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The purpose of this newsletter is to facilitate the exchange of research information among Jabez descendants and to encourage and assist with ongoing research.

## *PURPOSE*

## *JOE BARBER'S COLUMN*

Its been a strange year weather wise so far but with shorter days and cooler temperatures we are most certainly heading into the late fall and winter season.

In June I had the pleasure of meeting Carl Stef and his spouse Marge when they passed through Regina on their way to attending his mothers 85<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. You will remember that we had a biography of Carl's airforce career in the last newsletter.

Earlier in the spring we were able to renew acquaintances with Bert Olmstead and his wife Nora during a visit to Calgary and area. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a synopsis of Bert's National Hockey League career.

During another visit to Calgary in September we met Bob Olmstead of Red Deer and his partner and at the same time we renewed acquaintances with a cousin of Bob who is very active in Olmstead genealogy and who I first met several years ago. Bob was a participant in the Olmstead DNA study and he has written about that process for this newsletter

It is always great meeting new kin and also renewing acquaintances with those I haven't seen for a while.

I have been looking at Olmstead Obituaries on the net

lately and while there is a lot of trash there I found some interesting information on Gideon Olmstead (1768-1837), my g.g.g.grandfather. I have never seen an obituary for him but this posting says the obituary refers to him as Captain Gideon Olmstead. The information goes on to say that Gideon served in the Second Battalion of York under the command of Lieut Colonel Kell and that Gideon retired as Captain in 1827.

Here is a riddle that I hope you get a chuckle from –

Q. What did one DNA say to another DNA?

A: Do these genes make me look fat?

Christmas will be approaching by the time you receive this newsletter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Joe Barber

## *NEWSLETTER GOING DIGITAL*

The Newsletter is going digital. Subscribers will have the option of receiving it by snail-mail, as in the past, or receiving it by E-Mail, in Adobe format. Some Canadian subscribers are already receiving this issue in this manner, and now US subscribers will have that option.

There are several advantages: You will receive it faster, it will not be crumpled up by the Post Office, and if the pictures are in color, you will see them as they are supposed to be seen. Two of the pictures in this issue are in color. The downside is that you will have to remember to send me changes of E-Mail addresses.

I am reducing the price for the US subscribers back to \$5.00/year for the digital version. I will also E-Mail a trial digital copy, at no charge, to anyone (US or Canada) who would like to receive one.

US subscribers who wish to receive a trial copy, or to change to digital, should send me (COH) E-Mail. Canadian subscribers should also send me E-Mail, with a copy to Joe Barber. Our E-Mail addresses are on the first page, on the left. (Remember to change "at" to "@".)

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# DOREEN DOLLEMAN'S RESEARCH

## ISRAEL OLMSTED PART 5 By Doreen Dolleman

This is the final installment in the Israel Olmsted series. I am indebted to Lorne Olmsted, a descendant of the Albert Kidder Olmsted family, who has supplied me with so much information. He is a fountain of knowledge of details and interesting stories that he has gathered for many years. Originally I had asked him to write the article, but due to a serious problem with his eyes this past year he was unable to do it. So instead, we have worked together as a team and hopefully our readers will enjoy the results.

Albert Kidder Olmsted was the seventh child of Ephraim



**Albert Kidder and Sarah (Wallace) Olmsted,  
s/o Ephraim Olmsted**

and Hester (Breckenridge) Olmsted. He was born 14 February 1835, in Carleton County, Ontario (probably Wolford), according to his obituary. When farm land was pretty much taken up he moved on to Renfrew County with his parents around 1836, the family settling in the First Concession of Ross Township. Albert did not move with his father and siblings to Wisconsin, but remained in Ross. It may have been that he had very close attachments to his wife's family and did not want to leave. The Olmsted's were neighbors to the William Wallace family living only one mile apart. William and Frances McFeeters (Rankin) Wallace had an only daughter named Sarah who was born in 1840 in or near Letterkenny, Ireland. According to George A. Wallace of Cobden, who wrote a book in 1978 called "The Wallace-Rankin-Olmsted Connection", Sarah was picking raspberries on the Blind Line in her bare feet when along came Albert Olmsted with his horses and wagon. He stopped to have a short conversation with Sarah which resulted in their elopement on that same day. Albert's obituary mentions that they were married on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1857. Sarah's obituary states that she came to Canada when 15 years of age and married Mr. Olmsted three years later. This raises the question of the accuracy of the elopement story or the dates of marriage, as berries would not

be in season in February and their first child was born in April of 1857, just 2 months after the marriage date. They lived on the east half of lot 13 in the First Concession of Ross, land that was deeded to Albert by the Crown in August of 1864. Albert was a farmer and all his children were born on his original property. In 1886 he purchased lot 13 of the Seventh Concession (Queen's Line) for \$3000 and built a home there around 1887. His farm in the First Concession passed through the hands of several of his sons and remained in the Olmsted family until 1942. Albert died 22 July 1910 and Sarah died 29 May 1914. Both were buried in Cobden Cemetery. Sarah had heart disease, but her death was sudden and unexpected after a few days illness. Albert's death was also from heart disease. His funeral was largely attended and the procession was one of the longest ever seen in the township, being one mile long. Their 12 children were Hester Ann, Frances, William John, Sarah Jane, Ephraim James, Thomas, Albert, Elizabeth, Samuel, Margaret, Wallace and Edyth.

