

Individual Narrative of Hannah⁷ Eliza Riker [178] Daughter of Daniel Riker and Deborah⁶ Leverich [64] Wife of George Elder

Hannah Eliza Riker was born on 20 March 1807 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Daniel Riker and Deborah Leverich.^{1,2} Hannah Eliza Riker was baptized 26 April 1807 at the Newtown Dutch Reformed Church.³

Hannah Eliza married George Elder on 17 May 1826 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York, at the Seventh Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin.^{4,5,6}

George Elder was born 18 September 1800 in Manhattan, New York County, New York, possibly the son of a William Elder. A William Elder appears in the New York City Directory in 1796, listed as a grocer on Plumb Street (now Canal Street). Letters of Administration were granted to Elizabeth, widow, for the estate of William Elder, grocer, in the New York County Surrogate on 4 January 1805. Another theory, unsourced, is proposed by Harry Waldron Havemeyer in his pamphlet *A History of the Ancestors of Louisine W. Havemeyer*. "In 1847 it appears that William Elder had died leaving a widow, Phanetta Elder. As George and Hannah Elder named a daughter Phinetta, a most unusual name, a case can be made that the widow, Phanetta, was the mother of George Elder and that William Elder was his father."^{7,8,9,10}



George Elder, 1800-1885
Husband of Hannah Eliza Riker

The 1830 New York City Directory lists George Elder, grocer, Division St corner Rutgers.¹¹ The 1830 U.S. Census records a George Elder living in Manhattan, Ward 7, New York County, New York. The census tallies list 1 free white male under the age of 5 (son George W. Elder); 2 free white males age 15 to 19 (unidentified); 1 free white male age 20 to 29 (George Sr); 1 free white female under the age of 5 (daughter Ann Eliza); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (unidentified); and 2 free white females at 20 to 29 (wife Hannah Eliza, one unidentified).¹²

On 20 February 1832 George Elder purchased a lot at Hester and Essex Streets in Manhattan, New York County, New York from James and Elizabeth Palmer, and Drake B and Mary Ann Palmer, all grocers of New York City, in consideration of \$4,100. This lot was located in Ward 10, formerly Ward 7.¹³

The 1835 New York City Directory lists George Elder, grocer, 50 Hester corner of Essex.¹⁴

The 1840 New York City Directory lists George Elder, merchant 81 Dey, home 50 Hester, corner Essex.¹⁵ The 1840 U.S. Census records a George Elder living in Manhattan, Ward 10, New York Co, New York. The census tallies list 1 free white male under the age of 5 (son Daniel); 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (son Joseph L); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son George W.); 1 free white male age 30 to 39 (George Sr); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (daughter Julia B); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (daughter Ann Eliza); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 20 to 29 (unidentified); and 2 free white females age 30 to 39 (wife Hannah Eliza; one unidentified).¹⁶

The 1845 New York City Directory lists George Elder, grocer 75 Dey, home 22 Rutgers.¹⁷



George Elder, Grocer: 75 Dey St, Manhattan: 1845-1862
<1807 William Bridges Map - 1871 Update>

The 1850 New York City Directory lists George Elder, grocer 75 Dey, home rear of 224 W. 14th St.¹⁸ The 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 9, District 1 records George Elder as head of household, age 49, grocer. The remaining household members include wife Hannah, age 42; son George, age 21, grocer; son Joseph, age 18, clerk; daughter Julia, age 16; an erroneous entry for a female Anna, age 12; daughter Cornelia, age 6; daughter Mary, age 5; and daughter Jane, age 1. There is no other record for a daughter "Anna" for George and Hannah. The entry is either another relative, or a recording error by the census taker.¹⁹

In 1851 George and Hannah Elder relocated their residence to Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, while George maintained with his son George W. the grocery business at 75 Day St in Manhattan. The 1851-1856 New York City Directory entries for George Elder reflect this change.^{20,21,22,23,24,25}

On 1 May 1852 George Elder and Hannah his wife, of Stamford, Connecticut, sold a lot located at Hester and Essex Streets in Manhattan, New York Co, New York, to Harvey B. Ackerman, in consideration of \$7,000. This lot was located in Ward 10, formerly Ward 7.²⁶

The 1860 U.S. Census of Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut records George Elder as head of household, Merchant, age 59. The census record values George's real estate at \$20,000 and personal estate at \$60,000. The remaining household members include wife Hannah, age 53; son Daniel R., age 21, student; daughter Cornelia, age 15; daughter Mary L., age 14; and daughter Jane P., age 11.²⁷

