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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

A special welcome to those who have subscribed to our newsletter in the past while. We hope you find this issue and subsequent ones interesting and helpful.

A newer subscriber I would like to mention is William (Bill) Yate Daykin of Perth, ON. If I have followed a relationship chart correctly, Bill and I are fourth cousins. The fact we both also have Campbell ancestry makes it all the more interesting. When Bill made contact with Carl and others of our kin some eight or nine months ago he knew very little about the ancestry of his great grandfather Gideon Olmsted (1793-1869). Bill has become a very ardent researcher, which has been very helpful to me and no doubt helpful to others as well.

Earlier this month (October) Danean Mitchell sent me and some others an extraction of Olmste(a)d marriages from Dubuque County, IA vital records which she had done. At that time she threw out a challenge for others to share this same kind of information and to do that kind of research.

In 1869 registration of births, marriages and deaths became compulsory in the Province of ON, although it took a while for this practice to become known and followed by everyone. I believe it was 1995 that Doreen Dolleman prepared Olmste(a)d listings from vital record indexes she found and which at that time covered births to 1895, marriages to 1910 and deaths to 1921. From the listings Doreen prepared I looked up the actual vital record entry and started data bases to record as much information as I could for the Olmste(a)d entries. Every years an additional year's data is released by ON archives and this summer the 1905 births, 1920 marriages and 1930 deaths were released. If you are missing information on an Olmste

(a)d birth, marriage or death which occurred in ON between 1869 and the years just mentioned I may have something for you.

Do you have a question or query? To restart this exchange, I have some queries of my own which will appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Did you ever wonder why X was used as a signature on important documents years ago? The obvious answer is that many people could not read and write in the early days, however the Black Hills Nuggets of Feb 2001 takes this explanation one step further: X is the seventh rune (a character of an alphabet, probably derived from Latin or Greek and used by the Germanic people from about the 3rd to the 13th centuries) called Gebo. Its sound is "G" as in gift. It symbolizes connections between people, a unity between the donor and the person a gift is given to. When illiterate people signed a document that bound them to an oath or contract they used the Gebo rune to make the mark, signifying a gift from one to another.

I will close with a bit of humor from the July/Aug 2001 issue of Leeds & Grenville News & Views:

The census taker knocked on Miss Kimball's door. She answered all his questions except one. She refused to tell him her age.

"But everyone tells their age to the census taker" he said.

"Did Daisy Hill and Loretta Hill tell you their ages?"

"Certainly"

"Well, I'm the same age as they are" she snapped.

"As old as the Hills" he wrote on his form.

Joe Barber.

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Doreen Dolleman's Research

In this article I will share my research on Job Olmsted, who from all circumstantial evidence, was the youngest child of Jabez Olmsted and Miriam Husse. This research is unique for me as I have done absolutely no traveling or digging into local records anywhere in order to trace his family. Instead I started with already published information and added to it almost entirely through sources available on the Internet, including email contact with descendants. Of all the children of Jabez, the line of Job is by far the most well documented in biographical and historical books. The story of Job's migration from Ohio to the Saginaw Valley of Michigan is told in "The History of the Saginaw Valley", Volume 7 of "Pioneer Collections", a report of the Pioneer Society of Michigan. In the "Sketches of Early Settlers of the Garden Peninsula of Upper Michigan", written by Margaret Coppess, in volumes 13-14 of "Michigan Heritage", the descendants of Job and his children are covered. I will use that information as a basis for this article, but will also point out some errors and provide additional information found on the Internet. I'll begin with the recorded facts on Job.

1. Job was born 11 Oct., 1779 (Bible record shared by Nancy Casey of Manistique, MI). He was born in Alford, Berkshire County, MA, but moved with his family in the late 1780's to Hebron, NY.
2. Job at 12 years of age was named in the 1792 Lowering Petition for land in Lower Canada, filed in Pawlet, Vermont. His name is listed with his father, siblings and other family members. This was while the Olmsted's were living in Hebron, Washington County, NY.
3. Job married his first wife (name unknown) presumably by 1800 as their first son Enoch was born in that year in Ontario.
4. In 1801 Job Olmstead settled in Rutland, Jefferson County, NY on 145 acres ("History of Jefferson County, NY").
5. In the summer of 1799, Job and his brother Jabez Olmsted, William Harris, and Edward Scott wrote a joint letter to Peter Russell, president of Upper Canada, stating they were settled on their respective lots in Marlborough Twp and requested leases. Jabez was on lot 28 and Job was on lot 29.
6. Lease of lot 29 in front of Marlborough Twp, a clergy reserve, was granted to Job Olmsted 29 July 1802. His brothers Jabez, Richard and Gideon Olmsted and sister Elizabeth Bullis were all included in the 1802 Marlborough census/assessment records, but Job was not.
7. The Philemon Wright Account Books of Hull, Quebec list Job Amsted for basic supplies or work performed from March 1802 through 21 March 1806. His older brother Gideon Olmsted resided in Hull after 1802.
8. Job was living in Hastings Twp, Northumberland County, Ontario in 1810. He had a presumable wife of age 16-60, 3 males under 16 and one female under 16. These would be sons Enoch, William and Job, and daughter Phylinda, all born by 1806, and children by his first wife. Job is not in the 1809 nor the 1811 census for

Hastings Twp. The 1810 census is an important find for determining that his first wife was still alive.

