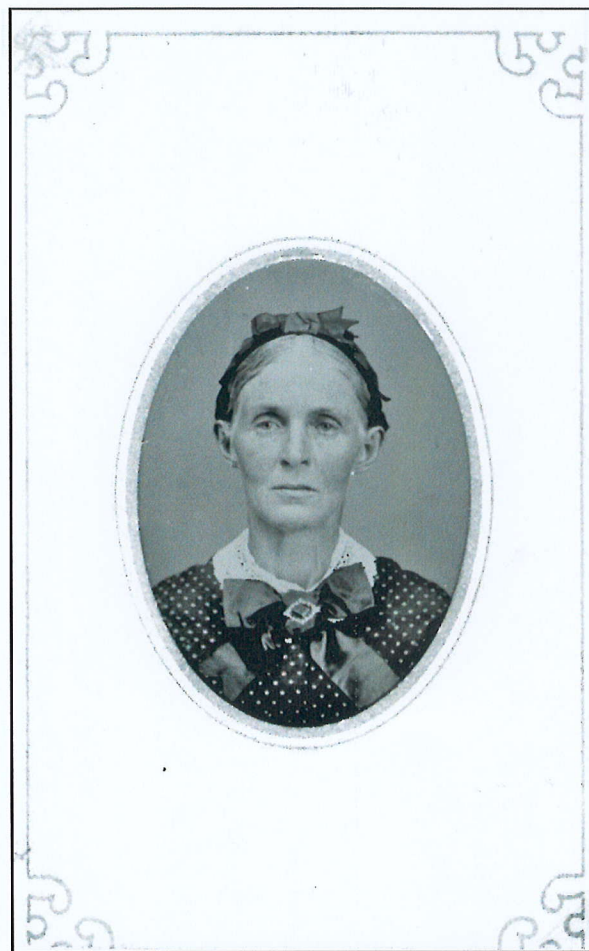
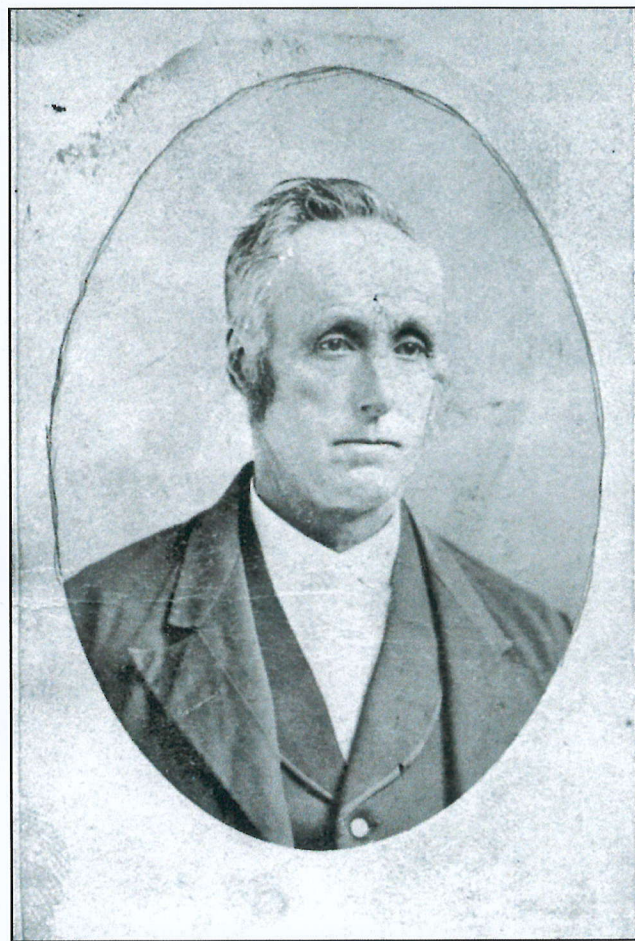




