

May 20, 1996

MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY - ELDRED, GREENE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Memorial Gardens Cemetery is situated, on Illinois State route 108, about 3/4 of a mile east of the town of Eldred, in Bluffdale township, Greene County, Illinois.

This is not just a listing of tombstone readings. It is a list of the known burials in this cemetery and some genealogical information about the persons buried there. Most of the material is from obituaries. However much of it is from other sources and from my personal knowledge of many of these people. Researched by GEORGE B. "Ben" KING JR.

BEIERMAN, REBA G. Oct 25 1923 Sep 16 1986

The Gazette-Patriot, Sept. 18, 1986 - Mrs. Reba G. Beiermann, 62, of 314 Locust Street, Eldred, died at 4:20 P.M. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1986, at St. John Hospital, Springfield. She was a 12 year member of the Greene County Board of Review, serving as board chairman this year, was president of the Eldred American Legion Auxiliary Post 1135, & a past-president of the Greene County Democrat Women's Club. Born in Adams, Tennessee, on October 25, 1923, daughter of William R. and Nettie (Arms) Brown, she married Joseph P. Beiermann on June 29, 1957, in Alton. He survives. Survivors in addition to her husband Joseph, are two brothers, Clifford Brown of Russellville, Ky., and Redford Brown of Evansville, Ind.; and a sister, Maybell Clark of Wood River.

BEST, MARTHA E. 1939

BEST, OLGA C. Apr 27 1899 Oct 29 1987

The Gazette-Patriot, - Mrs. Olga C. Best, 88, of Eldred died at 8:10 A. M. Thursday, Oct. 29, 1987, at her residence. She was born in Greenup April 27, 1899, a daughter of Cecil L. and Maggie E. (Conrad) Carroll. She married Richard B. Best Aug. 5, 1923 in Alabama, and he died Dec. 15, 1971. Surviving are two daughters, Mary Voiles of Eldred and Martha Best of Godfrey; one son, Robert L. Best of Eldred; 14 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother Eithial Carroll and a son Richard C. Best.

BEST, RICHARD B. Feb 19 1898 Dec 15 1971

Richard B. Best, 73, owner and president of the Columbiana Seed Company of Eldred, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1971, at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago where he had been a patient only a few hours. A prominent farmer of Eldred where he had lived for 50 years, Mr. Best was also president of the State Bank of Eldred, was a charter member of the Greene County Farm Bureau, was on the executive committee of Miller's Mutual Insurance Co., and served in the educational and promotional departments of Funk Brothers Seed Company. Mr. Best was born at Lerna, Coles County, Ill., Feb. 19, 1898, son of Robert L. and Elnora Barger Best. He served with the Navy during World War I and was a member of the American Legion Post 1135 in Eldred. After his discharge from the service he attended the University of Illinois, graduating in 1922. On August 5, 1923, he married the former Olga Carroll in Lownes County, Ala. In addition to his widow, Olga, he leaves two sons, Richard C. Best of Nevada, Mo., and Robert L. Best of Eldred; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Voiles of Eldred and Miss Martha Best at home; 14 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; three brothers, E. D. Best of Phoenix, Arizona, Earl Best of Lerna, Ill., and Virgil Best of Dorans, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. Patrick (Eva) Toomey of Howell, Mich. Interment was in the Eldred Memorial Gardens, a cemetery which Mr. Best had recently donated to the village of Eldred. He was the first person to be buried there. The American Legion Post of Eldred conducted military graveside rites.

BLAND, IRENE 1916

BLAND, WALTER E. 1912

BOOTH, DELORES R. 1938 1981

BOOTH, GERALD D. 1937 1981

BRANNAN, GEORGE "BRIT" JR. 1930

BRANNAN, GEORGE W. SR. 1907 1981

BRANNAN, JAMES THOMAS Aug 5 1930 Apr 15 1989

The Gazette Patriot - James Thomas Brannan, 58, of rural Eldred died unexpectedly at 8 A. M. Saturday, April 15, 1989, at his residence. Born in Eldred Aug. 5, 1930, son of Opal (Shaw) Brannan of Eldred and the late

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Kenneth Brannan, he married Eva Lou Bettle on July 1, 1951, in Eldred. She survives. Surviving in addition to his wife Eva Lou, are a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Jerri Lou) Camerer of Eldred; two sons, Greg Brannan of Carrollton and Dan Brannan of Gillette, Wyo.; six grandchildren; a sister, Frances Gangwish of Gibbon, Neb.; and a brother, Max Brannan of Eldred.

