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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.

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JOE BARBER'S COLUMN

Hello again one and all and a special welcome to those who have joined our group in the past few months. I hope you find this newsletter and subsequent ones interesting.

We give a special thanks to Danean Mitchell who has written for this newsletter. I am sure Carl would like to hear from others who have some family history they can share with the rest of us.

While traveling to Calgary, AB last May I learned of an Olmsted clock being offered for sale in Calgary by a person who repairs antique clocks as well as buying and selling them. I arranged to see the clock and through a trade reference book which the vendor had was able to determine the clock had been made for Charles Albert Olmsted, a watchmaker and jeweler in Ottawa, ON from about 1890 until his death in 1943. There is more about this clock elsewhere in this newsletter. Daniel Olmsted of Swift Current, SK is now the proud owner of this clock. He purchased it because of the name Olmsted on the face and as well he is interested in collectibles. Some of Daniel's kin have traced their family ancestry back to Nicholas (1615-1684), #4 in the Genealogy of the Olmsted family in America

1632-1912.

A project that I have been working on for some time and which is also part of this newsletter is a mailing list of our subscribers with their early pedigree line from Jabez, to the extent I know it. If anyone is unhappy about his or her address being displayed blame me, not Carl, as it is my idea. I failed to make my code column wide enough for the long zip codes and the + after 5 digits simply means there is a zip code extension. One of the objectives of this project is to show who your closer kin are in the event you do not know of them already. Some of our subscribers are from the James of Hartford group or the Richard of Norwalk group and another of the shortcomings of my program is that I cannot record your information, and so they are omitted. Also there are some subscribers who I don't have information for and these people are omitted also. Carl and I would appreciate receiving any corrections or added data people can provide.

Happy ancestor hunting in the months ahead.

Joe Barber.

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Doreen Dolleman's Research

I usually look forward to writing my article with considerably more enthusiasm than I have been able to muster up this time. My problem is that I don't feel as prepared with the subject chosen. I am certain there is still some significant information out there that would help to further unravel the mysteries in the Jabez Jr. and James Olmstead lines, both husbands of the twice-widowed Anna Warren Day. Since I promised to discuss this topic, I will give it my best attempt, and hope to do a decent job of keeping the facts separate from my guesswork.

I will begin with Jabez Olmstead Jr. who is familiar territory with me. He was born around 1773 and was probably the son of Jabez Sr. and Miriam Husse Olmstead of Hebron, NY. He was married first to Eunice and moved to Burritt's Rapids, Ontario in 1799. The first record is an application for leasing of lot 28 in Marlborough Twp. This family, consisting of Jabez 28, Eunice 27, Hiram 3, and Noah 2, was listed in the early assessment records of Burritt's Rapids in 1802. Since there has been no further record found of Jabez Jr. and Eunice in Ontario after 1803 my assumption is that they returned to Hebron, NY. The federal and state census records of Hebron confirm that there were at least two Jabez Olmstead's enumerated from 1790 through 1825. An older Jabez (with a small family) in 1790 and 1800 and a younger Jabez (with a large family) in the years following. My guess based on all evidence collected over the years is that Jabez Jr. returned from Ontario to Hebron by 1803, possibly because his father was ill or had died. The known children of Jabez and Eunice were:

1. Hiram (1798 – 1871) was born in Washington County, NY. He was a farmer in Burritt's Rapids, Ontario. He married his cousin Aurilla Olmstead around 1820. They had 13 children. Aurilla died sometime after 1851 and Hiram then moved his family to Lewis County, NY. He died in Palermo, NY.
2. Noah (1800 -?) was born in Burritt's Rapids, Ontario. He married Sarah Wallace and they had 6 known children and maybe as many as 8. Noah was living with a daughter in the 1851 Kitley, Ont. census and that is the last record of him.
3. Richard (1802 – 1872) was a probable son of Jabez and Eunice. He was living with the Thomas Olmstead family in Thornbury, Ont. in 1861 and died there in 1872. He was a carpenter. He may have been married to and separated from an Elizabeth who lived in Kitley, Ont. She had a son Oscar and a daughter Sarah. Oscar's marriage record names his parents as Richard and Elizabeth Olmstead.

4. Jabez (1806 – 1880) was born in Washington County, NY after the return of his parents from Ontario. He married Orpha Knight in 1832 and then moved to Watertown, NY. They had 3 sons. Jabez was a farmer. The connecting of him to the Jabez and Eunice family came through a seven-page hand written document in 1929 by Bessie Olmstead Croft, granddaughter of Jabez and Orpha. It basically outlines the descendants of the Watertown Olmstead's, tying them to Hiram of Canada (# 1 above). There are some errors, but the real significance is that it confirms that these families were one and the same! In spite of the fact that most lived in NY and some had moved to western states, they had kept in contact with each other, confirmed by the information in the document. It was passed on to me from Peg Johnstone, great-great granddaughter of Jabez and Orpha.

