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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

Welcome to the 10th anniversary issue of our newsletter. Many of our subscribers have been with us since that first issue of September 1997 and I certainly thank them for this

Faithful following. Some time ago Carl developed a website as well and this has recently been expanded with a large collection of photographs which, as closely as possible, have been grouped according to the various lines which make up the Jabez family. Carl needs your input of research material to keep our newsletter going and no doubt he will have some comments on the handling of photos for the picture gallery.

I took part in another type of anniversary this summer. I was born and raised on a farm and my early schooling was in a small one-room country school. This school was closed in 1947 (60 years ago) and the school, barn and out-houses were demolished shortly thereafter leaving only a row of tree in the two-acre schoolyard. This summer another former student and myself designed and built a monument on the old school site and thus put our old school back on the map. Thirteen former students gathered for an unveiling of the monument on September 19. Spouses and partners joined us for supper that evening which capped off a great day of renewing old friendships.

We were in Calgary, AB this summer and one of the highlights of that trip was meeting Helen McLeish, a distant cousin from the Nathaniel Olmstead line. In our last issue I told you about Helen's website (McLeish Olmstead Family) and how to access it. There is a picture of Helen and myself taken during our visit.

Quite recently one of our Ontario cousins told me about a new website (www.thatsmyfamily.info). One set of records is Attestation records (enrolment document) and a few conscription records for several Olmsted's who served in World War 1.

Another set of records is Lower Canada Land Petitions. There are some references here to my ancestor Gideon I don't appear to have seen before and I will be pursuing those shortly.

With fall fading away it is now time to get back to genealogy. Happy hunting in the months ahead.

Joe Barber.

A NEW WEBSITE

I have prepared a new Website, at www.jabezolmsted.com. The old one will not be maintained. All Newsletter issues up to and including Spring 2007 are on-line.

At the suggestion of Doreen, it also includes a section on Family Pictures. There are over 100 pictures already on-line. Several subscribers have sent me pictures of their ancestors.

There is also a section on Historical Plats, Maps, and Documents.

I will welcome subscribers to send me either copies of their pictures or an E-File. I have a scanner so can copy the pictures without harming them, and will return them to the sender.

COH



Helen McLeish

Joe Barber

Doreen Dolleman's Research

ISRAEL OLMSTED PART 3 By Doreen Dolleman

I have been working on this third article on the descendants of Israel Olmsted and Elizabeth Haskins all through the summer, but saved some of my research for our cross country trip in September. On our way from Seattle to Maryland we stopped in Waushara County and Green Lake County, Wisconsin. I hoped to find more information to add to the Reuben B. Olmsted family, covered in my previous article. My husband and I found the stone of Reuben's first wife, Mary Gilchrist and daughters Mary, Harriet and Margaret in Welsh Cemetery near Berlin, Wisconsin. Their son Ephraim and his wife Susan Rose also have stones in the same cemetery. We gathered numerous vital and land records in county court houses, but the most interesting finds were the 3 divorce records of Reuben B. Olmsted. The first occurred in September of 1862 when Mary's petition for divorce was finalized. It is a 20 page document which gives details of the marriage, names and birth dates of children, cause of divorce, testimonies, and settlement. Within a month after the death of their 12 year old daughter Margaret, Reuben moved a married woman named Mrs. Littlefield, who was a spiritualist, into their home. She did not have a good reputation and Mary soon kicked her out. Reuben continued to have an adulterous relationship with Mrs. Littlefield and Mary wasted no time in divorcing him. The family home and farm, custody of her minor children and \$800 was awarded to Mary. The lengthy document states that they had 7 children, including a daughter Esther who died as an infant. Reuben's next divorce was from Zillah A (Craw), a young neighbor of the Olmstead's, in April of 1871. In March of 1876 Reuben B. Olmsted divorced a woman named Louisa.

In the April 2007 newsletter there was an editing error in my "Israel Olmsted Part 2" article. On page 3 in the left hand column near the bottom, Margaret (Maggie), daughter

of Ephraim Olmsted and Susan Rose, should read as follows: "Margaret (Maggie) was born 16 March 1879. She married Frank David Hildenburg 29 August 1900 in Waushara County. They moved to Anacortes, Washington where Frank was a baker. He died there on the 6th of October 1908 of typhoid fever."

Before getting to the theme of my article I will try to clarify the various spellings of Olmsted I have used in this series. In general, the Jedediah / Israel family spelled their surname Olmsted. However, the Basil descendants of this line spelled their name Olmstead. I have found the descendants of Basil to be one of my most frustrating and confusing families to research. Not many of them bothered to register their births, deaths and marriages. So many of the dates that I could find seemed to be in conflict. For example, census dates, vital records, tombstone dates and WW1 attestation data might all differ for the very same person! I like to be meticulous in my research, but it has been next to impossible this time, so bear in mind that dates I have used may not be accurate. I have appreciated so much the help received with the Basil and Ephraim K. families and wish to thank Lorne Olmstead, Clifford Olmstead, Pat Massey and Genevieve Leavitt!

