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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

Days are now shorter, there is a chill in the air and it is now time to think of more indoor type of activities such as family history.

One of the highlights of my summer was attending the 15th reunion of the Olmste(a)d Family Association (OFA) held at Fredericton, NB August 14-17. This was my first trip to the Maritime Provinces. They certainly have a different landscape from the flat, basically treeless prairies where I live. Nine other Jabez descendants also attended this reunion and with some spouses we were a group of fifteen. This reunion was an excellent opportunity to renew friendships, and to meet some new people. Hosts of the reunion were members of the Maritime Chapter of the OFA and they produced an interesting program.

During the reunion there were three presentation related to family history, however the highlight had to be a presentation by Barbara Taylor, OFA President on DNA testing for family history purposes. I'm sure we have all heard of the role of DNA testing in solving crimes but it is also being used to confirm the lineage of males. The test is Y-chromosome DNA, which is

something only passed from father to son. I don't understand the process completely but the theory is that test results for any male Olmstead of the Jabez line should match the test results for any other male Olmstead of the Jabez line. Two of our Jabez kin from ON, one descending from Jeremiah son of Jabez and the other descending from Moses son of Jabez have already been tested with the results showing a match. A third Jabez cousin has also been tested, however his results did not match the other two for unknown reasons. The challenge is out there I suppose for our male cousins who have the Olmstead name – do you want to prove your ancestry back to Jabez? There is a cost associated with the test, however the test itself is a simple cheek swab. Any inquiries can be directed to either Carl or myself.

Following the reunion, three cousins and myself rented a car to see some of the sites of the Maritimes. From my point of view the highlight was a half-day visit to Fort Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our ancestor Jabez was a Captain in the 4th Massachusetts Regiment which took part in the attack and capture of this fort from the French in 1745.

Happy ancestor hunting in the months ahead.
Joe Barber

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Doreen Dolleman's Research

AARON OLMSTEAD PART 3

Bill and I have just returned from 5 weeks of travel and visiting his relatives in Scotland. This trip was unique in that I did not have any Olmstead ancestors to research! In spite of that I had a wonderful time. Before we left I had written an article for the fall newsletter on Elizabeth Olmstead Bullis and only had a few finishing touches to complete when we returned. I have reconsidered and decided that there is one unresolved detail too important to overlook and that it needs further research before I can be content with printing my story on the Bullis family. I have decided to write one more installment on the two Aaron Olmstead articles that I did earlier. I would never have thought it possible to gather enough additional information to write even one more article about his family, and yet here I am on the third!

Thanks to the LDS Family Search website with the search tools for the 1880 US census, I was able to find what became of Aaron Olmstead Jr's (wife Betsey Wilson) son, Emerson Olmstead. Emerson and his wife, Margaret Leland Crocker, and two youngest children, Hattie and Archibald, were found in the 4th ward of Leavenworth, Kansas. Emerson was listed as a collector and Margaret a music teacher. I did a similar search for their oldest child, Blanche, and found her living in the 1st ward of Leavenworth. Her married name was Goodson and she was also a music teacher. Further research of her family concluded that her husband was Anson Goodson of Ontario, Canada. Their children were:

- Dr. Catherine Goodson, born 1874, IL,
- George Emerson Goodson, born 28 June 1875 WY, died 4 Oct. 1954 NE, m. Myrtie Minert 9 April, 1916 in Osceola, MO. Children: Anson Frank,
- Anson Asbury Goodson, born 10 June 1877 WY, died 12 Dec. 1949 CA, m. Esther. He was principal musician in US Marine Corps band (President's band), 30 years service, lived in Hyattsville, MD and then San Diego, CA. Children: Capt. Charles W. and Thomas O.
- William Goodson, born 1878 KS.

A Google search on Emerson Olmstead's youngest son Archibald revealed that he was a very well known musician who made famous the Winfield College of Music (Kansas). I emailed the Winfield Library and the extremely helpful librarian snail mailed me a full -paged obituary with a photo, another two pages of the funeral service, and the obituaries of both his parents. Archibald's obituary revealed information about his family background saying that, "Archibald Olmstead was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1868, but became a Kansan at Leavenworth when a year and a half old. With his mother a pianist and teacher of great ability he came to Winfield in 1884. Having begun the study of music when six years old, he was already a performer of promise at that time and taught from the time he was fifteen. From 1887 to 1902 he was in the East as a student, instructor, organist and accompanist." He also studied and performed in

NYC and Washington DC making frequent public appearances and was recognized as one of the leading pianists and teachers. In 1902 he became identified with the Winfield College of Music, then in its fourth year. He died suddenly of a cerebral apoplexy on 4 March 1924 and left the Winfield community stunned as he was much loved and admired. His obituary gave some information about his family: "He was a son of Emerson Olmstead a native of Albany, New York and Margaret Leland Crocker Olmstead who was born in Buffalo, New York and preceded him in death several years ago. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Hattie B. Allen of Arkansas City and Mrs. Marguerite Lillian MacNeil of Hyattsville, Maryland and several nephews and nieces." A "Card of Thanks" was printed in the Winfield Daily Courier on March 10th and read, "We wish to thank his many friends for their expressions of sympathy, tributes of love and esteem, and the beautiful flowers at the passing of our beloved brother and uncle, Archibald Olmstead. Mrs. Lillie MacNeil and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Del Lawhe, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Gatewood, Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer Allen, Dr. Catherine Goodson, Mr. Anson Goodson, Mr. George Goodson." A further search of these names revealed that Harriet, daughter of Emerson Olmstead was married at least twice, first to a Gatewood and then to R. Boomer Allen. She was a music teacher in Arkansas City, KS. Her children were:

- Bartlet Gatewood, born 1885,
- Harriet Allen, born 1890 New Mexico, m. Del Lawhe,
- Jessie R. Allen, born 1906 Kansas.

