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# Peres Ellis Family

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**Descendants of Peres Ellis**

Generation No. 1

1. PERES 8 ELLIS (BENJAMIN F.7, PEREZ6, PHILIP5, JOSIAH4, MORDECAI3, JOHN2, JOHN1) was born 05 Jan 1838 in Hartford, Oxford, Maine (farm), and died 02 Nov 1919. He married MARGARET ELIZABETH RESER 17 Sep 1861 in Manchester, Illinois, daughter of JOSEPH RESER and RACHEL ADAMS. She was born Abt. 26 Mar 1841 in Big Flats, New York, and died 06 Oct 1932 in Yoder Township, Reno County, Kansas.

More About PERES ELLIS:

Burial: 04 Nov 1919, Halstead Cemetery, Halstead, Kansas

**Children of PERES ELLIS and MARGARET RESER are:**

2. i. EDWARD PERES9 ELLIS, b. 28 Oct 1865, Manchester, Boone, Illinois; d. 14 Mar 1948, Spokane, Spokane, Washington.
3. ii. CHARLES FRED ELLIS, b. 09 Apr 1869, Manchester, Illinois; d. 09 Jun 1937, Halstead, Kansas.
4. iii. EDNA CONAH ELLIS, b. 31 Jul 1871, Manchester, Scott County, Illinois; d. 20 May 1949, Hutchinson, Kansas. [\[SEE PICTURE BELOW\]](#)

Peres enlisted in the Civil War in Boone County, Illinois on September 17, 1861 and was discharged on October 11, 1864. He was a member of the 4th Battalion, Wisconsin Volunteer Light Infantry. His pension file includes an affidavit of marriage from the Baptist minister, Thomas Holman,

who married Peres and Margaret, a copy of Peres' death certificate (Johns & Sons Mortuary handling arrangements), and information regarding his parents names, his birth, and his children's names and date of birth. His father's name is unreadable in those documents and one of the listings of the children's birthdates is wrong. It is the only place I have seen Edward's middle name mentioned as Peres (it had been found before as Patrick).

In the summer of 1862 Peres contracted typhoid fever and was treated at Fortress Monroe Post Hospital in August and September, then in the winter of 1863 he was treated at Bellfower Hospital in Plymouth, Virginia for typhoid malarial fever.

The file shows that Peres was of dark complexion, stood 5 foot 10 inches tall, had gray eyes and brown hair.

Name: Peruris Ellis ,

Enlistment Date: 17 September 1861

Distinguished Service: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Side Served: Union

State Served: Wisconsin

Unit Numbers: 3121 3121

Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 17 September 1861

Enlisted in 4th Light Artillery Regiment Wisconsin on 17 September 1861.

Mustered out 4th Light Artillery Regiment Wisconsin on 04 October 1864

Regiment: 4th Light Artillery Battery WI

Date Mustered: 03 July 1865

Regiment Type: Light Artillery

Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident: 0

Officers Died of Disease or Accident: 3

Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded: 0

Regimental Soldiers and History: List of Soldiers

Regimental History

Fourth Light Battery

WISCONSIN

(3-YEARS)

Fourth Light Battery. -- Capts., John F. Vallee, George B. Easterly, Dorman L. Noggle; First Lieuts., John F. Valee, George B. Easterly, Martin H. McDevitt, William P. Powers, Burr Maxwell, Spencer S. Hillier, Dorman L. Noggle, Robert Campbell; Second Lieuts., Andrew H. Hunt, Charles A. Rathbun, George R. Wright, Dorman L. Noggle, Burr Maxwell, Delos H. Cady, Martin H. McDevitt, Alexander See, George R. Wright, Dorman L. Noggle, Levi Westinghouse, Robert Campbell, Benjamin Brown.

This battery was organized at Beloit, Sept. 14, 1861, and was sent to Camp Utley, Racine, Sept. 19. It was; mustered in Oct. 1 and left the state Jan. 21, 1862, for Washington, but was sent at once to Fortress Monroe, where it was put in charge of the barbette guns and spent the summer.

It had the honor of firing the gun "Union" during the engagement between the Monitor and Merrimac. When fully equipped it was sent to Camp Hamilton near Hampton, Va., and was engaged there in garrison duty until Jan. 11, 1863. It was then ordered to Suffolk and assisted in the defense against Longstreet during April.

It was at West Point during May, constructing fortifications, and joined Keyes' expedition toward Richmond in June, a junction with Dix's forces being effected on the 29th. The battery went into camp at Yorktown July 10, was ordered to Gloucester Point Aug. 25, and remained there until Oct. 11, when it was attached to Getty's command at Portsmouth for permanent duty.

It engaged in small expeditions and reconnaissances until April 23, 1864, when it was assigned to the artillery brigade, 1st division, 18th army corps which moved up the James River and took part in the two days engagements about Fort Clinton on the Appomattox. It was under fire at Proctor's Creek, near Drewry's Bluff and covered the army's rear as it retired.

It took position in the intrenchments on Bermuda Hundred where it remained until June 4, when it was attached to Kautz's cavalry division, with which it participated in the early assaults on Petersburg, at one time being exposed for 2 hours to a concentrated fire of 14 guns.

On July 8 the entire battery was converted into horse artillery and on the 27th the left section moved with the cavalry and participated in the battle of Malvern hill. The right section made a short expedition at the same time to Lighthouse Point on the James and on Aug. 4 went to Prince George Court House. The battery returned to Petersburg and was in numerous engagements with the Army of the Potomac in and about Richmond.

It was mustered out July 3, 1865. Its original strength was 151, Gain by recruits, 62; substitutes, 38; reenlistments, 43; total, 294. Loss by death, 24; missing, 1; desertion, 15, transfer, 1 discharge, 82; mustered out, 171.

Source: The Union Army, vol. 4, p. 79

#### Battles Fought

Fought on 29 September 1864 at Richmond, VA.

Fought on 07 October 1864 at Darbytown Road, VA

According to (Agnetta Ellis) Peres and his family got the Halstead

area in the late fall. Peres worked in Hutchison that winter. Later, long after Edward had left and was on his own Peres decided to take out a loan and took the money and walked to New Mexico to purchase some sheep, and then walked back with the sheep. For some reason this put him in some financial trouble. He wrote to Edward, who was settled in California and had his own building business, to come back and help him. Edward came back to Kansas and helped his dad. I do not know if Edward met Mary in California or in Kansas. But my grandmother always claimed we were here because of the sheep.

Imogene Ellis wrote in 1975 that Peres homesteaded a claim 8 miles south of Hutchinson in 1870. He took a job one winter in Hutchinson -- walking back and forth to his home. At that time Indians were seen in that part of Kansas, and to help his family in case of trouble he plowed a furrow to the nearest neighbor so that Margaret and the children could find their way to help. They lived on the homestead the rest of their lives. The property was taken by the Air Force in WWII and used as a training base.

U.S. Census > 1870 United States Federal Census > Illinois > Boone > Manchester



Edna Ellis

For more information on this family contact Stan Hendershot

Submitted by [Stan Hendershot](#)