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GOLDA CLEONE MORFORD, 1902-1984



Memorial services were held at Oak Bluffs Nursing Center, Clearwater, Fla., 2 December 1984, for Golda C. Morford, who died November 28th following a stroke. Cremation followed the services, and Golda's ashes were sent to Caro, Michigan, to be buried in the lot where her mother, Esther Ceil (Cummings) Morford, was interred. Golda is survived by her elder sister, Cyretta Ruth Morford, with whom she had lived for many years, and by a nephew, Dr. J. Douglas Bruce of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who attended the funeral and spent a week in Clearwater, helping Cyretta move into the center's high-rise building.

Golda had been a school teacher for many years, in the Detroit area, and at her retirement in the 1960s she and Cyretta moved to Kensington, California, later on moving to Florida. Despite her active engagement in church work, Golda somehow found time to conduct a voluminous correspondence with Morford descendants all over the United States. Although chiefly interested in the descendants of her own ancestors, Thomas and Ann (Laurie) Morford, Golda was-equally diligent in searching out other branches of the family, attempting to help her many correspondents find out where their lines "tied in" with her own.

The MORFORD HISTORIAN's first contact with Golda was in March of 1958, when the Adams family was living in Indialantic-by-the-Sea, near Melbourne, Florida. Four 3-inch notebooks full of our correspondence since that time attest to our close cooperation in exchanging data received in the course of our researches into all branches of the Morford family. There was an 8-year gap, from 1966 to November 1974, when Golda was so deeply involved with her work in Baptist Business and Professional Women, and the Adams family was head-over-heels in political work, that our exchange of letters was at a standstill; but in 1974, after the Adams family had moved from Seattle to Idaho, there came a letter from Golda, "a voice out of our past". Since then both of us generously supported the postal service by our intensive exchange of Morford data.

One of our deepest regrets now is that Golda will not be on hand to see the fruition of our cooperative efforts in gathering Morford data for publication in MORFORDS OF AMERICA. Without her efforts, and those of many others who have generously shared their data with the Morford Historian for more than a quarter century, the history which we hope to put into print soon would never have been possible. Among these are Miriam (Morford) Peterson and Joe Allen Morford, both of the "Greene Co. , Pa." branch, Ruth Cartwright who descends from Thomas Garrison Morford of Maryland, Viola Neeb and Rev. Elbert Silas Morford of the Kentucky branch of the family whose ancestor is the Revolutionary War veteran Daniel Morford 1761-1833, and many, many others.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING AN IMPORTANT FAMILY HISTORY SOURCE

ONE OF THE BEST sources for family history is the newspaper story. True, these are not always strictly accurate, because reporters and printers are not infallible, but they do provide clues for further research. Mrs. Thelma Lenocker, daughter-in-law of Ora Alice (Morford) Lenocker, recently sent us a xeroxed copy of a lengthy obituary of a "Mr." Morford, which lacked perhaps as many as 10 or 12 lines of text at the beginning of the article. In the hope that one of our readers may also have an identical clipping which is complete, we quote the balance of the obituary, which we recognize as that of JOHN TITUS MORFORD, whose parents were James and Martha (Titus) Morford:

" . . . the account, he participated in several battles and numerous skirmishes, was with Sherman's army in the memorable "March to the Sea", joined the grand reunion in Washington and was mustered out in Chicago in 1865. After the close of the war Mr. Morford returned home and continued farming until 1892 when he retired from active life, and has since resided in Alexis.

Mr. Morford was first married to Esther Hazen, on Feb. 27, 1840. of the ten children which blest this union, six remain, five sons, and one daughter, four of the sons being present at the funeral, the other was unavoidably absent, while the daughter Mrs. Mattie Steele, lives in a far western state and could not be present.

Two of the boys, Herman T., and William Henry, enlisted in the Union army at the same time, and in the same company with their father, and served with him until the close of the war. [Ed. note: "Herman" should have been "Hiram".]

Mr. Morford was married a second time on the 17th of November 1887, his wife being Mrs. Anna C. Danford of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. For more than twenty years these two were permitted to walk together down the path way of life, their relationship being most congenial, and in these closing days of their earthly pilgrimage their mutual companionship has made life brighter and better for both. Mrs. Morford today mourns the loss of a true devoted husband.

