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THIS IS THE INTRODUCTORY ISSUE of a quarterly news letter devoted to the publication of genealogical and historical data, as well as current news, of the Morford family.

Many to whom this complimentary issue is being sent know the editor as a professional genealogist, who for thirty years has been compiling and sharing information of this family, of which her husband is a descendant through his paternal grandmother. The result is probably one of the largest and best documented collections of Morford data to be found anywhere. It is hoped that by publishing information of the incomplete lines, additional data will be located through contacts with those who have gathered records of their own families. Please help, by sharing your data, and by sending in news items about Morfords!



Harold and Enid Adams

To receive next five numbers of MORFORD HISTORIAN, fill out subscription form, on page 11, and send it in, with \$7.00; or send \$2.00 and receive the October 1980 issue.

"MORFORDS OF AMERICA" is the title chosen for what is now but a gleam in the eye and a dream in the heart of the Morford Historian-- an entire set of books, each relating to the history of one or more branches of the Morford family. These genealogical records will be augmented by pictures of the early Morfords in each branch, plus facsimiles of Morford Bible records, and other documents of interest. Commencing on page 4 of this issue are lists of hundreds of the descendants who have furnished family records to us. These lists have a double purpose -- first, to thank these correspondents, and second, to enable all readers to check the lists seeking to find relatives, and thus learn to which branch of the family they belong. Please do this, and let us know where you fit into the Morford family tree. If no familiar names are found, write and let us know the names, dates and locations of births, marriages and deaths, of your parents, also your grandparents -- more than likely we can tell you the names of their ancestors!

"SIXTY-FIVE SPELLINGS FOR MORFORD" were discussed in an article written by the Morford Historian in 1962. Since then, the quantity of known spelling variants has more than doubled! True, not all of the variations always pertain to Morfords --- but documents have been found in which the name was spelled three different ways! As many pioneers frequently were unable to write, the clerk who recorded the marriage or the lawyer who drew up the will or deed spelled the name "by ear". The softened and slurred southern speech produced such variants as MOFFARD or MOFFORD. In one Kentucky family the grandfather insisted on the latter spelling. But, guess what?? Recently his granddaughter acquired an early tintype of him, in Civil War uniform, on the back of which, in his own handwriting the signature was MORFORD!! The tradition is that this branch, which

supported the Union side in the conflict, wanted to repudiate all relationship to Maj. John D. Morford of Bracken County, who was a slaveholder; thus the change of spelling.

Earliest records in New Jersey show many spellings pertaining to the Morford family. Among these were: MAERFOOT, MAURFOOT, MOFFORD, MORFETT, MORFFORD, MORFIT, MORFOOT, MORFOT, MORPHET, MORTFORD and MURFOORD. If you think that's confusing, read on!

For example, let's check through one family's records. Cornelius Morford [1741-1825], who married Hester Brian in 1761 in Burlington County, N.J., moved to Salem County by 1774, and while usually shown in tax ratable lists as MORFORD, is found as MAUFORD in 1784 and 1785; in the 1793 Militia Census he is "Cornelos MEFFERD", but his son was "Cornelous MOFOURD Jr." In an 1801 deed, just before he moved with his family to St. George's Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, the name appears as MORFORD and MOLFORD His, son Isaac, who died in 1817 in Appoquinimink Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, was shown variously as MORFORT, MOFFARD and MOFFORD. Isaac's widow, Barbara, is shown on an 1825 tax list as "Barbary MAUPHET", with sons Cornelos and Isaack. Another son of Isaac Sr., Frederick [1788-1851], was called MORFERD in the 1820 census of Wayne Co., Ohio; appeared as MOFFRED in the 1830 census of Holmes Co., Ohio, and as MORFIT in the 1840 census of Madison Co., Ohio. Next Frederick moved to Illinois, where the 1850 census of DeWitt County shows his name as MORFRET.

Frederick's eldest son, Abraham S. [1814-1881] was recorded as MOFORD at his marriage, MONFORD in a later census record. The second son, Frederick Jr. [1816-1885] was shown as MOFFERT on his marriage record. Isaac [1820-96], third son, was called MOFFORD in his newspaper obituary, but the cemetery plot which he had bought, and in which he was buried, was recorded as belonging to "I. MUNFORD". The fourth son, John [1821-1875], was found as MOFFAT in the 1850 census of DeWitt County, Ill. The fifth son, Robert, [1825-1867] was living with his parents in 1850, thus appears in the MORFRET spelling; while Wesley [1828-1902], the youngest son, was called MOREFORD in his Civil War pension file. Robert's grandson, Robert Harris Morford [1881-1957], for reasons known only to himself, changed his surname to MOFFETT. [Did he know something we don't. about the early family -- or was he just an individualist?]

So, here are a total of 20 variant spellings appearing in a single branch of Morfords, within a five-generation span! The lesson to be learned here is that we must never be adamant in demanding that the name must be spelled in what we consider the "correct" way, in all the early records; nor must we ever declare that these spelling variations cannot pertain to our family. They CAN, and they DO!

WERE THE MORFORDS ORIGINALLY OF SCOTLAND? IRELAND? ENGLAND? WALES? FRANCE?

