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PURPOSE

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

Carl Hommel's Column

This is a difficult article for me to write. This is Volume 17, No.2, of the Jabez Olmsted of Ware Newsletter. That means Joe Barber, Doreen Dolleman and I have been publishing it for nearly 17 years, thirty-five issues. The first issue was published in September, 1997.

Our first issue had excerpts from Chase's "History of Ware, Massachusetts", 1911; a Quiz; an article on the death of William Olmstead; a story about Capt. Jabez being a Constable in Brookfield, MA, in 1720; excerpts from Temple's "History of North Brookfield", 1887; excerpts from The Vital Records of Ware, MA; a partial list of other men named Jabez Olmsted or Olmstead; a copy of an early map of Ware, showing the locations of grants of the original Proprietors; and a partial list of early Olmsted Deeds in Western Massachusetts. (That was Doreen's first article).

The last page was about "future plans". Little did we know that the future would continue for 17

years.

And now it is our sad task to tell you that the run is over. The well has run dry. It has been a labor of love for all of us.

There will be one more issue. Joe's article, in this issue, suggested an Index be prepared of all the issues. I will be preparing one over the summer, and will publish it as soon as it is finished.

Unfortunately, I will have to discontinue funding the Jabezolmsted.com website, as I have been paying the yearly charges from money I have been receiving for subscriptions. I will be looking into ways to make the back issues and the pictures on the website available. Perhaps there is a way of using the "Cloud". I am reluctant to turn them over to a subscription service or to organizations that will charge for their usage. The Olmste(a)d Family Or-

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ganization seems to have become inactive again. If any reader has any suggestions, I would be pleased to hear from them. I am willing to prepare some DVDs of all the data, and distribute them to anyone who will agree not to sell them.

UPDATE ON JEREMIAH OLMSTEAD

By Doreen Dolleman

Doreen first wrote about this Jeremiah Olmstead in November 2004, in Vol. 8, Issue 1.

My sweet husband, Bill, got me a subscription to Ancestry.com for Christmas – my very first. I have never been happy with Ancestry because I feel that they are so expensive and are controlling the market. However, it came with a subscription to Fold3 and I love it.

My first great find was Jeremiah Olmstead's enlistment records in the US Army for the War of 1812. He was a private in the US Infantry. He was 5'11, 24 years old, born in 1789, in Granville, NY and enlisted Dec. 30, 1813. It never ceases to amaze me how one little new piece of information can totally fill in missing gaps. I wrote an article about this very Jeremiah. He lived in Granville up until about 1826, then Fort Ann, Granville, and back to Fort Ann in Washington County, New York. He was married to Sarah Ferguson. He was a mystery. I now can finally place him in one of our Olmstead families, because of his birth in Granville according to the military records. All of our Olmstead's were living on land in the Cooper Patent in Hebron, NY with the exception of one; Aaron Olmstead, son of Jabez and Miriam. His land was on the Borry Patent in Granville. See page 9 for copies of these two Patents. He actually was a neighbor of his Olmstead siblings. A road divided the Cooper and Borry Patents in the 2 townships – Hebron on one side and Granville on the other. So now I feel confident that Jeremiah was Aaron's son. Aaron was convicted of armed robbery in 1798, sentenced to 35 years, and then committed suicide while still in the local prison. Jeremiah would have been 9 years old at

the time.

I am so excited that a mystery has finally been solved!

Joe Barber's Column

I cannot disagree with the idea that it is time to think about discontinuing our Newsletter. However before we do that I would like make a suggestion about something I have been thinking.

Over the years a lot of data on Jabez descendants has been gathered (and I take my hat off to Doreen who has certainly carried the ball in this regard) and this information is on our web site. To make this data more accessible for current day researches and maybe future generations I would like to see a master index created (AN INDEX OF THE INDEXES' IF YOU LIKE) for the family groups who have been researched, indicating the volume number and the issue number where data on that particular family group can be found on our web site. I realize this would take some time to complete and I'm not exactly sure how to proceed but at the same time I hate to see the data being abandoned the way it presently is if it is feasible to take it to the next level.

