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CORNELL, WILLIAM T.

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Wm. T. Cornell was born in Onteda, New York, Sept. 5, 1852 son of James and Sarah Cornell, natives of Cornwall, England. In 1856 Wm. was brought to Minnesota by his parents. This trip was made by ox cart and steamboat and required one month. The Cornell family first settled near St. Cloud, Minn. when Lower Town was the main business center. This consisted of log stores and homes. William remembers when they first erected the Edelbrock store and began building with boards instead of logs.

At the age of 23 years William moved to Maine Prairie and took land for a homestead. From this time until 1908 he farmed at Maine Prairie and has had the experience and endured the hardships of our early pioneers. The nearest market places were Fair Haven and St. Cloud our oxen being used for hauling. A trip to market usually took from four in the morning until ten at night. In 1886 when the village of Kimball was established it made the agricultural possibilities much greater in Maine Prairie by providing a ready market only a few hours drive from the farm.

William T. Cadwell married Minnesota Cadwell at St. Cloud January 1, 1879.

Minnesota (Cadwell) Cornell was born at Maine Prairie on her father's homestead March 24, 1861, daughter of Thomas J. and Alvina (Carlion) Cadwell.

To William and Minnesota (Cadwell) Cornell were born four children, one deceased. The living are Elvin, Mrs. Frank Longwell, Mrs. Nell Hamilton and Mrs. Mable Depewd. There are thirteen grandchildren.

By: Dean Nelson

Interviewed: Minnesota (Cadwell) Cornell
Date: Sept. 21, 1937

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE WILLIAM T. CORNELL BIOGRAPHY&

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Mable Cornell | June 13, 1880 | Maine Prairie | William Cornell | |
| Baby (Female) Cornell | Aug. 10, 1879 | " " | " " | |
| Edith Cornell | Aug. 25, 1884 | " " | " " | |
| Elvin " | Oct. 9, 1886 | " " | " " | |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Minnie Cornell | | A | 403 | 28 | |
| " " | | A | 359 | 30 | |
| " " | | A | 615 | 32 | |
| " " | | B | 53 | 29 | |

DEATH RECORD BOOK A PAGE 67 LINE 1

Baby Cornell (Female) Died at birth in Maine Prairie August 10, 1879.
Daughter of William and Minnie Cornell.

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK F. PAGE 47

William F. Cornell and Minnie Cadwell Married at Maine Prairie
January 1st, 1878. By Rev. A. Shoemaker

Witnesses: Jos, Mason
Samuel Cornell

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK V PAGE 11893

Erwin Hamilton and Isabella Cornell Married at St. Cloud March 8, 1912
By Rev. E. V. Campbell

Witnesses: O. O. Scrivener
Mary C. Campbell

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Q PAGE 8518

Frank Longwell and Edith Cornell Married at St. Cloud November 4, 1901
By Rev. E. V. Campbell

Witnesses: Mary Longwell
Mary C. Campbell