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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

Our snow is almost gone and our days are getting longer. If I had my income tax finished I would be already for spring.

Olmstead research has been pretty slow the past few months with nothing of significance found. Our local library recently subscribed to two genealogy databases (Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry Library) and this will provide sources I have never used before.

In the last few months some other cousins and myself have sent Carl pictures of a number of the descendants of our patriarch Gideon Olmstead (1768-1837) and these have been added to the jabezolmsted.com website. Much more can be done in this regard and this is just a reminder to all that this pictorial gallery exists and that this is as great way to archive family pictures.

Louise Williams of Vancouver, a first cousin once removed and a Jabez descendant, started a second career a few years ago working with Bears, that's right those big furry wild animals that most people try to avoid. Bears are an issue in BC, Alberta and Ontario and they can be found in most other provinces as well. They are an issue in many parts of the U.S. As humans spread

into their habitat they are displaced and most people have no patience for dealing with them. Part of Louise's roll in Bear Response I suppose is to mediate between the needs of Bears and the life styles of humans. I hope you find her story an interesting diversion from our family history information.

I leave you with this quotable quote from Leon J. Suenes "Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true"

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. This section includes a picture of the Jabez descendants at the last OFA reunion in New Brunswick. See page 9.

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.

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Israel Olmsted, Part 4

by
Doreen Dolleman

This will be my last article in the descendants of Israel and Elizabeth Haskins Olmsted series. I am finishing up with the youngest son and the daughters of Ephraim Olmsted (son of Israel and Elizabeth). I have convinced Lorne Olmsted to write an article on Albert, the one son of Ephraim and Hester not yet covered. He is a descendant of this family, an excellent researcher and writer. I am so excited that he has agreed to do it.

James Jason Olmsted was the youngest child of Ephraim Olmsted and Hester Breckenridge. He was born 9 August 1841 in Ross Township, Renfrew County, Ontario. He was called Jim. An old Clintonville newspaper article written in August of 1958, tells of his coming to Matteson Township with his parents in 1859 and settling on the banks of the Pigeon River, two miles east of Clintonville, Waupaca County. The article tells about the family's late summer excursions, picking blackberries along with neighbors who all loaded their wagons with camping gear for overnight trips to the berry fields on the Menominee Indian reservation. They would pick for a day or two, each person gathering thirty or forty quarts of berries a day. In the evenings five to twenty families would gather around the campfire to have a good time together, including the Indians. There was also good fishing and hunting and the "large table at the Olmsted home was always thought of by the neighbors as groaning with good things to eat." Jim was a farmer and his brother Ephraim lived on the farm just west of him. A biographical sketch of James Olmsted, in "Soldier's Album of Personal Records", states that he was reared and educated on a farm in the Dominion until 1858 when he came to Clintonville, Wisconsin. He married Ellen Allender 20 April 1863 in Shawano, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of William Daniel Allender and Sarah Lashley who moved to Shawano County, Wisconsin from Ohio. Jim and Ellen's first child was born in December of 1863 and in January of 1864 Jim enlisted in Company G, 3rd Wisconsin Calvary. He became a corporal in 1864 and was discharged in November of 1865.

His Civil War service took him to Little Rock and Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas, Huntsville, Alabama and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was on picket and guard duty, escorted supply trains and was involved in skirmishes with "guerrilla's and bushwhackers". On the Midwestern plains he suffered severe hardship in long marches, and due to lack of proper food, exposure, intense labor in building of forts, became permanently disabled. After the war he returned home to farming in Matteson Township. Ellen and Jim had five children: Theodore, William, Alvin, Ellen and Elizabeth. Ellen died in childbirth 19 March 1871. Her sister Susan Allender came to care for the children and nearly a year later married Jim on 27 January 1872. They had nine children together: Guy, Sarah, Margaret, Lydia, Judd, Carlton, Harrison, Morton and Faye. Although Jim was a farmer, he and his family logged during the winter. His logs were marked with the initials "J J O". Jim ran his own log drives on the Pigeon and Embarrass Rivers to the sawmill at New London.



