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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

After a long winter, spring has arrived in my part of the country. Its great to stow away the winter garb and get out into the warmth and sunshine.

No doubt some of our kin have written about their Olmste(a)d ancestry. Keith MacLellan who resided in Ottawa, ON before his death on September 29, 1998 was one who did. In the last few years of his life he put together a history titled "The Olmsteds of South Hull" which is some 60 pages long. Apparently copies of this history were available at Keith's funeral, otherwise it is basically unpublished. In January 2000 I got a draft copy of it from Charles Rose, a first cousin to Keith. Charles was involved in Olmste(a)d research for many years and he assisted Keith in his project.

mentioned that Edith Isabella MacLellan (Keith's mother) celebrated her 100th birthday on December 31, 1999. Just recently I learned that this lady died March 20, 2001. Not to many individuals will gain the distinction of living in three centuries.

Carl will be mentioning the Olmste(a)d Family Association reunion which will be held in Fredericton, NB August 14-17, 2003. Several of our Jabez kin will be attending and it would be great to see you there. A bit of history that may be interesting is that as a Captain in the 4th Massachusetts regiment, Jabez took part in the attack and capture of Fort Louisbourg from the French in 1745. Louisbourg is some 350 miles from Fredericton and those attending the reunion might want to consider visiting Louisbourg as well.

May you all have a wonderful summer.
Joe Barber

In our newsletter of May 2000 I

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Doreen Dolleman's Research

COMPUTER RESEARCH

By Doreen Dolleman

I have prolonged writing an article on my very own direct line ancestor, Richard Olmstead of Burritt's Rapids, Ontario, even though he should be my favorite subject. I finally came up with a much better plan and asked Bill Samland if he would be willing to do it for me. He is an excellent researcher and has a double interest in this line as Richard's daughter Aurilla Olmstead married her cousin Hiram Olmstead and Bill is a descendant of that union. I will keep my own article brief so that he can have more space.

I would like to share with you some of my recent computer discoveries in hopes that it will help those of you who are fortunate enough to have a computer. First of all I have to confess that I am not an expert in this area. In fact, those books written for "dummies" are too far advanced for me to even comprehend! I am ashamed to tell you that I only just discovered Google advanced searches, and I have had my computer for 3 ½ years! However, just in case there are others out there as slow to catch on, this article is for you. I only discovered this wonderful tool three weeks ago, quite by accident, and already have unearthed so many missing ancestors that my head is swimming. Here is what I have been doing:

1. Go to the Google website at www.google.com and click on the words "advanced search".
2. A form will appear and as much or as little of it can be used. I fill in the box that says, "exact phrase" with an ancestor's name or a place name (i.e. Parry Sound).
3. There is another box that says, "with at least one of the words". If I decide to use this I fill in only one extra word (i.e. Olmstead). Do not use 2 words or you will end up with too many results.
4. Choose the number of results you would like listed. I like to pick 100 as that usually more than covers the number found.
5. Click on "Google search" and your results will appear. If you see one of interest that you would like to view, click on the word "cached" for that entry. This will highlight the exact phrase and any other words you have chosen so you can spot them quickly.
6. If there are far too many results you can narrow down the field by returning to the form and filling in the box that says "without the words" with something appropriate that you would like to eliminate. For instance, if you are searching for a Frederick Olmstead, but don't want to view the hundreds of results for Frederick Olmstead, the famous architect, you might type in architect, garden, parks.
7. Be sure to try all spellings of your name of interest and also in the exact phrase box try the name backwards (Olmstead, Frederick) as well as forwards. The results will be different so don't overlook doing it both ways.

I will tell you a few of my amazing success stories. I made three discoveries all in one evening. I was looking for any

new information on my great great grandparents, David and Jane McAleer Olmstead. All I did was type in Olmstead for the exact phrase and McAleer for the extra word. One of the results was a Chippewa Co, MI obit for a Charlotte V. Olmstead, wife of William Olmstead and d/o William and Ann McAleer. I about fell off my chair! Charlotte McAleer was my Jane's youngest sister who did a disappearing act after the 1871 Ontario Census. No one in my family ever knew what became of her. William was a younger brother of my David Olmstead and he also disappeared after the 1871 census. It never would have crossed my mind that these two missing ancestors had married each other. I did a similar search using only two words, Gillespie and Olmstead, hoping to find my David and Jane Olmstead's missing daughter Charlotte (I knew she had married a Joseph Gillespie, but that was where it ended). Immediately I found her death record in Chippewa County, MI and also that of her infant daughter! I have searched for these families for over thirty years and found three missing people in a matter of minutes. I also found a biographical sketch on Byron Eaton, husband of Jane Olmstead (d/o Aaron Jr. mentioned in a previous newsletter article in May 2000). I only used the words Eaton and Olmstead to complete this search. I learned the names of their children, what became of the family, and was able to make contact with a descendant who has been so generous with her help. My last example is Moses Olmstead (s/o Jedediah) and his wife Almira Seekins. I did a search using just the name Almira Olmstead and found a biography of a Jonathan Russell, written by his son, while neighbors to Moses and Almira in Lapeer Co, MI. He tells the story of how a Mormon elder came to their community to preach in 1840, goes on to describe how Moses and Almira were baptized on the Russell property, and later sold their farm and moved to Nauvoo, IL, home of the church. This was a wonderful and very personal first hand account of this family. I also used the extra word "Mormon" along with Moses Olmstead and found several early Mormon church records pertaining to him. I have been helping three elderly descendants of this family and they have been delighted with the new findings. They think I am amazing, but honestly it is the computer that is performing the magic!

