of election by ballot, which has received a great many signatures.

On the whole, although the Constitution does not exactly suit me; yet there is nothing to deter, and everything to encourage and stimulate the Yankees to emigrate hither. Slavery is so far excluded, that hardly any slaveholders will think of settling here, especially while the Missouri territory offers them so many advantages. Our emigrants will henceforth be composed of friends of liberty and of election by ballot. A large proportion of them will be Yankees. Let us have a few more of the right sort of people, and we shall be soon able to expel the little remnant of slavery, which the convention have left among us. The majority is in favor of the entire exclusion of slavery; but some slaveholders were smuggled into the convention by making great profession of their opposition to slavery, and they contrived to get an article in the Constitution that they might keep their own slaves, but that no more shall be indentured for a longer term than a year. I am not certain, indeed, that Congress will ratify the Constitution, for it is a solemn article in the ordinance of July 13, 1787, that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever exist in this state, except for the punishment of crime." But whether Congress ratify it or not, we shall soon be able to manage the slaveholding, if we can get some more Yankees. Come on, then and help us.

Major Wadsworth from New York has settled on the Illinois Bounty Lands. He has the deeds for 300 quarter sections, which he has purchased of the soldiers. He sells them for \$1.50 and \$2.00 per acre, according to their situation,--and gives the same credit as the U. States give:--Mr. Dutton, a Yankee, settled on the Bounty Lands, was here today. He represents it as a very good country, excellent for raising cattle and hogs, and abounding in springs and crystal streams. He says that bees are so plenty that he has found ten bee trees in part of two days.--The Missouri Bounty Lands, also will be worth purchasing as they be in a very fertile and rapidly settling county. They will answer to speculate upon; but you do not want to live in that land of slavery and Kentuckyism.

When you come, I wish you to bring me some onion seed, of the real old fashioned Wether-\_\_\_\_\_ also some seed of the crooknecked squash, and \_\_\_\_\_mer squash. You will also do well to bring a good assortment of garden seeds, and fruit tree seeds, such as pear, plums, cherry, etc. and not forget clover and timothy seed. Do not be satisfied with bringing enough for your own use, but bring some to speculate upon, and some for your humble servant. The new slavery remains in status quo. When it will be sold is very uncertain. No more lands have been surveyed, but we have room enough for all the Yankees in New England. Buy up soldiers patents if you can get them cheap. Some soldiers have been offered ten dollars per acre for their land. People are settling part on the Bounty Lands, and you may therefore purchase an improved quarter. Now lands are said to be the best, near the Base Line. Many of our old settlers talk of selling out, and moving to the Bounty Lands.

I have the honor to be yours,

Geo. Churchill

MOST IMPORTANT EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM THE DIARY KEPT BY WARD<sup>6</sup> ELDRED IN 1818

WHEN HE MIGRATED ON FOOT FROM WINFIELD, NEW YORK TO CARROLLTON, ILLINOIS.

(The diary itself was last in the family of Margaret (Cress) Eldred who loaned it to the Illinois State Historical Society at Springfield. In the meantime she died and when the family got around to trying to locate the diary the Society claimed they had returned it, and no record of it has ever been heard of since.) Important portions of the diary were reprinted in the Carrollton Patriot before it was lost from which the following is taken.

When Ward Eldred and his cousin, Swift, were preparing for their long journey of 1500 miles afoot from Herkimer County, New York to Illinois Territory, in 1818, they had no railroad folders nor time tables to study. Even maps of the country they were to traverse had not been printed. Instead they had to be content with such verbal directions as they could obtain from those who had gone over the trails.

Either before or after they started, somebody gave these young homeseekers some directions, which Ward Eldred jotted down in his diary. One page, relating to a section of country that seemed to be inhabited chiefly by government forts, is as follows:

"Directions from Fort Harrison to Miamma Bay. First to Ouatitanan, or if you can go straight to Fort Tecumsha, I think nearer. Next Fort Wayne, next Fort Defiance. Fort Adams is between Tecumsha and Fort Wayne, I think a little out of line. Or go from Vincennes to Delaware town, from there to Tecumsha Fort."

Notes by the way referred to crops, the kinds of soil and timber, prices of produce at the markets, etc. Here are a few entries:

"The first corn I see planted was in Tisco on the 20th of May, the next in Felps town on the 22d. Rye headed out the 31st of May. The first haying in the town of Gradenhutzen on the 28th of June. The 29th we passed the Wills Creek Salt Works, about 26 miles about Zanesville. The water produces one bushel from 120 gallons."

"July 2, now at Marietta. People are generally at haying. Grass not very stout. The 4th of July was passed the town of Galliopolis about 12 o'clock. They were celebrating the day in a manner. It is the hottest day we have experienced. People in Ohio and Kentucky begin harvesting their wheat about 5th of July. I arrived Cincinnati, 9th July, started out the 10th."

In Greenup county, Kentucky, he noted that yokes of oxen were selling at from \$40 to \$60; cows from \$12 to \$20.

In Cincinnati he found the market price of wheat 75¢ a bushel, and of corn 50¢. Of his notes on soil and timber through Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana there is little of interest at this time. Now comes his entrance upon Illinois Territory:

"I crossed the Wabash over into the Illinois, July 21. After you go a little back from the river you come on to a wet prairie which extends about 5 miles, then to Little Wabash river about 45 miles. The land is at first sight beautiful, especially the prairie. But I think the soil is pretty thin and I think in a wet season is too wet, though it is dry enough now, except between the Muddy Fork and the Little Wabash, a distance of 27 miles, which is covered with water in a wet spell. The largest prairie we crossed between the Little Wabash and the east side of Grand Prairie is 12 miles long or across. I am not acquainted with prairie land to judge its quality. The timber between the prairies is oak. What water we have got since we left Vincennes is very bad.

"On the 25th of July, 1818, I crossed the Grand prairie in company with Swift Eldred and Capt. Crittenden and John Coventry. Coventry is a son of Dr. Coventry of Utica. At a Mr. Fish's, at the west side of Grand prairie, we found the best water we had drank for near 100 miles back. Between Grand prairie and Edwardsville the land is a little more rolling and water better. Though it is what I should call a level country, and I think the prairies are a dark soil than farther east the way we came, and I think a deeper soil. The grass on the open prairie is in general not to exceed knee high. But on the open timbered land or oak ridges for several miles above Alton it is in many places up to my hips.

"From Edwardsville to Alton the land is generally rich soil and a considerable part timbered land, the way we went. Beyond there or above, as we went, the country is very broken and the timber oak. The timber is thin and the ridges covered with a much stouter growth of grass than the prairie. Though I think it to be more on account of the dry weather, as the season in this territory has been very dry."

The notes and observations break off at this point, and it is to be regretted that he did not set down his impressions of what he saw twenty-five miles north of Alton. One cannot help wishing he had written down the important report, which he no doubt delivered orally, and which induced the several Eldred families to steer straight to Greene county two years later.

There is a pretty well established tradition in the Eldred family which explains why Jehosaphat Eldred and his sons delayed two years before starting west. It is understood that they waited a part of that time to make sure that Illinois was not to be a slave state.

The two young Eldreds, after visiting this section, went to St. Louis, and were there in August. In his diary Ward Eldred gives a page or two of market quotations in St. Louis, under date of August 4, 1818, as follows:

Beef by the bu -----	\$1.00	Cheese, per lb.-----	\$ .37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn, do -----	.47	Beef by the cwt-----	4.50
Barley, do-----	.75	Salt by the barrel--	12.50
Oats, do-----	.50	Iron by the cwt.----	15.00
Potatoes-----	2 to .50	English blister	
Butter-----per lb.	.25	steel, do--	33.25
Coffee-----per lb.	.50	Sugar, per lb-----	.25

He also investigated transportation charges as follows:

The price by the cwt. for carrying from St. Louis to New Orleans by water	\$1.00
Ditto, back . . . . .	5.00
Passage aboard the steamboat from St. Louis to New Orleans . . . . .	40.00
Ditto, back . . . . .	100.00
Price to bring a cwt. from mouth of Ohio river to St. Louis by water	1.00

It was probably at the land office at Edwardsville that Mr. Eldred investigated the price of government patents for land. He gave a page noting prices paid by David Long, Thomas Holmes, John Taggart, George Huntoon, Samuel Warner, Daniel Hemingway, Henry Carter, James Blodgett, Thomas Wright. The prices, presumably for quarter sections, ranged from \$45 to \$65.

(Francis Eldred Morrison, 1454 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Illinois, has a letter written by the Territorial Governor of Illinois, Edwards, in 1818, to Ward and Swift back in New York, telling them that Illinois was not going to be a slave state, and inviting them to come out to Illinois with their families.)

