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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

Welcome to the 21st century. The vast amount of resources governments and society as a whole spent on the launch of the year 2000 has meant little if any change to our health and welfare as we move into the new millenium. Happiness wise may be a different story as I still don't know how my PAF family history program will distinguish between twentieth and twenty first century dates.

My column this time will consist of some ramblings on my part which I hope will be of interest to you.

I will be mentioning the death of some of our kin in recent times. An "In Memoriam" section will appear later in this Newsletter. Living 100 years isn't unusual these times, however I would like to mention that one of our kin, Edith Isabella MacLellan of Ottawa, ON, celebrated her 100th birthday on December 31, 1999. This cousin has now lived in three centuries. She is the daughter of Howard Wright Olmsted of Ottawa and his wife Isabella (Bella) McRae. Edith grew up at Aylmer, Quebec, where her father farmed. She married William David MacLellan in 1917 at age seventeen and they had sons, Keith & David, and a daughter, Isobel, all of whom are now deceased. Edith lives independently in Ottawa. I know of a couple of other centurians in the Jabez family, can you tell me about some of yours?

Over the years I have accumulated

information on the descendants of Ephraim Olmsted who was born in Wolford Twp., Leeds & Grenville Co., in ON. Ephraim lived in Renfrew Co., ON, for several years before moving to Waupaca Co., Wisconsin, about 1860 with his second wife and some of his family. Ephraim had at least 9 children, and my present count of his grandchildren totals 64. Ephraim is a member of the Jabez family and descends from Israel.

While in Arizona in January 2000, Shirley Vick of Edmonton, AB, and Mesa, AZ, showed me pictures and told me some of the highlights of a trip that she and her husband Roger made last fall from Edmonton, to ON; to Louisburg, Nova Scotia; to West Stockbridge, MA, and then on to their winter residence in Mesa, AZ. At Louisburg they visited the citadel which guarded the harbour in early days. Our forefather, Jabez, was commissioned on Sept. 20, 1744, as a captain in the 4th Massachusetts regiment and his regiment took part in the attack on Louisburg. After some 49 days of conflict, Louisburg surrendered June 17, 1745. On a muster roll for this action his residence was given as Brookfield. At West Brookfield, one of the sites they saw was a big house which was occupied by an Otto B. Olmstead family in the early 1900's. Otto operated a corset factory in the town and this factory employed a large number of people according to the 1920 census. This census further indicates that Otto was born in Connecticut in 1876 and that his father was born in Maine. Otto's ancestry is not know at present.

May you all have a very good summer.

THANKFUL BARNES'S ANCESTORS IN SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTES

We described in an earlier issue how Thankful Barnes's ancestors were original settlers of Sudbury Massachusetts. In this issue we quote from "The History of Sudbury, Massachusetts, 1638-1898", by Alfred Sereno Hudson, Sudbury Press, Sudbury MA, 1898.

I have copied all references to the emigrants BENT, HOWE, and GOODNOW, except in those chapters that relate to their land holdings, the location of the lands, and roads they were on.

CHAPTER III.

Origin of the Sudbury Settlement.- Why it Was Formed.-Names of the Early Settlers: Residents of Watertown, Emigrants from England.-Passenger List of the Ship "Confidence".-Tradition About John Rutter.-Character of the Settlers.-Biographic Sketches.

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From the town records we have compiled the following list of the earlier grantees or settlers, who went to the Sudbury Plantation about 1638 or 1639:-

(Then follows a list of names, including:)

Edmond Goodenow
Thomas Goodenow
John Howe
John Goodenow

Of those who came directly from England, we have on a single ship's list of passengers the names of some of the most prominent persons in the Sudbury Plantation, namely:

"The list of the names of Passebg^{rs} Intended for New England in the good shippe the Confidence of London of C C. tonnes John Jobson M^r And thus by virtue of the Lord Treas^{rs} of the xjth of April, 1638. Southampton, 24^o April 1638.

Then follows a list of names, including:

John Bent of Penton in the County of South ⁿ	
Husbandman	35
Martha Bent his wife	
Robert Bent	their children
William Bent	all under y ^e age
Peter Bent	of 12 years
John Bent	
Ann Bent	
Thomas Goodenow of Shasbury	30
Jane Goodenow his wife	
Thomas Goodenow his sonne	
Ursela Goodenow his sister	

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The settlers of Sudbury were young men, or in the prime of stirring manhood: they were not patriarchs near the

close of their pilgrimage. Even with those whom, because of their prominence, we most associate dignity and gravity were comparatively young men when the settlement began. By the passenger list of the "Confidence" it will be noted that only Walter HAINE had reached the age of 55, and John RUTTER was only 22; ...John GOODENOW, 42; Edmond GOODENOW, 27, Thomas GOODENOW, 30. These ages are doubtless correct, as we have in 1666 a deposition made by one of them, Edmond GOODENOW, in which he alleges that he was about fifty-five years old.

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THOMAS GOODNOW was a brother of John and Edmund, and became a freeman in 1643. He was twice married, and had seven children by his first wife, Jane. In his will, bearing date 1664, he mentions his brother Edmund and John RUDDOCKE. He was petitioner for the Marlboro Plantation, and moved there at its settlement. In 1661, '62 and '64, he was one of its selectmen. At least two of his children were born in Sudbury, Thomas, and Mary, who was born Aug. 26, 1640. The house of his son Samuel, who was born in 1646, was one of the Marlboro garrison houses. Mary was killed and scalped by the Indians in 1707.

