

Some Highlights of the Life of **Ellen Gould White** (1827-1915) (www.APLib.org)
 See "Life Experiences of Ellen G. White" *Lest We Forget*, Vol. 5, No. 4, pp. 6, 7, 10, 11
 (*Lest We Forget*, Vol. 5, Nos. 1, 2, 4 cover Ellen White)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>
1827/11/26	0	Born to Eunice and Robert Harmon, in Gorham, Maine (twin sister Elizabeth)
1836	9	Injured in the face by a thrown stone while in third grade; never returned to formal schooling (though tried once three years later)
1840/03	12	Heard William Miller preach in Portland, Maine; responded with conviction, but no peace or freedom
1840 Summer	12	Attended Methodist camp meeting in Buxton, Maine; much encouraged by discourse on Esther, in which the speaker encouraged doubting ones to surrender "to God, and venture upon His mercy without delay" (LS 22.2)

As I knelt and prayed, suddenly my burden left me, and my heart was light. At first a feeling of alarm came over me, and I tried to resume my load of distress. It seemed to me that I had no right to feel joyous and happy. But Jesus seemed very near to me; I felt able to come to Him with all my griefs, misfortunes, and trials, even as the needy ones came to Him for relief when He was upon earth. There was a surety in my heart that He understood my peculiar trials, and sympathized with me. I can never forget this precious assurance of the pitying tenderness of Jesus toward one so unworthy of His notice. I learned more of the divine character of Christ in that short period, when bowed among the praying ones, than ever before. {LS 23.4}

One of the mothers in Israel came to me and said, "Dear child, have you found Jesus?" I was about to answer, "Yes," when she exclaimed, "Indeed you have; His peace is with you, I see it in your face!" {LS 24.1}

1841	14	Was so weak she had to sit propped up in bed to work
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Her religious experience progressed from perplexity over the Methodist doctrine of justification and sanctification, to hunger and thirst for full salvation, to rejoicing over a renewed understanding of the plan of salvation, and testifying to other youth of her joy in Christ and hope for His soon coming.¹

1842/06	14	"In June, 1842, Mr. Miller gave his second course of lectures at the Casco Street church in Portland. I felt it a great privilege to attend these lectures; for I had fallen under discouragements, and did not feel prepared to meet my Saviour. This second course created much more excitement in the city than the first. With few exceptions, the different denominations closed the doors of their churches against Mr. Miller." {LS 26.3}
1842/06/26	14	Baptized by immersion by the Methodist minister in the sea with 11 others; joined Methodist church (LS 25; 1BIO 37.2); confused over justification and sanctification; no assurance of acceptance by God

[Confided in her mother, who sent her to Elder Stockman.]

"Go free, Ellen," said he; "return to your home trusting in Jesus, for He will not withhold His love from any true seeker." He then prayed earnestly for me, and it seemed that God would certainly regard the prayer of His saint, even if my humble petitions were unheard. My mind was much relieved, and the wretched slavery of doubt and fear departed as I listened to the wise and tender counsel of this teacher in Israel. I left his presence comforted and encouraged. During the few minutes in which I received instruction from Elder Stockman, I had obtained more knowledge on the subject of God's love and pitying tenderness, than from all the sermons and exhortations to which I had ever listened. {LS 37.2&3}

1843	16	Harmon family expelled from the Methodist church in September (1Bio 44.4).
1844	17	Looked for the coming of Christ to the end of 1843 (LS 57.3) which based on Jewish reckoning was the spring of 1844 (GC 391.1; 1Bio 46.4). Midnight Cry pointed to fall of 1844.

This was the happiest year of my life. My heart was full of glad expectation; but I felt great pity and anxiety for those who were in discouragement and had no hope in Jesus. We united, as a people, in earnest prayer for a true experience and the unmistakable evidence of our acceptance with God. {LS 59.2}

		Great Disappointment; very ill with tuberculosis (1Bio 55.3)
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The waiting people of God approached the hour when they fondly hoped their joys would be complete in the coming of the Saviour. But the time again passed unmarked by the advent of Jesus. It was a bitter disappointment that fell upon the little flock whose faith had been so strong and whose hope had been so high. But we were surprised that we felt so free in the Lord, and were so strongly sustained by His strength and grace. {LS 61.1}

1844/12	17	First vision, regarding the travels of the advent people to the City of God with the Midnight Cry partially lighting the way (EW13-20)
1845/02	17	Met James White for the first time in Orrington, Maine (her memory; 1 Bio 70.5)
1846	19	Learned of Sabbath truth from Joseph Bates, but did not believe it was important; married James White in August; they began keeping the Sabbath in the fall
1847	20	Traveled, speaking; first child, Henry, born (Topsham, Maine)
1849	22	Second child, James Edson, born (Rocky Hill, Connecticut)
1851/08	23	First book published

In August, 1851, her first book, *A Sketch of the Christian Experience and Views of Ellen G. White*, was published at Saratoga Springs, New York. Among the articles which comprise this work of sixty-four pages are the last two just referred to, which appeared in *A Word to the "Little Flock"* - the first E. G. White vision and the letter to Elder Bates. See *Early Writings*, pages 13-20; 32-35. {1847 JW, WLF 25.6}

1854	27	Third child, William Clarence, born (Rochester, New York)
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[During the 1850's Ellen and James, traveled, spoke, and wrote. There was frequent ill health and disability, and prayers and restoration. They moved to Michigan in 1855.]

1860	33	Fourth child, John Herbert, born (Battle Creek) in September, died in December
1863	35	June 6 had first extensive vision on health reform, decision to stop eating flesh foods and spices; December Henry died
1864	37	Began two meals a day; lost 25 pounds
1865	38	Had six articles on "Disease and Its Cause" published in <i>How to Live</i> ; devoted 18 month to James' recovery after his paralysis in August
1869	42	Purchased with James \$1500 of stock in the Western Health Reform Institute
1872	47	Helped form first SDA school in Battle Creek; traveled to California for first time
1873	48	Spent time in Colorado
1877	50	Addressed 5000 members of the WCTU in a mammoth tent in Battle Creek; treated in Battle Creek Sanitarium; back to California, stayed when James returned to Battle Creek Sanitarium for treatment
1878	51	Traveled by boat to Oregon; met James and Willie in Colorado; to Battle Creek for treatment at Sanitarium, and General Conference Session; to Texas with James
1881	54	James died; she traveled to Colorado, then to California
1883	56	Made 17 th crossing of American plains
1885	58	Trip to Europe: England, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, France, Italy; till 1887
1888	61	Heard E. J. Waggoner and A. T. Jones speak at Minneapolis; endorsed message
1891	64	Moved to Australia reluctantly at the invitation of the General Conference
1895	68	Made her home near the Avondale school until she left Australia
1900	73	Returned to USA, and purchased home called Elmshaven
1902	75	Grieved when fires destroyed the Battle Creek Sanitarium (February) and Review and Herald Publishing House (December) as judgments of God (SpTB07 19.2)
1903	76	Wrote most number of manuscripts and letters in her life (472)
1905	78	Counseled John Burden to purchase the property at Loma Linda
1909	81	Spring: last General Conference Session attended
1914/06/14	86	Wrote last letter (TM516-521)
1915/07/16	87	Died

Footnotes

1. *Lest We Forget*, Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 6