

# NEWSLETTER JABEZ OLMSTED OF WARE



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## PURPOSE

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

## JOE BARBER'S COLUMN

As I sit down to write this message, I am hoping for spring. Even though we spent January in Apache Junction, AZ it seems like the winter of 2003/4 has been pretty long.

My research continues at a steady pace. Highlights in the past few months have been making contact with three new kin and the exchange of information that has taken place.

A descendant of Israel (son of Capt. Jabez) has recently undergone Y-chromosome DNA testing. His results matched the other two mentioned in our last newsletter and this is good news for our readers who descend from Ephraim of Renfrew County, Ross Township of Ontario.

Now if we could only encourage some Olmste(a)d males from the Richard of Norwalk line and the James of Hartford line to undergo testing we could have some proof to support the idea that the three major Olmste(a)d family

lines in North America are all related.

In Volume 6, Issue 2 (May 2003) Doreen Dolleman wrote about using the Google search engine for online searching. As well as searching by name and place you can also search by newspaper, as many newspapers have archived and indexed their obituary notices. The period of time such archiving and indexing covers varies from newspaper to newspaper and can vary from a number of months to several years. I have found obituaries to be a good source of genealogical information. Newspapers that carry birth announcements may also archive and index these announcements. The Ottawa Citizen is one newspaper where I have found both obituaries and birth announcements archived and indexed.

It's a pleasure to welcome Helen Herman as a new contributor to our newsletter. I'm sure Carl would like to hear from other contributors as well.

May you all have a great spring and summer.

Joe Barber

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# *Doreen Dolleman's Research*

## **ELIZABETH OLMSTEAD BULLIS**

I have written several detailed articles about the sons of Jabez and Miriam Husse Olmstead, namely Aaron, Jabez Jr. and Job. Bill Samland has written about another son, Richard. Gideon and Jeremiah remain to be tackled. There are only two known daughters of Jabez and Miriam – Elizabeth Bullis and Abigail Case.

In this article I will share the information I have gathered on Elizabeth. It is far from complete, but I have learned that no family line is ever finished. I can almost guarantee that after writing a life history on any one ancestor, a flood of new information will shortly follow. This is not a complaint, as I always am excited to learn any new details.

I am not convinced of the accuracy of information from other sources on the background of Elizabeth Olmstead's husband, Daniel Bullis, so will not even attempt to share it. However, Elizabeth, after settling with her family in Burritt's Rapids, Ontario was well documented, especially in the very early census records (1802-45). Her age was surprisingly consistent, suggesting that she was born around 1764. Her parents were still living in the Alford/ West Stockbridge area of Berkshire County, MA at the time of her birth. I found records of the Bullis family living in West Stockbridge as well, so it is likely that Elizabeth married before her parents moved to Hebron, Washington County, NY in the 1780's. There is some controversy as to whether or not she was married just once or twice. A recently published six-volume Bullis book written by Howard Bullis claims she was first the wife of William Bullis. After his death around 1800, she then married his brother Daniel. I have not yet managed to get my hands on that book so do not know the source of this frustrating detail. On my own, I have not found any credible evidence whatsoever that she was married to anyone other than Daniel. Here are the records that I do have on Daniel and William and some will shed light on my conclusion about Elizabeth's marriage:

In the Revolutionary War a William Bullis, Pittsfield, MA was drafted from the Berkshire County Militia, Capt. Belding's Co., to march under Col. Benjamin Simonds, but he failed to join the regiment. A William Bullis and a Daniel Bullis served in the Albany Co. Militia, 9<sup>th</sup> Reg. There is no proof that these are the Bullis men in question, but it seems likely that the William in Berkshire County was probably the right one.

Daniel Bullis was enumerated in the 1790 Hebron, Washington County, NY census immediately next to Jabez Olmstead (father of Elizabeth). Daniel appeared to have a probable wife and daughter, and 4 sons under 16. This is a fairly accurate description of the Bullis family listed on the 1802 Burritt's Rapids census. No William Bullis is enumerated in the 1790 census in Washington County, NY. In fact, there was only one William Bullis in the entire US that year, living in Canaan, Columbia County, NY. Two people were enumerated in this household (one male and one female); not a likely possibility as there should have been about 6 children if he was the husband of Elizabeth.

1. Daniel Bullis signed the 1792 Lowering petition for land in Canada, along with members of the Jabez Olmstead family. William and Bridget Bullis signed also. The petition, filed in Pawlet, VT was denied.

2. Daniel's property on the Cooper patent of 1794 in Hebron, Washington County, NY adjoins that of Jabez Olmstead SR and Jabez Olmstead JR. William Bullis also had property in the Cooper Patent, but not adjoining the Olmstead's.
3. There are early Ontario land records for Daniel, but not William.
4. An 1820's (exact year undecipherable) document for the transfer of Lot 1, Con. 1 in Oxford Twp. names John Bullis (oldest son of Elizabeth) as heir of Daniel. Since Elizabeth was still alive at the time it is not likely that John would have been heir unless his father was Daniel Bullis.

When Elizabeth's brother Richard arrived in Burritt's Rapids, Ontario in 1796, it appears that the Bullis family came at or near the same time. The "Historical Sketch of the County of Carleton" by C. Bond states that William Bullis and Richard Olmstead arrived in Marlborough Twp. in 1796, and that they were brothers-in-law, from the Mohawk valley of NY, settling on lots 19 and 20 in the first concession. It is possible that this statement might have been the source of Howard Bullis reaching the conclusion that Elizabeth's first husband was William. However, I have only found land records for Daniel Bullis, and none for William. The first actual record that I have of this family was the 1802 Marlborough Twp. (Burritt's Rapids) census listing Daniel 38, Elizabeth 38, John 20, Jeremiah 18, Jabez 17, Polly 15, Richard H. 15, Julia 14, Hannah 12, William 8, Daniel 6, Gideon 4, Elizabeth 3, and Miriam 1. I also have a copy of the lease that Daniel signed on August 27, 1802 for Lot 1, Con. 1 in Oxford Twp. (Burritt's Rapids is divided between Marlborough Twp. and Oxford Twp.). In 1803 they were living in Marlborough, 1804-1807 in Oxford, 1813, 1815, 1817 and 1819 in Marlborough. Daniel died before April 1807, as Elizabeth is alone with her children in that year. Elizabeth last appears in 1845 in Oxford and I have not found her in the 1851 census so assume she had died by then. Surprisingly, she must have had some measure of education as in 1838 she wrote and signed two letters in regards to the Bullis property in Oxford Twp. in which she identifies herself as the widow of Daniel. Her children were:

1. John – b. 1782 US, m. 1805 Keziah Seelye, a widow with 3 children. An interesting 1802 Marlborough Twp. grant states that Keziah (of Elizabethtown, Ont.) was the widow of Shubel Seelye and the daughter of Joseph Seelye, UEL. She was granted lot 19 in the front (1<sup>st</sup> Con). This is the same lot that Daniel Bullis settled on in 1796! Her father was a lawyer. In 1815 John Bullis sold the front of lot 19 Marlborough to his Uncle Richard Olmstead and in 1838 to cousin Rufus Olmstead. His wife Keziah is named in both and identified as the widow of Shubel. The Howard Bullis books give further information that John was married to a Rebecca Dinmore in 1818 and also to a Mary. The Rebecca marriage isn't likely as he was married to Keziah at the time, and I have no record of Mary. In 1851 John was a widower and in 1861 was living with his son Peter in Escott Twp. Children:  
Elizabeth 1805  
Mercy 1805

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Peter 1819-1880, m. Margaret McDonald, children: Benson, Eliza, Charlotte, Edward and John.

Marinus 1820-1909, m. 1848 Nancy Kellison, 1887 Frances Coons, children: William Mercer and 2 others.

Jacob 1820-1920

Daniel 1823, m. Lucinda

John 1829-1887, m. Matilda Niblock

Jeremiah 1830, m. Irenie, children: DeForest, Mary, Nathaniel, Jane, Franklin.

Edgar 1833, m.?, children: George Edgar

2. Jeremiah – 1784, died by 1851, m. Sophia Palmer. According to the “Palmer Families in America” (Vol. 1), two Palmer sisters married Bullis men- Sophia to Jeremiah Bullis and Mary to Jabez Bullis. By the 1813 Marlborough census Jeremiah had a wife, two male children, and two female children, not identified by name. However in the 1815 census, Jeremiah only had a 2-year-old son Jabez. Jeremiah’s widow, Sophia of Farmersville, remarried in 1853 to a William White. In the 1870 census she was living in Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa with Harley and Parmelia Bullis Soper. In 1880 she is identified in their household as “grandmother”. This makes me wonder if Permelia has been incorrectly identified as a daughter of Jabez and Mary, rather than Jeremiah and Sophia. She is buried with the Soper’s and the name Sophia White is inscribed on the tombstone. Children:  
Jabez 1813

3. Jabez – 2 May 1785 – 23 July 1853, m. Mary Palmer. The obit for Rev. Jabez Bullis says he was born in Hebron, VT (should be NY), came to Canada with his parents in 1801, was married by Esquire Wright in 1805, and lived in Farmersville. He was licensed to preach in 1826 and ordained in 1839 (Methodist Episcopal). His wife died in 1858. He was also known as Toby Bullis. Children:

Priscilla 1807-1846, m. 1828 Jeremiah Cornell, children: Seth, Ordelia, Harmonious.

Ruby 1812-1855, m. Holmes Purdy Clow, children: Diantha, Holmes Bidwell, Permelia.

Alzina 1813, m. 1833 Alvah Orton

Parmelia 1814-1897, m. 1835 Harley Soper, children: Cora, Maria, Adeline, Leonard, Arretta, Holmes, Loren.

Jeremiah 1815- 1894, m. 1835 Eunice Sandford, children: Otis, Hiram, Charles, Olive, Jabez, William, Sheldon, John, Sarah. Jennie 1815

Polly 1818- 1892, m. David O. Clow, m. 1882 Henry Lane

Peter 1819- 1871, m. 1841 Alice Deming, m.1857 Cynthia McCrea, children: Alzina, Elinor, Priscilla, James, Justis, Hiram.

Mary 1821- 1846, m 1828 Jeremiah Cornell, children: Seth, Ordelia, Harmonious.

Hannah 1822- 1895

Jabez 1823, m. 1847 the widow Anna Godkin Beach

4. Richard – 1786, m. Jeanette Fickler. In the 1850 census they were living in Oswego, NY. Children:

Richard W. 1815

James 1818

Guy 1827

Rogers K. 1829

Curtis 1832- 1897

Helen 1834

William 1839

Sarah 1843

5. Mary (Polly)- 1787, m. Jonathan Fisher and had children:

Elizabeth 1806

Richard 1810

Daniel B. 1813

6. Julia – 1788

7. Hannah – 1792

8. William – 1794. “Carleton Saga” by H. and O. Walker states that he died at home after contracting disease while in Prescott, serving in the War of 1812-1815. He married Diana Smith Fuller, and had a child:  
Moriah Bullis 1815.

9. Daniel – 1796, m. Hannah Kelsey, children:

Edward 1817

Daniel 1821, m. Adaline

Samuel 1821

Rufus 1822,

Sarah 1823 - 1888, m. 1846 John Cross, children: George, John, Molicia, Sarah.

John 1826

Jabez B. 1827- 1893, a tanner in Jefferson Co. NY, served in Civil War, m. Margaret, children: Adaline, Lewis, Susannah, Dawson.

Philip 1829

Caroline 1834- 1899, m. 1854 John Wilkinson, children: Wm., Jane, Cyrene, Frances, John, Harrison, Caroline, Charlotte, Mildred, Samuel, Noble.

Lucinda 1835, m. H.A. Floyd

Mahalie Maria 1843, m. 1863 Charles Cummings

10. Gideon – 1798- 13 March 1864. Lived in Marlborough and Oxford Twps. with or near his mother through at least 1828 and is mentioned in her 1838 land inquiry letter. In 1845 he was in Yonge Twp. He left Ontario probably after the death of his mother and was in the 1850 census in Macomb County, MI. In 1860 he was with his daughter Elizabeth Barker in Delaware County, IA. He served in Civil War, Pvt. Co. A, 37<sup>th</sup> Reg., IA, Graybeard Div. (Iowa was the only state that had a unique military unit known as the Graybeard Reg., composed of men over 50, many in their 70’s and 80’s, too old to serve in combat. They were given duties of escorting trains, guarding railroads, and guarding 160,000 prisoners. Two graybeards were killed when a supply train was fired on near Memphis, but the rest got the train through.). He married Elizabeth, Lucy Clafin in 1823, and Adeline. Children:

Elizabeth M. 1838-1907, m. 1854 James Barker, children: Ruggles Smith 1837, served in Civil War, m. 1856 Mercy Reynolds, 1864 Mary Bohn, children:

George, Frances.

