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LOST GRAVE MARKER OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER TO BE REPLACED

"Gravestone lost, burial place unknown" --- what discouraging words to the descendants trying to locate their ancestor's grave!

Our subscriber John Bell Morford, of Kinsman, Ohio, a great-great grandson of the Revolutionary War soldier JOHN MORFORD [1758-1840], who was also a pioneer settler in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, wrote recently to tell us that in a history of Mercer Co. it had been stated that John Morford had been buried in the Baptist Cemetery in Sharon, Pa. Some years ago, when a new Baptist Church replaced the original one, the remains of those persons formerly interred in the old Baptist Church Cemetery were removed to Oakwood Cemetery, at 600 North Oakland Avenue, in Sharon. Unfortunately, in the process of the move, the original stone marking the burial place of John Morford was lost, and now the present caretakers are unable to determine the site of the grave.

However, plans are in the making for a memorial marker to be placed in Oakwood Cemetery, on a family plot in which is buried the Revolutionary soldier's fourth son, John Morford [1796-1877], and the latter's son, Vanransler Vance Morford [1827-1903]. Permission has been given by Vanransler's grandson, Merle Asbury Morford, and by Merle's daughter Beatrice (Morford) Bell, for placement of the marker, which will be furnished by the U. S. Government at no cost; the only expense will be the actual charges for having the marker set in place by cemetery employees.

The latter charges will probably amount to somewhere between \$40. and \$50. The Morford Historian suggests that a donation of only \$1. each from living descendants of the soldier would take care of this expense, and any surplus amount donated could appropriately be placed in the "research kitty" to help trace the ancestral line in England. On pages 142, 143 and 144 of this issue are shown three generations (sons, grandsons and great-grandsons) of the Revolutionary soldier's descendants. Female descendants were not listed because only a handful of our subscribers are of surnames other than Morford. Each reader should be able to recognize his grandfather or great-grandfather in this list. If a death-date or location, or full name of spouse is missing, please help us complete the record by sending the missing data when you mail your contribution. We suggest that you check through this list, then communicate with your cousins to tell them of this memorial project, so that each of them may also participate in the effort; or, send us their names and addresses and we'll mail each a copy of this issue.

It is hoped that arrangements for this memorial may be completed in time for the marker to be in place by Memorial Day, Monday the 30th of May 1984. Descendants living near enough might wish to gather there on that day for a reunion. Donations should be sent to the MORFORD HISTORIAN, who will see that funds for setting the marker are forwarded to John Morford of Kinsman, Ohio, who will make arrangements with Oakwood Cemetery.

If you know of other MORFORD veterans of the Revolutionary War, or other wars, whose burial places are known but unmarked, send us the veteran's name, dates of service, and burial place, and we'll coordinate efforts to have each such grave suitably marked.

THREE GENERATIONS OF KNOWN MALE MORFORD DESCENDANTS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER,
JOHN MORFORD [1758-1840] OF CRANBURY, N.J., AND MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

<u>SONS</u>	<u>B & D YEARS</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAMES OF SPOUSE OR SPOUSES</u>
Richard	1781-1874	Trumbull OH	m 1, Elizabeth Morford; 2, Mary (McLaughlin) Brown
Thomas	1788-1873	Mercer Co. PA	m Susanna Hazen
James	1793-1870	Viola IL	m Martha Titus
John	1796-1877	_____, PA	m. Theresa Perrine
William	1799-1875	_____, IA	m Phebe Robison
Joseph	1801-1860	Mercer Co. IL	m Susanna Bell

DAUGHTER who married a cousin, thus providing more MORFORD grandsons and great- grandsons:

Rebecca	1785-_____	_____, _____	m Thomas MORFORD, son of James & Ann (Clawson)
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GRANDSONS (Children of soldier's sons):

James C. _____	1810-1870	Mercer Co. PA	m Mary McLaughlin
John	1812-1890	_____	m Mary Angeline Williams
William	1816-1887	Unionville MI	m Phoebe McLaughlin
Joseph	1819-1900	Greenville PA	m Elizabeth Hunter
Isaac	1822-1910	Vernon OH	m Celestia Lysette Williams
Andrew	1833-1908	Trumbull Co OH	m 1, Matilda Jewell; 2, Orilla Trunkey
Richard Judson	1836-1913	Kinsman OH	m Hannah M Mizner
Jeremiah H _____	1814-1903	Greenville PA	m Louvina Brown
Sears	1819-1892	_____	m Lucinda M Sperry
John Titus	1818-1908	Alexis IL	m 1, Esther Myra Hazen; 2, Ann (Cole) Danford
Abner Tunis	1825-1898	Cheyenne WY	m 1, Esther Jane McGrew; 2, Melinda Williams
James Cyrus	1831-1895	Wayne KS	m Jemima Lucretia Hofius
Jerome Jefferson	1841-1910	Seattle WA	m 1, Amanda J Abbott; 2, Mattie (Clark) Hardy; 3, Frances M. Weaverling
Adoniram Judson	1825-_____	_____	m 1, Eliza A ; 2, Lydia (-) English
Vanransler Vance	1827-1903	Gustavus OH	m 1, Matilda Coleman; 2, Mary Veach
Robison	1830-1912	Eugene OR	m Mary Ellen Hicks
Isaac	1833-1918	_____ KS	m Melissa Tony
John	1836-_____	_____ KS	m Minerva Jane Sage
Joseph	1840-1912	Port Orange FL	m 1, M____ E_____ Day; 2, Jane Plumer
Jacob C _____	1842-1920	_____	m Letta Ann Milligan
Asa F__ W__ B__	1844-1932	_____	n.f.r.
Francis Marion	1847-1932	Malvern IA	m Cordelia (Day) Gibson
John Bell	1827-_____	_____	m Margaret Ann McLaughlin
Francis Marion	1837-1868	_____	m Mary Amanda Lossee
William Locke	1840-1872	_____ IL	m Mary Hofius

