

THE HIRAM ELLISTON FAMILY

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Hiram (mistakenly called "Herman" in the 1860 census for Northeast township, Adams Co., Illinois) Elliston (occasionally spelled ELLISON) was born ca 1806 (43y in 1850); (53y in 1860) (64y in 1870), not located yet in 1880 census. He was probably born in the vicinity of Gallatin Co., Kentucky where there are early members of the ELLISTON family including a John ELLISTON with land holdings on Stephens Creek. Hiram's name doesn't appear on the Gallatin County tax lists in the early 1820s. A Benjamin ELLISTON appears on the tax lists for nearby Grant County, Ky in the 1820s who may also be a relative. The Grant County (Kentucky) NEWS FAMILY BOOK (pub. 2001) contains a sketch on several ELLISTON families including that of Benjamin ELLISTON born 1770 in Culpepper Co., Va and who died on November 26, 1846 in Grant Co., Ky. Only one son is listed in this family, Robert (1797-1881) ELLISTON who might be a brother of Hiram Elliston of Adams Co., Illinois. A Hiram ELLISTON along with Benja., Robert and Thomas ELLISTON were all purchasers at the estate sale of Jas. ELLISTON (widow Nancy ELLISTON) dated 10 February 1827. (Grant Co., Ky Probates A:180). An account of this same man's estate notes "receipts from and notes held on.....Benjamin Elliston, Benj. H. Elliston, Hyram Elliston, Nancy Elliston and Robert Elliston (Grant Co., KY Probates A:269) These individuals are not specifically identified as "heirs", however. A James ELLISTON married Nancy Jones in Gallatin Co., KY on 29 Jul 1813; if James is Hiram's father, then this is a second marriage for him, since Hiram was born in about 1806.

By January 26, 1829 Hiram Elliston was in Morgan Co., Illinois where he married Lucy WILSON (born ca 1810) in Kentucky, probable daughter of John and Sally (ANDERSON) WILSON. This family is on the 1830 census for Morgan Co., Illinois living among Wilson family members with 1 male under 5y and 1 female ae 5-10. It is not clear who the female ae 5-10 is. Hiram ELLISTON "came from Kentucky and settled in 1831" in Northeast township, Adams Co., Ills (pg 178, 1850 CENSUS, ADAMS CO., ILLINOIS, VOLUME 1). Lucy (WILSON) ELLISTON died on 19 August 1837 ae 27y 10m 9d and is buried in the Pulaski Cemetery, Augusta tp, Hancock Co., Illinois located just across the county line from Northeast township, Adams Co. Hiram returned to Morgan Co., Illinois where he married his 2nd wife, Jane CUSTER, widow of Isaac WILSON and of Samuel STORMER on 30 November 1837. This marriage is not recorded in the published Morgan Co., Ills marriages or in the on-line Illinois marriage index from the Illinois State Archives, but is in the original Morgan County marriage book #2, pg 8. Jane CUSTER was born ca 1803 probably in Harrison Co., Ky or perhaps Bourbon Co., KY daughter of William and Elizabeth (WILSON) CUSTER. Although there is a marriage bond for William and Elizabeth (WILSON) CUSTER in Bourbon Co., Ky for October 1800 but William CUSTER seems to have died before 1826 and his widow Elizabeth then used her maiden name WILSON in all future court records including her estate proceedings dated 17 February 1834 (Harrison Co., KY Record Book 3:452).

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Children of FLORENCE GROSS and BERT BENNINGTON are:

- i. BARBARA ANN⁶ BENNINGTON, b. March 24, 1950.
- ii. ROBERTA LEE BENNINGTON, b. June 03, 1954.

21. JAMES HOWARD⁵ GROSS (*FREDERICK⁴, FREDERICK D.³, JOHN DAVID², JOHN PETER¹*) was born February 16, 1920 in Seattle, Washington, and died February 20, 1990 in Nogales, AZ. He married JANET MAURINE LEWIS November 09, 1946 in San Diego, California. She was born January 18, 1923.