Eunice died by 1813 and Jabez Jr. married the widow Anna Warren Day. I have no proof, but think it likely that Eunice was also connected to the Day family of Washington Co. NY. Anna and Jabez Jr. produced 4 more children who grew to adulthood: Edwin Luther, Eunice Anna, David Day and Oscar Franklin. Jabez Jr. died probably around 1827. The folklore of the descendants of Jabez Jr. and Anna says that he moved his family to Ontario in 1828 and died that same year. I am inclined to believe that he died in Hebron as the 1827 land records show that Anna Olmstead of Hebron sold (quit claim deed) her land to her daughter Meribah Day. Meribah then sold a portion to Lanson Day. If Jabez Jr. were still alive he would have been conducting the land transactions rather than his wife and there are no land sales in his name at all, suggesting that he died before his family left for Ontario.

This is what I have uncovered on James Olmstead. According to various federal and state censuses his birth date would have been around 1770. At this point I have no record of who his parents were. If the assumption is made that it was not coincidence that Anna married two different Olmstead men, but that they were somehow related, then I have two rather logical choices of parents. One would be Jabez and Miriam Husse Olmstead. If this were true then Jabez Jr. and James were brothers and it would be logical that Anna Warren Day would be acquainted with both. My other choice, which is my favorite, was that James was the son of Gideon and Annaka Van Deusen Olmstead. Annaka was the daughter of Hartman Van Deusen and Margrieta Dykman. Gideon was a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Litten Olmstead, and a brother of Jabez Sr. (Miriam Husse). If this were true then James and Jabez Jr. were first cousins. The reasons for this being my favorite scenario are:

1. James resided in Pittstown, Rennsalaer Co. NY, near the area where the very few records of Gideon and Annaka exist.
2. In the 1800 Pittstown census Hartman Van Deusen

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was enumerated next to the James Olmstead family.

3. James had a daughter Anna (English version of Annaka) and a son Harley (could be an English translation of Hartman).

James was first married to Elizabeth (Betsey) Shepard, daughter of Hazael and Dorothy Shepard of Pittstown. Hazael Shepard was a surveyor. He died in 1819 and son-in-law James was executor of the estate. We read his will and estate papers in the Rensselaer County courthouse in Troy, NY. We also found his stately home and small family cemetery on the Shepard property. Hazael Shepard, his first wife Dorothy, a daughter, and grandson Hazael Olmstead are all buried there. The tombstones are still standing. Betsey's sister Mary Shepard was married to Stephen Hunt. Stephen and Mary moved to Monroe County, NY and to Oakland County, MI right along with the James Olmstead family. By 1818 James had moved his family to Wheatland, Monroe County, NY. We did some research there as well. James Sr., James Jr. and Harley are in tax records. James is mentioned in the "History of Monroe County, NY" and in "History of the Town of Wheatland": "A grain-cradle maker, James Olmstead settled on the farm north of Harris Roger's farm in 1818. He made an excellent grain cradle and his reputation was widespread. At times he gave employment to three and four mechanics." Also, "The Olmstead cradle was as much in demand in that day as is the Brockport New York reaper today". The Olmstead's were members of the Baptist church both in Wheatland, NY and in Commerce, MI. Betsey Shepard must have died during their time in Wheatland. By 1832 James had moved on to Ontario and appears in the same locality as the widow Anna Warren Day Olmstead and family. He was witness to a marriage in 1832. There is a record of James Olmstead in a promissory note to E.M. Church in Ontario the 7th of March, 1834. He is listed in the Oxford-on-Rideau assessment for 1833 and 1834. His marriage to Anne Olmstead took place 29 Aug., 1832 in Bathurst District, Ontario. By 1835 nearly all the family of James Sr. and Anna had moved to Oakland County, Michigan. Thanks to Bob Christiansen, a descendant, who made a trip in the fall of 1999 to Oakland County and a subsequent trip by Bill and I in the fall of 2000, we were able to get copies of many, if not all, of the Olmstead land transactions. It was exciting because several of the land records proved that James and Anna were husband and wife. The last record of James Sr. was the Michigan state census of 1845 in Commerce Twp. His family was recorded in the 1850 Oakland County census, but James was not. The known children of James and Betsey were:

1. Hazael (1791 – 1806), buried in Shepard Ceme-

tery in Pittstown, NY.

2. Anna (1794 – 1881), a spinster, in each census always enumerated with family members. Died in Bancroft, Shiawassee County, MI where Evalina (Olmstead) and Abraham Cole were living.
3. James Jr. (1798 – 1871), a farmer in Commerce Twp., MI, married at least twice. He had a stepdaughter Mary Mann born 1839 (married Richard Kelley) so assume he married a Widow Mann before 1839. In 1841 he married Maria Read Hunt (1805 – 1883), daughter of Charles and Julia Read. They had 3 children. James and Maria are buried in Four Towns Cemetery.
4. Harley (1803 – 1885), a farmer in White Lake, MI, married twice. First wife was Dyantha Spencer (1805 – 1840), mother of 5 children. Second wife was Rachel Ann Taylor (1820 – 1893), mother of 10 children. Harley and his wives are buried in Four Towns Cemetery.
5. Mrs. Hydea Cooper was mentioned in "History of Monroe County, NY". I have never have found anyone by this name.
6. Mrs. Harry Smith was also mentioned in "History of Monroe County, NY". There was a Harry Smith of White Lake married in 1836 to widow Louisa (Lovisa) Reynolds (born 1801). She is the right age and in the right location to be the daughter of James and Betsey, but proof is needed.