Life Story
of



Elijah Dexter Slafter
and
Maria Lucretia Lilly

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET

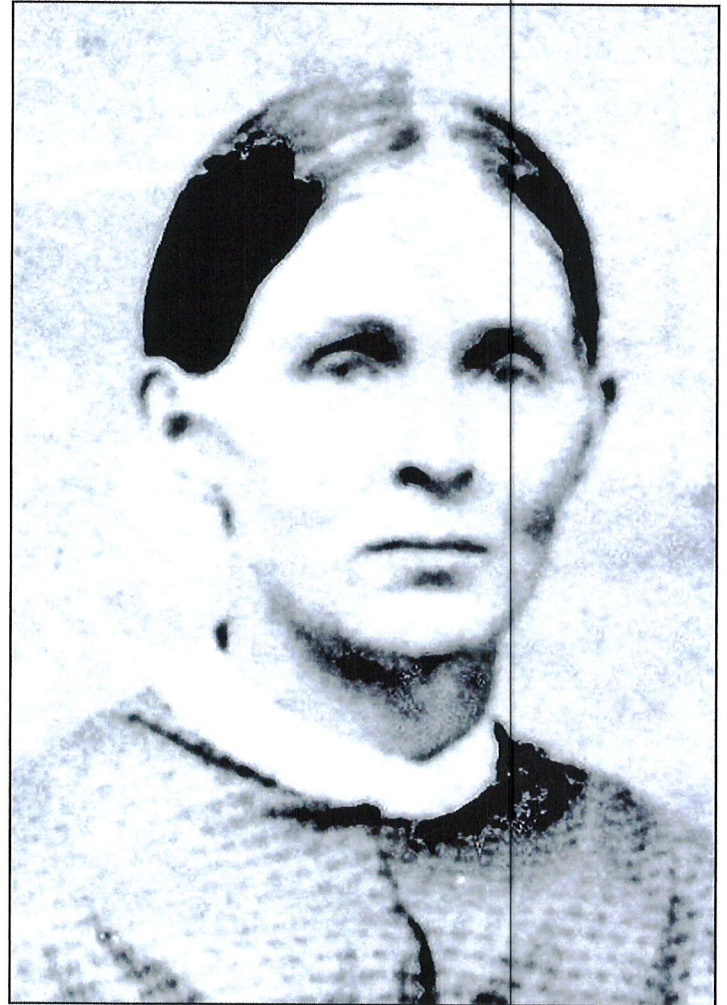
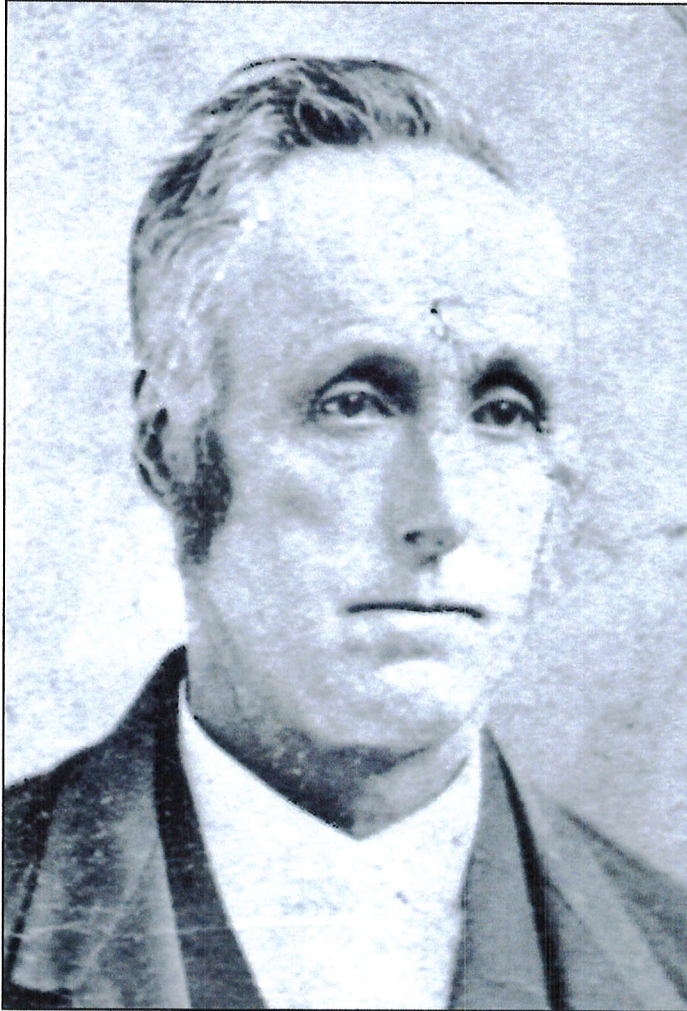
We are putting these booklets together on our ancestors, not for the purpose of aiding in any genealogical research, although there might be that possibility for some readers. We are not making an effort to include all the names, dates, and places we might discover if we searched. We do not want to take that much time because of the magnitude of our task.