I also have to mention that the LDS website, www.familysearch.com has a census search for 1880 US/1881 Canada and Great Britain. It has been an enormous help to me. I discovered it last year and have found so many missing ancestors because of it. It is similar to the Google search in that you can fill in as much or as little to get the results you want. It is great to locate missing females as you don't need to know their married surname. In my previous article (May 2000) on Aaron Olmstead I gave you all the information I had on Emerson Olmstead (s/o Aaron Jr.). He was living in Milwaukee, WI until 1870 and then was gone. I used the 1880 US search and found him relocated in Leavenworth, KS. His oldest daughters were no longer in his household and I had no idea who they might have married. So I did another 1880 search for daughter

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Blanche, using only her first name, birth year (two year range), and Kansas for the state. I found a likely suspect in a Blanche Goodson with her young children also in Leavenworth. She was a music teacher, as was Emerson's wife. I was then able to confirm that her maiden name was Olmstead. Later I used Google search and found Emerson's son Archibald Olmstead. I really hit the jackpot with this one as he was a famous musician, having founded the Winfield College of Music in KS. The Winfield Library sent me his four-page obit, which was full of details about parents and siblings, a photo, a two page funeral service, and his father Emerson's obit! Olmstead Days are still celebrated in Winfield each year.

One last word of advice is to make use of the lookup volunteers who offer their help and are listed at most genealogy websites. I have used them often and have found that most will go out of their way to be of service. I only just used Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness, www.raogk.org/search.html, for the first time. Both contacts I made offered to take tombstone photos. One lady sent me the photo immediately and followed up with much additional information that was unexpected. The other person promised to make a trip to the cemetery as soon as the snow melts. These folks are truly wonderful and so remember to thank them for their time and remember to do the same for others by being willing to share your research.

I know this article must be a disappointment to those of you who do not have a computer. I will try to make up for it by offering to do a Google search for you on your Olmstead ancestor if you write and provide me with a few basic details (name, place and time frame).

OLMSTE(A)D FAMILY DNA TESTING

The Olmste(a)d Family Association has commenced a Family DNA Study. The following is a compellation of two letters from Barbara Taylor, President of the Association, explaining the study, and giving instructions on how to join. All males with some variation of the Olmsted/Olmstead/Omsted, etc., surname are urged to take part in the study.

Happy New Year, Everyone!

I hope your Christmas was warm and wonderful, and that 2003 will be better than 2002. At least we aren't in the middle of a drought this year.

I'm busy researching a DNA-based surname project. All that remains is to find at least six Olmste(a)d men willing to be tested. I know of one. I've made contact with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), and their video is on its way. They recommend that we have two men from each family line (closer than 300 years!) so we can determine "genetic representatives." We can jumpstart the project with two men. Doing this as a project saves us money. The cost this way is \$99 plus postage for a 12 marker Y-DNA (male chromosome) test. This company saves your DNA, so if you want to inves-

tigate closer relationships at a later date, you can test for 13 additional markers for \$90. If you want more information or further clarification, as well as privacy assurances, please visit their website, www.FamilyTreeDNA.com and read what they have to say. You can email them your questions.

Of course there needs to be a project manager, or group administrator, to keep it moving. This person will have access to a secure page where the project's status is updated daily. I would be willing to do this, but would also entertain volunteers or nominations. The council would have to make the final decision. Two things to remember: 1) You do NOT have to be a member to join the project, and 2) Each participant pays for his own testing. So PLEASE let me know by letter (144 W Mountain Rd/Sparta, NJ 07871), by phone (973-300-9715 - by day), or by email (ofapres@yahoo.com) or (taysmi@ptd.net), how you feel, and if you intend to join the project. If we get enough participation, we should be able to tell if the Jabez line is related to the James/Richard line, or not. We don't have to wait until the reunion to get started, and indeed, the reunion will be more fun if we have some results to discuss. So let's get moving!

One thing I did not mention is that the test is done by a cheek swab, not blood. NO NEEDLES! No doctors or technicians are involved -just you following the instructions. Cheeks are swabbed and sent back to the company directly, the DNA is analyzed and reported to the PM. The PM can get the information off the website with his/her password. By the way, we women can also be tested at the project price, even though we aren't part of the paternal study.

