

# ODELL GENEALOGY

United States and Canada  
(1635 - 1935)

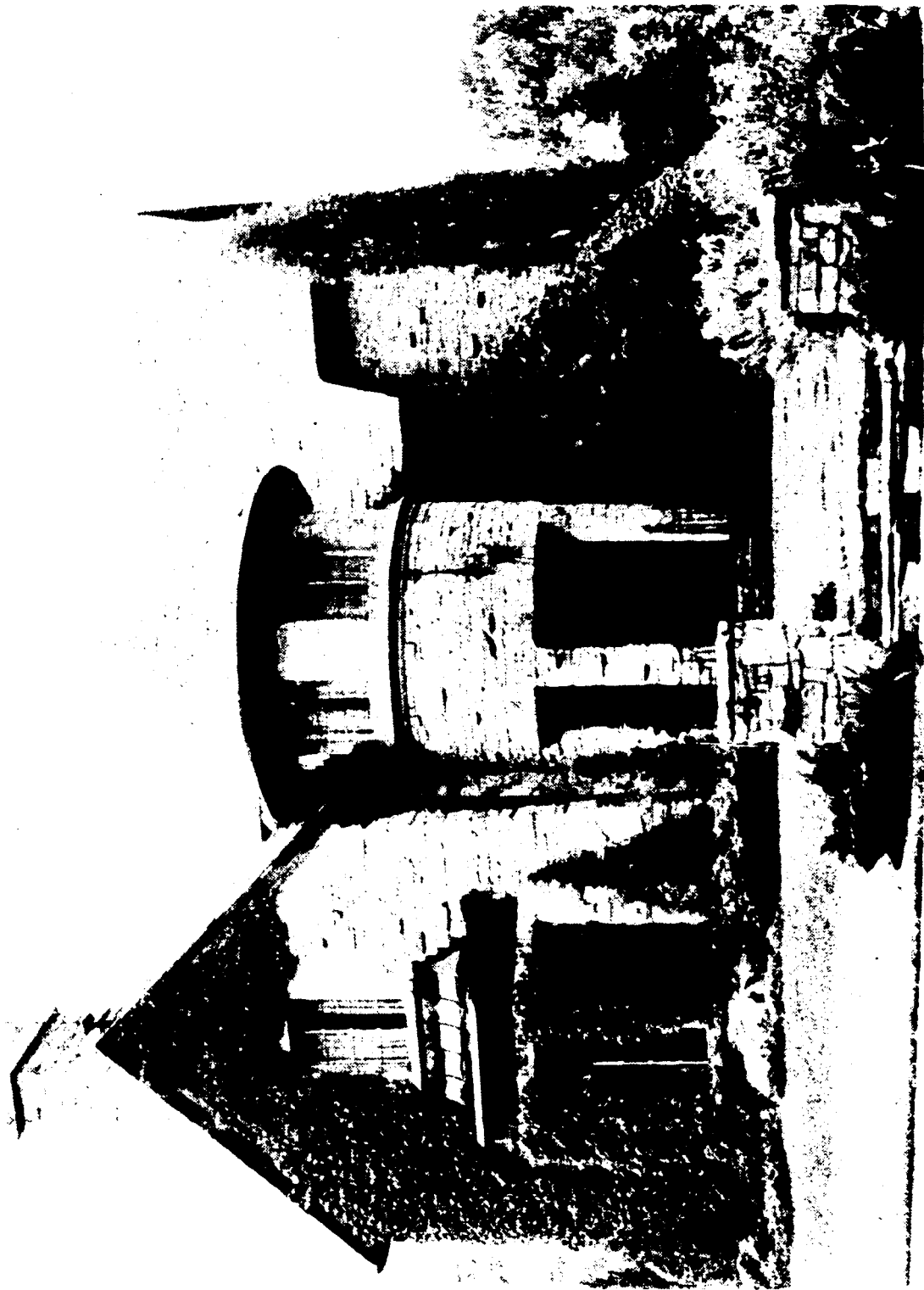
Ten Generations in America  
in Direct Line.

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An Odell Line in America  
JOSEPH ODELL  
of  
Westchester and Dutchess Counties  
New York  
and of  
Odelltown, Lower Canada.

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His Ancestors in America and  
some of His Descendants  
in the  
United States and the Dominion of Canada.  
1635 - 1935

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*Compiled by one of his descendants*  
MINNIE ALICE LEWIS POOL

## FOREWORD BY THE COMPILER

When the compiler of this Odell line in America began her Odell research twenty-five years ago, all she knew of her Odell ancestry was the fact that her paternal grandfather's name was Joshua Odell Lewis and that his mother was an Odell.

Searching for the location of Burtonville, Lower Canada, her father's birthplace, which could not be found on any map, she wrote the Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, which replied that there was no postoffice of that name and they could not locate it. Then she wrote the postmaster at Odelltown, Province of Quebec, inquiring the location of Burtonville and whether any Odells or Lewises were to be found in that region today, and the letter was handed to Mr. Henry C. Odell, of Odelltown, who kindly replied at once, stating that "Burtonville was a street about ten miles north" of his home, and that Odells and Lewises were once very numerous there and at Odelltown but there were very few Odells left and no Lewises that he knew of.

A correspondence followed, which led to the compiler and her husband sailing down the St. Lawrence to Montreal the summer of 1911 on an historic pilgrimage to the land of her forefathers, lying between Montreal and the New York state line, visiting Burtonville, Lacolle, Odelltown, Lacolle block house and site of the Lacolle mill, where a battle was fought in the War of 1812. This region is all historic ground.

In the historic old mansion built in 1801 by one of the six sons of Joseph Odell and Martha Manning—Joseph Odell, Junior, who married Sarah Lewis when he was not quite 17 years of age—they were entertained by the 86-year-old grandson of Joseph Odell, Jr., Mr. Henry C. Odell and his daughter, Miss Sarah Odell, and with them attended services in the historic old stone church built in 1823, in and around which the Battle of Odelltown was fought in 1838 in the Canadian Rebellion. In this battle several Odell officers won their laurels.

In the War of 1812, Gen. Wilkinson used this house of Captain Joseph Odell as his headquarters, and the stone store

built just across the street from the house in which Joseph Odell, Jr., carried on a lucrative business, was used by the American troops as barracks.

With Mr. Odell and his daughter they visited the old cemeteries at Odelltown and Burtonville, where sleep many Odells and Lewises of earlier generations, saw the sites of their ancestral homesteads, and pored over the old parish registers of Odelltown church at the parsonage in Lacolle.

From Mr. Henry C. Odell the compiler received her first data of the Odell and Lewis families who came from Dutchess county, New York, and were closely connected by marriage, and found that her great grandfather was Joseph Lewis who was a brother of Mr. Odell's grandmother, Sarah Lewis, and that her great grandmother was Sarah Odell who was a sister of his grandfather, Joseph Odell, so they were doubly related, but Mr. Odell could not trace back of his grandfather, although he said he had often wished he knew more about his people farther back.

In 1913 and again in 1914, when the compiler was a delegate to the Continental Congress of the D. A. R. at Washington, D. C., she searched for Odell records in the Congressional Library and in the splendid genealogical D. A. R. library at Memorial Continental Hall, and found in Bolton's History of Westchester county, New York, that the father of Joseph Odell and Sarah, his sister, was Joseph Odell who married Martha Manning of Dutchess county, and that the only printed record to be found of this Joseph was in this history which traced his line briefly to William<sup>1</sup> Odell of Concord 1639, indicating that Joseph<sup>5</sup> was the second son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> and called him "Joseph of Odelltown, Lower Canada, who married Martha Manning of Dutchess county and had Joshua, John, Charles, Joseph, Jacob, Sarah, Martha and Eve." But this information came too late for Mr. Henry C. Odell as his death occurred some months prior to this discovery. Much has been published of other branches of Odells from William<sup>1</sup> of Concord but nothing of Joseph<sup>5</sup> of Westchester and Dutchess counties, New York, and of Odelltown, Lower Canada. So for twenty-five years



the compiler has made indefatigable research in the United States and Canada to discover all records possible relating to Joseph Odell and his six sons. (Bolton gives five.)

Public archives in Ottawa and Montreal have been searched; land and military records and documents; probate records, guardianship records, town records, directories, church and cemetery records, tombstone inscriptions, Bible records, in Upper and Lower Canada, in Albany, Poughkeepsie and New York City; in Westchester and Dutchess counties as well as other counties of New York; in Michigan, Wisconsin and various other states; everywhere documentary evidence has been sought.

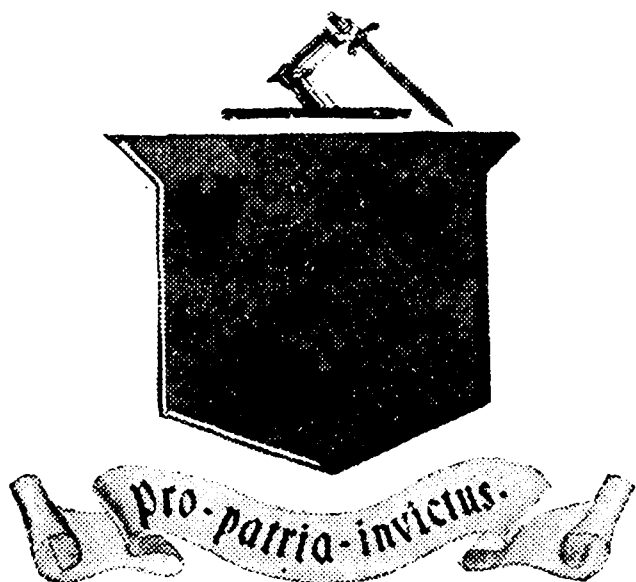
The compiler gratefully acknowledges the helpfulness of her numerous correspondents in the United States and in Canada, particularly that of Mr. Frederick C. Haacker, of New York City; Mr. William Melvin Fleming, of Summerland, British Columbia, and Miss Sarah Odell, of Lacolle, Province of Quebec, Canada, whose assistance has been invaluable.

To Mr. Emery A. Odell of Monroe, Wisconsin, who out of gratitude for the five years of research work spent in tracing his Odell lineage, desires to preserve the results of the compiler's twenty-five years of Odell research in permanent form for the benefit of future generations, she owes her most heartfelt thanks.

And to the memory of Mr. Henry Canfield Odell of Odelltown, who gave her the first data in her Odell research, the compiler would dedicate all she has since found relating to our mutual ancestor Joseph<sup>5</sup> Odell, Senior, and his family.

*Very sincerely yours,  
Minnie A. Lewis Pool.*

Waverly, Iowa, October 30, 1935.



Odell

## ODELL BLAZON OF ARMS

Arms—Or, three crescents, gules.

Crest—An arm embowed in armor, all appr.

Motto—Pro Patria Invictus.

(For Our Country Unconquered.)

—Burke's Landed Gentry.

This was the original crest when the Odell carried it to Ireland. This family is listed among "the chief English families" who settled in Waterford county, Ireland. "O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees," Vol. 1, p. 815.

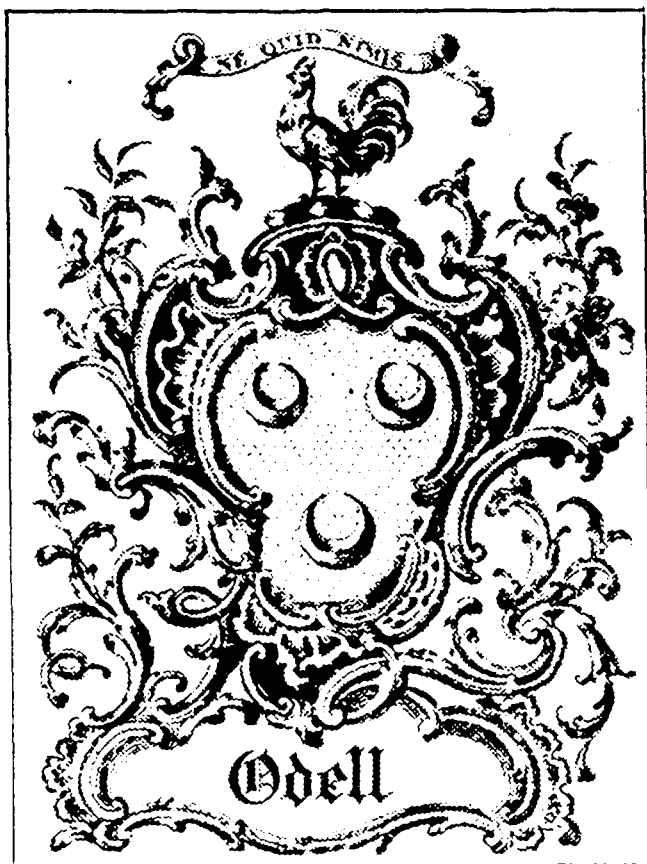
Hon. and Rev. Jonathan Odell, 1737-1818, while in England after the American Revolution, changed this crest and motto to that used by a branch of the family in Ireland; settled there in the reign of Charles the Second, and described in the blazon of arms at the head of this pedigree.

Arms—Or, three crescents, gules.

Crest—A chanticleer colored as in nature.

Motto—Ne Quid Nemis.

(Not Too Much of Anything.)



"Or," in heraldry, means gold. "Gules" means red. Three red crescents on a golden shield. The golden shield represents the character of the Odell individual upon whom this coat-of-arms was conferred by his sovereign for some national achievement. He was a man of sterling worth, riches, prosperity. Gold is the symbol of the sun, of majesty, might and elevation of mind.

The Crescent—Watchman of the World. Its color—red—indicates courage, valor. It is a half-moon when horns are upturned and indicates increasing greatness and power.

The chanticleer signified noble courage. Ready for battle—an emblem of watchfulness, heroism and herald of the morn. A daybreak of prosperity for the name or for the Odells.



## Odell

Arms—Regent, three crescents, gules.

Crest—An eagle displayed.

Motto—Fac et Spera.  
(Do and Hope.)

—"Colonial Families of America," Vol. 12.

## HISTORICAL AND LEGENDARY

*From William Allan Odell, of Montreal, who has made extensive research into ancient history of Odells.*

Odell stock originally Phoenician, the men were Phoenicians and the women reported to be of the tribe of Benjamin or Levi, which appears to be supported by Scriptural history.

The family originated about 625 B. C. at what was later the city of Odellum (Hebrew Odellam) both meaning the same—a dell or small valley with a stream flowing through it.

Odellum was a trading station set up by the Phoenicians. Hiram, king of Phoenicia, supplied gold, silver, copper, cedar, fir and workmen to King Solomon for Solomon's palace and temple.

The family movement is stated as follows: From Odellum to the Black Sea, west coast; from there to the Baltic, thence to what is now Northern Prussia; from there to Holland, then to England in the reign of Queen Mary (Bloody Mary). This queen confiscated the estates of the direct line and drove them out of England. The others changed their names to protect themselves and their property. This, history signifies, brought into use the number of names derived from the old family name. History does not support spelling the name "O'Dell," but it is considered of Saxon adoption and the proper pronunciation is "O'dle." While there is absence of proof that the family lived in England prior to 1066 it is known that the old Baron of Woods and Hills, chief of the Tribe of Odell, in what is now Holland, had been to England prior to 1066 as he knew the country quite well around Hastings. After the conquest of 1066 he built castles, roads and walls for William, (William the Conqueror). The family pleaded with King John and also took sides with the barons in having John sign the Magna Charta. Members of the family were instrumental in making the foundation for the Church of England and built many small chapels in England.

Reference is made to the "History of the Phoenicians During Hiram's Reign" as treating of the temperament and character possessed by members of the Odell family and the mental and physical characteristics of their distant ancestry.

The first Odell was Walter Flandrensis, the last Count of Flanders, brother of Matilda of Flanders, wife of William the Conqueror, with whom he came to England in 1066 and became the first Baron Odell. He held a great barony in Bucks, England, in 1086, of which Wahull or Woodhull, meaning wood hill, was the chief county seat, and from him descended the Barons Wahul, Wodhull, Woodhull, Odell, which is found spelled various ways in old records, Odel, Odle, Oadele, Odil, etc. All Odells undoubtedly descend from Walter Flandrensis, first Baron Odell, direct descendants of whom were closely related to at least four kings of England, William the Norman, Alfred the Great, Edward the Second and Henry the VIII. The title from which the name was derived was bestowed in 1066. There are compilations by Odell genealogists that make the claim that there exists in the possession of the Counts of Flanders a complete and unbroken record traced back to Priam, the King of Troy, about 1200 B.C.

The titles and estates were bestowed upon the first Baron Odell by William the Conqueror for distinguished military services in the conquest of England. The head of the barony was at Odell, Bedfordshire, England, where Odell church and Odell castle remain.

The direct family should be of the Church of England according to the claims put forth by the British-Israel Federation. Apparently the direct connection between the old and new family has not been definitely established, provable facts having been sought in England, but there are histories of the family both ancient and modern making the connection and it appears to be a case of "choose or prove."

The English record states "William and John Odell went to America and settled in New Hampshire," later becoming part of New York.

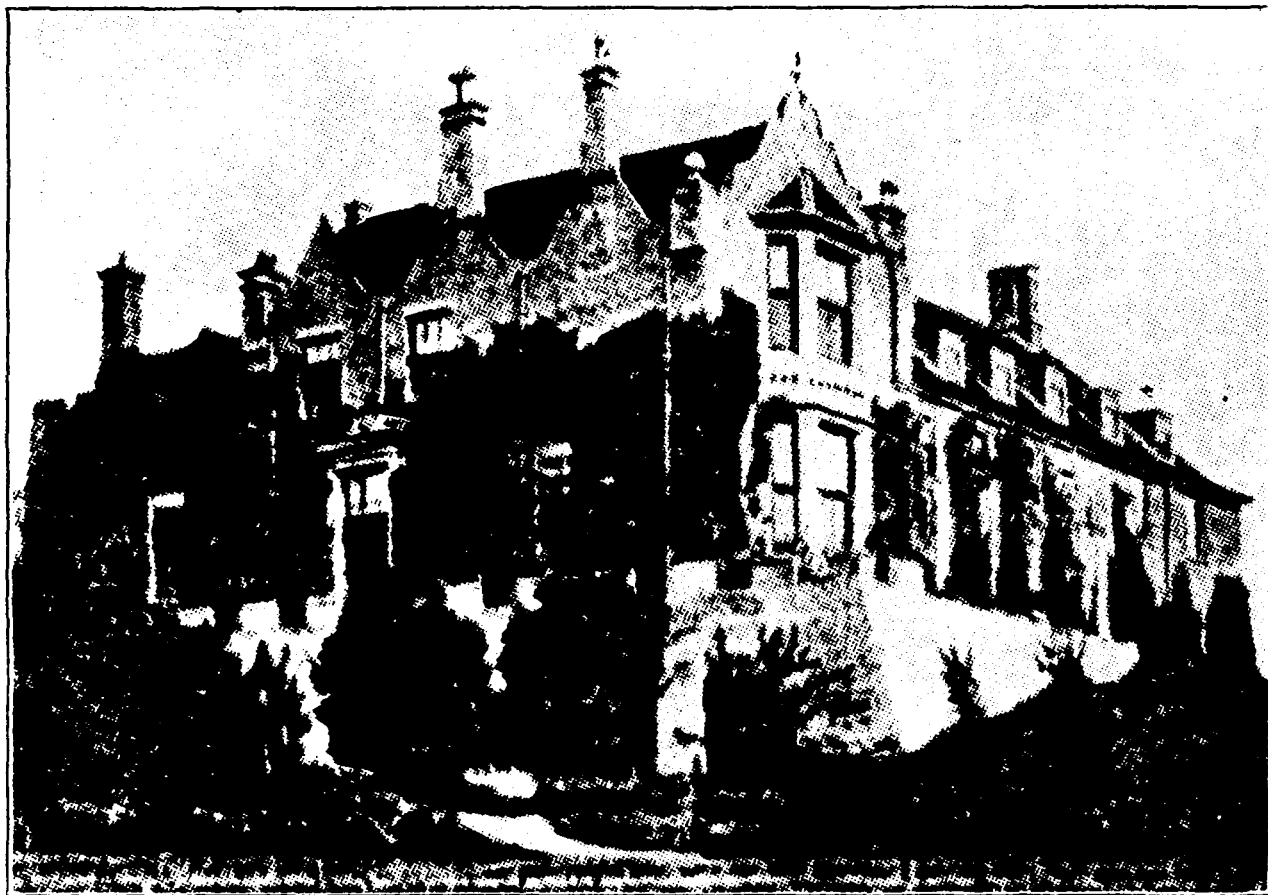
Later Odells were scattered, locating in Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Western Canada. Some remained in the United States after the War of Independence and their descendants are found in the east, south and west. There are five places in the United States known as Odell.

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Commemorative and biographical records of Westminster county, Ontario, contain historical accounts of lives and works of the Odell family members who went from New York to make their homes just beyond the border in Lower Canada directly north of Lake Champlain and in publication of some of John Odell's family history in the London, Ont., Free Press in 1933 written by Orlo Miller he said: "The Odell family emigrated from Holland, first to England and the United States, then to Canada, and wherever they went their seed flourished and prospered. They were all shrewd business men, upright and honorable, and in their old age received the respect of all men."

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There are a host of grand children of John Odell who became citizens of the United States, also Peter's children, the children of his brother James, William's children, Hannah's children and so on, definitely known as a result of this research.



### HISTORIC ODELL CASTLE

The Odell castle stands on the bank of the river Ouse, near the ancient village of Odell, in Bedfordshire, England. The wall to the left in the photograph is a part of the original castle given by William the Conqueror to Walter Flandrencis, created Baron de Wahul, in 1066, the year of the conquest.

# PEDIGREE OF ODELL.

United States and Canada.

Variouslly Written in the Public Records of England as Wadehelle, Wahulle, de Wahul, Wodhull, Woodhull, Wodell, Odell, Odill, Odle, etc.

## MR. WILLIAM ODELL

the founder of the family in America was of English ancestry. He came to New England in the early part of the seventeenth century, probably at the time of the emigration of the Rev. Peter Bulkeley, who was rector of the Parish of Odell at Bedfordshire, England, and came to America in 1635. Mr. Odell is first traced at Concord, Mass., where his name appears in the town records as early as 1639. He removed to Fairfield, Conn., about 1644 and became the owner of a large estate. His name appears there in the probate records with the comparatively rare prefix of "Mr." which in those days was a distinctly honorable title. Mr. Odell lived at Fairfield in 1676. His will, recorded there and dated June, the same year, mentions his sons, William and John, daughter, Rebecca Morehouse, daughter-in-law, Mary Odell and others; bequeaths lands in Concord and Fairfield and makes son, John Odell and son-in-law Samuel Morehouse, executors. Researches are now being made in England with the hope of obtaining further evidence of Mr. Odell's ancestry. The parish registers of Bedfordshire show a very extensive settlement of the family in that country and the name appears to have undergone many variations of spelling, such as Wodell, Woddell, Woodell, Odill, Odell and Odle. The seat of the family in Bedfordshire was originally the ancient castle and barony of Wahull, also called Wodhull, Woodhull, Woodhill, etc. This place is now described as Odell on the maps of the country, this being a later orthography. In the parish registers of Thenford, Northamptonshire and Mollington, Oxfordshire, the common spelling of the name is Wodhull and Woodhull; in Mollington church, however, is a tomb to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth (Meese) Woodhull, late wife of Richard Woodhull, alias Odell



of Mollington, Esq. She died March 6, 1656. On the tomb are the arms of Woodhull—Or, three crescents, gules. In America the families of Woodhull and Odell have not traced any relationship, although Richard Woodhull, Gent., born about 1620, the progenitor of the Woodhulls in this country and to whom his kinsman Lord Crewe sent the Woodhull Achievement about 1687, is frequently described in the public records as Richard Odell, and William Odell, Jr., of Rye, N. Y., signed as William Woodhull in 1668.—Harvey's History of Willey Hundred, Bedfordshire. Visitation of Oxfordshire, Harl. Soc. Pub., Vol. V. New England Hist. and Gen. Reg., Vol. XLV, p. 7, N. Y. Gen. and Bio. Record, Vol. I, p. 25.

