

# NEWSLETTER JABEZ OLMSTED OF WARE



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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.

## JOE BARBER'S COLUMN

As I set down to write this column in the evening of October 31 it is the end of a perfect fall day. Sunny with above normal temperature and little wind it was an ideal day for working on those fall chores. It was a great evening for trick or treaters but very few showed up and that seemed rather strange. I'm told that our American cousins make a lot more of Halloween than we do. One of the highlights of our summer was attending the harvest celebrations on September 6<sup>th</sup> put on at the Sukanen Ship and Pioneer Village Museum which is located 13 kilometers south of Moose Jaw, SK. This museum depicts pioneer life on the prairies from the turn of the century until the 1930s and 40s. In addition to streets of the usual pioneer era businesses, there is an extensive collection of classic and vintage cars, trucks and farm tractors. A grain elevator is on site although it is not open for viewing at the present time.

A threshing demonstration was put on and the threshing machine was driven by a steam tractor. A tractor pull finished off the day. The home where John Diefenbaker grew up is at the museum. Mr. Diefenbaker became a lawyer, a politician and was Prime Minister of Canada from 1957-1963.

The most spectacular exhibit is the remains of a steel-clad, steamboat which was constructed by Tom Sukanen. Tom Sukanen was born in Finland in 1888. Due to the economic conditions which existed in Finland around the turn of the century he emigrated to the United States and settled in Minnesota where he eventually married and fathered a son and two daughters.

In 1911 Tom left his family and walked to the Macrorie district of Saskatchewan. He was a skilled carpenter, blacksmith, metal worker and mechanic; he designed his own tools, implements and household items. It was said that in his prime he had the strength of three men.

In the early 1920's Tom began to talk about building a steamboat and sailing home to Finland by way of the South Saskatchewan River (he was 17 miles from the River), Hudson's Bay, Greenland and Iceland. Around 1929 shipments of steel, metal cable and like supplies for eastern factories began to arrive at the Macrorie railway station. Eventually every part of the steam boat was completed but there remained the task of bringing the pieces together and moving them to the river. He was able to move the hull and keel some 2 miles by winch; however he never got any farther. Over the years Tom had become completely obsessed by his creation. Inevitably his health both physically and mentally deteriorated and he died April 23, 1943. He was buried in the Hospital Cemetery at North Battleford. In January of 1972 the hull & keel of his ship were brought to the Pioneer Village Museum and Tom's remains were later re-interred beside his ship.

Sometimes one meets Olmstead cousins in unexpected places. A few weeks ago an Olmstead lady was having her daughter baptized at the church we attend. After the service I introduced myself and we have talked more since. Over the summer I have made contact with two other Olmstead families as well. I'm looking forward to learning more about these distant cousins in the months ahead.

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# *Dish-to-Pass Luncheon Invitation*

If you live in or visit central Florida, we would like to invite you to our second dish-to-pass luncheon, Thursday, February 5, 2009 at Westgate Villas, West Kissimmee, hosted by Mary & Walt Steesy. Please RSVP either by e-mail ([WaltSteesy@aol.com](mailto:WaltSteesy@aol.com)) or phone (607-532-4204) for directions. We hope this will become an annual event. Kissimmee is just a few miles from Disney Land.

## *Doreen Dolleman's Research*

### *PHINEAS OLMSTEAD*

By Doreen Dolleman

For those of you who were looking forward to the final article in my Israel Olmstead series, be patient! I have been assured by Loren Olmstead that he is working on it. The Albert Olmstead story will be coming in a later edition of our newsletter.

This is an article that has been a work in progress for years. It all started on a trip my husband and I made a long time ago to Lewis County, New York. We were following the trail of Hiram and Aurilla Olmstead of Burritt's Rapids, Ontario. Aurilla was a sister of my own gt gt gt grandfather, Solomon Durkee Olmstead. Hiram and most of his children settled in Lewis County in the 1850's. In the process of gathering information on the ancestors, we visited the Village of Lyon's Falls Historian, Mary Teals. She had a wonderful collection of information on Olmstead's and happily took my address and sent me many envelopes full of obits, cemetery records, newspaper clippings, etc. on the family. As I organized all the new information I realized that there were two entirely separate Olmstead families living in the same area of Lewis County – my own Hiram and Aurilla Olmstead (descendants of Jeremiah) and the Phineas Olmstead (descendant of Israel) line. At the time I did not know much about Phineas, but with all the great information Mary Teals sent, I was able to make a good start in outlining the family. It was set aside for a long time, until this summer when I heard from a Phineas descendant who needed some help with her lineage. This got me going again and with all the new data I accumulated, decided it was worthy of an article. We are currently volunteering in Maryland and made a trip to the National Archives in D.C. where we looked through the Civil War pension records of the Phineas line.

Much of the data gleaned from those records is included in this article.