**James Jason and Susan (Allender) Olmsted
s/o Ephraim and Hester (Ester) Olmsted**

Jim died 31 August 1919 in Deer Creek, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Susan Allender Olmsted died in 1929. Jim and both his wives are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Embarrass and there are stones for all three

1. Theodore James was born 23 December 1863 and died 1 June 1920 in Plummer, Idaho. He married Mary Elizabeth Porte 2

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April 1890 in Clintonville. He came to the Te-koa, Washington area in 1908 and was a lumber dealer and owned a sawmill. Theo and Libbie had 8 children: Lola May 1891 (married Fred Miller), Leo Milton 1893, Marvin Theodore 1895, Stewart Victor 1897, Harold Victor, Irene Harriet, Lynn William and Stella Lanore. Theo died from burns when he was scalded from steam at his sawmill. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Spokane.

2. William Prosper was born in 1866 and died in 1932. He married Mrs. Calista (nee Lucia) Styche 18 November 1905 in Waupaca County. She was the widow of William Styche and had 3 children: Elsie, Inez and Russel. In 1910 they lived in Clintonville and William was a railroad engineer. By 1920 they were living in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin where William still was an engineer. Calista died 5 October 1929 in Beaver Dam and was buried with her daughter Elsie (died in 1903) in St. Rose Cemetery in Clintonville.
3. Alvin Benjamin was born in 1867 and died 24 February 1959 in Campbell River, British Columbia. He married Orva Warren 1 March 1889 in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. She died 6 May 1892 at 24 years, 9 months, and 14 days of age and was buried in St. Rose Cemetery, Clintonville. Alvin then married Rebecca Bolster in Wisconsin. Rebecca died 28 November 1948 in Whaletown, BC. She was 69 years, 9 months and 15 days old. When Alvin came out west he was in Anacortes, Washington for a time and then moved on to British Columbia. He was a logger and also worked on river drives. He retired to Whaletown on Cortez Island in 1939. Both Alvin and Rebecca are buried in Whaletown Cemetery. Alvin was a cheerful man and loved to entertain with humorous stories about the good old days. They had four children: Isabelle Bessie born 16 June 1906 in Wisconsin and died of acute dysentery on 21 February 1908 in Anacortes, Washington, Kenneth, Allen and Noreen (married A. Tander).
4. Ellen E. (Ella) was born in January of 1870

and died in 1943 in Washington. She married Lorenzo Church 6 July 1889 in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. They had two children: Arnold born 1894 in Wisconsin (married Pearl) and Maureen born 1901 in Wisconsin. The family moved to Kenmore, Washington. In the 1930 census, a ten year old grandson named Arthur Powell lived with Lorenzo and Ella in Kenmore. By 1940 Lorenzo had died and Ella was married to a Mr. Skanser.

5. Elizabeth Mary (Libbie) was born 19 March 1871 and died in 1950. Libbie was raised by the Allender family. She married Howard McClurg of Toledo, Ohio in 1920. They had no children.
6. Guy Welcome was born 27 August 1873 and died 12 December 1940. He married Rachel Church (sister of his brother-in-law Lorenzo Church) 30 May 1898 in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Their children were: Lloyd (26 February 1899-26 January 1966), Grace, Richard (6 February 1902-July 1984), Guy (15 May 1903-October 1987), Virgil, Elva, Mildred (born 1 February 1915, married Erick Kerstner, died 13 October 2004), Fay, Ivan (born 10 March 1919-5 August 1994) and Irvin (10 March 1919- August 1970), Arlynn, and Jack Robert. Guy was a farmer in Clintonville. According to his WW1 draft registration he had blue eyes and black hair.
7. Sarah Lillian (Sadie) was born 14 March 1874 and died 15 January 1948 in Howe, Texas. She was first married to Harry Matheson Hoare, a traveler, on 11 February 1895 at Windsor, Ontario. They were likely divorced as Harry lived with his father in Louisiana for decades after his failed marriage. Sadie's second marriage was to Samuel Houston Thompson (no record was found in the pre 1907 Wisconsin index). The only clue as to a date is the 1910 census which records they had been married for 9 years. After her second marriage Sadie always went by her middle name Lillian. She and Sam were in Howe, Grayson County, Texas by 1910 and lived there until their deaths. Sam was a real estate man. He died 20 February 1944. They had no children.
8. Margaret W. was born in January of 1878. She