The name of William Odell's wife is not known. She was probably married in England and it is conjectured by Mr. Baird that her son, William, was born there about 1634. There is no trace of Mrs. Odell's residence in Concord, the first book of records of that town having been lost. In the early records of Boston, however, may be found: "A register of births and burials in Concord from 1639 until the first month 1644, according to account." In this register are the following entries: "James, the son of William Odle, was born the 2 of the 11 month 1639 and was buried 4 (2) 1641." "Rebecca, the daughter of William Odle, was born July 1, 1642." It is supposed that Mrs. Odell died before 1644, the year of her husband's removal to Fairfield, Conn., as the records of that town make no mention of her name, nor does Mr. Odell's will, made in 1676, refer to her.—Walcott's Concord in the Colonial Period. N. E. History and Gen. Register, Vol. IV, p. 272.

The vagueness regarding the date of the coming to America of William Odell seems to be dispelled in the light of more recently published research.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 46, p. 20, gives "William Odell, founder of the family in America," as "coming to New England with Rev. Peter Bulkeley from Parish of Odell, Bedfordshire, England."

Another authority states that "Rev. Peter Bulkeley, the first minister of Concord, Mass., was from Odell Parish, Bedfordshire, where he had been rector for many years," and that "he was allied to the Odell family thro his marriage with Grace, daughter of Sir Richard Chetwood." Rev. Peter Bulkeley came to America in 1635.

All emigrants from England at that period had to bring a certificate from the justice of the peace and the minister of the parish in which they lived before embarking on the ships to America. There appears to be no record of William Odell embarking for America in the early shipping records. James Savage says, "It is quite probable that to evade the despicable tyranny of the regulations, a true description of the persons was sometimes concealed. Peter Bulkeley was not called a minister because his departure would have been forbidden. We know, in the voyage of the *Abigail*, 40 passengers more than there are here mentioned came over, some of whom thought best, no doubt, to be taken on after the clearance of the vessel." (Mass. Hist. Coll. Series 3, Vol. 8.)

A volume printed in 1930 by Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, by Charles Edward Banks, member of the Mass. Hist. Society and American Antiquarian Society, called "Planters of the Commonwealth, a Study of the Emigrants and Emigration in Colonial Times," to which are added "Lists of Passengers to Boston and to the Bay Colony, the Ships which brought them, their English Homes and Places of their Settlement in Massachusetts, 1620-1640," on page 36 of this volume: "Winthrop thus describes the devices employed by John Cotton and Thomas Hooker: 'They gat out of England with much difficulty, all places being belaid to have taken Mr. Cotton, who had been long sought for to have been brought into the High Commission but the master being bound to touch at the Wight, the pursuivants attended there, and in the meantime the said ministers were taken in at the Downs.' "

"In like manner subsidy records show Roger Goodspeed of Buckingham, Andrew Hallett of Somerset, and William Odell

of Bedfordshire, reached New England without payment of taxes levied for the ship subsidy."

There appears to have been some dissatisfaction among the settlers at Concord on account of excessive taxes levied upon the inhabitants of the colony; many of them were not content especially as the soil was marshy and difficult to utilize profitably. In the summer of 1644, therefore, 16 families under the leadership of Rev. John Jones removed to Fairfield, Connecticut, colony, and among these was the family of William Odell.

## ODELL LINE IN AMERICA

1. William Odell, born in England. Came, it is said, in 1635 to America, was in Concord, Mass., 1639, and Fairfield, Conn., 1644. Died June, 1676, at Fairfield, Conn.; his will dated June 6, 1676, probated June 12, 1676, disposing of 447 pounds, names no wife; sons William and John, daughter, Rebecca Morehouse, daughter-in-law, Mary Odell; son-in-law, Samuel Morehouse; grandsons, (1) John Odell, (2) Samuel Morehouse, (3) Thomas Morehouse, (4) John Morehouse, (5) Jonathan Morehouse. Married 1633, not proven, but genealogists are satisfied that wife was Rebecca Brown. The Odell chart says she died before 1644 but page 6 printed Lockwood Genealogy says: "13 May, 1654, Court at New Haven, Conn., Goodwife Odell present when Goodwife Knapp was hanged for a witch."

### Children:

1. William<sup>2</sup> born in England 1634.
2. James, b. Dec. 2, 1639, in Concord, Mass., d. there in 1641, buried Feb. 4, 1641.—New York Hist. and Gen. Register, Vol. IV, p. 272.
3. John, b. 1643, d. 1707, of Fairfield; in 1664 made Freeman by General Assembly; in 1666 in behalf of his father, William Odell, joined with Francis Hall in deed of partition; in 1673 and in 1682 received grants of land at Fairfield; in 1697 named as member of Stratfield church; in 1707 made will appointing wife, Mary, executrix.—Fairfield Town Records.

Married 1666 Joanna Walker, dau. of Joseph and Abigail Walker, of Stratford, had 3 children. Mrs. Walker afterward married Richard Hubbell. Her will

dated April 17, 1688, mentions dau. Joanna Odell. — Schenck's History of Fairfield. Dau. Mary, who in 1711 is mentioned as Mary Odell, widow; inventory of her estate taken by her son, Samuel.—Fairfield Town Records.

4. Rebecca, baptized at Concord July 12, 1642, m. Lieut. Samuel Morehouse at Fairfield, son of Thomas and Isabella (Keeler) Morehouse, who was at Weathersfield, Conn., as early as 1640. Lieut. Morehouse was marshal of Fairfield in 1673; inventory of his estate recorded in 1733. He left issue, Samuel, Jonathan, Thomas, John and others.—Schenck's History of Fairfield.

II. William<sup>2</sup> Odell, (William<sup>1</sup>), born in England abt. 1634, d. 1700. Married Sarah Vowles, of Rye, N. Y. dau. Richard Vowles and Mary Sadler, dau. of John Sadler, of Weathersfield, Conn. Richard Vowles was Deputy for Hastings to Connecticut legislature October 1655 and for Rye October 1668. In 1681 William<sup>2</sup> owned 400 acres of land in Fairfield; was one of the proprietors of Rye, N. Y., in 1662.—Authority Bolton's History of Westchester county, N. Y. Mentioned frequently in Vol. II Chapter on Rye. In a petition dated Oct. 2, 1662, he signed his name William Woodhull.—Vol. II, p. 38. In 1659 purchased land in Fairfield of Thomas Morehouse: in 1684 gave deed of land in Rye to son Samuel; in 1693 gave deed of land to son John Odell.—Bolton's Hist. Westchester county, old edition. Savage's Genealogical Dictionary describes him as William Odell of Greenwich, Conn., aged 47 in 1681. Freeman in 1662 and deputy of the general court from the town of Rye in 1668 and 1669.

## Children:

1. John Odell, of Fordham, N. Y., in 1683 signed as witness; in 1706 sold to George Kniffen, of Rye, his interest in the undivided lands "below the marked trees which belong to the eighteenth" being a 36th part of the land which belonged to his deceased brother, William Odell. — Rye Town Records, Liber. C, p. 283. Married Johanna Turner who in 1688 was mentioned as Hannah, wife of John Odle in an account of the attempt to take possession of the Dutch church in New York. Lawrence Turner was the first of his family in Westchester county; his estate was administered by his widow Martha and her children in 1668.—Riker's History, Harlem, N. Y.
2. Samuel Odell, b. abt. 1670, of Rye, to Fordham, N. Y., in 1693, back to Rye 1703 and back to Fordham; in 1700 gave Abraham Smith deed of land which formerly belonged to his father, William Odell. Alive 1720.
3. Hackaliah Odell, b. 1672, in 1685 mentioned in Rye town records as witnessing Robert Bloomer's deed.
4. Isaac<sup>3</sup> Odell of Eastchester, N. Y., in 1704 gave to Moses Hoit, Jr., deed to land in Eastchester.
5. Jonathan Odell, b. 1675, in 1697 in White Plains, N. Y., with brother, Isaac, signed oath of allegiance to King William; d. 1754, m. Mary, left no will.

6. Stephen Odell, b. 1677, of Rye, N. Y., said to have removed to Dutchess county, N. Y.—Bolton's History of Westchester County.
7. Michael Odell, b. 1677, stated to have married 1709 Miss Bussing; with issue, two sons, Hendrick, m. Sarah Devaux, and John, d. s. p.
8. Sarah Odell, m. in 1686 John Archer, Esq., first Lord of Fordham.—Baird's Hist. of Rye, N. Y.
9. Mary, b. 1681, m. Matthias Valentine, b. 1670, 5 children.

III. Isaac Odell<sup>3</sup>, (William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. 1675, m. Anne Tompkins of Eastchester, N. Y., abt. 1694.—Baird's History of Rye calls attention to this fact—the error in Bolton's Westchester that "Isaac married Patience Tompkins." In 1699 at White Plains, Isaac Odell signed oath of allegiance to King William. In 1696 Isaac Odell was one of the pewholders in the meeting house in Eastchester. — Bolton's History of Westchester, N. Y., Vol I, p. 143. In 1705 Isaac Odell and wife Anne assigned land in Rye to Humphrey Underhill.

Children:

1. William, b. 1695.
2. Tompkins.
3. Joshua, b. Nov. 4, 1707.

IV. Joshua Odell, (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Wm.<sup>2</sup>, Wm.<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 4, 1707, m. Sarah Jones, b. Aug. 2, 1713. He died prior to May 14, 1785, at which time his widow, Sarah Odell, was appointed administratrix of his estate as appears in the following abstract dated May 14, 1785:

"The People of the State of New York.

"To Sarah Odell of Philips Manor in the County of Westchester, Widow, the Relict of Joshua Odell,

late of the same place, yeoman, deceased.

“ . . . send Greeting :

“Whereas, the said Joshua Odell . . . as is alledged, lately died intestate, having . . . at the time of his death, goods, chattels or credits within this state . . . we . . . do grant unto you the said Sarah Odell . . . full power by these Presents to administer the said goods, chattels and credits . . . and to make and exhibit a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the said goods, chattels and credits; and also to render a . . . true account thereof . . . and we do by these Presents ordain, depute and constitute you the said Sarah Odell . . . Administratrix of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits which were of the said Joshua Odell. . . . In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our Court of Probates to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Thomas Tredwell, Esquire, Judge of our said court, at the city of New York, the fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight-five.

David Judson, Clerk.”

(From the Hall of Records, New York City, Administrations, Liber. 2, p. 301.)

He lived in Philipse Manor, Westchester county, N. Y. Dates of birth of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Odell and wife Sarah Jones given in Biog. History of Westchester county published in 1899.

Children:

1. Joshua, b. May 2, 1733, d. 1819, m. Mary Vincent, d. Dec. 14, 1813. Date of birth given in Biog. Hist. of Westchester county, also in Muster Rolls of Provincial Troops for Westchester County, N. Y., when in 1758 the age of Joshua Odell was given as 25 years, birthplace Yonkers, trade, laborer. This birth date



of Joshua is most important, as it would place the birth of Joseph, the second child, about 1735, and for many years some of Joshua's descendants gave his birth date as 1740 and it has been a source of difficulty in placing Joseph's birth.

2. Joseph<sup>5</sup>, b. 1735, died after 1802, m. Martha Manning in 1757.
3. John, m. Mary Wiltsea.

JOSEPH ODELL  
of the  
Fifth Generation in America

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Second Son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Odell  
and wife  
Sarah Jones

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And Some of His Descendants

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Also what is known of the  
Manning Family, his wife's people.

V. Joseph Odell, second son of Joshua<sup>4</sup> (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1735 in Westchester county, N. Y. Married Martha Manning of Dutchess county, N. Y., 1757. She was born about 1738. Children all born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in Charlotte Precinct near Poughkeepsie:

1. John<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 19, 1758, d. Dec. 27, 1812.
2. Joshua<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 1, 1759, d. Aug. 2, 1842.
3. Joseph<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1761, d. Mar. 30, 1824.
4. James<sup>6</sup>.
5. Sarah<sup>6</sup>, b. about 1765.
6. Charles<sup>6</sup>.
7. Jacob.
8. Martha.
9. Eve.

"Dec. 2, 1769, Joseph Odle and wife Martha of Charlotte Precinct deeded land in Great Nine Partners to Francis Vandike of Rigne Beck for 335 pounds."

"Dec. 10, 1770, Alexander Griggs mortgaged land in Poughkeepsie Precinct to Joseph Odell of Dutchess county."

—Land Records County Clerk's Office, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

"March 2, 1784, Jonathan Higgins deeded land to Joseph Odle of Charlotte Precinct."—Manuscripts and History Section N. Y. State Library, Albany.

Dec. 24, 1776, Joseph Odel took the oath of allegiance to New York state.—N. Y. Hist. Society Collections, 1925. Minutes of the Committee 1776-8.

#### Revolutionary War Service:

"Joseph Odel enlisted as private in Fourth Regiment of Dutchess County Militia, entitled to land bounty rights."—Roberts "New York in the Revolution as Colony and State." Vol. I, p. 244.

"Certificate No. 47369 for £ 4, 3s 0 d issued (date burned) to Joseph Odel for services as Private in Capt. Lemuel Conklin's company from the 4th Regiment of Dutchess County Mili-

tia in Col. Morris Graham's Regiment (1st) of Dutchess County Militia."—From Certificates of Treasurer (manuscript record) Vol. 10, p. 49, New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.

"1785, April 20, Claim of Matthew Conklin and Joseph Odell for land."—From Calendar of Land Papers, p. 658 in Land Office, Albany, N. Y.

Joseph Odell was a man of large property, who, like many of the colonists on the east side of the Hudson in Revolutionary days, met with great losses, not only from the war but also from the raids of "cowboys and skinners"—bandits would be the name today—who preyed upon the defenseless people at that time. Those who lost heavily expected the state of New York to compensate them for their losses, by grants of land at least, since the state was too impoverished by war to grant them money, but New York was as lax about this as she was in granting promised bounty land for services, so in the 1790s, some years after the close of the war in 1781 and the Treaty of Peace in 1783, there was a general migration across the border into Canada where lands could be obtained readily for the asking. So Joseph Odell, who by his statement had "lost a very considerable property by the late war and not having received lands or other compensation for his losses" in 1793 petitioned the Lieutenant Governor of Lower Canada for a grant of land for himself and "for each of his six sons: John Odell, Joshua Odell, Joseph Odell, Junr., James Odell, Charles Odell and Jacob Odell, most of them having family," and they would settle on them immediately.

"May 2, 1795, at the Council Chamber in the Castle of St. Lewis it was ordered that the petitioners have each a lot in the Township of Hemmingford, viz: Joseph Odel lot No. 169, Joseph Odell, Jr., lot No. 172, Charles Odell, lot No. 176."—Series Q, Vol. 72-73, p. 68, Land Records Public Archives, Ottawa, Canada.

"Joseph Odle, Joseph Odle, Jr., Charles Odle, James Odle, John Odle this day personally appeared before us and took the oaths and subscribed the declaration as required by law.

"Given under our hands at Missiskouie Bay this 5th day of May, 1795. Henry Ruiter, Philip Luke, J. Pennoyer, Commissioners."

Thus they became United Empire Loyalists from that date.

"Oct. 2, 1797, Joshua Odell took the oath and subscribed the declaration," before the same commissioners.

In 1798 James Odell received Lot No. 73 and Joshua Odell Lot No. 74 in Township of Hemmingford.—Series Q, Vol. 80, pp. 357-358.

In 1799 John Odell received Lot 74 in Hemmingford. A lot contained 200 acres.

In June, 1802, Joseph Odle, Senior, Joseph Odle, Junior, John Odle, Joshua Odle and James Odle each received a lot in the Township of Sutton, Lower Canada.—Series Q, Vol. 89, p. 200, Public Archives, Ottawa, Canada.

No mention is made of Jacob, the youngest son, receiving a grant of land. His name is not found on the Canadian records, so undoubtedly he remained in the states.

The land grant of June, 1802, is the last record found thus far, relating to Joseph Odell, Senior, so his death occurred after 1802, probably after 1811, for as late as Nov. 26, 1811, his son signs himself "Joseph Odell, Jun'r," and later on in 1819, "Joseph Odell, Sen.," to distinguish himself from his own son Joseph, when he conveyed land to "his son Joshua J. Odele in the Seigniorie of Lacolle, county of Huntingdon, Dist. of Montreal, Lots 183 and 184."

In some documents the two Joseph Odells, father and son, are designated as "Joseph, Sr., and Joseph, Jr.," in some "Joseph, the Elder and Joseph the Younger;" in those in French, as "Joseph pere" and "Joseph fils."

Canada state land records bearing upon petitions and land grants in Sutton township 1800 and 1802 follow:

To His Excellency:

Robert Shore Milnes, Esquire, Lieut. Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, etc., In Council.

The Petition of divers approved Loyalists for Specific Lots in the

Township of Sutton.

Most Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioners, to the number of thirty-eight, were long since returned in certain lists and petitions, preferred in behalf of themselves and others their fellow Loyalists; and, after due consideration had upon their individual merits and pretentions, were respectively deemed proper objects on whom His Majesty's Most Gracious Bounty of two hundred acres of land, in either of the townships of Potton and Sutton, might well be bestowed; and in consequence thereof duly admitted by the commissioners to take the oaths and subscribe the declaration prescribed by the regulations.

That your petitioners, in conformity to advertisements made in that behalf, have duly paid their quota or proportion of charges and expenses incurred for surveying and subdividing the said townships, into the hands of Patrick Conway, Esquire whom they understood was authorized to receive the same.

That your petitioners being anxiously solicitous to obtain a title or grant of their respective lots, do now come forward, and, through the medium of their attorney, are ready to pay into the proper offices the patent fees and other charges thereon—wherefor they

Most Humbly beseech your Excellency

To be pleased in council to take their long depending cases into consideration and severally assign unto them in the Township of Sutton the lots specified in the annexed return as connected with their names respectively and that a patent do forthwith issue for the same.

And your petitioners will ever pray,

S. Phillips,

Quebec, 19th December, 1800

Attorney by Pro: to the Petrs.

Return of certain approved applicants, duly qualified, for specific lots or portions of His Majesty's waste lands in the Township of Sutton and the distribution of allotments respectively desired by them.

No.	Name of Claimant	Number of Lot	Number of Range
38	John Odle	Seventeen	Eight

Which is most Humbly Submitted,

Quebec, 19th December, 1800.

J. Phillips,

Attorney by Procuration to the Petitioners.

A list of persons names who have paid their respective proportion of the survey expences, etc., for lots of land in the Township of Sutton:

John Odle  
Jas. Odle  
Joseph Odle, Senr.  
Joseph Odle, Junr.  
Joshua Odle

This certifies that I rec'd from the persons mentioned in the above list their respective proportion of my bill or expences for survey, etc.,

each one lot in the Township of Sutton. Given under my hand at Caldwell Manor this 10th day of Dec. 1800.

Patrick Conroy.

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June, 1802

Extract from Attorney General's Draft of Letters Patent creating the Township of Sutton and granting certain parts thereof to persons therein mentioned.

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, To all to Whom these Presents shall come, or may in any wise concern,  
GREETINGS:

And know ye further, that judging it to be reasonable and right that we should grant to our said grantees hereinafter named certain parts and parcels of the said Township of Sutton not herein before reserved to us, our heirs and successors for the maintenance and support of a Protestant clergy within our said Province or for our future disposition, we, of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer motion, unto our said grantees hereinafter named, that is to say, Joseph Odel, the younger, Joseph Odel the elder, James Odel, John Odel, Joshua Odel for ourselves our heirs and successors have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant and confirm in manner and form following that is to say, of the several lots in the aforesaid eleven ranges of lots, so as aforesaid surveyed and laid out by our said deputy surveyor general in the said Township of Sutton, and in the said plot or description of the said Township of Sutton, hereunto annexed, described, we have given, granted and confirmed and hereby do give grant and confirm for ourselves, our heirs and successors unto the said \* \* \* \* \* Joseph Odel, the elder, his heirs and assigns forever the lot number seventeen in the fifth range; unto the Joseph Odel, the younger his heirs and assigns forever the lot number twenty-one in the fourth range; unto the said James Odel his heirs and assigns forever the lot number twenty-six in the sixth range; unto the said John Odel his heirs and assigns forever the lot number nineteen in the seventh range; unto the said Joshua Odel his heirs and assigns forever the lot number twenty-one in the seventh range \* \* \* \*

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness our Trusty and Well beloved Sir Robert Shore Milnes Baronet, our Lieutenant Governor of and for our said Province of Lower Canada, etc., etc., of our Castle of Saint Lewis in our City of Quebec in our said Province this 1st day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Two and in the forty-second year of our Reign.

This is my Draft. Quebec 20th June, 1802.

J. Sewell, Attorney General Lower Canada.

## MANNING.

Martha Manning's father (name unknown) was said to be a descendant of Nicholas Manning, first chief of the Customs House of New York City. Tradition is that Martha's father came from Smithtown, Long Island, to Dutchess county, N. Y. He was buried in the church cemetery in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., which was destroyed to make room for the present court house which is on the corner of Market and Main streets. Market street was the "Albany Post Road." This old cemetery was the churchyard of the First Dutch Reformed church and was called the "Poughkeepsie cemetery." Nicholas Manning was living on Long Island 1721, aged 77, when he wrote to his son John. Martha Manning had three brothers that we know of:

1. John Manning, b. 1740, d. 1806.
2. Charles Manning, b. 1743, d. 1810.
3. Joshua Manning, b. 1751.

No doubt there were other children besides these four. Were they the grandchildren of Nicholas Manning's son John. b. 1668 at Salem, Mass., d. 1726 at Boston?

John Manning, b. 1740, d. 1806, aged 66, buried in Pleasant Valley churchyard. This was the Presbyterian church. John Manning and his wife Martha had five children whose baptisms—all on the same day—are on the records of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess county, New York, Presbyterian church. They were:

1794, August 18, bapt. Martha Manning, dau. of John Manning.

1794, August 18, bapt. Levy Manning, a son of John Manning.

1794, August 18, bapt. Eve Manning, a dau. of John Manning.

1794, August 18, bapt. Charles Manning, a son of John Manning.

1794, August 18, bapt. Hannah Manning, a dau. of John Manning.



There was another son Jacob Manning, as the following records show:

John Manning of Clinton Township in Dutchess county, N. Y., yeoman, sold to William Cook, Mar. 5, 1791, for £ 377, land in the Great Nine Partners Patent, Clinton Township, "Lott number two and three of the water lotts and is beginning at a large stone . . . in the line of Peter Scryver." Some of the boundaries given are "southeast corner of Charles Manning's farm," "corner of Albartus Scryver's farm." Land sold comprised "near 93 acres."

The deed was signed by John Manning and his wife Martha Manning. No witnesses. Recorded Mar. 31, 1791.

On Apr. 2, 1795 "John Manning and Martha his wife of Clinton Precinct in Dutchess county and state of New York, sold to James Vanmatter for £ 250 land in Clinton precinct beginning at the north corner of Charles Manning lot," containing 70 acres. The deed was signed in the presence of "Jacob Manning, Jacob Brower, Joshua Manning and John Williams," and recorded Apr. 9, 1795.

"Martha Manning, widow of John Manning, late of the town of Clinton, deceased, and Jacob Manning, of the same place, his son, "applied for administration of the estate of the said John Manning on September 9, 1805.—Surrogate's Records, Court House, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Book B, p. 438.

Martha, widow of John Manning, died before Oct. 31, 1811, on which date Jacob Manning of the town of Clinton, Dutchess county, made application to administer her estate, in which she is called "late of the town of Clinton."—Surrogate's Records, Poughkeepsie, Book C, p. 173.

The foregoing deeds are recorded in county clerk's office at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The first one in "Deeds, Liber. 11, p. 218; second one, Liber. 13, p. 227."

Charles Manning was of Clinton, Dutchess county, N. Y., d. 1810 aged 67, buried in Pleasant Valley churchyard. (Pleasant Valley is seven miles northeast of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.)