## EXODUS OF THE ELDRED FAMILY -- WINFIELD TO GREENE COUNTY, MARCH 1, 1820.

"The Eldreds left Herkimer county, New York, on March 1, 1820, driving in wagons to Olean Point, the head of flatboat navigation in New York. Here they built flatboats, one for the family and one for the teams, and started on their long journey down the rivers. Landing at Shawneetown, they started across country to Ridge Prairie, near Downing station, in Madison County, reaching their destination on the 2d of May. They remained in Madison County for a year, raising a crop and waiting for the Greene County land to come into the market. At the land sale, held in January 1821, William Eldred bought 400 acres.

There were fourteen Eldreds in the party and they landed at Shawneetown, April 17, 1820. (They were: Jehosaphat, his wife, Polly; William, his wife, Ruth Brace, and two children, Emma and Jeduthan; Ward, his wife, Emaline, and son Erastus; Elon, Dorliska, Polly, Elisha, and Silas.)

Extracts from letters written by Mrs. Ward Eldred to her parents back in New York read as follows:

"Shawnee, April 21, 1820. Dear Parents: I now take this opportunity to inform you of our health, which is good. We arrived here on Monday the 17th. We had a very pleasant time so far, although we had some frights. The first day that we started the house boat ran under a tree, but did not injure it much. The next day the family boat, by having an Indian pilot that was not used to the river, was driven under a limb of a tree, and the roof pretty much torn, but no one hurt. We have had excellent stage of water for our boats, but has not been high enough for rafts to run much. The river is rising. The trees are all leafed out. The beans are up. I think things are more forward than in Winfield. We are calculating to start from this place tomorrow for they have bought ten acres and Ward has bought a span of horses, gave one hundred dollars. Elon sends love and Elon says, tell Julia (Julia Brace, his sister) the gentlemen wear buckskin breeches, and he means to have a pair. Silas says to tell you he has the cow yet."

The second letter was dated, "Carrollton, April 14, 1822" and said: Health good. Busy spinning flax. Will not have more than eighteen yards of cloth this spring. Was not well in the fall, so did not spin all my best yarns."

The third letter, dated, August 4, 1822, said they had all been sick--broken out with what was called spring nettle, which came out in spots like a bee sting, and was accompanied by fever and inflamed eyes. Her husband's eyes were so bad he had to be bled and blistered. This item of news was added. "We have a postoffice established in Carrollton now. I expect you will have letters a-plenty."

In 1893, Stuart Pierson of Carrollton, who was then a student at Yale, visited Winfield and found an old man up in his 90s named Moses Eldred, who lived with his daughter, and who was a cousin and a childhood playmate of Ward and William and the rest. He remembered the day that this family set out for Illinois, and the rest of the Eldreds were sure that the Indians would get them and they'd never hear from them again.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JEHOSEPHAT<sup>5-4-3</sup>, (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) ELDREDJEHOSEPHAT<sup>5</sup>

- b. 4/28/1769 at Warren, Kent Co., Conn.
- d. 10/10/1842 at Galena, Illinois & buried there.
- m. ?                   - Polly Langdon
  - b. Warren, Conn.
  - d. 10/9/1822 & buried on the old Bridges farm just west of the Rainey Memorial north of Carrollton, Ill. Grave since plowed under.

His father having died in 1801, he and his family moved from Warren, Connecticut to Winfield, Herkimer County, New York in about 1806. This town had been founded in 1793 by Abel Brace, and Jehosaphat's brother Moses had gone there in 1805, and soon many of the other brothers and their families came. In 1808 he bought land there from Chauncey Wells, and again in the same year from Stephen Toms. They lived there until 1820 when he migrated to Greene County, Illinois with all of his sons and daughters, except Julia who came later, and three of his grandchildren - a total of 14 in all. On December 24, 1819 the records show he sold part of his Winfield land to Montgomery Hunt, and in 1828 he sold the remainder to Stephen Townsend. In Greene County, Illinois he bought choice farms for himself and his family, and after the death of his wife went to Galena, Illinois during the lead excitement there and went into extensive operations, establishing a nursery and so on. He also established a stock farm at the mouth of Big Sandy Creek in Scott County. At his death he left his children all he had and they also drew legacies from his estate at Galena. He was not tall, but a heavily built man with a sandy beard.

CHILDREN: (All born at Warren, but Silas, who was born at Winfield.)

1. William   b. 11/18/1791
2. Polly     b.        1794
3. Ward      b. 3/6/1796
4. Julia     b. 10/27/1797
5. Elon      b. 8/6/1802
6. Dorliska  b.        1803?
7. Elisha    b.        1805?
8. Silas     b. 10/20/1810

WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> ELDRED (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 11/18/1791

d. 7/28/1856 & buried at Carrollton, Ill.

m. 5/2/1816 at Winfield, N. Y. - Ruth Brace (dau. of Jeduthan and Clarissa (Bushnell) Brace, who lived and died with Mrs. Eldred. She was the sister of Clarissa Brace who married MOSES<sup>6</sup>)

b. 5/2/1799

d. 9/28/1886 & buried at  
Carrollton, Ill.

Herkimer County records show that in 1815 he purchased land from Chauncey Bart, and that in 1819 he sold it to Montgomery Hunt. Migrated to Illinois with his father in 1820. He purchased 400 Greene County acres in January 1821 at the land sale held in Madison County.

CHILDREN: All but first 2 born at Carrollton, Illinois

1. Emma Alzina - b. 6/5/1817 at Winfield, N. Y.

2. Jeduthan - b. 7/23/1819 at Winfield, N. Y.

3. Clarissa - b. 3/ 8/1822 at Carrollton, Ill.  
d. 10/18/1851 & buried at Chesterfield, Ill.  
m. 11/4/1841 - Hervey Wilson

Ch. 1. Albon Eldred Wilson  
b. 8/1/1842  
d. 10/25/1912  
m. 4/18/1883 - Cassie Robertson, No Ch.

4. Adeline - b. 5/4/1825  
d. 3/26/1889  
m. 4/16/1856, as his second wife, Hiram B. Ellis (son of Barnabas &  
b. 1/13/1816 Belinda (Kidder)  
at Fairhaven, Vt.  
d. 7/31/1868

Ch. 1. Zenas E.  
b. 7/21/1858, Greenfield, Ill.  
d. 12/18/1860

Ch. 2. Mary  
b. 7/15/1862  
living (1939) at  
White Hall, Ill.  
Unm.

5. Leonard - b. 12/26/1827

6. Mary Ann - b. 4/16/1830; m. 1/23/1851, William Loomis; d. 10/5/1854  
Martha Ann b. 4/16/1830 Ch. 1. Webner Eugene  
(twins) d. 7/22/1831 2. Leverett

7. Ruthalia Corcena - b. 8/13/1832 m. 1) 11/28/1854, William Loomis (same as above)  
d. 7/24/1914 m. 2) 6/1867, - James Sacre  
b. 1/7/1840

Ch. 1. Bert  
b. 3/24/1868  
m. 5/11/1892  
Mary Louise Parcher  
1559 $\frac{1}{2}$  N. Maripose St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

(Children of William Eldred & Ruth, cont'd.)

8. Sophia Amelia - b. 8/27/1834  
d. 12/8/1891 Unm.

9. Harriet Alice - b. 8/9/1836  
d. 3/13/1921  
m. 9/12/1854 - Horace Loomis

Ch: 1) Horace William  
b. 9/7/1857  
m. 7/21/1881  
Frances Bullard

---Ch: 1. Edith Pauline, b. 2/6/1885  
m. W. E. Clark of Hollywood  
2. William Horace, b. 2/18/1887  
d. unm.

2) Nellie Alice  
b. 10/16/1861  
d. 2/1/1936  
m. 3/1/1883  
C. M. Corbin  
d. 3/4/1902

---Ch: 1. Maude b. 6/2/1884, unm.  
2. Addie b. 2/25/1886, inf.  
3. Hearst b. 5/1/1887; d. 10/10/1906  
4. Reina b. 5/16/1891; married; has ch.  
5. Ina b. 4/8/1894; d. 10/18/1918

3) Addie  
b. 8/21/1865  
d. 6/22/1932  
m. 10/20/1887 - Edw. L. Hall  
--- Ch: 1. Octavia, b. 8/30/1888  
2. Horace, b. 10/25/1890

4) Harry, died inf.