This is the line from Captain Jabez Olmsted to Phineas Olmstead Jr:

Jabez Olmsted/ Thankful Barnes, Israel Olmsted/ Sarah Bannister, Timothy Olmsted/ Susannah Killam, Phineas Olmsted/ Hannah Joseph, Phineas Olmstead JR/ Elizabeth Hunter. For any of you who have the "1912 Olmsted Family in America" or have used it as a guide to start your genealogy, take note that it has mixed up two generations of the Phineas line.

Phineas Olmstead Jr. was born 1795-6 in Vermont. He was the son of Phineas Olmstead and Hannah Joseph. His father was born in Hartford, Vermont and died in Lowell, Massachusetts, 24 July 1845 at 73 years of age. He was a farmer. Phineas Olmstead Jr. married Elizabeth Hunter, 26 May 1822 in Sorrel, Co. Richelieu, Quebec. Her brother with the surname of Carter was a witness to the marriage. Elizabeth was born 6 Nov 1801 in Saratoga, NY, died in 1874 in Lewis County, NY and was the daughter of Thomas. Phineas moved first to Canada and then to Greig Twp, Lewis County, NY by 1845. The 1855 NY State census tells that Phineas had been in the U.S. for 10 years. He was a farmer and sawyer. Phineas was widowed in the 1875 Greig Twp. census, was 81 years of age and living with his son Phineas. The children of Phineas and Elizabeth were:

- **Harvey** b. 3 Jan 1824 Ont., died by 1870, m. Louisa Dyer. They lived in Greig Twp, Lewis County, NY at least through 1870 (Harvey had died before the 1870 census as Louisa was a widow). Harvey was a wagon maker, carpenter and mechanic. In 1876 Louisa migrated to Seymour, Wayne County, Iowa. In the 1880 census her household consisted of children Clara, George and grandchild Nellie. Their son Henry H. also was living in Seymour, Iowa. Louisa then moved to South Dakota and lived there for six years. By the 1900 census she was living in Carson, Wind River, Skamania Co., Washington. Henry and George were both farmers and Louisa lived with her bachelor son George. The census indicates that Louisa had given birth to 8 children of whom 4 were still living. She died 13 February 1904 in Carson. Children of Harvey and Louisa:

Mary J. 25 Jan. 1850 Greig – 26 Jan. 1923 Lowville. With her parents in the 1860 census only. She married Truman Hurlburt who was a cooper. He died 19 Oct. 1898. They lived in Martinsburg and then Lowville. Mary and Truman had 12 children: Frederick 1866 – Jan. 1914 (m. Addie), William b.1871 (m. Margaret), Jane "Jennie" b.1873 (m. Edward Veroneau), Jessie b.1875 (m. Adam Ruth), John Leroy b.13 Nov. 1877 (m. Mary Stephenson 1 Nov. 1921), Reginald "Nike" 22 Sept. 1879 – 6 Sept 1931 (m. Margaret May Van Atler), Truman Elsworth b.17 Nov. 1882 (m. Ida Duncan 21 Feb. 1919), Nora b. Oct. 1884 (m. Giles Ager 1 Jan. 1903), Christina "Kittie" b. June 1887 (m. Frank Smithling), Fay b. 30 July 1890 (m. Lena), Ernest b.17

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Sept. 1891, and Larry 30 Dec. 1893 – 1948 (m. Florence Smith).

Charles G. 1852 – Enumerated in the 1860 census as “idiotic”.

Henry H. Oct. 1854 – 24 Jan. 1921. In Iowa he married Ida Keller, d/o Jacob and Susannah Keller. Henry and Ida were in Seymour, Iowa in 1880 where he worked as a laborer in an elevator. By 1885 they were in Franklin Co, Iowa where he was a coal miner. By 1900 they lived in Carson, WA where they farmed. Henry also worked for Bonneville Power constructing the Cascade Locks on the Columbia River. He was an expert mason. After his death in 1921, Ida ran the Olmstead Hotel in Carson, Skamania County, Washington, but lost it to Bonneville Power when she was in her 70's. She refused to move in with her children and kept house in a three room cabin. Ida died at 94 years of age on 4 January 1956 and was buried in Iman Cemetery. Children: Mary Bessie 30 May 1882 - 28 Oct. 1948 (m. Rue Miller), Verda I. Sept 1886 - 1959 (m. & div. W. S. Nessler, m. Thomas Monaghan), Grover Cleveland July 1890- 12 Dec. 1955 (m. Mildred Pugh, Beryl Ostrander, Hazel Ranken).

Hellen D. 1857 – With her family in the 1860 and 1870 NY census. She married Oscar A. Crowe, a native of Iowa. Their children were: Harry 1875 NY– 1943 WA, Bruce, Bertha A. 1881, Iowa (m. James W. Case), Ruth b. 1883 Nebraska, Gertrude b. 1885 S. Dakota, Ida b. 1889 WA, and Beatrice b. 1893 WA (m. Frank Gowan).