Basil Olmstead was born in 1825 in Wolford, Ontario, the third son of Ephraim and Hester Olmsted. He married Hannah Rose, daughter of John Rose and Isabella Bolton, around 1847 in Renfrew County. He did not immigrate to Wisconsin with his father in 1862, but remained in Ontario and settled in Hastings County. In the 1851 census of Ross Township, Renfrew County, Basil, his wife Hannah and two young children were living with brother Ephraim Olmsted and his wife Mary Ann Papa. In the 1861 census Basil was a farmer in Ross Township. In 1871- 1891 he was a farmer in Wicklow, Hastings County. By the 1901 census he had moved to Chisholm and Boulter Township, Nipissing, Ontario and was enumerated as a widower with his youngest children still living with him. As Hannah may have still been alive there is a good possibility that they had divorced. There is a death record for Hannah Olmstead on 18 June 1905 in Calvin Township, Nipissing. If it was Basil's wife, it would appear that they had parted company at some point after 1891. Basil may have then remarried to a much younger woman, as a 3 year old son James Ephraim, born 23 April 1897, was enumerated in his household. Hannah's death record gives her age as 89 (another age was crossed out) and cause of death as childbirth! She must have suffered for many long years! Basil died 17 November 1904 also in Calvin Township. A significant religious event occurred in the family in 1908 when several of their children and grandchildren were all baptized in Combermere, Renfrew County. Basil and Hannah had a large family of possibly 11 - 13 children. The listing of their children in census records is confusing with so many similar names with conflicting birth dates. My list may not be entirely accurate. A probable scenario would be: Rufus, Charlotte, Basil, Albert, Andrew, James, Diana, Hannah, Ephraim, John and William.

Rufus Olmstead was born 16 September 1848 in Ross Township, Renfrew County. He married 28 March 1871, Pamela Poff, daughter of John Poff and Nancy Hoover.

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Rufus was a farmer, but also worked for a time as a miner at Burgess Mines in Hastings County. He died 23 March 1924 in Wicklow, Hastings County, from arterio sclerosis. Pamela died 15 March 1926 (72 years and 6 months) from heart disease, a result of rheumatic fever when she was 40. Their children were:

1. James Albert (Albert) born 26 December 1871, died 9 Dec. 1931 of gastric cancer. He married Josephine Margaret Mayhew (1878-1959) in 1897 in Combermere, Renfrew County. Albert was a farmer. Their children were: Ross 1902-1989, Wesley Elvin born 6 August 1904 and Elsie Pearl 1907 - 1948.

2. Thomas Francis born 8 October 1879, died 1962, and married Emma Hutchinson 27 October 1909 in Monteagle Valley, Hastings County. She was the daughter of Cyrus and Victoria Hutchinson. Thomas was a farmer. Their children were Olive and Etta.

3. Elizabeth Hannah born 23 November 1878 (the birth year varies, but she was enumerated as younger than her brother Thomas), m. Robert William McNab 13 July 1906. They had a daughter Margaret Grace born 5 Oct 1906.

4. Sarah born 15 March 1881, died 31 March 1921 of TB, married James Downham. They lived in Oswego, NY

5. Pamela "Annie" born 26 December 1883, married George William Gerrard 1 July 1903.

6. Margaret (Maggie) born 26 December 1885, died 28 May 1929 of chronic nephritis, married Edward Gerrard 25 April 1908. Their children were: Ross E. (born 1902), Delbert Clayton (born 8 July 1907 - birth registration states that his father was unknown), baby boy (died 5 July 1908 of prematurity, 2 hours old) and Roy Irwin (died 29 September 1913 from colitis at 2 months of age).

7. William Rufus born 10 June 1888 and died 26 July 1958 in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. He married Annie McFarlane (Davis). She died just 2 days after her husband. Their children were: Inza (Graves), William Reginald (24 May 1922 - 18 March 1899), and Melville.

8. Frances Jane (Fannie) born 9 April 1891, married James Victor Tedcastle 25 December 1911. They had a daughter Lela who died 23 October 1919 at 2 months of age from cholera infantum, in Kingston.

9. Kathleen (Kate) born 11 Oct. 1893, married Michael James Stewart 20 May 1914.

Charlotte Olmstead was born 1 January 1850 in Ross Township, Renfrew County. She died 7 May 1909 in Bonfield Township, Nipissing County. Her death record states she was 59 years, 4 months and 7 days, but gives her birth date as 1 January 1858. She never married and lived with her father and brothers.

Basil Olmstead was born 21 July 1854 in Ross Township, Renfrew County. He was a farmer and gardener. Basil married Lydia Diane Smith in 1879. She was born 29 January 1861 in Quebec, the daughter of John Smith and Eunice Olive Brazier. She had previously been married to Albert Cartwright, 6 November 1877. Basil died 23 April 1920 from sclerosis of the liver, in Wollaston Township, Hastings County. Lydia later married Heman Townes. The children of Basil and Lydia were:

1. Basil Edmund was born 17 August 1881 (WW1 record 1879). He married Hulda Matilda Mayhew, 4 September 1907 at Burgess Mines. Their children were Garnett (29 March 1911 - 3 November 1981, married Irene Huyghebaert), Emerson, and a baby girl. Hulda died in childbirth in 1922 and the children were raised by other families. Basil served in the Army in WW1 and following the war he farmed in Eldersley, Saskatchewan. After his wife's death he returned to Ontario and died there 26 December 1947 (froze to death in a snowdrift).

2. Caroline Dolly was born 3 April 1882 and married William Fulton 13 December 1901 at Monteagle, Hastings County. Their children were: Sarah Jane (born 1 April 1902 and died 18 January 1919 of influenza), Thomas Irwin (born 26 March 1904) and Gertrude (born March 1910).

3. Francis John (Jack) was born 6 March 1885. He married Jennie Smith 15 February 1911 in Renfrew County. They had a son Albert who died of diphtheria, 14 December 1919, at 11 years of age.

