

# NEWSLETTER JABEZ OLMSTED OF WARE



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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to facilitate the exchange of research information among Jabez descendants and to encourage and assist with ongoing research.

## JOE BARBER'S COLUMN

Some 15 years ago I exchanged correspondence with Ariel Crowley about Jabez family history. He was retired at that time and to a large extent winding down the family history research he carried on for many years. At various times since, I had wondered about his status and other have questioned whether he was still living or not. That question was answered in January of this year when my wife and I met his sister Alice Peterson and her husband Eldon at Riverton, Utah where they live. Ariel Crowley is 96 years old, however he is in poor health.

Undoubtedly Ariel Crowley put more time and effort into trying to establish the ancestry of our ancestor Jabez than anyone past or present and to recognize the vast amount of research he did I have written about his life and many talents elsewhere in this newsletter. Ariel's line of descent from Capt. Jabez Olmsted is Moses (9080) – Gideon (b.1757) – Moses (b.1782) – Daniel Philip (b.1812) – Daniel Philip 11 (b. 1854) – Mary Elizabeth Olmstead (b. 1879) (who married Clarence Edmund Crowley) – Ariel.

Many thanks to Alice Peterson who provided me with a copy of an autobiography Ariel wrote in 1983 and the many comments she

was able to add.

The Olmstead Family Genealogy Forum continues to be a popular place for people to post inquiries with over 1100 messages posted to date. A shortcut to search these entries which someone mentioned a while ago is to go to the "Search this forum" box on the upper left hand side and type in the subjects name you are interested in. All the inquiries pertaining to that person should be listed. This listing also works for the name of persons submitting messages.

In 1995 when Roger Orley Olmsted published the Olmsted Family Journal he indicated that in the 1900 census New York State had by far the highest number of Olmste(a)d residents of any state in the union. The LDS library in Mesa, AZ have indexes for quite a bit of U.S. census and some time ago I copied the 1850 NY census index of Olmste(a)d entries. This winter I finished recording virtually all the Olmste(a)ds listed on this index. If anyone has a head of family living at that time in NY State, I may have particulars on the rest of the family for you.

May you all have a good summer.

Joe Barber.

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# *Doreen Dolleman's Research*

## *GIDEON OLMSTEAD AND LURANA OLMSTEAD SURDAM*

I am feeling brave enough to tackle two Olmstead ancestors that as far as I know have never been researched thoroughly by anyone else. Gideon and Lurana Olmstead were the children of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Litten Olmsted. The records on Gideon and Lurana are scarce so once again I will try to separate the facts from my speculations. Gideon is only briefly mentioned in the Olmsted "Red Book" with just a birth date. You will not find Lurana in there at all. My research on these siblings began years ago when I found them in the records of the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) of Schaghticoke, NY. The births of several of their children were recorded, giving the names of both parents, including maiden names of the mothers. The Olmstead's were not Dutch Reformed but both Gideon and Lurana had Dutch spouses. This was the beginning of a difficult search that would take time and perseverance. It intrigued me that Gideon and Lurana Olmstead seemed to always be in close proximity of each other throughout their entire lives. If I found a record of one in a particular place, I did not have to look hard to find the other. For this reason I am including them both in this article. My quest for information on these families is still really only in its beginning stages, but it is time to share in hopes that it will trigger some response from others. Here are the very few facts known about Gideon:

1. He was born 17 July 1747 in Ware, MA, the son of Jeremiah Olmsted and Elizabeth Litten.
2. He married Annaka Van Deusen according to the Dutch Reformed Church records of Schaghticoke, NY. Annaka was the daughter of Harpman Van Deusen and Margrieta Dykman, and was born 28 April 1748 in Salisbury, CT. The Van Deusen's lived for a time in Berkshire County, MA.
3. Son Jeremiah Olmsted was born 12 Nov 1773, DRC records.
4. Son Jabe Olmsted was born 17 Oct 1775, DRC records.
5. Gideon was an enlisted man in the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Albany County Militia (Schaghticoke), Revolutionary War.
6. In 1788 he was recommended as an officer to form a new regiment within the district of Hoosick and Stephentown, Rensselaer County, NY. Battalion officer: Gideon Olmstead, ensign.
7. In the 1800 census of Aurelius, Cayuga County, NY, Gideon Olmstead is enumerated as over 45 with one male 10-16, one female over 45 and one female 10-16.

