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Foreword

My parents are smart, strong, disciplined and dynamic individuals who have lived a very full, colorful and meaningful life together for nearly 45 years. The main author of this genealogical prose, my mother, is one of the most energetic, enthusiastic and creative people I know. After retiring from a long career in corporate America, she turned her energies to more artistic urges and is a successful artist, writer and designer of her home, space, time and reality. Our history and lineage matter greatly to both my parents. This is my mom's second book of this kind leaving a record of the Edington lineage to remember and to inspire more searching, by us younger ones, for our roots.

From monks, a Bishop and farmers to revolutionaries and pioneers! The Edington name is one of nobility, hailing from England and Scotland, through New Jersey, Ohio and landing in Southern Indiana. My trail blazing father, much later, extended the line to Wyoming and I followed his lead depositing us in Washington State. You will read about the pioneering spirit that started with Philip Edington and his son Robert on their journey to America from England. That spirit acquired a surly edge in my grandfather, Earl, when he enters the line in 1925. You'll enjoy the story of his efforts to convince the neighbors to cease and desist stealing the Edington family's firewood. That pioneering edge and spirit lives on through my father to my brother and me. Lucky for my parents, my brother found a wonderful woman to continue the Edington line. But even if I would have married and had children I would have maintained my given name.

Any web search definition will mention nobility among other attributes, but our name has been imbued with so much more. To my mind it's 'meaning' encompasses many attributes; strength, integrity, compassion, knowledge, creativity and gumption. Yes, gumption. I am not an author nor can I claim any fame for any literary work, but I am an expert in my own identity and the life I have lived owning my name. Edington. If you share this name or that of Emery, Gaddis or Hardesty, you will indeed find an interesting bit or two to take for your own. Enjoy!

~ Kristin Edington, Catalyst, Seattle, Washington