5) Ina --- No Ch.  
b. 7/20/1875  
living at Carlinville, Ill. (1939)  
m. 1) Dr. J. P. Mathews - 2/22/1897  
b. 9/5/1867  
d. 1/1919  
m. 2) Truman Snell - 9/23/1921  
b. 9/22/1876

10. Martha Washington - b. 2/22/1839  
d. 10/1876  
m. 11/6/1862 - Madison Rue  
d. 4/14/1933

Ch: 1) son  
2) Laura Alice - b. 10/22/1868  
m. 9/6/1906 - Rev. Wm. Bigsby -- Ch: 1. Elon  
they live in Los Angeles b. 2/17/1912

11. Elon A. - b. 7/11/1842

EMMA ALZINA<sup>7</sup> (William<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 6/5/1817 at Winfield, N. Y.  
 d. 12/10/1887  
 m. 11/3/1836 at Carrollton - Lucius S. Norton  
 d. 1877

CHILDREN:

1. William E. b. 3/12/1838 at Carrollton  
 d. 7/29/1838 at Carrollton
2. William E. b. 7/11/1839  
 d. 8/31/1872 at Tamaroa, Ill. (A Civil War Captain)  
 m. 1) Mary Alley - no ch.  
 2) Ella Collina - ch: 1. Willie Leota  
 b. 10/1872  
 m. Perry Monteith, live in St. Louis.
3. Gertrude Emma b. 3/22/1841 at Carrollton  
 d. 1922 - St. Louis ch: 1. Mary Louise (Mrs. Rush of Los Angeles)  
 m. Lafe Ogborn 2. Alice Bell (Mrs. Albert Maker of  
 St. Louis)
4. Birdsey b. 9/21/1843 at Carrollton  
 d. 9/2/1844
5. Charles Stuart b. 12/24/1845  
 d. 1930 in San Jose, Calif. Unm. (A Civil War Vet.)
6. Lucius Orlando b. 2/28/1848 at Carrollton  
 d. 6/23/1887 at Chester, Ill.  
 m. Lydia EllenKennedy Ch: 1. Paul Stuart - m. No Ch.  
 2. Myrtle (Mrs. Charles Walgreen  
 of Chicago)
7. Ina Ruth b. 9/26/1858  
 d. 6/15/1898, Mendota, Minn.  
 m. Wm. H. Barber about 1889. He died 1896. No Ch.
8. Alice b. 12/30/1860  
 m. 5/10/1899 - John Cunliffe  
 living (1939) at Wichita, Kansas Ch: 1. Virgil b. 11/15/1900  
 2. Lucille b. 3/4/1903

JEDUTHAN<sup>7</sup> (William<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 7/23/1819 at Winfield, N. Y.  
 d. 4/13/1888 & buried at Carrollton  
 m. 9/2/1847 - Eliza Jane Thomas  
     b. 1823  
     d. 8/11/1905

CHILDREN:

1. Samuel<sup>8</sup> b. 11/12/1848  
     d. 11/1923  
     m. 12/21/1876 - Mary Robertson  
         b. 10/1850  
         d. 1/29/1935

Children: 1. John J.<sup>9</sup> b. 9/26/1881 (Officer of Carrollton  
     m. 11/8/1930 Bank)  
         Harriet Ward, (dau. of Chas. W.  
                     & Teresa (Benton)  
                     Ward)

Ch: 1. Mary Ward  
     b. 5/10/1932

2. William S. b. 8/20/1883 No Ch.  
     m. 1/28/1914 - Blanche Young  
     lives on farm near Virden, Ill.

3. Jennie b. 8/20/1885  
     m. 6/4/1914 Thomas Hough  
         b. 2/24/1883  
     son of Thomas & Jane (Woodhed)

Ch: 1. Eldred, b. 1/26/1916  
     2. Thomas, b. 10/21/1917  
     3. Ella Jane, b. 9/3/1930  
         d. 3/3/1931

2. Elizabeth b. 3/15/1851  
     d. 9/24/1928 & buried at Jacksonville, Ill.  
     m. 2/2/1874 at Carrollton, Samuel A. Fairbanks of Jacksonville  
         b. 6/13/1850  
         d. 1/10/1932

Ch: 1. Fred b. 1/3/1875  
     M. Ch: 1. Chandler D.  
         b. 3/10/1908  
     (Fred is Treasurer of  
     Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.)

2. Clarence - b. 10/1876  
     d. 7/11/1902 Unm.

3. Dr. Ruth Eldred - b. 7/11/1887 Unm.  
     Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley,  
     Mass.

Children of Jeduthan<sup>7</sup>, cont'd.

3. John L.<sup>8</sup> b. 10/5/1855  
 d. 2/17/1928 at Carrollton  
 m. 6/9/1880 - Fannie Eldred (dau. of Lucius<sup>7</sup>, Elon<sup>6</sup>)  
 b. 8-17-1858  
 living in Carrollton (1939)

Ch: 1. Allan B.<sup>9</sup>  
 b. 5/27/1881  
 m. 1) Helen Thomas 5/16/1907  
 m. 2) Margaret Jointer No. Ch.  
 Living in Louisiana

2. Ada  
 b. 5/23/1885  
 m. 4/10/1911 - Brace Fain  
 b. 12/24/1885  
 d. 2/13/1938  
 In Ocean Springs, Miss. Home is near Kane, Ill.

Ch: 1. Mary Helen  
 b. 12/15/1911  
 m. 1) Bill Schroyer  
 2) John Hurley, St. Joe, Mich.  
 No Ch.

4. Lewis J.<sup>8</sup> b. 10/17/1862  
 d. 4/4/1896  
 m. 3/5/1891 - Beatrice Andrews  
 b. 7/15/1868  
 (dau. of Nathaniel & Elizabeth  
 (Jones) Andrews)  
 She is living (1939) in Phoenix, Ariz.  
 with her son, Clarence.

Ch: 1. Brace<sup>9</sup>  
 b. 4/22/1893  
 m. 8/23/35 - Bernardine Ann O'Kane. No Ch.  
 Lives at 750 Sutter St.,  
 San Francisco, Calif.

2. Clarence<sup>9</sup>  
 b. 10/2/1895  
 m. Emily Stevens  
 b. 2/1/1897  
 Present address: Route 8, Box 648  
 Phoenix, Ariz.

Ch: 1. Barbara Jean, b. 1921  
 2. Charles<sup>10</sup>, b. 1927  
 3. Marjorie, b. 1931

LEONARD<sup>7</sup> (William<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 12/26/1827  
d. 9/21/1918 at Canyon City, Colo.  
m. Jane Gilchrest - 7/23/1863

Ch: 1. Will<sup>8</sup>

b. 6/6/1865  
d. 11/21/1936  
m. 1/1/1902  
Victoria Rudolph

Ch: 1. Alice B. (Mrs. G. T. Bond of Wash. D.C.)  
b. 11/23/1902  
2. Jane V. (Mrs. J. D. Staggs)  
b. 10/18/1904  
3. William Rudolph<sup>9</sup>  
b. 4/29/1908  
d. 7/9/1908  
4. Mary Margaret (Mrs. John Ross)  
b. 8/9/1911  
5. Wilma (Mrs. J. E. Barbour)  
b. 9/6/1913

2. Kent<sup>8</sup>

b. 11/11/1871  
unm.  
Co. Judge of Canyon City, Colo.

ELON A.<sup>7</sup> (William<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 7/11/1842  
d. 8/26/1922  
m. 1) Adelaide Dorson - 9/17/1863

b. 6/14/1845

d. 2/12/1865 Ch: 1. Charles<sup>8</sup>

b. 7/27/1864

d. 8/12/1899

m. 10/24/1888

Kathleen Fishback

b. 7/8/1888

d. 7/20/1930

Ch: 1. Elona

b. 6/16/1891

m. 12/14/1914

Paul Hardcastle

b. 4/19/1885

d. 6/21/1931

No Ch.

2. Meade<sup>9</sup>

b. 3/26/1893

married - separated,  
lives in Tyler, Texas  
No Ch.

m. 2) Janie Thomas - 1870

b. 1/6/1846

d. 4/21/1876

(Dau. of John I. Thomas)

Ch: 1. Anna, d. 8/20/1871 at 1 yr.

2. Leverett - died inf.

m. 3) Martha Robertson - 2/4/1879

b. 1/8/1853

living in Carrollton (1939) No. Ch.

daughter of John & Mary (Drinkwater) Robertson

POLLY<sup>6</sup> ELDRED (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

- b. 1794 at Warren, Conn.
- d. 1861 in Jersey County, Illinois, North of Jerseyville, Illinois.
- m. 1826 to Judge Cyrus Tolman at Carrollton.

She and her husband lived 1 mile southeast of White Hall, Illinois for 13 years. In 1839 they removed to Jersey County, which had been laid off in 1837. He established quite a well known orchard and nursery and several species of fruit were named "Tolman".