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- married John Bernard Johnson and they lived in Clintonville and then Minneapolis. Their children were: Roy, Harold and Cecil.
9. Lydia Warren was born in February of 1880 and died in 1954. She married Ben B. Porter on 11 October 1905 in Waupaca, Wisconsin. They moved to southern California. Their children were: Genevieve, Francis, and Gordon.
 10. Judson Harold was born 14 April 1882 and died 25 December 1935 in Wisconsin. He married Frances Calvin. Judd was a machinist. In his WW1 draft registration he was described as having brown eyes and brown hair. Judd and Frances had one son Roy.
 11. Carlton Harold was born 24 May 1887 and died 26 August 1961 in Los Angeles, California. He married Louise Neitzke and was living in Gurney, Wisconsin in the 1920 and 1930 census. Carl was a farmer and foreman on the county roads. They had no children.
 12. Harrison Benjamin was a twin born 19 January 1889 and died 25 November 1970 in Kelso, Washington. He was buried in Cowlitz View Memorial Gardens in Kelso. He married Martha C. (Myrtle) Hanish (4 June 1891-16 August 1980). His WW1 draft registration describes him as having black eyes and black hair. Harrison and Myrtle were living in Plummer, Idaho in 1920 and Potlatch, Idaho in 1930. Their children were: Vernon (married Ruth. He died in a sawmill accident in Idaho, when a board running through the blade pierced his abdomen), Cedric, Earl and Nina.
 13. Morton L. was a twin born 19 January 1889 and died 27 March 1959 in Kelso, Washington. He was buried in Cowlitz View Memorial Gardens in Kelso. He married Mary E. Benson (8 July 1897-21 June 1977). Morton's WW1 draft registration states that he had brown eyes and black hair. In 1920 he was living in Deer Creek, Wisconsin and in 1930 in Potlatch, Idaho. Their children were: Florence V., Imogene S., and Roger.
 14. Faye G. was stillborn on 6 December 1893 in Clintonville, Wisconsin and buried in the backyard of the Olmsted farm.

Ephraim and Hester Olmsted had only three daugh-

ters: Hester Ann, Elizabeth and Margaret. Hester Olmsted was their 5th child and was born around 1835 in Ontario. She married James Rose 24 March 1851 in Bathurst District. Her residence was Ross and his was Westmeath. The witnesses were William Rose and Jonas Smith. Hester and James were married in a joint ceremony with her brother Ephraim Olmsted JR. and his bride Mary Ann Papa. The minister was Episcopalian. James Rose was the brother of Hannah Rose who married Hester Olmsted's brother Basil Olmsted. James and Hannah's parents were John Levi Rose and Isabella Boulton. James and Hester had at least two children: John born about 1853 and Charlotte born about 1854. William Rose, who was born 20 November 1857, named his parents as James and Susan Rose (Susan or Susannah was the second wife of James), so it appears that Hester died before 1857. James Rose and Susan moved to Hastings County, Ontario and had a large family.

Elizabeth Olmsted was the 6th child of Ephraim and Hester. She was born around 1836 and appeared in the 1851 census of Ross, Renfrew County, Ontario at the age of 16. She was enumerated with her widowed father Ephraim and her siblings, Albert, Margaret and James. She was not with her father in the 1860 census of Matteson, Wisconsin so possibly married in Ontario, Wisconsin, or died.

Margaret Olmsted was the 8th child of Ephraim and Hester. She was born 27 October 1840 in Ontario and moved to Matteson, Wisconsin with her father. She married David A. Matteson 2 October 1861 in Appleton, Wisconsin. He was the son of Roswell and Miranda (Palmer) Matteson. The township was named after Roswell Matteson. David and Margaret had four children: John D, Gertrude Miranda, Lydia Edith and Kathryn Iris. David was a farmer in Matteson. He died 3 March 1896. Margaret was in the 1905 and 1910 census of Norwood, Langlade County. In 1905 she was in her own home and was a gardener. Her son John lived near her in Norwood. In 1910 she was living with her daughter Kathryn and son-in-law Leon Norloch. In 1920 Margaret was with Kathryn and

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son-in-law Charles Perling in Stanley, Chippewa County. Margaret died 28 April 1924 in Clintonville. David, Margaret and all their children except Kathryn are buried in Graceland Cemetery.

