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JOHN³ MORFORD, 1713-1812, THE MAN WHO LIVED TO SEE 180 DESCENDANTS

JOHN³ MORFORD, born in 1713, probably in Cranbury, Middlesex County, N.J., was one of two known sons of a Thomas' Morford who died early in 1717. The name of Thomas' wife is not known; but she may have been the Rebeckah Morfett listed among Baptist Church members in 1712 and who was baptized in June 1715. It may be significant that both of Thomas² Morford's sons named their eldest daughters "Rebecca".

These two sons are identified by deeds made 31 July 1717 by their grandfather, John¹ Morford "of Cranbeare" (Cranbury), Middlesex County, N.J., wherein he gives them land "upon which my loving son Thomas Morford (of late deceased) in his lifetime dwelt [*Liber A-2, page 212, Middlesex Deeds*], and it might be assumed that the latter's wife was deceased, or had remarried.

John³ Morford was of Upper Freehold, Monmouth Co., N.J., 18 February 1739, when he was granted by Gov. Lewis Morris of N.J. a license to wed Elizabeth Robins, daughter of Daniel Robins of the same place, yeoman; and was still of Upper Freehold in September 1739 when his name appears as bondsman, along with that of his brother Thomas, for the latter's marriage to Ann Lawrie.

The John Moffit who received warrant for 50 acres of land in Bucks Co., Pa. on the 28th of May 1743, is probably this same John³ Morford. By 16 February 1745/6 John and Elizabeth Morford were of Southampton, Bucks County, Pa. Elizabeth died there 11 November 1748, perhaps soon after the birth of a daughter who was named for her. Six months later, on 25 May 1749, at Southampton, John took as his second wife Margaret Frazer, eldest daughter of Andrew Frazer, "late of Warminster, deceased", according to the Old School Baptist Church records, Southampton.

In 1768 John and Margaret Morford were excommunicated from the church "for poor attendance and the spreading of false stories about the minister." Their return to New Jersey probably took place soon, as we find in Burlington County records of marriages of their three daughters: Rebecca, 22 May 1770 to James Barber (both called "of Bucks Co. Pa."), Elizabeth, 24 July 1772 to Joseph Barber, and Rachel, 2 March 1775, to Henry Barber. No record has been found of the death of Margaret (Frazer) Morford.

John was reinstated into church membership. His daughter Rebecca Barber went back to Pennsylvania in November 1795, when she was received into First Baptist Church there, coming from New Mills (Pemberton, NJ) Baptist Church. Her son John M. Barber had wed Tacy Jones on 28 June 1795, both being then of Philadelphia*; Tacy Barber, with her aunt Rachel (Morford) Barber, and Rachel's father John Morford, were received by letter, from New Mills into First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, 2 February 1796. A subsequent entry, 13 April 1812, shows a bill presented in favor of Otto James "for a coffin for our late brother Morford". Permit for John Morford's interment was dated 8 Feb. 1812.

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*Vol. 1, Births, Marriages, Deaths, First Baptist Church, Phila., Pa.

Poulson's *American Daily Advertiser* for 12 April 1812 [Vol. XLI, No. 10,988, p.3,col.3] carried the following obituary, extracts from which were copied by other newspapers:

DIED - on Saturday last, in Prime street, District of Southwark, in the ninety-ninth year of his age, Mr. JOHN MORFORD, a native of the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Morford was a member of the First Baptist Church in this city, and though his circumstances placed him in humble life, he was by all who enjoyed his society respected for the urbanity of his manners and the cheerfulness of his disposition: As few men have been permitted to enjoy on earth, so long a course, so have there been but few whose constancy of faith and holiness of life, have witnessed the reality of his Religion; his life and conversation may be truly said to have adorned the doctrine of God his Saviour.

When upwards of Seventy years- of age, Mr. Morford's silver grey locks gave way to the return of his youthful auburn hair, he could read the smallest print without the assistance of spectacles - and the powers of his mind remained unimpaired unto the last moment of his existence. He had seven children - from whom sprang forty-two Grand Children, one hundred and sixteen Great Grand Children, and fifteen Great Great Grand Children - having lived to see six generations.

His remains were on Monday afternoon interred in the Baptist Burial ground adjoining the Meeting house in Second street.

An 1811 city directory of Philadelphia shows John Morford and his widowed daughter, Rebecca Barber living in East Southwark Township, on Prime Street, below 2d; Rebecca's son, John M(orford?) Barber, a bricklayer, was also living on Prime Street.

John³ Morford's burial place, originally at Second below Arch Street, is not now known, as in 1860 all bodies interred there were moved to Mt. Moriah Cemetery; however, the list of tombstone inscriptions for Sec. 112, where re-interrals from First Baptist were made, does not show John Morford's name; perhaps he was removed to a different cemetery.

The number, but not the names, of John's children and grandchildren are given, so we can but speculate as to the identities of his sons. With a stern warning to readers that as yet there is no *proof*, here is a tentative list of *possible** sons for us to consider:

- I. Daniel, b. Oct. 1740, Middlesex Co., NJ; Rev. War soldier; lived Mason & Bracken Counties, Ky.; Brown Co. O.; perhaps named for grandfather Daniel Robins?
- ii. Cornelius, 1741-1825; md. 1761, Burlington Co. NJ, Hester Brian; lived Salem Co. NJ, Newcastle Co. Del, Warren Co. O.
- iii. Isaac, of Bucks Co., Pa., 1775; Rev. War soldier.
- iv. John, taxed in Bucks Co., Pa. 1779,-81-82 as "Morfeit", "Morfit"; was he the John Morfitt whose chil. Herman, Eleanor & Mary were named beneficiaries in the 1768 will of Herman Enoch of Philadelphia?

