

THE SIMMONS FAMILY IN MILLER COUNTY, MISSOURI

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The first Simmons' of my clan that made Missouri their home came from the area of Fountain Run, Kentucky in the early 1830's. The first of this clan of Simmons' came to Miller County in the 1850's

William Gibson Simmons (1800), a son of Naysa L. Simmons of Fountain Run, Kentucky (b. 1774) and his brother Naysa S. Simmons (b. 1810) were the first to Missouri. William Gibson settled in the old area of Bellville, Missouri just south of Russellville, Missouri. The first land patents in Missouri for William Gibson Simmons is in 1835. I believe they migrated here with the James C. Campbell, Jr. (b. 1791) family and the Levi Roark (1788) family of Barren County, Kentucky and all settled near what is now Russellville. Two of William G.'s sons married daughters of James C. Campbell, Jr. namely, Isabell Campbell (b. 1827) to Jonathan Hunt Simmons (b. 1823) and Sophia Campbell (b. 1824) to Nancy W. Simmons (b.1822).

Williams's brother Naysa S. Simmons who came to Missouri with him married Alicy B. Hunt, (b.1813) daughter of Jonathan Hunt (b. 1760) and they eventually settled in Morgan County, Missouri.

At this time the maiden name of William Gibson Simmons wife, Nancy, is not known. William and Nancy were founding members of the Cold Springs Baptist Church in 1835, now known as the Cole Springs Baptist Church and holds services to this date. This is a new building but the old church sat on the site which is located at the junction of V road and Mt. Olive Rd., West of Russellville,

Missouri. According to Goodspeeds History, William G. Simmons helped in mapping roads through Cole and Moniteau Counties.

I cannot find an exact date of death for either William Gibson or Nancy Simmons. I believe William died in the late 1840's as he is not listed on the 1850 Cole County Census. William and Nancy may be buried at the Campbell Cemetery, which sits just a few miles South of Russellville, Missouri on highway AA or may be buried at the old Bellville Cemetery which is located about 1/4 mile South of the Cole Springs Baptist Church on Rt. V., South and East of Russellville, Missouri. William Gibson Simmons and Nancy had 10 children, 8 sons and 2 daughters. The last four children were born in Cole County.

Wiley, J. R. Simmons 1819-unknown

Nacy W. Simmons 1822-1885

John Hunt Simmons 1823-1881

Jordan Henry Simmons 1826-1866

Joel Yancy Simmons 1828-unknown

William Scribner Simmons 1833-1903

Nancy Catherine Simmons 1835-1899

Henry Green Simmons 1838-unknown

Martha A. Simmons 1840-

Noah H. Simmons 1843-1910

Six of these children appear in various historical data in Miller County at least once. They include Wiley, J. R., John Hunt, Joel Yancy, William Scribner, Noah H. And Martha A. Simmons. A short biography on each follows in order of the earliest to Miller County.

1. The first evidence of this Simmons Family in Miller County was a recorded marriage between Joel Yancy Simmons and Charity

Verner in 1850. It appears the marriage license was signed by Levi Roark. Though married in Miller County it appears Joel owned land in Cole and lived there. Joel was said to have lost an arm during service in the Home Guard during the Civil War.

It was 4 of these sons and one daughter of William Gibson and Nancy Simmons, who held residency in Miller County and include Jonathan Hunt Simmons, Wiley, J. R. Simmons, Noah H. Simmons, William Scribner Simmons and Martha A. Simmons.

2. Noah H. Simmons the youngest of the family appears in the 1860 Mt. Pleasant Census, at the age of 17 living with the George Barber family as a farm laborer. It is also that year that Noah married Eliza Jane Shelton on July 15, 1860 in Miller County. Noah enlisted in the Missouri State Militia Union Army on April 2, 1862 in Jefferson City, MO. He is listed as a private in the 1st Battery Artillery Regiment-Wachsman's, Sheldon's and Welfrey. He appeared in the hospital in November and December of that year with chronic bronchitis and another ailment that cannot be discerned on the document at this time. It is noted that he was treated without progress and on January 28, 1863 is honorably discharged.

Records indicate that in 1865 he remarried to a Sarah Payne in Cole County, MO. At this time I do not know what happened with the marriage to Eliza Jane Shelton. Whether she died or they divorced I do not know. Noah and Sarah eventually move to Oklahoma where he continues to list his occupation as a farmer. In 1888 he files for a military pension as an invalid.