Our intention is to preserve the life stories of our ancestors as completely as we can. The family traditions, anecdotes, and accomplishments that might be lost to our posterity if we don't record them. There are also mementoes, certificates, photographs, especially photographs, that might be forever lost if we don't find a way to share them. This is our effort to do so.

We feel it is not an accident that so many family records have ended up in our hands from both sides of our families. We feel we have them because we will take care of them and share them. We are getting old and we realize that if we die without doing something about these family treasures, they will probably not be preserved for future generations. We're not sure how to share them but preparing these books and booklets is at least the first step. Our children or grandchildren may have to take it from there and we trust that they will.

Wilbur S. + Donna Tyler Bliss

**Elijah Dexter Slafter
(1814 - 1888)
Maria Lucretia Lilly
(1826 - 1876)**



Early Americans

Elijah's Ancestors – The Slafters arrived in America early on, in the 1600s, from England and/or Wales. They settled in Massachusetts, and soon moved on to Connecticut. Elijah's parents moved to New York and Elijah was born there in Pompey, Onandago County, on 14 December, 1814. His parents were Calvin and Jerusha Dexter. We show them with eight children: Asahel, Adelia Maria, **Elijah Dexter**, Orren, Tryphena, Ira, Cynthis, and Marilda. Interestingly, the last two of these children were born in **Cuba**.

Lucretia's Family – Maria Lucretia was known by her middle name). Regretfully, we have no information on her parents. A fine opportunity for her descendants to do the research to find them. Her surname (**Lilly**) is attractive and not all that common. Their marriage just before the 1850 Federal Census complicates the task a bit. That was the first census that listed the names of all the children in a household.

1860 McHenry, Illinois Federal Census – Tells us that Elijah was born in New York and she in Ohio. Orren (often misspelled, but this is correct) age 11, and Emily, age 7 were born in **Illinois** and Ruby in **Wisconsin**. Why Wisconsin? Ah, a glance at the Pedigree chart reveals that Elijah's father died in Portage, Wisconsin and his mother in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. **That** explains why they spent a few years in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Farm? We don't know. The 1860 Census tells us that Elijah was a farmer. His obituary in the newspaper states that except for "a few years in Wisconsin," McHenry County, Illinois had always been his home.

What Did We Learn? – We know the family was in Illinois in 1852 when Emily was born; in Wisconsin in 1855 when Ruby was born, and back in Illinois for the 1860 Federal Census. The Census, by the way, did give the mother's name as Maria, but family tradition reveals that she was known as Lucretia. Both are pretty names. There are other things to learn from census returns as well, such as neighbors who might be relatives, parents' birthplaces etc.

Marriage and Family

From New York to Illinois – Elijah was born at Pompey, New York on 14 December, 1836. In the year of 1836, at the age of 22, he emigrated to Illinois and settled in McHenry County.

He Met His Bride – In March of 1846, Elijah and Lucretia were married in McHenry, Illinois. Six children were born to this union, including our ancestor, their first child. They were as follows: Orren Augustine, Emily Diana, Ruby A., Sylvester (who died at age 5 months), Charles William, and Elmer E. (Who died at age 5 years).

Widowed at Age 62 – Elijah and Lucretia had only 30 years together, when she died in October, 1876 at only 50 years of age. Her cause of death is not known to

Newspaper Obituary

Good Source of Information – We are indebted to Elijah’s obituary for most of the information we have about our ancestor, Elijah Dexter Slafter and his family. It is, of course, we believe, from the local paper of McHenry, McHenry, Illinois.

Died In This Village – “Died in this village, Wednesday morning, 7 March, 1888, – Elijah Dexter Slafter, in the 74th year of his age. The subject of the above notice was born at Pompey, New York, 14 December, 1814. From a memorial book before us we learn that from early youth he was subject to the trials and hardships so common in those early days. But with steadfast purpose and honest motives, for which he was so characterized in later years, he surmounted obstacles that at times seemed impossible, and carved for himself an honorable place among men.”

The Slafter Memorial – The “Memorial book” referred to is almost certainly the “**Memorial of John Slafter With a Genealogical Account of His Descendants, Including Eight Generations**” by the Reverend Edmund F. Slafter, published in Boston by the Press of Henry W. Dutton and Son. 1869.