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JOHN HOW (or HOWE) was a son of John HOW, whom it is supposed came from Walwickshire, Eng., and was descended from John HOW, the son of John of Hodinhull, who was connected with the family of Sir Charles HOW of Lancaster, Eng. John HOW was admitted a freeman in 1641, and two years later was one of the town's selectmen. In 1665 he was appointed to see that the youth were well behaved on the Sabbath. He was said to be the first white settler on the new grant land. He was petitioner for the Marlboro Plantation in 1657, and moved to that place about the same year. He was located east of the Indian "planting field," and was the first tavern-keeper in Marlboro, having kept a public house there as early, at least, as 1670. At this ordinary his grandson, who afterwards kept the Sudbury "Red Horse Tavern," may have been favorably struck with the occupation of an innholder, and thus led to establish the business at Sudbury. Mr. HOW was a man of kindly feeling and uprightness of character, and both Sudbury and Marlboro were favored with the presence of successive generations of the family. John HOW died at Marlboro in 1687, at which place and about which time his wife also died. (See chapter on Wayside Inn.) [Note by COH, John HOWE's grandson, David HOWE, built the Wayside Inn.]

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JOHN BENT came to America from Penton, Eng., in the ship "Confidence," in 1638, at the age of thirty-five. {NOTE by COH:

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Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America

Some of our subscribers may not have the "Red Book", and have not seen the article on Capt. Jabez. The first part was repeated for their information in the last issue, and it is concluded here

CAPT. JABEZ OLMSTED, OF WARE, MASS.

(INTRODUCTION BY FREDERICK S. HAMMOND,
ESQ., OF SYRACUSE, N. Y.,
COMPILER OF THE HAMMOND GENEALOGY)

The first mention found of Jabez Olmsted is in Deerfield, in April, 1709, when he joined a company of scouts under command of Capt. Benjamin Wright. This company consisted of Capt. Benjamin Wright, Lieut. John King, John Burt, John Strong and Matthew Closson, of Northampton; John Wells, Jonathan Hoyt, Timothy Child, Ebenezer Severance and Jabez Olmsted, of Deerfield; Joseph Root and Joseph Wait, of Hatfield; Joseph Ephraim and Thomas Pagan, two Natick Indians, and Thomas McCreery and Henry Wright of Springfield. They followed up the Connecticut river to White river and thence over the mountains to Onion river, and down this river to Lake Champlain. They had several encounters with the savages in one of which Lieut. Wells was killed and John Strong seriously wounded, and John Burt either captured or separated from the company, to meet death in the wilderness.

They reported the killing of several Indians and exhibited the scalp of one Indian in proof of their encounter. On May 28, 1709, Benjamin Wright, Jonathan Hoyt, Jabez Olmsted and John Strong made oath to their account of the expedition before Samuel Partridge, Justice of Peace, in Hatfield, and on June 10 following, the General Court granted them a bounty: To Capt. Wright £12, and to each of the men under his command £6, in addition to their regular pay for their good service. (See Mass. Archives, 33: 55-56.)

In the spring of 1712 Jabez Olmsted married Thankful Barnes, of Brookfield, and on Sept. 4, 1713, he was granted 80 acres of land in Brookfield, "between the two Mohawk hills and partly upon the said hills": this was followed by other grants and April 22, 1729, he bought the Hollingsworth grant of 500 acres for £400. This was over the river in the present town of Ware. At this time he sold his lands in Brookfield and removed over the river to the site of the present village of Ware where he built a log house and a grist mill. A few years later he built a large frame house called the "Mansion House," which was still standing in 1821 or later. The cellar hole to this house was filled a few years ago in grading for the park, and from the large quantity of ashes found near it we believe that he carried on quite an extensive potash business. He was the most prominent and enterprising man amongst the first settlers of the town and undoubtedly possessed of greater wealth than any of his neighbors. A few years later he deeded fine farms to his two older sons and also gave lands to some of his daughters. The

various deeds are found recorded in Springfield, Mass.

In May, 1742, thirty-three householders about and between Ware and Swift rivers, near Brookfield, petitioned the General Court for incorporation as a separate township or parish and in Dec., 1742, they were incorporated as a "precinct." The town was not incorporated until 1761, at which time but one Olmsted, Simeon, son of Israel, remained in town. The original petition is in Mass. Archives 114: 770-772, and is the only document extant which bears his autograph. His name is signed Jabe Olmsted.

Feb. 20, 1744, he was commissioned Captain of the 10th Company in Col. Samuel Willard's (4th) Mass. Regt., and served under Gen. Sir William Pepperell, in the Louisburg expedition.

The will of Jabez Olmsted, Gentleman; residing at Ware river, Northampton (Probate, Vol. 8, p. 26,) dated Feb. 24, 1752; proven May 22, 1753. Mentions wife, Martha, to whom all personal estate and the use of all real estate until son, Moses, comes of age. Sons Jeremiah and Israel having had their portions during his lifetime, 5 shillings each; son Moses all real estate when he comes of age; children of daughter, Thankful Brown, deceased; child of daughter, Martha Hammond, deceased; daughters Hannah Marsh, Dorcas Wolcott, Sarah Marsh, Abigail Smith and Prudence Olmsted. A list of his personal estate appears in Chase's History of Ware. This will must have been set aside as appears by the following: Oct. 2, 1753, Benoni Smith and Abigail, his wife, for the sum of £13: 6: 8 give to Job Lane, of Brookfield, a quitclaim deed to their interest in the lands of their late father, Jabez Olmsted. Oct. 31, 1753, Judah Marsh and Hannah, his wife, quitclaim their interest to Job Lane. Mar. 4, 1758 Moses Olmsted, of Sheffield, Hampshire County, Mass., gives a like deed to Job Lane. Nov. 8, 1758, "Jeremiah Olmsted, of a place west of Stockbridge and adjoining to the said township of Stockbridge in the County of Hampshire," (this was in the part of West Stockbridge later known as New Canaan and very close to the New York State line) Husbandman, in consideration of the sum of £15 sells to Noah Gilbert, of Ware River Parish, all his right and interest in the land of "which my late Honored Father Jabez Olmsted" was possessed at the time of his death, as it lay in common and undivided among the rest of the heirs.