BRIDGEWATER, JULIA

1907

BUSHNELL, LUCRETIA

Mar 15 1894 Jan 2 1980

Newspaper unknown - Mrs. Lucretia Bushnell of Eldred, 95, died at 2 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1980, at Boyd Memorial Hospital, Carrollton, after a lengthy illness. She was a retired school teacher. Born March 15, 1884, in Saline County, Missouri, she was a daughter of Calton H. and Hulda Trusty Flatt. She married Dean F. Bushnell in 1911 and he died Oct. 31, 1971. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Evalyn Maury of Huntsville, Ala.; a grandson, Dale Brant of Roodhouse, who was reared in the Bushnell home, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Eugene (Susan) Cebula of Huntsville, Alabama; three great grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Ben (Evelina) Black of Eldred. She was preceded in death by a brother and four sisters. -- She married Dean F. Bushnell, Nov. 23, 1911, in Bluffdale township, Greene County. She was a granddaughter of Aaron & Nancy (Shelton) Flatt and George Trusty & Ellen Curry. She was a great granddaughter of Edward & Rosannah (Garrison) Flatt, and Joseph & Nancy (Chaffur) Shelton. The four sisters that preceded her in death was; Grace, Alice, Mamie, and Burks. The brother that preceded her was Elmer. Her parents are buried in Richwoods cemetery, Bluffdale township. Her husband is buried in the Bushnell Cemetery north of Eldred.

CARRELL, CECIL L.

1868 Jan 3 1953

CARRELL, MAGGIE E Oct 21 1875 Jan 20 1959

Newspaper unknown - Carrollton - Funeral services for Mrs. E. L. Carrell of Eldred who was killed instantly in an automobile accident Tuesday morning north of Carrollton on alternate route 67, will be held here Friday at 2 P. M. at the Simpson funeral home. Interment in the Carrollton City cemetery. Mrs. Carrell, the former Maggie Conrad, was born in Kansas, Oct. 21, 1875. She was married in 1891 to E. L. Carrell who died a few years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Richard Best of Eldred, seven grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters, Miss Rhoda Conrad of Davenport, Iowa and Mrs. Milo Claypool of Charleston, Illinois. -- NOTE, the body of Mrs. Carrell was later removed to Memorial Gardens at Eldred.

CLENENEN, MONTE A.

Feb 2 1962 Sep 17 1978

CLENENNY, BERTHA A.

1915

CLENENNY, ORLAND E.

1908 Sep 10 1975

Alton Telegraph, Sept. 10, 1975 - Eldred - Orland E. Clendenny, 67, of Eldred the past 32 years was pronounced dead on arrival at 1 P. M. Wednesday at the Calhoun Medical Center in Hardin. He was formerly employed at the Columbiana Seed Co. for 20 years. He retired in 1973 after 10 years service as custodian at Carrollton Community High School. He married the former Bertha Ottwell, Nov. 7, 1931, in Hardin. Surviving, besides his widow, are three daughters, Mrs. Julis (Vernita) Gilbert of Carrollton, Mrs. Alberta Dotson of Jacksonville and Mrs. Gary (Janet) Withrow of Eldred; five grandchildren, a brother, Freeman of Nebo and a sister, Mrs. Raymond Smith of Pleasant Hill.

COOK, TENNA CLENENEN Oct 6 1958 Apr. 23 1986

Tenna Clendenen Cook, 27, of Pasadena, Texas, died at 9:40 P. M. Wednesday, April 23, 1986, at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas, from injuries sustained after being struck by an auto in Galveston April 9. She was born in Carrollton Oct. 6, 1958, a daughter of Harold and Ethel (Coonrod) Clendenen of Woodson. She married Donald Cook. Surviving are her parents, one son Dustin of Searcy, Ark.; two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Debbie) Grable of Jacksonville and Laurie Clendenen of Houston, Texas; Three brothers, Chuck Clendenen of Ft. Ord, California, Mike Clendenen and Kelly Clendenen of Pasadena, Texas; and a grandmother, Mildred Hurt of Roodhouse. One brother, Monte Clendenen preceded her in death.

