

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

There is a chill in the air, days are shorter and summer has passed without me noticing. Maybe this dilemma has happened because it seems like I have spent a lot of time on genealogy this past summer. Here's some of what has happened.

Another year of Vital Records of ONTARIO (ON) were released by ON Archives in July 2005. ON Vital Records of births to and including 1908, marriages to and including 1923 and deaths to and including 1933 are now available on microfilm. I'm still working my way through the process of extracting information on Olmsteads/Olmsteds and some other related families and will eventually add that information to a database I have been keeping.

The Province of Ontario is a prime area of research for me and this summer I discovered that ON Federal Voters list information for General Elections held since October 14, 1935 as well as by-elections held since then is now available. This information is compiled geographically by electoral district and these follow a county and township arrangement. Urban districts are sorted by street name and house number.

For rural areas including villages and small towns the names are in alphabetical order. Information provided is limited to the surname, given name (with wives being identified simply as Mrs.), occupation and post office address. While this source doesn't contain the information a census does it is still a useful research tool. Our genealogy library has an index of the microfilms covering the voters lists for the General Elections held October 14, 1935; March 26, 1940; June 11, 1945; June 27, 1949; August 10, 1953 and May 22, 1979 as well as some of the by-elections.

The long awaited Canada census for 1911 was made available on line this summer and I gather it is, or will be, available on microfilm as well. My information source says it can be found at www.collectionscanada.ca although I find it simpler to go through Google and search Canada census 1911.

Humanitarian and heroic acts occur frequently and much of the time they go unnoticed. On June 24, 2005 at a ceremony at Rideau Hall, Canada's Governor General Adrienne Clarkson presented Bravery Award medals to 10 Canadians, including June Elaine Menzies of Abbotsford, BC, one of my second cousins once removed. June's citation read: On October 22, 2002, June Menzies was injured when she tried to prevent her daughter's ex-boyfriend from

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Doreen Dolleman's Research

THOMAS HICKS OLMSTEAD

Once again I am going to share my research on a "stray" Olmstead as I did in the fall 2004 newsletter with my article on Jeremiah Olmstead of Fort Ann, New York. My subject this time is Thomas Hicks Olmstead, originally of Burritt's Rapids, then Thornbury, and finally Parry Sound, Ontario. He is another example of an Olmstead who most certainly belongs in the Capt. Jabez Olmsted family line, but so far no records have yet been found to determine his parentage. This case is especially frustrating as Thomas lived and died during a time period in which there should be plenty of information available to place him in a particular family. However, he was born before registration in Ontario was required. His marriage record should exist, but has not been located. His death record has puzzling and incorrect information, provided by a son who obviously was not knowledgeable about his family history. A further cause of annoyance is that the newspaper for the month and year that he died is missing, so no obituary has been found! For many years I have corresponded with several descendants of Thomas Olmstead and we all experienced the same frustration at not being able to prove his origins. We certainly had no problems with theorizing and I will share some of those thoughts with you at the conclusion of the article. I'll begin with the known facts about Thomas and his family.

1. Thomas Hicks Olmstead was born 21 September 1830. His death certificate says the event occurred in Ottawa, but it is more likely that he was born in the nearby vicinity of Burritt's Rapids.

2. I have found no records of his childhood years and so the first time his name appears is in the 1851-2 census of Burritt's Rapids, Marlborough Twp, Carleton County, Ontario. He was 21 years old, single and was living with Thomas Hicks (for whom he was named) and his wife Clarissa Olmstead Hicks. Clarissa was the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Durkee Olmstead of Burritt's Rapids. Thomas and Clarissa had no children of their own, but in early census records, previous to 1851, there were always children enumerated in their household. One of those may have been Thomas. In the Hicks' home in 1851 there was also an 11 year old Elizabeth Carl (Carroll) and a 20 year old Mary Ann. Mary Ann was single and was the right age to have been Mary Ann McNamara, wife of Thomas Olmstead.

3. No marriage record has been found for Thomas Olmstead and Mary Ann McNamara, but the event occurred probably in Burritt's Rapids and sometime before the birth of their first child in September of 1852. Mary Ann's parents are also unknown, but she had brothers Matthew, William, James and Guy.

4. An article in the Thornbury, Standard Reflector newspaper, the Christmas edition of 1901, written by Richard Carroll states that he was a 16 year old boy when he left Burritt's Rapids on May 16, 1852 with Rufus Olmstead

(son of Richard and Elizabeth Durkee Olmstead) and his wife. They were moving to Thornbury to join Solomon Durkee Olmstead, brother of Rufus. Richard Carroll mentioned that another man and his wife also made the journey with them. In all probability this other couple was Thomas and Mary Ann Olmstead or Thomas and Clarissa Hicks. In any event they all ended up in Thornbury during the same time period.

5. In the 1861 census of Thornbury, Collingwood Twp, Grey County, Ontario, Thomas Olmstead 30, Mary Anne 29, Josephine 8, Hannah 6, Emma 4, Rowena 2, Thomas K. 8 months, and Rich. 60 were enumerated as a family. Thomas was a millmaker, his religion was Church of England, and he lived in a log, one story home on NE Allen Street.

