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THE MORFORD WHO RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

ENROLLED AMONG "THE BRAVEST FIVE HUNDRED" soldiers specially honored by Congress above two million or more soldiers who served in the Union Army during the Civil War, is the name of Jerome Jefferson Morford [1841-1910].

Born 13 June 1841 in Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Jerome was the ninth child, and fifth son, of James and Martha (Titus) Morford. Some time between 1850 and 1861 James and Martha removed from Mercer County, Pennsylvania to Mercer County, Illinois, with their three youngest children - James Cyrus, Martha Mary, and Jerome Jefferson.

On 17 October 1861, when he was 4 months and 4 days past his 20th birthday, Jerome enlisted in Company K, 55th Illinois Infantry Volunteers, serving until 14 August 1865. When General Grant called for volunteers to storm a fort as a "forlorn hope" during an assault on Vicksburg, Mississippi, on 22 May 1863, Jerome Morford was among the first to respond, and among the few to return uninjured from that desperate charge. For his part in this heroic act, he received the Congressional Medal of Honor, a decoration awarded in the name of the Congress to any person who, while an officer or enlisted man of the army, in action involving actual conflict with an enemy, distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life beyond the call of duty. It was later said of Pvt. Jerome Morford that "he was a gallant soldier who never knew the sensation of fear, or if he ever was conscious of it the fact was not revealed by his acts. His superb courage was tested in many desperate adventures and his heroic valor shown on many of the battlefields of the Western army."

While still in the army, he married, 15 May 1864, Amanda Janette Abbott [1847-1890], a daughter of Abner and Eliza Jane (McDaniel) Abbott. Jerome is shown here with Amanda in a picture taken in 1869, the original of which is in the possession of a descendant, Mrs. Audrey Morford of Alhambra, California. In the early 1870s the young couple moved from Illinois to Kansas, later moving from there to the state of Washington, between 1888 and 1890. Amanda died when their youngest child, Edgar Clark Morford, was but two months old. Three years later Jerome married Mettie (Clark) Hardy; this marriage ended by divorce in 1896. In 1904 he married Mrs. Frances M. Weaverling, formerly of Anacortes, Washington.



In 1910, though Jerome had nearly reached the allotted span of threescore years and ten, he was constructing a new home across Lake Washington, and it is likely that the labor

and exposure of this undertaking was the cause of his fatal illness. He had been such a hardy man all his life that he seemed to forget that a man bordering upon 70 years does not possess the physical endurance of a young man of 20. He died at his Seattle home, 6061- 4th Avenue, N.E., in the Green Lake district, 11 June 1910, after an illness of five days, and on 14 June was laid to rest beside the wife of his youth, in a beautiful cemetery on the heights above the town of Riverton. He was buried with military honors according to the beautiful service of the Grand Army of the Republic, by Green Lake Post No. 112, of which he was commander.

Jerome was survived by five sons and five daughters: Frances Leona (Mrs. Edwin Raymond Dunham) [1866-1912], William Thomas [1868-1961], Archie Alec [1871-1945], Walter Cyrus [1874-1944], Laura Augusta (Mrs. Aubrey Leroy Seavey) [1876-1970], Jerome Ottwell [1879-1930], Jessie Mary Altha (Mrs. Roy Roswell Hazard; she later married William Morgan); Julia Elvira (Mrs. William Conroy); and Edgar Clark Morford [1890-1964].

After Jerome's death the medal was given to Ottwell J. Morford, who left it to his son Homer Clark Morford. Upon the latter's death in 1958 his widow, Dorothy, gave the medal to Jerome's daughter, Laura Augusta (Morford) Seavey. When Laura died the medal was given to Kenneth LeRoy Haworth, son of Merle Evelyn (Seavey) Haworth.

MORFORD FAMILY REUNIONS

Children of John B. and Mamie Esther (Morford) Atwood held a reunion in June this -year. Among those attending was Nellie (Garmon) Guinn, of Milton, Iowa, who, in a letter to her cousin Willis Morford of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, mentioned that on August 18th there would be a reunion of descendants of James Byron Morford [1850-1932], to be held at the country home of Mildred Mae (Huggins) Ringberg, north of Galesburg, Ill. Mildred is the daughter of Wray and Clara Alice (Morford) Huggins.