#### CHILDREN:

- 1. Washington - m. Sarah Gregory
- 2. Oscar - m. Eliza Pope. Buried at Kane, Ill.
- 3. Daniel - m. Elizabeth Barrow Ch: 1. Minnie  
2. Charles  
3. Fred  
4. Grace

(Daniel and the children moved to Kansas City, Missouri sometime in the 1890s where they and their descendants probably still are)

- 4. Mary - m. John Frost

WARD<sup>6</sup>ELDRED (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

Born March 6, 1796 at Warren, Connecticut.

Died June 12, 1851 on the old home place near Eldred, Illinois, and buried there.

In the spring of 1818 he and his cousin Swift went to Illinois by foot to blaze the way for migration. He returned in the fall of 1818 and married. Then he made a second trip out with his brother Elon. They bought a drove of sheep in Ohio and drove them to Greene County. Then he returned and came out again in March 1820 with his wife and baby and the rest of the Eldreds. He lived just west of Carrollton until he sold out to his brother Elon. He then bought the land under the bluffs where he built the stone barn. He also gave the land for the Eldred cemetery. He married 4 times, each wife dying as a result of child-birth. He himself died of erysipelas contracted while rounding up cattle in the bottoms during a flood.

M. 1) Probably Jan. 1819 - Emma Brace of Winfield (dau. of Asabel & Caty (Curtis) b. 1799 Brace)  
d. 10/8/1823 at Carrollton

Children: 1. Erastus Brace - b. 10/31/1819 at Winfield, N. Y.  
2. Orson b. Dec. 1822 at Carrollton,  
d. April 1823 at Carrollton.  
3. A daughter b. Oct. 1823. Died the same month.

M. 2) Dec. 1827, Evaline Cushing, (dau. of Samuel Dexter & Olive (Nichols) Cushing)  
d. 8/23/1839 at Eldred, Ill. b. 1803.

Children: 1. John James b. 9/25/1828 at Eldred.  
2. Orson P. b. 8/3/1832 " "  
3. Samuel Dexter b. 12/30/1833 " "  
4. Orville b. 11/11/1836 " "

M. 3) Nov. 1840, Elizabeth Portwood b. 1819  
d. 10/30/1841

Children: 1. Julius C. b. 9/23/1841 at Eldred

M. 4) Feb. 17, 1842, Sarah H. Smead b. 1819  
d. 5/25/1848

Children: 1. Evaline Jane b. 1/27/1843 at Eldred  
d. 7/27/1874 ----Ch: Alma Clover  
m. 10/31/1865, Richard Huskey b. 8/27/1866  
b. 9/14/1840 m. \_\_\_ Bonsteel

2. Lydia Ellen b. 9/30/1845  
d. 6/5/1847

3. A son b. 5/21/1848  
d. 5/22/1848

NOTE: Ward and his 4 wives are all buried together at the Eldred Cemetery. One tall obelisk marks them all.

The above children were actually born at Bluffdale, Ill., which was the postoffice north of the Eldred place. However it has passed out of existence, and the post-office is at the town of Eldred, just south of the Eldred place.

This town was born in 1880-85 when the L.C. & W. R.R. ran a line west from Litchfield to the Illinois River, and named the station 3 miles east of the river, Eldred.

The little town of 300 has built up around it.

ERASTUS BRACE<sup>7</sup> ELDRED (Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Born October 31, 1819 at Winfield, New York.

Died October 1902 at Chesterfield, Illinois

He moved to Macoupin County (Carlinville) in 1857 and bought 480 acres.

M. 1) Mar. 9, 1842 - Myra Emeline Wooley  
                   b. 3/23/1824  
                   d. 6/13/1857  
                   (dau. of David & Laura  
                   (Hodge) Wooley.)

CHILDREN:

1. William O.<sup>8</sup>

2. Damon H. Died unmarried; buried at Loomis Cemetery at Chesterfield.

3. George<sup>8</sup>.

M. 2) Elizabeth Ritchie; d. 5/24/1873  
           (dau. of John & Margaret Ritchie)

CHILDREN: All born on the home place near Chesterfield, Illinois.

1. Charles Ward<sup>8</sup> - b. 2/3/1859; living (1939) at Newllano, La.  
                   m. 1904, Florence Hill of Erie, Pa. No Ch.  
                   (dead)

2. Samuel Wilson<sup>8</sup> - b. 9/26/1860.

3. Horace O.<sup>8</sup> - b. 1862; d. April 1924 at Carlinville, Ill. No Ch.  
                   m. Grace Monce; b. 1865. She is living (1939) at Carlinville, Ill.

4. Margaret - b. 1864; d. 4/21/1921 & buried at Carlinville.  
                   m. 3/31/1892, Everett Cress; b. 9/4/1860, Greenfield, Ill.  
                   d. 1938

Ch: 1. Eldred Cress  
           b. 4/3/1896, Champaign, Ill.  
           m. Dorothy Donohoe, 8/27/1921

5. John F.<sup>8</sup> - b. 1866. Living (1939) at 1119 N. Wells St., Chicago, Ill.  
                   m. Bertha Harz (dead) He was formerly a dentist. No Ch.

6. Nell - b. 1869; d. 9/26/1872

M. 3) Grace Tribble, 9/3/1874; b. 1832 in England; d. 1912 at Carlinville.

No Children.

WILLIAM O. ELDRED<sup>8</sup> (Erastus<sup>7</sup>, Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 8/30/1849 Greene County, Ill.

d. 5/7/1906 at Wichita, Kansas.

m. 1) 3/1/1883, Eliza Robley of Illinois. She died April 1886 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery near Wichita.

Ch: 1. Albert T.<sup>9</sup> b. 3/3/1883 at Wichita.  
d. 1/9/1938 at Wichita.  
m. 8/1910, Josephine Parkhurst of Wichita.

Ch: 1. Bessie - b. 11/27/1911  
m. A. E. Ritthaler  
living at Scott City, Kansas.

2. Edith - b. 4/9/1886 at Wichita  
m. James Nash. Has 4 ch.

m. 2) 2/3/1887, Jennie Bullard of Macoupin, Ill.  
b. 8/10/1860  
d. 1/13/1928 at Wichita.

Ch: 1. Maude Emmeline  
b. 11/14/1888  
m. 7/29/1914, E. C. Carp, at Wichita.

Ch: 1. Charles	Ch: 2. Wallace
b. 11/5/1915	b. 1/15/1921

2. Nellie  
b. 2/13/1890  
d. 6/1890

3. Nellie Annetta  
b. 6/27/1891  
m. 12/15/1909 at Wichita, J. P. Wallace  
Living R. R. #6, Wichita

Ch: 1. William Eldred  
b. 2/8/1917

SAMUEL WILSON ELDRED<sup>8</sup> (Erastus<sup>7</sup>, Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 9/26/1860 at Chesterfield, Ill.	He lived at Quincy all his married life.
d. 4/18/1927 at Quincy, Ill.	Was Secretary-Treasurer of the Wabash Coal
m. 1) Anna Porter, 9/15/1887 at	Company, and Acting Vice President of the
b. 4/5/1862 Canton, Ill.	Mercantile Trust & Savings. Was a 33'd
d. 4/24/1924	degree Mason.

Ch: 1. Frances - b. 9/4/1895 at Quincy. Living at Quincy, 1454 Hampshire.  
                   m. 8/14/1924, Paul Morrison  
                             b. 10/16/1885 at Newman, Ill.

Ch: 1. Alice Porter  
             b. 4/22/1927

2. Theodore Eldred  
     b. 2/14/1930

2. Charles P.<sup>9</sup> - b. 4/30/1902  
                   m. 6/27/1927, Harriet Wells   No Ch.  
                   d. 5/30/1939   b. 9/27/1901

m. 2) Margaret Forsythe, 11/20/1926  
     b/ 9/24/1875 at Fremont, Ohio

GEORGE<sup>8</sup> ELDRED (Erastus<sup>7</sup>, Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 12/11/1854, near Carrollton  
 d. 3/31/1926 at Chesterfield, Ill.  
 m. 9/9/1885, Eliza A. Francis  
     b. 3/30/1865, Sommersetshire, England.  
     living (1939) R.F.D. #1, Carlinville, Ill.

CHILDREN: All born at Chesterfield.

1. Addison<sup>9</sup> - b. 7/18/1886; d. 10/24/1925  
     m. 8/23/1912, Elizabeth McCluskey      Ch: 1. George W.<sup>10</sup> b. 6/11/1919  
     remarried to Jack Wilson  
     lives at 1228 E. Phillips Ave., Springfield, Ill.