Declining Years

Widowhood – “Since the death of his wife 12 years ago, Mr. Slafter has lived with his son, Charles, and although past 70 years of age, of those who saw him on the street daily, but few thought that a fatal disease was preying on his once strong constitution and that he would succumb to the grim destroyer so soon. But then, death is no respecter of persons, and like a thief in the night he creeps in when and where least expected, and sooner or later we must all bow submissively to his will.

Failing Health – “In the beginning of the year 1888, his friends noticed signs of failing health and urged him to lay aside all business cares which he finally, reluctantly, consented to do. The best medical skill was employed, but to no avail. He slowly but surely failed, and on the morn of the 7th he quietly and peacefully breathed his last while reclining in his chair. Not a struggle or a move to indicate that the spirit had returned to the God that gave it.

Member of Methodist Church – “He had been a member of the Methodist Church for over 40 years and lived as a consistent Christian man. His funeral was held from the Methodist Episcopalian Church on Friday afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. His remains were interred in Woodland Cemetery beside those of his wife who had preceded him a few short years only. The sympathy of the community is with the bereaved family.

Tribute – “We honestly believe Mr. Slafter had not a real enemy in the world. He was truly the noblest work of God, an honest man, and was honored and respected wherever known. He will be missed at his home, among our citizens and our church, where his wise councils were forever for the right, and where his every word and act were for the best interest of his fellow man. **Verily a good man has fallen.**”

Children’s Homes At Time of Elijah’s Death

Orren – Now residing at Iowa City, Iowa

Emily D., wife of **George W. Colby** of this town (McHenry)

Ruby A. – now resides at Minneapolis, Minnesota

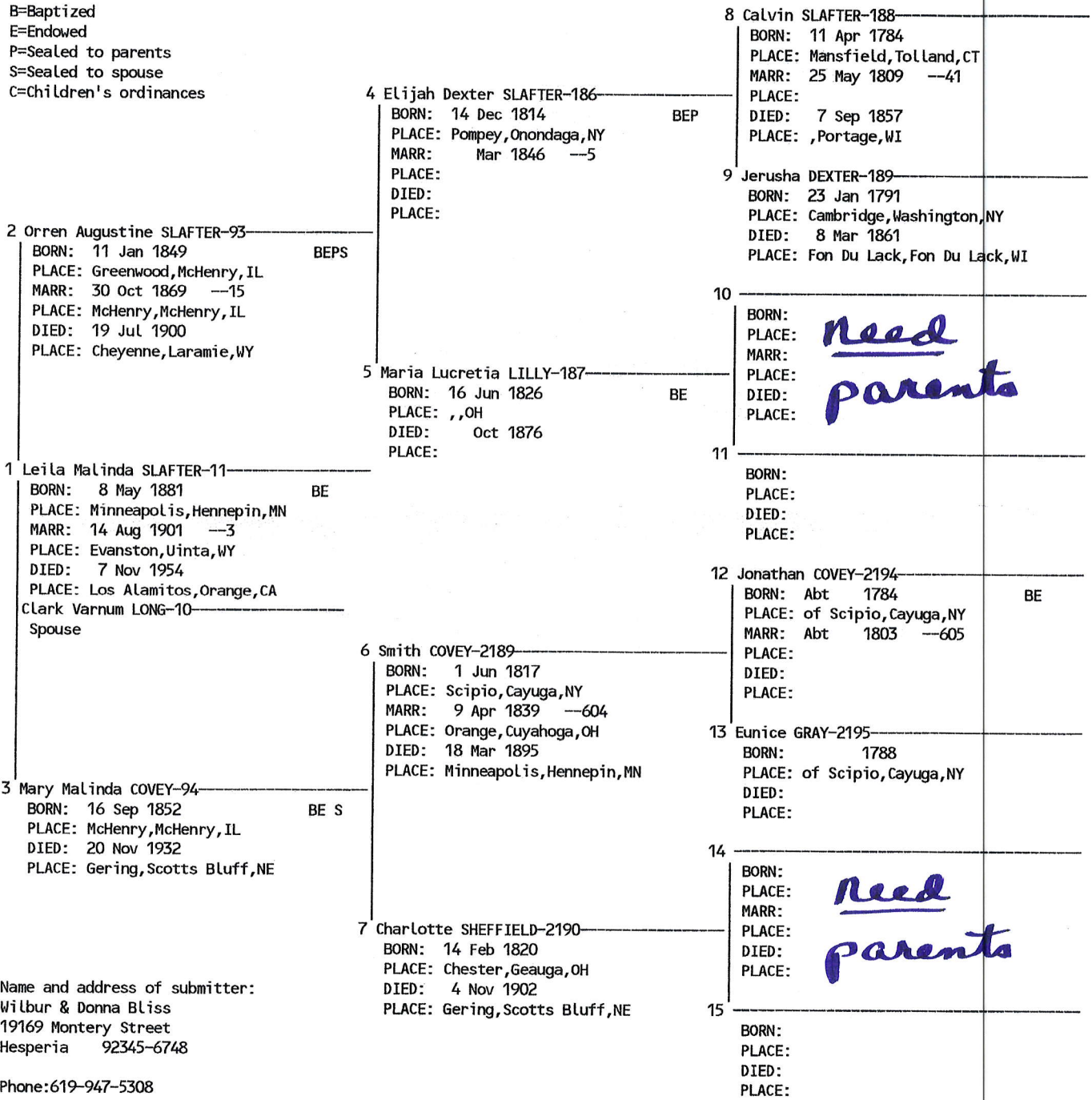
Charles W. – now a resident of this village (McHenry)