Sunday, 6 October 1985, is the scheduled date for the next reunion of the descendants of JOHN BAIRD MORFORD [1855-1940], to be held at the Scout Hall in North Manchester, Indiana. For further information write to Larry W. Morford, 1304 Ivy Court, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

NEWS OF MORFORDS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

JAMES EDWARD GARMON, 55, of Bloomfield, Iowa, died the morning of 14 June 1984 at his home. He was born 3 September 1928 to Joseph E. and Alta Ruth (Morford) Garmon. He was a mechanic at Bloomfield Machinery since October 1977, and had previously worked at Mike's Implements in Bloomfield. A veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of American Legion Reed-Whisler Post 78; was also a member of Pulaski United Methodist Church. On 20 December 1950, in Pulaski , he married Doris McEldowney, who survives him. He is also survived by his mother; three daughters: Donna Garmon of Ottumwa, Sandy Ganiion of Pulaski , and Joy Rupe of Springfield, Oregon; a son, Mike, of Pulaski; a sister, Nellie (Garmon) Guinn of Milton, Iowa; and seven grandchildren. Services were held 16 June 1984 at Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield, followed by military graveside services at the Pulaski Cemetery.

RICHARD ARTHUR MORFORD, retired owner of Kerns, Inc. , died 7 December 1984, following a heart attack. Born 3 August 1913 in Saginaw, Michigan, he was a son of Arthur Richard and Edith Ellen (St. John) Morford. He married, 24 August 1935, at Angola, Steuben County, Indiana, Mary Elizabeth Wruck, who survives. She is a daughter of Anthony Edward and Edna (Flanangn) Wruck. Children of Richard and Mary Elizabeth (Wruck) Mor-

ford are Janice Ann (Mrs. George W. Stewart III), Richard Wruck Morford, Robert Alan Morford, and Barbara Lynn (Morford) Ivey, who lives in Defiance, Ohio. A lengthy and interesting article, entitled "71-year-old retiree left behind a legacy of love", was published in the Saginaw newspaper. We would have included it in its entirety here, except that most newspapers copyright their material, and, not knowing the name of the newspaper, we were unable to request permission to reprint it.

MERLE EDISON MORFORD, son of William Thomas and Velma Lois (Mumford) Morford, died in Tacoma, Washington early this year, following a stroke. He was born 20 March 1897, at Olympia, Thurston County, Washington. He was married twice, first on 14 December 1920 at Vancouver, B.C. to Bonita E. Williams, from whom he was divorced in 1933; and 2d, in 1936, to Olive Bodamer. Surviving was his son, George William Morford, born 1924.

ALTA RUTH (MORFORD) GARMON died 10 February 1985, at Bloomfield, Davis Co., Iowa, of heart failure. She was the 3d child of Byron James Morford [1850-1932] by his second wife, Caroline "Callie" Danford [1870-1921], and was born 8 October 1903 in Davis Co., Iowa. She married Joseph E. Garmon 21 September 1920, at Bloomfield; he died 30 July 1960. She was preceded in death by one son, James, in 1984; and by two sisters, Alice (Morford) Huggins, and Maggie Merle (Morford) Southern; three half-sisters: Jessie Lora (Morford) Rich, Mamie Esther (Morford) Atwood, and Dora Glenna (Morford) Duden, and by a half-brother, Hazen Harrison Morford [1888-1936]. She is survived by a daughter, Nellie Ernestine (Mrs. Raymond) Guinn, a daughter-in-law, Delores Garmon of Bloomfield, Iowa, 6 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, one brother, Arch Keith Morford of North Liberty, Iowa, and several nieces and nephews. She was a member of Pulaski United Methodist Church, and a lifetime member of United Methodist Woman. She resided in Pulaski, Davis Co., Iowa, until September 1983, when she fell and broke her hip. She had spent the past 14 months at the Bloomfield Care Center. Services were held at Pulaski United Methodist Church on Tuesday, 12 February 1985; casket bearers were Randy Kaefring, Mike Garmon, Alan Shepley, Brett Marlow, John Maier and Dick Gent. Burial was in Pulaski Cemetery, Pulaski, Davis County, Iowa.