Lilly, daughter of Emerson, married F. E. MacNeil and lived in Hyattsville, MD. Her children were:

- Gordon E., born 1884 OK,
- Donald C., born 1886 OK.

Emerson Olmstead and his wife Margaret's obituaries do not reveal much information, but at least provided a death date which had previously been unknown. Emerson died on July 10th, 1890 at the home of his son Archie and daughter Hattie Gatewood in Winfield, KS. He had been an invalid for some time and his death not unexpected. Margaret Olmstead's obituary was in the March 20th, 1888 newspaper, but no exact date of death was mentioned. She was acknowledged as the son of the pianist Archie, not as the wife of Emerson! The original Aaron Olmstead SR led such a troubled life with his constant breaking of the law and then his suicide, that it seems almost redeeming that his descendants led such accomplished lives.

I also uncovered, thanks to Google searches, a gold mine of information on another of Aaron Olmstead JR and Betsey Wilson's children, Jane Olmstead, wife of Byron Eaton. I actually made contact with a descendant (the first and only one

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so far, of the Aaron Olmstead Sr. line) who provided me with the details. The only facts I had on Jane (called Jennie) previously were from the Olmsted "Red Book" and her marriage record found in Kane county, IL. Her birth date was given as 1 March 1829 and death date as 15 July 1868. She married the widower Byron G. Eaton on 24 Sept. 1860 in Batavia, IL. He had 2 young children from his first marriage to a Mary. Byron and Jane had four children:

- Bessie Jane Eaton, born 1864 Kane Co., IL, died June 1932 La Veta, CO, m. Edward Ransom Coleman 20 Sep. 1885 Cherokee, MO. Children: Peter, Estella, George, Clyde, Allen, Louis, Earl, Len, Ruth,
- Mary Eaton, born 1863 IL,
- Rhoda Eaton, born 1866 IL,
- Emeline, born 1868 IL.

Byron Eaton enlisted in the Civil War 7 Aug. 1862 in the IL, Co. C, 127th Reg. of Volunteer Infantry for 3 years. He only served a short time until he became ill. He found a substitute to take his place and was then discharged. In Nov. 1862 the substitute deserted. Byron applied for a pension in 1890 as he was disabled from severe deafness and disease of both ears. Based on his record it seems that Byron, Jane and children traveled from Kane, Co., IL between 1868-1870 to Taylor Co., IA and relocated there. Byron was a farmer. The date of Jane's death given as 1868 in the 'Red Book' is in error as she was still living in the 1870 census of Taylor Co. It is more likely that she died 15 June 1870. Byron Eaton remarried on 4 May 1871 to Melissa V. Campbell in Taylor Co. They had one son, Byron P. Eaton, born in 1877. Byron G. Eaton died 24 Oct. 1893 in Kansas City, MO and was buried in Graceland Cemetery, Taylor Co., IA.

MORE ON JEDEDIAH OLMSTED

In an earlier issue of the Newsletter, (Vol. 4, Issue, 2, November, 2000) Doreen Dolleman had an article on Jeremiah's third son, Jedediah. She had found nothing about him between his birth record in 1739, in Brookfield, and the sale, in 1760, of a part of the land that his grandfather and father had purchased from the Stockbridge Indians. We have found some information to fill the gap, not that it is to his credit. However, we feel that we should report everything we find.

The Knurow Collection, Vol. 12, p. 238 has an article that says: "Jedediah OLMSTED enlisted in Capt. Burbank's Co. of Major Robert Rogers' Rangers, in a list of deserters since July 13, 1759, dated camp at Crown Point, 31 Aug. 1759. His residence was given as Sheffield, Mass. (Boston Newsletter, Thur. Sept 20, 1759)".

The Knurow Collection is a several volume collection of articles, clippings, notes, in the Pittsfield, MA, Athenaeum. It is computer indexed.

Note that Sheffield, Mass was the town in which Doreen found the marriage record of Jedediah's brother, Jabez Sr. and Mariam Husse. See Volume 1, Issue 2, March, 1998.

THE OLMSTEDS OF SOUTH HULL

Compiled by Keith W. MacLellan

*Writing about the **OLMSTED** family, Amon Gard in his book "Pioneers of the Upper Ottawa and the humors of the Valley", which was published about 1906 wrote "That a great family may soon be so forgotten that its own members loose track of its several branches, is illustrated in the **OLMSTEDS**".*

Keith chose this quote for the cover page of his history and it no doubt motivated him to write about this great family. Except for copies of this history which were available at Keith's funeral, this history is unpublished. This history is to long to duplicate in our newsletter, however it may be possible to put it on the Olmste(a)d web page where it could be viewed.