1. Hester Ann (Annie) was born 13 April 1857 and died in February of 1939 in Cobden. She married Duncan McEwen of Cobden on 31 March 1876. He was a farmer. Their children were William Albert (25 June 1876 – 30 June 1932, m. Susan Crozier), Peter (November 1879, died in infancy), Janet (18 July 1880- 29 Nov. 1955, m. William Hoffman), Sarah Ann (3 July 1883 – 23 April 1931, m. Arthur Greise), Russell (22 April 1886 – 16 April 1950, m. Charlotte Ida Mae Spence), Ephraim (10 April 1887 – May 1957, m. Margaret Ann Briscoe), Elizabeth Delilah (9 June 1889, m. James Garfield Briscoe), Laurier (25 February 1894 – 30 Nov. 1968, m. Catherine Moffatt) and Ross Olmsted (5 September 1898 – 19 Oct. 1956, m. Mary J. Dean).



**Hester Olmsted &  
Duncan McEwen**

2. Frances (Fanny) was born 17 December 1859 and died 26 January 1925 in Fort Coulonge, Quebec. She married William Sharpe, 30 March 1881. He was a blacksmith. From 1894 to 1904 he was the mayor of Fort Coulonge. They lived there for 39 years. William died 9 months before Fanny. She was an active member of the Methodist church and the Women's Institute. Their children were Albert Edgar (16 Oct. 1882, died

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before 1891), Sarah Pearl (9 Sept. 1884 – 30 May 1926, m. W. W. Thompson), William Edgar (June 1890 – 1968, m. Robena Bryson Bennett 8 March 1915, Ella Burman 15 Oct. 1917), James Rankin (b.3 July 1892 – 2 Sept. 1964, m. Mildred Cochrane), Mabel Irene (June 1895, m. W.R. Irvén), and Jennie B. (m. H. R. Dudley).

3. William John was born 3 July 1862 and died 8 September



William John and  
Elizabeth (Graham) Olmstead  
Wedding Picture

1921 of heart disease. He was a farmer on the Kerr Line in Ross Twp, his farm backing that of his parents on the Queen's Line (purchased by Wallace Olmstead in 1910). William married Annie McLaren 11 June 1890. Their children were Jennie Bell (24 May 1894 – April 1956, m. William Henry Murphy, John Bennett) and Albert Carmichael (18 April 1896 - 1946, m. Mary Carmichael McLaren). An-

nie died 14 July 1896. William married second, Elizabeth Graham, daughter of Robert Graham and Charlotte Curry, 2 June 1897. Their children were Charlotte Willis (23 May 1900, m. John McLaren), Robert Graham (2 October 1902 – 4 Aug. 1958, m. Kathryn McLaren), Irene Sarah (11 April 1904 – 1987, m. Lorne Johns), William John Jr. (9 December 1905 – 1989, m. Mary Kirk, Nellie Moore), Hazel Marguerite (1 Feb. 1908 – 14 Aug. 1971, m. William Kirk), Elizabeth Anna (13 June 1911 – 5 May 1973, m. Matthew Ryan) and Audrey Bernice (22 October 1918 – 1981, m. Richard Barry). William John and his two wives are buried St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the Kerr Line.

4. Sarah Jane was born 14 February 1865 and died 7 Jan. 1955. She married Robert Johnston, son of John and Mary, 30 July 1884. He was very poor and not received well into the Olmstead family. Robert was a piano and organ tuner and lived all of his life in Forester's Falls. Robert died 6 March 1924 of pneumonia. Their children were Mabel (26 March 1880, m. Thomas Foster Olmstead 30 March 1908), Mary Jane (24 April 1887, m. David H. Burrows), Annie (18 May 1890, m. Nathan Lytle Dagg 21 Sept. 1910), Albert Earl (22 December 1895 – 1940, m. Mary Elizabeth Allard), Sarah Edith (28 April 1899, m. Arthur Maxwell) and Robert Kenneth Elmer (19 Aug. 1906, m. Mary). Sarah was a wonderful baker. Family looked forward to visits and enjoyed her home-made buns and bread.

5. Ephraim James was born 29 March 1867 and died in 1941 of gangrene in his foot. He married Elizabeth Crozier, daughter of Chris and Eliza Guest Crozier, on 14 November 1894. They had a son Albert Crozier (12 April 1896 - 1966, m. Minetta Collins 20 June 1917) and a daughter Viola Ina (29 August 1905, m. Albert McKenney). Elizabeth died 26 August 1916 of pneumonia in Brockville in a hospital for the insane. Ephraim married second, Florella Rielley Neil, daughter of Robert and Ann (Lee) Reilly, 12 January 1927. She was the widow of Edward Neil and had seven children by him. Florella died in 1943. Ephraim was a farmer. His occupation on his marriage record in 1927 was a pump man for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Sometime around 1911 he had an acci-

dent while cutting trees with a relative, Johnny Crozier. A tree fell on Ephraim and his leg was broken. He was rushed to Cobden and put on a train to Montreal, spending from November to March in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Gangrene set in and his father Albert brought him back to a hospital in Renfrew and his leg was amputated. He and his first wife, Elizabeth, are buried in Cobden Cemetery.

6. Thomas was born 26 Dec. 1871 and died 28 Nov. 1931



Thomas &  
Harriet (Jardine) Olmstead

from spinal meningitis and pneumonia. He held title to his father's homestead from 1903-1905. He married Harriet Jardine, daughter of John and Ellen Kerr Jardine. Their children were Annie Pearl (9 July 1903, m. Cecil Howard McKenney 4 April 1923), Wallace Clayton (30 Jan. 1905 – 21 Dec. 1973, m. Alma Jean Blackburn 26 Nov. 1930), John Osborne (b. 9 Nov. 1907, d. 9 June 1980, m. Helen O'Meara), Margaret Elizabeth (21 March 1911 – 9 Oct. 1998, m. Archie Driver), Thomas Jardine (9 Oct. 1914, m.