According to early census records there was one other young male in the James Olmstead Sr. household. In the biographical sketch of Harley it says that his brother James Jr. and 3 sisters also settled in Oakland County. So if there was another brother he may have remained behind in Monroe County, NY.

Another possible daughter was Evalina Olmstead (1815 – 1891) who married Abraham Cole (from Monroe County, NY) in Oakland County, MI. They had 9 children. The Cole's moved by 1860 to Shiawassee County, MI.

Anna Warren Day Olmstead was born 1 April, 1782 in Tyringham, MA, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Lewis Warren. She married widower Luther Day of Granville, Washington County, NY. They had a daughter Meribah and also may have had a son Lanson born 28 Jan., 1800 in Granville. Luther Day died 8 Jan., 1810 at 33 years of age. In Washington County estate papers dated 4 June, 1813, Anna Day and Noah Day were named as administrators. An inventory list includes a Bible (to die for!). At some point during this time period Anna married Jabez Olmstead Jr. and as mentioned above they had four children who grew to adulthood and possibly 2 infants who died young. Sometime after the 1827 Washington County land record Anna and her family moved to Ontario, possibly because her stepsons Hiram and Noah Olmstead had returned to the Burritt's Rapids area by the early 1820's. Other than her marriage to James Olmstead in 1832, the only other record I have found of Anna's years in Ontario was her name as witness to the marriage of her daughter Eunice in 1834. In Nov., 1835 Anna Olmstead purchased 40 acres of land in Commerce Twp., MI. Her husband James Olmstead Sr. purchased 42.59 acres in Oct., 1835. In the subsequent years there were numerous land transactions involving them and their sons

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and sons-in-law. Anna was widowed for the third time sometime between 1845 – 1850. In the 1850 census she was living with her son Oscar and family in Commerce Twp. Anna died 25 Sept., 1858, age 76, and is buried in Four Towns Cemetery. Her tombstone is flat on the ground and split in half. She is buried in lot 22, owned by James Olmstead, according to Waterford Twp. records. There are a total of 8 recorded burials in lot 22, the earliest being in 1840. They include Harley Olmstead's first wife and six of his children. The children of Jabez and Anna Olmstead:

1. Eunice (1818 – 1891) married George Wood in 1834 in Ontario. He was a carpenter in Commerce Twp., MI. They had 10 children and were divorced in later years. She is buried in the Commerce Cemetery.
2. Edwin (1813—1888) married Elizabeth Irwin in 1834 in Ontario. He was a carpenter in Commerce Twp., but moved in 1877 near Nickerson, Kansas. They had 8 children.
3. David Day (1823 – 1884) married Jennette Reid in 1841 in Oakland County, MI. He was a carpenter and justice of the peace in Waterford Twp. He moved to Nickerson, Kansas in 1872 and became a judge. They had 10 children.
4. Oscar (1826 – 1899) married Melissa Sternbergh in 1849 in Commerce, MI. He was a carpenter. Later they moved to Bancroft, Shiawassee County and then Van Buren County, MI. Both are buried in Fremont Cemetery. They had 6 children.

I have only briefly outlined the children of Anna Warren Day Olmstead, Jabez Olmstead Jr., and James Olmstead as there is considerable recorded information available on them and their descendants. The mystery has always been over the relationship between Anna, Jabez, and James. I hope to have helped those of you who are descendants of any of these three lines. I mentioned at the beginning that I feel certain that there is still information somewhere that would help clear up some of the remaining puzzles. I will give a few ideas as to what might possibly be of help, hoping that some of you might be motivated to join in the search:

1. A death record for Oscar Franklin Olmstead – 18 June ,1899, Van Buren Co., MI
2. A death record for Edwin Luther Olmstead – Feb., 1888, Grant, Kansas
3. A death record for Mary Mann Kelley – still alive in 1880 Commerce, MI census
4. Olmstead obituaries in Oakland, County, MI. (already have Harley and Rachel Olmstead's).
5. A death record for Louisa (Lovica) Smith – alive in 1870 and gone by 1880, Waterford, MI census

BETTY LOU OLMSTED PANZER

We regret to announce the death of Betty Lou Olmsted Panzer, a Jabez researcher and a contributor to this Newsletter. Betty was my second cousin (COH), although I never met her, because her family moved west after her father died. She was writing the history of her family, and I hope it was not lost upon her death. My attempts to contact her family have been unsuccessful. It is sad that I have just obtained a picture of her grandfather, and our great grandparents, in front of the Borodino, Onondaga County, NY farmhouse, taken in about 1883.

An Apology to Two Unknown Subscribers

As some of you are aware, I sometimes am not too swift at cashing Subscriber's subscription checks. I put them aside and sometimes find them months later.