3. William Scribner Simmons born in 1833 appears on the 1860 Miller County Census, Saline, Pleasant Mount, and as with Noah H., his occupation is listed as farmer. He married Amanda

Pitchford January 25, 1857 in Cole County. Amanda died in 1873 and is buried at the Ratcliff/James or Old Union Baptist Church Cemetery at High Point, Missouri. The 1860 Census indicates that he and Amanda had two children: Susan born in 1858 and James in 1860. He then married Zerilda Hoggett in Moniteau County on April 21, 1877. I do not have the 1870 Census data but the 1880 Census shows that he and Zerilda were living in Morgan County where they lived until their death and were buried at Mt. Nebo Cemetery, Versailles, MO. William Scribner and Zerilda had five sons and one daughter, several who lived their lives in Miller County and Eldon.

They are:

1. William Flem Simmons (1862-1949) who married Mahala Elizabeth Purl on October 25, 1896. In 1920 they were living in Eldon until their deaths. William was a machinist for the railroad. William and Elizabeth are buried at the Eldon Cemetery. Their children were Joe, Charles, Elmer, Delbert, Worden, Elle, Herbert, Robert, Hobert.

The other children of William Scribner and Zerilda Simmons are the following: Joel born 1865--Allen born 1866--Mary Jane born 1879, Henry born 1879 and Theron born 1881. At this time information on these five children has not been obtained.

4. Martha A. Simmons, daughter of William Gibson and Nancy Simmons married John Clark in Cole County on April 15, 1858. Reportedly John Clark's occupation is listed as a farmer. Martha and John are listed on the 1860 Miller County Census, Saline, Pleasant Mt. area. Martha's brother Noah was a neighbor away living with George Barber. Other neighbors included William Roark who was the father of Clemency Roark and Alicy E. Roark

who married Simmons brothers. Clemency married Jordan Henry Simmons and Alicy E. married Jonathan Hunt Simmons. Both were sons of William G. Simmons. One can only imagine these matches were made by introduction by either Martha or Noah perhaps as their brothers visited in the area. Clemency was the sister and Alicy Roark was the niece of Yancy Roark who was killed on Curtman Island, which was in the Osage River in southeast Miller County. On August 30, 1864 during the Civil War, Yancy and six others who were part of the Provisional Pleasant Mount, Missouri Militia were ambushed and executed by General Crabtree and his guerillas. I am certain this event affected both the Roark and Simmons family greatly.

The 1880 census placed John and Martha Simmons Clark just up the road at High Point, MO. They had five children: Ellen born 1864, Charles 1870, Rosa E. 1872, Elmer Demott 1873, and Hattie 1876.

5. Jonathan Hunt Simmons, was probably the first to settle in Miller County and make his permanent home in approximately 1850.

After the death of his first wife, Isabell Campbell in 1860, he married Alicy E. Roark a daughter of William Roark, at Tuscumbia, Missouri on 2-5-1861. Between his two marriages Jonathan Hunt Simmons had 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters. He owned and operated the first general store at Rocky Mount, Missouri and farmed in the area. It is said this store was originally moved from High Point, Missouri to its location at Rocky Mount. He also was a charter member at the Baptist church there and donated land to the church. Some of the original sites sit just north of hwy. Y, about 1/2 mile east of the present location of the church. This property is owned by Brent Crane a former Eldon graduate, now

of Jefferson City. Brent is a descendant of Jonathan Hunt Simmons as his mother Lucille Simmons Crane was a granddaughter to Jonathan Hunt Simmons by her father, George Simmons.

A son of Jonathan Hunt Simmons, James C. Simmons (b, 1847) sustained injuries fighting in the Civil War. James was with the 45th Infantry, Co. G, Union Army. Another son William A. Simmons (b. 1862) was an insurance agent in Eldon and is cited among one of the first merchants of Eldon whose business was probably located in the original part of the city which ran along the area of South Grand Avenue.

There is a note in the Provost Marshall's report during the Civil War that Jonathan Hunt was awarded 22 horses for the same amount stolen by rebels. His brothers Wiley, J. R. and Nancy W. Simmons were each rewarded one horse each for the same circumstances. These events may have happened in Cole County.