After service in WW II, Keith served in the Canadian Diplomat service. His obituary tells of his many postings in that regard as well as his other activities, interests as well as particulars on his immediate family.

*This article will summarize briefly what Keith said about early Olmste(a)ds in Canada which will be followed by a listing of his descendants of Richard Olmsted (1829-1904) and his first wife Sarah Alice **Wright** (1835-1969), Keith's grandparents. Keith has a great deal of detail on the life and times of this later group whereas the data simply indicate the relationships along with vital records type information.*

*Keith has information on the families of Gideon's other children, also information on the families of the other children of Zenus, plus information on the **OLMSTEDS** of Renfrew County, Ross Twp. which are also part of the Jabez group. This article will attempt to concentrate on the direct **OLMSTED** line of Keith **MacLELLAN**.*

Joe Barber

The forefather of the South Hull (Quebec) Olmsteds was Capt. Jabez **OLMSTED**'s second child and oldest son Jeremiah.

Next comes Jabez (born 1735) who married Elizabeth ? in 1756. [Editor's note; Jabez married Marrian **Husse**.]

Next in line is Gideon (born 1768 (West Stockbridge), 14

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THE STOCKBRIDGE INDIANS

By Carl Hommel

I [COH] gave a talk on the Mohican Indians of Stockbridge, MA, at the New Brunswick Reunion. My material was mostly taken from "The Mohicans of Stockbridge", by Patrick Frazier, University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln and London, 1992. The following is a summary of my talk.

When our ancestors started to migrate west and north from where they originally settled, from the Hartford area and from the Brookfield/Ware area, along the valleys of the three major rivers, the Connecticut, the Housatonic and Hudson, they found Indians, who had villages and hunting grounds along these rivers. The Indian villages ranged from the lower Hudson River Valley in Dutchess County, north to Lake Champlain, east to the Westfield River, and west to Scholarie Creek. In 1609, their tribes consisted of a thousand braves.

These Indians were of the Mohican tribes, and they had a profound influence on the settlement of Western Massachusetts, Western Connecticut and Eastern New York. They were times rivals and other times aligned with the Mohawk Indians.

The colonial governments of Connecticut and Massachusetts and the Dutch and later English governments in New York did not allow settlers to take the Indian lands without paying for it. The deeds were recorded in the same manner as deeds between colonial settlers, and many still exist. One of these deeds said in part, "1744, from John Popnehonnukwoh and Jehoiakim Yokum of Stockbridge, Hampshire County, Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England Gentleman and Indian Claimers of a certain tract of land lying between Stockbridge ... and ...Spencer-town, to Jeremiah Olmsted,, Jabez Olmsted ... by paying us the sum of Sixty £, New York Currency....". Jeremiah was the oldest son of Captain Jabez Olmsted of Ware. John Popnehonnukwoh was also known as John Konkapot.

The Indians had problems with alcohol, and with their dwindling population, countered with the growth of the population of the colonial settlers. To help solve these problems, Governor Belcher of Massachusetts in 1739 suggested that the provincial government layout a tract of land for the Indians to share with a minister, a schoolmaster and some tradesmen who could teach the Indian civilized Christian living and provided apprenticeship for their children. One of the first ministers sent was a 24-year-old Yale tutor from Newark, New Jersey named John Sargent. Another was Steven Williams. Later, in 1751, Jonathan Edwards, the renowned theologian, became the Indians' minister.

In the middle of 1737 the Indians were issued a charter for a township and their descendants "to their and behoof, forever". During the summer, work on the Meetinghouse and the Schoolhouse was commenced. In 1739 the Legislature incorporated the town with the name of Stockbridge. Konkapot was authorized to assemble the town's freeholders to choose a town clerk and other officers. Except for the moderator, all the town officers were Mohicans.

Stockbridge was well on its way to becoming a typical New England colonial town. It had a gristmill, a sawmill, and roads were being built. There were orchards and farms where corn, beans and oats were growing, and cattle, sheep, hogs and horses were being raised. Fences were being built and many frame houses. Konkapot had a barn with a shingled roof. The Indians became town officials, such as selectmen, assessors, surveyors, constables and hog reeves. One Indian was on a committee to build a bridge across the river and to repair the Meetinghouse. And other was a deacon in the church. The young women were learning to sew and to make clothing. Some Indians had learned enough English to be able to read the Bible and some had learned to write English. Jacob Konkapot, grandson of John, was educated at Dartmouth College.

But this was short lived. More and more English moved into the town and the Indian population decreased. They were being swindled out of their land, despite the laws Massachusetts had passed to protect them. Naturally the English want to take charge of the town, and they outvoted the Indian at town meetings. The church and schools were separate. The Indians were constantly illegally selling land to pay their debts so they could keep out of jails, which were ridden with diseases such as smallpox. The town was split in 1774, and West Stockbridge was established. But the Indians who lived in the new town were allowed no voice in town affairs.

By the end of the Revolution, the Indians felt the experiment had been a failure. They sold their property and moved to live with the Oneida Indians in upstate New York. Later they move to Wisconsin where they are still settled.

The Indians had an influence on the French and Indian Wars and on the Revolution. The first alliance between Mohicans and the English occurred during King William's and Queen Anne's wars, in which they and the Mohawks fought against the French. The Mohicans and the Mohawks also raided the Indian tribes in Maryland and Virginia the during the late 17th century.

