

THE ELKINTON FAMILY

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Dear Cousin,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the history of the Elkinton family. It represents the work of ten years, collecting material from people's memories and writing desks, writing dozens of letters, going through griny volumes of newspapers, census records, and vital statistics files. For a long time I have planned to put this material together and publish it, but have hesitated because this or that fact or date was missing.

The plan of it is, I think, quite clear. For each member of the family I have attempted to supply the following information: full name, birthdate, birthplace, occupation, residences, date and place of death, place of burial, spouse's full name, date and place of marriage. If I have said more about some people than about others, it is simply because I naturally know more about some. I realize that, in general, the information is incomplete, not up-to-date, or even just wrong. For this reason I strongly encourage anyone and everyone to send me additions and corrections. I am sending copies of this to only a limited number of the relatives, because I don't know everyone's address. However, I have an ample supply of extra copies, so that everyone interested can have one for the asking.

I would like to thank those who have put up with my repeated questioning and are perhaps, by now, irritated that I have waited so long before publishing the material. In particular I would like to thank Mrs. Nellie Holland Elkinton, without whose help I might never have started, and Mrs. Eva Elkinton Rodeillat, who has always shared my interest and been of great help.

Sincerely yours,

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The name-- In Lincolnshire, on the east coast of England, there are two small parishes. One is called North Elkington and the other South Elkington. Presumably, a man from this region moved south to Frampton Parish and took the name of his old home. When Mark and Charles came to America, the name was spelled Ellkinton, but later one of the l's was dropped. While today all members of the family spell the name Elkinton, the original pronunciation Elkington has been preserved.

Thomas Elkinton m Anna Pearson. Children:

- i George, d at the age of 8.
- ii Hannah m Mr Jesson and lived in Suffleet, Lincs.
- 1 iii Eliza
- 2 iv Mark, b 18 July 1816 Frampton, Lincolnshire.
- 3 v Charles, b 1824

1 Eliza Elkinton m Mr Gibson. Children:

- 4 i George, b 1848
- ii William
- iii Maud

2 Mark Elkinton, b 18 July 1816 Frampton. He worked for farmers of the vicinity for 18 yrs. He m Nancy Bush, 9 Sept 1851, Carrington Chapel, Lincs. Soon after their wedding they left Liverpool for New York, arriving there 8 Nov after a voyage of 5 wks. They settled in Pittsford, N Y, and in 1854 came to Dodge Co, Wis, and farmed near Brownsville in the Town of Lomira. Nancy d there 24 Nov 1881. Mark d there 22 Aug 1899, and is bur in the Schoonover Cem, nr of Lomira on State Highway 175. Children: (all but the 1<sup>st</sup> b nr Brownsville)

- i Mary Ann, b 16 Dec 1853 Pittsford, d 16 Nov 1883  
nr Brownsville, bur Schoonover Cem.
- 5 ii Mark Pearson, b 19 Apr 1856
- 6 iii John Thomas, b 31 July 1858

- 7     iv   Evelyn Hannah, b 1 Oct 1860
- 8     v   Charles Holden, b 8 Apr 1862
- vi   Nancy E., b 3 Mar 1864, d 24 Mar 1866 nr Brownsville
- vii   Auta Lucine, b 13 Feb 1866, d 8 July 1933, Grant  
         Co Home in the Town of So Lancaster, Wis, bur  
         in the Grant Co Cem.
- 9     viii   William Henry, b 24 May 1870
- 10    ix   Frank Bush, b 28 Oct 1873

3. Charles Elkinton, b 1824, m Eliza Sivers. He settled in Pittsford, but disappeared one Sunday morning while his wife and sons were at church, and was never seen again. Children:

- 11    i   Charles Pearson, b 11 Feb 1858 NY
- ii   Oscar, b 7 Nov 1859 NY, m Mabel Searby and lived  
         in Crookston, Neb.
- iii   Sivers, d NY as a young man.