6. The Thornbury assessment records show that Thomas Olmstead owned property in 1862 on NE Alice St., lot 2, 1 1/2 acres, valued at \$50 and SW Alice St., lot 4, 1 1/2 acres, valued at \$160.

7. In 1863 he had 1/14 acre on the south side of Main St, lot 2, valued at \$200. That same year Thomas Hicks was owner of the 2 lots that Thomas Olmstead owned in 1862.

8. In 1865 Thomas Olmstead is listed in the County of Grey Directory, residing in the town of Thornbury.

9. In the 1871 Thornbury census Thomas Olmstead was 39 and a laborer, Mary Anne 38, Hannah 16, Emma 15, Rowena 13, Thomas 10, Eliza 8, Clarisa 5 and Charles 2.

10. On the 10th of April 1872 the Richard Olmstead (who had been living with Thomas and family in the 1861 census) died of a strangulated hernia in Thornbury. He was 71 years old, born in Canada, a carpenter and a Baptist.

Mary Anne Olmstead, wife of Thomas was the informant. This Richard is the best clue we have as to the possible parentage of Thomas.

11. Sometime between 1872 and 1873 Thomas and family moved to the town of Parry Sound, Ontario. A written history of the early (1857-1860) settlement of Parry Sound states, "About this time Messrs. T.R. Caton, D.F. MacDonald, Frank Strain and Thomas McGown moved here and the last 3 named gentlemen still reside here. In the fall of 1861 Capt. A. Burritt brought over on his sailboat Cuba, Messrs. Thomas, Solomon, and Richard Olmstead and J. Barritt, from Thornbury, for a hunt, and a year or two afterward they all came here to reside." The settlement date for Thomas Olmstead is off by almost a decade in this document.

12. Thomas and Mary Ann's oldest son Thomas died 22 April 1875 at 14 years of age and is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Parry Sound.

13. On the 1881 Town of Parry Sound census Thomas H. was 50 and a carpenter, Mary A. 49, Emma C. 23, Lydia 17, Clara 15, Charles W, 12, and Matthew M. 9.

14. In the 1891 Parry Sound census Thomas was 60 and a laborer, Mary 59, Wesley (Charles) 22 was a sawyer, and

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Matthew 19 was a bookkeeper.

15. Mary Ann McNamara Olmstead died 12 March 1894 at age 62 years 5 months in Parry Sound, of chronic phthisis. She was born in Ontario and was Church of England. The informant was her son M.M. Olmstead.

16. Thomas Olmstead was a bailiff in the 1898 Parry Sound Directory.

17. In the 1901 census Thomas was a 70-year-old merchant living with his daughter and son-in-law, Josephine and Joseph Hudson, in Parry Sound.

18. Matthew M. Olmstead, youngest child of Thomas and Mary Ann, died 22 Sept. 1906 in Vancouver General Hospital of pulmonary tuberculosis. He was 33 years old.

19. Thomas Hicks Olmstead died 24 June 1909 of "Artero Sclerosis" in Parry Sound and was buried with his wife in Hillcrest Cemetery. His death certificate states that he was 78 years old, occupation was a gentleman, a widower, born in Ottawa, father was Reuben Olmstead who was born in Pennsylvania, mother was E. Olmstead who was born in Vermont. The informant was his son Charles Wesley Olmstead. A diary written by Duncan Fraser McDonald of Parry Sound (held in the Parry Sound Library) mentions, "On Thursday, June 24th, 1909 Tom Olmstead dies. June 25th – Went to Olmstead's funeral. Pall bearers – old William Taylor, Hoppins Galna, William McKinley, Tom Kennedy and myself."

20. Thomas died intestate – without a will. The surrogate court records of the District of Parry Sound state that his only heir and heiresses were his children, all over the age of twenty: Josephine Barbara Hudson of Parry Sound, Emma Christina Green of Parry Sound, Eliza Jane Moffatt of Penetanguishene, Charles Wesley Olmstead of Brantford, Hannah Kemp of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Rowena Lowry of Superior, MI and Clara Day of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Charles Wesley Olmstead was appointed as administrator of his father's estate.

The following is a brief outline of the children of Thomas Hicks Olmstead and Mary Ann McNamara:

1. Josephine Barbara was born 26 Sept. 1852 in Thornbury, Ontario. She married Joseph Albert Hudson 22 Nov. 1869 in Thornbury. He was the son of Henry and Ellen Fairbairn Hudson, born 2 Feb. 1845 and died in Parry Sound 14 Oct. 1914. He was a cook in lumber camps. Both were members of the Salvation Army. After the death of Joseph, Josephine lived for a time with her daughter Grace in Michigan. Her death date is not known. Their children were: Mary Ann born 12 Sept. 1870 Parry Sound and died 19 Nov. 1939 in Detroit, MI (married Anthony Morris-Rowe 26 June 1888 and Thomas Hall Woolrich 3 Sept. 1897), Thomas Henry born 11 March 1872 Parry Sound (married Alice Whitesides 17 Oct. 1900), Ellen Rowena born 8 Jan. 1875 Parry Sound (married James Beckett 14 May 1896), Emma Almeda born 13 May 1877 Parry Sound (married William Northey 6 Aug. 1901), Robert William born 14 June 1879 Parry Sound, Charles Joseph born 23 Dec. 1885 Parry Sound and died 2 Oct. 1960 Buffalo, NY (married Alda Lavigueur), Franklin Fairbairn born 22

Feb. 1889 and died 16 March 1889 Parry Sound at 3 weeks old, Grace Fairbairn born 17 June 1890 Parry Sound and died July 1962 Florida (married Charles Dickens and Edward G. Bradley), and George Austin Olmstead born 2 Nov. 1892 Parry Sound and died as a young man.

