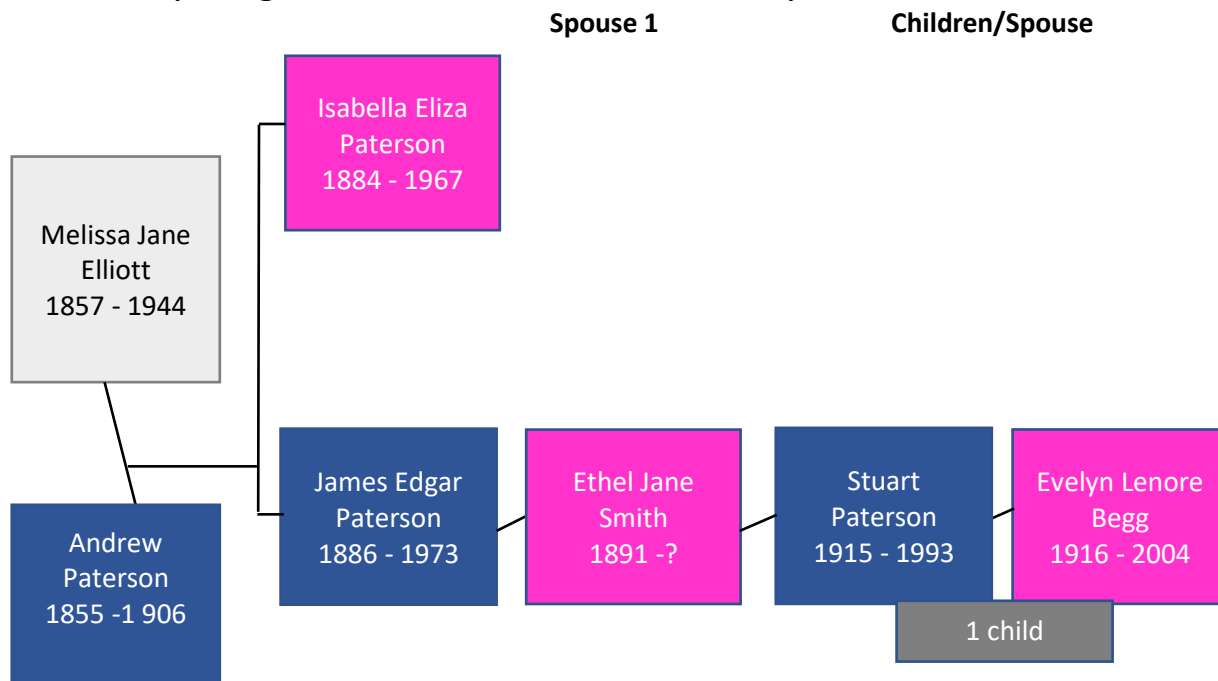


Book 7 Chapter 7 – 1
Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott
Children of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Last Child: Melissa Jane	B 27 Sept 1857 Goderich, Township, Huron Ont. D 03 Mar 1944 Hamilton, Ont. M 07 Feb 1883 London, Ont.
Spouse: Andrew Paterson	B 06 Dec 1855 N Oxford township D 04 Jan 1906 Ridgeway, Ont. (near Ft Erie)