As yet, we have no *proofe* of any of these. The strongest tradition is that of Scottish heritage; this does not necessarily eliminate Ireland as a former homeland, because in the days of the persecution of Protestants by "Bloody Queen Mary" of England, many of the Scots fled to the province of Ulster, in northern Ireland, where they could maintain their Presbyterian faith. Those refugees soon became known as "Scotch-Irish", but were not of Irish ancestry. Emigration to England and Wales came later, before the days when the more venturesome ones took ship for America, the land of promise.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS? Some Morfords were Baptists, some Episcopalians, some Quakers or Friends, some Presbyterians; later we find Methodists and Latter-day Saints (known as Mormons), to name some of their preferences. Early New Jersey records of baptisms in the Dutch Reformed Church have been noted; this does not necessarily imply that the parents were members of that church, but simply that baptisms were performed in whichever church was convenient. Incidentally, this resulted in some peculiar variations of the Morford name, such as, MARFOET and MAERFOET -- probably the closest the Dutch "dominie" could come in his efforts to spell "Morford" !



MARGARET (MORFORD) ADAMS 1858-1941

AS WE PLAN TO PUBLISH Morfords' pictures in the MORFORD HISTORIAN, it seems appropriate that the first person to be honored should be Harold's grandmother, Margaret Morford, born 16 October 1858 in McLean, McLean Co., Illinois, daughter of John and Mary "Polly" (Cullumber) Morford. Her history appears in considerable detail in our book, *Ancestors and Descendants of Jeremiah Adams 1794-1883*, published in 1974, which in 1977 received the prestigious Donald Lines Jacobus award from the Society of American Genealogists, as the best family genealogy published within a five-year period.

Maggie, as she was called, had an affectionate and warmly compassionate nature, and her welcome to me as a bride coming into the Adams family endeared her to me forever. She it was who gave me the first records, from memory, of the Morford and Cullumber families, and it is our hope that this news- and subsequent publications on both families, may be deemed as worthwhile and lasting tributes to her memory.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION is due to several long-time correspondents who have generously shared Morford records, and whose encouragement has been an inspiration to me in the lengthy and continuing task of identifying and tying together the early records. One of the first was Edward J. Raser of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, who noted and answered my Morford queries in the Hartford Times 25 years ago, and who, throughout the years since then, has consistently sent me bits of Morford data, names and addresses, and other helpful information gleaned in his travels or his own research.

Miriam Morford Peterson, of my "home town", Seattle, Washington, a descendant of the "Greene County, Pa." Morfords, has shared results of her intensive research and study in several Iowa counties where her ancestors and their cousins settled after leaving Pennsylvania. Her keenly analytical study of clues has made it possible to identify parentage of many early Iowa Morford groups formerly considered as "unknowns".

Joe Allen Morford of Parkersburg, West Virginia, another "Greene Co. Pa." descendant, has "corresponded" with the Morford Historian for some time, via cassette tapes, each the equivalent of a 10-page letter, full of interviews with relatives and his own recollections of family traditions and events, spiced with a delightful sense of humor. Joe has the distinction of being the first subscriber to MORFORD HISTORIAN, having the faith to send in his check when he first learned of the project. Hope this first issue will measure up to your expectations, Joe!

Golda Morford, formerly of Michigan and California, now living in Clearwater, Florida, with her sister Cyretta, has corresponded with almost as many Morford descendants of numerous branches as are listed in this issue of MORFORD HISTORIAN. Like the editor, Golda first started to work on her own branch, but soon extended her interest to all branches of Morfords. Her own line, the "Mercer County, Pa." branch, has now been proven back to one of the first two Morfords found in New Jersey -- John' and his wife Margaret, who were first of Monmouth County, but who in 1710 moved to Middlesex County, settling in the village of Cranbury.

OTHERS WHO HAVE GIVEN SPECIAL HELP include: Russ Gunder of Washington, Ind., who, with his wife and son spent an entire day in a state library copying all 1850 Ohio census records of Morford and its variations, and men of other surnames who had married Morford girls in Ohio prior to 1850; Wally O. Deer of Cincinnati, Ohio, who tape-recorded his reading of the Barton collection on Morford and Mofford families of Kentucky, and sent the cassette tape to the Historian; Viola Neeb of Shelbyville, Ind., who has sent a great many obituaries and other items from an old scrapbook of items pertaining to Bracken County, Ky. families, as well as some Ohio and Indiana records; Ruby Boman, of Wichita, Kansas, who has shared results of her census and courthouse research in Mercer Co., Pa. and other places; Alfred Morford, formerly of Castana, Iowa, now of Marysville, California, who collected records of branches other than the Mercer Co., Pa. group of which. he is a descendant; Audrey (Mrs. Arno) Morford, of Alhambra, California, who sent me a revised and updated mimeographed copy of the 1892 Morford book gives records of the "Mercer Co. Pa." Morfords. Last, but by no means least, are my two daughters: Peggy, who spent most of one summer "traipsing" through county courthouses in Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho, helping me copy Morford marriage data; and Nancy, who with her daughter Merry Lynne Elliott spent much time checking records of Warren County, Ohio, where Cornelius Morford Sr. and Jr. finally settled; and who let us use her car on our 1978 research trip to many Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky courthouses. And finally, my husband Harold, who for many years has backed me up in all of my genealogical endeavors and now the publication of the MORFORD HISTORIAN, in which he has a star role as advisor, critic, photographer and printer.