GRANDSONS (Children of soldier's daughter, Rebecca (Morford) Morford):

Elias	1804-1868	Mercer Co. PA	m Rebecca Spencer
Enoch	1808-1868	_____ PA	m Barbara Brown
Richard	1815-1865	_____ IL	m Nancy Davis
Sidney	1822-1902	Hubbell NB	m 1, Catherine Crow; 2, Eliza Ann Crook
Joel	1825-1860	Midland Co. MI	m Mary Huff
Abijah "Bije"	1827-1907	Parker City PA	m 1, Hester Ann Crow; 2, Sarah A Brindle; 3, Mrs. _____ (_____) Coonse

GREAT-GRANDSONS (Children of grandsons of soldier's daughter, Rebecca (Morford) Morford):

Edward F	1828-	_____	m Lydia I Brooks
Benjamin(?) Franklin	1830-	_____	m Mary Bonson
Enoch Austin	1833--	_____	m 1, Sarah Buris; 2, Emily ?
John M	1849-1895	Sharon PA	m Ellen Jones
Seth	1840-	_____ PA	m his cousin Hannah Malone
George	1842--	_____	m his cousin Rebecca Ruth Olds
Richard	1847-1907	Sharpsville PA	m Elizabeth Brown
James	1847-1917	_____ PA	m Sarah A (Stubbs) Wood
John Calvin	1849-1872	_____	m Alfaretta Hodge

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<u>GREAT-GRANDSONS:</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAMES OF SPOUSE OR SPOUSES</u>
	B & D		
John	1845-1935	Broken Bow NB	m Martha Ellen Province
Thomas	1846-1916	Lenora KS	m Martha S Ireland
William	1848-1870	_____	m ?
Sydney	1862-1942	Watsonville CA	m Lily May McCormack
Richard	1864-1945	Hubbell NB	m Bertha Susan Merriam
Henry	1868-1938	_____	m 1, Jennie -; 2, Nettie Moorehouse
Samuel Thomas	1848-1910	_____	m Elizabeth Hannah Wardwell
Jesse	1852?-_____	_____	n.f.r.
Peter Henderson	1855-1906	_____	m Mary Ellen (Bentley) Bigelow
James Marvin	1859-1934	St. Louis MI	m Ida Elizabeth Kibbe
John	1861-_____	_____	m ?
Joel A(bijah?)	1855-_____	_____	m Melissa Reed
Elipheat	C1859-_____	_____	n.f.r.
William E_____	1862-19-_____	_____	m Helen A. Wilsey
John	1871-_____	_____	m ?
George L_____	1872-_____	_____	m Lucy
James Seth	1876-1944	W. Middlesex PA	m Mary H Boehm
<u>GREAT-GRANDSONS (Children of grandchildren of the soldier's sons):</u>			
Alvah H ____ (or M_____)	1834-1862	Mercer Co. PA	m Rebecca Jane Maungold
Francis Daniel	1847-1926	Spokane WA	m Ida Mae Chase
William J	1859-19_____	_____	m Mary Luce
Norman	1839-1911	Evart MI	m Emily "Emma" A Harris
Richard Arthur	1841-1872	Unionville MI	m Mary Marshall
Cyrus Templeton	1844-1915	Caro MI	m 1, Diantha Marshall; 2, Esther C. Cumings
Thorough George	1852-1919	Chicago IL	m Louisa Sharpsteen
John William	1854-1919	Chicago IL	m Martha Jane Hess
Wellington	1850-1932	Berwyn IL	m 1, Emma Herriott; 2, Sarah (-) Klingensmith
Orlando	1852-1936	Sharon PA	m Eleanor Jane Doak
Sheldon Osmund	1849-1919	Seattle WA	m 1, Emeline Jane Fell; 2, Pearl A_____ (Maulden) Ross; 3, Katherine Burke
Carey Josiah	1853-1950	Holtville CA	m Lizzie Carlton
Curtis Richard	1856-1944	Seward AK	m Julia Engelhardt
William Elmer	1864-1935	Sunnyside WA	m 1, Margaret L. Spitzer; 2, Mary "Molly" (-) Guy; 3, Lucia Dorothy (Sponsler) Eckstein
Warren S	1858-19	_____	m 1, Annie Patrick; 2, Jennie Perkins
Ensign J	1859--_____	_____	m Bessie Gillott
Albert Judson	1860-1939	Kinsman OH	m Theresa Webber
Charles Philip	1864-1927	San Diego CA	m Nellie Eliza Hurlbert
Reuben A	1853-_____	_____	m Tilla Clark
Ira J	1848-_____	_____	m Maria North
Hiram Titus	1843-1934	_____	m 1, Sophia Agnes Crosby; 2, Lucinda (Drury) Carter
William Henry	1847-1929	_____ WI?	m Frances Eltha Shipman
Isaac Clinton	1849-1934	Humeston IA	m 1, Carolyn Morgan; 2, Ruth Ann Wells
James Byron	1850-1932	_____	m 1, Christine Olson; 2, Caroline Danford; 3, Martha (-) Leziler
John Jasp	1853-1937	Dexter IA	m Annetta Della Allen
James Hiram	1847-1926	Hutchinson KS	m 1, Mary Elizabeth Harrison; 2, widow Dee (-) Whipple
Calvin Wakely	1852-1933	Sacramento CA	m Maria Jane Harrison
William Newton	1856-1934	_____	m Martha Ogden
Jesse Scott	1858-1918	_____	m Rachael Nunn
Edgar Bird	1869-1938	_____	m Beulah C_____ Cronn
Charles A	1872-1954	Torrance CA	m Ada Evans