Well, I did it again. There were two checks that arrived at our summer home in Maine just before we started our migration south. I carefully put them away some place, intending to cash them when I arrived in Florida. I bet they are still where I put them, in Maine.

So if you sent me a check, and it remains uncashed, that's why. Please replace them, and I'll destroy the originals next May, when we get back to Maine.

Carl Hommel

DESCENDANTS OF CYNTHIA OLMSTED EGLAN (1794-1837)

While searching the Hamilton County, NY Web Site, I (COH) came across a file of the descendants of Cynthia Olmsted EGLIN (9235 in the GOFA). Cynthia was a daughter of Jeremiah OLMSTED and Mercy WELLS, of Hope, NY. The article is copyrighted, so I can not reproduce it here. It can be seen at

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyhamilt/bios/eglingen1.html>.

It has recently been updated, so be sure to get the revised version.

Jacob Omstead

by
Danean Mitchell

I am so respectful of Doreen's research that I am almost too embarrassed to submit this. However, the thought of her running out of gas is frightening. She has provided volumes of vital details and valid information based on her "virgin research". Thank you, Doreen.

In 1990, my passion for genealogy surfaced. I began working on my mother's maiden name CURLEY, which led me back in time to my 3rd great grandfather, JACOB CURLEY, who resided in Bureau County, Illinois. He married a lovely lady by the name of Anna OMSTEAD, thus, enter my interest and obsession in the OLMSTEAD surname and my search for Anna's pedigree.

My first viewing of GOFA caused great excitement for me as there under Jacob (9209) Olmsted was **MY** Anna, b. abt 1819, m. abt 1841, Jacob Curley. This would certainly provide me with success zeroing in on Anna's heritage. Well, all I can tell you now are that there is some correct information and a great deal of wrong information in the GOFA. So, to reiterate Doreen's sentiments regarding the GOFA book, use the book with great care. Seek out the clues and document the information yourself.

CHRONOLOGY OF JACOB OMSTEAD (9209)

Rendering all of the children "according to GOFA" on a FGS, I began proving out what I could. The following are those results. I will begin with Jacob's father, who is supposed to be Gideon (9128). I have never found any proof, i.e. will, land, baptisms, etc to prove who Jacob's father was. What I know for sure and want to set straight is that Jacob was born **somewhere** in Vermont January 3, 1786. His birth date was calculated from the death date in a most wonderful and charming letter written by son Harvey (9303) to his sister Anna (Olmstead) Curley (9309) and the age given on his headstone of 80 y, 2 m, 21 d. The following is an excerpt of that letter dated 22 Apr., 1866:"

Father died the 24 day of March with the Palpitation of the Hart. He was confined the most of the time to the Bed since September Last. He had his senses to the last. Died very easy firme in the fath of sperituelis & recond sild to Depart from this speare to another hier & gloures wone."



The death date in GOFA, 31 Mar., 1866, was taken from Jacob's tombstone located in Rogers cemetery, Springfield, La Grange County, IN. It is incorrect.

And now that we have Jacob resting in peace in a Higher and Glorious Place, I would like to return to the earlier years of Jacob's wondering lifestyle. During my research of Jacob (9209), various records were found for Jacob's surname under the spelling of "Olmstead" with the "L". 80% plus of the records found so far indicate that the accepted spelling for him is OMSTEAD without the "L". Some of his descendants did use the "L".

His father is suppose to be Gideon (9128) and was suppose to have gone to Canada. Appearing in the History of Wright & Hamilton County, Iowa, 1880 on p 439 is a biographical sketch on Jacob son's, N. G. OMSTEAD (9312), that gives us the following insight. It says:

"Jacob Omstead, the father of our subject, was born in the Green Mountain State and when **ten years of age he went to Ohio**, where he grew to manhood. He married Betsey VANNATTA, by whom he had twelve children, ten of whom grew to man and womanhood: three of his sons came to this County, and started the town of Saratoga. Here the father lived for ten years and then returned to Indiana and lived till death in LaGrange County; he died at the age of eighty-three years."

YEAR 1796

So we have Jacob (9209), age 10 growing to manhood in Ohio. As a young adult he is going to marry Elizabeth "Betsey" Vannatta/Venatie who was supposedly b. in PA abt 1784.

YEAR 1806 -1807

I have never found anything on Elizabeth's parents, a marriage date, or place of marriage accept for an estimated date of 1808 (GOFA) and another statement in a biographical sketch from History of LaGrange County, Indiana from the original History of LaGrange & Noble County, Chicago, F.A. Battey & Co., 1882., page 303 on Harvey OLMSTEAD (9303) showing the following:

"His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Venater) Olmstead, the former born in Vermont 1786 and the latter in 1788 in Pennsylvania, where they were married In 1807, Jacob Olmstead went to Canada, and served in the War of 1812, first as a British soldier, but subsequently deserted and entered the United States Army. After the war, he settled with his family in New York, but subsequently resided in the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Iowa."