9. Job Olmsted and son Enoch enlisted in Lieut. Col. Joseph Willcock's Canadian Detachment of US volunteers in the War of 1812. They enlisted 18 July, 1813 in Lewiston, NY near Niagara. Both were privates. Both were absent at each muster roll and each pay roll. Comments on their records at the US Archives show they were absent without leave, never mustered, and received no pay. Their expiration of service was to have been 30 June, 1814. Another record of Job's enlistment is held at the Canadian Archives. He is shown to have been on the roll of Capt. George Ball's Co. and was a drummer in the 1st Reg. of the Lincoln Militia, 4 July, 1812 and 31 March, 1813. Whether or not he reported to duty is uncertain until those documents are viewed. The family Bible states that Job was a drum major in the war of 1812. Job's second wife must not have known about him not actually serving with the US volunteers. She applied as his widow in 1860 for a land bounty grant and was denied. Her application provided wonderful details, including her marriage record to Job.
10. Job married his second wife Elizabeth Masters Merrill 28 Feb 1819 in Canton, Stark County, Ohio. At least 8 of their 9 children were born in Ohio, some of the older children in Akron and the rest in Crawford County, Ohio. Elizabeth died 10 April, 1862 in Michigan.
11. Sometime around 1833 Job and his family arrived in Saginaw, MI.
12. Job and a man named Douglas Thompson built a sawmill on Pine River, MI around 1835.
13. Job died 1 June 1839 in Saginaw Bay, MI. His daughter Phylinda was in the house with him when he died and her husband William Tuffs buried him.

The writer of "The History of the Saginaw Valley" moved to that area in 1833 and since it was so sparsely settled he personally knew the inhabitants. He mentions the names of the few families farming along the Tittabawassee River, referring to the "colony" of 40 to 50 Olmstead's. He tells of Job the patriarch and his 22 children, including 3 married sons, 1 married daughter, grandchildren, and in-laws. I love the way he described the Olmstead's as a class of people who were "hereditary or habitual pioneers" and that few people like them ever came to Michigan. He was absolutely right about what he called their "roving disposition"! Job's entire adult life was spent moving from place to place and many of his offspring followed in his footsteps. Job had a large family with children by both wives. However, he did not have 22 children as claimed in the article unless there is an explanation not yet discovered. I made a list of all the extended family that probably came with him to Michigan and it totaled 26. I am certain that the author's knowledge of the Olmsted family must have been fairly accurate so wonder who those extra folks might have been. The family Bible names his offspring and their birthdates in this order (including his stepdaughter from his second wife):

Enoch was the oldest son of Job, born 11 April, 1800 in On-

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tario. He enlisted in Willcock's Canadian Detachment of U.S. Volunteers in the War of 1812 at 13 years of age, but did not serve. The author of "The History of the Saginaw Valley" states that he had some education, held a town office, lived at lower Saginaw, and built a schooner named "The Democrat". Enoch married Sarah Kimball in Crawford County, Ohio. Sarah was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Kimball. On the 1830 census he was in Liberty Twp. In 1833 Enoch and Sarah Olmsted signed a deed to Perez Hillard (he was married to Sarah's sister Clarissa) in Crawford County. This was probably about the time the Olmsted family migrated to Michigan. In August of 1835 he purchased land in Zilwaukee Twp in Saginaw County. He and his family are still there in the 1840 census. In 1850 he was living in Mackinac County and 1870 in DeTour Village with his daughter Clarissa and family. His known children were Richard, 1828 (married Adeline), Phylinda, Parryander, 1832-1909 (m. Anne Estelle King), Sarah, 1832, Charlotte, 1836 (m. George Roggs), Gardner, 1837 (married Elizabeth Rousseau and Mary Littleton), Peter Enoch, 1840-1887 (m. Rhoda Jane Stiles), Clarissa, 1842-1903 (m. Robert Pendergrast), Elizabeth, 1846, and William, 1847-1929 (m. Maria Rice). Enoch died 15 Oct., 1872 in Detour, Chippewa County, Michigan, age 72 years, 6 months, 17 days. The death record states he was born in Canada and was a sailor. There is speculation that Enoch had another wife and family "on the side". An Enoch Olmstead of the same occupation and approximate age is enumerated in the 1860 Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County census with a wife Maria S. and seven children (John, Henry, Eliza, Pauline, Bingham, Sixth and Mary Ann). In 1863 he and his wife "Sally" sold land in Sault Ste Marie to John Comstock. It is a mystery as to what became of this other family.

Phylinda was born 25 July, 1802 in Ontario. She was married around 1837-8 in Michigan to William Tuffs, a farmer, born in NY in 1792. They may have lived first in Saginaw, but by 1844 settled in Byron Twp, Kent County, Michigan. An historical sketch of Byron Twp quotes "Mrs. Tuft" as saying that they moved on their place the last day of Dec. 1843 and the only sign of a house was a small sled load of lumber. William Tuffs was a widower with four children: William, 1824-1865 (m. Almira Cronkright), Mary Ann (wife of Samuel B. Osgood), George, and Elizabeth, 1841-1925 (wife of William J. Evans). "The History of the Tuffs Family" by Patricia Tuffs Snyder states that "Flinda" had no known children. William Tuffs died in 1865 and Phylinda was living with her stepdaughter Elizabeth Evans in the 1870 Byron census. The Winchester Cemetery records show that William Tuffs SR, William JR, and Elizabeth Evans and her husband are buried there, but not Phylinda. She may have remarried, possibly to a James Hastie of Lowell, Kent County. Phylinda Hastie's tombstone in Merriman Cemetery records that she died 22 Jan., 1886 at 84 years.