OK, if you've made it this far I have a NEWS FLASH! We have officially begun our surname project! The primary spelling is Olmstead. I could not put in (a). You will find variations in the name at the website. Anyone who has another variation of the name you want included, let me know. Currently I am the Group Administrator. We can change it at any time, but I felt it was time to begin. For those who have Internet access, go to the join link at:

http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=H96024

You can join there, & they will tell you how much to send, or you can pay by credit card online. It should be \$99 plus shipping & handling. Your join code is H96024. When you place a kit order, a number is assigned, & I will be notified and kept up-to-date. FTD ships on the first business day after the order is placed. When the kit is returned to FTDNA, you will be given a password so you can find your info at the site. AND SO WE ARE LAUNCHED! To be continued

Your OFA President,

Signed,

Barbara Taylor

RICHARD OLMSTEAD AND ELIZABETH DURKEE

*Compiled by Bill Samland, gr-gr-grandson
of Richard and Elizabeth. March 29, 2003.*

*Bill Samland has contributed this article on
the Richard Olmstead line. The article will be
concluded in the next issue. Bill has extensive
references, which due to their length are only
listed. The list of references will be included
in the next issue. Bill will give detailed refer-
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Richard Olmstead was the son of Jabez Olmstead and Miriam Husse or Hulse. He was born about 1770 in Berkshire Co., MA and died September 14, 1837 in Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada.

Jeremiah Olmstead and Elizabeth Litten were Richard's grandparents. His great-grandparents were Captain Jabez Olmstead and Thankful Barnes Olmstead of Ware, Hampshire Co., MA. About 1756 Jeremiah and Elizabeth moved from Ware to West Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., MA. It was in that area of Massachusetts that Richard was probably born (West Stockbridge is near the eastern border of New York State).

After the Revolutionary War Richard moved with his parents almost directly north and slightly west to Washington Co., NY where they settled on sections 13 and 14 of Hebron Township (not far from the western border of the State of Vermont).

About 1792 Richard married Elizabeth Durkee, daughter of Solomon Durkee and Christiana Saunders, in Hebron or Fort Edward, Washington Co., NY. Elizabeth was born in July 1776 in Durkeetown, Washington Co., NY and died in 1852 in Marlborough Twp., Carleton Co., Canada West.

Richard and Elizabeth lived in Argyle Township (the township directly west of Hebron Township) for the first few years of their marriage.

On 13 July 1796 Richard got into some trouble with the law. He was charged with forging and counterfeiting a promissory note to the Bank of the United States in Argyle Township for the amount of \$90. Richard was to be tried at the state level in Albany, NY. It's not known if the trial ever took place, and if so, what the outcome of it was. This event was probably the cause of Richard and his family's removal to Canada that year.

In 1796 Richard and Elizabeth moved with his brother-in-law and sister, Daniel and Elizabeth (Olmstead) Bullis, to Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada (several accounts stated that the two families had moved to Canada from the Mohawk Valley of New York in that year).

They both settled on the broken front and first concessions (Richard acquired lot 20, and Daniel owned lot 19). Their homes were located just north of the Rideau River a little east of the present village of Burritts Rapids.

Richard later owned property in Oxford Township (100 acres on lot 11 in concession 1) and Wolford Township (200 acres on lot 30 in concession B), both located south across the Rideau River, but he and Elizabeth probably always resided in Marlborough Township. His brother-in-law, Daniel Bullis, later purchased land across the Rideau River in Oxford Township. In 1814 Daniel's son, John Bullis, sold his father's property in Marlborough Township to Richard (Daniel had died about 1806/07).

Several of Richard's close relatives moved from the United States to the same area of Canada at the turn of the 19th century. Richard's brother, Gideon Olmstead, arrived in Marlborough Township about 1798 (he soon moved north to Hull Twp., Ottawa Co., Lower Canada about 1805). He and his family lived on the same property along the Rideau River front on lot 19 as Daniel Bullis. Some accounts state that Gideon moved with Richard Olmstead and Daniel Bullis at the same time to Canada. However, Gideon had a son born in December 1796 in New York. Gideon Olmstead's grandson, Charles Olmstead, later married Richard's granddaughter, Delanah Campbell.

Jabez Olmstead and Job Olmstead, two more of Richard's brothers, settled on lots 28 and 29 of the broken front and first concessions of Marlborough Township in 1799 (Job soon moved to Ohio, then Michigan). One account stated that Jabez moved to Canada with Richard Olmstead and Daniel Bullis. However, it's known that Jabez's oldest son was born in Washington Co., NY in 1798. Jabez and his family returned to Washington Co., NY within a few years. His family later returned to the Marlborough Township area years later, and his son, Hiram K. Olmstead, married Richard's daughter, Aurilla Olmstead.

Jedediah Olmstead, believed to be Richard's first cousin, settled on lot 27 in the first concession of Wolford Township in 1800 (he soon moved to Bartholmew Co., Indiana). Israel Olmstead, also believed to be Richard's first cousin, settled on lot 24 in the broken front B concession of Wolford Township as early as 1791 (he was married in that township in that year).