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I have placed Jacob in Canada for now. Proof has never been found to establish Jacob's military service. I believe that his first daughter, Maria Hannah (9302) was born in Canada on 17 Jan., 1810, followed by Harvey (9303), who was born in Lundy's Lane, Ontario, Canada 7 Dec., 1811. This has been documented in several sources, so we know at that moment in time, the family was in Canada. From 17 Dec., 1811 to 19 Jan., 1819 the following children were born; Lucia (9304) born abt 1813 (GOFA). No further information has been found: His second son, Jonathan (9306) born abt 1814 (GOFA). No information has been found on the son: The fifth child of Jacob & Elizabeth was Elijah born abt 1815: John (9307) was born abt 1816.

When his daughter Elizabeth Jane "Eliza" (9308) in Crawford County, PA, Jacob is said to have resided in New York and possibly Ohio before showing up in Fallowfield twp, Crawford County, Pennsylvania on page 58a in the 1820 census. Index has name spelled as Jacob OMSTAD. The census tells us that Jacob is 30/40 and there is 1F 20/30, probably Elizabeth, with 1 daughter 10/16 (Maria), 2M 0/5 (Harvey & Elijah), 2F 0/10. 19 Jan 1819, Elizabeth Jane "Eliza" OMSTEAD (9308) was born possibly in Fallowfield, Crawford County, PA. We do not know when Jacob moved to Mercer County, PA.

YEAR 1820

We find Jacob residing in Fallowfield twp, Crawford County, PA on the 1820 census, as JACOB OMSTAD, on p 58a.

11 Oc., 1820 Anna S. OMSTEAD (9309) was born in Mercer County, PA

8 Sep., 1824 Jacob OMSTEAD, Jr. (9310) was born in Trumbull County, OH.

8 Sep., 1826 Levi Rose OMSTEAD (9311) was born in Crawford County, PA

Betsey was born abt 1827 (9313). No further information has been found on this young lady.

YEAR 1830

Jacob appears to have moved to French Creek, Mercer County, PA by the 1830 census, where he was enumerated twice, once as Jacob ORMSTEAD on p 243 and once as Jacob UMSTEAD on p 244. The head count is exactly the same.

1831 May, 30 Nelson Gideon OMSTEAD (9312) was born in French Creek, Mercer County, PA.

1831 Sep., 26, On this day in Mercer County, PA, Commissioners Grantor Deeds, Vol 1, pps 544-545, Jacob bought at public sale, 200 acres of forest land located in the southern part of Mill Creek twp (twp to the south of French Creek twp, where he was enumerated in the 1830 census).

1833, Jacob assigned the deed to his son, Harvey, for value received.

1835/36, Elizabeth Vanatta dies in Michigan. ??? I have found no record of her death or where she is buried. This is

from the sketch on son, Harvey.

1838 Sep., 10, Jacob Omstead of Branch Co., MI purchases 40 acres of land.

1839 Sep., 23, Jacob takes a second wife, Margaret Woodard in LaPorte County, IN.

YEAR 1840

Jacob and family have removed and started west. Jacob has original land patents in LaGrange County, IN. The 1840 census taker found Jacob and family in Springfield twp. The family consisted of Jacob, age 50/60, 2M 20/30 (who are presumed to be Elijah and Jacob Curley), 1M (probably Jacob, Jr), 2M 10/15 (Sons Levi & Jacob jr) and 1M (this would be Nelson, last son and child born to Jacob and Elizabeth). The females listed were 1F 20/30 (No idea, but maybe Luricia), 2F 15/20 (projected to be Mrs Anna Curley and her sister Elizabeth) and lastly 1F 10/15 (Betsey?). I am not sure where the new Mrs. Omstead is.

By 1842, records indicate that the family has started west again. This time the destination is Bureau County, IL. And also where we find Jacob and Margaret in the 1850 census.

YEAR 1850

In Oct 1851, Bartholomew Woodard filed suit in Bureau County against Jacob Omstead claiming moneys owed him for debts incurred for driving breaking team two weeks (\$5.00), expenses for his and his horses needs from Indiana to Green River Illinois (\$10.00).

And once again, my ever on the move ancestors are traveling west headed for Iowa. In a biographical sketch of Nelson G., "the father of our subject was Jacob, who, with his family, came here [Iowa] in the spring of 1853. His sons were Jacob, jr., a married man; Levi, also a man with a family. N. G. Omstead was a single man, but was married a year later."

An Iowa State census was taken in 1856 and my family was counted in Webster County, Iowa as follows: Jacob, Sr, 70 years, a married male born in Vt. Her resided in Iowa three years. Margaret, his wife is also 70. Since Jacob marries again in 1857, it is safe to assume that Margaret dies in this time window, probably in Hamilton county. No death record or cemetery record has been located.

A widower, Jacob returns to Indiana very soon afterward to live with his son Harvey, who had settled down and remained in LaGrange County, Indiana. 1857 Mar 1, Jacob Amstead was married to Perley Anderson in LaGrange Co, IN by Thos B. Connelly, J. P. Theory is probable that Perley (Howard) is the mother-in-law of Mary Gage's first husband John Anderson.

YEAR 1860

The 1860 census shows Jacob living with his son at age 74 and born in Vermont. Pearly OMPSTEAD, age 72 born in Vermont, whom I believe, is the same as Perly Anderson

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living with Harvey in the 1850 census and possibly an ex mother-in-law.