2. George Le Roy - b. 5/14/1889; d. 6/24/1889

3. Myra Annie - b. 8/4/1890; d. 3/24/1904

4. Erastus G.<sup>9</sup> b. 3/6/1893      Living at Springfield, Ill.  
     m. 8/22/1915, Roena Bolton  
     b. 12/3/1890

    Ch: 1. Melba I. - b. 10/9/1917  
             m. 1/22/1938, Joseph Giordano  
             b. 3/14/1915

    Ch. 1. Joy Aliene  
         b. 2/6/1939

    2. Marvin - - b. 3/28/1920  
         d. 3/24/1933

5. Baby - b. 10/22/1896; d. 10/26/1896

6. Violet - b. 4/22/1902; d.y.

7. Myron John<sup>9</sup> - b. 6/18/1905.      Lives in Chesterfield, Ill.      No ch. (1939)  
     m. 1/25/1935, Beulah Brown  
     b. 5/9/1911

8. James Melvin<sup>9</sup> - b. 4/14/1909.      Live on home place at Chesterfield.  
     m. 4/26/1936, Nelle Shultz  
     b. 2/22/1909

    Ch: 1. Jerry Jon<sup>10</sup> - b. 6/18/1937

    2. Max Duane<sup>10</sup> - b. 10/9/1938

JOHN JAMES<sup>7</sup>, (Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

- b. 9/25/1828 at Eldred, Illinois
- d. 3/31/1911 at Carrollton
- m. 2/20/1851, Emaline Smead (sister of his father's fourth wife)
  - b. 4/22/1830 in Vermont
  - d. 7/1/1916

After his father's death he bought out the other brothers' interests and remained on the home place at Eldred. He built the house in 1861 that is there now. His existence there during the Civil War period was the golden age of the place. Tales are told of the gay affairs he gave there; of the carriages and their fancy teams converging there at night from the countryside over; of his carriage bearing the Eldred crest. Unfortunately all of this, and all of the Eldred acreage in the Illinois bottoms left the family when Jim, as he was called, went a friend's note and lost.

CHILDREN: All born at Eldred.

1. Alice - b. 7/5/1852  
d. 3/13/1870 of T.B. Unm.
2. Ward<sup>8</sup> - b. 10/15/1854  
m. Etta Robbey  
living with his son, Paul, in 1939.  
  
Ch: 1. Paul<sup>9</sup>  
2. Chauncey<sup>9</sup>
3. Alma - b. 7/5/1856  
d. 5/17/1861
4. Eva - b. 9/23/1858  
d. 8/23/1876 of T.B. Unm.

WARD ELDRED<sup>8</sup> (John James<sup>7</sup>, Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 10/15/1854

m. 3/1/1883, Etta Robley  
     b. 9/18/1860  
     d. 1898

Living with Paul near Whitehall, Ill. (1939)

CHILDREN:

1. Paul<sup>9</sup> - b. 8/23/1884. Farming at Haypress, near Whitehall, Ill.  
     m. Hattie Badman, 12/3/1913. (Dau. of William & Jennette  
     b. 2/22/1892 (McAdams) Badman.)

Ch: 1. Ruth Emeline, b. 4/21/1919; d. 4-1-1921

2. Ward Russell<sup>10</sup>, b. 9/11/1921

3. Mary Etta, b. 12/30/1923

4. Hazel Ellen, b. 2/15/1926

5. Stuart Clayton<sup>10</sup>, b. 3/1/1928

6. Doris Elaine, b. 4/5/1930

2. Chauncey<sup>9</sup> - b. 5/16/1887. Farming southwest of Carrollton, Ill.  
     m. 10/27/1908, Angie Tribble (Dau. of John & Martha Tribble.)  
     b. 9/21/1890

Ch: 1. Wilson Emerson<sup>10</sup>, b. 7/4/1911. Living at Alton, Ill.  
     m. 1938 to Mary King. No Ch: (1940)

2. Evelyn Bernice, b. 11/22/1913. Living at Alton, Ill.  
     m. 11/22/1933, Stanley Jouett.

Ch: 1. Jacquelin Lou, b. 8/27/1934

3. Marjorie Elizabeth, b. 5/9/1928

3. Robley - b. 6/2/1891; d. 5/3/1895

4. Etta - d. 7/12/1898

ORSON P.<sup>7</sup> (Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

- b. 8/3/1832 at Eldred, Ill.
- d. 1/13/1902 at Princeton, Ky.
- m. Susan Delia Harpending
  - b. 6/9/1836 at Princeton, Ky.
  - d. 11/4/1918 at Princeton
  - (Dau. of Asbury & Anne (Clark) Harpending.)

When he was 17 he went out to California with his Uncle Elon and cousin Moses to pan gold. They returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama and were attacked by pirates in the Carribbean, and finally shipwrecked on New Providence Island, one of the Bahamas. A small vessel rescued them but could only take a few of them with, so they drew straws. Orson won, but he gave his place to his Uncle Elon, who was then about 50. He was later picked up himself.

#### CHILDREN:

1. Charles Ward<sup>8</sup> - b. 11/27/1857 at Kankakee, Ill.
  - d. 4/4/1923, Princeton, Ky.
  - m. Jessie Carr, 1/19/1887
    - b. 4/23/1863
    - d. 8/1917
  - Ch: 1. Kate Carr, d. inf.
  - 2. Cora Dee
    - b. 3/7/1893 at Princeton
    - m. Powell Catlett
    - Ch: Dorothy Dee
    - b. 11/18/1917
  - 3. Charline
    - b. 1/12/1900 at Princeton
    - m. Gerard Kenil, 1919 at Princeton
    - Ch: Charles Gerard
    - b. 1921 at Princeton
2. Cora Dell - b. 8/13/1860 at Kankakee, Ill.
  - m. 1/20/1887, W. H. Maire at Princeton.
  - d. 7/23/1888. No Ch.
3. Shelley Eldred<sup>8</sup> - b. 7/5/1862 at Assumption, Ill. Living (1939) at Princeton.
  - m. 10/11/1893 at Princeton
    - Mary Louise Smith
    - b. 12/24/1872
    - d. 6/1920
  - Operates a Hardware store with Dique.
  - Ch: 1. Frances Dell
    - b. 7/18/1898 at Princeton
    - m. Dr. Clint Kelley (divorced)
    - living at Princeton.
    - Ch: 1. Louise Eldred
    - b. 6/7/1929
4. Annie Helen - b. 10/25/1864 at Assumption, Ill.
  - d. 2/22/1867

Children of Orson P.<sup>7</sup>, Cont'd.

5. George<sup>8</sup> - b. 1/15/1867 at Assumption, Ill.  
d. 1896 in Princeton. Unm.

6. Asbury - b. 6/20/1872 at Tarrytown, N. Y.  
d. 11/10/1872

7. Dique<sup>8</sup> - b. 12/4/1874 at Princeton.  
living (1939) at Princeton.  
m. 1/12/1904, Evelyn McNeal Polk  
(descendant of Pres. Polk)  
b. 12/9/1875 at Bolivar, Tenn.

Ch: 1. George Orson<sup>9</sup>  
Unm. (twins, b. 9/14/1904 at Princeton)  
2. Marshall Polk<sup>9</sup> Both are Attorneys  
m. 7/10/1935  
Laura Adelaide Hale  
b. 12/15/1916 at  
Mayfield, Ky.

Ch: 1. Marshall Polk, Jr.<sup>10</sup>  
b. 11/27/1938 at Princeton

3. Mary Wilson  
b. 8/7/1907. Unm.

SAMUEL DEXTER<sup>7</sup> (Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 12/30/1833 at Eldred.

m. 1859, Addie Ruddiman of Muskegon, Mich.

d. 6/17/1900 at Jacksonville, Ill. Buried at Eldred Cemetery.

He moved to Muskegon, Michigan and was in the lumber business there. Was 4 years in the 61st Illinois Regiment and was at the Siege of Vicksburg.

CHILDREN:

1. Eva b. 3/7/1862 at Muskegon, Mich. Unm.

2. Mary b. 2/7/1865 at Springfield, Ill.

m. Fred Sutcliff of Chicago. (Believe no ch.)

ORVILLE<sup>7</sup> (Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 11/11/1836 at Eldred.

d. 2/27/1899 at Carrollton, Ill.

m. 5/29/1871 at Corrinne, Utah - Susan Margaret Trimble

b. 2/14/1845 at Woodville, Ill.

d. 7/9/1933 at Carrollton, Ill.

(Dau. of Harvey and Margaret (Rice) Trimble  
of Jasmine County, Kentucky)

When his father died he lived with his brother Erastus. He made 3 trips to California to mine gold - the first in 1860. He took his wife from Corrinne, Utah, where they were married, by covered wagon up to a farm he had lain out near Silver Star, Montana, (30 miles from Virginia City). They stayed there only a year and then returned east because of the illness of Mrs. Eldred's brother.