MAURICE MORFORD, son of Fred James and Clara Elmina (Boyington) Morford, and youngest brother of Miriam (Morford) Peterson, died 22 February 1985 at the age of 66 years, 2 months and 22 days. Following funeral services at Clarion, Wright County, Iowa, he was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion. His wife, Betty June (White) Morford and three children survive: Jim D., Carol Lynn, and Shirley Mae. Maurice's ancestral line: Fred James⁹ John Thomas⁸ Joseph⁷ James⁶ Daniel⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford

ALTHA ABBIE (MORSE) MORFORD, widow of LeRoy Charles Morford [1897-1952], died 18 April 1985 in Seattle, King Co., Washington, at the age of 88 years, 8 months and 1 day. A daughter of Simon Andrew and Lilia Ardelia (Barton) Morse, she was born 17 August 1896 in Edison, Gosper County, Nebraska. Her husband, a dentist, had died in September 1952 in Portland, Oregon, of a heart attack. The couple had two daughters, Maxine Adelle (Mrs. Harvey Leroy Long), and Virginia Louise, whose first husband was James L. Gladfelter; she married second, in 1944, John Wafer Seale. LeRoy Charles Morford's ancestral line was: James Bertram⁹ James⁸ James⁷ John⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ John^{2,1} Morford

EARL ROBERT YOUNG, 78, a retired instructor of agricultural engineering at the University of Kentucky, died 1 May 1985 in Lexington, Ky. Born 27 May 1906 in Steele County Minnesota, he was a son of the late John and Bessie (Fairly) Young. He is survived by his widow Dorothy (Morford) Young, and a daughter Nancy Jane Young. Burial was in Lexington, Ky. Cemetery. His wife's Morford line: Roy Dwight⁸ Samuel Dwight⁷ Cyrus Wm.⁶ William⁵ Joseph⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹ Morford

BRYAN L. MORFORD and Deanna (Latimer) Beutler, daughter of Doyle and Shirley Latimer, of Twin Falls, Idaho, were married 18 May 1985, in First Christian Church of Boise, ID. Bryan's ancestral line: Charles Albert⁸ Charles Grosvenor⁷ Rev. Joseph Baker⁶ William⁵ Joseph⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹ Morford. (The July 1982 issue of MORFORD HISTORIAN contained an article about William Morford [1764-1816] of this particular Morford family.

GERALD L. MORFORD, son of Mr. & Mrs. Myron Lee Morford of Edinboro, PA., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Asbury Morford, of Andover, Ohio, was graduated summa cum laude on 19 May 1985, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. He received recognition as an honors program graduate and as the outstanding graduate in chemistry and physics. His future academic plans include attending Michigan State University's graduate program of biochemistry, having received a university graduate fellowship covering four years of study in the doctoral degree program at MSU. While at EUP, Gerald was active in the academic honor fraternity and in the music program, playing both in the marching band and in different musical ensembles. He has received several honors scholarships, and during the summer of 1984 was a student researcher at the Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Labs at Oak Ridge, Tenn. His grandfather Merle's line is: William Vance⁸ Vanransler Vance⁷ John⁶ John⁵ Thomas⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.

MAURICE JOSEPH MORFORD, born 21 May 1985, second son of Jim D. and Kerri Jo (Smith) Morford of Clarion, Iowa, was named for his grandfather, Maurice Lynn Morford [1918-85] and for his 3d-great-grandfather, Joseph Morford, born 13 May 1813. The latter's son, John Thomas Morford (a great-great-uncle of the new little Maurice Joseph Morford) was also born on the 21st of May, 138 years earlier. Maurice Joseph joins an elder brother Benjimin Lewis Morford, who was born 7 April 1984.

MAXINE (MORFORD) (BOWMAN) TETER, of Oregon City, Ore., died 22 May 1985 of cancer caused by a fall in which her spine was injured. Her husband, Roscoe Teter, and her brother, John Macen Morford, of Portland, survive. Her Morford line was: William John⁹ John.T.⁸ Joseph⁷ James⁶ Daniel⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.

CRAIG ALLEN MORFORD, 22-year-old soldier, who was tried in May on a charge of first-degree murder in the shooting, last December 26, of Michael Jerich, was acquitted by a Thurston County, Washington jury. Craig testified that he had gone to the trailer home of his estranged wife, Michele, to discuss taking custody of their 2-year old daughter for a few days. The visit was pleasant, Michele testified, until Craig discovered Jerich hiding in a bedroom and was attacked by him. Afraid that Jerich would kill him, Craig went to his car, took out a shotgun, and fired at the door, killing Jerich and wounding Michele. The jury found Craig innocent by reason of self-defense.