Mr. Morford was a Christian man. We have no record of the time when he entered the church, but it was early in life. He identified himself with the United Presbyterian church of Alexis, on March 24, 1895, during all these years he has been a faithful attendant on the services of the Sanctuary and an honor to the church as well as to the cause of Christ. The last service that he attended was the sacrament of the Lord's supper, two weeks ago last Sabbath. There were reasons why he might not have come to the Lord's house that day, weather conditions were unfavorable, his companion was unable to attend, but he said to her that he felt he should go, thus we had the joy of his presence for the last time. That spirit of devotion characterized his entire church life.

To our brother God gave more years of earthly life than is commonly allotted to men, that he lived to be true to his trust is evident from the record that he leaves behind. He was a man of sturdy character, interested in everything that pertained to public welfare, an intelligent industrious citizen, a kind father, loving companion., a Christian gentleman.

Funeral services were held at the United Presbyterian church Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Lawrence.

The I.O.O.F. lodge of which Mr. Morford was a loyal member since 1876, attended in a body and had charge of the burial ceremonies. He was a member of the North Henderson Lodge and a large number of brothers from there was present. Interment was in Alexis Cemetery."

John Titus Morford (1818-1908) was, by his first wife, father of ten children, three of whom, James Obadiah, Nancy Adell, and Lycurgus Hazen, had died in infancy or early child hood, while a daughter Mary Diana (1841-1894), wife of Hamilton Herbert, had preceded

her father in death. The six who were living on 6 March 1908, when John Titus Morford died, were: Hiram Titus (1843-1934), William Henry (1847-1929), Isaac Clinton (1849-1934), James Byron (1850-1932), John Jasper (1853-1937), and Martha "Mattie" Marilla, wife of William K. Steele. Mattie, born in 1859, died in 1937.

We appreciate Mrs. Thelma Lenocker's thoughtfulness in sending a copy of the foregoing obituary, and hope some reader can send us a complete, identical copy for our files. When MORFORDS OF AMERICA is published it will contain a great many such obituaries and news items, as well as quotations from county histories.

STUMBLING BLOCKS WHICH HINDER GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

IT IS FRUSTRATING to learn that many early newspapers which might contain obituaries of Morfords have been placed in repositories whose rules do not permit staff research for "outsiders". We found this stumbling block when we wrote to the librarian at the State College of Washington, in Pullman, where the early papers of the town of Tekoa have been deposited. We had hoped to obtain a copy of an obituary for Thomas Perrine Morford of the "wagon-train" expedition from Texas to Oregon, who died 21 October 1915 and was buried in Golden Rod Cemetery, 1 mile south of Tekoa. Does any one of our readers live close enough to Pullman to check Tekoa papers for this Morford obituary?

HELP WANTED FROM GRAND FORKS, N.D. READERS

WE'D LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH with descendants of Frank and Lille Hall, shown in the-1910 census of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Frank was 51, born in Minnesota, both parents born in N.Y.; Lille was 50, and she and her parents had been born in New York. The 3 children of the Halls, all born in Minnesota, were Louise, 22, Benjamin, 19, and Clifford, 16. We suspect that the "Lille" of this record is the "Leila" Morford who was a daughter of George Morford [see p. 135, Oct. 1983 MORFORD HISTORIAN], and granddaughter of Henry K. Morford, cabinetmaker of Deerpark, Orange Co., N.Y., whose ancestry has not yet been determined. Henry K. Morford was born in 1805 in N.Y., and about 1832 he married Hannah Fitzrandolph, daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Wood) Fitzrandolph.

NEW JERSEY MORFORDS WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR [continued from page 178, October 1984 MORFORD HISTORIAN]

LEWIS MORFORT - Teamster, wagon with 4-horse team, Conductor James Cox's Team Brigade; in Continental service at the Post at Trenton, March 1, 1780.