The New York City Directory 1860-1862 reflects a name change for the grocery business to George Elder and Sons, still at 75 Dey St, with a residence maintained at Stamford, Connecticut. By 1863, it appears that George Elder Sr had retired to his home in Connecticut, he is no longer listed in the New York City Directory. The New York City Directory 1863-1865 lists the grocery business as George W. Elder and Co, still at 75 Dey. In 1865 brother Daniel R. Elder is working in the grocery business with his brother George. Brother Joseph L. Elder is listed as being in the sugar refining business at 48 Wall Street, residing at 195 West 14th Street.^{28,29,30,31,32,33}

The 1870 U.S. Census of Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut records George Elder as head of household, age 69, retired merchant. The value of his real estate is \$40,000 and the value of his personal estate was also \$40,000. The remaining members of the household include wife Hannah E., age 63; daughter Cornelia, age 25; and daughter Jennie P., age 21.³⁴

The 1872 Stamford, Connecticut City Directory³⁵ lists George Elder living at South Street.

The 1880 U.S. Census of Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut records George Elder as head of household, age 78, retired merchant, and the record indicates that his father was born in England. The remaining household members include wife Hannah E., age 73; daughter Mary L. Havemeyer, age 34; and daughter Cornelia, age 38. The record for Cornelia has column 20 checked, i.e. "Maimed, crippled, bedridden, or otherwise disabled". Daughter Mary L. Havemeyer may have been separated from her husband, Henry O. Havemeyer, who is living separately in Greenwich, Fairfield, Connecticut in this census.^{36,37}

The 1881 Stamford, CT City Directory lists George Elder living at 89 South Street.³⁸

Hannah Eliza Riker Elder died on 7 May 1884 at Stamford, Fairfield, Connecticut, at age 77. Hannah was buried at Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York: Lot 2340, Section 57.^{39,40,41,42}



George Elder died on 5 April 1885 in Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut at age 84. George was buried at Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York: Lot 2340, Section 57.^{43,44,45}

George Elder made a will dated 6 December 1883, with codicils dated 5 September 1884 (reflecting the death of wife Hannah), and 18 March 1885 (reflecting the death of his daughter Cornelia). The original will named the following heirs: wife Hannah E. Elder; daughter Cornelia D. Elder (the language of the will suggests that Cornelia may have been disabled); daughters Julie B. Adams, wife of Charles W. Adams; Mary Louise Havemeyer; Jane P. Watson, wife of Robert C. Watson; granddaughter Anna Crump, wife of Samuel Crump and child of deceased daughter Anna Eliza Elder, spouse of deceased John L. Riker; and grandchildren Frederick Havemeyer Elder and Minnie H. Elder, children of deceased brother Joseph L. Elder. George left the family home at 89 South Street in Stamford to his daughter Mary Louise Havemeyer.⁴⁶



George Elder
89 South Street, Stamford, Connecticut
<1879 Map G. M. Hopkins>

Hannah Eliza Riker and George Elder had eleven children, eight of whom survived to adulthood, but only three survived their parents.^{47,48}

- i. Ann Eliza Elder was born about 1827 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Ann was baptized 23 June 1835 at the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. She married 13 April 1847 John Lafayette Riker at the Greenwich Dutch Reformed Church in Manhattan. John and Ann Eliza were first cousins. John L. Riker was the son of James Riker Sr and Elizabeth Van Arsdale, and the grandson of Daniel Riker and Deborah Leverich. Ann Eliza Elder was the daughter of George Elder and Hannah Elizabeth Riker, and the granddaughter of Daniel Riker and Deborah Leverich. Anna Eliza Elder Riker died at Manhattan 22 December 1851. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. John L. Riker enlisted in the union army during the civil war, serving as Colonel of the 62nd New York Infantry Regiment. John was killed in action 31 May 1862 at the battle of Fair Oaks, Fairfax Co, Virginia. Ann Eliza and John were recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census living in Ward 13, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. John L. Riker was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census and the 1860 U.S. Census, both in Ward 12, Manhattan.^{49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57}
- ii. George William Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 17 February 1829. George was baptized 23 June 1835 at the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. George was married 28 January 1852 to Matilda Adelaide Waldron by the Rev. S. D. Burchard in Manhattan. He died in Manhattan 25 March 1873. He was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. George was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 9, District 1 and the 1870 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 16, District 6. George is not found in the 1860 U.S. Census, but he is listed in the 1860 New York City Directory, grocer 75 Dey St, residing at 114 West 22nd Street.^{58,59,60,61,62,63,64}