Hilda Dillabough), William Albert (10 August 1918 – 22 June 1977, m. Jessie Helen McLaren 25 July 1935) Esther Isobel (16 June 1921, m. Shirlie O'Meara), Purcell Edward "Ted" (5 April 1925 - July 1998, m. Marie Walker 4 Jan. 1946),

7. Albert J. was born 27 March 1867. He was a school-teacher in Ross. He walked back and forth daily from his parents farm to the school across Muskrat Lake from Cobden. He was remembered by a former pupil as being tall and thin with black hair. He moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1900. Albert married Johanne Nelsena Larson, daughter of Michael and Johanne (Jensen) Larsen. The marriage record states that Albert was a janitor and engineer. On 21 December 1903 their son Ellsworth Harold was born. Albert was a farm laborer and then worked as a printer in a stationary firm. His wife Nelsena and son Ellsworth only appear with him in the 1920 census. They were divorced and she remarried in 1924 to Fred Yarwood. They also separated and she then kept house for her brother Charlie. In the earlier census records Albert was alone, but a married man. In 1910 he was in the Minneapolis workhouse. Albert died 7 October 1936 in Minneapolis. Ellsworth Olmsted married Gertrude Price. They had a daughter who was born and died 21 Jan. 1939 and Nadyne Joy who was born 16 Dec. 1940. Ellsworth died 21 May 1980.

8. Margaret Delilah was born 21 February 1878. She mar-

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ried Thomas C. Devine. She was a witness to her brother Wallace's wedding in 1906. In 1911 Margaret and Thomas lived



**Margaret (Olmstead)  
& Thomas Devine**

in Barrie and had an adopted son Russell B. who was born in July of 1905. In January of 1931 Margaret and Thomas spent 3 months in Tarpoon Springs, Florida, visiting a friend. On her border crossing document, Margaret stated that she lived in Minneapolis from 1898 to 1903. She had blue eyes and dark brown hair and was 5'5. Their residence at the time was Toronto. Thomas Devine's document gave his birth date as 5 May 1878. He also had blue eyes and brown hair and was 5'8. Thomas' occupation was given as a locomotive engineer. His sister,

Mrs. Davelle of Timmons, Ontario was also mentioned. In the British Columbia death index a Margaret Delilah Devine (71) died in Coquitlam on 31 March 1950, Thomas Carlisle Devine (75) died in Vancouver on 14 Feb. 1952, and Russell Devine (88) died in West Vancouver on 5 April 1988.

9. Elizabeth was born 22 December 1874 and died 7 March 1941. She married William Thomas Elliot, 10 March 1897. He was the son of Dawson and Elizabeth (Duke) Elliott. William died 5 April 1911 from a diabetic coma. In the 1911 census the widowed Elizabeth and her children were enumerated next to her brother William in Foresters Falls, Renfrew County. The children of Elizabeth and William Elliott were Marjory Dean (5 Sept. 1901 – 29 April 1921), Arnold Latimer (26 Aug. 1905 – 12 March 1906) William Lawrence (2 April 1907 – 1964, m. Edna May Gervan 6 Nov. 1937) and Evelyn Rae (26 Aug. 1908 – 1996, m. Ewan Francis Lyon 24 July 1943). Elizabeth, William and all their children are buried in Haley United Cemetery in Ross Twp.

10. Samuel was born 18 March 1876 and died 1 August 1942. He married 18 March 1902, Ida May Rose, daughter of John M. Rose and Jane McMullen. Samuel farmed on the First Concession of Ross (his father's original farm) until his death in 1942. Ida died in 1960. Their children were Roy Lionel (5 Jan. 1903 - 1923), Albert Cecil (20 Aug. 1904 – 29 May 1975, m. Lillian Edith McLaughlin 10 August 1927), Edith Florence (20 April 1907 – 19 July 1977, m. Leonard Sutcliffe), Jane Vera (6 April 1908 - 1935), Samuel Reginald (4 February 1910, d. 22 Feb. 1911 of acute indigestion), Delta Mae (19 June 1911 – 29 March 1989, m. Basil Schroeder), Lillian (19 Aug. 1912 – 1976, m. James H. Timmons), Marion G. (1915 – 1944) and Leslie Carson (9 Sept. 1919 – 26 Aug. 1987, m.

Eleanor Burndt), and Evelyn (1 Jan. 1921 – 11 June 1976, m. Elvin Purvis).

11. Wallace was born 18 April 1879 and died 14 August 1943. He married 30 May 1906, Margaret Baird, daughter of John Baird and Jane Bradley. She died 14 February 1920. He then married 2 March 1921, Myrtle Rankin, daughter of John and Lizzie Morrison Rankin. Wallace was a farmer and he purchased his father's Queen's Line farm for \$4000 in 1910, the year Albert died. His children by his second wife were John Murray Wallace and Marjorie (m. Ken Faith). Murray died in a tractor accident. Wallace (called Wall) had been in correspondence with one of his Olmstead cousins in Wisconsin (John, son of his Uncle Ephraim). He mentioned that his father Albert would have loved to have read John's letter (1915) as he did not know where his brothers were living.

