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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

The calendar says spring has arrived. While its arrival has not been impressive to date, almost anything could be better than the winter which is now fading away. One weather reporter recently said this past winter was the coldest one since 1981.

One of the things I did this winter was look at the many Olmstead entries posted on search engine Google. Frederick Law Olmsted and articles about Olmsted designed parks appear several times and various Olmsteads use it to promote professional and business services. There are also a number of entries of a genealogical nature which are always interesting. Of particular interest to me were some entries on the career of our cousin, Bert Olmstead, who had a notable career in professional hockey. I have never owned any of the trading cards which were

issued during Bert's career and it was great to see some of them on Google.

Elsewhere in this issue is a biography of Carl Sef's career in the Royal Canadian Air Force as written by Carl. When I first heard about Carl's career I thought this was something that should be shared with other kin. I was amazed at how a young man from Saskatchewan joined the air force right out of high school, earning his wings and in a short time was flying with the 'Snowbirds', the Canadian forces aerobatic team. This was as pretty remarkable achievement in my estimation. Carl descends from George Olmstead (1806-1856) and his wife Sarah Haviland of Brant County, ON.

Here are some one liners noted in a genealogical newsletter:

Pruning family trees is not allowed.

Shake any family tree and you could find a few nuts.

Genealogy is not fatal, but it is a grave disease.

May you all have a good summer and may you have some genealogical successes along the way.

Joe Barber.

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Doreen Dolleman's *Research*

Olmstead Updates **By Doreen Dolleman**

It has been a while since I have written an article just on updates and decided to do it before it becomes an overwhelming task. I have accumulated so much new information. It seems that no article is ever complete! Last fall my husband and I visited the National Archives and only looked through Olmstead Civil War pensions. How I wished we could have spent days doing just that, but am not sure my husband would have survived. As it was, his help enabled me to cover a lot of territory. He read and transcribed so much information while I made copies of what we thought was important.

I will begin with additions to my most recent series on the family of Israel Olmstead and Elizabeth Haskins. One of the Civil War pension records we viewed was that of Reuben B. Olmsted Jr. (his story was covered in April 2007)). In the article I mentioned that although Reuben's descendants had only known him as a bachelor, I thought it likely he had been married to a woman named Laura. He stated in his pension record that he married her in 1875 in Worth, Iowa and was divorced 27th January 1887 in New Hampton, Iowa. Some research I did on the Internet gives a few more details. She was Laura Hildreth, daughter of Nathaniel and Deborah. Laura and Reuben had twin children, a son and daughter, born in July of 1880. The boy died shortly after birth and the girl, Addrene was adopted by Laura's second husband, Charles Whitman. Included in Reuben's file was a statement from a county judge in Upton, Texas in March of 1915, describing the murder of Reuben. He was shot, buried on his ranch and the grave covered with posts and wire to hide it. It was a week before his body was discovered. His estate was valued at \$5000.

In that same article I now have additions to the family of Laura Jennie Olmsted and Mason Buck, provided by a descendant, Donna Zander. Laura died 6 Jan. 1945 in Tigerton, WI. The children of Laura and Mason were:

Mary Carlotta, 26 July 1907 – 8 Sept. 1990,
Alfred Mason Buck, 18 March 1909 – 16 July 1981,
Nina May Buck, 21 March 1911 – 14 Dec. 1915,
Emma Ester, 1 May 1913 – 10 April 1999,
Lenora Elizabeth, 11 June 1915 – 24 Dec. 2004,
Dorothy Delephine, 1916 – 2004,
Roland James, 10 May 1918 – 27 May 1918,
Louella Irene, 28 Aug. 1919 – 16 July 1999,
Edward Dwayne, 24 Jan. 1924,
Gerald Bruce, 1931-1993,
Shirley Elaine, 1935, and

Nancy Lou, 1938-1958.

James Jason Olmsted's (his story covered in April 2008) Civil War pension file contained original detached pages from the Allender family Bible. His second wife Susan Allender sent them to the pension office in 1929 to prove her age (born 30 August 1852). At the time she was living in Potlatch, Idaho. James Jason's records state he was 5' 6" tall with black eyes and black hair.

There are additional marriage records of William Joseph Olmsted (covered in November 2007). After his first marriage to Mary Schroeder, William then married Minnie Behrent 3 April 1904, Dorena Maud Carr 4 March 1907, and Anna Bafnecht 4 May 1909. All three of these marriages took place in Michigan.

I have a number of additions to my most recent article on Phineas Olmstead (November 2008). Phineas and Elizabeth's son George, who married Eliza Corning, had a daughter Eliza Ann Olmstead. I totally left her out and thanks to a reminder from Lorne Olmstead now have added that information. Eliza was born about 1855 in Ontario and died between the 1900 – 1910 census. She married Albert Lounsbury and they lived in Canandaigua, NY. Their children were Dorance, Maude, Matilda and Jane.

