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AN  
ABRIDGED GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
OLMSTEAD FAMILY  
OF  
NEW ENGLAND.

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The following brief record of the Olmstead family was not designed for publication, but merely for the benefit of that branch of the family with which the author is connected. To him belongs the credit of collecting the various facts contained herein. However, this little volume will be found interesting and useful to many whose connection is more remote.

The oldest tradition we have of the family is that they originated in Germany, and the exact date of their leaving there is not known; but in the early part of the sixteenth century they were settled at Cambridge in England, and the old colony records of New England show that in 1632, twelve years after the first landing of the pilgrims on Plymouth rock, Mass., they emigrated to America.

JAMES F. OLMSTEAD.

NEW YORK, *May* 1st, 1869.

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JAMES OLMSTEAD.

Came to Boston, Mass., in the ship *Lyon*, from London, England, September 16, 1632. He was received a freeman. Settled at Cambridge, Mass., and filled the office ~~of~~ constable there for some years. He removed to Hartford, Conn., in 1636, of which he was an original proprietor, with large lots of land, his will and inventory showing a comfortable property. He died Sept. 18, 1640.

His children were :

*Nicholas Olmstead* (p. 2),  
*Nehemiah Olmstead* (p. 2).

His nephews that came from England were :

*Richard Olmstead* (p. 3).  
*John Olmstead* (p. 2).

NICHOLAS OLMSTEAD, son of *James* (p. 1).

Married a Miss Loomis, and lived at Hartford, Conn. He was a military officer and served his country in the Indian wars with Capt. John Mason.

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NEHEMIAH OLMSTEAD, son of *James* (p. 1).

Removed to Fairfield, Conn., and was a military officer there A. D. 1657. From him probably descended the families of that name in Easton, Weston, Munroe and Danbury.

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JOHN OLMSTEAD, nephew of *James* (p. 1).

Settled at Norwich, Conn., lived and died there. He left no issue, and his property was inherited by the children of his brother Richard.

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RICHARD OLMSTEAD, nephew of *James* (p. 1).

He with his uncle was one of the original proprietors of Hartford, Conn., A. D. 1639. Removed to Norwalk, Conn., A. D. 1651, of which he was (with others from Hartford and other places) a purchaser of the township from Roger Ludlow Esq. of Fairfield, June 19, 1650. (See page 32 of Dr. Hall's work on Norwalk). In the town he was first in military command. In A. D. 1653 he was a representative to the general assembly May session, and a dozen other sessions, until A. D. 1679. He was a commissioner of the peace, *i. e.*, town judge. He seems to have enjoyed the public confidence until the end of life.

His children were :

*James Olmstead* (p. 4).

*John Olmstead* (p. 5).

**JAMES OLMSTEAD**, son of *Richard* (p. 3).

He was among the most prominent men of the times. He was for many years town clerk and town judge, and repeatedly a representative.

He had four sons, viz :

*James,*

Born March 10, 1676

*Nathan,*

Born April 27, 1678

*Samuel,*

Born May 13, 1683

*John,*

Born Aug. 14, 1692

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JOHN OLMSTEAD, son of *Richard* (p. 3).

Married Nov. 11, 1670, to Mary Benedict daughter of Thomas Benedict. (See page 185 *Norwalk Records*).

He had ten children :

*John,*

*Mary,*

*Jane,*

*Sarah,*

*Rebecca,*

*Daniel,*

*Richard* (p. 6),

*Eunice,*

*Deborah.*

Daniel and Richard Olmstead, with others of Norwalk and Milford, Conn., purchased the township of Ridgefield, Sept. 30, 1708, of Catoonah, sachem of the Ramapoo Indians of the state of New York. Twenty thousand acres for one hundred pounds. Both removed there.

DANIEL OLMSTEAD, son of *John* (p. 5).

Married Hannah Ketchum of Norwalk, May  
9th, 1711.

He had eight children, viz :

*Daniel* (no family),

Born Feb. 9, 1712      Died Sept. 22, 1730

*Samuel* (p. 7),

Born March 27, 1715      Died June 10, 1738

*Nathan* (p. 8),

Born March 7, 1716      Died July 30, 1805

*Ambrose* (p. 9),

Born May 9, 1719      Died April 6, 1792

*Hannah* (p. 10),

Born July 16, 1721

*Jonathan* (p. 11),

Born Dec. 8, 1723

*Elizabeth* (p. 12),

Born Feb. 3, 1727      Died March 11, 1825

*Ezekiel* (p. 13),

Born . . . . ., 1730



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SAMUEL OLMSTEAD, second son of *Daniel* (p. 6).