The Stockbridge Indians served extensively in the last French and Indian War, from 1754 to 1761. They fought at Crown Point, and at Ticonderoga., often acting as scouts for Rogers Rangers. They participated in two raids to French Canada to destroy enemy harvests and livestock and to liberate English captives.

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After the war was over, they were sent in 1761 to South Carolina, to help subdue the Cherokees. Again in 1763 and 1764 they helped in the battles in the western Indian uprising called Pontiac's Conspiracy.

They fought again in the Revolutionary War, and Jacob Konkapot was at Bunker Hill, White Plains and Saratoga.

There are a few incidences where the Olmsted's and the Stockbridgers may have crossed paths. Nathan Hamilton, son-in law of Capt Jabez Olmsted, was at Crown Point in late 1756 and 1759 and at Ticonderoga in 1757. Israel Olmsted, son of Capt. Jabez Olmsted, was at Fort William in 1757. Jedediah Olmsted, second son of Capt. Jabez, enlisted in Rogers Rangers, but deserted in 1759. Two Jabez Olmsted's and Aaron Olmsted were at the battle of Saratoga. Jeremiah Olmsted was born in West Stockbridge in 1752, and Gideon Olmsted was married there.

After the Revolution, the white settlers had no further use for the Stockbridgers. They were dying of starvation, alcoholism and disease. Their claims to Massachusetts Legislature and the Continental Congress were rejected and ignored. They were outvoted in Town Meetings in the town that the General Court had granted to them "forever" forty-five years before.

The remnants of the Stockbridgers accepted an invitation from the Oneida Indians, and in 1782 they moved to New York, where they established New Stockbridge on the Mohawk River. In 1833 they moved to a reservation at Green Bay, Wis., where they joined the Munsee Indians. In the 1850s most of them moved to a reservation in Shawano County, Wis.

In 1990 there were some 2,200 Stockbridgers in the United States.

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May, 1837 (Hull, PQ) who in Feb 1780 married Ester **Andrews** (1771 - 27 Jan 1840 Hull, PQ). Gideon and Esther's children were:

Sarah (Sally)	1789-1871	md.1 Philemon Wright Jr. md.2 Nicholas Sparks
Zenus	1791- ?	md. Lovina Allen
Gideon Jr.	1793-1869	md. Ann Tabor
Abram A.	1796- 1890	md. Ann Foster
Jabez	1799-1864	md. Hilda Cross
Daniel	1801- ?	
Nancy Annie	1804-1837	md. James F. Taylor
David	1805-1877	md. Elizabeth Saunders
Henry	1808-1873	md. Charlotte Wright
Solomon	1808-1814	
Ester	1810-1849	md. George Holstead
Hiram	1813- ?	

Records show that Gideon and his immediate family were living in Hebron Twp., Washington County, NY, at the time

they originally petitioned for land in Canada in 1792. At that time Jabez, Jabez Jr., Job, Jeremiah Jr., Gideon and Zenus **OLMSTED** were among 100 Americans who requested a grant of a 10 mile square tract or "twp." of land on the western shore of Lake Memphamagog, PQ (called Lower Canada at that time). This was never granted and about 1795 Gideon and other members of the **OLMSTED** family settled instead near Burritt's Rapids, ON (called Upper Canada at that time). Anson **Gard**, in his history, says that Gideon was accompanied by his brothers, Richard and Jabus and his sister Elizabeth **Bullis**, each with their families when he settled near Burritt's Rapids.

The first **OLMSTED** to settle on the Rideau River was Israel **OLMSTED**. Israel was assigned lot 24 on Broken Front B, Watford Twp. (some 170 acres) by the Land Board for the counties of Leeds and Grenville on May 14, 1793. Israel may have been a brother of Gideon or he may have influenced Gideon to settle in the same general area.

At some point Gideon established a farm at Hull, PQ. On 4 Feb 1802 "Philemon Wright and Associates" petitioned the government for the establishment of the Township of Hull. Gideon Umsted was 23rd on a "list of persons who have actually settled and done labour in the Twp. of Hull", The petitioners were successful and the Township of Hull came into being on 3 Jan 1806. Gideon was involved in several land transactions in the Hull area and it appears he ended up with 300 acres fronting on the Aylmer road, plus other properties. After Gideon's death in 1837, the properties were divided among his 10 living children. As was the custom of the day, Gideon set aside one acre of his land for a cemetery and although it was privately owned it was available to the public. This cemetery is called Bellevue today and it is the resting place of Gideon, Esther and many other Olmste(a)ds and their kin.

Around 1816, after Gideon had moved to Hull and prospered, he purchased a dam, grist and saw mill at Irish Creek (now Jasper) where Irish creek flows into the Rideau. The dam was located where a short bridge now crosses the Rideau in the centre of Jasper, ON. The purpose of this purchase seems to have been to establish two of his sons, Jabez and Henry, in business. These mills operated until 1829 when they were flooded out by the opening of the Rideau canal. A claim was registered against the Crown and it was not settled until some three years after Gideon's death. After the flooding of the dam and mills, Henry moved to Bristol Twp. in Pontiac County, PQ.