4. James Arthur was born 19 February 1888, died in 1975, and married 23 January 1924, Irene Hannah Tennant (1902-1976). Their children were: Garnet, Melvin, James Irwin who died of pneumonia at 2 years of age on 11 December 1928, and Leona..

5. Reuben was born 17 Feb. 1889. He was a single man.

6. Rufus was born 17 March 1891. He married Phoebe Caroline Rose, daughter of John and Phoebe Brigden Rose, 21 June 1911. They had a daughter Phoebe Edna who died in 1918 from influenza at 2 years of age and a son Cecil who was born 3 May 1924 and died 31 October 1924 from dysentery.

7. Mary Jane was born 2 March 1893, died 1957, m. Fred Turncliffe. Their children were: William J. (born 1914), Garnett (born 1915), and Elsie May (born 1917).

8. Christopher J. (Christie) was born 17 July 1894 (WW1 record 1895). He married Mrs. Olive Jones.

9. Melissa J. was born 17 Feb. 1897. She married James Oliver Hilts 8 Nov. 1911. Their children were Faithleen, Rueben, Robert, Kathleen, Clayton, Lydia, Mary, Pat, Henry, John Isaac (died 10 November 1912 at 3 hours old), William Erven (died 21 December 1913 at 1 day old) and James Earl (died 24 December 1916 from convulsions at 27 days of age).

10. William was born 1 May 1899. He moved out west.

11. Rutha Jane was born 13 May 1903, died 30 July 1954 and married William Hilts 10 July 1918. Their children were: Ellen (born 1920), Archibald (1921-1993), Arthur (born 1923), Clifford (born 1925), Mary Irene (1927-1998), Wallace (born 1928), Mildred (born prematurely and buried in a baking soda can), Marion (born 1934), Lawrence (1935-1936), Howard (born 1936), and Calvin (stillborn in 1945).

Albert Olmstead was born around 1857 in Ross Township. He was a witness to his brother William's marriage in 1891.

Andrew Olmstead was born around 1859 in Ross Township and probably died before 1871.

James Olmstead was born 17 June 1863 in Ross Township. He was a bachelor.

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Diana Olmstead (Anna) was born 17 June 1863 in Ross Township.

Hannah Olmstead She was a witness to her brother William's marriage in 1891.

Ephraim Olmstead was born in 9 August 1867 in Bangor, Hastings County. He married Eliza Jane Mayhew, daughter of Peter and Eliza Mayhew, 21 December 1888, in Combermere, Renfrew County. They had a daughter Eliza Jane born 29 June 1900. He died of heart and goiter problems on 26 July 1914 in Carlow, Hastings county. Ephraim was a miner.

John Olmstead was born 20 July 1870.

William Olmstead was born in 1869 in Bangor, Hastings County. He died in 1961. He married Mary Nettie Mayhew (1871-1946), daughter of Peter and Louisa Mayhew, 24 December 1891 in Combermere, Renfrew County. William was a farmer. Their children were: Mary Jane (1893-1951), Hannah (1896-1960, married Felix Vardy), Elwood (1899-1990) and William George Edward (10 June 1900).

A death record for **Basil Olmstead**, a single man, who died 11 December 1911 from appendicitis at 23 years of age in Belleville Hospital and was a resident of Hastings County and son of Basil is a complete mystery!

Ephraim K. Olmsted was born 8 March 1828 in Wolford, Ontario, the fourth son of Ephraim and Hester Olmsted. He married Mary Ann Papa 24 March 1851 in Westmeath, Ross Township, Renfrew County, Ontario. Lorne Olmstead has done some research on the Papa family and believes she was the daughter of Amable Papa and Rose Ann Ross of Westmeath. It is said by descendants of this family that Mary Ann was a Native American Indian woman. She died by 1862 and Ephraim then married on 3 July 1862 in Renfrew County, Elizabeth Papa, who was likely Mary Ann's sister. It was after this second marriage that the family moved to Wisconsin in November of 1864. They were enumerated in the 1861 Renfrew census and in Larrabee, Waupaca County, Wisconsin in 1870. The family moved to Antigo, Langlade County in 1882. Ephraim was a carpenter and cabinet maker. In the 1905 Wisconsin State census Elizabeth was living with her daughter Nellie Other-sall and Ephraim was living with his son Frank Olmsted. Ephraim died 9 July 1909 of dropsy. His obituary states that he was a millwright and employed in the construction of many of the saw mills in the area. He had been partially paralyzed for several years before his death and was incapable of manual labor. Elizabeth Papa Olmsted died 7 January 1919 in Antigo. Her obit states that she was born in Ottowell, Renfrew County (Ontario) on 5 June 1844, married in Canada and came first to Clintonville and then to Antigo 36 years previously. Ephraim's children by his first wife were Mary Jane, John, Ephraim Albert, Henry James and Francis. The children by his second wife were Alexander, Margaret, William Joseph, George, Frank, Sarah and Nellie.

Mary Jane Olmsted was born in Ross Township 10 June 1852. She married Isaac Buck 8 April 1868 in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, Edward Gibbs 21 October 1891 in

Antigo and John W. Gill (or McGill) 11 September 1892. She died from angina on 1 December 1894.