THANKS ARE ALSO EXPRESSED to hundreds of Morford descendants of various branches whose sharing of their records has made it possible during the past 25 years to extend our knowledge of a large proportion of early Morford groups who, both before and after the Revolutionary War, migrated from New Jersey into Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New York, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Tennessee, West Virginia. Some of the correspondents listed below may be deceased by this time, but many are still actively researching and keeping in touch with me. The listings are arranged alphabetically by the name of the earliest ancestor, then alphabetically by correspondents' names.

CORNELIUS MORFORD 1741-1825, of Burlington and Salem Counties NJ, New Castle Co. Del., and Warren Co., Ohio, and his first wife, HESTER BRIAN:

Margaret Morford (Mrs. Gilbert R.) Adams, Salem OR; Harriet Bayless Anderson, St. Petersburg FL; Viola Vickers Claywell, Aberdeen WA; Ursal Morford Collins, Russell IA; Mrs. Roderick S. Culley, Tulsa UK; Louise Morford Daniel, White Swan WA; Cecil M. Davis, Dayton OH; Eva Morford Davis, Bellbrook OH; Irene Davis, St. Petersburg FL; Mrs. Perry Davis, Fowler CO; Mrs. Wm. F. Davis, Bellbrook OH; Dale Ellis, Columbus KS; Gleneda Ellis, Galena KS; Abigail Randall Fowkes, Wamego KS; Lucretia Donley Garretson, Des Moines IA; Doris Morford Gray, Waterville ME; Jesse Cornelius Group, Pittsburgh PA; Russ Gunder, Washington IN; Linda Kent Horr, No. Lewisburg OH; Cleta M. Kent, Ocala FL; Winifred (Mrs. E.O.) Lively, Caldwell KS; Leonard Martin, Coatsville MO; Gladys Pawson Morford Mayenschein, Napa CA; Agnes Morford McCauley, Grandview WA; Myrtha Marker (Mrs. Robt. Harris) Moffett 1881-1965, Fresno CA; Anderson L. Morford, Yuba City CA; Arthur Waldamer Morford, Topeka KS; Arthur Wm. Morford 1881-1964, Harrah WA; Arthur Wm. Morford Jr., Othello WA; Charles Allen Morford, Winchester IN; Charles Franklin Morford 1873-1962, Lisbon IA; Clark L. Morford, Redding CA; Courtney William Morford, Janesville IA; Donald James Morford, Spokane WA; Duane O. Morford, Sacramento CA; Ernest L. Morford, Tucson AZ; Florence V. Morford, Richmond KS; Frederick Richard Morford, Yakima WA; Gene Harvey Morford, Eldridge IA; George Cornelius-Morford, Hoopa CA; George Edward Morford, Melbourne FL; Gertrude Kintz Morford 1896-1973, Racine WI; Glen Arnett Morford, Deerfield KS; Hobart Huel Morford, Hammond IN; Homer Asbury Morford, Hoopa CA; Ira Bert Morford 1894-1964, Hot Springs

AR; Jane Penney Morford, DeSabra CA; Jerry Lee Morford, Peoria AZ; Jesse Blaine Morford 1884-1967, Westmoreland KS; John Leroy Morford, Decatur IL; John R. Morford, Yakima WA; Josie Clouse Morford, Delia KS; Luther Robert Morford, Sapulpa OK; Martha Malone Morford, Tracy CA; Myrtle Shipley Morford, McLean IL; Oscar Alexander Morford, Yakima WA; Verl H. Morford, Peoria AZ; Virgil F. Morford, Redding CA; Wesley Walter Morford, White Swan WA; William Arthur Morford, Buckley WA; William Clarence Morford, 1886-1956, Waynesville IC; William D. Osborn, Tifton GA; Mrs. Paschal Parry, Ft. Wayne IN; Alice Morford Pitney, Albuquerque NM; Leta (Mrs. C.R.) Pruden, Indianapolis IN; Eylene Vissering Razor, Grand Junction CO; Warren Cyrus Rice, Portland OR; Albert J. Roberts, Whittier CA; Willa M. Wicks Roberts, - Helena MT; Viola Morford Shepherd, Mt. Camel IL; Chas. O. Sifferd, Newkirk OK; Lena V. Morford Spencer, Corona CA; Ethel Morford Sprague, Washington DC; Mrs. Frank Sterns, Hiawatha KS; John Strider, Woodland Hills CA; Richard L. Vance, Vallejo CA; Dorcas (Mrs. Leroy) Vowles, Ely NV; Christine Ell Weylman, Daytona Beach FL; Ialeen Morford Wheeler, Clinton IL; Mrs. Flora Wickham, Mt. Pleasant IA; Hazel Morford Wood, Ft. Morgan CO; Harold Edward Wright, Anchorage AK.

DANIEL MORFORD 1740-1833, of Middlesex Co. NJ, Bracken Co KY and Brown Co OH; Geraldine I. Hammer, The Dalles OR; R. Dale Hanshew, Noblesville IN; Viola Mofford Neeb, Shelbyville IN; Rev. Elbert S. Morford, Tucson AZ; Wallie Vernon Morford 1878-1970, Windfall IN. [See also JAMES MORFORD 1766-1839, Daniel's son, listed below.]

DANIEL MORFORD 1813-1893, of Ohio (county unknown), and New Palestine, Hancock Co IN; M. Thelma Huston, Niles MI. [This Daniel is brother of ELISHA, shown below.]