2. Hannah was born in March of 1854 in Thornbury. She married in Parry Sound, 13 Sept. 1873, Richard Kemp, a carpenter and son of Elias and Dianna Kemp. Her name was Harriet on her marriage record, but is Hannah in all other records. Richard and Hannah moved to Chippewa County, Michigan around 1877-1878. In notes from the Michigan history on Rosedale, Chippewa County, they are mentioned as the first settlers and Richard Kemp was the first postmaster. Several of the early settlers were connected families from Grey County, Ontario. In the 1880, 1910, 1920 and 1930 census the Kemp's were in Sault Ste. Marie. In the 1900 census Hannah and four of her children were visiting another family in Detroit. Richard died 17 Feb. 1915 and Hannah died in 1939 or 1940. Their children were May Stella born 8 Aug. 1874 Parry Sound (married James McNally in March 1894 SSM), Thomas E. born May 1877 Parry Sound, Frank G. born about 1878 SSM, Guy R. born April 1883 SSM, Lulu born April 1887 SSM, Mazoe born May 1889 SSM, Carl born Jan. 1890 SSM and Edith M. born 17 May 1893 SSM and died May 1970 SSM.
3. Emma Christina was born in 1857 in Thornbury. She married Samuel Irwin Green, son of George and Elizabeth Green, 18 Oct. 1883 in Parry Harbour. Their children were Mossy, Marshall born 1885 Parry Sound, Christine born 1887 Parry Sound and Percy born 1890 Parry Sound. According to the estate records of Emma's father, Thomas Olmstead, the Green's were living in Parry Sound in 1909 and Grand Rapids, MI in 1911. Samuel was a "sawyer" at that time.
4. Mary Rowena was born 16 April 1858 in Thornbury. She was known as Rowena. She married Robert Lowry 8 Nov. 1876 in Parry Sound. Robert was the son of George Lowry and Ann Widdis. He was born 23 Jan. 1851 in Ontario. They were living in Duluth, St. Louis Co, MN in 1880 and Robert was a lumberman. In 1900 they were in Washburn, Bayfield Co, WI. The census records Robert as immigrating to the US in 1879 and Rowena in 1880. They were still in Washburn through the 1920 census. Robert died 10 Feb. 1934 and Rowena died 8 Mar. 1937, both in Sumner, WA, and buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Tacoma. Their children were: Mary Clarissa born 4 Aug 1878 Parry Sound (married Robert Tarbox 5 Aug. 1908 in Ashland, WI) and died 27 Apr. 1953 in Puyallup, WA, Cecil Irene born 29 Nov 1884 Duluth, MN, (married William Milsted in WI) and died 24 Sep. 1919 in Tacoma, WA, Robert Olmstead born 23 Feb. 1888 Washburn, WI (married Alma Palm in WI) and died 19 July 1949 in Washburn, WI, Arthur Paul Widdis born 1891, Washburn, WI (married Martha Helene Johnson) and died 6 Oct. 1958 in Tacoma, WA.