NOAH MORFORT - Private, Monmouth County Militia, under Captains John Walton, Robert Nixon, John Henderson and Kenneth Hankinson; in active service, Feb. 28 to March 19, 1777. Private, Capt. David Chambers' Company, 3d Regiment, Middlesex County Militia; Private, Capt. William Jones' -Company, 2d Regiment, Somerset County Militia; in active service, under Col. John Taylor, from June 18 to June 27, 1780; stationed at Springfield, June 23, 1780. Resident of Monmouth County, age 25 years; resided in Orange County, N.Y. in 1832. Received Certificate No. 1434, dated May 10, 1784, for £1:0:5, for the depreciation of his Continental pay in the Somerset County Militia.

[To be continued in April 1985 issue]

READERS. please send us all news items you find about MORFORDS, indicating on each clipping the date of publication, name of paper, and city in which it was published.

A LITTLE-KNOWN BRANCH OF ZEBULON MORFORD'S FAMILY

WE HAVE ONLY A FEW FACTS, and much more research is needed, to determine the complete roster of descendants of Zebulon Morford's seventh child and sixth son, Lewis Morford, born 10 December 1763, probably in Cranbury, Middlesex Co., N.J. His given name, somewhat unusual in the early Morford family, makes his identification in the following records fairly certain. Although only 17 in 1780, he nevertheless was serving as a teamster for the Continental troops at Trenton, N.J. [*see page 183, herein*], and his name is listed in James S. Norton's "NEW JERSEY IN 1793", showing him as a Lieutenant in the Second Company of Militia, in Trenton Twp., Hunterdon Co., under Capt. Mildred Priest. By 1800 he seems to have removed from New Jersey, having been enumerated in that year as a resident of Hempfield, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, his given name being spelled in the French version, "Louis". The following subsequent entries in "Tax Lists of Westmoreland Co., Pa. 1786-1810" seem to pertain to this same person:

p. 44 Borough of Greensburgh, 1802	Morfert, Lewes
45 11 It 11 1804	Morford, Louis, shoemaker
46 Greensburgh 1808	Morford, Lewis
47 Borough of Greensburgh 1810	Morford, Lewis

Lewis, still living in 1830, was living in the borough of Blairsville, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, with his wife, whose name we have not learned. He was then aged 60/70, and his wife 50/60. Living near them was the family of a Stephen Morford, who must have been a son of Lewis, named for Lewis' elder brother, Major Stephen Morford (1756-1833). Analysis of the census records for 1800, 1810 and 1820 should reveal how many children were in Lewis' family.

At present, the only one of whom we have record is Stephen, for whom two different histories of Indiana Co., Pa. provide some data. He was married twice, first in 1829 to Amy Davis, who died in 1838 aged 25. She was a daughter of Stewart and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Davis, and granddaughter of Amos Lawrence. There were two children of this first marriage--, Elizabeth Jane, born 1835 in Blairsville, and William Martin, born 13 March 1838 in Bairdstown. Stephen died 1 April 1872 at Bairdstown, Pa.

Stephen's second marriage, in 1844, was to Reuhamah Cummins, born 1825 in Derry Township, Indiana Co., Pa, daughter of Robert and Mary (Yalten) Cummins, and granddaughter of Robert Cummins, Sr., a native of Ireland. Some records show Stephen's name with a middle initial "L", which might be assumed to have been for "Lewis", his father's name. There were nine children born of Stephen's second marriage: Mary Ann, Flora (who md. Thomas Hosack), Emma, George (born about 1852; married, about 1874, Maggie Kells), Sarah (married Genoa Stitt), Martha, John, Susan and Charles. The census enumerations of 1850 and 1860 should be of help in determining their birthyears. [It is noted that the 1850 Pennsylvania census index published by Accelerated Indexing lists a "Stephen Morfetry" in Derry Township, Westmoreland Co., page 46; this is without doubt an error of either the census taker or the indexer, for a name which should be "Morford", as it is known that Stephen's second wife Reuhamah Cummins was of Derry Township.

