

# Parrott Family History 1700 – 1900s

## The Everingham Connection

### **Prologue:**

On March 18, 1961, I (Grant Hayes), and Marjorie Parrott were married in her hometown, Lake City, Minnesota. Marge's paternal maiden aunt, Edna Parrott, lived with the family as part owner of the home. Edna and I became good friends over the years, and she introduced us to the world of her family's history: her mother, Margaret Allison; father, Horace Parrott; Grandfather John (Jack) Parrott; and grandmother, Catherine Everingham. This account is about Catherine Everingham's family history - quite an interesting one.

Information presented here came from many different sources since the start of our research in 1977: to wit: Edna Parrott and other family members, official records (birth, death, marriages), newspaper obituaries, cemetery records, libraries, censuses, and other fellow researchers. And, of course, today's computers have made ever-more data readily available.

In 1992, we connected with John and Ann Everingham of San Rafael, California, who had been researching their family name for many years. We traded information about the Everingham family with them. They sent us a copy of a wonderful book they produced in 1992, the fruit of their research efforts. It contains what history they could find and indexes very many Everingham names. It includes data we sent to them earlier. What a treasure trove of information! We are grateful to everyone who has contributed information to our research efforts. Many thanks to all!

Grant and Marjorie Parrott Hayes

### **James Everingham**

James was born about 1760 in Trenton, NJ. His parents immigrated to the New York - New Jersey area before the American Revolution. James had two brothers. The family men were

carpenters and woodworkers. In 1780 James married Chloe Dell, daughter of Basnet Dell and Hannah Burris. In December 1780, James, a Tory, enlisted from Burlington, New Jersey to serve in Captain Joseph Crowell's company of Captain Joseph Barton's Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers to fight for the King. James and Chloe had three sons, all born in New Jersey: William (1781); Adoram (1783); and James (1785).

After the Treaty of Paris ended the war in 1783, Tories and soldiers who fought for the King were not welcome in the now-independent Colonies. Many were persecuted. James and thousands more Tories fled to Canada where they could petition the government to get land to farm.

In 1786 James and Chloe (Dell) Everingham immigrated to Willoughby Township, Welland County, Ontario, bringing with them their three sons from New Jersey, settling along Lyon's Creek. James built them a house where, in 1788, Chloe delivered a baby girl, Anna "Eliza". Tragically, Chloe died in 1791 leaving James with no way to care for their 4 children, who then ranged in age from 10 down to 3 years.

It was known that John Burch, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Willoughby Township, a staunch Loyalist himself, would take in needy children of Loyalist families. In 1791 following his wife's death, James brought their children to John Burch and his wife, Martha, who then provided for their care and support for seven years. Mr. Burch had built a sawmill and a grist mill on the banks of the Niagara River and James may have been employed there.

Whatever the case, James married a second time to one Catherine Lemon, on April 2, 1793, daughter of Jacob Lemon and Mary Marr, at Willoughby. Together James and Catherine had two children born in Willoughby: Jacob (1795) and Charity (1797). James died in 1796 at Chippawa, Ontario. Also, notably, John Birch died March 7, 1797.

As the widow of James Everingham, a former soldier for the King, Catherine submitted a Land Petition to the government of Upper Canada, dated July 1, 1796. In her care were James's 2 children by their marriage. In 1802 Catherine was awarded patent to 200 acres of land – Lots 13 & 14, in Concession 6, Willoughby Township, Welland County, Ontario. In 1827 Catherine gifted 100 acres of land to Adoram Dell, Charity's husband and her son-in-law. In 1839 she sold the other 100 acres to one Gilbert McMicking for 345 pounds.

### **Jacob Everingham (1795)**

Jacob was born on September 18, 1795 In Willoughby Township, Welland County, Ontario, the son of James and Catherine (Lemon) Everingham. On May 7, 1817 he married Margaret Dell in Willoughby, the daughter of Basnett Dell and Anna E. O. Field. They had eight children, all born in Welland County, about 1 1/2 miles from Niagara Falls (Canadian side). The children: James (1818-1831, died of lockjaw); Chloe Ann (1819); William (1823); Mary (1825); Catherine (1827); Charity (1830); Barsnett Dell (1832); Lovina Buchanan (1834, adopted).

In 1839 Jacob's family migrated to Stephenson County, Illinois. They moved to Cascade, Dubuque County, Iowa in 1846 and, lastly, in 1854, they moved to Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa to farm. Jacob died in 1875 in Iowa. Margaret died in 1879 in Clayton County, Iowa, probably in Wagner, where she operated the Everingham House.

In the spring of 1850 Jacob and his son, William, led a wagon train West through the Prairies and mountains to the California goldfields to try their luck. They are found on the 1850 US Census in Placerville, California, panning an average of \$2.25 a day of gold each. They returned home to Iowa sometime in 1852, not rich, but rich in experiences.

### **William Everingham (1823)**

William was born on March 31, 1823 in Chippewa, Ontario, Canada to parents Jacob Everingham and Margaret Dell. In 1839, when William was 16, he moved with his family to Stephenson County, Illinois, where Jacob bought land to farm. At age 21, in August 1844,

William married Elizabeth Sprouls (1823) at Freeport, Illinois. James, their first child, was born in August 1845 at Alton, Illinois. In 1846 Jacob and William's families moved to Dubuque County, Iowa, where William received a grant of 400 acres of land, which he farmed for seven years. It was there that Elizabeth gave birth to their children: Mary Jane (1847); John (1849). Sarah Ellen (1850) was born in Illinois.