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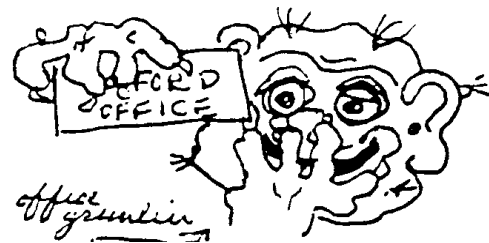
<u>GREAT GRANDSONS:</u>	<u>B & D YEARS</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAMES OF SPOUSE OR SPOUSES</u>
John Willard	1895-1981	Cheyenne WY	m 1, Nellie May Parker; 2, Myrtle Emma Cotton
Charles H _____	1857-1945	Shawnee OK	m Jessie Parkhurst
James Bertram	1869-1925	_____ WA	m Anna Catherine Hepner
Myron Leroy	1872-1933	Wichita KS	m 1, Lydia M 2, Nettie M Green
William Thomas	1868-1961	Ellensburg WA	m Velma Lois Mumford
Archibald Alexander	1871-1945	Sumner WA	m Elizabeth A Male
Walter Cyrus	1874-1944	Los Angeles CA	m Gertrude Eleanor Rice
Jerome Ottwell	1879-1930	Tolt WA	m Ida May Templeton
Edgar Clark	1890-19__	_____ __	m 1, Edith Rarick; 2, Mary Evangeline Trees
William H _____	1866- ____	_____ __	m ?
Herman O _____	1860- ____	_____ __	m Laura
Fred B _____	1868-1926	_____ NY	m Inez Mae Bennett
William Vance	1874-1935	Wayne OH	m Flora Adella Logan
William Hicks	1859- ____	Eugene OR	not married
Joseph Marion	1865-1941	Scio OR	m Anna Zonetta Swindall
Spangler Demetrius	1868-1942	Philomath OR	m 1, Alice Ann Bowers; 2, Margaretha Albertson
George Oscar	1870-1959	Salem OR	m 1, Nancy Ophelia Ayres; 2, Myrta (Smith) Perry; 3, Helena James
Alonzo W _____	1867-1936	Smith Center KS	m 1, _____; 2, Isabelle Riley
Charles Edgar	1873-195	Pueblo CO	m Eliza Jane Mercer
George T _____	1875-195_	_____ CA	m ?
Joseph Marion	1881-1940	Grand Junction CO	m Odie Viola Bell Bland
Albert "Berty" E.	1884-194_	_____ CA	m ?
Robert Roy	1887-1947	_____ __	m ?
C _____ R _____	1866- ____	_____ __	m ?
George William	1871-1937	Port Orange FL	m Anna Elizabeth Hall
Alfred H _____	1882- ____	_____ __	m ?
Daniel A _____ F _____	1864-1929	_____ __	m Clara L _____ Candy
James R	1866-1941	_____ __	m 1, Estella _____; 2, Ida _____; 3, Mary Pickle
Isaac S _____	1868-1947	_____ __	m ?
William Henry	1871-1958	Washington KS	m Elizabeth Shryer
Edward Gurn	1878-19__	_____ __	m Mary Catherine McNeal
Francis Arlando	1867-1903	Gordon NB	m Etta Belle Lyon
Alexander Columbus	1869-1959	Eugene OR	m Sarah Catherine Shepard
Silas James	1872-1950	Denver CO	m Etta Belle (Lyon) Morford
Cyrus Hiram	1872- ____	_____ __	m Elizabeth M Radford
Charles Nathaniel	1874-1939	Malvern IA	m Alice M. Emrick
John Bell	1859-1931	Mercer Co. IL	m Drusilla Edith Brown
Peter Wallace	1861-1917	Kinsman OH	m Gynith Campbell
Francis Marion	1866-1941	Aledo IL	m Cora Belle Sharer
William Locke	1868-1909	Norwood IL	m Lillie Mary Edwards

ANOTHER MYSTERY SOLVED!