Emily E. 1859 - With her parents in the 1860 census only. Probably died young as she is not in the 1870 census with her family.

Clara L. Aug. 1863 – 22 July 1921. With her family in the 1870 and 1880 census. Married James Like in 1884 and lived in The Dalles, Oregon where he was an expressman. James died 2 June 1920. They had no children, but Nellie was probably the illegitimate daughter of Clara.

George Britten 1864 – Lived with family in NY, Iowa and Washington. He married Anna E. Carpenter 24 March 1904 in Clark Co, Washington. He was a 39 year old bachelor and she was a widow with several children. In the 1910 census George was widowed and living in Rupert, Lincoln County, Idaho. He was the father of two stepchildren, Alpha and Masie Carpenter Olmstead and his own two children, Georgia (5) and Pearly (2) Olmstead. George was a stone mason. In 1920 he was alone and living in Thurston Co, WA. He was a witness to his daughter Georgia's marriage to James Monaghan, 16 June 1920 in Vancouver, WA. In 1930 George was living with his sister-in-law Ida Olmstead at her hotel in Carson, Washington. He was then working as a farm laborer.

Nellie 1879 Iowa . Only in 1880 census with family. She was a grandchild of Harvey and Louisa. She married Alfred Estabrook and lived in Carson, Washington and then Port-

land, Oregon. They were divorced. Their children were Aubert, George, Hazel, and Fred.

• **George** b. 2 Dec 1826 Ont., d. 15 Nov. 1907 Palmerston, Ontario, m. Eliza Patton Corning 1852. He was the only child of Phineas to remain in Ontario. George and Eliza were in the 1891 census of Palmerston. Children:

Jane bap. 5 May 1856 Palmerston, Ontario, m. 27 Dec. 1877 Andrew Thomas Clarke. Children: William Edward 21 June 1885 and William D. 9 July 1890.

David 1861-1942, m. 24 Dec 1888 Margaret Kirkham. Children: David Elmer 1891 – 20 Jan. 1968 and Annie Beatrice 1891 – 15 Oct. 1973 (m. Eugene Goodbury), George 1893 – 25 Nov. 1918 (m. Annie Riddell 25 Aug. 1915), Margaret Myrtle b. 25 May 1901, Thomas Ephraim bap 18 Feb. 1905, Mary Melitta bap 13 June 1908, and Ethel Grace bap 1 Dec 1910.

George b. 13 Aug 1862 m. Emily Chynowth. He was a farmer and lived in Lisgar, Manitoba in 1901 and Red Deer Alberta in 1911. Children: William J., George P., Arthur J. and Royal A.

Matilda bap 10 March 1856 Palmerston, Ontario, m. Thomas Tomkinson. Lived in Buffalo, Erie County, NY. Children: Philip A. b. Apr 1897 (m. Florence), Almira Matilda b. May 1900, and a child who died young.

William b. Sept 1861 Palmerston, Ontario. Lived with his sister Matilda and family in Buffalo, NY.

Doris bap 10 June 1863 Palmerston, Ontario

Almira bap 5 Jan 1864 Palmerston, died 4 April 1907, m. 28 June 1889 James Lyle.

• **Phineas** b. 1 Sep 1828 Ont., d. 28 Apr 1881 - drowned in Otter Creek. He was last seen throwing wood out of the swollen creek near his house in the afternoon. A night search was made for him, but all that was found was his coat and axe on the bank. Phineas married Julia A. Stone 31 Dec. 1856. She was the daughter of James and Phebe Case Stone. Phineas served in the Civil War in the 26<sup>th</sup> NY Calvary. In 1865 he enlisted in the Frontier Calvary and was a private. It may be that Phineas was some sort of a doctor as his brother David mentioned in his pension records that he was treated for four years by Dr. Phineas Olmstead. In the 1900 Greig census the widow Julia stated that she gave birth to 7 children and 3 were still living. She was a nurse. Children:

Alice Provida 9 Dec 1857, d. 1 Nov 1940, m. 22 Feb 1878 Melville Salmon, a lumberman. Children: Flossie 16 Oct 1882 – 18 Jan 1889, Nellie 12 Sept. 1885 – 1 April 1960 (m. Fred W. Corbin), Mila J., 4 June 1888 – 29 Dec 1888, Clark Melville b. 23 June 1879 (m. Gertrude Laflair 1 July 1910), Oliver 8 July 1890 – 10 March 1969 (m. Hazel Nor-

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ton 8 July 1912), and Harold 11 Oct. 1895- May 1978 (m. Geraldine Stanton 4 May 1927).