ELISHA MORFORD 1810-1857, of Butler Co., Ohio:

Alta Mae Morford Bright, Memphis TN; Mrs. Jeffie Morford Clopton, San Antonio TX; Norma Morford Hatteroth, Beverly Hills CA.

HENRY K. MORFORD 1808-18 , of New Jersey (county unknown); Deerpark, Orange Co. NY; Mrs. Myron Alling, Rutherford NJ; Miss Elizabeth Morford, Houston TX; Linda Fletcher Mott, Guilford CT; Kathryn M.G. Washburn, Guilford CT.

ISAIAH MORFORD 175 -1815, of Harford Co MD, and Mason and Bracken Counties KY:

[NOTE: This line includes JOHN MORFORD 1792-aft. 1871, of MD, Mason Co KY, Brown Co. OH, and Lincoln Green., Johnson Co IL., whose wife was Phoebe Tharp; also John's son GEORGE WASHINGTON MORFORD 1813-1904, of Bracken Co KY, Brown Co OH, and Clay Co. IN, whose first wife was Elizabeth Margaret Cahall.] Mrs. Mary Bornert, Lebanon IL; Toni Burns, Fort Worth TX; Mrs. May Detraz, St. Petersburg FL; Lula (Mrs. Carl) Greene, Oceanside CA; Kay (Mrs. Donald) Lack, San Bernardino CA; Adam Clinton Morford, Portland OR; Edwin F. Morford, Lexington KY; Velma (Mrs. Arthur) Morford, Foster KY; Myrtle Quinlan, Brooksville IN.

JAMES MORFORD 1766-1839, of Frederick Co VA; Greene Co PA: [Son of Daniel 1740-1833]

Robert B. Bennett, Baton Rouge LA & Brawley CA; Vera Morford Burdette, Spencer WV; Ruth Glenn Freed, Wichita KS; Mary Morford Wolf Gardner, Pittsburgh PA; Mona (Mrs. John) Gates, Clarington OH; Gayle Morford Hammitt, The Dalles OR; Mrs. Thos. Wilson Kennedy, Spencer WV; Mrs. Grace Loan, Spokane WA; Effie A. Mitchell, Colo. Springs CO; Allan V. Morford, Hollywood FL; Axtel Leeroy Morford, Dunns Sta. PA; Mrs. Birdie Morford, Los Angeles CA; Charles I. Morford, Davenport IA; Daniel Leroy Morford, El Paso TX; Joe Allen Morford, Parkersburg WV; Kenneth James Morford 1897-1959, Seattle WA; Lawrence Stear] Morford, Monongahela PA; Margaret Cunningham Morford, Abilene TX; Mrs. Portia Morford, Lawton OK; Robert Reason Morford, Topeka KS; Tom Henry Morford, Cherokee OK; Dr. Warren Newtor Morford, Chesapeake OH; Rev. Wm. Harold Morford, Dunns Sta. PA and Pittsburgh PA; William Leroy Morford, Omaha NB; Woodman Jacobs Morford, Decker MT; Sally Sue Morford Morton, Cherokee OK; Naomi Morford Ostrander Seattle WA; Miriam Morford (Mrs. Dale) Peterson, Seattle, WA WA; Kate (Mrs. J.W.) Sherman, Kenny-

dale WA; Ollie Morford Sidener, Omaha NB; Grace Burge Weber, Omaha NB; Harriet Delilah Whipkey, Deep Valley PA; Elizabeth (Mrs. Haven. B.) Wolf, Pittsburgh PA; Clara Paulsen Woodden, Monterey CA.

JAMES MORFORD 1790-1865, of Powersville, Bracken Co. KY. [*He may be son of James of Greene Co. PA., "absent from the state" in 1839, when James Sr's estate was probated.*]:

Tempie Brandenburg Morford, Cincinnati OH; Blanche Morford Coleman, Brooksville KY; the late Dr. Alexander Madden Morford, Long Beach CA.

JAMES RANDOLPH MORFORD 1809-1859, of Red Lion Hundred, and St. George's Hundred, New Castle Co., Delaware, and his wife MARY ANN (GOLT?) HEVERIN 1805-1870:

James Richard Morford 1898-1959, Wilmington DE. [*NOTE: The late Miss Jeannette Eckman, professional genealogist of Wilmington collaborated with the Morford Historian research on this branch of the family, at Mr. Morford's request.*]

JOHN¹ MORFORD ca 1650-173, and his wife MARGARET (-?-), of Middletown, Monmouth Co NJ and Cranbury, Middlesex Co NJ [*"Presumed brother", probably elder. of Thomas¹ Morford.*]:

No contact yet with proven descendants except of his grandson Thomas 1716-1797, q.v.

JOHN MORFORD 1766-1837, of York Co PA, Baltimore MD, and Coshocton Co OH:

Ruth (Mrs. Philip) Cartright, New Castle IN; Betty Blanche Cowley, Rocks MD; Wm. M. Cowley, Seattle WA; Mrs. Selma L. Grewalt, Beloit WI; Mrs. Clara Heine, Oneonta NY; Lucy Belle Morford Hooker, Akron OH; Vilas Jay Morford, Ames IA; Donald Snyder, Beaver Falls PA; Mrs. William Harold Tipsword Sr., Camp Springs MO.