Of John's 42 grandchildren, we know only two, both children of James and Rebecca (Morford) Barber: Elizabeth (Barber) Dalruple, who with her mother Rebecca Barber was received by letter from "our sister church at New Mills", into First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, 2 November 1795; and ' John M. Barber, who had married 1795 Tacy Jones; she died 31 October 1841, aged 69 and is buried in Union Cemetery, probably in Phila., Pa. A George Dalruple, relationship to Elizabeth not known, was received into First Baptist Church from the church at "Hightstown" [Hightstown?] on 2 November 1795.

**AGAIN, WE EMPHASIZE that much research must be done before concluding that the 4 MORFORD males listed above were sons of John³ Morford 1713-1812. If any one of our readers is able to dig for records which will substantiate and document the "possible" sons as KNOWN SONS, we'll be happy to publish the proofs in future issues of MORFORD HISTORIAN.*



NEWS OF MORFORDS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

MR. AND MRS. ROY ERNEST MORFORD, of Moxee, Washington, in the Yakima Valley, who were married on the 12th of June 1926 in Yakima, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. This photograph, taken five years ago for their Golden Wedding celebration, was borrowed from their daughter Marlene so that we might publish it for all the family to enjoy. Roy is a second cousin of the editor's husband. Roy's father, John Wesley Morford [1861-1946] was a brother of Margaret (Morford) Adams [1858-1941], whose picture appeared on page 3 of the first issue, July 1980, of MORFORD HISTORIAN. John was a Washington state pioneer, coming from a Kansas farm to Carbonado, Pierce County, about 1886; later living in British Columbia and then in Buckley, Washington, where Roy was born 27 February

1905. Later John and his large family moved to Yakima, where he died at the age of 85 years. Roy's line is: *John Wesley⁸ John W.⁷ Frederick Sr.⁶ Isaac⁵ Cornelius⁴ Morford*. Roy's wife, the former Delia Mary Langevin, is also of a pioneer Washington family. They have six children: Betty Jean (Mrs. Robert) Wells, Lillian Catherine (Mrs. Lawrence E.) Hallman, Marvin Roy Morford, Marlene Mae (Mrs. Philip C.) Heilman, Ernest Ray Morford, and LeRoy R. Morford. We may be a bit prejudiced, but we think our cousins Roy and Delia are mighty special people (and *very* huggable!).

ANOTHER RECENT CELEBRATION was the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Henry Dorsey and Mary Elsie (Morford) Carroll, of Toledo, Ohio, who were married 2 June 1931. Mary's line: *Lawrence Hood⁸ John William⁷ William⁶ Richard⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹ Morford*. Henry, a tool and die maker for 40 years at various Detroit and Toledo firms, retired in 1971. Mary worked 40 years as an inspector at the former Tillotson Manufacturing Company, and retired in 1975. The wedding anniversary was observed with a family dinner at the home of their niece, Dianne Charlotte (Morford) Rish, daughter of Mary's brother, Donald Ellis Morford of Banning, California.



A 5-GENERATION PICTURE is rather rare; this one stars Jeffrey David Morford Jr., one year old on 5 July 1980, held by his father Jeffrey Sr., whose wife Debra Ann (Campbell) is at the left. Seated, in center, is the late Hattie Emma (Douthitt) Pawson, Jeff Jr's great-great grandmother. Standing, left to right, are Bonnie Fay (Wade) (Morford) Woomer (mother of Jeff Sr.), Bonnie's mother Lavina Matilda (Will) Wade, and Gladys Elizabeth (Pawson) (Morford) Mayenschein, Jeffrey Sr's grandmother. Gladys' first husband was the late Robert Harold Morford [1907-1965] next younger brother of Roy Morford in the picture at the top of this page.



MORFORD HISTORIAN welcomes pictures and news items about Morfords and their descendants!

MORFORD HISTORIAN subscribers are grouped here, according to their earliest known ancestor. Following each person's name are listed his parent, grandparent and so on; small numerals indicate generation to which each belongs. When a line has not been traced back to one of the two early Morfords of N.J. [*John*¹ or *Thomas*¹], we have determined approximate generation of known ancestor. Assuming 26 years to a generation, we deduct a series of 26s from the known date of an ancestor. *EXAMPLE*: Zebulon Morford [1722-1794] is assumed to have been son of a man born about 1696, and grandson of a man born about 1644, give or take a few years. As the early Morford brothers were adults in the 1670s, they must have been born about 1640-1650; Zebulon therefore must have been of the 3rd generation. Listed below are our new subscribers since the April 1981 issue:

DESCENDANTS OF CORNELIUS⁴ MORFORD 1741-1825:

Catherine Jane (Morford) Bush, Yakima WA:
*John Wesley*⁸ *Morford*; *John W.*⁷ *Frederick Sr.*¹
*Isaac*⁶ *Cornelius*

Wendalyn Ellen (Morford) Graham, Yuba City CA
*Anderson LeRoy*¹⁰ *Morford*; *Ralph Milton*⁹ *Anderson*¹
*Isaac*⁷ *Frederick Sr.*⁶ *Isaacs Cornelius*¹

Betty (Keretsees) Lockett, Selah WA
*Sylvia*¹⁰ (*Morford*) *Keretsees*; *John R.*⁹ *Morford*;
*John Wesley*⁸ *John W.*⁷ *Frederick Sr.*¹ *Isaac*⁶
*Cornelius*¹