WE NEEDED A BRIEF ARTICLE to fit on this page, and in the process came across a record which seems to belong to the second listed great-grandson at the bottom of page 142--- a B. Franklin Morford, born 1830, son of Elijas and Rebecca (Spencer) Morford . Census records for 1880, 1900 and 1910 show a Benjamin F. Morford, age 49, born Ohio, living in Pct. #72, Ellis Co., TX, with wife Mary, 42, born PA; children were James W. 21, b.OH; Elmer L. 16, Essington 13, and Minnie 10, all born in PA; and a daughter Chloa, 1, born in Texas. The third son, "Essie" married about 1890 to Belle, and in 1900 this couple was of Clarendon, Donley Co., TX, with 2 daughters: Allie, c1892 and a daughter whose name was not shown, born in August 1898. She may have been the Mable, age 9 of the same family in 1910 with others of the family being Joe 1901, Loyd 1903, James L. 1905, and Kidd, age 1 month (born about March 1910). We'd like to hear from any descendants of this particular family.

HERE'S THE CULPRIT!

AT LAST, the Historian has learned who is responsible for typographical errors found in some of our articles. We present here the portrait of our office gremlin, produced by the facile pen of one of our subscribers, Sarah Hammel. One of the recent pranks of this gleeful fiend was to place the town of Washington in Bracken County, Kentucky, when it really is in Mason County. That happened on page 78 of the April '82 issue. And in that same issue, on page 74, "Grem" called Sarah's ancestor "Thomas", instead of Thompson Patterson. Again, just last October, he managed to get the birth year of "Moff" (see page 132) a whole hundred years too late -- "1981" instead of "1881". Now that's going a bit too far, "Grem", old boy! Kindly behave yourself or you'll be fired.



Incidentally, "Moff" has been identified by our subscriber Mary Alice (Mrs. Preston) Leach, of Stanford, KY., as the sister-in-law of Mary Alice's grandfather, James Clarence Morford [1883-1964]. Moff's husband was the late Walter Garfield Morford. Her maiden name was Curd, and she was first married to a Mr. Bell whose given name we haven't learned. She was born 22 October 1881, and died not too long after having celebrated her 101st birthday in 1982. Walter and Lucy had no children.

A NEW TWIG ON THE MORFORD FAMILY TREE

MELISSA VENA MORFORD, daughter of Gregory Leroy and Vena Lee (Thompson) Morford, was born 23 July 1983, at Placerville, CA. With her parents, she is temporarily living at the home of Ben & Betty Morford, her paternal grandparents, in Grizzly Flats, CA. Greg was graduated from medical school in El Paso, Texas; is now waiting to get a residency at a hospital. His line: *Benjamin Wakely*¹⁰ *Clarence Leroy*⁹ *Calvin Wakely*⁸ *Abner Tunis*⁷ *James*⁶ *John*⁵ *Thomas*⁴ *Thomas*³ *John*² *John*¹ Morford.

IS THERE AN "AMERICUS" MORFORD IN YOUR ANCESTRAL LINE?

The Americus we're interested in was living, in 1860, at the age of 28, in Jefferson Township, Mercer Co. , Ohio; had a wife Eliza, 24, a son Finley age 7, and a daughter Mary, age 4. Americus appears to have had a stepfather named Joseph Lieber, who was of Butler Co. , Ohio, in 1850, with a wife Jane, age 42, who was probably the mother of Americus Morford. Who was the Morford who was Jane's first husband?