Stephen's eldest son., William Martin Morford married 3 July 1,1866 at Blairsville, Pa. , Margaret Anna McIntyre (or McIntire), by whom there were 6 children: Laura Maria (md. B. C. Pearce), William McIntyre, George Howard (married M. Pearl Shields), Anna May (md. Charles Decker), Roy Fulton (1879-1963; married 1907 Grace Etta Compton), and Margaret Belle (md. Elmer Bergman). Roy Fulton Morford, who lived in Pitcairn, Pa. in 1959. furnished most of the dates and names of his father's family to the Historian in the early 1960s. Readers having more data of these couples are urged to write to us.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

An interesting article by Kent S. Collins, under copyright by Los Angeles Times Syndicate, appeared recently in the Idaho Falls newspaper, under the title "Family Histories easily lost when not written down." The point the author made was that the origin of many family treasures may be a mystery to the younger generation, if no family member has thought to tell the story of the treasures and their acquisition. The article recalled to my mind the old red plush picture album, full of lovely studio portraits, not a single one of them identified! I thought of the palette-shaped, pale blue dresser tray, of Limoges china, made in France and handpainted with lovely roses; was it a family treasure brought from Germany in the 1890s by my grandmother . . . or was it just purchased at some early garage sale? I'll never know, for the persons who might have known have been dead for many years. Another item cherished by the present owner is a black taffeta pelisse, hand sewn with tiny stitches, trimmed with long silk fringe and jet beads. The pelisse was made in 1785 by her third-great-grandmother who was then only ten years old. If an aunt who had been told the history of the pelisse had not written the information on a small card and tucked it into the box in which the pelisse was kept, its origin might have been lost to the knowledge of this generation. What special items were in your grandparents' home; where are they now, and who knows the stories as to how and when they were acquired? This is a part of your own history and heritage. Write it down now, before it's too late!

FAMILY ANECDOTES MAKE HISTORY MORE INTERESTING

Miss Essie Lindsey, a descendant of Thomas and Temperance (Robinson) Morford, has sent in the first of what she promises will be numerous recollections of brief stories of her earlier relatives. This one refers to Napoleon Bonaparte Morford (1835-1891), who was better known to family and friends as "Boney".

"When Boney Morford died, the family knew he had money that he wouldn't trust the banks with. They hunted and hunted for it, and finally gave up. Then, one night when Charlie Morford was driving home, something frightened his horse as he was driving in at the gate of his home. His buggy hit the gatepost, knocking it down and breaking it. There, in a hollowed out section of the gatepost, was the money, which had been put into cans and placed in the gatepost!"

What recollections do you readers have of little amusing or interesting anecdotes of your ancestors? Write them down -- your own descendants will love you for it!

SUBSCRIBER MAKES A 1985 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Mary Morford Carroll, of Toledo, Ohio, writes that she has promised herself to write down, this year, her recollections of her father and his family. Sounds like a great idea, Mary -- we hope many other readers will follow your and Essie's examples. Here is a little reminder which could apply to genealogical research as well as to writing your family histories:

We have not failed
 Until we have quit
 Trying Tryeing trying

'Nuff said!

SOME EARLY UNIDENTIFIED MORFORDS

[Continued from October 1984 issue]

JAMES MORFORD c1785-18__ and his wife Martha, born c1788; of Charlestown, N.Y.

JARED MORFORD, with Tho. Mount, made inventory Jos. Throckmorton, Middletown NJ, 1759

JARRATT MORFORD, with David Knott, Elazarus Brewer and William Stillwell's widow, made inventory Wm. Stillwell's intestate estate. Allentown, Monmouth Co., NJ, 1763

JEREMIAH MUFORD, born c1734, of Essex Co. NJ, 1755; wife's name was Martha Baker

JOHN MORFORD, c1757-1838, Loyalist (from what state?), settled in Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia, before 1783; had a MARGARET MORFORD with him, not necessarily implied as wife

JOHN MORFORD, c1761 or before, married Hannah -; their children John, Catherine and Margaret baptized 1785, Old Tennent Church

JOHN MAWFORD & DANIEL MAWFORD, in 1793 tax list Cumberland Twp, Washington Co., PA.