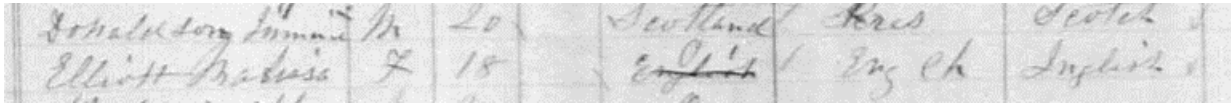
Melissa Jane Elliott Family Tree

Melissa – youngest child of JR Elliott and Betsy Elliott



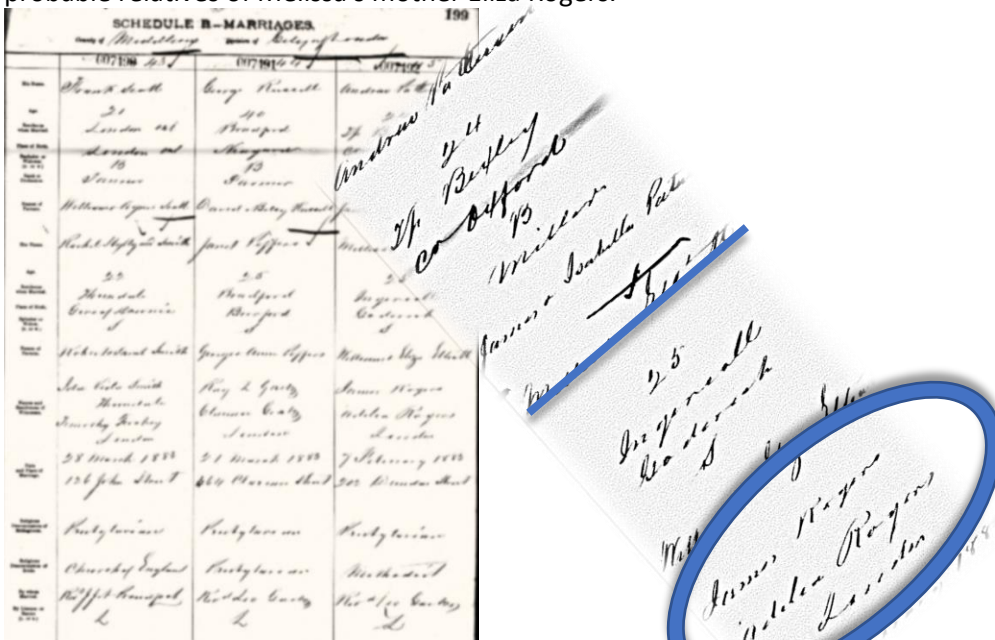
Melissa was born when the family was living in a shanty on 50 acres beside the Bayfield River in Goderich Township, Huron County. Sometime around the time she was 10 years old the family seems to come apart. It can be speculated that her mother and father either went through a divorce or he simply left with another woman. Divorces in that era were never discussed because of the stigma would put on the family. In fact, Melissa’s mother referred to herself as being “widowed” in censuses when her husband was alive and living in Minnesota where he would outlive her by over 5 years. The family was back in Ingersoll by the 1871 census. I expect they were in town by the mid-1860s. Life was probably financially difficult for the family. The older children left the family as soon as possible. The younger ones were mostly likely farmed out to relatives to work as farm labour for the boys and as house servants for the girls. As an example, Melissa’s older sister, Josephine, was a 15-year-old house servant for her aunt Maria Seldon in 1871 and Melissa’s teenage son Edgar was likely working on a farm. Only Edwin, Thomas and Melissa were at home. Sons Edwin and Thomas were labourers and probably sources of income for the group. In the census year 1881, mother Eliza was 60 years old and living with her son Thomas and his wife Elizabeth. Where was Melissa?

There was a Melissa Elliott boarding in Ingersoll in 1881. That would be a possibility, however I am concerned the census age is out a few years. The census listed her as being 18 years of age. In 1871 she would have been 15. Since her mother had moved in with her son Thomas and family and all her other siblings had moved on in the 1871 census, this may have been Melissa and she had given an older age to perhaps satisfy the landlady or enumerator. It would make sense that she was boarding in town as she was not married in 1871 and not living with her mother. No other Melissa Elliott was found in Ingersoll.



Melissa living in a boarding house 1881.

In February of 1883 Marissa married Andrew Paterson. As a sidebar, they were married in London, Ont. The two witnesses were James and Adelia Rogers who were discussed in Chapter 1 of Book 7 as probable relatives of Melissa's mother Eliza Rogers.



1865 Paterson farm location (McGill Maps)



Andrew Paterson grew up on his family's farm NW of Ingersoll on Con 2 Lot 6 N Oxford according to the 1856 Tremaine Maps from U of Toronto. One of their neighbours to the south was the recently arrived Seldon/Elliott Family from Devon. By the time Andrew was 22, his occupation was listed on the 1881 census as a miller. A miller was a person who operated the equipment to grind grain or corn into flour. There were several mills in Ingersoll and the surrounding area in the 1880s. With proximity to Ingersoll and Marissa living in that town in the 1881 census, they met and were married. By the 1891 census the couple and 2 children were found in the Eldon township area of Victoria County in the Kawartha Lakes, north of Toronto. This

would have been a major move for the couple as the distance from Ingersoll was about 280 kms. This would be comparable to moving to a different province today.