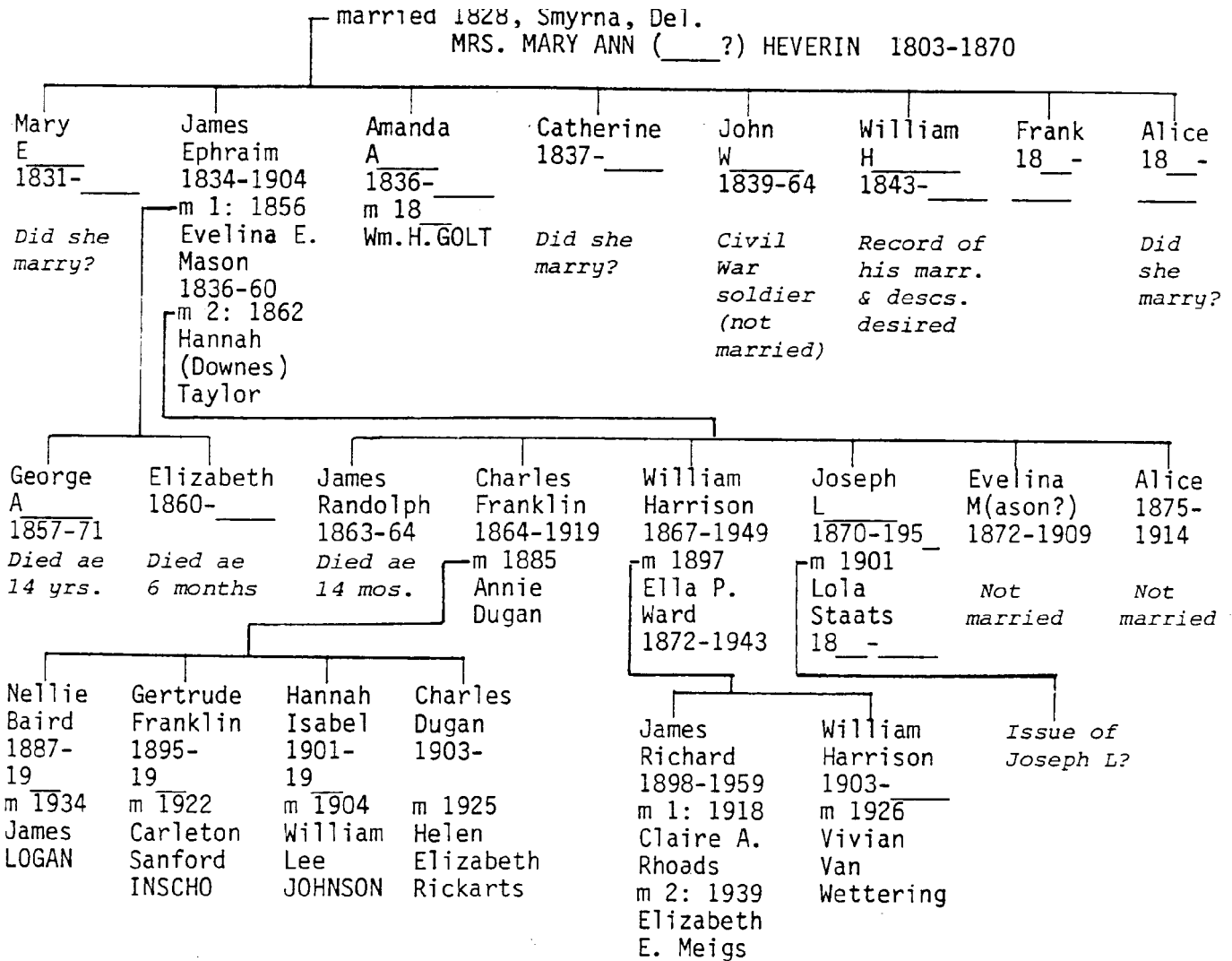
The son Finley, we learned from later research and correspondence with a person who knew a family member, was actually Ralph Finley Morford, born June 1853 in Ohio; he married Addie E. McCarthy. Besides his sister Mary, there was another younger one named Ella, who married a Mr. Hitchcock, and a younger brother, Luke Morford..

Ralph Finley Morford was living in Mt. Ayr, Ringgold Co. , Iowa in 1900 with his wife Addie, who was born in August 1868 in Illinois. Their known children were: Evla (b. 1888, md. Lloyd Carsrud; Beverly (d. in infancy); Fern L. 1892 (md. Emmett Butts); Hazel J. [1896-1903]; Clarence Earl [1898-1962: md. 1st 1920 Marqaret Rose Bierd, 2d, Ruth McLean]; and Roe, 1900, who lived in Oceanside, California, about the 1960s. The Historian has been in touch with a son of Clarence E. , but would. like to hear from other descendants who could fill in the gaps in our records of this family.

MORFORD HISTORIAN WELCOMES PICTURES AND NEWS ITEMS OF MORFORDS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS!

FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED ON THE FOLLOWING MORFORD FAMILY MEMBERS:

JAMES RANDOLPH MORFORD
1809 - 1859 of _____, Del.



JAMES RANDOLPH MORFORD [1809-1859] was of Kirkwood, Red Lion Hundred, NewCastle County, Delaware; if anyone can check the 1880 and 1900 census showing his son James Ephraim and let us know what is shown for his parents' birthplaces, it will be appreciated.

Was JRM's son William H. Morford the one listed as William Moffot in the 1880 census of Black Bird Hundred, NewCastle Co., Del., with wife Lidia A., born about 1854, and a son Walter C., born 1879?

About 1962 a family Bible containing records from the earliest name on this page down to the great-grandchildren of James Randolph Morford, was in the possession of Hannah Isabel (Morford) Johnson [wife or widow of William Lee Johnson]; she was then living at 7946 Mitchner Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. If ANYONE has a xerox copy of the family record pages of this Bible which could be lent to us for photographing, please let us know!