Nov. 9, 1758, Israel Olmsted, of a place called "Roxbury Canada" (Warwick), Mass., for the sum of £10, sells to Noah Gilbert all his interest in the same. Nov. 22, 1758, Ephraim Brown and Silence, his wife, of Swains, N. H., deed their interest in the same to Noah Gilbert. (See Springfield Land Records, Book 2, pp. 460, 467-468, 469-470.)

Noah and Sarah Gilbert of Palmer, Mass., sold the farm formerly owned by Jabez Olmsted to Isaac Magoon, in 1763, at which time all the descendants bearing the Olmsted name had removed to other places. The descendants of Judah and Hannah (Olmsted) Marsh, have continued to reside in Ware, Mass.

IN MEMORIAM

Cecil Ray Olmstead of Loma Linda, CA, died Sept 24, 1999 at age 86. Cecil had a great interest in family history and was one of the few Jabez descendants to have submitted information for the 'Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America'. His family information is on pages 893-896 inclusive. Cecil's daughter, Lois Knutsen of Everett, WA is a subscriber to our newsletter and she is carrying on with Cecil's research.

Gordon Abram Olmstead of Ottawa, ON, died April 24, 1999 at age 82. Gordon was a second cousin and he had quite an interest in family history. Several years ago he introduced me to 'The Wrights', a book published about the founder of Hull, Quebec and related families. This book was a great source of information on my kin of that time and place.

Gordon was in the Merchant Navy during WW11 and he spent 52 months in a German P.O.W. camp. After the war he was the founding president of the Merchant Navy P.O.W. association and in that role fought long and hard to get regular veterans benefits extended to Merchant Navy personnel. It wasn't until

after his death that the Canadian Government formally recognized the Merchant Navy and provided compensation for their services.

John William Allan (Bill) Olmstead of Winnipeg, MB, died Nov 24, 1999 at age 70. While not a Jabez descendant, Bill was a subscriber to our newsletter and his encouragement to do something about Jabez research contributed to the start of this newsletter. Bill was an executive member of the Olmste(a)d Family Association for several years, serving two terms as President. He also edited the family newsletter for a number of years.

Keith William Howard MacLellan of Ottawa, ON died Sept 29, 1998 at age 78. He was the g.g.g.grandson of Gideon Olmstead (#9147). In 1994 Keith wrote a history of his Olmsted kin called 'The Olmsteds of South Hull'. I have a copy of this history.

Keith served in WW11. After the war he joined the department of External Affairs and had numerous postings to foreign countries.

Joe Barber

WAS CAPT. JABEZ AN UMSTEAD?

One of the speculations about the origin of Capt. Jabez is that he was descended from a 17th century German immigrant, Hans Peter UMSTEAD. I have recently had some E-Mail correspondence with Cris Hueneke, who is the coordinator of the UMSTEAD family, which I repeat here.

On January 30, 2000, she wrote:

"I subscribed briefly to your OLMSTEAD list, mostly to find you or an OLMSTEAD family contact. My name's Cris Hueneke and I'm the coordinator of the UMSTEAD family. I suspect that you run into some confusion of the two just as I do, and I thought it might be smart if we "knew" each other.

"There appears to be at least one early World Family Tree submission where someone attached your Jabez to our Hans Peter UMSTEAD. Of course this is incorrect and I trust that the person who submitted this tree has since found that out.

"From what little I've looked for, it would appear that the OLMSTEADS came from Ware and Brookfield (England?) and there is clearly no connection between the OLMs and the UMs. It would appear that they settled here and there in New England and elsewhere, but not in Pennsylvania or the Philadelphia area. Would you agree with that in at least an overall sense?

"There ARE several instances of UMSTEADS whose names were spelled OLMSTEAD or OLMSTADT, etc., on various records, for one reason or another. There may also be OLMSTEADS who got called UMSTEADS in error. Perhaps we could share this information with each other as we have it

or run into it in the future.

"We have a number of variant spellings among the UMSTEADS: UMSTED, UMSTATTD, UMSTOT(T), UMPSTEAD, and UMSTADT, among the most common in use by living descendants, along with UMBSTATT in early German church records and others that are for the most part just misspellings.

"What separates the OLMSTEADS from the OLMSTEDS, in particular why do you have two mailing lists? It would help me to know the immigrant's names and places settled for the OLMSTEDS too, if they are in fact separate from your Jabez. If you would give me a brief synopsis on both, that would be really great.

"I suspect that from time to time, both of us will have people contacting us who are looking in the wrong family, yours or mine. Might I have your permission to refer any OLMs who come my way to you or someone else you'd prefer? And to whom could I refer OLMSTEDS, if not to you or the same person?