John Olmsted was born 4 September 1853 in Ross Township. He married Angelina Ella Krake (Kroke) 21 September 1879 in Waupaca County. They were divorced. He married Beulah Stoffer in 1895 in Marathon County. The children from his second marriage were Florence Isabel (18 November 1897 – 24 December 1974), Harold Floyd (1900-1968), Marjorie Helen (25 November 1904 – November 1905 of typhoid fever) and Helen Beulah (11 June 1907 – 26 April 1973, married Macey Norman Miller). John and family moved from Elcho, Langlade County, Wisconsin to Grand Rapids, Michigan after the 1900 census. He worked at the American Seating Company as a lumber buyer and yard superintendent. After retirement he farmed until his death on 22 August 1933. Beulah died 10 March 1949 in Michigan. Both are buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Ephraim Albert Olmsted was born 24 August 1855 in Ross Township. He married Jennie Elizabeth Duff 17 June 1878 Bear Creek, Waupaca County. Their children were Alice May (born in 1879 Waupaca County, married Charles Lyons), Vernon (born 1880 Waupaca County and died in 1880), Cora L. (born June 1881, died 1912, married Artemus Rose 22 April 1901), Clifford (born 4 March 1883 Waupaca County, died 8 January 1951 in Plummer Idaho, married Mary Phenn 21 March 1903 and then Lois Fisher), and Frank (born November 1886, died in 1937, married Flora). Ephraim A. died 12 January 1940 in Plummer, Idaho. His obituary states that he operated the first school bus in the horse and wagon days in the Plummer Independent school district. He took out his papers as a U.S. citizen in Clintonville, Wisconsin. He had voted for over 28 years in Idaho and then when he applied for his old age pension he needed to show his citizenship papers to a judge. They were yellowed with age, but only showed that he had taken out his first papers. So at age 85 he applied once again for citizenship and the judge granted it without comment.

Henry James Olmsted (Jim) was born 19 September 1857 in Ross Township, Renfrew County, Ontario. He married Josephine (Josie) Jolin 19 August 1882 in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. She was born in Quebec and was the daughter of Michel and Marguerite Larault Jolin. James was a contractor and saw mill worker. He lived in Rhinelander, Oneida County in the 1900 census and then Flambeau County, Wisconsin in the 1920 census. James died 5 March 1935 and Josie died 27 August 1951 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. James and Josie had two children, Pearl born in September of 1886 and Edwin born 18 November 1887 in Antigo. In the 1925 Iowa state census Edwin S. Olmsted was enumerated in Waukonsa, Webster County with a wife Clara E. (daughter of Eric Swanson and Caroline Carlson) and two children, Velma L. (16) and Stanley E. (15). All were born in Wisconsin. They were divorced by 1930 and Clara and her 2 children were living in Chicago.

Francis Olmsted was born around 1860 in Ross Township, Renfrew County, Ontario. Probably died young as he does not appear in the 1870 census.

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Alexander Olmsted was born 12 May 1863 in Ross Township, Renfrew County, Ontario. He was enumerated with his parents in the 1870 and 1880 census of Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Nothing more is known of Alexander.

Margaret Olmsted was born 5 June 1865 in Ross Township, Renfrew County, Ontario.

William Joseph Olmsted was born 17 August 1867 in Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. He married Mary Elizabeth Schroeder 27 April 1889. On 11 November 1891 William shot his young wife while playing with a revolver. The shot passed through her thumb, collar bone and into her lung. She was not expected to live. This story was published in numerous newspapers around the country. Nine days later, the Antigo Weekly News reported that she was getting along quite well and the prospects were good for her recovery. In 1900 William was severely injured as a railroad employee, in a train wreck. He had a leg and an arm amputated. In every census record William had a different wife and in 1930 census he was enumerated as a prisoner in Antigo. He died 27 June 1949 in Antigo.

George Olmsted was born 23 February 1869 in Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. He was a farmer in Elcho, Langlade County. George married Martha M. Paul, daughter of Charles and Marie Beuke Paul, on 23 April 1898 in Antigo. They had four children: Harry G (born 20 February 1906), Elsie Nellie (born 27 April 1907), Milton and Vernon (born 9 January 1920).

Frank T. Olmsted was born 19 March 1871 in Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. He died in March of 1958. Frank came to Antigo with his parents in 1882. He married Daisy Merrill, daughter of J.W. and Julia Bliss Merrill, 15 January 1890 in Antigo, Langlade County, Wisconsin. His obituary states that he was assessor and supervisor in the town of Norwood, town chairman in Elcho and chairman of the county board. In 1918 he was elected to the Wisconsin assembly. In 1930 he moved to Antigo, had an automobile business and served as street commissioner. Frank and Daisy had a large family, but only three were surviving when he died: Leticia (wife of G.H. Mohr), Jesse L. and Albion. His deceased children were: Julia Merrill, Robert, Bessie, Edith, Charles (died 24 August 1893 of cholera at 7 months of age), Ruth Frances and Antoinette (June 1896- Dec. 1925, married Roy E. Drew 26 September 1919 Antigo). Jesse was born 6 April 1891 and died in June of 1980. He married Alvina Cecelia Lee, 25 June 1912 in Antigo, and they had three children. She died 5 November 1918 of influenza and pneumonia, when their youngest baby was just 2 days old. Jesse then married Angeline Litzen 15 April 1920 in Antigo. Jess was the proprietor of an ice cream parlor and resided in Elcho. Albion M. was born 9 September 1897 and died in December of 1969. He married Beatrice Schule 10 June 1922 in Elcho.

Sarah (Sadie) Olmsted was born 14 March 1874 in Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. She married Fay L. Cusick, son of Franklin and Helen Cusick, 11 January 1900 in Mattoon, Shawano County. Their two daughters were Mildred F. and Alice M.

