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AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROBABLE NATIONAL ORIGIN OF OUR MORFORD ANCESTORS

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EDITOR'S NOTE: It was suggested, in the October 1980 issue of MORFORD HISTORIAN, that the JOHN MORFIT who came to Maryland in 1663 may have been the father of the John and Thomas Morford who appear in early New Jersey records beginning in 1670. Our article stimulated Mrs. Peterson., of Seattle, Washington., descendant of the "Greene County, Pennsylvania" Morfords, to write the following comments, which we are pleased to share with our readers.

In considering the as yet undetermined national origin of our Morford ancestors in New Jersey, many historians are impressed by the mobility of early day peoples in the British Isles and the Continent. Some of our Morford forebears undoubtedly found themselves in distant parts, as soldiers, for instance,



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and then remained in the new territory. Although it is believed by some that these early New Jersey Morfords were Scotsmen, we should consider the make-up of the early peoples of Scotland: the Celts came from Ireland; Vikings, Danes and other Scandinavians came; the French came, as did also the Anglo-Saxons. All of these migrants took on the Celtic culture and developed into strong clans.

Intermarried with descendants of the line of Daniel Morford [1740-1833], of Middlesex Co., N.J.; Virginia, Kentucky, and Brown County, Ohio, are Stewarts and Boyds. Both are from clans which were powerful on the Scotch throne, and both had come from France, originally. The surname Stewart had its origin in the descriptive word "steward", denoting the noble who served as "warden" or guardian of the royal estate of the French kings; Boyd was originally "le boidel", or "the beautiful one". These two surnames were known in France before 1000 A.D. A tradition exists, also, that the Morford name was originally "de Montfort", another name of French origin; but no proof of this claim has come to light, as yet.

If the variant spelling MOORFORD was extent as early as 1000 A.D., historians have not so recorded it. As a general rule, surnames were not in use until the early 1300s. In analyzing the name, we find that both "Moor" and "Ford" are Anglo-Saxon, having a Germanic background. Combination of the two syllables into a surname indicates to us that MORFORD is a toponymic or local surname, derived from a place called "Moorford", and located in Somersetshire, but which does not appear in modern gazetteers. Its meaning is "the ford across the river (which is located) on the moor".

The only early Morfords and Moorfords, with this pure Anglo-Saxon spelling, which have been found, were in Bath, Somersetshire, England. There, in the 1630s, as members of the Abbey Church of Saints Peter and Paul (Church of England, Episcopalian) were found

both MORFORDs and MOORFORDs. A short time later, within a generation or so, the name MORFORD is found in New Jersey. It is important to note that the spelling is identical, that accents had not yet changed the spelling. By the 1730s the Church of England (Episcopalian) had been established in the part of New Jersey where the first of the Morfords are found, and they were members of the Episcopalian denomination.

Historians who have analyzed early church attitudes maintain that the members of the Church of England were not as dogmatic as were the early Calvinists (Presbyterian or Puritan). They were more liberal, and intermarried with other faiths. My argument is that if these early Morfords had been New Englanders (Calvinistic), no way would they have become members of the Church of England.

We are reminded, in dealing with travel of that era, that waterways provided the most used and feasible means of traversing the country. George Washington records, in his diary, that he spent the Christmas holidays with his brother Lawrence in the Barbadoes. There was no inference that the journey was either difficult or unusual; thus, as was suggested in the October MORFORD HISTORIAN (page 13), it would not be unreasonable for us to suppose that the Murfitt and Marfutt who came to the Barbadoes from England in 1634 and 1635 might easily have voyaged from there to the North American mainland.

If the Morford brothers who settled in New Jersey in the 1670s cannot be proved to have been the first immigrants of the family in North America, then it does seem logical to consider that they may have been sons of the John Morfit who was imported to Maryland (presumably from England) in 1663. Lord Baltimore had been given a territorial grant in Maryland in 1632, and as an incentive toward the settlement of Maryland, offered land to persons who were willing to furnish their own transportation hither, or to transport others. Most of such settlers are known to have come from England.

The Maryland settlers were Cavaliers from the court of Charles I, and loved a leisurely life, dancing, fox hunts, celebration of Christmas. (The staid and grimly Puritanical New Englanders criticized them as "Merry-landers".) If the Morfords were, as appears likely, members of the Church of England, it would have been far easier and more natural for them to emigrate to the Colony of Maryland, with its religious tolerance toward the Church of England, than into the New England area.

It would be very illuminating to see other arguments presented on this subject. At this point, I favor the opinion that the Morfords were of the old Anglo-Saxon heritage -- those who had settled the middle and southern portions of England in the 500s --, that they had a long history of membership in or leanings toward the Church of England, and that the N.J. Morfords or Moorfords (to use the pure Anglo-Saxon form of the name) had come from England into Maryland before making their way into New Jersey.

M.M.P.

WE WILL WELCOME FURTHER COMMENTS from any readers desiring to present other viewpoints as to the MORFORD origin, both in England and in the New World. Let us hear from you!

NUMEROUS DICTIONARIES of English, Scottish, Irish and other surnames have been consulted by English researchers and by this editor, without finding the name of MORFORD, although several variants are shown. One English genealogist stated his belief that the name which appears as MURFER, MURFIT(T) and MURFORD are probably all corruptions of MORFOOT, which itself is a corruption of MOORTHWAITE. The editor does not agree that this is true as to the variant spellings of MORFORD found in North American records. Perhaps the little jingle quoted by Leslie Gilbert Pine in his fascinating book, *The Story of Surnames*, may be considered good proof that MORFORD is of English origin:

"In ford, in ham, in ley, in tun,
The most of English surnames run."

ENGLISH MORFORDS TRACED BACK TO BATH EASTON, SOMERSETSHIRE

In December 1968 the Editor received a letter from H. M. Winter, of Lazimar, Kathmandu, Nepal, who had, for 30 years, done considerable research on records of the MORFORD family in England, of which he was a descendant. He wrote:

"I have examined all wills of the surname MURFORD/MORFORD and variants proved in P.C.C. (Prerogative Court of Canterbury) from the beginning to 1780, and all wills proved in the minor London Courts of Rochester, Norwich, Lincoln, Oxford, Northants., Litchfield, Bristol, Gloucester, Sarum, Taunton, Winchester and Chichester. The surname was quite uncommon in England; and there is no doubt that it was indigenous to the Bath-Bristol area; I have traced all branches found elsewhere subsequently back to that area. I found a few scattered references to the surname before the 16th century in Early Chancery Proceedings, Feet of Fines, Patent Rolls and Close Rolls; again, all from Somerset or Devonshire. As you know, when the Nazis bombed Exeter during World War II they destroyed virtually all Somersetshire records not in private hands at the time, and including all wills for the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Somersetshire wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury of course survived, but few MORFORD wills were among them."