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- Charles Percival born 14 June 1895 in Washburn, WI (married Hazel Radd) and died 7 May 1975 in Riverside, CA, and Thomas Rexford born June 1899 in Washburn, WI (married Agnes McCorkle) and died 20 Dec. 1926 in Modesto, CA. Rowena and Robert Lowry had 2 other children who died before 1900, according to census records.
5. Thomas K. was born in June of 1860 in Thornbury. He died in Parry Sound. He is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery and his stone reads, "In memory of Thomas, eldest son of Thomas and Mary A. Olmstead. Died Apr. 22, 1875, aged 14 yrs & 10 mo's.
 6. Eliza Jane was born 3 August 1862 in Thornbury. She was known as Lida Jane. She married Charles Moffatt, son of John and Mary, 28 Aug. 1882 in Parry Sound. In 1891 they were living in Parry Sound and Charles was a shoemaker. By 1901 they were in Penetanguishene, Ontario. Their children were: Percival born 9 May 1883 Bying Inlet, Ontario (died before 1891), Annie Clarissa born 9 Nov. 1885 in Parry Sound, Marguerite (Gretta) Leonora born 4 Sept. 1889 in Parry Sound (married Archibald Browne), Edith born 8 March 1890 Parry Sound (married Rowland Lock), Charles Reginald born 1 May 1892 Parry Sound, Florence born 13 Jan. 1898 Penetanguishene, and Luella. Charles Moffatt died in 1936 and Lida Jane in 1923. Both are buried in Prospect Cemetery in Toronto.
 7. Clarissa Elizabeth was born 4 Oct. 1865 in Thornbury. She married William Day, son of John and Frances Ann Day, 30 Nov. 1886 in Parry Sound. He was a lumberman. They lived in Parry Sound in 1891 and in Sault Ste. Marie, MI by the 1900 census. Two of their children had died by then as only Lillian Almeda and Bessie K. are enumerated with them. In 1910 Clara and her daughters "Meda" and Bessie were living in Portland, OR while William was a laborer at a lumberyard in Los Angeles. According to Thomas Olmstead's estate records Clara and William were in San Pedro, CA by 1911. In 1920 Clara and William (worked for a dredging company) lived in San Diego, CA. Their daughter Bessie K, Hill, 21, and granddaughter Frances A. Hill 3 years 5 months old lived with them. Clara died 14 Nov. 1931 of pernicious anemia in the San Diego Hospital. She was cremated, Greenwood Cemetery.
 8. Charles Wesley (known as Wes or Wesley) was born in 1868 in Thornbury and baptized in 1875 in Parry Sound. He married Eliza Brownley, daughter of Alexander and Annie Brownley, 13 Oct. 1897 in Parry Sound. Charles names his father as Thomas Hicks Olmstead. Wesley was named in his father's estate records in 1909 as a lumber scaler in Brantford, Ontario. He died 7 March 1944 in Brantford and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. His wife Eliza died 23 Aug. 1929 and is buried with him. His obit states that he lived in Brantford for 42 years, worked at the Ham and Knot Company, the Brantford Carriage Works and the Brantford Parks Board. Their children were: Annie Gertrude Ines (known as Gertrude) born 15 May 1899 in St. Ca-

tharines, Ontario (married Cecil McKim) and died 12 Sept. 1984 Hamilton, Charles Wilfred (known as Wilfred) born 28 Sept. 1900 in St. Catharines (married Ethel Erika Erdely in Aug. of 1932) and died 22 March 1968 in Brantford, and Mary Isabel (known as Isabel) born 2 May 1903 in Brantford (married Vernon Meihm 24 July 1922) and died 5 Nov. 1979 in Brantford.

9. Matthew M. (known as Mac) born 13 March 1872 in Thornbury, baptized 1873 in Parry Sound, and died of tuberculosis on 22 Sept. 1906 in Vancouver, BC.

Here are a few articles extracted from the Parry Sound "North Star" newspaper.

May 5, 1892 – Births – Moffatt Mrs. Charles on Sunday May 1st, a son.

Nov. 16, 1893 – Last week Wesley Olmstead was brought before the police magistrate charged by Mr. W.L. Haight with removing and breaking a sign on Halloween night. The evidence completely exonerated Mr. Olmstead and Mr. Haight apologized in court and paid the costs.

Sept. 5, 1895 – Wesley Olmstead yesterday recovered the wagon belonging to Mr. Frank Dowell Sr. which was lost by boys playing with it in the campground bay some time ago.

Oct. 24, 1895 – Matt. Olmstead has again been compelled to go to the hospital in Toronto for treatment to his injured leg. He left Monday for the city of Toronto. His many friends wish for a speedy and complete recovery.

Aug. 22, 1906 – Mrs. C.W. Olmstead, nee Eliza Brownley, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Jackson, left for Brantford on Monday morning. Mrs. S.E. Green left for Vancouver B.C. last week to see her brother, Mr. Matt Olmstead, who is very ill and whose recovery is doubtful.

Now finished with the details comes the interesting part – the theorizing about Thomas Hicks Olmstead's ancestry. As I mentioned earlier, it has been frustrating that not a single record has been found to verify the names of his parents. His death record states his father to be Reuben Olmstead born in PA and mother E. Olmstead born in VT. There are serious conflicts of information in just these two names and two places, provided by his son Charles Wesley. Since Thomas was born in Ontario, the only Reuben of the correct age to possibly be his father was the son of Richard Olmstead and Elizabeth Durkee of Burritt's Rapids, near Ottawa. This Reuben was born in 1807 in Burritt's Rapids, not PA. He married Orpha Adams in Feb. 1830. Orpha was not an E. Olmstead as on the death record of Thomas, and she was born in Burritt's Rapids 9 June 1809. Their oldest son was William Campbell Olmstead who was born 4 July 1830. He is named as oldest son and heir on an Ontario land document. If Thomas Olmstead's birth date of 21 Sept. 1830, according to census records, is accurate then it is not possible that they were brothers. Orpha Olmstead's children (William C., Charlotte, Sarah, Abel A. and Lucretia) were baptized 15