NEWS OF MORFORDS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

FRANK RAYMOND MORFORD, 75, of 6890 Fairway Avenue, S.E. , Salem, Ore. , died there on Tuesday, April, 1981. He was the second child and only son of James Raymond and Carrie Lula (Abbott) Morford, and was born 19 August 1907 in Spokane, Washington. His elder sister, Mildred Abbott (Morford) Steffer, died in 1931; his younger sister, Clara Morford, is living in St. Paul, Minn. Frank had been a personnel supervisor for Pacific Telephone Company, retiring in 1970 after 42 years with the company; he came to Salem from Olympia, Washington, about 1977. Survivors included his wife, Marian E., of Salem; a daughter, Delores Watt of Brunswick, Maine, and his sister Clara; also 4 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Burial was at Olympia Memorial Gardens, in Tumwater, Wash. His line: *James Raymond⁹ Francis Daniel⁸ James C.⁷ Richard⁶ John⁵ Thomas⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.*

DONALD THOMAS, of Florence, Oregon, died 16 August 1981 at Eugene, OR. Born September 1 , 1922 , he was the elder son of Ishmel L. and Alice L. E. (Morford) Thomas , and a grandson of Spangler Demetrius and Alice Ann (Bowers) Morford of Philomath, Oregon. Burial was in Alsea, OR. Cemetery. Spangler's line: *Robison⁷ William⁶ John⁵ Thomas⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.* Donald had married, 14 December 1945, at Vancouver, WA, Lois Bertrand or Rhinhart (the latter name as per obituary; the former from Morford Historian's notes taken directly from records at Clark Co. Courthouse, Vancouver, WA.)



LARRY W. MORFORD, of Wabash Valley Moving & Storage, was "spotlighted" in THE GLOBAL SATELLITE, published by Global Van Lines, December 1982. With 22 years of transportation experience, he is called a "veteran" in the article, which tells of his having been given the Golden Globe award, presented annually to the Global agency judged to be the most helpful and courteous in its day-to-day dealings with Global drivers. Both his wife and their son Layne Eric Morford are working with Larry. whose Morford line is: *Wayne Lamoine⁹ Howard*

Clinton⁸ Jacob⁷ Wm.⁶ John⁵ Thos.G.⁴ John³ John² John¹ Morford.

FLORENCE ANNA (TAYLOR) MORFORD, widow of Floyd Fern Morford [1904-1980] died 22 May 1983 in Greenville, PA, at the age of 72 years, 6 months, 8 days. Children of this couple are Glenn Taylor Morford, William Larry Morford, James Milton Morford, and Lee Ann (Mrs. Dennis Eugene) Burrows. [If any family member can send us a copy of Florence's obituary, it will be appreciated.] Floyd's line: *William Vance⁸ Vanransler Vance⁷ John⁶ John⁵ Thomas⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.*

ELAINE RUTH MORFORD, of Edinboro, PA, daughter of Myron Lee and Marjorie Ruth (Taylor) Morford, was married 6 August 1983 in Edinboro to THOMAS JAY CARVER of Chardon, Ohio. He is son of Richard Eugene and Sally Mae (Ford) Carver. Elaine's father's line is: *Merle Asbury⁹ William Vance⁸ Vanransler Vance⁷ John⁶ John⁵ Thomas⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.* The newlyweds are living in Philadelphia, PA.

DR. ROBERT MORFORD BRUCE, born 11 May 1909 in Onaway, MI, died 23 September 1983 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, aged 74. He was the son of Dr. Robert Franklin and Hattie (Morford) Bruce, and nephew of Golda and Cyretta Morford of Clearwater. Florida.. Memorial services were held 29 September 1983, followed by cremation. His mother's line: *Cyrus Templeton⁸ William⁷ Richard⁶ John⁵ Thomas⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford*

RECORDS OF A "LOST" MORFORD FAMILY

IN THE 1892 *HISTORY OF THE MORFORD FAMILY* only brief mention is made of William Morford, son of James and Ann (Clawson) Morford. He is named third among their children but no birthyear, death year, marriage date or name of spouse is recorded. "William settled near home (i.e., Mercer Co. PA). He built a hewed log-house and barn; it was considered the finest residence in that section of the country. He also owned a sawmill. Later he left Mercer County, and all trace of him and his family is lost."