Jeffrey David Morford, Sacramento CA
*Michael Duane*¹⁰ *Robert Harold*⁹ *John Wesley*⁸ *John W.*⁷
*Frederick Sr.*⁶ *Isaacs Cornelius*¹

Ormond LeRoy Morford, Santa Rosa CA
*Anderson LeRoy*¹⁰ *Ralph Milton*⁹ *Anderson*⁸ *Isaac*⁷
Frederick Sr. *Isaacs Cornelius*¹

Pamela Ann Morford, Sacramento CA
*Michael*⁷ *Duane*¹⁰ *Robert Harold*⁹ *John Wesley*⁸
John W. *Frederick Sr.*⁶ *Isaacs Cornelius*¹

Penelope Jane (Morford) Neal, Tempe AZ
*Anderson LeRoy*¹⁰ *Morford*; *Ralph Milton*⁹ *Anderson*¹
*Isaac*⁷ *Frederick Sr.*⁶ *Isaac*⁵ *Cornelius*¹

Kate E. (Oldfield) (Morford) Rubens, Tacoma WA
*Former wife of Charles Emery Morford*¹; *John Wesley*⁸
*John W.*⁷ *Frederick Sr.*⁶ *Isaac*⁵ *Cornelius*⁴

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL⁴ MORFORD 1740-1833:

Jean Elizabeth (Burge) Johnston, Lisbon IA
*Harold Harrison Burge*⁹ *Ulysses Elmer Burge*⁸
*Jones M(orford?) Burge*⁷; *Hester*⁶ (*Morford*) *Burge*;
*James Morford*⁵ *Daniel*⁴

Marjorie (Martin) Letellier, Belvidere SD
*Leslie Herman Martin*¹⁰ *Edith Elsie*⁹ (*Morford*)
Martin; *Andrew Jackson*⁸ *Morford*; *William*⁷ *Daniel*⁶
*James*⁵ *Daniel*⁴

Helen Irene (Morford) (Carstens) Powers, Seattle WA
*Seth Humphreys Morford*⁸; *Remembrance*⁷ *Thomas*⁶
*James*⁵ *Daniel*⁴

DESCENDANT OF DANIEL⁶ MORFORD 1793-1876:

Joseph Ralph Morford, Indianapolis IN
*Clifton Newman*⁹ *Lewis Franklin*⁸ *William Henry*⁷
*Daniel*⁶

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN¹ MORFORD c165 -173 :

Karen Dea (Wilson) Bidelman, Klamath Falls OR
*Mildred (Kuhn) Wilson*⁹; *Jesse Emmett Nash* (*his name changed to Wesley Kuhn*⁸);
*Laura Geneva*⁷ (*Morford*) (*Nash*) *Kuhn*; *Isaac*⁶ *Morford*; *William*⁵ *John*⁴ *Thomas*³
*Thomas*² *John*¹

Karen (Morford) Chipman, Orem UT
*Roland Oliver*⁹ *Morford*; *Francis Asbury*⁸ *Calvin*
*Wakely*⁷ *Abner T.*⁶ *James*⁵ *John*⁴ *Thos*³ *Thos.*² *John*¹

Sharon (Morford) Conder, Orem UT
*Roland Oliver*⁹ *Morford*; *Francis Asbury*⁸ *Calvin*
*Wakely*⁷ *Abner T.*⁶ *James*⁵ *John*⁴ *Thos*³ *Thos.*² *John*¹

DESCENDANT OF JOSEPH⁵ MORFORD c176 :

David Daniel Olmsted, Corunna MI
*Lillian Anna*¹⁰ (*Morford*) *Olmstead*; *Rev. William, Henry*⁹
Morford; *Edwin Alfred*⁸ *William Lane Jr.*⁷ *William*
*Lane Sr.*⁶ *Joseph*⁵

DESCENDANT OF THOMAS¹ MORFORD c165 -1695/6:

Eleanor Ann (Bovard) Pailthorp, Wilmington DE
*3rd great-granddaughter of Lydia Ann*⁴ (*Morford*)
(1761-1841) who married *John Ashton* (1763-1837);
*Joseph*³ *Morford*; *Thomas*² *Thomas*¹

DESCENDANT OF ZEBULON³ MORFORD 1722-1794:

Roberta Raye (Root) Umstead, Ellington NY
*Mary Eleanor (Covert) Root*⁹, *Joel Anthony Covert*⁸;
*Margaret Ann*⁷ (*Ewing*) *Covert*; *Joel Ewing*⁶; *Margaret*⁵
(*Morford*) *Ewing*; *Charles Morford*⁴ *Zebulon*³

OTHER SUBSCRIBERS:

Evelyn (Mrs. John) Anderson, Jamestown PA
Interested in several families which intermarried with early MORFORDS of Mercer
County, Pennsylvania: BROWN, McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Helen Rudy Wallingford Pryor, Detroit MI
Interested in SEAMAN family which intermarried with a branch of Mason
County, Kentucky MORFORD family, 1864; also in WALLINGFORD family of
Ky.

Charlotte Virginia Groff, Berrien Springs MI
*Virginia Fairchild (Boone) Groff*²; *William E. Boone*⁴; *Martha Ann (Michael)*
*Boone*³; *Mary "Polly" (Murphy) Michael*²; *Charles MORFOOT*¹ (d.1815), who
came to Maryland 1794 from England, and changed his surname to "Murphy"
See story page 46 of this issue.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON RENEWAL OF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO MORFORD HISTORIAN:

The special offer on page 32 of our April 1981 issue, whereby your own subscription or renewal to the MORFORD HISTORIAN will be extended for 2 issues if you send in a 1-yr gift subscription, or for 1 year if you send in two gift subscriptions will be continued until the end of the year; your envelopes must be postmarked by Dec. 31st.