CHILDREN:

1. Julius Pleasant, b. 12/7/1872 near Assumption, Ill.; d. 12/23/1872.

2. Anna b. 6/24/1874 near Shelbyville, Mo.

m. 6/22/1898, Mark Hubbard, son of William & Martha (Kline) Hubbard)

b. 7/7/1875

d. 6/1/1903 at Carrollton

Living (1939) at Carrollton. No Ch.

3. Harvey Ward<sup>8</sup> b. 6/25/1879 at White Oak, Ill.

m. 1/17/1908 at Chicago, Rita Millar, dau. of Irwin & Clara

Living at 2926 Leland Ave., Chicago. b. 1/24/1889 (Bierderman) Millar.

at Chicago.

Ch: 1. Orville<sup>9</sup> Ward, b. 7/10/1913 at Chicago.

m. 9/24/1938, Ruthelen Freeman

Living at  
2917 Leland Ave.  
Chicago.

b. 1/18/1916, at Chicago  
(dau. of Edwin & Helen  
(Strey) Freeman)

JULIUS C.<sup>7</sup> (Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 9/23/1841 at Eldred.

d. 7/1918 and buried at Sulphur Springs, Ark.

m. Mary Huskey, b. 3/4/1842 at Carlinville, Ill.; d. 3/3/1926 and buried at  
Sulphur Springs, Ark.

He moved to Hagers Grove, Mo., and raised most of his family there. He was in the Civil War and was captured in the rear guard of Sherman's March to the Sea and spent 5 months in Andersonville Prison. He, his wife and children, Julia, George, and Mary moved to Camden, Arkansas from Missouri in 1891, and to Sulphur Springs, Ark. in the fall of 1893.

#### CHILDREN:

1. Orvilla Alice - b. 4/8/1870 at Fayette, Ill.

d. 1915 at Clarence, Mo.

m. 10/14/1891, Matt Richardson Ch: 1. Mary Gladys, b. 6/19/1895  
at Hagers Grove, Mo. at Hagers Grove, Mo.

2. Ruth Eldred, b. 6/25/1902

2. Ruth - b. 8/27/1872 at Fayette, Ill.

m. 3/6/1893, Jay Eustace Newton at Camden, Ark.

Living at Camden, Ark. Box 249.

Ch: 1. Julius Eldred

b. 1/9/1894 at Camden.

m. 12/30/1918, at Camden, Evelyn Stewart  
Living in St. Louis, Mo.

2. Robert S.

b. 4/29/1896

m. 8/13/1917, Nellie Neal

d. 3/30/1923

3. Jay, Jr.

b. 6/19/1899

d. 4/25/1937

4. John Ward

b. 12/5/1903. Unm. Living at home.

5. Orville Meek

b. 3/3/1910

m. 5/1932, Mary C. Barnald  
Living in Mansfield, Ohio.

3. Julia Ann - b. 2/14/1875 at Hagers Grove, Mo.

m. 1/14/1899, Ben C. Davis at  
Pineville, Mo. No Ch.

Living (1939) at Sulphur Springs, Ark.

4. George Ward<sup>8</sup> - b. 6/12/1877 at Hagers Grove

5. Mary Brown (nicknamed "Dillie")

b. 2/3/1879 at Hagers Grove.

m. 1/31/1898 at Merz, Ark., John M. Haste of Crowley, La.  
Living at New Iberia, La. (1939)

Ch: 1. Mary Blanche b. 1/12/1901 at Greydan, La.

2. Paul Eldred b. 4/13/1910 at Crowley, La.

3. Jessie Lillian b. 11/1918 at Crowley, La.

GEORGE WARD ELDRED<sup>8</sup> (Julius<sup>7</sup>, Ward<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 6/12/1877 at Hagers Grove, Mo. Living (1939) at Sulphur Springs, Ark.  
m. 9/10/1902, Lou Ella Mosier  
b. 7/23/1877

CHILDREN: All born at Sulphur Springs, Ark.

1. Ruth - b. 7/4/1903 at Sulphur Springs  
Head Nurse, Sparks Hospital, Fort Smith, Ark. Unm.

2. Ben Mosier<sup>9</sup> - b. 6/5/1905. Operates a grocery store at Sulphur Springs.  
m. 12/10/1922, Martha E. McArton

Ch: 1. Elizabeth Joe. b. 1/13/1934  
2. Evelyn Katherine. b. 1/7/1935  
3. Dora Jean. b. 11/13/1937

3. Mary Ellen - b. 7/11/1907. Living at Kansas City, Mo.  
m. 6/1928, W. H. Maddox

Ch: 1. Marelan. b. 6/5/1929 (lives at Sulphur Springs  
with her grandparents)

4. Charles Julius<sup>9</sup> - b. 10/12/1909. Living at Sulphur Springs.  
m. 12/29/1935, Kathleen Martin

Ch: 1. Charles Richard<sup>10</sup>  
b. 8/1/1937

5. Katherine Pearl - b. 6/16/1912. Lives on a farm near Sulphur Springs.  
m. 3/23/1936, Wayne Collingsworth

Ch: 1. Charles Wayne. b. 11/19/1936  
2. Rilla Ruth. b. 2/17/1938

6. George Ward, Jr.<sup>9</sup> b. 2/5/1915. Unm.

7. Julia Louella. b. 7/6/1917. Unm.

8. James Howard<sup>9</sup> b. 10/6/1919. Unm.

JULIA ELDRED (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 1797 at Warren, Conn.

d. 10/2/1891 and buried at Carrollton, Ill.

m. 1817 at Winfield, Leonard Brace, son of Jeduthan & Clarissa (Bushnell).

They came to Illinois in 1828 and she became a widow a short time after. He died in 1829.

**CHILDREN:**

1. Jehosaphat E. - b. 1818; d. 1889. Unm.
2. Thaddeus W. - m. Mary Robley. Ch: 1. Ella Ch: 2. Alva - died single.  
m. Webster Meek  
Ch. 1. Alva  
2. Charles  
3. Wilbur
3. Curtis W. - b. 12/11/1825  
d. 12/9/1899  
m. 1/25/1855, Katharine Black  
b. 6/20/1832  
d. 12/31/1912
- Ch: 1. Julia  
b. 9/1/1860. Living in Carrollton, Ill. (1939)  
m. 4/25/1880, Richard G. Fain  
b. 5/21/1852  
d. 12/1922
- Ch. 1. Leonard Brace  
b. 12/24/1883  
d. 2/13/1938  
m. 4/10/1911, Ada Ruth Eldred (see page 5)
- Ch: 1. Mary Helen  
b. 12/15/1911  
m. 1) Wm. Schroyer, 12/31/1932  
He died in 1933.  
m. 2) John A. Hurley, 1935
4. Clara - b. 2/20/1827; d. 1919  
m. J. Edward Ferguson. No Ch.
5. Ann - m. Travis Ray. No Ch.

ELON ELDRED<sup>6</sup> (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 8/6/1802 at Warren, Conn.

d. 5/14/1869 at Carrollton, Ill. and buried there.

m. 3/1824, Jane Stuart, (Dau. of William<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Alexander<sup>1</sup>, and Jane (Hall) Stuart.) Her Aunt Alice married Moses<sup>5</sup>.

b. 9/5/1808

d. 9/18/1875 and buried at Carrollton.

He came from Winfield to Greene County with the rest of the family and after awhile returned to New York and married. He went to the lead mines in Galena in 1827 and stayed there a year. He went to Galena a second time in 1829 and his wife went with him. The first time he went she stayed at Carrollton and taught school. Their first child was born at Galena. In 1849 he went to California with Moses<sup>7</sup>, and Orson<sup>7</sup>. They returned by way of Panama and were shipwrecked in the Carribbean Sea, but were rescued and he was forced to pay \$1500 of his gold dust to his rescuers, but he brought from 10 to 15 thousand dollars home with him. He was an extensive importer, breeder and improver of horses, cattle and hogs. He introduced the "Consternation" strain of horse to the middle west (sorrel with silver mane and tail). He was in the Blackhawk Indian War of 1831-32.

#### CHILDREN:

1. William - b. 1830 at Galena, Ill. Died of typhoid when he was 18.

2. Mary Louise - b. 3/25/1831 at Carrollton, Ill.

d. 4/22/1905 at Carrollton

m. 1850, Lyman Wheeler. Came from Mass. in 1838.

b. 2/2/1818

d. 12/14/1899 at Carrollton

Ch: 1. Adah b. 1854; d. 1936; m. James Wilcox.