These are the only records I have found for Gideon. Everything from this point on is guesswork. I believe that once Gideon married Annaka (most likely in Berkshire County, MA), they settled somewhere in the area of Hoosick, Pitts-

town, or neighboring White Creek, NY. The church in Schaghticoke where I found their records was the only Dutch Reformed Church in the area, but I am certain they did not live there. We met with the Schaghticoke town clerk a few years ago and searched the early records of settlers, taxpayers, landowners, etc. and the Olmstead's and Surdam's were not there. The entire clan did live in Hoosick and to this day there are descendants of the siblings of Lawrence Surdam, Lurana's husband, still living there. By 1800 Gideon and family had moved to Cayuga County, NY and Lurana and her family around the same time

The possible children of Gideon and Annaka, including the two that were recorded were:

1. Elizabeth born 3 Dec. 1769, died 2 Feb. 1852 Northampton, Fulton County, NY. She married Joseph Brown the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Feb of 1788 in White Creek, Rensselaer County, NY. The name of Joseph Brown, lieutenant, was listed next to Gideon Olmstead in the new regiment formed in Hoosick and Stephentown in 1788. The children of Joseph and Elizabeth were named in Revolutionary War pension records and Joseph's will: Susannah, Samuel, Joseph Jr., Anna, John, Elizabeth, Martha, Gideon Olmstead, Thomas, Edward and Truman.
2. James born around 1771, died between 1845-50 Oakland Co, MI. He married Elizabeth Shepard of Pittstown, NY and Anna Warren Day in Canada. He was the topic of my last article and I mentioned that he could either have been the son of Gideon and Annaka or the son of Jabez and Miriam. His children were Hazael, Anna, James Jr., Harley, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. Hydea Cooper and possibly Evalina (Cole).
3. Jeremiah born 12 Nov. 1773, Schaghticoke, NY. He was enumerated in Scipio, Cayuga Co, NY in 1800, age 17-25, one female 17-25 and 3 females under 10. In 1810 he was in Cato, Cayuga County with a young male under 10 added to the family. Jeremiah Olmstead and wife Thankful are in a land record in 1812 in Cayuga County. In 1820 he was in Rushford, Allegheny Co, NY with his wife, 3 sons and 3 daughters. His neighbor was Peter Surdam, a first cousin. I have no proof as to what became of him, but believe he was the Jeremiah of the 1830 and 1840 Clark Co, IN census. He was 50-60 in 1830 with a wife, one young female and 3 young males. In 1840 he was 60-70 and alone. The IN marriage records of that area and time period indicate that Nancy Olmsted (m. James Walls in 1832, had a son Jeremiah), Hannah Olmstead (m. William Alcorn in 1827, had a son Jeremiah), and Eliza Umstead (m. Isham Burwell in 1822) could have been possible daughters of Jeremiah.
4. Jabe born 17 Oct. 1775, Schaghticoke, NY. No further information.
5. Aaron married Laura Fish. She was the daughter of Nathan Fish and Elizabeth Pitcher of Cayuga Co, NY. Aaron only appears in land records of Aurelius, Cayuga County in 1813 through 1815. He died by 1820 and Laura married Ebenezer Handy. My main reason for placing him in the Gideon/Annaka line is because of his location in Aurelius and the

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fact that he is not in the family tree of any of the other Cayuga County Olmstead's.

6. Martha (Patty) born around 1787 NY, died 20 Feb. 1853, Cass Co, MI married Robert Salisbury, son of Benaniel and Grace Spaulding in Cayuga Co, NY. They moved to Huron County, OH around 1820-21 and then to Cass County, MI in 1833. Their children were Hamilton, Harpman, Harriett, Benaniel, William, Alva, Alfred, Meranda, Anna, and Pod. The obvious reason for Martha's placement in the Gideon/Annaka line is their location in Cayuga Co. and the naming of a son Harpman (Annaka's father).
7. John Olmstead born around 1790, died in Oct. of 1849 in Fulton Co, IL. He married Almeda Salisbury, daughter of Benaniel and Grace Spaulding, in Cayuga Co, NY. Their children were Warren, Anna, Lydia, Amanda, and Hiram S. John's possible connection is because of his locations in Cayuga County, NY and Huron County, Ohio, the same as Martha Olmstead and her husband Robert Salisbury. There were also numerous land transactions between the family of John and the family of Robert.

I have more concrete information on Lurana Olmstead than on her brother Gideon. She is not listed in the Ware, MA birth records with the other children of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Litten Olmsted. When I told Carlton Hommel that she was their daughter, he did some digging himself and came up with a record of her baptism. It is great when we work together on our Olmstead's! Here are the recorded facts about Lurana:

1. Lurana was baptized 11 August 1751 in Ware, MA and was the daughter of Jeremiah Olmsted and Elizabeth Litten.
2. Lurana married Lawrence Van Surdam (name was later shortened to Surdam). Lawrence was born 1 October 1749 in Salisbury, CT. He was the son of Peter Van Surdam and Elizabeth Younglove. The Van Surdam's were in Berkshire County, MA during the same time period as the Jeremiah Olmsted family and later moved to Hoosick, NY.
3. The births of five of Lurana and Lawrence's children were recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church of Schaghticoke, NY between 1773 and 1782.
4. Lowrana Van Sordam (Sirdam) was enlisted in the same 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Albany County Militia Schaghticoke), Revolutionary War, as Gideon Olmsted.
5. In the 1790 Hoosick Town, Rensselaer County, NY census Lawrence V. Surdam was recorded as male head of family with 4 males under 16 and 6 females in the household.
6. In the 1810 Scipio, Cayuga County, NY census Lawrence Sedam was over 45 with one male 26-45, one female over 45, one female 16-26, and one female under 10.
7. There are land records for Lawrence Van Surdam in Scipio in 1803 and 1807.

