

Biographical Sketch of Milton Elvin Fleming

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Milton E. or Eb as his little brother Will called him because he couldn't say Elvin plain he was always called Eb, was born in Hicks Valley May 23, 1865. He always made his home here, when he was married to Etta Fenner a neighbor girl on July 26, 1891.



Lloyd Raymond was born on April 27 1892 and his mother passed away the following day. Lloyd then went to live with his grandma and grandpa Fleming, until on Aug 1, 1893- Eb married Etta's sister Nellie Fenner, then Lloyd went to live with his father again, A little sister Olive Isabel was born Nov 1-1894 and lived but 4 weeks passing away Nov 28, 1894. Nellie died Jan. 9, 1895. Lloyd then lived with his grandparents, and later with his aunt and uncle Mr and Mrs Peter Little and then with his uncle(sic) (brother) Bert and aunt(sic) (sister-in-law) Eva. Eb later went to Wahpeton North Dakota where he worked as chore boy for quite a number of years.

Addition by Bud Fleming:

The story is told that Milton, "Eb" was one of his generation who was so much part of the technology of his age that he had extreme difficulty adjusting to the age of internal combustion engines. His brother Bert, insisted that Eb drive Bert's 1915 Maxwell to town, which among other things involved a great deal of yelling between these siblings. The road to the village of Pepin at the time consisted of a pair of wagon tracks and as Eb steered the Maxwell along these tracks, he spotted a hayrack being pulled by a team of horses ahead in those same wheel tracks. "I'm going to hit him, I'm going to hit him!" yelled a panicking Eb. "Just toot your horn and he will pull over!" Bert yelled back. Eb tooted his horn, the teamster pulled his team and wagon to the side of the wheel and Eb turned the steering wheel following the wagon and hit him, just like he said he would!