When we were in AZ in January I met Thomas Olmstead (wife Debbie) who lives in San Tan Valley, AZ. Debbie took a picture of Thomas & me and I'm looking forward to seeing how that turned out.

CHAPMAN OLMSTED by Marie Schroeder

Marie Schroeder, a descendant of Chapman Olmsted's father-in-law, John Snow, wrote to Doreen and me concerning Doreen's article on Chapman Olmsted in the May 2011 Newsletter. She followed up her E-Mails by preparing the following article.

– additional tidbits gleaned in my research

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I became interested in Chapman OLMSTED because his first wife Eliza SNOW's father John SNOW b. 1767 is also my elusive ancestor (from John's second wife), and I was researching 'sideways' for additional clues. However I have done no active or further research on Chapman or his descendants for several years.

Extract from Doreen's article in the May 2011 newsletter:

Chapman 8 Oct. 1801 Pittsford, - 1860
Duane, Franklin Co. NY, m. Eliza Snow 1821,
daughter of John and Anne (Forbes). Children:
Mary Harlow 14 Jan. 1823 – 25 May 1904
(m. Hiram Chatterton),
George Washington 13 Nov. 1824 – 13
Aug. 1862 (died in Civil War),
Miranda 6 (8) Aug. 1827 – 3 Aug. 1874 (m.
Frank Reynolds),
Annette 28 Dec. 1829 – 5 Nov. 1848,
John Snow 2 Sept. 1832 – 22 Jan. 1872 (m.
Eliza Briggs),
Emma 1 Sept. 1835 -23 Sept. 1856 (m. Isaac
Utter),
Angeline 1 April 1838 – 4 May 1849,
Emeline 1 April 1838 – 11 June 1852,
Lucy 1 Oct. 1841 – 12 April 1842,
infant died at one month.

Notes:

Chapman:

Died 19 March 1862 near Duane, Franklin
county, NY – source: Franklin county Surrogate
Court records (see below)

Apparently lived briefly in the state of Pennsyl-
vania in the 1830's, ?reason?. On the 1850 census
daughter Emeline is recorded as having been born
in 'Penn.' Also, there is this mention of him in the
following paragraph:

History of the Counties of McKean, Elk, Cam-
eron & Potter, 1890, pp. 1228-1251

CHAPTER XXVIII.

HEBRON TOWNSHIP

MORRIS LENT, farmer, P.O. Coudersport, son
of Harry and Annie (Smith) Lent, was born in Brad-
ford county, Penn., in 1832. His parents came to
Potter county in the spring of 1835, located in Alle-
gheny township, three miles from the nearest
neighbor, and engaged in farming; in 1839 they

moved into Eulalia township, where they spent the
rest of their lives. When young he saw some very
close times. In 1837 his father worked two days
haying for one bushel of corn, but, living in the
woods as the family did, they had plenty of venison
for meat. Soon neighbors began to come in. Chap-
man Olmsted moved into the house with Mr.
Lent's, parents, and remained until they could build
a log-house; then Nathaniel Reynolds did the same;
Asa Reynolds did the same; Peter Shuts did the
same; George Judd did the same; Woodard Rey-
nolds boarded with the Lent family until he could
build himself a log-house, and a man by the name
of Ketcham came next, and then a schoolhouse was
built.

I have not done any more research in regards to
the Pennsylvania connection, and none of the other
surnames rang any bells to me.

Chapman married a second time to Selma
TRASK, and together they had 3 children – Oliver,
Annie & Jane.

Source:

"Ralph & Liz Bennett"

<bennett5@adelphia.net>, 17 Feb 2004

I have very little information about Chapman
Olmstead. My only connection with Selima (sic) is
a one page typed sheet indicating she is a member
of my Trask family. The 1850 census for Duane,
Franklin County, NY list a John Ladd at 24 and his
wife, Selima at 22. In the 1860 census for Duane,
Franklin Co., NY is listed a John K. Ladd age 34
and no Selima. Using Ancestry.com for 1870 &
1880 I am not able to locate Selima under her given
name or her married name Olmstead.