"I would of course appreciate your sending any lost UMs my way as well. My email is Ludicrissy@aol.com. We have a domain at www.umstead.ORG. There's nothing there yet, but with luck there will be within the next several months. One of the things we will put on the page will be a "Who We Are" and a "Who We're Not" section, and I will include OLMSTEAD in the latter. When I get to that point, that's one place I'd like to be able to refer OLMs to you or whomever, be it by link to a webpage or by an email address. We can talk about that and adding a link to us on your page if you have one.

"There are a number of other "iffy" variant spellings, which I suspect you've run into as well, such as Amstadt, Armistead,
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VITAL RECORDS OF HARDWICK

In this issue we present selected portions of the Vital Records of Hardwick, with births, marriages and deaths of Capt. Jabez's descendant. The numbers refers to the number of the individual in the GOFA, and were assigned by the editor [COH]. We ask readers to review the assignments. Hardwick is in Worcester County, just north of Ware, and was establishrd in 1739 from a track called Lambstown. Land was split off in 1751 to form part of the new district of New Braintree, and land was split off in 1801 to form part of the new town of Dana, later absorbed by Petersham.

BIRTHS/BAPTISIMS

Surname **MARSH** pp. 74-75

Abby Marie	d. of Joel S. (9202) & Abigail D. Gleason	b.	Dec. 5, 1843
Charles Smith	inf. s. of Joel (9202 ?)	bp.	Aug. 21, 1842, C.R.
Delphia (9200)	d. of Annar, wid. of — (Joel, (9117))	bp.	May 20, 1804, C.R.
Dorothy (9114)	d. of Judah & Hannah ((9073) Olmsted)	bp.	Ap. 28, 1751, at Ware River, C.R.
Dwight (9201)	s. of Annar, wid. of — (Joel, (9117))	bp.	May 20, 1804, C.R.
Elijah (9108)	s. of Judah & Hannah ((9073) Olmsted)	bp.	Jan. 1, 1738, C.R.
George P.	s. of Joel S. (9202) & Hannah Gleason	b.	Jan.16 ,1848
Henry Mandell	s. of Joel S.(9202)	bp.	— 1846, C.R.
Hulda (9123)	d. of Ephraim & Sarah (9076)	bp.	Sept. 14, 1746, C.R.
Joel (9109)	s. of Judah & — (Hannah Olmsted, (9073))	bp.	Apr. 8, 1739, C.R.
Joel Dwight	s. of Joel (9202 ?)	bp.	July 27, 1838, C.R.
Joel Smith (9202)	s. of Joel (9117) and Annis	b.	Oct.r 21, 1803
Jonathon (9115)	s. of Judah & — (Hannah Olmsted, (9073))	bp.	May 31, 1752, C.R.
Joshiah Gleason	inf. s. of J. (Joel (9202 ?))	bp.	Sept. 1, 1839, C.R.
Mary	d. of Judah & — (Hannah Olmsted. (9073))	bp.	July 7, 1754, C.R.
Mary (9126)	d. of Ephraim & — (Sarah Olmsted, (9076))	bp.	Oct. 5, 1755, C.R.
Mary Ann	d. of Dwight (9201) & Mary (Mary C., C.R.)	b.	Mar. 1, 1819
Noah (9121)	s. of Ephraim & Sarah (Olmsted (9076))	bp.	Apr. 17, 1743, C.R.
Phila (9199)	d. of Annar, wid. of — (Joel, (9117))	bp.	May 20, 1804, C.R.
Rachel (9111)	d. of Judah & Hannah (Olmsted (9073))	bp.	August 28, 1743, C.R.
Sarah (9124)	d. of Ephraim & Sarah (Olmsted (9076))	bp.	April 28, 1751, at Ware River, C.R.
Zenus	s. of Zenus (9197) & Fanny	b.	Dec. 10, 1819

Surname **OLMSTEAD** p. 81

Israel (9104)	s. of Israel (9072) & Annah	bp.	June 4, 1758, C.R.
Joseph (9101)	s. of Isaac & Sarah (Should be Israel [9072])	bp.	Apr. 28, 1751, at Ware River, C.R.

Surname **OMSTED** p. 81

Jabes (9129)	s. of Moses (9080) & Abigail	b.	June 1, 1760
Moses (9130)	s. of Moses (9080) & Abigail	b.	June 25, 1762

MARRIAGES

Surname **MARSH** p. 208-209

- Aaron (s. of Judah 9116 ?) and Betsey Witherell, both of Ware, Apr. 23, 1809*
- Dwight (9201) and Mary C. Holt, Nov. 4, 1817
- Foster (9195), widr., of Ware, s. of Jona[than] and Anna, a. 57 y., and Catherine H. [Catherine S., int.] Fish, d. of Henry & Elizabeth, a. 37 y., June 17, 1846
- Jam[e]s S. (9198) and Sarah E. Harwood, both of Ware, Jan.19, 1841*
- Joel S. (9202) and Abby D. Gleason of New Braintree, int. May 10, 1837
- Jonathan (9191 ?) of Ware, and Mary Paige, Dec. 1, 1824
- Judah (9106) of Ware, and Jerusha Collins, Feb. 20, 1800
- Mary Ann, d. of Dwight (9201) and Mary C., a. 26, and Joel W. Fletcher, Esq., of Leominister, s. of James of Enfield and Eunice W., b. in Amherst, a. 27 y, Apr.28, 1845
- Phila (9199), and Martin Mendall, Nov. 8, 1808. C.R.
- Polly (Mary 9183), and John Oakes, int. July 14, 1793
- Sewel (9193 ?) of Ware, and Anna Hasting, May 11, 1815
- Silas (s. of Elijah 9108 ?) of Western, and Joanna Powers, Aug. 4, 1787
- Silas (s. of Elijah 9108 ?) of Western, and Hannah Weeks, Apr. 18, 1802