Zenus, second child and eldest son of Gideon and Esther is the next ancestor in the pedigree line of Keith **MacLELLAN**. While Zenus inherited part of Gideon's Aylmer Road farm and other properties he apparently was not a good manager. Keith refers to him as a drunkard, a description which has been noted in other places as well. Zenus **OLMSTED** and Lovina **Allen** had the following children:

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Emily	1821-1841	
Ester Mahalah	1923-1911	md. Edward Tabor
Harriet	1824 - ?	md. 1 James Conroy
Lavina	1826-1881	md. David Thomas Hughes
Sarah	1827- ?	md. Joseph Wyman
Richard	1829-1904	md.1 Sarah Wright md.2 Jessie McRae
Maria	1831-1909	md.1 Charles W. Thomas md.2 Peter Hamilton
Wyman	1833-1894	md. Almira Holstead

Richard **OLMSTED** is the next ancestor in the pedigree line of Keith **MACLELLAN**. This family line with source and reference notes is as follows:

Richard's descendants were:

First Generation

- [1] William **OLMSTED**, b. March 14, 1853, d. March 16, 1853. (1)
- [2] Harriet Louisa **OLMSTED** b. May 1, 1854, d. July 3, 1854.
- [3] Richard Alexander **OLMSTED** b. June 25, 1855, d. Dec. 1, 1882, in Belleveu, m. Sept. 29, 1881, Margaret **Turnbull**, b. 1858, d. May 3, 1918. (9)
- [4] Sarah Alice **OLMSTED**, d. Apr. 5, 1857, d. Aug. 1856.
- [5] Edith Hullena **OLMSTED**, b. 1859, d. January 15, 1934, m. William H. **Benedict**, b. 1853, d. 1916. (6)(10)
Children:
[5-1] Chester Milton **BENEDICT**, b. 1887, d. 1961. (1)(12)
[5-2] Mabel **BENEDICT**. (12)
[5-3] Ivan Ezra **BENEDICT**, b. 1896, d. Nov. 13, 1969. (12)
- [6] Howard Wright **OLMSTED**, b. Aug. 9, 1861, d. May 5, 1953, m. 1887, Isabella (Belle) **McRae**, b. April 11, 1868, d. May 1, 1962. (9)
Children:
[6-1] Joan Alice **OLMSTED**. (15)
[6-2] Edith Isabella **OLMSTED**.
[6-3] Sarah Catherine **OLMSTED** (6), b. Sept. 21, 1901, m. Sept. 9, 1961, Charles Percy **Tilley**, b. Oct. 28, 1883.
[6-4] Duncan Alexander **OLMSTED**. (2)
[6-5] Jean Georgian Lillian **OLMSTED**. (6)
[6-6] Howard Rae **OLMSTED**. (15)
- [7] Charles Albert **OLMSTED**, b. March 9, 1865, d. Sept. 29, 1943, m. Oct. 1, 1889, Agnes Alexander **Buchanan**, b. June, 1866, d. Dec. 29, 1956, dau of James and Betsy (**Paterson**) **Buchanan**.
Children:
[7-1] Richard Allen **OLMSTED**.
[7-2] Howard Russell **OLMSTED**. (3) (14A)
[7-3] William Buchanan **OLMSTED**.
[7-4] Sarah Alice **OLMSTED**, b. 1902, d. Apr. 26, 1925.
[7-5] Eric Hamilton **OLMSTED**. (14)

[7-6] Janet Patterson **OLMSTED**.

- [8] Annie May **OLMSTED**, b. 1871, m. Sept. 16, 1892, John Robert **Armstrong**, b. 1869. (9)

Second Generation

- [5-2] Mabel **BENEDICT**, b. 1890, d. April 1, 1661, m. 1925, John Alfred **Pink**, b. Apr. 2, 1871, d. June 5, 1945.
Children:
[5-2-1] Nessa R. **PINK**, m. Stuart **Cousins**.
- [6-1] Joan Alice Olmsted, b. Apr. 23, 1898, d. Apr. 24, 1999, m. Oct. 29, 1919, Chester Russell **Pink**, b. July 26, 1895, d. Mar. 12, 1974. (15)
Children:
[6-1-1] Barbara E. **PINK**, b. 1920, m. 1943, Russell Mills **Hunter**.
[6-1-2] Douglas Robert **PINK**.
[6-1-3] Marion Elizabeth **PINK**.
[6-1-4] Gwendolyn Joan **PINK**.
[6-1-5] Claire Alexa **PINK**.
[6-1-6] Harold Alan **PINK**, b. 1936, m. Audrey **Scarfe**.
[6-1-7] Graeme Howard **PINK**.
- [6-2] Edith Isabella **OLMSTED**, b. Dec. 31, 1899, d. 2001, m. William David **MacLennan**, b. Feb. 2, 1899, d. Feb. 16, 1962.
Children:
[6-2-1] Keith William Howard **MacLENNAN**.
[6-2-2] Donald **MacLENNAN**.
[6-2-3] Isobel Ann **MacLENNAN**.
- [6-4] Duncan Alexander **OLMSTED**, b. Dec. 20, 1903, d. Dec. 31, 1987, m. Sept. 20, 1930, Lela Annie **McDowell**, b. Apr. 10, 1905, dau of Austin **McDowel**. (2)
Children:
[6-4-1] Elizabeth **OLMSTED**.
[6-4-2] Gail **OLMSTED**.
[6-4-3] Janice Isobel **OLMSTED**. (6)
[6-4-4] Judy **OLMSTED**, b. 1944, m. Rob **Speaue**
- [6-5] Jean Georgian Lillian **OLMSTED**, b. Apr. 30, 1907, died before Dec. 1987, m. June 20, 1936, Raymond **Schnarr**, b. May 23, 1903. (6)
Children:
[6-5-1] James **SCHNARR**.
[6-5-2] Joanne **SCHNARR**, b. 1942, m. Rich **Field**.
[6-5-3] Richard **SCHNARR**, b. 1941.
- [6-6] Howard Rae **OLMSTED**, b. 1911, d. May 22, 1999, m. Sept. 26, 1942, Jean **Fuller**, b. May 27, 1914. (15)
Children:
[6-6-1] Richard Howard **OLMSTED**. (6) (7)
[6-6-2] Ross Gorgon **OLMSTED**.
[6-6-3] Stephen Alex **OLMSTED**.
- [7-1] Richard Allen **OLMSTED** Q. C., b. Oct. 26, 1890, d.