Mr. Terry Grover, who is a descendant of George and Eliza Corning Olmstead, submitted information about William John Olmstead, son of George Olmstead Jr and his wife Emily Chynowth:

William John Olmstead (second son), one of seven brothers and sisters, was born in Manitoba in 1888. His father, George Olmstead, born 1851 (Ontario), died 1943, was himself a member of a large family. The Olmstead's came west to settle in Manitoba. George Olmstead with his wife Emily became a successful farmer in the Miami area. He raised work and pleasure horses, sold and traded throughout western Canada and the adjoining U.S. border states. George Olmstead moved his family and his horse herd to a grazing area on the Battle River in Alberta. William John, the oldest son, took a homestead in the Buffalo Lake district. His parents and the rest of the family members lived at the homestead, using it as ranching headquarters.

George and Emily along with George Paull (third son), Arthur James (fourth son), Roy A. (fifth son), Emily Myrtle (second living daughter) moved to the Rumsey area when it opened for settlement. William John Olmstead (Bill) grew up and was raised around horses of all kinds and enjoyed their company. Ruby Olmstead Grover had several pictures of him, one on a bucking horse at the Calvary Stampede in 1914. The horse had both rear feet way up in the air and head to the ground. Bill, braced in the stirrups, was leaning far back with one hand gripping the shank and the other up in the air – the classic ride! "Rodeos and the camaraderie of cowboys were his life," said family friend Dorothy Green Johnson. Bill was married to Louise Maudie Briggs and fathered two sons, Wil-

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liam George (Billy) and Thomas Arthur (Tommy). When Louise became unexpectedly ill, Bill's sister Emily (married to Wilbur Paul of Lloydminster) came to the family's aid. Following Louise's untimely death, Billy and Tommy were separated and raised by different families, taking their family names. Sadly, Bill Olmstead lived alone the rest of his life. He had little if any known contact with his children, brothers, or sister Emily, who died at an early age in 1939. Roy Olmstead's last recollection of his brother was a picture he had of Bill as a young man holding a saddle over his shoulder, getting ready to board a train. In later years Bill farmed in Lacombe County.

I recently made contact with Mindy Genter, a descendant of Job Olmstead and first wife. Her gt gt gt gt grandmother was Phylinda (Filinda) Olmstead Dutcher, daughter of Gardiner, who was a son of Enoch (oldest son of Job). She provided me with new information on Phylinda, including a photo of her tombstone. Phylinda died 27 June 1870 (38 years, 6 months and 2 days) in New Richmond, Michigan and was buried in Manlius Twp Cemetery. Mindy also went to the Allegan County court house and looked for and found a death record of John Olmstead who was a son of Job and his second wife, Elizabeth Merrill. John Olmstead died 13 October 1899 in Salem Twp, Allegan County, Michigan. He was 79 years, 11 months and 6 days, born in Ohio and a farmer.

One of my most exciting new finds came from Doris Wynn who was a great help to me in research on my Samuel Olmsted (son of Jedediah Jr. and Olive Olmsted) article (May 2005). She and I both had tried numerous times to obtain the Civil War pension records of Samuel's son, Barnwell Olmsted. Those records were not at the National Archives and for some reason no one seemed to know where they might be stored. After several years of no answers, the file showed up on Doris' doorstep last year. It contained a wealth of information which led to the unexpected solving of some family connections. Here are some of the details given in the pension file:

Barnwell married Elizabeth Chapman 4 June 1898 at St. Louis, Missouri. Another document in the file states that he married her in 1890, but "could not remember the exact date as they had lost all possessions in a flood at Loudentville, West Virginia at Grave Creek." Yet another document filed by the widow Elizabeth Chapman Olmstead states she married Barnwell 5 July 1880 and another states 5 July 1882!

Barnwell's first marriage was at Greenville, Illinois to Mary Jane Reeder. He divorced her at Prairie City, Illinois about 1859. He married Jerusha Chisler in 1863 or 1864 at Charleston, Illinois and "have been parted for 35 years." He states he has three children: John J. Olmstead born 12 February 1867 at Mattoon, Illinois, Genevra Olmstead born in 1889 in Mattoon, and Barnwell S. Olmstead born at Lealehtown, West Virginia.