4. George Gibson, b 1848, m Ann Appleyard. They came to America in 1870 and he d perhaps before 1875. Children:

- i   Thomas A., b 31 July 1865 Lincs, m Maud Ewer, July  
     1901. They lived in Lamartine, Wis, and later  
     in Fond du Lac, Wis. He was a lineman for the  
     Wis Telephone Co for 25 yrs. He d 6 Dec 1931  
     Fond du Lac, bur in the Lamartine Cemetery.

- 12    ii   George William, b 16 Apr 1869

5. Mark Pearson Elkinton, b 19 Apr 1856 nr Brownsville, m Mary Ellen Gardien, 22 Nov 1880, Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Nenno, Wis in a double ceremony with the bride's sister. He attended Oshkosh State Normal School and taught for 15 or 16 yrs. He was agent and operator for the St Paul Railroad at Brownsville and from 1909 at Winneconne, Wis, where he d 12 Jan 1925, bur in Riverside Cem, Oshkosh, Wis. Children:

- 13    i   Edna Mabell, b 26 Sept 1881 Brownsville
- 14    ii   Francis Mark, b 20 Aug 1883 Brownsville
- 15    iii   Cecelia Ann, b 13 Oct 1889 Knowles, Wis
- iv   William Harold, b 29 Aug 1895 Brownsville, d 3 Dec  
         1898, bur Schoonover Cemetery.

6. John Thomas Elkinton (known as Tom), b 31 July 1858 nr Brownsville, m Mary Elizabeth Ablard, 29 Dec 1879, at the bride's home in the Town of Byron, Fond du Lac Co, Wis. He lived as a farmer and carpenter in Fedora, S D, from 1885-95, and then moved to Jennings, La. He d there 27 Oct 1935, bur in the

Greenwood Cemetery there. Children:

- 16 i Harland Alvin, b 15 Aug 1881 nr Brownsville
- 17 ii Eva Mattie, b 17 July 1887 Fedora
- 18 iii Benjamin Harrison, b 1 Nov 1888 Fedora
- 19 iv Bernie, b 20 June 1890 Fedora

7 Evelyn Hannah Elkinton, b 1 Oct 1860 nr Brownsville, m Erastus B. Palmer, 27 Nov 1887 at home. Since this left her father without a housekeeper, he told her she could come home whenever she wanted to; and so she did. She worked as a domestic servant and d 2 May 1935 in the Dane Co Asylum nr Verona, Wis in the Town of Verona, and is bur in the Eleva Cem, Eleva, Wis.

8 Charles Holden Elkinton, b 8 Apr 1862 nr Brownsville. He taught school from 1880-88, graduating from Oshkosh State Normal School in 1886. In 1891 he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, and graduated 1894. He practised first in Neillsville, Wis, and came to Eleva in the spring of 1895. He m Alice Brown, 24 Feb 1897 at her home in Neillsville. He d 2 Nov 1923 and is bur in the Eleva Cem. Children:

- 20 i Carlos Brown, b 24 Jan 1898, Eleva
- 21 ii Anna Doras, b 14 Aug 1900, Eleva
- 22 iii David Graham, b 6 Apr 1904, Eleva
- 23 iv Charles Moore, b 13 Aug 1909, Eau Claire, Wis

9 William Henry Elkinton, b 24 May 1870 nr Brownsville. He attended Oshkosh State Normal School and taught school for a while, but returned to work his father's farm until the latter's death. He m Harriet Ellen Dowie (known as Nellie) 22 Apr 1900 at her home in So Milwaukee, Wis. The same yr they moved to Jennings, where they stayed for about 4 yrs. They then returned to Wis, living first nr Allen and then in Eleva. He earned his living as a farmer, photographer, and mailman. Nellie d 17 Jan 1934, and he d 18 Apr 1943 in Mendota State Hospital, Town of Westport, Dane Co, now in Madison; he is bur in the Eleva Cemetery. Children:

- 24 i William Dowie, b 23 Aug 1901 Jennings
- 25 ii Horace Gerald, b 14 Nov 1903 Jennings
- 26 iii Beryl, b 29 July 1907 nr Allen
- 27 iv Elenore Harriet, b 6 Nov 1911 Eleva.

