

## **William Elmer Sheldon**

### **1874- 1945**

My grandfather Edwin Earl Sheldon has a brother, William Elmer Sheldon. William went by his middle name of Elmer. Elmer drank too much and seemed to get into trouble.

**03/29/1899** - William Elmer Sheldon age 25 and Florence Ruth Baker age 25 were married in Flint, Genesee, Michigan at the Court Street parsonage at 2 pm by Rev. H. E. Wolfe. Here is the article from the Flint Journal, March 29, 1899 page 3:

**Elmer Sheldon, of Mundy, and Florence Baker, of Flint, were married at the Court street parsonage at 2 p. m. this afternoon by Rev. H. E. Wolfe.**

**06/11/1900** - They lived in Flint Twp, Genesee, Michigan. Elmer age 26 and Florence age 25 were living with Florence's parents Guy Baker age 56 and Betsey Baker age 55. Florence was 5-1/2 months pregnant. Elmer was a farmer. Guy Baker immigrated from England in 1849.

**10/01/1900** - Elmer and Florence's only child was born, Hazel Elizabeth Sheldon

**03/02/1905** - Article from the Flint Journal, March 2, 1905 page 4:

**15.--Sheldon, Elmer, assault and battery, complaint filed, warrant issued, arraigned, pleaded not guilty, adjourned to June 11, pleaded guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of \$8.00 and in default to be confined in county jail fifteen days. Fine paid. Justice's costs, \$2.65.**

**04/15/1910** - Elmer wasn't listed, but Florence and daughter Hazel age about 9 were living in Flint, Genesee, Michigan with Florence's parents, George and Betsy Baker. Florence's occupation was listed as being a servant.

**08/23/1915** - Article from the Flint Journal, August 23, 1915 page 6:

**Bert Remington was given 30 days straight because he abused his mother when he arrived home and fell against a post in the hall. Elmer Sheldon, who has been arrested before, was fined \$10 or 20 days in jail.**

08/23/1915 - Article from the Flint Journal, August 23, 1915 page 6:

**Florence R. Sheldon has filed a bill in circuit court for a divorce from Elmer Sheldon, claiming habitual drunkenness and non-support. Her attorney is John F. Baker.**

09/23/1915 - Article from the Flint Journal, September 23, 1915 page 7:

**Elmer Sheldon and Earl Stewart arrested last night by Police Officers Jewell and Kohlmetz for being intoxicated were sent to jail for 10 days each when they pleaded guilty before Justice Torrey this morning.**

01/02/1918 - Article from the Flint Journal, January 2, 1918 page 23:

## **Stole Hog at Night and Butchered it in Pen, is Charge Against Sheldon**

**Elmer Sheldon was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff C. W. Minto on a charge of stealing a hog from A. G. Edson of Flint township. Sheldon is alleged to have entered the pen at night, cut off the head of the hog. Then, it is said, he threw the hog in a bag and started down the road. He lost his way and lost the hog, too. The hog was found the next morning in the yard adjacent to the house where he had asked his way the night before. When Sheldon was brought to jail he used the telephone to call a friend and when the friend asked who it was, he said "I am the man who stole the hog." Sheldon is said to have admitted the theft to the officers.**

**09/12/1918** - Elmer's WWI draft registration stated he was living was Mundy Twp, Genesee, Michigan. Elmer age 44 gave his daughter Hazel Sheldon age 17 as his nearest relative. He was of medium height and build, had blue eyes and brown hair. He worked for Wallis Russel as a thresher. He said at the present time he had a broken knee cap.

**02/13/1919** - Article from the Flint Journal, February 13, 1919 page 2:

**Florence R. Sheldon was given a  
decree from Elmer Sheldon on the  
grounds of non-support. John R.  
Baker was attorney**

**01/09/1920** - Elmer likely was living at 602-1/2 Ann Arbor Street in Flint, Genesee, Michigan. There is an Elmer Sheldon age 44 "married" to a Lydia E. age 39, with Elmer's "step children" Irving L. Maxwell age 21, Leroy L. Maxwell age 20, and Frederick T. Maxwell age 14. Elmer is an ice worker in an icehouse. (By 1930, a Lydia Maxwell was living alone in Flint as a servant. There is no record anywhere of Elmer and Lydia's marriage.)

**03/22/1920** - Florence lived in Flint Twp, Genesee, Michigan. Florence age 45 stated she was divorced and she was living with her widowed father George Baker age 72, her daughter Hazel E. age 19 single, and a boarder Edward Call age 75. George was a farmer, Hazel was a factory worker.