WHO IS RICHARD MORFORD'S FATHER?

In the Detroit, Michigan NEWS dated Monday, June 10, 1985, in a list of persons killed in week-end traffic crashes, appeared the name of four-year old Richard Morford, of Kalamazoo. There are many Morford families in Kalamazoo, including Donald W., Drew, Gerry, Joseph J., Richard A., Richard C., Robert, Robert D. and Steven J. The HISTORIAN will greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who can identify, not just the parents of the little traffic victim, but of each of the heads of Morford families in Kalamazoo, so that our records may be more complete. For complete identification, we need the date and place of birth, and names of both father and mother of each person. Please let us hear from you, Kalamazoo Morfords!

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

ANOTHER SPELLING VARIANT OF "MORFORD" TO ADD TO OUR LIST OF 130+

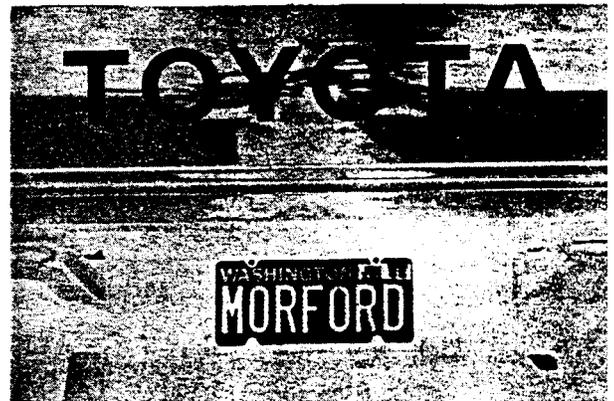
We've just about lost track of how many spelling variations we have come across in our research for Morford records -- but here's another, which appears in a page of Scudder Bible records recently sent to us by Edwin L. Soper, Historian-Emeritus of The Scudder Association, Inc.:

"Benjamin Scudder & Ann Morphed his wife was Married Feb. 8th, 1827"

Readers who were among our earliest subscribers and have a copy of our October, 1980, issue, will see that in a chart on page 19 is shown record of Ann Morford [1800-1873], whose marriage to Benjamin Scudder [1789-1842] was in 1827; there can be no doubt that both these records pertain to the same couple, in spite of the very inventive spelling for Ann's maiden name, as shown in the Scudder record.

Mr. Soper mentioned that Ann was reported as a twin; and our records do show that she had a twin, Margaret, who married in 1834 Lewis Emmons. Another statement in the records of the Scudder Association was that Ann had a brother Joseph who was a minister. This is the first hint we have had that Joseph August Morford [1809-1884], who died in Freelandville, Indiana, was a minister. Can any descendant verify the statement? The Historian has tried several times to obtain either a death certificate, or a newspaper obituary for this Joseph, without success. Is there anywhere, a county or state or town history containing a biographical sketch of Joseph August Morford? Or any published record giving an account of his 50th wedding anniversary, which would have been celebrated 3 March 1881, when he and his wife Margaret (Moorhead) were living in Freelandville, Knox County, Indiana?

OUR LIST OF PLACES named for persons of the MORFORD family is growing. On page 95, in our October 1982 MORFORD HISTORIAN we had a list of MORFORD towns and roads; on her tour of England and Scotland a couple of years ago, Miriam (Morford) Peterson took a photograph of a "MORFORD ST." sign. Now we learn from Allen Leach and his mother that there is a MORFORD LANE in McMinnville, Tennessee probably named in honor of a former mayor, , Josiah Furman Morford [1829-1908]. To these we now can add a different use of the name: the pickup owned by our cousin, Gary Morford of Olympia, Washington, has as its license tag not a number, but -- you guessed it! the name "MORFORD". Here's the proof:



WHO HAS A COPY OF "THE HAZEN FAMILY IN AMERICA"?

The Morford Historian needs copies of pages 394 and 957 of "The Hazen Family in America" in order to obtain complete data of Hazen-Morford marriages; and also the page giving the ancestry of Jeremiah Hazen, father of Susannah Hazen (#903), as shown on page 429.

Readers: If you have copies of family genealogies which show intermarriages with the Morford family, please send us copies of the pertinent pages for our data files.