Jonathan Hunt Simmons appears on the 1850 Miller County Census and most of his family are buried at Dooley Cemetery, Eldon, Missouri. There were many descendants from this line that lived in Miller County during the 1900's.

The children of Jonathan Hunt Simmons and Isabell Campbell are

James C. 1847 married Eleanor Banister

Nancy J. born 1850 married Isaac Boston

Sophia born 1853 no data

Sara Anne born 1855 married Samuel Etter in 1868

Jonathan Hunt Simmons and Alicy E. Roark children are:

Ella I no data

William A. Simmons born 1862 married Mary Louise Cotten in 1880, Insurance Agent in Eldon

Henry Green born 1865 married Eliza Stepp in 1887

Cordell C. born 1868 married Fannie Hartley. Was a telegraph operator in Indian Territory, Ok and Auditor for the railroad in St. Louis.

George L. born 1872 married Cena Jobe was a traveling salesman.

Benjamin F. born 1879 married Sarah Alice Harrison was a salesman

The following is a biography of James C. Simmons, son of Jonathan Hunt Simmons and Isabell Campbell taken from Goodspeeds History of Miller County:

" James C. Simmons, merchant at Rocky Mount, MO was born near Russellville, MO in 1847 and is the eldest of four children born to John Hunt and Isabell Campbell Simmons, both natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather (William Gibson Simmons--dsl) was a farmer by occupation and settled on land near Russellville, MO. at an early day. John Hunt Simmons also resided on a farm near Russellville until 1866 when he moved to Rose Hill, Johnson County, and there opened a store going thence to Cass County and from there to Florence, Morgan County, MO. (had brother at Florence, Naysa S. Simmons--dsl). In 1869 he (John Hunt Simmons--dsl) came to Rocky Mount where he opened a general store and soon acquired a extensive trade. His wife died June 20, 1859 after which Mr. Simmons married Miss Elsie (Alicy--dsl) E. Roark. She bore him seven children.

James C. was reared and began for himself in 1866. December 24, 1865 he married Miss Eleanor Banister a native of Franklin County, Ohio where she resided until twelve years of age. Then

she came to Missouri with her parents in the years 1859 first settling in Henry County but later moved to Cole County and from there to Centre Town, where Mr. Banister opened a store in 1870, this he closed in 1883 but remained at Centre Town until 1889. He now resides in Montrose, Henry County near his farm. Mr. Simmons carried on farming up to 1880 when he secured an interest in a store at Rocky Mount and continued up to 1882. (I believe his fathers store--dsl). His father died December 24, 1881. In February 1882 Mr. Simmons sold his interest in the store and in the same year Chambers and Banister started a store at Rocky Mount, MO. and here Mr. Simmons clerked for two years. Chambers withdrew and Mr. Simmons is now managing the business for his father-in-law. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Iona Lodge No 381. He is somewhat active in politics having been postmaster at Rocky Mount for six years. He is the father of three children, Charles Franklin, Ida-deceased, and Leona."

6. My great-great grandfather, Wiley, J. R Simmons, son of William Gibson and Nancy Simmons came to Miller County in approximately 1885 and settled in Aurora Springs, Missouri after the death of his wife, Mary Bassele Hunt (b. 1814) who died in 1884. I believe Mary Bassele Hunt Simmons was a daughter of Jonathan Hunt, Sr., formerly of Barren County, Kentucky who settled with his son Jonathan Hunt, Jr. in Morgan County. Jonathan Hunt, Sr. was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Wiley and Nancy were married in Barren County, Kentucky on October 16, 1839 before moving to Cole County, Missouri with his father, William Gibson Simmons.

I wonder if Wiley, J. R. Simmons did not locate to Aurora Springs for his health as he was 65 years old at the time or perhaps he was drawn to the area after the death of his wife Mary Bassele

Hunt in 1884 or because he had family members in the area. Wiley, sometimes going by the name James, lived most of his life at McGirk, Missouri which is just East of California, Missouri. He was a farmer and a Bible salesman. There is evidence he fought in the Civil War and was enlisted as a Corporal in the 32nd Infantry, Co. F, Union Army and received a pension for his service for an injury to his right hand.