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March 1846 in Oxford. This was after the death of their father Reuben. Their uncle Rufus Olmstead and mother Orpha were the sponsors. Thomas is not on the list of children baptized which also makes me suspicious that he did not belong in this family. Another possibility is that he was a son of Rufus Olmstead (brother of Reuben) and an unknown first wife. Rufus was born in 1810 so would have only been 20 years old when Thomas was born. He married Mary Ann Irwin in 1845, but had a son Oscar Fikaler who was born in 1841 which leads me to believe that Mary Ann was his second wife. However, it is a stretch to think that Rufus would have had sons Thomas born in 1830 and Oscar in 1845. In the 1839 census of Wolford, Rufus had no sons or daughters under the age of 16 living in his household. My favorite theory is that the Richard Olmstead living with the Thomas Olmstead family in the 1871 census was his father. This scenario involves a lot of piecing together of miscellaneous data gathered over the years. I will attempt to do this in a way that will make sense, but remember that I have no concrete proof that my guesswork is correct. This stray Richard living with Thomas in 1871 would have been born around 1801 according to his death record in Thornbury- he died in 1872 at 71 years of age, born in Canada. His wife most likely was the stray Elizabeth Olmstead who lived in Kitley Twp., Leeds County, Ontario in 1851 and Wolford in 1871. She died 30 April 1882 at 72 years of age, which makes her born about 1810 (census records give her birthplace as New York). Although children (Oscar, Sarah, Julia) were in her household, she never had a husband enumerated with her in either the 1851 or later census records. However, her son Oscar's marriage record to Althea Elizabeth Gardiner, 12 Aug. 1863, names his parents as Richard and Elizabeth Olmstead. Elizabeth (Betsey) Olmstead is enumerated in at least two pre 1851 Wolford census records. She had two males under 16 in her household in 1842. In 1844 there was one male under 5 and one male between 6-13. This fits exactly with one being Thomas Hicks Olmstead and one being Oscar. Now the big question is how this Richard Olmstead ties in with the rest of the Olmstead family who arrived in the Rideau area of Ontario in the 1790's. First to arrive was Israel Olmstead from Washington County, NY and later his brother Jedediah. We know that his cousins followed soon after- four brothers, Gideon, Richard (born in 1770), Jabez and Job. Through Bible records of Job and Israel, family records of Gideon, and the will of Richard we can determine that Richard (born 1801) was not a son of any of these men. So that only leaves Jabez as a possibility. Jabez was married to a Eunice and we know from the 1802 Marlborough census that they had sons Hiram (3) and Noah (2). They then disappear from early Ontario records, probably returning to NY. Assuming that Richard's (possible father of Thomas) birthdate may be off by a year or so, he really is a perfect fit for being a son of Jabez and Eunice. Records indicate that the children of Jabez and Eunice returned to the Burritt's Rapids area by the 1820's. Hiram settled in Marlborough Twp. and married his cousin Aurilla Olmstead. Noah lived in Kitley Twp. and married Sarah Wallace. If I were a gambling person I would put my money on Thomas Hicks Olmstead being the son of Richard and Elizabeth Olmstead. Hopefully someday a record will be

found that will confirm the identity of his family. I want to thank the descendants of Thomas who have been so helpful to me in sharing their own information and photos – Rowena Tarbox Anderson (died 30 Dec. 1999), Barb Lowry, Ellen Hooven and David Meihm. Just last week David provided me with a photo of Thomas Hicks Olmstead, the first ever to appear and also one of Eliza Brownley Olmstead. What a state of excitement that created among us!



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stabbing the 17 year old girl in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Mrs. Menzies' daughter was holding her nine-month-old baby when the knife wielding man lunged at his ex-girlfriend and began stabbing her. Mrs. Menzies tried to intervene by grabbing the knife, resulting in serious cuts to both hands. Although she was unable to restrain the aggressor, she succeeded in lifting the baby out of her daughter's arms and racing outside to get help. Both Mrs. Menzies and her seriously injured daughter recovered from their wounds. The baby was unharmed.

I want to mention briefly a research project, which is coming to a successful conclusion. Over the past couple of years I have had discussions with a 44 year old Olmstead that I will refer to as K for identification purposes. K was interested in learning about his Olmstead ancestry however K's dad claimed he didn't know anything and the grandfather who is now 92 won't talk about it either. Many years ago there was some dispute between the grandfather and his father and this is still hampering discussions. This situation happened in ON and with the ON data I have accumulated over the years I decided to play detective.

The grandfather's wife who is now 102 and her family were easy to find as her birth was in ON Vital Records and from there I was able to find her parents and older siblings in the 1901 census. I found the grandfather in the 1935 voters list mentioned earlier, however there were several other Olmsteads on the same voters list and because of this I got on the wrong path for awhile. One day as I was looking at a family chart I had received some 10 years ago from another Olmstead descendant I saw the names of the grandfather and his wife. After several phone calls and e-mails I now have K's ancestry traced back to Nathaniel Olmstead (1825-1916), which can be traced back two more generations to Jabez Olmstead born 1774.

If you get confused at times consider poor Columbus...He didn't know where he was going; when he got there, he didn't know where he was; and when he got back, he didn't know where he had been. K now knows where he fits in the Olmstead family.

May you all have success with your research in the coming months.





Eliza Brownley Olmstead

**PETER DOREMUS EGLIN
BY
ROBERT MOORE**

This is the continuation of Robert Moore's article.

CATHARINE EGLIN

PARENTS

Peter Doremus Eglin #1.2 and Cynthia Olmstead

BORN

about 1821/22 in the Town of Hope/ Benson, Hamilton County N.Y. age given as 28 in the 1850 census of Town of Hope, age 38 in 1860 census, age 49 in 1870 census and age 59 in 1880 census of the Town of Spafford.