Child of JAMES GROSS and JANET LEWIS is:

- i. MARGARET WEBSTER⁶ GROSS, b. September 03, 1953.

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22. DONALD JAMES⁶ GROSS (*MAURICE CONNALLY⁵, FREDERICK⁴, FREDERICK D.³, JOHN DAVID², JOHN PETER¹*) was born December 26, 1939 in San Diego, California. He married GWENDOLYN SUE PARHAM June 16, 1963 in Morganton, North Carolina, daughter of MASTON PARHAM and GWENDOLYN SMITH. She was born January 27, 1940 in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Children of DONALD GROSS and GWENDOLYN PARHAM are:

- i. ELIZABETH ARLENE⁷ GROSS, b. August 05, 1965, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; m. KARL KENSUKE MASON IRIKURA, June 13, 1990, Los Angeles, California.
- ii. CHRISTOPHER JAMES GROSS, b. March 20, 1967, Aberdeen, Maryland; m. LESLIE ANNE HANSON, May 27, 1989, Arcadia, California; b. August 27, 1968.

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PROGRAMS FOR MARCH THROUGH MAY, 2004

Meetings for March and April will be held at the Quincy Public Library Meeting Room, 426 Jersey starting at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of the month.

March 11th – Gary Vitale, Professor of English and Speech at Springfield (IL) College, will tell about the life of a hired girl in the 19th century. He has written the book, *Letters to Mollie From her Mormon Past: 1860-1912*. Included in the book are 111 letters written to Mariam “Mollie” (Works) McNutt of Fall Creek, Illinois. He will have his book available for purchase that night.

April 8th – Ruth Cole and Roma Weir will show slides of their 2003 trip from St. Charles, Missouri to the Pacific Northwest, “A Lewis and Clark Tour.”

May 13th – The **Annual Dinner Meeting** will be held at Salem Hall, 9th & State, doors open at 6 p.m., serving starts at 6:30. The meal consists of chicken, potato, vegetable, salad, pie and a drink for \$7.50. **Reservations must be in by May 4th** to any of the 3 program chairs: Ruth Cole, 656-3705; Pam Sturtevant, pams@socket.net; or Phyllis Smith, pocahnts@adams.net. If you need to **cancel** your reservation you must do so **by May 4th** or you will be **responsible for the cost** of the meals ordered. The speaker will be Michael Neill, Associate Professor at Carl Sandburg College and nationally know genealogy instructor. His topic will be, “The Rich and Famous Found on the 1930 Census.” The meeting is open to the public and you are encouraged to bring a friend to hear this excellent speaker.

PLAN TO JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING AND BRING A FRIEND.

Jane CUSTER's first husband, Isaac WILSON was born between 1796-1800, son of James and Bridget (CUSTER) WILSON of Gallatin Co., Kentucky who also removed to Morgan Co., Ills where Isaac died before 28 October 1827 (Morgan Co., Ills Probates #873), leaving one son James WILSON born ca 1821 (ae 29y in 1850). Jane (CUSTER) WILSON had married second) Samuel STORMER on 23 December 1828 in Morgan Co., Illinois had had 2 sons, John W. STORMER (1829 TO 1894) and Samuel Isaac STORMER (1831-1909). This "mixture" of 3 families (ELLISTON, WILSON, STORMER) are on the 1840 census for Adams Co., Illinois. Besides Hiram and Jane ELLISTON also appearing in the household is a male ae 15-20 (James Wilson); 2 males ae 10-15 (John W. Stormer and John B. ELLISTON) and 2 males and 1 female ae 5-10 (Robert Elliston, Sarah Elliston and Samuel Stormer).