Andrew was listed as a store clerk and they appeared to live on a few acres in or near a village. I have not been able to identify which village but am leaning towards Woodville. Daughter Isabella was six and son James Edgar four at the time of the 1891 census. Other records show the children were born in Eldon township so it is easy to surmise they arrived in Eldon by 1885 at the latest. It would be safe to assume they moved there soon after the couples August 1884 London wedding. The reason for the move is unknown. Photo – Eldon township 1890s – Kawartha Lakes Library

CADA, 1891.
 Province Ontario District No. 170 North Victoria S. District Eldon
 SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 7th day of April 1891.
 TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants. Enuméré par moi ce 7 jour de Avril 1891.

Maison habitée		NAMES.	Sex.	Age.	Married or Single	Country or Province of Birth.	French Condition.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	RELIGION.	Profession, Occupation or Trade.	Employed.	Wage Earned.	Value of Real Estate owned.
4	5													
1		Paterson, Andrew M.	M.	37	M.	Ontario	—	Ontario	United States	Presbyterian	Store Clerk	—	—	—
—		—	—	—	—	—	—	England	England	—	—	—	—	—
—		Isabella	F.	6	—	—	—	Ontario	Ontario	—	—	—	—	—
—		Edgar M.	M.	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

1891 census - Eldon



The family was on the move again and by 1901 they were in Ridgeway, Ontario. Ridgeway is in Welland County on the shore of Lake Erie and five kilometers west Fort Erie. It is famous as the major battle site of the Fenian Raids that Melissa's brothers JR and Thomas fought in 1866. Andrew was again listed as a flour miller and was making a healthy \$624 per annum, well above the average wage. Again, this can be looked at as a substantial move for the family. Major events happened soon after that. Andrew died on the 4th of January, 1906. His death was in the county of Welland and according his death certificate information probably near or in the small village of Ridgeway. A notice posted in the Ingersoll newspaper of the day indicated such. In the notice, J L

Paterson was Andrew's younger brother and a successful Ingersoll lawyer. Andrew's death certificate gives some insight to the reason for his death.

County of <i>Wellas</i>	
No.	<i>4</i>
Name of Decedent	<i>Patterson Andrew</i>
Sex	<i>Male</i>
Date of Death	<i>Jan 4 / 1906</i>
Age	<i>47 Yrs / Mo</i>
Residence, Street No. or Occupation and Lot	<i>Ridge St Lot 8</i>
Occupation	<i>Miller</i>
Single or Married	<i>Married</i>
If Single give Name of Father	
If Married give Name of Husband	<i>030012</i>
Where	<i>Oxford Co</i>
Cause of Death	<i>Alcoholic excess</i>
Length of Illness	<i>3 hrs</i>
Name of Physician in Attendance	<i>Dr Brewster</i>
Religious Denomination	<i>Presby</i>
Name of Person making Return	<i>Brewster M. M</i>
Date of Registration	<i>Jan 6</i>

DIED AT RIDGEWAY.

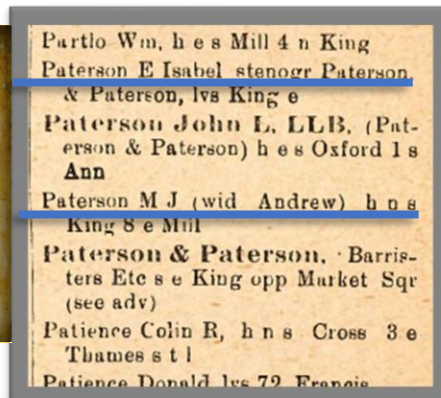
(From Friday's Daily.)

