

## **Efird, Ireneus Polycarp** <sup>[1]</sup>

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Ireneus Polycarp Efird, farmer, schoolmaster, and textile manufacturer, was born in [Montgomery County](#) <sup>[2]</sup>. A descendant of pioneer Jacob Efird who came to North Carolina from Pennsylvania about 1783, he was the son of Solomon and Eliza Furr Efird. A firm believer in education, he erected a log school building near his home in [Stanly County](#) <sup>[3]</sup> and for many years taught the children of the community. He also operated a [gristmill](#) <sup>[4]</sup> and a cotton gin and served fourteen years as a county commissioner of Stanly County. In 1896 he, his son, John Solomon, and [J. W. Cannon](#) <sup>[5]</sup> erected at Albemarle the Efird Manufacturing Company, the first textile plant in Stanly County. This firm was [merged with the American Yarn Company](#) <sup>[6]</sup> in 1952.

Efird, who married Mary Catherine Treece on 13 Apr. 1856, was the father of twelve children: John Solomon Melanchthon <sup>[7]</sup>, James William Franklin, Paul Joshua Cornelius, Eliza Lavinia Emarelda, Joseph Ireneus Luther, Judah Ida Rosanah, Daniel Ephraim, Adam Alfred, Flora Belzora, Margaret Melinda, Arthur Lee, and Killian Polycarp.

He was a leading member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Stanly County and was buried in St. Martin's Cemetery.

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