In the late 1790's Richard was listed as one of the petitioners to use William Merrick's mill in Wolford and Montague Townships.

Richard was called a yeoman, a freeholder of a class below the gentry. He also kept the first tavern in Burritts Rapids. The log tavern was the oldest public house in Carleton County (it was built about 1796), and was used for many years as a wilderness stopping place and a town meeting hall for Marlborough Township. The building was actually in Oxford Township, being just east of the narrow canal bridge

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JABEZ WORKSHOP

Walt Steesy and I (COH) have decided to postpone the Jabez Workshop because only three people have indicated interest.

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at Burritts Rapids. When Marlborough Township was transferred to Carleton County in 1849, the tavern was no longer used for meeting purposes.

On 7 March 1803 Richard was elected as tax collector for the united townships of Wolford, Oxford, Marlborough, and Montague.

During the War of 1812-1814 Richard served in the 1st Flank Company, 2nd Regiment of the Grenville Militia. He later claimed land in Upper Canada for his service. Richard's brother-in-law, Daniel Bullis, some of Daniel's sons, and Ephraim Olmstead (son of Israel Olmstead) also served in the same regiment.

About 1814 two of Richard and Elizabeth's daughters, Mary (Polly) and Charlotte Olmstead, married two Americans, Mr. Slocum and Roswell Seaton, in a double ceremony performed by Colonel Stephen Burritt in Marlborough Township. The wedding ceremony was the first ever performed in Carleton County or anywhere north of the Rideau River in Upper Canada.

On 3 September 1830 an account mentioning Richard Olmstead was written in the BROCKVILLE GAZETTE (Brockville, Grenville Co. Upper Canada). It stated that two horses were fighting in the stables of Richard Olmstead, on the Rideau Canal. When a young man by the name of Charles McLaren tried to part them, he received a kick in the forehead which caused immediate death.

Richard's last will and testament was dated 27 September 1832 and probated 30 January 1840. His wife, Elizabeth, and all his children were named. The administrators were Reuben Olmstead, Stephen Hurd, and Rufus Olmstead. In September 1837 an inventory of Richard's personal property was made. It gave a detailed account of everything that he owned at that time.

In 1851 Elizabeth, Richard's widow, lived with her son, Rufus Olmstead, in Marlborough Township.

Richard and Elizabeth are buried in the older section of Burritts Rapids Cemetery, located in Burritts Rapids on lot 25 in concession 1 of Marlborough Twp., Carleton Co., ON. That part of the cemetery was once known as Christ Church Anglican Cemetery. Richard and Elizabeth's marker has been restored

Much has been researched on the children and descendants of Richard and Elizabeth. Their 13 children are briefly described below.

1. **MARY OLMSTEAD** was born about 1793 in Washington Co., NY. She married a Mr. Slocum in Marlborough Township, probably in 1808 (after April 15th). Mary and her sister, Charlotte Olmstead, had a double wedding ceremony. Their weddings were the first performed in Carleton County or anywhere north of the Rideau River in Canada.

Mr. Slocum was originally from the United States (probably New York State). He and Mary later moved there.

Mary was also known as "Polly." She was mentioned in her father's will, dated 27 September 1832.

2. **CHARLOTTE OLMSTEAD** was born about 1796 in Washington Co., NY and died before 1815, probably in New York State.

On 15 April 1808 Charlotte was listed with her parents on the census of Marlborough Township. Sometime after that date in the same year (1808) she married Roswell Seaton, son of Asa Seaton and Rebecca Barnes, in Marlborough Township. Asa was born September 8, 1786 in Branford, New Haven Co., CT and died after 1851, probably in Northumberland Co., Canada West. Charlotte was only about 12 or 13 years old at the time.

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Roswell lived with his parents at Branford, CT until 1790 when they moved to Columbia Co., NY. He was listed on the 1804 census (dated April 20th) of Marlborough Township. At that time he was 17 years old.

After their marriage Charlotte and Roswell moved to New York where they may have lived on the farm deeded to Roswell by his father near Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., NY (his parents moved to Ellisburg about 1814/15). The farm was part of a 600-acre tract of land that Roswell's father deeded sections of to three of his sons (including Roswell). Roswell sold his portion well before 1830.

Charlotte died young (probably in New York) and her daughter, Aurilla Seaton, went to live with her parents in Marlborough Township. In 1815 Aurilla was listed with her grandparents on the census of Marlborough Township. She remained there until she was a young lady.

Soon after the close of the War of 1812, Roswell, his brother, Willard Seaton, and their parents left Jefferson Co., NY and settled near Cobourg, Northumberland Co., Upper Canada. Roswell still resided there in 1851 (Willard returned to New York in 1830).

After his father died in 1827, Roswell's widowed mother lived with him in Northumberland Co., Canada West. She stayed there until about 1833 when she returned to New York. His mother came back to live with Roswell from about 1835 to the fall of 1837 when she again returned to New York.