12. Edyth was born 18 March 1883. She married 20 Dec. 1905, Emerson Reid Thompson, son of Davis Thompson and Annie McCagherty. In the 1901 census Edyth was living with her parents and Emerson was a farmer, living with his widowed mother. They moved to Melfort, Saskatchewan when Emerson got a job as a trainman for the Canadian National Railway. They were enumerated in Saskatoon in the 1911 and 1916 census. Their children were Wallace R. (Feb. 1907) and Mina M (Feb. 1908). Emerson died 23 Nov. 1946 and is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery at Saskatoon. An Edyth M. Thompson (died 11 Oct. 1935) is also buried in the same cemetery

## MURRAY ALBERT 'BERT' OLMSTEAD HOCKEY GREAT

Bert is a descendant of Moses, youngest son of Jabez. The line of descent is as follows: Jabez – Moses (9080) – Gideon (9128) – Jonas (1778-1819) – Avaldo (1816-1868) – Edgar George (1858-1916) – Cecil Clendon (Clen) 1882-1966 then Bert & his siblings.

Clen Olmstead left Simco County, ON in 1908 for SK where he took up a homestead in the Sceptre district. In 1915 he married May Dennis a neighbor's daughter. They lived in Clen's little two-room home for a couple of years but after their family started to arrive they moved into the village of Sceptre where they completed their family of six children. Bert, the youngest in the family was born in 1927 and he is the only member of that family still living.

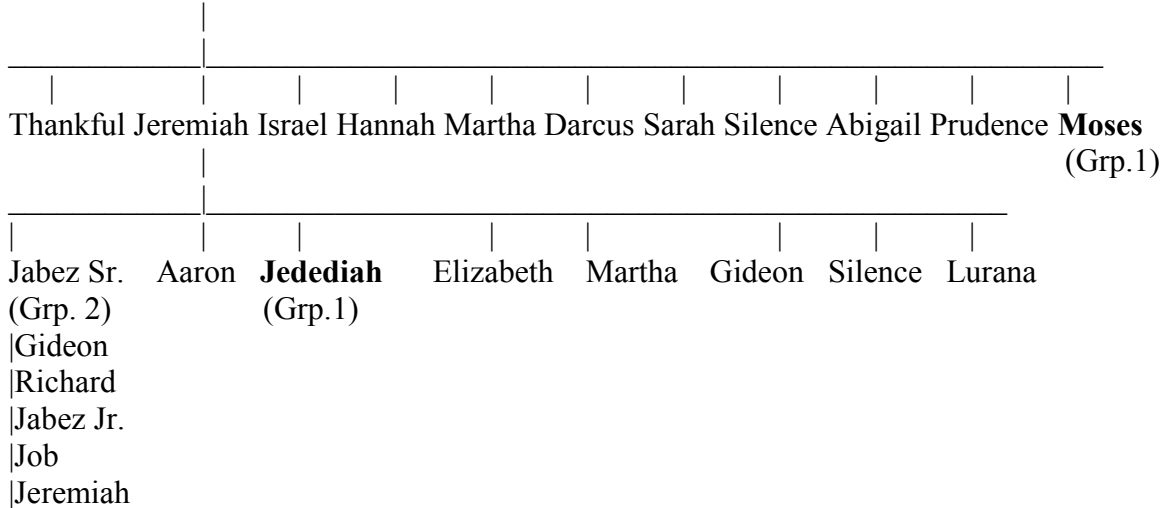
Growing up in Sceptre, Bert was involved in amateur hockey, baseball and curling. During high school his hockey ability caught the eye of a scout for the Moose Jaw Canucks of the Western Canada Hockey League. Bert took grade 12 in Moose Jaw in 1944/45 and played for the Canucks. The Canucks won the Western Canadian Junior Hockey Championship that year and were finalists for the Memorial Cup losing out to the St. Michael's Majors. The Canucks, led by Bert, had enjoyed a terrific season.

In 1946 Bert went to Kansas City to play with a farm

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*OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD DNA REPORT*  
By *Bob Olmstead*

The Olmste(a)d/Omstead Surname Study group began in April 2003. Since surnames are passed down from father to son like the Y-chromosome, this test is for males taking a Y-DNA test. Females do not carry their father's Y-DNA. To date, there are 26 members in the group, representing 7 separate groups. There are 2 Jabez groups: Group 1 has 7 members, Group2 has 6 members. Capt. Jabez Olmsted, who was born about 1690, has not had his origins discovered. He married Thankful Barnes in 1712. Captain Jabez m. Thankful Barnes



Group 1 members trace their ancestry back to Jedediah and Moses, seen in bold above. Group 2 members trace their ancestry through the sons of Jabez Sr. (I'm using Doreen's nomenclature) The DNA results from the two groups are totally different, which means that Jeremiah s/o Captain Jabez could not have fathered both Jabez Sr. and Jedediah. However, since the results from Group 1, the descendents of Jedediah and Moses, (seen in bold above) do match, the only way that that blood line can connect is through Jeremiah s/o Captain Jabez. That's the DNA evidence.

Vital Records recorded at Brookfield show the marriage of Jeremiah to Elizabeth Litten on Dec 11, 1734. The birth of Jabez Sr. is recorded as following on July 29, 1735, seven and a half months later.

Family Tree DNA, the company which conducts our DNA testing also conducts many other Surname Projects. Their records show that group 2 appears to match a family with an entirely different name (Nichols). Although not exact, the DNA results are very similar. Each member of group 2 has at least one DNA marker that is out of sync with the others, but the point to make is that they are all strikingly similar. And they are definitely not a match to the other Olmsted group. Additionally there is evidence that the two families (Group2 and Nichols) were in close time and geographic proximity in Massachusetts.