Mr. Winter went on to say that he thought it extremely unlikely, barring some "lucky finds", that it would ever be possible to develop a pedigree of the earlier generations of the Morford family in England, beyond what he had already done. Among the wills registered at Exeter, Devonshire, were the following, all of which were destroyed: Nicholas Morford 1558; Johane Mochford, 1565; Richard Morford, 1573, all of Bath Easton. One of these was undoubtedly the ancestor of the Thomas Morford, born about 1591, who married at Salisbury, by license of the Bishop of Sarum dated 6 September 1619, Elizabeth Weight. They were residents of Bath Easton, Somersetshire, where the following of their children were baptised: Thomas, John William (born 1623), Peter, Joyce, Malachi, and Richard. The eldest son, Thomas, lived at Bath Easton and was, Mr. Winter stated, "probably father of a large group of children, all baptised there at one time about 1660." The youngest son, Richard, was of Marshfield, Gloucestershire, and died without surviving issue.

 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MORFORDS!

JANUARY: 1, Gilbert Clyde, Marguerite Fannie; 2, Louise Lorena, Ronald Leroy; 3, Pauletta Heather; 4, Florence O., Judith Kay; 5, Anne Frances Dylan, Elizabeth G., James William, Jim P., Lawrence Edwin; 6, John Mark, Melody E.; 7, Carol Jeanne, Kathleen Ann; 8, Anne Michele, Janice, Nancy Jane, Sara, Dee; 9, Colleen, Edgar Calvin, Holly Jane, Kenneth Dean, Laura Belle, Lorraine Severn, Patton Lee, Richard Paul; 10, Carl T., Gene Allen, Gerald Wayne, Gregory Paul, Henry James; 11, Chrystal, Lois Jean; 12, Austin Charles, Deborah, Dorothy Isabelle; 13, Colleen Fuller, Merlin Lee, Robert Leonard, Wendalyn Ellen; 14, David Lawrence, Leah Mae, Lisa Marie; 15, Harold Herbert, Jeffrey David, Robert Edward; 16, Martin Lewis, Ronald Richard, Steven Leslie; 17, Axtel Leroy, Charles Franklin, Donald Edward; 18, Edith Louise, Loren, Wm. Everett; 19, Ronald Alan, Virginia Ann; 20, Letha; 21, Bertha May, Harry Crider, Richard Dean; 22, Hazel Arvilla, Hazel Vera, Jeffrey Lynn, Patricia Jean, Steven; 23, Irene Agnes, Louis Ray, Martin George, Robert Luther; 24, Alice Evelyn, Betty Jo, Myrna Marie; 25, Earl Dean, Kathryn Louise, Raymond Locke, Walter Oscar; 26, Rev. Elbert Silas, John Alva, Portia Jane, Vernial F.; 27, Alfred Melvin, Ellen Marie, John Newton; 28, Andrew Duane, Franklin Delbert, Harold, Janice Pearl, Rebecca Lynn; 29, Alan Harold, Brooke Ann, Helen LaVerne, Myrtle Louise; 30, Mina Rae; Stephen Lossee.

FEBRUARY: 1, Barbara Lynn, Betty Louise; 2, Calvin Leroy, Richard Charles, Robert Horney, Robert Leroy; 3, Lois Melissa, Merlin Wayne; 4, Florence Eloise, Raymond Edward, Viora; 5, Beverly Jean, Jerry Allen, Ralph Wathel; 6, Doris Louise, Floyd Leo, Rev. William Harold; 7, Julie Ann, Kevin Eugene, Margaret Marilyn, Mary Pauline, Robert Max, Shirley Jane; 8, Agnes May, Nancy Jane; 9, Dortha Appolina, Edith Marie, Jane Louise, Stacy Michele, Valerie Jean; 10, Elsie May, John Joseph, Mary Elizabeth; 11, George Robert, Gerald Lee, Jeffrey James, Joanne Augusta, Myron Clark; 12, Donald Milo; 13, Brian Keith, Rodney Lee; 14, Joseph Francis, Mary Lucille, Richard Franklin; 15, Allen James; 16, Dema Louise, Harold John Jr., Jennie Lou, Judy Kay, Mary Lou; 17, Arthur Waldamer, Carolyn Leah, Virginia Louise, Wanda Lou; 18, Ervin Joseph, Gail Eugene, Virgil Freddie; 20, Ethel Grace; 21, Brandi, George Wilbur, Jeanne Marie, Kathleen Louise, Lynn William; 22, Barbara J., George Milton, James Warren, Pamela Elaine; 23, Bradley, Bruce Allen, Dorothy Mae, William Alvin; 24, George William, Herbert Tolman, Leon, Mary Amanda, Ruth Ann, Ruth Veronica, Susan Elizabeth, Theodore Lee; 25, David Ray, Howard David, Howard Francis; 26, Diana, Mary Louise, Peggy; 27, Gerald Lee, Hannah Isabel, Hobart Huel, Joseph McClaine, Leo Gordon; 29, Vernetta Irene.