Nellie May Olmsted was born 30 October 1880 in Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. She married Percy Edward Othersall, son of Robert and Emma Edwards Othersall, 12 August 1902 in Antigo. Percy was a car salesman, in business partnership with his brother-in-law Frank Olmsted. Nellie and Percy had a daughter Norma who was born in 1904 in Antigo. Sadie died in 1958.

*The Leader Post, Regina, SK,
December 1945*



Etta Olmstead and Johnston Seed
d/o Foster and Esther (Nelson) Olmstead

Regina pair mark diamond jubilee

MARK DIAMOND WEDDING DAY: Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Seed, 2824 Twelfth avenue, observed their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday with a family dinner at their home. They have lived in Regina for 18 years. Mr. Seed was one of the earliest settlers in the Tregarva district, arriving in 1882 from Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Seed observed their diamond wedding anniversary Sunday and were honored at a family dinner at their home. Mr. Seed was one of the early settlers of the Tregarva district arriving from Ontario in 1882.

Born in County Down, Ireland, Jan. 3, 1861 Mr. Seed came to Ontario with his parents in 1864. He married **Etta E. Olmstead** in 1885. His wife was born in Osgood county, Ont., Feb. 24, 1863, and accompanied her parents to Gregg district, Manitoba, in 1878.

They have three sons, six daughters, 26 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The sons and daughters are: Ernest Percy and Erwin, Regina; Mrs. Joseph Donaldson, Avonhurst; Mrs. H. Blackstock, Inchkieth; Mrs. A. Hartley, Moose Jaw; Mrs. R. McGregor, Midale; Mrs. Hugh Goudie, Rouleau.

Article from local Newspaper, Carberry, Manitoba, October 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Olmstead Observe Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Abram and Mary Emma (McRae) Olmstead,
s/o Foster and Esther (Nelson) Olmstead

Surrounded by their family and immediate relatives about forty-five of whom partook of dinner with them, receiving callers all afternoon and evening, including Lieutenant Governor R. F. McWilliams and Mrs. McWilliams, and totaling two hundred and forty, and receiving congratulatory messages by wire and post, from as far distant points as Sidney, Nova Scotia, Vancouver, B.C., and Long Beach, Calif. including a personal letter from Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King and one from the Mayor and City Council of Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Olmstead celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead were both born in the vicinity of Ottawa; he at Napeau and she at Bear Brook, and were 83 and 81 years of age respectively in January last. They were married on October 19, 1881, at what is now Petrel, Manitoba, by Rev. Benjamin Franklin.

Mr. Olmstead had come to the district and homesteaded in 1879; he was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Olmstead. Mrs. Mary Emma Olmstead was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McRae.

Following their marriage they farmed in the Kerfoot, now Gregg, district until 1921 when they retired to live in Carberry. Both were devoted workers in the Kerfoot Methodist church. Mr. Olmstead was steward for a period of 33 years, and was delegate to the Manitoba conference on 17 different occasions. Mrs. Olmstead taught in the Sunday school from 1882 until four or five years ago, discontinuing only on account of failing hearing; she is at present superintendent of the home department of Carberry Sunday school. For several years she was also president of the Woman's Missionary society, and is still a faithful attendant at the meetings. Both are still enjoying a remarkable degree of health.

The dinner party of 45 persons on Saturday included their four sons, Howard, Vernon and Percy, of Gregg, and

Wesley, of Portage la Prairie, together with their wives, their daughter, Mrs. G. A. Colpitts, of Strathclair, all of their fourteen grandchildren except Gordon A., only son of Howard Olmstead who is a prisoner of war in Germany; their only great grandchild, wee Beverley Mae Zimmerman, the 6-months' old daughter of Cpl. C. W. Zimmerman of the 18 Reconnaissance Battalion; four of the "bride's" sisters, Mrs. W. J. Stephenson, Mrs. L. R. Burch, Mrs. T. G. McLeod and Mrs. G. A. Edwards; the "groom's" brother, Foster Olmstead and sister, Mrs. John McLeod, and a few very intimate friends.

Sisters of Mr. Olmstead not present were: Mrs. Johnson Seed, Regina; Mrs. A.A. Olmstead, Semans, Sask; Mrs. Geo. Little, Delisle, Sask; and Mrs. Charles Burton, Vancouver. Mrs. Olmstead's brothers, W. P. McRae and J. J. McRae and a sister, Mrs. Robert Lawrence, reside in Vancouver, B.C.

A very pleasing feature of the reception was the gracious call of Hon. R. F. McWilliams, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, and Mrs. McWilliams, who spent an hour both chatting with the older members of the company then present, and expressing pleasure at meeting the grandchildren and the great granddaughter. A request by Miss Jean Olmstead for their autographs was readily accepted to by both His Honour and Mrs. McWilliams.

During the afternoon a delegation from the Carberry United church called; Rev. A. A. Boone read an address and Mrs. Harman Lyons presented Mr. Olmstead with a bouquet of chrysanthemums from the official board while Mrs. Olmstead was presented with a bouquet of carnations and roses from the Sunday school by G. W. Walkey. The congregation of Kerfoot church remembered the pioneer couple with a huge bouquet of golden chrysanthemums. The table, from which tea was served, was covered with a lace cloth, the gift to Mrs. Olmstead from the family, and centered with a three-tiered wedding cake. The tapers were white and yellow. Presiding at the tables were Mrs. Foster Olmstead, Mrs. T. G. McLeod, Mrs. I. R. Burch, Mrs. W. J. Stephenson, Mrs. John McLeod, Mrs. Thos. Dempsey, Miss May Olmstead, Mrs. Percy L. Olmstead, Mrs. Wesley Olmstead, Mrs. G. A. Scott and Mrs. J. W. Scott. Assisting with the serving were the granddaughters, Misses Joyce, Shirley, Jean and Rheta Olmstead, Patricia Colpitts and Mrs. C. W. Zimmerman. Four persons were present on Saturday who attended the wedding sixty years ago: Foster Olmstead, Mrs. Joseph Dempsey, Mrs. Thomas Dempsey and Mrs. John McLeod.