Ancestry.com lists the following lineage:

Thomas Nichols b. abt. 1635 location unknown d. before 1720, Salisbury, MA, m. Mary Moulton Sep. 1655 Charleston, MA

John Nichols b. abt. 1676 m. Abigail Sargent 1 Jan. 1701/02 Salisbury, MA

Children of this union are as follows: Age in October 1734

Mary Nichols (f)	b. 19 Oct 1702	
John Nichols	b. 19 Jul 1704	30
<b>William Nichols</b>	b. 21 Jan 1705/06	abt. 29
Jacob Nichols	b. 16 Jan 1707/08	abt. 27
<b>Joseph Nichols</b>	b. 2 Sep 1709	25
Daniel Nichols	b. 30 Sep 1712	22
Moses Nichols	b. 25 Sep 1714/15	abt. 20
Anna Nichols (f)		
Aaron Nichols	b. 2 Oct 1719	15
<b>Humphrey Nichols</b>	b. 18 Apr 1723	11
Thomas Nichols	b. 18 Jan 1724/24	abt. 9
Abigail Nichols (f)		

(All born in Amesbury, Essex, MA)

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The Nichols participants who provided the matching DNA samples descend from the sons, William, Joseph and Humphrey (in bold above). William Nichols married Mary Davis on 29 Jan. 1729/30. Joseph Nichols is supposed to have married Rebecca Chase on 1 Feb. 1733 in Newbury, Essex, MA. Rebecca Chase and Mary Chase appear to be first cousins, one generation removed. Mary Chase was the mother of Anna Safford who married Israel Olmsted, younger brother of Jeremiah m. Elizabeth Litten. However, there are conflicting reports. Some family histories claim that Joseph Nichols married Martha Howe, other histories claim that he married Rebecca Chase, and other histories claim that he married both of them.

If we start to hypothesize, we have three Nichols ancestors who have the same DNA as our Group 2. A normal term pregnancy lasts between 37 and 42 weeks so we can assume that Jabez Sr. was conceived in about October 1734. We don't know where. At that time it looks as though both William and Joseph Nichols were already married, and Humphrey Nichols was only 11 years old. We still have brothers John, Jacob, Daniel, Moses, and Aaron who would have been of age at that time. We can probably rule out Thomas at age 9, but theoretically anyone of them could be the father.

We know very little about Elizabeth Litten, but there are suggestions that she might have been about age 15 at the time. Doreen offered this idea, "I don't know the financial circumstances of the Nichols family, but could they have afforded servants? If so, my guess would be that Elizabeth was a servant in their household. She was exactly the right age to be in service and Aaron [also age 15] would have been too young for the family to have considered marriage. That is just one possibility."

Essex County, where the Nichols came from, would seem to have been a long ways away from Brookfield. However, there are indications from Ancestry.com that Joseph Nichols had children in Framingham, Middlesex County, and also died there. Carlton Hommel describes Framingham this way, "It would be halfway between Brookfield and Boston, and a convenient place to spend the night. Thankful Barnes, Capt Jabez's wife, had cousins in Sudbury and Marlboro, towns next to Framingham. Her cousin, David Howe, ran the Inn in Sudbury, on the Boston Post Road. Capt. Jabez seems to have had Town business in Boston often, and he may well have taken his oldest son with him." This describes the geographic proximity of the two families at that time.

What we need now is more information about Elizabeth Litten, and any primary source data that connects these two families in Massachusetts in 1734. All that is known about her with certainty is her marriage date, the fact that the marriage was noted in the Brookfield Vital Records as "No intention recorded", and that the marriage was performed by the Rev. Mr. Thomas Cheney. (Ref: Marriage record, Brookfield Town Hall.)

Addendum A: (by Bob Olmstead)

I live in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, and I trace my ancestry through to Jabez Jr. I am one of the Group 2 DNA study participants. My thanks to Doreen and Joe and Carl, and all of the other participants who share in this wonderful search for our past.

Addendum B: (by Carl Hommel)

My first cousin once removed, Ray Olmsted, is also one of the Group 2 DNA study participants. Ray and I descend from Jeremiah Olmsted and Mercy Wells, grandson of Jabez Sr. It was a bit of a shock to find that I am not an Olmsted by blood.

We do not know if Jeremiah knew his wife's first child was not his own son. (She was about six weeks pregnant at the time of the marriage.) The point to remember is that he raised him as if he were. He named the child after his own father, following the naming patterns of the time. Jabez Sr. and his descendants used the same naming patterns in naming their children, both boys and girls, for generations. I think we can consider ourselves as descendants of Jeremiah's *de facto* legal son.

## GRAVESTONE OF JUDAH AND HANNAH (OMSTED) MARSH

One of our new subscribers, Andrew Guy Olmsted, was in Ware, MA, this summer, and took this picture of the gravestone, located in the burying ground back of the Ware Center Church.

Hannah Omsted was the oldest daughter of Capt. Jabisz and Thankful (Barnes) (note the spelling). She and Judah had 11 children, ten of which are recorded in the Olmsted Genealogy Book. (Mary was born July 7, 1754, and died young.) The Ware Vital Records, Corbin Collection, referred to Hannah as "Old Mrs. Marsh".

The gravestone, which is still legible, is described in the Ware Vital Records as follows:



Gravestone of Judah & Hannah (Olmsted) Marsh  
Judah, July 25, 1712 - May 7, 1801, AE 80 y.  
Hannah, Apr 22, 1718 - Oct. 20 1793, AE 76 y.

[41] Marsh,  
Judah Ware Center  
Ch. Cem.  
Mr. Judah Marsh's  
grave  
He died May 7th 1801

in the 80th year of his age  
In Memory of Mrs. Hannah wife of Mr. Judah Marsh  
she died Oct. 20th 1793 in the 77th year of her age.