James 1840

Tunis 1842, served in Civil War, m. Mary, children: Rosie, John, Molly.

Patty 1844

Socrates 1846, served in Civil War

11. Elizabeth – 1799, ? m. Ransom Buck.

12. Miriam – 1801

13. Samuel - 1802

# *Descendants of Moses Olmsted*

By  
Mary Helen Herman

*Mary Helen Herman of Jackson, MI, sent me a letter and Family Charts that showed her descent from Capt. Jabez. I input the information from Moses down to her in FTM, and printed out a Research Report. I did not include Jabez, or Helen's children and grandchildren, to protect their privacy. Following are her letter and the Research Report. I corrected some minor errors: Ware is in Hampshire County MA, and Hope was in Montgomery County, NY when Gideon was there.*  
*Carl Hommel*

Dear Mr. Hommel,

Here is my line to Capt. Jabez Olmsted. I checked in History of Ware, Ma; Brookfield, Ma V.R.; V.R. of Ware, Ma & some of Hardwick, Ma. Also History of the Town of Pittsford, Vt but don't have the author. In the History of Pittsford, Vt, it tells that Moses Olmsted helped in rebuilding Pittsford, Vt after the Rev. war.

In Arthur Chase "History of Ware, Ma" it gives Moses Olmsted (Muster Roll dated 1756) who had served within two years in Capt. Ingersoll's Co. He was also in the Canada Expedition from Mar 30 to Nov 30 from Ware River. When I was in Pittsford, Vt, I copied grantees and grantors of Moses to about 1783-85. There was no mention of his wife.

I wrote to a Judge Areal L. Crowley of Utah and he said he had a will of Moses at LDS Library and I could send and get a copy, which I did. It was hard to read but was able to make out the children. I have a lot of questions on the information that Judge Crowley has.

In the Will it sounds like Jonas & Benjamin were under age. But I figure that Jonas was 24 years old and Benjamin was 14. Also in the will is the first I had heard of another wife. I would like to know when Moses's wife, ABIGAIL (ELWELL) OLMSTED died and where? In the Cemetery Book of Branch County, Mich. it give Moses's youngest son, Benjamin Olmsted died at Batavia Twp., Branch Co., Mi died 4-13-1852 71 years old that would make him born 1781. Abigail could have died anywhere from 1781 to 1790 when Moses went to Canada.

When did Moses marry Elizabeth Fairchild that is in the will and where? That was the first of any second wife to surface. I have not found a second wife anywhere else. We found most of Moses's children when they married living in Onondaga County in 1810-1820.

I have been working on the Olmsteads for over 40 years and I have a lot of information. Benjamin & most of his children settled in Branch County Mich.

I have put Capt., Jabez Olmsted children in chronological order and the same for Moses. I think it is very important to be sure of the dates and places.

When & where Benjamin Olmstead married Tamina Scott, I don't know. I found them first in Evans, Erie Co., N.Y. 1802. So whether he married in Canada or New York State I don't know. Benjamin

married 2<sup>nd</sup> Catharine Skutt and there I don't know when or where. Someone from Utah had been doing research and said they were sisters. There was a Skutt family in Onondaga County at the same time as our Olmsteads were there.

I added my children's charts and my daughter's children charts. Any question I can help you with, let me know.

Sincerely,  
Mary Helen Herman

## *Generation No. 1*

1. MOSES<sup>1</sup> OLMSTED was born January 29, 1735/36 in Brookfield, Worcester Co., MA, and died September 26, 1795 in Exeter, Lincoln Co., Upper Canada. He married (1) ABIGAIL ELWELL June 04, 1754 in Ware, Hampshire Co., MA, daughter of THOMAS ELWELL and LUCY PEIRCE. She was born March 25, 1742 in Dudley, Worcester Co., MA, and died Abt. 1790 in Pittsford, Rutland Co, VT. He married (2) ELIZABETH FAIRCHILD Aft. 1790.

Notes for MOSES OLMSTED:  
Marriage date may have been June 4, 1759.

A Payroll of Ebenezer Allen's Regt., dated Aug 10, 1781, shows that Moses Ormsted appears with rank of Lt. , for Capt. Benjamin Cooley's Company in Col. Ebenezer Allen's Vermont Ridgment of Malita, Called out on the Alarm of the 23d of March, 1780, Commencing the 23d March, and Ending the 28 day of March Inclusive. The money being due from the State of Vermont .Days in Service, 6. Amount of Wages, 1 1 6. No. miles traveled, 47. Amount of Traveling fees 0 15 8. Total fees 1 17 2.

Sources: History of the Town of Pittsfield, VT, by A. M. Caverly; Vital Records of Brookfield for Moses's birth  
Moses's will , FHC microfilm 579,149 (Index) and 579,150; Petition, p. 69, Will, p. 72.

Children of MOSES OLMSTED and ABIGAIL ELWELL are:

- i. JABEZ<sup>2</sup> OLMSTED, b. June 04, 1760, Ware, Hampshire Co., MA; d. December 28, 1813, Chittenden, VT; m. (1) MARTHA CHAPMAN, 1778, Pittsfield, Rutland Co., VT; d. 1803, Chittenden, VT; m. (2) LYDIA IVES, Aft. 1803.
- ii. MOSES OLMSTED, b. December 20, 1762, Ware, Hampshire Co., MA; m. RHODA MILLER, 1785.
- iii. GIDEON OLMSTED, b. 1764, Ware, Hampshire Co., MA; d. Hope, Montgomery Co., NY; m. ABIGAIL COOLEY.
- iv. SIMEON OLMSTED, b. 1765; m. ESTER MILLER.
- v. LUCY OLMSTED, b. 1768; m. MOSES SUTHERLAND.
- vi. JONAS OLMSTED, b. 1771.
2. vii. BENJAMIN OLMSTED, b. July 07, 1781, Pittsfield, Rutland Co., VT; d. April 13, 1852, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.

## *Generation No. 2*

2. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> OLMSTED (*MOSES*<sup>1</sup>) was born July 07, 1781 in Pittsfield, Rutland Co., VT, and died April 13, 1852 in Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI. He married (1) TAMINA SCOTT Abt. 1801 in Evans, Erie Co., NY. She was born Abt. 1776, and died

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Aft. June 1811 in Evans, Erie Co., NY. He married (2) CATHERINE SKUTT 1815 in Brant, Erie Co., NY. She was born 1784 in Brant, Erie Co., NY, and died July 22, 1861 in Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.