Selma Trask, born 1828, is the daughter of
Eliphalet Trask and Jane Stone of Duane, Franklin
County, NY. Selma was first married to John Ladd
and second to Chapman Olmsted.

The following four items were found at the
Franklin County Courthouse in Malone, Franklin
Co., NY under the name of Chapman Olmsted.

Franklin County, Surrogate's Court

In the matter of proving the death of Chapman

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Olmsted late of Duane deceased.
Franklin County ss: Selma Olmsted being duly sworn says that she is the widow of Chapman Olmsted late of Duane deceased that said Chapman Olmsted died March 19th 1862 at and left no will, that the said Chapman Olmsted made an application for a Bounty Court warrant for service rendered in the War of 1812, I so called that the warrant had not been obtained at the time of his death. Subscribed and sworn before me September 17, 1868 Albert Hobby, Surrogate. - Selma Olmstead

Franklin County ss: Samuel D. Winslow being duly sworn said that he was employed by Chapman Olmsted to process a Bounty Court warrant of the United States Government for service of said Olmsted in the War of 1812 at the invasion of Plattsburgh that deponent procured a warrant No. 106889 for said Olmsted and that at Chapman Olmsted mentioned in said warrant is the same person who employed deponent at of me said and that said Olmsted lived in Duane in said County at the time he to employed deponent that said Olmsted is now dead as deponent is informed and believes. Subscribed and sworn before me September 17th 1868, Albert Hobby, Surrogate. - S D Winslow

Franklin County, Surrogate Court
In the matter of proving the death of Chapman Olmsted late of Duane deceased
Franklin County: ss: Renodyne Sprague of Duane in said County being duly sworn and examined, says that he resides in Duane in said County, that he knew Chapman Olmsted in his live time that, he lived in Duane on the turnpike called the Port Kent and Hopkinton turnpike, that he was of aware, that he had once been a soldier as he stated to deponent; that he had a wife whose name was Selma Olmsted, that said Chapman Olmsted is dead, that he died at Duane in March 1862, that deponent was at his funeral and saw him after he was dead and aided in his burial, that he left him surviving the said Selma Olmsted who is now living as deponent believes.

Subscribed and sworn before me September 17th 1868 Albert Hobby Surrogate - Renodyne Sprague

State of New York, County of Franklin
I, Albert Hobby, Surrogate in and for said County and State do hereby certify that at a session of the Surrogate's Court of said County held at Malone Village in said County on the 17th day of September 1868 satisfactory evidence was furnished me in open court, that Chapman Olmsted deceased who was the identical person to whom the annexed Bounty Land Warrant No. 106889 was issued died in Brandon in said County on the 19th day of March 1862 and that Selma Olmsted is the widow of said Chapman Olmsted and is the identical person who executed the assignment of the said annexed Warrant.

In witness whereof I have caused the seal of office of the Surrogate of said County to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Alfred Hobby Surrogate of said County at the Village of Malone the 17th day of September A.D. 1868 - Albert Hobby Surrogate

I've had no further contact from Mr. Bennett. I also briefly corresponded with the wife of an OLMSTED descendant, Gloria Olmsted, in Washington state.