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Surname **OMSTAD** p. 218

Thankful (9097) and Joseph Macmichel, January 21, 1756*

Surname **OMSTED** p. 218

Israel (9072) and Anna Safford, November 25, 1756

** Intention not recorded

DEATHS

Surname **MARSH** p. 309

Delphia (9200), d. of Joel (9117) and Annis Smith, Mar. 25, 1810, a. 19 y. 9 m. 13 d. G.R.2

D[w]ight (9201), Jan. 25, 1823, a. 29 y.

Henry M. [Henry Mandell, G.R.2], s. of Joel S. (9202) and Abby Gleason, June 24, 1847, a. 1 y. 10 m. [a. 22 m., G.R.2] Dropsy on brain

Joel (9117), Apr. 12, 1804, a. 44 y. 8 m. 24 d., G.R.1, [a. 44 y. 8 m. 3 w. 5 d., C.R.]

Joel Dwight, s. of Joel S. (9202) and Abby Gleason, [s. of J.S. and A.D., G.R.2] Apr. 18 [April 22, G.R.2], 1845, a. 6 y. 11 m.

Josiah G. (Josiah Gleason, G.R.2) s. of J. S. (9202) and (A .D., G.R.2) Feb. 5, 1844, a. 4 y. 8 m.

Zenas (9197), July 2, 1834, a. 41 y. Consumption

Surname **WATSON** p. 332

Lucinda (9060) Oct. 2, 1804, a. 16 y. 11 m. 1 w. 4 d. C.R. [Noted as "of the Gore" in Paige, "History of Hardwick", p. 528.]

ABBREVIATIONS

C.R. Church Record
G.R.1 Grave Record, Old Cemetery
G.R.2 Grave Record, Central Cemetery

QUERIES

Danean Mitchell, 4466 West Pine, St. Louis, MO 63108, sends the following query:

I have been researching trying to find proof of the parentage of my Jacob Omstead #9209 in GOFA.

1. I understand that Harvey submitted Israel Olmstead as his father and Elizabeth Cooley as his mother, Jonathan and Elizabeth as brother and sister and had them baptized into the LDS church.

2. I have always thought that this was the Elizabeth Cooley that was married to Moses who died in Exeter, Canada, 19 Aug 1795 who as a widow with seven children married Joshua Fairchild in Canada in 18 April 1797. The same Elizabeth who was the administratrix of the will of Moses probated 19 Aug 1796. The same Elizabeth, who was the daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth (Osborne) COOLEY. The same Elizabeth who with Joshua removed to Huron county, where she died in Lyme ca 1827. That the following issue were included in the will of Moses: 1. Gideon 2. Jonah 3. Jabez 4. Moses 5. Simeon 6. Lucy and 7. Benjamin.

3. Does anyone believe that the Harry (Typo)/Harvey Olmstead that died 21 Mar 1880 in Milton Twp, Dodge, MN, age 86, who was living with projected grand-daughter Mary Bartholomew, is the same Harvey that was married to Anna Mingus? And if so, why would his death certificate read that his father's name was Jonathan born in VT and his mother was Margaret born in Vermont?

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Humstead, Husted, etc. I'm working on these individually and over time will be putting some of that on our page under "Who We Are" or "Who We Aren't" and listing known cases of misspellings, etc.

"I hope that we can do some things together to make it easier for descendants of both families.

"Thanks, Cris Hueneke"

On February 1, 2000, Cris replied to my E-Mail , saying in part:

"I think that I can say fairly definitively that Jabez was not from Hans Peter. There are a number of reasons for this: the UMSTEADs were definitely Germans. They definitely landed and stayed in the Phila area at first. We have very good info on their arrival and children. Definitely no Jabez. The name Jabez is seen nowhere on any extant UM records and, as far as I know, is not a German name ... my husband is German, I've done a lot with old German church records, etc., so I'm in a fairly good position to say this. I am not aware of any records of Jabez in Philadelphia. Our unidentified later immigrants arrived in 1732 or later, so no possibilities there.

"That said, IF there were any possibility that his name was not really Jabez ... for instance if whatever records you've seen are old script of some sort and someone didn't read the name properly ... IF it could have been Jacob or Johan, etc., there may be some open possibility of some kind. There is also the possibility of "known as" names v full legal names, which we run into with the Germans quite a bit. There was also the inability of immigration people to understand German accents or to spell what they heard. If you have a copy of a handwritten signature or a record written by someone else, I'd be willing to look at it if you think there's any need.

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Doreen Dolleman's Research

I had some difficulty choosing my topic for this article as there are so many subjects that I am really looking forward to sharing with all of you, but I can only do one at a time and it is a slow process. It would be nice if I had some logical order, but I am motivated by what seems to be the subject most completed. So for this reason I will fill you in on my Aaron Olmstead research as I have made some great progress on this line and the "Red Book" does not do it justice. On our two most recent cross country trips Bill and I actually followed the trail of Aaron's descendants from Washington County, NY to Dorset, VT to Kane and Boone Counties, IL. Even though this is not my direct line I have become rather attached to these "cousins" and wish that someone would come forth and claim them as their own!

