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“When our forefathers put down roots in desolate places, the thing that allowed them to survive was that they had a faith to see them through tough times.”

Lee Greenwood



The William Elder of Maryland Descendants Association, Inc

*A Pious Frontiersman, Two Pioneering Women,
A Husband and Two Wives, Fathers and Mothers,*

English Colonist, Maryland Settlers' and American Patriots

“You live as long as you are remembered”

Stories of our kin by our kin

Mary Evelyn Elder

By Lyle Du Lac

Lake Havasu City, AZ



My mother was Mary Evelyn Elder who lived to be 89 years old and often talked of her childhood in KY. Her ancestor who moved to KY, William W. Elder was a great grandson of William and Elizabeth Finch Elder. William and his wife Ann McAtte and several of their children went to KY from Frederick Co., MD in 1791. In 1804 William moved to Flint Island, Breckenridge, now Meade County.

In Breckenridge Co., Williams home served as a Church Station for the Catholics of the area until the erecting of St. Theresa's.

Rev. John Lyons refers to him in his booklet 'Old St. Theresa's in Meade Co., Kentucky', and says: "The Old Patriarch, William Elder, determined the site of the Church by staking off part of his farm, and the able-bodied men of the parish immediately set to work. The woods rang out with the stroke of the ax and the crash of timber. Heavy logs were prepared and placed in position, and before the end of the year, 1818, the first church of the congregation of St. Theresa was opened to divine services.

This church stood on the lowlands by the river at Chenaultt, and served the Catholics in the vicinity of Derby, IN across the Ohio, as well as those on the KY side. The history of the church is brief, for it soon became too far removed from the greater number of parishioners, who settled more and more to the East and in 1826 it was abandoned when the more centrally located second church was erected. Attached to the Church was a little Cemetery, and here William Elder, who died about 1822, and others, who died at that period, were laid to rest. Later, floods from the river swept over the land, wrecking the building and covering the Cemetery with silt and debris, and today nothing remains to mark the site of St. Theresa's first Church and Cemetery.

"William had several children and we descend thru his Son William W. who went to KY with his father. Williams 2nd wife was Elizabeth Speak. William W. ran a ferry on the Ohio River.

In 1814 a road was to be built from Williams Ferry to Elizabethtown, Kentucky. William was the overseer for the road. All able bodied men in the vicinity over 16 years old were to help with the road project. In 1818 and 1820 William and his brother Arnold purchased land on the Ohio River. Williams son Charles Coomes Elder was born in Meade Co., KY in 1839.

He married Martha Jane Beavin who was born in Breckenridge Co., KY. Martha's mother was Teresa Mattingly a descendant of the MD Mattingly's. Teresa is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery just outside of Cloverport KY. When it was first decided to have a cemetery at St. Mary's Church there was no one buried there and Teresa's little grand daughter was the first to die, but Teresa did not want her to be buried so far out there because she would be so far from everyone and everything, so she was buried in Hardinsburg. Theresa died a few months later and she became the first person to be buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. Charles' son John W. Elder was born in 1864 and married Mary Effie Walker. Their son Charles Layton who was born in 1890 was my mother's father. He married Viola Mae Basham who died when mother was 3. Her father married Eva Gibson in 1924 and shortly thereafter he moved his family to Kansas where he died in 1968. In 1935 mother married my father Howard Du Lac who is of French descent.

There were 4 of us children born to that union. I was the oldest then my sister Dorothy, my brother James and my sister Elaine. Dad died in 1950 and mother married Glenn Winters in 1951. Glenn died in 1974 and in 1978 mother married Roland Hughes and they moved to AZ. Roland passed away in 1998. Both of my sisters passed away before mother. Mother died in 2008.

(A tour bus for visits to other Elder sites can be arranged if the number of attendants justifies it. We will adjust our plans based on the views of those attending and the weather) More events will be added as time permits.

UPDATE
The 2011 Elder Reunion.
July 22-24, 2011
Emmitsburg, Maryland
Contact: Tim Gallagher 301-831-3994
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Friday July 22

10:00-???? Meet and greet
Meeting room the Sleep Inn in Emmitsburg, Maryland

Lunch on your own

Mount St. Mary's Archives or other Elder related sites in Frederick visit (tentative)

Dinner
6:00 Ott House (Owned by Elder Descendants)
5 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD
Guest Speaker: **Fr. Michael J. Roach**
Instructor of Church History
Mount St. Mary's University
Additional stories by **J.W. Elder**

Saturday July 23

10-12:45 Visit to the Grottos at Mount St Mary's

1:00 pm till dark Elder Reunion Picnic
(cost per person is around \$12.00)
Emmitsburg Community Park
Lincoln & Jamison Avenues
Emmitsburg, MD **A pool pass is available for those who would like to go swimming**
Adult (16+) \$6 Child (3+) \$4 Senior (56+) \$4
Under 3 years of age FREE

Sunday July 24

9:30 A.M. Sunday Mass St Anthony Shrine
16150 St. Anthony Rd.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

11:00 am Brunch The Carriage House Inn
(\$16.00 per person)
200 South Seton Avenue Emmitsburg, Maryland

3:00 pm Elder Cemetery Visit

Reunion Accommodations Update

We have decided for cost purposes and because we do not know how many people will be attending to forgo university housing.