Selma & Chapman apparently were married between 1854-57. As noted above, Selma can't be located on the 1860 census, and John LADD is in Duane, NY by himself. In 1881 Selma is in Canada – another mystery, ?reason? 1881 Canada census: Household:

Name	Marital Status	Gender	Ethnic	Origin
Salmi	OLSTEAD	W	Female	Scottish 53
USA	Church of Scotland			
Alfred	OLMSTEAD	Male	Scottish	24 USA
Farm	Laborer	Church of Scotland		
Oliver	OLMSTEAD	Male	Scottish	23 USA
Church of Scotland				
Annie	OLMSTEAD	Female	Scottish	18 USA
Church of Scotland				
Jane	OLMSTEAD	Female	Scottish	15 USA

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Church of Scotland
Source Information: Census Place Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Quebec
Family History Library Film 1375842, NA
Film Number C-13206
District 72, Sub-district F, Page Number 46,
Household Number 209

Selma migrated to Wisconsin by 1900 with her 5 children (2 Ladd children & 3 OLMSTED children), and is said to have died in North Dakota. I've not found a death certificate or gravesite for her.

Back to Chapman's children by Eliza SNOW:
Mary Harlow – many interesting descendants, some living – one descendant married an heir to the Fleischman fortune

George Washington – be careful when researching this name, I think there were 2 men with this name and both had wives named 'Mary' – desc. to Franklin co., NY & VT

Miranda – married 23 Feb 1856 in Burlington, VT to Franz Reinhold (not Reynolds – born in Germany, and he generally did use Frank as his first name) Source was an old small ledger book I found in a display cabinet in the history room in the Burlington, VT public library 15 years ago, have a copy. They moved to Mass. and are on the censuses there.
Miranda's death certificate from the state of Mass. records her birthplace as Colton, NY & names her parents as Chapman OLMSTEAD & Eliza.

Annette – n.f.i.

John Snow – birthplace variously PA or Wolcott, NY – desc. to Franklin Co., NY

Emma, Angeline, Emeline, Lucy, infant – n.f.i.

There is an entertaining newspaper article (Lewis county Republican, Lowville, NY, 1853 about Chapman OLMSTED and a friend on a bear hunt – I found it on a search of the newspapers online at nnyln.net – unfortunately this website has given the newspaper searches to the NY State library, or some such.

I have done no further OLMSTED research, as none of any living descendants of Chapman that I contacted had any SNOW information **By beans**

whatsoever, and I need to pursue different family lines.

Marie Schroeder
mcschroeder@willmarnet.com
31 March 2014

Excerpts from the Philemon Wright Store Ledger in Burritt's Rapids 1812-1815

By Doreen Dolleman, May 2014

On one of our trips to the Burritt's Rapids area we visited the Rideau Township Archives in North Gower. One of the archivists made copies for me of all 40 pages of Philemon Wright's store ledger. There are many accounts and family names that are familiar, but I will only share the excerpts of our Olmstead family.

July 16, 1815
2 yds Red Calico for Olmstead “ 7 “

March 2, 1815
4 Yds Gingham given by T. Wate Esther Olmstead “ 16 “

March 11, 1815
Crediting Richard Olmstead to balance his book out up to Feby 17, 1815 66.16.7

May 5, 1815
Taking up Richard Olmsted note he gave Wm. H. Easton for an ?osc it being for young under 1 year the said note up to R. Olmsted for your order of \$60.0 15 “ “

January 11, 1814
Bushel oats which I bought of Thomas Hicks “ 2. 6

Oct 23

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that W. Wright took of you from Mr Olmsted
last winter 3 bushel 2.10

Nov. 29

Paying Mrs. Olmsted for Captain Hurd \$8.0 2
“ “

Nov. 15

1 fine fancy cotton Handkerchief given Mrs.
Olmsted “ 6 “

Nov. 21

6 yds fine blk cambrick muslin given Lucinda Olm-
sted 1.1 “

Nov. 18

1 linan bought of R. Olmsted “ 5 “
5 ½ yds fine blk C. Muslin given Mrs. Olmsted by
Mr P W Jr “ 19.3
April 11, 1814
Charging Richard Olmsted 2 “ “

April 30

36 lb maple sugar 1.16 “

Dec. 12, 1814

Charging Richard Olmsted his note to balance
1.10

Dec. 2

By charging Richard Olmsted “ 7.6

Jan. 24, 1815

Expences laid out in fixing the school house by the
bridge for the publick so that I could have the Net-
tleton house for a store as they ware then keeping a
school in the Nettleton house and I could have the
said Nettleton house for a store provided I repot the
other by the bridge as a have mentioned. Mr. Olm-
sted not myself 1 day with a sleigh in ???