1866 March 31, Jacob passes on and is buried in Rogers cemetery, Springfield Twp. Also shown on the tombstone is Parley, wife of Jacob, d. Nov 22, 1864 aged 76y, 10 m, 20d.

Descendants of Jacob OMSTEAD

Generation No. 1

1. JACOB¹ OMSTEAD was born 3 Jan., 1786 in Vermont¹, and died 24 Mar., 1866 in Springfield, LaGrange, IN². He married (1) ELIZABETH VANNATTA abt 1808. She was born abt 1784 in Pennsylvania, and died 1835 in Michigan. He married (2) MARGARET WOODWARD 23 Sep., 1839 in LaPorte Co, IN. She was born abt 1786 in New York. He married (3) PERLEY HOWARD 1 Mar 1857 in LaGrange, Indiana³. She was born abt 1786 in Vermont, and died 22 Nov., 1864 in Lagrange Co., IN.

Children of JACOB OMSTEAD and ELIZABETH VANNATTA are:

- i. HANNAH MARIA² OMSTEAD, b. 17 Jan., 1810, Possibly Canada⁴; d. 5 Nov., 1837, LaGrange, IN; m. ABRAM GAGE, JR, Probably Mercer County, PA; b. 13 Sep., 1803, PA; d. 26 Dec., 1850, LaGrange, IN.
- ii HARVEY OMSTEAD, b. 7 Dec., 1811, Lundy's Lane, Lincoln, Upper Canada; d. 4 Aug., 1890, Bloomfield, LaGrange, IN⁵; m. (1) SARAH GAGE, 17 Apr., 1834, LaGrange, Indiana⁶; b. 4 Feb., 1813, NY; d. 11 Jul., 1841, Springfield, LaGrange, Indiana; m. (2) MARY A. GAGE, 24 Mar 1842, Gilead Twp., Branch, Michigan; b. 25 Feb., 1815, Rutland, Rutland, Vermont; d. 19 Aug., 1852, Springfield, LaGrange, IN; m. (3) ELIZABETH BURRELL, 14 Apr 1852, LaGrange Co., Indiana; b. 19 May., 1828; d. 4 Sep., 1865, Springfield Twp., LaGrange, Indiana; m. (4) LYDIA LOUISA MCNULTY, 6 Mar., 1866, Springfield, LaGrange, Indiana; b. 24 Aug., 1827, Ogden, Monroe, NY; d. 21 Jan., 1882, Springfield, LaGrange, Indiana⁷; m. (5) MARGARET TENANT, 19 Oct., 1882, LaGrange Co., IN; b. abt 1820, Maryland; d. 29 Feb., 1888, LaGrange, IN.
- iii. LURICIA OMSTEAD, b. abt 1813; d. abt 1844.
- iv. JONATHAN OMSTEAD, b. abt 1814; d. Unknown, infancy.
- v. ELIJAH OMSTEAD, b. abt 1815, Fallowfield,

Crawford, PA; d. 14 Sep., 1845, Fairfield, Bureau, IL; m. ELECTA L. HALL, 10 Sep., 1837, LaGrange, Indiana; b. abt 1820, OH; d. abt 1848, Fairfield, Bureau, IL.

- vi. JOHN OMSTEAD, b. abt 1816; d. Unknown.
- vii. ELIZABETH JANE "ELIZA" OMSTEAD, b. 19 Jan., 1819, Fallowfield, Crawford, PA; d. 19 Jul., 1887, Goddard, Sedgwick, KS; m. JABEZ LUMBERT, 21 May, 1837, Allen County, IN; b. 22 Jul., 1815, NY; d. 17 Jan., 1888, Sedgwick, Sedgwick, KS.
- viii. ANNA S. OMSTEAD, b. 11 Oct., 1820, Mercer, PA; d. 27 Aug., 1892, Fairfield, Bureau, IL; m. JACOB CURLEY, 24 Sep., 1840, Lagrange, IN⁸; b. 2 Jul., 1820, Dansville, Steuben, NY; d. 22 Dec., 1908, Fairfield, Bureau, IL.
- ix. JACOB OMSTEAD, JR, b. 8 Sep., 1824, Trumbull, OH; d. 18 May, 1898, Webster City, Hamilton, IA; m. CATHERINE ELIZABETH CLARK, 15 Apr., 1848, , Bureau, Illinois; b. 9 Sep., 1826, Green, PA; d. 28 May, 1895, Webster City, Hamilton, IA.
- x. BETSEY OLMSTEAD, b. abt 1825; d. Unknown.
- xi. LEVI ROSE OMSTEAD, b. 8 Sep., 1826, Crawford, PA; d. 20 Dec., 1914, Los Angeles, CA; m. (1) ELIZABETH COLEMAN, 8 Jul., 1849, Bureau Co., IL by Nehemiah Hill; b. abt 1835, Pennsylvania; d. 1875, Arapaho, Furnas, NE; m. (2) AUGUSTA BLISS, 31 Aug., 1874, Eureka School House, Saunders Co., NE; b. abt 1823.
- xii. NELSON GIDEON OMSTEAD, b. 30 May, 1831, French Creek, Mercer, PA; d. 25 Sep., 1919, Webster City, Hamilton, IA; m. SARAH ANNE EVANS, 6 Sep., 1854, Bloomington, Story, IA⁹; b. 29 Dec., 1833, Bloomington, McLean, IL; d. 30 Jun., 1909, Webster City, Hamilton, IA.

