

Book 7 - Chapter 1

The Elliotts of Devon and Oxford County

William Elliott and Eliza Rogers Family

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Preface: William was the second son and sixth oldest child of John and Mary Elliott. To review their lives in Devon, the trip to Canada and their life here, refer to

Book 1

The Devonshire Elliott/Seldon/Prouse/Hamlyn/Wilson Families of 1843 Ingersoll and surrounding townships

IRC – Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

Con – Concession

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Book 7 has been written in a slightly different manner. Where as in other books, all the family is included in a single book, the William Elliott family has been divided into chapters. The reason is that this family is my personal line and I have more information available to me.

Chapter 2 - 2 Son John Rogers Elliott and Eliza Rogers Family

Chapter 2 - 3 Daughter Mary Jane, Son William and Son Thomas and Elizabeth Hanson Family

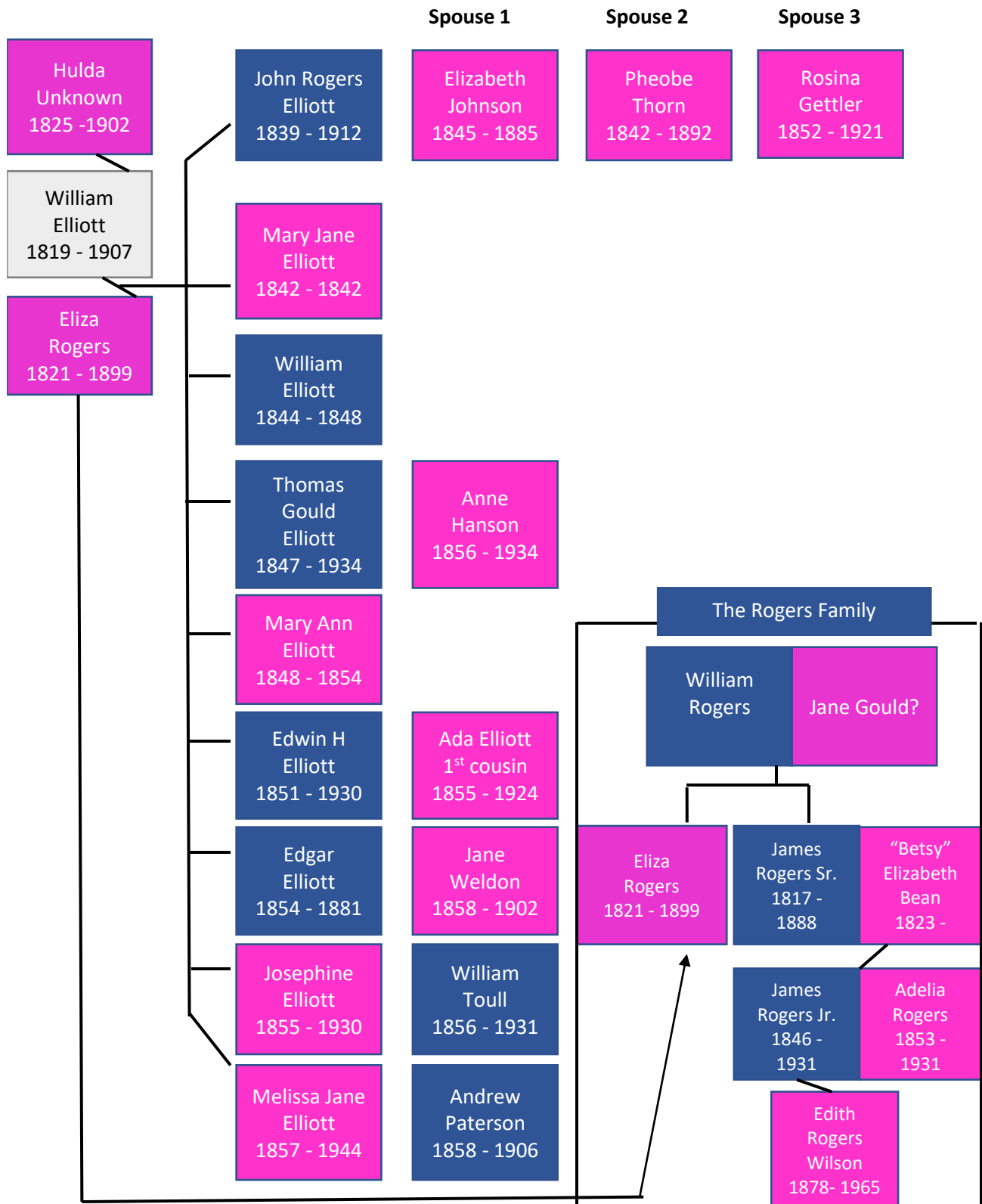
Chapter 2 - 4 Daughter Mary Ann, Son Edwin and wife Ada Elliott Family

Chapter 2 - 5 Son Edgar Elliott and Jane Weldon

Chapter 2 - 6 Daughter Josephine Elliott and William Toule Family

Chapter 2 - 7 Daughter Melissa Elliott and Andrew Paterson Family

William Elliott Family Tree – Generation 2 and 3. (Second son of John and Mary Elliott) & Eliza Rogers Family



Sixth child of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Child: William Elliott B 04 April 1819 likely Bradworthy, Devon
 D 08 May 1907 St Cloud township, Stearn Co. Minn. Burial location unknown
 M 21 Sept 1840 Marwood Parish, Devon

Spouse: Eliza Rogers B 20 Oct 1821 Bridgwater, Somerset
 D 11 Apr 1889 Ingersoll, Ontario Buried IRC.
 M 1870 Alberta Township, Benton Co. Minn.

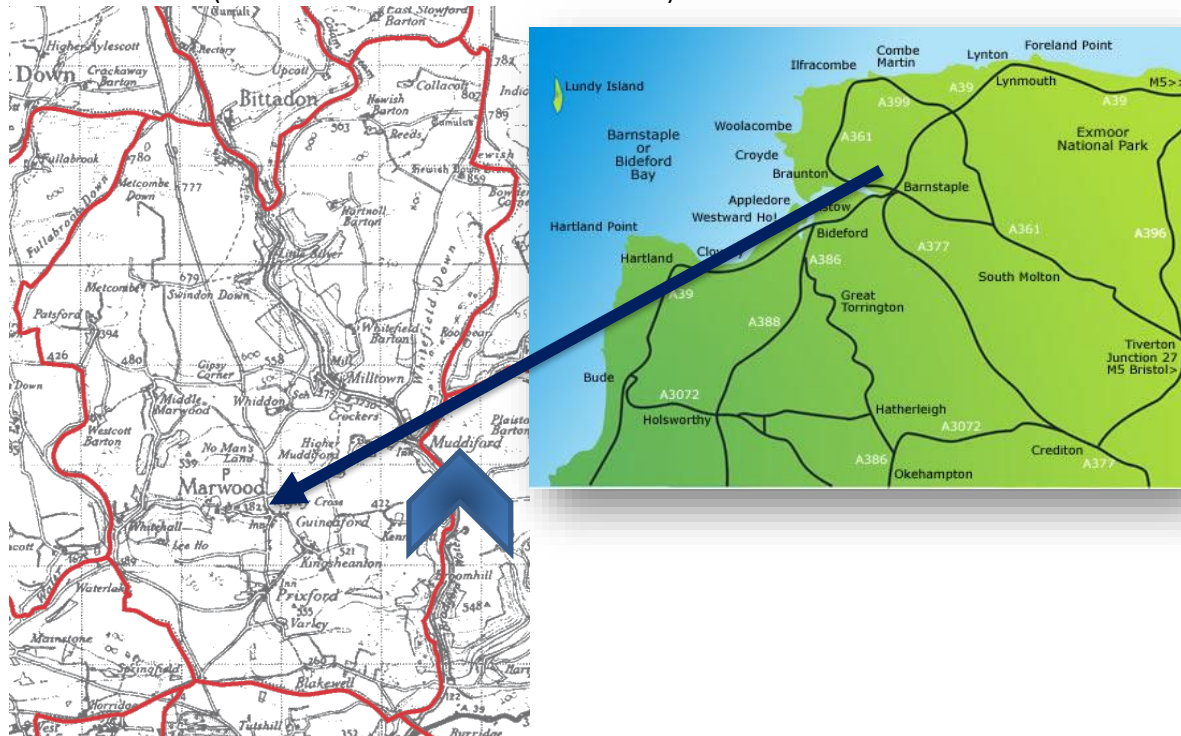
Spouse: Hulda B around 1827, Ontario
 D 24 Oct 1902 Sauk Rapids, Benton Co. Minn. Burial location unknown

William Elliott is my great, great grandfather. Eliza Rogers is my great, great grandmother. Most of my research has been involved in tracking all of his generations of children. At last count there were over 270 direct relatives that I have found. As each generation appears, the more dispersed they become and the harder to locate. This is an ongoing search and my hope is that someday other relatives will update the search.

William led a controversial life. If every generation of a family has a black sheep, William would easily qualify. If it would be possible to go back in time to met your forefathers, he would be one that I would like to talk to the most.

William was the second oldest son of patriarch and matriarch John and Mary Elliott. He was born 2 years after his brother John Jr. It appears he was born, as are the rest of the family according to cemetery and other records, in Hartland Parish and likely in the town of Bradworthy, Devonshire. It can be speculated that the family moved 40 km east to Marwood Parish and likely to the village of Muddiford before living at the Prixford Barton farm. Tithe records of Marwood Parish indicate that the family was in the village of Muddiford in 1840 as seen in Book 1.