The "wedding" flowers were sent to the Carberry United church for the Sunday morning service and to the Kerfoot church for the evening service. Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead were in attendance at both services, while nineteen other members of the immediate family attended in the evening.

MARGUERITE LILLIAN OLMSTEAD And FREDERICK EARL MCNEIL

By Doreen Dolleman

Frederick Earl McNeil was born in February of 1847 in Barnesville, Ohio, the son of Daniel and Mary McNeil. He was enumerated with them in the 1850 Twin, Ross County, Ohio census. In 1860 he was with his widowed mother and siblings in Petty, Lawrence County, Illinois. Frederick enlisted in the Civil War on the 1st of September 1861 in Sumner, Illinois. He served in the H Company, 11th Regiment of the Missouri Infantry. When the war was over Frederick remained in the military. His enlistment records state that he was a saddler. He was of fair complexion with blue eyes, fair hair and was 5'10 ¾" tall. He enlisted again 18 July 1866 in Company K, 18th Regiment of the U.S. Infantry and was transferred to Company D, 27th Regiment 17 March 1869. In July of 1869 his service expired while in Nebraska. He signed up again 2 April 1870 at Atlanta, Georgia and was discharged 2 April 1875 in Newberry, South Carolina. In August of 1875 he was appointed Commissary Sergeant and was stationed at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, where he remained until 1885.

Frederick married Marguerite Lillian Olmstead on the 17th of June 1878 in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The ceremony was performed by J. C. Bodwell of the First Congregational Church of Leavenworth.

Marguerite was born 14 December 1859 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was the third child of Emerson Olmstead and Margaret Leland Pritchard. Her siblings were Blanche Delaplaine born 6 October 1856 in Illinois, Oscar born in 1858 in Milwaukee, Julia born in 1860 in Milwaukee, Harriet Burnell born 23 June 1864 in Milwaukee, and Archibald in 1868 in Milwaukee. Her family moved to Fort Leavenworth in 1870. Marguerite, her mother, and all her siblings were gifted musicians. Her mother, Mrs. Olmstead, studied piano under the Irish composer, William Vincent Wallace and then taught music and also ran a boarding and day school for young ladies and children. The curriculum was English, French, art and music instruction. Marguerite's brother Archibald was a famous musician and pianist who studied in New York City and Washington DC and then returned to Kansas and started the Winfield College of Music. Marguerite and her sisters were also music teachers.

After her marriage, Marguerite moved with her husband Frederick McNeil to Fort Reno in Oklahoma Territory, where he was the Quartermaster Commissary Sergeant. All four of their children were born during

their time at Fort Reno: Frederick JR, Vesuvius Victor 11 July 1881, Gordon Earl 7 October 1882, and Donald Cameron 5 August 1884. Frederick Jr died 19 February 1881 from malarial fever and is buried at the Fort. Every year there is a reenactment at Fort Reno called "Tombstone Tales" and little Freddie MacNeil is the star character. There is even a coloring book that tells his story! Frederick Sr. was discharged at Fort Reno on 24 April 1885. The family moved to Hyattsville, Maryland where he was Commissary Sergeant at Fort Myer, Virginia. Frederick retired from the military 20 April 1891 after 30 years of service. After retirement he was a teacher at the District of Columbia Reform School for Boys. On the 26th of February 1908 he died of heart problems, at 64 years of age, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. At some point after her husband's death Marguerite changed the family surname to MacNeil and her birth name of Margaret became a fancier Marguerite! She taught piano and was an active member of DAR and the Mayflower Society. In 1929 she graduated from the University of Maryland at 70 years of age – an amazing accomplishment! She died the 22nd of May 1931 in Hyattsville. The MacNeil's son Vesuvius worked as a clerk and journalist for the United States government/ Ordnance Naval Department in Washington DC. He also served in the National Guard and in 1943 he moved to Utah and was posted at headquarters, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas. He died 23 February 1946 in Salt Lake City. Gordon Earl was a distinguished architect, graduating from George Washington University. He designed many beautiful mansions, theaters and buildings in Washington DC and won annual awards for his architectural achievements. He also studied art at Columbian University and was a gifted artist. He died in Hyattsville on the 24th of March 1945 and is buried at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Donald Cameron was a veteran printer for the Army and Navy Register in Washington DC. In his younger days he was a star first baseman for the Hyattsville baseball team. He died the 26th of December 1950 in Hyattsville and is also buried at Fort Lincoln Cemetery with his mother. All three brothers lived with their widowed mother until the time of her death and none were married.