A physical description of Barnwell is that he was 5' 10 ½" tall, light complexion, hazel eyes, and dark hair. He was a

blacksmith, was born at Paris, Edgar County, Illinois on 29 December 1829 and lived in IL, MI, WV, PA and OH. His death certificate from Columbiana, Ohio gives his date of death as 20 August 1923, birth as 29 Dec. 1835 and his age at death as 67 yrs 7 mo 21 da, COD cerebral apoplexy, burial at Riverview Cemetery. On 4 March 1924, Maricopa County, Arizona, Rena Stoneking (Genevra's daughter) gave a sworn statement that she was the granddaughter of Jerusha Chisler Olmstead and that Jerusha died 9 May 1915 and was buried in the Whitley Chapel Cemetery near Garrard's Forte, Green County, Pennsylvania. A deposition dated 15 January 1898 by Barnwell stated that before enlistment he lived in Bond County, Illinois for 15 years and worked with his father in a blacksmith shop until his father's death in 1859. He then worked for his uncle Joshua Skidmore in Indiana about 25 miles north of Terre Haute.

He states that the following people saw him naked before he went into the service and had his testicle injured: B. B. Olmstead, Johnstown, Cumberland County, Illinois (his brother Benjamin Buck), James M. Olmstead, Stephenville, Berrien County, Michigan (his brother), William Walls, Old Ripley, Bond County, Illinois (cousin), Henry Walls (cousin) of same place, James Bright of same place, and William Smith of same place. The story of Barnwell's injury was, "During the seige with Longstreet at Knoxville, TN, we was ordered out on duty, do not remember the nature of the duty, with some six or eight others to go up the Holston River and just as I mounted my horse he reared and fell backward with me and across my right leg injuring my testicle. This injury made me heart sick and fainty and pained me a great deal but probably within an hour after I received the injury I mounted my horse and proceeded to go with the detail up the river. We were gone on this trip probably three hours and then returned to our camp and I went to the regimental doctor, Dr. Wehr and got a salve and used it on my testicle and he also gave me other medicine. I think spirits of niter for one thing, I had a good deal of trouble in passing my water and went once while in the service for either seven or eight days without making water, this was while we were on the go but I do not remember where we were at. The injury to my testicle caused it to be much smaller in size and exercise or work causes the cords to swell and pain me and sometimes the cords swell up as large as my fist and become feverish and it has been in this condition ever since I received the injury."

Much of the pension file contains information on medical complaints of piles, cough, memory loss, and hernia. In case you didn't make the connection, the reference that Barnwell made to his uncle Joshua Skidmore was what excited me. Joshua Skidmore married the widow Mary Ann Rounds Olmstead, wife of William Olmstead. I made a brief reference to this William in one of my early articles on Jedediah Olmstead SR (November 2000) as I have copy of this family's Bible records. So now we have proof that William Olmstead was actually the brother of Samuel Olmstead and both were sons of Jedediah Jr and Olive Olmstead. Joshua Skidmore would have actually been Barnwell's step uncle.

MY CAREER AS A SNOWBIRD

By CARL STEF

Hello everyone. My name is Carl Stef, an almost lost relative. Joe Barber contacted me in September. It was an unexpected and especially welcome opportunity to learn about and communicate with our Olmstead family. Our family has had virtually no contact with Olmstead relatives for a couple of generations. I believe that the connection Joe and I share dates back to his great-grandfather, Foster Olmstead, who was related to my great-great-grandfather, George Hemminover Olmstead.

Joe asked me to write about my air force background. I joined the air force in 1965 right out of high school. I trained on Tutor and T-33 aircraft in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. A year and one-half later, I had earned my wings, and went on to train on Sabres and CF-104 Starfighters, prior to being transferred to West Germany in early 1968. This tour was a marvelous growing experience, with so much to learn as a new fighter pilot and so much to enjoy in Germany and Europe. It was the "filling out" period of my life (I gained 40 pounds in the first two years). The most significant event for me during this tour was the birth of my daughter, Christy, who is now an air traffic controller with the air force in Cold Lake, Alberta.

I was transferred back to Moose Jaw in 1971 where I instructed for a year prior to joining the Snowbirds, the Canadian Forces' aerobatic team. I flew as the outer right winger for two years and the outer left winger for a third year. The challenge of the flying, the outstanding camaraderie among all of the team members, and the wonderful social life that we were afforded by audiences and event organizers made this tour the highlight of my flying career. There were two significant events during my time in Moose Jaw: the arrival of my son, Ryan, who is with the Lethbridge, Alberta, Police Service canine division; and, my successful ejection from my aircraft at a practice air show. I damaged my back during the rough parachute landing, which led to a hospital visit from the special guest for the air show, astronaut Buzz Aldrin. He had never ejected from an aircraft, and I've never been to the moon. Our conversation reversed topics every time one of us spoke. Following this tour, I became a Career Manager for fighter pilots at National Defense Headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario. It was a great staff job, and enabled me to transfer myself to another terrific flying job in Cold Lake flying the CF-5 aircraft. This was a multi-role fighter that gave squadron pilots many different training opportunities, including deployments and exercises with several foreign air force units.