MORFORD NAMED TO HALL OF FAME

Named to the Hall of Fame in Iowa High School Wrestling was the late LYLE BOYINGTON MORFORD [1909-1964], son of Fred James and Clara Elmina (Boyington) Morford of Clarion, Iowa. The following account of his exploits comes from the official program of the 1985 State Championship Meet, sent to us by Lyle's sister, Miriam Morford Peterson:

"The Morfords of Clarion were another prominent "wrestling" family. Lyle's brother, Laurel, was a matman at Cornell; another brother, Maurice, was a two-time State prep champion and a son, Douglas, was a State runner-up. Lyle posted a 77-7 record at Clarion High, was second place State meet finisher as a junior and undefeated as a senior. However, illness forced him to miss the State meet and an almost certain State title. While at Cornell College, Lyle won several midwest and national AAU championships and was an NCAA runner-up twice. He was never thrown in his collegiate career. Lyle was the center of quite a controversy concerning the 1932 Olympics. After winning a place on the U.S. team, he reportedly earned the top spot in pre-Olympic workouts, only to be denied an opportunity to compete. The Olympics were held in Los Angeles that year, and despite much protest, a California wrestler, whom Lyle had bested repeatedly in the try-outs, was awarded the berth. Renowned Des Moines Register Sports Columnist wrote: "Shorty Morford was cheated out of his position and the U.S. lost an almost certain world championship."

MORFORDS IN VARIOUS "WHO'S WHO" VOLUMES

Thanks to diligent researching by Mary Jane Steinhagen, we can report on some Morfords whose accomplishments appear in "Who's Who" publications:

HELEN (SMITH) MORFORD, listed in "Who's Who of American Women", 1966/7, was born June 25, 1899 at Long Branch, N.J. and was daughter of John S. and Mary (Follansbe) Smith. She was married 29 August 1922 at Long Branch, to Capt. Josiah Furman Morford [1894-1923], son of John Josiah and Sallie R. (Haden) Morford. The ancestral line of John Josiah is: Zebulon Jr⁵ Zebulon⁴ John³ John² John¹ Morford. Mrs. Morford's career included serving as assistant to the director of Yale Laboratories of Primate Biology, in New Haven, 1924-42; administrative assistant in the Liaison Office OSRD, Washington, D.C., 1943-46; office Naval Research in American Embassy, in London, England, 1946-48; Amer. Psychological Ass'n., Washington, 1948-53. She was executive secretary of the Teaching Institute, American Medical Colleges, Chicago, 1953-55, and was employed by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. of Evanston, Ill. 1955 [and probably on to the date of the Who's Who publication, 1967]. At that time she was living at 3130 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill. We have no further or later information of Mrs. Morford.

CATHERINE ANNE MORFORD, listed in "Who's Who of American Women", 1979/80, is daughter of Daniel Leroy and Edna Louise (Shaw) Morford; she was born 1945 in El Paso, Texas; received her B.S. degree at Hardin-Simmons University in 1967, and her M.S. at Indiana U., 1972. She taught in Ft. Worth schools 1967-71, and at Ft. Worth Outdoor Learning Center, 1972-78; served as director of Camp Waluta, Pt. Arthur council of Camp Fire Girls during summers of 1973-75, and at Camp Tyogin, Tyler council, in summer of 1977. Ft. Worth School board presented her with the Perot award for teaching excellence, in 1976; and she has received many awards from Texas State Teachers' Association, the NEA American Camping Association, National Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club, Indiana U. Alumni Association, and the American Institute of Foreign Study. Her name also appears in Marquis' "Who's Who in the West and Southwest", 16th edition, 1978/9. Her father's ancestral line is: Valma Leroy⁹ James Leroy⁸ Isaac Newton⁷ James⁶ Daniel⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.

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GEORGE WILLIAM MORFORD, born 24 February 1924, Olympia, Wash., son of Merle Edison and Bonita Elizabeth (Williams) Morford, is listed in the 1978/9 "Who's Who in the West". He attended the University of Washington, where he received his B.A. degree in 1949. He was employed as an accountant by the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Olympia, 1955/58; was assistant manager of Central Washington Seed Growers, Inc., in Yakima, Washington, 1958/64. In 1956 he was Chairman of "Marine March Against Polio", in Yakima. He served in the U.S. Army 1943/46; was a member of the VFW. In 1983 his residence was in Bellevue, Washington. His father's line: William T.⁷ Jerome J.⁶ James⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ John² John¹ Morford.