Marwood Parish (Prixford Barton and Muddiford noted).



Eliza Rogers and William's marriage was registered in the Devon Marriage Index as occurring in either July, August or September of 1840. The 1920 genealogy records and family bible held by his grandson Roy Elliott has the date as 27 Sept 1840.

Eliza Rogers and William Elliott's marriage was actually Sept 21, 1840. The witnesses were Maria Elliott and William Seldon. Maria was William's older sister. The other witness, William (alias Elliott) Seldon, would become her husband in 1841 and that couple would join the family in Canada in 1846. William Elliott was only 21 and Eliza 19 when they were married.

Eliza was listed on the marriage papers as working as a servant and William was a husbandman (farmer).

1840. Marriage solemnized in the Church in the Parish of Marwood in the County of Devon								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
18	Sept 21	William Elliott Eliza Rogers	of full age 19	Bachelor Spinster	Husbandman Servant	Marwood do	John Elliott William Rogers	Farmer Lab ^r
Married in the Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, R. Kelly								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		William Elliott Eliza Rogers		in the Presence of us,		William Seldon Maria Elliott		

Children of William and Eliza Elliott

- John Rogers * B 23 June 1841 in Marwood, Devon
D 15 Nov 1912 in Port Huron, Mi.
- Mary Jane B 13 Nov 1842 in Marwood, Devon * death date unknown but prior to spring of 1843. Death location likely Marwood, Devon
- William B 29 Sept 1844 possibly Scarborough, Ont. or W Zorra, Oxford County.
D 17 Sept 1848 in E Nissouri township, Oxford Co.
- Thomas Gould B 29 Jan 1847 in E Nissouri township
D 05 May 1934 in Ingersoll, Ont. Buried IRC.
- Mary Ann B 23 Feb 1849 in E Nissouri township
D 28 Oct 1854 likely Oxford County.
- Edwin Hamilton B 20 Feb 1851 in E Nissouri township
D 27 Apr 1930 in Ingersoll. Buried IRC.
- Edgar James B Oct, 1854 in E Nissouri township, Oxford Co.
D 22 July 1881 in Ingersoll. Buried IRC
- Josephine B 12 June 1855 in Goderich township, Huron Co.
D 06 Feb 1940 in Highland Park, Mi. Buried IRC
- Melissa Jane B 27 Sept 1857 in Goderich township, Huron Co.
D 03 Mar 1944 in Hamilton, Ont. Buried IRC.

*My great grandfather

The Search for the Eliza Rogers Family

While researching members of Eliza and William's family, I came across two incidents where names appeared that I did not recognize but felt familiar. I was not planning on looking into Eliza's family tree but the initial clues led me down that path. I am confident these names helped me flesh out more of Eliza Roger's family. I had to backtrack through censuses, immigration and baptismal records to find Eliza's parents. Here is how the detective work played out.

I was looking into William and Eliza's daughter Josephine. Her married name was Toull and she was crossing the border from Windsor to Detroit in 1916. The Canadian contact was given as an Edith Wilson of Windsor, Ont. Wilson is a common married name within the Elliott group (Book 5) but I had not run into an Edith before. The paperwork listed Edith as a cousin. (Manifest listing below).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 INDEXED
 LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION
 Required by the regulations of Secretary of Labor
 PORT OF Detroit, Mich.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
HEAD-TAX STATUS	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Calling or occupation	Abilities	Nationality	Rank or position	Last permanent residence	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend to notify in case of emergency		Final destination	
	Toull, William	66	M	Engineer	English	Canada	English	Windsor, Ont.	Cousin - Edith Wilson Windsor, Ont.		Mich	
	Toull, Josephine	66	F	None					Father - Frank J. Wells			
	Cousin - Edith Wilson Windsor, Ont.										Mich	
	Detroit											
	Toull, William	66	M	Engineer					Windsor, Ont.			
	Toull, Josephine	66	F	None								

NOT USED
 NOT USED

* Permanent residence within the meaning of this manifest shall be deemed to be the permanent residence of one year or more. List of names will be found on the back of this sheet.

I put that name on the back burner and continued my research. Later, I was investigating Eliza Elliott's youngest daughter Melissa. Her marriage information piqued my interest. The two witnesses were James and Adelia Rogers. This was interesting for two reasons. Eliza's maiden name was Rogers. Adelia was not a common given name and by chance or planned, Eliza's granddaughter by daughter Josephine had the same first name.

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SCHEDULE B - MARRIAGES

County of *Middlebury* Division of *City of London*

	007196 43	007197 44	007198 5
Name	<i>Frank</i>	<i>George Russell</i>	<i>Andrew Patterson</i>
Age	<i>24</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>24</i>
Residence	<i>Sp. Beasley</i>	<i>Sp. Beasley</i>	<i>Sp. Beasley</i>
Place of Birth	<i>Co Oxford</i>	<i>Co Oxford</i>	<i>Co Oxford</i>
Parents	<i>13 Miller</i>	<i>13 Miller</i>	<i>13 Miller</i>
Spouse	<i>James + Isabella Paterson</i>	<i>James + Isabella Paterson</i>	<i>James + Isabella Paterson</i>
Witnesses	<i>25 Ingersoll</i>	<i>25 Ingersoll</i>	<i>25 Ingersoll</i>
Date and Place of Marriage	<i>7 February 1883</i>	<i>7 February 1883</i>	<i>7 February 1883</i>
Religious Denomination of Bridegroom	<i>Methodist</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	<i>Methodist</i>
Religious Denomination of Bride	<i>Methodist</i>	<i>Methodist</i>	<i>Methodist</i>
By whom Married	<i>James Rogers</i>	<i>James Rogers</i>	<i>James Rogers</i>
By License or Banns	<i>Adelia Rogers</i>	<i>Adelia Rogers</i>	<i>Adelia Rogers</i>

Andrew Patterson
24
Sp. Beasley
Co Oxford
13 Miller
James + Isabella Paterson
25 Ingersoll
Co Oxford
7 February 1883
202 Windsor Street

At this point, I felt some investigation was needed into James and Adelia Rogers. Melissa's marriage certificate indicated that the Rogers lived in London, Ont. It was not difficult to locate them in the 1891 census of London. The census had him listed as being age 42, that he had emigrated in 1865 and had a daughter named Edith – likely the Windsor border contact. This all fit to that point.

CANADA, 1891. Province of Ontario District No. 9th London S. District D. No. 4

SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 7 day of April 1891. Division No. 2 PAGE 6

TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants. Enuméré par moi ce jour de 7 1891. Division No. 2 Enumérateur.

NAMES.			Sex.	Age.	Married or Widowed.	Single or Single.	County or Province of Birth.	Birth Condition.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	RELIGION.	Profession, Occupation or Trade.	Employment.	Wage Earned.	Unemployed during year Preceding.	Number of Male Children under 16 years of Age.	Number of Female Children under 16 years of Age.	Immigrant.	Year Immigrant.	Year of Arrival.	Year of Departure.	Year of Return.	Year of Death.	Year of Burial.	Year of Marriage.	
NOMS.			Sex.	Age.	Married or Widowed.	Single or Single.	Comté ou Province de Naissance.	Qualité à l'origine.	Lieu de Naissance du Père.	Lieu de Naissance de la Mère.	RELIGION.	Profession, Occupation ou Métier.	Emploi.	Gains perçus.	Non employé pendant l'année précédente.	Nombre des Enfants mâles au-dessous de 16 ans.	Nombre des Enfants femelles au-dessous de 16 ans.	Immigré.	Année d'immigration.	Année d'arrivée.	Année de départ.	Année de retour.	Année de décès.	Année de mariage.		
0	4	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Woodshead Mary	F	54	M	W	Ontario	England	England	Presbyterian															
			" Lizzie	F	22		D	"	Ireland	Ontario	"															
			" Frank	M	17		S	"	"	"	"															
			" Emma	F	16		D	"	"	"	"															
W 28			Woodshead Anna Jane	F	58	M	W	Ireland	"	Ireland	Church of Engl.	Alterations														
			Woodshead Annie	F	8		D	British States	Ontario	Ontario	"															
			Woodshead Annie	F	29	M	D	Ontario	Ireland	Ireland	"															
W 29			Conrad Henry	M	25	M	W	England	England	England	Methodist	Bookkeeper														
			" Emma	F	25	M	W	Ontario	Ontario	Ontario	"															
			" George	M	1		D	"	England	"	"															
			Smith Leona	F	23		Dom	England	"	England	"	Domestic														
			Mayes Newton	M	27		L	Ontario	Ontario	Ontario	"	Chemist														
W 30			Powell George	M	51	M	W	England	England	England	"	Stone cutter														
			" Lydia	F	41	M	W	"	"	"	"															
			" Annie	F	17		D	Ontario	"	"	"															
			" Arthur	M	14		S	"	"	"	"															
W 31			Rogers James	M	42	M	W	England	"	"	Presb. Boston	Merchant														
			" Adelia	F	38	M	W	Ontario	"	Ontario	"															
			" E. H. B.	F	15		D	"	"	"	"															
			" Edith W.	F	13		D	"	"	"	"															
			" Lina B.	F	9		D	"	"	"	"															
			" Lettie	F	6		D	"	"	"	"															
			" Grace	F	4		D	"	"	"	"															
			" James Green	M	1		S	"	"	"	"															
			Wilson Jane	F	55		Dom	N. B.																		