10. Frank Bush Elkinton, b 28 Oct 1873 nr Brownsville, m Sarah Ann Danuser, 1 Jan 1900, Central Methodist Church, Winona, Minn, and farmed nr Allen. In 1929 they moved to Eau Claire and Sarah d there 9 Mar 1936. He m 2<sup>nd</sup> Nellie Mahetabel Holland, 24 May 1937, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Eau Claire. He d 20 Feb 1952, Eau Claire and is bur in the Forest Hill Cemetery there.
- 11 Charles Pearson Elkinton (known as Pierce), b 11 Feb 1858 NY. As a youth he lived with Mark Elkinton. He m Laura Florence True and farmed nr Valley Falls, Kans. He d 1946. Children:
- 28. i Oscar C., b 17 Nov 1885
  - 29 ii Charles Bert, b 8 Sept 1887
  - 30 iii Ada C., b 5 Oct 1894
  - 31 iv Ray E., b 17 Oct 1896
- 12 George William Gibson, b 16 Apr 1869, m Harriet E. and lived in St Paul, Minn, where he d 12 Feb 1936. Daughter:
- i <sup>Ruth L. m.</sup> Joseph H. Wald and lives in St Paul.
- 13 Edna Mabell Elkinton, b 26 Sept 1881 Brownsville, attended Milwaukee-Downer College and taught school for a while. She m Benjamin Donald Leith, 3 Sept 1908 Brownsville. They lived in Madison, where she d 18 Nov 1959; bur in Forest Hill Cemetery there. Children:
- 32 i Donald Elkinton, b 16 Jan 1915, Madison
  - 33 ii Carlton James, b 24 Sept 1919, Madison
- 14 Francis Mark Elkinton, b 20 Aug 1883 Brownsville. He worked 1<sup>st</sup> for the railroad and on 1 May 1912 became manager of the American Freight Traffic Bureau, which was changed in 1915 to F. M. Elkinton, Inc. 15 Sept 1921 he disposed of his interests in the company. He later lived in Houston, Tex, where he operated the F. M. Elkinton Investment and Securities Co. He m Lottie Henrietta Cramer, 22 Apr 1908 at her home in Ripon, Wis. He m 2<sup>nd</sup> Genevieve Marie Schmitz, 7 July 1928 Waukegan, Ill, and in a church ceremony 14 Aug 1929 Gesu Church, Milw. He d 23 Mar 1946 Madison; bur Riverside Cem, Oshkosh. Children:
- 34 i Lulu-Marie Genevieve, b 28 Aug 1929 Oshkosh
  - 35 ii John Harold, b 22 July 1931 Milwaukee
  - 36 iii Francis Mark, b 25 June 1934, Milwaukee



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- 15 Cecilia Ann Elkinton, b 13 Oct 1889 Knowles, m John Joseph Grimes, 3 Jan 1916 Winneconne; she lives in Winneconne. Dau:  
 37 i Mary Catherine, b 8 Mar 1925 Oshkosh
  - 16 Harland Alvin Elkinton, b 15 Aug 1881 nr Brownsville. After leaving Jennings in 1909, he lived in Orange, Tex about 15 yrs and in Monroe, La, 15 Yrs; since 1952 he has lived in Houston. A carpenter by trade. He m Mae Wilson, 8 June 1910, Baptist Church, Orange. He m 2<sup>nd</sup> Beatrice Flinn, May 1935. Children:  
 38 i Charles Harold, b 7 Apr 1911 Orange  
 39 ii Erma Pearl, b 21 May 1915 Orange
  - 17 Eva Mattie Elkinton, b 17 July 1887 Fedora, m William Lawrence Rodeillat, 8 May 1918, Lake Charles, La. They have lived in Beaumont, Tex, since 1923.
  - 18 Benjamin Harrison Elkinton (known as Harry), b 1 Nov 1888 Fedora. He lived in Colorado from 1909 and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad. He m Mary Clark, 21 Nov 1912. He m 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Edith Nichols, 6 May 1931. He d 25 Nov 1949 Englewood, Col; bur Littleton, Col.
  - 19 Bernie Elkinton, b 20 June 1890 Fedora; has lived in Prairie View, Kans since 1916; agent and telegraph operator for the Rock Island Railroad since 1916 in Prairie View and Stuttgart, Kans, now retired. He m Rae Wilson, his brother's sister-in-law, 9 Dec 1912 Orange. She d 6 July 1933 and he m 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Helen Adrian Smith, Aug 1937. Children:  
 40 i Edna Earle, b 11 Dec 1915 Orange  
 41 ii Carroll Floyd, b 27 Dec 1917 Orange
  - 20 Carlos Brown Elkinton, b 24 Jan 1898 Eleva, m Hildred McNish, 21 Sept 1920 Winona. He m 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Platt, his cousin William's sister-in-law. He d 10 Dec 1948 Pepin, Wis, and is bur in the Eleva Cemetery. Daughter:  
 i Loretta Anne, b 15 Apr 1928 Eau Claire, m D. R. Baker.
  - 21 Anna Doras Elkinton (known as Doras), b 14 Aug 1900 Eleva, m Myron L. Hineline, 3 Aug 1931, Madison. They live in Butler, Wis; children:  
 i William Myron  
 ii Carol