Lurana died 16 November 1818 and is buried in rural Fleming Hill Cemetery, Aurelius, Cayuga County, NY. Her age was 67 years, 5 months and 9 days, which would make her birth date 7 June 1751. Her tombstone is large and is flat on the ground. Next to it is a smaller stone with the initials L.S. and no other writing. I assume it could be her husband's tombstone. A grandchild, John W. Surdam, is also buried nearby.

The known children of Lurana and Lawrence were:

1. Elizabeth born 24 February 1773 recorded in DRC of Schaghticoke.
2. Peter born 22 February 1775 recorded in DRC of Schaghticoke. He married Ruby Gould, daughter of Thomas Gould and Ruth Bateman. Peter, Ruby and children were in Rushford, Allegany County, NY in 1820 on the same page as cousin Jeremiah Olmstead. Peter and Ruby settled in Geauga County, Ohio. Their children were Bateman, Orpha, Sally, Lawrence, Anthony and Caroline.
3. Teunis (Anthony) born 11 May 1777 in DRC of Schaghticoke. Anthony was in the 1810 Scipio, NY census with a probable wife of the same age bracket. He is still there in 1820 and 1830.
4. Jeremiah born 29 October 1779 and recorded in DRC of Schaghticoke, NY. He was enumerated with his wife Mary (10 people in household) and next to his brother Anthony in the 1820 Scipio census. He was still there in 1830. It is their son John W. Surdam who was buried by the Surdam grandparents in Fleming Cemetery. By the 1840 census he was in Shelby County, IL. Their children were John W., Charles, Mary, Eliza, Nathaniel, Sarah, and Bateman.
5. Andris born 12 April 1782 and recorded in DRC of Schaghticoke, NY.
6. Charity born 5 November 1786 (recorded in the Chapin Genealogy). She married 14 February 1805, Luther Chapin, son of Samuel Chapin and Sybil Joslyn. She died 15 April 1840. There are land records for both Charity and Luther in Aurelius, NY in 1808. They later lived in Livonia, Livingston County, NY. Their children were Abel Joslyn, Lurana, Samuel L., Corridon C. and Luther Jr.

In winding up the details of Gideon and Lurana I have to mention the possibility of another Olmstead sibling also being in the same proximity throughout their lifetime. Their sister Elizabeth married Isaac Richardson, 26 Oct. 1759 in Sheffield, Berkshire County, MA. I have no further information on her except to note that an Isaac Richardson was also enlisted in the same 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Albany County Militia as Gideon Olmstead and Lowrana Van Sirdam. An Isaac Richardson was also in the 1800 Hoosick, NY census and yes, there are records of Isaac Richardson in Cayuga County as well. I spent some time reviewing those records in Cayuga County, including probate, but was not able to come up with anything conclusive. When it comes to researching our Olmstead's it seems that the work is never finished!

# *Ariel Lionel Crowley*



Ariel Crowley was born 17 Sept 1905 on the homestead ranch of Squire Green Crowley, his grandfather, in Leorin Precinct, Bingham County, Idaho. Ariel was the third child of a family of nine children.

His father Clarence Edmund Crowley was a farmer, taught school and also studied law.

Ariel was sickly in his early years and

the doctor told his parents he would not live beyond twelve years of age. When he was eleven a Boy Scout leader encouraged his parents to allow him to join the troop. A years scouting with hikes and other outdoor activities strengthened his frail body and the rest is history.

He learned to read when he was four years old by studying the letters and words embossed on the front of the kitchen range and he read fluently when he began formal schooling. Reading was always as great interest to him. Family history was always important to him.

Ariel's grandfather Crowley was a judge at Idaho Falls for many years and his father was a Justice of the Peace and later a highly successful practicing lawyer for many years. It is not surprising that Ariel took up the legal profession.

After school hours during his high school years he worked as a law clerk, stenographer and researcher in his father's law office. In the fall of 1923 he entered law school at the University of Utah. In July 1929 he passed the bar examination with honors and was sworn in as a lawyer accordingly.

He practiced law in various capacities, assistant Attorney General of the state of Idaho before being appointed as Probate Judge of Boise County, Idaho in 1953. He continued in that capacity until 1971 when that function was transferred to a District Court System, in which he continued as Magistrate Judge and at times District Judge until 1975 when he retired at 70 years of age. However, because of his reputation as a fair and honest Judge, Ariel remained on call to the Bench until his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ariel is an active member of the LDS church, he taught Sunday school for 56 years and he also held many church of-

fices i.e. Missionary to England, Mission Presidency to England. He has published many books and papers concerning the authenticity of the Book of Mormon and other scholarly articles of scientific and linguistic subjects.