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After Charlotte's death, Roswell married Elizabeth Hollenbeck. They were either married in New York or Upper Canada. No information is known about Elizabeth, but she and Roswell had at least two children during their marriage: Arletta Seaton and Albert Seaton.

Charlotte's father, Richard Olmstead, made his will on 27 September 1832. Since Charlotte was deceased at that time, her portion of the inheritance was to go to her heirs. Those heirs were Charlotte's two grandsons, George Perry Seaton and John Hill Seaton (Charlotte's daughter, Aurilla Seaton, married her cousin, Daniel C. Seaton, making her maiden name and her married name the same). Richard must have become very fond of the boys when they and their mother, Aurilla Seaton, visited him in Marlborough Township about 1832 (Aurilla and her family resided near Cobourg, Northumberland Co., Upper Canada at the time).

The children of CHARLOTTE OLMSTEAD and ROSWELL SEATON:

- AURILLA SEATON, born August 22, 1808; died September 02, 1887.

3. **LUCINDA OLMSTEAD** was born about 1797 in Marlborough Township.

About 1814 Lucinda married Amos Lane, son of James Lane and Sarah (). Amos was born about 1793 and died March 6, 1829, probably in Oxford Twp., Grenville Co., Upper Canada.

Amos's parents were listed on the 1796 census (taken 5 April 1796) of Augusta Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada. They were later recorded, as early as 1806, as living across the Rideau River from Marlborough Township in Oxford Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada (the area was once probably part of Augusta Township).

Amos lived by himself when the 1813 census of Oxford Township was taken. He and Lucinda were later listed on the 1817 and 1819 censuses of Marlborough Township and the 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, and 1825 censuses of Oxford Township.

Amos was a yeoman. He was not listed as an eligible male resident for the Grenville Militia, dated 1 January 1829.

Lucinda and her daughter, Cecelia Lane, were both baptized on 12 February 1825 by the Rev. Robert Blakey of the Parish of Augusta. All the other children, according to the Anglican Synod Archives at Kingston, ON, were baptized on 18 July 1830 in Marlborough Township by Rev. Patton. At that time (1830) Lucinda and the children lived in Oxford Township.

After Amos's death Lucinda was listed on the tax assessment records for Oxford Township. In 1830 she lived on lot 14 in the first concession. In 1831 he was listed on lot 11 in the first concession. Both of those lots are located on the southern side of the Rideau River, across from where her parents lived in Marlborough Township.

On 12 December 1834 Lucinda married Abraham Vanornam in Oxford Township. Abraham's marriage to Lucinda was his first. He and Lucinda both lived in Oxford Township at the time they were married. Two of Lucinda's brother-in-laws, Thomas Hicks and Hiram K. Olmstead, were witnesses to their marriage. It's not known where Abraham and Lucinda

lived after their marriage.

The children of LUCINDA OLMSTEAD and AMOS LANE:

- JOHN LANE, born August 12, 1815; died April 20, 1900.
- ARCANTUS LANE, born July 19, 1817.
- CHARLOTTE LANE, born June 25, 1819.
- ELIZABETH LANE, born March 31, 1822.
- CECELIA JENETTE LANE, born 1824; died February 01, 1902.
- MANDEVILLE LANE, born June 02, 1826.
- MELISSA LANE, born June 14, 1828.
- AMOS LANE, born March 13, 1830.

4. **CLARISSA OLMSTEAD** was born about 1799 in Marlborough Twp. and died after 1871, probably in Thornbury, Grey Co., ON.

About 1815 Clarissa married Thomas Hicks, probably in Marlborough Twp. Thomas was born April 7, 1793 in Upper Canada and died June 27, 1864 in Thornbury, Grey Co., ON.

Thomas was listed with his widowed mother, Elisabeth () Hicks, on the 1802 census of Marlborough Twp.

Thomas's nephew, John Wellington Hicks, later married Clarissa's niece, Cecelia Jenette Lane.

On 1 January 1829 Thomas enrolled as a private in the 2nd Regiment of the Grenville Militia.

Clarissa and Thomas were listed on the 1815, 1817, 1819, 1820, 1822, and 1824 censuses of Marlborough Township. They still resided there when the 1851 census was taken.

In 1851 Clarissa's first cousin once removed, Thomas H. Olmstead, and his wife lived with Thomas and her in Marlborough Township.

Clarissa and Thomas's land in Marlborough Township consisted of 40 acres on lot 16 in the broken front and first concessions and 45 acres on lot 17 in the broken front concession. In 1853 Thomas was listed on the Marlborough assessment as a "freeholder of land."

By 1861 Clarissa and Thomas had moved to Thornbury, Grey Co., Canada West where they lived in a one-story log house. Clarissa's two brothers, Rufus Olmstead and Solomon Durkee Olmstead, had moved to that area a few years before from Marlborough Township.

Thomas was a farmer. He and Clarissa belonged to the Universalist religion.

No children were listed with Thomas and Clarissa on censuses prior to 1824. The 1824 census stated that a male child and a female child lived with Thomas and Clarissa in Marlborough Township (no names were given on the census except for the head of the family). It's not known if they were their children.