DOUGLAS HARRY MORFORD, son of George C. and Marion (Scheidt) Morford, is listed in the Who's Who in American Law. He was born 30 March 1944 in Redbank, Monmouth Co., N.J.; is now living in Jacksonville, Florida. He and his wife have two children, Ward Preston and Meredith Marion. George's presumed line is: Harry⁸ George A.⁷ William⁶ William⁵ Thoma⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹ Morford.

More of the Morford "Who's Who" entries will appear in a later issue of MORFORD HISTORIAN.

HOW THOMAS GARRISON MORFIT BECAME "GARRY MOORE"

A recent newspaper clipping from a column written by Bettelou Peterson was sent to the Morford Historian. The question was asked: "My husband says he remembers a radio show with Garrison Morfit using that name. I know it's Garry Moore's real name but I don't think he used it professionally." The answer: "In 1939 a young chap named Thomas Garrison Morfit joined a Chicago radio show called "Club Matinee", which starred Ransom Sherman. One of Sherman's gags for his new associate was a "Rename Morfit" contest. A listener, whose name is lost, won \$50 for dropping the Thomas and reworking Garrison and Morfit to come up with Garry Moore." For additional information about Garry's ancestry, see the first page of the January 1983 issue of MORFORD HISTORIAN. Garry was born in 1915, and is thought to be still living, perhaps in the vicinity of Rye, N.Y.

MIRIBLE MARFORD [1814-1827], ARTIST

IDENTIFICATION of this early and very young artist has baffled the MORFORD HISTORIAN thus far. Mirible's name appears in the New York Historical Society's "Dictionary of Artists in America, 1564-1860", published in 1957, crediting a book entitled "Primitive Painters in America", by Jean Lipman and Alice Winchester, as the original source of information as to Mirible's work. Mirible was born in 1814, probably in Eatontown, N. J.; she died in 1827; was said to have been a painter of watercolor landscapes. Her painting, "Dunbarton Castle" is listed in a book "Index to Reproductions of American Paintings", which says it may be found in "M. and M. Karolik Collections of American Water Colors and Drawings, 1800-1875". We are still in the dark as to the identity of Mirible's parents and ancestry. The spelling of the surname as "Marford" is not unusual. Her residence in Monmouth County, N.J. seems to point to her having been a descendant of Thomas and Susanna (-) Morford, most of whose descendants appear to have remained in New Jersey. The Historian is indebted to "Tri-State Trader", a weekly devoted mainly to antique collection and other hobbies, for its help in furnishing the information shown above. Ellis' History of Monmouth County does not mention any Morford family of Eatontown Township. An examination of the 1830 census for Monmouth county may assist in determining how many, and which Morford families were living there at that date. We'll report on this as soon as we have an opportunity to check the records.

IF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE HISTORIAN, please recommend it for your Morford relatives, so they may be kept in touch with the research which is continually adding to our knowledge of the Morford family, both in the earliest and in the latest generations.

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; md 24 y; parents b. PA; wf Elizabeth b. MS; md 24 yrs; res. 542 Ovid St. , Pct. 3, Otero Co, CO; chil : Elsie b. Jul 1885 AR, Claude b. Oct 1892 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 tchr; res 24 S. Logan Av, Denver CO.

JAMES B. , b. Aug 1847 PA, both parents b. PA; James md 30 y but 1 i v alone; occ laborer; res. Pct 9, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Conejos, CO.

SCOTT, b. Mar 1858 IL , both parents b . IL; occ day 1 aborer; wf Rachel 1 , b. Aug 1864 IA, both parents b. VT. Chil: Ella, b. Dec 1892 WY, Ida, b. Sept 1895 WY, Walter, b. Apr 1900 CO; res Cortez Pct #2, Montezuma Co, CO.

HENRY, b. Apr 1873 PA, both parents b. PA; occ decorator; unmd; res Washington, D.C.