Father we give our spirits up  
And trust them in thy hand.  
Our dying flesh shall rest in hope  
And rise at thy command.

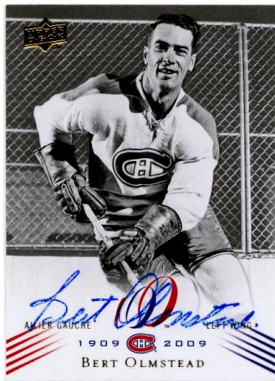
6/1 Old worn schist, a rough stone bench beside at right. R. L.

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team of the Chicago Blackhawks.

He then went on to play thirteen seasons in the National Hockey League (1949-1962): one year with the Chicago Black Hawks; eight years with the Montreal Canadiens; and four years with the Toronto Maple Leafs. During his career Bert played on five Stanley Cup winning teams, four with Montreal Canadiens and one with the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was twice named as All Star left winger; he held the assist records of 56 assist points in one season for four years; he shared the record for most points in one game (8), a records that held for over 20 years.

In his career Bert's role was to work the left side of the ice, winning battles along the boards



## BILL DAYKIN'S STORY

This essay will shed very little light on new or revolutionary Olmsted research. It is purely intended to tell a story, without too many begats - just how my brother Hubert, and I (William Daykin) fit into the Olmsted tree and a brief outline of our other grandparents whose daughter married an Olmsted descendent. I will however, attempt to write this from an Olmstead perspective. It is purely intended to tell what I believe, is a very interesting story, and my incredible luck and good fortune in meeting people who were most forthcoming and helpful with information they had spent years compiling. Also it tells my journey as to how all my story came together, as well as how the Olmsted line fits to me twice. My intention is to add a little knowledge to just how the descendants in my line, from Capt. Jabez, came to be.

My family research story begins sitting on the ground at the Olmsted plot in Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa. I could make no sense of the stone. I was looking at a plethora of Olmsted's, and three William Daykin's. I had always wondered about my family background, and where I had come from, but with a demanding job, building two houses and a young family, time was not in my favour. Family research had a very distant priority. Finally with retirement and the invention of the computer this project looked feasible. With a technical background, and non existent research skills, I was at a disadvantage. I was also not sure just how to operate this computer that people had told me would be of great assistance. Question is, where, and how do I start? I had a lot to learn.

About my four grandparents, of Olmsted, Daykin, Garcin, and Coffin, I knew very little. Hannah Jane "Maude" Olmsted,

was the mother of Charles Edward Daykin, my father, a country doctor, whose life was a 24-7 effort. Little time had he, to pursue family research. What he did tell me was long on the fancy and a little short on the facts. I am not sure just whom to blame, he or his father, but tall tales will be told to small boys. His total Olmsted knowledge consisted of just how smart his Olmsted ancestor was. It seems that an Olmsted ancestor had come here as a pioneer from somewhere, just not sure where. At the same time there was another chap by the name of Nicholas Sparks who was not quite as bright. The Olmsted chap was given the choice of land between the flat arable land over near Aylmer on the Quebec side, or land on where Ottawa now stands. This land was thinly covered rock and had nothing but junipers and blueberries. My father's ancestor naturally chose the good farming land at Aylmer and did very well. Nicholas Sparks, on the other hand, got the land that now consists of Ottawa's main street, (Sparks Street) and in the process became an extremely wealthy land owner. Nice story, small problem. Gideon Olmsted and Nicholas Sparks were not of the same generation. In point of fact, Gideon's daughter Sarah married the son of Phileomen Wright, (known as the founder of Hull), as her first husband, and after he was killed in a stage coach crash, she married Nicholas Sparks, known as the founder of Ottawa. Sarah was a very significant pioneer of this area. These were important people; the very first settlers of the founding of the Ottawa area. I was impressed.

My father had told me that his father, Rev. William Yate Daykin, who was an Anglican Missionary, had been in Durban South Africa. From there he went to Sarawak where he became embroiled in rescuing a supposedly illegitimate son of Sir Charles Brook (and heir to the throne of Sarawak), from being hacked up by head hunters. Sir Charles was leading the way from the Royal Palace, his hand outstretched with a sword, parting the angry crowd, the little boy trotting along behind and my grandfather who was walking backwards with two loaded pistols, to ensure their escape. This was accomplished by my grandfather swimming a river with the boy on his back. All this sounded like a script for a good Errol Flynn movie. Handed down to me is a revolver my missionary grandfather kept to ensure those around him followed a good moral Christian path. I knew I had much to learn.

So how did all this come to be? Why was I sitting on my butt in Beechwood cemetery trying to figure out who these people were. There were similar names, and it was all very confusing. The Beechwood records gave me my first hint with the dates and from that I was able to deduct there were not one, but two generations of Olmsted "Aunties", as my Great Uncle Charlie Olmsted used to talk about. Poor Uncle Charlie, he was alone amongst all those girls.

The cemetery in Beechwood has two plots; Olmsted and just feet away the Daykin plot. This is where my grandfather, Rev. William Yate Daykin (1832-1915) lies, between his two wives Mary Harrison (1839-1896) and Maude Olmsted, (1871-1943) and three sons. Gideon Olmsted Jr. (1788-1854), it seemed, had been buried in Aylmer, and when his wife Ann Tabor, (1804-1884) died, he was removed to Beechwood .

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My great Uncle Charlie (Charles Richard Gideon Olmsted, 1882-1966), whom I remember very well, was the only male in a long line of girls. Charlie was sent off to the Boer War but as they sat in a ship in Halifax preparing for departure, they learned the war was over. Why he said they were disappointed, I do not understand. Later he mustered at Lansdown Park in Ottawa, and saw action in WW1. He must have had many a story to tell which he never related. But he did come home with a chest full of medals.