May 31, 1814

----- sold Mr. Richard Olmsted and he bought it for
Mr. Amos Lane 5. 0 .0

June 27, 1814

The half of a fish net, in company with Mr. R. Olm-
sted

Other names of interest to our family mentioned in
the ledger were John Bullis. Peter, Seelye, Wm
Merrick, Col. T. Burritt, Thomas McCrea, Hebron
Harris, Elisha Collier, Peter Miner, Butterfield.

Quizes

This a repeat of the quizes in the early issues of the Newsletter

Quiz;

What is the relationship of Thankful Barnes, Ja-
bez's wife, to Longfellow's Wayside Inn?

Answer:

According to "The History of Sudbury, Massachu-
setts, 1638-1898", by Alfred Sereno Hudson, Sud-
bury Press, Sudbury MA, 1898, the Red Horse Tav-
ern on the Boston Post Road in Sudbury, that Long-
fellow later called the Wayside Inn, was established
by David Howe. David was Thankful's first cousin
once removed, as David was the grandson of John
Howe, Thankful's great grandfather.

Quiz:

What was the cause of death of Thomas Barnes,
Jabez's father-in-law?

Answer:

According to Louis E. Roy, "History of East
Brookfield, Massachusetts 1686-1970", p. 324,
Thomas Barnes died on April 23, 1734, after being
gored by a bull.

Quiz:

How was the settling of Sudbury, Massachusetts, in
the early 17th century relevant to the ancestry of
Thankful BARNES?

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Answer:

Six of Thankful's great grandparents settled in Sudbury before 1650:

Thomas and Jane (RUDDICK) GOODENOW in 1638

John HOW (HOWE) and his wife, Mary, before 1641

John and Martha (BAKER) BENT in 1638.

References:

"History of Sudbury, Massachusetts, 1638-1898", by Alfred Sereno Hudson, Sudbury Press, Sudbury, MA, 1898.

Vital Records of Sudbury.

"Goodenows; Who Originated in Sudbury, Massachusetts, 1638 A.D." by Theodore James Fleming Banvard, Gateway Press, Inc. Baltimore, MD, 1994.

EARLY OLMSTED DEEDS

This is a repeat of the first article that Doreen wrote for the Newsletter, in the first issue.

Doreen Dolleman has been collecting early Olmsted deeds and land records from Western Massachusetts towns. Following are summaries of various ones she has found.

1744, from John Popnehonnukwoh and Jehoiakim Yokum of Stockbridge, Hampshire County, Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England Gentleman and Indian Claimers of a certain tract of land lying between Stockbridge ... and ...Spencer-town, to Jeremiah Olmsted,, Jabez Olmsted ... by paying us the sum of Sixty Pounds, New York Currency....

1749, TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL (illegible), Greetings, Know ye that I Jabez Olmstead living at Ware River on the Road from Hadley to (illegible) Brookfield in the County of Hampshire and province of Massachusetts Bay in New England Husbandman for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Twenty (illegible) Pounds Lawful Moneypaid by Robert Joyner and W. Joyner of Cornwell in the Colony of Connecticut ...have given, granted, ... a certain Tract or parcel of Land containing two Hundred Acres granted to me by the General court of this Province 26 Janr. 1736....

1761, Jeremiah Olmsted of a place called the County Land west of Stockbridge in the county of Hampshire and Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman in consideration of one hundred and ten Pounds Lawful

Money ... to Philip Case of Sheffield.