I was subsequently sent to Toronto, Ontario to attend the one year Command and Staff course. One course mate and friend was Marc Garneau, who became Canada's first astronaut (I applied too, but got cut in the first round - the job description didn't mention the need for a masters or a doctorate degree!). I keep trying to get my grandkids to aim for astronaut careers, but they keep talking about hockey, oceanography, sandcastles, etc. My last tour in the air force was at Air Command Headquarters in Winnipeg as a staff officer for fighters. My flying career was pretty much behind me, so I took a very

early retirement in 1985. It was, for me, a fantastic career choice that I always recommend to any young people who are interested in the military.

I now live in Kelowna, British Columbia with my spouse, Marg Brooks. We are both fully retired (current market conditions could change that). Marg had worked as a banker until 2003, and I retired from the investment world in 2006. We each have two children and a total of five grandkids. Our time is completely filled, with our primary focus being on our families, volunteering, travelling, and hobbies such as hiking and skiing. We look forward to learning about the Olmsteads, our long-lost relatives.

Carl Steff



CARL STEF



BLANCHE OLMSTEAD
and
ANSON ASBURY GOODSON

By Doreen Dolleman

Blanche Delaplane Olmstead was born 6 October 1856 in Illinois and was the daughter of Emerson Olmstead and Margaret Leland Pritchard. Emerson Olmstead, born 15 May 1816 in Granville, New York was a descendant of Captain Jabez Olmstead (Jeremiah, Jabez, Aaron, Aaron Jr.) of Ware, Massachusetts. Margaret Leland Pritchard, born 6 June 1830 in Buffalo, New York was a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of the Mayflower. Emerson and Margaret were married 29 December 1855 in Wisconsin. They had six children:

Blanche (born 6 Oct. 1856 in Illinois),
Oscar (died as a young child),
Margaret Lillian, Julia (died as a young woman),
Harriet Burnell, and
Archibald.

The family lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin until 1870 when they moved to (Fort) Leavenworth, Kansas. It was during the years in Leavenworth that the Olmstead daughters were married to soldiers;

Blanche to Anson Asbury Goodson on the 9th of May 1873,
Margaret to Frederick MacNeil, and
Harriet to Thomas
Bartlett Gatewood.

Anson Goodson was born 15 March 1843 (Methodist Church record) and was the son of George and Catherine Goodson of Brantford, Ontario. Anson enlisted in the U.S. Army on 28 December 1868 in Omaha, Nebraska. He was discharged by expiration of service at Presidio, San Francisco, California on 16 December 1871. He was attached to the 2nd Calvary Company A. His records describe him as 5'5 with blue eyes, fair complexion and brown hair.

Blanche and her husband were stationed first at Camp Supply, Oklahoma on the 13th of July 1873. On the 20th of February 1874 he was transferred to Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, arriving there on the 24th of February. They remained at that post until June. Anson was on duty at Fort Laramie, Wyoming from 1875 to 1877. He was a commissary sergeant (non commissioned officer).

Their daughter Catherine Goodson was born at Rock Island Arsenal the 22nd of May 1874. Their next two children, George Emerson Goodson (28 June 1875), and Anson Asbury Goodson (10 June 1877) were born at Fort Laramie. Their youngest son, William Goodson, was born in 1878 after the family's return to Leavenworth. By the 1880 census Blanche had returned to Leavenworth, Kansas, but her husband was not with the family. She was not enumerated as a widow. Blanche was also listed in the 1880 Leavenworth City Directory as a music teacher. She was a gifted musician like her mother and siblings. She died the 28th of January 1883. Her husband, Anson Goodson, died in January of 1903 according



**Blanche (Olmstead) Goodson,
d/o Emerson Olmstead,
s/o Aaron Olmstead Jr.**

DAR application records of their daughter Catherine Goodson. A photo of Blanche has an inscription on the back stating that Anson died in Cincinnati, Ohio. If it is true that Anson lived until 1903, there may have been a divorce. However neither his death date nor a divorce has been verified. Blanche became ill, probably suffering from TB, so went to Trinidad, Colorado to regain her health. Her health improved and on the 7th of January 1883 she married Mr. D.B. Nickerson and just 3 weeks later she died. She is buried in Trinidad. In the 1885 Kansas State census 3 of her children (Catherine, Anson and William) were living with their Olmstead grandparents in Winfield, Kansas.

