

RALPH DAVID PHILLIPS

BOX 372

NASSAU, N. Y. 12123

6, Jan. 1978

Dear Mrs. Bready:

Thank you ever so much for sending me <sup>N.</sup> Mt. Smith's <sup>F</sup>Obituary. I had known that he was ill but did not know of his death. We had a nice correspondence when I first joined the CCGS and as his letters were so "live" I thought he was a young man. I am certain the Society will miss him.

ELMER: I wish you luck on finding something more concerning a possible relationship between the Jhn Aylmer (1521-1594) - almost always spelled Aylmer - and our Edward Elmer family. I believe I made myself clear in last letter that I doubt very much that there was any connection unless it was in the 13th or 14th centuries. I believe I also said that I had found that the Aylmers- in Co. Suffolk, I believe, nearly always spelled the name Alymer while the family in Northhampton shire seems always to have been Elmer. I am going to try to make a little chart of the Northants Elmers as I have the possible line in England. (I have great trouble writing as I once broke bones in my right wrist and I still have trouble - that together with my poor eyesight does not make for good charts.,

I have a typed copy of the Will of the Edward Elmer, of "Sinton, dated 1612 - copied from the original Will in London. He leaves a bequest to son, Edward, but "art the discretion of my exccitors," so he could have been the grandfather of our Edward and the son, Edward, the father or without the death date of the second Edward - the two Edward might be the same. Our Edward would have been about 10 years old in 1612 - which would be o.k. if other records matched. I never like to guess at such relationships - I leave such to the reader.

My research from England was done by a (genealogically) responsible lady, but her letters are handwritten on thin paper. I am going to ask my friend, Paul Huey, who has access to a very good Xerox machine, if these can be Xeroxed and if so I would be happy to send you a copy. As I cannot now do library research I do not have anything new to add since my last letter but if you have any questions about my records or my (h) theories please do not hesitate to ask me about them.

NASSAU: You ask where is Nassau. I am glad it is not on many maps - we are a very quiet village 12 miles southeast of Albany on the east side of the Hudson River. No camp sites, nor condominiums or huge market plazas and no racial troubles. All this area was once a part of the VanRensselaer Patroon Manor - and I have before me (framed) one of the VanRensselaer leases dated 1792 O a farm from which my grandfather's farm was taken from. It has Stephen VanRensselaer's signature. Incidentally, Nassau (town) was once Philipstown named for Philip Van Rensselaer - not my family. My <sup>gt</sup> <sup>gt</sup> grandfather was born in Conn (?Danbury) or thereabouts - maybe from Cape Cop family with the Vickerys? - then into Dutchess Co. (now Putnam) then up here.



This Nassau area was settled about the time of the Revolution and was a part of the VanRensselaer Patroon Manor

My house has been said to be the oldest house in the village - it was built about 1787 by a Dutchess Co. Quaker named Moses Vail. It has been changed a lot inside, but the wide floorboards still remain and there is one curiosity about it - it has a 5-ft cellar along the back and one side of the house - and two separate "cellar doors" on the outside. I think it may have been an herb cellar. I found an old candlestick in the cellar - the lip is marked "Shaw BGHN" - I suspected it was Birmingham, England, so I wrote there and they gave me Shaw names from their Directory of the 1770's and one is significant as being the maker of candlesticks in the 1770's. I know it would be a Birmingham in America at that time. I am on a main street in the Village - have plenty of lawn to keep me busy and a nice garden. I have potatoes from the garden to last all winter and later. So it is all worthwhile.

I was born here in Nassau - our old home is now the Town Hall. My parents died in 1919 and 1921; I went to N.Y.C. and remained until I retired in 1960.

Please forgive the autobiography - added to the information about the Village of Nassau.

With Best Wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,  
Kathleen

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This Kasser area was visited about the  
time of the revolution and was a part of the  
Kasser area.

By some time had been built to be the object  
it was built around 1970 by a Lebanese Dr. Youssef  
Kasser. It has been named a "Kasser" and the  
area surrounding it is still named as such. It  
is about 10-15 miles from the city and one of  
the houses - and two separate "Kasser" areas  
outside. I think it may have been an area  
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*Handwritten notes in blue ink:*  
Kasser  
1970-1975

THEORETICAL ANCESTRY OF EDWARD ELMER  
OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, ENG.

Edward Elmer, n. c1500  
Will dated 1557 (or 1576)  
Pf A;; Saomys Vh., Northampton.

Second generation

JOHN ELMER,  
b. c1520; Will dated 1567  
married Alice. He was of Great Brington and Northampton.

Third Generation

EDWARD ELMER  
b. c1550 - Will dated 1612.  
Married 1) Elizabeth; 2) Marjory Gaffney.  
Children: Agnes; Thomas; Jone; EDWARD; John; Marie; Vudoles;  
Alexander and Elizabeth.