JOHN MORFORD 1784-187, of NJ (county unknown); Montgomery and Clinton

Counties, NY: Stanley C. Boyd, Rochester NY; Lisa Ferrier, Storrs CT; Mrs. Margaret Ellenwood Goodman, Seattle WA; Evelyn Morford Johnston, Rochester NY; Betty (Mrs. Harold) Mante, Bethlehem PA; Albert John Morford, Albany NY; Bertha (Mrs. Lloyd A.) Morford, Johnstown NY; Hazel Clarissa Morford, Cleveland OH and Lancaster NY; Marguerite M. Morford, Miami FL; Roger Lee Rounds, Greenbush NY.

JOHN MORFORD 179 -1839, of Clermont Co OH & Franklin Co IN; wife SUSANNAH HESS: Pauline Mrs. Ray

Chapman, Greenup IL; Ola G. (Mrs. W. W.) Evers, Fort Worth TX; Ruth M. (Mrs. Herschel) Hennefy, Connersville IN; James Lindsey, Adrian MI; Aileen (Mrs. Ernest Rex) Morford, Windsor IL; Mrs. Donald Avery Morford, Indianapolis IN; Fordney Morford, Connersville IN; Catherine P. Pelsor, Livermore CA; Ruby M. (Mrs. Thomas J.) Sutton, Indianapolis IN; Grace Tharp, Casey IL.

JOSEPH MORFORD ca 1750+, of Freehold, Monmouth Co NJ [*said to have had 13 children, of whom 5 are presently known: ELKANAH (in War of 1812, n.f.r.); GARRETT SR. 1788-1873; ELIZABETH 1769 (n.f.r.); WILLIAM LANE 1791-1874; and LYDIA 1794 (n.f.r.)*]: Pearl Morford Kincaid, Ashland OR; Arlie Dale Morford, Petoskey MI; Chalmers Zenos Morford, Grand Rapids MI; Floyd Estes Morford, Delton MI; Leroy Edgar Morford, Amarillo TX; Rev. William Henry Morford, formerly of Flint MI; Uretta Morford Rasp, Shelby NB; Edith Morford Schmit, Petoskey MI; Mrs. Letha Scott, Richland MI; Mrs. Mae Morford Strevy, Colfax WA.

JOSEPH MORFORD 1807-1892, of Sandy Hill, Washington Co NY at marriage to JULIA EMILY MERRILL; of Alexander, Genesee Co NY when elder son Willard Morse 1835-1866 was born; of Waukegan, Lake Co IL by 1860. [*NOTE: See William 1817-1878, probable brother.*]: William Herman Morford, Gurnee IL.

JOSEPH AUGUST MORFORD 1809-1884, of Clermont Co. OH, and Freelandville, Knox

Co. IN: Esther (Mrs. Geo.) Fordyce, Hamilton OH; Rebecca Ellen Morford Kroeker, Buena Park CA; Mrs. Clara Feist Morford, Laguna Beach CA; Donald L. Morford, San Pedro CA; Mildred Jackson Morford, Owensboro KY; Marjorie Schell, Freelandville IN; Pearl Donna McArthur Strack, Centralia MO; Tim Wolfe, Highland IN.

JOSEPH MOFFORD 1827-1862, of Berlin, Somerset Co PA; Muscatine and Jefferson Counties IA; Oquawka, Henderson Co IL; died Corinth, Alcorn Co MS; married twice, first to HARRIET BAMFORD, second to PERMELIA WESTENHAVER:

Mrs. Jessie A. Mofford Weigant, Portland OR.

MRS. MARY (-?-) MORFORD 1753-1818, of Burlington Co NJ and Pittsburgh PA. [*Mother of JOHN 1778-1869, who married Mary P. McGalliard, and JAMES H. 1785-1843, who married Mary Ann Jarvis; also of ANN 1791-1874, who married ALEXANDER CALHOUN. Mary may also have had a son Barton (dates unknown) who married Ruth Bond. John, James and Barton were of Pittsburgh; the first two and their sister Ann also lived in Maysville KY.*]:

James F. Bryan, Carthage MO; Jennie (Mrs. Frank) Hill, Oklahoma City OK; Mrs. Joseph Wallingford Morford, Lexington KY; Lawrence Lee Morford, Galena KS.

SQUIRE THOMAS MORFORD, year and place of birth unknown; died 1863, Numa IN, leaving a widow EMELINE (VanBLAIR) MORFORD 1830-1877, who, died at Quincy, Adams Co IL:

Jeanet Morford Crim, Quincy IL.

THOMAS¹ MORFORD 165 -1695/6, of Middletown, Monmouth Co NJ; left widow SUSANNAH Mrs. Louise Morford Dunn, Dayton OH; Brenda (Mrs. Glenn D.) Johnson, Charlotte NC; Mrs. Clara Louise Combs, Silver Springs MD; Mrs. Harold Conover Morford, Long Branch NJ; Leon Russile Morford, Little Silver NJ; Rex Harold Morford, West Caldwell NJ; Mrs. Thomas F. Morford Sr., Red Bank NJ; Mrs. Kathlyn V. Stutz, Englishtown NJ; Mrs. J. Hasbrouck Wallace, North Haven CT; Mrs. Irving Harold Wood, Red Bank NJ.