Franklin Phineas 16 Feb 1860 – 4 April 1935 Lowville. Married several times. Convicted of horse thievery in 1879 and sentenced to 4 years in the state prison. In the 1880 census he was enumerated in prison in Auburn. In 1910 he boarded with a family in Martinsburg, Lewis County and was farming. He had been married for 10 years and had no children (wife not with him). In 1930 he lived in the Lewis County poorhouse.

Orwell Lloyd 5 Oct 1861 lost in North Woods 21 Nov 1878 and found dead. He assisted some hunters in packing their traps into Hitchcock's Lake and left to return to Chase's Lake. At some point he missed the trail and became lost. He was found face down on the ground and had died from exposure and exhaustion. He had carried nothing on him except for three baskets – no food, matches or knife which might have saved his life.

Ida J. 29 Dec 1866 d. 19 Sep 1868

Ella Adeline 9 Dec 1869 m. 15 Sep 1886 Griffith Evans. It was his second marriage. Children: George, Walter Clarence, Lyle, Everett, Ethel, and Clara.

Elizabeth L. 7 Mar 1873 d. Apr 1875.

• **Elizabeth** b. 6 Apr 1830 Ont., died 29 Feb 1908 N. Scriba, NY, m. Oliver Sweet. In 1855 Elizabeth was a servant in the Hiram Mills household in Martinsburg. Children:

Henry b. March 1865, m. Minnie. They had only one child, Cora who was brutally murdered at 12 years of age 28 May 1905. On her way to church she was lured into the woods by a local farm hand, Henry Manzer, who raped her and repeatedly bashed her skull with a rock. He was convicted and electrocuted that same year. Residents of Scriba erected a marble monument to Cora in the Worden Sweet Cemetery (directly across the road from the Sweet farm).

Jennie E m. Webster D. Brundage. She divorced him 25 Nov 1899 for infidelity. The decree gave her permission to remarry, but he was forbidden to remarry in his lifetime! She lived in New York City.

• **Provida** b. 6 Nov 1831 Ont., m. first William Cole (he was 32 years older than Provida). He was a farmer in Scriba, Oswego County. Their farm neighbored that of Provida's sister Elizabeth Sweet. Provida m. second Robert Hall 12 October 1889. Robert died at the home of his stepson George Cole on 6 Nov. 1909 near Seneca Hill. Provida was his 5<sup>th</sup> wife. Children:

## Alice

George W. b. July 1865 – 26 Feb 1931 Oswego, m. Lillian O'Neil. George worked in the Diamond Match factory and was severely burned on his abdomen in 1923. Lillie died 21 June 1926. They had 2 children: Maudie B. June 1898 – July 1907 and Lyle Duane b. June 1911.

• **David** b. 23 May 1834 Ont., d. 28 Dec 1896 Greig, m. Jane Chick who was his first cousin, daughter of Ephraim Chick and Electa Olmstead (daughter of Phineas and Hannah Joseph Olmstead). He married second, Deborah McKee. David was living in Tioga County in 1870, and Chemung County in 1880. There is a NY Supreme Court record dated 20 February 1869 in which David brought charges against Jane Chick Olmstead. She was summoned to appear within 20 days. I searched for the record at the Tioga County Courthouse, but had no luck in finding it. By the 1870 census David was married to Deborah who had three children of her own, Charles Charlotte and Emory Webster. She and her husband Hiram Webster were living in Danby, Tompkins County, NY in 1860. In 1870 David and Deborah were in Spencer, Tioga County, NY and by 1880 were in Chemung County, NY. David served in Company I, Fifth NY Heavy Artillery in the Civil War. His pension records state that he was 5'6" and weighed 125 lbs. in 1890. While in the service he became ill with chronic diarrhea and rheumatism. After the war he also suffered heart and lung disease. David mentioned that he was first treated by Dr. Phineas Olmstead of Greig and then moved to Danby, NY for three years and then Candor, NY before returning to Lewis County. His stepsons Emory and Charles Webster testified that David had not had a well day since 1865 and was confined to bed and unable to work. Children (first two by Jane and last five by Deborah):

Ephraim b. 1858 Monroe Co, NY. Lived with his grandparents, Ephraim and Electa Olmstead Chick in the 1865 Martinsburg census.

Electa J. b. 1859 Lewis Co. Lived with her grandparents, Ephraim and Electa Olmstead Chick in the 1865 Martinsburg census. She was in the Chemung, NY 1880 census boarding with the Charlie Decker family.

Carrie b 19 Dec. 1868 Danby, Tompkins County, d. 2 Sept. 1938 Lowville, m. Howard Hubert Ward 17 May 1890. Children: Jessie (m. Watson).

Mary E. b. July 1872, d. 8 April 1910 in childbirth, m. Daniel Clemons. Children: Roy, Franklin, Morris, Spencer, Minnie, Ethel, Ernest, Ruth and Myrtle. Three other children died young.

