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SEARCHING FOR THE ANTECEDENTS OF ELI MARTIN (1841 - 1918)

Records of the birth and parentage of my great-grandparents Eli Martin and Susan Goode have escaped our efforts to bring them to light. We sincerely hope that by making the following information available to libraries in the areas where they lived, someone browsing through the Martin Family Files will know Eli and Susan's antecedents and will be kind enough to provide us with that information. Until this happens we will continue our search.

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EARLY RECORDS - ELI MARTIN

Our only sources of information regarding Eli's early life are his military records and statements from census records and various pension applications made by Eli and his second wife Mary. These records list Eli's birthday as **May 3, 1841** and birthplace as "Kentucky" on most but "Ohio" on some. One Kentucky census record lists Eli's father's birthplace "Virginia" and mother's birthplace "Kentucky." In **1861**, Eli enlisted in the Union Army together with Reuben Perlimus Martin (relationship unknown). Eli and Reuben enrolled from the South Rolling Fork-Bradfordsville area of Casey County, Kentucky and received \$100 and \$125 for "horse and tack", respectively. Eli was assigned to Company B, 1st Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, based at Camp Dick Robinson, Kentucky. Eli served until he was discharged on **December 31, 1864** with multiple service-connected disabilities. Every indication is that the horse Eli sold to the army upon enlistment served with more distinction than its rider.

EARLY RECORDS - SUSAN GOODE

On **December 31, 1862**, Eli married Susan Goode in Casey County Kentucky. The marriage record does not mention a marriage bond nor the parentage of Eli or Susan. In a pension-related deposition dated May 2, 1890, Mr. F.R. Smith of Heplor, Kansas states that Susan Goode Martin was raised in the Sam Hill household in Casey County, Kentucky. After learning this, we located the following record in the 1850 Casey County Kentucky census--District 2, Page 313:

Family #357:	Samuel Hill	31	M	Farmer	b. Ky.	1819
	Mary A.	31	F		b. Ky.	1818 or 1819
	?	7	M			
	Susan Goode	2	F			

The family is listed again in the 1860 Casey County Kentucky census--District 5, Page 110:

Samuel Hill	40	M	Farmer	b. Ky.
Mary A.	40	F		b. Ky.
Thomas	19	M		
Savansa Richards	20	F		
Susan Goode	12	F		

Mr. Smith further states that Susan died prior to the year 1890, but we have reason to believe that Susan died in 1881 or 1882 and is buried in a grave we visited in Laclede County Missouri.

TRAVELS TO KENTUCKY, ILLINOIS, MISSOURI AND KANSAS - 1868 TO 1890

Eli and Susan left Kentucky in 1868 and traveled to Havana, Mason County Illinois. In 1874, they were in Lebanon, Missouri and the 1880 Missouri census of Laclede County lists the Eli Martin family in Osage Township. Pension records dated 1881 show Eli in Hepler, Kansas. Finally, an 1890 record of Civil War pensioners in Missouri indicates Eli was again in Missouri--"Eli Martin, P.O. Drynob, Laclede County, Missouri."

MARRIAGE TO MARY HILL AND TRAVELS - 1895 TO 1912

The 1860 Casey County Kentucky census also contains the following listing titled "Household adjoining the Hill Family"--District 5, Page 110:

Rhoda Hill	48	F.	
William	21	M	
Mary A.	15	F	b. Madison County, Ky.
Samuel P. (and others)			

In 1895, Eli Martin married his second wife, Mary M. Peyton, at Powers, Kentucky. Mary M. Peyton is the Mary A. Hill listed in the Casey County census record presented above. Mary married Alexander Lynn, then Frank Peyton before marrying Eli. Eli, Mary and her two sons, are listed in the 1900 census as residing at Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Kentucky. In 1912, Eli was in McLean County, Illinois.

ELI'S DEATH IN 1918

Eli Martin died April 21, 1918, in the town of Liberty, Casey County, Kentucky. In yet another pension application, Mary states that Eli was visiting Liberty at the time of his death. Eli is buried beside James M. Martin, (relation unknown) in Poplar Grove Cemetery, which is located about 5 miles north of Liberty. The records at Poplar Grove Cemetery were destroyed by fire several years ago and we found his grave site through records maintained at the National Guard Armory in Frankfort, Kentucky. No relatives are listed on the death certificate and both the father and mother are listed as "unknown". The name of the informant listed is "Wesley Martin" of Liberty (relationship unknown).

CONCLUSIONS

We do not know anything more of Eli and Susan's siblings or antecedents than is provided above. We believe that the families of Eli Martin and Samuel Hill traveled together from Kentucky to Illinois, then on to Missouri. We know that Samuel Hill died in Laclede County, Missouri in 1892 and we believe that Susan is buried in the same Laclede County cemetery as Samuel. One final note that may be of help--Samuel's son Thomas married Susannah Hofley, **January 7, 1872**, in Laclede County, Missouri and died in that county **April 3, 1908**. We would greatly appreciate receiving any additional information you may have regarding Eli and Susan Martin and their antecedents.

DESCENDANTS OF ELI & SUSAN MARTIN

Eli and Susan bore four children:

John	b. 1863	KY.
Josephine	b. 1868	KY.
Clinton	b. 1874	MO.
Rosa	b. 1878	MO.

My grandfather John Thomas was born October 15, 1863, in Casey County, Kentucky. He, his parents and eldest sister Josephine moved to Laclede County, Missouri, in the **1870's**. On **October 15, 1881**, John married Julia Caroline Randolph in Laclede County. Julia Caroline Randolph's antecedents are well documented. John and Julia's children were born in the following order:

James Elmer	b. 1883	MO.	m. Lidda Beal
Bertha May	b. 1885	MO.	m. Charley Hill
Zedic Rosco	b. 1887	MO.	m. Lelia Grissom
Rosa Ethel	b. 1889	MO.	m. M.F. Stuart
Troy Claud	b. 1892	MO.	m. Jane Wilson
Thomas Linard	b. 1896	MO.	m. Manerva Higgins
Clarence J.	b. 1899	MO.	
Cora Edith	b. 1900	MO.	m. Lawrence Foust

My parents, Thomas Linard and Manerva Higgins, were married in Hominy, Oklahoma, February 16, 1915. Their children are:

Vergie L.	b. 1916	OK.	m. Oren Clay
Howard E.	b. 1918	OK.	m. Frances Pereira
Curtis C.	b. 1919	OK.	m. Rita Zeto.
Dorothy M.	b. 1922	OK.	m. Harris Brooks
Gerald E.	b. 1926	CA.	m. Dorothy Santos
William O.	b. 1931	CA.	m. Roberta Comes
Melba D.	b. 1933	CA.	m. Donald Brown
Edith G.	b. 1936	CA.	m. Bobby Rothenfluh

Please feel free to contact us if you would like more information concerning Eli's descendants.