Notes for BENJAMIN OLMSTED:

Benjamin Olmsted was in the 1810 Census in Onondaga Co, NY, in the 1820 Census in Niagara Co., NY, in the 1830 Census in Erie Co., NY, and in the 1840 Census in Branch Co., MI.

Benjamin Olmsted came to Branch Co., MI in the spring of 1836.

Sources: Mrs. Homer C. Fenner Chart; Cemetery Inscriptions and Records, Branch Co., MI.; Court House, Branch Co., MI.

Children of BENJAMIN OLMSTED and TAMINA SCOTT are:

- i. JONAS<sup>3</sup> OLMSTED, b. March 14, 1802, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. April 20, 1895, Hastings, Barry Co., MI; m. LYDIA PHILLIPS, June 03, 1827, Hastings, Barry Co., MI.
- ii. IRENE OLMSTED, b. 1804, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. Bef. 1843; m. ZOLVAY (JOHN) PEIRCE.
- iii. DANIEL OLMSTED, b. March 08, 1808, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. April 14, 1877, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. SALLY KINNEY, 1837.
- iv. ROXANNA OLMSTED, b. January 18, 1810, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. April 29, 1845, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. ELI GIFFORD, 1831, Eden, Niagara Co., NY.
- v. FANNY OLMSTED, b. June 19, 1811, Evans, Erie Co., NY; m. ABRAHAM HOLLIDAY, Abt. 1832, Eden, Niagara Co., NY.
3. vi. HANNAH OLMSTED, b. June 19, 1811, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. December 24, 1883, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.

Children of BENJAMIN OLMSTED and CATHERINE SKUTT are:

- vii. CLEM<sup>3</sup> OLMSTED, b. 1816, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. Aft. 1820, Eden, Niagara Co., NY.
- viii. MOSES M. OLMSTED, b. February 22, 1818, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. August 09, 1908, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. SUSANNAH MILLS, April 04, 1839, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- ix. HIRAM K. OLMSTED, b. 1820, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. June 08, 1892, Bethel Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. (1) POLLY KINNEY, December 03, 1840, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. (2) MARGARET TUTTLE, Aft. 1841.
- x. WASHINGTON OLMSTED, b. 1822, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. 1903, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. EMILY SHAY, October 26, 1842, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- xi. CATHERINE OLMSTED, b. May 02, 1825, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. 1917, Boyne Falls, Charlevoix Co., MI; m. (1) ZOLVAY PEIRCE, 1842; m. (2) GEORGE WEST, Aft. 1843.
- xii. BENJAMIN OLMSTED, b. 1828, Evans, Erie Co., NY; d. March 16, 1903, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. MARY SAVERMAN.
- xiii. MILLARD OLMSTED, b. 1831, Evans, Erie Co., NY; m. EMMA WOLF, November 07, 1852, Bethel Twp., Branch Co., MI.

### Generation No. 3

3. HANNAH<sup>3</sup> OLMSTED (*BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, MOSES<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 19, 1811 in Evans, Erie Co., NY, and died December 24, 1883 in Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI. She married IRA GIFFORD Abt. 1821 in Evans, Erie Co., NY, son of RUFAS GIFFORD and RUTH SHEARMAN. He was born August 03, 1806 in North Collins, Erie Co., NY, and died September 30, 1893 in Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.

Sources: Mrs. Fenner's Olmsted Chart, Branch Co. Records, Josephine Bates letter

Children of HANNAH OLMSTED and IRA GIFFORD are:

- i. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD, b. January 17, 1828, Erie, NY; d. July 02, 1900, Bethel Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. (1) SARAH ANN OLMSTEAD; m. (2) ROZETTA IRISH.
- ii. EZRA GIFFORD, b. July 23, 1831, Erie, NY; d. July 01, 1907, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI; m. JULIA ANN BUNKER, August 15, 1852, Bethel Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- iii. LUCINDA GIFFORD, b. 1833, Erie, NY; d. July 03, 1863, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. ARWIN BATES, July 12, 1850, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- iv. RUTH ANN GIFFORD, b. February 02, 1835, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. June 24, 1895, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. WILLIAM WESSEL, June 26, 1852, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- v. JONAS GIFFORD, b. 1836, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- vi. LORENZO GIFFORD, b. 1842, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- vii. HANNAH MINERVA GIFFORD, b. 1848, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; m. HARRISON BATES, November 28, 1866, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI.
4. viii. EDWARD IRA GIFFORD, b. 1850, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. February 16, 1934, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI.
- ix. GEORGE E. GIFFORD, b. 1850.
- x. MARILLA H. GIFFORD, b. November 18, 1854, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. March 21, 1882, Bronson, Branch Co., MI; m. DAVID BATTERSON, July 02, 1874.

### Generation No. 4

4. EDWARD IRA<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*HANNAH<sup>3</sup> OLMSTED, BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, MOSES<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1850 in Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI, and died February 16, 1934 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. He married FLORENCE JOSLIN October 03, 1869 in Union City, Branch Co., MI. She was born 1853 in Elk Creek Twp., Erie Co., PA, and died February 21, 1936 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI.

Sources:

Personal, Court House Records, Cemetery Records

Children of EDWARD GIFFORD and FLORENCE JOSLIN are:

5. i. WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD, b. October 01, 1873, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. April 25, 1971, Ovid Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- ii. EARL GIFFORD, b. February 07, 1877, Batavia

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- Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. July 13, 1949, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI; m. MABEL LOCKWOOD, February 11, 1896, Ovid Twp., Branch Co., MI.
- iii. PEARL BETTY GIFFORD, b. March 04, 1892, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. April 16, 1963, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI; m. (1) WILBER FINL, August 12, 1908, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI; m. (2) ELTON BAKER, Abt. 1913.

*Generation No. 5*

5. WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*EDWARD IRA<sup>4</sup>, HANNAH<sup>3</sup> OLMSTED, BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, MOSES<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 01, 1873 in Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI, and died April 25, 1971 in Ovid Twp., Branch Co., MI. He married LAVINNA DIANTHA FERGUSON March 17, 1896 in Ovid Twp., Branch Co., MI, daughter of STEPHEN FERGUSON and CHARLOTTE STOCKWELL. She was born March 29, 1869 in Ovid Twp., Branch Co., MI, and died January 29, 1955 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI.

Children of WILLIAM GIFFORD and LAVINNA FERGUSON are:

6. i. ROLENE JESSIE<sup>6</sup> GIFFORD, b. July 18, 1898, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. May 15, 1988, Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.
- ii. EDWARD CHARLES GIFFORD, b. January 28, 1902, Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI; d. January 29, 1971, Coldwater, Branch Co., MI; m. NORMA SMITH LANDA, June 22, 1932, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., IN.