James Rogers Find a Grave website page also indicated he had a daughter named Edith (Rogers) Wilson. Edith Wilson now had parents. It also showed his place of birth as Heanton Punchardon, Devon. Because he was James Rogers Jr, I knew there would be a James Rogers Senior still to be located and likely in Devon.

Name: James Rogers Jr

Gender: M (Male)

Birth Date: 10 Oct 1846

Birth Place: Heanton Punchardon, North Devon District, Devon, England

Death Date: 7 Jul 1901

Death Place: Essex County, Ontario, Canada

Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery

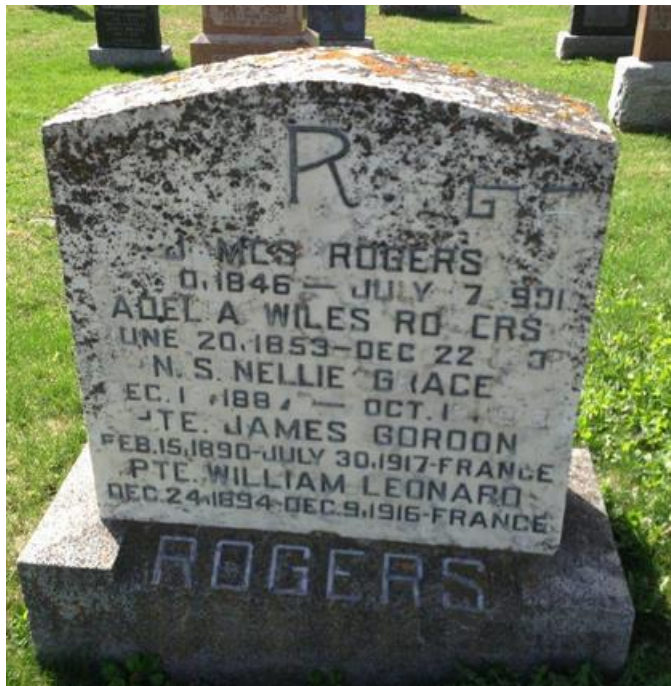
Burial or Cremation Place: Listowel, Perth County, Ontario, Canada

Has Bio?: Y

Spouse: Adelia Rogers

Children: Edith W Wilson
William Leonard Rogers
James Gordon Rogers
Nellie Grace Rogers

URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/110339561/james-rogers>



The slam dunk of confirmation information was his death certificate. It showed that James Jr. had been living in Riverside, Ont. which is now part of Windsor (likely with his daughter Edith Wilson). It also indicated his parent's names and James' birth date and birth location in England.

This form must be filed forthwith with the Division Registrar of the Division in which the death occurred. It is to be filed with the Registrar of the Division in which the death occurred. It is to be filed with the Registrar of the Division in which the death occurred.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
FORM 6 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH 014548 56

1. PLACE OF DEATH: County of Essex Township of Esdraas Street Esdraas House No. 129

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Rogers James
Residence: 129 Esdraas Place Riverside ONT.

3. Sex: male 4. Racial origin: English 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word): Married

6. BIRTHPLACE: Devonshire England

7. DATE OF BIRTH: Oct. 10 1846

8. AGE OF DECEASED: 54 9 7 hrs. or min.

9. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: (a) Tailor (b) _____

10. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (in years and months): (a) At place of death 4 yrs 9 mo (b) In province 6 yrs (c) In Canada (if an immigrant) 66 years

11. Name of father: James. Rogers. Birthplace: England

12. Name of mother: Betsy Barnes Birthplace: England

13. Name of Informant: Adelia Rogers Address: 129 Esdraas Place, Riverside Relation to Deceased: Wife

14. Place of Burial: Listowel Ont Date of Burial: July 20 1901

15. Name of Undertaker: H S Anderson Address: 12 Sandwich St E. Sandwich Ont

16. DATE OF DEATH: July 7 1901

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from July 1901 to July 17 1901 and was alive on July 17 1901

18. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? same

19. Cause of Death: renal failure - septic

20. Name of Registrar: W. D. Linton M.D. Address: 120 1/2 Ottawa St., Riverside Date: July 17 1901

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My initial thought that James Rogers was Eliza's brother was shattered when I looked at his age. He would have been 29 years younger. However, the fact that there was a commonality between the Rogers and Elliott families was obvious. I knew James (Jr.) was related and I was leaning, due to his age, towards him being a nephew of Eliza's. The fact that Edith Wilson was listed as a cousin on the border papers reinforced this thought.

I next looked into finding a James Rogers in Devon via census records and other sources. I found him in Wrafton, Devon. I located Wrafton, Heanton Punchardon on a map and discovered it was close to Marwood, Devon. This information indicated I was in the right area. The locales are about 8 kilometers apart as the crow flies. Since James Jr. had emigrated in 1865 as per the 1891 Ontario census, and calculating he was 16 years old at the time, the 1861 English census of Heanton Punchardon should have him listed along with his parents. As hoped, James Sr., wife Betsy and James Jr. were listed.

The 1861 Heath Punchardon census also gave up another hint. James Rogers Sr. was born in Bridgwater, Somerset around 1817. Eliza Rogers (now Elliott) was born in 1819. A brother/sister relationship was possible between James Sr. and Eliza.

Parish (or Township) of	Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c. of	Ecclesiastical District of	
Heanton Punchardon							
53	Wrafton						
		Name and surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Person	Sex, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born
		William Rogers	Head	Mar	45	Lab	Bridgwater, Som.
		Betsy Rogers	Wife	Mar	37	Wife	Wrafton, Devon
		James Rogers	son	Un	14	Lab	Heanton Punchardon, Devon

Armed with this information, I found in the 1871 Devon census that James Sr. and Betsy Rogers did indeed live in the village of Wrafton in Heanton Punchardon Parish and that James Jr. was no longer with them. It confirmed that he had emigrated by himself in 1865 as noted on future Ontario censuses. I strongly suspect he was in contact with his aunt Eliza Rogers Elliott at the time.

To add to this evidence, I needed to locate the unmarried Betsy Barnes. She was named as the mother of James Jr. on his death certificate. Maybe the "Betsy" Rogers listed in the 1861 Wrafton census may not be Betsy Barnes and I was not on the right path. More digging was needed.

I found Betsy Barnes (sic) in the 1851 census as a lodger in Heanton Punchardon. James Rogers Sr. was a lodger at the same location. His age appeared off by a few years which was not uncommon in older censuses. Another confirmation mark was ticked off. A further James and Betsy tie in was the evidence found in the Devon marriage index of Jan – Feb - Mar. of 1844 from Ancestry.ca. It showed that James and Betsy Rogers were married in 1844. The timeframe is right as James Jr. was born on the 10th of October 1846 as per his death certificate. The location and names all line up.

James Rogers and Betsy Barnes Marriage Register listing.



Search for James Rogers in the UK Census Collection

Name:	James Rogers
Registration Year:	1844
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Registration District:	Barnstaple
Parishes for this Registration District:	Search for Barnstaple in the London Times
Inferred County:	Devon
Volume:	10
Page:	45

Records on Page:

Name
Betsy Barnes
Thomas Brailey
Richard Jewry
Elizabeth Martin
James Rogers
Mary Tucker



The next step was to locate either brother and sister, James Sr. or Eliza Rogers living with their parents. The marriage certificate for William Elliott and Eliza Rogers indicated that her father's name was William Rogers.

1840. Marriage solemnized in the Church in the Parish of Marwood in the County of Devon

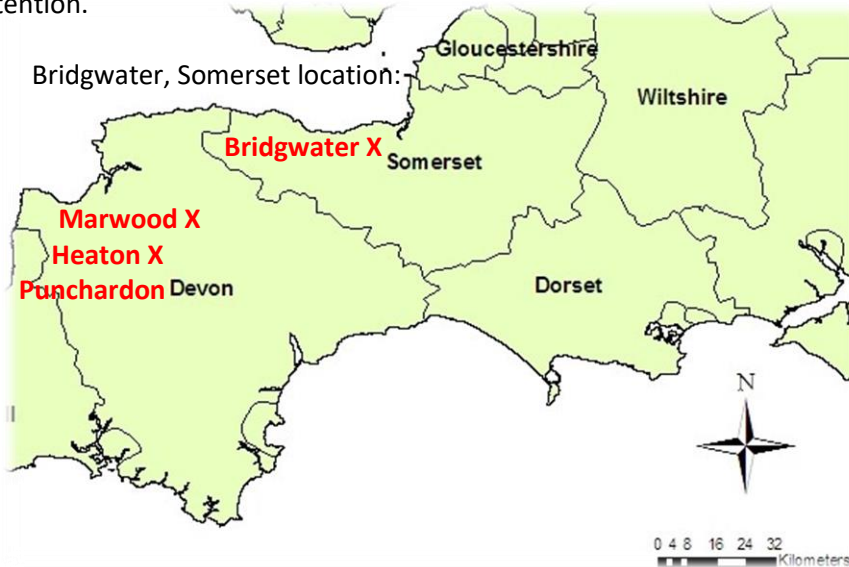
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Married in the Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by *Reidy*

This Marriage was solemnized between us *William Elliott* in the Presence of us *William Selder*
Eliza Rogers *Maria Elliott*



Since the 1841 Devon census had James Sr. listed as being born in Bridgwater, Somerset, this is where I focused my attention.