TWINS RECEIVE GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MORFORD HISTORIAN

KAREN (MORFORD) CHIPMAN (Left), and her twin sister, SHARON (MORFORD) CONDER, daughters of Roland Oliver & LaPreal (Allen) Morford of Pleasant Grove, Utah, are on the list of new subscribers to MORFORD HISTORIAN. This prompted us to check our records and ascertain how many other Morford twins are known. We found 24 other sets, listed below in the order of their birth:



- JESSE and ISAAC NEWTON, June 1808, sons of James and Jane (Kennedy) Morford
 GEORGE and NANCY JANE, November 1842, children of Enoch and Barbara (Brown) Morford
 RICHARD and JAMES, August 1847, sons of Enoch and Barbara (Brown) Morford
 WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON and THOMAS HARRISON, sons of William and Susan Emeline (Rider) Morford
 SARAH and SUSANNA, April 1864, daughters of William Locke and Mary (Hofius) Morford
 UNNAMED SONS, April 1865 (died young), of David T. and Polly (Day) Morford
 EVA "EFFIE" and EMMA, March 1868, daughters of William and Polly (Nelson) Morford
 HENRY and SARAH E., June 1868, children of Enoch A. and Sarah (Buris) Morford
 MYRON LEROY and MARY MAGGIE, July 1872, children of James Cyrus and Jemima L. (Hofius) Morford
 SILAS JAMES and Cyrus HIRAM, July 1872, sons of Francis Marion and Cordelia (Day) Morford
 LAURA and LOUISE, February 1882, daughters of Abraham Osborn and Sarah Frances (Ganung) Morford
 ELLSWORTH E. and EDWIN, December 1882, sons of Napoleon Bonaparte and Mary Frances (Park) Morford
 BERTHA ELLA and BERTY E., December 1884, children of John and Minerva (Sage) Morford
 CORA and NORA, June 1885, daughters of John Baird and Florence Eva (Summers) Morford
 LETTA MAE and RETTA FAYE, June 1887, daughters of George William and Mary Ann (Downing) Mofford/Morford
 MONNA and _____ ? June 1890, children of George Leonard and Minerva Lee (Miller) Morford
 WILBUR and WILMOT, August 1900, sons of William Thomas and Velma Lois (Mumford) Morford
 NAMES UNKNOWN, August 1900, children of Henry Logan and Rebecca J. (Samuels) Morford
 FAITH and LENORA, August 1903, daughters of John Buford and Edna (Hill) Morford
 VIORA and _____ ? February 1906, children of George McClelland and Martha (Bowen) Morford
 DONALD FRANK and RONALD EUGENE, November 1938, sons of Donald Eugene and Vera Mae (Stone) Morford
 JENNIFER JANE and JOANNE BACON, September 1952, daughters of Joseph Vernon Jr. and Deborah (Brown) Morford
 PEGGY ELIZABETH and NANCY ELIZABETH, June 1955, daughters of Frederick Norman Jr. and Norma Ann (Dolph) Morford
 KENNY and DENNIS, June 1957, sons of Leland "Tubby" and Meva (Fralix) Moford

If readers know of other sets of MORFORD twins., we'd love to have their names and data!

FOUR ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS were received after copy had been typed for page 44, and there is just enough space here to acknowledge them briefly; they will be shown in our next issue in the usual format which shows the ancestral lines. The new subscribers are: Ruth M. Cummings, Redfield IA; Vicci Ann Lewis, Houston TX; Mary M. Milburn, Oklahome City OK; and Mildred M. Orr, Summit NJ. All are descendants of the Mercer Co., Pa. branch of the family. Our thanks to Dorothy (Myers) Lewis for these new readers!

WELL-KNOWN MURPHY FAMILY NOT IRISH, AS NAME IMPLIES
Name changed from MORFOOT to MURPHY - first by accident, then by chance

Did you ever hear of a Murphy who was not Irish? You've heard the question asked, and always heard the answer "No". But if all the Murphys in this vicinity were grouped together and asked that question, the chorus of "yeas" would make the nays sound like 30 cents, for the Murphy clan which has made Berrien Center famous is not Irish -- and there's a reason. In reality their name is Morfoot.

The story of the change is an interesting one; at first it was the result of an accident and later it became a permanent change through chance. Just how many Morfoot fortunes the Murphy clan has missed inheriting because of this change is not known.

The following interesting data has been furnished us by the venerable Erastus Murphy of Berrien Center, Michigan:

In about the year 1794 Charles Morfoot came from England to America and soon found work on the construction of a canal in Maryland, in company with a large force of men of various nationalities. With Irish predominating, the name Murphy was the most common among them, and through an error the name of Charles Morfoot was entered on the payroll as Charles "Murphy" and he was known as Murphy as long as he remained on that job. The next spring two other brothers came over, and after a thorough search for their brother Charles, where they expected to find him, failed to find any record of any man by their surname in connection with the work. However, they, too, went to work on the same job. At this time Charles was with a section of men several miles away, at work on the canal, and was known as "Murphy". Two months later, as the two sections of workmen came together, the three brothers met, each with shovel in hand -- two of them known as "Morfoot" and the other as "Murphy". Thereafter they worked and chummed together, and were known as "the Murphy brothers". One year later Charles went over into Virginia, near Petersburg, and took on his real name, Morfoot. In 1799 he married Elizabeth Haden who was but 15 years old. Two years later one of his brothers, with his wife, came over to Virginia to visit his brother Charles and wife, the one writing his name "Morfoot", and the other "Murphy". After a warm discussion on the subject of change in name, in which the women were the principal speakers, it was suggested that the two women draw cuts and the winner should decide the matter. Mrs. "Murphy" drew the longer straw, and Mr. and Mrs. Morfoot then and there became Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy.