Buried at Springfield, Ill. No Ch.

2. Etta. b. 7/3/1857; m. William Montgomery

b. 11/26/1856

Living at Springfield, Ill. (1939) No Ch.

3. Elon. b. 1/27/1865; m. 12/27/1827, Florence Long

Both living at Carrollton. b. 2/5/1866

Ch: 1. Lyman. b. 11/15/1890

d. 4/19/1926 at Kansas City

Buried at Carrollton. Unm.

2. Bryant. b. 2/16/1893

Living at Carrollton. Unm.

3. Louise. b. 2/2/1900

m. Art Miller; living in  
Hollywood, Calif.

3. Lucius<sup>7</sup> - b. 2/14/1834.

Children of ELON<sup>6</sup>, (Cont'd)4. Charles H.<sup>7</sup> - b. 1836

d. 2/1914 and buried at Alva, Okla.

m. 1) Adlai Avery, b. 1838; d. 2/11/1864 at Carrollton, Ill.

m. 2) Emma (Charless) Evans, a widow.

He was in the land rush at Cherokee Strip, Oklahoma, and got a fine farm.

## Children (By his first wife)

1. Dudley<sup>8</sup>

b. 9/8/1863

d. 4/8/1912, at Seattle, Wash.

m. 4/31/1883, Mary (Min) Clark of Carrollton. No Ch.

b. 4/30/1864

(Dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Folks) Clark)

Living and remarried in Carrollton (1939)

## 5. Jane - b. 1839

d. 1914 in Colorado

m. Claude Willis

Died about 1920

No Ch.

## 6. Julia - b. 10/6/1844

d. 3/4/1929

m. 1/1/1868, Robert Pierson (son of David and Eliza (Norton) Pierson)

b. 10/9/1844

d. 11/9/1887

## Ch: 1. Stuart Eldred

b. 9/8/1872

m. 6/8/1898, Mary Thomas (Dau. of William &amp; Mary (Rainey) Thomas)

Officer in Greene County National Bank.

## Ch: 1. Julia

b. 2/22/1902.

Unm.

## 2. Ettiemay

b. 9/14/1877

m. 1902, John Robertson of Jacksonville, Ill.

## Ch: 1. John Robert

2. Stuart Pierson

3. Eldred

LUCIUS ELDRED<sup>7</sup>, (Elon<sup>6</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, etc.)

b. 2/14/1834 at Carrollton, Ill.

d. 1903 at Eldred, Florida

m. 1855, Ellen Cavanaugh, dau. of Thomas & Rebecca (Spear) Cavanaugh.

b. 1837; d. 1890.

He was twice Mayor of Carrollton. Had a pineapple plantation in Florida near the town of Eldred which was named after him. He went down there after his wife died.

CHILDREN: All born at Carrollton.

1. Carrie - b. 8/8/1856; d. 10/30/1935 at Carrollton.

m. Fieldon M. Roberts, b. 1851; d. 4/12/1927 at Carrollton.

Ch: 1. Edith 2. Belle 3. Eldred 4. Homer 5. Rolland 6. Carrol  
7. David & Marguerite (twins) (Marguerite is Mrs. Zed Reddish of  
821 Forest St., Evanston, Ill.)

2. Fannie - b. 8/17/1858

m. 6/9/1880, John L. Eldred (second cousin) Ch: 1. Allan B. 2. Ada  
(see page 5)

3. Belle - b. 2/9/1861; d. 7/1932; m. Samuel V. Thomas 9/13/1882

b. 4/15/1847

d. 6/26/1910

Ch: 1. Morton Living in Kansas City  
2. Roy Living in Grand Rapids  
3. Beverley Living in Champaign, Ill.

4. Edward<sup>8</sup> - b. 6/16/1862; d. 1/1927, Unm.

5. Louise - b. 1/18/1864; d. 12/1935; m. Frank Kergher

b. 1862. d. 1934.

Ch: 1. Bonnie m. L. Cowart of Dallas, Texas.

2. Lucia m. Ray Dowdall of Evanston, Ill. 2/4/1914.

3. Mildred m. Frank Huffaker of Glencoe, Ill.

6. Julia - b. 8/5/1866. Living (1939) at Ft. Pierce, Fla.

m. Hal Thomas, who died about 1933, buried at Ft. Pierce.

Ch: 1. Elwyn, on the Supreme Court of Florida at Talahassee.

2. Marjorie

3. Eleanor

7. Elon<sup>8</sup> b. 3/10/1868. Living in Carrollton (1939).

m. 1896, Nina Cooper, b. 2/14/1881 and buried at Carrollton.

Ch: 1. Rollade b. 7/10/1899 in Seattle, Wash.

m. Joe Roach, live in St. Louis.

2. Elena b. 1903 in Carrollton.

m. Lewis Dinsmore, live in St. Louis.

Children of LUCIUS<sup>7</sup>, (Elon<sup>6</sup>, etc. cont'd).

8. Charles<sup>8</sup> - b. 9/9/1869. Living at Carrollton; Officer of Carrollton Bank.  
m. 4/10/1894, Belle Burr

Ch: 1. Harlan Burr<sup>9</sup> Lives in Los Angeles  
b. 1/19/1895 1299 Hillcrest Ave.  
m. Grace Andrews

Ch: 1. Eugene Andrews<sup>10</sup>  
b. 1/16/1928

2. George Lane Lives in Chicago, Ill.  
b. 5/28/1908

9. David - b. 7/31/1871  
d. about 1932 in Florida. Unm.

10. Philo<sup>8</sup> - b. 8/31/1873  
m. Nettie Davis  
Both living in Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Ch: 1. Sally  
b. 10/25/1905 at Carrollton  
m. Otho Thomas  
Have 2 Ch. Live in Florida.

2. Edward<sup>9</sup>  
m. in 1938. Lives in Ft. Pierce, Fla.

11. Albert - d.y. in 1879.

DORLISKA ELDRED<sup>6</sup> (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Born - Warren, Connecticut.

Died - 12/28/1872 and buried at Carrollton.

Married - 1827, Major Archibald W. Bridges  
b. 3/1802; d. 5/28/1862

CHILDREN:

1. Sylvester - m. Alice Wight
2. Julia - - m. William Hall
3. Jehosaphat - b. 9/18/1832; d. 1/3/1880; m. Nellie Higbee
4. Frank - - m. Lena Hudnall
5. Ornan - - d. single 1900
6. Thadeus
7. Ruth - - m. Judson Perry
8. Cassius - - d. single

ELISHA<sup>6</sup> ELDRED (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

Born - Warren, Connecticut.

Died - 1828 at Galena, Illinois and buried there. Shot as an innocent bystander by  
a drunken man.

He married east in 1826. Presumably returned to New York to be married. He had a farm just north of Carrollton (just behind the present Henry Rainey Memorial). He had a daughter, Lucy, who was probably born in 1827 and his wife probably died at the same time, as he was a widower when he went to the lead mines in Galena with his father and brother Elon in 1827.

CHILDREN:

1. Lucy - b. 1827. Raised by Elon Eldred.  
d. 7/16/1844 and buried at Carrollton.

SILAS ELDRED<sup>6</sup> (Jehosaphat<sup>5-4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 10/20/1810 at Winfield, N. Y.

d. 2/6/1873 at Carrollton.

m. 12/15/1831, Winnifred Bridges (sister of Archibald Bridges who married Dorliska)

b. 4/12/1813

d. 6/13/1875, buried at Carrollton.

He was the youngest and the only one born in New York. He was only 10 when the family went to Greene County. The story is told that he was obstinate about going, so his father told him to stay if he wanted to, feeling sure he would be right after them the minute they left. But after they had gone several miles no Silas showed up - he was so stubborn they had to go back and get him.

He got a farm a mile north of Carrollton, but sold it in 1858 and bought the present Ben Eldred place from the Moses Eldred heirs.

#### CHILDREN:

1. Elisha<sup>7</sup> - b. 9/19/1831. Lived at Carrollton and Mountain Grove, Mo.  
m. Caroline M. Taylor of Woody, Ill.

Ch: 1. Charley. Died unm.

2. Mary E. - b. 10/25/1834  
died & buried at Jacksonville, Ill.  
m. James Wood No Ch.

3. Jehosaphat<sup>7</sup> b. 12/15/1835  
d. 10/20/1916  
m. Carrie Eldred (daughter of Orville<sup>6</sup> Eldred of Muskegon, Mich.)

Ch: 1. Libblie Hannah

b. 3/16/1872

d. 12/8/1873

2. Benjamin Roodhouse<sup>8</sup>  
b. 7/18/1873  
d. 6/17/1938 at Carrollton.  
m. Ethel Sanderson of Carrollton  
b. 2/2/1880

Ch: 1. Mary - b. 1/15/1907

m. 1) Earl Lyons

m. 2) Sam Sayers

living in Vandalia, Ill.