Sometime in the Spring of 1850, when the prairie grasses would be growing, William went to the California Gold Rush with his father, Jacob, leaving his 3 children and Sarah, yet to be born. William was 26 and Jacob was 54 years old. One served as wagon-master and led a wagon train West to California. They enjoyed the Pike's Peak area as they passed through. The 1850 U.S. Census for California lists both men as miners at Placerville, California, panning an average of \$2.25/day of gold.

In May 1851, Elizabeth sent a letter to William asking him to come back home by winter or next spring and saying, "I can do very well without gold. You are as dear to me without it as you are with it." (**See Elizabeth's letter below**) Jacob and William left California in 1851 by sailing down to Panama for the Yucatan, crossing to the Caribbean side, sailing to New Orleans, steam-boating up the Mississippi River to Dubuque, Iowa, and then by horse and wagon to his family and farm in about February 1852. Sara Everingham copied the lyrics from "The Miner's Song," a vintage 1849 parody on "My Old Kentucky Home." (**See Miner's Song below.**)

Son William, Jr. (1852) was the last child born on the Dubuque County farm. Sadly, he died in 1853, just 18 days short of his first year of life.

In 1854 both William's and Jacob's families moved a final time, to Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa, where they both bought land and farmed. William bought 175 acres and, later, 69 1/2 more from his mother-in-law, Mary Sprouls. William and Elizabeth lived out their lives on this farm. The rest of the children were born during their residence in Utica Township. These

four were born prior to William's Army Service: Margaret Ellen (1854); Jacob "Jake" (1857); Martha Clarissa (1858); and Andrew L. (1860).

With the outbreak of the Civil War, William enlisted in August 1861 to serve 3 years as a Private with "I" Company, 9th Iowa Volunteers. At the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 6-7-8, 1862, William fell ill, was hospitalized for "diabetes, broken down condition and general unfitness for service" and was given a medical discharge (Honorable). He then returned home to his farm near Lawler, Iowa, in October 1862. He applied for a pension at that time. **(See William's letter to his brother below)**

Once back home, William and Elizabeth had their last 6 children: Marcia A. (1862-3); Clara Amanda (1864); Minnie Caroline (1866); Jack (1867); Sherman "Doc" (1868); Martin A. (?); and Lucy (? , died 1884).

William greatly valued his family. He corresponded with his children and grandchildren and often sent them money at their request. He also served his community. In 1872 he served as president of the Utica Township School Board and, later, as treasurer for the district in 1877. He also maintained his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

William died at home in Utica Township on December 9, 1897. His pension of \$24, which he received from 1885, was dropped. Elizabeth predeceased William, dying June 7, 1885. They are buried together in Pioneer Cemetery at Little Turkey, Chickasaw County, Iowa. William was well liked and respected by his neighbors. There was a large attendance at his funeral service.

**Attachment #1:** Elizabeth Everingham's Letter to William in California Gold Fields

1851 Letter from Elizabeth Everingham in Dubuque Co., Iowa, to her husband William Everingham in Placerville, California panning gold

May the 21 1851

Dear husband I now take my pen in hand to let you know we are all well at present and hope these few lines may find you in good health to I have got back to our little home once more and I expect to stay here until you come whitch I hope will not be longer than next winter or spring and I say to you I can do very well without gold so you are as dear to me without it as you are withit I got home the first of May and found things destroyed considerable it is useless for me to write a long letter till now whither you get this or not I have written five letters since you left home whitch I do not expect you will get one of them they was not maled as they should have ben I will write some things about your little boys and your little girls they are all well and harty and Sarah can set her love I would write much more if I was where you would get it so will say no more only i remain your wife until death Eli Everingham to her dear and only love Wm Everingham

oh i am weary wating for the coming  
the eyes are full of tears that watch in vain  
like a sick bird my heart no longer humming  
with drooping wings its silent in its pain

our little rose on my breast is sleeping  
o could you see it day by day unfold  
youd fancy wealth already in our keeping  
and feel in her youd found a vein of gold

Elizabeth copied this from a peem, "Come Home" written by Frances Elizabeth Swift under the name "Fanny Fales".

Notes: This letter was addressed to: Sac City Upper California,  
William Everingham

The letter was handled by the WJ & Co. which picked up mail in San Francisco and delivered it to miners near Sacramento. Notices were posted in local newspapers informing miners mail for them had arrived.

Contributed by David & Bernadine Arnold Sep., 2020

## Attachment #2: "Miner's Song"

### Miner' Song

brought from the 1849 California gold fields by  
Jacob Everingham and his son William Everingham

The tall pines wave and the winds so loudly roar  
No matter keep mining away.  
The wildflowers blossom round our log cabin door  
Where we sit after mining all the day.

Chorus:

Mine no more no more  
Never mine no more but play  
We'll always remember our log cabin home  
Our log cabin home far away.

The old oak tree under which the cabin stands  
All shady at noon where we lie.  
One kind fond look at the old oak so grand  
Then our log cabin home good bye.