Bridgwater Somerset

Bridgwater was an administrative center for the district. The advent of a new dock in 1841 revived Bridgwater's port on the River Parrett. Wool, tile making and brewing were the main industries in the mid 18th century. Today it has a population of 35,000.

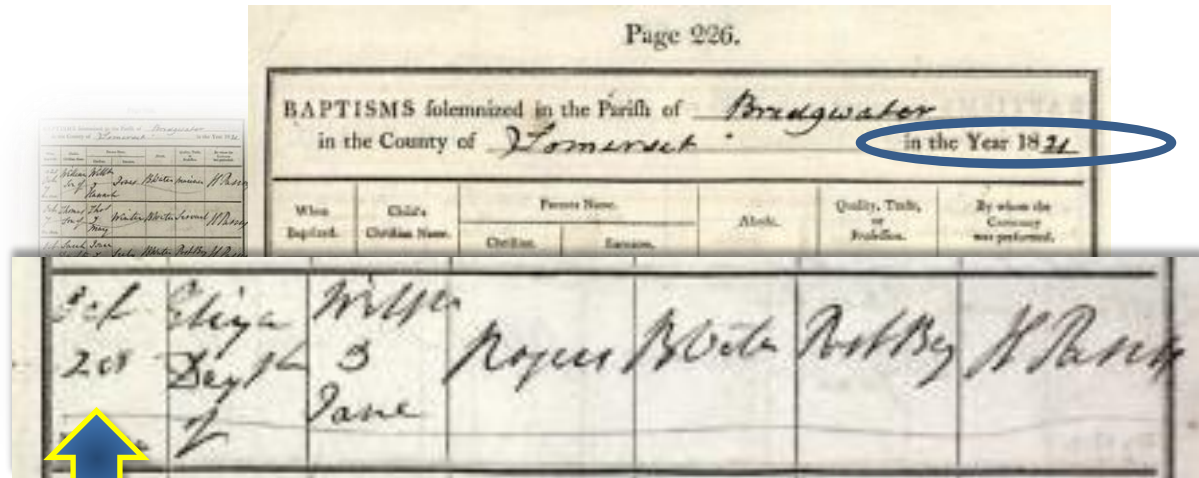
The best clue needed would be to tie children James and Eliza Rogers to a father William Rogers of Bridgwater. I found more proof. A William and Jane Rogers of Bridgwater, Somerset baptized a son, James, born 21 Feb 1817. More facts fall into place. It should be noted that William Rogers occupation was listed as a postboy (mail carrier).

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BAPTISMS, solemnized in the Parish of <i>Bridgwater</i>						
in the County of <i>Somerset</i> in the Year 1817						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>Jan^y 31</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Rogers</i>	<i>Bridgwater</i>	<i>Post boy</i>	<i>W. W. Collier</i>
No. 861.						

The information on this document appears to support both the facts and suppositions I had made. I believed I had located James' parents: William and Jane Rogers. Now it was necessary to figure out if Eliza (Rogers) Elliott was related and in what manner.

I continued to dig through the Bridgwater baptism records. After a lot of perusing records via various ancestry links I found the same father and mother combination showing up in the records again. They were listed as baptizing a daughter named Eliza. Eliza's birth date, according to a number of documents including grandson Roy Elliott's family Bible, was 20 Oct 1821.



Birthdate Oct 20.

An Eliza Rogers was born to William and Jane Rogers on Oct 20, 1821 according to Baptism records in Bridgwater. I feel very confident that William and Jane Rogers of Bridgwater, Somerset were the parents of James Sr. and Eliza (Rogers) Elliott.

Finding information on line earlier than the early 1800s is difficult. I was able to pull up one speculative piece about William and Jane Rogers.

I recorded a screenshot of an Ancestry.ca page that the Ancestry algorithm produced that may indicate the marriage date of William and Jane Rogers. The time frame, location and names all work. No other algorithm produced any results.

William Rogers

in the England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973

<p>No Image Text-only collection</p>	Name:	William Rogers
	Gender:	Male
	Marriage Date:	02 Aug 1808
	Marriage Place:	Somerset, England
	Spouse:	Jane G...
	FHL Film Number:	1470919
	Reference ID:	item 3

I suspect that Jane G. was all that was readable on the original marriage document. I believe Jane's last name was Gould. The reason for this is that the practice of the time was to give children either first or second names that honoured grandparents' or parents' first or maiden names. That is why as an example, William Elliott's oldest son was John Rogers Elliott. William's second son Thomas had a middle name of Gould. I suspect that the name was his maternal grandmother's maiden name.

In summation, it appears that Eliza's nephew James Rogers Jr. made the unaccompanied trip to Upper Canada at the age of 16. He was very likely in contact with his aunt Eliza and settled onto farming land in Perth Co. She may have encouraged him to come for a better life. He settled, married and had numerous children. Eliza had a brother also named James and her father was William Rogers and her mother Jane (Gould) of Bridgwater, Somerset.

William Elliott and Family Life



Eliza Rogers Elliott

By 1841, Eliza had given birth to their oldest child, John Rogers Elliott, while living in Marwood. He was under 2 years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents in 1843. According to family Bible records, a daughter Mary Jane was born in Marwood on the 13th of November 1842, and although no death date was given in the Bible, there was no Mary Jane listed in the Devon Exodus data of the Elliott family that emigrated in 1843. I suspect the child died shortly after birth in late 1842 or early 1843. No Devon grave location has been found nor any Canadian records of her has been located.

William Elliott's life path seemed to indicate a restless soul. Whereas his siblings all settled into their farms with their spouses in and around Ingersoll, William was constantly on the move. My research has indicated that he started from scratch building a homestead, either with his father or by himself, four times in his life.

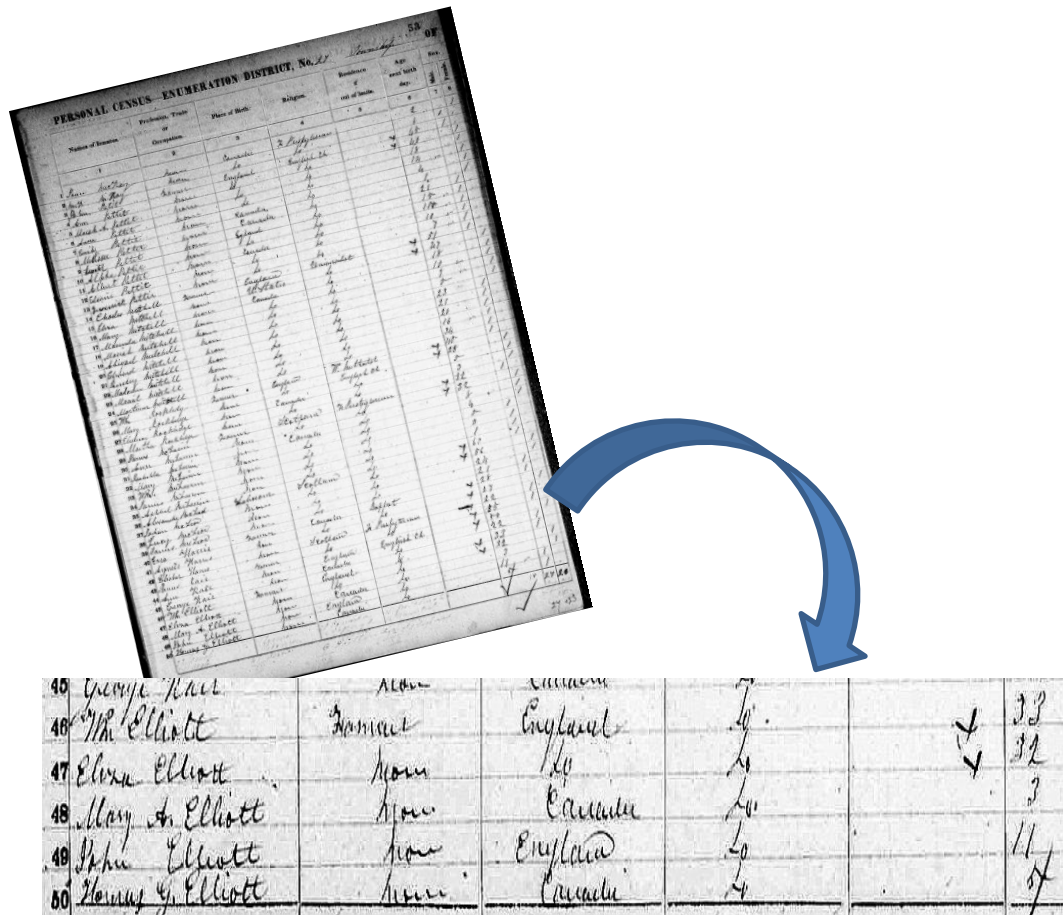
The older male Elliott members arrived in 1843 to began building the first family home located in W Zorra township of Oxford Co. The Tax roll of 1848 shows William paying taxes on an E Nissouri farm. He had 90 acres of woods with 10 acres under cultivation and he owned 1 milking cow and three heifers.