- 22 David Graham Elkinton (known as Graham), b 6 Apr 1904 Eleva, m Jenny Belle Andrews, 30 July 1932. Daughter:
- i Lucy Jane, b 3 Sept 1933 Mondovi, m and has a daughter, b 30 Oct 1956.
- 23 Charles Moore Elkinton, b 13 Aug 1909<sup>Eau Claire</sup> Grad from the U of Wis and got an MA degree 1933, PhD 1947. He m Cela Daniels, 19 Aug 1933; they live in <sup>Karachi, Pakistan.</sup> ~~Washington DC where he is assistant administrator for international affairs of the Foreign Agricultural Service.~~ Children:
- i Ann Daniels, b 21 June 1936, Iowa; m. Stan McClure.
  - ii Charles Holden, b 24 Oct 1940 Iowa.
  - iii Jane Weltha, b 16 Jan 1945 Washington DC
- 24 William Dowie Elkinton, b 23 Aug 1901 Jennings, m Orliene Platt, 2 Aug 1922 Minneapolis, Minn. He lived in Mondovi, Wis and owned the DeSoto garage. He d 6 Oct 1958 Jackson, Wyo, while on a trip. Children:
- 42 i Donald Robert, b 26 May 1923 Eau Claire
  - 43 ii Orliene Elenore, b 7 Nov 1924 EC
- 25 Horace Gerald Elkinton, b 14 Nov 1903 Jennings. He has lived in Eleva most of his life and is now staying in Minneapolis.
- 26 Beryl Elkinton, b 29 July 1907 nr Allen; took Evelyn as a middle name. She attended Eau Claire State Teachers' College and taught school from 1927-35. She m Carl Edward Bjerke, 30 June 1934 EC; they lived in So Milw 1942-45, EC 1945-55, Foster, Wis (where she taught school 1953-58) 1955-61, and now live in EC. Children:
- i Conrad Carl, b 4 Sept 1936 EC; grad from U of Wis with BS 1958, and got the MS 1959. He is now a computer programmer at the U of Wis.
  - ii Robert Alan, b 23 Dec 1939 EC; BA Wis 1961, MA 1962; ~~1963~~. Student of German at the U of Wis.
  - iii Mary Ann Patricia, b 25 Jan 1944 Milwaukee
- 27 Elenore Harriet Elkinton, b 6 Nov 1911 Eleva. BA from Eau Claire State Teachers' College 1933. She m Herbert Roderick Bird, 22 Aug 1937, 1<sup>st</sup> Univ Methodist Church, Madison. They lived in Prince George Co, Md 1938-52 and now live in Madison. Children:
- i Herbert Roderick, b 14 July 1938 Madison; student at Platteville State College, Wis.