Chorus -

We'll hunt no more for the grizzly in the nook  
The diggers we'll all leave behind.  
We'll drink no more from the clear crystal brook  
As around the log cabin it winds.

Chorus -

The old cooking tools shall be left in the camp  
All ready to bake and to fry.  
They all may be used by some miners on a tramp  
Then our log cabin home good bye.

Chorus -

The weary may be glad for a shelter through the night  
We know not perhaps who it may be.  
By our old fireside where we chatted with delight  
By the blaze of the sugar pine tree.

Chorus -

A few more days and our mining all will end  
The canon so rich will be dry.  
Our tools on the bank shall be left for a friend  
The our log cabin home good bye.

Chorus -

The original hand written copy that we have has the following note written on it by Clara Arnold.  
"Copied by sister Sarah Everingham. A parody on Old Kentucky Home by miners in California in the year  
1849. Year after the gold rush.

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### Attachment #3: William Everingham to Younger Brother During Civil War

Letter from Wm Everingham to his younger brother, Barsnett D. Everingham who was considering enlisting too, in the Union Army, which he did in 1862

Camp Heirrin  
Pacific Mo.  
Nov 12th 1861

Picture of Gen'l Siegel

Dear Brother

I am happy to say to you that I am in first rate health and enjoying myself fine,, there is six of our Co. I believe in the hospital but they are all getting along pretty well.,

I wish you much Joy with your young Daughter,, Mr Humphry says that you still intend to join the Army and if that is the case I would like to have you in this Company and if not in the Co, in the regiment any how,,(take your own way for it) We have been stationed for the last three or four weeks (our Co.) at the Merrimaack bridge 2 1/2 miles above here guarding the railroad bridge we had a first rate time while we were there fun plenty of all kinds,

I have a contraband rifle and I can go a hunting wherever I please, but I expect that will be stoped now as we are back in the Regiment and will be under stricter discipline,, I killed a fine deer while we was there and ducks til we couldn't rest, We have every thing plenty we live on the fat of the land we draw every thing you can of, Chickens, Turkeys, mutton, fresh pork, beef, honey, cider, apples, these things we draw by the way of no thanks,, we calculate to live, we are not going to come down here for to fight and not have some of the good things you know,,

We are well provided for and I think the best of any regiment in Missouri,, we have clothes til we cant rest,, we live in tents but are comfortable,, whether we will winter in this part of the Country or not we dont know,, in face we are not allowed to know these things none knows but the officers.

There is a great many things that I would like to tell you but I cant think of what I would like to say after I commence writing,, I sent my wife 25 dollars today by express I think that was safer that way than any other way,,

If you have any chance just speak a consoling word to Betty and the Children,,

Give my respects to Lile and Mother Moon and every body els no differance who they are just tell them Billie's a Soldier and no mistake no more this time but remain your  
Brother

W. Everingham (stamp)

source: David & Bernadine Arnold  
Sept., 2020



### **Catherine Everingham (1827)**

Catherine was born March 10, 1827 in Willoughby Co., Ontario, the fifth of eight children born to Jacob and Margaret Dell Everingham. When the family moved to Cascade, Dubuque Co, Iowa, in 1846, she met John (Jack) Parrott, who was born in Maryland in 1813. He was a farmer and a recent widower. His wife, Mary Wills, (b. 1814, Ohio) died September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1843 in Cascade. This left Jack with their 5 children: Hannah (1835); Sarah (1837); Mathilda Ann (1838); John B. (1839); and David (1843). Jack and Mary were married in 1834 at LaPorte, Indiana, where they lived until moving to Iowa in the early 1840s.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1847, Jack and Catherine were married in Cascade and made their home there, where they bore and raised 10 children together until Jack's death on March 24, 1869 at Cascade. Their children: Florence (1848); Mary H. (1850); George Washington (1852); Henry J. (1853); Celia (1856); Artimas E. (1858); Kate (1860); Horace Evering (1861); Earnest Ferdinand (1863); and Eugenia "Daisy" (1866). Jack farmed and raised horses which his sons raced at county fairs. He built some cabins, which he rented out to travelers passing through Cascade. In 1876 his son George rented one to the Jesse James Gang on their way back home from attempting to rob the bank at Northfield, Minnesota. Jack also speculated in real estate, buying and selling properties. Jack's son, David, enlisted and briefly served in an infantry unit from Indiana in the Civil War. He died of disease at Gallatin, Tennessee in February of 1863.

Catherine died on June 1, 1897 in Cascade at the age of 70 and is buried with her husband Jack and several of their children in the Protestant Cemetery.

### **Barsnett Dell Everingham "B.D." (1832)**

Barsnett Dell Everingham was born January 18, 1832 at Norage, Willoughby, Ontario, the last of 8 children of Jacob Everingham and Margaret Dell. As the youngest, he accompanied his parents as they immigrated to the U.S. in 1839 to Stephenson County, Illinois, to farm; then to

Dubuque County, Iowa in 1846; and, finally, to Chickasaw County, Iowa in 1854. On October 20, 1857 Barsnett married Elizabeth B. Moon, daughter of John Moon, III and Mary "Polly" Briggs in Clayton County, Iowa, her home. From there the couple moved to a farm in New Oregon, Howard County, Iowa, where they raised two children: Frances D. (1859) and Helen M. (1861).