*Generation No. 6*

6. ROLENE JESSIE<sup>6</sup> GIFFORD (*WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>5</sup>, EDWARD IRA<sup>4</sup>, HANNAH<sup>3</sup> OLMSTED, BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, MOSES<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 18, 1898 in Batavia Twp., Branch Co., MI, and died May 15, 1988 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. She married (1) KENNETH ORLANDO BLACKMAN December 31, 1919 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. He was born April 18, 1893 in Fremont Twp., Steuben Co. IN, and died October 12, 1927 in James Twp., Steuben, IN. She married (2) GLEN BARRELL Aft. 1920. She married (3) OTTO SOVINE Aft. 1920.

Child of ROLENE GIFFORD and KENNETH BLACKMAN is:

7. i. MARY HELEN<sup>7</sup> BLACKMAN, b. February 02, 1920, Kinderhook Twp., Branch Co., MI.

*Generation No. 7*

7. MARY HELEN<sup>7</sup> BLACKMAN (*ROLENE JESSIE<sup>6</sup> GIFFORD, WILLIAM EDWARD<sup>5</sup>, EDWARD IRA<sup>4</sup>, HANNAH<sup>3</sup> OLMSTED, BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, MOSES<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 02, 1920 in Kinderhook Twp., Branch Co., MI. She married JAMES VALENTINE HERMAN February 24, 1941 in Coldwater, Branch Co., MI. He was born July 07, 1914 in Matteson Twp., Branch Co., MI, and died January 24, 1985 in Jackson, Jackson Co., MI.

Children of MARY BLACKMAN and JAMES HERMAN are:

- i. ROGER WAYNE<sup>8</sup> HERMAN.
- ii. JUDITH ANN HERMAN.
- iii. JERRY

*THE OLMSTEDS OF SOUTH HULL  
(CONCLUDED)*

*By  
Keith W. MacLennan*

*Keith's article is concluded.*

Third Generation

[6-1-2] Douglas Robert PINK, b. 1922, m. (1), Annabelle Houle, m. (2) Claire Proulx.

Children:

- [6-1-2-1] Douglas PINK.  
[6-1-2-2] Michael PINK.  
[6-1-2-3] David PINK.  
[6-1-2-4] Geoffrey PINK.  
[6-1-2-5] Catherine PINK.

[6-1-3] Marion Elizabeth PINK, b. 1925, m. James Stokell.

Children:

- [6-1-3-1] Catherine STOKELL.  
[6-1-3-2] Stephen STOKELL.  
[6-1-3-3] Elizabeth STOKELL.

[6-1-4] Gwendolyn Joan PINK, b. 1926m. Frank Hamilton.

Children:

- [6-1-4-1] Joanne HAMILTON.

[6-1-5] Claire Alexa PINK, b. 1927, m. (1) Ross Shouldice, m. (2) Philip Sandrock.

Children:

- [6-1-5-1] Penny Ann SHOULDICE  
[6-1-5-2] Deborah SHOULDICE  
[6-1-5-3] Robert SHOULDICE  
[6-1-5-4] Elisabeth SHOULDICE

[6-1-7] Graeme Howard PINK, b. 1932, m. (1) Yvonne Wilson, m. (2) Mary —, m. (3) Melody —.

Children:

- [6-1-7-1] Thomas PINK.  
[6-1-7-2] Cal Randell PINK.

[6-2-1] Keith William Howard MacLENNAN, b. 1920 (16), d. Sept. 29, 1998, m. Marie Antoninette Letrielle, dau of Count Adelin Le Grelle.

Children:

- [6-2-1-1] Keith MacLENNAN.  
[6-2-1-2] Anne MacLENNAN.  
[6-2-1-3] Janet MacLENNAN.  
[6-2-1-4] Andrew MacLENNAN.

[6-2-2] Donald MacLENNAN, b. 1922, m. Edna Massey.

Children:

- [6-2-2-1] Susan MacLENNAN.  
[6-2-2-2] Wendy MacLENNAN.  
[6-2-2-3] David MacLENNAN.  
[6-2-2-4] Thomas MacLENNAN.

[6-2-3] Isobel Ann MacLENNAN., b. 1926, d. Sept. 16, 1998, m. Morley Smith.

Children:

- [6-2-3-1] James SMITH.

[6-4-1] Elizabeth OLMSTED, b. May 29, 1931, m. Apr. 9, 1954, Charles Rose.

Children:

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- [6-4-1-1] Elaine **ROSE**.  
[6-4-1-2] Carolyn **ROSE**.  
[6-4-2] Gail **OLMSTED**, b. 1934, m. (1)1955, Ian H. **Johns**, m. (2) John **Schidler**.  
Children:  
[6-4-2-1] Christopher **JOHNS**  
[6-4-3] Janice Isobel **OLMSTED**, b. 1938, m. Leo R. **Zrudlo**. (6)  
Children:  
[6-4-3-1] Lisa **ZRUDLO**.  
[6-4-3-2] Laurie **ZRUDLO**.  
[6-5-1] James **SCHNARR**, b. 1939, m. Ilona **Salona**.  
Children:  
[6-5-1-1] Stephanie **SCHNARR**.  
[6-5-1-2] Jennifer **SCHNARR**.  
[6-5-1-3] Jeffrey **SCHNARR**.  
[6-6-1] Richard Howard **OLMSTED**, b. 1943 (17), m. (1) June 3. 1967, Linda L. **Radmore**, m. (2) Alina **Barbeau**.  
Children:  
[6-6-1-1] Penny **OLMSTED**.  
[6-6-1-2] Murdock **OLMSTED**.  
[6-6-2] Ross Gordon **OLMSTED**, b. 1945, m. 1968, Barbara **Cook**.  
Children:  
[6-6-2-1] John **OLMSTED**.  
[6-6-2-2] Laura **OLMSTED**.  
[6-6-2-3] Fred **OLMSTED**.  
[6-6-3] Stephen Alex **OLMSTED**, b 1948, m. 1970, Karen **Daly** (17).  
Children:  
[6-6-3-1] Patricia **OLMSTED**.  
[6-6-3-2] Vincent **OLMSTED**.  
[7-1-1] Dixie Kellam **OLMSTED**, m. Richard **Wood**.  
Children:  
[7-1-1-1] Deborah **WOOD**.  
[7-1-1-2] Judith **WOOD**.  
[7-1-1-3] Virginia **WOOD**, m., R. M. **Parker**.  
[7-2-1] Kathryn M. **OLMSTED**, b. July 3, 1927, m. Sept. 29, 1951, Alfred Byran **Laver**. (13)  
Children:  
[7-2-1-1] Kent **LAVER**.  
[7-2-1-2] Ross **LAVER**.  
[7-2-1-3] Barrie **LAVER**.  
[7-3-1] William Donald **OLMSTED**, b. June 26, 1935, m. Vivian **Heatlie**.  
Children:  
[7-3-1-1] Steven **OLMSTED**.  
[7-3-1-2] Graeme **OLMSTED**, m., Kristi —. (18)  
[7-3-1-3] Maryanne **OLMSTED**, m., — **Simpson**.