Endnotes

1. Computed from death date using letter from Harvey Omstead to Anna Curley.
2. Letter - Harvey OMSTEAD to Anna CURLEY.
3. Bk 2, p 352
4. Computed from age on tombstone, Rogers Cemtery, Springfield Twp, LaGrange, IN
5. Bk H-12, Page 67, LaGrange Co, IN
6. Bk A-12, LaGrange Co., IN
7. H-12 , p 1
8. Bk A, p. 116
9. Story County Brides Index, Ames City Public Library.

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OLMSTED CLOCK

This clock, with the name Olmsted stamped on the face, is certainly an important piece of memorabilia. While it is not as old as the Olmsted Christening Blanket or the Olmsted Tankard mentioned in GOFA, it has particular significance for our readers, as it was made for Charles Albert Olmsted, a Jabez descendant, who was a watchmaker and jeweler in Ottawa, ON from about 1890 until his death in 1943. While in business he sold clocks that bear his name.

This style of clock was probably sold to schools and business places in the Ottawa area and in the Quebec side of the Ottawa Valley. This particular clock was made by the Arthur Pequegnat Clock Company which had a factory in Kitchener, ON. This company reportedly didn't customize individual dials and therefore it is believed that Charles Olmsted must have ordered quite a number of clocks to have Olmsted stamped on the face. To get an idea of the clock's size, the dial is twelve inches across.

Early Canadian Timekeepers (a book on early clocks) has illustrations of two other timepieces which bore the Olmsted name, one being a marble mantel clock from France which had "C. A Olmsted, Ottawa, ON" on the dial and the other was a 21 jewel pocket watch with "Olmsted and Hurdman, Ottawa" on the dial.

Charles Olmsted was born Sept. 5, 1867 in the vicinity of Hull, Quebec. He apprenticed at the shop of Addison's jewelers on Sparks Street, Ottawa, where he worked until he established his own watch repair and jewelry store at 97 Sparks Street in 1888.

About 1895 Olmsted and William G. Hurdman became partners, locating their business at 67 Sparks Street. As silversmiths, they had a silver mark and during this period watches marked with their names were sold.

Charles pedigree from Capt. Jabez is as follows - Capt. Jabez - Jeremiah - Jabez - Gideon - Zenas - Richard - Charles.

Little is known of his early life other than he left home at age 13 as he couldn't get along with his father's second wife. He loved riding for years he rode a horse daily between South Hull where he initially lived and Ottawa where he worked as a jeweler and watchmaker.



In 1889 Charles married Agnes A Buchanan and they raised 6 children: Richard, Janet, Howard, Eric, William and Alice.

Charles, his wife, some family members and several other Olmsted/Olmsteads of the Ottawa/Hull area are buried in Bellevue cemetery, just outside Hull, Quebec. This cemetery was originally known as the Olmsted burial ground as it was established on land donated by Gideon Olmsted, great-grandfather of Charles.

It is interesting to note the variations in surname spelling. The family of Charles consistently used the "ed" spelling while his uncle Foster (Joe Barber's great-grandfather) and his descendants used the "ead" spelling.

PEDIGREE OF SUBSCRIBERS
 Capt. Jabez is Gen. 1)