INHABITANTS.		No. of Lot.	Description or part	Uncultivated.	Cultivated.	Square or new of	Additional fire- Square or new of	Additional fire- Square or new of	Frame Houses	Additional fire- Frame, Brick,	Additional fire- Frame, Brick,	Additional fire- Frame, Brick,	Brick or Stone	Additional fire- Grist-Mills wro one	Additional pair	Saw-Mills.	Store-Houses.	Merchant Shop	Stud Horses fo	Horses three ye	Oxen four year	Milch Cows.	Horned Cattle	Close Carriage
1	William Elliott	29 1/2	" "	90	10																			3

The 1851 census of East Nissouri confirmed this, as William and family are found living on a farm at Con 11 Lot 18 in East Nissouri township. This location is about 200 meters north of the main intersection of the present village of Kintore, Ontario and part of the present location of the Kintore Box Co. The farm was about 4 km from the original family property in W Zorra. William and family were leasing in 1851

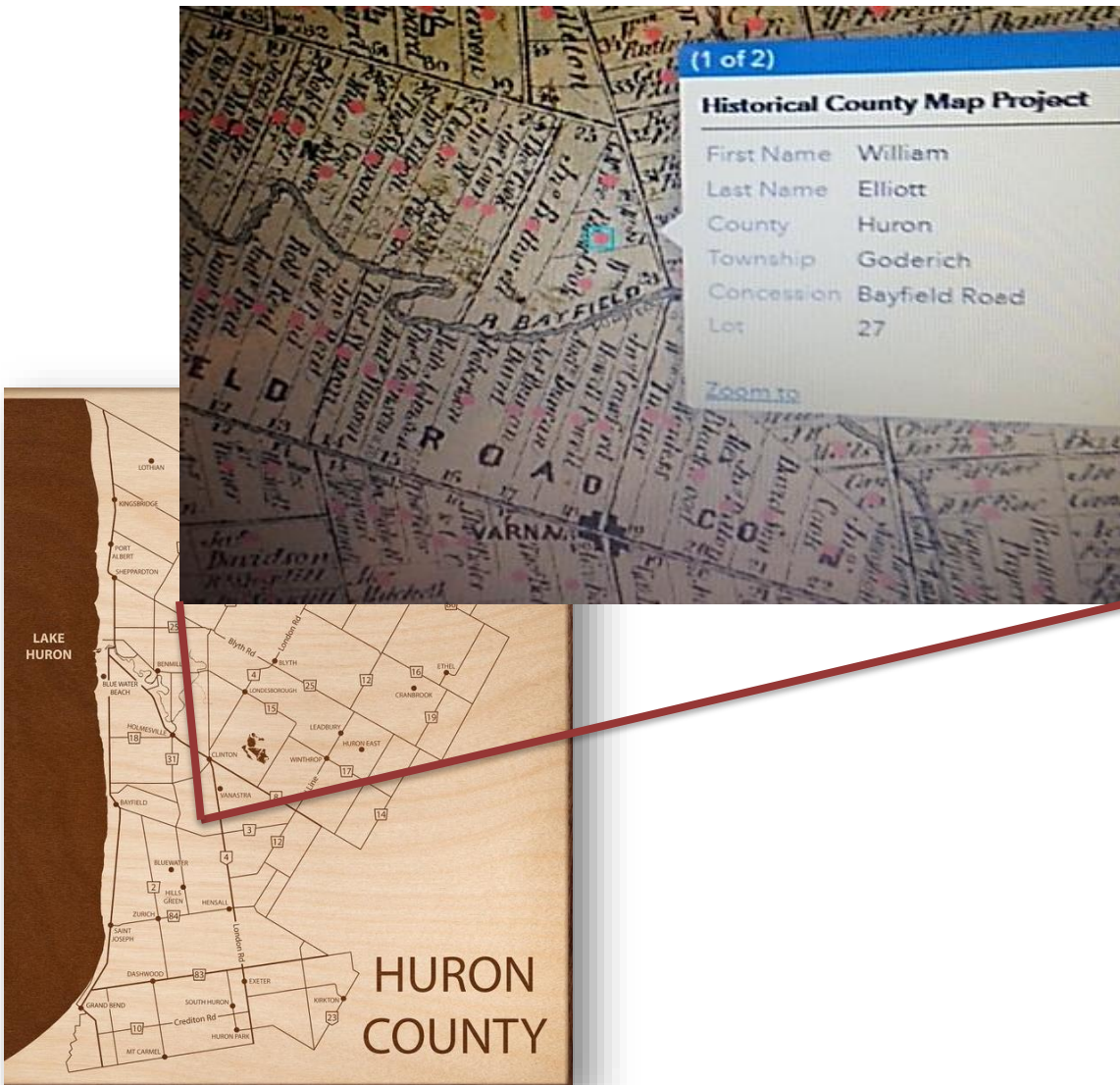
and bought a 50-acre portion of the property April 13, 1855 according to Onland.ca Ontario property records. A paid sum of £224 is attached to the sale records of the property. Later, the family appeared to have moved off of the 50 acres as William's name appears with a group of 3 other men as either co-owners or mortgagers of the property in September of 1860. (Onland Book 41, East Nissouri, Oxford County Pg 151). No other Elliott relative, either father nor brothers, appear in this farm property record.

1851 E Nissouri census



At that point, I lost track of the family. No amount of looking in and around Oxford Co. was able to produce results. There was a William Elliott family living in N. Oxford near Thamesford and was mistakenly identified by grandson Roy's records as my William and his family. Further review of censuses of the mistaken man indicated he was Scottish born and had children that did not have the identical names as the 1851 census of my William Elliott family. He was eliminated from the search. By spelling William's last name "Elliot" in the search algorithms of government census websites I was able to locate the family in Goderich Township in Huron County, Ontario. This location was about 95 km north west of the rest of the family in Oxford Co.

A double check on the Tremaine Historical County digital map project finds the family on the 1862 map of Huron Co. They were living at lot 27 of Bayfield Rd. The 58-acre farm was located in the very south east corner of Goderich township, Huron Co. and about 5 km from the village of Varna, Ont.



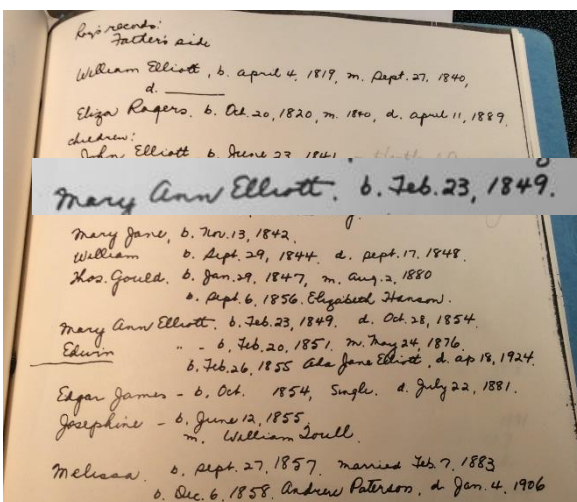
The Clinton Ontario library in Huron Co. was able to help me locate the farm in the Onland site. The property listing for their location was misfiled in the wrong Onland book. Once the right book was located (Pg 4 of Book 7 – Concession Bayfield Lot 36 – 79), it showed that William’s father purchased 58 virgin acres from the Canada Company. The records are difficult to read but it may have been 1852. Since Williams family were found in Huron Co. in the 1861 census it is possible that his father John purchased the property in 1852. John included William in the ownership papers in 1855. William owned the property until March of 1869 when it was sold to a Mr. Rathwell.

LOT 27 Bayfield CONCESSION Twp of Goderich

No. of Years	No. of Inheritors	INHERITORS	IN DATE	DATE OF REMOVAL	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	QUANTITY OF LAND	CONSIDERATION OR AMOUNT OF MONEY	REMARKS
I	286	1847	1 Feb 1852	5 Feb 1852	William Elliott	John Elliott	59		
III	116	1848	3 Feb 1855	11 Feb 1855	John Elliott et ux	William Elliott	53		
	44	1849	3 Feb 1855	11 Feb 1855	John Elliott et ux	Richard Seldon	(part) 27 1/2 ac		239
IV	359	1850	9 Mar 1859	9 Mar 1859	Richard Seldon	John Elliott			
VI	327	1856	5 Mar 1869	20 Feb 1872	John Elliott	Edw. Rathwell	58 ac		

Checking the 1861 census for their Huron Co. location confirmed the family presence with several additional children. For the second time in a decade, the family was clearing land and the 1861 census listed them as living in a shanty.

Two children, John Rogers and Mary Ann, were missing from this family census list. John was found living on his uncle Thomas Elliott's farm abutting the Thames River just east of Ingersoll and in North Oxford township. The census had him listed as 21 years old and working as a labourer. I suspect he was a farmhand and was of the age that he was setting his own history. Whether he ever lived in Goderich Township is open to debate. At the time of this census, daughter Mary Ann would have been about 13 years of age. This is too young to be farmed out as a servant and I had not seen her listed in any of the other relative's family censuses during this time period. Find a Grave had not uncovered anything in the numerous cemeteries I checked in both Oxford and Huron Counties. Only later, while going through Roy Elliott's genealogy research papers from the 1920s, did the William Elliott family Bible resurface. The Bible listed Mary Ann as being born in 1849 and dying in 1854. The reason for her death and her burial location are not confirmed.



The Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Index for 1866 shows a large number of "removals" or reburials from an Elliott family farm plot to the cemetery. This large number included Wilson, Elliott, Seldon and Prouse families. The easy conclusion was that these were members of the family that were buried in the family farm cemetery and moved to IRC. This group included a Mary Elliott (age unknown) who died 8

July 1860. I had thought that this Mary was William and Eliza's daughter. However, the family Bible refutes that argument. I tend to believe that the information in the Bible is likely correct as it was compiled at a date 100 years earlier than my research and likely had verbal accounts to pull from living descendants. IRC records support the fact that the removed Mary Elliott was likely a child of John Jr., William's older brother. Some researchers have suggested that Mary Ann had in fact survived childhood and married her cousin Richard Seldon. This falsehood is addressed in the Seldon Book 4.

165	Anna M. McKell		Scotland	deceased	Found Drowned	April 1
166	John Elliott	76	England	deceased	May 1/1842	Removed
167	Mary Elliott	65	England	deceased	Mar 21/48	"
168	George Elliott	2	N. York	deceased	June 30/49	"
169	Mary Elliott		N. York	deceased	July 8/60	"
170	Hannah Elliott	16 mos	N. York	deceased	May 13/64	"
171	Mary Elliott	11	England	deceased	Oct 5/65	"

IRC death index for April 1866:

I often wondered about the birth lag after William's son John Rogers was born and the birth of the next child. Normally families spare little time between births and after John there was a five-year gap until brother Thomas Gould Elliott was born in 1847. The discovery of Roy Elliott's Family Bible indicates that gap was filled by the birth of Mary Jane in 1842 and death in 1842 or 1843 and son William, who was born in 1844 and died in 1848. Neither lived long enough to appear on any census.

Mary Jane, b. Nov. 13, 1842.
 William b. Sept. 29, 1844. d. Sept. 17, 1848.

This would fit with the timelines when the family appears in the 1861 census and as well the sale of the Missouri township land in 1860. Son Thomas Gould Elliott was still listed in the Goderich township census as were brothers Edwin, Edgar and sisters Josephine and Melissa Jane. There would be no other children born to this family after Melissa's birth.

1861 Census of Goderich Township:

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA MICROFILMED 1955																												
PERSONAL CENSUS, Enumeration District No. 5 Goderich of Goderich in the County of Elgin 73																												
NAME OF INHABITANT	PROFESSION, TRADE, OR OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	SEX	RELIGION	REMARKS	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE
John Rogers	Farmer	England	M	Anglican		49																						
George Ruthbay	Labourer	do	M	do		39																						
William Elliott	Farmer	England	M	Bible Christian		42																						
Eliza Elliott	do	do	F	do		41																						
Thomas Elliott	do	Canada	M	do		14																						
Edwin Elliott	do	do	M	do		11																						
Edgar Elliott	do	do	M	do		9																						
Josephine Elliott	do	do	F	do		6																						
Melissa Elliott	do	do	F	do		4																						



This 1870 census showed William and a wife Huldah Elliott living in Alberta township, Benton County Minnesota on a 200-acre farm. This location is just across the Mississippi River from St. Cloud, Minn. and a few miles from the village of Sauk Rapids, Minn. Later censuses confirm he and Huldah emigrated together in 1866.

Does that really prove that this was the missing William? No, but it made a good starting point. The age was right and the fact he was born in England is correct. There was also a location to work with; Alberta Township, Benton Co. Minnesota. The timing was right as well, as the property in Huron Co. was sold at about this time.

The 1900 Benton Co. census was the true litmus test in identifying William.

Columns	7	8	9	10	14	15	16	17
12-24-99	June	1890	W	F	June 1890	12	5	
13-26-99	Elliott William	Head	W	M	Apr 1819	81	M	60
14-30-99	Hulda	wife	W	F	Nov 1825	74	M	30
15-26-99	Orcutt, Henry M	Head	W	M	July 1844	58	M	36
16-24-99	Emily M	wife	W	F	July 1848	51	M	36

Column 7 and 8: indicate the month and year of birth. A match again for William. According to the Family Bible his birth date was 04 April 1819

Column 8: shows that Hulda is 7 years younger than William.

Column 9: indicates they are husband and wife

Column 10: is how long they have been married – she indicated 30 yrs. (1870) but he first put down 60 years (which is how long he had been married to Eliza and Hulda combined). This error was corrected to 30 years by the enumerator. Does this slip mean his marriage to Eliza was never nullified?

Column 14/15: indicate that his father and mother were born in England– which is correct for William.

Column 16: indicates their arrived in Minnesota in 1866

Column 17: shows they have not lived elsewhere in 33 years

All the hints in the 1900 census match for William Elliott. He had surprisingly remarried, and had made Minnesota his home.

Note: Henry and Emily Orcutt – the next couple listed below on the census form, were the son and daughter of an original settler William Orcutt who was county Judge and Administrator for Benson County and would be prominent in the later lives of Hulda and William.

Hulda Elliott

Who is Hulda Elliott? Censuses show that she and William were married. She was born in Ontario. I have tried numerous times with the Canadian census search tools to find a Hulda or Huldah but to no avail. It appears that William and Hulda knew each other when they both lived in Ontario as they immigrated to Minnesota in the same year. Was she an Ingersoll resident or from Perth County? They were not young when they left for the US. He was about 45 years old and she was 39 years old at the time. Her age fluctuates depending on the census record year.

There are a couple of possible explanations.

1. Eliza got a divorce from William. This was not common in the 1860s as a divorce was seen as a source of scorn. Did Eliza purposely lie on her 1870 census that she was still married because of the shame and stigma it would create for the family? Did Eliza have an excuse for her missing husband? Did the children know and held the secret? In the 1880 census she listed herself as widowed. She was not.
2. Did William run out on the family? If so, what a rascal! How completely did he disappear and why? His whereabouts was known to brother Thomas and probably the family core. Was he the family secret? Did he leave his nuclear family destitute? He still owned Broken Front Concession, Lot 15 with his brothers in Centerville (outside Ingersoll) and the mortgage on the 50 acres in Goderich Township after he left. Were the proceeds of these sales for the family? He was not a wealthy land baron in Minnesota. Finding William created more questions than answers.

For the fourth time, William cleared land and built a shanty when he moved to 1866 Minnesota. In 1866 he would have been an original pioneer in the township of Benton, Minn.

The Benton County Historical Society described Alberta Township in 1865 as thus:

“Alberta lies hi (sic) the northeast portion of the county, and has an area of 46,080 acres, of which 367 are under cultivation. The surface is slightly undulating, and chiefly covered with timber. The soil is a dark loam and quite productive. The town is watered by the Elk and St. Francis rivers, the sources of which are within its boundaries, and the west branch of the Rum River, which crosses the northeastern part. Along these river bottoms there is a large acreage of hay meadows, the low land, in many places, extending far into the timber.

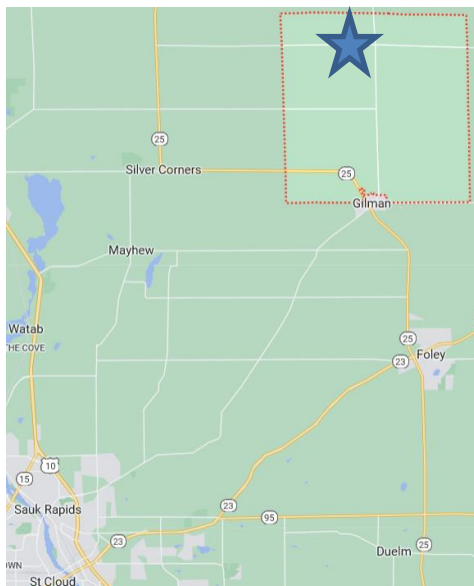
The first settlers in this town were J. B. Abbott and C. A. Gilman, but the exact date of their arrival cannot be ascertained. The oldest settler in the western portion of the town is Winslow Pappenfus, who settled on section thirty-four, with his parents, in March, 1865. The oldest settler in the eastern part of the town is William Wipper, who settled on section thirty, in 1868. These are the oldest settlers now living here, although others had made claims earlier, only to be abandoned after a short stay. Among other early settlers are William Orcott and George W. Burtield, both of whom are now residents of the town.”

William’s arrival in 1866 would have meant they arrived only a few years after the first settlers in this region. American history was also playing a role in William’s life. Between 1860-1865 the US Civil War was in full force. Minnesota was not immune to the call for soldiers. Being a non-US citizen at the time and newly arrived, William did not participate. However, the Minnesota regiments were not called upon

to fight against the south so much as to defend the western boundary of Minnesota from the native tribes that had been pushed west by the settlers. This was the period of the Dakota Wars.

Fort Ridgely (about 130 km south of Benson Co.) was the site of a famous battle in the Dakota Wars in 1862. The Sioux tribe laid waste to many farms and settlements in the region as well as attacking the fort. An estimated 500 soldier and settlers, young, old, male and female were shown no mercy and killed. The Fort was in service until 1872. The land William farmed was still on the edge of wilderness when William and Hulda arrived.