Sources- Table 114 of "The Wrights" by Patrick Evans.

- Years of birth for William, Chester & Mabel Pink are from T6422 and 1891 census of Ottawa/Hull.
- Gail Martin, 2368 Ridgcrest Place, Ottawa, K1H 7V7. Gail's father turned over some Sparks papers to the PAC.
- Genealogy of the Olmsted Family in America.
- 1871 and 1881 Census of Hull.
- Bellevieu Cemetery (Aylmer, P.O.)
- Husbands of Edith H. and her dau. Mabel are from Prot.

Marriages by Blondin #81.

- Howard Wright Olmsted family from Olmsted Family in America and his obituary notice in the Ottawa Citizen. Obit indicates two sons surviving (Alex & Richard of Aylmer). Obit. also says Howard Wright O. was well known in Aylmer & South Hull where he resided all his life. He operated several farms in the district until his retirement.
- The families of Richard Allan O. and William Buchanan O. are from obituary notices in the Ottawa Citizen.
- Charles Robertson O. graduated from uplands as a sergeant pilot Aug 1941. He won hon. mention in his graduating class (Aug 7, 1941 Evening Citizen, Ottawa).
- 1891 census of Ottawa/Hull (T6412) indicates a dau. An— (May) living with Richard, Jessie & Howard.
- Dates for family of Charles Albert O. from 1901 census of Wright/Aylmer and his obit.

(1) Entries from the bible of Richard Olmsted as supplied by Charles Rose.

(2) Shawville Equity issue of 8/1/1931.

(3) Perth Courier extracts.

(4) Protestant Marriages by Blondin #81 & 82.

(6) Que. vital records

(7) Richard Howard Olmsted m. 3/6/1967, Linda Lee Radmore.

(8) Janet Johnson (Olmsted) d. 31/1/1976 in Montreal, her obit says he predeceased her.

(9) ON vital records.

(10) Obituary of Mrs. W. H. Benedict.

(11) Index to marriage registrations of ON 1869-1873.

(12) Mabel Edna b. 27 Oct 1889 baptismal registration.

(13) M2366 (St. Andrews Church records, Ottawa).

(14) Obit. in Vernon News, BC.

(14A) Claire was d/o Robert William Robertson & Marie Barrie. (His obit in the Lanark Era, 22 Nov. 1933.)

(15) Obituaries.

(16) Keith MacLellan d. 29/9/1998, survived by 9 grandchildren.

(17) Died before Howard Rae Olmsted.

(18) Son Luke Ryan b. 4/5/2000

(19) Donald Olmsted MacLellan died 4 Sept, 1999, predeceased by Edna Massey. His children: Susan (Bill) Maxwell; Wendy (David) White; David (Julie) ; and Tom (Kim). Four grandchildren.

#### MacLELLAN, Keith W.

On the 29th of September, 1998, in Ottawa, Canada, after a courageous and spirited fight, Keith William MacLellan aged 78 years, husband of Mario Antoinette MacLellan (daughter of the late Count Adelin Le Grelle). Royal Montreal Regt. (1940-43); 1st Special Air Service Regt. (1944-45); New College, Oxford, MA (1947); joined Dept. of External Affairs (Canada) 1952; posted to Berne, Los Angeles, Rome, London, and Brussels; Commissioner. ICSC Laos (1965-66); Ambassador to Pakistan and Afghanistan (1974-77); Ambassador to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria (1977-79); Ambassador to Jordan (1982-85) and Syria (1984-85); P.C. candidate, Ville LaSalle. Que. (1979), St. Henri-Westmount (1988); Past President, St. Andrews Society of Montreal; President, St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa; Director, Clan MacLellan in America; Convenor Franco-Scottish Society of Quebec. He was proud to be

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a Quebecois from the Valley. Honoured and fortunate to be his children are Keith, Anne-Marie, Janet and Andrew. Doting grandfather to 9 grandchildren. Preceded by his father William and sister Isobel Smith. Survived by his mother Edith (nee Olmsted) and brother Donald. Friends may pay respects at the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 315 McLeod Street, on Thursday from 7 to 9 pm, Requiem Eucharist will be held at Christ Church Anglican, 101 Charles Street, Aylmer, Quebec, on Friday at 11 a. m. Internment Bellevue Cemetery, Aylmer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, if desired, to the Department of Orthopaedics, Ottawa Civic Hospital.

## ***RICHARD OLMSTEAD AND ELIZABETH DURKEE (CONCLUDED)***

*By  
Bill Samland*

*Bill's article on his gr-gr-gr-grandfather is concluded.*

11. **MINER OLMSTEAD** was born about 1814 in Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada and died between 1850 - 1860.

At the age of 10, Miner was baptized by Rev. Robert Blakey of the Parish of Augusta on March 12, 1825.

On May 7, 1834 Miner married Nancy Umphrey, daughter of William Umphrey and Mary Cross, in Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Upper Canada. Nancy was born about 1816/1817 in Wolford Township and died sometime after 1880, in the United States (probably North Dakota).

Hiram K. Olmstead, who was Miner's cousin and brother-in-law, was one of the witnesses to his marriage.

Nancy was listed as being one year old when her father was enumerated on 1817 census of Wolford Township (dated 28 May 1817).

Miner and Nancy moved around a lot during their marriage. They lived in Oxford Township from 1834 to 1840, in Wolford Township in 1842, and in Kitley Twp., Leeds Co., Canada West (the immediate township west of Wolford) in 1848.

In 1850 Miner and Nancy resided in Harrisburg Twp., Lewis Co., NY. Miner's brother-in-law, Hiram K. Olmstead, and several cousins also moved from Marlborough Township to Lewis County within a few years of that time.

Miner died sometime between 1850 and 1860 either in New York State or Canada West. He was a laborer and a farmer. In 1842 Miner's religion was listed as Episcopal Methodist and as Universalist in 1848.