Doreen Dolleman Collected Olmsted/Olmstead Vital Records from Chippewa Co, MI on Her Resent Trip.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN BIRTH RECORDS

Sept. 15, 1870, Elizabeth Olmstead, F/W, Detour, Gardner and Elizabeth of Detour, MI, Fisherman, rec. June 28, 1871.
Jan. 6, 1871, Emma Olmstead, F, Detour, Perry and Ann of Detour, MI, Canada, Fisherman, rec. Sep. 11, 1872.
July, unknown, 1873, Olmstead, F/W, Warner, William and Maria of Warner, both MI, rec. Sep. 15, 1874.
July 17, 1876, Aaron Olmsted, M/W, SSM, William and Maria of Detour, Canada, Unknown, rec. June 1, 1877.
Feb. 20, 1889, Jetta Olmstead, W/F, Pickford, William Olmstead of Pickford, Canada, Farmer, rec. July 3, 1889.
July 31, 1874, Mary Homestead, F/W, SSM, William and Mary of Detour, Both unknown, Fisherman, rec. Sept. 15, 1875.
Jan. 9, 1883, James P. Omstedt, M/W, SSM, William and Muriel of SSM, MI, MI, Laborer.
April 3, 1884, Philip Rice Olmstead, M, Detour, William and Maria of Detour, Detour, Fisherman, rec. May 29, 1885.
Dec. 18, 1890, Clara J. Olmsted, F/W, Detour, Amos and Adeline of Detour, MI, MI, Laborer, June 3, 1891.
March 24, 1892, Arthur Olmsted, M/W, Detour, Amos and Adeline of Detour, MI, MI, Fisherman, rec. June 5, 1893.
Aug. 21, 1892, Willard Olmsted, M/W, Detour, William and Phoebe of Detour, MI, MI, Fisherman, rec. June 2, 1893.
Nov. 2, 1893, Adela Olmsted, F/W, Detour, William and Maria of Detour, MI, MI, Fisherman, rec. May 30, 1894.
Feb. 7, 1894, Nettia Olmstead, F/W, Detour Twp, Amos and Adeline of Detour Twp, MI, MI, Fisherman, rec. May 20 1895.
Sep. 8, 1895, Doyle Olmstead, M/W, Detour, Andrew and Stazy of Detour, MI, MI, Laborer, rec. June 15, 1896.
March 5, 1896, William Levi Olmsted, M/W, Detour Twp, William and Katie of Detour, MI, MI, Fisherman, rec. June 7, 1897.
July 16, 1898, Ruth Olmsted, F/W, Detour, William and Maria of Detour, Bay City, Detour, Fisherman, rec. July 15, 1899.
Feb. 9, 1899, Chester Olmstead, M/W, Detour Village, Althan and Kattie of Detour, MI, MI, Fisherman, rec. July 14, 1900.
Nov. 12, 1899, Erma Reine Olmstead, F/W, SSM, Leslie A. and Olive A. of SSM, Ontario, Sault, MI, Carpenter, rec. July 24, 1900.
Aug. 26, 1901, Amy Irene Olmstead, F/W, Detour, William A. and Kate Amy of Detour, MI, MI, Fisherman, rec. April 30, 1902.
Jan. 8, 1904, Richard Olmstead, M/W, Detour, Henry and Nellie of Detour, MI, OH, Fisherman, rec. May 16, 1905.

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July 23, 1904, Hartwell Olmstead, W/M, Detour, Aaron and Margaret of Detour, MI, Can, Fisherman, rec. May 16, 1905.
Sept. 19, 1904, Florence Taylor Olmstead, F/W, SSM, Leslie and Olive of SSM, Can, MI, Teamster, rec. May 25, 1905.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN MARRIAGES RECORDS, BOOK 3

26 July 1888, Sault Ste. Marie, Amos R., 23, born Detour, fisherman, parents Peter E. and Rhoda (Stiles), to Adeline Closs, 18, St. Ignace, Peter and unknown.
24 June 1891, Detour, Ander, 22, Detour, fisherman, Perry and Annie (King), to Stacy Visnaw, 18, Detour, servant, John and Mathilda (Sheror).
1 June 1895, Detour, Athan 23, Detour, fisherman, William and Maria (Rice), to Katie Anna Comb, 16, Alpena, John and Louise (Parker).
9 Nov. 1898, Detour, Amos R., 33, Detour, fisherman, Peter E. and Rhoda (Styles), to Augusta May Williams, 22, Illinois, domestic, Gustus and unknown.
24 Feb 1899, Pickford, John E., 24, Detour, fisherman, Peter and Rhoda J. (Styles), to Gracie M. Bladimer, 18, Pickford, John and Kate (Williams).
Nov. 1899, Detour, Andrew, 30, Detour, laborer, Perry and Auertina (King), to Lena Lapoint, 16, Detour, domestic, Alexander and Adline (Jondro).
25 Nov. 1903, Detour, Aron J., 27, Detour, MI, fisherman, William and Marian (Rice), to Maggie Codratte, 18, Canada, domestic, Daniel and unknown Giguae.
27 Dec. 1887, Sault Ste. Marie, Denna Myrtle, 16, Detour, Perry and Annie (King), to John C. Rice, 28, Detour, fisherman, Milton and Mary (LaPoint).
16 May 1889, Detour, Emma, 18, Bruce Mines, Perry and Anna (King), to Paul LaPlant, 22, Detour, fisherman, Joseph and Rosa (LaLoint). Witness Phoebe Olmstead.
2 Oct. 1889, Sault Ste. Marie, Charlotte, 22, Meaford, resides Strongville, D. Olmstead, to Joseph Gillespie, 30, Scotland, resides Strongville, farmer, W. and Ellen (Pemren), witnesses William McAleer of Meaford and Bertha Cameron of Rose-dale.
19 July 1892, Detour, Pheba, 18, Detour, William and Maria, to William A. Jones, Humphrey and Jane (Hodge).
19 Sept. 1900, Sault Ste. Marie, Almira, 24, Ontario, Gardner and Elizabeth Rousseau, to George Montgomery, 27, NY, timber, Kenneth and Sarah (McLean).
Aug. 1901, Sault Ste. Marie, Minnie, 24, Detour, Peter and Rhody, to Fred Payment, 29.
24 Jan. 1912, Emmett, Levi E., 33, Detour, druggist, William and Maria, to Margaret Agnes Weldon, 27, Emmett, teacher.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN DEATHS RECORDS, BOOK 1-2