Ariel is a very talented person. He speaks fourteen languages, reads many more, and wrote poetry and songs, children's stories. He was a church organist and sang in various choirs. One of his special interests was astronomy, and wherever he and his wife lived, he set up his own observatory with high technology state of the art equipment and telescopes.

Ariel married Davida Livingston in 1927. She died two years ago. Ariel and Davida had two daughters, Barbara Jeanne and Julia May, 23 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Genealogy was a special interest of his and he continued the research his father started in 1900. His research fills many volumes and some of his Olmstead family research can be viewed on LDS films 1,035,673; 1,035,675; 1,035,677 and 1,035,748. A Crowley-Olmstead index contains over 100,000 names.

## *JABEZ WORKSHOP*

Walt Steesy and I (COH) are planning a Jabez Workshop to be held in the summer of 2003, either the week before or the week after the Olmste(a)d Family Association reunion in New Brunswick, Canada, and would like to have indications of interest.

We plan to hold the workshop in Central Massachusetts, and will include a tour of Brookfield and Ware, to visit the Olmsted and Barnes home sites, and the sites of their mills. We have contacted the West Brookfield Historical Commission, and they are very interested in meeting with us and to help conduct the tour. Bob Wilder, a descendant of Thomas Barnes, and a local historian, will meet with us.

The theme of the workshop will be to go over the Jabez genealogical data that Walt Steesy and others have collected over the years, to try to organize it and to fit the various pieces together.

We would like to have an indication of interest, and request that those interested let us know. We will then proceed with making arrangements.

# WHEATLEY OMSTEAD'S

*This article, and the following,  
come from a new subscriber,  
Robert Olmsted*

We learn from documents in the Archives of Ontario that Gideon Olmstead/Omstead of 29 years of age, born in the Province of Vermont in North America, (U.S.A.) and professing the Christian religion, by trade a farmer, appeared before William Kennedy Smith, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Home District and took the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Declaration on the 24th day of May, 1797.

His was one of the first reported families to settle in Townsend township near Boston, Ontario. He applied for and received a Crown Grant of land on May 20, 1801 for Lot 13, Concession 3, and on 16 October 1804 for Lot 14, Concession 3, in all 400 acres in Townsend township. These properties were sold in 1804 and 1805. A brother, Job, moved to the U.S.A.

Having no proof we assume that Israel and Jonas were sons of Gideon, as they were the only other Olmsteads in the area at that time.

Jonas (1778-1819) married Hannah Woodley (1786-1874). Their children were: Avaldo, Emily, Moses and Hannah. Murray (Bert) Olmstead, great-great grandson of Jonas, played in five Stanley Cup Games of the National Hockey League with the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Israel (1783-1863) married Mary Woodley (1788-1855) on January 16, 1816. Both are buried in the Boston, Ontario, cemetery.

Hannah and Mary were the daughters of George Woodley and Christina Wagers, whose father was Col. John Wagers.

Israel and Mary had 8 children: Harvey, George Hemminger, John, William, Mariah, Simon, Elizabeth Phelps and Hannah Kitchen.

Israel owned 50 acres on Lot 11, Concession 5, and 50 acres on Lot 12, Concession 4, of Townsend township. This property was left in Israel's will to Harvey who farmed it. Some of Israel's sons spelled their name Olmstead with an "L".

Harvey Olmstead/Omstead (1808-1895) married Mary Secord (1814-1901) on May 29, 1832 at the Regular Baptist

Church, Oakland, Brant Co., Ontario, by Rev. John Harris with witnesses Daniel Secord and William Blakely. Both are buried in Erie Cemetery in Wheatley, Ontario. Mary was the daughter of Daniel Secord Jr. (1785-1859) and Elizabeth Perrin (1789-1857).

Harvey and Mary had 13 children: Maria Robertson, Israel, Caroline Camfield, Elizabeth Jane Robertson, Almira, Daniel, Harvey E., Mary Rogers, Alfred Bolby, Nancy Candace Warden, Prudence Alberta Swanton, Henry William, Clarence Leamon. Some of their children used the "L" in their name while others didn't.

Daniel, Mary (Joel) Rogers, Henry William and Clarence Leamon moved from Boston to Essex Co., Ontario, at various times and bought property in the Wheatley area. In 1885 Harvey and Mary moved to Wheatley and lived the remainder of their lives with their son Daniel.

Harvey was an active member of the Boston Baptist Church and later was received into the membership of the Wheatley Baptist Church. In gratitude to God for prospering him, he donated a beautiful large brass bell to the church for their bell tower. When he died at the age of 87, the bell tolled 87 times. This bell calls the community to worship to this present day.