MARCH: 1, Danny Joe, Emma Ruth, Thomas Oren; 2, Helen Viola, John Macen; 3, Cynthia Lee, Hazel May; 4, Florence May, John Earl; 5, James Daniel, J. James Milton, Margaret Ann; 6, Arthur, Benjamin Franklin, Elizabeth Ann, Norma Lavell, William J.; 7, Margaret Elizabeth, Marjorie "Gigi" Geneva, Thomas Alexander; 8, Alta Pearl; 9, Dorothy Nadine, Edith Faye; 10, Cecil Daniel, Lillian Estelle, Samuel Glass; 11, Albert John, Barbara Dean, Gerald R., Joyce Arlene, Ralph Willard, Roger Gerald; 12, John Andrew, Kathryn Ina, William Leroy; 13, Edith, Patricia J., Peggy Lynne, Ronald Dean, Torry Lynne; 14, Doris Jean, Geneva Louise, Ruby; 15, Donald Avery, James Edward; 16, Donna Sue; 17, Robert Dean; 18, Anita Irene, Catherine Marie, Elton Leonard, Kathleen Frances, Rolinda Shaw; 19, Carol Jane, Ella Oda, Jay Arthur, Karen Lynn, Nellie Frances, Ruby Nellie; 20, Doris Jean, Merle Edison, Robert Joseph, Weldon Dee; 21, Christine Ann, Harriette A., Hazel Roumel, Robert William, William Herman; 22, James Willis, Janet Lynn, Lawrence Lee, Richard Vaughn, Zeita Karen; 23, Fern Alberta, James Anthony, Lucile H., Myra Laverne, Nellie May; 24, Cecil Laverne, Glenda Fay, Richard Niles, Russell Ray; 25, Marjorie Glen; 26, Barbara Winnifred, Dorothy Lucille, Harold E., Margaret Irene, Nellie Lee; 27, Willis Hazen; 28, Ralph Orville; 30, Douglas H., Marjorie May, Mark Andrew; 31, Kevin McKean, William Henry.

MORFORD HISTORIAN SUBSCRIBERS are grouped here, according to their earliest known ancestor. Following each person's name are listed his parent, grandparent and so on; small numerals indicate generation to which each belongs. When a line has not been traced back to one of the two early Morfords of N.J. [*John*¹ or *Thomas*¹], we have determined approximate generation of known ancestor. Assuming 26 years to a generation, we deduct a series of 26s from the known date of an ancestor. *EXAMPLE*: Zebulon Morford [1722-1794] is assumed to have been son of a man born about 1696, and grandson of a man born about 1644, give or take a few years. As the early Morford brothers were adults in the 1670s, they must have been born about 1650-1660; Zebulon therefore must have been of the 3rd generation; Daniel [1741-1833] of the 4th generation, and so on.

DESCENDANTS OF CORNELIUS⁴ MORFORD 1740-1825:

Russell D. Gunder, Washington IN

desc. of Cornelius' dau., name unknown, who married about 178_, Nathan Woodruff

Galen Everett Morford, Newton KS

George Everett⁹ George Marion⁸ Isaac⁷ Frederick Sr.⁶ Isaac⁵ Cornelius⁴

L. Woodrow "Woody" Morford, Oberlin KS

Lynn William¹⁰ Arthur Carlton⁹ William Isaac⁸ Isaac⁷ Frederick Sr.⁶ Isaac⁵ Cornelius⁴

Rey Everett Morford, Delia KS

Arthur Carlton⁹ William Isaac⁸ Isaac⁷ Frederick Sr.⁶ Isaac⁵ Cornelius⁴

Susan Roberta Morford, Salem OR

Robert Harold⁹ John Wesley⁸ John W.⁷ Frederick Sr.⁶ Isaac⁵ Cornelius⁴

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL⁴ MORFORD 1741-1833:

Shirley (Morford) Boyer, Omaha NB

Allen Joaeph¹⁰ Allen Rober⁹s Joseph Wesley⁸ Joseph Wesley⁷ Daniel⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴

Pamela (Morford) Emery, Spokane WA

Ward Vernon¹⁰ William Ray⁹ John William⁸ Reason⁷ Daniel⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴

Mabel Lucille (Morford) Moore, Ogden UT

William Ray⁹ Morford; John William⁸ Reason⁷ Daniel⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴

Betty L. Morford, Miller SD

Dean Lathrope¹⁰ Ivan Lathrope⁹ Brinton M.⁸ Isaac Reed⁷ Jesse⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴

Elton Lewis Morford, Greensburg KS

Joseph Allen⁸ Hiram Black⁷ Jesse⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴

Patricia Ann (Morford) Orendorf, Germantown TN

Ivan Newton⁹ Isaac Newton⁸ John Amyor⁷ Isaac Newton⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴

Rosalie (Morford) Roten, Seattle WA

Remembrance⁹ William Penn⁸ Remembrance⁷ Thomas⁶ Jame⁵ Daniel⁴

DESCENDANT OF DANIEL⁶ MORFORD 1793-1876:

Joseph Vernon Morford, Greensburg PA

Wallie Vernon⁹ Joseph Warren⁸ William Henry⁷ Daniel⁶

DESCENDANT OF DANIEL⁷ MORFORD 1813-1893:

Mary Thelma (Craig) Huston, Niles MI

Charlotte May⁹ (Morford) Craig; John Alley⁸ Morford; Daniel⁷ (one of the 22-children family)

DESCENDANT OF ISAIAH⁵ MORFORD c175 -1815:

James Herbert Morford Jr., Deerfield Beach FL

James Herbert Sr.¹⁰ James Clarence⁹ Thomas Elcano⁸ George Washington⁷ John⁶ Isaiah⁵

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN¹ MORFORD 165 -173 :

Ruby (Edmunds) Boman, Zapata TX

Pearl (Olds) Edmunds⁹; John Calvin Olds⁸; Chatham Liberty Olds⁷; Mariah⁶ (Morford) Olds; Thomas⁵ Morford; James⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹

Mary (Morford) Carroll, Toledo OH

Lawrence Hood⁸ Morford; John William⁷ William⁶ Richard⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹

Doris (Morford) Gravdahl, Northwood ND

Hazen Harrison⁸ Morford; James Byron⁷ John T.⁶ James⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹

Harvey R. Morford, Pasadena MD

Gottlieb R.⁸ John M.⁷ Elias⁶ Thomas⁵ James⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹

John Bell Morford, Kinsman OH

Peter⁷ Francis Marion⁶ Joseph⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹

Merlin Lee Morford, Enumclaw WA

Leland Eli⁸ George Oscar⁷ Robison⁶ William⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN⁶ MORFORD 1784-187 :

Carl Joseph Morford, Tucson AZ

John Henry Jr.⁹ John Henry⁸ Matthias⁷ John⁶

Martin George Morford, Bonner Springs KS

George Martin¹⁰ George Wilson⁹ Martin Marvin⁸ Jerome⁷ John⁶

DESCENDANT OF THOMAS' MORFORD c165 -1695/6:

Thomas Finch Morford Jr., Red Bank NJ

Thomas Finch Sr.⁸ Harry Wilbur⁷ Thomas Finch⁶ Garret⁵ Thomas⁴ Jarrat³ Thomas² Thomas¹

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS⁴ MORFORD 1737-1820:

Larry W. Morford, North Manchester TN

Wayne Lamoine¹⁰ Howard Clinton⁹ John Baird⁸ Jacob⁷ William Sr.⁶ John⁵ Thomas⁴

Vilas Jay Morford, Ames IA

Jacob C.⁸ William E.⁷ William⁹ John⁵ Thomas⁴

DESCENDANT OF WILLIAM⁵ MORFORD c1760/5-1816:

Ralph Harold Piper, Derby KS

Hattie Rena⁸ (Morford) Piper; Charles Grovener⁷ Morford; Rev. Joseph Baker⁶ William⁵

DESCENDANTS OF ZEBULON' MORFORD 1722-1794:

**Indicates probable descendant*

*Ronald Alan Morford, Washington DC

William Thomas⁹ William Herbert⁸ Alvah Roland⁷ James B.⁶ probably Barton⁵ John⁴ Zebulon³

Ashley Sibley, Shreveport LA

Lucian K.⁸ (Hammond) Sibley; Mary T. (Trigg) Hammond; Susan Narcissa⁶ (Weakley) Trigg; Evalina Belmont⁵ (Morford) Weakley; Zebulon Morford Jr.⁴ Zebulon Sr.³

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NEWS OF MORFORDS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

SIDNEY ALBERT MORFORD, who died 27 August 1980 at Aurora, Colorado, at the age of 73, was born 15 December 1906 at Hubbell, Nebraska, the 5th of 11 children of the late Richard and Bertha Susan (Merriam) Morford. Burial was in Wilber, Saline Co., Nebr. Surviving are his wife, the former Sylvia M. Aksamit, whom he married in Beatrice, in 1940; also two sisters, Effie Jane (Mrs. Leo W.) Hazen, of Osceola, Iowa, and R. Alleane (Mrs. Henry A.) Hockaday, of LaSalle, Colo. From 1960 until his retirement in 1972, Sidney was employed in the maintenance department of United Airlines. He was of the "Mercer Co., Pa." Morfords, his line being: *Richard⁷ Sydney⁶ Thomas⁵ James⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹ Morford.*

VIRGINIA (MORFORD) HAMILTON, 55, died 27 October 1980, Brooksville, Ky. She was widow of Neal Hamilton, who died in 1969; was survived by a son, Roger L. Hamilton, and by a brother, Leland "Tubby" Moford of Brooksville; two grandchildren, Christina and Rodney Hamilton, and her paternal grandmother, Lulu (Hull) Moford/Mofford, widow of Louis Hervey Mofford [1881-1956. Mrs. Hamilton's parents were the late John D. and Hattie (Garrison) Mofford. Ancestral line: *John D.⁹ Louis Hervey⁸ George William⁷ Geo. William⁶ probably Daniel⁵ [1761-185_] Daniel⁴ [1740-1833].* [Two earliest generations "MORFORD"].

WILLIAM RAY MORFORD, of Ogden, Utah, son of John William and Stella Mae (Colt) Morford, died 25 October 1980 at the age of 96 years, 5 months and 5 days. Had he lived but a few weeks longer, he would have celebrated the 72nd anniversary of his marriage to Retta Hagerman, who survives at the age of almost 89. They were married 16 December 1908 at Onawa, Johnson Co., Iowa. Also surviving are two sons and four daughters: Ward Vernon of Apache Junction, Arizona; Louis Ray of Rock Island, Ill.; Mable (Mrs. Harry) Moore, of Ogden; Opal (Mrs. Marion) Garrison and Grace (Mrs. Loren) Ellsworth, both of Mesa, Ariz., and Wanda (Mrs. Robert) Elder, of Nichols, Iowa. His descendants include 28 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. William Ray had been a farmer and carpenter in Iowa for many years before removing to Washington state in 1942. During World War II he was a Civil Service employee. He and his wife owned and operated a motel in Spangle, Spokane County, Washington. While residing there he served as town marshal and member of the volunteer fire department. In 1973 he and Retta moved to Utah. He was a member of the First Christian Church.



Retta and Ray on their 25th wedding anniversary in 1933

Interment was in Ogden cemetery. Wm. Ray was of the "Greene Co., Pa." Morfords, being 5th in descent from Daniel Morford [1740-1833], the Revolutionary War soldier of N.J., Va., Ky. and Ohio. His line: *John Wm.⁸ Reason⁷ Daniel⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴ Morford.*

URSUL ALLEN LUCAS, farmer, who died 30 November 1980 in Maysville, Ky., aged 76, was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Germantown, Ky. He was son of William Thomas ("Tom") and Sarah Ellen (Mofford) Lucas; was survived by his wife Alberta and 6 children: Mrs. Faye Miller, Bradenton, Fla.; Mrs. Norma Schmidt and Mrs. Geneva Patten, both of Cincinnati; Mrs. Ellen Black of Northern Kentucky; Emery and Larry Lucas, both of Cincinnati; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; also 2 brothers and 2 sisters: Emery Lucas and Mrs. Gladys Bach, both of Augusta, Ky.; and Paul Lucas and Mrs. Margaret Dennert, both of Newport, Ky. His line: *William Thomas⁸ Leonard⁷ George William⁶ probably Daniel⁵ [1761-185_] Daniel⁴ [1740-1833].* [Two earliest generations "MORFORD "].

HELEN (HAWKINS) MORFORD, widow of the late Dr. Theodore Morford [1898-1967], of Nashville, Tenn., died there 30 November 1980, aged 79; burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

She was daughter of Ernest and Josephine (McCall) Hawkins. She is survived by two sons, Theodore Jr., Atlanta, Ga., and Herbert Tolman Morford, Jackson, Miss.; also by two sisters, Mrs. Clarence M. Holt, Nashville, and Mrs. Smith C. Childs, Jackson, Tenn. Four grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Morford was a 50-year member of the D.A.R., Campbell Chapter, serving two terms as Regent, and was Vice-President General 1962-65. Dr. Theodore's line: *Theodore*⁷ *Theodore*⁶ *Samuel Denton*⁵ *Zebulon Jr.*⁴. *Zebulon Sr.*³

AGNES RETHA (MOFFORD) JETT, 65, of Brooksville, Ky., died 5 December 1980; burial was in Powersville Cemetery. She was widow of the late R. P. Jett [1918-55], and daughter of Ollie H. and Mina Laura (Bravard) Mofford. Survivors: 2 daughters, Shirley (Mrs. Larry) Hamilton, and Patricia (Mrs. Beryl) Mattox; a step-daughter and step-son, Mrs. Marjorie Brewer, Louisville, and Joseph L. Jett, Cincinnati; 6 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; also 4 sisters: Nellie (Mrs. Geo. L.) Shumate, Alexandria, Ky.; Elizabeth (Mrs. James) Collins and Mrs. John Horton, both of W. Palm Beach, Fla.; and Ada Fern (firs. Herbert) McDowell, Cincinnati. Her line: *Ollie H.*⁸ *Leonard*⁷ *Geo. Wm.*⁶ *prob. Daniel*⁵ [1761-185_] *Daniel*⁴ [1740-1833]. [Two earliest generations "MORFORD"].