There is talk through the generations that either Wiley or his son, John Green Simmons, my great grandfather, was a Scout for a wagon train. By her memory, Mrs. Thelma Hines Sappington, deceased, of California, Missouri and a great-grand daughter of Wiley recalls her grandmother, Nancy Simmons Harlan (a daughter of Wiley) speaking of a trip out West on a wagon train. Perhaps Wiley or John or both worked as Scouts for that Westward procession. Mrs. Sappington also recalls her grandmother's stories of the old family home out on String Creek Road, California, Missouri and brings to mind moments of chasing honey bees, panthers and of bushwackers! Several of the Simmons clan had homes along Stringcreek Road, one of which just burned down in 2010, one day before I visited it. What a shame, one day late, and to view it in smoldering ashes!

There are two letters written by Wiley and his son William H. Simmons that I have copies of. The originals are in the archives at the Moniteau County Historical Society in California, Missouri. In these letters dated in 1886 Wiley writes to his grand-daughter Lillian Hines at McGirk, Mo. Wiley notes his address as Aurora Springs, Missouri where he lives with his son William H. Simmons. Of note he speaks in a letter dated, June 23, 1886 of a "great" 4th of July celebration to be held on the 3rd of July that will feature fireworks and various performances. He also states of forming a "good Templar Lodge" with 23 members. Also boasts of the best

garden ever with corn as tall as he.

I do not have a date of death for Wiley, nor a place of burial. I believe he died right at the turn of the century, 1900. I know by his notes in the family bible (in the possession of Clarice Nelson of California, Missouri) that Wiley was alive in 1894. There are notes that indicate he was buried at Dooley Cemetery, Eldon, Missouri but I have not been able to confirm this. I tend to believe this is his resting place as his brother Jonathan Hunt Simmons is buried there. My grandfather Ely and grandmother Delpha Simmons wanted to be buried there and I must think that they went where family was.

Wiley, J. R. and Mary Bassele Hunt Simmons had 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. Two remained in Moniteau County and two John Green Simmons (b. 1846, my great grandfather) and William H. Simmons (b. 1851) came to Miller County. Following is a list of the children of Wiley, J. R. and Mary Bassele Hunt Simmons;

William Henderson 1842-1916, never married

Jordan Hill born 1843-1919, married Mary Ann McDonald in Moniteau County.

John Green Simmons 1846-1904, married Martha Adelaid Apperson

Nancy Jane 1849-1928 married Lorenzo Bascum Harlan, Moniteau County

One of the locations for the Simmons home at Aurora Springs was at the corner of Hays Drive and Aurora Street along old highway 54. Those homes stood for some time, remember Grandma Delpha Simmons pointing them out with memories of living there. The homes were destroyed in the last few years.

At some point in the 1890's Wiley's son, John Green also moved to Aurora Springs and lived in Wiley's home for a short time before getting his own home at Aurora Springs. William H. Simmons lived with Wiley until Wiley's death and then moved in with brother John Green Simmons. William and John always listed their occupations as laborers. William H. Simmons never married. After the death of John Green Simmons in 1904 William moved in with his nephew, Ely Edward Simmons, son of John Green Simmons. William H. Simmons died in 1916 at Eldon.

I find very little information at this time on John Green Simmons (b. 1846). He married Martha A. Apperson, a daughter of Mansfield Apperson in Moniteau County on 10-21-1867. Census reports John Green Simmons in Aurora Springs in 1900. There is some question whether John Green Simmons was living at Aurora Springs or Kansas City, MO at the time of his death. So far I am unable to find any death records for him. His wife Martha lived with several of their children in Eldon, Jefferson City, and then with their son Ralph Oliver Simmons in Kansas City where she died in 1934. John and Martha had 7 children, 3 sons and 4 daughters. Of the sons, Ely Edward stayed in Miller County and made Aurora Springs and Eldon his home. A daughter, Alice Morton Simmons married Thornton Smith Lamson and they made Miller County their home. Following are the children of John Green and Martha A. Apperson Simmons;

Alice Morton, 1868-1916, married Thornton Smith Lamson
Ely Edward, 1871-1945, married Delpha Clay Robertson
Charles M. 1874-no data, may have died at birth
Julia Estella, 1876-1946 married John William Dunagan
Bertha Viola 1881-1914 married Walter A. Wickers
Ida May 1883-1959 married Jack Allen

Ralph Oliver 1890-1949 married Ethel Scott then Ethel Newman

Ely Edward Simmons, (b. 1871) my grandfather, married Delpha Clay Robertson, (b. 1876) daughter of William Justus Robertson (1838) of Hickory Hill, Missouri. Ely and Delpha were married 9-12-1897 at Aurora Springs and had 7 children, 2 sons, and 5 daughters.