Neither the 1851 census of Marlborough Township or Thomas's estate records, dated in 1864, indicate that he and Clarissa had children.

Thomas is buried in Clarksburg Union Cemetery, located at Clarksburg, Grey Co., ON (he has a marker). Clarissa is probably buried next to him, but doesn't have a marker.

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5. **EUNICE OLMSTEAD** was born April 14, 1802 in Marlborough Twp. and died October 2, 1869 in South Gower Twp., Grenville Co., ON.

On November 24, 1823 Eunice married William Campbell in Johnstown District, Upper Canada. William was born January 22, 1790 in Albany, Albany Co., NY and died December 15, 1867 in Oxford Twp., Grenville Co., ON.

Eunice and William's marriage record stated that they were married on 24 November 1823 and that they both lived in Wolford Township at the time. A newspaper notice from that time period stated that their marriage took place on 15 November 1823 and that Eunice's residence was Montague Township (it didn't mention where William lived).

One account stated that William was born in Scotland. However, all census records and his bounty land application indicate that he was born in New York State.

William lived in New York State before the time of this marriage. On 28 August 1814 he enlisted at Albany, NY for three months to served against the British in the War of 1812. His company was Captain Jacob Best's New York Regiment of Militia commanded by Lieutenant Colonel David Rogers. William entered the troop on 5 September 1814 and was discharged on 5 December 1814 at Brooklyn, NY.

On 17 July 1852 William petitioned to the United States Government to receive bounty land for his military service. About 1855 he was granted 160 acres apparently near Sedalia, Pettis Co., MO. William never lived on that land and later willed all the property to his son, William Campbell (William and two of his brothers, John George Durham Campbell and Daniel Campbell, resided at Sedalia, MO in December 1869).

About 1815 William moved from New York State and went to Brockville, Kingston District, Upper Canada where he worked in a lawyer's office (one account stated that he was in the shoemaking business there). For some reason William discontinued law and took up the study of land surveying, which became his life-long career. He was admitted to practice on January 25, 1823. For a while William was in partnership with a man who afterwards became a judge.

William soon moved north where he bought a farm on the Rideau River just east of the village of Burritts Rapids. Shortly afterward he married Eunice Olmstead, and William then sold that farm to his father-in-law, Richard Olmstead.

After their marriage William and Eunice settled permanently on lot number 3 in the first concession of Oxford Twp., Grenville Co., Upper Canada where they owned 200 acres of land. Their beautiful one and a half-story stone house was located on the south bank of the Rideau River about one mile above the village of Burritt's Rapids. They later deeded 50 acres of their land to their son, Robert McIntosh Campbell.

William belonged to the Grenville Militia (Upper Canada). On 1 January 1829 he enrolled as a private in the 2nd Regiment.

In addition to being a public land surveyor William was also a justice of the peace. He was known throughout the countryside as "Squire Campbell." William was also a magistrate in the Burritts Rapids area and a farmer.

Frederick John French, K.C. had this to say about William

in a biography he had written about him:

"I remember him as long back as I can remember anything and my visits to his home about a mile from Burritt's Rapids on the Rideau. He was there long before 1847, the year of my birth and remained in possession of this fine farm till his death on Dec. 15, 1867, after which the farm was sold to Andrew Carson (late License Inspector for Grenville) who still lives there. An incident about the year 1856, shortly after the Battle of Sebastapool, is recalled. He was a Scotch Liberal of the old type and always voted 'Reform,' much to the disgust of nearly all his neighbours in this intensely 'Tory' section of Eastern Ontario. Though a Loyal British Subject, at the celebration, poor old 'Squire Campbell' was burned in 'effigy' along with the Russian Emperor Nicholas on a pile of tar barrels and shingle wood. I am sorry to say, as one of the 'boys' I took a hand in the dirty 'job.' Later when surveying in a swampy place, one of the chain bearers wading through the marshy spot with the Surveyor on his shoulders took (being a violent Tory) a mean advantage of him and threatened there and then to drown him if he did not change his politics. Notwithstanding this Mr. Campbell was a most estimable and worthy citizen, raised a large family, all of whom, however, had to turn over and died 'Tories.'

During my long business connection in Grenville I have come across a great deal of Mr. Campbell's work in searching titles. He was sent for--far and near--through Grenville, Leeds, Lanark, Carleton and Dundas and made the plans and subdivisions of many of the villages in these counties."

A photograph of William Campbell was also included in the biography that Frederick John French had written about him. The photo must have been take during the 1860's, and it showed William sitting in a chair. The picture had been supplied to Mr. French by Colin Campbell, William's grandson.

William's will was dated 13 July 1861 and probated 9 January 1868. In it he mentioned his wife, Eunice, and ten of his living children. His son, Daniel Campbell, was the executor.

In an interview during the 1920's Mr. Edwin Burritt of Burritts Rapids, ON stated that Eunice had talked very fast. Strangers and even her husband, William, could hardly understand her because of her rapid speech.