COONROD, HOWARD

1916 Oct 22 1980

Alton Telegraph - Carrollton - Howard L. Coonrod, 63, died at 12:30 P. M. Wednesday at Green Meadows Nursing home, White Hall, following a lengthy illness. Born in Greene County, he was the son of the late William and Jessie (Goldman) Coonrod. Surviving are three daughters, Leola Radford of Cottage Hills, Connie Hampton of

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Wood River and Carol Davis of Rosewood Heights; three sons, Howard Jr. of Roodhouse, Robert "Buddy" of Rosewood Heights and Leroy of East Alton; 18 grandchildren; four sisters, Mildred Hurt of Roodhouse, Mary Seelund of Chicago, Neva Elliott of Bloomington & Nita Holford of Eldred & a brother, Johnny of Norwalk, Ohio. NOTE - The parents of Howard Coonrod are buried in Richwoods cemetery, Bluffdale township. His mother was a daughter of Simon and Nancy Goldman. Earnest Pearl Snyder married, Gertrude "Gertie" Mae Goldman, a sister of his mother.

CRANE, MARTIN A. 1913 Apr 23 1981

The Gazette-Patriot - Martin A. Crane, 68, a long time resident of Carrollton, died at 730 P. M. Thursday,

April 23, 1981, at St. Luke's East Hospital in St. Louis. A world war II U. S. Army veteran, he was a serviceman for General Telephone for 31 years until retiring in 1978. Born in Greene County, a son of Oscar and Margaret (Tillery) Crane, he married the former Myrtle Morris in 1947 and she survives. Surviving in addition to his wife are a sister, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Walz of Jerseyville, and a brother, Irvin Crane of Kimberling City, Mo. A sister preceded in death. -- His grandparents were James & Rhoda Ann (Flat) Crane, great grandparents were Ransom & Sarah Ann (Reid) Flat, and great great grandparents were Edward & Rosannah (Garrison) Flat.

CRANE, MYRTLE H. 1910 1981

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DARR, HARLAN BASS      May 21 1900 Jun 9 1952

Newspaper unknown - Harlan Bass Darr, 52, son of the late Marion (Dutch) and Ada Bass Darr was born May 21, 1900 on the farm west of Carrollton where he attended rural school and grew to young manhood. His entire life was spent in the Carrollton and Eldred vicinity. He passed away at 2 P. M. Monday, June 9 at Barnes Hospital. following an extended illness. On June 25, 1921, he and Miss Opal O'Brien of Eldred were married. He worked eight years in the Heskett Machine Shop in Alton, following which he owned and operated a garage in Eldred for nine years. For the past eleven years he held the position of engineer at the pump house on Valley Farms, this county. Surviving are, his wife, a daughter Miss Mary Jane Darr, two sisters, Mrs. Frank Reynolds and Mrs. Louis Gibler, and two brothers, George and Kenneth Darr all of Carrollton. A son, Marion, preceded him in death in 1946. Burial in Stith cemetery, Carrollton township. -- NOTE - The body was later removed to Memorial Gardens. His grandparent were George William & Louvisa (Snyder) Darr and Stephen and Alice (Bandy) Bass. Great grand parents were; George and Rebecca (Hoffman) Darr - John & Nancy (Poartwood) Snyder - Henry William and Eliza (Simpson) Bass - Thomas and Julia Ann (Looper) Bandy Sr.

DARR, HOWARD ROBERT      Jul 17 1898

DARR, MARION HARLAN      Dec 19 1924 Nov 1946

Newspaper unknown - Marion Darr, 21, died at 6:45 P. M. Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Darr, near Eldred. He had been ill since March and had been a patient in Boyd Memorial hospital in this city and Christian and Barnes hospitals in St. Louis at different times, for a total period of 16 weeks. Marion (Harlan) Darr was born December 19, 1924, in Eldred. Besides his parents he is survived by one sister, Mary Jane, residing at home, and by his grandmother, Mrs. Jane O'Brien of Alton. Interment was in Stith cemetery. -- NOTE, He was later removed to Memorial Gardens cemetery near Eldred.