CHARLES E. HARGETT, 68, retired carpenter and native of Bracken Co., Ky., died 6 December 1980 in Tampa, Fla.; burial at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Bracken Co., Ky. He was son of the late Luch and Stella (Mofford) Hargett. Surviving are his wife Victoria (nee Luch); 2 daughters, Opal Berndt and Ann Kinzy; also 7 sisters and 2 brothers: Martha Kobmann, Cincinnati; Margaret Bravard of Mason Co., Ky.; Emma Mains, Louisville, Ky.; Betty Lipcomb of Dayton, Ky.; Clyde Hargett, of Washington, Ky.; and Donald Hargett of Crothersville, Ind. His grandfather was William J. Mofford [*George William*⁶ *probably Daniel*⁵ [1761-185_] *Daniel*⁴ [1740-1833]]. [Two earliest generations "MORFORD"].

CLIFTON NEWMAN MORFORD, son of Lewis Franklin' and Emma Lydia (Carey) Morford, died in Sheridan, Indiana, 18 December 1980, aged 86. He had been a farmer; also was employed prior to retirement in 1972, at Carmel Screw Products Co. Following service at Hortonville Friends Church, burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Indianapolis. Survivors include 2 daughters, Virginia Mae (Mrs. Clinton) Fields, Westfield, Ind., and Mary Emily (Mrs. Leroy) Brown, Quincy, Mass.; and 2 sons, Lewis Franklin II of West Salem, Oh. (a former Sheridan resident), and Joseph Ralph of Indianapolis; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. His line: *Lewis Franklin*⁸ *William Henry*⁷ *Daniel*⁶ [1793-1876].

REVA WINONA "NONA" (McCONNAHA) MORFORD, widow of George Lockwood Morford [1885-1956], died Sunday, 4 January 1981, aged 89, in Indianapolis. Before retiring in 1965, Nona was a kitchen worker at Bertha Ballard Residence Hall. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church. Survivors are a daughter, Mary Inez (Mrs. Claude) Welch, and a son, Robert Roy Morford. The elder son, Russell D. [1911-56] died a few months after the death of his father. Nona's husband's line: *Samuel*⁹ *William*⁸ *John*⁷ [ca 179_--1839].

The following brief notice was forwarded to the MORFORD HISTORIAN by a friend just as this issue was being typed for printing: "Graveside services, 10:30 a.m. Friday (22 February 1980) in Belcrest Memorial Park for CHARLES MORFORD, 77, of 4120 Kurth St., So. (Salem, Ore.). He died Monday in a Salem care home. He was born in Washington, and had moved to Salem several years ago. Survivors include his brother Roy, Moxee City, Wash." His line: *John Wesley*⁸ *John W.*⁷ *Frederick Sr.*⁶ *Isaac*⁵ *Cornelius*⁴ Morford.

A NEW "TWIG" ON THE MORFORD FAMILY TREE

LORA KATHERINE COLLEY, born 9 June 1980, is the daughter of Gary Richard and Ann (Daniel) Colley of Port Angeles, Wash.; and granddaughter of Percy C. and Laurena Louise (Morford) Daniel Lora's great-grandfather was Wesley Walter⁹ Morford [*John Wesley*⁸ *John W.*⁷ *Frederick Sr.*⁶ *Isaac*⁵ *Cornelius*⁴ Morford].

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

WEDDING "BELLE": Cynthia Blythe Peterson, daughter of the late Dale Russel and Miriam (Morford) Peterson, on Saturday 1 November 1980 became the bride of Michael Eldon Mathis, at Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Wash. Cynthia is a 4th great-granddaughter of Daniel Morford, Revolutionary War soldier. Her grandfather was Fred James Morford [1884-1977] of the "Greene Co., Pa." Morfords [*John Thomas⁷ Joseph⁶ James⁵ Daniel⁴ 1740-1833*].



ANNA MAY MORFORD, daughter of Oren Emil and Esther Sophia (Spees) Morford, was a recent visitor for almost 3 months at her parents' home, Philomath, Oregon, before returning to Sierra Leone, West Africa, for another 2 years of missionary work. She first went there as a teacher; later spent 4 years in Rhodesia; is now working in the church office as liaison between the United Methodist Church of Africa and the church in the U.S. Her line: *Oren Emil⁸ Joseph Marion⁷ Robison⁶ Wm.⁵ John⁴ Thomas³ Thomas² John¹ Morford.*

"MORFORD NAMED ALL-AMERICAN" is the 4-column headline in the *Newton Kansan*, 3 December 1980. His full name is David Lee Morford, and he's the son of Weldon and Vivian Lois (Blankenship) Morford of Deland, Florida. A 1975 graduate of Deland High School, and now a senior at Bethel College, David has been named to the Kodak All-American college division II team. David's line: *Weldon Dee¹⁰ George Everett⁹ George Marion⁸ Isaac⁷ Frederick Sr.⁶ Isaac⁵ Cornelius⁴ Morford.*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS! The Morford Historian was pleasantly surprised to find that Robert Eugene and Ramona (Nielsen) Morford recently moved into a home a half-mile north and a mile east of us, on Canyon Road, the boundary line between Bonneville Co. and Bingham Co., where Shelley is located. A phone call enabled us to learn that Bob is the son of Leland Ray Morford of Hugoton, Kansas, whose line is: *Grover "Grovy" Emmet⁹ James Alvin⁸ William Henry⁷ Daniel⁶ Morford [1793-1876]*, the line which is being researched by the Rev. Elbert S. Morford, of Tucson, Arizona.