William was born 19 Sept., 1804 in Ontario. He married his stepsister Judith Ann Merrill in Crawford County, Ohio and in the 1830 census he was living in Chatfield Twp. He came

with his father to the Saginaw Valley of Michigan and was enumerated there on the 1840 census near his brother Enoch. By 1850 he was living in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and was still there through the 1865 state census. In 1867 he moved to Sanville, Waushara County, Wisconsin and by 1870 he returned to Michigan, settling near his siblings in the Garden Peninsula, Delta County. He died 12 June, 1876 and is buried in Sac Bay Cemetery. William was a fisherman and a farmer. His children were Phoebe, 1830-1884 (married Joseph Wilcox Squires), Mary Ann, 1832-1918 (married Levi Avery and Alanson Russell), Charles, 1835-1858, Henry, 1837-1859, William Jr., 1842-1910 (married Anna Maria Ansell), Job N. 1845-1936 (m. Carrie Coons), Frederick M. 1851-1933 (married Hannah Hazen), and Edward A. 1852-1912 (married Addie Sibley Briggs).

Job J. was born 26 Nov., 1806 in Ontario. In 1830 he married Corissa Kimball, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Kimball, and sister of his brother Enoch's wife, Sarah Kimball. If he traveled to Michigan in 1833 with his father and family, he must have returned to Ohio within a short time. The Bureau of Land Management records show that Job J. Olmsted of Crawford Co. registered his fully paid 39 acres on 7 Dec., 1835. His oldest daughter, Sarah, was born in Ohio in 1833, son Albert in Michigan in 1837, and son Levi in Ohio in 1840. He is enumerated in the 1840 census of Chatfield Twp, Crawford Co. as Jacob Olmsted (may have been his middle name) and was next to his father-in-law Daniel Kimball. By 1850 Job and his family were in Marengo, McHenry Co., Illinois along with the Kimball relatives. He was a farmer. Corissa died there in 1866. In 1871 Job moved to Labette Co., Kansas with his son George. He died 1 Jan., 1873 near Oswego. His children were Sarah Maria, 1833-1862 (m. Andrew Jackson Jones), Monroe, born and died in 1835, Albert M., 1837-1900 (m. Adelia), Simon, born and died in 1839, Levi, 1840-1902 (m. A. Eliza Ferguson), Marcus Lafayette, 1842, Charlotte Jane, 1848 (m. Finch), George Alton, 1850-1939 (m. Fannie Green), and James Byron 1853. Levi moved to the Garden Peninsula and lived near his Olmsted cousins. There is a biographical sketch on George Alton in "History of Labette County, Kansas and its Representative Citizens".

Judith Ann Merrill was born 10 May 1811 in NY and died 25 Nov 1893 in the Garden Peninsula. She is buried with her husband William Olmsted in the Sac Bay Cemetery. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Masters Merrill and stepdaughter of Job Olmsted.

John was born 7 Nov., 1819 in Ohio. He was the first child of Job and his second wife, Elizabeth Masters Merrill. He was living in Dorr Twp, Allegan County, MI in 1860 with his widowed mother Elizabeth "Olmstad" in the same household. In 1870 he was in nearby Thornapple Twp, Barry County. In 1880 he had returned to Dorr Twp. He was a farmer. His wife's name was Mary A. and she was 12 years younger than John. His children were Matilda J., Andrew J., Josephine and Elinor.

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Aaron J. was born 20 Feb., 1821 in Akron, Ohio. He married in Michigan, Belsora Thompson, daughter of Douglas and Rebecca Thompson, and sister of Philemon Thompson. In the 1850 census they resided in Mackinac Co. along with Aaron's widowed mother, the Thompson's, and his brothers Stephen and Andrew. By 1860 he was in Delta Twp, Delta County, MI where he remained. He died of gripe 3 July, 1900 and is buried in Sac Bay Cemetery with his wife, who died 27 March, 1873. Aaron was a commercial fisherman. His children were Eli, 1845-1929 (unmarried), Aaron JR., 1849-1919 (unmarried), Andrew Jackson, 1851-1919 (m. Eliza Ann Russel), Elizabeth Ann, 1854-1916 (m. Darius Eli Hazen), William H., 1857-1870, Melissa 1859-1921 (m. Michael Sullivan), and George, 1864-1866.

Miriam was born 26 Nov., 1823 in Ohio. Her name in the family Bible is clearly spelled MIRIAM, and she would have been named after Job's mother Miriam Husse. For some reason her name appears in most of the later records as Marian. She married Philemon Thompson, son of Douglas and Rebecca. He was a trapper and a fisherman. According to the writings in the "Pioneer Collections", the marriage occurred when Miriam's father Job was helping Douglas Thompson build a sawmill on the Pine River around 1835. The account says she became a mother before she was 12 years old. Miriam's oldest child Douglas was born in 1840 when she was 16. In order for that story to be true there would have to be a child born in 1834 who died young. The Thompson's resided for a short time in Wisconsin, in Mackinac County in 1850 and Delta County in 1860-80. An old Escanaba newspaper article gave an account of Philemon Thompson seducing his 15 year old granddaughter and then being shot and killed (9 Oct. 1878) by Frank Wauwangabo, an Indian and long time friend of the Thompson's. It was believed that the girl's father Douglas Thompson had hired Frank to kill Philemon and that another relative, Thomas Conklin, was also involved. All three men were arrested and after the trial in 1879 Douglas Thompson was found not guilty, Conklin was convicted of murder and sentenced to 20 years, and Wauwangabo was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 15 years. That same year Douglas died by drowning in the Garden Bay. It was very difficult for the family to overcome the scandal and most spent their lives trying to renew the family name. Miriam and some of her children later moved to Escanaba. Miriam died 10 April, 1905 in Escanaba and is buried there in Lakeview Cemetery. Her children were Douglas, 1840-1879 (m. Henrietta Conklin and Elizabeth Farley), Henry, 1842, Philemon, 1846, Marian, 1848-1899 (m. Moses Gould), Elizabeth, 1850, Minerva, 1852-1867 (m. Albert Bartman), Andrew, 1854-1898, Adelmon, 1855-1920, Stephen, 1859-1952, Ralph W. 1862-1928 (m. Clara Gross) and Rosa, 1864-1890 (m. Henry Williams).