Isaac Murphy, son of Charles and Elizabeth Murphy, was born in Hardy County, Virginia (now West Virginia), September 21st, 1811. His father died when Isaac was about 5 years of age, and Isaac, with his mother, three sisters and three brothers, moved to Ross Co., Ohio. There his mother married William Michael, a widower, and her daughter Polly married Mr. Michael's son Adam.

In order that Isaac should become a blacksmith he was apprenticed, at the age of 9 years, to Adam Michael, with whom he remained until he was 21, during which time he came with the family to Michigan. At the age of 21 he received the customary "horse, saddle, and bridle". He then began work for Eli Ford at ten dollars a month, but on account of the special interest he took in his work he was secretly advanced one dollar on the month, and favored with the easiest places.

This gave him a standing in that new country that made him a welcome visitor at the home of as good a family as ever honored the Territory of Michigan, viz: Baldwin Jenkins. There he met and married their daughter Eliza on April 12th, 1834.

He purchased the "old homestead" from the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, when Andrew Jackson was President of the United States. There he and his wife shared their joys and sorrows and at the end passed on together, there being only three days between their deaths.

Adapted from book "In Loving Memory of Eliza and Isaac Murphy", printed October 1928; text of original sent to MORFORD HISTORIAN by a descendant, Charlotte Virginia Groff.

MORE POTENTIAL ANCESTORS FOR WOULD-BE MEMBERS OF FIRST FAMILIES OF OHIO

Below are some Ohio marriages of Morford, and similar names, arranged chronologically, which may be of interest to descendants desiring to trace their ancestral lines back to couples who were in Ohio by or before 1820. [See page 37, April 1981 MORFORD HISTORIAN]

<u>GROOMS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>
Joseph Moor	18 Mar 1802	Clermont	Mary Mefford
Solomon Moffett	5 Feb 1805	Ross	Rebecca Cosbey
Joel Mulford	12 Feb 1805	Fairfield	Upheme Thompson
Tobe Mulford	4 Mar 1805	Fairfield	Effe Thompson
Nathan Moffett	.1 Aug 1805	Ross	Carrety (Charity?) Coss
Elias Gassaway	17 Aug 1809	Jefferson	Mary Maffatt
John Marfin	22 Mar 1810	Ross	Jean Bug
George Mefford	7 Nov 1811	Clermont	Polly Ellis
John McClraig (McClarg?)	29 Oct 1812	Miami	Jane Moffett
Lakin Wells	4 Feb 1813	Harrison	Cynthia Maffit
Wm. Berry	I Jul 1813	Miami	Polly Moffett
Henry Moffit	23 Apr 1815	Harrison	Mary Lewis
Francis Wells	8 Jan 1816	Harrison	Nancy Maffit
Boyd Edings	17 Oct 1816	Miami	Abby Moffet
William Sell(s)	26 Jun 1817	Clermont	Rachel Mefford
Moses Endicutt	5 Aug 1817	Clermont	Sarah Meffe(r)t or Moffett
John Moffett	21 Aug 1817	Jefferson	Nancy Haas
David Kirkpatrick	4 Sep 1817	Clermont	Anna Mefford
Samuel Moffit	19 Mar 1818	Jefferson	Sarah Ralston
Thomas Brown	19 Nov 1818	Miami	Jane Moffett
Henry Maffet	7 Jan 1819	Harrison	Ann Johnson
William Bails Gillen	30 Aug 1819	Miami	Peggy Moffett
Hiram H. Mead	5 Sep 1819	Ross	Juliather Moffett
William Moffit	11 Nov 1819	Harrison	Rebecca Kelly
James Malony	3 Dec 1819	Jefferson	Ann Moffet
John Morford	25 Jun 1820	Clermont	Susan/Susannah Hess
Cushun Craven	14 Sep 1820	Hamilton	Harriet Mulford

Also these, from the MORFORD HISTORIAN's records:

JOHN MORFORD, b. 1792, died after 1871, married 29 September 1811 in Brown Co., Ohio to PHEBA THARP; known child: George c1813, married 1834 Elizabeth Margaret Cahall
THOMAS MORFORD, 1773-1815, died in Adams Co., Ohio, where he had married, secondly, Frances "Fanny" Rachford, who married 2d in 1820 James Erwin. Thomas Morford's first wife was TEMPERANCE ROBINSON 1777-1810, who perhaps did not come to Ohio.

As some of our readers may be interested in becoming members of FIRST FAMILIES OF OHIO, the following information is given to assist in the steps which must be taken to apply for membership. First requirement is that applicant must become a member of The Ohio Genealogical Society. For membership applications, write to the headquarters of the Society, 454 Park Avenue West, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield OH 44906. Those not living in Ohio must next write to State Chairman, First Families of Ohio, who is Mr. William J. McIntosh, Box 98, Clinton OH 44216, to get appropriate application form and detailed instructions as to the means by which each step of descent from the Ohio pioneer must be proved. We'd appreciate your mentioning our two articles, April and July 1981, in which are indicated MORFORD and similarly named persons who were of Ohio by 1320. We will be much interested in the progress of any researches conducted in order to obtain the proofs. As we find other potential ancestors in marriage or census records, we'll publish further lists in the HISTORIAN.