Their son Henry William (1860-1896) was a butcher by trade and lived on Russell Street in Leamington, Ontario. On December 14, 1881, he married at Colchester, Ontario, Sarah Jane Trembly (1862-1951), daughter of George, and Catherine Trembly. They had a daughter Edith (1890-1977) and a son Everett Henry (1886-1942).

Everett Henry, who was born October 31, 1886, was only 9 years old when his father died. After graduating from school he worked in a general store owned by his uncle, Stewart Anderson. He later purchased his own store in Wheatley which he subsequently sold to John McDowell, who had married his widowed mother, Sarah, in 1909.

Commercial fishing was his next adventure and at one time he owned interest in several fisheries along the North shore of Lake Erie. Everett married his first wife, Evalina Vizzard (1889-1920), daughter of J. D. Vizzard and Rachel Jenkins, on June 12, 1907. She died June 3, 1920 leaving 3 sons, Leonard Roy Jack, Duane Henry and 18 month old Rex Vizzard.

On March 10, 1921 Everett married his long time housekeeper, Edith Frances Hyatt (1897-1944), daughter of Eliza Jane Furey and Oliver Norman Hyatt. Their children were: Gordon Everett, Donna Frances, Norman Henry. Robert Allan and Arleigh Bruce.

In 1911 Everett established Omstead Fisheries on Lake Erie at the mouth of Muddy Creek in Mersea Township. This was well before the official opening of the government built harbour in 1951.

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When Robert Allan was orphaned at the age of 14, his brothers Leonard and Duane were his legal guardians. Upon graduation from Wheatley Public School, Robert continued his education at St. Andrews College, Aurora, Ontario and then H. B. Beal Technical School where he majored in Wood Working and was proficient in Mathematics. In 1949 Robert began his career at Omstead Fisheries, having previously worked there for several summers.

During his 38 years of employment at Omstead Foods Limited, he worked at various jobs. Initially, he tried fishing but found he did not have the stomach for the motion of Lake Erie.

He strung fish nets, trucked fresh fish to Wheatley from the small packing plant in Eriean, which he also managed. Later, he set up the French Fried Potato line and Fryer in the Cookroom.

With carpenter's blood in his veins, from his mother's Hyatt family, he was adept at construction. He supervised the building of a new fishery, which was built over the top of the old one. The old building was dismantled as the new building progressed. Not one day of production was lost during this time.

In 1962 he supervised the building of the Vegetable Processing Plant which he successfully managed until 1987. Before his retirement in 1988 he was Special Projects Manager.

On February 3, 1951, Bob married Marion Beatrice Myatt, daughter of Elsie Lydia Rogers and Harold James Myatt, in the Adelaide Street Baptist Church in London, Ontario. Their children are: Jeffrey Allan Myatt, Michael Robert and Sandra Louise. They have 8 grandchildren: Jeremy and Holly Omstead; Robert and Elizabeth Omstead; and Andrew, Michael, Sarah and Daniel Klauke.

## *WHEATLEY OMSTED FISHERIES*

Driving south through Wheatley on Erie St., you will arrive at Lake Erie. Here you will find the Omstead Foods Ltd., situated along the government harbour at the mouth of Muddy Creek. For several decades, the Omsteads held a dominant position in the commercial fisheries industry on the Great Lakes. They also grew to become one of Canada's largest food processors.

It was at the mouth of this creek in 1911 that Everett Omstead established a pound net fishery. Pound net fishing was popular along the north shore of Lake Erie at the start of this century. Stakes were driven into the bottom of the lake with a pile driver at the beginning of the season, and lines and

nets were suspended from them. The fish caught were of high quality as they were kept alive in the 'pound' of the net until the net was emptied and the fish were placed on ice. Pound nets were used from 1911 to about 1950's. In the 1950's the stakes were becoming harder to get and costly, as they were shipped from British Columbia.

Trap nets replaced the old pound nets for several years—mostly catching smelt. When smelt became a nuisance to the fishermen in the 1950's, a new method, "trawling" was used. New depth sounders and new style of trawls were used, resulting in large catches of smelt. Technology developed by Omsteads for processing the tiny fish, and the development of foreign markets made a new and profitable industry on Lake Erie.

Gill nets were introduced in the 1930's. They replaced pound nets then when herring and pickerel became the main catch. Gill nets are still used by the fishermen.

In 1942, Everett Omstead passed away, leaving his oldest sons, Leonard and Duane to run the business. Five other brothers joined the business: Rex, Gordon, Norman, Bob, and Arleigh, each managing his department, and all contributing their skills and reinvesting their earnings into this growing enterprise. Filleting, freezing and packing fish for the supermarket trade in both Canada and the United States was eventually done.

A major setback came in 1948 when the plant burned. This was taken in stride as a new, larger plant was built to replace it.

In 1950, the "Everett H", a fifty-four foot fishing tug was built. It remained in the Omstead fleet for thirty-six years. In 1953, the "Edith F." and the "Evelina" were built, followed by the "Ellandee" in 1956. Later, other seventy- and eighty-footers joined the fleet: "Kimmy Sue", "Brian D.", "Donna F.", the "R & G", and the "Leo D' Or". The last to join the fleet was the "Omsteader".