Pedigree Chart

PEDIGREE CHART

Ordinance Codes:

- B=Baptized
- E=Endowed
- P=Sealed to parents
- S=Sealed to spouse
- C=Children's ordinances



Family Group Record- 5

Husband Elijah Dexter Slafter-186				
Born	14 Dec 1814	Place	Pompey, Onondaga, New York	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	7 Mar 1888	Place	McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Married	Mar 1846	Place		Sealed to spouse
Husband's father Calvin Slafter-188				1993
Husband's mother Jerusha Dexter-189				1993
				SDIEG
				MRIN: 41
Wife Maria Lucretia Lilly-187				
Born	16 Jun 1826	Place	, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	Oct 1876	Place		Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Wife's father				Uncleared
Wife's mother				
Children List each child in order of birth.				
				LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
1	M	Orren Augustine Slafter-93		
Born	11 Jan 1849	Place	Greenwood, McHenry, Illinois	Baptized
Christened		Place		8 Jun 1957
Died	19 Jul 1900	Place	Cheyenne, Laramie, Wyoming	Endowed
Buried	22 Jul 1900	Place	Cheyenne, Laramie, Wyoming	Sealed to parents
Spouse Mary Malinda Covey-94				1993
Married				17 Dec 1959
30 Oct 1869				LANGE
Place				SDIEG
McHenry, McHenry, Illinois				MRIN: 15
2	F	Emily Diana Slafter-2263		
Born	19 Sep 1852	Place	Greenwood, McHenry, Illinois	Baptized
Christened		Place		8 Jun 1957
Died	7 Mar 1931	Place	McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Endowed
Buried		Place	McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Sealed to parents
Spouse George Wallace Colby-2712				1993
Married				7 Feb 1978
12 Jun 1876				IFALL
Place				SDIEG
McHenry, McHenry, Illinois				MRIN: 825
3	F	Ruby R. Slafter-2264		
Born	9 Mar 1855	Place	, Rock, Wisconsin	Baptized
Christened		Place		1993
Died		Place		Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Spouse Herbert Smith Covey-2193				1993
Married				Submitted
Abt 1874 (Div)				LVEGA
Place				MRIN: 1013
4	M	Sylvester Slafter-2265		
Born	8 Aug 1858	Place	McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Baptized
Christened		Place		Child
Died	8 Jan 1859	Place		Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Spouse				1993
Married				SDIEG
Place				
Sealed to spouse				

Family Group Record- 5

Husband		Elijah Dexter Slafter-186					
Wife		Maria Lucretia Lilly-187					
Children		List each child in order of birth.		LDS ordinance dates	Temple		
5	M	Charles William Slafter-2266					
	Born	4 Nov 1862	Place	McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Baptized	1993	SDIEG
	Christened		Place		Endowed	1993	SDIEG
	Died		Place		Sealed to parents	1993	SDIEG
	Buried		Place				
	Spouse						
	Married		Place		Sealed to spouse		
6	M	Elmer E. Slafter-8644					
	Born	1865	Place	McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Baptized		
	Christened		Place		Endowed		
	Died	1870	Place	McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Sealed to parents		
	Buried		Place				
	Spouse						
	Married		Place		Sealed to spouse		

Elmer, the last child, has been missing from our records until now (2010). The reason evidently being that the family was constructed from the book: The Slafter Memorial.