On 31 December 1860 Nancy (then a widow) married Stewart Irwin in Lanark Co., Canada West. At the time of their marriage Nancy and Stewart both lived in Kitley Twp., Leeds Co., Canada West.

Stewart may have been related to Mary Anne Irwin, who married Miner's brother, Rufus Olmstead, and also to Elizabeth Irwin, who married Miner's cousin, Edwin Luther Olmstead.

In 1861 Nancy and Stewart resided in a 1-story log house in Kitley Township. None of Nancy's children were listed on the census with them at that time. However, Stewart's two children by a previous marriage, James Irwin (born about 1856 in Canada West) and Annie Irwin (born about 1859 in Canada West), lived with them. It's possible that Annie could have been the daughter of Stewart and Nancy.

to Silas on the 1839 census of Wolford Township. At that time Elitia probably wasn't married (no females over the age of 16 resided in the household), but had 2 males over 16 (including himself), 1 male under 16, and 2 females under 16 living in his house. They belonged to the Church of England. Elitia was never found on another census of the area.

Rhoena's name was also written as "Rowena."

13. **SOLOMON DURKEE OLMSTEAD** was born about 1819 in Marlborough Twp., Johnstown District, Upper Canada and died after 1881 possibly in Collingwood Twp., Grey Co., ON.

On February 11, 1839 Solomon married Louisa Harris, daughter of David Harris, in Upper Canada (Bathurst or Johnstown Districts). Louisa was born about 1820 in Upper Canada and died between 1861-1871, probably in Thornbury, Grey Co., ON.

At the time of their marriage Solomon lived in Marlborough Township, Johnstown District, and Louisa resided at Long Island, Bathurst District (now Manotick, Carleton Co., ON). Solomon's brother, Rufus Olmstead, was one of the witnesses to their wedding (Solomon was later a witness to Rufus's marriage).

Solomon and Louisa lived in Marlborough Township and Burritts Rapids, Grenville Co., Upper Canada during the first ten years of their marriage. In 1848 he decided to travel west in search of new prospects.

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

"It happened that in that year [1848] Solomon Olmstead, who was living at the time in Carleton County, decided to go farther west. Reaching Toronto, he traveled on foot to Barrie, where he heard of the new surveys in Collingwood and St. Vincent Townships. Being quite at home in the woods, he pushed on with his rifle through the cedar swamps and pine plains along the Government Road until he came to the town line of the township. A settler here by the name of Hurd was an old acquaintance, and one can imagine them, sitting in the firelight of the settler's shanty discussing the possibilities of the water-power at the mouth of the Beaver River, and growing in excitement until Olmstead declared he would take up the 'claim,' and become the Beaver's first miller. Reaching the town plot, he felled a few trees. Thornbury was still a forest with the exception of the scant clearings. Then he traveled on foot to Owen Sound, then the village of Sydenham, to register his claim. This business completed, he made the journey back to his home for his family and his few possessions. With these he returned just as winter was coming on [the fall of 1849]. However, the settlers helped him to build his house and make his family comfortable. The next year [1850] he set to work to clear a few acres and build a saw mill.

About 3 years later, needing funds, he persuaded his brother, Rufus, to join him and take a half interest in the enterprise."

Records show that on 4 January 1849 Solomon, who was recently back in Marlborough Township from visiting Collingwood Township petitioned to Montreal for 20 acres to locate a mill site on lot 33 in concession 9 of Collingwood Township on the Beaver River at Nottawasaga Bay. He was granted a Crown Land Grant on 31 August 1849 at Montreal.

In 1851 Solomon and Louisa lived in a one-story log house on lot 33 in the 3rd concession of Collingwood Twp., Grey Co., Canada West. At that time they owned 20 acres of land, and Solomon was a lumber merchant. The house was a part of what was to become the village of Thornbury (the village was established in 1852).

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

"The next year a grist mill was built, which relieved the farmers of the toilsome journey to distant mills. A year later S. D. Olmstead built and opened a small store. Thornbury now had a post office, and he was also the postmaster. The mail arrived every Saturday. The post office was on the east side of the river, and as there was yet no bridge, the river on Saturday was alive with activity as those coming to the post office from the west side were ferried across by canoes."

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

"By 1853 the Olmsteads had added a flour and grist mill and opened a store and post office. All were on the east side of the river. With no bridge, a ferry service was set up. Mail day was Saturday and every craft available was pressed into service to get across the river."

In 1857 Solomon was listed as the postmaster of Thornbury and the proprietor of the Thornbury Hotel (his brother, Rufus Olmstead, was also listed as a hotelkeeper in Thornbury in 1857).

By 1857 Solomon's sister, Clarissa (Olmstead) Hicks and her husband, Thomas Hicks, and Solomon's first cousin once removed, Thomas H. Olmstead, and his wife, Mary Anne, joined Solomon and Rufus in Thornbury.

In 1861 Solomon and Louisa lived in a two-story framed house in Thornbury that was described as mill property (in 1865 the house was listed as being on Alfred Street). Solomon was enumerated on the census as a miller and tavern keeper. Minn Olmstead (3 years old) lived with them at that time. It is believed that she was Wilhelmina Strain, the daughter of Solomon and Louisa's daughter, Ruth Olmstead (who wasn't married yet) and her future husband, Francis Strain.

In 1871 Solomon was widowed and lived by himself in Collingwood Township (he was a carpenter then). It's not known where the younger children resided at that time.

Sometime between 1871 and 1881 Solomon married Frances Driscoll. In 1881 they lived in Collingwood Township (probably Thornbury). At that time a Jeremiah Driscoll (age 85 years) lived with them. He was probably Frances's father.

Solomon and Louisa were Universalist. Frances was Roman Catholic.

No information has been found on Solomon after 1881.

The children of SOLOMON DURKEE OLMSTEAD and LOUISA HARRIS:

- RICHARD OLMSTEAD, born November 03, 1839; died September 25, 1906.
- LAVINA OLMSTEAD, born about 1841.
- RUTH OLMSTEAD, born about 1842; died February 22, 1886.
- MARY OLMSTEAD, born 1844; died 1895.
- DAVID OLMSTEAD, born August 10, 1845; died January 12, 1912.
- WILLIAM C. OLMSTEAD, born about 1847.
- CHESTERFIELD OLMSTEAD, born January 29, 1850; died August 15, 1917.
- LOUISA VIOLA OLMSTEAD, born March 02, 1851; died September 08, 1933.
- SOLOMON HARRIS OLMSTEAD, born August 02, 1853; died December 30, 1922.
- MINERVA OLMSTEAD, b. April 14, 1856.