JOHN MORFORD, witnessed will of Joseph Lippincott, Monmouth Co., NJ 1751

JOHN MAURFIT or MAWFIT, c1770/80, of Hopewell Twp., York Co., Pa. in 1830, ae 50/60

JAMES MAURFIT or MAWFIT, c1770/80, Hopewell Twp., York Co., Pa. 1820

JOHN MORFORD, adult 1807, mentioned in will of Geo. Spears, Baltimore Co. MD, 1807

JOHN MORFORD, b. 1775, PA, of Ross Twp., Butler Co., OH 1850; ALONZO MORFORD in same household

JOHN MORFITT, father of Herman, Eleanor & Mary who rec'd bequest 1769 from Herman Enock of Philadelphia, PA.

JOHN MORFORD, with Garrit Vanderveer, made inv. John Clayton est., Monmouth NJ, 1780.
(Note that a Rebecca Morford had witnessed will of David Clayton of Freehold, 1748)

JOHN MORFORD, witnessed will of William Covenhoven, Freehold, NJ, 1777.

JOHN MORFORD, executor, estate of Samuel Job of Middlesex Co., NJ, who left a widow Rachel, 1747.
(Was Rachel a Morford?)

JOSEPH MORFORD, inventoried estate of David Gordon of Freehold 1783; (not brother of Catherine (Morford) Gordon, as that Joseph Morford died before 1783)

JOSEPH MORFORD 1733-1760; death recorded Old Tennent Church near Freehold, N.J.

JOSEPH T. MORFORD of Fayette CO. , KY , adult 1820 1824

JOSEPH MORFORD c1760, probably of Alleghany & Niagara Counties NY, 1800, 1820

JOSEPH MORFORD & John Wikoff made inventory Coert Voorhees, Windsor, Middlesex Co. NJ, 1817

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MORFORD GLEANINGS FROM THE 1900 CENSUS - CAN YOU HELP IDENTIFY THEM?

EMILY J. , b. Sept 1854 MI; single; parents b. NY-PA; housekeeper for William Shields of Fresno, CA.

SYDNEY MOFORD, b. Apr 1862 IL; parents b. PA; md 24 y, wf Elizabeth, b. MS; children: Elsie b. Jul 1885 AR, Claude b. Oct 1892 CO; res. 542 Ovid St. , Pct 3, Otero Co, CO.

HOWARD W., b. Sept 1869 KS; both parents b. KS; occ piano salesman; md 10 y; wf Florence, b, Jan 1879 IA, parents b. OH-IA; occ piano teacher; res. 24 S. Logan Ave., Denver CO.

JAMES B., b. Aug 1847 PA; both par b. PA; James md 30 yrs, but living alone; occ. laborer; res. Pct. 9, Rio Grande Twp., Alamosa, Conejos Co, CO.

SCOTT, b. Mar 1858 IL; parents b. IL; occ day laborer; md 13 y; wf Rachell, b. Aug 1864 IA, both par b. VT; children: Ella b. Dec 1893 WY, Ida, b. Sept 1895 WY, Walter b. Apr 1900 CO; res. Cortez Pct. #2, Montezuma Co, CO.

HENRY, b. Apr 1873 PA, both par. b. PA; occ, decorator; unmarried; res. Washington DC.

JAMES C. , b. May 1866 FL, both par. b. NY; occ locomotive fireman; md 6 y , wf Charlotte b. Nov 1875 MA, both par. b. ENG; chil: Mary L., b. Oct. 1895 FL, Frederick J.B., b. Aug 1898 FL; Agnes REED, mother-in-law, 50, b. June 1849 ENG, widow, living with family; res. 4th St., Miami, Pct. ;#7, Dade Co., FL.

WILLIAM L. , b. Sept 1875 KY , mechanic at Camp McKinley , Co. I , 6th Artillery , Oahu , HI.

GEORGE E. , b. Jan 1865 IL, both par. b. PA; occ RR postal clerk; married , but wife not enumerated; his sister Cora, b. Dec 1862 IL, single, living with him; Res. 6039 Union Av., Lake Twp, Cook Co IL.

J.B., b. Oct 1861 IL, both par. b. NY; occ steamship paymaster; md 15 y; wf Allie (or Nellie?) , b. Dec 1866 IRE, both par b. IRE; children: Louise , b. May 1887 MT, Gaston , b. Mar 1889 MT.