Next generation

EDWARD ELMER  
b. c1580 have no other information. He is the one mentioned  
in the above family group and was probably the father of

Next Generation

EDWARD ELMER  
b. 1604-10 - died 1676 - Came to America.

The foregoing is only theoretical, but surely it look  
more line the ancestry of our Edward than any of the Aylmer  
information.

It is very difficult for me to copy records account of having  
to use mag. glass back and forth - word by word - so if  
there is anything which does not make sense, please let me know.  
My own copy is pretty well marked up.

Ralph D. Phillips



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22, Dec. 1977

Mr. R. H. Bready,  
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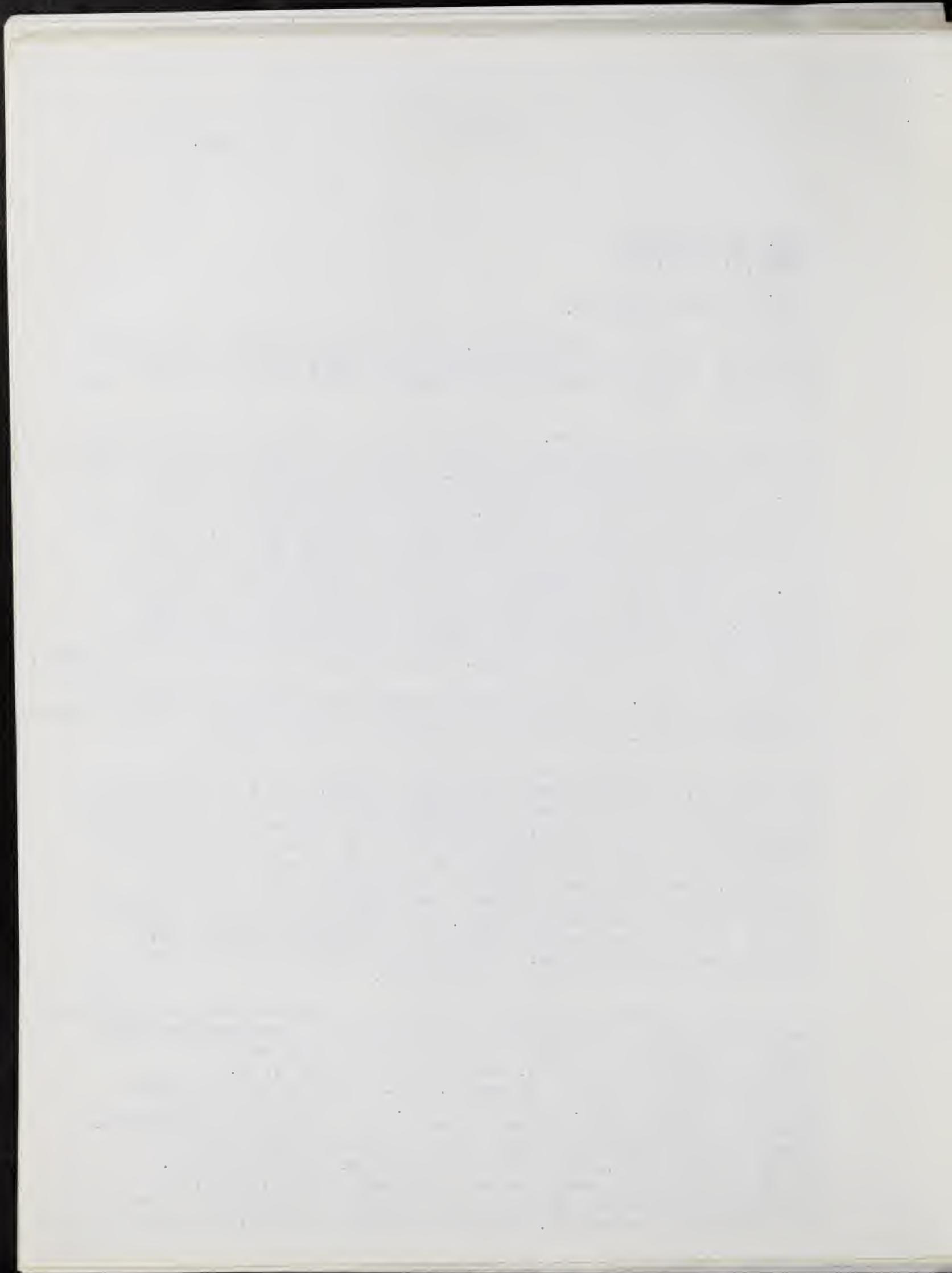
Dear Mrs. Bready: Please excuse. Every once in a while the roller in my old Royal turns, but the paper does now, and the above is the result. And we are having a blizzard; it is very dark and that is another excuse.