Processing and marketing vegetable products became a successful venture. Omstead brand onion rings eventually replaced fish in total volume handled, dominating the Canadian market.

Omstead Foods Ltd, was sold to John Labatt on October 30, 1984. The Omstead family continued the management of the business as part of the condition of the sale. Recently, H. J. Heinz Co. purchased the business from Labatts.

Duane Omstead passed away in 1978. His six remaining brothers are now enjoying retirement. Several of their children are now involved, in the running of the company.

*GLEANINGS FROM THE CLINTONVILLE  
HERALD*

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*The following is an abstract from microfilm rolls of a rural newspaper located in Clintonville, WI, containing only mentions of the Olmsted Families living there, plus one or two other amusing stories. This was sent to me by a new subscriber, Mary Kay Hills. I will start with the middle of Reel 4, since it contains a mention of her grandmother, Mrs. Ephraim A. Olmsted, nee Jennie Elizabeth Duff, and will continue with earlier reels later.*

**REEL 4**

June 22, 1894, J. W. Morgan, Will Olmsted, E. Am and John Morris were elected delegates to represent the town of Matteson at the congressional and state convention Monday.

Sept. 20, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. James Catt, Mr. and Mrs. John Olmsted of Matteson, attended the New London fair.

Sept. 27, 1895, Miss Cora Olmstead was visiting with Miss Helen Amell Sunday (Matteson News)

Oct. 4, 1895, Embarrass: Among those who attended the Shawano fair were H. Caughell and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Olmsted, J. W. Horgarn and wife and Jud Wait.

Oct. 18, 1895, Embarrass News: J. H. Olmsted and Chas. Morris will serve on the jury on the 28th.

Nov. 29, 1895, Mrs. Jas. Olmsted, of Antigo, was a recent guest of relatives in this city.

Dec. 20, 1895 Letters at Post Office: Persie Olmsted, Eddie Olmsted.

Feb. 14, 1896, **Two Important Cases**

Atty. F. H. Guernsey, of this city, has begun proceedings in two important cases lately.... He has also sued the Town of Main, Outagamie County, of Mrs. Ephraim Olmsted of Matteson, who last October sustained severe injuries by being thrown from a wagon while riding over a defective highway in the Town of Main. The town board have offered \$1200 in settlement which has been refused.

[NOTE, this was the grandmother of Mary Kay Hills.]

March 13, 1896, The Congregational ministers who held the fellowship meeting here Wed. evening, went over to Embarrass. Thursday and organized a society of Christian Endeavor. John Olmsted was elected president and G. E. Bea-

dle, secretary.

March 27, 1896, Mrs. James Olmsted, of Elcho, is the guest of Clintonville friends.

Apr. 3, 1896, E. Olmsted was nominated at the town caucus for assessor.

Apr. 10, 1896, E. K. Olmsted elected assessor.

June 26, 1896, It is about decided to build another cheese factory, upon the farm of Ephraim Olmsted. It will be owned by a stock company.

July 31, 1896, J. J. Olmsted has sold a farm in Matteson, to Wm. Malliett, of Aritigo.

Aug. 28, 1896, John Olmsted of Elcho, was in the city Monday.

Oct. 2, 1896, Burnt Valleys: Frankie Olmsted, a son of Eph Olmsted is dangerously ill.

Oct. 9, 1896, Will Olmsted of Matteson, who has been hustling upon the Flambeau River for a year past is home again.

Oct. 9, 1896, Mrs. J. H. Olmsted went to Antigo as a delegate to a Congregational convention last week.

Jan. 17, 1896, awards at the Farmer's Institute held Tues. Jan. 14, 1896 in Clintonville. Premeium offered by J. F. Meisner for best milk test was awarded to Eph Olmsted

Jan. 22, 1897, The suit for damages brought by Mrs. Eph Olmsted, of Matteson, against the town of Main, Outagamie County was tried this week at Appleton, the jury disagreeing. The case will be tried again in April in Shawano County.

same column below this... The case of Mrs. Eph Olmsted, of Matteson, vs. the town of Main, Outagamie county for damages for injuries received upon a defect high-way in that town, is being tried in Appleton this week. F. H. Guernsey, of this city is counsel for the plaintiff. Dr. Mielke is at Appleton as a witness in the case.

Jan. 22, 1897, Embarrass: Jud Wait of Phlox is in town visiting - son in law of Margaret Olmsted, Matteson

Feb. 19, 1897, J. H. Olmsted and family went to Marion Sunday to Church. Jud Waite is moving back to town. John Olmsted has gone to Phlox to assist Jud Waite in moving.

Ice 22 inches thick is being harvested.