Catherine Margaret Goodson was also an extraordinary woman. After the death of her mother in 1883 she lived for a time with her Olmstead grandparents in Winfield, Kansas. She then went to live with her Aunt Margaret Olmstead MacNeil in Hyattsville, Maryland. Catherine graduated from the Maryland Homeopathic School in 1897. She served as an Army nurse in the Spanish American War at Montauk Point, New York. She was also a nurse in Panama

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Dr. Catherine Margaret Goodson 1874-1948
d/o Blanche (Olmstead) Goodson
Granddaughter of Emerson Olmstead
Ggd/o Aaron Olmstead Jr.

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during the construction of the canal. She graduated in 1902 from the Southern Homeopathic Medical College and the Atlantic Medical College as a doctor. In 1909 she graduated from John Hopkins University. Being a medical doctor was an amazing accomplishment for a woman of that time period! She worked in Minnesota and New York for short periods, but spent most of her career in Maryland. She ran both women's and children's clinics in many Maryland communities. Catherine never married. In later years she lived with her aunt Margaret Olmstead MacNeil and family in Hyattsville. She died the 12th of June 1948 of colon cancer and was buried next to Margaret MacNeil in Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

George Emerson Goodson lived for a number of years in Winfield, Kansas after the death of his mother. His obituary states that he was well traveled as a youth. In the 1895 census of Winfield his residence, before coming to Kansas the previous year (1894), was New Mexico. He was a blacksmith. He was still in Winfield in the 1905 census and by 1910 he was married to Gertha Blundell and had a daughter, Georgia Ladonna (born 2 September 1907, died in September of 1981 in Tulsa, OK and married Raymond Buergey). George and Gertha were divorced and on 9 April 1916 in Winfield, George married Myrtie Min-

ert, daughter of Franklin and Pauline Martin Minert. They moved to Cadams, Nuckolls County, Nebraska in 1917. Their son Anson Frank Goodson was born there, 8 August 1920 (died 24 March 1989, married Margaret Helen Gaasch 12 March 1945 in Laredo, Texas). While in Cadams, George was a blacksmith, sold machinery, set up windmills, ran the post office for 5 years, and then bought a general store which he operated for many years. In 1946 they moved to Superior, Nebraska where George died 4 October 1954. His obituary states that music and singing were an important part of his life.

Anson Asbury Goodson Jr. also lived with his Olmstead grandparents in Winfield, Kansas after the death of his mother in 1883. He followed in the footsteps of his father with a mili-



George Emerson (1875-1954) and Myrtie (Minert) Goodson
s/o Blanche (Olmstead) Goodson
Grandson of Emerson Olmstead
Ggs/o Aaron Olmstead, Jr.

tary career. He enlisted three times, served in the Spanish American War in 1898, was stationed in the Philippines in 1900, and also served in WW1. Anson had a fair complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, and was 5' 6 1/4" tall. He married Esther R. Bengston by 1908 and lived in Hyattsville, Maryland, near his aunt Marguerite Olmstead MacNeil. Anson was a gifted musician, playing the French horn in the U.S. Marine Corps band for 18 years and retiring in 1921 as principal musician (highest rank). By the 1930 census the family had moved to Highland Park, Michigan where Anson was an inspector in an auto factory and his wife a music teacher. He was a substitute in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He retired to San Diego, California in 1932. Anson and Esther had 2 sons who were also military men: Captain Charles William Goodson (3 January 1909 – 30 August 1964) and Thomas Olmstead Goodson (28 January 1915 – 14 July 1959). Anson died 12 December 1949 in San Diego and his wife died 6 July 1969. Anson, Esther, and both sons are buried in Fort Rosecrans National Military Cemetery in San Diego.

William Goodson lived with his Olmstead grandparents in Winfield, Kansas after the death of his mother in 1883. He was enumerated in their household in 1885 as Willie Goodson. That is the last record found of him.



Anson Asbury Goodson, Jr. 1877-1949
S/o Blanche (Olmstead) Goodson
Grandson of Emerson Olmstead, s/o Aaron Olmstead Jr.

Olmste(a)d Family Reunion
July 8-9-10-11, 2010
Rochester, New York

Save the date and plan to attend the first national Olmste(a)d Family Reunion in seven years.

The site is the beautiful campus of Roberts Wesleyan College, just five miles from the Rochester Airport. We will have full use of the facilities including the sports center. Air Conditioned Lodging will be in two person dorm rooms with private baths; there are also a limited amount of town houses with two or three bedrooms which are ideal for larger family groups. The rate is \$27 per night per person; linen packets are available for \$10. Meals will be in the cafeteria at \$22.85 per person per day.

The tentative program is:

Thursday, July 8th -- opening dinner and evening welcome program

Friday, July 9th -- a presentation on Olmste(a)ds in the Genesee Valley area followed by a bus tour of selected sites in the greater Rochester area. The evening program will be family oriented.