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May 28, 1965, m. Fern West **Kellam**, b. July 22, 1892, Dec. 6, 1983.

Children:

[7-1-1] Dixie Kellam **OLMSTED**.

[7-2] Howard Russell **OLMSTED**, b. Sept 10, 1894, d. Sep. 12, 1975, m. Aug. 9, 1918, Claire E. **Robinson**, b. 1897, d. 1965. (3) (14A)

Children:

[7-2-1] Kathryn M. **OLMSTED**. (13)

[7-2-2] Barbara Ann **OLMSTED** (13), b. Feb. 13, 1929, m. Herbert **Thomas**.

[7-2-3] Charles Robinson **OLMSTED** (F/L), b. Sept, 5, 1919, d. May 1, 1944, m. Elizabeth **Garrett**.

[7-3] William Buchanan **OLMSTED**, b. July 7, 1900, d. Jan. 16, 1973, m. Violet M. **McElroy**.

Children:

[7-3-1] William Donald **OLMSTED**.

[7-5] Eric Hamilton **OLMSTED**, b. Feb. 28, 1898, d. Sept. 13, 1967, m. Sept. 29, 1928, Muriel **Leslie**.

Children:

[7-5-1] Leslie **OLMSTED**, m. J. L. **VanStraubenzee**.

[7-5-2] Sheila **OLMSTED**, m. Ken **Waldon**.

[7-5-3] Wendy **OLMSTED**, m. Brian **Owen**.

[7-6] Janet Patterson **OLMSTED**, b. 1892, d. 1976, m. 1917, Donald R. **Johnson**, b. 1890, d. Mar. 15, 1935.

Children:

[7-6-1] Marion **JOHNSON**, m. John H. **Hood**.

[7-6-2] Frederick Olmsted **JOHNSON**, m. — **Bickett**.

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RICHARD OLMSTEAD AND ELIZABETH DURKEE

We continue with more of Bill Samland's article on his gr-gr-grandparents. The article will be continued in the next issue.

8. **AURILLA OLMSTEAD** was born about 1805 in Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada and died between 1853 - 1854 in Oxford Twp., Grenville Co., Canada West.

About 1820 Aurilla married Hiram K. Olmstead, son of Jabez and Eunice () Olmstead, in Marlborough Township. Hiram was born in November or December of 1798 in Hebron Twp., Washington Co., NY and died July 11, 1871 in Oswego Co., NY (Fulton or Palermo Twp.).

Aurilla and Hiram were first cousins. Their fathers, Jabez Olmstead and Richard Olmstead, were brothers.

In 1799 Hiram moved with his parents from Washington Co., NY to Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada. His father, Jabez, received 200 acres of land on lot 28 in the first and broken front concessions. Job Olmstead, who was Hiram's uncle, also moved with

them at the same time, and settled on lot 29 in the same concessions and township.

Hiram was listed with his parents on the 1802 census of Marlborough Township (taken 1 May). They probably moved back to Washington Co., NY shortly after that time since they weren't listed on any censuses for Marlborough or any neighboring townships after that time. Jabez was listed on the 1810, 1820, and 1825 censuses of Hebron Twp., Washington Co., NY.

By 1820 Hiram had moved back to Marlborough Township. He was listed by himself when the 1820 census for that township was taken.

After their marriage Hiram and Aurilla apparently lived across the Rideau River from Marlborough Township in Oxford Township. They were listed on several censuses during the 1820's for that township.

Hiram was a farmer. On 1 January 1829 he enrolled as a private in the 2nd Regiment of the Grenville Militia (his brother, Noah Olmstead, was also in the same regiment).

In 1829 Hiram was listed as one of the founders of Christ Church at Burritts Rapids, Johnstown District, Upper Canada (today Burritts Rapids is in Carleton Co., Ontario, Canada). One record shows that Hiram voted to have the new church made of wood rather than of stone. When the church was constructed in 1831, it was made of wood.

By 1831 Aurilla and Hiram had settled in Marlborough Township (an 1831 deed gave Hiram's residence as there). They remained in that township on and off for the next two decades. During the mid-1830's Hiram was listed as residing in the first concession of Oxford Township (lot 11 in 1836 and lot 13 in 1837).