MARRIED

William Bass born about 1816, married before about 1840 likely in Town of Hope

DIED

Thomas Hicks Olmstead

after 1880 census
BURIED

not listed in Borodino Cemetery listings for Town of Spafford

CHILDREN

#3.3.3.1. Susan Bass born about 1841 age 9 in the 1850 census of Town of Benson
age 19 in 1860 census

#3.3.3.2 William S. Bass died 10 August 1843 age 1 yr 5 months and 5 days. Buried as son of William and Catharine Bass in Hope Falls Cemetery, Town of Hope, Hamilton County.

#3.3.3.3* Zadock .L. Bass born 23 October 1846 in Rensselaer County N.Y
His age was given as 6 in the 1850 census of Town of Hope

#3.3.3.4 Louise Bass born about 1847 age 3 in 1850 census of Hope

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age 14 in the 1860 census

#3.3.3.5 Matilda Bass born about 1848 age 2 in 1840 census of Hope
age 11 in the 1860 census

#3.3.3.6 John Bass born about 1851 not listed in 1850 census, he was listed as age 8 in the 1860 us and as age 21 in 1870 census of Town of Spafford occupation farm labourer

#3.3.3.7 *William H Bass born 16 Jan 1851 Hamilton County (likely Town of Hope)

#3.3.3.8 Evaline (Eva) A. Bass born 1855 likely Hamilton County age 5 in 1860 census and as age 15 in 1870 census of Town of Spafford.
She married Frank Eadie in 1878. One daughter Linnie Eadie born 6 Sept 1885.
She is buried in the Borodino Cemetery as the wife of Frank Eadie. Her G/S born 1855, no death date
Frank Eadie was born 4 Sept 1852 and was the son of James and Zeruah (Monk) Eadie. In 1880 they lived in Borodino and had no children. He died 1895 buried Borodino Cemetery. He operated a general merchandise store in Borodino.

#3.3.3.9 Charles Bass born about 1858 age 2 in 1860 census not listed in 1870 census so presumed to have died young

Catherine Eglin was listed in Olmstead book as child of Peter and Cynthia Eglin
It appears that the Bass family moved from the Town of Hope to Renssaelear County before 1846 but were back to Hope for the 1850 census.

The family was listed as family 170, in the 1850 census of Town of Hope as William Bass
age 30, farmer, property worth \$1300, wife Katharine age 28 and children Susan age 9, Zodock L. age 6, Louise age 3 and Matilda age 2.

The Bass family were in Greenbush, Renssaelear County New York in the 1860 census as family #1027. Post office Greenbrush, William Bass farmer age 42 no real estate but personal property value at \$1012 (odd value), wife Catharine age 38 children Susan A age 19, Zadock L. age 17, farm labourer, Louise F. age 14, Mathida D., age 11, John age 9. William H. age 8 and Charles age 2. With them was Elias Lobdell age 21, farm labourer (He was the son of Catherine's sister Kimma Lobdell)

Some of the family were in the Town of Spafford, Onondaga County N.Y for the 1870 census as Wm. Bass, age 54, farmer property value \$7360 and Personal Property valued at \$1100, Catharine Bass age 49, John Bass age 21, farm labour, Eveline Bass age 15. The previous families listed were those of Jeremiah and [Lovinia] Olmstead.

William Bass is shown in the 1868 Onondaga County atlas in the Town of Spafford on Lot 89 about a mile and 1/4 south east of Borodino on south side of present New York Route 41 and Willowdale Hill Road.

Both Catherine (as Catharine Bass) and her hus-

band Wm Bass signed the Quit Claim dated 4 November 1872 to Wm. Quackenbush on Ann Eglin's property in the Town of Amsterdam
The signatures were done in front of a notary in Onondaga County New York and were still in the Town of Spafford at that time.

The 1880 census of the Town of Spafford lists William Bass age 62, wife Catharine age 59 and living with them their son William H Bass age 29 and his wife Libbie age 26.

ISAAC D. (DOREMUS?) G. EGLIN

PARENTS

Peter Doremus Eglin #1.3 and Cynthia Olmstead

BORN

4 October 1824, likely in Town of Benson

MARRIED

1. After 1850 to Elizabeth Dedrick daughter of William Dedrick and Theresa McCausey maybe in the Town of Spafford, Onondaga County N.Y.