THOMAS, b. Aug 1858 OH; wf Janette b. Mar 1860 MO; children: Ray, b. Nov 1887 IL, Grace M. b. Jan 1889 IL. Charles S. , b. Nov 1895 IL; res. No. 2d St. , Quincy, Adams Co IL.

GEORGE, b. May 1858 IA, both par b. IL; occ farm laborer; md 9 y, wf Edith M. , b. Mar 1866 IL, both par. b. PA; children: Bertha E., b. Mar 1893 IL, Ron b. Sept 1897, IL. Res. with mo-in-law, Mary Erwin, b. Feb 1844, PA, both par. b. PA. Res. Harlem, Stephenson Co, IL.

JOHN A. , b. Jan 1839 1 N, both par. b. IN; occ farm laborer; md 30 y; wf Mary A. , b. Feb 1846 IN, both par. b. MD; children: George, b. May 1877 IN (md less than 1 y to Nora , b. Sept 1875 Lottie , b. Aug 1880 IN , Blondell (f), b. Aug 1893 IN, Cornelius b. May 1887 IN, Fred, b. Aug 1889 IN; grandchildren (not clear whose children they were): Glen, b. Aug 1894, and Purl (m), b. July 1896; res. Jefferson Twp, Grant Co, IN.

BERT, b. Aug 1868 IA, par. b. PA-OH; farmer; md 4 y, wf Merry A. , b. Oct 1860 IL, par.b IL-GERM; chil: Addie E. b. Dec 1884 IA, Clinton b. Mar 1893 IA; Hazel P. b. Mar 1895 IA; res. Dayle Twp., Clarke Co IA.

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MORFORD GLEANINGS FROM THE 1900 CENSUS - *continued from page 187*

- RALPH, b. June 1853 OH, both par. b. OH; occ barber; md 13 y; wf Addie J. , b. Aug 1868 IL, par. b. CAN-NY; children: Eeva C. , b. July 1888 IA; Fern L. , b. Oct 1892 IA; Hazel J. , b. Mar 1896 IA; Clarence L. , b. Apr 1898 (later lived Denver CO) ; res. Mt. Ayr, Ringgold Co. , IA.
- GEORGE, b. Oct 1874 KS , Joseph M. , b. Mar 1881 KS , Bertie E. , b. Dec 1884 KS , and Robert R. , b. Aug 1887 KS; all living in Holt Twp. , Taylor Co. IA with their mother Minerva Davis , a widow, b. Dec 1844 IA, her par. b. OH-PA. She was mother of 12 children, 11 of them living in June 1900. (Her 1st husb., John Morford, d. between 1887 and 1900.)
- ROBERT, b. Mar 1861 IL, both par. b. OH; a convict, living in KS State Penitentiary in Lansing, Leavenworth Co. , KS. He was married about 1882.
- SAMUEL, b. Jan 1878 KY; wf Margaret b. May 1877 KY; children: Elizabeth S. , b. May 1898 KY; Lee O., b. Feb 1900 KY. ; res. Bryantsville, Garrard Co. , KY.
- ABEL W., b. Mar 1833 NY, occ bricklayer; md 30 y, wf Lovina b. Feb 1845 IN, her par. b. NY-PA; children: William L. , b. Jan 1879 IA, his par. b. NY-IN; Victor, b. Oct. 1891 OR; res. Prineville, Crook Co., OR.
- ABEL W. , b. Jun 1874 IA, par. b. NY-PA; occ stage driver; md 1 y, wf Lillian; res. in Prineville, Crook Co., OR.
- CHARLES, b. Feb 1864 PA, both par. b. PA; occ. weighman; md 10 y, wf Bertha, b. Nov 1867 PA; children: Don b. Mar 1891, Fay (f) b. May 1892, Clyde, b. Mar 1894; res Paint Twp., Somerset Co., PA. [*Historian's note: Perhaps this was son of Stephen L. & Reuhamah (Cummins) Morford; see page 184 herein.*]
- GEORGE , b. Oct 1852 PA, both par. b. PA: laborer in mill; md 27 y; wf Margaret E. b. Aug 1856 PA, par. b. IRE-PA. Children: James K, b. May 1880 PA, Robert E., b. Nov 1882 PA, Anna F., b. Oct 1889 PA. Res. Scottsdale Borough, Westmoreland Co., PA. [*Historian's note: Probably Stephen's son George, who married Maggie Kells.*]
- WILLIAM, b. Mar 1838 PA, parents b. PA-CT; occ farmer; md 34 y, wf Margaret A. , b. Dec 1838 PA. Children: William M. b. Oct 1869, occ day laborer; George H. , b. Sep 1874, occ day laborer; Roy F. , b. Dec 1879, occ farm laborer; Maggie B. , b. Oct 1882. Res. Conemaugh Twp, Indiana Co, PA. [*Historian's note: This was a son of Stephen L. Morford, mentioned above and on page 184 of this issue.*]
- TODD, b. Jan 1883 PA, parents b. PA-OH; occ hostler; not md; res. with family of John W. & Harriet A. McCurdy at Jameston , Mercer Co. , PA.
- SAMUEL, b. Nov 1857 PA, both par. b. PA; occ foreman; md 6 y, wf Mary b. Feb 1870 ENG, both par b. ENG; children Casper b. June 1897, Agnes b. Jan 1899. Boarding with the family were two sisters-in-law, Agness Hilward, b. Jan 1884 ENG, and Sarah Milward, b. Oct 1868 PA.