On April 3, 1787, "Charles Manning of Clinton Precinct and Mehitabel his wife sold to Peter Scriver of the same place for £ 350 land scituate in Clinton Precinct aforesaid in the Great Nine Partners Pattent in Front of Water lott number 2 containing about 68 acres." The deed was witnessed by "Nicholas E. Gaberell and Frederick Schryver," and recorded May 2, 1787.—County Clerk's Office, Poughkeepsie, Deeds. Liber. 10, p. 307.

The will of Charles Manning proved May 5, 1810, of Clinton, Dutchess county (Nine Partners) names children, Charles, Caleb, John, Levi, Samuel, Joseph, Mercy, Mary, Lucy and Ruth Ann who was then 20 years old on Apr. 13, 1810, and had a guardian appointed.—Liber. C, p. 456.

Joshua Manning b. Sept. 15, 1751, was married three times. His first two wives were buried in Pleasant Valley churchyard.

1. Mary b. 1750, d. Mar. 10, 1774.
2. Betty b. 1751, d. 1784.
3. Name unknown.

By the first marriage he had sons Jacob, Joseph, John, by the second marriage, Harry and Thomas, and by the third marriage, Absolom, Joshua, Gabriel and Richard.

The History of Grand Isle, Vt., states that Joshua Manning was born in Connecticut Sept. 15, 1751, and died at an advanced age at Alburgh, Vermont. That he came to Alburgh an early settler in 1787 and served in the War of 1812.

His son Richard b. in Alburgh 1793, d. 1858, m. Lucinda Darling, dau. Jonathan Darling, b. Dec. 25, 1798, d. Sept. 10, 1856.

His sons Joseph, Gabriel, Jacob, Isaac, Joshua, Thomas and John went to Canada, the first five near London, Ont., the last two to Lacolle. Descendants are very numerous in both provinces. Isaac is not mentioned in the first list of sons but is mentioned among the sons who went to Canada.

The names which occur frequently in the families of these Mannings are also found in Martha Manning Odell's family,

i. e.: John, Joshua, Joseph, Charles, Jacob, Sarah, Martha, Eve—the last one an uncommon name.

There are many records of Mannings on the First Dutch Reformed church records of Poughkeepsie of the next two generations after Martha Manning and her brothers John, Joshua and Charles Manning.

Jacob Manning b. 1745, d. 1819 at Odelltown, second husband of Enor Schryver who m. (1) John<sup>6</sup> Odell, may also have been a brother of Martha Manning Odell as he had sons Jacob, John, Isaac, Joshua, Gabriel, Joseph, Thomas, all “farmers of Odelltown” in 1819, and daughter Sarah, mentioned as his heirs—also Enor Scriver his widow.

At Odelltown Nov. 12, 1814, “Jacob Manning, Senr.” made deposition to the war claim for losses of Joseph J. Odell of Odelltown.

**JOHN ODELL**  
**Oldest of the Six Sons**  
**of**  
**Joseph Odell and Martha Manning**  
**and**  
**Some of His Descendants**

VI. John Odell, oldest son of Joseph<sup>5</sup>, (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 19, 1758, in Dutchess county, N. Y., d. Dec. 27, 1812, at Odell Town, Lower Canada. His headstone is to be seen in Jackson cemetery, Odelltown. M. Feb. 17, 1779, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Enor Schryver b. Feb. 17, 1761. On marriage records First Dutch Reformed church, Poughkeepsie, her name is spelled "Eveah." Some time after the death of John Odell she married (2) Jacob Manning, Senior, of Odelltown. The following from Archives at Montreal:

"Deposited June 13, 1822, by Joseph Odell, Esq., of Indenture on Deed of Sale from the heirs of the late Jacob Manning, of parcells in Odell Town. Indenture Apr. 3, 1819, between Eneau Sriver, widow of late Jacob Manning, John Manning, Isaac Manning, Isaac Wilsie and his wife Sarah Manning, Hannah Manning otherwise Wilsie, widow of Joshua Manning, Gabriel Manning, Thomas Manning and Joseph Manning, farmers, of the first part, and Joseph Odell, Esq., all of Odelltown, Seignory of LaCole, and Province of Lower Canada, second part, for 250 pounds certain lot possessed of as heirs of the late Jacob Manning, deceased," etc.

Signed by the heirs above named and by Elias Dewey and Elias Dewey, Jr., witnesses of Clinton county, N. Y., Dec. 21, 1819, signed by "E. Henry."

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"Clinton county, state of New York, Oct. 22, 1819, came before Samuel Hicks, one of the judges in Clinton county, Elias Dewey, subscribing witness, that he saw the within named Enor Sriver, otherwise Manning, John Manning, etc., sign and seal and deliver said deed and that he knew the said Enau Sriver, otherwise Manning, etc., etc."

Enor Scriver Odell Manning d. Mar. 31, 1844, and her tombstone is to be seen in the old Wesleyan Methodist churchyard on Brick street south of London, Ontario, where many Odells and Mannings are buried. All of John Odell's children except Peter and Loop went to Middlesex county, Ontario, as did most of the heirs of Jacob Manning, Sr.

The inscription on Enor Scriver's stone reads thus:  
"This stone was erected by Albert S. Odell to the memory of his mother, Mrs. Enor Manning, who died 31st March, 1844, aged 84 years."

Many descendants of John <sup>6</sup> and Enor (Scriver) Odell who have not traced back of John<sup>6</sup> are under the impression that they are of Dutch descent thro the Odell line. Instead of that it is thro the Scriver or Schryver line, an old Dutch family of Dutchess county, New York.

Children of John Odell<sup>6</sup> and Enor Scriver (Births from Bible Record) :

1. William<sup>7</sup> b. Feb. 17, 1782. Birth recorded on records of First Dutch Reformed church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., d. August 12, 1850.
2. Peter<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 17, 1783, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., d. 1846.
3. Joshua S.<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 1, 1785, d. 1862, born at Poughkeepsie.
4. Albert S.<sup>7</sup> b. May 26, 1787 at Poughkeepsie, d. July 14, 1856.
5. John<sup>7</sup> b. May 18, 1789 at Poughkeepsie, d. Feb. 27, 1852.
6. James<sup>7</sup> b. July 19, 1791, in 1856 living at Dayton, Ohio.
7. Rebecca, b. Sept. 19, 1793, m. David Doty.
8. Martha b. Jan. 15, 1796, m. Ezra Griffith.
9. Hannah<sup>7</sup> b. Apr. 1, 1798, m. Jacob Manning.

10. Loop<sup>7</sup> b. Mar. 11, 1802, d. Dec. 12, 1859.

(Lines of William and Peter are carried out to the present generation.)

John Odell<sup>6</sup> was a farmer and tavern keeper at Burtonville, near the present village of Lacolle, and since many Odells were residents of Burtonville, which no longer exists, and the only map extant on which it is located is in Lossing's "Field Book of the War of 1812," p. 881, the description of De Lery Seignior in which Burtonville was located, and also of the Seignior of Lacolle or Beaujeu, in which Odelltown is located, north of Champlain, N. Y., and just over the New York state line, are inserted here, for Joseph<sup>5</sup> Odell's family were the founders of Odelltown.

These are followed by John Odell's declaration in 1794 and by statements of losses sustained by John Odell and his son, Peter Odell in the War of 1812 and of the causes of John's death.

John Odell suffered severely from the orders given His Majesty's troops to "burn and destroy" all in their path as they retreated before the invading American troops. His tavern, his barns and other buildings, his hay, his fences, all were burned, the contents of his house destroyed, his livestock, poultry and supplies were taken, his orchards destroyed and his family forced to flee and take shelter with relatives at Odelltown.

#### LA COLLE OR BEAUJEU

La Colle or Beaujeu seignior in the county of Arcadia, is bounded north by De Lery, south by the state of Vermont, in the rear by Hemmingford, in the front by the river Richelieu, 2 leagues in breadth and 3 in depth. Granted March 22, 1743, to Sieur de Beaujeu and is now the property of General Burton. The river La Colle winding a very sinuous course from west to east, intersects it and falls into the Richelieu. A number of houses situated on each side of the road that runs along the ridge from the state of New York, about 2½ miles towards La Colle, have obtained the name of Odell Town, from Captain Odell, who was one of the first and most active settlers in this part. He is an American by birth, and so are the greatest part of the other descendants, but they are now in allegiance to the English government. The effect of the activity and good husbandry, natural to American farmers, is much to be admired in this small but rising settlement. The fields are well tilled and judiciously cropped, the gardens planted with economy and the orchards in full bearing.

Above all the good roads in almost every direction but particularly towards the town of Champlain, attest their industry, and it is likely from its vicinity to the thickly inhabited townships on the American side of the boundary, the small distance from Champlain, Plattsburgh and Burlington, the easy access to the Richelieu for expeditious water carriage and especially from the persevering labour of its population, that Odell Town will advance in agricultural improvement and become wealthy and flourishing. The seigniori is divided into nine concessions, which are all settled. The village of Burtonville is one mile southwest of the road leading from Montreal to Champlain. Lacolle Parish includes all the seigniori only and the church is on the Montreal road 2 miles from the Province line. Near the mouth of the river La Colle is Isle aux Tetes, or Ash Island, on which there is a redoubt commanding the whole breadth of the Richelieu. This little spot and the flotilla moored between it and La Colle, in 1814, formed the advance naval position towards Lake Champlain at which period the American flotilla was stationed at Pointe au Fer and Isle a la Motte, about ten miles distant.

### DE LERY, SEIGNIORY

De Lery, Seigniori, in the county of Arcadia, bounded northeast by the barony of Longueuil, west and northwest by the township of Sherrington and the south of La Prairie de la Magdelaine; south by the south of La Colle and east by the R. Richelieu.—21. in front by 3 in depth. Granted, 6th April, 1733, to Chaussegros de Lery and is now the property of General Burton. The whole of this tract is low, having in many parts cedar swamps and marshes that spread over a large space. Where the land is dry a good black soil generally prevails, which, when cultivated, proves very fertile. The proportion settled is much less than that in the adjoining grants, a large part still remaining in its natural state of woodland. The river Montreal runs through this seigniori, and the river Bleurie and Johnson Creek rise and fall in it. A small lake near the middle frequently overflows the surrounding low lands and makes a marsh to a considerable distance, but neither the marshes and swamps are so deep as to prevent draining, which, judiciously performed would in a short time render the land fit for the plough or convert it into excellent meadows; however, while there remains so much land of a good quality to be granted, which comparatively requires so little trouble to clear and improve, it is most probable that these tracts will long continue in their present conditions. The best settled parts are about the woods of Arcadia, and by the road leading to the state of New York, which, with a few other dispersed settlements may amount to about one-third of the whole seigniori. The road that passes through the woods of Arcadia, being the military route to the frontier and the line of march for troops moving in that direction has been benefitted by some substantial repairs and has, in many parts, been causewayed for the passage of artillery and heavy baggage.

Near the boundary of La Colle is a small place called Burtonville composed of a few houses distributed without regularity on each side



of the main road. In the Richelieu, near the mouth of the Bleurie, is Isle aux Noix, formerly the property of the late General Christie but now belonging to the Crown. It is a flat a little above the level of the river, containing only 85 acres; it lies 10½ miles from the boundry line, is an excellent situation to intercept the whole communication by water from Lake Champlain; it is, consequently, a most important military station and has been fortified with all the care its commanding position deserves. In this isle is a place for building ships, where the Confiance of 32 guns was launched.

De Lery, Seigniory La Colle or Beaujeu, Public Archives of Canada. A Topographical Dictionary of the Province of Lower Canada. Joseph Bouchette. 1832.

Diagram of Township of Sutton and diagram of Township of Hemmingford 1793. Indicate land assignments to Joseph Odell, Sr., and John Odell. All the sons of Joseph except Jacob are on the map. Map in possession Mrs. Sherman Ira Pool, Waverly, Ia.

JOHN ODELL'S DECLARATION.

Caldwells Maner, July 3, 1794.

I, John Odell, declare that I arrived at Odell Town in Lower Canada in March, 1793, with an intention to settle in the Province and have taken the Oath of Allegiance before Henry Writer, Esq., I am a farmer by occupation, my native place is the State of New York, Dutchess county.

his  
John X Odel  
mark

Before me, Patrick Conroy, J. P., Caldswells.

CLAIM FOR LOSSES AND DAMAGES

Statement of losses and damages, sustained by John Odell, farmer and tavernkeeper at Burton Ville, upon the Odell Town road, in consequence of being advised by Major P. La Force, 1st Battalion Incorporated Militia Commanding, to abandon his house and property and fly therefrom with his wife and whole family on the 25th November, 1812:

	£	s	d
To 5 cows taken and used by the troops at £5 each.....	25	0	0
To 2 young taken and used by the troops.....	8	0	0
To 16 sheep taken and used by the troops.....	12	0	0
To 2 hogs taken and used by the troops.....	12	10	0
To 35 bu. potatoes taken and used by the troops at 2/6.....	4	7	0

To 20 geese taken and used by the troops at 2/6.....	2	10	0
To 12 tons hay burnt by order at 40.....	24	0	0
To 100 bushels oats at 2/6 used by troops.....	22	10	0
To 1 sleigh abandoned at my house.....	7	10	0
To 1 wagon Do..... Do.....	8	0	0
To 1 plough and irons..... Do.....	1	0	0
To 7 drag teeth..... Do.....	1	0	0
To 24 common chairs..... Do.....	3	0	0
To 6 Best Do. Do. 10/.....	3	0	0
To 10 bedsteads Do. Do. 10/.....	5	0	0
To. 4 tables Do. Do. 15/.....	3	0	0
To 4 axes Do. Do. 7/6.....	1	10	0
To. tongs, shovels and tramels Do.....	1	15	0
To 2 chests and 2 trunks Do. 15/.....	3	0	0
To 2 woolen spinning wheels Do. 12/6.....	1	5	0
To 2 linen Do. Do. 15/.....	1	10	0
To 1 double stove & pipes Do.....	8	15	0
To 1 single stove and pipes Do.....	7	10	0
To 10 milk pans abandoned in my house 3/ Do.....	1	10	0
To knives, forks, spoons, glass, crockery, tubs, pails, barrels, candle sticks, etc. Do.....	10	10	0
To 15 tons hay not burnt Do.....	30	0	0
To 3 hay forks..... Do. 2/6.....	0	7	6
To 1 dung fork..... Do.....	0	5	0
To 3 curry combs..... Do. 2/.....	0	6	0
To 4 iron pots and kettles..... Do.....	0	2	15
To 1 gridiron ..... Do.....	0	10	0
To 2 iron wedges..... Do. 3/.....	0	6	0
To 1 wagon chain..... Do.....	0	10	0
To 1 cwt. flax..... Do. 7/2.....	3	2	6
To 1 log barn burnt.....	10	0	0
To a quantity of cord wood, some of which was used by troops and many other articles which cannot be recollected and other damages and losses to this day. To the expences which I shall incur in supporting my family from home until May next supposing I may then be allowed to return to work on my farm at £5 per month .....	25	0	0
To loss of my business as Tavern Keeper for the same period at £5 per month.....	25	0	0
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John Odel.....	£317	14	6
Allowed.....	£247	15	0

Sworn before me at Chambly,  
the 14 day of December 1812

Hertel DeRouville M. d. T. L. C.

Public Archives of Canada: Series C. 84. pp. 6-7. 1812-13.

Copy of Certificate Given By Major P. La Force.

I do hereby certify that all the time I commanded on the advanced Posts in Odelltown road, that John Odell, Senr., of Burton

Ville, behaved so as to merit the praises and respect of all true British subjects for his zeal in assisting us in all he could do and the noble sacrifice he made of his home and fortune for the support of our posts in case we should be forced to retreat and moreover I do certify that eight horn cattle and sixteen sheep and two pigs were by Captain L'Ecuyer's party drove down to Blodget's settlement, except 1 pig I kept for the support of the advanced posts.

L'Acadie 3d Dec. 1812

Signed,  
P. La Force

Major Commander on the Advanced Posts.  
Public Archives of Canada, C. 84. 1812-13. Claims for Losses.

PETER ODELL CLAIM FOR LOSSES

Burtonville, 21st November, 1812.

I do hereby certify that the following is a true list of the property taken as well as the property destroyed by His Majesty's troops at Burton Ville and Lacole.

	£	s	d
8 tons of hay burned 50/.....	16	0	0
2 bushl of oats 3/.....	3	0	0
2 bushl of wheat 10/.....	1	0	0
16 lb flax.....	0	16	0
1 cask of pickles.....	1	5	0
10 bushl potatoes.....	1	5	0
1 axe 1 pot.....	2	10	0
6 winser chain.....	0	15	0
1 cupboard & furniture.....	1	10	0
1 small pig.....	0	10	0
1 chest .....	0	15	0
	23	7	0

Peter Odell.

Sworn before me at Chambly the 13th day of December 1812

Hertel De Rouville, M. d. T. L. C.

Public Archives of Canada, Series C. No. 84. P. 31.

ACTION BY COURT OF INQUIRY

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry Assembled at Chambly December 14th 1812 by Order of Major General de Rottenburg Commanding the Montreal district to inquire into the report upon such claims of inhabitants residing in front of the Cordon (or elsewhere) who have suffered damage by the troops.

President  
Col. Young, King's Regt.

Members  
Col. de Rouville  
Lt. Col. de Saluberry

	£	s	d
John Odell being duly sworn produced the statement No.			
4 amounting to.....	247	15	0

Peter Odell being duly sworn produced the statement No.

14 amounting to..... 23      7      0

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### OPINION

The court having attentively investigated the several claims submitted to its consideration and finding many of them in their original presentation to be extremely exorbitant, they have been consequently reduced, and does therefore consider the sums attached to the several names as a sufficient and ample remuneration, the Court is further of opinion that, the charge of £64 7 6 prefer'd by Mr. John Odell in his statement No. 4 for cattle supplied to, or used by the troops that he probably has the necessary receipts, and in that case the above sum ought to be deducted from the claim for losses. Many of the claimants alledge that probably many of their articles may be forthcoming; but they have charged for them as they are not permitted to return to their Habitations.

M. De Salaberry, Lt. Col. etc.

Hertel De Rouville, C. S. M.

Robt. Young, Col. President.

Public Archives of Canada; C. 84, 1812-13 pp. 63-64, 67.

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### APPRAISAL OF DAMAGES

District of Montreal.

We the Under Subscribers residing at Burton Ville being well and in particular acquainted with a farm situated lying and being in Burton Ville belonging to the heirs of the late John Odell, deceased do estimate the damage done on said lands by His Majesty's Troops when occupying the same as passing and repassing, as follows: Viz

	£	s	d
1 Frame barn burned.....	60	0	0
1 Frame shed do.....	20	0	0
For damage done to house totally destroyed.....	50	0	0
1 out house destroyed.....	10	0	0
1 milk house destroyed.....	5	0	0
For fences destroyed on said lands.....	18	0	0
For fruit trees destroyed on said farm.....	8	0	0
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	171	10	0

Odell Town 15th Nov. 1814.

Personally appeared before me Joseph Odell, Esq., one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace Boswell Canfield & Charles Ames and made oath that the above Charge is just to the best of their judgments.

Boswell Canfield

Charles Ames

Sworn before me this 15th day of Nov. 1814.

Joseph Odell, J.P.

Public Archives of Canada: Series C-87. p. 244.

## DEATH OF JOHN ODELL

Odell Town 31st December 1812

Dear Sir:

I have to inform you of the death of my brother John Odell who departed this life on the 29th inst. with a short illness of about fifteen days. I am of the opinion that he impaired his health very much last autumn at and about the time of the enemys being at and about the lines, he with his wife and children being obliged to quit his house and property and at the same time undertook carrying letters that passed between you and me, as, you are sensible of, at a time when the roads were very bad and as he had not been accustomed to walking to that degree that he then did, those extry fatigues flung him in a decay together with a fatiguing tower on account of bad weather on the 10th and 11th. Just going to Chambly in order to file his account for damages, sustained at the time of the enemys advancing on our Advanced Piquets, he was taken ill at Chambly. I being with him I took him to my house and gave him every attendance in my power but to no effect.

Sir, as you are acquainted with the small services he rendered for our Government and although perhaps of no material service yet you know that he did it with that \* \* \* \* and loyalty as though he was a relieving the Province from destruction, you knowing all these circumstances and that he has left a wife and ten children to lament the loss of a good husband and father destitute of house and home as they cannot return to their place of abode during this Unnatural War. Dear Sir, will you have the goodness to represent their circumstances to His Excellency and implore his goodness on account of the widow and children. The government has been very good in allowing him for all the property he left behind as moveables but as he has left some debts that must be paid it will take the greatest part of that money to discharge them.

I am Sir your Friend And H. Servant—

Jos. Odell

L. Lalane Esq.

Public Archives of Canada; Q. Series No. 505: 1787—1813. pp. 137-8.

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### DILIGENT AND ZEALOUS IN SERVICE

May it please His Excellency—

The Commander of the Forces—

The undersigned in compliance with the request made in the foregoing letter on the behalf of a widow & orphans humbly beg leave to state to His Excellency, that it is here that the deceased John Odell was employed by the undersigned last November to bear letters which passed between Joseph Odell, Esq., & the undersigned who transmitted them to His Excellency, that the said John Odell was very diligent and zealous & undoubtedly underwent considerable fatigue every day by travelling a circuitous and bad route in bad weather but how far he thereby impaired his health the undersigned knows not; he

only recollects that the deceased complained of ill health when he left him & paid him £8 s15 d0 for his services.

That the deceased was zealously loyal the undersigned feels persuaded of.

That his death was occasioned chiefly, if not solely, by the fatigue & hardships he underwent from the time he abandoned his house at Burtonville appears probable to the undersigned.

That he died considerably indebted the undersigned has reason to believe; whence he concludes, that the widow who is now destitute of house and land, has three young children to support and enjoys not good health, is or soon will be needy.

The above & foregoing is most respectfully submitted by His Excellency's

Most obedt. & Mo. hble Servant,

L. Lalane.

Odell Town 13th Jany. 1813.

Public Archives of Canada; Series No. 505: 1787-1813. pp 139-40.

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#### ADVERSE ACTION ON PETITION

Military Secretary's Office, 19 Jany 1813

To Maj. Genl De Rottenburg:

Sir:

I have had the honor to receive & to lay before the Commander of the Forces your letter of the 16th inst. & its enclosures. A letter from Capt. Jos. Odell reporting the death of his brother John Odell accompanied by a statement of Mr. Lalanne, in support of the brother's testimony of the situation his family has been left in. His Excellency considering that the liberality of Government has been extended to the late Jno. Odell in making good to him the loss of property he recently suffered, & having so many relations whose attention should be directed to the wants of his family, he does not view them as objects destitute & unprovided for, & to whom he can afford any further relief. I have &ca.

Sign'd

Noah Freer, M. S.

Public Archives of Canada; Series C. 1220, p. 114.

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VII. William Odell, oldest son of John<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 17, 1782—birth and baptism Apr. 7, 1782, on Records of First Dutch Reformed church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Died Aug. 12, 1850, at Putnamville, Ont. Married about 1803 Caroline Wilson, d. Aug. 23, 1855, dau. of John Wilson. Children all born at Odelltown or Burtonville, Lower Canada. In 1837 he located in West-

minster Twp., Middlesex county, Upper Canada. William and wife buried in Brick street cemetery south of London, Ont. Headstones.

Children:

1. Joanna b. Sept. 5, 1804, m. James Dresser Sept. 4, 1826, by Rev. M. Townsend at Clarenceville. (Parish Records). Lived and died in California. Made one trip back in 1876 with her son Joseph Dresser to visit her people while on her way to the Centennial at Philadelphia.
2. Deborah<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 23, 1806, d. Nov. 19, 1877, m. Sheldon Odle.
3. David Doty<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 18, 1808, d. Mar. 2, 1881. Twice married.
4. Sarah E. b. Sept. 14, 1810, m. John Gillis May 20, 1840.
5. Alfred.
6. John Henry<sup>8</sup> b. Apr. 16, 1814, d. Dec. 31, 1887, m. Lucinda Diamond, May 7, 1841.
7. James Albert<sup>8</sup> b. Sept. 17, 1818, d. June 23, 1898. Twice married.
8. Marietta b. May 20, 1822, m. Jos. Spencer.
9. William Loop<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 15, 1824. Living in 1889 in London, Ont. Twice married.
10. Frederick A.<sup>8</sup> b. Oct. 23, 1826, d. Apr. 12, 1912, m. Aug. 9, 1853, Fanny Reynolds.
11. Amelia.
12. Adolphus b. Apr. 13, 1833, d. Mar. 13, 1835. (Odelltown church record.)