Married April 15th, 1737, to Abiah Smith  
(third daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah Smith,  
born March 7, 1716).

Their children were :

*Daniel* (p. 14),  
Born June 7, 1738

*Abiah* (p. 15),  
Born Jan. 19, 1739

*Sarah* (p. 16),  
Born . . . . . 1744

*Samuel* (p. 17),  
Born Oct. 29, 1746

*Ebenezer* (p. 18),  
Born . . . . . 1748

*Hannah* (p. 19),  
Born Jan. 8, 1750

*Jared* (p. 20),  
Born July 1, 1753

Samuel Olmstead, Esq., departed this life, June  
10, 1788, in his 74th year.

Abiah S. Olmstead departed this life, April 30,  
1796, of cancer, aged 80 years 1 month 23 days.

NATHAN OLMSTEAD, third son of *Daniel* (p. 6).  
 Married Dec. 4, 1741, to Millicent Goodrich.

Their children were:

<i>Millicent,</i> Born March 21, 1742	<i>Elizabeth,</i> Born July 26, 1746
<i>Nathan,</i> Born May 8, 1744	<i>David,</i> Born Nov. 20, 1748
<i>Hezekiah,</i> Born Dec. 16, 1750	

Mrs. Millicent G. Olmstead died Sept. 3, 1751.

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Deacon Nathan Olmstead was married to widow Sarah Smith, Feb. 12, 1752.

His children by his second wife were:

<i>James,</i> Born Dec. 16, 1752 Died June 30, 1754	<i>Pricilla,</i> Born Mar. 5, 1763
<i>Sarah,</i> Born April 15, 1754	<i>Clara,</i> Born Oct. 25, 1765
<i>Prudence,</i> Born Nov. 26, 1756	<i>Timothy,</i> Born May 27, 1767
<i>Rachel,</i> Born Oct. 31, 1759	<i>Polly,</i> Born Jan. 12, 1771
<i>Lucretia,</i> Born Sept. 11, 1761	<i>James,</i> Born .....

Deacon Nathan O. died July 30, 1805, aged 89 years.

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AMBROSE OLMSTEAD, son of *Daniel* (p. 6).

Married July 1, 1742 to Martha Comstock of Norwalk, (New Canaan Parish).

Their children were :

*Abigail,*

Born July 5, 1743

*Martha,*

Born April 14, 1745

*Ambrose,*

Born March 10, 1747

*Mary,*

Born Sept. 3, 1749

*Ruth,*

Born Aug. 5, 1751

*Phebe,*

Born Aug. 7, 1754

Ambrose Olmstead departed this life April 6, 1792, aged 72 years, 10 months 27 days.

Martha C. Olmstead departed this life Aug. 4, 1814, in the 91st year of her age.

HANNAH OLNSTEAD, daughter of *Daniel* (p. 6).

Was married to Enoch Goodrich March 22,  
1737.

The children of Enoch and Hannah Goodrich :

<i>Daniel,</i> Born Dec. 6, 1738	<i>David,</i> Born July 22, 1747
<i>Abigail,</i> Born Feb. 26, 1740	<i>Elizur,</i> Born Sept 19, 1751
<i>Benjamin,</i> Born Jan. 17, 1742	<i>Hannah,</i> Born Oct. 23, 1753
<i>Samuel,</i> Born Dec. 6, 1743	<i>Hezekiah,</i> Born Dec. 15, 1755
<i>Nathan,</i> Born Sept. 21, 1745	<i>Jeremiah,</i> Born Nov. 16, 1757
<i>Josiah,</i> Born April 20, 1760	

This family removed from Ridgefield, to Berkshire county, Mass.

Daniel Goodrich was for several years a leader in the society of Shakers at Tyringham, Mass.

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JONATHAN OLMSTEAD, son of *Daniel* (p. 6).

Was married to Betty Wood.

Their children were :

*Betty,*

Born Aug. 22, 1746

*Hannah,*

Born January, 1748

ELIZABETH OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Daniel* (p. 6).

Was married Oct. 8, 1745, to Benjamin Stebbins (son of Benjamin and Sarah Stebbins, born Sept. 3, 1721).