JAMES, b. May 1866 NY; both parents b. NY; occ R.R. fireman; wf Charlotte, b. Nov 1875 FL; father b. NY, mother b. FL; child James B. , b. Aug 1897 FL; res Mason, Lake Co FL

JAMES C. , b. May 1866 FL , both par b. NY; occ Locomotive fireman; md 6 y; wf Charlotte b. Nov 1875 MA, both parents b. Engl . ; chi I : Mary L , b. Oct 1895, Frederick J. B. , b. Aug'98 FL. Agnes REED, mo-in-law, b. Engl . , age 50 , b. June 1849, widow, liv. with family; res 4th St., Miami, Pct. #7, Dade Co, FL.

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

THOMAS P., b. Feb 1840 NJ, both parents b. NJ; md 13 y; wf Martha A. , b. June 1847 CA, her parents b. ME-OH; chi I : Mary G. , b. June 1888 OR , Harriet b. June 1889 OR; Thos. L. b. Mar 1891 OR, Garrett L. b. Feb 1895 ID, Robert J. b. Sept 1896 ID. Res. Moscow, Latah Co ID.

GEORGE E. , b. Jan 1865 IL , both parents b. PA; occ RR postal clerk; married (but wf 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 parents b. NY; occ steamship paymaster; md 15 y; wf Allie (or Nellie?), b. Dec 1866 IRE, both par b. IRE; chil: Louise, b. May 1887 MT, Gaston b. Mar 1889 MT.

THOMAS, b. Aug 1858 OH; wf Janette b. Mar 1850 MO; chi 1 : 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 parents b. IL; occ farm laborer; res with mo-in-law Mary Erwin, b. Feb 1844 PA. George's wf: Edith M., b. Mar 1866 IL, both parents b. PA; md 9 y; chil : Bertha E. , b. Mar 1893, Ron, b. Sept 1897; res Harlem, Stephenson Co IL

MARY A. , b. Sept 1833 KY; son Isaiah b. Aug 1869 IN; grandson Charley Haman, b. Feb 1887 IN, res Hammond Twp, Spencer Co IN

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THE IMPORTANCE OF VERY EARLY OBITUARIES

THE SIX EARLIEST OBITUARIES of Morford descendants published in MORFORD HISTORIAN have been those of John Morford [1713-1812], Major Stephen Morford [1756-1833], Margaret Morford Ewing [1795-1881] Catharine Morford Eakins [1808-1891] , John Titus Morford [1818-1908], and James Roslin Rinaldo Morford [1833-1908]. There must be many others available for persistent researchers willing to pore through microfilms of the early newspapers. Their value -- and this applies whether they are dated 173 years ago, (as in the case of the first one mentioned here), or in 1908 and referring to persons born as early as 1808 and 1833 -- is immeasurable, for they often provide data as to birthplaces and hitherto unknown relatives, and other valuable information. With this in mind, we plan to publish the names and dates and places of death of some of the really early Morfords and their spouses, in hope that readers living near a library which has files of the pertinent old newspapers (usually on microfilm), may volunteer to spend a few afternoons digging for these "buried treasures" of Morford data. Some libraries maintain a "necrology" file of local residents, and whether maintained by the librarian or by volunteers from a historical society, may be in scrapbook form, or on 3"x5" or 4"x6" file cards. Readers living in or near towns where Morford families lived might check into these possible sources. Let us know what you find.

The Pittsburgh, Pa. library has an excellent card file in which are recorded the basic data from newspaper obituaries, marriage announcements, and other reported events from similar sources. Sometimes the full text is given if the article was brief; or if the material is lengthy, the date and name of the newspaper or original source is shown so that the searcher may check the original (perhaps on microfilm), for the article. One family which we'd like to have checked is that of Shepley and Catherine Ann (Morford) Anderson, who were married about 1847. Catherine, a daughter of James H. and Mary Ann (Jarvis) Morford, was born in 1815, and died 17 February 1871. Her son, James J. Anderson, born in 1848, died 13 August 1868, and is buried in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh. Was he a Civil War soldier? His father, Shepley Anderson, a cigar maker, was born in 1825, according to the 1870 census, which also shows that a John Morford, age 65 (born c1805) was then living with the Anderson family.

Catherine Ann (Morford) Anderson had a sister, Mary Jane Morford [1823-1886] who married, 9 May 1844, William Locke. William died 20 October 1882, and his widow died on 16 September 1886. As of 1850 the family was living in Pittsburgh. An obituary for either Catherine or William might show children Mary Ann (Mrs. Lafayette Hopkins), Sarah Elizabeth, Andrew J., Edward Franklin, and William John.