2.Maybe 1886/7, married 13 years in 1900 census to Alice Case daughter of Aaron G Case and Rebecca Monk likely in Town of Spafford

DIED

22 Nov 1904 Town of Spafford

BURIED

Borodino Cemetery Town of Spafford

CHILDREN

#3.3.4.1 Lehana "Delbert" Eglin buried in Borodino Cemetery in Isaac Eglin plot as the only son of Isaac and Elizabeth Died 5 July 1877 age 24 years and 6 months and 5 days

Isaac Eglin listed as a son of Peter Eglin and Cynthia Olmstead in the Olmstead Family Book. Isaac is listed in the 1850 census Town of Hope (page 13A family 180 dwelling #177) as Isaac "Egelon", age 26, labourer. He along with several other labourers was with the family of Caleb and Jackson Green, who were farmers

The 1860 Federal census of the Town of Spafford lists Isaac Eglin, age 36, farmer real estate worth \$700 and personal property worth \$700, Elizabeth Eglin age 33 born New York, Adelbert age 7 and a farm labourer. The 1868 atlas of Onondaga County, Town of Spafford shows, I. Eglin in the South West 1/4 of Section #90 about a mile due east of the Borodino Cemetery (no direct road between the two locations)

The 1870 census of the Town of Spafford lists Isaac Eglin, age 46, farmer with real estate worth \$7360 and personal property worth \$1400, Elizabeth Eglin age 44 keeping house, Adelbert, age 17 farm labourer who attended school with the past year and Elizabeth's mother, Thersea Dedrick age 75.

He was listed in the 1880 census of Spafford as Isaac

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"Eglue" age 55, farmer, wife Elizabeth age 53, a farm labourer, Peter Lobdell, age 26 who was his sister Kimma Lobdell's son.

The 1900 census of the Town of Spafford, family #214 lists Isaac Eglin, born October 1828, retired farmer, wife Alice, born June 1858 and married 13 years.

Elizabeth Dedrick first wife of Isaac Eglin died 4 April 1886 age 58 yrs 10 months and 25 days and is buried with Isaac in the Borodino Cemetery. The Dedrick family lived next to the Eglin's at time of 1860 census of Spafford.

Alice Case second wife of Isaac Eglin was born 16 January 1859 in New York (that is what it says and shows on G/S) died 14 December 1905 and buried with Isaac in Borodino Cemetery. It is not likely that they had children.

Both Isaac and his wife Elizabeth signed the Quit Claim dated 4 November 1872 to Wm. Quackenbush on Ann Eglin's property in the Town of Amsterdam. The signatures were done in front of a notary in Onondaga County New York and they were in the Town of Spafford at that time.

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Abigail Olmstead of Hebron, New York, and Troy, Pennsylvania

By Susan Goss Johnston

Susan Goss Johnson is a Case researcher. Do-reen asked her to contribute this article for the Newsletter. The endnotes will be provided later.

Generation One

1. **Abigail¹ Olmstead** was born between 1760 and 1765, probably in Massachusetts. She married (1) **Aaron Case**, son of **Philip Case** and **Lydia Soveril**, 1788, in Washington Co., New York. She married (2) **Joseph Wills** between 15 February 1829 and 4 November 1829 in Troy Twp., Bradford Co., Pennsylvania. She died in Troy, Bradford Co., Pennsylvania, between 19 July 1842 and 5 September 1846.

Biography

On the last day of the year 1808, the members of the newly united Baptist Church of Christ at Burlington "proceeded to here [sic] the Experience of Br. Aaron Case & Wife who were cordial Rcd. unto the Chh" ... and thus the wife of Aaron Case appeared for the first

time in contemporary records. Her given name, Abigail, did not appear until 1 February 1816 when she and her husband sold 47 acres to neighbor Adrial Hebard. It remained for daughter Miriam (Case) Vorhis, more than half a century later, to introduce her mother as a person in her own right: "one Abigail Olmstead of Hebron" married Aaron Case in 1788. No birth or baptismal record, no marriage record, not even a Bible record has been found to provide additional information on Abigail's early days. Census records do narrow Abigail's birth to the period between 1760 and 1765, and, given the fact that the Hebron, New York, Olmsteads resided at the time in Berkshire Co., Massachusetts, it's likely that she was born there, as was her future husband. The Case family appeared in Hebron, New York, before the end of the Revolutionary War. The Olmsteads appeared by 1789, lending credence to Miriam's statement about her parents' marriage. Aaron and Abigail set up housekeeping on the Hebron-Granville border where Aaron is enumerated in the 1790 U.S. census next to his brother, Timothy. Simple numbers represent Abigail, her first child Moses, and an unknown female in that record.

Unlike his brothers Reuben and Samuel, brother-in-law Francis Ingersoll, and Aaron, Jeremiah, Gideon, and Richard Olmstead, Aaron Case appears to have been very law-abiding. He isn't named in any of the court cases that plagued the others, nor did he suffer from brother Timothy's financial difficulties. He did follow brother Reuben to the Sugar Creek area in what was then Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, though, where he was enumerated in Wysocks Township in the 1800 federal census. Aaron took advantage of the Susquehannah Land Company's offer of 100 acres for each settler, with an additional 50 acres for the settler's oldest son, and started a gristmill on Sugar Creek. By this time, Abigail was the mother of six known children. The youngest, Lucinda, born in December 1799, may have been the first of the Aaron Case children born in Pennsylvania.

Heverly calls Aaron Case "one of the first Baptists on Sugar Creek." From the day they joined the Baptist Church of Christ at Burlington, Aaron and Abigail appeared regularly in the minutes of the church, the former serving as moderator, on the council, and on several committees, the latter as a member in attendance. Only once does Abigail appear in the business minutes. On 14 Feb 1824, the members "voted to drop sister Abigail Case out of the tax book." Abigail had been widowed in January 1821 and was perhaps having financial difficulties. The final appearance of Abigail Case in the Baptist Church records occurred 26 Apr 1828 when she is listed as present. Shortly after this date, members in attendance were no longer included in the church minutes.