George b. April 1874, m. Nina and lived in Watson, Lewis County in 1900. They were divorced in November 1918.

David Jr. b 16 May 1879. In 1900 he was single and living  
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with his sister Mary Clemons and family in Watson, Lewis County. His WW1 draft registration states that he was tall, medium build, with brown eyes and brown hair. He married Fanny in 1902. Census records state that it was a second marriage for both. They resided in LeRay, Jefferson County. He worked as a laborer in a cheese factory and in a paper mill. Children: Mabel, Bertha, Theodore, Leota, Frank, Robert, Mildred and Dorothy.

John Phineas (Phin) b. 1 Oct. 1876, m. Minnie White (died of cancer 10 May 1930). His WW1 draft registration states that he was of medium build and height with gray eyes and brown hair. Children: Lyle d. 19 Feb. 1956 (m. Florence Chiltini 1934 and Emily Hibbard Reynolds). Phin was a lumberjack.

• **Joseph A.** b. 7 June 1836 Ont., d. 10 Oct. 1919 (was living in County Home in Lowville), m. Katherine Adeline Goutremout. "Kate" was a servant for the John Goutremout family in Lowville in 1892, so may have been separated or divorced. Joseph was a farmer in Greig Twp. He lived with his daughter Josephine Gordon in 1910 and was widowed. Children:

Josephine M. b. 8 Jul 1858, d. 17 Jan 1932, m. 17 Sept 1877 William Frank Gordon, a woodsman. Children: James, Joseph, Mrs. Newell Riebennacht, Mrs. Irda Flint, Mrs. Leon Turk, Mrs. Leon Brady.

Delbert R. b. June 1864, d. 13 Jan 1932 lived in Butler and Grundy Counties, Iowa for 30 years and then Cambridge, Ohio where he died. He was married for the first time at age 35 and widowed by 36. He married the widow Zulema Campbell in 1904 in Iowa. By the 1915 Iowa census he was married to Rachel, who was from Ohio. By 1920 they were living in Guernsey County, Ohio. In 1930 Delbert was in Cambridge with a new wife, Cora and stepson Clarence. He had no children of his own. Delbert was a carpenter and a drayman.

John W. b. 1862, d. 13 Jan 1924 following a stomach operation, m. Louise Schultz. John was a farmer in Greig. Children: adopted (son of his brother William and Lizzie Weaver Olmstead) son Floyd William Olmstead b. 6 April 1894 (m. Marguerite Taylor), and daughter Marion Mildred (m. Norman B. Nelson).

Ralph Leroy b. 27 Feb 1868 Dannetberg, d. 18 May 1943, m. 25 Dec. 1894 Lena Burdick (d/o Warren Burdick). Children: Leona b. June 1890, Venetha b. 5 Dec. 1897, d. 3 March 1979 (m. Emmett Wilcox 26 April 1919) and Freda (died at age 5).

Joseph H. b. 15 July 1867, d. 2 April 1938 Altmar, NY, m. Ida Stone 19 Sept. 1888. They were in the 1892 Watson census, but not to be found in 1900 or 1910. Joseph was in Oswego County in 1920-30 and his wife was Grace. He was a farmer.

William b. June 1872 Chases Lake, d. 20 Feb 1950 Utica, m 1896 Lizzie Weaver and 1910 Iola Faulkner. William was a farmer in Hamilton, NY. Children: Louise b 1912, d. 7 May 1962 (m. Howard Ditch), Remonia 3 Dec. 1916 - 16 Oct.

1999 (m. Julius Charles 30 June 1934), Mae (m. Burke), Floyd and Elroy 19 March 1893 – 27 Dec. 1981 Standish, Michigan (m. Sarah Dickup 1917 and Rhea McLees Van Way 1959). Floyd was adopted by his uncle, John Olmstead and Mae was raised as the child of James and Lizzie Rowsam. Elroy, Floyd and Mae were the children of Lizzie Weaver Olmstead.

• **Sabrina** b. 9 Jan 1837, d. infancy.

• **Elmira** b. 23 Feb 1838 Ontario, d. 13 August 1924 Lowville, m. 2 Jul 1857 Ontario, Charles D. Scofield. He died in 1902. Children:

Nellie Althea b. 7 Nov 1858 Lowville, d. 20 March 1927 Ilion, m. Eugene Salsburg 2 May 1878, Children: Mrs. (Glenetta) Grant Day, Mrs. (Lena) George Out, Mrs. (Maud) Frank Serow, Mrs. (Minnie) Clarence Whittemore, William C. Salsburg (Ethelyn Heldman).