1. John Matteson was born in 1862 and died in 1933. He married Ida Voight 22 October 1888 in Langlade. He was a saloonkeeper in Norwood. John and Ida had two children, David A. and Viola.
2. Gertrude Miranda was born in 1866 and died in 1942. She married Judd Martin Wait 20 August 1884. Judd was in the meat business in Embarrass, Matteson Twp. They had three children: Hugh Shannon born 4 May 1885 – 11 March 1957 (married Cora Stillman 5 May 1906), Stella born 2 April 1889, and Gertrude born 22 January 1893. Gertrude and Judd were divorced by the 1910 census and she later married a Mr. Werner. Gertrude is buried in Graceland Cemetery.
3. Lydia Edith (she was called Edith) was born 29 August 1869 in Monroe County, Wisconsin. Her parents lived in the town of Little Falls for a short time. She married John F. Kaufman 10 September 1887 in Winnebago County. John was a proprietor of a sawmill in Norwood. Edith died in 1924 and is buried in Graceland Cemetery. Their children were: Margaret born June 1888, Elmer born January 1890, Glenn born June 1891 and twins Roy and Ray born June 1895.
4. Kathryn Iris was born 8 May 1881 in Waupaca County. She was married numerous times, but not all the records have been found. At age 19, in the 1900 census, she was married to a James A. Mose and lived in Norwood. Her mother Margaret lived with them. James was a bookkeeper. On 7 June 1904 she married again, but the index does not name the groom. By 1910 she was married to a Leon Norloch, still in Norwood with mother Margaret in their household. By 1920 Kathryn was married to Charles Perling, lived in Stanley, Chippewa County, and had a 2 year old daughter Alice. Mother Margaret Matteson lived with them. Kathryn died in Los Angeles, California 26 October 1981. By then her married name was Johnston.

Announcing a New Olmste(a)d Internet Site

For more than a year working off and on gathering materials and thinking about what should and shouldn't be placed on an Internet website, I decided it was time to publish it even though it is far from finished. I invite all with computer access to visit:

www.olmsteadfamily.com

or

www.olmstedfamily.com

Either form of the name will take you to the same place.

You will find the beginnings of what I plan to expand over time. At present it is just text and not even layed out in more than just plain paragraph format. Graphics and other elements will follow.

When you look at the contents page you will note that I have plans for many pages that currently do not exist. You will also note that it is almost everything but genealogy, though there are some pages that do have some genealogical information such as a list of "Olmste(a)d Immigrants" and "Disconnected Olmste(a)ds." It is not my plan to put the genealogy up on line; at some time in the future I may put up an outline covering the family in the 1600s and early 1700s. I know that this may be a disappointment to some; I still am willing to share the information from my file of 90,000+ Olmste(a)ds and descendants; just contact me directly.

I welcome your comments, corrections, and suggestions--particularly on what you would like to see added.

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WILLIAM CURTIS OLMSTEAD

By Doreen Dolleman

This past year I finally solved a mystery in my immediate Olmstead family line. It has been such a fun adventure and has involved meeting newly found cousins and even a family reunion! The puzzle was over William Olmstead, brother of my great great grandfather, David Olmstead. He did appear in the 1871 census of Walter's Falls, Ontario, but that was the very last record I could find so always wondered what became of him or if he had died before the 1881 census. Then a few years ago when we did some research in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan at the county court house I found a death record of Charlotte Victoria McAleer Olmstead, her obituary, and also land records for Charlotte and her husband William. This was an exciting find for me because I now had discovered not just one, but two missing ancestors! My great great grandfather David Olmstead was married to Jane McAleer and Charlotte was her youngest sister. Charlotte also had done a disappearing act after the 1871 census when she was still a young girl living with her parents in Meaford, Ontario. No one amongst the McAleer descendants knew what happened to her. So now I had new information that put my two missing ancestors together as a married couple – two brothers who married two sisters! This exciting discovery led me eventually to a nearly complete family history on William Olmstead.