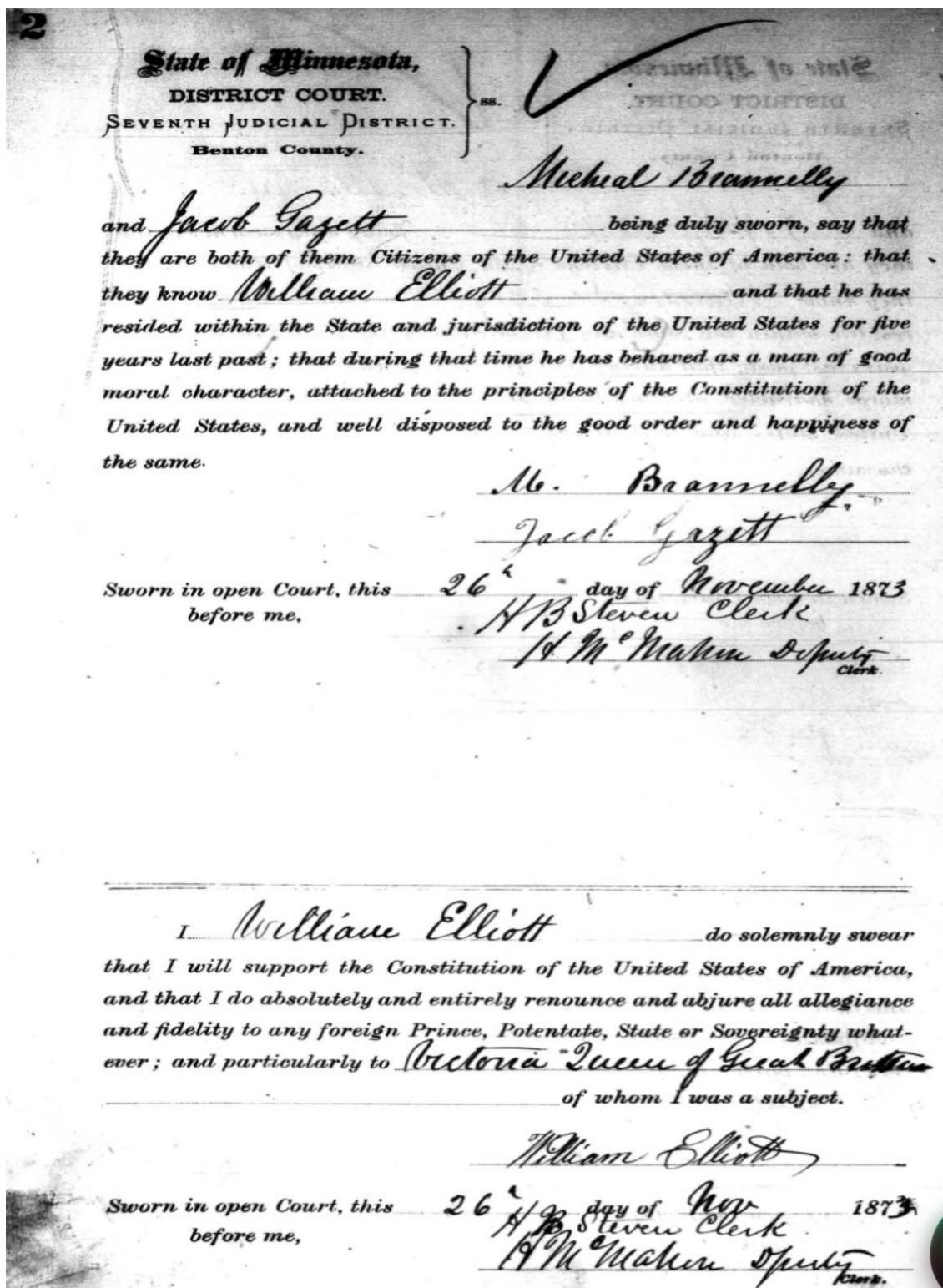
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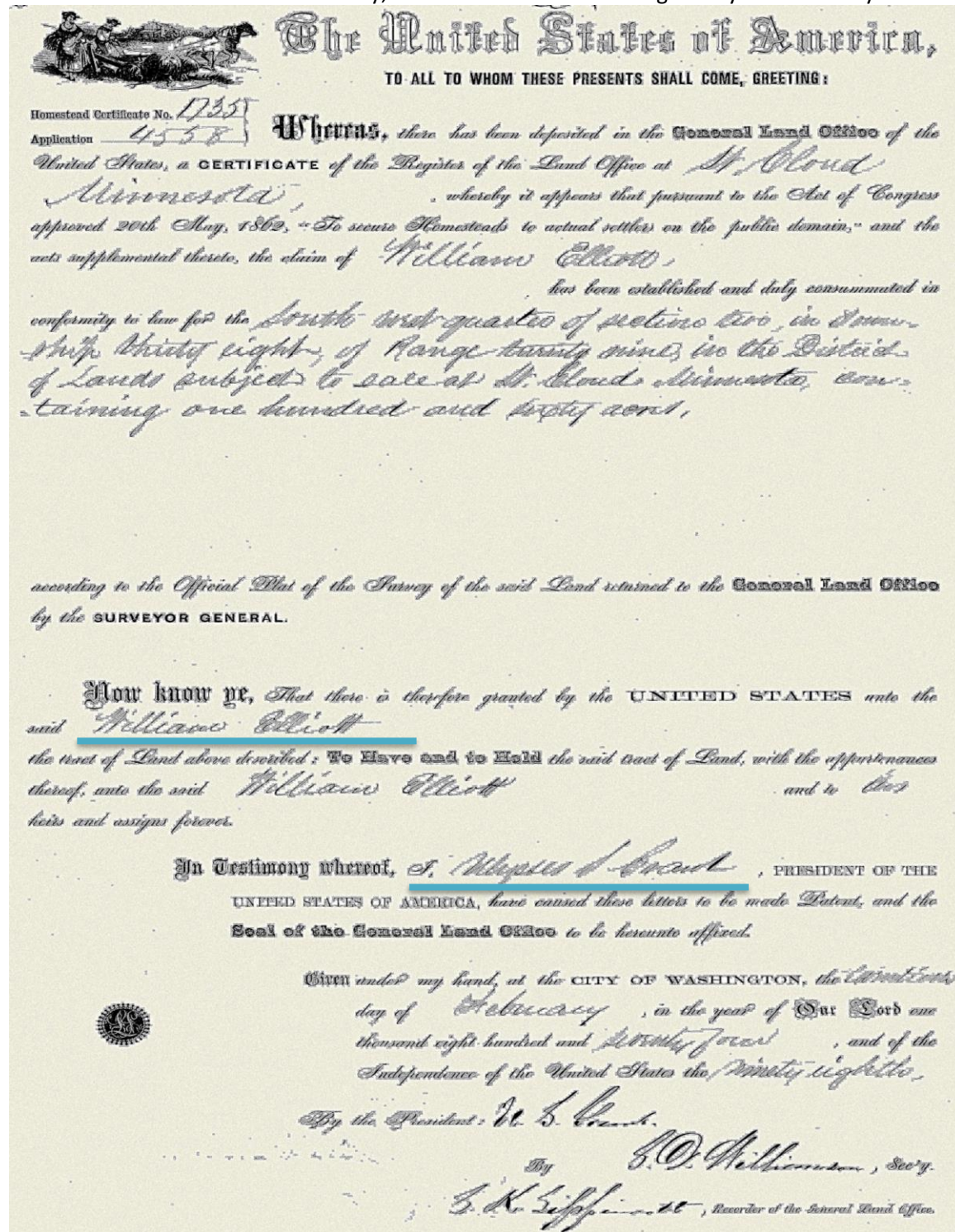
Ensuing Minnesota censuses indicate that Hulda and William immigrated together via Michigan in 1866. The land they were granted was in a natural uncleared state. They were married in 1870 although I have not been able to locate marriage documents. Their naturalization papers were completed in November, 1873. So as in 1843 in W Zorra, 1850 E Nissouri and in 1860 in Huron Co., William started from scratch. This time he received a land grant from the United States government on the 20th of February, 1874.

He received land at Township 38 N, Range 29 W, Sect 2, W1/2 lot, NE 1/4. Alberta township, NE of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. This would be about 200 acres in total.

He signed off on his citizenship papers in 1873.



Land Grant to William Elliott February, 1874. Note the Grant was given by President Ulysses S Grant.



William was granted 2 properties in 1874 and 1876.

Accession	Names	Date	Descript	Section	Townsp	Range
MW-0183-246	STEPHENSON, ISAAC,	1865-01-03	EA½NE¼	2	38	29
MW-0183-246	STEPHENSON, WILLIAM	1865-01-03	EA½NE¼	2	38	29
IN1930 .216	ELLIOTT, WILLIAM	1874-02-20	SW¼	2	38	29
MW-0507-384	ELLIOTT, WILLIAM,	1876-08-15	SA½NW¼	2	38	29
MW-0507-384	DAGUE, HENRY	1876-08-15	SW¼NE¼	2	38	29

Prior to 1900, William and Hulda sold the farm and moved into a rented house in the nearby town of Sauk Rapids to retire. Sauk Rapids itself has had a hard luck existence. It was a supply and lumber mill town and the end of the rail line from the east in the 1870's. Produce was taken by horse wagon to the town to be shipped east or south via train or the Mississippi River. Sauk Rapids was devastated by a F4 tornado in April 1887. Seventy-two people died in what is still the deadliest tornado in Minnesota history. The town took years to rebuild and by the time it had recovered, the town of St. Cloud, located across the Mississippi River, had surpassed it in importance.

Photos courtesy Minnesota Historical Society



1887 tornado aftermath. The bridge across the Mississippi to St. Cloud: built in 1876 and rebuilt 1879.

Hulda died on Oct 24, 1902 of a cerebral hemorrhage. Her burial location is unknown. I have yet to ascertain her maiden name.