In 1853 Hiram was on the Marlborough Township assessment, and was listed as a "householder" and not a "freeholder of land." He lived on a farm of 36 acres on lot 19 in the first and broken front concessions (the land was first owned by Aurilla's uncle, Daniel Bullis, and later by her father, Richard Olmstead). In 1854 Hiram no longer occupied that property. That land in Marlborough Township was almost directly across the Rideau River from the property he had occupied in Oxford Township during the 1830's.

Shortly after Aurilla's death, Hiram moved his family (about 1855) to Turin Twp., Lewis Co., NY where he was listed on the 1860 United States census, and the 1865 New York State census (taken 22 June 1865). His son, Jabez Olmstead, and daughter, Eunice (Olmstead) Gorham, had moved to that county a few years earlier. Aurilla's brother, Miner Olmstead, had lived in Lewis County, NY when the 1850 census was taken.

The 1865 census of Turin Township stated that Hiram was born in Washington Co., NY.

Sometime between 22 June 1865 and 16 October 1865 Hiram moved to Palermo Twp., Oswego Co., NY where

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he purchased 2 acres on lot number 80 on 16 October 1865. The property bordered on Volney Township. He later sold that land to his daughter, Lovira E. (Olmstead) Pitcher, on 10 March 1871.

Hiram is buried in Palermo Cemetery. He has a marker. In 1884 a biography was written about Hiram and Aurilla's son, Richard Olmstead, who at that time lived in Fremont Twp., Sanilac Co., MI. The biography stated that Hiram and Aurilla had 13 children, and that Richard was the fourth in order of birth. The article mentioned that 10 of the 13 children were still alive in 1884.

Early census records of Oxford Township (1821 to 1825) state that Hiram and Aurilla had three children born by 1825. In addition to two girls, there was a male child, born about 1825, listed on the 1825 census (the child wasn't listed on the 1824 census). The additional eleven children, born between 1828 and 1852, would take the total to fourteen children.

The children of AURILLA OLMSTEAD and HIRAM K. OLMSTEAD:

- EUNICE OLMSTEAD, born about 1821; died August 07, 1898,
- FLORILLA OLMSTEAD, born about 1823; died July 23, 1897,
- ADELIA G. OLMSTEAD, born May 12, 1828; died February 28, 1908,
- JABEZ OLMSTEAD, born March 1829; died April 01, 1902,
- RICHARD OLMSTEAD, born March 30, 1831; died August 26, 1900,
- LOVIRA ELIZABETH OLMSTEAD, born March 1834; died April 04, 1908,
- ALZINA M. OLMSTEAD, born June 09, 1837; died August 12, 1911,
- DIANA OLMSTEAD, born October 19, 1839; died June 19, 1913,
- HIRAM OLMSTEAD, JR., born January 22, 1842; born April 17, 1917,
- CLARISSA OLMSTEAD, b. about 1845; died June 24, 1905,
- AURILLA L. OLMSTEAD, born May 1847; died March 15, 1882,
- HESTER SOPHIA OLMSTEAD, born December 1848; died March 28, 1909,
- ANGELIA OLMSTEAD, born October 24, 1851; died November 06, 1861.

9. **REUBEN OLMSTEAD** was born August 02, 1807 in Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada and died March 07, 1844 in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Canada West.

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

Reuben married Orpha Esther Adams, daughter of

Abel Adams and Sarah Andrus, on February 25, 1830 in Oxford Twp., Grenville Co., Upper Canada. Orpha was born February 9, 1809 in Oxford Township and died March 15, 1879, probably in Renfrew Co., ON.

Reuben's brother, Rufus Olmstead, was a witness to his marriage.

Prior to Reuben's marriage, a bond was issued on 19 February 1830 at Brockville, Kingston District, Upper Canada. William Campbell, who was Reuben's brother-in-law, was one of the bondsmen.

At the time of their marriage Reuben lived in Marlborough Township, and Orpha resided in Oxford Township.

Orpha was listed with her parents on the 1815, 1817, and 1819 censuses of Oxford Township.

After they were married Reuben and Orpha lived on lot 12 in the first concession of Oxford Township where they owned 200 acres of land. Reuben was listed on the tax assessment records of Oxford Township for the years 1830, 1831, 1832, 1835, 1836, and 1837. By the late 1830's they had moved a short distance west to Merrickville, Grenville Co., Canada West. It was there that Reuben owned and operated an inn. Political meetings were held at his home in Merrickville during the late 1830's to elect local officials.

Reuben died 7 March 1844 leaving no will. The administration of his estate was ordered on 1 April 1844 at Brockville, Grenville Co., Canada West with his widow, Orpha, William Brown, and Elihu Adams (Orpha's brother) as administrators. An inventory of Reuben's estate was filed on 29 June 1844, and everything was granted to Orpha.

Reuben and Orpha were Episcopal Methodist.

Reuben is 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 portion of the cemetery is right behind the Anglican Church and was once known as the Christ Church Anglican Cemetery. His marker stated that he was 36 years 7 months 5 days old when he died.

After Reuben's death, Orpha continued to live for a short time in Merrickville.

On 15 March 1846 Orpha married Alexander Montgomery, who was from Pembroke, Renfrew Co., Canada West. In 1871 they lived in Wylie and McKay Twps., Renfrew Co., ON.