It was published in 1869, so no doubt when family groups were gathered for that ambitious undertaking, Elmer had not yet been born. We get his name from his father's obituary.

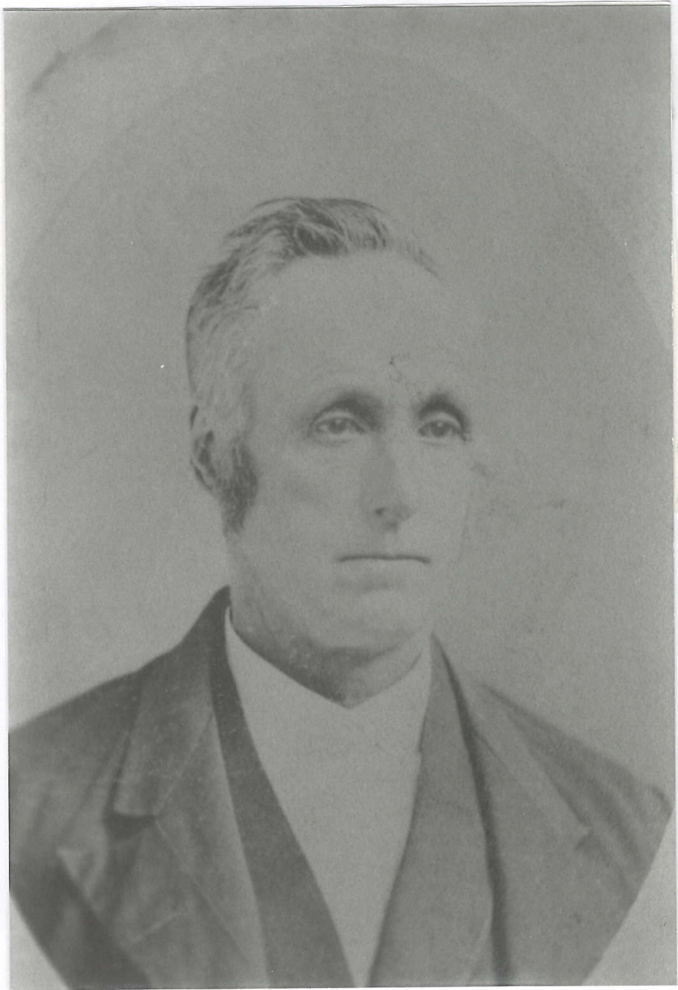
Plus he probably died before the 1870 Census and so was missed there.

Family Group Record- 41

Husband Calvin Slafter-188				
	Born	11 Apr 1784	Place Mansfield, Tolland, Connecticut	LDS ordinance dates
	Christened		Place	Baptized
	Died	7 Sep 1857	Place , Portage, Wisconsin	Endowed
	Buried		Place	Pre-1970
	Married	25 May 1809	Place of Cambridge, Washington, New York	Sealed to parents
	Husband's father	Eleazer Slafter-190		Sealed to spouse
	Husband's mother	Mary Sarah Freeman-191		MRIN: 42
Wife Jerusha Dexter-189				
	Born	23 Jan 1791	Place Cambridge, Washington, New York	LDS ordinance dates
	Christened		Place	Baptized
	Died	8 Mar 1861	Place Fon Du Lack, Fon Du Lack, Wisconsin	Endowed
	Buried		Place	Submitted
	Wife's father	Elijah Dexter-2305		Sealed to parents
	Wife's mother	Elijah Dexter Mrs.-2306		Submitted
				LVEGA
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				MRIN: 616
Children List each child in order of birth.				
				LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
1	M	Asahel Slafter-2267		
	Born	28 Feb 1810	Place Cambridge, Washington, New York	Baptized
	Christened		Place	Endowed
	Died	24 Oct 1833	Place	Sealed to parents
	Buried		Place	25 Oct 1957
	Spouse	Electa Pierce-6415		MRIN: 1963
	Married	24 Oct 1833	Place of Portville, , New York	Sealed to spouse
				28 Feb 1968
				IFALL
2	F	Adelia Maria Slafter-2268		
	Born	15 Feb 1812	Place Cambridge, Washington, New York	Baptized
	Christened		Place	Endowed
	Died		Place	Sealed to parents
	Buried		Place	25 Oct 1957
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
3	M	Elijah Dexter Slafter-186		
	Born	14 Dec 1814	Place Pompey, Onondaga, New York	Baptized
	Christened		Place	Endowed
	Died	7 Mar 1888	Place McHenry, McHenry, Illinois	Sealed to parents
	Buried		Place	1993
	Spouse	Maria Lucretia Lilly-187		MRIN: 5
	Married	Mar 1846	Place	Sealed to spouse
				1993
				SDIEG
4	M	Orin Slafter-2269		
	Born	16 Feb 1818	Place Pompey, Onondago, New York	Baptized
	Christened		Place	Endowed
	Died	7 Mar 1888	Place	Sealed to parents
	Buried		Place	25 Oct 1957
	Spouse	Dorcas Reinshaw Collins-4878		MRIN: 1516
	Married	15 Nov 1863	Place Mc Minnville, Warren, Tennessee	Sealed to spouse
				14 Jul 1967
				IFALL

