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ELDRED, CLARK HORACE

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Clark H. Eldred, was born July 18, 1860, the son of Horace and Susan (Gardner) Eldred. Horace Eldred, the father of Clark, was born in New York January 9, 1818 and married Susan Gardner in 1840. Susan (Gardner) Eldred, the mother of Clark, was born in Vermont, March 4, 1820.

To Horace and Susan (Gardner) Eldred seven children were born, Lora, Maurice, John, Edward, Frank, Cynthia and Clark.

Horace Eldred was a cabinet maker by trade. He came to Lake City, Wabasha County, Minnesota in 1853 and in 1880 he went to Todd County where he retired. He died in 1884. Susan (Gardner) Eldred then went back to Lake City and stayed with her daughter, Cynthia, who married Mr. John Dorrance. Susan Eldred died in 1912.

Clark Eldred, the youngest of the family, learned the stone cutter's trade. He worked at stone cutting for fifteen years, after which time he became game warden for Stearns, Wright, Benton, Sherburne, and Anoka Counties for sixteen years. He was known for his honesty.

He married Ella Holes the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Koutz) Holes. Ella Holes was born April 28, 1859. Her father, Samuel Holes, was born June 10, 1824, in England, and in 1833 he was brought to this country by his parents. He lived in Indiana and Pennsylvania. Samuel Holes married Elizabeth Koutz, who was born March 24, 1826 in Pennsylvania of Dutch descent. They came to Saint Cloud, Minnesota in 1862, the time of the Civil War. Samuel took charge of one of the so called "ox trains," engaged in carrying provisions from Saint Cloud to the frontier. He also had charge of the Le Sauk Mill for a time. He spent the later years of his life on a farm in Saint Wendel township. Samuel Holes died in 1876 and Elizabeth (Koutz) Holes died March, 1891. Both are buried in the North Star Cemetery.

To Clark and Ella (Holes) Eldred three children were born. Birdina

Grace on June 1, 1882, she married William C. Rasch, they have two children, their home is in Brainerd where William was engaged in the Paper Mill in Brainerd. William Rasch died in 1933. Myra Ella was born November 12, 1883, she married Clyde C. Dragoo, they have two children. Clyde Dragoo is a granite salesman in Saint Cloud, and Myra E. (Eldred) Dragoo was for many years on the Saint Cloud City Council, and after four years was made president of that body. She also takes an active part on the Welfare Board and Parent and Teachers and is now in charge of the Old Age Pensions in Stearns County. Marcia E. married J. Fred Goossem Senior, they have one child, J. Fred Junior. J. Fred Goossem Senior was State Engineer for many years. He also served in the World War.

Clark H. Eldred belonged to the "Woodmen Lodge." He died January 3, 1927 and is buried in the North Star Cemetery.

Interviewed: Mrs. Ella (Holes) Eldred
Date: July 23, 1936
By: Tresa Gruber

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Clark Horace Eldred Born July 18, 1860

Died January 3, 1927

Age 66 years 5 months and 15 days