There are several deeds for Hiram ELLISTON in the Morgan Co, Ills grantor and grantee indexes which haven't yet been researched:
ELLISTON, Hiram to Milo C. KUCKLES ON 31 MCH 1833 (F:279)
ELLISTON, Hiram et al to John RUCKER on 15 May 1852 (EE:73)
ELLISTON, Hiram et al to James GARRETT ON 2 APRIL 183? (FF-92)

Morgan Co., Ky deeds (HH:64) dated 1 May 1854 show Hiram ELLISTON and Jane his wife; John W. STORMER and Margaret his wife; Samuel J. STORMER and Levisa J. his wife all of Adams Co., Ills deeded to John GORHAM and Henry BOYER of Morgan Co., Ills for \$1070 - land in Morgan Co., Ills: the west half and the southern half of the eastern half of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 14, township 16N, Range 10 W. The 2 STORMER men listed in this deed are the sons of Jane (CUSTER) (WILSON) (STORMER) ELLISTON by her 2nd husband, Samuel STORMER who died in Morgan Co., Ills on 25 September 1830. A Daniel STORMER had been the administrator of that estate in 1830. (Morgan Co., Ills Estates #789).

Adams Co., Illinois deeds indexes have not yet been checked for Hiram Elliston entries but Hancock Co., Illinois deeds show Hiram ELLISTON and Jane his wife of Adams Co., Illinois deeded to James C. WILSON of Adams Co., Ills for \$280 - land in Hancock Co., Ills - the east 1/2 of the se 1/4 of Section 31, Township 3 North and Range 5 West on 1 December 1849. Perhaps this is Jane's son from her first marriage to Isaac Wilson. The family is on the 1855 Illinois state census for Northeast tp, Adams Co., Ills with 3 males and 3 females in the household, the youngest being a female ae 10-20 who may be the Cynthia ELLISTON listing as living in the Hiram Elliston household in the 1860 census for Northeast tp, ae 16y born Kentucky. She does not appear in the household in 1850 and there is no marriage for her in Adams Co., Ills.

Hiram and Jane (CUSTER) (WILSON) (STORMER) ELLISTON are found to be *living in the 1870 census for Northeast township in Adams Co.* and no further record has been found for Jane. Hiram ELLISTON died on 1 March 1890 ae 83y 4m near Jericho Springs, Cedar Co., Missouri and is buried in the Pulaski Cemetery in Augusta, Hancock Co., Ills. A probate record was filed for him in Cedar Co., Missouri with his son R.H. ELLISTON as administrator. Jane is not mentioned in the probate, and the only heirs listed were Robert H. ELLISTON then of Cedar Co., Missouri and

Sarah J. SIMPSON, then of Hancock Co., Illinois.
Hiram has not been found in the LDS index to the 1880 census.

CHILDREN, all by 1st wife Lucy WILSON:

1. John B. ELLISTON born ca 1830, probably in Morgan Co., Illinois.
2. Robert H. ELLISTON born August 1832 (in Adams Co?), Illinois.
3. Sarah Ann ELLISTON born ca 1835 in Adams Co., Illinois.
4. Benoni ELLISTON was born ca 1837 in Adams Co., Illinois and died in August, 1837 ae 1 month and is buried in the Pulaski Cemetery at Augusta, Hancock Co.

2ND GENERATION:

1. John B. ELLISTON was born ca 1830 (not found in 1850) (ae 30y in 1860) (40 in 1870) (51y in 1880). He was married first to a Louisa as noted on the tombstone of his daughter called "daughter of J.B. & Louisa ELLISTON). He is listed on the 1865 state census for Augusta, Hancock Co., Illinois with apparently no wife, and one daughter ae under 10y (probably Lolie below). He married 2nd) Miss Mary E. HENDRIX on 18 August 1869 in McDonough Co., Illinois. He has not been located in the 1850 census; in 1860 and 1870 he is living in Northeast tp, Adams County. In 1880 he is living in Parson, LaBette Co., Kansas. He was deceased by 1890 according to his father's probate records. A Hattie ELLISTON ae 7y born Illinois is listed in his household in 1870 but in 1880, she is listed as Hattie WOODBUN, a step-daughter, ae 17y with both parents born Illinois. John's 2nd wife Mary HENDRIX was born in Ky so apparently she is not Hattie's mother either. Mary ELLISTON could not be located in the 1880 LDS census. Since neither John ELLISTON or any of his heirs are listed in the estate proceedings of his father, Hiram ELLISTON, he apparently left no living heirs in 1890. There is no record of John serving in the Civil War; he doesn't appear in the pension index.