VIII. Deborah Odell (William<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Aug. 23, 1806, at Odelltown, d. Nov. 19, 1877, at London, Ont. M. Sheldon Odle b. 1799 in Vermont, d. 1856 at London, Ont. Deborah Odell was a member of the first class

of the Wesleyan Methodist society at Odelltown, organized about 1822. Buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery at London, Ont. There is reason to believe that Sheldon Odle was a descendant of William<sup>1</sup> thro William's<sup>1</sup> son John<sup>2</sup>.

Children:

1. Melvin b. 1832, d. 1905.
2. Augusta b. 1836, d. 1897, m. James Gibson. No family.
3. Oscar Henry b. Mar. 23, 1840, d. 1907 at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. M. Elizabeth Lawson b. Sept. 18, 1848, d. Nov. 3, 1927.

Children:

1. George Frederick b. Sept. 30, 1876, at Plattsburg, Mo.
2. Oscar Homer, b. 1879. Lives at Excelsior Springs, Mo.
3. Leo Leonidas b. Sept. 2, 1884, d. June 20, 1923.
4. Olive Blanche b. Dec. 10, 1873, d. Nov. 1, 1875.

Oscar Henry Odle served in the Civil war. Enlisted at the outbreak and served to the close of the war.

4. Edwin Adolphus<sup>9</sup> b. June 20, 1842, d. Jan. 14, 1927.
5. Anne Elizabeth m. Thomas Winnett, had 4 children,  
John, Ada, Thomas, Annie.
6. William M. m. Rebecca ..... No family.
7. George m. Lizzie Simmons. No family.

The later descendants of Deborah and Sheldon Odle now spell their name Odell.



IX. Edwin Adolphus Odle (Deborah<sup>8</sup>, Wm.<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. June 20, 1842, d. Jan. 14, 1927; m. Nov. 15, 1866, Jennie Laidlaw b. Sept. 2, 1844, d. Mar. 20, 1924.

Children:

1. Anna Amelia Odell<sup>10</sup> b. June 19, 1867, m. Wm. Herdman Fleming.
2. Caroline Laidlaw b. Oct. 19, 1868, d. July 24, 1890. Unmarried.
3. Ada Belle b. Oct. 31, 1871, m. James Laidlaw.
4. Margaret Janet b. Sept. 16, 1873, m. Mar. 1905, Duncan Laidlaw.
5. George Sheldon b. Aug. 27, 1880, m. 1918 Carmen Lovett, 3 children.
6. William Elliott b. Dec. 16, 1882, m. July 8, 1904, Tena Johnson, 5 children.
7. John Graydon b. July 6, 1885, d. June, 1886.

X. Anna Amelia Odell (Edwin A.<sup>9</sup>, Deborah<sup>8</sup>, Wm.<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Wm.<sup>2</sup>, Wm.<sup>1</sup>) b. June 19, 1867, m. Jan. 26, 1887, William Herdman Fleming, b. Aug. 10, 1854, d. Mar. 24, 1930. Living at Alliance, Alberta, Canada.

Children:

1. William Melvin Fleming<sup>11</sup>, b. Nov. 18, 1887, m. Ruth M. Coley.
2. Edna Pearl Fleming b. Aug. 30, 1889, m. Jan. 15, 1913, John H. Gravistin, 4 children.
3. Olive Jeanette Fleming b. Aug. 27, 1891.
4. Della Marguerite Fleming b. Apr. 30, 1898, m. Thomas James July 8, 1925, 1 child.

XI. William Melvin Fleming (Anna A.<sup>10</sup> Odell, Edwin A.<sup>9</sup>, Deborah<sup>8</sup>, Wm.<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Wm.<sup>2</sup>, Wm.<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 18, 1887, m. July 28, 1928, Ruth Marion Coley, b. Apr. 5, 1901.

Children:

1. William Edwin Fleming b. Mar. 13, 1930.
2. Marguerite Beverly Fleming b. June 20, 1931.
3. Ruth Isabelle Fleming, b. July 25, 1933.

William Melvin Fleming was born near London, Ont., 1887. In 1907 went to Alberta where he took up a homestead and taught school until 1914, when he entered agricultural school at Vermilion, graduating 1916. That year entered University of Alberta, graduating with B. S. A. degree in May, 1919. Is now, 1935, Assistant Superintendent of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Summerland, British Columbia, and has been of great assistance in Odell research in Ontario.

VIII. David Doty O'Dell, oldest son of William<sup>7</sup> (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Jan. 18, 1808 at Odelltown, d. Mar. 2, 1881, at St. Clair, Mich. The only one of William and Caroline (Wilson) Odell's family who used this spelling of the name. July 3, 1825, as one of the subscribing witnesses to the marriage of his cousin, Joshua Odell Lewis to Melinda Haven Sawyer at Champlain, N. Y., he signed his name "David O'Dell." James Dresser who married his sister Joanna Odell 1826 was the other witness. David Doty O'Dell m (1) Orella ....., d. Jan. 23, 1872, aged 66 years, 4 children. Two sons served in Civil war. Older son, Henry d. 1878, the other in 1912. M. (2) Christina Williams who died 1890. David D. O'Dell was justice of the peace at St. Clair for many years from 1860-'64, 1870-'78, also U. S. Customs officer; alderman of St. Clair

1867-1870. Was a Master Mason for 26 years. At the time of his death he was in good health apparently, but dropped dead on his way home from his office. Buried in cemetery at St. Clair, his stone and his first wife's on section 17, lot 2.

- VIII. James Albert Odell, fourth son of William<sup>7</sup> (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Wm.<sup>2</sup>, Wm.<sup>1</sup>) b. Sept. 17, 1818, d. June 23, 1898. Lived in St. Clair, Mich., until after death of his first wife, Sarah Maria Pratt b. Feb. 7, 1824, d. Dec. 22, 1854. Stone in St. Clair cemetery. M. (2) Roxannah Palmer of Kingsville, Ont. Lived in Detroit, Mich. Had 3 daughters, one of whom was

Anna Belle b. May 28, 1859, m. (1) F. A. Scratch, 3 children. M. (2) Christian Johnson, living at Kingsville, Ont.

- VIII. Frederick A. Odell sixth son of William<sup>7</sup>, (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Wm.<sup>2</sup>, Wm.<sup>1</sup>) b. Oct. 23, 1826, d. Apr. 12, 1912. M. Aug. 9, 1853, Fannie Reynolds, dau. of Henry and Fanny (La Bodos). Reynolds. She died 1912. Lived in Westminster township.

Six children, dates not given:

1. Henry m. Lizzie Lewis dau. of George Lewis.
2. Gertrude m. Frederick Giles.
3. Nellie.
4. Marietta.
5. Frederick d. aged 22.
6. Eleanor m. Thomas McCormick.

- VIII. John Henry Odell, third son of William<sup>7</sup> (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. at Burtonville, L. C., Apr. 16, 1814, d. Mar. 31, 1887, m. May 7, 1841, Lucinda Diamond, lived at Stanbridge East, P. Q.

Children:

1. Caroline E. b. Feb. 20, 1842, d. Apr. 25, 1845.
2. Calista Rice<sup>9</sup> b. June 28, 1843, m. Sept. 14, 1871, Alexander F. O'Brien, lives at Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Children:

1. John Henry b. Apr. 18, 1873.
2. Elizabeth A. b. Dec. 5, 1874, d. Feb. 9, 1913.
3. Caroline G.<sup>10</sup> b. Aug. 23, 1879.
4. Mila A. b. Sept. 5, 1880, d. Dec. 27, 1910.
5. William F. S. b. Sept. 1, 1883.
3. Emeline Jane b. Dec. 8, 1844, d. 1910.
4. Joanna b. Apr. 18, 1846, d. Dec. 25, 1923.
5. Miretta Lucinda b. Dec. 1, 1847, d. Apr. 8, 1931.
6. William Alexander b. Apr. 16, 1850, d. Mar. 16, 1920.
7. Loop Marcellus b. Nov. 16, 1852, d. Jan. 20, 1928.
8. John Albert b. Oct. 2, 1854.
9. Peter Horace<sup>9</sup> b. Jan. 2, 1857, m. Bertha Mary Taylor d. 1893. Living at Stanbridge East, P. Q.

Children:

1. Mary Caroline b. Oct. 21, 1887.
2. Hazel Lucinda<sup>10</sup> b. Sept. 23, 1889.
3. Frank Henry b. Sept. 13, 1891.
4. Herman Lee b. Mar. 4, 1893, d. 1893.

VIII. William Loop Odell fifth son of William<sup>7</sup>, (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. at Odelltown Mar. 15, 1824. Went with his father to Westminster Twp. Middlesex county 1837. Was a farmer in early life, later a blacksmith in London for ten years, made the iron work for the first bridge across the Thames, the old Wellington bridge and assisted in building it. In 1856 bought the property and built the Warrior hotel which he conducted for many years, one of the most popular hotels in the township. He assisted greatly in the introduction of valuable stock. M. (1) Priscilla Odell, dau. of John<sup>7</sup> and Annis (Griffith) Odell; six children, Mary C., Amelia L., William E., John A., Melvin L. and Fannie C. M. (2) Eliza J. Odell, sister of his first wife. One child, Harriet E.

VII. Peter Odell, second son of John<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Wm.<sup>2</sup>, Wm.<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 17, 1783, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., d. 1846, lived at Burtonville, L. C.; m. (1) ..... and had two children:

1. Cornelia, living in 1856, mentioned in her uncle Albert's will 1856.

2. James Sidney b. 1814.

M. (2) Rachel Loomer, dau. Joseph Loomer of Grand Isle, Vermont and Odelltown, L. C. Bible record of births of children of Joseph Loomer all born in Grand Isle, Vt., gives Rachel born Nov. 5, 1791. She died at Vermontville, Mich., Sept. 1865, at the home of her daughter Harriet.

Children:

1. Lura (or Laura) b. 1826 at Burtonville d. Sept. 1864 at Jefferson, Wisconsin.

2. George b. 1829 at Burtonville, d. prior to 1897 in Idaho.

3. John A. b. Mar. 5, 1832 in Burtonville,  
d. July 11, 1897, at Strongs Prairie, Wis-  
consin.
4. Harriet b. 1835 at Burtonville, d. 1888 at  
Vesta, Neb.

A record from the Archives at Montreal dated Nov. 5, 1840, states that "Peter Odell, residing in the Seigniorship of Delery, is actual possessor and proprietor of a certain lot of ground in the Seigniorship of Delery in the District of Montreal. The west half of lot number One in the Fifth concession, bounded on the south side of the Domain in the Seigniorship of Delery, 4 arpents in front, 14 arpents in depth, bounded on one side by road leading from Napierville to Odelltown, on the other side by the Sixth concession, on the other side by Francis Marchand and other by Thomas Moore."

In the guardianship records of the Archives at Montreal was found "The petition of Rachel Loomer of St. Bernard de Lacolle, widow of the late Peter Odell, during his lifetime farmer of the same place, for the appointment of a guardian and deputy guardian for the minor children of Peter Odell: Laura aged 20 years, George Odell aged 16 years, John Odell aged 14 years. Dated at St. Cyprien October 23, 1846.

Her petition granted follows in full. The original document is in French:

#### GUARDIANSHIP PETITION

To the Honorable Judges of the Court of the Queen for the District of Montreal, and to the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said district, etc.:

The humble petition of Rachael Loomer of the parish of St. Bernard of Lacolle, widow of the late Peter Odell, during his lifetime, farmer from the same place:

Is respectfully submitted:

That from her marriage with the late Peter Odell, above mentioned, were three children, issue, namely:

Laura Odell, aged 20 years;

George Odell, aged 16 years:

John Odell, aged 14 years:

For whom it is fitting to appoint a guardian and deputy guardian to watch over them for the preservation of their rights and persons:

For that reason your petitioner requests that it please Your Honors to permit her to assemble before any Notary whom it pleases you to name, at St. Cyprien, an adequate number of relatives and friends of the said minors to give their opinions regarding the contents of this petition.

And you will do justice to the Petitioner.

St. Cyprien, Oct. 22, 1846.

(Signed) A. Merizzi, N. P.

### ORDER NAMES MOTHER GUARDIAN

District of            )  
M O N T R E A L    )

The year of Our Lord, Eighteen-Hundred and Forty-Six, the twenty-sixth day of October.

Before me, A. Merizzi, Notary Public of St. Cyprien.

Has appeared, Mrs. Rachel Loomer, of St. Bernard parish of Lacolle, widow of the late Peter Odell, in his lifetime a farmer of the same place,

Who, by order of the Hon. W. Badgley, Esquire, one of the judges of the Circuit Court for the district of Montreal, petition dated the 23rd day of October of the present year, has asked that a guardian be appointed for Laura Odell, aged 20 years; George Odell, aged 16 years, and John Odell, aged 14 years, minor children, issue of her marriage with the said deceased, stating that the following persons have been assembled before the court, namely: Loop Odell, Esquire, paternal uncle; Alexander Odell, clerk, first cousin; Francis Barbault, farmer; Peter Juge, school teacher; John Stell, merchant; James Stone, tailor, and Jonathan Hodgson, storekeeper, all of the parish of Cyprien, friends of the said minors, for lack of more relatives.

Who, after taking oath on the Saints of the Gospel and after being informed of her petition and deliberating among themselves, have unanimously agreed that the said Rachel Loomer be guardian of her said minor children and that said Loop Odell be deputy guardian, who here present have voluntarily accepted the said charge and have promised under oath to do their duty by them and have set their signatures herewith. Their instrument at St. Cyprien, the place, day and year written below.

(SIGNED) Rachel Loomer.

Loop Odell.

A. J. Odell.

Frans Xavier Barbault.

Pre Juge.

John Steele.  
James Ston.  
Jonathan Hodgson.

A. MERIZZI, N. P.

Homologue to be followed and executed according to its form and text.

We order, consequently, that the said Rachel Loomer be and remain guardian for her said minor children and the said Loop Odell, deputy guardian.

This instrument enacted at Montreal, the 29th day of October, 1846.

(Signed) Monk, Coffins & Papineau, P. Q. B.

(Signed) Hy. Guy, J. C.



## LOOMER

Dates of birth of children of Joseph Loomer, Grand Isle, Vt., found in an old Bible of Lucinda Loomer Downer at Aurora, Illinois:

Joseph Loomer, Jr., b. Nov. 1, 1785.

Roxey Loomer b. Sept. 21, 1787.

Clarasa Loomer b. Aug. 15, 1789, d. Feb. 4, 1805.

Rachel Loomer b. Aug. 2, 1794.

Lucy Loomer b. Dec. 13, 1796.

Lucinda Loomer b. July 4, 1799.

Lura and Laura Loomer (twins) b. July 3, 1802. Laura d. Mar. 3, 1805.

Lucy Loomer b. Dec. 13, 1796, at Grand Isle, Vt. d. July 17, 1872, at Dayton, Wisconsin. M. as 2d wife, Samuel Lewis, b. about 1772 in Dutchess county, N. Y., son of Morris Lewis and Phebe Doty his wife. Had children Eunice, Abigail, Stephen, Melvin, Mayland, Joseph, Loran and Laura; baptismal record from Odelltown church records: "Laura, daughter of Samuel Lewis of Lacolle and of his wife Lucy Loomer, born 17 July, 1826, baptized 17 March, 1832, H. M. Harward."

Laura Lewis m. Feb. 1, 1844, at Lacolle, Richard Chatterton b. Mar. 26, 1815, at Stottsville, Canada, d. Mar. 26, 1893 at Dayton, Wis. Their son, William Chatterton b. July 22, 1848, at Cadyville, N. Y., d. Aug. 4, 1922, at Belleville, Wis. M. Aug. 3, 1873, at Oregon, Wis. Helen Webb b. Nov. 6, 1852, at Lima, Wis. Children:

1. Rose G. Chatterton b. July 26, 1874, m. Dec. 25, 1899, Wm. Van Wagner. One dau. Genevieve.
2. Ray Webb Chatterton b. July 23, 1877, living at Belleville, Wis., on the Chatterton farm with his mother.

3. Wm. E. Chatterton b. Jan. 10, 1890, d. Mar. 18, 1920.

Lucinda Loomer b. July 4, 1799, d. 1884, m. 1822 Abel Downer of Napierville, Can., d. 1864. Had children Nancy, Lucinda, Maria, Samuel, John, Asher, Abel, Roswell.

Nancy b. 1823, d. 1900, m. Jeremiah Page Putnam b. 1805, resided at Aurora, Illinois. Had son Jerry D. Putnam b. June 10, 1867, living Aurora, Ill.

VIII. James Sidney Odell oldest son of Peter Odell<sup>7</sup>, (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Wm.<sup>2</sup>, Wm.<sup>1</sup>) b. Sept. 1, 1814, Burtonville, L. C., d. Mar. 9, 1887, Paton, Iowa; resident of Boston 1848 to 1852; member N. Y. City police force 1857 to 1864, m. (1) Mary Williams d. before 1883.

Children 3:

I. George M. Odell b. Sept. 9, 1848, Boston, Mass., d. Aug. 21, 1919, Paton, Iowa; m. 1880 Mrs. Adaline Strait Waldron b. 1837, d. 1923.

Children:

1. Clara Odell b. 1871, d. 1915, m. P. E. Hinton, had two children, Myron Hinton b. Jan. 14, 1897, Virginia Hinton b. 1902.

2. Nellie Odell b. 1873 m. Nov. 24, 1897, C. C. McFadden, b. Sept. 23, 1871. Children:

1. Clark McFadden b. Apr. 26, 1899, m. Mar. 11, 1925, Elizabeth Fish.

2. May McFadden b. 1901 m. Nov. 24, 1921, C. B. Archibald, four children,

Robert b. Jan. 4, 1923;  
Charles b. May 23, 1924;  
Kenneth b. Aug. 22,  
1926; James b. Oct. 7,  
1927.

3. Charles Raymond Mc-  
Fadden b. 1912, d. Feb.  
2, 1914.

4. Grace McFadden b.  
July 1, 1916.

II. William H. Odell b. 1852 Boston, Mass.,  
d. 1911 Paton, Iowa.

III. Theodore F. Odell b. .... d. St.  
Louis. Served as Quartermaster Ser-  
geant 27th N. Y. infantry in Civil war,  
buried in Union Corners cemetery in  
Yellowhead Twp. Kankakee county,  
Illinois. m. two sons, James Sidney  
Odell and Hugh Odell, Kansas City.

M. (2) Mary Minkler, 1883.

VIII. Laura Odell called Laura in guardianship petition, Lura  
in her uncle Albert S. Odell's will, dau. Peter<sup>7</sup>  
(John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Wil-  
liam<sup>1</sup>) b. Burtonville, Lower Canada, 1826, d. Sept.  
24, 1864, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Married in Canada  
1847. It is disclosed in tracing line that religious  
complications may have contributed to the movement  
of Peter's family to the states. His widow had a sis-  
ter in Illinois and the daughter, Laura, saw fit to  
sever marital ties. It appears that her husband in his  
youth studied for the priesthood, but gave up his  
studies, embarked upon a business career and married.  
Fire destroyed his business and when he met with  
reverses he re-embraced the religion of his youth, de-  
manded conversion of his family, education of the  
sons for the priesthood and life in a convent for the

daughter. Because of the situation, it is learned in later years, the young mother deserted her home in his absence and with her three small children, the youngest aged 2, she joined her mother and the three other children, all departing together to find a new home in the United States. They located in Evansville, Rock county, Wisconsin, in 1854. First they went to Aurora, Ill., where Rachel had a sister, Lucinda, b. 1799, Grand Isle, Vt., d. 1884, Aurora, m. 1822 Abel Downer, b. 1805, came from Napierville, Canada, in 1812, d. 1846, son of Galen Downer of Weathersfield, Vt. Jeremiah D. Putnam, b. 1867, m. 1891 Ida M. Barnes b. 1867, and ~~great~~ grandson of Lucinda, lives on the old Downer homestead at the western edge of Aurora where his ~~great~~ grand parents settled when the settlement comprised scarcely a dozen houses all of which might be seen from their back door. Another sister, Lucy Loomer b. 1796 m. Samuel Lewis b. abt. 1772, lived in the Town of Union, Rock county, Wis., not far from Evansville. Laura resumed her maiden name by which her children and their descendants have since been known. Her children were left in their teens when she died at the age of 38.

#### Children:

- I. John W. Odell<sup>9</sup>, b. 1848 Montreal, Canada, d. Jan. 25, 1913, m. Dec. 25, 1870, Mary C. Lincks, b. Aug. 12, 1852.
- II. Emery H. Odell b. 1850 Canada d. 1926, m. 1887, Isabella Doyle b. 1869. Family lot Arlington cemetery, Elmhurst, Illinois.

#### Children 3:

1. Charles W. Odell b. 1888, d. 1890, Chicago, Ill.
2. Emery A. Odell b. 1890, m. 1910, Marie Draeger b. 1890. Chil-

dren, Isabella M. Odell b. 1911,  
William C. Odell, b. 1915.

3. Howard E. Odell b. 1901.

III. Kate Ann Odell b. Feb. 17, 1852, Canada,  
d. Aug. 24, 1933, m. 1893 Frank Pierce  
Pinckney b. 1852, d. Apr. 17, 1918. Double  
headstone Arlington cemetery, Elmhurst,  
Illinois.

IX. John W. Odell<sup>9</sup>, oldest child of Laura<sup>8</sup> (Peter<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>,  
Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) newspaper  
publisher Monroe, Green county, Wisconsin,  
1881-1911, b. Montreal, Canada, Aug. 27, 1848,  
came to Wisconsin in 1854, the family of mother and  
three young children settling in Evansville, Rock  
county, in 1859 moving to Jefferson, county seat,  
where he began printer's apprenticeship in 1862 in  
the office of the Jefferson Banner. Employed by the  
Northwestern Railway company 1868-1876, spending  
the balance of his life in the newspaper and printing  
business. Publisher of News, Grant Park, Ill., 1873-  
1879, returned to Jefferson and founded the Jefferson  
Independent published as a weekly until 1881, when  
he located in Monroe and established the Gazette  
first as a weekly and in 1885 as a daily. Joined in  
newspaper consolidations in 1897 and from 1889-  
1903 published Monroe Weekly Times. Married  
Dec. 25, 1870, at Jefferson, Wis., Christina Lincks,  
b. Aug. 12, 1852, in Ohio, d. Oct. 21, 1921. Mr.  
Odell died Jan. 24, 1913. Burial in Greenwood  
cemetery, Monroe, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Emery A. Odell<sup>10</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1871, m.  
Dec. 14, 1898, Amelia Burgy b. Mar. 16,  
1867.

2. Charles Henry Odell b. Feb. 27, 1873, d.  
July 24, 1911.

3. Frederick Theodore Odell b. Apr. 12, 1875, m. Nov. 3, 1917, Bertha A. Gutzmer b. Nov. 5, 1887. Served Spanish-American war 1898, Co. H, 1st Wis. Vol., first duty sergeant.
4. Arthur Almond Odell b. June 30, 1876 d. July 16, 1916.
5. Lura Elnora Odell b. Nov. 25, 1877, d. Jan. 9, 1933, m. 1909 Wm. Heinzelman. Children:
  1. Frank W. Heinzelman b. 1907, m. 1934 Marie Kundert.
  2. William O. Heinzelman b. 1909, m. Dec. 29, 1933, Ruth Ritschard; child, Lura Ruth b. 1934.
  3. Harold J. Heinzelman b. 1911, m. 1932 Norma G. Zuenert; child, Nola Rae b. 1933.
6. John William Odell b. Mar. 16, 1880.
7. Daisy Dorothea Odell b. Aug. 22, 1881, m. 1909 Arthur J. Cook.
8. Harriet Isabell Odell b. Apr. 8, 1887, m. 1907 A. R. Steele.
9. Edna May Odell b. May 9, 1889, m. 1917 H. N. Darling.

