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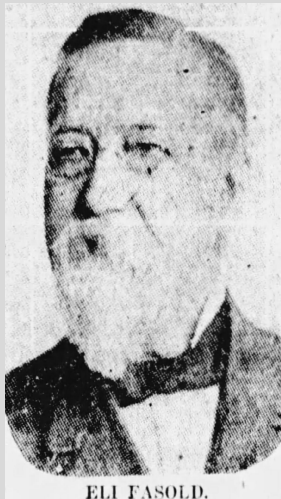
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## Eli Fasold A Man of the Community

Some men in Dayton were founders of company's or inventors while others gave of themselves and served their community for decades in various endeavors.

This is one of those men.



ELI FASOLD.

Eli Fasold was born in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania on February 22, 1838. In 1844 his family moved to Richmond, Indiana where Eli attended public school and learned the carriage-ironing trade under Peter Crocker & Co. He served a three month term in Company A, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War and after his service, he became an agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He worked five years in Indianapolis before coming to Dayton in 1866 where he kept an office for 35 years. He was also the vice-president of the Troup Manufacturing Company, a printer of blank business books, and had served as director of the Southern Ohio Fair Association. .

Mr. Fasold was united in marriage on October 5, 1861 with Miss Louisa Smith of Richmond, Indiana. They had two children: Mary Florence and William S. Fasold.

Socially, his daughter Mary Florence, who went by Flora or Florence, was described as a vivacious brunette and was a successful hostess to her friends. Many a party was given in the "elegant home" of her father located at 35 South Ludlow Street. One newspaper account of a November 1882 event was described as "one of the gayest parties of the season." At 9:30 in the evening, the Fourth Regiment Orchestra played their tunes "for the disciples of Terpsichore," (Terpsichore was one of the nine Muses, the goddesses of music, song and dance). Sixty guests from Dayton, Troy, Springfield and Richmond, Ind. attended the event with dancing until midnight when a break was given to the music players and supper was served. Afterwards, the dancing resumed and the party was quite jubilant.



Florence and William were the host and hostess of a "jolly tally-ho party" that left the Fasold mansion on the evening of September 12, 1887. The group of eighteen people traveled to Miamisburg where they enjoyed an elegant supper and dancing at the Valley House. [The photo above is an example of a "tally-ho" carriage where groups of people would take long rides to a destination and back.]

In May of 1888, Florence was married to Alfred A. Ohmer in Philadelphia, Penn. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ohmer and was employed in the furniture and upholstering company, M. Ohmer Sons Company in Dayton. In August of the same year, William married Florence Petraskey at a quiet wedding ceremony at the residence of the bride's step-father, Dr. C. E. Livingston at 117 North Jefferson Street. The two were married by Rev. Dr. Daniel Berger.

In 1897, Eli was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Montgomery



Montgomery County Children's Home.  
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County Orphans' Home that was located on Summit Street.

Eli finally retired from work in 1900 and in February of that year, the employees of the Singer Manufacturing Company presented him with a gold headed ebony cane and a handsome carving set. Mr. Fasold had been with the Singer Company for nearly 40 years. In March of the same year, Eli's term as a trustee at the Orphans' Home was to expire and it was the duty of the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a successor to serve a four year term however there were no applicants for the unpaid position and in the end, Mr. Fasold succeeded himself and was appointed for another four years.

Fraternally, Mr. Fasold was eminent in Freemasonry and in the order of the Knights of Honor, having been a member for over 50 years. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice June 12, 1869, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason September 11, 1869, all in Mystic Lodge No. 405, located in Dayton, Ohio. He served his Lodge as Junior and Senior Warden and as Worshipful Master. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Unity Chapter No. 16 and served as High Priest. He was also a member of Reese Council No. 9, F. & A. M.

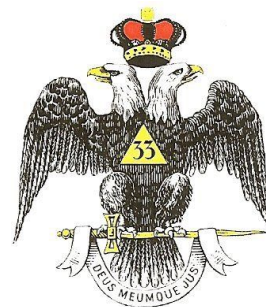


He was created a Knight Templar in Reed Commandery, No. 6, stationed in and held several subordinate officer's positions and was elected Eminent Commander in 1877, and served for five consecutive years in that position.



In 1877 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio, serving two years and was then promoted to Grand Senior Warden where he also served two years. He was then advanced to the office of Grand Generalissimo and then office of Deputy Grand Commander, and in 1884 he was elected Grand Commander.

He received the various grades of the A. A. Scottish Rite from the fourth to the thirty-second and on September 23, 1884, was crowned Grand Inspector-General of the 33rd and last degree by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. Eli Fasold served as Most Wise Master, of Dayton Chapter, Rose Croix for a number of years up to the date of his death.



Additionally, Mr. Fasold held the position of president of the Scottish Rite Knights Templar and Master Mason's Aid Association, president and director of the Homestead Aid Association, and was one of the founders of the Freemasons' Mutual Benefit Association where he served as a director and treasurer for twenty-two years.

The Freemasons' Mutual Benefit Association was organized in April 1871. The association provided benefits to the widows and children of its deceased members. Any Master Mason of St. John's Dayton or Mystic Lodge could become a

member.

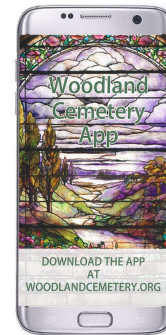


Mr. Eli Fasold died on January 7, 1921 in Dayton. At the time of his death, he was reported to be the oldest 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason in the state, dying at the age of 83. He is located in Section 102 Lot 2102.

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