CONFUCIUS SAY "ONE PICTURE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"! In studying a large family, such as the Morfords, there are times when a photograph may reveal probable descent from a certain ancestor almost as surely as documentary evidence. That's why we plan to have pictures in each issue of the HISTORIAN. Lilah (Morford) Mercer [1892-1975] of Denver (descendant of the Cornelius line) wrote that Clarence Morford, realtor, bore a startling resemblance to some of her close relatives. We know a little about Clarence; his father was Ralph Finley Morford, born 1850 in Ohio. He lived at Mt. Ayr, Ringgold Co. Iowa 1895-1900; had children Evla C. (md. 1st John R. Hunter, 2d Lloyd Carsrud); Fern L. (md. Emmet Butts); Hazel J., born 1896 Iowa; Clarence E., born 1898 Iowa, lived in Larimer Co., Colo. 1920 (md. 1st to Margaret Bierd, 2d to L. Ruth McLean); Roe R., b. 1900 at Ft. Collins, Colo., lived at Oceanside, Calif. in 1960. Please, some of you who belong to or know this family, write and let us know more about them. And if a good picture of Clarence is available, we'll publish it with one of his "look-alikes".

And, speaking of pictures, here's one of our favorites, sent to us 13 years ago by Joseph Francis⁹ Morford [*Joseph Russell⁸ Francis Marion⁷ Francis Marion⁶ Joseph⁵ John⁴ Thos.³ Thomas² John¹*] and his wife Ruth Mae Anderson, of East Moline, Illinois. Their seven children are Barbara Anne, Mary Ruth, Michael Joseph, Beth Louise, Anne Michele, Molly Lynne, and Thomas Richard (characterized by his dad at that time as "a small bundle of dynamite"). What a lovely family!



THE MERRY MORFORDS OF MOLINE

SOME QUESTIONS FROM OUR SUBSCRIBERS

"ARE THERE OTHERS who have more than one line of Morford ancestry?" asks Joan Morford Bungum, Lindstrom, Minn., who has one Morford line coming down to her grandmother, Nellie (Hickok) Morford, from a Lydia Morford born about 1761 in Monmouth Co., N.J., who married John Ashton [1763-1837]; and also a direct line which comes from William Morford [c 1760/5-1816] who came from New Jersey to Newark, Wayne Co., N.Y., some time prior to November 1795. At present we don't know whether William's ancestor was John¹ of Middlesex County, N. J., or his brother Thomas¹ of Monmouth County, N.J.

To answer Joan's question: Yes, we know of several marriages of cousins, either where both were Morfords, or where one spouse had a Morford mother. Among these are: (1) THOMAS⁵ MORFORD [1788-1865], son of James' and Ann (Clawson) Morford, married, in 1803, his cousin REBECCA⁵ [1785-1857], daughter of John⁴ and Mary Ann (Cox) Morford.

(2) Four years later, 1807, Thomas¹ sister ELIZABETH⁵ MORFORD [1784-1826] married her cousin RICHARD⁵ MORFORD [1781-1874], elder brother of her own brother's wife Rebecca.. Many of the "Mercer Co., Pa." Morfords descend from these two couples, whose earliest known ancestor was John¹ Morford [c1650-173_], of Middlesex County, N.J.

(3) JARRATT³ MORFORD [1714-61], son of Thomas² and Mary (Wall) Morford, and grandson of Thomas¹ Morford [c165 - -1695/6], married in 1742, his cousin REBECCA TAYLOR, born in 1714, daughter of Edward and Catherine² (Morford) Taylor, and granddaughter of Thomas¹.

GALEN EVERETT MORFORD [*Geo. Everett*⁹ *Geo. Marion*⁸ *Isaac*⁷ *Fred Sr.*⁶ *Isaac*⁵ *Cornelius*⁴], who has served as Sheriff of Harvey County, Kansas, for many a year, wants to know if there are other Morford sheriffs. The only one we know holding a similar type of position, is the Warden of Corrections at Nashville, Tenn., whose name is Robert Van Wetering Morford *William Harrison*⁹ *William H. Sr.*⁸ *James Ephraim*⁷ *James Randolph*⁶ *Morford*]. The latter line was of Delaware at the same time as Galen's 4th-great-grandfather Cornelius Morford lived there, and we believe they are very closely related.

JOSEPH VERNON MORFORD, of Greensburg, Pa., asks if it is true that a Morford is buried in Westminster Abbey, London, along with Dr. David Livingstone, the Scotsman who went to South Africa in 1841. You remember, of course, that the explorer was apparently lost, and that Sir Henry Morton Stanley, when he successfully located him, greeted him with the now-famous phrase, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" Will some of our London readers please let us know whether there actually is a Morford buried in the Abbey?

MORFORD HISTORIAN WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING MORFORDS, LISTED AT FORMER ADDRESSES

Allen, Juneau AK	Earl R., Salem OR	John M., Saginaw MI	Ralph H., Greensburg PA
Alvin M., Nashvil le TN	Eileen (Turner), Windsor IL	John T., Winchester KY	Rhonda L., Tacoma WA
Bradley, W. Des Moines IA	F. A., Long Branch NJ	John. Wm. Jr., Vienna WV	Richard A., Kalamazoo MI
Bruce H., Indianapolis IN	Finley A., Canoga Park CA	Joseph, Oklahoma City OK	Richard R., Jr., Oceanside CA
C. J., Cleveland OH	Gary, Lafayette LA	Kenneth, Springfield IL	Robert, Zionsville IN
Charles, Tucson AZ	Gary Lee, Toppenish WA	Kenneth, Dickinson NO	Robert A., Rossville TN
Charles, Sea Isle City NJ	Gene Harvey, Durand IA	Kenneth A., Union Gap WA	Robert Dean, Lincoln NB
Charles, Toledo OH	George D., Champaign IL	Kent, East Lansing MI	Robert E., Connersville IN
Mrs. Chas. H., Manhattan NY	George Milton, Spokane WA	Kim, Riverside CA	Robert L., Wanakah NY
Chester, Topeka KS	Gerald Eugene, Carbondale CO	Larry, Mattoon IL	Robt.Thos.Jr., Lexington KY
D. A., Cincinnati OH	Glen, Rice IN	Larry G., Minneapolis MN	S. H., Nashville TN
D. L., Elmwood OH	Greg & Vema, El Paso TX	Leon, Pinconning MI	Samuel, Caldwell ID
D. M., Battle Creek MI	Gregory M., Cincinnati OH	Linda A., San Antonio TX	Stephen, Janesville WI
Dale, Junction City OR	Harry C., Los Altos CA	Loren, Cape Girardeau MO	Stephen L., Moline IL
Dale D., San Bernardino CA	Hugh A., Cincinnati OH	M., Kalamazoo, III	T. L., Lansing MI
Dan, Kansas City MO	Hugh Ray, Pontiac MI	M. Tolman, Jackson MS	Ted, San Juan Capistrano CA
David C., Naples FL	J., Santa Ana CA	Marilyn, Albuquerque NM	Verlie, Hew Richmond OH
David D., Liverpool NY	J. E., Chicago IL	[lark, Minneapolis MN	Vincent, Indianapolis IN
Dennis Gene, Prosser WA	James E., Portland OR	Martin George, Rolla MO	W. A., Riverside CA
Don, Bonner Springs KS	James Wesley, Tracy CA	Michael, Oklahoma City OK	Wayne, Jackson MI
Donald, Kansas City MO	James William, Ottumwa IA	Michael E., Cincinnati OH	Wesley, Watsonville CA
Donald W., Nashville TN	Jeff, Chicago IL	Noreen, Grand Rapids MI	William Douglas, Aurora IL
E. A. Tony, Lexington KY	Jeff, Springfield OH	Otto Irvin, Franklin IN	William H., Baltimore MD
E. O., Brawley CA	Jeffrey James, Miami FL	R., Kalamazoo MI	William Wallace, Pontiac MI