Ely Simmons worked for Rock Island Railroad as an engineer. He was working there through the construction of Bagnell Dam and ran the rail lines to there. He moved briefly to Kansas City and worked as a watchman at the airport. Relocating back to Eldon he spent his last years and died 6-7-1945. The family home was located at 605 South Grand Avenue and is no longer standing. The train through Eldon ran right along the home. Delpha told stories stating there were so very many hobos along the tracks and they would come to homes begging for food. After a time she said that she got in the habit of just leaving food on the back step for those looking. Delpha Clay Simmons died on April 2, 1973. Ely and Delpha were members of the First Christian Church of Eldon.

Both of Ely and Delpha's sons made Miller County and Eldon their home. They include Carl William Simmons (b. 1912) and Clifford Eugene Simmons (b. 1923). Their daughters, Buelah, Barbara, Mabel and Lorraine moved to other cities upon their marriages. Lorraine and Mabel returned to Eldon in their later years and spent the remainder of their lives here. Following are the children of Ely Edward and Delpha Clay Robertson Simmons and biographies on their sons Carl and Clifford who made Miller County their permanent homes.

Barbara L. 1898 married John Blackman then Charles Kiser, they had no children.

Mabel R. 1900-1995 married Fred Atkinson. They had no children but Fred had two sons, Neal and Paul from a previous marriage.

Buelah C. 1902-???? married Oscar Kerr White. They had one daughter Betty.

Carl William 1912-1998 married Alberta Davies, then Ida Aubele Davies. Carl and Alberta had no children. Carl and Ida had one child a son, Carl William, Jr. Ida had two daughters Sue and Kay from a previous marriage.

Lorraine 1914-2011 married Glen Way. They had three daughters, Jo Ann, Jean and Judy.

Clifford Eugene 1920-1990 married Margaret Bradick. They had five children, Clifford E. Simmons, Jr. (Bud), Barbara, Edward, Deborah and Linda.

Carl W. Simmons married Alberta Davies in Kansas City in 1932, however that marriage ended in divorce. There were no children born to that marriage. A few years later Carl married Ida Mae Aubele Davies (b. 1917) in Kansas City on 2-17-1948. Ida had two children, daughters, Sue and Kay from a previous marriage. Ida's first husband and the girl's natural father Albert Davies died in an accidental drowning at Gravois Mills, Missouri in 1947. Carl and Ida had one son, Carl W. Simmons Jr., nicknamed Butch. Carl and Ida and children lived and worked in the Eldon area most of their lives.

Carl quit school at the age of 14 excited to be on his own. He

went to Kansas City MO and enlisted in the Army. It is believed that he gave an erroneous birthdate so that he could join up.

Carl served during WWII and was a Sergeant in the Army. Carl was part of the famous 5th Red Ball Express. He was stationed in both North Africa and Europe during his deployment. He was at Auschwitz and witnessed first hand the horror of the Holocaust. After the war he returned to Kansas City and worked for John Pendergrass at White Trucking as a chauffeur. Carl returned to Eldon and worked for the Department of Defense as a truck driver at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He also worked for his brother Clifford in the propane gas business and managed one of the stores. Carl and Clifford erected a building at 15th Street and business highway 54 in the mid 1950's. They first leased the building as a dance hall and bar but later turned it into a roller skate rink. This building later housed Readygas Propane Service. Lee Mace in his early years played on the weekends at the roller rink.

Ida retired working for Pryor Novelty Company at Tuscumbia. She was involved with the Eastern Star and was a Worthy Advisor for the Rainbow Girls. Her and Carl were avid bowlers and competed in many local tournaments. They spent their retirement years traveling with their 5th wheel trailer, spending the winters in South Texas.