Saturday, July 10th -- genealogical workshops and presentations. Doreen Dolleman has been invited to chair a Jabez workshop; we understand that she has to balance her Seattle Bed & Breakfast schedule.

Sunday, July 11th -- morning religious services

We are promoting this as a family reunion, not just for adults. There will be special programs for young people and teens. We hope that many families from outside the area may make this a week's vacation; rooms will be available on campus starting Tuesday evening for those that would like to arrive early and visit some of the many attractions in Western New York or the Niagara Falls region which is just an hour away.

Full information will be available in early fall by mail and on our website. Subscribers to the Jabez Newsletter will receive the information by mail; if you have other family members that you would like the information sent to,

JOHN OLMSTEAD

By Doreen Dolleman

John Olmstead was born 25 February 1824 in Hebron, Washington County, New York. He was the son of Aaron Olmstead JR and Elizabeth (Betsey) Wilson. Aaron was the grandson of Jabez Olmstead and Miriam Husse. Betsey Wilson was the daughter of Robert Wilson and Elizabeth Crawford of Oakham, Massachusetts and later Rupert, Vermont. John Olmstead's siblings were: Elizabeth W. Olmstead Baldwin born 14 February 1814, Emerson Olmstead born 15 May 1816, Miriam Olmstead Baldwin born 5 January 1819, Lucy T. Olmstead Keller born 10 June 1821, Ann Loretta Olmstead King born 25 January 1826, Jane Olmstead Eaton born 1 March 1829, Oscar born 15 April 1830 (died as a child) and Caroline Olmstead born 25 June 1832. All were born in Washington County, New York. John's mother died in 1839 and a few years later his father married the widow Olive Smith and moved to nearby Dorset, Vermont. John lived with his parents, but by the 1840 Hebron census was no longer in his father's household. His siblings eventually all moved west to Illinois and two settled in Milwaukee Co, Wisconsin. John married Catherine Donaldson probably around 1850 and they had one child, George E. She died before the 1860 census.

The first time that John appears in a census record with any certainty is 1860, Wauwatosa Twp, Milwaukee Co, Wisconsin. His brother, Emerson Olmstead, was living in the city of Milwaukee at the time. John was a farmer and he had a young second wife named Joanna. He was 36 and she was 20. They had one son, Frederick, who was an infant. There was a J.H. Olmsted in Milwaukee City in 1850 who was 27 and was a stage agent -- his wife was enumerated

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with him, but not named. It is possible that this was John and Catherine. According to family records John died in October of 1861.

John's second wife was Margaret Joanna Busby, born in Illinois in 1840, daughter of Philip and Margaret Busby. After his death she moved out west to Oregon, where Busby relatives were living. There is a marriage record, 31 October 1866 in Portland, Multnomah Co, Oregon, of J. A. Tyler to Mrs. M. J. Olmstead. In 1870 they were still in Portland and had a one year old son Aaron. Joseph Aaron Tyler was a physician. In 1875 He sold his property in Portland and took his family on the steamer to Santa Barbara, California, arriving on 2 June 1875 to join his brother-in-law, Francis Marion Busby. He was dissatisfied in California and soon moved back to Portland. He later convinced Francis Busby to move there as well. Francis was disgusted with the rain in Portland and decided to move to eastern Oregon. The Busby and Tyler families traveled together by steamer on the Columbia River to The Dalles and arrived on Thirty Mile Creek, near Fossil, Oregon on 17 March 1877. Fred Olmstead, Dr. Tyler's stepson, was living at the Thirty Mile Crossing with the Fred McCurdy family. The Busby's and Tyler's stayed with the McCurdy's until they were able to find a location of their own. Dr. Tyler bought a place also on Thirty Mile Creek. He and his family only stayed for two years as neighbors lived far apart and seldom needed the care of a doctor. At the time he was the only doctor in the area. They then moved back to Portland. The adventures of the Busby's and Tyler's are recorded in a book, "A History of Fossil, the Early Days" by H.S. Goddard, M.D.

They next appeared in the 1880 census of Springfield, Lane Co, OR. Mr. Tyler was a physician there and along with Margaret's 19 year old son Fred Olmstead in the household, there was also Aaron Tyler (age 10) and Mary E. Tyler (age 7, born 15 Nov. 1876). On the 11th of June 1887, Dr. J.A. Tyler was committed to the Hawthorne Insane Asylum in Linn County. He was 72 years old and born in Maine.