On August 8, 1862 Barsnett enlisted as a private to serve 3 years in the Union Army. He first served with "I" Company, 38<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry and was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant. Later, he served with "F" Company, 34<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He participated in: The Siege of Vicksburg; Expedition to Jackson, Mississippi; Pursuit of General Johnson's Army; Capture of Brownsville, Texas; Siege of Fort Morgan on Mobile Bay; and Battle of Blakely, Alabama, the last engagement of the war. They said of B.D., "He was a brave and loyal soldier, always faithful to his duties and performing any task assigned." He received his Honorable Discharge September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1865 and returned to his home and family in New Oregon, where Elizabeth produced 3 more children: Mame (1866); Emma R. (1868); Ida E. (1870). Sadly, mother Elizabeth passed away on September 2, 1871, leaving behind a grieving husband with 5 children ranging in age from 11 down to 1 year.

Barsnett married a second time on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1873 to Helen D. Hunt, born on March 22, 1847 in Sinclairville, Chautauqua County, New York to parents Warren B. Hunt and Mary A. Moon. Their children were Effie (1874); Edith (1876); Mable D. (1879); Alice E. (1880); Bertha C. (1881); William W. (1882); and Charles L. (1884).

Barsnett moved into the nearby town of Cresco, Iowa in about 1908, where he died on November 15, 1916. His wife, Helen, died October 28, 1928 in Long Beach, California. Barsnett is buried in the New Oregon Cemetery with his two wives interred beside him.

Barsnett farmed and was also a very good carpenter and cabinet maker. He helped build many of the homes in Cresco, Iowa as well as the Howard County Courthouse. He was a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

### **Jennie Wright Everingham (1865)**

Jennie was born on July 31, 1865 in Chickasaw County, Iowa. Her parents were William P. Wright and Margaret Allison, who married April 6, 1864 in Chickasaw County. The marriage was very short. It was said William was a drinker and abusive. Soon Margaret and Jennie went to live with Margaret's parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Allison, who lived nearby. Margaret then divorced William.

On October 31, 1870, Margaret Allison Wright (1848) married James Everingham (1845) in Chickasaw County. They made their home on James's father's farm in Utica Township where James worked for his father. James's mother bore 15 children, 8 of whom were living on the farm when James and Margaret joined the household, to wit: Mary Jane (23); Sara Elizabeth (20); Margaret Ellen (16); Jacob "Jake" (13); Martha Clarissa (12); Clara Amanda (6); Minnie Caroline (4), and Sherman "Doc" (2).

In the Spring of 1885 Margaret's husband, James, moved to Missouri alone. In the Fall he wrote back "advising" his wife to sell their assets and move the family to join him in Missouri. Margaret declined, citing the low economy and poor prices for their products. But Margaret was already involved in a relationship with Horace E. Parrott, a cousin of James, who had been working on the farm.

In the Spring of 1886 Horace, Margaret and the 4 Everingham children moved to Kellogg, Minnesota, where they rented a little house on a hillside above the Zumbro River, about a mile from town. Horace farmed and painted houses for extra income. On July 9, 1886, Margaret delivered Horace's daughter Edna E. Parrott, Jennie's half-sister at Kellogg.

Jennie, then 21, was living near Sterling, Illinois and knew about the family split and her mother's moving to Minnesota with Horace and the children. She was corresponding with both

James and Margaret by letter. In December 1886 she wrote James saying they were both to blame for what happened and that it was a disgrace!

Sadly, in October 1887, little Minnie Everingham, 8, while playing with the children down by the river fell into the water and was drowned. She was buried in the Greenfield Township Cemetery 3 miles up the coulee. No stone has ever been placed on her grave.

In 1888 James divorced Margaret at New Hampton, Chickasaw County, Iowa.

On August 28, 1889, Margaret delivered Horace's son, Raymond Nelson Parrott at Kellogg, Minnesota.

Sometime in the early 1880s Jennie moved to the Sterling, Illinois area to live and work, where her mother's sister Elizabeth Allison Maxwell (1837) and many other relatives lived. She was working at the "Junction" at Penrose, Illinois in December 1886.

On March 19, 1895 Jennie Wright married Edward L. Reitz at Dixon, Illinois. Ed's father was Lafayette Reitz of Genesee Township, Whiteside County, Illinois. Ed and Jennie moved to Bremer County, Iowa, near Waverly, to make their home. Ed established a prosperous farming operation there. On the farm they raised their 5 children: Bessie Leola (1897); Cora Margaret (1899); Vada Katherine (1901); Floyd Lafayette (1904); and Wayne Edward (1906). Ed and Jennie sent all three girls to New York City to be educated to be nurses.

Bessie, Vada and Lafayette all married and produced six grandchildren. Cora and Wayne never married.

Cora landed on Normandy Beach after the Invasion in June 1944. She went as a volunteer nurse to help care for the wounded military personnel. She related one of her experiences: "I was

standing over a wounded soldier in a hospital tent when a bullet came through the tent wall, killing my patient.” No doubt Cora had many experiences to share from those perilous days.

In the period from 1900 to 1915, when Margaret Parrott died, at Lake City, Minnesota, Margaret visited Jennie in Waverly, Iowa, Will Everingham in LaPorte City, Iowa and kept up her connections with the Illinois relatives.