2. Margaret - b. 4/1/1908  
living on the farm near Carrollton.

3. Walter<sup>9</sup> - b. 1/30/1931

3. Nellie May  
b. 5/1/1875  
d. 4/11/1877

CHILDREN OF SILAS<sup>6</sup> (Cont'd)

4. Ward<sup>7</sup> - b. 6/11/1838. Married in the east and went to Kansas.  
d. 1888  
m. 8/26/1869 - Charlotte Pewlan. No Ch.
5. Rufus - b. 3/30/1841. Died single in Tuscon, Arizona, 1876.
6. Silas W.<sup>7</sup> - b. 2/17/1843  
d. 5/4/1895 at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas. Killed by a Jersey bull.  
m. Martha Augusta Trimble  
b. 5/29/1851. Daughter of Harvey and Margaret (Rice) Trimble.  
Sister of Susan Trimble (Mrs. Orville<sup>7</sup> Eldred)  
Living in Arlington, Calif. (1939) No Ch.
7. Lucy - b. 2/11/1845  
m. 12/20/1865 1) Archy Anderson - Ch: 1. Mattie b. 1/30/1867  
2. Silas b. 12/18/1872  
2) Rice Trimble. Son of Harvey & Margaret (Rice).  
b. 11/22/1839  
d. 5/17/1877  
3) Presley T. Rice. Son of George W. Rice & Sarah (Wood)
8. Calvin - b. 6/22/1849  
d. 12/8/1858
9. William<sup>7</sup> b. 10/9/1853  
m. 3/10/1875, Margaret Kelly of Woodville, Ill.  
both are dead. No Ch.



JULIUS AUGUSTUS<sup>7</sup> (Moses<sup>6-5</sup>, Jehosaphat<sup>4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>)

b. 3/22/1831. He was a farmer near Bird, Ill.  
 d. 9/8/1914 at Carlinville, Ill.  
 m. 4/8/1856 - Eliza Jane Hubbard  
     b. 8/10/1840, Macoupin County, Ill.  
     d. 1/1862 near Carlinville, Ill.

CHILDREN:

1. James Edwin<sup>8</sup> b. 2/2/1857 at Bird, Ill. He farmed at Bird, Ill. from  
     d. 10/24/1932 at Carlinville 1882-1910 & lived in Carlinville  
     m. 11/14/1882 at Jerseyville, Ill. the rest of his life.  
     Isabel Hunter (Dau. of William H. & Sarah (Kinley) Hunter.)  
     b. 2/22/1854 near Jersey City, N. J.  
     d. 7/4/1937 at Carlinville

Ch: 1. Laura b. 4/12/1884. Teaching school at Carlinville. Unm.

2. Moses<sup>9</sup> b. 12/6/1887. Living at Palmyra, Ill.  
     m. Bertha Otwell of Carlinville, dau. of W. B. & Mary  
     b. 10/7/1888 (Van Winkle) Otwell.

Ch: 1. Maribel  
     b. 10/19/1911  
     m. 12/24/1936, Dr. Howard E. Dorton  
         of Maywood, Ill.  
     Living at Rochester, Minn. No Ch.

2. Marion  
     b. 12/17/1914  
     m. 5/1938, Arthur Kommick. No Ch. (1939)  
     Living on farm near Carlinville.

3. Ruth  
     b. 5/30/1916; d. 7/27/1936  
     m. 7/23/1933, William Taylor of Gillespie, Ill.

Ch: 1. Nancy - b. 4/16/1935

4. John<sup>10</sup> - b. 5/23/1920

5. Allen<sup>10</sup> b. 9/20/1925

3. Lloyd<sup>9</sup> b. 6/14/1892. Living at 1420-15th Ave., Greeley, Cal.  
     m. 1) Ruth Green of Kane, Ill.  
         b. 1/16/1892  
         d. 10/27/1922 at Rocky Ford, Colo. No Ch.

m. 2) Mae Arnett of Carlinville (Dau. of John &  
     b. 1/28/1892. No Ch. Hannah (Mills)

2. Flora Clarissa<sup>8</sup> b. 11/20/1858; d. 2/10/1895; m. Clifford H. Skinner  
     1. Helen 2. Lucille  
 Ch: 1. Addison b. 10/18/1878. Living at Trenton, Mich. Ch: 3. Ralph 4. Raymond  
     2. Birdie b. 6/26/1880; m. Clyde West; No Ch.  
         Lives near Sydney, Ill.  
     3. Florence b. 8/1882 - Ch: 1. William 2. Mildred

## STATISTICS

In 1890, Jehosaphat Eldred<sup>5</sup> had 46 living male descendants.

14 of the 7th generation
25 of the 8th generation
<u>7</u> of the 9th generation
46

Of these 46, 31 were possible procreants, In other words, those for whom it was possible to have children.

William <sup>6</sup> - had 11 living male descendants - 9 possible procreants.
Ward <sup>6</sup> "   23       "       "       "       15       "       "
Elon <sup>6</sup> "    7       "       "       "       5       "       "
Silas <sup>6</sup> "    5       "       "       "       2       "       "

Today, 50 years later, 1940, Jehosaphat Eldred<sup>5</sup> has 45 living male descendants.

11 of the 8th generation
24 of the 9th generation
<u>10</u> of the 10th generation
45

Of these 45, 19 are possible procreants.

William <sup>6</sup> - has 8 living male descendants - 1 possible procreant.
Ward <sup>6</sup> " 29       "       "       "       14       "       "
Elon <sup>6</sup> "  7       "       "       "       3       "       "
Silas <sup>6</sup> "  1       "       "       "       1       "       "

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I would greatly appreciate it if every family in this genealogy would assist me in keeping it up to date by notifying me of their births, deaths, and marriages - male or female. Just drop me a line at 2926 Leland Ave., Chicago. Also, if you find omissions or errors in the preceding pages please don't hesitate to let me know about them. In this respect I might add that if some of you daughters of Eldreds feel that you have not been treated fairly, that it is the custom to carry the daughter's family for only one generation after she loses her maiden name.

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In the United States there are towns named ELDRED in the States of:

Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania.

Also an ELDREDSVILLE, Pennsylvania.

There are towns named ELDRIDGE in the States of:

Alabama, California, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota and Texas.

In the current edition of "Who's Who in America" there are 3 Eldreds and 6 Eldridges.

## CONCLUSION

## What It All Means

Amram Scheinfeld in his fine book entitled "You and Heredity" opens his Chapter on Ancestry with this facetious paragraph:

"Mr. Reginald Twombley Dunn-Twerpp, who is not very bright and weighs 110 pounds - of which a good part is front teeth - likes to boast that he is descended from William the Conqueror, and that the steel-blue blood of ancient warriors flows in his veins. To prove it he will show you his family tree and a beautiful hand-painted crest, prepared by a genealogist in Boston for fifty dollars."

Mr. Scheinfeld uses this as an introduction to prove that genetically there is no such thing as inheriting the good or bad qualities of any ancestor behind the fifth generation removed. I do not believe, however, that he means to convey that anyone who takes an interest in his forebears is a snob. There is no more harm in having pride in one's ancestors and their accomplishments than in George Washington. The only harm, as I see it, comes in permitting ourselves to assume an air of that pride in our external attitude. An air altogether unwarranted and unearned.

For example - just because our great-great-great etc. grandfather Samuel was an Indian Fighter don't start imagining that you are an Indian Fighter and that you have inherited all of Samuel's steel-blue Indian fighting blood. The odds are scientifically 10 - 1 (at this date) that you don't have a single drop of his blood or a single one of his chromosomes. But this doesn't mean that there is anything to stop YOU from going out on your own hook and building up more steel-blue blood than Ancestral Samuel ever had.

In 1896, Joeth S. Eldredge, also a descendant of William of Yarmouth, wrote a small treatise entitled "A Record of Some of The Descendants of William Eldred of Yarmouth." In the preface to his book he expresses in as truthful language as it will ever be expressed his sum and total of the Eldred Family. I can best add my agreement by concluding this with his words:

"In presenting this little work to my friends and relatives, I desire to say to the members of the Eldred Family, that in tracing my line from William of Yarmouth, I have not discovered any of the name who have attained very great prominence in either political or social life, but have found them in the main, plain country folk, neither very rich nor very poor, maintaining themselves with sturdy independence, respecting themselves and have the respect of their neighbors; ready to defend home and country and taking their part in the small affairs of their towns: - in a word, good citizens."

THE END