Their children were :

*Elizabeth,*

Born Aug. 10, 1746

*Benjamin,*

Born July 14, 1748                      Died Oct. ..., 1781

*Hannah,*

Born April 12, 1750

*Ebenezer,*

Born Nov. 30, 1754                      Died Sept. 1, 1808

*Sarah,*

Born Dec. 29, 1760

Mr. Benjamin Stebbins departed this life Feb. 26, 1803, in his 82d year.

Mrs. Elizabeth O. Stebbins departed this life March 11, 1825, in her 99th year.

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EZEKIEL OLMSTEAD, son of *Daniel* (p. 6).

Married March 11, 1750, to Lydia Hayt, by  
Rev. Jonathan Ingersoll, V.D.M.

Their children were :

<i>Lydia,</i>		
Born Oct.	8,	1751
<i>Jonathan,</i>		
Born Dec.	23,	1753
<i>Hannah,</i>		
Born May	6,	1756
<i>Sarah,</i>		
Born May	4,	1758
<i>Mary,</i>		
Born Sept.	17,	1760
<i>Cloe,</i>		
Born March	17,	1763
<i>Ketchum,</i>		
Born May	29,	1765
<i>Abigail,</i>		
Born Oct.	..,	1766

This family removed from Ridgefield to some  
place near Ballston, N. Y.

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*A Genealogy of the Children of Samuel Olmstead and  
Abiah Smith (p. 7).*

DANIEL OLMSTEAD, son of *Samuel* (p. 7).

Married Jan. 9, 1766, to Jemima Smith of New  
Canaan, Conn.

Their children were :

*Daniel,*  
Born June 28, 1767

*Jemima,*  
Born May 16, 1770

*Thirza,*  
Born April 3, 1772

The family removed from Ridgefield to Balls-  
ton, N. Y.

*Peter,*  
Born .....

*Moses,*  
Born .....

Mr. Daniel Olmstead died at Milton, N. Y., 1814.



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ABIAH OLMSTEAD daughter of *Samuel* (p. 7).

Married to Seth Sanford, of Redding, Ct.

They had one child:

*Abiah,*

Mrs Abiah O. Sanford died young.

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Abiah Sanford her daughter was married to Isaac Hilliard of Redding, and resided at Amenia, N. Y.

SARAH OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Samuel* (p. 7).

Married Nov. 17, 1762, to Abraham Nash, Jr.

Their children were :

<i>Daniel,</i> Born Nov. 24, 1763	<i>Samuel O.,</i> Born March 12, 1778
<i>Sarah,</i> Born May 5, 1766	<i>Abraham,</i> Born June 10, 1780 Died young.
<i>Jared,</i> Born Aug. 10, 1769	<i>Abiah,</i> Born April 21, 1782
<i>Phebe,</i> Born Feb. 9, 1771	<i>Abraham,</i> Born Nov. 13, 1783

Sarah O. Nash died June 10, 1793.

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Abraham Nash was afterwards married to widow Elizabeth Smith in 1795.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nash died March 28, 1820.

Mr. Abraham Nash died Nov. 3, 1821, in his 82d year.

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SAMUEL OLMSTEAD, son of *Samuel* (p. 7).

Married Feb. 24, 1767, to Martha Rockwell, daughter of Thomas and Ruth B. Rockwell of Ridgefield.

Their children were:

<i>Thaddeus,</i> Born June 30, 1769	<i>Ebenezer Rockwell,</i> Born Oct. 29, 1778?
<i>Isaac,</i> Born Jan. 17, 1771	<i>Dorcas,</i> Born May 26, 1779
<i>Jonathan,</i> Born Dec. 27, 1772 Died Feb. 27, 1784	<i>Sarah,</i> Born Feb. 10, 1781
<i>Samuel Ketcham,</i> Born Feb. 10, 1776	<i>Seth,</i> Born April 18, 1783

Mrs. Martha R. Olmstead died July, 1784.

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Mr. Samuel Olmstead married, Oct. 28, 1784, to Miss Sarah Morris.

His children by his second wife were:

<i>Esther,</i> Born June 11, 1787	<i>Cyrus,</i> Born Dec. 14, 1795 Died June 12, 1796
<i>Catherine,</i> Born March 11, 1790	
<i>Jonathan,</i> Born Dec. 25, 1793	<i>Betsey,</i> Born March 2, 1798

Mr. Samuel Olmstead died Oct. 14, 1816.

Mrs. Sarah M. Olmstead died in New York city in 1831.

EBENEZER OLMSTEAD, son of *Samuel* (p. 7).

Married January 17, 1777, to Esther Ingersoll, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Ingersoll of Ridgefield, born Aug. 10, 1760.