The Editor will appreciate further data and identification of the foregoing persons. In some cases we have data, but need addresses of living descendants. Similar lists will appear in future issues so we may gather as much data as possible before proceeding to publish Vol. I of MORFORDS OF AMERICA.

NEWS OF MORFORDS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

MABLE (MORFORD) MOORE, 74, of Ogden, Utah, died 7 May 1984; following funeral services on May 10th, burial was in the Ogden Cemetery. Mable was a daughter of the late Ray & Retta (Hagerman) Morford, and was born 29 December 1909 in Mondamin, Harrison County, Iowa. Mable was first married, 16 October 1930, in East Moline, Ill., to Willard Wick, who died in 1944. Her second marriage, to Burton W. Seger, in Ely, Nevada, in 1947, ended in divorce. On 14 February 1973 she married third, Harry Moore; he predeceased her, 27 February 1976. Mable was a member of the First Christian Church; had lived in Spokane, Washington, and Mesa, Arizona, before moving to Ogden. She is survived by 4 daughters: Carole (Mrs. Jay Shepherd), and Janis Card, both of North Ogden, Utah; and Patricia (Mrs. Stanley Taylor) of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Donna (Mrs. Duane Hodgson) of Stratford, Washington; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers: Louis Morford of East Moline, Ill. and Ward Morford, of Apache Junction, AZ; and three sisters: Opal (Mrs. Marion Garrison) of Mesa, AZ., Wanda (Mrs. Robert Elder of Nichols, Iowa, and Mrs. Grace Snyder of Apache Junction, Arizona.

THE ANNUAL REUNION of descendants of JOHN BEARD MORFORD [1855-1940] and his wife, Eva Summers, was held at the Scout Hall in North Manchester, Indiana, on Sunday, October 7, 1984. Those attending were Wayne and Mabel M. (Walther) Morford of No. Manchester, their son Larry W. and his wife Karen June (Short) Morford, and the latter couple's son Layne Eric; all of the children of Lewis & Inez (Morford) Speicher, namely Eva (Mrs. Ben Snyder) and her daughter Margaret (Mrs. James Scroggins); Paul Speicher, Joseph Eugene Speicher and his daughter Sue (Speicher) Prosser; John Speicher and his son and daughter-in-law Jim & Barbara (Hand) Speicher, and Robert Speicher; two children of the late Harry & Ellen (Burkhart) Morford, namely, Harold Morford and wife Margaret (Little) Morford, of North Manchester, In., and Iva Mae (Morford) Purdy, of Phoenix, Arizona; also Dorcas (Paul) Bishop and husband Leroy Bishop [Dorcas is a granddaughter of Francis & Jennie (Morford) Krom, and great-granddaughter of John Beard Morford. This report was sent to us by Larry W. Morford of No. Manchester (who was featured in our January 1984 issue, p. 147); Larry says he may have omitted some names, as he was writing from memory and not from the secretary's records. The next reunion of this family is scheduled for Sunday, 6 October 1985, at the same location. Anyone wishing to correspond or attend should write to Larry at 1304 Ivy Court, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

PLEASE HELP UPDATE OUR LISTS OF MORFORDS!