Apr. 2, 1897, Jas. Olmsted, of Elcho, was in town Monday. Will Olmsted is back from a several weeks stay on the Brule River in Michigan. The Brule is a great trout stream and he

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## *HISTORIC SITES MAP OF GREATER BROOKFIELD*

The historic sites map of Greater Brookfield on the next page is courtesy of The Quaboag Historical Society, West Brookfield, MA. Bob Wilder, a Brookfield historian and a Barnes descendant, marked the map to show the site of Jabez Olmsted's house, where he was granted 80 acres of land in Brookfield on Sept. 4, 1713, "between the two Mohawk hills and partly upon the said hills". The house was built in 1714, but is no longer standing.

He also marked the location of the church where they worshiped, on Foster Hill. The church, built in 1717, was moved to what is now Brookfield and is St. Mary's Church.

Bob also marked the location of the Hollingsworth grant of 500 acres in Ware which Jabez bought for £400, on April 22, 1729. (See article and map of Ware in Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Newsletter.)

One of the historic sites shown on the map is the location of the Barnes saw mill on Sucker Brook, built in 1709, and later used as a malt mill. All that remains is a broken dam. (See Vol. 2, No. 2.)

- A — Site of Jabez Olmsted's Farm
- B — Site of Foster Hill Church
- C — Site of Hollingsworth grant in Ware
- D — Site of Thomas Barnes' Saw Mill

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saw plenty of trout weighing two pounds.

May 14, 1897, Wolf River News: Mr. Clayton Olmsted drove over here Friday night and was accompanied back by Miss Lottie Hill to attend a dance at Embarrass.

### July 2, 1897, **Jim Olmsted Burned Out**

The farm house of Jim Olmsted, two miles south of the city, was destroyed by fire last night about 2 o'clock. Mr. Olmsted is up north trout fishing and his son Guy was in town until late last night. He discovered the fire on his return from town and had just time to kick in the door and rescue his mother and several children before the roof fell in. Not even the clothing was saved and but the opportune return of Guy, every inmate of the house would have perished. The cause of the fire is unknown and Mr. Olmsted being away, we are unable to discover if there was any insurance.

July 9, 1897, Jim Olmsted, who was burned out last Thursday night in the town of Matteson will rebuild his farm house. He had an insurance of \$800 on the building and \$200 on his household effects.

Aug. 6, 1897, Eph Olmsted has sold his farm on the Wolf River for \$2500.

Sept. 3, 1897, Jim Olmsted is building himself a new home in Matteson, on the site on the one that burned.

Sept. 17, 1897, Embarrass News: Clayton Olmsted has secured the agency for the Novelty Cutlery Co., of Connecticut for this territory, and has begun taking orders.

Oct. 1, 1897, Jury list for the month upcoming: J. C. Olmsted, Embarrass.

Nov. 26, 1897, Bear Creek News: Mrs. George Richardson, Jr. has gone to Appleton as a witness in the Olmstead case.

Same issue, Embarrass News. J. H. Olmsted returned from Waupaca sat.- jury duty. There was an ice cream social held at Mrs. J. Olmste'd last Thursday evening. The proceeds to be applied to the minister's salary. It was a success both socially and financially.

### Dec. 3, 1897, **Verdict of \$200:**

In the case in the Outagamie County Court that has been prosecuted by Attorney Guernsey of this city, for Mrs. Eph Olmsted for injuries received on a defective highway in the town of Maine, a jury rendered a verdict of \$200 for the plaintiff who sued for \$5,000.

Dec. 10, 1897, Wolf River News: Mrs. J. H. Olmsted and Miss Carrie Curtis of Embarrass, called on their many friends here one day last week.

1898-advertisement for Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children "Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething. Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and destroy worms. Over 10,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25¢. Sample free Address: ALLEN S. OLMSTED, LeRoy, N.Y.

Feb. 18, 1898, Jury List: Theodore Olmsted ... Matteson.

April 8, 1898, John Olmsted elected as a county supervisor (of the county board) representing Embarrass village.