Abigail's husband, Aaron, died 4 January 1821,

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“caught in his mill.” Daughter Miriam and son-in-law James Vorhis returned to Troy to help her, the latter paying the estate’s taxes that year. Abigail Case appeared in the Troy tax lists from 1823 through 1825, paying taxes on fifty acres of land, her house, and assorted livestock. This house was identified by Craft in his description of 1827 Troy: “*The only house on the west side of Elmira street, in 1827, was the frame house of Aaron Case's widow, where Mrs. Hull now lives.*” By this date, son Philip was paying taxes on the Case house and land and Abigail, no longer Abigail Case, appeared next in a deed of release dated 4 November 1829 as Abigail, wife of Joseph Wills, one of the heirs of Aaron Case, deceased. Joseph Wills had been a neighbor of the Aaron Case family and was an elder in the Baptist Church. His first wife, Mary, had died 15 February 1829 after a long illness; and so the marriage of the widow Abigail Case to her neighbor Joseph Wills took place between this date and the 4 November 1829 signing of the release. In fact, it’s likely that the widow’s remarriage precipitated this release as Aaron Case’s 1817 will contained an unusual clause bequeathing Abigail “one third of all my Real and personal Property to her excepting the thirty acres of Phillip” if she should remarry.

As Joseph and Abigail aged, they sold much of their land and moved in with her daughter, Betsey Williams. Here, Joseph shared a threshing operation with Betsey’s son, Oliver. Although he remained active in church activities, Abigail’s name does not appear on the 1841 members list of the Baptist Church of Christ. She was still living, however, on 19 July 1842 when she was examined in reference to a deed made between her husband Joseph Wills and Edward C. Williams. This deed may be Abigail’s final appearance in Bradford County records. It’s likely that she died before 5 September 1846 when Joseph Wills executes a deed between himself and Alba Burnham, a deed recorded without the examination of a wife.

No records marked Abigail’s birth and none now mark her death. She is probably buried in Glenwood Cemetery, but her tombstone cannot be found. One of the three illegible, crumbling stones found standing near the graves of her children, Elizabeth and Philip, in 1988 probably marked Abigail’s gravesite. Even those stones have now disappeared.

Possible Ancestry of Abigail (Olmstead) Case

Most online sources assign Abigail, wife of Aaron Case, to the family of Ezekiel Olmstead and Lydia Hoyt of Ridgefield, Connecticut. **No evidence links her to that family.** Instead, all indirect and circumstantial evidence found to date links this Case family to the Olmstead descendants of Jabez of Ware and suggests that Abigail is the daughter of Jabez and Miriam (Husse) Olmstead.

- The earliest link between the families found to date is a 1761 quit claim deed from *Jeremiah Olmsted of a place called the County Land West of Stockbridge to Philip Case of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts*. Philip Case is Aaron’s father. Although quit claim deeds are usually made between family members, I have no evidence suggesting a family tie between the Philip Case family and the Jabez Olmstead family in 1761.●

- Philip Case, like Aaron and Jabez Olmstead, was a private in Captain Sylvanus Wilcox’s Company, Colonel John Ashley’s Berkshire County Regiment. His period of service, from 8 July 1777 to 26 July 1777, was identical to that of Jabez.

- The most important link is Aaron Case’s presence on land in Washington County, New York, near that of *Gideon, Jabez, Jabez, Jr., and Aaron Olmstead*. Unfortunately, many of the early Hebron land records seem to be unrecorded, and there is no entry in the Washington County deed or mortgage volumes showing the purchase of land by Aaron Case. However, a land survey found among the records of the Washington County historian shows Aaron Case on land in North Hebron bordered on the north by the Granville boundary and lands of his father Philip, on the west by land of Daniel Bulless, husband to Jabez Olmstead’s daughter, Elizabeth, on the east by Mt. Tom, on the south by land of Samuel Salsbury, and whose southwest corner is shared by land of Jabez Olmstead. (Figure 1) This survey is dated September 1794. As in real estate, location, location, location is all-important in genealogy. This geographic proximity strongly supports the hypothesis that Abigail (Olmstead) Case was the daughter of Jabez and Miriam (Husse) Olmstead. In fact, the location of Aaron Case’s Hebron land suggests that Jabez might have been the owner. If so, this would be very strong evidence supporting Abigail’s identity as the daughter of Jabez and Miriam.

- Aaron and Abigail named their first daughter Miriam. Although the name was not unheard of in the Case line, it is unusual and this was its first appearance in this branch. It’s likely that Miriam Case was named for a member of her mother’s family, perhaps for Miriam (Husse) Olmstead. Their first son, Moses, was also given a name more common in the Olmstead line than in the Case line. Onomastic analysis is only suggestive, however. The name Jabez is not found among the known Aaron Case children, and the remaining names are more common in the Case line or appear with equal frequency in both.

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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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