- ii William Henry, b 16 June 1942 Washington DC;  
student at the U of Wis
  - iii Ellen Harriet, b 23 Sept 1947 Washington DC
  - iv Mary Minerva, b 6 May 1955 Madison
- 28 Oscar C. Elkinton, b 17 Nov 1885, m Helen McCullough, d 1956.  
~~d 1956~~. Children:
  - 44 i Harold, b 14 Sept 1912
  - ii Clarence, b 9 June 1918
- 29 Charles Bert Elkinton (known as Bert), b 6 Sept 1887, m Abba Tussing. Until recently he farmed nr Valley Falls; in 1958 he moved to Topeka, Kans. Children:
  - 45 i Loreen, b 31 Jan 1914
  - 46 ii Dorothy, b 29 Sept 1917
  - 47 iii Ralph E., b 8 Nov 1919
  - 48 iv Jean, b 12 July 1924
- 30 Ada C. Elkinton, b 5 Oct 1894, m Edmund H. Illian. Children:
  - 49 i Dan Roy, b 12 Dec 1919
  - 50 ii Neil H., b 3 Apr 1921
  - 51 iii Enid Ann, b 16 Jan 1923
- 31 Ray E. Elkinton, b 17 Oct 1896, m Lyle A. Burney; retired from the postal service, lives in Topeka. Daughter:
  - 52 i Margaret Janice, b 31 Dec 1931
- 32 Donald Elkinton Leith, b 16 Jan 1915 Madison; BS Wis 1936; m Doris Ruth McCordic, 11 July 1942 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Madison. They live in Winnetka, Ill. Children:
  - i Rena Margaret, b 1 Sept 1945 Chicago
  - ii Susan Edna, b 2 Apr 1950 Chicago
  - iii Patricia Ann, b 15 Apr 1952 Chicago
- 33 Carlton James Leith, b 24 Sept 1919 Madison; BS Wis 1940, MA Wis 1941, PhD U of Calif at Berkeley 1947. A geologist; he lives in Raleigh, N Car. He m Marian Bernice Pollensky, 8 June 1941 1<sup>st</sup> Cong. Church, Madison. Children:
  - i Carol Jean, b 21 Feb 1944
  - ii Ronnie Sue, b 7 Apr 1946
- 34 Lulu-Marie Genevieve Elkinton, b 28 Aug 1929 Oshkosh; grad U of Wis 1951. She m Kenneth George Baitinger, 28 July 1951 St Paul's Church, Madison; they live in Middleton, Wis. Children:
  - i Amy Marie, b 22 Oct 1954 Madison
  - ii Jayne Ann, b 8 Feb 1957 Madison
  - iii Kenneth Mark, b 9 Feb 1960 Madison
  - iv. Thomas John, b 28 Aug 1962 Madison

- 35 John Harold Elkinton, b 22 July 1931 Milw; m Priscilla Jill Ferguson, 16 Nov 1955 Chicago. They live in Deerfield, Ill. Children:
- i Julie Ann, b 8 Sept 1956 Chicago
  - ii Genevieve Lynn, b 12/13 Nov 1958 Chicago
- 36 Francis Mark Elkinton, Jr, b 25 June 1934 Milw; m Margaret Ruth Swadley, 23 Apr 1954 Rockford, Ill. He lives in Chicago. *He m 2nd Joyce, Dec 1962.* Children:
- i Debra Jean, b 20 Dec 1954 Tombstone, Arizona
  - ii Rita Rene, b 10 Nov 1955 Tombstone
  - iii James Mark, b 31 Mar 1957 Madison
  - iv Cheryl Ann, b 8 Sept 1958 Madison
- 37 Mary Catherine Grimes, b 8 Mar 1925 Oshkosh; grad U of Wis 1945; m Orvell Bernhard Zimmerman, 3 Nov 1945 Madison; they live in Winneconne. Children (all b Oshkosh):
- i John Bernhard, b 4 June 1948
  - ii Mark Edwin, b 16 July 1949
  - iii Ellen Mary, b 11 Mar 1952
  - iv Ann Elizabeth, b 23 Dec 1953
  - v James Brian, b 20 Oct 1957
  - vi Jane Frances, b 11 Apr 1960
  - vii Robbie, b 1962
- 38 Charles Harold Elkinton, b 7 Apr 1911 Orange; m Nora Lee Wills, 6 Apr 1931 Liberty, Tex. He m 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Frances Trawbridge, 9 Dec 1955 Baptist Church, Houston. They live in Houston; he is an electric welder. Son:
- i John Charles, b 24 Jan 1957 Houston
- 39 Erma Pearl Elkinton, b 21 May 1915 Orange; m Marshall Albert Elledge, 24 July 1935 Houston. They live in Houston. Children:
- 53 i Marshall Albert, b 2 Dec 1936 Houston.
  - ii Jerry Lee, b 29 July 1939 Houston
- 40 Edna Earle Elkinton, b 11 Dec 1915 Orange; m Robert DeBoer, 15 Mar 1941 at her home in Prairie View. Children:
- i Richard Bernard, b 23 July 1942 Colorado Springs
  - ii Sandra Rae, b 18 Oct 1959 Norton, Kansas
- 41 Carroll Floyd Elkinton (known as Floyd), b 27 Dec 1917 Orange. He was with the FBI in Washington, Knoxville, and Tulsa from 1940-50 and is now with the legal dept of the Sinclair Oil Co in Tulsa. He m Marjorie DeYoung, 28 May 1941 at her home in