Jennie b. 18 Jul 1860, m. 1879 George Dakin

Minnie B. b. 17 Aug 1865, m. 1885 Jefferson Hatch

Charles Amos b. 26 Mar 1867, d. 19 March 1922 (heart trouble) Bridgeport, CT, m. Elizabeth Brennon. She died only 5 years after their marriage. Charles was a master mechanic, building airplanes and automobiles. Children: Florence and Lillian.

Mary E. b. 19 Feb 1869, m. Frederick Blakeman. Children: Gladys (m. Charles Jenney)

Maud M. b. 20 Jul 1872, m. 1893 Daniel Kent, div. 1940, children: Cora Jones, Mrs. Earl Ford (Nina) and one son who died in infancy.

Emma L. b. 7 Oct 1873, m. William Skinner

Frederick d. July 1916 (body found in the canal near Boonville). He was a painter.

Harry b. 6 Apr 1877, served in Spanish War

Nina b. 27 May 1879, d. April 1962 Weedsport, m. Leon W. Downer 23 Sept 1903, Children: Charles (m. Helen Hoffman 1935), Phyllis (m. Howard Eggleston 1935)

• **Ephraim C.** b. 7 Oct 1841 NY, d. 25 Sep 1899 (buried in Old Glendale Cemetery), m. 1867 Mary L. Hurlburt. Ephraim served in Company G, Third Regiment of the NY Calvary in the Civil War. He enlisted 10 August 1861 and deserted 28 September 1861 according to military records, so was refused a pension. He suffered from rheumatism, heart disease, piles, diarrhea, Bright's disease and a gunshot wound in his right leg. After his death Mary married Jerry Merry and then Mr. Birdsey. She died in 1921. Children:

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Mary b. 1869, m. Dewitt Jenks 23 Dec. 1885. Lived in Turin. Children: Lena b. 1888 (m. James Crossman 8 June 1928), Pearl L 14 July 1892 – Dec 1973 (m. Edward Yale) and Frances 1894 – 4 Oct 1978 (m. William B. Carey).

Elizabeth M. b. Oct 1870, m. 1892 Burton E. Blade, a lumberman. They lived in Franklin County, NY. Children: Earl Eugene b. Aug 1892 (m. Cecile Boyce 14 Nov. 1914), Leo b. Aug 1893, Fay b. April 1896 and Gifford F. b. 1902.

Linda b. Aug 1874, m. 1892 Fred Blade (married in a double ceremony with her sister Lizzie) – no children.

Earnest G. b. 1875

Dock Ephraim b. 24 May 1876 Otter Creek. WW1 draft registration states he was tall and slender with brown eyes and gray hair. He died in Utica 19 Nov 1930 of blood poisoning from a cut on his hand, was buried in Old Glendale Cemetery, m. Ella Cass. Children: Maynard 8 May 1900-1 Sept. 1948 (m. Emma Ostrander 25 July 1923), Merwin F. 3 Jan. 1904-23 Sept. 1975 (m. Pearl Ingersoll), Milo 16 Aug. 1907 – May 1970, Clinton (m. Alice Williams 11 May 1938).

Claude Maynard b. 13 June 1878, d. 1950, m. Minnie Merry 14 July 1900. His WW1 draft registration states that he was tall and slender with gray eyes and brown hair. Children: Clifford 14 Jan. 1904 – May 1979 (m. Mary Bobak), Ernest 18 Aug 1906 – 5 April 1977 (m. Florence Burr), Donald, Giles 18 Sept. 1916 – Jan. 1976, Leona (m. Dolan) and Robert.

• Lyman b. 23 Apr 1843 NY, d. 27 Feb 1881, buried in Old Glendale Cemetery, m. 6 July 1862, Cynthia Rogers Daily, daughter of William and Phoebe Rogers of Greig and widow of John Daily. Lyman was a private in the 14<sup>th</sup> NY Heavy Artillery Company F. He was 5'8", with brown hair and black eyes. His Civil War pension record states that he contracted typhoid fever in 1864 which settled in his limbs causing them to bloat. He died from malarial poisoning and kidney disease. Two years after Lyman's death, Cynthia took in a boarder by the name of Harrison Carter who was a pauper and tramp. He lived with her for a number of years and a son Elmer Carter was born out of wedlock in 1884. Cynthia kicked Harrison out in 1890, but because of her adulterous relationship, her pension and that of her children was forfeited. She spent years fighting to have the pension reinstated and eventually in 1897 she received a settlement of \$1758. Her son Elmer Carter was enumerated with his father Harrison in the 1892 census of Lowville. In 1892 she was enumerated as Cynthia Carter with her youngest daughter in Watson, Lewis County. Cynthia later married a Mr. Gustin (before 1897). She died a widow on 18 Feb. 1911 at the home of her daughter Phebe in Carthage. Children:

Hattie E. 17 Feb. 1867 - 1927. She made the news in several papers when she married on 14 Sept. 1883, at 15 years of age to Henry Phillips of Greig who was 70 years old! The JP who performed the marriage was 75. She next married Simon Watson, a farmer. He was 20 years older than Hattie. In 1908 she married Fred Cassanieve (he was 14 years older) and they

lived in Carthage. According to the 1900 Watson, Lewis County census, Hattie had given birth to 7 children and 4 were still living. Her children by Simon Watson were: Grace Jan. 1889 – 1917 (m. Amos Karcher), Harry b. Feb. 1892, Floyd 2 Aug. 1895 – 19 Nov. 1930 (m. Glenna), Walter S. 1897 – 1954 (m. Gladys). Walter had his hand amputated at 18 years of age when it was mangled in a saw at work. Floyd died accidentally when he fell in his barn behind his car and was poisoned by the carbon monoxide fumes.

Nettie M. b. 17 March 1869. She married John France and lived in Remsen, Oneida County, NY. He was 30 years older. Nettie died in 1903 and her husband John died unexpectedly in 1904 when he choked while eating dinner. Their children were: Addie b. April 1887 (m. Charles Bickford), Lida b. May 1889 (m. and div. Leon Millard), Pearl b. Aug. 1890 and John Jr b. Feb. 1900 (m. Myrtle Mowrey).

Lyman H. b. 4 June 1871, d. 4 July 1883. He drowned in the Black River at Glendale while bathing with two friends. Lyman did not know how to swim and got in over his head. His body was recovered one hour later.

Phebe P. b. 28 Dec. 1874. She first married a Mr. Peebles and then married Joseph Montondo. In the 1900 census Phebe and Joseph lived in Watertown and had been married 2 years. He was 26 years older than Phebe and was a teamster. They had one son Floyd H. born in 1902. Joseph died in 1906. By 1910 she was married to Warren Draper and lived in Theresa, Jefferson County. Phoebe had given birth to 4 children with only her son Floyd still living. Her mother Cynthia Gustin was living with them in 1910. Phoebe died 4 Jan. 1934 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Theresa.

Adelaide Grace b. 16 May 1876 Greig, d. 1942 in Spokane, WA. She was first married to Henry Barker by 1893. Her name is mentioned in guardianship records as is her sister Elsie. She and Mr. Barker were living in Ontario according to her mother's obituary in 1911. She later married Oliver Richard from Quebec and moved to Spokane, Washington. They had a daughter Ruby Margury.

Elsie M. b. 8 May 1879, married Robert H. Rollins and lived in Wilna, Jefferson County. Their children were Mildred V. 21 June 1897 – Dec. 1971 (m. Leonard Planty 4 Aug 1914), Hazel M., Francis L. and Mabel E. (m. Percival Allen).

## THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

By Joe Barber

One Sunday morning a few years ago when we were driving home from AZ we were listening to a phone-in radio show. Several called in to say that the Prayer of Jabez had helped

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them a great deal. At the time I didn't know what they were talking about. I have now done some research on the subject and this is what I have found. My research is based on reading *THE PRAYER OF JABEZ* by Dr. Bruce H. Wilkinson which was published in 2000 and the various critiques of the book which can be found on the Internet.

Bruce Wilkinson is an evangelical writer and has authored many other books as well. Reportedly his books have sold over 15 million copies in total.

Jabez is a Biblical name. The first nine chapters of 1 Chronicles are taken up with the official family tree of the Hebrew tribes and contains more than 500 names. As far as is known, Jabez lived in southern Israel after the conquest of Canaan and during the time of the Judges. He was born into the tribe of Judah and eventually became the notable head of a clan. His story really begins with his name as his mother called him Jabez saying "Because I bore him in pain" In Hebrew the word Jabez means pain and a literal interpretation could be he caused (or will cause) pain.

Jabez grew up hearing about the God of Israel who had freed his forefathers from slavery, rescued them from powerful enemies and established them in a land of plenty. By the time he was an adult, Jabez believed and fervently hoped in this God of miracles and new beginnings. His prayer as recorded in 1 Chronicles 4: 9-10 reads "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain", and God granted his petition.

Wilkinson's interpretation of this prayer seems to be that if you pray hard enough and often enough about something good things will happen. We may never know how our progenitor got his name, was he a difficult birth, was he simply named after this biblical figure. What other possibilities are there?