Jennie died on June 10, 1941 and Ed died on February 2, 1951, both in Clarksville, Iowa.

**Note:** Jennie was born named Wright. With her mother’s second marriage to James Everingham, Jennie used the Everingham name. However, later, as an adult living in Illinois, she reverted back to the name Wright, until she married Ed Reitz.

#### **James Everingham (1845)**

I was born July 15, 1845 at Alton, Illinois. My dad, William Everingham, was born in Chippawa, Ontario, Canada in 1823. In 1839, when dad was 16, his parents, Jacob Everingham (1795) and Margaret Dell (1793), immigrated to the United States to Stephenson County, Illinois to farm. In 1844 dad married Elizabeth Sprouls (1823) at Freemont, Illinois. We all moved again in 1846 to a farm in Dubuque County, Iowa, near Cascade, Iowa.

In the Spring of 1850 my grampa, Jacob and my dad led a wagon train out from Iowa to Placerville, California where they panned for gold, earning an average of \$2.25 per day. They returned home in February of 1852. They didn’t strike it rich – spent most of it getting back home – riverboat to San Francisco, sailing ship to Panama, mule pack train over the mountains to the Caribbean side, ship to New Orleans, a steamboat up the Mississippi River to Dubuque, and then by wagon train home, where dad first saw daughter, Sarah Ellen, who was born the October after they left for California.

Our families moved again one last time, up to Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa, where my father bought land to farm, and where we all lived. The year was 1854. I was 9 years old.

In 1861 my dad enlisted to serve as a Private in the Union Army in the Civil War. He fell ill during the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, was hospitalized and later honorably discharged in 1862 when he returned home. Dad's brother, Barsnett Dell Everingham (1832) enlisted in the Union Army, where he served first as a Sergeant, and later, made 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He participated in many battles but came home in one piece. When Uncle "Bass" signed up I got pretty hot to go fight the "Rebs" myself. When I was 16 years old I went up to Lansing, Iowa where they didn't know me and signed up, lying about my age. I served 3 years and got my discharge in 1865 at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. I went back home to work on Dad's farm.

In 1870 I married a neighbor woman, Margaret Allison Wright (1848) who had a daughter, Jennie Wright, from her marriage to William P. Wright. They divorced. Living on the farm, we had 4 children of our own: William "Will" (1872); Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie" (1873); Minnie (1879); and Sarah Ellen "Sadie" (1881).

In 1881 I got wind of some good opportunities to be had in Missouri, so I decided to go by myself to check it out. I took a Mississippi steamboat out of Dubuque down to St. Louis, where I caught another one going Northwest up the Missouri River to Augusta, Missouri, a new little town that was growing. I decided to settle, farming nearby. I wrote my wife in November to ask her to sell off our things there and move down here with me. She wrote it was hard to do, with prices being so low. So, she didn't come. But, later, I heard she had taken up with my cousin, Horace Parrott (1861) of Cascade, Iowa, who had been working on our farm for my dad. Well, he met Margaret and the two of them got together. Next thing I heard, in 1886, they took my kids and moved to Kellogg, Minnesota to live.

In December 1886 I got a letter from my step-daughter Jennie Wright, my wife's 1<sup>st</sup> child, who was working at Penrose, Illinois. She wrote to fill me in about the children. They were sick with

measles and whooping cough, but now recovered. Will, Lizzie and Minnie was [sic.] going to school in Kellogg. Will was working out some and earning \$1.25 a day. Jennie heard Margaret had a baby back in July. She said she'd find out if it was true and, if so, I could pick up my children if I had a paid-up place for them to live and let "them" go where they will...

I did hear, later, Margaret had a girl, Edna Parrott, born on July 9, 1886 in Kellogg. I was notified too late our Minnie, 8, drowned in the Zumbro River in October 1887 and was buried in the Greenfield Township Cemetery. I also heard Margaret and Horace had a boy, Raymond Nelson Parrott, born on August 28, 1889 at Kellogg.

I wrote a letter to Dad on May 29, 1897, "I am still in the land of the living. The reason I asked for help, I was laid up with my hand and thought I would buy that piece of land and make something off the timber – but I have bought 40 acres with a house (frame) and stable and corn crib and about 5 acres cleared. I owe \$75 on it. I am living on the place, keeping back. I have me a good breech-loading gun no. 10 and a good squirrel dog. There is plenty of squirrels here; I wish you was here to help me eat some of them. The young ones are nice and fat..." Note: Dad/William died at home on December 10, 1897.

In 1900 I was living by myself in Little Texas Township, Criaghead County, Arkansas, trying to make a few bucks making railroad ties.

In April 1907, when I was 62, I reapplied for my Veteran's Pension while I was living in the National Military Home in Leavenworth, Kansas. [End]

**Note:** James Everingham died in the Home there on December 15, 1910. His pension of \$12/month was cancelled. James was buried in the Cemetery there at Leavenworth, Kansas. A stone marks his grave. [Information provided by Bunny Arnold].