Prairie View. Children:

- i Marjorie Carole
- ii Rozlyn Rayella
- iii Roger Nicholas

42 Donald Robert Elkinton, b 26 May 1923 EC; m Ida Mae Walker, 1 June 1946 Meth Church, Mondovi and lives nr Mondovi. He sold his father's business in 1961 and now owns the Mondovi Country Club. Children (all b Mondovi):

- i William Edward, b 16 Dec 1946
- ii Becky Lee, b 7 July 1949
- iii Robert Donald, b 8 Mar 1951
- iv Gayle Ruth, b 21 Sept 1955

43 Orliene Elenore, b 7 Nov 1924 EC, m Roy Velasco. She m 2<sup>nd</sup> Rudolph Eugene Hogue, 18 Nov 1952 Meth Church, Mondovi; they live in Pepin, Wisconsin.

44 Harold Elkinton, b 14 Sept 1912, m Dorothy Speilman. Children:

- i Marjorie, b 2 June 194
- ii Elden, b 14 Apr 1942
- iii Duane, b 17 Oct 1945
- iv Marlene, b 15 Oct 1946
- v Larry, b 11 Nov 1947
- vi Joyce, b 19 Nov 1954

45 Loreen Elkinton, b 31 Jan 1914, m Laverne Hayden. Children:

- i Martha, b 19 Apr 1939
- ii Galen, b 9 Oct 1941
- iii Ted, b 20 June 1943
- iv Kay, b 16 Nov 1944

46 Dorothy Elkinton, b 29 Sept 1917, m Amos Hibbs. Children:

- i Karen, b 10 Jan 1939
- ii Beth, b 2 Nov 1942
- iii Kerry, b 7 Aug 1946

47 Ralph E. Elkinton, b 6 Nov 1919, m Patricia Tomalas. He was a career man in the Navy. Children:

- i Cynthia, b 26 Jan 1949
- ii Thomas R., b 7 Aug 1950

48 Jean Elkinton, b 12 July 1924, m Hermit Finley. Children:

- i Cathy, b 4 Mar 1950

49 Dan Roy Illian, b 12 Dec 1919, m June Hiett. Children:

- i Sandra, b 16 July 1939, m William Whetzel.

50 Neil H. Illian, b 3 Apr 1921, m Julia O'Hara. Children:

- i Denise, b 1 June 1948
- ii Mark, b 6 Apr 1952

51 Enid Ann Illian, b 16 Jan 1923, m Frank Sursely. Children:

- i Jeffery, b 17 Mar 1953
- ii Timothy, b 25 Aug 1954
- iii Patricia |
- iv Margaret | b 11 Oct 1955
- v Elaine |
- vi Marion, b 7 Nov 1956

52 Margaret Janice Elkinton, b 31 Dec 1931, m Donald Whitman.

Children:

- i Neil, b 30 May 1953
- ii Cheryl Lynn, b 26 Mar 1958

53 Marshall Albert Elledge, Jr, b 2 Dec 1936 Houston; m Patricia Morgan, beginning of Jan 1959 Houston. He is employed by the Houston Gas Company. Son:

- i Ronald Morgan, b 21 May 1960