Stephen was born 9 April, 1825 in Crawford County, Ohio. In the 1850 census he resided in Mackinac County with his

sister Miriam Thompson, brothers Aaron and Andrew, and mother Elizabeth. He was a fisherman. On 26 May, 1862 he married Mrs. Mary Fairweather in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. She was the widow of Isaac and had 3 children by him. Stephen enlisted in the Civil War, 20th Reg. Wisconsin Infantry, Co. K. He died 28 Nov., 1864 from disease in New Orleans, LA. His wife remarried 21 Dec., 1865 in Sheboygan to David Ticknor.

Jabez was born 29 April, 1827 in Crawford County, Ohio. He married Mary Ann Cain, daughter of John and Mary Everhart Cain, in Chicago, Illinois. He was a fisherman. He died 18 Feb., 1896 in Fairport on the Garden Peninsula. His children were George E., 1858-1872, Frederick Franklin, 1862-1915 (unmarried), and Amab Lester, 1866-1953 (m. Clarinda Wilbur).

Elizabeth was born 12 Sept., 1829 in Crawford County, Ohio. She is listed in order of birth with the other children of Job, but is not included in the writings of Margaret Coppess. There may have been some question as to her parents as her birthdate was only 7 months from that of her younger brother James. It could be that there was an error in the Bible record. The descendants of her family tell the story that she was ostracized for marrying beneath her. She was married to Thomas William Squires, possibly in Illinois as their first child was born there. This family moved several times within Wisconsin from Sheboygan to Albion Twp in Jackson County in 1860. In 1880 they were in Lewis Twp, Clark County and by 1900 in Sparta, Monroe County. Thomas died in Albion 23 Sept., 1888. He was a farmer. Elizabeth died 7 Feb., 1904 in Sparta at the home of a daughter. Thomas' obit says they were the parents of 14 children with 5 surviving. The known children were Ellen, 1847-1914 (m. Theodore McLean), Margaret, 1849-died by 1860, James Franklin, 1856- died by 1890 (m. Alice Mosher), Anna E., 1857 (m. Monney), George W., 1858- died by 1890, Emma A., 1862-died by 1880, Ada, 1864-1937 (m. Frank Beedle), Curtis Edward, 1873-1940 (m. Matilda Herrmann), and Ephraim, 1860- died by 1870.

James was born 27 April, 1830 in Crawford County, Ohio. He died in 1848 and was buried on St. Martin's Island, Delta County, and Michigan.

Andrew J. was born 3 September 1831. He was enumerated in Mackinac County in 1850 as Andrew Wormsted, 19, fisherman, NY. An Andrew of the correct age (38) was enumerated in the 1870 Sibewaing, Huron County census with a wife Julia (25) and children Ezra (4) and Agnes (2). He was a cooper. More research needs to be done to confirm if this was Job's son.

Israel was born 27 June, 1834 in Saginaw County, Michigan. He died 21 Sept., 1841.

As a postscript I have a confession to make about my sources of information. I mentioned that I had only used the

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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 Olmsted (a) 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.

A THEORY TO IDENTIFY JOSEPH HASKINS' WIFE

By Robb. Gorr

Editor's Note: The following article is speculation, as the author notes in his final paragraph. However, his thesis is well documented and very convincing.

Joseph Haskins, the pioneer of Wolford Township, is well documented as one of the first settlers there as early as the summer of 1797⁽¹⁾. He was a prosperous man, called by Leavitt "one of the wealthiest farmers in the district"⁽²⁾, who founded a large and prolific family. And while much is known and has been written about him, very little is known about his wife and life partner.

Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Haskins, is how she is generally referred. Her name, her death and her age appear on her tombstone in Wolford Rural Cemetery. According to that grave marker, she died on 19 March 1833, aged 89 years, which would make her born about

1744, a year before her husband. But beyond that we know very little about her. The only other records in which she is named are her husband's will⁽³⁾ and some early township census⁽⁴⁾. Her maiden name, her birth date and place, and her family are all unrecorded and unknown.

There may be a clue, however, to Elizabeth's identity in the name of one of her grandchildren. Only three of her seven children named a granddaughter after Elizabeth but it was daughter Miriam Haskins, wife of John Butterfield, who added an extra name. She christened her tenth and youngest child Elizabeth Olmstead Butterfield in 1824⁽⁵⁾. At first glance, it might be assumed that she had named the child after her sister Elizabeth who had come to Canada as the wife of Israel Olmstead, but he had been dead for over twenty years and for almost that long she had been the wife of Solomon Edmunds⁽⁶⁾. So, who then was the Elizabeth Olmstead for whom Miriam had named her child? Could it have been named after her mother?⁽⁷⁾

The Israel Olmstead who had married Elizabeth Haskins had come from the area of Washington County in New York⁽⁸⁾ where it has been established that Joseph and Elizabeth had lived, along with several of their other sons-in-law's families⁽⁹⁾. He was the son of Jedediah Olmstead by his first wife Mehitable, whose family was also in that part of New York state by the Vermont border⁽¹⁰⁾. Was there perhaps some connection to that Olmstead family and the wife of Joseph Haskins? Israel's father Jedediah Olmstead had a sister named Elizabeth Olmstead, born 31 July 1741 in Brookfield, Massachusetts⁽¹¹⁾. Her age is close, a bit older perhaps, than the age indicated on Elizabeth Haskins' tombstone. That age, however, differs slightly from the age given in seven early township censuses.