### **The Children of James (1845) Everingham and Margaret Allison Wright (1848)**

#### **William Joseph Everingham (1872)**

Will was born February 4, 1872 on his father's farm in Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa (near Lawler). His parents were married October 31, 1870 at New Hampton, Iowa. His father was a veteran of the Civil War, having served 3 years with "B" Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry. Three siblings were also born: **Elizabeth** (1873); **Minnie** (1879); and **Sarah Ellen** (1881). He also had a half-sister, **Jennie** (1865) from his mother's first marriage to one William P. Wright.

In 1885 William's father moved to Missouri alone. He wrote asking his wife to sell off their property and move the family to join him in Missouri. Margaret declined, saying prices were too low for crops and their animals and it was too hard to move with 4 children still at home. Instead, Margaret had taken up with James's cousin, Horace Parrott (1861) who came earlier to work on his Uncle William Everingham's farm. In 1886 Horace, Margaret and the children moved to the little town of Kellogg, Minnesota where they rented a little house just up the hill from the Zumbro River, about one mile from town. Horace farmed and also painted houses to supplement their income. Will, Lizzie and Minnie attended school in Kellogg and Will started to hire out for some work, earning \$1.25 per day.

In July 1886 Margaret delivered Horace's child, Edna Parrott. Sadly, in October 1887, Minnie fell into the Zumbro River while playing and drowned. With horse and wagon, Horace took her body up the Coulee to bury in the Greenfield Township Cemetery. By that time, Will had probably already set out on his own. Census records follow his progress thus:

1900 – was living in Iowa Falls, Iowa, single, working as a telephone lineman and boarding with a Pepperling family.

1908 – James was married and living in La Porte City, Iowa, with wife Bertha Mae Monigold.



1910 – age 38, married and living in Big Creek Township, Iowa, wife and two children:

**Harold C.** and **William Luther**; occupation: telephone lineman.

1920 – age 48 , living in Waterloo, Iowa, telephone lineman, wife, Bertha (39); Children:

Harold C. (16), Elsie (7) and William Luther (5).

1922 – Will and Luther visit Will's half-sister, Jennie Wright Reitz, at Waverly, Iowa.

1930 – age 58, married and living in Pasadena, California; telephone installer; family: wife, Betha (49), Elsie (18), Luther (16).

Will died in Los Angeles June 6, 1934 at age 62. His wife, Bertha, died at home in San Gabriel, California, January 4, 1942. It is not known whether Will had any contact with his father, James, after 1885. James died December 15, 1910 while living as a disabled veteran/pensioner in the National Military Home in Leavenworth, Kansas and is buried in the cemetery there.

Will's mother, Margaret, lived in Lake City, Minnesota from 1901 until her death there on November 2, 1915. She is buried in the Lakewood Cemetery, Lake City.

Children of Will and Bertha Everingham

Harold: born 02/02/1903

Elsie Margaret: born 02/16/1912

Wm. Luther: born 02/21/1914

### **Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie" Everingham (1873)**

Elizabeth was born November 17, 1873 when her family lived on her grandfather Everingham's farm near Lawler, Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa. Her parents were James (1845) and Margaret Allison Wright (1848) who were married in 1870 at New Hampton, Iowa. James worked on his father's farm. James served as a soldier in the Union Army from 1862 to discharge in 1865.

Elizabeth was one of four children of the family. Her siblings were: **William Joseph "Will"** (1872); **Minnie** (1879); and **Sarah Ellen** (1881), She also had a half-sister, Jennie (1865) from his

mother's first marriage to William P. Wright. In 1895 Jennie married Edward L. Reitz in Dixon, Illinois, moving on to Waverly, Iowa to live and farm.

In 1885 Elizabeth's father moved to the state of Missouri alone. Months later he wrote home, asking his wife Margaret to sell off their assets to move to join him. Margaret declined. In 1886 Margaret moved to Kellogg, Minnesota with Horace Parrott, a cousin of her husband who had been working on the Everingham farm. The 4 children went along to Minnesota. Horace rented them a small house on a hillside above the Zumbro River, about a mile from town. In addition to farming, Horace painted houses to supplement their income.

In October 1887, little Minnie, 8, fell into the river and drowned while playing with the other children. Horace, with horse and wagon, took her up the coulee to the Greenfield Township Cemetery, where he dug a grave and buried her. To this day there is no stone marking her grave.

Between 1887 and 1893, Will went to work out on his own, probably at the age of 16, which was common. Elizabeth most likely moved to Sterling, Illinois where her mother's older sister, Elizabeth (1818, Scotland) married Archibald Maxwell in 1853 and where she had many relatives. It was there that she met Bert Sylvester Davis (1873). They married in 1893 in Sterling. They had two children: Mabelle Jean (1893) and Elmer (1894). Interestingly, Mabelle was born in Greenfield Township, Wabasha County, Minnesota, where her mother lived. She may have helped with the birth. Elmer was born in Whiteside County, Illinois, in the Sterling area.

Mabelle Davis Scholl died September 6, 1964 in Lee County, Illinois and is buried in the East Jordan Church Cemetery, Whiteside County.

Elmer Davis died July 1974, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Elizabeth Everingham Davis died January 18, 1898 at Sanfordville, Whiteside County, Illinois. She is buried in the East Jordan Church Cemetery, Whiteside County.

Bert Sylvester Davis died September 4, 1931 at Freeport, Illinois and is buried in Fairmont Cemetery at Polo, Ogle County, Illinois.