We have however received a group rate at the following establishments:

Main Reunion Hotel:
(Please book here FIRST)

Sleep Inn & Suites
501 Silo Hill Pkwy.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
(301) 447-0044
www.sleepinnemmitsburg.com

We have 20 rooms set aside for this reunion. The rate is \$79.00 per night Sunday-Thursday (regular weekday rate is \$96.00) The rate for Friday and Saturday is \$99.00 per night. (regular weekend rate is \$129.00) The rate for a suite Sunday-Thursday is \$89.00 and for Friday and Saturday is \$124.00.

Wyndham
95 Presidential Circle,
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Phone: 717-339-0020 Ext. 6033
/ Fax: 717-334-0456

The Reunion rate is \$114.00 with a minimum 3 night stay. These rates will be available for two days prior and two days after the reunion. Visit our Web Site: www.wyndhamgettysburg.com
Recognized by Wyndham Hotels & Resorts as 2008 HOTEL OF THE YEAR

Courtyard by Marriott Gettysburg, Pa
115 Presidential Circle Gettysburg, PA 17325
1 717-334-5600 The Reunion rate is \$104.00 with a minimum 3 night stay.

Business Meeting Agenda

Approve and revision of bylaws
Section of next reunion site and dates
Election of officers
Genealogy questions we need to ask
Other?
State, County Chapters?

Election of Association Officers

During the 2011 Reunion business meeting we will be electing officers.

Officers to be elected are:
President, Vice president, Treasurer,
Secretary, Member-at-Large and
Membership Coordinator.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Other non elected officers to be appointed:
General Counsel, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Public relations, and Reunion coordinator. Please consider volunteering for one of these elected or appointed officers.

Highway cleanup Chair, Road side Marker Chair, others

Documents, Photos and other stuff to share

If you can please bring any Elder family documents and pictures (or whatever to share with other reunion attendees.

In addition if you can put your photos and documents on a disk or thumb drive we can then upload them to the J.W. Elder Archives at Box. Net

Officer Profiles

Ann Harris Denson Our VP

Ann was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Old Town Alexandria, VA. Forty six years ago she married Doug, who was in the Army, we spent the next seventeen years moving from place to place, finally settling in 1979 in Jonestown, PA. They have three children, a step daughter; two grandsons; 4 step grandchildren and a great granddaughter and four step great grandchildren.

While attending her Aunt Kathleen's funeral in Clearfield, PA in 1997 I meet Sara Stephenson a cousin, who I credit with my turning into a genealogical monster, she gave me a lot of valuable information about our father's side of the family. Sadly she passed away in 2005, the week before she ask me to "keep it going".

In Sep 1998 she retired as the housing/billeting manager at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA and genealogy become my full time job "keeping it going".

Here mother's third great grandmother Ann Elder, d/o William and Sabrina Wickham Elder, married Daniel Delozier about 1773 in Maryland and moved to Cambria County, PA in the Spring of 1804.

Diana Porter Our Secretary



I have always been curious about Genealogy but really didn't know where to start.

In 2000 an individual was hired at the company I worked at. His name, Mike Lilly, was put on his cubicle and when I saw his name I was very surprised! I had never found anyone else with the

last name of Lilly except my small group of family members. I introduced myself to him; he asked me if I knew of any of my ancestors. I brought in a list of names my cousin's mother had given me when I went to my Uncle Francis Lilly funeral in 1972. He recognized some of the names listed and thought perhaps we may have been distantly related. The next day at work he gave me copies of original documents from Bardstown, Kentucky he had obtained of his family.

One of the documents was John Humphrey Lilly and Mary E. Moore's marriage agreement. His family descended from Thomas Lilly, my family from John M. Lilly brothers who left Maryland for Kentucky in 1800.

With this information I began searching the internet for my Lilly ancestors. During these searches I found people who knew about the William Elder book by Mary Louise Donnelly. I bought one for me and one for my cousin Mike Lilly and have purchased others by Mary Louise Donnelly since then. During my search I have found information for all of John Humphrey Lilly's children and my Great Grandfather Benedict Joseph Flaget Lilly.