Their children were :

*Moss,*

Born June 3, 1778

*Russell,*

Born Dec. 8, 1779

*Nancy,*

Born Sept. 30, 1781

*Harry,*

*Oliver,*

*Edward,*

*Benjamin,*

*Fanny,*

*Maria,*

*Ira,*

*Louisa,*

*Harriet,*

Mr. Ebenezer Olmstead died July 19, 1801, aged 53.

Mrs. Esther I. Olmstead died at St. Louis, Mo., January, 1847, in the 87th year of her age.

HANNAH OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Samuel* (p. 7).

Married Isaac Northrop of South Salem, N. Y.

Their children were :

*Hannah,*

Married David Canfield

*Sally,*

Married Asa Raymond

*Amos,*

Married Sarah Osborne.

*Nancy.*

Mrs. Hannah O. Northrop died January, 1810,  
aged 60.

Mr. Isaac Northrop died April, 1812.

JARED OLMSTEAD, son of *Samuel* (p. 7).

Married Nov. 30, 1773, to Hannah Betts, daughter of Gideon and Rachael Betts of Ridgefield, born May 10, 1755.

Their children were:

<i>Lewis</i> (p. 21), Born March 19, 1774 Died Nov. 9, 1847	<i>Sally</i> , (p. 25). Born May 21, 1784 Died Aug. ..., 1828
<i>Nathan</i> (p. 22), Born April 1, 1776 Died Dec. 6, 1833	<i>Polly</i> (p. 26), Born May 21, 1786 Died Oct. ..., 1864
<i>Jonas</i> (p. 23), Born Jan. 31, 1778 Died April 20, 1858	<i>Rachel</i> (p. 27), Born March 18, 1788 Died July 2, 1853
<i>Hannah</i> (p. 25), Born March 3, 1780 Died Sept. 7, 1857	<i>Lucy</i> (p. 28), Born April 24, 1790 Died Oct. 13, 1866
<i>Betsey</i> (p. 24), Born March 3, 1782	<i>Jared</i> (p. 29), Born Feb. 14, 1793
<i>Hiram</i> (p. 30), Born May 28, 1795, Died June 28, 1860.	

Jared Olmstead, Esq., died May 28, 1825, aged 72.

Mrs. Hannah B. Olmstead died Feb. 28, 1826, in her 71st year.

*A Genealogy of the Children of Jared Olmstead and  
Hannah Betts.*

LEWIS OLMSTEAD son of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married . . . . 1794, to Sarah Bennett, daughter of Trowbridge and Sarah Bennett of Ridgefield.

Their children were :

<i>Philo,</i> Born Nov. 11, 1795	<i>Orrin L.,</i> Born Oct. 14, 1809
<i>Lucy</i> (no family), Born July 14, 1797 Died July 23, 1816	<i>Jared,</i> Born Aug. 19, 1811 Died
<i>Rosanna,</i> Born Feb. 28, 1800	<i>Sarah,</i> Born June 28, 1814
<i>Betsey D.,</i> Born Sept. 7, 1801	<i>William B.,</i> Born Sept. 7, 1816
<i>Anna L.,</i> Born Oct. 14, 1804	<i>Jonas,</i> Born Dec. 19, 1818
<i>Carlisle,</i> Born Sept. 9, 1807	<i>Lucy M.,</i> Born July 13, 1821

Mr. Lewis Olmstead died at Otego, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1847, aged 73.

Mrs. Sarah B. Olmstead died April 23, 1855, at Otego, N. Y.

NATHAN OLMSTEAD, son of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married April 25, 1797, to Martha Waterous, daughter of Capt. John Waterous, and Huldah, his first wife, of Ridgefield.

Their children were :

<i>Emelia,</i>	Born Feb. 15, 1798	
<i>Caroline,</i>	Born April 1, 1802	Died
<i>Edwin Betts,</i>	Born May 12, 1806	Died
<i>Abby Lenora,</i>	Born Feb. 20, 1808	Died
<i>Maria A.,</i>	Born Jan. 16, 1810	
<i>Henry F.,</i>	Born Nov. 22, 1813	

Nathan Olmstead died Dec. 6, 1833, aged 57 years, 8 months, and 5 days.

Martha W. Olmstead died May 19, 1816, aged 38 years and 23 days.



JONAS OLMSTEAD, son of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married to Polly Terhune at Northumberland,  
N. Y.

Their children were :

*Maria,*

Married Dr. Haywood

*Amanda,*

Married Dr. Cox.