Family Group Record- 41

Husband		Calvin Slafter-188				
Wife		Jerusha Dexter-189				
Children List each child in order of birth.				LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
5	F	Tryphena Slafter-2270				
	Born	25 Feb 1820	Place	Pompey, Onondago, New York	Baptized	3 Feb 1925
	Christened		Place		Endowed	11 Mar 1925
	Died		Place		Sealed to parents	25 Oct 1957
	Buried		Place			
	Spouse	Henry Wallace Bruce-4874				
	Married	30 Jan 1844	Place	Fond du Lac, , Wisconsin	Sealed to spouse	Submitted SDIEG
6	M	Ira Slafter-2271				
	Born	15 Apr 1822	Place	Cuba, Allegany, New York	Baptized	29 Jul 1924
	Christened		Place		Endowed	28 Oct 1926
	Died	28 Sep 1845	Place		Sealed to parents	25 Oct 1957
	Buried		Place			
	Spouse					
	Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	
7	F	Cynthia Slafter-2272				
	Born	25 May 1824	Place	Cuba, Allegany, New York	Baptized	29 Jul 1924
	Christened		Place		Endowed	8 Jan 1925
	Died	14 Aug 1845	Place		Sealed to parents	25 Oct 1957
	Buried		Place			
	Spouse	John Michael Kull-4879				
	Married	8 Jan 1841	Place	of Bloomfield, , Wisconsin	Sealed to spouse	18 Jan 1968 SGEOR
8	F	Marilda Slafter-2273				
	Born	23 Oct 1826	Place	Cuba, Allegany, New York	Baptized	29 Jul 1924
	Christened		Place		Endowed	8 Jan 1925
	Died	28 Jan 1859	Place		Sealed to parents	25 Oct 1957
	Buried		Place			
	Spouse	Edwin Ruthvin Roberts-4882				
	Married	24 Aug 1850	Place	Fond du Lac, , Wisconsin	Sealed to spouse	9 Jan 1968 IFALL