William Olmstead was the son of Solomon Durkee Olmstead and Louisa Harris. He was born 11 Sept. 1847 in Burritt's Rapids, Ontario. He married Margaret Hayes in 1866 in Collingwood, Ontario. In the 1871 Walter's Falls census William and Margaret were enumerated next to his brother Richard Olmstead and wife Eliza. William was a carpenter and was working at his brother's sawmill. By 1873 William and Margaret were living in Osprey Twp. in Grey Co. Their names appear as witnesses in several marriage records in Osprey. There is no record of Margaret's death, so do not know if she died or if they were divorced. William next married Charlotte Victoria McAleer (daughter of William McAleer and Nancy Brown) of Meaford, Grey Co, Ontario. They had 2 children. William had moved to Chippewa County, Michigan in 1872. On June 28, 1883 William declared his intention to become a United States citizen. His father Solomon had applied the previous year. Charlotte died 18 April 1889 in Pickford, Chippewa Co, Michigan from TB. Her obituary stated that she had 2 young children, but I had no clues as to their names, sex or ages as they did not appear in Michigan census records. Eventually I found a birth record of one daughter, Jetta Anna born just 2 months before her mother's death. At that point I made no further

progress in Michigan records so concentrated on what became of William after his wife's death. I had many times searched the U.S. census for a clue to his whereabouts, but only came up with one William Olmstead, born in Canada of the right age, living in Buffalo, New York in 1900 and Potter Co, PA in 1910. He had a wife Florence and 3 children. I contacted the Potter County Historical Society and they were able to find a marriage record for William Curtis Olmstead and Florence Card in 1893. He named his parents as Solomon and Louisa Olmstead – BINGO! I also obtained cemetery and estate records, and William's obituary.

The next major breakthrough happened when I was browsing Ontario vital records on Ancestry.com and discovered a marriage record of Jetta Anna Olmstead of Napanee, Lennox and Addington Co, who was born in Michigan and exactly the right age to be William's daughter. With such an unusual name, it had to be her! Her marriage record named her parents as Peter Gould and Mary Dorn of Napanee. Then I found a marriage record of a Beatrice Olmsted, born in USA, with a Jettah (sic) Gould as her witness. I now had the names of both children of William and Charlotte Olmstead. It was then easy to find them on census records and discover that each had been adopted by two different families in the Napanee area by 1891. I contacted the Lennox and Addington Historical Society and they were such a wonderful help in providing me with newspaper articles and other records on both girls. They also helped me make contact with a grandson (Bill Denison) of Beatrice. He was just as excited as I was to find a lost cousin and to learn about all the new discoveries! His family had known their grandmother was adopted, but knew nothing more about it. When Bill learned that my husband and I were to be traveling to Maryland in September, he invited us to stop by Napanee on our way and meet him. Soon he had an entire family reunion planned with all the deceased children of Beatrice represented by the presence of the grandchildren. One grandson came from San Francisco just to be there with the family and to meet us. We had a wonderful time getting to know each other, visited the two cemeteries in Napanee where Beatrice and Jetta were buried and spent an entire day sharing photos and stories. They had a catered dinner and surprised us with a 40th wedding anniversary cake. We were so touched by their kindness and enthusiasm over two total strangers coming to visit! I have compiled all the information collected on William and his two families. His children by Charlotte Victoria McAleer were:

Beatrice Victoria was born 5 Sept. 1885 in Pickford, Michigan. She was adopted by William A. and Margarita Fretz Smith of Richmond, Lennox County, Ontario sometime before the 1891 census. Beatrice was the youngest of their children. She married Robert Bertram Thompson on 25 September 1905 in Richmond. Her sister Jetta Gould was a witness to her marriage. Beatrice had five children: Marjory (married Merle Denison), Claire (married Arnold Rogers), Marion (married William Sharon), Jetta (married Walter Wilson), and Maurice Thompson (married Meta Godfrey). Bert and Beatrice had a grocery business in Napanee. Bert died in February of 1942 and Beatrice died 27 October 1978 in Deseronto, Ontario. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Napanee.