FEMALE MORFORDS BORN BETWEEN 1870 AND 1880, AND THEIR SPOUSES

Perhaps, as readers scan this list, some may recognize names of their Morford aunts or great-aunts. If you do, and can furnish us with missing dates and places of death for some of these persons, and give further information of their children, it will be one more step in making the planned volumes of Morford history more complete and accurate.

Alfaretta Morford 1877-	(John Grant Locke)	Hattie Morford 1874-	(Hiram Seth)
Alice Morford 1871-1934(Charles A. McHenry)	Hattie Jane Morford 1876-1954	(Isaac Bard Bowers)
Anna Morford 1878-	(George Cohen)	I Rona "Ona" Morford 1877-1925	(Homer L. Bennett)
Anna Morford 1879-	(_____ Smith)	Ida Elizabeth "Bessie" Morford 1878-	(Ed Harris)
Anna Elizabeth Morford 1875-	(Harry J. Richardson)	Jane Atkinson Morford 1872-1939	(Theodore Lowry Campbell)
Anna J. Morford 1872-1960	(Walter J. French)	Julia F. Morford 1873-	(Thomas B. Clarke Jr.)
Anna Margaret Morford 1877-1925	(Charles Henry Hamilton)	Kate Boyd Morford 1874-1962	(Hans Christian Paulsen)
Anna May Morford 1877-	(Charles Decker)	Laura Augusta Morford 1876-1970	(Aubry Leroy Seavey)
Arra C. Morford 1878-1926	(_____ Hancock)	Laura Geneva Morford 1874-	(Charles Kuhn)
Bertha Morford 1875-	(Albert I. Emmons)	Laura Lee Maffett 1872-	(Edward Jasper Allen)
Clara I. Morford 1870-	(Warren D. Rose)	Lettie Maud Morford 1876-1960	(1,John A. Creed; 2,Giles Wade)
Cora Alice Morford 1879-1943	(John Millard Kirby)	Lovina Jane Morford 1871-	(_____ Hofius)
Cora Ann Morford 1877-	(Leslie Burr Hedgcock)	Lucinda Margaret Morford 1870-1894	(William C. Kirchoff)
Dora May Morford 1873-	(Benjamin F. Jones)	Lucinda Harrington Morford 1871-(1, Charles Blakeley; 2, Edward M. McChain)	
Edith Morford 1878-1954	(Jacob Irwin Carter)	Mary Albia Morford 1873-1922	(Emmet W. Wilson)
Edna Morford 1878-	(George H. Carroll)	Mary Alice Morford 1876-	(Henry Alfred Pearson)
Eliza A. Jennie Morford 1879-1937	(Mark Roberts)	Mary Ann Eliza Morford 1872-1949	(George B. Hennen)
Elizabeth Morford 1877-	(Guy Hauck)	Mary Irene Morford 1876-	(Philip Frick)
Elizabeth Abigail Morford 1877-1958	(Haven Veach Wolf)	Mary "Molly" Jane Morford 1870-1938	(Dr. John Stoops)
Elizabeth "Bessie" Morford 1875-1956	(Charles Bennett)	Mary Jane A. Morford 1870-1955	(Adam A. Schlasman)
Ella Jane Morford 1876-1945	(Charles H. Hays)	Mary Jane Morford 1876-1926	(John S. Babcock)
Ella Viola Morford 1874-1950	(John Goodford Bellman)	Mary Maggie Morford 1872-1928	(Wilbur Fickel)
Elva Morford 1871-	(David Smith)	Mary Euphretta Morford 1879-1936	(Harry H. Arbaugh)
Elva Jane Morford 1876-1945	(1,Chas.Sparks; 2,John Beamish)	Maude E. Morford 1870-	(_____ Markham)
Emily Morford 1876-	(Charles Bayliss)	Myrtle Estelle Morford 1879_1944	(Jon Richard Elson)
Emma Morford 1871- (Simeon Johnson)		Myrtle Gertrude Morford	1878- (Willi am W Goode)
Emma Morford 1877- (Joseph Milton Hoover)		Nellie Alberta Morford 1874-	(Granville Wolbert)
Estella Leona Morford 1879-	(Corvin Silvers)	Nora Morford 1876-	(Samuel Morgan)
Ettie Alma Morford 1872-1956	(Douglas Depew)	Nora Agnes Morford 1870-1946	(Ellis Siegle McArthur)
Evie Clair Morford 1870-1927	(Charles Webster Rogers)	Olive Morford 1878-	(Solomon Lawrence)
Flora B. Morford 1875-	(David McNeal)	Ollie May Morford 1875-1959	(1,Daniel Sheehan; 2, Geo. Quinlan)
Flora Elmina Morford 1876-1923	(Elmer E. Buckingham)	Ora Morford 1876-1972	(Edmiston/Edmundson Smith)
Florence Estella Morford 1879-1958	(Floyd M. Ivy)	Priscilla "Prill" Elizabeth Morford 1874-1956	(Henry J. Brenn)
Goldie Mae Morford 1878-1907	(Samuel Stull)	Rosa/Thurza Morford 1873-1960	(Ed Lahm)
Hannah Jane Morford 1876-1959	(U. S. Grant Phillips)	Rosa Morford 1877-	(Thomas Hill)
Harriet Morford 1876- (William Newberry)		Sarah Conover Morford 1875-	(Morgan Wickliff Condit)
Harriet Morford 1879-1949	(Luke Aloysius Fahy)	Sarah Ellen Mofford 1875-1916	(William Thomas Lucas)
Harriet Rena Morford 1874-1956	(Homer Lee Piper)	Sarah Eva Morford 1874-1904	(Charles Elmer Studebaker)
Harriette A. Morford 1875-	(Ervin Palmer)	Tabitha A. Morford 1878-	(J. Milton Bonar)
Harriet Adele Morford 1870-1933	(Dr. Robert F. Bruce)	Violette Belle Morford 1872-	(Belle Jennings)
Harriet Amanda Morford 1873-1930	(1, Chauncey Everhart; 2, Linc Everhart)	Winnifred Morford 1876-	(John Franklin Riskemire)