It has been fun communicating with other Lilly family relatives and a great lady in Bardstown, Kentucky, Hattie Clements who helped me quite a bit. I was happy to put the information I gathered in the Ancestors and Descendants William Elder of Maryland family tree.

Five years ago I visited my cousin who lives in Missouri. We went to Hannibal where my Father grew up and my Uncle lived. We also visited the Ralls County Historical Society where a cousin of mine Ron Leake scanned the wonderful pictures my cousin had of the Lilly family that were my Great Grandfather Benedict Joseph Flaget Lilly's I put on the William Elder's family tree.

I live in Valencia California, north of Los Angeles. I have one daughter, Laura and two grandchildren Madison and Luc. I recently retired and am enjoying every minute of it!



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WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

The Website for the William Elder Descendants Association is up and running Created to keep members and the public informed of the associations plans and events in real time.

The URL for the site is
www.williamelderofmaryland.com

Any suggestions for the site is would be greatly appreciated . **We are also in need of webmaster** To take over the day to day updating of the website

Elder obits



Elder descendant

**Delphine McClellan dies;
a force for city living and against crime.**

BY ROBERT PATRICK •
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Delphine S. McClellan, a longtime leader in efforts to improve St. Louis neighborhoods and fight crime, died May 14, 2011, at her home in Whitefish Bay, Wis. She was 98.

In the late 1960s, when others were fleeing the city because of rising crime, Mrs. McClellan and two other women founded Women for City Living. The women worked tirelessly with police, city officials and land owners to improve the Central West End.

The group's hundreds of members went after absentee landlords, helped families buy homes in the city when banks refused to make loans and worked with police and crime victims to improve the odds of successful prosecutions.

The group was so successful that in 1970, then-Mayor Alfonso J. Cervantes asked Mrs. McClellan and other volunteers to expand their efforts citywide as the Women's Crusade Against Crime. Mrs. McClellan co-chaired the group. "I think she saw herself as a fearless leader," said

one of her grandsons, Bill Hannegan of St. Louis, citing a time when she went toe-to-toe with Cervantes.

At a luncheon, Mrs. McClellan said that the crime problem couldn't be solved without addressing blighted housing and reforming the housing court and enforcement authorities. Cervantes took it as a personal attack and warned her to "never take after him again in public," Hannegan said. But Mrs. McClellan did not back down, Hannegan said.

Mrs. McClellan resigned in 1977, then went on to co-found a group that advocated for crime victims, Partners Against Crime Together. She also testified in Washington twice on victims' rights issues.

In 1970, Mrs. McClellan was named a Woman of Achievement by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and in 1984 she was among 11 St. Louisans honored by the St. Louis Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement for leadership in helping victims of crime.

At the time, she was described as the "archmother of citizen anti-crime efforts in St. Louis."

In her early 70s, Mrs. McClellan taught herself how to use a word processor to write "We Stayed to Fight for City Living — How St. Louis Women Sparked a City Renaissance." The book, chronicling her 15-year battle to make city neighborhoods safer, was published in 1987.

In 1996, Mrs. McClellan moved to a family compound on Lake Michigan in Door County, Wis. She designed a house there and additions to three others to house family members who came to visit during the summer, Hannegan said. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. June 9 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 7148 Forsyth Boulevard, University City.

Survivors include two daughters, Delphine M. McLaughlin of San Marcos, Calif., and Mary L. Hannegan of Glendale; two sons, James S. McClellan of Chesterfield and John A. McClellan Jr. of St. Louis; 18 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. Her husband, James S. McClellan Sr., a lawyer and civic leader, died in 1992.

BOOK DISCOUNT!!!!

Louise Donnelly's 2007 edition William Elder Descendants

Cynthia Flenniken has made a generous discount offer for the 2011 Elder reunion.

If 10 books are bought they will take \$3.00 off each book. The price drops to **\$55.00**

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If 100 book are bought they will take \$10.00 off each book. The price drops to **\$48.00**

ALSO: For \$1 more per book on an order of 100, you will also receive a copy of Louise Donnelly's

"GENEALOGY, A STEP BY STEP APPROACH FOR BEGINNERS.

If you would like a copy of the book and would like to pick it up at the reunion please send a check to:

**Tim Gallagher, 5496 Ross Court,
New market, MD 21774.**

**Please make checks payable to the
William Elder Descendants
Association**

Please note that it is for the Elder book by Louise Donnelly. By picking it up at the reunion you save mailing cost.

Price information on Louise Donnelly's book on the Livers is pending

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<http://donnelly-genealogy.org/>

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