

**Problem:** Find parents and/or the ancestor family of William Eli Carlton (1860-1943). He was possibly orphaned during Civil War.

### **Known Data**

According to family records William Eli Carlton was born in Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio on 1 Mar 1860 and died 13 Nov 1943 Manteca, San Joaquin, California. His gravestone indicates (1860-1943). His death certificate dates for birth and death are same as from family records and his mother and father are shown as unknown on death certificate.

William Eli's father's name was believed to be Eli Carlton and his mother name Catherine "Katie" Dilen. A William Eli Carlton born in Mar 1860 is not in 1860 Census of Jun 1860 for any family in Girard, Trumbull, County, Ohio or the adjacent counties.

William Eli is found in 1870 Census with the family of Hiram and Catherine Hamilton at age 10 living in Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania just across the Ohio border. Hiram's occupation was a plasterer and William listed his occupation as a mason in the 1900 census.

William's great granddaughter's baby book indicates he had no brothers or sisters but two half sisters and one half brother. The Hamilton family shows two daughters and one son in census. Catherine Hamilton maybe William's mother remarried about 1863 to Hiram Hamilton.

Found in 1870 Census is family of a John Huffman in Sugargrove Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania with a daughter Elizabeth Huffman age 14 that appears to be his future first wife.

William married 1879 in Greensville, Mercer, Pennsylvania to Elizabeth Huffman. According to family records she was born 11 Sep 1859 in Greenville, Mercer, Pennsylvania and died 8 Nov

1891 Haney, Crawford, Wisconsin. Elizabeth Carlton's gravestone in Haney Wisconsin the death is shown as 8 Nov 1890 aged 34yrs 1m 28dys.

William and Elizabeth Carlton had four daughters born between 1880 and 1888.

William married again in 1892 in Wisconsin to Elminna "Minnie" Bell Nutter born 1 Jun 1867 Wisconsin, USA and died 25 Oct 1952 Manteca, San Joaquin, California. Minnie Nutter was the niece of a William's daughter's husband making the daughter the aunt of her stepmother.

William and Minnie Carlton had one daughter born July 1892 in Wisconsin.

### **RESEARCHED AREAS**

Checked all 1860 Census records for Ohio for a William or Eli Carlton but parents or dates did not check out.

Checked Ancestry and Family Search looking for a marriage between Hiram Hamilton and Catherine Carlton none found.

Checked briefly for possible Carlton surnames deaths in Ohio Civil War deaths

There are several Carlton families living in or near Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio that could be a link to William Eli Carlton. Multiple Census data records for Ohio Carlton family members were checked for possible connection without any luck.