Bert had later married Jessie Belle Mathews (b. 1906)

### **Minnie Everingham (1879)**

Minnie was born October 1879 to James and Margaret Allison Wright Everingham, on the farm of her grandfather, William Everingham, in Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa. She was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 children born into the family. Her siblings were: **William Joseph "Will"** (1872); **Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie"** (1873); and **Sarah Ellen** (1881). Their parents had been married at New Hampton, Chickasaw County, Iowa in 1870.

Minnie had a half-sister, Jennie (1865) from her mother's first marriage to Wm. P. Wright. The marriage was short, and Margaret and Jennie moved back to Margaret's parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Brown) Allison until her wedding with James Everingham.

In 1885 James moved to the State of Missouri alone. He wrote back asking his wife to sell their assets and move the family to join him there. Margaret declined. She had taken up with Horace E. Parrott (1861), a first cousin of James and a single man. He had come up from Cascade, Iowa, to work on his uncle William's farm and met Margaret there.

In 1886 Horace and Margaret and the 4 children moved to Minnesota, where they rented a little house on a hillside above the Zumbro River, about a mile from the little village of Kellogg, Minnesota, where Will, Minnie and Lizzie attended school.

On October 14, 1887, as the children were playing down by the river, little Minnie, 8, fell into the water and was held under against a log by the force of the current. Although the other children could see her, they could not help her. Minnie drowned before an adult could help. At that time, Will was 15, Lizzie, 14 and Sadie, 6. With horse and wagon, Horace took the body up the coulee to the Greenfield Township Cemetery, where he dug a grave and buried her on

October 15, 1887. In May 1982, with the help from the cemetery sexton, we visited the unmarked gravesite.

### **Sarah Ellen “Sadie” Everingham (1881)**

Sadie was born December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1881 the last of four children born to James and Margaret Allison Wright Everingham. They lived on James’s father’s farm (William Everingham) in Utica Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa (near Lawler). James and Margaret were married in 1870 in New Hampton, Iowa. Sadie’s siblings were: **William Joseph “Will”** (1872); **Margaret Elizabeth “Lizzie”** (1873); and **Minnie** (1879). Sadie also had a half-sister, **Jennie** (1865), from her mother’s first marriage to William P. Wright.

In 1885 James and Margaret parted, with James moving to the State of Missouri alone. He wrote back asking his wife to sell their assets and move the family to join him there. Margaret declined. She had taken up with one Horace E. Parrott (1861) of Cascade, Iowa. He was a single first cousin of James who had come up to work on his uncle William’s farm and where met Margaret.

In the Spring of 1886, when Sadie was 5, Horace, Margaret and all 4 children moved to Wabasha County, Minnesota, where they rented a small house on a hillside above the Zumbro River, about one mile from the little town of Kellogg, Greenfield Township, Minnesota. Horace farmed there and also painted houses to supplement their income. Will, Lizzie and Minnie attended school in Kellogg. Tragically, on October 14, 1887, Sadie’s sister Minnie fell into the river and drowned. She was only 8 years old. Horace brought her up to the Greenfield Township Cemetery and buried her there.

On July 9, 1886 Margaret delivered Horace a daughter, Edna E. Parrott, at Kellogg. On August 28, 1889, Margaret delivered Horace’s son, Raymond Nelson Parrott, also at Kellogg.

On the 1895 Minnesota Census, Sadie is listed, living in the Parrott family in Greenfield Township. On June 10, 1899, Sadie graduated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Commencement of the Kellogg Public School. The 1900 Census shows Sadie no longer lived with the Parrotts, though she maintained contact with her mother and Edna and Ray.

In 1904 Sadie traveled to Waverly, Iowa, to visit her half-sister, Jennie Wright Reitz (1865) who was married to Ed Reitz, a prosperous farmer. Sadie's brother Will lived in LaPorte City, Iowa and her uncle, John Allison, lived/farmed at Alden, Iowa.

Sadie moved to Moore, Montana in 1910 and worked as a milliner. There she married a local rancher, David "Dave" Bricker (1875) on April 20, 1911 at Lake City, Minnesota. Dave was born on March 26, 1875 in La Plata, Missouri to parents David and Vasta (Bailey) Bricker. In 1898 Dave homesteaded 160 acres of land, which is now part of the Village of Moore. His original homestead shack is still standing, as shown in a recent picture.

In 1912 Edna Parrott went to Montana by train out to Dave and Sadie's ranch, to help her sister with the birth of Sadie's first child, Margaret Elizabeth, b. May 19, 1912. The next year Edna went out again to help with the birth of David Eugene, b. August 17, 1913. Without Edna's further help, the Bricker's had three more children at Moore: Paul Edward, b. November 28, 1914; James Allison, b. April 25, 1918; and Edna Katherine, b. April 1, 1921. By 1953 there were 12 Bricker grandchildren.

Sadie died at Moore on June 2, 1956 and is buried in the Moore Cemetery.  
Dave also died at Moore and is buried alongside Sadie.

By the time of Sadie's death in 1956, her brother, Will Everingham (62) had died in 1934 in Los Angeles, California. Her sister, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Everingham Davis (24), died on January 18, 1898 in Whiteside County, Illinois. Sister Minnie drowned in 1887 near Kellogg, Minnesota and Sadie's half-sister, Jennie Wright Reitz, died on June 10, 1941 at Clarksville, Iowa.