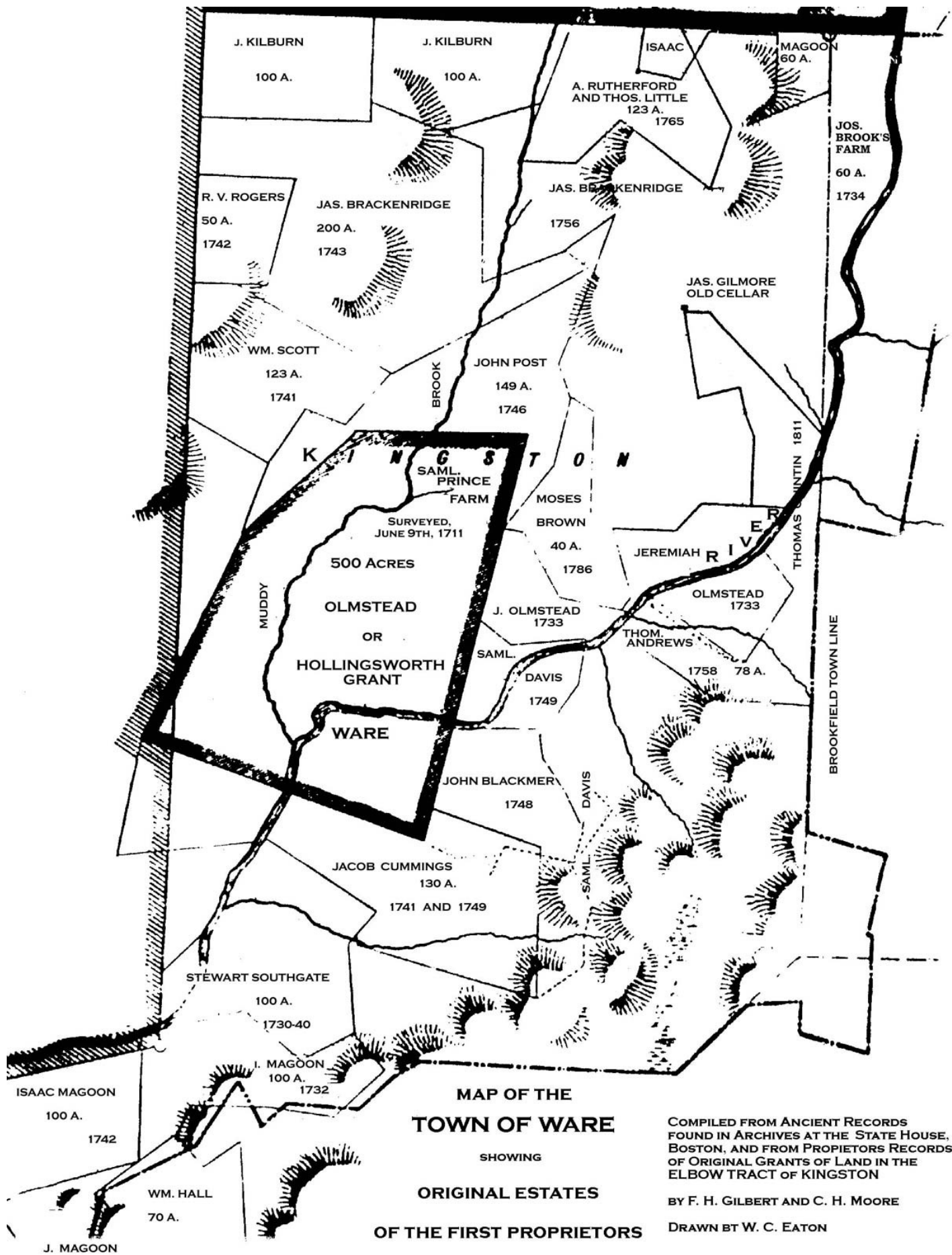
[Editor's note: Philip Case moved with the Olmstead Family to Washington County, NY, and owned land in both the Borry Patent and the Cooper Patent. See P. 9 of this Newsletter.]