Elizabeth Haskins' age in some of the early census would indicate that she had been born in 1742⁽¹²⁾ instead of 1744. And, in two of the early census she is clearly four years older than her husband showing that her date of birth was in 1741⁽¹³⁾ and that was the same year that Elizabeth Olmstead had been born. The date on the tombstone, having been erected at some time after her death, must have been incorrect.

If you examine the names that Joseph and Elizabeth Haskins gave to their seven known children, there may be more clues. Eliminating the two children named after themselves and also Tabitha and Nicholas who bore Haskins family names⁽¹⁴⁾, the three remaining children are Lurana, Gideon and Miriam. Could one or more of those names be from Elizabeth's side of the family? Coincidentally, two of that Elizabeth Olmstead's siblings were named Gideon Olmstead and Lurana Olmstead, both of whose families were recorded in that same area of New York state⁽¹⁵⁾. Her oldest brother Jabez Olmstead had also been married to a woman named Miriam Husse⁽¹⁶⁾. Could the youngest Haskins daughter have been named for her sister-in-law?

But there is another interesting name coincidence between the two families. Elizabeth Olmstead also had a sister named Silence Olmstead⁽¹⁷⁾. In fact, that unusual name Silence is used fairly commonly in the Olmstead family. Besides a sister, Elizabeth Olmstead also had an aunt named Silence Olmstead⁽¹⁸⁾ (wife of Ephraim Brown) and at least one cousin named Silence⁽¹⁹⁾. Now, go back to Miriam Haskins who had named her youngest daughter Elizabeth Olmstead. She had given her oldest daughter the unusual name of Silence Butterfield in 1798. This was definitely not a Butterfield family name and appears nowhere in that family. Did Miriam Haskins name her oldest daughter Silence at the request of her mother, perhaps in memory of a sister, a cousin, an aunt? And, later then, did Miriam name another daughter after her mother and provide

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*JABEZ DESCENDANTS
AT THE BATTLE OF SARATOGA?*

By Carl Hommel

This last summer, I noted the following on the Berkshire County, MA Web Site:

DESCENDANTS OF BATTLES OF SARATOGA
SOLDIERS SOUGHT

The Victory at Saratoga committee is seeking the names and addresses of living descendants of soldiers who fought at the Battles of Saratoga in September and October of 1777. These individuals will lead the citizens surrender march from the Saratoga monument to Fort Hardy Park on Saturday, October 19, in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the battles of Saratoga.

Please send names, addresses and phone numbers to Pat Peck.

Channel 13 news anchor Ed Dague will emcee the program at Fort Hardy Park, which is a recreation of the famous "Surrender of General Burgoyne" painting by John Trumbull that hangs in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capital. Members of the Schuylerville community will portray the depicted American and British officers. The living tableau harkens back to earlier surrender commemorations of 1877 and 1927. A patriotic fireworks display will conclude the 225th anniversary celebration.

On October 17, 1777, the British General Burgoyne surrendered to the American General Gates in Schuylerville. Over 6,000 British and German soldiers marched out of the camps located through out the village to Fort Hardy where they stacked their guns. The surrendering troops were then marched through the American Lines and past the 20,000 patriot soldiers amassed after the two Battles of Saratoga. This was the first time that a British Army had surrendered in over 200 years and was the first large-scale victory for the Americans in the Revolution. This "Turning Point" proved to the French that the Americans could fight. Within months, the French came to our aid with badly needed supplies and weapons, troops and the French Navy.

I decided to do a little research to see if any of Capt. Jabez's descendants could have been there at the battle. I had the service records of his descendants (see Vol 4, Issue 1, November 2000, pp. 8 and 9). I saw that Aaron and two Jabez's were likely candidates.

One Jabez and Aaron were at nearby Fort Edward in 1777, and the records of the other Jabez showed he had marched to Ticonderoga early that same year.

I sent E-Mail to Pat Peck, as follows:

I have an ancestor who may have been there. According to the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Jabez Olmsted was at Fort Edward in Col John Ashley's Regt. (Berkshire Co.) in June, 1777.

There was another Jabez Olmsted (son or father of the other) in Col. Benjamin Simons's detachment of Berkshire Co. militia, and who marched to Ticonderoga in March 1777. There is no way of telling which was which. No serial numbers in those days. <G>

Aaron Olmsted, a son of Jabez Sr. and brother of Jabez Jr, was also at Fort Edward, in Col John Ashley's Regt. at the same time.

Is there any record of those regiments at Saratoga?

Carl Hommel

I shortly received a reply:

I just checked a list of colonels who were at the battles of Saratoga & it includes Col. John Ashley, 1st Berkshire Co., MA, part of Paterson's Brigade - here Oct 7, but not for the first battle or the surrender.

I don't know if there are any payroll lists for Oct 7 to see conclusively if Jabez Olmsted or Aaron Olmsted were here, but the evidence looks like they likely were here.

Pat

Pat evidently forwarded my question to the Saratoga Park Service, as I received a message from a Park Ranger:

Dear Mr. Hommel,

I have received your information regarding an ancestor that may have served here with the Army of the United States under the command of Major General Horatio Gates from Park Ranger Richard Beresford.