**08/11/1920** - Hazel married Roland Rockafellow. They would eventually have 2 daughters; Evelyn A. born about 1922, and Vivian Jane born 3/6/1923.

**05/10/1930** - Elmer was living in Mundy Township, Genesee, Michigan with his brother Edwin Earl's family. Edwin E. age 57, Maude M. age 45, Mable L. age 14, Myron E. age 13, Marian M. age 11, and Maurice R. age 8 were living at home. Also living with them was Edwin's sister Isabelle H. Sheldon age 52 and single, and Elmer, divorced, age 54. Edwin and Maude were nice people to let Edwin's single sister and Edwin's troublesome brother live with them.

**04/28/1930** - Florence was living on Maple Road in Flint Twp, Genesee, Michigan. Florence age 55 stated she was divorced, and was living with her windowed father George Baker age 85.

**10/07/1935** - Florence died this day at age 61. It was a Monday.

**05/21/1940** - Elmer, age 66, stated he was "widowed", and was "hired help" for the family of Albert LaValle, living at 3025 La Valle Road in Flint, Genesee, Michigan. Albert LaValle age 34, wife Pauline M. age 27, sons Francis A. age 8 and Harry C. age 6, and daughters Betty A. age 3 and Pauline E. age 1 were living at home. Albert was a farmer who owned a stock farm. Elmer was a laborer on the stock farm.

**02/25/1945** - Elmer's died this day at age 70. It was a Sunday.

Elmer and Florence are buried at Bristol Road Cemetery, Genesee, Michigan. Elmer is buried next to his sister Belle, near their parents, John Harrison Sheldon and Sarah (Van Slyke) Sheldon.



Barbara cleaning Elmer's tombstone, still wet from washing it off



Florence is buried next to her parents George and Betsey Baker

Bristol Road Cemetary - Flint Township - Genesee County - Michigan

Key Number 2311

Name	WILLIAM	ELMER	SHELDON
Sex	M		
Birthdate/Location	04/04/1874	MUNDY TWP MICHIGAN	
Death Date	02/25/45		
Age At Death	70y 10m 21d		
Cause Of Death	CORONARY OCCLUSION		
Occupation	TEAMSTER		
Burial Date	02/27/45		
Funeral Home	DODDS DUMANOIS CO. FLINT MICHGIAN		
Death Address	2579 LAVALLA RD.		
Death City/State	FLINT TWP MICHIGAN		
Death County	GENESEE		
Race	WHITE		
Book/Page/Record	D48	454	15
Lot Owner 1	W.F. SHELDON		
Additional Details			
Marker/Section/Lot	H	C	20
Grave Number	8		
Veteran			
Marrial Status	D (DIVORCED)		
Spouse	NONE		
Father	JOHN H. SHELDON		
Father's Residence	NEW YORK		
Mother	SARAH VANSLYKE		
Mother's Residence	FLINT TWP MICHIGAN		
Death Reported By	MRS CLARENCE BOOMER		
Medical Doctor At Death	JAMES K. SUTHERLAND M.D.		
Memo	GRAVESTONE 1874 1945. (prev md to Florence BAKER).		

Bristol Road Cemetary - Flint Township - Genesee County - Michigan

Key Number 2300

Name	FLORENCE	RUTH	SHELDON
Sex	F		
Birthdate/Location	09/29/1874	MUNDY TWP MICHIGAN	
Death Date	10/07/35		
Age At Death	61y 0m 8d		
Cause Of Death	METASTASIS OF BOTH LUNGS		
Occupation	NOT LISTED		
Burial Date	10/09/35		
Funeral Home	DODDS DUMANOIS CO. FLINT MICHGIAN		
Death Address	HURLEY HOSPITAL		
Death City/State	FLINT MICHIGAN		
Death County	GENESEE		
Race	WHITE		
Book/Page/Record	D16	450	1146
Lot Owner 1	MRS FRANK LAMB		
Additional Details			
Marker/Section/Lot	H	E	2
Grave Number	5		
Veteran			
Marrial Status	D (DIVORCED)		
Spouse	ELMER		
Father	GEORGE BAKER		
Father's Residence	DEVONSHIRE ENGLAND		
Mother	BETSY ANN ALLEN		
Mother's Residence	MUNDY TWP MICHIGAN		
Death Reported By	MRS MABEL JOHNSON		
Medical Doctor At Death	F.A. WARE M.D.		
Memo	GRAVESTONE 1874-1935.		