SOME MORFORD TRADITIONS -- ARE THEY CORRECT?

ZEBULON MORFORD [1722-1794] is said to have been born in Wales, and to have married in Wales before coming to New Jersey. Neither statement appears likely, for we find that while still in his teens he witnessed a N.J. document; and obtained license to marry Susannah Barton 12 January 1746/7, when both were residents of Middlesex Co., N.J. Nor was Susannah born in England as claimed by family tradition; her parents Noah and Mary Barton were of Westchester, N.Y. at the time of her birth, and later moved to Cranbury, N.J. However, it may be that some of Zebulon's ancestors were of Wales, as there is a village which existed as early as 1577, shown on maps of the 1720 period as "Marford", and on more recent maps as "Merford"; it is northeast of Wrexham, Denbigh, Wales.

HERE'S A TRADITION which may pertain to an earlier generation than the one to which it is presently attached. WILLIAM MORFORD [1821-98] is supposed to have come "from Virginia to Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap in 1833, with his father and uncle." Names of the father and uncle were not recollected by Donald Avery Morford, a descendant. As William would have been but a lad of 12 at the time of this trek, and as he was born in Clermont Co., Ohio, we wonder if the story really pertains to his grandfather. Might it not have been William's *father*, John [ca 179_-1839] and *his* brother who came, from the part of Virginia which later [1792] became Kentucky, to Ohio, with *their* father?

MORFORD-RELATED QUERIES

6. JOHN MORFORD [1757-1838] was a Loyalist during the American Revolution; later moved to Nova Scotia. Name and dates of his first wife not known; he married second, 1791, Margaret Dixon, who was buried 3 January 1830 at Jogin, Digby, N.S.; John died in Digby in November 1838, aged 81; buried in Digby. Is there a list of Loyalists showing where he lived before the war? Want names of parents, siblings, 1st wife, children (if any).
7. ASHTON-MORFORD: John and Lydia Ann (Morford) Ashton died (1837 and 1841) Cambridge, Washington Co., Pa. Their married children were: Joseph 1785-1834 (md. Phoebe McCrea); James 1787 (md. 1, Isabel McHiel, 2d Clementine Vanderlip); William 1789 (md. 1817 Margaret Kerr); Sarah 1792-1847 (md. 1826 John Foster); Thomas 1793 (md. 1, Elizabeth Stueri, 2d Elizabeth Cogsdill); Isaac 1797-1871 (md. 1825 Anna Maria Beveridge); Benjamin Beveridge Ashton 1799-1867 (md. 1823 Mary Foster). Want to contact descendants.
8. MORFORD-CLAWSON: James Morford [1753-1809] of Middlesex Co., N.J. and Mercer Co., Pa. married, 1772, Ann Clawson. They had daughter, given name unknown, who married into Clawson family. Is there published or private genealogical record of NJ or Pa. Clawson family giving information of both of these marriages?
9. MORFITT: Herman, Eleanor and Mary, children of John Morfitt, were beneficiaries in estate of Herman Enoch of Philadelphia, 1769. Want further data, identification.
10. MORFORD-SAGE-DAVIS: Want contact with descendants of Charles Edgar, George T., Berty E. and Robert Roy, all sons of John and Minerva Jane (Sage) Morford who were of Smith Co., Kans. at one time. Minerva died 1921, Grand Junction, Colo., aged 87, her surname at that time being Davis.
11. MORFORD-TOWNSEND: Thomas P. Morford, born Feb. 1850, NJ, married 1836, Umatilla Co. Ore., Martha Townsend; lived Latah Co. Idaho, 1900. Children were Mary A., Harriet, Thomas Lorenzo (of Spokane, Wash.), Garrett L., and Robert J.
12. MORFORD-WHARTON: Isaac and Rebecca (Wharton) Morford of Warren Co., Ohio, had a son Owen, born 1830. In 1900 Owen "Morphord" was living in Boone Co., Missouri. Want information on his wife and descendants; also date and place of his death.
13. BROOKS-MOFFORD: Want parentage, descendants of Charles and Ruth (Mofford) Brooks, who married 1850, Clermont Co., Ohio. He was born 1824, she in 1832.
14. MORFORD: Want present addresses, data, of Charles and Don Morford, sons of the late Gottlieb R. Morford [1894-1978], of Sharon and Sharpville, Mercer Co., Pa.
15. MORFORD-BAKER: Want further data of Jeremiah Muford, whose wife was Martha, daughter of the Thomas Baker who died 1755 in Elizabeth, Essex Co., N.J.
16. MAFFORD: Joseph Mafford, born about 1825, Va., living in Dist. #12 Ripley, Union Twp., Brown Co., Ohio, with wife Jeanne Want his parentage, siblings, children if any.

PITY POOR EPHRAIM - MISSPELLED AND MISPRONOUNCED!

EPHRAIM MORFORD, born, say in the 1760s, was of Elinboro Twp., Salem Co., N.J. about 1793, according to a tax ratable list. He was a neighbor to Nathan Woodruff, who, by tradition, had married a "Miss Mofford". Her father was surely Cornelius Morford, of the same township; and Ephraim probably removed to Delaware with Cornelius about 1802. Incidentally, Ephraim's name was misspelled as "Ephriam", probably due to a deplorable and still-prevalent mispronunciation of his name. Please, dear reader, refer to him as "Ee-frah-im" -- NOT "Ee-free-yam"!