*Helen,*

Married Oliver F. Peabody

Mrs. Polly T. Olmstead died at Saratoga,  
N. Y., about 1812.

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Mr. Jonas Olmstead was afterwards married to  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ketchum in 1816.

Mrs. Elizabeth Olmstead died at Northumber-  
land, N. Y.

Deacon Jonas Olmstead died at Keeseville,  
N. Y., April 20, 1858, aged 80 years.

BETSEY OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married in August, 1803, to Abijah Northrop.

Their children were :

*Hiram O.*,

*Frances B.*,

*Cornelia*,

Married Silas Belden, Cleveland, O.

*Sally Ann*,

Married Abram DeGroff,

*Jared A.*,

*Alfred B.*,

*Alfred G.*,

Mr. Abijah Northrop died in 1852, at the town of Perrington, Munroe Co., N. Y., Dec. 22, 1852.

Mrs. Betsey O. Northrop died March 28, 1861.

SALLY OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married in 1820 to William Clarke.

No children.

Mrs. Sally O. Clarke died in 1828.

William Clarke, Esq., died December, 1837.

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HANNAH OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Jared* (p. 20).

Remained single through life.

Died at Pittsford, Munroe Co., N. Y., Sept. 7,  
1857, aged 77 years, 6 months and 4 days.

POLLY OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married in 1806 to Alfred Gray.

Their children were :

*Charles M.*,

*Mary*,

*Jane*,

*Elizabeth*;

*George M.*,

*Ann.*

Alfred Gray died at Montreal, Canada, in 1820.

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Mrs. Polly O. Gray afterwards married Jirah Rowley in 1823, at Victor, N. Y.

Children of Jirah and Polly Rowley.

*Alfred G.*

Mr. Jirah Rowley died at Hadley, Ill.

Mrs. Polly Rowley, October, 1864, at Hadley, Ill.

RACHEL OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married Feb. 18, 1809, to Lewis L Nash, of Ridgefield, at South Salem, N. Y.

Their children were :

*Sally,*

Born Dec. 21, 1809

*Hiram O.,*

Born March 22, 1811

*Albert,*

Born May 22, 1812

*Cornelia,*

Born Nov. 18, 1814

Died Dec. 11, 1815.

*Harry W.,*

Born Oct. 3, 1817

*Betsey L.,*

Born Feb. 24, 1819

*Lavinia,*

Born June 11, 1827

Died Oct. 22, 1828



Mrs. Rachel O. Nash died July 2, 1853, at Wilton, Conn.

Mr. Lewis L. Nash died Nov. 19, 1856, at Ridgefield, Conn.

LUCY OLMSTEAD, daughter of *Jared* (p. 28).

Married in 1826 to John Lane of Pittsford, N.Y.

Their children were:

*Lucy,*

*Mary,*

Mr. John Lane died at Lockport, Ill.

Mrs. Lucy Lane died Oct. 13, 1866, at Lockport, Ill.

JARED OLMSTEAD, son of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married Feb. 28, 1819, to Polly Abbott, daughter of Thaddeus and Rebecca M. Abbott, born at Redding, Conn., October, 1789.

Their children were :

*Frederick,*

Born Aug. 7, 1820

*Hiram,*

Born April 15, 1823

Died Dec. 21, 1859.

*Edmond,*

Born March 17, 1826

*George Bement,*

Born Aug. 4, 1830

Died Sept. 15, 1862

Mrs. Polly A. Olmstead died Nov. 24, 1865, at Redding, Conn., in her 77th year.

HIRAM OLMSTEAD, son of *Jared* (p. 20).

Married Aug. 10, 1820, to Sarah S. Fisher, daughter of Rev. William Fisher, of Meredith, N. Y.

Their children were:

<i>Sarah B.</i> , Born May	4, 1829	<i>Homer I.</i> , Born Feb.	23, 1836
<i>Hiram B.</i> , Born Jan.	9, 1831	<i>Lucy J.</i> , Born Jan.	20, 1844
		Died Feb.	20, 1844
<i>Portia Nerissa</i> , Born Sept.	7, 1833	<i>Horatio F.</i> , Born Jan.	6, 1845
		<i>Laura A.</i> , Born June	6, 1848

Sarah F. Olmstead died January, 1851.

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Hiram Olmstead married at Lockport, Ill., 1856, to Miss Sarah Ann Shockey; from there he moved to Morrison, Ill., where he died June 28, 1860.