THOMAS¹ MORFORD 1716-1797 [Thomas² John¹], of Cranbury, Middlesex Co NJ; married 1739 ANN LAWRIE 1718-1799. [*Of their sons, two who settled in Mercer Co PA were: JAMES 1753-1809, who married Ann Clawson; and JOHN 1758-1840, who married Mary Ann Cox.*]:

Mrs. Christine Aaron, Warren OH; Alice (Mrs. Leonard C.) Albin, Walla Walla WA; Edith "Ida" (Mrs. Oscar B.) Anderson, Spokane WA; Minnie (Mrs. Karl) Anderson, Menominee WI; Mina Rae (Mrs. John) Bohan, Alexis IL; Ruby (Mrs. Elmer) Boman, Wichita KS; Helen (Mrs. Arthur) Boynton, Long Beach CA; Ruby N. Morford Butts, Oakland CA; Bessie M. Calhoun, Ionia MI; Doris M. (Mrs. Lind sey) Campbell, Portland OR; Eleanor (Mrs. Arlon W.) Carlson, Kewanee IL; Mary Elsie Morford Carroll, Toledo OH; Mrs. Ora S. Cotton, Youngstown OH; Enid S. (Mrs. Joseph) DeBarthe, Lamoni IA; Mrs. Alvin Dunbar, Lockwood OH; Orissa (Mrs. Lewis) Fritch, Paris IL and Glendora CA; Ethel Morford Grandy, Masury OH; David Joseph Grant, Lamoni IA; Doris Morford Gravidahl, Kempton ND; Edna M. Hockett, Blue Island IL; Raymond Edward Hunter, Omaha NB; Mary Jane Morford Keegan, Goodland KS; Dorothy Morford Laiche, Seattle WA; Lillian Carter List, Rockford IL; Alfaretta Morford Locke, Sharon PA; Minerva A. Morford Locke, Montrose CO; Mrs. K. E. Madison, Long Beach CA; Harland V. Main, Maywood IL; Roy F. Main, Hickory Corners MI; Veta M. Morford Mills, Hardin MT; Albert Morford, Fair Oaks CA; Alfred Melvin Morford, Castana IA and Marysville CA; Altha Morse Morford, Seattle WA; Arthur Lee Morford, Grand Junction' CO; Audrey (Mrs. Arno) Morford, Alhambra CA; Beatrice Louise Morford, Andover OH; Beryl Cyrus Morford, Aurora CO; Mrs. Donald Ellis Morford, Akron OH; Donald Eugene Morford, Oroville CA; Mrs. Doris Armstrong Morford, Saginaw MI; Mrs. Earl B. Morford, Omaha NB; Earl Clifford Morford, Watsonville CA; Edgar John Morford, Saint Louis MI; Mrs. Estil Alonzo Morford, Mills WY; George Milton Morford, Spokane WA; Glen Orlando Morford, Nashville TN; Miss Golda Morford, Detroit MI, Kensington CA & Clearwater FL; Mrs. Hazen Allen Morford, Earlham IA; Mrs. Hazen Harrison Morford, Arlington VA and Pacific Grove CA; Jane Morford, Rochester MN; John Bell Morford, Kinsman OH; John Willard Morford, Cheyenne WY; Keith Duncan Morford, Big Rapids MI; Kenneth Arlando Morford, Independence MO; Lois M. Taynton Morford, Oak Harbor WA; Lossee Morford, Andalusia IL; Lulu P. (Mrs. Allen R.) Morford, St. Joseph MI; McKean Donald Morford, Tacoma WA; McLellan Morford, Flat Rock MI; Oren Emil Morford, Philomath OR; Mrs. Richard Morford, Hubbell NB; Robert Marion Morford, Canton OH; Roland Oliver Morford, Pleasant Grove UT Ross Charles Morford, Yucaipa CA; Mrs. Sydney A. Morford, Aurora CO; Thomas George Morford, Chicago IL; Thurlow L. Morford, Cameron IL; Mrs.

Harold Morgan, Springfield IL; Mrs. Lena Fern Myers, Houston TX; Mrs. Mary Morford Nesbitt, Aledo IL; Lucille Hudson Olson, Claremont CA; Mrs. Hiram Parkman, Aledo IL; Cortelle Morford Pierce, Kinsman OH; Blanche S. Morford Pitman, Rio IL; Mrs. Clyde Robillard, Albion MI; Mildred Hunter Scott, Hollidaysburg PA; Laura Morford Seavey, Lucy M. (Mrs. Manuel A. Sousa), Wilmington CA; Gra R. Morford Stanley, Chico CA; Carol A. Swanson, Kent WA; Ila Blanche (Strode) Trent, Bend OR; Mrs. Wilma R. Wilkinson, Kansas City KS; Hattie Ireland Williams, Martin SD.

THOMAS MORFORD 1737-1820, of Baltimore Co MD; said to have had first wife JANE RICHARDSON (no proof as yet); married 1783 HANNAH PRESBURY. [*Known son: OBADIAH (of Prince George's Co MD 1800); probable sons: ISAAH (q.v.), JOHN 1766 (q.v.), THOS. 1773 (q.v.)*]

THOMAS MORFORD 1773-1815, married 1796 TEMPERANCE ROBINSON; of Harford Co MD, Bracken Co KY, Adams Co OH. [*NOTE: His 2d wife, FRANCES RACHFORD, married 2d JAMES ERWIN.*]:
Deanna Eakins Frobish, Bradenton FL; Esther E. Gregory, Thousand Oaks CA; Stacia Voree (McHenry) Keel, El Cajon CA; Miss Essie Lindsey, Alhambra CA; Erle Fenton Morford, Cleveland Heights OH; Garret Amen Morford 1896-1963, Cambria CA; Jesse L. Tersinger, Washington Court House OH.