Only two of Margaret Parrott's 7 children survived at Sadie's death: half-siblings Edna Parrott, who died December 4, 1975 and her brother, Raymond N. Parrott, who died February 12, 1963. Both lived and are buried in Lake City, Minnesota. Five of Margaret's children married and raised families of their own. There were 15 grandchildren in that generation.

### **Horace Everingham Parrott (1861)**

Horace was born July 14, 1861 at Cascade, Iowa, the 8<sup>th</sup> of 10 children born to parents John "Jack" Parrott (1813) and his second wife, Catherine Everingham (1827). Horace's siblings were: Florence (1848); Mary H. (1850); George Washington (1852); Henry J. (1853); Celia (1856); Artimas E. (1858); Kate (1860); Earnest Ferdinand (1863); and Eugenia "Daisy" (1866). Jack and Catherine were married November 6, 1847. Jack died on March 24, 1869 in Cascade.

Horace grew up working on the family farm. Jack raised horses which Horace and his brothers rode at county fairs. Jack speculated in land sales. He also built some cabins to rent out to travelers passing through town. In September 1876 his son George rented a cabin to a man named Jesse James and his companions. They hadn't bothered to tell him they had just attempted to rob a bank in Northfield, Minnesota.

An elderly Parrott cousin told that Jack taught his sons how to drink, always keeping a barrel of whisky in the cellar available to the boys.

In 1885 Horace left home to work on the farm of his mother's brother, William Everingham, near Lawler, Iowa. He was 24 years old. Still living at home in Cascade were his mother, Catherine Parrott (58) and siblings: George W. (33) and his wife, Lyma Dillon (28); Celia (29); Earnie (22, died 1885); and Eugenia "Daisy" (19, married 1886). William's son, James (1845) lived on the farm with his wife and children, working for his father.

In 1870 James married Margaret Allison Wright (1848), who had a daughter, Jennie Wright (1865) from her previous marriage to William P. Wright. James and Margaret Elizabeth had 4

children together: William "Will" Joseph (1872); Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie" (1873); Minnie (1879); and Sarah Ellen "Sadie" (1881), all born at Lawler.

In October 1885 James moved to Missouri alone. He wrote back asking his wife to sell off their assets and move to join him in Missouri. Margaret declined. She had become involved in a relationship with Horace E. Parrott, James's cousin. In the Spring of 1886 Horace, Margaret and the 4 children moved to Kellogg, Minnesota, where Horace rented a little house on a hillside above the Zumbro River, about a mile from the little town of Kellogg, Minnesota. Horace farmed and painted houses to supplement their income. On July 9, 1886, Margaret gave birth to Horace's baby, Edna E. Parrott, at Kellogg.

On October 14, 1887, a family tragedy occurred. While playing down by the river nearby, little Minnie, 8, fell into the water and drowned. With horse and wagon, Horace brought her body up to the Greenfield Township Cemetery, where he dug a grave and buried her. No marker was ever put on the grave.

In 1888 James divorced Margaret while still living in Missouri.

On August 28, 1889 Margaret delivered Horace's son, Raymond Nelson, at Kellogg. Sadie was still living with the Parrotts (1895 MN Census) but is absent on the 1900 Census. By that time, Will Everingham was out, working on his own at La Porte, Iowa. Lizzie had married in 1893 and was living near Sterling, Illinois. Minnie had died in 1887. And Jennie Wright moved to Sterling, Illinois to work sometime in the early 1880s.

In June 1899 Sadie Everingham graduated from Kellogg Public School.

In June 1901 Edna E. Parrott graduated from Kellogg Public School.

On September 19, 1901, Horace, Margaret, Edna, and Raymond Parrot moved to Hay Crick, Central Point Township, Minnesota, near Lake City. They rented a small farm and Horace continued to paint houses on the side.

The 1905 State Census shows the 4 Parrotts together at Central Point. But Horace is missing in the 1910 US Census listing. Sometime after 1905 Horace left, or was ousted from the home. Family lore notes Horace was a drinker and was abusive. And that he was asked to leave at the point of a family shotgun, which he did. Horace and Margaret were legally married, having met the requirement of seven years of cohabitation under the Minnesota State Common Law Marriage Act.

Horace moved to Minneapolis where he found a new mate, Mrs. Anna Miller. Both are listed in the Minneapolis City Polk Directory, he as a painter and Anna as a janitress and, later, as a nurse. Horace is listed continuously from 1915 to 1939. It was noted that Anna (1867) died November 21, 1938.

Horace's niece, Florence Parrott Lippert (1885) and her daughter, Dorothy, visited Horace and Anna several times at their house at 265 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis in the 1930s. "They had a tree growing up out of their kitchen floor and a flying squirrel was flying around in there. The place was closed up to keep the weather out." We have a picture of Horace and Anna standing in front of their house, circa 1935, captioned, "This is our castel, not by the See."

Horace died October 20, 1945, age 84, while a patient in the State Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. He and Anna are buried next to each other in Lake Crystal Cemetery in North Minneapolis. Ray Parrott was the only family member to attend Horace's funeral. Many years later we visited the gravesites. No stones mark the graves.



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