As to my Post Office Box. Originally it was Box 372, but somehow the CCGS started with 374 - it may have been a typographical error in my letter requesting membership. Anyway, I let it pass by - used 372. Then last Spring my box was changed to a box with key - and that is my present box 664. 372 was a combination box and with my eyesight I could not see the combination numbers. But all of it made no difference as the Postmaster told me not to both about changing in, i.e. notifying anyone as "We all know you." I have a twin brother - he had the same trouble and also now has a lock box. Even this a.m. two people took me for my brother. I go for mail every morning and the 4 people in the office know us both well - as THEY are also always getting the right mail to the wrong brother. Even Nassau N.Y. would be sufficient.

So much for that. I do not wish to embarrass anyone in CCGS, but I received a membership card last Friday, I believe, and today I have received another. No harm done - better two than none.

ELMER: I am pleased to have the Elmer family so carefully written out. It all agrees with what I have. If I said my line was from EDWARD-2 - it was a typographical error as I am definitely from Samuel-2 who had son, Deacon Jonathan. My record came from Conklin Mann, once a contributing Editor of N.Y. G & B. He was related on the Brockway side (my gt g-mother, Lydia Brockway) - his wife, Mrs. Mann was related on the Ambler side - my own grandmother was Angeline Ambler - her mother a Waterbury. Abraham Ambler married Rhoda Keeler, dau. of Joseph Keeler and Abigail ELMER. If you have any interest in more detailed dates, etc., I have them in most cases. It seems odd that we do not have the family name of so many of the wives.

And it is a coincidence that the Elmers and Keelers were of Ridgefield and Wilton, Conn. For months I have been in correspondence with a lady in Danbury who found what we believe to be my "lost" Phillips ancestor. My Jos. Phillips was b. Conn. Jan. 1739 and she has found a Joseph b. Apr. 1739, in Wilton, where the above Elmers were. And last Sept. a friend and I drove down to Ridgebury and Danbury - but did not get as far as Wilton. Joseph Phillips married Dorcas Vickery whose family came to Ridgebury, Conn., then into Dutchess Co. - from Harwich. My Vickery line is very simple: George-1 of Hull, Mass.; Benjamin, to Harwich; Ichabod from Harwich to Ridgebury - then, by 1741 into Dutchess Co. where his dau. Dorcas was b. 1743 and



where Joseph Phillips appears on the scene; married Dorcas and came up here. I wish more of my lines were that simple. I get Stephen Hopkins, of the "Mayflower," through the Vickery, Snow, Payne, lines. And the name Dorcas from the early Paynes.

One reason I do not have more complete Elmer line in my files is because I copied the direct line from the Elmer Genealogy and then spent my time on Edward's ancestry in England. So my file is almost entirely on the family in England including a searcher's reports - all handwritten on thin paper - and, if you know British writing, you may know what it is like for even normal eyes to read. But I like British research - I have been there several times and am quite used to their way of doing genealogy. But with a thousand years of records it is difficult to pin down particular families.

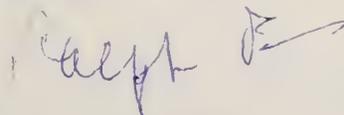
Friends who lived near London and who had originally lived at Horninghold, a lovely hamlet in Northamptonshire, drove me up to Cinton from their home on Wimbledon, Surrey. The church is away from the village - the village might have been near the church in earlier centuries - but it stand alone among trees and the old graveyard.

I very much doubt that Edward-1 was b. in Braintree no matter what a correspondent of mine says. I have too many records from original sources in England - that the ELMERS, not Aylmers, were of Northants not to be misguided. In as much as even these records do not "pin down" our Edward, he certainly belong to Northants. I will try to enclose a little chart of about three generations of Elmers - you can accept it or not as ours - and I will be interested in what you think about it.

I thought of the Cape this morning as we "opened up" with rain, snow, sleet, and strong winds - and I know what you get on the Cape. But I finally ventured out about 11 a.m. - I am only a long block from the Post Office and stores - and it was not as bad as it sounded earlier. We are fortunate in Weather - very often the worst of a storm passes to the north of us. My last "Cape storm" was at the old cemetery at North Truro - looking for Vickery gravestones - found one, the wife of Rev. Jonathan - my family, but not my line. I have about every Vickery in print for the first 4 generations, I guess - on a very long chart made up from my files. Hope to get back to the Cape next year.

This may not reach you before Christmas - so have a Happy and Prosperous New Year - and good genealogical results.