My fiddling on the Internet brought me into contact with Margaret White, who referred me to Doreen Dolleman. She in turn put me in touch with many others. The internet was beginning to pay off, handsomely. I could not contain my excitement. My wife looked at me rather askance, but I was not to be deterred. You either love this or hate it. I was learning.

Most are familiar the various descendants from Captain Jabez Olmsted on down and are also very acquainted with the circumstances of how they came to Canada, and settled in the Burritts Rapids area. There is no need to repeat here. Many times I had driven through the village of Burritts Rapids, also through the Burritts locks by boat, not knowing the important significance to our family history, this village was. Those who know the village, know there is a steep hill just at the stop sign in front of the church. It was at this stop sign we used, when my wife was practising for her drivers test in her little Chevette, not to roll back while engaging the clutch. Little did we know the front bumper was pointing at a very important Olmsted landmark. The church with its graveyard, the burial place of Richard Olmsted, his wife, and other ancestors. The name Hiram Olmsted as a founder is seen on a document on the back wall.

Richard Olmsted (my 3x gt. grandfather) was a great grandson of Captain Jabez Olmsted and Thankful Barnes. He, his wife Elizabeth Durkee, and his brother-in-law and sister, Daniel and Elizabeth (Olmsted) Bullis moved to Marlborough Township from Hebron Twp., Washington Co., NY, in 1796. Following a year later in 1797, was his brother, Gideon Olmsted Sr., with his wife Esther Andrews, from Hebron township to Marlborough township in Canada. Following were brothers Jabez Olmsted and Job Olmsted, who settled in Marlborough Township in 1799. Two first cousins, Israel Olmsted and Jedediah Olmsted arrived in Wolford Twp. in 1791 and 1800.

For the purpose of this essay, I shall follow the line from Gideon and Richard, as I am some how related to both. In other words I discovered I am a double barrelled Olmsted! Gideon and Esther, farmed near Burrirt's Rapids and for a time ran a mill on Irish Creek at what was then known as Olmsted Mills, now known as Jasper. It seems there was a connection with his brother Richard in the running of this mill, but not much is known about the business connection. This seemed to be a successful operation until Col. John By raised the level of the Rideau River in conjunction with the construction of the Rideau Canal. Poor Gideon observed the water to be at the same level on both sides of his dam. It was now useless. Gideon moved to what is now Aymler, Que. and resumed farming. He was a captain in the War of 1812. He also donated the land for Bellevue cemetery. Gideon and several of Gideon's family are buried here. After Gideon's death

the property was deeded to Sarah Sparks, his daughter. When Gideon died, Nicholas Sparks, on behalf of the family, was successful in a suit against the Govt. for the loss of the dam at Olmsted Mills.

I subsequently learned that Gideon Sr, and his wife Esther had 12 children. Two of which were Sarah, (who married Wright and Sparks), and Gideon Jr. Gideon Jr, and his wife Ann Tabor had 7 children, Mary Ann, Esther, Charles, Jane, Hannah Louisa, Eleanor Gertrude, and Augusta. Charles the only son, married Delanah Deborah Campbell and were parents of Hannah Jane Maude, (my Grandmother), Esther Ann Grace, Annie, Augusta Delanah Gertrude, Delanah Bell, Emily Eliza Mabel, Charles Richard Gideon, and Delanah Campbell.

Charles's wife, Delanah Deborah Campbell, was the daughter of William Campbell and Eunice Olmsted, she being the daughter of Gideon Sr's, brother Richard, making them first cousins. This explains my double connection.

William Campbell is a man of note. As an American, he fought against the British in the War of 1812 and eventually moved to Brockville, thence to Burrirt's Rapids, and became a Public Land surveyor. As a loyal Scott to the British, he received a large tract of land for a farm. The reader may pick up on the fact this may seem a little odd, but it is well documented. As a surveyor he was responsible for laying out many nearby villages and townships. He also did work for Col. John By on the Rideau Canal. His fine stone home still stands in the village of Burrirt's Rapids.

Richard, Gideon's brother, moved to Marlborough Twp. with his wife Elizabeth Durkee. Here he carried on farming, eventually owned much land in the area, and was involved with Gideon at the Mill on Irish Creek. He also ran the first public house (built 1796) in Carleton County which was a place for local meetings as well. During the War of 1812 Richard served in the 1st Flank Company, 2nd Regiment. Richard and Elizabeth had 13 children, Mary Polly, Charlotte, Lucinda, Clarissa, Eunice, Richard, Esther, Aurilla, Reuben, Rufus, Rhona, Minor, and Solomon Durkee. Richard and Elizabeth are buried in the Burrirt's Rapids, Christ Church Anglican Cemetery churchyard.

So, who was this 6 foot Anglican Archdeacon, with a shaggy beard, that Hannah Jane "Maude" Olmsted married? My grandfather, Archdeacon William Yate Daykin, according to legend, was born in the Tower of London. (1832). This has not been proven, but his father, a surgeon in the British Army, was on duty there when William was born. Can you imagine the excitement when we found William's picture in the Canadian National Archives? Lucky breaks kept coming in. What excitement! William was an only child, and due to the fact his parents were very well off, received a good education. His father's will stipulated so. William's father died when William was only ten.