Gen. 2	Gen. 3	Gen. 4	Gen. 5	Gen. 6	Gen. 7	Gen. 8	Gen. 9	Subscriber
Abigail	Tilly Hamilton							Keisling, Lynne
Hannah	Thomas Marsh Sarah Cleve	John B.	Polly Barnes	Ellen Barnes				Hipkins, Jay
Israel	Ebenezer	Harvey	Thaddeus	Russell T.	Lawrence A.			Olmstead, Thomas B. (Dr)
Israel	Israel	Harvey	Abigail O. Heath	Harvey Heath	Joseph Heath	Beatrice H. Shaw	Ronald J. Shaw	Popp, Teri (Elaine Shaw)
Israel	Timothy	Phineas	Elmira					Baer, Natalie N.
Israel	Timothy	Phineas	George	George	Arthur James			Grover, Ruby
Jeremiah	Gideon	Israel	George H.	Jonas	George Bonas			Olmstead, Jack
Jeremiah	Gideon	Israel	George H.	Jonas	George Bonas			Welch, Linda
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Foster	Mary Campbell			Barber, Joe
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Sarah White	Annie Angus			Gilgan, Norma
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	George	William			Myaryk, Marlene
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	George	Foster			Olmstead, Anna (Frank)
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Foster	Abram (Aby)			Olmstead, Earl J.
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Foster	Abram (Aby)			Olmstead, Ivan A.
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Foster	Abram (Aby)			Olmstead, Lorne
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	George	William			Olmstead, Marjorie (Glen)
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	George	Thomas			Olmstead, Muriel (Thomas)
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Foster	Foster			Parker, Bernice
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Sarah White	George White			Parker, Judy
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Foster	Sarah Ranson			Speers, Lorraine
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Foster	Jane Shill.			Vick, Shirley
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Abram	Solomon	Ester Wilks			Wilkes, Eric
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Gideon	M. Ann Coors	Eleanor Had.			Brown, David
Jeremiah	Jabez	Gideon	Jabez	Hilda Dewey				Wing, Murial
Jeremiah	Jabez	Jabez	Franklin	Homer E.	Homer C.			Knudsen, Lois
Jeremiah	Jabez	Jabez	Jabez	Royal Oliver	James Edwin	Royal Edwin		Johnson, Marguerite O.
Jeremiah	Jabez	Jabez	Jabez	Edwin Luther	Edward			Olmstead, Bob
Jeremiah	Jabez	Jabez	Noah	Nathaniel	Noah	Nathaniel	Joseph	Wittstruck, Paula O.
Jeremiah	Jabez	Jabez	Jeremiah	Israel	Jeremiah	Andrew Lee	Dorothy O. Hommel	Carlton O. Hommel
Jeremiah	Jabez	Job	Enoch	Gardner	Almira Montgomery			Montgomery, Margaret
Jeremiah	Jabez	Richard	Enoch Campbell	Reuben O. Campbell	William B. Campbell	Glen W. Campbell		Campbell, William B.

Jeremiah	Jabez	Richard	Hiram K.	Jabez	Lovira O. Harris	Guy F. Harris	Frances R. H. Nye	Nye, Ralph H.
Jeremiah	Jabez	Richard	Lucinda Lane	Cecilia Hicks	William Hicks			Hicks, M. Evelyn
Jeremiah	Jabez	Richard	Richard	Rufus (b. 1855)	Naomi Long.			Brown, LaJean
Jeremiah	Jabez	Richard	Solomon	Solomon Durkee	Solomon Harris	Violet		Allen, Sandra
Jeremiah	Jabez	Richard	Solomon	David	Louisa Lead.			Dolleman, Doreen
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Richard	Solomon	Richard	Francis			White, Margaret
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Benjamin	Israel	Isreal	Jay Winfield			Wagner, Paul
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Benjamin	Isreal	Isreal	Jay Winfield			Eglar, Janet E.
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Isreal	Albert K.	William J.				Armstrong, Janice
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Isreal	Albert K.	William	Robert G.			Olmstead, (W.) Lorne
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Isreal	Ephrain	Rufus	William Rufus			Olmstead, Wayne
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Isreal	Ephrain	James Jason	Guy Welcome			Olmstead, Susan
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Isreal	Lorana Tall.	Charles Jr.	Sylvester			Kirch, Keith
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Jedediah Jr.	Samuel	James Marion	Rosa Annie			Arent, Fame B.
Jeremiah	Jedediah	Moses	Sarah Ann	David R. Garner	Mertle Garner			Hanso, Mona
Moses	Abigail Case	Moses Case	Henry Howell	Nephi Ewell Packer	David A. Hancock	Nephi Hancock		Lloyd, (Sue) Thora H.
Moses	Benjamin	Jonas	Cornelius L.	Moses E.	Viola Ferg.			Davis, Isabella
Moses	Benjamin	Jonas	Cornelius L.	Moses E.	Viola Ferg.			Fuller, Margaret
Moses	Benjamin	Jonas	Cornelius L.	Albert L.	Ray Henry			Olmstead, Arden
Moses	Benjamin	Jonas	Cornelius L.	Seymour M.	George S.			Olmsted, Clare
Moses	Benjamin	Jonas	Cornelius L.	Ronald L.	Gordon L.			Olmstead, Paul
Moses	Benjamin	Jonas	Moses	Millie O. Fener	Nelson W. Fenner	Rolland J. Fenner		Smith, Kay Jean
Moses	Gideon	Israel	John W.	Charles D.	Charles A.			McBeen, Nancy Olmstead
Moses	Gideon	Israel	Harvey	William H.	Everett H.			Omsted, Marion
Moses	Gideon	Jacob	Anna	Unknown Curley				Mitchell, Danean
Moses	Gideon	Jacob	Elijah	Harvey	Frank E. (Sr.)			Olmstead, Donald W.
Moses	Gideon	Moses	Daniel P.	Loren M. (M)	Henry M.			Gertin, Lorna
Moses	Gideon	Moses	Daniel P.	Loren M. (M)	Henry M.			Nelson, Shirley
Moses	Gideon	Moses	Daniel P.	Loren M. (M)	Henry M.			Wilson, Claudia O.
Moses	Gideon	Moses						Erickson, Patricia (Pat)
Moses	Jabez	Jonathan	Harlow	Katherine Sally	Charles W. Butler	Harry G. Butler	Aileen Ann McAlee	McDonald, Francine
Moses	Jonas	Jabez	Leo E.	Veryl E.				Olmstead, Veryl
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