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Jetta Anna was born 20 Feb. 1889 in Pickford, Michigan. She was adopted by Peter and Mary Maranda Dorn Gould of Napanee, Lennox and Addington County, Ontario. She was their only child. Peter was a cheesemaker and later had a grocery store in Napanee. Jetta married Hugh Charles Lyons in Belleville on 13 March 1916. Hugh died in Assininboia, Sask. On 23 Oct. 1918 of Spanish influenza. Jetta then married Ross Lavell Sexsmith 7 February 1923 in Napanee. She died of TB in Belleville, Ontario on 11 April 1929. Jetta was buried in the Riverview Cemetery in Napanee. There is no stone for her, but she is buried in her father's plot which has a large monument. Her obituary does not mention any children, however there is a photo of Jetta and Ross holding a baby girl named Frances Anna.

William Olmstead must have given his daughters up for adoption shortly after Charlotte's death in 1889 as both girls are in the 1891 Ontario census with their adoptive families. There are no clues as to how or why they ended up so far away from Michigan, and a mystery as to why an Olmstead or McAleer relative did not raise the girls. Beatrice remembered her father carrying her mother, who was very ill, to sit in the garden. She also remembered that soon after her mother died another woman lived with them and was not nice to Beatrice and Jetta.

William Olmstead resided in Harvey, Cook County, Illinois for a time after Charlotte's death. It was a new city just in the process of being built. William was a carpenter and probably moved from place to place where ever there was work. On 24 Aug. 1893 in Roulette, Potter Co, PA he married Florence Card, daughter of Benjamin Card and Louisa Grimes. They had three children; Louisa Beagie born 4 Nov. 1894 in Pennsylvania, Ennah Belle (also spelled Ennabel) born 7 April 1897 in New York, and Zerell Milton born 1 March 1898 in Silver Creek, NY. In the 1900 census they were living in Buffalo, NY. They later returned to PA and lived both in Potter Co. and neighboring Liberty Twp. in McKean Co. William died 27 Feb. 1918, his body found floating in the Allegany River. It was never known how the accident happened, but it was determined that he died before his body was in the water. He had not been in good health for some time. He was a mechanic at the time of his death. Florence died 24 Aug. 1931 and both are buried in Card Cemetery in Burtville, Potter Co. Louisa Olmstead married Lester Byron Simar in 1915. They had a daughter Thelma B., born 5 Jan. 1921 and died 15 Dec. 2003. She never married. Louisa died 14 June 1967 and Lester died 5 Feb. 1969. All three are buried in Card Creek Cemetery. Ennabel married Chester Franklin Simar (twin brother of Lester Simar) in 1915. They had one son Delton W. Simar born 20 May 1921. Chester and Ennabel were divorced and she later married Theodore R. Naegely. Both are buried in Fairview Cemetery in Port Allegany. Ennabel died in 1967 and Theodore in 1973. Zerell's WW1 draft registration describes him as medium height and build with brown hair and brown eyes. He appeared in the 1930 census in Liberty Twp., mar-



Beatrice Victoria Olmstead Smith, 1875-1978
w/o Robert Bertram Thompson
d/o William Curtis Olmstead & Charlotte Victoria McAleer
Gd/o Solomon Durkee Olmstead and Louisa Harris



Jetta Anna Olmstead Gould, 1889 - 1929
w/o Hugh Charles Lyons & Ross Lavell Sexsmith
d/o William Curtis Olmstead & Charlotte Victoria McAleer
Gd/o Solomon Durkee Olmstead and Louisa Harris

ried to a Fossie, with daughters Helen and Patricia. He was a driller in the oil fields. He died 3 March 1940 in a hospital in Olean, New York where he was taken after being

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struck by a wrench which fell from a drilling mast in Port Allegany. His wife, who was named in his obit was the former Ruth Wicks. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery at Port Allegany.