WILLIAM MORFORD 176 -1816, of NY (co.unknown); Ontario Co NY; of Newark, Wayne Co NY when eldest son Joseph Baker Morford was born; also lived Saratoga, Schoharie Cos NY:

Joan Morford Bungum, Lindstrom MN; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Grande, Burbank CA; Dema Louise Morford Marshall, Union Gap WA; Pearl Bell Mathis, Sulphur OK; Mrs. Dwight Morford, Lakefield MN; Gail Eugene Morford, Seattle WA; Mrs. Herbert Willis Morford, Parma ID; William Blye Morford, Central Square NY; Eva Percy Morford Ohlhouse, Aberdeen SD; Ralph Eugene Piper, Derby KS; Mrs. Miriam M. Schulz, Robbinsdale MN.

WILLIAM MOFERD/MORFORD 1808-18, and wife RACHEL BOYS ca 1805-93, of Clermont Co OH; Herbert L. Mofford, Cincinnati OH.

WILLIAM MORFORD 1817-1878, born NY (county unknown); of Alexander, Genesee Co NY; wife POLLY NELSON 1827-1904, died Bethany, Genesee Co NY:

Howard W. Morford, Alden NY; Robert W. Morford, Lansing MI; Mildred (Mrs. Galer S.) Quirk, Fort Myers FL.

ZEBULON MORFORD 1722-1794, of Cranbury, Middlesex Co. NJ, and wife SUSANNAH BARTON: Florence Rogers Bryant, Bowling Green KY; J. Sheldon Fisher, Fishers NY; Katherine Morford Krueger, Whittier CA; Helen (Mrs. Theodore) Morford, Nashville TN; Roy Morford, Pitcairn PA; Mary Morford Potter, McMinnville TN; Benton E. Reams, Bowie MD; Miss Harriet Reams, McMinnville TN.

IF YOU RECOGNIZED ANY RELATIVES in the foregoing lists of our correspondents, then you know, at least, the earliest ancestor in your lineage. But if you are missing some of the in-between generations, let us know the earliest ancestor you now know, and it is very likely we can help you complete your records. Be sure to mention the dates of birth, and the places where your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents resided. (Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for our use in answering your letter.)

To help you further, our next issue will feature names, dates and spouses of Morfords born between 1870 and 1880. Most readers will surely find therein names of parents, uncles and aunts, or grandparents, great-uncles, great-aunts - depending, of course, on the age of the reader. Here's a sample of the records as they will appear:

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| William Perry Morford 1873- | married Nora B. Potter |
| Edward Harvey Morford 1875-1927 | married Cora B. Dobbins |
| Ethan Everett Morford 1877-1939 | married Maude A. Kelsey |

VERY LITTLE HAS APPEARED IN PRINT about the Morford family. In 1892 a 24-page booklet entitled *History of the Morford Family*, signed by "C.R.M." of South New Lyme, Ohio, was printed by Shenango Valley News-Print, Greenville, Pa. The author was Curtis Richard Morford [1856-1944], son of Isaac and Celestia Lysetta (Williams) Morford, and a grandson of John Morford [1758-1840], the younger of two great-grandsons of the John Morford of Middletown, Monmouth Co., NJ and Cranbury, Middlesex Co., NJ. The booklet begins with Thomas' Morford [1716-1797] and his wife Ann, whose dates of birth and death are given, but not her maiden name, which we know to be "Lawrie". It is likely that Curtis R. Morford had access to a Morford family Bible, inasmuch as very specific birthdates are quoted. The statement was made that Thomas and Ann had been born in Scotland and Ireland, respectively; but, at least as to Thomas, this was an error, for he was a grandson of John' Morford who was of New Jersey as early as 1676, when he had a grant of 120 acres of land in Middletown. Although this Morford history mentions a few locations in the first few pages of introductory material, it was quite deficient in the remaining 17 pages, which gave only names and dates, no places. Nevertheless, the booklet was a fairly good starting point for more meticulous genealogists to put together a record of the two sons of Thoma S3 who established the "Mercer County, Pa." branch of the family -- James Morford 1753-1809, and John Morford 1758-1840.

SOME TIME BEFORE 1916, a Mrs. Silas Shepherd of New Jersey compiled a record (whether in book or manuscript form has not been learned), in which was contained some data as to the Thomas Morford who married, in 1752, in New Jersey, Esther Bowne, daughter of Samue 13 and Esther Bowne. [See page 25, "*WILLIAM BOWNE OF YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND AND HIS DESCENDANTS*", by Miller K. Reading, M.D., published in Flemington, N.J. in 1902 under copyright of H. E. Deats.] Efforts to locate a copy of Mrs. Shepherd's manuscript or book have thus far been unsuccessful. If anyone knows the exact title and can inform us as to where a copy may be consulted, please write the MORFORD HISTORIAN.