Elyah Dexter Slaughter

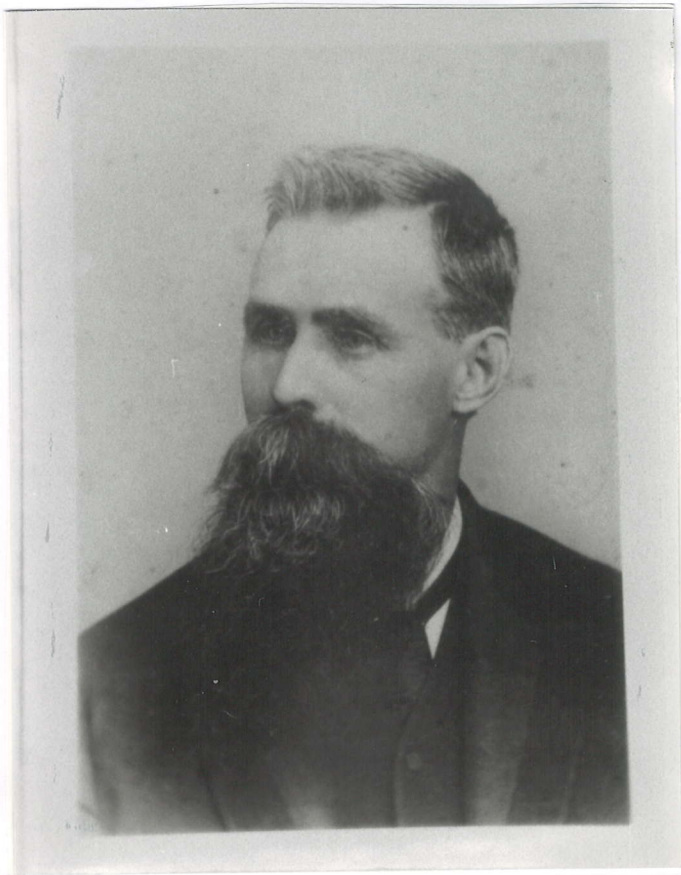


Maria Lucretia Lilly

The only
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Ancestors



And How
Blessed we
Are to Have
Them



*Their Eldest Child - Oren
Augustine Sletten
And His Wife, Mary Malinda*



And Their Daughter, Leila Malinda



Elijah & Lucretia's Grandson -
(Thru' Owen), Owen Herbert Sletter,
and His Wife, Madge.



And Two of Their Children,
Madeline and Iris.



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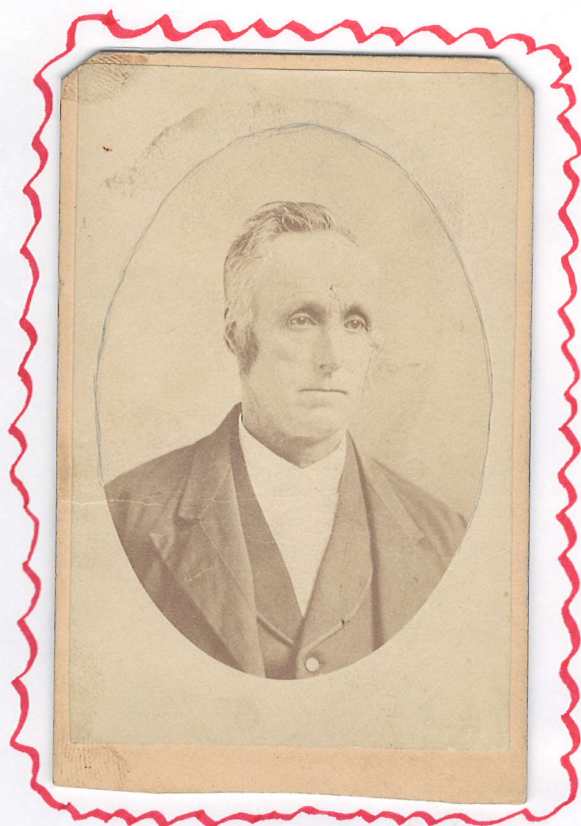
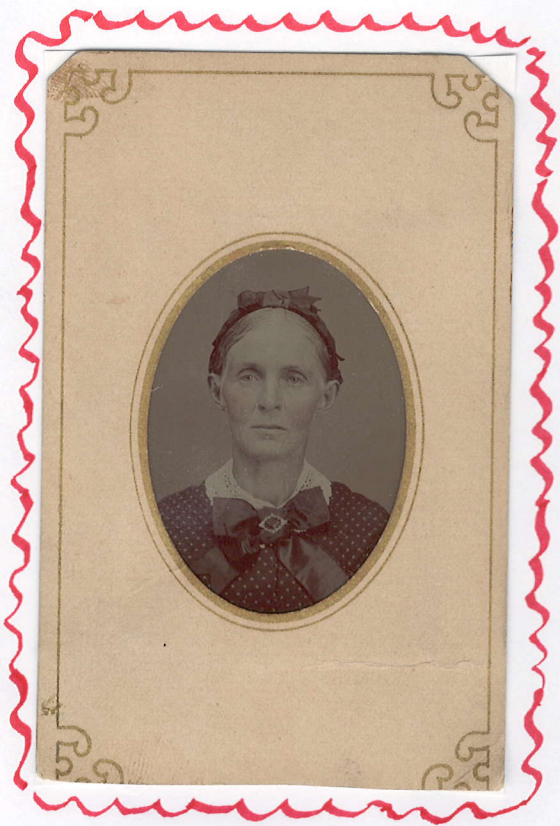
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Elijah + Lucretia's
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