X. Emery A. Odell, oldest son of John<sup>9</sup> (Laura<sup>8</sup>, Peter<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) publisher Monroe Evening Times, Monroe, Wisconsin. Born Janesville, Wisconsin, Oct. 25, 1871. Resident of Monroe since 1881. Learned printer's trade as a boy, employed on newspapers at Janesville, Madison, Milwaukee, 1888-1893. Returned to Monroe, founded the Monroe Evening Times Oct. 13, 1898. Postmaster Monroe 1910-1925, appointed by Taft and twice by Wilson on merit record. Married Dec. 14, 1898, Amelia Burgy, b. Mar. 16, 1867, dau. Jacob

Burgy, b. Jan. 15, 1837, Switzerland, came to Green county 1847, d. Feb. 12, 1895, m. 1877, Barbara Luchsinger, b. Jan. 17, 1842, Philadelphia, d. Sept. 26, 1929. Mrs. Odell member Universalist church and 1931-1932 treasurer of Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs. Mr. Odell is life member of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Wrote (1928) "A History of Green County's Cheese Industry."

VIII. George Odell, second son of Peter<sup>7</sup> (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. 1829, Burtonville, Canada, came to Wisconsin in 1852, bachelor, d. in Idaho. Records war department: George Odell Co. G, 16th Reg. Wis. Inf., enrolled Jan. 18, 1862, at Madison for period three years, mustered in Jan. 31, 1862, as private. Honorably discharged Jan. 14, 1863, by reason of disability on account of disease. At date of entering service he stated he was 32 years of age. Born in Canada, occupation shoemaker. Died before his brother John.

VIII. John A. Odell, third son of Peter<sup>7</sup> (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. Burtonville, Canada, Mar. 5, 1832, came to Wisconsin in 1852, d. 1897. Records of War Dept. Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., ORD-IEM, show that he enlisted in Co. K, 38th Reg. Wis. Vol. Inf., was enrolled Aug. 27, 1864, at Strongs Prairie, Wis., as private, mustered in Sept. 7, 1864. Occupation, lumberman. Honorably discharged June 2, 1865 as private. m. (1) Oct. 13, 1856, to Mary Jeraldine Hammond, of Preston, Wis., who died Sept. 2, 1868.

Children:

1. Clarence Leonard Odell, b. June 23, 1858, twice married, one daughter.
2. Ernest Sidney Odell b. Aug. 13, 1860, d. May 28, 1935, Elgin, Ill., burial Beloit, Wis. Unmarried.

3. Ora Emery Odell, b. Sept. 3, 1866, d. 1924, at Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. m. Sept. 3, 1890, Clara Hayes, had 2 dau.
  4. Mary Norma Odell (Mamie), b. Aug. 16, 1868, d. Aug. 23, 1915, m. George Wines, had 2 girls deceased, 2 boys, Rockford, Ill.
- M. (2) Sally Ophelia Hays, b. May 6, 1853, living in 1935 at Necedah, Wis., married May 16, 1870, Children 10:
1. Ida Cornelia Odell, b. June 5, 1871, m. James Van Tassel, had 2 dau.
  2. Drucilla Odell, b. Oct. 8, 1872, m. 1892 Lonie Gillett, live at Bozeman, Mont., had 1 son, 1 dau.
  3. George Washington Odell, b. June 5, 1876, m. Carrie Knapp, m. (2) Gertie Martelle, no children.
  4. Emma May Odell, b. Sept. 15, 1877, m. Ernest Cary, had son and dau. m. (2) Knute Swiggum, Portland, Ore.
  5. James Elmer Odell, b. May 2, 1879, m. Mary Bloomfield, had one dau. James Elmer disappeared.
  6. William Arthur Odell (Willie), b. Aug. 20, 1881, m. Iva Ritchy, had 3 children and parted; m. (2) Sylvia Burlingame, Necedah, Wis., had 10 children.
  7. Frederick Albert Odell, b. Dec. 24, 1884, lives with mother at Necedah, Wis. (1935)
  8. Verne Odell, b. May 14, 1888, m. Bessie Martelle, children 4.
  9. Harrison Martin Odell, b. Mar. 9, 1890, unmarried.
  10. Percy Ray Odell, b. Mar. 20, 1862, m. Ruby Blake, children 9.



VIII. Harriet Odell (Peter<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. 1835 Burtonville, Canada, d. 1888 Vesta, Neb., m. Jan. 1, 1857, Evansville, Wis., to Almond W. Kelsey, b. 1835 at Monroe, Ohio, d. 1899, at Bradgate, Iowa. Marriage witnesses: M. S. Burrows and Clara Hallock.

Children:

1. George E. Kelsey, b. Sept. 9, 1858, d. 1926, at Bradgate, Iowa, m. Kankakee, Ill., in 1880 to Ellen Stalcup, b. 1859, Grant Park, Ill. Children 4:

1. Myrtle Kelsey, b. Oct. 23, 1880, d. May 1, 1916, Bradgate, Ia., m. 1901 Jesse Watts, 1 child, Lillian B.

2. Roy Kelsey, b. Feb. 13, 1882, d. Feb. 11, 1933, m. Chrissie Spies, child 1, Eugenia Kelsey.

3. Clyde Kelsey, b. Feb. 5, 1884, m. Nov. 24, 1909, m. Margaret J. Mather, b. May 21, 1892, children 5: Margaret Ellen, Helen Elizabeth, Grace Mather, Marian Myrtle, Betty Jane.

4. Elmer J. Kelsey, b. July 18, 1886, m. Helen Pester.

2. Elmer J. Kelsey, b. Oct. 12, 1861, at Vermontville, Mich. d. May 23, 1928, m. (1) Oct. 10, 1883, Ella Stetson, b. Mommence, Ill., d. July 16, 1893. m. (2) Anna Hostetter, Oct. 17, 1898, b. Oct. 17, 1869, Terre Haute, Ind., d. July 8, 1932. Child by first marriage:

1. Vera Kelsey, b. Feb. 16, 1893, Chicago, Ill., m. Oct. 26, 1916, F. L. Markle, b. Dec. 4, 1884.

3. Allie Kelsey, b. July 19, 1864, d. ....  
m. Children 2:  
1. Alfred E. Kelsey, Paton, Iowa.  
2. Elsie Kelsey, m. Seidler, Paton,  
Iowa.
4. James Kelsey, b. July 19, 1866, Boone, Ia.,  
m. Lenora, children 6. Daughter, Mrs.  
Carl Moyer, 1411 E. Fifth street, Sioux  
Falls, S. D.

VII. Joshua S. Odell third son of John<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 1, 1785, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., d. 1863, m. May 7, 1807, Cornelia Palen b. Oct. 26, 1789, d. 1877. Went to Westminster Twp., Middlesex county, Ont., located on 200 acres near his brother John. In 1831 sold his farm, removed to London operating a tavern on Dundas street, afterward became a founder of the town of Belmont in 1834. Buried in the old cemetery on the fifth concession near the town line of Westminster and Dorchester townships.

Children:

1. Julianna b. Feb. 1, 1809.
2. Enor b. April 11, 1811.
3. John Gilbert<sup>8</sup> b. June 5, 1813, d. 1876, m.  
Marian Aitkin.
4. Cornelius b. Sept. 4, 1815.
5. Rachel b. Dec. 14, 1817.
6. Hannah b. Sept. 9, 1819, d. Mar. 18, 1843,  
m. Manning.
7. Dolly b. Aug. 1, 1821, d. Mar. 23, 1843,  
m. .... Fitchett.
8. Polly b. Aug. 12, 1823.
9. Alvira b. Nov. 9, 1825.
10. William H. b. Sept. 7, 1828.
11. Rebecca b. Aug. 2, 1831.

VIII. John Gilbert Odell<sup>8</sup> oldest son of Joshua S.<sup>7</sup>, (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. June 5, 1813, d. 1876, m. Marian Aitkin May 31, 1838. A prominent man in Belmont. Owned the land where the town now stands.

Children:

1. William Henry<sup>9</sup> b. 1841 in Belmont, Ont., m. Selina Cole 1870, dau. Joseph Cole. William Henry Odell merchant and farmer at Belmont, postmaster 20 years, member of Masonic fraternity.

Children:

1. Henrietta Odell b. Feb. 16, 1872, m. R. Laird.
  2. William<sup>10</sup> Henry Odell b. Jan. 31, 1878, a barrister in Wetaskiwin, Alta., who is the possessor of the old family Bible from which the family record of John<sup>6</sup> Odell was taken as well as later records.
  3. Selina Odell b. July 31, 1883, m. R. E. Baker.
  4. John Gilbert Odell b. Oct. 26, 1886.
  5. Cecil Charles Odell b. Mar. 15, 1888.
  6. Clara Bell Odell b. Aug. 3, 1891.
2. Henrietta b. 1843.
  3. Peter Oliver b. 1847.
  4. John Aitkin b. 1848 m. Margaret McAlpine.
  5. Cornelius b. 1855.
  6. Allen Alexander b. 1857.

7. Agnes Edith b. 1860 m. Amos Carrothers.  
A daughter, Mrs. W. C. Barons lives in  
Belmont, Ont.

8. Clara b. 1866, m. William Fitzpatrick.

VII. Albert S. Odell fourth son of John<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. May 26, 1789 at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., d. July 14, 1856, at Napierville, Lower Canada, or "Canada East." The first of John<sup>6</sup> Odell's family to settle in Westminster Twp., Middlesex county, Upper Canada, just after survey of the township was made by Simon Zelotes Watson, 1810. In 1810 Albert S. Odell located on Lot. 24, Concession 1, when the future site of the city of London, Ont., was an unpopulated pine knoll. He was a prominent figure in the early history of the township. At the first meeting of the council for the united townships of Westminster, Delaware and Dorchester March 4, 1817, he was chosen one of the two township wardens. Made collector of the township 1818 and again in 1828. He was one of the incorporators of the London & Gore Railway which was chartered by the legislature of Upper Canada Mar. 6, 1834. This was an ambitious project, the aim of which was to construct a railroad of wood and iron to begin at London and extend to Burlington Bay. This was only a few years after Stephenson built his first locomotive in England. The first train into London, Ont., did not materialize until 1853, twenty years later. Albert S. Odell was buried in the family plot in the old churchyard on Brick street south of London, Ont. He m. Charlotte Percival, dau. of James Percival, b. 1780, d. June 14, 1846. Stone in Brick street cemetery, London, Ont. His will, found in Probate Records at London, Ont., does not mention any family but leaves bequests to all his relatives without favoritism.

## WILL OF ALBERT SCRIVER ODELL

Date July 5, 1856. Albert Scriver Odell, of the Township of Westminster, in the county of Middlesex (Canada West) but now residing in the village of Napierville, Seignior of Delery, in the district of Montreal, Canada East.

I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God.

Firstly: The payment of lawful and just debts and funeral expenses.

Secondly: Property to be disposed of as follows: The representatives shall be entitled to their proportionate share the same as if the said legatees were personally present, except four of my late Brother Peter's children, who are to receive the sums mentioned for them in this will and no more.

Thirdly: I give to my dearly and well beloved brother, Loop Odell, of Napierville, Canada East, \$1,000.00; I give to my dearly beloved brother, James Odell, of Ohio, one of the United States of America, \$1,000.00; and to my beloved nephew, Leonard Odell, \$1,000.00. Equal proportions of balance with other legatees except for the reserved four.

Fourthly: To the children of my late brother William, namely John, Johanna, Deborah, William Loop, James and Frederick, \$100.00 each and the mentioned right.

Fifthly: I bequeath to the following named children of my late brother Peter, namely James Sidney and Cornelia, the sum of \$100.00 each with the above mentioned rights in their favor, and to Lura, George, John and Harriet, the sum of \$100.00 each and no more.

Sixthly: To my beloved brother Joshua and his children, Juliana, Enor, John Gilbert, Cornelius, Richard and Cornelia Manning, his grand daughter, also Alvira and Rebecca \$100.00 each with foregoing right.

Seventhly: I bequest to the following named children of my late brother John, namely Eliza Jane, Priscilla, Enor, Harriet, John Austin and Lyman the sum of \$100.00 each with the above named right in their favor.

Eighthly: I bequest to my beloved brother-in-law David Doty and his children hereinafter named, issue of my late beloved sister Rebecca, viz: Darius, Joshua and William, \$100.00 each, and to Laura \$200.00 and the rights in their favor.

Ninthly: I bequest to my beloved sister Martha and her children, Alonzo, Lyman, James, Alvira, Mary, Charlotte, \$100.00 each and the above named rights.

Tenthly: I bequest to my well beloved sister, Hannah, and each of her children named John, Ferguson, Polly, Charles, Jacob, Loop, Enor and Sally the sum of \$100.00 each and the above mentioned rights.

I nominate and appoint by brother Loop Odell, of Napierville, my brother, James Odell, of the state of Ohio, and Leonard Odell, of the Township of Westminster, my sole executors.

Witnesses: James Stow, John York, Thomas Hartt, Loop Odell.

Probated Aug. 9, 1856. Inventory of estate \$2,471.16.

Odell-Town, Monday Evening, 23rd May, 1843.

On August 9, 1856, Loop Odell, of Napierville, Canada, East; Leonard Odell of Westminster and James Odell of the city of \*Baden in Montgomery county, in the state of Ohio, U. S. A., took the oath to faithful administration in London, Ont.

\* No doubt error and is more than likely the city of Dayton, Montgomery county, Ohio, the only city in Montgomery county in 1856.

VII. John Odell fifth son of John<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. May 18, 1789, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., d. Feb. 27, 1852, m. 1817 Annis Griffith dau. of Nathan Griffith, a prominent pioneer of Westminster. John Odell and wife Annis are buried in the old cemetery on Brick street, London, Ont. He was 2 years old when his parents John<sup>6</sup> and Enor (Scriver) Odell went to Odelltown from Dutchess county, N. Y. In 1811 he went to Westminster Twp. with Capt. Joseph Odell (son of Joseph<sup>6</sup> of Odelltown) and James Lester in the middle of the winter. The three pioneers brought slabs from the nearest sawmills more than 20 miles distant and built a shanty on Concession 1, Lot 23. The winter they arrived was one of the most severe that district ever experienced. The yoke of oxen they brought with them lived on tops of trees that winter. The next year John Odell served in the war of 1812.

Children (Not in chronological order, births of all not known):

1. Mary A.
2. Leonard b. 1819, m. Mar. 1850, Jane Mihell, dau. of Edward and Sarah (Dike) Mihell.
3. Eliza J. m. as 2nd wife Wm. Loop Odell, son of William<sup>7</sup>.
4. Enor L.
5. Seraph P. b. Aug. 27, 1823, d. Sept. 1, 1824.

6. Priscilla, 1st wife of Wm. Loop Odell, m.  
Sept. 23, 1847, d. Mar. 1, 1858.

7. John.

8. Lyman.

9. Nathan b. Jan. 5, 1829, d. July 26, 1829.

10. Harriet.

11. Edwin A. b. Oct. 17, 1837, d. Dec. 9, 1838.

VII. James Odell sixth son of John<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. July 19, 1791, of whom we have little beyond the fact that he was living in Dayton, Ohio, when he was named as one of the executors in his brother Albert Scriver Odell's will in 1856. He went from London, Ont., to Ohio, for the First Methodist church of London was organized about 1832 and among the chief promoters was James Odell and we know he was among the sons of John<sup>6</sup> who went to Upper Canada and settled in Middlesex county.

The records and history of the majority of these Odells show that they were members of the Methodist church.

The first city directory of Dayton, Ohio, was published 1850 by James Odell, Jr., and is known as "Odell's Dayton Directory and Business Advertiser." The Odells listed in this publication which contained the first history of Dayton were:

James Odell, west side of Main street between First and Second. (No doubt James<sup>7</sup> Odell, son of John<sup>6</sup>) and the next three his sons.

Peter Odell, gardener, Slidertown.

T. W. Odell, bookbinder, cor. of Jefferson and Sixth.

James Odell, Jr., east side of Main street between Fourth and Market.

The Dayton, O., Business Directory 1864-65 lists Thomas W. Odell, bookbinder, paper hanger and box

manufacturer, resides S. E. corner Jefferson and Fifth.  
The only Odell listed.

- VII. Hannah Odell (John<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Apr. 1, 1798, m. Jacob Manning as 2d wife.

Children:

1. John Manning b. July 7, 1818, d. Mar. 29, 1885, m. Hannah Manning.
2. Ferguson b. Nov. 14, 1819, d. Feb. 3, 1899, m. (1) Emeline Odell, (2) Cynthia, widow of Philip Odell.
3. Polly<sup>8</sup> b. Jan. 23, 1824, d. Aug. 10, 1875, m. Dec. 1, 1842, Abel Cooper of Vermont, b. Nov. 12, 1818. Had 8 children, the youngest Gram<sup>9</sup> Cooper b. May 18, 1860, m. Retta Meek Dec. 13, 1882, at Chillicothe, Missouri. Their dau. May C.<sup>10</sup>, Mrs. W. C. Burnham, lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.
4. Charles b. Mar. 1, 1826, d. Dec. 15, 1889, m. Mary Linton.
5. Enor b. Dec. 5, 1829, m. Gilbert Fitchett.
6. Jacob b. Oct. 11, 1831.
7. Loop b. Mar. 21, 1834, d. June 30, 1882.
8. Sarah Ann b. July 9, 1836, d. Nov. 1, 1874, m. Gabriel Manning.
9. Rossal, d. young.

- VII. Loop Odell seventh son of John<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. March 11, 1802, d. Dec. 12, 1859, at Napierville, Quebec, m. (1) Nancy Ashman, (2) Mary Ann Sewell of Vermont.

Children by first marriage:

1. Samuel Ashman Odell d. Aug. 17, 1856, m. (1) Lucy Adaline Douglas. Their dau. Annie Janet Odell b. July 17, 1851. He



m. (2) Margaret Mitchell. On "Dec. 2, 1856, Madame Margaret Mitchell of the Parish of St. Cyprien, widow of Samuel Odell petitions the court for a guardian to the infant daughter Ann Janet Odell aged 5, of Samuel Odell and his first marriage to Lucy Adaline Douglas. Loop Odell, merchant, appears as paternal grandfather."—Odelltown Church Records and Montreal Archives.

2. Alexander John Odell, who appears as clerk in the petition for guardianship for Peter<sup>r</sup> Odell's minor children, Oct. 1846, on Jan. 31, 1860, granted to Joseph Brissette, notary public, the right of proxy. "Mr. Alexander John Odell formerly lived in Napierville and St. Louis, Missouri, state of the United States, son of Loop Odell, Esq., and Nancy Ashman, his father and mother."
3. Sewell Loop, son of Loop Odell and Mary Ann Sewell his wife was born June 22, 1859.—Odelltown Church Records.

Loop Odell was a merchant in Napierville, also kept a hostelry, a regular stop for the old New York-Montreal stage coach. There is now a modern hotel on its site in Napierville on the New York-Montreal automobile highway. He was postmaster, justice of the peace, Lacadie 1831, 1834, 1837, 1838. Appointed as commissioner to administer the oath Napierville Dec. 21, 1837, Apr. 7, 1838. He was a colonel in the Canadian Rebellion at the Battle of Odelltown.

July 14, 1826, "Loop Odell of Napierville, Gentleman," petitions for a curatorship for absentee Odells, namely, John, Joshua and Albertus, three of his brothers, and Rebecca and Martha, two of his sisters, who are absent from the province since 12 or 15 years; that "they have certain rights jointly with

their other brothers and sisters now in Canada, in the estate and succession of the late John Odell, Esq., their father. Therefore it is necessary to appoint a curator to represent them, the said absentees, and to take charge of their property.”—From Montreal Archives.

July 5, 1856, Loop Odell of Napierville was one of the executors named in his brother Albert Scriver Odell's will and was bequeathed a thousand dollars.

“Dec. 12, 1859, at Napierville, Canada East, of inflammation of the lungs brought on by exposure in endeavoring to save his dwelling house on the 6th day of Dec. Loop Odell, merchant and justice of the peace of Napierville, died 57 years of age.”—Odelltown Church Records.

Loop Odell died at the home of his close friend Dr. William J. Stuart, in Napierville, where he and his family went after the fire which destroyed his house. He is buried in the Douglas cemetery near Napierville, as are other members of his family. After his death his widow removed to Montreal.

JOSHUA ODELL  
Second Son of Joseph Odell  
and  
Martha Manning  
and  
Some of His Descendants

VI. Joshua Odell second son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) born in Dutchess county, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1759, d. at Odelltown, L. C., Aug. 2, 1842, Headstone in Jackson cemetery, Odelltown. M. in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Mary (or Mariah) Ostrum. Birth record of first child gives Mary Ostrum. Headstone in Jackson cemetery, "Mariah," wife of Joshua Odell d. June 19, 1829.

From Jackson burial ground records, land records and church records Joshua Odell and Mary Ostrum appear to have had the following children:

1. Henry Odell<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 28, 1781. Birth and baptism on records of First Dutch Reformed church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
2. Euretta Odell b. 1783, d. Oct. 30, 1839, m. William Maxwell of Montreal June 26, 1839.
3. Joseph I.<sup>7</sup> b. June 17, 1785, d. Mar. 21, 1856, m. Mary Leister.
4. Mary Odell b. July, 1790, d. Mar. 10, 1824, m. James McAllister.
5. Joshua, Jr.<sup>7</sup> b. July 26, 1797, d. Apr. 7, 1835, m. Hannah McDonald.
6. Enor Odell b. June 22, 1804, d. July 8, 1831, m. Duncan McCallum.
7. Anne Odell b. July 22, 1805, d. May 23, 1823.

VII. Joseph I. Odell, second son of (Joshua<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. June 17, 1785, d. Mar. 21, 1856, buried in Jackson cemetery, Odelltown, m. Mary Leister, b. July 5, 1786, d. Apr. 3, 1874.

Children:

1. Olive b. July 10, 1807, m. (1) William Mussen, (2) John Borrowdale.

2. Joshua L. b. Oct. 15, 1811, d. Jan. 17, 1857, m. Annis Stancliff, b. Mar. 5, 1815, Arlington, Vt. Joshua L. Odell and wife Annis had 5 children:
  1. George Odell b. Dec. 11, 1840, d. Sept. 17, 1918.
  2. Maria Odell b. Apr. 4, 1842, d. Apr. 17, 1863.
  3. Mary Odell b. Dec. 22, 1844, d. Oct. 7, 1927.
  4. Eurette Odell b. Nov. 6, 1848, d. Feb. 26, 1934 at Malone, N. Y. Unmarried. This family record obtained from her a few days before her death.
  5. Margaret Odell b. June 29, 1852, d. Dec. 5, 1860.
3. Christina b. Aug. 9, 1817, m. Edward Mus-  
sen.
4. Hannah m. Sidney Hamilton.
5. Smith b. Dec. 2, 1822, m. Mary Garforth, 8 children; a son William Odell living in Odelltown; a daughter Mrs. Ida Robinson in Lacolle, P. Q.
6. Martha Ann<sup>7</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1827, d. Apr. 7, 1913, m. James Peck b. 1820, d. Oct. 11, 1891.

Children:

1. George W. Peck<sup>8</sup> b. at Odelltown, P. Q., Sept. 4, 1852, d. at St. Lambert, P. Q., Mar. 21, 1935, m.

Children:

1. Florence Peck<sup>9</sup> b. Feb. 14, 1882.

2. Mable Beatrice b.  
July 24, 1885.
3. George b. Jan. 31,  
1890, served in  
World war.
4. Horace b. July 20,  
1896, served in  
World war.
2. Alfred Peck b. 1855, d. Mar. 4,  
1929.
3. Mary Elizabeth b. 1857, d.  
June 20, 1928.