Last evening Mr. J. L. Paterson received a message from Ridgeway announcing the sudden death, about an hour before, of his brother Andrew. No particulars were given and Mr. Paterson left for Ridgeway this morning. It has since been learned that his brother's death was due to rupture of a blood vessel. The remains will be brought to Ingersoll for interment.

The cause of death is mostly attributed to "alcoholic excess." It would not seem a stretch that alcoholism may have been the reason that the family moved so often and when doing so moved relatively long distances. He may have had trouble maintaining a job and by moving far away from his previous job he was able to make a fresh start with employment elsewhere. There is a good chance that several moves were missed due to the fact the censuses were 10 years apart. Homelife may have been very difficult for his wife and children. There were no services to assist families dealing with alcoholism in the late 1800s and Melissa's siblings were not close by. Unless widowed, there was still the stigma of a wife leaving her husband. Melissa witnessed the hardship of a separated family when her mother and father parted company when she was six to eight years old. A question does present itself at Andrew's death. Were the children and wife living with him in Ridgeway at the time of his death? There was several Paterson's living in the Welland area at the time. Did he go live with these relatives and the family moved back to Ingersoll? The only fact we know is that Melissa and daughter Isabella were in Ingersoll soon after Andrew's 1906 death. Isabella was a stenographer at her uncle's law firm in 1908. Melissa lived on King St. east of Mill St. in Ingersoll. This was a few buildings up the street from her sister Josephine Toull's grocery store that the Toull's owned a few years previously.



Ingersoll Gazetteer directory 1908



Great Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott

Grandchildren of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Children of Melissa Jane Elliott and Andrew Paterson

Child: Isabella Eliza B 10 Aug 1884 Victoria Road, Eldon, Kawartha Lakes, Ont.
 D 22 Sept 1967 Hamilton, Ont. As per IRC Index
 Never married.

Child: James Edgar B 10 Aug 1886 Victoria Road, Eldon, Kawartha Lakes, Ont.
 D 23 Mar 1973 Hamilton, Ont. As per IRC Index (age 86)
 M 05 Sept 1915 Hamilton, Ont.

Spouse: Ethel Jane Smith B 06 July 1891 Hamilton
 D unknown

It seems that son James Edgar did not make the trip back to Ingersoll but struck out on his own at age 19. By the 1911 census, Edgar had established himself as a draftsman working in Hamilton. Melissa, by that time was 53 years old and she and daughter Isabella had moved from Ingersoll to live with Edgar at 117 Kent St. Hamilton. Melissa was noted as head of the house and widowed. Isabella at 26 was contributing to the household income as a law office stenographer while James Edgar, age 24, added income as a draughtsman (draftsman).

James Edgar's marriage to Edith Smith was on the 5th of September, 1915 and the immediate addition of son Stuart a year later increased the household to five. Both Edgar and Isabella continued in their occupations in the 1921 census. This time they were living at 26 Bruce St. near the base of the Hamilton escarpment where Edgar was named as head of the house. Ten years later Melissa and spinster daughter Isabella are living at 316 Herkimer St in Hamilton. There was some kind of split ownership agreement between Melissa and widow Ella Cummings who also lived in the house.



Isabella Paterson

SIXTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1921		POPULATION		SEIZIEME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1921		"B"	
Province	District No.	Enumeration Sub-District	No. 10	City, Village, Town or Hamlet	Page	Page	Page
Ontario	88	Victoria Road	10	Hamilton	11	11	11
Paterson	James	26 Bruce St	Ward 3	11	27	S	Chief
Paterson	Ethel	26 Bruce St	Ward 3	-	-	-	Wife
Paterson	Stuart	26 Bruce St	Ward 3	-	-	-	Son
Paterson	Melissa	26 Bruce St	Ward 3	-	-	-	Sister
Paterson	Isabel	26 Bruce St	Ward 3	-	-	-	Sister

Was Edgar a WWI veteran? I have not found any records to indicate his involvement. I also wonder if there was any contact between Melissa and her niece Josephine Beckett. They both lived close to each other during the 1930s when Josie moved from Windsor to Hamilton to be closer to the Beckett family. It would be a shame if they never crossed paths.