Aaron Olmstead, probable son of Jabez (9088) and Miriam Husse Olmstead, was born around 1760 in Alford, Berkshire Co. MA, may have served in the Revolutionary War between 1775 – 1779, married and had a son Aaron Jr. born in 1788 in Alford. In April of 1789 Aaron mortgaged 24 acres in the David Borry Patent in Granville, Washington Co. NY. In 1790 he was in the Granville census with a probable wife and a young son and daughter. The only other recorded information on Aaron are two Washington Co. court documents which give some insight into his character. One was in Oct. of 1789 when Aaron, Timothy Case, and Francis Ingersoll were charged with wickedly and maliciously conspiring to falsely accuse their neighbor Henry Cummins of committing sodomy (buggery) with a mare! They are described as persons of "ill name and fame and of dishonest conversation". In 1798 Aaron was charged with armed robbery along with three male members of the Case family. As this was his last appearance in Washington Co. it is safe to guess that he was either run out of town or ran off on his own. It also is likely that he left his family behind as his son Aaron Jr. appears in Washington Co. records beginning in 1811 and 1812 when he mortgages property near the Hartford / Hebron Twp. line. By Jan. of 1817 Aaron Jr. is declared insolvent and Jabez Olmstead is appointed assignee. Court records show that Aaron was in a pretty sorry predicament with a wife and two infant children, no property, only \$50 worth of personal belongings and outstanding debts owed to 23 different creditors. Some were relatives as the list includes Jabez and Miriam Olmstead and John Wilson. Aaron Jr. was enumerated in the 1820 Hebron census next to Jabez. In 1825 he was in Hartford and in 1830, 1835 and 1840 in Hebron. In the 1850 and 1860 census he was in Dorset, Vermont. Dorset is just a few miles from where Aaron lived in Hebron.

The Olmstead "Red Book" lists Aaron Jr. as a "stray" on page 416 and I used that information as a starting point in my search. I managed to gather an amazing amount of information including cemetery records, obits and vital records in Illinois. There are still a few gaps to be filled, but I was pleased to learn as much as I did on my own, having no contact with descendants.

Aaron Jr. was born 14 Oct. 1788 in Alford, MA. He married Elizabeth "Betsey" Wilson in 1812. She was born 12 Feb. 1789, died in 1839, and was the daughter of William and Betsey Wilson. Aaron remarried around 1849 to an Olive Smith who was the widow of Amos Smith of Granville, NY. In 1850 and 1860 Aaron and Olive were living in Dorset Hollow, Vermont on property owned by Olive. Aaron's daughter Caroline lived with them. Aaron died on the 26th of

Dec. 1862 probably in Vermont as I found no record of him having ever been in Hampshire, IL. Aaron and Betsey's children were:

- 1) Elizabeth W. born 14 Feb. 1814 Washington Co. NY, m. Moseley W. Baldwin 1 Oct. 1834 Dorset, VT, died 28 Sept. 1864. She was with her sister Ann and Hervey King in 1850 in Ottawa, IL.
- 2) Emerson born 15 May 1816, m. Margaret L., keeper of livery stable in Milwaukee, WI in 1860 and 1870 census. Children: Blanche, Oscar, Lily, Julia, Harriet, and Archibald.
- 3) Miriam born 5 Jan. 1819, m. Silas Hardy Baldwin 20 Feb. 1849 Dorset, VT, died 3 Nov. 1878 Hampshire, IL. Children: Austin, Elizabeth Ann, Mary E., and Oscar.
- 4) Lucy T. born 10 June 1821, m. John Keller, died 7 Jan. 1881 Belvidere, IL. Children: Charlotte and Jane (Jenny).
- 5) John born 25 Feb. 1824, died Oct. 1861, m. (1) Catherine Donalson. Children: George E., m. (2) Joanna. Children: Frederick. Lived in Milwaukee Co. WI in 1860. George was with his aunt Lucy and John Keller in 1870 in Belvidere, IL. He married his cousin Julia King.
- 6) Ann Loretta born 25 Jan 1826, m. Hervey King 6 May 1847 Kane Co. IL, died 12 Jan. 1877 Ottawa, IL. Children: Albert, Willis D., Julia O., Jessie A.
- 7) Jane born 1 March 1829, m. Byron C. Eaton 24 Sept. 1860 Kane Co. IL, died 15 July 1868 IL.
- 8) Oscar born 15 April 1830, died 12 Aug. 1836 Washington Co. NY.
- 9) Caroline born 25 June 1832, died 7 Jan. 1865 Hampshire, Kane Co. IL.

It would be fun to know who submitted the information in the "Red Book" on Aaron Jr. as I feel certain that this person had access to a family Bible. The birth dates of Aaron, Betsey, and all their children are not recorded in Berkshire Co. MA or Washington Co. NY so surely must be from private family records.

I have one last thought to share about Aaron Olmstead Sr. We know that he had two children by 1790 and maybe more by the time he disappeared in 1798. It is possible that Miriam Olmstead born about 1793 was his daughter. She married Benjamin Matteson from Shaftsbury, VT in 1819 and by 1825 had settled in Hounsfield, Jefferson Co. NY. Around 1847 they moved to Shabbona, DeKalb Co. IL, not far from Aaron Jr.'s family. Miriam died 17 October 1848 at age 55. Their children were: Miranda, Lorenzo, Oscar, Lois, Albert, Eliza, Miriam, and Jane Hannah.