Colonel John Ashley's battalion of south Berkshire County, Massachusetts militia, was indeed present with the army of Horatio Gates. They were as-

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signed to the brigade commanded by Brigadier General John Patterson on October 3d, between the two battles of Saratoga. This militia battalion was made up of various draftees from various regiments of militia from Berkshire County, MA.

Unfortunately, our records here at Saratoga NHP are too incomplete to be able to give you more specific information than what is included in the source you cited.

Colonel Ben Simons's detachment may well have been here, incorporated in Ashley's battalion from the same county. Colonel Simons was not here, but it is more than likely that if he was the colonel of one of the militia regiments from Berkshire county, some of his men would have been incorporated in Ashley's battalion.

I wish you luck in your further research! Please let me know if you have any further questions, or if you'd like to share your findings with us.

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The evidence shows that Aaron and one Jabez were quite likely at the second Battle of Saratoga, and perhaps the other Jabez also.

DUBUQUE COUNTY, IOWA VITAL RECORDS MARRIAGES

Deanne Mitchell sent a marriage extraction that she did in Dubuque County, Iowa of Olmstead Marriages. She suggested that I challenge all of you readers to share extractions that they might have done, or to do extractions from their local court houses. You never know what elusive ancestor someone might find lurking in a neighboring county.

OLMSTEAD, William C. & HARTRUM, Amanda, m. 13 Nov 1845, by E.B. Turner, in Dubuque, IA, Bk A, p 65.

OLMSTEAD, Jonas, age 50, & SCOTT, Mary W., age 42, m. 6 Jan 1875, by Rev J. S. Brigham, in Dubuque, IA, Bk 4, p 51.

OLMSTEAD, Katherine M., age 20, & MARUGG, Albert C, age 25, m. 11 May 1891, by Frederick Hopkins, M.G., in Dubuque, IA, Bk 5, p252.

OLMSTEAD, A. Lou, age 25, b. Anamosa (s. of James & Agnes (Lawsen) Olmstead) & WELDEN, J. L., age 28, b. WI (dau of William & Mary (Kennedy) Welden), m. 27 Sep 1893, in Dubuque, Bk 6, p 2

OLMSTEAD, Cora M., age 23, b. Plum River, IL (dau of Orange

& Delia (Ensign) Olmstead) & TUCKER, Edward E., age 40, b. Plum River, IL (s of Alfred & R. A. (Herendun) Tucker), m. 27 Dec 1899 in Dubuque, IA, Bk 6, p 187.

OLMSTEAD, Ione, age 20 b. Sand Spring, IA (dau of John & Augusta (Peters) Olmstead) & BURGER, John, age 21 b. Waterloo, m. 9 Sep 1915 in Dubuque, IA, Bk 8, p 389.

OLMSTED, Forrest C., age 24 b. Maquoketa (s of C.L. & Lily (Thomas) Olmsted) & DENLINGER, Vera B., age 24, b. Dubuque, IA (dau of W. H. & Jospheine (Mills) Denlinger), m. 13 Apr 1917 in Zwingle, IA, Bk 8, p 542.

OLMSTED, William H., age 26, res Rolfe, IA (s of Philo B. & Sarah (Dickefoose) Olmsted) & BUTLER, Wilma S. (dau of William & Nellie (Goldthorpe) Butler), m. 10 Nov 1919, in Dubuque, IA, Bk 10, p 329.

OLMSTED, Burt, 33, res Stockton, IL (s of Orange & Delia (Ensign) Olmsted) & POSEY, Ida, age 28, res Stockton, IL (dau of Edward & Julia (Bongar) Posey), m. 18 Oct 1920, by H.L. Buckley, J.P., in Dubuque, IA, Bk 11, p 482.

OLMSTED, Herscel L., age 29, b. Maquoketa, res Zwingle, IA (s of Charles L. & Lillie (Thomas) Olmsted) & HANNA, Irene A., age 27, b. Chicago, IL (dau of Clarence & Marie (Munson) Hanna) m. 8 Jun 1922 at Essworth, IA, wit: Vera B. Olmsted, Bk 13, p 261.

OLMSTEAD, Opal (dau of Will & Rose (Warren) Olmstead) & DENIO, Kenneth P., age 22, res Dubuque, IA, b. Dyersville, IA (s of Fred & Delia (Arquette) Denio), m. 28 Feb 1924, in Dubuque, IA, Bk 15, p 143.

OLMSTEAD, Douglas, age 20, of Waterloo, IA (s of Pearl & Margaret (Goodenough) Olmstead) & REDDY, Charlotte, res Beloit, WI (dau of David & Ethel (Chamberlain) Reddy), m. 23 Apr 1938, in Dubuque, Bk 28, p 614.

OLMSTED, James, age 26, b. Fairport, MI, res Alberquerque, NM (s of Raymond & Ruth (Monasso) OLMSTED, 2nd Marriage, & KINZIGER, Layola, b. Oconto, WI (dau of George & Nellie (Spice) Kinziger), m. 8 Jul 1939, in Dubuque, Bk 37, p 484.

OLMSTEAD, Emery H., age 27, res Roscoe, IL, b. Stockton, IL (s of Burton & Mary (Wooster) Olmstead), & FLYNN, Margaret, age 17, res Rockton, IL, b. Beloit, WI (dau of James & Mary (Burtis) Olmstead), m. 31 Dec 1939, in Dubuque, IL, Bk 42, p 507.