This is where the census trail runs out. Several voter lists records spread over 3 decades indicate that Melissa and Isabella and eventually Edgar moved to 316 Herkimer St. in Hamilton

314 Smith, Miss Isabel, clerk	145	31	314 Smith, Vernon, Asst. Foreman
316 Patterson, James E., gentleman	146	314 Smith, Dorothy —	
316 Patterson, Miss Isabel	147	316 Paterson, James E., Draftsman	
318 Parras, Albert, assembler	148	316 Paterson, Isabelle —	
59 Herkimer, 314, Smith, Miss Isabel (W), bookkeeper		318 Lind, Leisa —	
60 Herkimer, 316, Patterson, Mrs. Melissa (W), widow			
61 Herkimer, 316, Patterson, Miss Isabelle (W), spinster			
62 Herkimer, 318, Bonanay, Arthur, salesman			

Voters lists 1935, 1953, 1963.



The 1935 voters list still had Melissa and Isabella at 316 Herkimer. Edgar was not with them at that time as I suspect he had moved with his family to another house. He would later return once his wife passed and his only son married. By that point, Melissa had died and Isabella and Edgar lived out their lives in the house.

316 Herkimer St Hamilton Ont.

Melissa died in Hamilton 30 Mar 1944 and was removed to IRC.

This form if placed in an envelope, marked "Dominion Statistics-Free, penalty for improper use \$200," and properly addressed will pass through the mail "FREE" (Post Office).

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO - CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH 022097

1. PLACE (County or District of) Westchester Township of Carleton
 If in City, Town or Village Hamilton Street Herkimer House No. 316

2. LENGTH OF STAY (in years, months and days) (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number):
 (a) In City, Town or Township where death occurred: 34 yrs. (b) In Province: Ont. (c) In Canada (if immigrant):
 3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED: PATERSON, MELISSA JANE

RESIDENCE No. 316 Street Herkimer City, Town, Village or Township Hamilton Province Ontario
 (Residence means usual place of abode. Post Office Address for residents in rural parts not sufficient.)

4. Sex F. 5. Nationality (Citizenship) Canadian 6. Racial Origin English 7. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Widowed

8. BIRTHPLACE Sunderland Township - Ont. 24. DATE OF DEATH March 30 1944
 (Province or Country) (Month) (Day) (Year) (Month) (Day)

9. DATE OF BIRTH September 27 1887 25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from:
 (Month) (Day) (Year) Oct 20 1943 to March 30 1944
 and last saw h. ex alive on March 30 1944

10. AGE in 56 Years 9 Months 3 Days If less than one day old hrs. or min.

11. Trade, profession or kind of work as housewife
 employer, tenant, office clerk, etc.

12. Kind of industry or business, as cotton-
 mill, lumbering, bank, etc.

13. Date deceased last worked September 27 14. Total years spent in 24
 at this occupation (Month) (Day) this occupation

15. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased.

16. NAME William Elliott

17. BIRTHPLACE England
 (Province or Country)

18. MARRIAGE NAME Eliza Sadgore

19. BIRTHPLACE England
 (Province or Country)

20. Person giving information sign Isabel Patterson
 Address 316 Herkimer Street
 Relationship to deceased Daughter

21. Place of Burial, Cremation or Removal Spring Hill, Ontario
 Date of burial or removal April 2nd 1944

22. Burial Permit was issued by J. F. Perry
 Address Hamilton

23. UNDERTAKER Jas. Marshall & Co.
 (Name and address) 114 Main Street West Hamilton, Ont.

24. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 24. DATE OF DEATH March 30 1944
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from:
Oct 20 1943 to March 30 1944
 and last saw h. ex alive on March 30 1944

26. CAUSE OF DEATH
 I. 131-2
 Immediate cause Chronic Myocarditis
 Give disease, injury or condition which caused death, and the mode of dying, such as heart failure, apoplexy, asthma, etc.
 due to (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____
 Medical condition, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order preceding backwards from immediate cause):
 II. 093-4
 Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death, but not causally related to immediate cause: Chronic Nephritis
Chronic Catarrh of the Bladder