The following document dated at Odelltown May 23, 1843, locates the dwelling house of Joshua Odell<sup>6</sup>, who died 1842; occupied by his son Joshua, Jr., and also that of Joshua's<sup>6</sup> son Joseph whose barn was also burned the same night, at a later hour than the others.

The depositions regarding deserters also locate Joseph I.'s house.

Odell-Town, Monday Evening 23rd, May, 1843

Sir:

I consider it my duty to report that on Monday night last the 21st instant about the hour of half past II the barns and outbuildings of Mr. Joseph Odell \* \* \* \* were simultaneously destroyed by fire. The premises of Mr. Odell are situated on the west side of the main road nearly opposite the stone barrack. \* \* \* \* I would have reported the above circumstances before but that I thought it right first to call the magistrates in the vicinity together for the purpose of inquiring into the matter, in order that I might have it in my power to send you the result of their investigation.

Joshua Odell of Odelltown, yeoman, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists declares as follows:

I reside upon the farm of my father's, situated on the west side of the main road leading to the United States, about three-quarters of a mile from the Province line. On Monday night the 21st instant I and family retired to rest, about half past nine o'clock. I had been asleep and was awakened by my child who wanted a drink. I immediately perceived that the barn which is in the rear and to the west of the house was on fire. I alarmed my wife and ran out, when I found that the buildings were so far consumed as to make it impossible to save two horses which were in the stable, and a calf which was in the barn, another calf which was in the south end of a shed I succeeded

in saving with great difficulty. The fire had communicated to the fences leading to the house, in which direction the wind being from the west was driving the flames. I immediately set to work to pull down the fences to save the house & after great labour I succeeded. When I was working to destroy the fences, I saw the flames burst out from the barn of Mr. George Conkwright which is about a quarter of a mile to the south of mine. Shortly afterwards I saw another fire still further to the south which proved to be the barn of Mr. Travor Vanvleit.

I can form no opinion whatever as to the cause of the burnings nor do I know any person or persons to whom suspicion would attach but I am positive it must be set fire to by design. I fed my horses whilst it was still day light and no light was carried to the barn to my knowledge that night. The barn is about ten rods west of the house.

The deponent presents a list of the losses he sustained with the value.

(Signed) Joshua Odell

Sworn before me this 23rd day of May 1843.

Sgnd. Oliver Odell, J. P.

Odelltown, May 23d, 1843.

ESTIMATE OF PROPERTY LOSS

Estimation of property destroyed by fire on the evening of the 21st instant belonging to the successor of the late Joshua Odell residing on the premises when the fire took place:

	£	s	d
One barn and shed estimated at.....	110	0	0
Two horses burned in said barn.....	25	0	0
1 calf .....	0	15	0
1½ tons of hay.....	2	5	0
	137	20	0

This is a list of property destroyed belonging to my father on the 21st instant and its value.

(Signed) Joshua Odell.

District of Montreal.

Deposition of Joseph Odell.

After being dully sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and sayeth—That on the evening of the 27th inst. at the hour of nine of the clock, a party of the United States troops as the deponent supposes stationed at the new fort called Rouses Point in number between twenty and thirty came to the deponents house where was then there three men called American deserters, by the names of John Adams, Nathaniel Beber and Abel Moor, and by force dragged the above three men off. Also the deponent says the mob beat the men violently with clubs. The deponent further sayeth that after they left

his house he heard the cry of murder and further the deponent says not.

Joseph I. Odell

Sworn before me at Odell Town this 31st day of July, 1818.

Jos. Odell, J. P.

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District of Montreal.

Deposition of William Graves after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God—

Deposeth and Saith:

That on the evening of the 27th instant about the hour of nine o'clock a party consisting of between twenty and thirty men who by their dress and appearance deponent supposes were American soldiers came to the dwelling house of Joseph I. Odell about three miles in the Province from the line 45 & by force dragged thereout three men by the names of John Adams, Abel Moore and Nathaniel Babie towards the lines. Deponent also states that the party beat Moore, Adams & Babie (whom they called American deserters) violently with clubs. Deponent further states that after leaving the house of Joseph I. Odell he heard the cry of murder & further deponent saith not.

William Graves.

Sworn before me at Odelltown on the 31st July, 1818.

Jos. Odell, J. P.

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VII. Henry Odell oldest son of Joshua<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. in Dutchess county, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1781, of whom we have found little. His mother was Mary Ostrum and it is evident that the Henry Ostrum Odell buried in Jackson cemetery and on Odelltown church records must have been a son of Henry<sup>7</sup>, and records which follow show that Henry Ostrum Odell had a brother, Joseph J. Odell. So to Henry<sup>7</sup> Odell we ascribe these two sons:

1. Henry Ostrum Odell b. 1809, d. July 3, 1844, m. Jan. 18, 1836, Elizabeth Gibson of the Seigniory of Lacolle. Marriage record on Odelltown church records states he was of the Township of Sherrington, District of Montreal.

Children:

1. Charlotte Elizabeth b. Aug. 27, 1837.



2. Albert b. Nov. 28, 1841. His son, P. E. Odell, lives in Burlington, Iowa.

3. Micajah b. Jan. 1, 1844, m. Dec. 31, 1863, Sarah Cleghorn, had 2 children.

1. Robert Watson b. Oct. 11, 1864.

2. George Harvey b. Oct. 7, 1866.

—Odelltown Church Records.

2. Joseph J. Odell, his Bill of Damage, 1814, given.

Guardianship Records Montreal Archives: On Mar. 22, 1845, "Elizabeth Gibson of the Seigniory of Lacolle, widow of the late Henry Ostrum Odell, in his lifetime of the Seigniory of Lacolle, farmer and who died on July 3rd last, Intestate, petitioned the Court for Tutorship in behalf of the minors of Henry O. Odell. Issue, two children, minors, Jan. 28, 1845, Albert, age 3 years, 2 months, and Micajah Odell age 1 year." Under date of Mar. 17, 1845, Albert's age is 3 years and 3 months, and Micajah's age is 1 year, 1 month and 17 days. Testifying in their behalf were Robert Gibson and William Gibson, farmers shown as uncles, and Joseph J. Odell, an uncle, Edward Loring Odell and Joshua Odell, both cousins, farmers; James Force and John Johnson.

"On Feb. 28, 1856, Elizabeth Gibson, formerly wife of Henry Ostrum Odell, and actively of George W. Douglas of

the Parish of St. Bernard de Lacolle, farmer, petitioned for authorized vendue, for infant minors: Albert age 14 and Micajah age 12 years and two months, of Lot. No. 7, 2nd Concession. Joseph J. Odell of same parish, farmer, paternal uncle; William Gibson, maternal uncle, John Lloyd Force, James B. Martin, Daniel Fosburgh, testified in behalf of the minors."

There is a marriage record at Clarenceville of a Maria Odell who might have been a daughter of Henry<sup>7</sup> Odell. The record reads:

Jan. 26, 1826, "Michael Willsie of Odelltown, farmer, and Maria Odell of the same place, spinster, both of major age," were married with the consent of parents by M. Townsend, and one of the subscribing witnesses was Henry Odell, probably the father. In the majority of these old marriage records the fathers were the principal witnesses. Abijah Willsie was another witness of this marriage.

In point of time Maria Odell could have been a daughter of Henry<sup>7</sup> Odell, and sister of Henry Ostrum<sup>8</sup> Odell born 1809, as she was of major age in 1826.

Following is the claim filed by Joseph J. Odell for damage to property by troops:

Odell Town, District of Montreal.

We the undersigned do certify on oath the following to be a just and true estimation of the properties belonging to Joseph J. Odell taken and destroyed by His Majesty's Troops while lying in Odell Town from the 30th of July up to the last of September inclusive, 1814:

	£	s	d
To 199 rods of fence at 3/9 per rod.....	37	6	3
6 tons of hay destroyed.....	24	0	0
1 thousand feet of boards destroyed.....	2	10	0
To the use of my barn.....	5	0	0
95 bushels Indian corn destroyed.....	47	10	0
122 do. of potatoes.....	24	8	0
45 bushels of oats .....	11	5	0
13 bushels buckwheat.....	3	5	0
8 bushels peas destroyed.....	4	0	0
2 hogs taken away at 20/ each.....	2	0	0
To damage of my land by camp ground.....	12	10	0
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	173	14	3

Joseph J. Odell  
Isaac Wilsie,  
Jacob Manning, Senr.

Personally appeared before me Joseph Odell, one of His Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the District of Montreal, the above signed Capt. Wilsie of Hemingford and Jacob Manning, Seigr. of Odell Town and after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that the above account is just to the best of their judgment and further they say not.

Sworn before me this 12th day of Nov. 1814.

Jos. Odell, J. P.

VII. Joshua Odell, Jr., third son of Joshua<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. July 26, 1797, d. Odelltown Apr. 7, 1835, m. Hannah McDonald d. Apr. 1837.

Children:

1. William Joshua Odell.
2. John Henry Odell.
3. George Seth Odell b. 1828.
4. James Wood Odell b. Dec. 7, 1831, d. May 27, 1898, m. Mary Ann Rice b. Apr. 9, 1844, d. May 21, 1900; buried in Irondale cemetery, Millerton, N. Y.

"On June 20, 1845, William Joshua Odell of Burlington, Vt., trader, now of Lacolle, petitions the Court for Guardianship of the four children of Joshua Odell, two of them of majority, and the other two

minors, namely: George Seth Odell aged 17 years and James Wood Odell aged 14 years. On the same day William Joshua Odell petitions for a trustee for his brother John Henry Odell of majority, now absent from the Province about five months. In the petition he states that John Henry, his brother, as well as his minor brothers were sons of the late Joshua Odell, in his lifetime of said Odelltown, farmer, who died April, 1835, Intestate, and the late Hannah McDonald, wife, died April, 1837, Intestate.

“Oliver Odell, Esq., John Odell, Hiram Odell, Edward Loring Odell, second cousins of the above-named minors, and Joseph Dewey Odell, their third cousin, appeared in their behalf.”

Plattsburg, N. Y., records show that Joshua Odell, Jr., of Odelltown, and Hannah, his wife, on June 26, 1820, sold land in the town of Champlain, N. Y., to Joseph Odell, Esq., of Odelltown.

Huntingdon, Quebec, records show that John Manning, of Odelltown, on Nov. 2, 1825, assigned to Henry Odell, Joseph Odell and Joshua Odell, Jr., of Odelltown, part of Lot. 78 in the Township of Hemmingford.

These three must have been the sons of Joshua<sup>6</sup> Odell.

**JOSEPH ODELL, Junior.  
Third Son of Joseph Odell  
and  
Martha Manning  
and  
Some of His Descendants**

VI. Joseph Odell, Jr., third son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 7, 1761, in Dutchess county, N. Y., d. Mar. 30, 1824, at Odelltown, Lower Canada, m. Oct. 7, 1778 in Dutchess county, Sally (or Sarah) Lewis, dau. of Morris and Phebe (Doughty) Lewis. Joseph Odell lacked a month of being 17 years old when he married Sally Lewis, evidently on the eve of his departure for service on the field of war, for Joseph Odell, Jr., served in the 4th Regiment of Dutchess Co. Militia under Capt. Lemuel Conklin, Col. Morris Graham, the same company in which his father Joseph Odell, and his father-in-law Morris Lewis, enlisted.—P. 244 Roberts "New York in the Revolution."

His wedding vest, handed down in the family to his grandson, Mr. Henry C. Odell of Odelltown, and by him presented to the compiler of this work, is a treasured heirloom.

Receiving a grant of land in the Township of Hemmingford 1795, he was called the founder of Odelltown, just over the border from New York state. In 1801 he built his colonial mansion whose rooms were furnished with fine furniture made to his order, and in this house his youngest son John was born. In the war of 1812 Gen. Wilkinson made this home his headquarters, while the stone store, which Joseph Odell had built across the street from his house, was used as barracks by Gen. Wilkinson's soldiers.

Joseph Odell was a captain of Canadian militia in the War of 1812. A letter from the military secretary to Major General de Rottenburg of His Majesty's forces mentions "a letter from Capt. Joseph Odell reporting the death of his brother John Odell;" Jan. 19, 1813.—Public Archives of Canada, Series C, 1220, p. 114.

According to military documents from the Public Archives at Ottawa, Canada, Joseph Odell was captain of 1st Batt'n Townships Militia. That in Nov, 1811 "His Majesty's troops at the advanced picquet in Burtonville fired a sawmill carrying two saws, which Joseph Odell had built on the River La-colle, together with a quantity of planks, boards and slabs which lay near it." Joseph Odell estimated the loss of his sawmill, planks, etc., at £450.

Nov. 26, 1811, Joseph Odell "contracts to erect a barrack at Odelltown to be completed in four weeks from date, for the accommodation of His Majesty's troops of the following dimensions: Thirty-six feet in length by eighteen in width to be solidly built and well finished with one good fireplace at one end, the other end partitioned off for a store to have attached to it a small convenient cooking house," etc., and to give, subjoined to the barrack, two acres of good land for use of troops therein stationed; for which he was to receive £18 per annum, and agreed to sell the buildings and land to the government at any time for £200 currency.

By the passing and repassing of both American and His Majesty's troops this barrack was in a sad state by the end of the war, doors and windows gone, cook house destroyed, oven and boilers pulled down, plastering and painting knocked off, so the report states, and no compensation for damage done. Joseph Odell's petition in consequence, follows:

To His Excellency Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and their several dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, Lieutenant-General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Lower Canada & Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and their several dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &ca, &ca, &ca.

The Humble Petition of Joseph Odell of Odell Town.

Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner caused to be built a barrack in Odell Town for the accommodation of His Majesty's troops of the dimensions and terms as stated in an agreement which is now filed in the Depty Barrack Master General's office; a true copy thereof is annexed to this present memorial, by which agreement your petitioner was to receive for the same building or barrack the annual rent of eighteen pounds currency. That your petitioner has not received any part of said rent since the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and also your petitioner humbly informs Your Excellency that the said barracks have been destroyed by the troops passing and re-passing, and are at present in a ruined state which would cost the sum of fifty pounds currency to repair them, which sum your petitioner will accept as a compensation for the damage caused him together with the rent due as stated above.

Your petitioner also humbly informs your Excellency that two large Block Houses and other buildings were erected on his mill lot containing twelve superficial acres which buildings are an incumbrance to your petitioner's mill privileges, and that pine and other wood was cut down to erect the same as stated in the account hereunto annexed amounting to One Hundred and Seventy pounds currency which sum your petitioner hopes to receive together with the sum of Thirty pounds currency per annum for as long as said buildings are occupied by Government.

Your petitioner exposes to your Excellency that an account render'd to a board of claims held at River Lacole in the month of January 1815 by the officers of the 13th Regt. of which Col. Willard of the same Regt. was president, the said account was not answered by the board of claims, but was forwarded to General Brisbin who was then at St. Johns, from thence to General De Rotenburg then at Montreal, who informed your petitioner that he had forwarded the said account to Capt. Freer acting military secretary at Quebec, that your petitioner wrote a letter to Capt. Freer, requesting him to put him in the way to receive the amount of the said account or return it with the receipt, to which letter he received no answer, a true copy of which is hereunto annexed.

Wherefore your petitioner Humbly Prays that your Excellency be pleased to grant an order that he may be paid as your Excellency in his wisdom shall think proper, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Jos. Odell.

June 30, 1817—Mr. Joseph Odell—Memorial and papers respecting his claim upon the government.

An engagement between the American and British troops occurred here at the block house on the Lacolle river in March, 1814, in which the American troops were defeated. Two



mounds here, not far apart, mark the places where the dead on each side were buried. One of the block houses was standing in 1911 in a fine state of preservation and no doubt is there today. A picture showing location of Lacolle mill and the block house is on p. 791 Lossing's "Field Book War of 1812."

"Provincial Secretary's Office, Quebec, 3rd May, 1809.

His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief has been pleased to make the following appointments:

Joseph Odell, Jun'r, Justice of the Peace for the District of Montreal, 22nd April.

Joseph Odell, Jun'r Esquire to try causes under the Statute 48, Geo. 3rd Chap. 15, in the Seigniories of Beaujeu and De Lery, 25th April."

An office evidently held by Joseph Odell until the end of his days.

Joseph Odell was an ardent Mason. In his stone store, still standing, over the entrance he carved the emblems of Masonry and these emblems are also carved on his tombstone in Jackson cemetery at Odelltown. This stone he had carved and standing in his parlor, some years before his death, his grandson stated.

There are many land records relating to Joseph Odell, Jr., in Plattsburg, N. Y., bearing dates 1810, 1817, 1820, 1822, 1823, as well as in Canada. He is designated as "Joseph Odell, Jr." in 1810, as "Joseph Odell, Esq. of Odelltown," and in 1819 as "Joseph Odell, Sr., Esq." when he conveys to his son Joshua J. Odele land in the Seignior of Lacolle, county of Huntingdon, District of Montreal, lots 183 and 184. There are also many more military documents relating to Joseph Odell, Esq., claims for losses caused by orders to the British troops to burn and destroy, etc., in the Public Archives of Lower Canada at Ottawa, Canada. That he held civil and military offices, was a large land owner, a merchant and a man of prominence and influence, is shown by documentary evidence. By his wife, Sally Lewis, who was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in March, 1759, and d. at Odelltown, L. C., May 26, 1804—stone in Jackson cemetery, Odelltown—Joseph Odell had

Children :

1. Martha Odell b. Dec. 24, 1780, d. Mar, 1781.
2. Joshua J.<sup>7</sup> Odell b. Mar. 3, 1782, d. 1869 at age of 87 years at Hemmingford.—Records of Hemmingford Church of Scotland at Valleyfield, Quebec.
3. Lewis<sup>7</sup> Odell b. Mar. 18. 1784, d. Mar. 30, 1843, at Odelltown.
4. Martha (Patty) Odell b. Sept. 17, 1786, m. Phyler Loop of Alburgh, Vt.
5. Joseph L.<sup>7</sup> Odell b. Feb. 14, 1789.
6. William<sup>7</sup> b. July 20, 1791.
7. Oliver<sup>7</sup> Odell b. Feb. 4, 1794, d. Dec. 26, 1862.
8. Sarah<sup>7</sup> (Sally) Odell b. Mar. 21, 1796.
9. Hiram<sup>7</sup> Odell b. Feb. 3, 1799.
10. John<sup>7</sup> Odell b. Oct. 4, 1801.

Joseph Odell evidently married a second time for on the records of the Church at Clarenceville is found this record :

“On the twenty-fifth day of February eighteen hundred and sixteen Joseph Odell, Esq., of Odelltown and Mary Whitman, widow of the late Simon Zelotes Watson of Odelltown, both of major age, were married by me by dispensation of license in presence of subscribing witnesses.

Joseph Odell and Mary Watson contracting parties.

Joseph Whitman and A. Odell witnesses.

M. Townsend, Minister.”

On the Clarenceville records is the baptism of “Edward Loring Odell, son of Joseph Odell of Odelltown, Esquire, and Mary, his wife,” born Dec. 29, 1816, baptized Jan. 28, 1817.

On the Odelltown church records is the marriage of “Edward Loring Odell, farmer of Odelltown, and Mary McCallum, spinster, of the same place, Oct. 25, 1838,” by Robert Cooney, Minister.

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Simon Zelotes Watson, first husband of Mary Whitman Odell, was the surveyor who surveyed the Township of Westminster, Middlesex county, Upper Canada, in 1810; “he became

involved in difficulties with the authorities near London over the kind of settlers he intended to settle there, and because of this joined the American forces and served as a major in the U. S. Army in 1813 and died Feb. 1, 1814."

The guardianship records, Archives of Montreal, contain the following petition March 24, 1807: "To the Honorable Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, in and for the District of Montreal, the petition of Joseph Odell of Odelltown, Humbly Sheweth, that your petitioner by his first marriage married Sarah Lewis by whom he had nine children, that six of said children are now minors, namely: Joseph of the age of 18 years; William of the age of 15 years; Oliver of the age of 13 years; Sarah of the age of 11 years; Hiram of the age of 7 years; John of the age of 5 years. That Morris Lewis and Phebe Doty his wife, the father and mother of said Sarah Lewis and grandfather and grandmother of the said minors, lately died in Odell Town aforesaid leaving a succession composed of moveable and immoveable property to which succession the said minors are entitled, necessary that said minors have a tutor and tutrix and sub tutor to represent them, Mar. 24, 1807, appeared before Lewis Panet, Esq., a Justice of the Court, Joseph Odell of Odelltown, Esq., and the said relatives and friends namely: William Lewis, uncle, Samuel Lewis, uncle, Charles Lewis, uncle, Oliver Lewis, uncle, Joshua Stevens, Roswell Canfield, Chester Wilson and John Wilson, friends, having now personally appeared before me, etc."

(Tutor is the French word for guardian.) This guardianship record is further proof that Joseph Odell married more than once as he mentions his "first marriage to Sarah Lewis."

VII. Joshua J. Odell oldest son of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Jr. (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Mar. 3, 1782, in Dutchess county, N. Y., d. 1869 at Hemmingford at the age of 87 years. (Records of Hemmingford Church of Scotland at Valleyfield, P. Q.) Of Joshua J. Odell we have found little besides his war claims for losses in 1813 and 1814, which show that he lived at Burtonville and that he was serving in the army in 1814.

A land record shows that in "1819 Joseph Odele, Sen'r. Esq., conveyed to his son Joshua J. Odele, land in the Seignior of Lacolle, County of Huntingdon, District of Montreal, lots 183 and 184.

In "1840 Joshua J. Odell, Esq., of Hemmingford, County of Beauharnois, Lewis Odell, Esq., of Odelltown, Seignior of Lacolle, County of La Cadie, and Oliver Odell, Esq., of Odelltown, conveyed to John Steward premises conveyed to late Joseph Odell, merchant, of Lacolle, and by him the said Joseph Odell, by his last will and testament to his co-heirs."

In land books of Upper Canada we find two records:

"Joshua J. Odell, lot 20, 1st concession Westminster, Middlesex, London, 200 ac. (Fiat 1358, 14 June, 1818) 200 acres grant located by himself. Patent and survey fees paid. Feb. 13, 1818.—Q. 295, p. 127.

"Joshua J. Odell of the Township of Westminster, yeoman, for a patent on lot No. 5 on the east side of Wortley street in the said Township of Westminster, school land of which he had paid the purchase money. The committee recommends the prayer of the petitioner."—Land Book A, 1841-1842.

This may have been the same Joshua J. Odell and may be why we have found no other trace of his family in Lower Canada than son William. His war claims for losses follow:

#### JOSHUA J. ODELL'S BILL OF DAMAGE

Burtonville, Sept. 22, 1813.

A statement of property taken and destroyed from Josh J. Odell of Burtonville by the Troops under the command of Col. de Saluberry at that post:

	£	s	d
To 15 bushels of potatoes at 4/ per bushel.....	3	0	0
To 6 bushels of Indian corn at 10/ per bush.....	3	0	0
To 150 hds cabbage at /4 each.....	2	10	0

To fence and oak timber.....	3	10	0
To 1 ax 10/.....	0	10	0
	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Josh J. Odell

Personally appeared before me Joseph Odell one of His Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the peace for the District of Montreal the above signed Josh. J. Odell and made oath that the above is a just statement to the best of his knowledge and also the above account was made at the time it was taken and for which he never received anything from the government and further he says not.

Sworn to before me at Odell Town this 13th day of November, 1814.

Jos. Odell, J. P.

Joshua J. Odell's statement of losses:

I do hereby certify that this is a true statement of the losses and damages that Josh. J. Odell, farmer at Burtonville has sustained by His Majesty's troops that was incamped and stationed at that point from month of July last. Burtonville Nov. 11th, 1814.