After Eunice's death, in 1869, her son, Reuben Olmstead Campbell, and others petitioned to the surrogate court of Leeds and Grenville Counties for letters of administration for her estate. Her nine living children, along with their residences and occupations, were listed.

Eunice and William belonged to the Church of Scotland. They are buried in the newer section of Burritts Rapids Cemetery, located in Burritts Rapids on lot 25 in concession 1 of Marlborough Twp., Carleton Co., ON. The part of the cemetery they are in is also known as Burritts Rapids Public Cemetery (their names are on the same marker). Under William's name is written "P.L.S." for "Public Land Surveyor."

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Grenville Co., ON requested a biographical outline on William Campbell from his grandsons, Colin Campbell and "Mr. Pelton." The "Mr. Pelton" was either John George Pelton or his brother, Edwin Clinton Pelton. At that time the two gentlemen mentioned that there was a family Bible and that it was in the possession of one of William Campbell's grandchildren. It was also mentioned that there was a photograph of Eunice (Olmstead) Campbell and her daughter, "Delaney" (Delanah).

The children of EUNICE OLMSTEAD and WILLIAM CAMPBELL:

- REUBEN OLMSTEAD CAMPBELL, born July 11, 1825; died March 02, 1901.
- CLARISSA EMILY CAMPBELL, born March 21, 1827; died January 19, 1905.
- JANE ANN CAMPBELL, born January 04, 1829; died December 18, 1905.
- ROBERT MCINTOSH CAMPBELL, born October 22, 1830; died February 01, 1869.
- MARGARET ELIZA CAMPBELL, born March 28, 1832; died July 11, 1914.
- WILLIAM CAMPBELL, JR., born April 16, 1834; died 1883.
- ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, born March 01, 1836; died before July 1914.
- JOHN GEORGE DURHAM CAMPBELL, born July 28, 1838; died before July 1914.
- DANIEL CAMPBELL, born January 05, 1841; died 1924.
- DELANAH CAMPBELL, born April 27, 1843; died February 19, 1920.
- ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, born September 05, 1845; died February 09, 1858.

6. **RICHARD OLMSTEAD, JR.** was born January 12, 1804 in Marlborough Twp. and died June 23, 1871 in Boston Twp., Ionia Co., MI.

Richard and his sister, Esther Ann Olmstead, were twins. Their ages were always the same on the early censuses of Marlborough Township.

About 1828 Richard married Rebecca Jane Wiltsie, daughter of Solomon Wiltsie and Elizabeth Dennis, in Johnstown District, Upper Canada. Jane (as she was mostly known) was born February 12, 1806 in Leeds Co., Upper Canada and died January 26, 1884 in Boston Twp., Ionia Co., MI.

Several people with the Wiltsie surname lived in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Upper Canada (Upper Canada later became Canada West and then Ontario). Jane probably resided there at the time she married Richard.

On 1 January 1829 Richard enrolled as a private in the 2nd Regiment of the Grenville Militia.

Richard and Jane apparently lived in Wolford Township for the first several years of their marriage. On 6 January 1834 Richard was named as the overseer of highways for Wolford Township. The meeting to elect him was held at his brother Reuben Olmstead's home in Merrickville, Gren-

ville Co., Upper Canada. Richard was again elected as an overseer of highways on 2 Jan. 1837.

On 28 August 1839 Richard bought a farm of 150 acres on lot 20 in the second concession of Kitley Twp., Leeds Co., Canada West (the county bordered Wolford Township). The 1842 census gave their residence as there and stated that one member of the family belonged to the Church of England and five others were Episcopal Methodist (Richard was also listed on the 1841 census of Kitley Township).

On 6 October 1843 Richard and Jane sold their property in Kitley Township. They moved to a farm in Boston Twp., Ionia Co., MI sometime about 1846.

Richard was a farmer his entire life. He and Jane are buried next to each other in Saranac Cemetery, located at Saranac, Ionia Co., MI. Neither of them have death records or a cemetery marker, but the sexton records of the Saranac Cemetery give their dates of death and state that they are buried in that cemetery. According to a descendant of Richard and Jane, they had a cemetery marker at one time. In 1998 it no longer existed.

The children of RICHARD OLMSTEAD and REBECCA JANE WILTSIE:

- SOLOMON J. OLMSTEAD, born July 27, 1831; died December 08, 1907.
- NICHOLAS OLMSTEAD, born July 21, 1833; died 1833 – 1844.
- ESTHER ANN OLMSTEAD, born May 10, 1835.
- ELIZABETH JANE OLMSTEAD, born February 18, 1838; died December 31, 1896.
- KING RICHARD OLMSTEAD, born October 01, 1842; died August 31, 1926.
- LUCINDA OLMSTEAD, born February 16, 1844.
- RUFUS OLMSTEAD, born December 15, 1847; died before September 1850.

7. **ESTHER ANN OLMSTEAD** was born January 12, 1804 in Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada and died October 06, 1883 in Sophiasburg Twp., Prince Edward Co., ON.