MORFORD and similar spellings in PENNSYLVANIA IN 1780, an index to tax lists*Published by permission of the compilers, John "D" and E. Diane Stemmons*

				Pa. Archives, Series 3	
				Volume	
MAFETH,	GEORGE	Lancaster Co.	Lancaster Borough		17
MAFFET,	JAMES	York Co.	Hopewell Twp.		31
"	MATTHEW	City of Philadelphia	South Wark Ward		14- 6
"	WILLIAM	Lancaster Co.	Bart Twp.		17
MAFFIT,	Thomas	Chester Co.	East Nottingham Twp.		12
MANFORT,	JAMES	York Co.	Mount Pleasant Twp.		21
MENFORT,	FRANCIS	York Co.	Mount Joy Twp.		21
"	PETER	York Co.	" " "		21
MIFFIT,	CONRAD	Berks Co.	Caernarvon Twp.		18
MIFFORD,	JOHN	York Co.	Germany Twp.		18
MOFFAT,	ROBERT	City of Philadelphia	Dock Ward, South Part		14--6
MOFFIT,	WILLIAM	Cumberland Co.	Newtown Twp.		20
MOFFORD,	JOHN	Bucks Co.	Solesbury Twp.		13
MOFORD,	ISAAC	Bucks Co.	Bensalem Twp.		13
MONFORT,	JOHN	York Co.	Straban Twp.		21
"	LAURENCE	York Co.	"		21
MORFORD,	JOHN	Bucks Co.	Bensalem Twp.		13
MORHORD,	-----	Philadelphia Co.	Frederick Twp.		14-6

MORFORD and similar spellings in 1790 Pennsylvania census

- * Enumeration not returned by townships
 ** Berwick, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Heidelberg, Mount Pleasant, Mountjoy and Straban Townships
 *** Hopewell, Newton, Tyborn and Westpensboro Townships

				Males	Males	White	Other
				16+	16-	females	free
MAFET, ANTHONY		Northampton Co.	Forks Township	1	-		
MAFET, WILLIAM		"	Elizabeth "	2	1	2	
MAFFET, DAVID		Westmoreland "	So. Huntington Tp.	1	2	3	
MAFFET, JOHN		Chester Co.	E. Nottingham "	2	-	3	
MAFFET, JOHN		Northumberland	*	1	2	2	
MAFFETT, ROBT (tavern)		Philadelphia	Phila City	5	2	8	
MAFFIT, JAS		York Co.	Hopewell Twp.	1	2	4	
MAFFIT, WILLIAM		Huntingdon Co.	*	1	4	1	
MAPHET, JOHN		Fayette Co.	Menallen Twp.	1	5	2	
MAPHATT, ADAM		" "	" "	1	4	4	
MAPHETT, JOHN		York Co.	**	1	1	3	
MARFORD, JAMES		Fayette Co.	Washington Twp.	1	3	3	
MEFFORD, JOHN		Berks Co.	Reading Borough	2	2	1	
MEFFORD, JOHN		Washington Co.	*	1	1	3	
MOFFET, JOHN		Lancaster Co.	Martick Twp.	2	1	4	
MOFFET, WM		Cumberland	***	1	4	4	
MOFFET, WILLIAM		Lancaster Co.	Bart Twp.	1	3	4	
MOFFETT, JOHN		Philadelphia Co.	Phila.City	2	2	1	
MOFFIT, RICHD laborer		" "	Southwark Town	1	2	4	1
MORFET, GEORGE		" "	Northern Liberties Town	1	-	1	
MULFORD, FURMAN (taylor shop)		"	Water St., W. side, Phila.	-	-	-	
MUNFORD, JAMES		Phila. Co.	Southwark Town, 3d St. W.	1	-	2	
MURFIT, WILLIAM		Bucks Co.	*	1	-	1	
MURFIT, WILLIAM		" "	*	2	1	1	
MURFORD, BENJAMIN		Washington Co.	*	1	3	4	

[NOTE: it is not implied that all of the above references are known to relate to "real" Morfords - - but, one never knows; better to check all than to miss the important one!]

SOME MARRIAGES OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND

Henry Jordan	26 Oct 1778	Elizabeth Murfort	Richard Chilcoat	16 Oct 1826	Sarah Moffit
Thomas Morford	29 Feb 1733	Hannah Presbury	Thomas Moffitt	14 Dec 1326	Elizabeth Cluntice
John Moffett	13 Jan 1734	Olive Ford	Charles Moffitt	11 Jan 1827	Emeline Pennele
John Morfoot	15 Feb 1786	Nancy Kelly	Thomas Bassford	19 May 1827	Maria O. Moffitt
Holsworth Ruarke	24 Feb 1795	Jane Moffett	John Moffit	19 Dec 1827	Sarah Price
Robert Morefat	31 Jan 1804	Sinah Griffith	James Moffett	8 Apr 1829	Hannah Moffitt
John Morfot	28 Jan 1315	Mary Glenn	Anthony T. Moffitt	22 Oct 1829	Mary Ann Harrison
Obadiah Moffitt	24 Oct 1816	Elizabeth Chenoweth	Thomas Murford	9 Dec 1829	Elizabeth Brooks
John Moffitt	13 Aug 1817	Ellen Eagen	Thomas Moffit 7	Oct 1830	Sarah Cunningham
James Moffett	21 Jan 1813	Ann Roach	Robert Moffutt	7Jan 1833	Sarah Jane Maim
James Morford	27 Dec 1821	Elizabeth Fowler	John Moffet	16 Jun	1836 Susan O. Howard
Archibald Moffott	27 Dec 1821	Eleanor Purvis	John F. Moffet	30 Nov 1837	Cecelia Ann Basford
William Moffott	2 Apr 1823	Louisa Penny	William H. Maffitt	3 July 1840	Caroline Leonard
John Smith	28 Oct 1823	Catherine Moffett	James Morford	12 Oct 1840	Ruth Ann Bidderson
John G. Toffling	3 Nov 1823	Jane Moffit	Samuel L. Maffitt	21 Feb 1844	Adelaide C. Beach
Peter Mullen	27 Apr 1824	Hannah Moffett	Alfred S. Moffott	22 Jun 1846	Rosa Ann McLaughlin
George Greer	1 Nov 1825	Mary Ann Moffitt			