1760, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that for the consideration of six pounds lawful money I Jerediah Olmstead living West of Stockbridge on the province Land do give (etc) unto John George JenkinsI quitclaim to him the one half of a Right of Land being in the tract of Land commonly called Olmstead Town West of Stockbridge in the province of Massachusetts Bay

1766, SURVEY BILL. Gore of Land West of Stockbridge in the County of BerkshireSurveyed, and laid out to John Georg Jacquen One Hundred Acres of Land on Jedediah Olmsteds Right of Land in the said Gore

1766, Survey Bill. Surveyed and laid out to Jabez Olmstead Seventy Acres of Second Division of Joseph Flemings Right of Land in the Gore West of Stockbridge in the County of Berkshire...

Early Maps of the Town of Ware, Massachusetts, and of the Borry and Cooper Patents in the Towns of Hebron and Granville, New York, are repeated on the following two pages. They are two of the most important documents discovered in the course of our research in the history of our family.

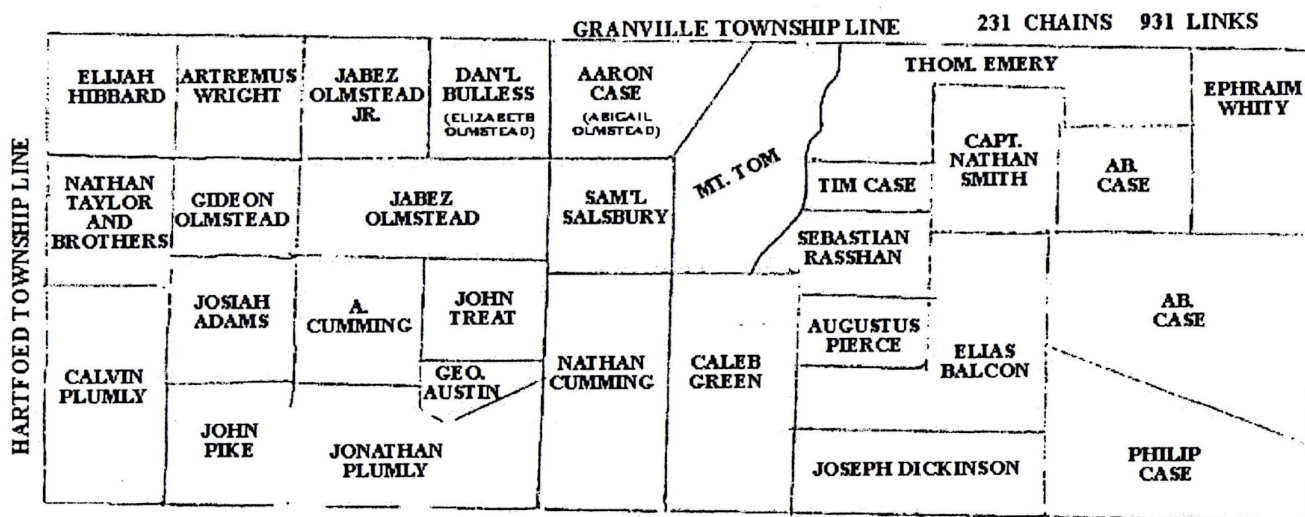
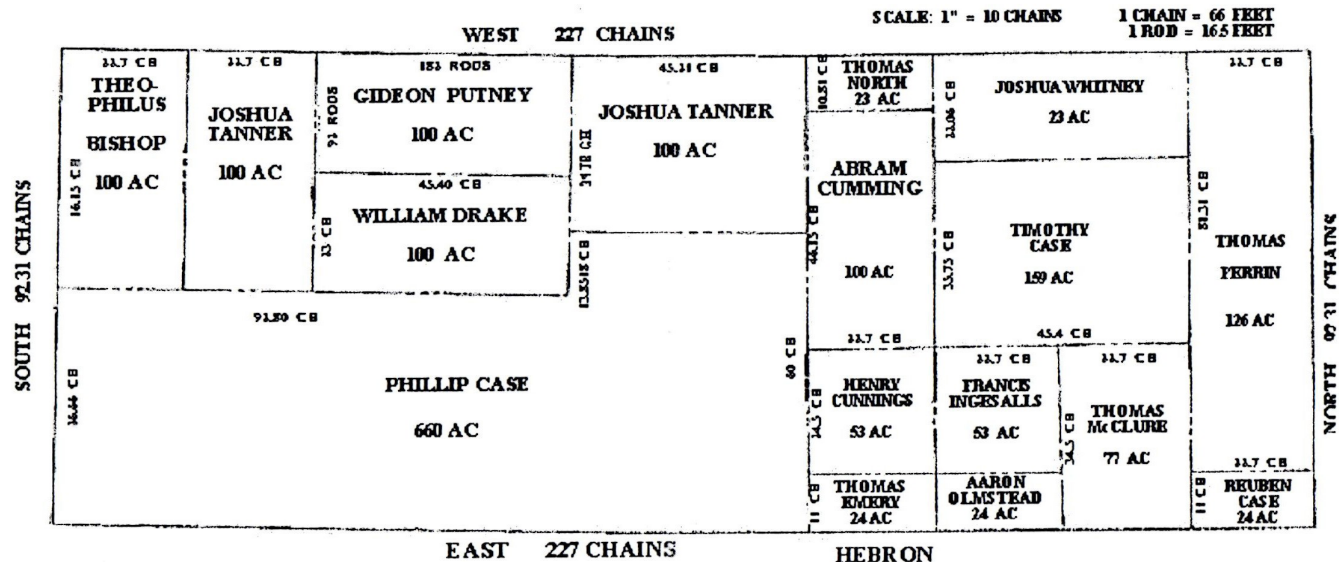