	£	s	d
To oats 100 bushels at 5/ per bushel.....	25	0	0
To wheat 20 do at 12/6 do.....	12	10	0
To Buckwheat 12 do at 5/ do.....	3	0	0
To Corn 50 do at 10/ do.....	24	0	0
To Peas 6 do at 10/ do.....	3	0	0
To hay 3 tons at 20/ per ton.....	12	0	0
Fence 60 rods st 3/9 per rod.....	11	5	0
Flax 40 lbs at 1/ per pound.....	2	0	0
To Flour 150 lbs at 40/ per Cwt.....	3	0	0
To 1 Hog at 25/.....	1	5	0
To 1 Pig at 12/6.....	0	12	6
To Boards 200 Feet at 7/6.....	0	7	6
To Potatoes 90 bushels 5/ per B.....	22	10	0
To use of my Barn for a hospital for the Can.....from			
August 2d till Sept. 20th at 5/ per day.....	12	10	0
	<u>134</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>

Personally appeared before me, Joseph Odell, one of His Majesty's justices assigned to keep the peace for the District of Montreal the above signers Charles Shelden and Oliver Lewis and made Oath that the above is a just statement to the best of their knowledge.

Josh J. Odell  
Charles Shelden  
Oliver Lewis.

Odell Town 12 Mr. 1814

Sworn to before me this 12 day of November, 1814.

Jos. Odell, J P.

An account of damages done Joshua Odell between the tenth of August and the last of September 1814 inclusive by His Majesty's troops and Indians.

	£	s	d
To 100 bushels of apples taken by the Indians.....	25	0	0
To 1 ton of hay taken by the troops while on the return from Plattsburg .....	2	10	0
To 250 rails burned and destroyed.....	2	10	0
To 20 bushels potatoes taken.....	3	10	0
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	33	10	0

Personally appeared before me Joseph Odell one of His Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the District of Montreal Joshua Odell and made oath that the above account is just to the best of his knowledge and further sayeth not.

Joshua Odell.

Sworn before me this 14th day of Novr. 1814.

Jos. Odell, J. P.

An account of damage sustained by Joshua J. Odell between the first of August and the twelvth of September 1814 by his being in his Majesty's service doing Army work at a time when he should have been in his harvest. By which means he lost the following property:

	£	s	d
Viz—40 bushels of oats at 5/.....	10	0	0
Half a ton of hay at 60/.....	2	0	0
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	12	0	0

We the undersigned neighbors of Mr. Odell have viewed his damage and to the best of our knowledge and judgement believe it to be a just account.

Morris Simson

Joseph Odell

Personally appeared before me the above signers and made oath to the above account.

Jos. Odell, J. P.

Odell Town Jany 12th, 1814.

I hereby certify that the within mentioned Joshua J. Odell was a number of days in His Majesty's service doing Army Work at the within mentioned time.

Jos. Odell, Capt. Militia.

Joshua J. Odell's Claim for Losses.

Land records at Huntingdon show that in 1857 Joshua J. Odell, of Hemmingford, conveyed to his son, William Odell, of Hemmingford, part of lot No. 182, and a provision is made that the son take care of his father, provide him with pocket money,

doctor services, keeps, etc. This was some twelve years before Joshua J. Odell's death in 1869.

VII. Lewis Odell second son of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Jr. (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., Mar. 18, 1784, d. at Odelltown, L. C., Mar. 30, 1843. Lewis Odell, Esq., was lieutenant colonel, commander of Second Battalion Arcadian Militia. In the Canadian Rebellion he was in the Battle of Odelltown Nov. 9, 1838, in which the stone church at Odelltown, built 1823, served as a fort, defended by one small 6-pounder and 200 of Her Majesty's loyal volunteers who defeated the 1200 rebels who attacked them. The walls of the gallery of the church still bear marks of the siege, and the little cannon which bore so active a part in it, is to be seen in the village of Lacolle today. At the celebration of the centenary of the Odelltown church it was stated that a monument to commemorate this battle would be erected in front of the church by the Department of Historic Sites, Ottawa, and also one at the Lacolle block house to commemorate the battle there Mar. 31, 1814.

Lewis Odell's death record states, "Col. Odell was a man of lovely spirit, universally respected. He was a circuit steward. To him Christ was precious."

Col. Lewis Odell m. Mary McCallum b. 1792, d. Feb. 28, 1843. Had dau. Sarah b. Aug. 6, 1809, bapt. Sept. 21, 1809, m. Feb. 17, 1830, John McCallum of Isle Aux Noix, merchant.—From Parish Registers of Clarenceville.

Children:

1. Mary b. Dec. 5, 1830, d. Dec. 27, 1874, m. Henry C. Odell of Odelltown Oct. 11, 1855.
2. Sarah.
3. A son d. in infancy.

VII. Joseph L. Odell third son of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Jr. (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Josh-

ua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 14, 1789, appears to have been the Capt. Joseph Odell one of the three pioneers, his cousin John Odell<sup>7</sup> and James Lester being the other two, who arrived in Westminster Tp. Upper Canada the winter of 1811.

There are records in the Land Books of Upper Canada relating to Joseph L. Odell and Joseph Lewis Odell, no doubt the same one, for Joseph L.'s mother's maiden name was Lewis. Joseph L. Odell m. Gesie Maria Bostwick<sup>7</sup> dau. of Adolphus F. and Mary Bostwick b. in New Milford, Conn., Aug. 4, 1792, d. in Westminster, Can., Apr. 19, 1852. Names of children would indicate he was a son of Joseph and Sarah (Lewis) Odell.

Children:

1. Sarah Odell b. July 28, 1814, m. Feb. 8, 1839, Richard Bushrall. Children: Augustus Bushrall, Marie Bushrall.
2. Caroline Odell b. July 12, 1816, m. Oct. 11, 1836, Daniel McEwen. Children: John, Joseph, James, Charles.
3. Martha Ann Odell b. June 8, 1819, m. June 3, 1841, Philip Manning. Children: Edgar, Henry, Hiram.
4. Samantha Odell b. June 28, 1821, m. Mar. 23, 1843, Alonzo Griffith. One child: Miranda Griffith.
5. Elizabeth Odell b. May 8, 1826, d. Feb. 17, 1857.
6. Joseph Bostwick Odell b. Feb. 8, 1829, m. July 4, 1878, Alice Skelton. No children.
7. Hiram Lewis Odell b. July 24, 1831, m. Apr. 19, 1853, Annis Jane Skelton. One child, Joseph Robert Odell d. Feb. 14, 1935, at St. Thomas, Ont.
8. Polly Amanda Odell b. Mar. 3, 1832, m.



Aug. 16, 1862, Jesse Rapley. Children:  
Lila, Elizabeth.

Among the incorporators of the company chartered in 1834 to construct a railroad from London to Burlington Bay were Joseph L. Odell and Albert S. Odell.

Joseph Odell kept a hotel in London in 1830. It appears from the records that he came to Middlesex county, Upper Canada, from the same place as Simon Zelotes Watson, who surveyed Middlesex county 1809-10, and who had previously surveyed for the settlers near Montreal. No doubt from Odelltown.

VII. William I. Odell fourth son of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Jr. (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. July 20, 1791, m. Cynthia .....

Children:

Twins } 1. Charlotte b. Oct. 28, 1811.  
          } 2. Eurette b. Oct. 28, 1811.  
          3. Owen b. Apr. 7, 1817.

Records from Odelltown church at Lacolle:

"Charlotte Whitman dau. William and Cynthia Odell, formerly of Lacolle, b. Oct. 28, 1811, and Eurette of the same age, bapt. Dec. 15, 1833."

"Owen Odell son of William and Cynthia Odell, formerly of Seigniory of Lacolle, farmer, born Apr. 7, 1817, bapt. Dec. 15, 1833."

"Charlotte dau. of William I. Odell and Polly his wife m. to Simon Z. Whitman June 16, 1831."

Land record from Plattsburg, N. Y.: On Apr. 27, 1824, Jonathan Taylor, of Champlain, mortgaged to William I. Odell, Odletown, land in Lot. 97.

Sept. 21, 1825, W. I. Odell and Oliver Odell were subscribing witnesses to the marriage of their brother John Odell and Charlotte Canfield, as was also her father Roswell Canfield. — Parish Records at Clarenceville.

It would appear from the marriage record of Charlotte dau. of William I. and Polly his wife, that Cynthia, mother of Charlotte, must have died prior to 1831, and William I. married again. No further trace has been found of William in the Seignior of Lacolle, but in Westminster, Ontario, there was a William Odell b. in Odelltown and d. in Westminster Oct. 5, 1858, aged 66 years. (Tombstone record.) His wife was Mary Griffith. (This may be the same William and wife Polly.)

Children:

1. Philip A. Odell d. Superior, Wis. Two daughters living in Superior.
2. Adelia Odell m. .... Bodkin.
3. Oliver Odell b. 1836, d. Feb. 23, 1870, m. Lois Ann Bostwick b. Jan. 2, 1845, at London, Ont., two children, William A. b. Sept, 1866, d. June 17, 1867; Mary Henrietta Odell b. June, 1868.
4. Daughter, Mrs. Jacobs.
5. Daughter, Mrs. Morehouse.
6. John Franklin Odell b. 1840, d. 1894, m. Catherine McMaster b. 1840, d. 1912. Children:
  1. William Alexander Odell b. Aug. 17, 1871, d. May 8, 1933.
  2. John Odell.
  3. Annie Odell m. B. W. Bennett, living at Walkerville, Ont.
  4. Clara Odell m. J. H. Campbell, living in Toronto, Canada.

7. Cynthia Odell b. 1825, d. July 15, 1853, m. as 1st wife of Jesse Rapley who m. (2) Polly Amanda Odell, dau. of Capt. Joseph Lewis Odell and Gesie Maria Bostwick.

From date of above Cynthia's birth 1825, she would appear to be older than the other six children and might have been a daughter by 1st wife Cynthia if this should be the William I. Odell, son of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Jr., of Odelltown. The Odelltown records of William I.'s children would indicate his removal, "William, formerly of Seigniory of Lacolle."

- VII. Oliver Odell fifth son of Joseph Jr.<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 4, 1794, d. Dec. 26, 1862, m. Samantha Dewey b. Nov. 19, 1792, d. Dec. 27, 1866. Had sons:

Joseph Dewey Odell m. Jane Tesky Mar. 20, 1844.  
Edward Odell.

Silas H. Odell b. Feb. 13, 1840, d. Sept. 24, 1913.  
Also other children.

"Oliver Odell of Odelltown was ensign with the 1st Battallion of the Townships 5-10 1820."—C. 1695, p. 200, Public Archives, Ottawa.

"Justice of the Peace."—C, 1034.

"William Odell of Lacolle, ensign 1st Battalion of the Townships, 7-10 1820."—C. 1695, p. 200, Public Archives Lower Canada at Ottawa. Perhaps Oliver's brother William.

- VII. Sarah Odell (Joseph, Jr.<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Mar. 21, 1796, m. William Bowron b. Yorkshire, Eng., lived in Huntingdon. Had 9 children; only one living in 1912 was the youngest child Charlotte b. 1840 m. Lawrence Lyman Kidder b. 1835. Had 3 children.

1. John Samuel Kidder, living in Seattle, Wash., 1912.
2. Sarah Jane Kidder m. .... Densmore, living in Grand Forks, S. D., 1912.
3. William Lawrence Kidder living in St. Paul, Minn.

VII. Hiram Odell sixth son of Joseph, Jr.<sup>6</sup> (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 3, 1799, d. May 26, 1852, m. Elizabeth Whitman Jan. 16, 1823. She was b. Dec. 30, 1807, d. Apr. 30, 1882. Marriage record at Clarenceville.

Hiram Odell was a Lieutenant of Militia or Canadian Regiment of Volunteers in the Battle of Odelltown Nov. 9, 1838. He was wounded in this battle. The officer commanding, in a dispatch to the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the King's Forces, Nov. 9, 1838, "feels highly indebted to Lieutenant Colonel Odell (Lewis<sup>7</sup>), Major Odell and Lieutenant Odell (Hiram<sup>7</sup>) for their advice, cheerful co-operation and ready zeal in the performance of their various duties." Perhaps the Major Odell was Col. Loop<sup>7</sup> Odell, son of John<sup>6</sup>.

In 1823 Joseph<sup>6</sup> Odell, Esq., Odelltown, built a stone house near his house built in 1801, and moved into it, leaving the other house for his sons Hiram and John, Hiram just married and John unmarried. Joseph Odell, Esq., died in March, 1824, and Hiram moved into the stone house, leaving the homestead for John, who ran the store of his father Joseph<sup>6</sup>.

Hiram and Elizabeth Whitman Odell's children were:

1. Joseph Benjamin Odell b. Apr. 7, 1824, m. Susan Teskey, June 26, 1849.
2. Amelia A. Odell b. Aug. 4, 1828, m. Roswell Canfield.

3. Sarah E. Odell b. Dec. 8, 1830, d. July 12, 1831.
4. Hiram Whitman Odell<sup>8</sup> b. Nov. 27, 1832, d. May, 1912, m. Nov. 11, 1856, Catharine Lang. Both died and buried at Champlain, N. Y. She was dau. of Rev. Matthew Lang, minister of Odelltown church 1847. Children:
  1. Charles Joseph b. Aug. 11, 1857.
  2. Percy Roswell b. June 8, 1862, m. Dora Ferguson.
  3. Elizabeth M. A. b. Feb. 5, 1865.
  4. Mary Louise b. Sept. 8, 1866, m. Albert Sriver of Odelltown.
  5. Hiram Matthew b. Sept. 3, 1868, living in Montpelier, Vt., m. Blanche Kelton.

VII. John Odell seventh son of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Odell, Jr. (Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born at Odelltown Oct. 4, 1801, d. Jan. 9, 1872, m. Sept. 21, 1825, Charlotte Canfield, dau. of Roswell Canfield, b. 1808, d. Apr. 3, 1876. Marriage record at Clarenceville calls him "John Odell of Odelltown, merchant." Only one child:

Henry Canfield<sup>9</sup> Odell b. Sept. 14, 1826, d. Jan. 13, 1913, in the same house that his father John<sup>7</sup> was born, lived and died in. Baptismal Records Odelltown church:

"Charlotte, daughter of the late Roswell Canfield and wife of John Odell of Odelltown, was baptized Nov. 1, 1831, aged 23 years, and Henry Canfield, son of above, baptized same date, age 5 years, 1 month, 16 days."

VIII. Henry Canfield Odell, only child of John<sup>7</sup> (Joseph Jr.<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Sept. 14, 1826 at Odelltown, d. Jan. 13, 1913, at Odell-

town. Buried in Jackson cemetery. M. (1) Mar. 17, 1847, at Odelltown, Abigail Whitman, d. May 5, 1852.

Charlotte, infant dau. b. Jan. 5, 1848, lived only one day. M. (2) Mary McCallum, dau. of John and Sarah (Odell) McCallum, b. Dec. 5, 1830, d. Dec. 27, 1874, m. Oct. 11, 1855 by Rev. Wm. Scott.

#### Children:

1. William Scott Odell b. Aug. 14, 1856, d. Sept. 13, 1883.
2. John M. Odell b. July 21, 1858, d. Dec. 18, 1881, m. Nov. 9, 1876, Emma Gray. No children. His widow m. (2) Rev. John Fowkes who d. about 1924. Now living with the sister of her first husband, Miss Sarah Odell, in Lacolle.
3. Henry Edward Odell b. Sept. 12, 1860, d. Mar. 20, 1913.
4. Sarah Janet<sup>9</sup> Odell b. Dec. 17, 1862, living in Lacolle, Province of Quebec.

Henry C. Odell, a prominent and life-long worker in the historic Odelltown Methodist church, serving as circuit recording steward from 1876 to 1908, was born, lived his long and useful life of more than 86 years and died in the old home built by his grandfather, Joseph Odell, Jr. in 1801. This homestead, granted to his grandsire in 1795, passed out of the hands of his daughter Miss Sarah Odell, the sole surviving member of this family, in 1918, and the old house which had borne the storm and stress of more than 120 years, and in which four generations of the family had lived, was burned to the ground in 1923.

- IX. Sarah Janet Odell (Henry C.<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Jr., Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Dec. 17, 1862, lives in Lacolle, an active member of the

Methodist church and for many years organist of the Odelltown church, built 1823, celebrated its centenary in 1923, the church in which Sarah Odell's ancestors, both Odells and Canfields, have been pillars since its first organization.

JAMES ODELL  
and  
CHARLES ODELL  
Fourth and Fifth Sons  
of  
Joseph Odell  
and  
Martha Manning



VI. James Odell fourth son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) of whom we have found little beside his being mentioned as one of the 6 sons in his father's petition in 1793 for a grant of land in Hemmingford for himself and for each of his six sons. In the Public Archives at Ottawa, in Series S, Lower Canada, we find "James Odell, grant of land in Sutton March, 1792," but as the Township of Sutton's grants were delayed for 10 years, he did not receive this grant until Aug. 31, 1802. Meanwhile James Odell was "praying for land in Hemmingford."—28-7-1795, also 22-11-1797, and received a grant of Lot No. 73 in Hemmingford, 18-3-1799.

"On March 30, 1799, James Odell of the Seigniority of Lacolle conveyed to James Woolwich, of Montreal, Lot No. 73 of the second concession of Hemmingford, executed in the dwelling house of John Odell, of Odelltown, and witnessed by Simon Zelotes Watson."—Land Records at Huntingdon, Quebec.

Evidently James Odell was not a farmer, for in 1819, we find him listed as "a tailor" in Montreal, and on the records of the St. James Methodist church, Montreal, is the record of the birth of

"James Odell, son of James Odell of Montreal and Anna C. his wife, b. Aug. 24, 1819, bapt. Dec. 31, 1819," R. L. Lusher, minister. One of the witnesses was Maria Cutter, so the "Anna C." may mean "Anna Cutter." No further records are found on the church registers which were carefully searched from 1819 to 1838.

James Odell took the Oath of Allegiance and subscribed his declaration to settle in the Province of Lower Canada before the commissioners at Mississiou Bay May 5, 1795.

VI. Charles Odell fifth son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) of whom we know still less

than of his brother James. Like the rest of Joseph's<sup>5</sup> children he was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., and perhaps was one of the six sons who had a family in 1793 when his father Joseph<sup>5</sup> was praying for a grant of a lot of land (200 acres) for himself and each of his six sons "most of them having family," which would indicate that at least four of the sons, and possibly five, were married prior to 1793. Jacob may not have been of age at that time since he is the only one who did not receive a grant of land. Some of the grants read, "provided the applicant is of age."

Charles Odell was "praying for land in Hemmingford" July 28, 1795, again Nov. 22, 1797, and received a grant Mar. 3, 1799 of lot No. 176 in Hemmingford.

Like his brothers John, Joshua, Joseph, Jr., James and his father Joseph Odell, Sr., Charles Odell had "taken the oaths and subscribed the declaration" in Missiskouie Bay, May 5, 1795, when they were thenceforth citizens of Canada. On Mar. 30, 1799, Charles Odell conveyed to James Woolwich lot No. 176, executed at the home of John Odell and witnessed by Simon Zelotes Watson.—Land Records at Huntingdon, Quebec.

VI. Of Martha and Eve Odell, daughters of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Odell and wife Martha Manning, we have found no trace beyond the mention of them among the children of Joseph Odell and Martha Manning in Bolton's "History of Westchester county, N. Y.," Vol. II, p. 537. First Edition.

The names John, Joseph, Joshua and William are family names throughout the generations of this branch of the Odell family and there are so many Johns, Josephs and Joshuas it is sometimes difficult to place them. John<sup>6</sup> Odell had no Joseph in his family, but Joshua<sup>6</sup> had a "Joseph I." and Joseph<sup>6</sup>

Jr. had a "Joseph L." We have no record of the children of the other three of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Odell Senior's six sons, but it is possible that the Joseph C. Odell b. 1795 found on Odelltown church records was a son of either James<sup>6</sup> or Charles<sup>6</sup> Odell, hence his family record is given. He evidently belongs to the 7th generation:

Joseph C. Odell b. 1795 d. Sept. 25, 1875, aged 80, according to Odelltown Church Records. Married 3 times. (1) Elizabeth Van Vliet. Children:

1. John Dewer m. Elizabeth Margaret Elvidge, dau. of Christopher Elvidge. Children:

1. Sarah Jane.
2. Hiram Horatio.
3. William Henry.
4. Mary Serepta.
5. Joseph Richard.
6. Percy Dewer.
7. Amanda Melvina, unmarried, living at Plattsburg, N. Y.
8. Alice Elizabeth.

2. Elizabeth b. June 18, 1825, m. Timothy Force.—Odelltown Church Record.

Married (2) Sally Force. Child:

Serepta b. Oct. 8, 1826, bapt. Apr. 8, 1843, m. Nov. 11, 1845, Horatio French of Seignior of Lacolle. Joseph C. Odell a witness. Both Odelltown Church Records.

Married (3) Phebe Dunham. Children:

1. Joseph b. Oct. 6, 1833.—Odelltown Church Record.
2. Candace b. Oct. 1, 1835, m. Orson Hough.—Odelltown Church Record.
3. Lydia b. 1839, d. 1922.
4. Charles (son of either 2nd or 3rd marriage.)

Joseph C. Odell is called "yeoman" of the Seign-

iory of Lacolle, District of Montreal on church records. His will dated Oct. 23, 1863, and registered at St. John's Quebec, Feb. 1, 1876, states that he is of the Parish of St. Bernard de La Colle, farmer. Mentions his wife Phebe Dunham and children Joseph, Candace and Liddy, issue of present marriage with said Phebe Dunham. He also leaves to his son John Odell \$50 within one year after death of said wife.

Alvin Van Vliet of La Colle, tanner, was appointed executor. Witnesses to the will were William H. Weldon, Inn Keeper, and Isaac Elvidge, Farmer.

On Feb. 12, 1852, Timothy Force and Elizabeth Odell, wife of Timothy of the one part, made an agreement with Joseph C. Odell, all of Lacolle, concerning property belonging to Elizabeth Odell now deceased, mother of the above mentioned Elizabeth Odell and heretofore wife of said Joseph C. Odell. This agreement was recorded Mar. 31, 1873, at St. Johns, Quebec.

The birth record of Serepta Odell calls her "daughter of Joseph Odell and Sally Force," and her marriage record is signed by her father, Joseph C. Odell.

So these three records are proof of Joseph C. Odell's three marriages and names of his three wives.

SARAH ODELL  
Daughter of Joseph Odell  
and  
Martha Manning  
and  
Some of Her Descendants.

VI. Sarah Odell dau. of Joseph<sup>5</sup> (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. abt. 1765, m. in Dutchess county, N. Y., 1787, Joseph Lewis, son of Morris Lewis of Dutchess county, N. Y., b. abt. 1763.

Joseph Lewis served in the Revolutionary War, first in the Sixth Regiment Dutchess County Militia, entitled to Land Bounty Rights. Under Capt. Silas Husted (who was made captain 1778) and Col. Morris Graham—both officers were from Little Nine Partners where Morris Lewis then lived.

“New York in the Revolution” by Roberts, p. 249.

“History of Little Nine Partners” by Isaac Hunting, pp. 55, 56 and 60.

“Certificate No. 47307 for £2, 15s, 1d issued (date burned) to Joseph Lewis for services as private in Capt. Silas Husted’s company of Col. Morris Graham’s regiment (1st) Dutchess County Militia.”—Certificates of Treasurer (manuscript record) Vol. 10, p. 47 in Manuscripts and History Section New York state Library, Albany.

Other enlistments of Joseph Lewis are on record showing that he enlisted for three years or during the war, and was entitled to 600 acres of land as bounty. He balloted July 7, 1790, 600 acres being lot No. 13 in Township No. 6 (Cicero); patent delivered to Lieut. Col. Van Dyke. Joseph Lewis did not take up the land in Cicero but relinquished it to Lieut. Col. Van Dyke.—New York Balloting Book, p. 82, 30, 120, 166.

Joseph Lewis and wife Sarah Odell had several daughters and at least two sons Charles and Joshua Odell Lewis. Little is known of this family as it would appear that Joseph Lewis did not remove to Lower Canada as his brothers did, and only his son Joshua Odell Lewis is positively known to have lived in Burtonville, Lower Canada.

VII. Joshua Odell Lewis, son of Sarah<sup>6</sup> Odell (Joseph<sup>5</sup> Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Sept. 22, 1800, d. Sept. 22, 1842 at Portland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., buried at Brocton, N. Y., m. July 3, 1825, at Champlain, N. Y., by Joseph Labaree, minister of the Gospel, Joshua O. Lewis and Melinda Sawyer, both of Burtonville, Lower Canada, the marriage certificate states. Subscribing witnesses were Joseph Dresser and David O'Dell.