The above records are of interest because they show the several variations of spelling of the MORFORD name in one branch of the family. The JOHN MORFORD [1766-1837] who removed from Maryland to Coshocton County, Ohio, is shown as John MORFOOT at his first marriage, to Nancy Kelly, and as MOFFITT on 13 August 1817 when he married his third wife, Ellen Eagen, who is said to have been a younger sister of John's second wife, Susannah Chamberlain, daughter of Philip and Sarah (Gittings) Chamberlain. Evidently Ellen had been married first to a Mr. Eagen and was probably a widow at her second marriage. John's second son James is shown as MORFORD at both of his marriages, first, 3 January 1822 to Elizabeth Fowler, and 2d, 12 October 1840, to Ruth Ann Bidderson. But John's daughter is called Sarah MOFFITT at her marriage, 16 October 1826, to Richard Chilcoat; and his son Thomas was called MURFORD at his marriage, 9 December 1829, to Elizabeth Brooks. [Can there be any doubt that early clerks spelled "by ear"?)]

 MORE ON EARLY ARRIVALS IN THE NEW WORLD

AT LEAST THREE men with variant surnames similar to MORFORD arrived in Maryland by 1679. First was the JOHN MORFIT imported in 1663 by George Richardson, who himself had come to Maryland only two years earlier. [See *October 1980 MORFORD HISTORIAN*, page 13, ¶3]. For the 25 persons thus brought in by Richardson, he received a land warrant for 1300 acres; all of the importees assigned their land rights to him in payment for passage. Two other importees who came in 1679 were THOMAS MURFITT and WILLIAM MORFFET. Another early comer to the New World was a RICHARD MURFORD who served as a soldier in the West Indies 6 January 1679, under Richard Ellyott, belonging to Capt. John Adams' Company. [Smith MSS I, page 249, *Society of Genealogists*.] As soon as further information of these four persons is located, it will be reported in an issue of MORFORD HISTORIAN.

WHO WAS THIS JOHN MORFORD? In May 1817 he was a resident of Wood County, Va. (now in West Virginia), apparently owning an interest in 160 acres of land which was a part of 25,000 acres owned by one Christian Schulz. John Morford and James West mortgaged the property 2 May 1817 for \$320. John must have been at least 21 at this time, thus was born no later than 1796. It was not until 61 years later that the first Morford to settle in Roane County, Va. (now W. Va.) came to the state from Greene County, Pa. He was John Amyot Morford [1835-1907], son of Isaac Newton Morford [1808-63], and grandson of James Morford [1766-1839] of Greene Co., Pa. If any relationship existed between the earlier and later John Morfords, we haven't been able to figure it out! Was the early man the John Morfet, resident of Wood Co., Va., who married Isabelle Bell on the 6th of January 1822, in Salem, Washington Co., Ohio, of which Isabelle was a resident?

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS MAY BE WRONG

ONE MIGHT EXPECT TO FIND DEPENDABLE EVIDENCE as to dates when they have been carved on a tombstone, but we have evidence that such is not the case, in at least two instances. Our subscriber Stanley Boyd, of Rochester, N.H., has sent us photographs of not one, but TWO markers on his grandfather's grave, at Chasm Falls, N.Y. One shows that Daniel Boyd died March 13, 1908, aged 53 years; the other gives the same date of death, but shows the age as 70. Both have flag emblems on them -- one with two flags crossed, the other a single flag; both show that he had served in Company F, 11th Regiment, U.S. Inf The first marker is accurate, placing his birth year as 1855. His wife was Catherine A. Morford, born 1865, youngest of 6 children of Jerome and Clarissa (Marvin) Morford.

The other tombstone was placed on the grave of William Morford [1817-1878], in the West Bethany Cemetery, Genesee County, N.Y. It shows his years of birth and death as "1847-1878", despite the fact that his wife Polly Nelson Morford [1827-1904] is buried beside him, and that there is evidence that their first two children were born in 1844 and 1847. Perhaps the stonemason misread the dates furnished to him by the granddaughter of William when she ordered the marker. Whatever the reason, the resulting inscription is indeed a "grave error" (if you'll pardon the pun). It would be interesting to know whether cemetery officials would permit corrections to be made, upon proofs of the true dates presented by William Morford's living descendants.

 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MORFORDS!