SOURCE OF INFORMATION
OBTAINED FROM MORTGAGE BOOK A

THIS IS NOT A SURVEY

SUBDIVISION OF A PATENT GRANTED TO DAVID BORRY, 1789

SITUATE IN
TOWN OF GRANVILLE, WASHINGTON CO., NY



WILLIAM COOPER PATENT 2140 ACRES SEPTEMBER 1794
NORTH HEBRON VILLAGE
P. BISHOP, SURVEYOR

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

Borry and Cooper Patents, Towns of Granville and Hebron,
Washington County, New York

OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD'S ON THE INTERNET

Joe Barber has told us about an OLMSTEAD Forum WEB PAGE at:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/olmstead/>

There is also an OLMSTED Forum WEB PAGE at:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/olmsted/>

There is an OLMSTEAD RootsWeb Mailing List, and an OLMSTED RootsWeb Mailing List, in which subscribers can exchange information, post queries, etc. To subscribe, send E-Mail to:

OLMSTEAD-request@rootsweb.com

and to:

OLMSTED-request@rootsweb.com

with the command "subscribe" (without the quotes) in the subject block, and in the body of the message, and NOTHING ELSE. Turn off your signature file if you are using one. I (COH) am the List Administrator for both Lists. Posts sent to one Mailing List are not sent to the other List, so one should subscribe to both Lists.

There is also an Ancestry OLMSTEAD Message Board and an Ancestry OLMSTED Message Board, at:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/surnames.olmstead/mb.ashx>

and at:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/surnames.olmsted/mb.ashx>

Messages from the OLMSTEAD Board are gatewayed to the OLMSTEAD Mailing List, and likewise the messages from the OLMSTED Board are gatewayed to the OLMSTED Mailing List. However, they are not cross-gatewayed.

The Forum, the Rootsweb Mailing Lists and the Message Boards are not restricted to the Jabez Line, but contain information and queries from all OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD's.

Back issues of this Newsletter, Olmsted/Olmstead ancestor and current member pictures, and historic documents and plats, can be found at

<http://www.jabezolmsted.com/>

Walt Steesy's Website, Place at the Elms, is at

<http://www.olmsteadfamily.org>

or

<http://www.olmstedfamily.org>

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