OLMSTED, Ethel M., age 27, res Depere, WI, b. Garden, MI (dau of Arthur D. & Evelyn (Nolan) Olmsted), & BESAU, Patrick M. (s of Alex & Virginia (Chritz) Besau), m. 25 May 1940, in Dubuque, Bk 45, p 563.

OLMSTEAD, Margaret, age 44, b. Black River Falls, WI (dau of Frank & Adeline (Dodd) Goodenough), 2nd marriage m., Bk 53, p 368. Did not extract record.

OLMSTEAD, Pearl Albert, b. Tomah, WI, res Beloit, WI (s of Frank & Josephine (Spangler) Olmstead), 2nd marriage & DORO, Ida Ann, b. Janesville, WI (dau of Charles & Augusta (Johnson) Stark), 3rd marriage, m. 5 Sep 1942, in Dubuque, Bk 62, p574.

OLMSTEAD, Glen Henry b. Kenosha, WI, res Davenport (s of C. W. & Elsie (Doose) Olmstead) & ERNSDORFF, Imelda Margreth, m. 31 May 1943 in Dubuque, Bk 64, p 111.

OLMSTEAD, Leonard Loyd, b. Mecaha, MT, res Madison, WI (s of Loyd L. & Mae (Coon) Olmstead) & FARRIS, Geraldine Carol, b. Sauk City, WI (dau of Manzel & Anita (Alt) Farris), m. 26 Jul 1952, Bk 85 p 153.

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the only clue to her identity?

All this is pure speculation and hypothesis, however, because that same Elizabeth Olmstead is recorded as having married on 26 October 1759 in Berkshire County, Massachusetts to Isaac Richardson. Elizabeth and her Richardson husband do disappear from the records after this and so it may be possible that a widowed Elizabeth married Joseph Haskins sometime in the next ten years before their first daughter Lurana was born around 1769. If this connection were correct, though, it would mean that their daughter Elizabeth Haskins had married her first cousin Israel Olmstead. And that is also a plausible possibility⁽²⁰⁾. There was also a William Richardson in Wolford Township who received a patent on his land on the very same day as did Joseph Haskins⁽²¹⁾. Could he have been a son of Elizabeth from her first marriage?

Speculation and theorization, however, should not be confused with fact. The lack of primary source documents is missing for this theory, so it should not be considered as fact, however plausible the case may seem. A preponderance of the evidence, circumstantial though that evidence may be, however, can sometimes decide a legal case and, in this case, there is a mounting file of circumstantial evidence. Researchers should be warned not to jump to any concubinary decisions about the identity of Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Haskins. For the meantime, her true identity must remain another of those fascinating genealogical mysteries. The author, however, invites Haskins and Olmstead researchers to speculate or castigate with him on the theory presented herein. Your opinions, thoughts and suggestions would be appreciated.

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Footnotes

1. Return of the Persons Names who are Settled in the Town of Wolford, on the River Rideau July the 29th, 1797, Archives of Ontario, Toronto.
2. History of Leeds and Grenville, Thad. W. H. Leavitt (Recorder Press, Brockville, 1879)
3. "my beloved wife Elisabeth", will of Joseph Haskins, Wolford, dated 25 February, 1823, Johnstown Wills, Archives of Ontario, Toronto
4. Regular census were taken of the inhabitants of Wolford, Oxford, Montague and Marlborough Townships at various periods between 1802 and 1819. Elizabeth is listed with Joseph in all of them.
5. Elizabeth Olmstead Butterfield, daughter of John and Miriam Butterfield was born 9 September, 1824, Rideau Methodist Circuit Registers, National Archives of Canada, microfilm C-3030
6. Israel Olmstead died 7 February, 1802 and his widow Elizabeth remarried on 5 July, 1803 to Solomon Edmunds. Dates from family bible of Rebecca Edmunds McCaw currently in the possession of her great-granddaughter Alice McGrath Hughes, Merrickville, Ontario.
7. Naming a child after a grandparent and including the surname was a common practice. John Butterfield and Miriam Haskins would each have a grandchild named after them- Miriam Butterfield Rose (born 1829), and John Butterfield Earl (born ca 1847).