Alexander Montgomery had been previously married to Rosanna () and had two sons (one named Charles Montgomery) during that marriage. Charles married his stepsister, Sarah Jane Olmstead, daughter of Reuben and Orpha Olmstead.

Orpha and Alexander had the following children: Orpha Esther Montgomery, Alexander Montgomery, Jr., and Christina Montgomery.

Orpha and Alexander are buried in Holy Name Anglican Cemetery, located in Pembroke, Renfrew Co., ON (their names are on the same marker). The marker was erected by their daughter, Orpha E. (Montgomery) Costello.

In 1851 Reuben and Orpha's daughter, Lucretia

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Olmstead, resided with her grandparents (Orpha's parents) in Oxford Township.

According to the Kemptville Anglican Baptist records, all five of Reuben and Orpha's children were baptized on 15 March 1846 (the same day Orpha married Alexander Montgomery).

Reuben's nephew, Daniel Campbell, later married Orpha's niece, Johanna Adams.

The children of REUBEN OLMSTEAD and ORPHA ESTHER ADAMS:

- WILLIAM CAMPBELL OLMSTEAD, born July 04, 1830; died about March 15, 1891,
- CHARLOTTE OLMSTEAD, born July 13, 1832; died 1864 – 1871,
- SARAH JANE OLMSTEAD, born September 03, 1834,
- ABEL ADAMS OLMSTEAD, born October 15, 1836; died May 28, 1859,
- LUCRETIA OLMSTEAD, born May 15, 1843; died October 29, 1875.

10. **RUFUS OLMSTEAD** was born about 1809 in Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada and died between 1871 and 1881, probably in Thornbury, Grey Co., ON.

Rufus enrolled as a private in the 2nd Regiment of the Grenville Militia on January 1, 1829.

On 12 February 1845 Rufus married Mary Anne Irwin in or near Marlborough Twp., Grenville Co., Canada West. Mary was born about 1812 in County Cavan, Ireland and died 27 May 1879 in Collingwood Twp. (probably Thornbury), Grey Co., ON.

At the time of their marriage Rufus and Mary both lived in Marlborough Township. Rufus's brother, Solomon Durkee Olmstead, was one of the witnesses (Rufus had been a witness to Solomon's marriage, as well as a witness to many of his relative's marriages in the area).

Mary may have been related to Elizabeth Irwin, who married Rufus's first cousin, Edward Luther Olmstead, and also to Stewart Irwin, who married Rufus's sister-in-law, Nancy (Umphrey) Olmstead. Nancy was the widow of Rufus's brother, Miner Olmstead.

It is believed that Rufus's marriage to Mary was his second. He may have married his first wife sometime during the 1830's since he had a son, Oscar Fikaler Olmstead (born in 1841), before he married Mary.

In 1851 Rufus and Mary lived in Marlborough Township where Rufus was a farmer (Rufus's widowed mother also resided with them at that time). On 16 May 1852 they left Marlborough Township bound for Collingwood Twp., Grey Co., Canada West where Rufus's brother, Solomon Durkee Olmstead, had settled in 1849. Arriving one month later, on 16 June 1852, Rufus and Mary settled in a one-story house and remained there the rest of their lives. The area they moved to in Grey County be-

came a part of the town of Thornbury later in 1852. In 1865 their home was located on Bruce Street.

The following is an excerpt from A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF GREY:

"About 3 years later [1852], needing funds, he [Solomon D. Olmstead] persuaded his brother, Rufus, to join him and take a half interest in the enterprise [a sawmill]. With Rufus Olmstead came Richard Carroll, then a boy of sixteen, who spent the remainder of his life in the Beaver Valley. In a picturesque article on early days written many years later, Mr. Carroll gave the following vivid picture of their coming. 'We started from Burritt's Rapids on the 16th of May 1852, and reached themouth of Nottawasaga River by the old Sir John Franklin route on the 16th of June. The only sign of life on the way was at the Batteau, a mile or so below where Collingwood now stands. There was grist mill and tavern, and we landed for refreshments and information regarding Beaver River. We were told to sail straight out till we got the point of the Blue Mountain, our boat, and a big white stone on the west side of the bay in line, and then lay our course for the stone which was at the mouth of the river. We followed directions and landed safely at five o'clock in the afternoon.

On shore we found a company of surveyors under the direction of Mr. Gifford, P.L.S., who had been in to survey the town plot. They put us on the trail that led through a dense cedar swamp to the sawmill and the only 2 houses the town could boast.' "

Rufus's brother-in-law and sister, Thomas and Clarissa (Olmstead) Hicks, and his first cousin once removed, Thomas H. Olmstead, also moved from Marlborough Township to Thornbury within a few years after Rufus had gone there.

While living in Thornbury, Rufus and his brother, Solomon, operated the Thornbury Hotel (1857) and a sawmill and gristmill.

Rufus and Mary were Universalist.

The children of RUFUS OLMSTEAD and his first wife:

- OSCAR FIKALER OLMSTEAD, born October 31, 1841; died February 03, 1907.

The children of RUFUS OLMSTEAD and MARY ANNE IRWIN:

- ELIZABETH OLMSTEAD, born January 17, 1846,
- REUBEN DORCHESTER OLMSTEAD, born January 19, 1849; died August 28, 1930,
- MARY ANNE OLMSTEAD, born about 1850.

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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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