In Volume IV, *Historical and Genealogical Miscellany, Early Settlers of New Jersey and Their Descendants*, published 1916 by Dr. John Stillwell, several comments indicate he was quoting from Mrs. Shepherd's data. In the 11 pages on "Morfords of Monmouth Co." only 9 lines pertain to John' Morford; Dr. Stillwell apparently was not aware that in 1710 John had sold his Middletown land and purchased land in Cranbury, Middlesex Co, N.J. Neither the section on Monmouth Co. Morfords, nor the 1½ page section entitled "Miscellaneous Notes", gives adequate coverage of all early Morfords of New Jersey.

Except for the compilations mentioned above, other published Morford records consist mainly of biographies in county histories, not all of which are notable for accuracy. One reason is that members of the family not purchasing a copy of the history were often omitted from mention; thus a comprehensive view of the family group is not shown. From time to time the MORFORD HISTORIAN will quote some of these biographies, and will cite proofs from sources such as wills, deeds, census and other public records, showing the true facts as compared with statements made in the biographical sketches. One of the aims of the MORFORD HISTORIAN will be to publish any corrections necessary in order to set straight the history of the Morford family.

PUBLISHED BIBLE RECORDS of some Morford families, however, are generally dependable if the information came from first-hand knowledge and was not copied from some uninformed source. One record, published in May 1977 in *THE GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE OF NEW JERSEY*, under the title "Three Morford Family Bibles", was transcribed by Mrs. Harold L. Adams from photostatic copies of the originals. Those wishing copies may write to the Corresponding Secretary, Genealogical Society of New Jersey, P.O. Box 1291, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903, for current price of the desired issue. We have several other Morford Bible records which we plan to publish, thus preserving for all descendants records which, in the original, can be owned by only one person or family at a time. Do you have Bible records showing Morford names? If so, please share them with our readers by sending us photocopies of the record pages, also of the title page of the Bible.

HONORING A 5th-GREAT GRANDFATHER, born in 1740, and a 4th-GREAT GRANDFATHER born 1766, the youngest son of the Charles I. Morford family of Davenport, Iowa, born 18 December 1799, was named Daniel James Morford. His earliest proven paternal ancestor, Daniel Morford, was born in New Jersey in 1740 and served in the Revolutionary War. Later he lived in Kentucky and Ohio, where he died in 1833. Daniel's son James Morford 1766-1839, headed the branch of the family known as the "Greene Co. Pa. " Morfords. Young Dan's father is the compiler of Vol. I, Biographical Index to the County Histories of Iowa, published in 1979. Charles is now working on Vol. II, also on a book of early Iowa marriages.

MRS. NELLIE E. RITTER MORFORD, wife of Basil Morford of Indianapolis, died on Monday, 18 February 1980, at the age of 92. Survivors besides her husband are sons Bruce and Irvin, and a daughter Thelma Schutt. The Morfords had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 1971. Basil is a 2d-great grandson of John and Susannah (Hess) Morford of Clermont County, Ohio, and Franklin County, Indiana. For a number of years this family has held reunions of the descendants of William and Nancy (Lewis) Morford. It was not until the Morford Historian's research trip in 1978 that data came to light revealing John and Susannah (Hess) Morford as William's parents.

DUANE D. MORFORD, P. O. Box 60769, Sacramento, California, writes: "If you know any stamp-collecting Morfords, give them my name . . . I both buy and sell U.S. stamps."

WE'D LIKE TO HAVE NEWS of any Morford reunions held this summer, as well as notices of when and where the next reunion of each branch will be held. Be sure to mention the name of the earliest ancestor of each such group.

MORFORD-RELATED QUERIES

Each issue of the MORFORD HISTORIAN will contain genealogical queries, published at no cost to subscribers, so long as there is some MORFORD connection. Answers received will be published so as to be of benefit to all doing Morford research.

1. AIKENS-MORFORD-HARRIS: Matilda, daughter of Little Morford, married 1827, Dearborn Co. IN, John Aikens; was she related to Caleb Morford, who married Charlotty Harris in same year and place? Little Morford was on tax roll Bracken Co. KY, 1824, but owned no land; he died between 1832 and 1838 -- when. and where was he buried?

2. ALLEY-MORFORD: John Alley of Wayne Twp., Greene Co. Pa., agreed 25 Dec 1813 to make "deed of inheritance" to James Morford of the same place, for 255 acres of land "where Alley now lives", in Wayne Twp. Did this imply that Alley was A relative of Morford?

3. ASHTON -MORFORD-MERRILL. John Ashton 1763-1837 married in 1783, Washington Co. NY, Lydia Morford 1761-1841, said to be dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Van Kirk) Morford. Was Lydia related to Joseph Morford 1807-1892 [*see p. 6 MORFORD HISTORIAN*] who married, 9 Aug 1832, at Sandy Hill, Washington Co. NY, Julia Emily Merrill?

YOUR SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED!

Are there other features you'd like to see in this newsletter? We want it to be both interesting and helpful. You can help by sending in clippings of current news items about Morfords, noting publication date, town, name of paper. Do you have time to check nearby county records for Morford marriages or probates? or copy Morford tombstone inscriptions? Every little bit helps!

THE MORFORD HISTORIAN will be punched for placing in a standard 3-ring binder, so that your copies may be kept together for easy reference. Pages will be numbered consecutively, and an index will be published at the end of the year, so you'll be able to find desired information without searching through all issues.