CHILDREN by 1st wife:

5. Lolie B. ELLISTON died 25 May 1868 ae 6y 5m. Buried Pulaski Cemetery, Augusta tp, Hancock Co., Illinois.
2. Robert H. ELLISTON was born in August 1832 (ae 18 in 1850) (28 in 1860) (37 in 1870) (48 in 1880 (ae 67, born Aug 1832 in 1900) (ae 79y in 1910) in Illinois probably in Adams Co. He is living apparently unmarried in the 1850 census for Northeast tp, Adams Co with his parents and an as yet unidentified Cynthia ELLISTON ae 16y. He married first Bridget HUMBLE on 25 August 1853 in Schuyler Co., Ills. Bridget was born 16 May 1833 in Illinois, probably Adams Co., Illinois - daughter of Charles and Nancy C. (WILSON) HUMBLE originally of Gallatin Co., Ky. The family is living in Northeast township, Adams Co in

1860 but had removed to Linn Co., Kansas by the 1870 and 1880 census, in Jefferson township. Bridget died 28 August 1879 and is buried in the Hinkle Cemetery, Linn Co., Missouri. In 1890, Robert H. ELLISTON resided in Cedar Co., Missouri when he administered the estate of his father. By 1900, he had remarried to a Mary..... (born April 1829 in Ky, ae Ky) and was living in Osage tp, Vernon Co., Missouri among many WILSON relatives. Mary reported in the 1900 census that she had not had any children. By 1910, R.G. (sic?) ELLISTON ae 79y born Illinois is listed as a widower, living in Vernon Co., Missouri, an inmate of the Bardwell Street Hospital in Washington township. That is the last known record for him; he doesn't appear in the 1920 Missouri Soundex. There is no record of him serving in the Civil War; he does not appear in the pension index.

CHILDREN, all by 1st wife:

6. Jacob ELLISTON born ca 1855 Illinois.
 7. Charles ELLISTON born ca 1858 Illinois; living with father in 1880.
 8. Benoni born ca 1855; died 3 April 1855 ae 4m 4d, buried Pulaski Cemetery, Augusta, Hancock Co., Illinois.
 9. Marsha ae 8m in the 1860 census, born Illinois, female. In the 1880 census, she is listed as "Martin", female, aged 20y.
 10. Martha/Mattie born ca 1862 Illinois. Living with father in 1880.
 11. Elliott born ca 1864; not living in father's household in 1880.
 12. Maud born 1868 Missouri; living with father in 1880.
 13. Kate born ca 1870; died 27 September 1870 ae 4m 9d. Buried Hinkle Cemetery, Linn Co., Missouri.
3. Sarah Ann ELLISTON born ca 1835 (15 in 1850) (24 in 1860) (35 in 1870) (44 in 1880) (ae 64, born 1836: no month given - in 1900). She married Obed (called Obadiah on his Civil War pension record) on 7 October 1852 in Adams Co., Illinois. In 1860, the family is residing in Augusta, Hancock Co., Ills and they are there in the 1865 Illinois state census, in 1870 and 1880. Obediah Simpson served in the Civil War with Co H., 131st Illinois Infantry and with Co. A., 48th Illinois Infantry and was pensioned, application #33176, certificate #224722. Sarah applied for a widow's pension in 1898, application #678195, certificate #474000. Her pension file should reveal her death date. As of now, the last record for her is the 1900 census for LaPrairie, Northeast township, Adams County where she is listed as living alone. Obed Simpson died 1 February 1897 "near LaPrairie" in Adams Co. and is buried in the Pulaski Cemetery at Augusta, Hancock Co., Illinois. There is no record of Sarah's burial there. William R. MOCK was the administrator of the estate of Obed SIMPSON. Sarah reported in the 1900 census that she had had 13 children, and that 6 were living.