YR.	MO.	D.	(COUNTY VILLAGE, 0000)	COUNTY
DIED, 1902. <i>Oct 24 Sauk Rapids Benton</i>				
Chief Cause				Duration
<i>Cereb Hem.</i>				
Contributing				Duration
Name		Yr.	Mo.	D.
<i>Hulda Elliott</i>		Age <i>75</i>		
Male	Female	White	Single	Married
			<u>Widowed</u>	<u>Divorced</u>
Father's name			Birthplace	
			<i>Can.</i>	
Mother's maiden name			Birthplace	
Undertaker	Address		Burial place	No. permit
Attending Physician		Address		
<i>Ed. Chilgren</i>				
Reporter		Address		
<i>S. Bunn</i>				
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Death index card: State of Minnesota Genealogy Department

According to the 1905 Minnesota Census and after Hulda's death, William was living with the Nelson Orcutt family on Grand St. in St. Cloud, Minn. Nelson was a son of the Orcutt family that were close neighbours of the Elliott's when they lived on their farm property. William was 86 years old at the time of the 1905 census. From census records and St. Cloud city directory pages, the Orcutt family moved to Chelan, Washington prior to the 1910 US census. A John Sittko and wife Lottie bought the Orcutt's Grand St. house when they moved from the Dakotas to St. Cloud in 1906. William was listed as a lodger with the Sittkos. It appears he came with the house. Neither the 1909 St. Cloud city directory nor the 1910 St. Cloud census had a William Elliott on record. It would be safe to assume he died in 1907 or 1908. There is a death notification indicating a William Elliott died in St Cloud on the 8th of May in 1907. Disappointedly, I have not located a definitive death certificate, burial location or will for William Elliott.

1905 census of Sulk Rapids Mn.

6	Wright	Minson W.	M.	35	W
7	Orcutt	Nelson	W.	68	W
8	Orcutt	Sarah J.	F.	68	W
9	Orcutt	Louise W.	M.	34	W
10	Elliott	William	M.	86	W
11	Loeklin	Jackman	M.	48	W

Last records found for William Elliott in St. Cloud, Minnesota City Directory 1906.

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995
 Cloud > 1906 > St Cloud, Minnesota, City Directory, 1906

CITY DIRECTORY. 279

Dewey Eleanor M (wid Wm P), bds J W Dewey
 Dewey John W, genl store Broadway, res Grand st.
 (Alta)
 Dill Charles H, agt N P Ry, res Oakes st, (Winnie K)
 Dodge Bamford J, opr N P Ry, res Grand st, (Zella B)
 Drops John, carp, res Ramsey st, (Carrie)
 Drulinski Michael, emp Neils Lmbr Co, res Broadway,
 (Charlotte)
 Drulinski Wm A, emp Neils Lmbr Co, bds M Drulinski
 Drury Mrs Elsie D, bds H H Marquit
 Duncan Miss Elizabeth A, emp Miss B G Pelton, bds
 Jas Duncan
 Duncan James, stonecutter, res 6th st, (Elizabeth)
 Sittko, John, emp Neils Lmbr Co, res Grand st (Lottie
 (Nellie E) res Cliff st, (Mary)
 Duscha Fred, emp Neils Lmbr Co, bds Wm Schibonski
 Duscher Michael, lab, bds Casper Ek
 Dusha Adam, lab, bds Fred Winkler

E

Ebnet Michael, lab, bds C Governatz
 Ebnet Samuel, lab bds C Governatz
 Eibs Wm M, bds Edward Briggs
 Ek Casper, lab, res Broadway, (Minnie)
Elliott Wm, bds John Sittko
 Elving Adam, emp Neils Lmbr Co, bds M N H

William died 08 May 1907 as per "Minnesota, Death Records and Certificates, 1900-1955", database, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FDZB-T2>)

Name William Elliot
Sex Male
Age 89
Birth Year (Estimated) 1818
Event Type Death
Event Date 8 May 1907
Event Place St. Cloud Township, Stearns, Minnesota, United States
Event Place (Original) St. Cloud, Stearns, Minnesota

The man was the rolling stone of his family. Was he successful in his business pursuits? Questionable. Was he a good father? Hardly. I think the best way to sum up the man was by the directions given in his wife's will.

Hulda penned her will Oct 9, 1902. This was only 2 weeks before her death.

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Last Will & Testament of Hulda Elliott.

I Hulda Elliott wife of William Elliott being of sound mind & memory, do hereby declare this instrument to be my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made & executed. I hereby direct that all my funeral expense be paid out of my estate as soon as practicable after my death, my said funeral expenses to include the expense of my last sickness.

I give & bequeath to my husband William Elliott the sum of five Dollars & give and bequeath to Mrs. Emily Orcutt wife of Henry M. Orcutt all the remainder of my estate real or personal, of which I may be possessed, wherever situated, after the expense of my last sickness & funeral expenses, & the debt due to my husband have been paid to her & to hold to the said Mrs. Emily Orcutt for and in consideration of the attention, care, and nursing said Emily Orcutt has rendered to me since the 17th day of October 1900, and also in consideration of any further nursing care and nursing she may hereafter render me. I hereby appoint Thomas Jan Etnier of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Executor of this my Last Will & Testament.

In Testimony whereof, witness my hand & seal, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Oct 9th 1902.

In presence of
Lefty Chaff }
Emily Shave } Hulda Elliott (w)
mark

We Lefty Chaff & Emily Shave do hereby certify that we were present on Oct 9, 1902 and saw Hulda Elliott to us known, & saw said Hulda Elliott sign and make her mark to the foregoing instrument & she at the same time & place declared.

Close up of the will.

I give and bequeath to my husband William Elliott the sum of five Dollars and give and bequeath to Mrs. Emily Orcutt wife of Henry M. Orcutt all the remainder of my estate real or personal of which I may be possessed wherever situated, after the expenses of my last sickness and funeral expenses and the debt due to my husband have been paid to have and to hold to the said Mrs. Emily Orcutt forever in consideration of the attention, care, and nursing said Emily Orcutt has rendered to me since

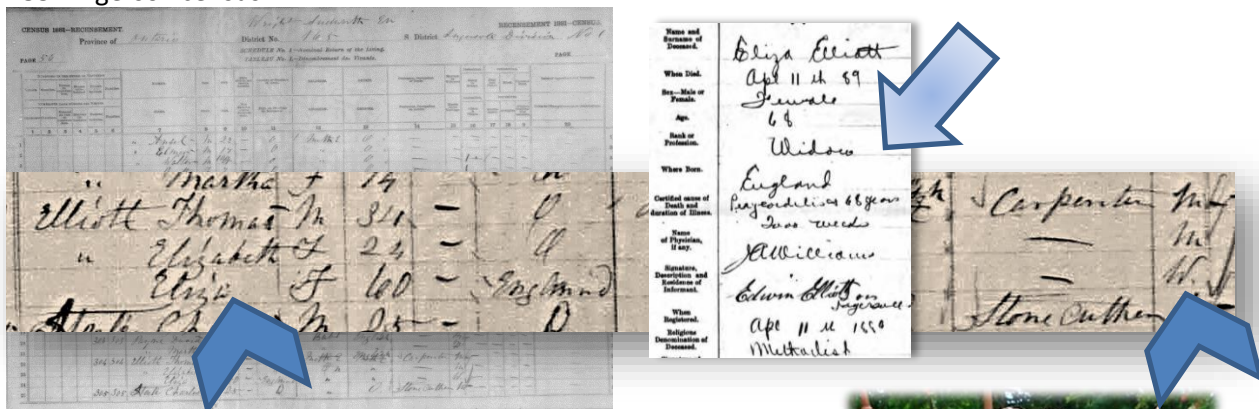
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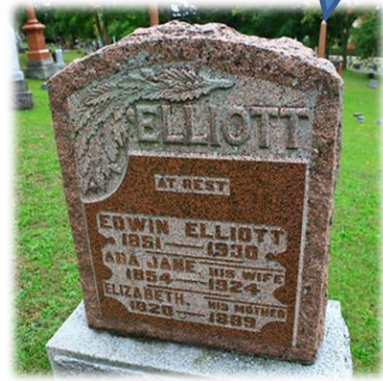
Hulda apparently had been ill for 2 years before her death and Mrs. Orcutt had taken care of her until she died and thus received Hulda’s estate. I think Hulda did not think highly of William. Hopefully he quaffed a few beers with the \$5 dollars he received.

One question that has not been answered is what happened to William’s first wife Eliza Rogers. After moving back to Oxford Co. from Huron Co., she appeared in the 1871 Census as living in Ingersoll. That census page is noted in preceding pages. By 1881, the Ingersoll census had “widowed” Eliza listed as living with son Thomas G and his wife.

1881 Ingersoll census



Other records of the time would indicate they were living on Carnegie St. in Ingersoll. Eliza was 60 years old at the time of the census. She died 11 April 1889 and is buried in IRC just a few blocks from her Carnegie St. home. The tombstone lists her as Elizabeth and she is buried with younger son Edwin Elliott and his wife (and first cousin) Ada. Eliza died of bronchitis after a short illness and is buried in the Elliott section “H” of IRC. The widow moniker was still present on her death schedule, even though William was still alive in 1899. William and Eliza had a complicated relationship. He was unable to stay in one location whereas she was loyal and raised her family as a single mother. Her children were loyal to her.



Their children led exciting lives and the offspring of these children had fruitful lives as you will witness in following chapters.

William Elliott Family Tree (Second son of John and Mary Elliott) & Eliza Rogers Family