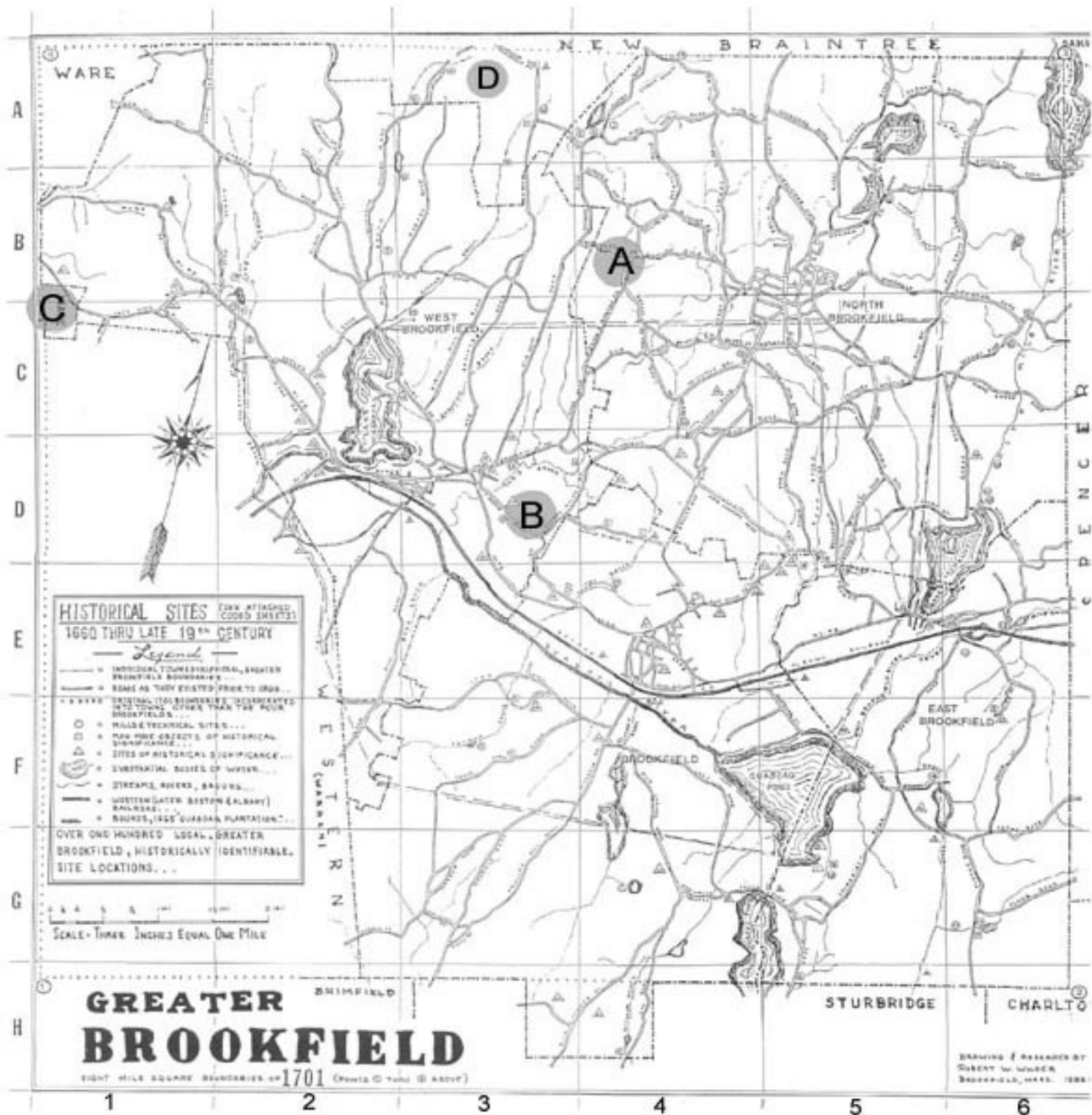
May 6, 1898, Clayton Olmsted, an Embarrass boy, while working in a Clintonville shingle mill, sawed off a portion of two fingers Monday.

July 15, 1898, Listed among teachers at the Summer School Institute-- Maggie Olmsted, Clintonville

June 3, 1898, Mr. Guy Welcome Olmsted and Miss Rachel Church both of Matteson were married at the Congregational parsonage May 30th. (probably by Rev. Gerrie)

Sept. 30, 1898, Maggie Olmsted listed as one of teachers licensed to teach in the 1898-99 school year by Supt. Burnham upon successful completion of summer work at the Institute.





## OLMSTED'S ON THE INTERNET

Joe Barber has told us about an OLMSTEAD Forum WEB PAGE at:

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

There is also an OLMSTEAD/OLMSTED Roots Web Subscriber List, in which subscribers can exchange information, post queries, etc. To subscribe, send E-Mail to:

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with the command "subscribe" (without the quotes) in the body of the message, and NOTHING ELSE. Turn off your signature file if you are using one. I (COH) am the List Administrator for the OLMSTED List.

There is also "on paper" an OLMSTEAD Roots Web list, but I am the only subscriber. When I became List Administrator for both lists, I moved all the subscribers on the

OLMSTEAD List to the OLMSTED List. If any one tries to subscribe to the empty List, I am notified, and move the subscriber to the other List.

There is a new Internet site that will allow members to store and share online family album, photos, sounds and video clips with site members. Photo album images can be captioned and dated. At present only one OLMSTED Family Member (Ray Olmsted, my first cousin, once removed) has posted pictures, but I plan to add some myself soon. Go to

[http://www.myfamily.com/exec?  
c=site&htx=main&MemberID=000003&SiteID=xynMAI](http://www.myfamily.com/exec?c=site&htx=main&MemberID=000003&SiteID=xynMAI)

The Forum, the Rootsweb List and the album site are not restricted to the Jabez Line, but contain information and queries from all OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD's.



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