- iii. Joseph Lawrence Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 24 January 1832. Joseph was baptized 23 June 1835 at the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Joseph married 13 January 1858 Mary Osborne Havemeyer in Manhattan. He died 15 August 1868 in Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut. He was buried at Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Joseph was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 9, District 1. Joseph is not found in the 1860 U.S. Census. However, Joseph is listed in the 1860 New York City Directory, sugar refiner 98 Wall St, residing 195 West 14th Street.^{65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72}
- iv. Julia Baldwin Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 21 December 1833. Julia was baptized 23 June 1835 at the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Julia married 21 September 1854 Charles W. Adams in New Haven, Connecticut. Julia died in Manhattan 7 November 1914. She was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx Co, New York. Julia was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 9, District 1 living with her parents and several other siblings. Julia and her husband Charles W. Williams are not found in the 1860, 1870, or 1880 U.S. Census. Julia and her husband Charles W. Williams are found in the New York City Directory in 1860 (Broker 61 William, home 83 Ninth); 1870 (Dry Goods, 97 Franklin); 1880 (Printer 93 Liberty, home 187 South 9th St Brooklyn; and 1890 (418 West 19th Street). Charles W. Adams died in 1898. Julia B. Adams, widow, is recorded in the 1900 and 1910 U.S. Census living at 1923 Madison Avenue in Manhattan.^{73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83}
- v. James Riker Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 30 December 1835. James was baptized 24 February 1837 at the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. James died as a child 23 April 1839 in Manhattan. A burial location has not been found.^{84,85}
- vi. Daniel Riker Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 7 July 1838. He was baptized 2 September 1838 at the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Daniel was never married. Daniel graduated from Yale College in 1860. Daniel served in the Navy as a clerk during the civil war in 1861. According to Yale Class of 1860 Biographical Record, Daniel died 25 April 1875 while on a trip around the world. He became seriously ill and died of dysentery on the ship City of Peking, travelling from Japan to San Francisco. Daniel was buried at Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Daniel is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census in Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, student. Daniel is not found in the 1870 U.S. Census. However, Daniel is listed in the 1870 New York City Directory, Labels 77 Fulton, home Connecticut.^{86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93}
- vii. Phinetta S. Elder was born about December 1840 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The birth date is a calculated date based upon her age at the time she died. Phinetta died as a child 16 March 1848, age 7 years 4 months in Manhattan. She was buried 9 December 1848 at Green-wood Cemetery Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. This indicates that she was probably removed from another cemetery, although Green-wood has no burial record, but a tombstone exists.^{94,95}
- viii. Cornelia L.D. Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 13 December 1842. Cornelia died unmarried in Caldwell, Essex Co, New Jersey on 10 January 1885. She was buried at Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York, Lot 2340, Section 57. Cornelia was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Censuses living with her parents. The 1880 U.S. Census indicates that Cornelia was disabled. The language of her father's will also implies that Cornelia was disabled.^{96,97,98,99,100,101,102}
- ix. Mary Louise Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 17 August 1845. She was baptized 9 November 1845 at the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Mary Louise married 1 March 1870 Henry Osborne Havemeyer in Manhattan. They are recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census in the Town of Westchester, Westchester Co, New York. Mary Louise was granted a divorce in December 1882 on the grounds of desertion; Henry apparently left her and married her niece (daughter of her brother George W. Elder) Louisine Waldron Elder. After the divorce, Mary Louise lived with her parents in Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut where they are recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census, at which time Mary Louise and Henry were likely separated. Henry is recorded living separately in Greenwich, Fairfield Co, Connecticut in the 1880 Census. Mary Louise died in Stamford on 11 February 1897. She was buried in the Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{103,104,105,106,107,108,109,110,111,112,113}

- x. Robert Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York about 1847 and died as a child in December 1848 in Manhattan. Robert is buried on the same date, 9 December 1848, in the same grave, as his sister Phinetta at Green-wood Cemetery, Kings Co, New York, Lot 2340, Section 57. The gravestone image at Findagrave.com is faded and unclear, therefore the birth and death dates for Robert are uncertain.¹¹⁴
- xi. Jane Painter Elder was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 7 July 1849. Jane was baptized 18 November 1849 at the 13th St Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Jane P. Elder married 28 April 1874 Robert Campbell Watson at Stamford, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, where Jane had been living with her parents in the 1860 and 1870 U.S. Census. Jane and Robert are recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census in the town of Westchester, Westchester Co, New York. They are recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census in the town of Islip, Suffolk Co, New York. Robert C. Watson died in 1906. The widow Jane P. Watson is not found in the 1910 or 1920 U.S. Census. Jane P. Elder Watson died 15 June 1929 in Islip, and buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, Bronx Co, New York.^{115,116,117,118,119,120,121,122}

The 1886 Stamford, Connecticut City Directory lists Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer living at 89 South Street, formerly her parents' residence. Although divorced in 1882, Mary Louise apparently retained her married name.¹²³

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