Sincerely,



One of the partners in my company in N.Y.C. was Jim Readie - a "Geordie" - i.e. from Newcastle-on-Tyne.. I thought of him when I first saw your name in CCGS.

where Joseph Miller's reports on the scene; worried people  
and some of them. I wish more of us lived with that attitude.  
I met Stephen Rogers, of the "Kaiser", through the  
Village, once, later, later. And the more I think from the  
early years.

One reason I do not have more complete files is  
in my files is because I needed the direct line from the direct  
general and from some of them on the "Kaiser" movement in  
England. In my files is much material on the family in  
London including a number of reports - all handwritten on  
this paper - and, in my files is much material on the family  
it is like for every normal eye to read. But I like to write  
because - I have been there several times and in my files is  
much of the material. But also a "Kaiser" year of  
reports is in my files to the "Kaiser" movement in London.

There are also many reports and who had definitely lived at  
Kaiser's house in London in the "Kaiser" movement, above me up  
to London from their home on Wimpson, Dover. The church is  
near from the village - the village itself has been near the church  
in some of the reports - but it stands alone on the street and the  
old graveyard.

I very much doubt that Kaiser was a, in England as matter  
what a correspondence of his life. I have had some reports from  
official sources in England - that the Kaiser, not Kaiser, were  
of reports not as to be included. In as much as with these reports  
to be "left down" but, as a matter of fact, he definitely belong to Kaiser.  
I will try to make a little chart of about these reports  
of Kaiser - you can see that it is not as easy - and I will be  
interested in what you think about it.

I thought of the fact that Kaiser was "opened up" with this  
now, what, and Kaiser's wife - and - now what you see on the page.  
But I finally thought out about it. I am - I am only a John  
Kaiser from the fact that Kaiser was Kaiser - and it was not as easy as  
it seemed - after. He was Kaiser in London - very often the  
word of a name passed in the name of his wife.  
"Kaiser" was at the time of his wife's name - looking  
for Kaiser's wife - found one, the wife of his wife, Kaiser -  
my files, but not my files. I have about every Kaiser in my files  
for the first 4 years, I guess - on a very long sheet  
made up from my files. How to get back to the "Kaiser" year.

This was the report that Kaiser's wife - so far - and  
Kaiser's wife - and Kaiser's wife.

Enclosure

One of the reports in my files in N.Y.C. was the report -  
a "Kaiser" - I, from Kaiser's wife - I thought of  
him when I first saw her name in 1938.





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9, Dec. 1977

Mrs. Richard G. Bready:  
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Dear Mrs. Bready:

Please pardon the above typing - it is my first letter for the day and I am then "all thumbs."

Thank you for your acknowledgement of my check for membership renewal. I have received the Bulletins, et., and I enjoy them. I shall look for the membership card in due course.

When I first received the sheets of members with the names of their ancestral families, I noted the ELMER family on yours. My line is Edward Elmer-1; Edward-2; Jonathan-3; Abigail-4, who married Joseph Keeler. Rhoda Keeler mar. Abraham Ambler, Conn. to this town of Nassau - and only last year I had the gravestones of Abraham and Rhoda, my ~~at at~~ grandparents, moved from a field plot to the standard cemetery - the East Nassau Cemetery. The stones had been lying there for many years.

As to the Elmers. I lived in N.Y.C. for many years and, being a bachelor, then and now, I had time to do a lot of research. And having been in World War I, in England, and for my last 20-odd years in N.Y.C. with a British firm, I made several trips to visit friends and to do research. However, most of the research was done from N.Y.C. by correspondence. I had a search done on the Elmer family and I also visited the church where they attended - at Quinton, Northamptonshire. I stayed with friends in Eimbleton Common, Surrey, and they were always interested in taking me to my "ancestral places."

I have recently corresponded with a Mr. Fuller, of Groton, Conn., who had a query in the "Kutmegger" (of the Conn. Soc. of Genealogists) - stating that Edward-1 was born in Braintree, Essex, Eng. I disagree, I can go into it more thoroughly, but this is one good reason: Mr. F. attempts to claim the Aylmer ancestry - but I claim Northamptonshire. I have records from there a few generations back of Edward - right or wrong - but the name was always spelled ELMER - never Aylmer - while the family in Essex seems to have always been Aylmer. Much of my Elmer data Northampton is from Wills - unfortunately, for me, all handwritten on thin paper! It was done in the days when paper was scarce.

I would be glad to give you more details - I am sorry I do not have access to an Xerox but I will do the best I can.

Bain: We also had an early Bain family near here - from Scotland - would that be your line. They were well to do and had a carriage making business - I knew a descendant in N.Y. - Miss Moyxa Newell - the Moyca name from the old Dutch Huyck family.

I shall be interested in hearing from you.

*a Merry Christmas -*

*Sincerely*

*Ralph P.*