CHILDREN: (surname SIMPSON)

14. Hiram born ca 1855 Illinois. Not with family in 1880. Of Clarence, Shelby Co., Missouri in 1897.

15. John B. born ca 1857 Illinois. Not with family in 1880. Of Knox Co., Mo in 1897 and 1920.
16. infant son died 22 October 1859.
17. infant daughter died 24 September 1860 (not in 1860 census).
18. Lucy born ca 1862 Illinois. She had probably married John CRAWFORD by 1880 since she isn't listed with her parents in the census. She was Lucy CRAWFORD living in Bowen, Hancock Co., Illinois in 1897; she was Mrs. GONSTAD/GOUSTAD Lebanon, Oregon in later years. She was living in 1928.
19. Samuel D. born 11 April 1866 Augusta tp, Hancock Co., Ills. Unmarried in 1880. He died 22 October 1928 at the county farm near Carthage in Hancock Co., Ills ae 62y 6m 11d. Buried Pulaski Cemetery at Augusta.
20. Sarah A. born ca 1868 Illinois. Died 3 September 1875 ae 7y, 3m 13d. Buried Pulaski Cemetery at Augusta.
21. Nettie born ca 1872 Illinois. She was Nettie SIMPSON in 1897.
22. Rettie born ca 1875. She was Rettie SHIELDS of Sherburne, Minnesota in 1899; she was of Lebanon, Oregon in 1928.

QUERIES

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I am seeking knowledge of my gt-gt grandmother, Anna Maria (aka Mary) GEISE ZEHNLE, her parents and/or siblings. Mary arrived in Quincy from Oldenburg, Ger., approx. 1865-1866. She m. Ambrose ZEHNLE in 1868. Their children: Frank (Rosa SCHUTTE), Ambrose (Elizabeth EINHAUS), John (Louise LAAKE), George (Elizabeth KAMPHAUS), twins August (Elizabeth SCHULTE) and Andrew (Fr. BERARD), Fred (Catherine VOGEL) and Julia (John CRAMSEY, JR.). Mary d. 1912 leaving behind her husband, children & 4 brothers (no mention of her parents). I am especially interested in her brother Henry GEISE of Quincy, IL, as well as brothers Joseph of Oldenburg, Ger., Bernard of Montana & Frederick of Stems County, Minnesota.

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Seek desc. of Susan M. CLIFTON (1846-1921), dau. of Wyatt & Mary (WILSON) CLIFTON last of Lewis Co., MO. Susan m. 1st Joseph ASBURY - 1871, Morgan Co., IL. Couple had 2 sons: John H. of Hamilton, Hancock Co., IL, d. 1930 & Dr. Joseph, d. 1929 in MN. Susan m. 2nd George D. BAKER - 1877, Hancock Co., IL. They had 3 children: Edna Alice b. 1871, m. William J. Veach; George A., 1879-1941; David, b. 1881; Mary b. 1884, m. Mr. NEHRBASS.

Seek desc. Of John Thomas WELLS, 1859-1945, s/o Squire & Nancy Jane (WILSON) WELLS last of Bowen, Hancock Co., IL. John Thomas m. 1st Sarah MOORE; 2nd Pearl HOBSON; 3rd Mrs. Nettie HEATON. She d. 1931. None of these marriages are in the Index to Illinois Marriages online. John Thomas WELLS reportedly had 2 surviving children living in CA in 1945 - a son and a daughter.

WANT OTHER RESEARCHERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR FAMILY LINES? SEND IN YOUR QUERIES AND SEE IF YOU GET RESULTS. YOU WON'T KNOW IF YOU DON'T TRY!

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