Other records state that he was born on November 20, 1596.) He was by occupation a husbandman. He was accompanied by his wife Martha, and by five children all of whom were under twelve years of age, whose names are as follows: Robert, William, Peter, John, Ann (or Acnes) who married Edward RICE, Joseph, and Martha who married Samuel HOW in 1668. The same year of his arrival in this country he returned to England for others of his family, and came back in the ship "Jonathan" the next year. His sister Acnes BLANCHARD and her infant child died on the voyage; and his mother Acnes also died on the voyage or soon after the ship reached our shores. He was a freeman May 13, 1640. He was one of the proprietors of the Marlboro Plantation, but died Sept. 27, 1672, at Sudbury. His wife died May 15, 1679. His son Joseph was born at Sudbury, May 16, 1641. The BENT family has from the first been quite numerous in Sudbury. Some of them have long been residents of Cochituate, formerly a part of the town. John, Jr., purchased land of Henry RICE near Cochituate Brook, where he built a house; and it is said that he was the fourth person to erect a dwelling in the territory of Framingham. The BENTs have lived on both sides of the river, and the name is still familiar within the present limits of the town.

CHAPTER VIII.

Miscellaneous.—Laws concerning Domestic Animals, Birds, Wolves, Ammunition and Fire-arms.—Common Planting Fields.—Fence Viewers and Fences.—Staple Crops.—Meadow Grass; Abundance, Time and Price of Cutting, Measures for Improving.—Mode of Travel.—Staking the Causeway.—Climate.—Rain and Snow Fall.—Occasion of Floods.—Breaking Out Roads.—Care of the Poor.—Laws for the Prevention of Poverty Enacted by the Town; by the Province.—Town Action for the Encouragement of Industry.—Education.—Morality.—Instruction in the Use of Fire-arms.—Tithing-men.—Stocks.—Lecture Day.—Fasts.—Baptism of Infants.—Laws Relating to Labor.—Payments Often Made in Produce.—Negroes Bought and Sold.—Copy of Bill of Sale.—Schedule of Inhabitants a Century and a Half Ago.—Respect Shown by the Use of Titles; by Gratulation; by Seating in the Meeting-House.—Careful of Dues.—Precaution Against Fire.—Borrowing Canoes.—Board of the Representatives.—Peculiar Names of Places,

p. 133 (Fence Viewers Appointed)

"Edmond RICE and Thomas GOODENOW for all the fences of cornfields from new bridge southward within the town bound."

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The same year [1655] John HOWE was "appointed by the Pastor and Selectmen to see to the restraining from the profanation of the Lord's day in time of public exercise."

The stocks were employed as a means of punishment. This old-time appliance was for a period near the meeting-house, as the records state that, in 1681, "Samuel HOW was to build a new pair of stocks," and was "to set them up before the meeting-house."

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But not alone by the application of titles was there a recognition of merit and respect shown where it was due. In 1666, the Town Book states, "We have chosen, constituted and appointed our trusty friends Mr. Joseph NOYES, Sargeant John GROUT and Corporal John RUTTER to read, issue and

determine all matters of difference ensuing about sufficiency of fence." It was customary to "gratulate" sometimes for service done for the public. In a single list in the Town Book are the following persons, who were "gratulated" for some service done by them, and the quantity of land given:— (There follows a list of names, including:)

John BENT, 4 acres meadow 6 of upland

CHAPTER XXXI.

CEMETERIES.

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First Burial Place.—Old Burying-Ground at Sudbury Centre.—Mount Wadsworth Cemetery.—Mount Pleasant Cemetery.—New Cemetery.—North Sudbury Cemetery.—Burial Customs.

Our vales are sweet with fern and rose,
Our hills are maple-crowned;
But not from them our fathers chose
The village burying-ground.

WHITTIER

There are few, if any, places in our New England towns more suggestive of the past than its ancient burial places. It is there that we find names now but rarely spoken in the places that knew them once, and the old headstones give a record of births, ages and deaths, which perhaps could be found nowhere else. Sudbury has at present five cemeteries within its limits: one at South Sudbury, one at North Sudbury, and three at the Centre; but the first burial place of the town was in East Sudbury, now Wayland.

SUDBURY'S FIRST BURYING-GROUND.

This ancient burial place is in Wayland, on the north side of the road leading to Sudbury Centre, and about a half mile from the railroad station. It has the general appearance of an old-time graveyard. The wild grass covers the toughened and irregular sods and the uneven surface of the ground indicates that it was long, long ago broken by the sexton's spade. These indications of the existence of old graves are correct. It was the burying-ground of the settlers, and here—

" Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap,
Each in his narrow cell forever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

The older part of this cemetery lies near or beside the county highway, and may be the half acre bought of John LOKER for a burial place. Tradition says that prior to the selection of this spot a few interments were made just over the hill to the north, where tradition also states that there was an Indian graveyard. These traditions have perhaps some confirmation in the fact that on the northern hillside remains of human skeletons have been exhumed. An old citizen, Mr. Sumner DRAPER, states that in his boyhood, when men were at work in the gravel pit in what was known as the "old Indian graveyard," he saw bones which they dug up, that he thought belonged to several human skeletons, and that he had himself in later years dug up a human skull. He also stated that there were two or three flat stones on some graves,

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which he believed were without any inscription, and that he thought some such stones were removed from the spot long ago.