Another obituary in which we are interested may have appeared in "The Western Star", a paper published in Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio, and which is included in the collections at the Library of Congress. The obituary in which we are interested is of CORNELIUS MORFORD [1741-1825], whose death occurred 12 December 1825, probably in North Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, and who was buried just across the county line in Rehoboth Cemetery, Montgomery Co., Ohio. His second wife, Mary, who died 11 March 1831, is also buried at the same place. If her obituary can be found, it may provide her maiden surname and other historical and personal data of the couple and their descendants.

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A SCRAPBOOK FULL OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS?

Or are there clippings tucked away in boxes, or at the back of the family Bible? Such events as anniversary celebrations, christenings, weddings, honors achieved, awards won. and like items, will be helpful in documenting your family's history. If possible please have all such items pertaining to your Morford relations xeroxed and sent to us, as they will add greatly to the interesting chronicle of the Morford family.

A "SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY" FOR THE MORFORD HISTORIAN

AFTER CELEBRATING their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 22nd, Harold and Enid Adams drove to their former home town, Seattle, to attend a luncheon hosted by the Boeing Company, for which Harold had worked from 1931 to 1969. The occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of the first flight of the Boeing B-17, famed bomber of World War II, which took place on 27 July 1935, just five weeks after Harold's and Enid's wedding day. Almost 200 former Boeing employees who had worked for the company in 1935 or before, were present. News got out that the date was also Harold's 80th birthday, so the emcee had everyone sing "Happy Birthday" to Harold. On their way from Portland to Seattle, Harold and Enid stopped at the Tye Inn north of Olympia, and had lunch there as guests of Harold's second cousin, Gary D. Morford, son of Robert Morford and grandson of John W. Morford [1861-1946], a brother of Harold's grandmother, Margaret (Morford) Adams. While in Seattle, Harold and Enid also visited Miriam Morford Peterson, a long-time correspondent who has furnished impressive quantities of Morford data on her line, the "Greene Co., Pa." branch, as well as on many other Morford families.

A NEW EDITION OF MORFORD "SCAM" BOOK

Another of the Morford "scam" books is said to have been published recently. We have described their contents previously, so we need only say that they are NOT, in any sense of the word, "histories" or even "stories" of the Morfords. What IS useful about a new edition is that it contains a somewhat updated mailing list of Morfords, gathered from city directories, telephone books, and (so the publishers claim) names from a "70-million national name bank." If any reader has purchased the latest such Morford book, we'd appreciate being allowed to borrow it long enough to check its lists with ours and learn what new names appear. After all, some of the younger generations of the family ARE growing up and getting married, and moving into their own homes.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER: Sorry we're late with this issue; it seems the summer was just too busy, what with two 50th anniversary celebrations and trying to keep up with the weeds in the garden. Maybe our readers were just as busy and never even noticed that July went by without a copy of MORFORD HISTORIAN. In getting this issue together, we came across an undated newspaper clipping sent to us a couple of years ago, entitled "Veteran fire-fighters retire". One of the retirees was Lt. Lou Morford, who had served on the City of Moline's fire department for 20 years. We believe this is Louis Ray Morford, born 24 January 1924 at W. Liberty, Muscatine Co., Iowa, son of the late William Ray and Retta (Hagerman) Morford. [Note to clipping-cutter-outers: Be sure to write the name of the paper, the town in which it is published, and the full date of the issue in which the article appeared, so the clipping may be identified at a later date, whether you're keeping it, or sending it to us]... Are you putting off writing your own history for MORFORDS OF AMERICA because you



don't know how to arrange it? Here's a tip: Get out your own (or your parents') photo album. All its pictures have usually been put in chronologically, as each pictured event took place. Doesn't each one call to mind some special recollection as you look at it? Here's one of my folks' first home, where they lived for "x" number of years. This old couple must be Mom's uncie and aunt from "Someplace Else". Oh, here's one of me and my cousins from "Another Place"! There's Grandpa. He used to tell us the most fascinatin' stories of his early days in "Whatever State" and so on, and on. Once you get started, the rest is easy -- just keep looking at the pictures and writing down what you remember as you see them. Set aside one afternoon or evening a week for this "peek at the past", and you'll be surprised how soon your history will be ready to send in!

Enid