But, two books published in the same decade furnish clues as to his wife's name, and the place to which she and William had moved. In *PIONEER WOMEN OF THE WESTERN RESERVE* (1896), page 497 says: "Coming (to Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga Co.) Ohio, from Brookfield, Trumbull Co. , Ohio in 1836, a widow with three daughters, was Elizabeth Bentley Morford who was very skillful with her needle." And in *BENTLEY FAMILY, WITH GENEALOGICAL RECORD OF OHIO BENTLEYS & KNOWN AS THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN*, by Roeliff Brinkerhoff, in 1897 (a 20-pp. booklet), it is learned that during the Colonial period one George Bentley, drafted into English service, came to America as a member of the Royal troops; after the war he settled in Chester Co. , Pa. , where he married Jane Carson, a native of Ireland, and had: Sheshbazzar, House, Jeffrey, Absolom, Mary, Benjamin, Margaret, and Joseph. In 1810 Benjamin Bentley (who had married Mary Baldwin) was living with his family in Mercer Co. , Pa. , near the present site of Sharon, and from there moved to the adjoining county of Trumbull, Ohio, where he located upon a farm and remained until his death, Sept. 23, 1818. The third child of Benjamin and Mary is listed as Elizabeth Bentley, born 12 July 1787, death date not given, who married Wm. Morford. [We suggest that grantor deeds in Mercer Co. Pa. , and grantee deeds in Trumbull Co. OH might tell us just when William and his wife left Mercer Co. to go to Ohio.]

William Morford evidently died between 1816 (birthyear of his 3d daughter, Phoebe) and 1820, as the census for the latter year for Brookfield Twp., Trumbull Co., Oh., shows Elizabeth Morford and 3 daughters; she was again listed there in 1830. She had two daughters born between 1810 and 1815, one born between 1815 and 1820. Later census records show this youngest daughter to have been Phoebe, born about 1816 in Ohio; she married first, 1844, Abraham Drake, and after he died, married John Haven, a widower born in 1795, who had a daughter Sophronia, born about 1841. The 1860 census shows Sophronia Drake, and Phoebe's youngest daughter Hattie Drake (born about 1845), and Phoebe's mother Elizabeth C. Morford, age 73, living with John and Phoebe (Morford) (Drake) Haven. A search of cemetery records of Shalersville, Portage Co., Ohio, might reveal Elizabeth's date of death.

William Morford's eldest daughter, Mary Ann, born about 1808, married, August 1825, Obadiah Hull, and had 11 children: Aholiab 1826, Amaziah 1827, Elizabeth 1829, Japheth 1831, Jasper 1833, Benjamin F. 1836, Almira 1837 (m. James McFarland), Phoebe 1839 (m. Mr. Hunt), Mary Ann 1843 (m. 1867 Henry N. Clement), Emily 1845 (m. Sam'l. Pettit) and Obadiah Jr. 1849 (m. twice: Elizabeth Horner, and Miranda Clark). Mary Ann Morford and Obadiah Hull were of Mahaska County, Iowa, at the time of their marriage.

The Morfords' second daughter, Hannah, born 17 April 1811 in Solon, Cuyahoga Co.,OH, married 20 October 1842, as his second wife, Alexander Edson Kent, son of Gamaliel and Deborah (Huntington) Kent.. By 1850 they had 4 children: Abiah Arabella 1843 (who died shortly before her 10th birthday); Alexander Gamaliel 1845; Alice Cassandra 1846 (who married 1866 Lucas Hurd); and Henry Martyn Kent, born 1848.

Third and youngest daughter, Phoebe Morford, born 1816, married as his 2d wife, in 1844, Abraham Drake, by whom she had a daughter Harriet, born 1845. Abraham died by 1860; the census of that year shows Phebe as wife of John Haven, born 1795.

A PROBABLE EARLY MARRIAGE OF A MORFORD GIRL TO A MR. DYE

WERE THERE INTERMARRIAGES between the early DYE (Dey, Day) family of New Jersey, and the MORFORD family? This is a question which intrigues not only the Morford Historian, but Martie (Mrs. R. H.) Cook, of Winnetka, IL, who had a Dye ancestor with the name of MOFFETT (or MORFETT) DYE. That is not the only interesting fact about this ancestor. He was of Washington, County, Ohio. Was it mere coincidence that the obituary for John Morford [1713-1812] of New Jersey, later of Bucks County, PA., and of Philadelphia at the time of his death, was reprinted in a newspaper of Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio? [See pages 41 and 42 of the July 1981 MORFORD HISTORIAN.] We invite readers with further information on this probable connection of the Dye and Morford families, to share their data with us, so that this problem may be solved.

We'd like to point out that the surnames of the earliest Morfords' wives have not yet been discovered: Margaret, wife of John Morford [c1650-c1730]; Susanna, wife of Thomas Morford [165_ -1695/6]; Rebecca, wife of Thomas the elder son of John Morford of Middlesex Co. , N..J. ; and Abigail , wife of John Morford Jr. , another of the sons of the first John Morford of New Jersey. Potential families from which these four Mesdames Morford may have come include not only the Dye family, but Applegate, Job and Mount. [Are there any experts on these families among our readers?]

HELP NEEDED!

Who can identify the MRS. A. R. MORFORD of San Francisco, who married second, as his second wife, EVERETT LEVI REXFORD, who was born in Chautauqua County, N.Y. on 24 Apr. 1842? The marriage probably took place in San Francisco, where the Rev. Dr. Everett L. Rexford held a pastorage, probably of the Universalist Church. Perhaps some San Francisco reader could search for the marriage application, which ought to show the bride's given name, as well as her former maiden surname, and the full name of her first husband.