26. If a communicable disease is mentioned on this certificate, give (a) Date of appearance _____ 19____
 (b) Duration of disease _____ days

27. If a woman, was the death associated with pregnancy? no

28. Was there a surgical operation? no Date of operation _____ 19____
 State findings: _____ Was there an autopsy? no

29. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
 Accident, suicide or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ 19____
 Manner of injury _____ (State when) _____
 (How sustained)

Nature of injury _____
 Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Signed by J. F. Perry M.D.
 Address 101 Main Street West Date March 31 1944

30. Division Registrar's Record No. _____
 31. Filed Mar 31 1944 J. F. Perry
 (Divide Registrar)

**Mrs. Melissa Paterson
Passes At Hamilton**

The death occurred in Hamilton on Friday of a former well known resident of Ingersoll, in the person

of Mrs. Melissa Paterson, widow of the late Andrew Paterson, in her 87th year. The family moved to Hamilton a number of years ago and Mrs. Paterson is fondly remembered as the former Melissa Elliott.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Ella at home and a son, Edgar

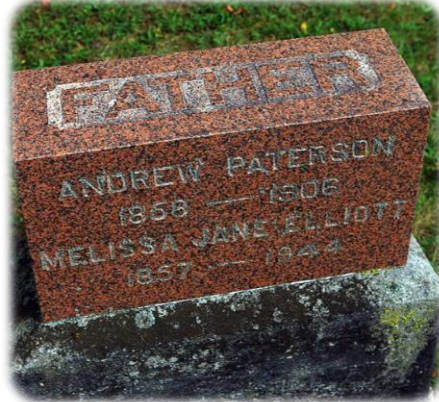
in Hamilton.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday at Hamilton and motored on to the Ingersoll Mausoleum. The pall bearers were nephews of the deceased, Chas. Downing, Albert Elliott, Alex. Smith, Garnet Elliott, Edgar Elliott and James Elliott.

Isabella continued to live on Herkimer St. until her death 22 Sept 1967 and is buried in IRC.

Edgar is buried with the family at IRC after his death 23 Mar 1973 at age 86.

Edgar's wife Ethel Jane Smith was not buried with him and has not been located. It is interesting to note that Melissa's nephews were pall bearers, proof that the John Rogers Elliott family that lived in the Ingersoll region remained in close contact.



Child of James Edgar Paterson and Ethel Smith

Child: Stuart S. B 07 Sept 1915 Hamilton, Ont.
D 28 Aug 1993 Guelph, Ont.

Spouse: Evelyn L Begg B 30 July 1916 Hamilton
D 30 Dec 2004 Cambridge, Ont.

I have not been able to locate any other child of Edgar's except Stuart.

The 1949 Voters list had Stuart and his wife living with his in laws in Hamilton. He was listed as a wire splicer (likely phone company). At some point prior to 1963 the couple moved to Metcalf St. in Guelph. Stuart appears to have spent his life working in the telephone cable installation business either as a contractor or working directly for Bell Canada.



Stuart Paterson and Evelyn Begg.

Evelyn was with the Wrens during WWII.

Stuart died 26 Aug 1993 and is buried in Guelph's Milgrove cemetery with his wife Evelyn and her parents.

End of Book 7.

Next Book 8: The Thomas Elliott and Laura Lewis Family

Acknowledgments

It has been thirty-four months since Covid led me to this journey of connection to my family. Traipsing through the past has enriched me with knowledge of where I was born and raised in Oxford County. I also understand more about my extended ancestral family and the lives they led. I wish to thank the following people and organizations that put up with what may have seemed as unending requests and constant badgering. I apologize to those I have missed. This project is as much yours as mine. Take a bow.

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Larry Jeffery

Pam MacKenzie

Caroline French – Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

Joseph Coulson

Reed Elliott

Susan and Gary Gilleran

Lynda Carrington

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Len Elliott

Wayne Smith

And to my immediate family – I am sorry that I caused so many eye rolls as I regaled them with stories from past generations. To my lovely wife and patient editor – you were right. Their patience and encouragement were always welcome and at times needed.

Glenn Elliott

Great, Great Grandson of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers.

June 2023.