My grandfather, Rev. William received his education in Cambridge and proceeded on this Ministerial career. This lead him to Diptford and thence to a small village in Devon, Sheepstor. He married his first cousin Mary Harrison, who was not able to bear him a child. William lived in a cottage known as Brook cottage, with his wife Mary and his mother Mary Daykin, formerly Mary Yate. (Two Mary Daykins, in

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the same house must have been confusing.) It was in Sheepstor he became good friends with Sir James Brooke, the first Raja of Sarawak. Sir James wanted a quiet place to retire and the sleepy village of Sheepstor seemed to fit the bill.

When Sir James retired he passed over his responsibilities to his nephew Sir Charles Brooke. In due course Sir Charles became father of a child who of course was of mixed blood. Charles had married the child's mother under Mohamad law, but the English considered him illegitimate. This did not fit well with the people in Sarawak and of course would not fit into the social circles of London. As a child of their own was not in their future, Sir Charles saw my grandfather as an answer to a problem. The boy Esca was adopted by William and Mary. Grandfather eventually went to Durban SA after his Mother and Sir James died. He shortly returned to England, but his friend Sir James was now gone and he no longer had a parish. He disappeared for 4 years, and lo and behold surfaces in Madoc, Ont. This must have been quite a come down for such a proud man. The boy Esca was growing and became a big help to Grandfather as he was getting on and as well Mary his wife became ill. When the family was running low on meat, Esca went out and got a moose. Esca also became a lay reader. William was sent to Mattawa, and in all was there three times. Mary eventually died and was buried in Mattawa.

William subsequently went to St Margarets in Janeville. St Margarets stands on land that was donated by the Charles Olmsted family. Here he met the Olmsted girls. Lots of them. I remember the story about the fact Grandfather was doing some courting, but no one knew just who the lucky lady was. The elder ladies, being closer in age to Grandfather. Each one, certain they would be the chosen one. WELL! Noses were put out of joint we would say, when Grandfather proposed to young Maude. This caused quite a stir. Maude was 27 and William was 66. The bride and groom went to Vankleek Hill, and because William had a lot of time to make up for, and it was not long before William Yate Daykin II was born. Unfortunately he only lived a day, and was buried in Beechwood, in the Olmsted plot.

Undeterred after they moved to Mattawa, his third time there, William Yate Daykin III was born. Grandfather was now 68. This child was drowned in Kingston harbour at age 16 when the sailboat that had been given to him by Maude, for school work well done, capsized in icy water. The body was not discovered right away, and it was Maude who found him due to her dedicated walking along the shore of Lake Ontario. This William is buried in Beechwood as well. This accident happened 2 years after Grandfather died.

In any case, following the third William, my father Charles Edward Daykin was born in 1902 followed by Arthur Karl in 1904. Grandfather was now 72. Grandfather died in 1915 at age 83 leaving a young family. Maude was a very astute woman. Money was scarce in that family, but she managed my grandfather's affairs well and was able to buy properties in Kingston and Ottawa which served as a small rental income.

In any case, all the William Yates were now gone, and it was my father's duty to produce one more –

Yours truly, William Daykin.

## BILL DAYKIN

By Doreen Dolleman

I was saddened by the news earlier this year that my dear genealogy pal, Bill Daykin, passed away. We had never met in person, but corresponded for years about our Olmstead ancestors. Bill was such an eager researcher and always so willing to share his findings. He lived in Perth, Ontario and constantly took off on adventures to follow up on an Olmstead lead, explore cemeteries with Olmstead burials and investigate Burritt's Rapids and other places where our Olmstead's lived. He always took photos so he could share them with me. A week never went by that he didn't send the results of his diggings and links to websites full of interesting historical findings. His emails were delightful as he had a natural gift of telling a story. More than once I tried to encourage him to write an article for our newsletter. Finally when he made the attempt he got bogged down with so many details that he eventually became frustrated and gave up. However, he sent me his rough draft and I have edited it and removed sections about branches of his family that were not connected to our Olmstead's. It was about 12 pages long so is now considerably shortened, but will still give you a taste of his wonderful gift of expressing himself. His daughter Joanna was the one who wrote to tell me of her father's death. It was very unexpected after a bout with bronchitis. Bill had been a changed man after the death of his beloved wife the previous year and seemed as if the life had just gone out of him. I am so thankful that he was my friend! He would have been proud to see his article in our newsletter.

DAYKIN, William Yate "Bill" Bill Daykin, April 18th, 1939 - April



William Daykin  
April 18, 1939 April 22, 2009

22, 2009, passed away at his home, just four days after celebrating his 70th birthday. He was predeceased by his loving wife Vivienne Hill, his parents Charles Edward Daykin and Enid Mary (nee Coffin). Father to Shelly Gail Laporte (nee Daykin) and Joanne Mary Daykin, brother to Hubert Charles Daykin, father-in-law to Patrick Alan Cavanaugh and Daniel Kevin Laporte. Grandpa Daykin and his stories will be sadly missed by Grandchildren Andrew Michael Laporte, Natasha Mary Daykin Cavanaugh and Alicia Margaret Daykin

Cavanaugh and by nieces; Lara Ann Marie Dixon (nee Daykin), and Charlotte Leanne Cahoon (nee Daykin), and nephew Edward Charles Daykin. Dad, brother, grandpa, uncle we will certainly miss you this summer at our first scheduled family reunion in Kamloops, but we are very grateful to know you are finally at peace and back together with Vivienne. Family and friends may call at the O'Dacre Family Funeral Home, 15 Victoria Street, Perth on Monday, April 27th at 11 a.m. A private family burial will take place following the memorial visitation. In lieu of flowers, a donation to either the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. In addition, you may send condolences to [www.odacrefamily.ca](http://www.odacrefamily.ca). Bill's Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the O'Dacre Family Funeral Home, Perth. 613-267-3082

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