## *William Curtis Olmstead - The Rest of the Story*

By Doreen Dolleman

In September my husband and I made our usual cross country trip from Seattle to Maryland, with lots of strategic stops along the way to gather Olmstead information. We spent 3 days in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. My most exciting find was in the Chippewa County Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie. A land record in February of 1891 recorded the sale of William Curtis Olmstead's property in Pickford to a savings bank. It stated that William lived in Peterborough, Ontario and that his wife's name was Eva Olmstead. This was an unknown wife which brought the total to four! That night I did a quick search on my computer in our hotel room and found William (a carpenter) and Eva in the 1891 Peterborough census. There were 2 young Olmstead boys in the household who were sons

of Eva from a previous marriage. I then did a tricky search for the births of these boys, not knowing their real surname, and only knowing the first name of their mother. I was able to find the entire family and later found William's marriage record to Eva Eliza Moore in Mackinac County, Michigan on 1 March 1890, one year after his wife Charlotte McAleer Olmstead's death. They were both residents of St. Ignace, Michigan. Eva had been wed as many times as William. This marriage did not last long either as William married Florence Card in 1893 in Pennsylvania and Eva also married again. She was from Napanee, Ontario which finally solved the mystery as to why William's little daughters, Beatrice and Jetta, (by his wife Charlotte McAleer), were adopted by two different families in Napanee before 1891.

Last fall my husband and I had a mini family reunion in Napanee, Ontario with the descendants of William Curtis Olmstead and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Charlotte Victoria McAleer. An article about that experience was in our spring newsletter. Just last month on our trip across country we had another family reunion. This time it was in West Seneca, New York with the descendants of William Curtis Olmstead and his 4<sup>th</sup> wife Florence Card. It took me almost an entire year to track down the grandchildren of that marriage. When I finally made contact it was received with so much enthusiasm! The newly found relatives made plans for us to meet them in September when we were on our way to Maryland. What fun we had visiting, sharing stories and seeing all their treasures! They have a wonderful collection of old photos and letters that William wrote to his wife and children. They made us so welcome and there was such a connection that I felt we had known each other all our lives. Another exciting result was that I was able to connect the grandchildren of William Olmstead's Ontario family with his Pennsylvania family (now living in New York). After three generations of separation they are finally reunited!

I will share some of the new information I learned that can be added to what was in my last article. William Curtis Olmstead left his wife and children in Port Allegany, PA and traveled to Idaho, Washington and Oregon to look for work. He was gone from 1907 through 1910. His brother-in-law, Eber Card, was with him for at least part of the time. There was some sort of a falling out and Eber returned to PA and was enumerated in Potter County in 1910. William is not to be found in 1910, even though his letters place him in Ione, Washington during that time frame. William had a store in Camela, Oregon (near The Dalles) called Olmstead's Store. He seemed to have been mostly involved in the logging industry as his travels took him to Walla Walla (WA), LaGrande (OR), St Maries (ID) where he mentioned transporting lumber. He found property in Washington with the hope that his wife and children would come and join him. However, Florence was very ill, had surgery in 1908 and was unable to make the move. When William returned to Potter County he built a house for his family and they settled in Port Allegany, where he remained until his death in 1918.

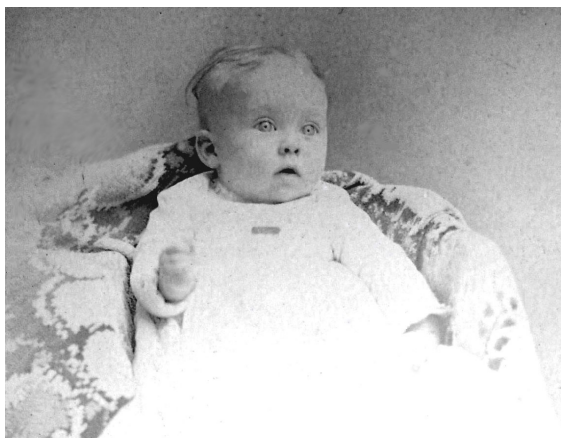
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Being able to meet my new cousins has made researching this family one of my most rewarding experiences. I couldn't help but wonder if William would have been pleased to know that his great grandchildren finally are in touch with each other and know the story of his life.



William Curtis Olmstead 1847-1918  
s/o Solomon Durkee Olmstead  
and Louisa Harris



Louise Beagie Olmstead,  
d/o William Curtis Olmstead and  
Florence Card.



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Wedding Picture of  
William Curtis Olmstead 1847-1918  
and Florence Card  
s/o Solomon Durkee Olmstead  
and Louisa Harris



Enna Bella (Olmstead) Simar 1897-1967  
w/o Chester Franklin Simar  
d/o William Olmstead and  
Florence Card





Enna Bella (Olmstead) Simar 1897-1967  
and Chester Franklin Simar  
d/o William Olmstead  
and Florence Card



Jetta Anna Olmstead,  
d/o William Curtis Olmstead and  
Charlotte Victoria McAleer



Ennabel, Zerell Milton and Louisa Beagie Olmstead  
Children of William Olmstead and Florence Card

## *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 OLM-  
STED RootsWeb Mailing List, in which subscribers can exchange  
information, post queries, etc. To subscribe, send E-Mail to:

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and to:

[OLMSTED-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:OLMSTED-request@rootsweb.com)

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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.com>

or

<http://www.olmstedfamily.com>



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