Carl died on November 11, 1998 and Ida died September 10, 1989. They are both buried at Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett, Missouri. They had 4 grandchildren at the time of their death. Carl W. Simmons, Jr. living at Holts Summitt, MO, Sue Davies at Republic and Kay Bonnott at Ulman, MO

Clifford Eugene Simmons, Sr. graduated Eldon High School in

1938. Moving to Memphis Tennessee he lived with his elder sister Buelah and worked at Pigeon Steel and Leonard's Bar B Q as a car hop. He meets his wife Margaret Bradick (b 1923) a Memphis native and they were married in Marion, Arkansas on October 11, 1941.

Clifford enlisted in the Army Air Corp and served during the Korean War. He was a 1st Lieutenant and served as a navigator/bombardier on a B-17 and trained in the B50. Both wars ended before he saw any combat duty overseas.

Returning back to Miller County Clifford established Eldon Steel Products and manufactured propane tanks and supplies. This building was located behind the former Osage Products. He also started Red D Gas Propane and Electric. After selling these business's he bought a propane gas business in Salem, Indiana called Blue Flame Propane. He operated this business for about 5 years and then sold it. In the early to mid 1950's he and his brother Carl built a roller skate rink in Eldon. This building was located at 15th and Business Highway 54 and later provided the offices for his new business which he called Readygas Propane Service, Inc. There were branch offices in Camdenton, Richland, Buffalo and Jefferson City, Missouri He also operated Simmons Supply making aluminum doors and windows, Simmons Trucking and Modern Home Improvements. In the 1980's Clifford purchased Missouri Valley Feed and Supply in Cedar City, MO. That business was sold after the flood of 1983. The shell of the building remains and is now a hub for the Katy Trail at Jefferson City, MO. He also purchased the property that was once the home of Max Allen's Zoo Gardens in the mid 1980's. That building was remodeled into office spaces.

In 1967 Clifford bought acreage at Aurora Springs where Lake

Ozark Speedway is now located. It was here that he fulfilled his dream of raising cattle and farming. He then went on to purchase additional farm properties North of Eldon and established Simmons Farms. One of these properties was the former home of George Weeks, founder of Eldon. Clifford starting raising Limousin cattle in 1969 and was the 151st member of the National Limousin Foundation and a founding member of the Missouri Limousin Breeders Association. He was among one of the first breeders to use embryo transplant. The farm erected a sales arena and hosted its own breeding cattle production sales. He served on the Board of Directors for Missouri LP Gas Association and Missouri Limousin Breeders Association. He was member of the American Legion. In the late 1980's he sold Readygas Propane Service, Inc to MFA Oil Company retiring to his farming and cattle operation.

Clifford and Margaret had five children, Clifford E. (Bud) Simmons, Jr., Barbara Lee Simmons, Edward Leroy Simmons, Deborah Kay Simmons and Linda Jo Simmons. After the young family lived with Clifford's Mother at 605 S. Grand, a home was purchased at 119 West North Street in Eldon and it remained the family home until the death of both Clifford and Margaret.

Bud Simmons and Barbara Simmons moved to St. Louis, MO and established business's there. Bud now resides in Camdenton, Missouri and owns Mariner Pier 31 Marina. Bud has 3 children, Brent, Nicholle and Natalea and was married to Nada Brown of Mexico, MO. Barbara works for ReMax Realtors in Chesterfield Missouri. She was married to Jerry V. Woodham of Malden, MO. And they had 2 children, Tiffany and Jason. After divorce of Jerry Woodham she married John Hammond formerly of Jefferson City, Missouri in January 2011. Edward Simmons married Rhonda Hickey of Eldon and have two daughters, Michelle and Laura.

They own Gasco Propane Service at Eldon. Deborah married Bruce Cato of Eldon and they had twin sons, Brandon and Byron Cato. After divorcing Bruce Cato she later married John W. Leonard of Henley, MO. She and John had two children, Justina and John Cody and have since divorced. Bruce Cato died in February 2011. Linda married Richard Thomas of Eldon and they have two daughters, Whitney and Abbey. Edward, Deborah, Linda and their families live in Eldon. All of Clifford's children worked in his businesses with him and were on the Board of Directors for Readygas Propane Service.

Clifford died August 27, 1990 and Margaret died November 7, 1999. Both are buried at the Eldon Cemetery. Clifford, Margaret and family were members of the First Christian Church and the Nazarene Church of Eldon.