Frederick Charles Olmstead was born 20 April 1860 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He moved to Oregon with his widowed mother, Margaret Joanna Olmstead, by 1866. He was living in San Francisco, California by 1900 with his once again widowed mother, Margaret Joanna Tyler. His three children Vidal (born in April 1896), Josephine (born in May 1898, married Alberto Rubio, and died in 1960 in Guatemala) and Margaret (born 13 April 1900 and died 28 January 1998 in San Francisco) were also enumerated with them. Vidal and Josephine were born in Guatemala and Margaret in San Francisco. No wife or mother of the children was in the household. None of them ever appeared in another U.S. census.

Immigration records for the Port of San Francisco in 1900 and 1904 list Fred C. Olmstead, wife Prudence, son

Vidal, and daughters Josephine and Margaret (1904 only). Frederick Charles Olmstead died in Guatemala City, 11 July 1924 of bronchitis and Vidal Olmstead died in Guatemala City, 8 September 1918 of cerebral congestion. Both records are from the U.S. State Department of Americans who died abroad. Descendants of Frederick tell that he did not like the weather in San Francisco and so went to Guatemala to visit his aunt and uncle who were Tyler's (relatives of his stepfather). They were wealthy and owned a lot of land in Guatemala. While there, Fred met Prudencia Maria Lopez, a poor native girl, and married her. They remained in Guatemala, but did make trips back to San Francisco to visit Fred's family. Prudencia died in 1938 of stomach cancer.

Frederick's passport dated July 1923, states that he was 61 years old, had blue eyes, and was an electrician. Two other children were born to Frederick and Prudencia: a daughter Trinidad (born 10 September 1905 in Guatemala, married Mr. Sterling and Mr. Routt, and died 13 May 1996 in San Mateo, CA) and Eduardo (born 31 March 1907 in Guatemala, married Maria Christina Rosales, and died 24 November 1959 in Guatemala). Immigration records during the 1940's at the Laredo, Texas border show that Margaret Olmstead returned to the U.S. to live in San Francisco, as did her children: Frederico (13 June 1922 – still living), Mauricio (20 September 1923 – still living), Dora Fortuna (1925), Guillermo (24 February 1930 – 4 March 2004), and Amparo (1935 – still living). Margaret Olmstead died 28 January 1998. The immigration records name the children's father as Jose Pablo Marraquin, however he did not immigrate with them. He was the father of Margaret's youngest two children. A Jewish man named Isaac was the father of her oldest three.

After 1880, Margaret Joanna Busby Olmstead Tyler's son Aaron was only found in the 1920 census record for Albuquerque, NM as a 49 year old single man. Margaret's daughter Mary E. (Mamie) married George Ramsey. They lived in Oakland, Alameda County and had three children: Carol, Ober and Beryl. Mamie Ramsey was listed as next of kin on Frederick and Vidal Olmstead's death records in Guatemala. Mamie died 25 October 1940 and her death record gives her mother's maiden name as Busby. She was divorced from George Ramsey. No California death record has been found for Margaret Joanna Tyler. She was living with her daughter Mamie and family in Berkeley, California in the 1910 census, but did not appear in the 1920 census records.

George E. Olmstead, son of John and Catharine Donaldson Olmstead was born 30 May 1855 in Wisconsin (probably Milwaukee). In the 1860 census he was enumerated in Wauwatoso Twp., Milwaukee County, Wisconsin with his father John Olmstead, stepmother Joanna, and brother Frederick (3 months old). His father died in October of 1861. In 1870 George was living with his aunt and uncle, John and Lucy Olmstead Keller, in

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Belvedere, Illinois. In 1880 he was a farm laborer with the E.L. Stark family of Rutland, Kane County, Illinois. On September 1, 1881 in Woodstock, Illinois, George married Nellie M. Edwards (IL vital record) of Huntley (newspaper notice gives her name as Carrie Edward). He was a traveling salesman working for an Elgin, IL company. They probably were divorced as Nellie later married Andrew Tyler, a friend of the Baldwin/Olmstead family. She died 22 Jan. 1900. On March 4, 1882 in Elgin George married his first cousin Julia Olmstead King, daughter of Hervey and Anna Olmstead King. They had a female child who was born and died ("want of vitality" on death record) on July 22, 1883 in Elgin. They were divorced in 1888 and on May 21st of that same year he married Mrs. Allie (Alice) Davis Harris of Elgin. She was divorced from her first husband, Albert D. Harris, 24 May 1884 in Elgin. An Elgin, Illinois newspaper article dated 22 June 1889 tells the story of George E. Olmstead finding himself in an unpleasant predicament with his divorce to Julia Olmstead King being vacated on technical grounds. He was already married to Allie and had a child by this time. The scandalous story made headlines in newspapers throughout the country. Allie (Alice A.) was the daughter of Cyrus D. and Caroline Davis. Her parents and siblings, Cyrus, Caroline, Ida, Cora and Walter lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but moved to Elgin, Illinois by 1880. In 1900 George, Allie and their children were living in St. Joseph, Michigan. George died 4 Jan. 1905 in Neilsville, WI. He had a heart attack while waiting at the train station. His family lived in Baraboo, Wisconsin at the time and he is buried at Walnut Hill Cemetery. He had been a salesman for many years for the Buckeye Distilling Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. After his death Allie and her children moved to Virginia. In the 1910 census she was living in Midlothian, Chesterfield Co, VA. In 1920 she was with her son George in Buckhorn, Mecklenburg Co. That was the last census in which Allie appears. There are no clues as to why she moved to Virginia. Her death record is not in the Virginia death index. George and Allie had six children:

Stanford Davis, born 10 Oct. 1888 Chicago, Illinois, died 23 Nov. 1973 Salt Lake City, buried in Bountiful Memorial Park, Bountiful, Utah. He was married before 1917 and had a daughter (possibly named Gertrude) under the age of 12 according to his draft registration records. At the time he was living in Toledo, Ohio and was working as a switchman for the railroad. He had blue eyes and brown hair and was tall and slender. By 1920 he was in Salt Lake City and was divorced. He married Hazel before 1930. A grandson Ronald J. Richardson of Las Vegas, NV is named on his death certificate. Stanford's obit says he was divorced. He was a former employee of Utah State Road Commission.

George Robert, born 15 Oct. 1890 Waukegan, Illinois, married first?, second Vera, third Mabel. His draft registration in May of 1917 states that he lived in Union Level, Mecklenburg Co. and was a farmer and flour and

grain miller. He had blue eyes and brown hair and was of medium height and slender build. He said that he supported a wife, mother, child and brother. He also claimed to have a physical disability. A city clerk verified that George was sick and in the hospital. Children:

George born 1 Sept. 1909 in Virginia (son of first wife), died May 1984 Richmond, VA.

Robbie born 1926 in Virginia (daughter of third wife.)

Gerald Donaldson born 11 May 1892 (marriage record says Baraboo, WI and obit says Hamilton, Illinois), died Sept. 1969 in Orlando, FL. He married 11 November 1915 in Richmond, VA Naomi C.W. Weagley (1896-Jan. 1980), daughter of William E. and Samantha J. Weagley. Gerald was a dairy farmer. He retired in 1941 and moved to Florida where he owned tourist apartments. Children:

Lois N., born 23 Dec. 1916 in Meadow, VA, died 22 Aug. 1990 Orlando, FL, married Littleton, daughter Joyce L. Gregory.

Gertrude E. born 1919 VA and was still single when her father died in 1969.

Evelyn A., born 1922 in Highland Springs, VA, died 6 Oct. 1996 Orlando, FL, married Hall, children: John W. and Elizabeth K. Ball.

Gerald D., born 1925 VA.

Ronald Gerard, born 14 Oct. 1927 VA, died 17 Sept. 1983 Orange Co., FL

Gladys E. born April 1894, in St. Joseph, Michigan, died 15 April 1973 in Richmond, VA. She married Luther E. Pleasants 20 June 1921 in Richmond, VA. Luther was the son of William B. and Annie E. Pleasants. In the 1930 census they were living in Richmond with a 5 year old son Luther. Luther was a salesman for surgical supplies. Her obit names her son Luther E. Pleasants JR, daughter-in-law Louise M. Pleasants and two step- grandchildren.

Gerard Cyrus born 13 Oct. 1895 (vital record) Columbia, Wisconsin, married 10 December, 1919 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Winnie Frazier (20 Aug. 1898- Feb. 1987). They were divorced in 1945 in Broward Co., FL. His draft registration in June of 1917 states that he was a farmer in Union Level, Mecklenburg Co., born 16 Oct. 1895 in Sauk Co., WI. He had blue eyes and brown hair and was of medium height and build. Children:

Grant, born 1923 VA

Gladys Frazier, born 10 Jan. 1923 VA, m. Hugh Hunter Harwicke JR, children: Hugh, Bruce, Jan Marie

Genieve, born 1925 VA, m. Maxey

Glenn, born 1928 VA

Garth J. born 1903 in Wisconsin. He appeared with his sister Gladys, both living as lodgers in Richmond, VA in the 1920 census. He was a shipping clerk in an auto supply store. Garth enlisted in the U.S. Army on 29 August 1942 in Richmond, Virginia. His enlistment record states he finished grammar school, was a steam fitter, was divorced with no dependents, 70 inches tall and weighed 226 lbs. He was stationed in Hawaii. There is a divorce record for Garth Olmstead and Nadine Bell in Hillsboro, Florida in 1928.

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