Esther and her brother, Richard Olmstead, were twins. Their ages were always the same on the early censuses of Marlborough Township.

About 1820 Esther married William Moran, son of Luke Moran and Mary McTaggart. William was born in New York and died in 1851 in or near San Francisco, CA.

When young William lived with his parents on the Hudson River in New York State, about half way between New York City and Albany. He later moved with them to Big Island (a part of Sophiasburg Twp.), Prince Edward Co., Upper Canada.

William worked in the lumber shipping business. He rafted square timber from the head of the Bay of Quinte up to Montreal and Quebec. According to an article written about William, "he was a man of much business ability." It was through his travels that William probably met Esther.

After their marriage Esther and William lived in Oxford Twp., Grenville Co., Upper Canada where they were listed on the 1823, 1824, and 1825 censuses. In 1823 they already

OLMSTE(A)D FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

The OFA has scheduled a 2003 Reunion, to be held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, August 14-17. Joe Barber and Carl Hommel will be attending to represent the Jabez Line. Registration forms are available on-line at <http://Group.msc.com/OlmsteadFamily> Please note that payment for registration and lodging/meals must be in Canadian funds. Questions may be asked by E-Mail at Olmsteadreunion@yahoo.com

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had 1 boy and 1 girl.

Sometime between 1826 and 1828 they moved to Sophiasburg Twp., Prince Edward Co., Upper Canada (the area became Ontario in 1867) where William's widowed father and other members of his family lived.

The following information about William is from PIO-NEER LIFE ON THE BAY OF QUINTE:

"During the gold excitement of 1849, he was seized with the gold fever and joined the 'madding crowd' of fortune hunters. He took ship at New York, and crossing the Isthmus, re-shipped for San Francisco. He had just begun to prospect when he was taken sick and died. While on his deathbed he wrote home for his son Almerian, but it was months before the letter arrived. The son started at once, following the route his father had taken, but when sailing up the Pacific coast the vessel was wrecked in a storm. After weeks of delay and much suffering for lack of provisions he reached San Francisco and heard of his father's death. A monument in a San Francisco cemetery marks the spot where William Moran lies buried. He died in 1851."

After William's death, Esther lived with her son, Almerian Moran, and grandson, Hiram Nelson Moran, in Sophiasburg Township.

Esther was mentioned as an heir in her father's will, dated 27 September 1832. She belonged to the Church of England.

The children of ESTHER ANN OLMSTEAD and WILLIAM MORAN:

- MINOR MORAN, born 1821 – 1823.
- ALZINA MORAN, born 1822 – 1823; died 1845 – 1852.
- ALMERIAN MORAN, born August 06, 1825; died August 06, 1880.
- RUFUS MORAN, born 1826 – 1827; died March 23, 1901.
- ALMIRA MORAN, born 1827 – 1828; died September 05, 1876.
- REBECCA MORAN.
- MARY MORAN, born about 1831.
- LOUISA MORAN, born about 1835.
- HESTER A. MORAN, born about 1837.
- DAVID MORAN, born about 1839.
- DELILAH DEPERIA MORAN, born May 10, 1843; died May 06, 1913.

The Library and Archives of Canada (LAC).

Subscriber Bill Daykin has provided the following, of great interest to those of us with links in Canada

The National Archives and National Library in Ottawa have merged and are now known as The Library and Archives of Canada (LAC).

They have jointly created The Canadian Genealogy Centre (CGC) on-line. The new Web site is accessible now, at www.genealogy.gc.ca, but officially becomes operational on 3/29. It is a work in progress. The CGC will provide a single access point for all institutionally housed genealogy related data in Canada.

There will eventually be links to all data and databases at provincial archives, libraries, historical societies, genealogy societies, church archives, etc. It will not link to any individual's records or Web sites, because of the unreliable nature of this data. Eventually, it will become one of the largest genealogy web sites in the world.

Among the first NAC databases on the site will be indexes of the 1901 and 1906 censuses (currently works in progress), 1915-32 Naturalized Canadians, All Gross Isle Arrivals.

Future projects include indexing all ships' passenger lists from 1865-1920 (?), and World War II Service records (not a high priority because some vets are still living so there is a potential confidentiality problem). At some point they will tackle indexing earlier censuses. (The Mormons have already done the 1881 census and it is available on CD-ROM.)

The CGC currently only has 8 full time employees, and will rely on genealogy societies and similar groups to extract the information from microfilmed copies of the original documents. They have more offers of help than they can currently use. The next year will be devoted to developing the Web site, running small pilot transcription projects, and cataloging what information is currently available across Canada so they don't transcribe what is already done.

The project is currently a trial, budgeted for four years. But there is little doubt it will be a success. Discussions are under way to possibly reorganize the layout of the Archives (3rd floor) and Library (2nd floor). One possibility is that all the information of interest to genealogists will be brought together on one floor, giving the CGC a physical home.

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:

OLMSTED-L-request@rootsweb.com

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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