After we left the reunion in Napanee, Ontario we drove to Port Allegany, Pennsylvania to continue on the trail of William and his second family. We found the homes and the graves of William, Florence, their 3 children and mates. We also visited Simar relatives and learned more about the personal lives of the William Olmstead family. At the local library I unearthed a folder in a file cabinet with original old school and company photos. I actually found one of Louisa Olmstead with her high school graduating class in 1913, one of Zerell Olmstead and Chester Simar at the Mississippi Glass Company (Port Allegany), and the program of Ennabel's high school graduation in 1914. I was able to get decent copies with my digital camera.

Not only did I learn more than I ever expected, but in the process had an experience I will always treasure.



Louisa Beagie Olmstead, 1894- 1967
w/o Lester Byron Simar
d/o William Curtis Olmstead & Florence Card
Gd/o Solomon Durkee Olmstead and Louisa Harris

The Bears and I

By

Louise Williams

I've been asked to tell about my job and how I got involved with bears. About 3 years ago my dog's vet, who is also a wildlife vet, was talking to me about my work and indicated that he had an opening for someone to help with orphan grizzlies at a grizzly bear refuge. I started with admiration for, but not a tremendous knowledge about bears. In a very short time I had learned enough about them to know that this is where I wanted to be. Our four orphan grizzlies were amazingly intelligent and caring animals and watching their daily antics and normal behavior was a true education on my part into the world of bears.

I discovered that they were not the ferocious, bloodthirsty animals Hollywood has painted them to be. After 3 years with the orphan grizzlies, an opportunity arose to work with bears in the wild and do bear response in the town of Golden, BC. Besides the humorous experiences of plunking a city girl down in a small town, there were many many things I learned about bears in the wild. In the past three years I have met over 100 bears- both black bears and grizzlies, none of which showed any aggression towards me. They continue to amaze me with their true nature, which is often amusing and always interesting. Yes, they are wild

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Zerell Milton Olmstead, 1898- 1940
h/o Ruth ("Flossie") Wicks
s/o William Curtis Olmstead & Florence Card
Gs/o Solomon Durkee Olmstead and Louisa Harris

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animals and yes you need to know how to act around them, but indeed they are wonderful animals. My friends are always asking for my latest bear stories of which I have an endless supply.

For anyone interested in learning about grizzly bears, the best book I've read on the subject is written by an Alberten named Charlie Russell. The book is called "Grizzly Heart".



Louise Evelyn Williams
d/o Mary Kilgour and Steve Williams
G Gdau of Foster Olmstead and Esther Nelson

1912 Olmsted Genealogy Now Available on CD

James G. Ferris, a 5th generation descendant of Sylvanus and Sarah (4471 *) (Olmstead) Ferris of Galesburg, IL, and genealogist of the Ferris Family in America, realized the need for the 1912 Olmsted Genealogy for his family and others and undertook the mammoth project of keying the entire volume into a set of seven MS Word documents; the PDF files can be viewed using Adobe reader.

There are separate files for the lines of James, Richard, Jabez and other Olmsteds, just as they were in the original 1912 book and the six supplements. He added corrected and updated information on the Ferris family descendants. These files have been placed on a CD.

Also included on the CD are scanned images of all of the original illustrations that can be viewed or copied into your own genealogy file; I'm sure Jim would appreciate a credit for his work if you use the images. [Note: no index is needed; just use the FIND <Control + F> to locate any character string (i.e., name).]

Jim will make copies of the CD for \$10, postpaid. Send your check to James Ferris, 271 Dug Hill Rd., Brownsboro, AL 35741-9337. For more information contact him at jgferris@ferristree.com or view his website "Bombs & Bones" at www.ferristree.com.



Olmste(a)d Family Association Reunion at Fredericton, NB in August 2003.

Back row L - R: Len (husband of Linda Welch); Robert Omsted; Jack Olmstead; Carlton Olmsted Hommel; Lorne Olmstead; Joe Barber; Wade Fuller.

Front row L - R: Marion (wife of Robert Omstead); Linda Welch; Stella (wife of Jack Olmstead); Ruby (wife of Lorne Olmstead); Margaret Fuller; Marjorie Olmstead; Isabelle Davis.

OLMSTED'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 also 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/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=surnames.olmstead> and at:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=surnames.olmstead>

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.



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