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES are usually printed and distributed soon after the first of the year. Will readers please check their local phone books for Morford listings, sending us a list of all such names found, with their full street addresses? As you are quite familiar with street names in your own town, if the book has abbreviated them, please spell them out for us. Also, indicate the date of publication of the book, and list all the outlying villages or communities which may have been included in the book.

Another helpful source is the city directory, which give names of wives, occupation of the head of the family, as well as the home and business addresses. These may not always be printed annually as they formerly were, because of today's inflated cost of publishing.- Anyhow, if you have access to a fairly recent directory, please indicate the date and copy Morford listings for us.

Finally, watch the vital statistics reports of marriages, new babies, divorces, and death records, and clip these columns, dating them and writing the name of the town and newspaper, and forward them to us so we may update our Morford records from them.

MORFORD GLEANINGS FROM THE 1910 CENSUS

THE FAMILIES shown below, enumerated in the 1910 census, have not yet been identified. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who recognizes them and who can give further information as to their parentage, descendants, or other relatives.

L, H. and R. H. MORFORD, aged 38 and 29, born in Illinois, farmers, were of Tyler Twp., Prairie Co., Arkansas. Birthplaces of their father and mother were listed as Iowa and Pennsylvania, respectively.

GEORGE and LENA MORFORD, who were married in 1907, were living in Perry County, Arkansas, with George's two sons by a previous marriage: Thomas B., 23, and Charles O., 9, both born in Illinois. George, a barber, had been married before, and had lived in Illinois, the birthplace of his first wife, as well as his own birthplace; his father had been born in Ohio, his mother in Missouri.

JOHN MORFORD, 53, and his wife Emily, 64, both born in Ohio, as were also their parents, were living in Bethany, Gratiot Co., Mich., with Emily's son by her previous marriage, Ottis Lindsay, 27, born in Michigan. (His father's birthplace was Ohio.) John and Emily had married about 1894.

MILLIE S. MORFORD, a widow, age 52, born in Indiana of parents who had been born in N.Y., was living with her son-in-law and daughter, Bert S. Brody and Gertrude (Morford) Brody. Bert was 28; he and both his parents had been born in Michigan. His wife, 26, was born in Michigan; her father was born in Michigan, her mother in Indiana. Brodys had been married 7 years, and had two daughters, Gail M. , 5, and Clare R. , 11 months old. Bert was working as a lamplighter for the railroad; resided Lawton village, Antwerp Twp., Van Buren County, Michigan.

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER: Our New Year's resolution sounds simple, but we plan to commence typing the first draft of Volume I of MORFORDS OF AMERICA, soon. We're reorganizing our files so that all historical, statistical and pictorial data for each person will be filed together so as to expedite the work. Illustrations will include maps, and perhaps photographs of areas where Morford families lived; some of the early wills and other documents may be reproduced in facsimile, especially those with Morford signatures. If you have anything special in these categories which you think should be included, tell us, soon The gleanings from 1900 and 1910 census records in this issue and later ones, are included in order to stimulate readers to help identify Morford lines, as well as to put us in touch with living descendants of these lines ... It would be interesting to have pictures of some of the earliest Morford homes, early gravestones, as well as xerox or photostatic copies of letters or other documents in your ancestors' own handwriting. You may be able to think



of other items which are family heirlooms which might be photographed and published along with your family's history As to the historical text of the book, remember, you're the one who knows. best your own and your parents and grandparents' histories, so while the weather is keeping you indoors, get busy putting your recollections down on paper, and I send us a copy. It's YOUR family, YOUR history; so make it your #1 priority - forget the bridge club, the bowling alley and other things which won't mean as much in years to come as making sure your own family's history is correctly and lovingly recorded for later generations to read and enjoy.

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