We have also had an inquiry for the parentage, brothers and sisters, of the SUSAN VanGESEL who was married, in 1826, in NewCastle County, Delaware, to ISAAC MORFORD. We would like to know if there is a published VanGESEL history which might have this information. None is mentioned in *GENEALOGIES IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS*; but perhaps some library may have a manuscript genealogy of this seemingly rare surname.

CLORE is also a rare name; but there is a Gaines Genealogy in the Library of Congress (CS71.G142) which does have a sketch of the Michael Clore family. Can someone tell us if it shows the marriage, 24 January 1836, in Boone County, KY., of a GABRIEL CLORE to MALINDA MOFFORD? and if so, are the parents of either or both identified?

From Delma C. McCourt, a volunteer assistant in the Jefferson County, OH. Historical Association, in Steubenville, we learned about the burial of a JOSEPH MOFFET, at the age of 50, in 1888; and of JANE MOFFET (apparently his wife), buried in 1887 at the age of 43. These two burials, and others originally in the downtown area of Steubenville, were moved into a pioneer plot in Union Cemetery when it was opened. If any reader can identify this couple, please let Morford Historian know who they were.

Who was the JAMES MORFORD who in December 1967 was a member of Odd Fellows Park City Lodge No. 606, Council Bluffs, Iowa?

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MORE ABOUT SUSAN (MORFORD) AGY, OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

WE ARE STILL PURSUING records of the AGY family of Pittsburgh, PA [see pages 62 and 63 of MORFORD HISTORIAN for January 1982]. In the 1910 census Susan Agy was listed as a widow; thus we knew that her husband, John M. Agy, must have died between 1900 and 1910. A search by the staff of the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh located a very brief funeral notice indicating that John M. Agy, husband of Susan Morford Agy, had died on Monday, 30 November 1908, in ' his 78th year. "Funeral services were held at his late residence, 1012 Cabinet street, North Side, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private." The place of burial was not mentioned; thus we are unable to know where to write to learn where Susan's grave is. The last directory listing of the widow was in 1910, and showed her living at 1012 Cassidy Street. She may have died soon; or at the age of 77 may have been living with one of her children or in a rest home, thus would not be individually listed in the directory. The vital statistics department declined to search '17or her death records without charging a staggering fee. Too bad, as with a specific death date we could check to see if her obituary provided more information as to her history and survivors.

RECENTLY "LOST" MORFORDS -- IF YOU HAVE CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THESE, LET US KNOW!

Arthur Gene [son of Arthur and Opal (Curry) Morford], formerly of Agoura, California

JoAnn M. Morford, formerly of Presho, North Dakota

M. Tolman Morford, formerly of 750 Poplar Blvd. , Jackson, Mississippi

Monroe Alexander Morford, formerly of Weimar, California

Mrs. Wilma Steffen, formerly of Route #2, Pierceton, Indiana



THE EDITOR'S CORNER: The research help being given by Morford descendants is greatly appreciated. To LOUISE DUNN, a faithful correspondent for many years, go sincere thanks for many hours spent during summer and fall months, reading the 1910 census for Morford names. We did some of this ourselves, and plan to check related non-Morford names next time we're in Salt Lake City WILLIS and GAYLE MORFORD, en route to Florida from Minnesota, stopped at North Liberty, Iowa, to visit ARCH & VIVIAN MORFORD; while there they made a transcript of a family Bible which had been presented to Anna C. Morford on her 56th birthday, in March 1889, by her husband, John T. Morford. Many of the entries helped to complete our records of family members. We have asked Arch & Vivian to send us a xerox of the Bible's

title page, as this is important in showing when the records were begun. The chain of ownership of a Bible should also be noted -- not-always does this family treasure go to the eldest child, because often it's a younger one who shows interest in the family records. Frequent letters from VIOLA MOFFORD NEEB, MARY JANE STEINHAGEN and many others add treasures of data which augment our knowledge of many family branches, or which furnish additional clues to be pursued in identifying various Morfords.... Many of our subscribers, in sending in their renewals, have added a bit more to their checks for the "research kitty". We'll report more on this in our next Historian By the way, you ladies who are descendants of John Morford [1758-1840] -- don't forget that you're eligible to join the D.A.R. based on your ancestor's services; and of course the male descendants may become members of S.A.R. , too. We hope to find more complete records of several other Morfords who served in the Revolutionary War, so that their descendants, too, may join these patriotic societies In the next issue we hope to have an interesting discussion on the Morford name, and the many variations in which we find it spelled. . . . Don't forget to send along those Bible transcripts (or xeroxed copies), recent or older obituaries of Morfords, early Morford letters, news of family gatherings, personal histories. . . anything and everything which will add to our knowledge of Morfords. And . . . think SPRING !!!

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