DARR, MAE E.      Dec 28 1906 Sep 10 1987

Mrs. Mae E. Darr, 80, of Eldred died at 8:30 A. M. Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1987, at Boyd Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. Born in Chesterfield Dec. 28, 1906, a daughter of Leroy and Audrey (Wright) Angelo, she married Joe Clyde. She later married Ralph Ingersol, and then Carl Flamm, both who preceded her in death. She married Howard Darr on May 14, 1931, in Eldred, and he survives. Surviving in addition to her husband are a step daughter Marjorie Meuth of Jerseyville, three stepsons, Howard W. Darr of Carrollton, Bill Flamm of Eldred, and George Holford, of Alton; several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; two sisters, Peggy Milford of Alton and Marvene Weissenfluh of Hobe Sound, Florida; and a brother, Ernest Walton of Quincy. She was predece in death by a brother, Robert Walton.

DARR, OPAL MAE      Mar 6 1902 Mar 20 1986

The Gazette-Patriot, March 27, 1986 - Former Greene County resident Opal Mae Darr, 84, of Princeton died at 10:05 P. M. Thursday, March 20, 1986, at Prairie View Nursing home in Princeton. She was born in Greene County March 6, 1902, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Kimball) O'Brien. She married Harlan Bass Darr and he died in 1952. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elbert (Mary Jane) Vinyard of Wyanet; and several nieces and nephews. One son, Marion Darr, three sisters, and one brother preceded her in death.

DARR, ORPHA VIOLA      Jan 28 1896 Jan 18 1981

Mrs. Orpha Darr, 84, of Eldred died at 1:40 P. M. Sunday, Jan. 18, 1981, at Boyd Memorial Hospital, Carrollton. She was born in Carman, Illinois, Jan. 28, 1896, daughter of Willis and Charlotte (Dowell) Wesfall. She married Howard R. Darr on Feb. 15, 1922, in Carrollton, and he survives. Other survivors are two sons, Howard Willis Darr of Carrollton and George Holford of Alton; two grandchildren, Roger A. Darr of Eldred and Mrs. Byron (Ruth Ann) Martin of Carrollton; and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Darr was preceded in death by a brother, four sisters, and one grandson, Dennis Darr. -- Her 1st marriage was to George Robert Holford, Nov. 3, 1914. He was a son of John H. and Mary E. "Aunt Mollie" (Snyder) Holford. He was killed, Sept. 7, 1920, while repairing a barge. His mother was a daughter of Hiram & Laura Ann (Flatt) Snyder.

DAVIS, LLOYD E.      Oct 7 1895 - Dec 6 1980

DAY, CLYDE D.      1925      1981

EDWARDS, BRVILLE      - Dec 22, 1989

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The Gazette-Patriot - Orville E. Edwards, 74, of Carrollton died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, at Boyd Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. Born in Carrollton on Dec. 18, 1915, the son of Orville and Blanche (Retherford) Edwards, he married Betty Bowers on May 15, 1955, in Carrollton. She survives. Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Karen Rideonour of Alton; three grandsons; a sister, Viola Woodson of Tucson, Ariz.; and three brothers, Howard Edwards of Jerseyville, Alfred Edwards of Belleville and Roy Edwards of San Jose, Calif. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Evelyn Brown. Mr. Edwards retired in 1986 from the Ill. Dept. of Transportation, where he worked as a deckhand on the Kampsville ferry. Prior to that he worked for the Kingston Truck Line. He was a US Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Carrollton American Legion Post #114 and Teamsters Union Local 525 in Alton. Burial in Memorial Gardens Cem. in Eldred.