Agnes, 23 Dec. 1870, Detour, 8 yrs, scarlet fever, born Detour, Gardner and Elizabeth Olmstead of Detour
Matilda, 24 Dec. 1870, Detour, 6 yrs, scarlet fever, born Detour, Gardner and Elizabeth Olmstead of Detour
Matilda, 1 Jan 1871, Detour, 2 yrs, 7mo, 8 da, scarlet fever, born Detour, Gardner and Elizabeth Olmstead of Detour
Agnes, 3 Jan. 1871, Detour, 4 yrs, 1 mo, 20 da, scarlet fever, born Detour, Gardiner and Elizabeth Olmstead of Detour
Enoch, 15 Oct. 1872, Detour, 72 yrs 6 mo 17 da, widowed, old age, Canada, sailor, father and mother unknown
_____, 1873, Warner (Detour), female, inflammation of lung, William and Maria of Warner
Charlotte V., 18 April 1889, Pickford, 31, married, consumption, born Canada
Madeline, 5 Nov. 1896, Detour, 26 yrs 3 mo 2da, married, consumption
Baby, 15 Jan. 1899, Detour, male, died at birth, loss of vital powers, Andrew and Stacy (Visnau)
Aldina, 25 April 1901, Detour, 28 yrs 3mo, married, TB, res. Canada, Perry (born Ohio) and Anna (King)
E.L., March or April 1904, Detour, 2 mo 5 da, bronchitis, born Michigan, H. Olmsted and L. Kelly
Annie, 6 Dec 1906, Detour, married, pulmonary TB, born Canada, housewife, d/o Mike King
Henry C.M., 15 Dec. 1909, Detour, 1 yr 11 mo, whooping cough, born Michigan, Henry and Ellen (Kelly), res. Ohio
Perry, 5 March 1909, Sault Twp, 77 yr 1 mo 6 da, widow, mitral insufficiency, farmer, born US
John Chauncy, 18 Nov. 1915, Drummond Twp, Chippewa Co., 34 yr 8 mo 4 da, single, accidentally shot while hunting, fisherman, William and Mynor (Rice)
Leo Weldon, 19 Jan 1916, Rudyard, 5 mo 6 da, acute indigestion, born Michigan, Levi E. and Margaret (Weldon)
James Austin, 20 Oct. 1916, Detour, 2 mo 18 da, cholera infantum, born Michigan, Dell Olmsted and Edward Krouse
Leeland James, 6 Dec. 1919, Detour, 2 yr 3 mo 22 da, 2nd degree burns, born Michigan, Levi William and Ida (LaPlant)
Stillborn baby, male, 6 April 1919, Detour, Levi and Ida (LaPlant)
Milton Robert, 3 Sept. 1921, Sault Ste. Marie, 10 mo. 24 da, cholera infantum, born Michigan, Andrew and Theresa B.

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Henry James, 1 Oct. 1923 Sault Ste Marie, 55 yr 6 mo 28 da, chronic lephritis, sailor, born Michigan, Gardner and Elizabeth Bourasau, Canada

Anna Myrias, 22 Sept. 1928 Detour, 74 yr 7 mo 23 da, carcinaus of nasal and throat, housewife, Milton Rice and Mary LaPaint, England

William, 12 Feb. 1929, Detour, 82 yr 10 mo 28 da, widow, bronchial, fisherman, born Michigan, Enoch of Ohio and Sarah of England.

William, 16 Feb. 1929, Detour, 82 yr 10 mo 28 da, widow, fisherman, born Bay City, Enoch of Ohio and Sarah of England

Andrew A., 24 Dec. 1942, Detour, 73 yr 9 mo 13 da, married, paralysis

HOMMEL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Carlton and Margaretta Hommel
September 27, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. **Carlton Olmsted Hommel**, of Leesburg, FL and Frye Island, ME, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, September 27, 2007 in Framingham, MA. Their sons, Carlton Barten, Frederick Olmsted and Andrew William Hommel, presented their parents with a party on Adams Road, across the street from the former Hommel home.

Mrs. Hommel was the former Miss Margaretta Ann Barten, daughter of William Frederick and Mildred (White) Barten. Born in Manhattan, NY, she grew up in Albany, NY. She attended Albany High School, and was graduated from Goucher College, in Townsend, MD, (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1955, and received the Degree of Master of Science in Mathematics/Computer Science from Northeastern University in 1977.



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September 27, 2007

Mr. Hommel was the son of Carlton Loos and Dorothy (Olmsted) Hommel, who was a descendant of Jeremiah and Mercy (Wells) Olmsted, of Hope, Montgomery Co., and Spafford, Onondaga Co., New York. He was born and raised in Syracuse, NY. He attended Nottingham High School in Syracuse, and the Loomis Institute in Windsor, CT. He was graduated from Clarkson College in Potsdam, NY in 1951, and received a Master of Science in Chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy NY, in 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Hommel were married in the First Unitarian Church in Albany, NY, by the Rev. James Madison Barr, on September 27, 1957. They lived in Queens, NY, Framingham, MA, Huntington, NY, and then returned to Framingham to live until their retirements in 1993.

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