8. "The Petition of Israel Umstead late from Hampton in the State of New York..." Upper Canada Land Petitions "U-V" Bundle Miscellaneous 1784-1794 (RG 1, L 3, Vol. 513), National Archives of Canada, microfilm C-2842
9. Joseph Haskins is called "the first settler of the town [of Putnam in Washington County]" in the History of Putnam, New York by Thomas W. McArthur (privately published, 7 September, 1901). John Hutton, husband of Tabitha Haskins, was the son of William Hutton, a Scottish emigrant and a pioneer at Putnam [five page document proving the parentage of John Hutton by Donald Spencer published in Joseph Haskins 1745-1823 Pioneer of Wolford Township by Alice M. Hughes (self-published, Merrickville, August 1990), pp. 78-82]. John Butterfield, husband of Miriam Haskins, was the son of John Butterfield, also an early settler at Putnam. Both William Hutton and John Butterfield are mentioned in the McArthur history.
10. Correspondence with Doreen Dolleman, an Olmstead descendant and researcher "Did I ever tell you that Jed. and family had been living in Shaftsbury, VT before their arrival in Hampton?" (e-mail, 15 January 2000), and "...families settled in Cayuga Co NY" (e-mail, 4 February, 2000)
11. Elizabeth Olmstead, born July 31, 1741, d. of Jeremiah Olmstead and Elizabeth Litten, Ware Vital Records, Corbin Collection, p. 56, (TR-I-12), and Brookfield Vital Records, p. 168.
12. 1803 census "Elizabeth Haskins 61", April 1804 census "Elizabeth Haskins 62", 18 April 1805 census "Elizabeth Haskins 63", and 7 April 1806 census "Elizabeth Haskins 64"
13. 28 May, 1817 census "Elizabeth Haskins 76", and 24 April 1819 census "Elizabeth Haskins 78"
14. Nicholas was the name of Joseph's father according to his 1823 will. Both Nicholas and Tabitha are names given to children of Abial Haskins of Augusta Township, who is believed to be a brother or cousin to Joseph Haskins of Wolford Twp.
15. Correspondence with Doreen Dolleman, "Elizabeth's brother Gideon Olmstead and sister Lurana Olmstead Van Surdam... and their families settled in Cayuga Co. NY" (e-mail, 4 February, 2000)
16. Correspondence with Doreen Dolleman, "Jabez [Olmstead] married Miriam Husse in Sheffield Town, 11 July, 1858... [and lived] in Hebron, NY where the family settled in the late 1780s" (e-mail 29 August, 2002)
17. Silance Olmstead, born 30 September, 1749, in Ware, Hampshire Co, MA, d. of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Litten, Ware Vital Records, Corbin Collection, p. 56, (TR-I-12).
18. Silance Olmstead, born 30 November, 1728, in Brookfield, Worcester Co. MA, d. of Jabez Olmstead and Thankful Barnes, Brookfield Vital Records, p. 168.
19. Silence Brown, born 19 October, 1737 in Brookfield, Worcester Co. MA, (Brookfield Vital Records, p. 53), was the daughter of Elizabeth Olmstead's aunt, Thankful Olmstead and her husband Timothy Brown.
20. Correspondence with Doreen Dolleman "As far as first cousin marriages go the Olmsteads did that a lot and I have found it in many other branches of my family also so it must have been an acceptable practice in those days." (e-mail, 15 January, 2000)
21. A William Richardson obtained a patent on Lot 14 Concession 2 of Wolford Twp on 17 May, 1802 although he does not appear in the township census that was taken on 1 May, 1802. Coincidentally, Joseph Haskins received the patent for his land on Lot 25 Concession A of Wolford Twp on the same day in 1802.

QUERIES FROM JOE BARBER

1. One of the children of my ggggrandfather Gideon Olmsted (1786-1837) was Daniel, born 1801. I have no further information on Daniel other than that he was party to an agreement amongst the heirs of his late father concerning a division of property. This agreement was dated Oct. 25, 1839 and it is signed by Daniel and the other heirs. At that time Daniel resided in the Twp. Of Hull, Province of Quebec as did several of his siblings. Does anyone have anything further on Daniel?
2. Johnson District Marriages (1801-1851) records the January 18, 1841 marriage of John Murphy of Wolford and Maria Umstead of Montague. Witnesses were Reuben Umstead and Silas Warner. In those days recorders sometimes spelled the name Umstead instead of Olmsted/Olmsted. Is this a daughter of Richard Olmsted and Elizabeth Durkee of Montague? Reuben could be Maria's brother and Silas Warner her brother-in-law.
3. Volume 5, Bathurst District Marriages for 1831-1852 records the marriage of Hester Ann Olmstead of Ross Twp. to James Rose of Westmeath on March 24, 1851. Witnesses were William Ross & Jonas Smith. On that same date and with the same witnesses, Ephraim Olmstead of Ross Twp. married Mary Ann Papa of Westmeath. I believe this Ephraim has been established as being the son of Ephraim Olmstead of Ross Twp. and his wife Esther Breckenridge. Is Hester Ann a daughter of these two and is there any further information on her and James Rose other than this marriage record?
4. An ON vital record of death for Jabez Dewey, who died at Smiths Falls January 1, 1926, states his mother's maiden name was Netty Olmstead, born in Scotland. These people are of interest because Jabez was a son-in-law of Gideon Olmstead (1822-1894) and Gideon in turn was a grandson of Gideon mentioned in #1 above. Does anyone have information on Netty and where she fits in the Olmste(a)d family?



Miriam Olmstead Thompson



Thomas William and Elizabeth (Olmstead) Squires

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"Pioneer Sketches", the works of Margaret Coppess, and the Internet. This was true when I wrote the article, but in early October we spent some time in Michigan, both in the Upper Peninsula and at the State Library in Lansing. I was able to extract all the Olmstead death and marriage records from the Chippewa County clerk and also Olmsted land records. In Escanaba I found the updated works of Margaret Coppess which to my great excitement included photos of William Olmsted (son of Job) and his wife Judith Merrill and their daughter Phoebe Squires. We tromped through cemeteries and visited Olmsted's both in the Garden Peninsula and De-tour Village. I was amazed that there were descendants of this ever-roving family who actually stayed put in these tiny villages for so many generations! The only information that I included from our trip were census records of the missing sons of Job and the one land record of Enoch and wife Sally. My favorite Internet sources used for this article were: US-genweb, Genforum, BLM (land records), Gendis (Michigan death records), 1870 Michigan census online, Ontariogenweb, and free volunteer lookups. I am indebted to Lois Lemon (Elizabeth Olmsted Squires descendant) and Becky Gruber (Miriam Olmsted Thompson descendant) for generously sharing information and photos. I have collected a massive amount of details on the grandchildren and later generations of Job, but could not include them in this article for lack of space. My research on Job has been just as fascinating as that of his siblings. Most of you know that the facts are what I am after and even though they may not always be flattering, they are what make our ancestors such unique characters. If it were not for their adventuresome spirits, hard life, determination and indiscretions there would not have been a wonderful trail of records for us to be able to learn so much about them.

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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