



**WILLIAMSON, ALBERT EDMUND**

Albert Williamson was born on February 13, 1878 in Oneida Township, Haldimand, Balloville, Ontario, Canada. He was the son of James and Elizabeth Bayly (born 1839) and had a twin brother, Frederick William, and a sister, Annie. Albert married Hattie (Harriet) Stark (born Allegheny in December 1897). Harriet was part of the Biblical House family since December 5, 1905.

She lived there with her mother Britte C. Stark. Albert and Harriet had three daughters, Dorothy Eleanor (Sep. 9, 1911), Elizabeth K (1916), and Edith Anna (1920). He became a member of the Biblical House staff in 1899, along with his mother, and later, in 1905, his brother Fred also joined them. On February 12, 1900, he became director of the Watch Tower Society. He resigned on September 28, 1908. Interestingly, his twin brother Frederick replaced him as director of the Society for one year.

When Ernest C. Henniges traveled to England in April 1900, Albert replaced him as Russell's private secretary. The Kentucky Crittenden Record of February 8, 1907, contains a report about a speech given by Williamson. Under the title THE END OF THE WORLD IS NEAR, he explained: "October 1914 is the date set for the end to come. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Allegheny, Penn ., through Mr. A. Edmund Williamson, he announces the date mentioned as the beginning of the millennium. Mr. Williamson, who is secretary to Charles Taze

Russell, leader of the society, however, did not announce that there was to be a general conflagration of the earth and an incineration of all the wicked on that date, but rather, a "big change".

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