FABURN, BEULAH A. Aug 1 1916

FLATT, HAROLD JURLEY Sep 30 1925 Jul 11 1987

The Carrollton-Patriot - Harold J. Flatt, 61, of Rural Route 3, Carrollton died at 9:35 P. M. Saturday, July 11, 1987, in a hospital at Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He was spending the summer months in Birchwood, Wisconsin. Born in Greene County, Sept. 30, 1925, son of Milton "Scotty" and Mabel (Shaw) Flatt, he married Pauline Hamel on Nov. 14, 1948, in Wood River. She survives. Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Harry (Paula) Sterkel of Murray, Nebraska; a son, David Flatt of Carrollton; three grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Howard (Doris) Devine of Eldred, Mrs. Paul (Shirley) Lasley of Jacksonville, Mrs. Glen (Frances) Hederick of Kirkwood, Missouri and Mrs. James (Lois) Allen of Carrollton; and one brother, William K. Flatt of Carrollton. He was preceded in death by a sister Arvella Plato. - He was a grandson of William S. "Redney" & Martha Serilda (Grissam) Flatt and Robert Kay & Lillie Belle (Smith) Shaw.

FLATT, MABEL L. Feb. 12, 1904 Mar 12 1981

Newspaper unknown - Eldred - Mabel L. Flatt, 77, died at 12:20 p. m. Thursday at her residence. Born in Woodville Township, the daughter of the late Kay and Lillie Belle (Smith) Shaw, she was preceded in death by her husband, Milton "Scotty" Flatt, on March 28, 1967. Surviving are four daughters, Doris Devine of Eldred, Shirley Lasley of Jacksonville, Frances Hederick of Kirkwood, Missouri, and Lois Griffin of Carrollton; two sons, William and Harold, both of Carrollton; 21 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; three sisters, Beulah Newton and Gladys Shaw, both of White Hall and Ethel Piper of Denver, Colorado, and a brother, Bev. Shaw of White Hall.

FLATT, MILTON "Scotty" FLATT Sep. 27 1885 Mar 28 1967

Born in Greene County, Illinois, a son of William S. "Redney" and Martha Serilda Grissam (Grissam) Flatt. Married Mabel Shaw, Feb. 25, 1922, at Eldred. She survives. Also survived by five daughters, Mrs. Frances Hederick of Kirkwood, Missouri, Mrs. Arvella Plato of Jerseyville, Mrs. Doris Devine and Mrs. Lois Griffin of Eldred and Mrs. Shirley Lasley of Jacksonville and two sons, William and Harold of Eldred. Burial in RICHWOODS CEMETERY -- His body was later moved to Memorial Gardens.

FLATT, PAUL Dec. 11 1903 Jul 6 1985

Paul Flatt, 81, of Carrollton died at 1:50 P. M. Saturday, July 6, 1985, at White Hall Hospital, in White Hall. He was a retired farmer. Born in Greene County Dec. 11, 1903, son of Ernest and Bessie (Hermens) Flatt, he married Edna Schudel on Jan. 1, 1932, in White Hall. She died April 7, 1985. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. William (Betty) Robinson of Carrollton; two granddaughters, Mrs. Robert (Catherine) Smith & Mrs. Patricia "Tricia" Robinson, both of Carrollton and a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Day of Eldred. -- NOTE, He was also preceded in death by a brother, Raymond, and a sister, Clara. He was a grandson of James H. & Laura (Campbell) Flatt, Herman T. & Ellen (Bushnell) Hermens. His great grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Garrison) Flatt, And Robert & Elizabeth (Pate) Campbell.

FLATT, ROY Nov 28 May 4, 1981

Born in Greene County, Illinois. Son of George & Ella (Logan) Flatt. Married Cora Ann Booth, Sept. 11, 1926, in Greene County, Illinois. Died at his home in Jerseyville, Jersey County, Illinois. He was a retired farmer.

FOREMAN, CATHERINE LOUISE Sep 14 1916 Jan 3 1989

The Gazette-Patriot Mrs. Catherine Foreman, 72, of Eldred died at 7:45 A. M. Tuesday, Jan 3, 1989. Born in Eldred, Sept. 14, 1916, a daughter of Thomas H. and Edith (Portwood) Bechdoldt Sr., she married Daniel J. Foreman on Aug. 19, 1936. He died June 30, 1988. Surviving are three daughters, Dani Jo Foreman of Eldred,