The town owned thereabouts two or three acres of land, which was generally known as the "old Indian graveyard." But if this land was reserved by the settlers for a burial place, it was not long made use of; for the southerly slope was soon set apart for this purpose, and has continued to be used for more than two centuries and a half. Additions have repeatedly been made to this latter portion, as the generations have passed away, and new graves have been opened to receive them; and thus has the slow, solemn march of that silent company been moving over that midway space, until the two portions are almost joined. Besides the age of the yard, there are other things that make it an interesting spot to the inhabitants of Sudbury. Within its enclosure stood the first meeting-house. (See page 100.) Here lie buried the bodies of those who bore the name of GOODENOW, CURTIS, GROUT, RUTTER, PARMENTER, RICE, BENT, and others of the early grantees, besides still others of Sudbury's most prominent citizens before the division of the town. Because of the interest that thus attaches to the place, although it is not now within the limits of the town, we will give the inscriptions on some of the older gravestones which lie along the common highway.

MEMENTO MORI. In memory of

Mr. Thomas BENT who died
Wednesday morning July the
26th 1775.
Ætatis 69.

Our term of time is seventy years
An age that few survive
But if with more than common
strength
To eighty we arrive

Mrs. Mary BENT wife of Mr.
Thomas BENT who died Wednesday
morning July y^e 26th 1775
Ætatis 57.

Yet then our boasted strength decays,
To sorrow turns and pain
So soon the slender thread is cut
And we no more remain

THE OLD BURYING GROUND AT SUDBURY CENTRE

A winding wall of mossy stone,
Frost-flung and broken, lines
A lonesome acre thinly grown
With grass and wandering vines.

WHITTIER

The oldest graveyard within the present limits of Sudbury is at the Centre. It is situated in the northeasterly part of the village, along the Concord road east of the Methodist Church. An early record of this burying-place is found in the proprietor's book, and bears date Feb. 26, 1716-17 (See pages 121 and 122.) Another record referring to it is dated June 12, 1726.

In this old graveyard, for a century and a half or upwards, what was mortal of many of the west side inhabitant was laid. The names of HAYNES, HUNT, PARMENTER, GOODNOW, BROWN, MOORE and HOWE, BENT, RICE, RICHARDSON, WILLIS, WHEELER, JONES, PUFFER, HAYDEN, WALKER, and a host of others, long familiar in Sudbury, are to be found on the stones. Unlike the older part of the first yard,- at what was East Sudbury, the gravestones are here quite numerous; but, though many, they do not mark all the graves, which nearly cover the entire space of that "thickly peopled ground." The enclosure is encompassed by a substantial stone wall, which within a few years has been well repaired. The place has but little shrubbery and few trees. Just beyond the road was the pound, near by or on the site of which the hearse house now stands. Within the past few years this yard has been but little used. Now and then the ground has been broken as the fragment of some ancient family has found its resting place among a group of old grave; but these instances are fewer and farther between as time passes by, and it will probably soon erase to be used for new burials, but remain with unbroken turf until the morning of the resurrection. It is a place of sacred association, and as such has been regarded by the town's people; especially was it much visited by them during the intermission between the Sabbath services, when two sermons were preached in one day. Then they visited this quiet spot, read epitaphs, talked of the past, and derived, it may be, such lessons from the suggestive scenes as were a moral and spiritual help. Along the northerly side of the yard is the Sudbury and Concord highway; and ranged beside this are family tombs. One of these is that of Mr. John GOODNOW, the donor of the GOODNOW Library.

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On March 24, , 2000, she wrote:

"It has just come to my attention that many records in Seneca Co, OH for Enoch UMSTEAD are listed under OLMSTEAD. We are sure that he was Enoch UMSTEAD, based on the findings of two of my most reliable and dedicated researchers. This is based on wills of Enoch, his son Aaron, and Aaron's wife Elizabeth, which I have only seen in abstract so far.

"Please inform the OLMSTEAD people.

"Cris"

OLMSTEAD'S ON THE INTERNET

There are (at least) three places on the INTERNET where one can do OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD research. Joe Barber told us two issues ago about the Olmstead Family Genealogy Forum, at

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

There are also two OLMSTEAD/OLMSTEAD Rootsweb subscriber groups, in which subscribers can exchange information, post queries, etc. To subscribe, send E-Mail to

OLMSTEAD-D-request@rootsweb.com

and to

OLMSTED-D-request@rootsweb.com

with the command "subscribe" (without the quotes) in the body of the message, and NOTHING ELSE.

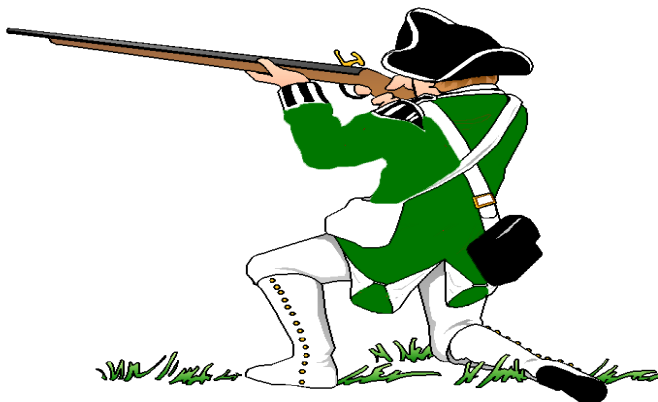
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The two lists are not connected, and do not necessarily have the same posts, unless a member of the two groups sends the same message to both groups. The two Listowners (I am one) are cooperating, and will try to ensure that important messages are received in both groups.

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