

Book 7 Chapter 5 – 1

“IRC” abbreviation of Ingersoll Rural Cemetery

“Con” township concession road

Grandchildren of John Elliott and Mary Elliott Seventh child of William Elliott and Eliza Rogers

Child: Edgar James

B Oct 1854 E Nissouri Township

D 22 July 1881 Ingersoll

M 13 Apr 1881 Ingersoll

Spouse: Jane Weldon

B 12 Dec 1858 Malahide, Elgin Co. Ont.

D 04 Sept 1902 Evergreen, Sinilac Co. Michigan

There is some confusion in the records over his name. His death certificate lists him as Edgar James and his marriage certificate has him listed as William Edgar. I have recently recovered a family ancestry sheet from the Norwich Ontario Museum that was written by Roy Elliott around 1930. He was the first cousin of Edgar. Roy had him listed as being Edgar James. The dates of birth and death are correct. Of interest is that Roy indicated that Edgar was single at his death when in fact he was married for less than two months to Jane Weldon.

I have not found much about Edgar. He was born in Oxford Co. before the family moved to Goderich Township, Huron Co. sometime around 1858-60. His marriage certificate indicated his birth place and puts to rest the fact that his older brother Edwin's grave marker has the wrong birth location. Brother Edwin is listed as being born in Clinton, Huron Co on his tombstone yet younger Edgar was born in Nissouri Township before the family moved to Huron Co.

Edgar was found in the family 1860 census (listed as Elliot), with the family in Goderich Township, Huron Co. The family was all there except for much older brother John Rogers who stayed in N. Oxford and sister Mary Anne, that family records show, died in 1854. The family appears to be newly arrived to the property and living in a shanty. Most neighbours were living in cabins at that point.

As mentioned in his father's bio, the family was separated in the 1871 census with father William having moved away and Eliza now the household head. However, only 3 children were found with her; son Thomas (age 23) a labourer and son Edwin (age 20) a labourer. Youngest daughter Melissa (age 13) was also there. So where was 18 year old Edgar? My suspicion is that he was living with and working for one of his farm relatives. I may stumble upon him some day in the 1871 census.

By 1881, he was living in Ingersoll and working in what was the family occupation as a butcher. He was living alone in the 1881 census and was only 27 years old. It would be unusual that he would be living in a house by himself at that age.

The 1880 Oxford County Directory, comparable to the modern-day phone book, had Edgar working as a butcher in the market building in downtown Ingersoll and living on Carnegie St. Carnegie St was the location of several Elliotts though out the years.

Elliott Edgar, butcher, market building, res. Carnegie.

Elliott Edwin, butcher, res. Oxford.

Elliott----, gentleman, bds. Thos. Seldon.

Elliott Joseph, carpenter, res. Cherry.

Elliott Norman, drover, res. Queen.

Elliott Thomas, carpenter, res. Carnegie.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNER-
ship.

The partnership heretofore existing between Frank Wilson and Edgar Elliott, under the name and style of Wilson & Elliott, butchers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

FRANK WILSON,
EDGAR ELLIOTT.

EDWIN ELLIOTT, Witness.

Ingersoll, Jan. 31, 1881.

The above business will in future be carried on by the undersigned, who, from his long experience in the business, can guarantee satisfaction.

EDGAR ELLIOTT.

Ingersoll, Feb. 3, 1881.

1430-c

FINE CATTLE.—Mr. Edgar Elliott, butcher, has purchased from Mr. E. Casswell eleven head of fat cattle, which he purposes killing and offering to his customers. The cattle are extra fine specimens, all fed by Mr. Casswell, upon whom they reflect the highest credit. Our citizens will be glad to know that such choice beef is to be offered for sale at home, and not exported, as most of the best beef is nowadays.

Frank Wilson was a cousin of Edgars.

Feb 22, 1881 Chronicle

S. A. ELLIOTT, of Stall No. 1, Market, has secured several fine beeves, fed by Mr. Thos. Elliott, which is a sufficient guarantee for excellence. There will also be on hand any quantity of choice mutton and beef.

EDGAR ELLIOTT, of Stall No. 2, Market, will have two extra fine beeves, fed by Mr. E. Casswell, which is said will be some of the finest meat ever offered in Ingersoll. Lamb, the first of the season, besides veal, and mutton will be in stock.

Edgar married Jane "Jennie" Weldon 13 April 1881. Jennie (pictured below) was born in Elgin County in December of 1858.



Jennie Weldon

ELLIOTT—WELDON.—In Ingersoll, 21st inst., by the Rev. G. Lawrence. Mr. Edgar Elliott to Miss Jane Weldon, all of Ingersoll.

Tragedy struck the young couple 3 months later when Edgar died. Cause of death was listed as Scrofulous, which is a form of TB. The certificate also noted that he had been ill for 2 years and his occupation was cattle drover which would fit with his butchering skills. She married knowing he was severely ill. I hope their marriage was true love and that Jane wanted to be with Edgar until the end. As a note: it is unusual that the death informant was his brother-in-law, William Toull (husband of Edgar's sister Josephine). I thought it would have been his one of his older brothers.

Jennie went on to marry a Martin Flynn of Michigan and move to Michigan from her Ingersoll home. She lived in Sinilac Co. in Michigan for the rest of her life. She died there in 1902.

Death Index

Marriage Index:

His Name.	William Edgar Elliott
Age.	27
Residence when Married.	Ingersoll
Place of Birth.	Canada
Occupation or Profession.	Butcher
Names of Parents.	William & Elizabeth Elliott
Her Name.	Jane Weldon
Age.	23
Residence when Married.	Ingersoll
Place of Birth.	Canada
Occupation or Profession.	S
Names of Parents.	George & Mary Weldon
Names and Residences of Witnesses.	Andrew Patterson Melissa Elliott Ingersoll
Date and place of Marriage.	April 13 th 1881 Parsimon, Put the name Ingersoll

Ingersoll
No. 15
Edgar James Elliott
22nd July 1881
27 years
Drover
Missouri Co. Oxford
Scarfeless disease
of the liver & spleen. 27 years
Dr Walker
William Torill
Deceased, Ingersoll
23rd July 1881
Episcopal Methodist
R. M. Woodcock



ELLIOTT — In Ingersoll, 22nd inst., Mr. Edgar James Elliott, aged 27 years.

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