JULY: 1, Dora Lavina, Raymond E.; 2, Helen Loraine, Jeffrey Floyd, Ted; 4, Carol Jean, Wayne W.; 5, Jeffrey David Jr.; 6, Bernice Vivian, Constance Judy, Garrett; Kathy Lynne; 7, Clarice Genevieve, Lois Ruth, Michael Thomas; 8, Bruce Allen, Dennis M., Margaret Frances, Robert Van Wattering; 10, Anita Kay, Connie Lee, Donald Wayne, Marjorie Lee; 12, Arthur William, James Andrew, James Earl, Jeanne Anne, Jennifer Louise, Robert Merle; 13, Barbara May, Donald Karl, Gwen Lorraine, Karen Sue; 14, Darrell DeWayne, Marion Francis, Violet Frances; 15, Clark Leroy, Ellen Hubbard, Hazel Gail, Samuel Allen Jr.; 16, Kenneth Arlando, Mary Elizabeth; 17, Ada Marcella, Dennis Merle, Hazel Clarissa, Joseph Douglas; 18, Fred Glen, Rogan Alan; 19, Frederick Norman Jr., Gerald Lee, Kenneth Arlando; 20, Janet Hollis, Kelly Diane, Margaret Vay; 21, Katherine, Richard E.; 22, Jason Lance; 23, Lillian Catherine, Melvin Darrell, Robert Byron; 24, Fayette Joyce, Wayne Lamoine; 25, Bradley Roy, Marvin Roy, Otto Irvin; 26, Herbert Norman, Joyce Belle, Patric Herschell; 27, Harriet Irene, John Edward, Sheryl Marie; 28, Dorothy Fay, James Richard; 30, Dean Lathrope, Doris Amey, Mark T., Merle T., Pearl M., Richard Milton; 31, Arthur Webb, Jacqueline Faye, Richard Duane.

AUGUST: 1, Mark, Mildred Louise, Phyllis Jane; 2, Melvin Oscar, Patricia Eleanor, Rita Catherine; 3, Catherine Anne, Ellen Louise, Larry Gayle, Richard Arthur; 4, Donald Ellis, James Herbert Jr., Richard Alvin; 5, Carolyn Myrta, Charles Joseph, Clara Marie, Dennis Gene, Glenn Christy, Lance Dana, Lee Elmer, Marcia Rose, Rollin Wheeler, Terry Lynn; 7, Norma, Scott Robert; 8, David Lynn, Naomi Sonia; 9, Betty Jean, George Wakely, Janice Adele, Joanna Lyon, Penelope Jane, Thea Armilla; 10, Ernest Lester, James Frank, James Leon, John B., Lana Gail, Randall Wheeler; 11, Donna Marie, Kay Darlene; 12, Barry Alan, Geneva Kathleen, Jonathan David, Ralph Vernon Jr., Ruth Carolyn; 13, Sharon Michelle; 14, Belinda Sue, John C. Jr., Leland Carroll; 15, Anna May, Joanne Renee, Ronald Howard, Wanda Arilla; 16, Alvin Malvin, Carol Lynn "Bobbi", David Lawrence, Donald James, Penelope Sue, Rosemary; 17, Colleen Marie, Eva Percy, Kenneth Gene, Marty Dean, Mary Elizabeth; 18, Donald Eugene, Ialeen Marie, Marvin Archie; 19, Marguerite "Meg" Mary, Rebecca Susan; 20, Joe Allen, Margaret E.; 21, James Edward, Phillip Arthur, Virginia Mae; 22, Bernice Eloise; 23, Judith Arlene, Tricia Lynne, Virginia Marie, Wilma Louise; 24, Charles Robert, Jeffrey Glen, Larry Thomas, Margaret Kay; 25, William; 27, James Henry Jr., Marjorie Ellen, Tom Henry; 28, Charles Arthur, Daryl Glen, Michael Joseph; 30, Juanita Grace, Susan Roberta; 31, Grace Virginia, Sandra June.

SEPTEMBER: 1, Duane Douglas, Emma Louise, Jill Rene, John Henry, Richard W., Wayne Allen; 2, Darlene S., Fred Herbert Jr., Irene Joyce, John, Robert Roy; 3, Evelyn, James Glen, Lillian M., Robert L., Stanley; 4, Dennis W.; 5, Christina Leslie; 6, Arthur Lee, Karen Louise, Larry Andrew, Lewis Franklin, Warren Clifton, Willard John; 7, Janice Sue, Lois May; 8, Gary David; 9, Stephen Wayne, Theresa Marie; 10, Bradley Allen, Jennifer Jane, Joanna Bacon, Monroe Alexander, Tracy Jeanine; 11, Charles Allen, Larry W., Sherral Katherine; 12, Edward Albert, Elizabeth Ann, Frank Roy, Lossee Jr., Melvin Monroe, Ruby, William Sly; 13, Kenneth M., Lenore Annette, Thomas Richard; 14, Alvin Dean, Bruce Allen, Duane Orval, Jerry Wayne; 15, Julia Ann; 16, Mary Elsie; 17, Patrick Louis, Ralph Vernon, Randolph, Violet May; 18, Ada Fern, Donald K., Marla Kay, McClellan, Raymond C.; 19, Angela Mae, John Edward, Leslie Theodore, Wendy Lyn; 21, Molly Lynne, Susan, William Thomas; 22, Myron Lee, William Rarick; 23, Kenneth M.; 24, Arthur John, Charles Dugan, David Byron; 25, Alice, Carol Mae, Leslie Kay, Mary Jane, Michael, Robert E., Sandra Lee; 26, Jane Ellen; 27, Marion Kenneth, Robert William; 28, Christine, Ryan Wayne; 29, Amy Catherine; 30, Grace Ruth, Harold John, Larry Gene, Stephen Howard.

Each reader is urged to watch local newspapers for news items, or vital statistics, of MORFORDS, and to clip and send these in to the MORFORD HISTORIAN. Be sure to note the name and date of paper. We also need 140FFORD-MORFIT-MORFORD names from current telephone books; on these, please note date of issue, and area covered by the phone book. City directory listings, showing occupations, and names of spouses, are needed, too.