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Elias Judy

b. 1 Aug 1823, Peters Station, Madison Co., IL

d. 31 Oct 1875 Wanda, Madison Co, IL

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Elias Judy was born 1823 in Madison County, IL in the first brick house built in the county by his father. Elias was well known for his watermelons and would take the ferry across the Mississippi River from IL to St. Louis to sell them. Historical records note that when he married Ann Gillham, he wore a coonskin cap and calico pants. Elias always planted two patches of watermelons—one for him and one for the Lord. But if the Lord's patch did better, he traded!