## APOLOGY TO SUE OLMSTED

I owe an apology to Sue Olmsted. She was reading past issues of this Newsletter on the WebPage in December 2003, and was stunned when she saw an article in Vol. 5 No. 2, "Gleanings from The Clintonville Tribune." Sue informed me that she had written this article, and gave it to the person who sent it to me for publication. That person did not credit Sue as author.

Let me quote Sue, "I am not upset that you have printed these gleanings and shared them. In fact, I have much more material to send you. It's just that gut reaction that she sent them in and didn't bother to mention that she had gotten them from me or ask me first.

"If I might be so bold to suggest, in the next newsletter, could you add a gentle reminder that all of us, all genealogists, should cite our sources, including who did the work if we are just passing along info. I think [she] is a beginner and may not realize that she is getting the credit for work she did not do and should at least acknowledge who did it.

"Also there is the credibility aspect. I tell people over and over, every day, if you don't know the original source you are flirting with danger as to its accuracy. Hence we cite our sources."

I promised Sue that I would include her comments in the next issue.

Carl Hommel

## John and Sarah Post in Early Ware

By Doreen Dolleman

I feel it is important to reconsider the validity of accepted info from the Red Book, which gives the death date of Thankful, wife of Capt. Jabez as 20 March 1745. No source is given for that date and it is not in Ware vital records. However, the death date of Sarah, wife of John Post, is in Ware records as 20 March 1745. It has always been my opinion that Sarah Post was the sister of Capt. Jabez.

In "History of Hampshire County" there are 2 paragraphs about the family of Capt. Jabez under the heading of "The First Settlers". The 3rd paragraph is about John Post - it says that he was a relative of Olmstead and lived on the Lathrop farm, which was part of Olmstead's purchase. [Note by COH: The Ware plat in the first issue of the Newsletter shows that the Post property was adjacent to the Olmstead property.] The very next sentence says, "His wife's death is recorded March 20, 1745." That was referring to John Post's wife, not Jabez Olmstead's wife.

I believe it is very likely that long ago someone misinterpreted that sentence to mean the death date of Thankful, rather than Sarah and it was printed in the Red Book and now is accepted as fact. It does not seem likely that both women died on the same date, although it would not be impossible. I am suspicious because there is no source for Thankful's death date and she is not recorded in Ware VR's. My guess would be that she died closer to 1748 shortly before Jabez remarried.

[Note by COH: The article on the early history of Ware in the November 2000 Newsletter contains the petition that the early settlers made to the General Court in 1744. John Post was one of the signers of that Petition. He was frequently elected clerk, assessor, mod-

*We urge all male subscribers with the OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD surname to join the Olmste(a)d study, by submitting a DNA sample. We also ask that female subscribers having the OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD surname, and subscribers not having the OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD surname, to contact a male relative that does, and do some arm-twisting.*

*The test procedure involves a swab of the inside of your cheek using a Q-Tip. Taking of blood is **not** required. The cost is about \$100 plus S & H.*

*Please send E-Mail to Barbara for an application form.*

*Carl Hommel*

## OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD DNA SURNAME STUDY

By Barbara Taylor

The underlying object of most DNA surname study projects is to try to identify various groups of people with the same last name to see if and/or how they relate to one another, or to see if they can trace back to one common ancestor.

The Olmstead study has this goal, but also a simpler one: To determine if Jabez Olmsted is related to the Pilgrim Olmsteds, James and Richard. We started out with two known Jabez descendants who believed they were related. Indeed they were. There was only one mutation between them, not uncommon for YDNA, especially since it was at a site known for mutating. Another participant believed he was a Jabez descendant, but he turned out not to be. We recently had another Jabez descendant join the group, and he turned out to be a perfect match to one of the first two participants, with no mutations.

There was another member who couldn't trace back too far, and he figured he didn't belong to the Jabez or the James/Richard group. However, he proved to be a perfect match to a known Richard descendant who was tested.

Another James/Richard descendant was tested, and he was also an 11/12 match instead of a 12/12 match like we would expect. His difference was not a fast moving marker like the Jabez one was in the first group. He descends from James' son Nicholas.

I just received word that we have a new participant, another unknown, from the "Jacob and Mary Olmstead" family of Williamsport, PA. There is supposed to be another person from this group about to participate as well. I'm sure people from this group will be anxiously awaiting these results.

Walt Steesy wrote to say the Umsteads are establishing a group also. They are of Germanic extraction and claim no ties to the Olmste(a)ds. I do hope if they do that, that we can compare notes, as people migrated to Prussia and throughout Europe like we migrated in the U.S. We could still share a common ancestor.

As far as the big question, it seems unlikely that Jabez is of the James/Richard line, but I don't know enough to state that for sure at this point.

Family Tree DNA would recommend more markers be tested to see how far back in time we have to go to find a common ancestor, if there is one. There are five different markers between the two groups, three of which are at fast mutating sites.

If all of this is confusing, more can be learned by going to the FamilyTree DNA website, <http://www.familytreedna.com>. From here you can read their FAQ, go to other articles, see what other surnames are being tested, etc.

If you have specific question, you may email me, Barbara Taylor, at: [ofapres@yahoo.com](mailto:ofapres@yahoo.com). I can answer you individually and/or in this journal, provided I can answer the question.

## 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 OLMSTED Forum WEB PAGE at: <http://genforum.genealogy.com/olmsted/>

There is also an OLMSTEAD RootsWeb Mailing List, and an OLMSTED RootsWeb Mailing List, in which subscribers can exchange information, post queries, etc. To subscribe, send E-Mail to:

OLMSTEAD-L-request@rootsweb.com

and to:

OLMSTED-L-request@rootsweb.com

with the command "subscribe" (without the quotes) in the title block, and 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 both Lists. Posts sent to one Mailing List are not

sent to the other List, so one should subscribe to both Lists.

There is also an Ancestry OLMSTEAD Message Board and an Ancestry OLMSTED Message Board, at:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=surnames.olmstead>

and at:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=surnames.olmstead>

Messages from the OLMSTEAD Board are gatewayed to the OLMSTEAD Mailing List, and likewise the messages from the OLMSTED Board are gatewayed to the OLMSTED Mailing List. However, they are not cross-gatewayed.

The Forum, the Rootsweb Mailing Lists and the Message Boards are not restricted to the Jabez Line, but contain information and queries from all OLMSTED/OLMSTEAD's.



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