David O'Dell was the son of William<sup>7</sup> Odell and James Dresser a year later 1826 m. William's<sup>7</sup> daughter Joanna Odell.

Melinda Haven Sawyer was the oldest daughter of Manassah Sawyer and his wife Chloe Hall who has long lines of Colonial Hall, Cooper, and Sherman N. E. Ancestry. Manassah Sawyer was in Burtonville prior to 1819 and lived there till 1829 when he removed to Georgia Plains, Vermont. He was one of "five preachers" named to fill appointments in the early 1820's at the following places: "Odelltown, Burtonville, Isle Aux Noix, Caldwell Manor, Sherrington, Henrysburg, Roxham, Odelltown School House, Mr. Harpers." And the "preacher's names" were "W. Burt, W. Besarck, M. Sawyer, A. Van Vliet, T. Hammon." This manuscript, with many quarterly meeting tickets bearing dates from 1822 to 1829, with Manassah Sawyer's and Chloe Sawyer's names and the names or initials of the ministers who granted them this privilege to attend "close communion" of the Wesleyan Methodist church, together with Manassah Sawyer's Methodist Discipline of 1813, his Concordance of 1803, his ordination paper bearing the seal and signature of Bishop Elijah Hedding, granted by the M. E. conference at Plattsburg, N. Y., 1835, after he removed from Canada, are in the possession of the compiler, Manassah Sawyer's great granddaughter.

On the "Minutes of the Quarterly Meetings of Odelltown church" at Lacolle are ten records of "Brother Manassah Sawyer's Class at Burtonville" from July 30, 1825, to June 12, 1828. This is early history of the Methodist church in this region, for the earliest quarterly meeting tickets, 1822 are signed by John de Putron, the first minister there who was stationed at Burtonville 1822 and organized Odelltown circuit 1823 with 150 members and in this year built the Odelltown stone church which still stands.

Children of Joshua Odell Lewis and Melinda Haven Sawyer his wife were:

1. Chloe b. 1826, d. in infancy.
2. Harriet Alvira b. 1827 d. 1829.
3. Fidelia b. Sept. 14, 1829, d. 1892 in Chautauqua county, N. Y., m. (1) Linus Burton, 1845, children two sons, m. (2) Bushrod Goodwin May 6, 1882.
4. Chester Wilson Lewis b. 1831, d. 1834.
5. James Sawyer<sup>8</sup> Lewis b. July 15, 1833 at Burtonville, Lower Canada, d. Feb. 24, 1905 at Rush, Illinois, m. Nov. 24, 1859, Harriet Almira Stebbins, 8 children.
6. Laura Ann Lewis b. May 7, 1835 in Portland, N. Y., d. at Peach Creek, Kansas, Nov. 1876, m. Sept. 1858, Delos Palmer York, 3 children, all daughters.
7. Nancy Maria b. 1838 at Portland, N. Y., m. 1858, James Stanfield, d. at Buffalo, N. Y., 1 child, a daughter.
- Twins { 8. Helen Belmira b. Nov. 10, 1841, at Portland, N. Y. d. 1921, Independence, Kansas, m. Jack Lyons of Brocton, N. Y., children, two daughters.
9. Harriet Alvira b. Nov. 10, 1841, at Portland, N. Y., d. Sept. 1929 at Iron River, Wisconsin, m. Nov. 23, 1861, at War-



ren, Illinois, Joseph W. Townsend of Rush, Ill. Buried in Townsend cemetery at Rush, Illinois, Ch. 6 sons.

Melinda Haven (Sawyer) Lewis was born in Canada Jan. 7, 1806, and died at Rush, Illinois, Oct. 20, 1883. Buried in Townsend cemetery, Rush, Illinois. In 1835, at the outbreak of the Canadian Rebellion, Joshua Odell Lewis, wife and two children left Burtonville, Lower Canada, and made their way via Erie canal to Chautauqua county, N. Y.; where Mrs. Lewis had relatives living. After the death of Joshua Odell Lewis in 1842, his widow married (2) in 1844, Joshua Crosby, a native of Nova Scotia, b. 1782, and living in Chautauqua county until 1857, when she and her daughters removed to Apple River, Illinois. By this second marriage she had 2 children, both born in Portland, N. Y.:

1. Emma Alice b. Mar. 7, 1845, d. 1929 in Arkansas.
2. Ella Josephine b. Mar. 1, 1850, d. June 3, 1935 at Cookeville, Tennessee.

VIII. James Sawyer Lewis, son of Joshua Odell Lewis<sup>7</sup> (Sarah Odell<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. July 15, 1833 at Burtonville, Lower Canada, d. Feb. 24, 1905, at his home in Rush, Jo. Daviess county, Illinois, m. Nov. 24, 1859, at Apple River, Ill. Harriet Almira Stebbins, dau. of Lyman<sup>7</sup> Stebbins and Almira Eggleston his wife, Lyman Stebbins was of the seventh generation from Rowland Stebbins b. 1592 in Bocking, Essex county, England, came to America in 1634. One of the founders of Springfield and Northampton, Mass. Harriet Almira Stebbins was b. at Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, June 11, 1840, d. at Stockton, Illinois, Mar. 29, 1832, almost 92 years of age. Her line from Rowland<sup>1</sup> Stebbins and a biographical sketch of her are

given in Greenlee's "Stebbins Genealogy," Vol. II, pp. 764-765. She was a member of the D. A. R. Nat. No. 68,037. Her grandfather Eliab Eggleston was a drummer boy in the Revolution and her two great grandfathers, Lieut. David Stebbins and Daniel Ingraham, also served in the Revolution. James Sawyer Lewis had a grandfather and three great grandfathers in the Revolution.

Children—all born in Apple River, Ill.:

1. Arthur James Lewis b. Nov. 29, 1860, d. at Rush, Ill., Jan. 28, 1879.
2. Helen Almaretta Lewis b. Oct. 20, 1862, d. at Apple River, Ill., Apr. 28, 1863.
3. Charles Henry Lewis b. Feb. 1, 1865, d. at Apple River, Ill., Sept. 27, 1865.
4. Minnie Alice Lewis b. Oct. 27, 1866, living at Waverly, Iowa.
5. Frank Lyman Lewis b. Oct. 20, 1868, d. Nov. 19, 1868, at Apple River, Ill.
6. Harry Haven Lewis b. Feb. 3, 1870, d. Apr. 18, 1917, at Waverly, Iowa.
7. Ernest Edward Lewis b. Nov. 27, 1871, d. Oct. 16, 1931, at Waverly, Ia., m. Feb. 18, 1903, Amy Frances Haflich, dau. of Frank Haflich. Children:
  1. Doris Viola b. Sept. 5, 1904 at Rush, Ill.
  2. Helen Frances b. Aug. 11, 1906, at Rush, Ill.
  3. Gladys Amy b. Sept. 6, 1908 at Waverly, Ia.
8. Inez Viola b. Nov. 13, 1874, m. Feb. 14, 1900, Charles D. Arnold b. Jan. 25, 1875, d. Dec. 16, 1933 at Stockton, Ill., son of David Arnold and Margaret Boardway, his wife. Children:

1. Glenn Lewis Arnold b. Jan. 12, 1903, at Rush, Ill., m. June 24, 1930, at Ainsworth, Iowa, Gertrude Beal, dau. Isaac K. Beal, 1 child:

Mary Ruth b. Aug. 6, 1913,  
at Raton, New Mexico.

Glenn Lewis Arnold teaches in New Mexico. Both he and his wife graduated from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, in 1927 with B.A. degrees.

2. Nellie Inez Arnold b. Dec. 5, 1905, at Rush, Ill., living with her mother at Stockton, Ill. Teaches in Illinois.

James Sawyer Lewis enlisted in Co. E, 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry at Apple River, Ill., Aug. 12, 1862, and served till the close of the Civil War. Appointed corporal at the organization of the company, promoted to first sergeant Apr. 6, 1863. In Hospital No. 1 at Nashville, Tennessee, and while convalescing served as nurse in the hospital for nine months. Transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps Apr. 23, 1864, and honorably discharged May 29, 1865. Profession, teaching. Taught for more than twenty years in New York state and Illinois. A born instructor, one who could always find "tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything." In 1855 he left Chautauqua county, N. Y., and located in Apple River, Illinois, where he lived until 1876, when he removed to Rush, Illinois. He and his wife were founders and charter members of the First M. E. church in Apple River, built 1858, dedicated 1860, and also of the United

Evangelical church in Rush, Ill., built 1881, of which he was an active member up to the time of his death. A great Sunday school worker. Both he and his wife, their sons Arthur and Harry are buried in the Townsend cemetery in Rush, Ill. Their son Ernest is buried in Harlington cemetery at Waverly, Iowa.

- IX. Minnie Alice Lewis dau. of James S. Lewis<sup>8</sup> (Joshua Odell Lewis<sup>7</sup>, Sarah<sup>6</sup> Odell, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. Oct. 27, 1866, at Apple River, Ill., m. Nov. 24, 1898, Sherman Ira Pool b. May 20, 1864 at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, son of Ira Pool and Lucy Ann Eggleston, widow of Salathiel Dille, lived at Rush, Ill., until 1907; removed to Waverly, Iowa, where they now live. Both teachers. Mr. Pool taught in Ohio and Kansas and Mrs. Pool in Illinois prior to their marriage. Writer. Member National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Nat. No. 34,605. Had seven Revolutionary ancestors, among whom were Morris Lewis, Joseph Lewis, and Joseph<sup>5</sup> Odell. Regent Revolutionary Dames Chapter D. A. R., of Waverly 1912. Organizing regent and regent 1913-17 of Clock Reel Chapter. Charter member of Col. Jo Daviess Chapter, Stockton, Ill.; now member of Priscilla Mullins Chapter, Galena, Ill. State Historian Iowa D. A. R. 1913-1917. Director of Western Division of Nat. Com. on Preservation of Historic Spots 1917-18. State Registrar Iowa Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America 1918-1931. Nat. No. 931. Member Society Old Plymouth Colony Descendants No. 337. Member Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association of Deerfield, Mass., of which Mr. Pool is also a member. Lineage and sketch in Greenlee's Stebbins Genealogy Vol. II, pp. 955-956. Lineage in Compendium of American Genealogy—First Families of America—Vol. IV, pp. 435-436. Biog. sketch in Blue Book of Iowa Women, published 1914, pp.

175-177. Member Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, graduated in 1901. Sherman Ira Pool is a member of the Nat. Society Sons of the American Revolution Nat. No. 26,100. Life member founder and vice-president National Historical Society, member Iowa State Historical Society. His mother was a "Real Daughter" of the American Revolution. Her Nat. No. 33,071. He had three Revolutionary ancestors. Graduate of C. L. S. C. class of 1902. Both are members of the M. E. church. Both are antiquarians in taste, fond of books and travel, students of history and genealogy and devoted to making "historic pilgrimages." Mrs. Pool has traced 53 lines of her New England ancestry from herself back to the founder of each in America—the immigrant ancestors, most of whom came from England between 1628 and 1636. She is of the ninth or tenth generation in America from these forefathers who were among the founders of our country.

## MORRIS LEWIS

Since the lives and fortunes of the families of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Odell, Sr., and Morris Lewis were so interwoven we give what has been learned of Morris Lewis and his family of 8 sons and 3 daughters.

Morris Lewis was born on Long Island about 1730; said to be closely related to Francis Lewis, the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Removed to Dutchess county, N. Y., where, Jan. 11, 1753, he married Phebe<sup>5</sup> Doughty b. at Flushing, Long Island, dau. of William<sup>4</sup> Doughty who was b. at Flushing, L. I., Dec. 4, 1710, removed to Dutchess county between 1750 and 1757, where he made his will May 14, 1771, in which he mentions his wife Margaret, his sons William, James, Barnard, Oliver and Samuel, and daughters Phebe and Mary. He was of Charlotte Precinct in Dutchess county, N. Y. His father was William<sup>3</sup> Doughty b. 1676, the son of Elias<sup>2</sup> Doughty b. 1632 in England, son of Rev. Francis Doughty, vicar of Sodbury, Gloucestershire, Eng., who became a Non-Conformist and left England for America. Was in New England 1637; in 1642 received a grant of 13,332 acres on Long Island where he and his associates could found a town. This town is now called Newtown, L. I. Rev. Francis Doughty was the first Puritan minister in New York City and the first to preach there in the English language. He ministered there from 1643 to 1648 and also at Flushing, L. I.

Morris Lewis and Phebe Doughty were married by Dominic Benjamin Meynema, the second minister of the first Dutch Reformed church of Poughkeepsie, and their marriage record, inscribed in Dutch, states "that both were born on Lange Eyland" and both were "residing in Neger Partens" (Nine Partners) on that date, Jan. 11, 1753.

Morris Lewis enlisted in the 4th Regiment Dutchess County Militia, entitled to land bounty rights, under Capt. Antony Badgley, Lieut. Lemuel Conklin in Col. Morris Graham's Regiment (1st) of Dutchess county, the same regiment in

which Joseph Odel and Joseph Odel, Jr., also served in the Revolution.

New York Census of 1790, p. 91, gives Morris Lewis in Poughkeepsie Town, head of a family with wife, one son over 16, and two sons under 16.

Morris Lewis went to Lower Canada 1795, and he and his wife Phebe Doughty died 1807 at Odelltown. Buried in Burtonville cemetery where "their headstone was to be seen until the inscription became effaced by the hand of Time;" so wrote a great grandson, Rev. Benjamin Lewis, of St. Lambert, Quebec, in 1911, then 76 years of age, who had seen the stone before the inscription was worn away. The children of Morris Lewis and Phebe Doughty were all born in Dutchess county.

#### Children:

- (1) William Lewis b. 1756, d. Jan. 11, 1816, at Odelltown, m. Hannah ..... b. 1756, d. 1834. Headstones in Jackson cemetery, Odelltown.
- (2) Sarah Lewis b. Mar. 1759, d. May 26, 1804, at Odelltown. Headstone in Jackson cemetery, Odelltown, m. Oct. 7, 1778, in Dutchess county, N. Y., Joseph<sup>6</sup> Odell, Jr., son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Odell.
- (3) Thomas m. Rebecca Stevens, d. about 1802 in Hemmingford Tp.
- (4) Mehitabell m. Charles Manning. Both died prior to June, 1809.
- (5) Joseph b. about 1763, m. Sarah Odell, dau. of Joseph Odell and Martha Manning.
- (6) James living in 1812 when he presented claim for losses in war.
- (7) Oliver b. 1768, d. Mar. 25, 1830, at Burtonville, L. C., m. (1) Sally Bogart, b. 1766, d. Dec. 8, 1822, m. (2) Elizabeth Sawyer, widow of Henry Ostrum, at Clarenceville, 1823. — Church Record. She was b. Mar. 18, 1779, d. Jan. 18, 1854. Double headstone in Burtonville cemetery near Lacle "erected by the widow and heirs of the de-

ceased" Oliver Lewis, bears his name and those of his two wives. Oliver Lewis had a son, Morris Lewis b. 1790, d. 1835. Headstone in Burtonville cemetery.

(8) Mary m. John Simpson. Both living in 1809.

(9) Samuel b. abt. 1772, m. (1) Rebecca Stevens. Had children William, Levi, Benjamin, Lucius, Philander, Joshua Stevens b. 1806, m. Eliza Jane Ames, parents of Rev. Benjamin Lewis of St. Lambert, Quebec, b. 1835. Samuel m. (2) Lucy Loomer, dau. of Joseph Loomer of Odelltown, Children: Loran, Stephen, Mayland, Melvin, Joseph, Laura, b. 1826 at Odelltown m. 1844 Richard Chatterton. Eunice, Abigail, Levi and Samuel went to Westminster, Ont.

(10) Charles b. abt. 1774, m. Rebecca Stevens, widow of his brother Thomas Lewis. She d. 1837, "widow of the late Chas. Lewis."—Odelltown Church Record. Two Children: Abraham, Leonard who, in 1833 removed to Westminster, Ontario.

(11) Barnard, living in 1803.

Of the 8 sons of Morris Lewis and Phebe Doughty, 5 have the same names as Phebe Doughty's brothers: William, James, Barnard, Oliver and Samuel.

July 28, 1795, we find Morris Lewis and sons William, Charles and James praying for grants of land in Hemmingford Tp., Lower Canada. In 1797, Thomas, Charles, Oliver, Samuel and Barnard are praying for lands in Hemmingford, along with Joseph Odell, Sr., and his sons, but as the Letters Patent creating the township of Hemmingford were not issued until Mar. 18, 1799, they did not receive their land grants until 1799; then "having taken the oath of allegiance and subscribed the declaration," Morris Lewis and sons James, Oliver, Samuel, William and Charles received each a lot of 200 acres in Hemmingford township while Barnard and Thomas received theirs in the same township in 1803.



In Nov. 1792 Thomas Lewis "understanding that a township by the name of Hemmingford is now ordered to be laid out for Loyalists at the back of the Seigniory of Lacolle and adjoining the province line" prays for a grant of 200 acres for himself and for each of his two sons, which is recommended by the land committee "provided the sons are of age and fit persons to occupy lots in Hemmingford and on condition of immediate settlement."

The Odells and Lewises received lots close together at the same date in 1799 and Barnard and Thomas a little later, the grants being as follows:

Barnard Lewis Lot. No. 62, Range 2.

James Lewis Lot No. 63, Range 2.

Oliver Lewis Lot. No. 64, Range 2.

James Odel Lot. No. 73, Range 2.

Joshua Odel Lot. No. 74, Range 2.

John Odel Lot No. 75, Range 2.

Joshua Odel, Jr., Lot. No. 80, Range 2.

Joseph Odel, Senr. Lot. No. 169, Range 4.

Morris Lewis Lot. No. 171, Range 4.

Joseph Odel, Junr. Lot. No. 172, Range 4.

Samuel Lewis Lot. No. 173, Range 4.

William Lewis Lot. No. 174, Range 4.

Charles Lewis Lot. No. 178, Range 5.

Charles Odel Lot. No. 176, Range 5.

Thomas Lewis Lot. No. 179, Range 5.

S. Gale was their agent. These land records are all from the Public Archives at Ottawa, from Land Records of Lower Canada.

On July 28, 1795, we find Morris Lewis and sons Charles Lewis and James Lewis, also Joseph Odell and sons Joseph Odel, Jr., Joshua Odel, John Odel, James Odell and Charles Odell praying for lands in Chateaugay, west of Gen. Christie's Seigniory, and Morris Lewis praying for land in Hemmingford, Mar. 31, 1798.

Nov. 25, 1802, "Rebecca Lewis, wife of Thomas Lewis, is praying for a grant of lot 179 which her husband occupied these last 6 years." — Hemmingford Tp. (So Thomas Lewis must have died that year.)

March 1792 James Lewis was granted land in Sutton Tp. which was not created until Aug. 31, 1802, when he received his 200 acres.

Samuel Lewis, Oliver Lewis, James Lewis and Charles Lewis were among the inhabitants of Burtonville whose claims for losses and damages in the War of 1812 were presented to the Court of Inquiry assembled at Chambly Dec. 14, 1812. These claims are all dated at Burtonville 25th November, 1812. and all read, "I do hereby certify that the following is a true list of the property taken from me and the property destroyed by His Majesty's troops stationed at Burtonville and River La Cole." Then follows the itemized list. In 1812:

Charles Lewis, claim was for £36, 7s, 3d.

Samuel Lewis, claim was for £102, 3s, 0d.

Oliver Lewis, claim was for £99, 15s, 1d.

James Lewis, claim was for £21, 9s, 0d.

Amongst his losses Samuel Lewis had his "barn and school house burnt." Oliver Lewis had his "house and barn burnt," but the august Court of Inquiry absolves "His Majesty's Troops" from all this by stating that "these losses and damages sustained by these various individuals were occasioned by the troops of Indians employed on the frontier of Lower Canada."

A year later, 1813, His Majesty's Troops "tore down and burnt" Oliver Lewis' house and destroyed his property to the total value of £53, 5s, which was sworn to before Jos. Odell, J. P., at Odelltown, Nov. 2, 1814, and in the months of July, August and September, 1814, the said troops "while in Burtonville and passing up and down to and from Plattsburg destroyed" Oliver Lewis' Potash Works valued at £25 and other property to a total value of £ 81, 17s, 6d. This statement was certified by Joshua J. Odell and Charles Sheldon before Jos.

Odell, J. P., Nov. 12, 1814. On this same date Charles Lewis had a claim for £50. In his list is "3000 feet of white pine plank, £15."

Jan. 12, 1815, William Lewis states that "between Aug. 1 and Sept. 12, 1814, by his being in His Majesty's Service with his team, doing convoy work at a time when he should have been in his hay," he thereby "lost 7 tons of hay valued at £28 and 8 bu. of oats valued at £2." This was certified by his "neighbors" Wm. Odell and William Shryver, before Jos. Odell, J. P.

Joseph Odell, Capt. Militia, certified that Wm. Lewis was a number of days in His Majesty's service doing convoy work at the time mentioned.

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In the "Tutorship" (guardianship) Records at Montreal was found the petition of Charles Lewis, dated Mar. 24, 1807, stating that he "married Rebecca Stevens, who was the widow of Thomas Lewis, her husband by a first marriage. That said Rebecca had issue by her first marriage two children who are now minors, namely Thomas of age 9 years, and Hitabel age 7 years. That Morris Lewis and Phebe Douty his wife, the father and mother of said Thomas Lewis and grandfather and grandmother of said minors, lately died at Odelltown, etc., appearing in behalf of the minor children, the said relatives and friends, namely: Oliver Lewis, William Lewis, Samuel Lewis and Charles Lewis, uncles, and Joseph Odell, also an uncle; Joshua Stevens, John Wilson and Roswell Canfield, friends. Charles Lewis and Rebecca his wife elected tutor and tutrix and William Lewis subtutor."

Joseph Odell, Jr., on the same day, Mar. 24, 1807, made a similar petition for the minor children of himself and his deceased wife Sarah Lewis, daughter of Morris Lewis and Phebe Douty, "lately died at Odelltown."—(Given under Joseph Odell, Jr.)

A document of much value in that it reveals several names and relationships hitherto unknown in Lewis-Odell annals, was

found in the Quebec Gazette of June 22, 1809. It is a notice of writ of execution dated June 8, 1809, "The suit of Napier Christie Burton, Esq., against the lands and tenements of William, Oliver, James, Samuel, and Charles Lewis, all of Odell Town, in the Seigniory of Beaujeu, yeomen; John Simpson and Mary Lewis his wife, Joseph Odell, Esq., tutor to his minor children with Sarah Lewis his wife deceased, Joshua J. Odell and Lewis Odell, yeomen; Phylor Loop and Martha Odell his wife, the said Joshua J. Odell, Lewis Odell and Martha Odell, being major children of the said Joseph Odell, with the said late Sarah Lewis; and the said William Lewis, as tutor to the minor children of Charles Manning and Mehitabell Lewis his wife, both deceased, and also as curator to the absent major children of the said Charles Manning and Mehitabell Lewis: Charles Lewis and Rebecca Stevens his wife, tutor and tutrix to the minor children of Thomas Lewis, deceased; the said William, Oliver, James, Samuel, Charles, Mary, Sarah, Mehitabell and Thomas Lewis being children and heirs of Morris Lewis, in his lifetime of the Seigniory of Beaujeu," in the District of Montreal. It further states that he "had seized a certain lot of land in said Seigniory of Beaujeu or Lacole, containing 4 arpents in front by 28 arpents in depth," etc., "belonging to said heirs" which he "would sell to the highest bidder at the church door of the parish of St. Luc, in the District of Montreal, on Oct. 16, 1809," to satisfy his suit.

The Guardianship records are also of special value, as they reveal the long-searched-for time of the death of Morris Lewis and his wife Phebe Doughty, for the would-be guardians would make haste to file their petitions as soon as possible, since their children were heirs of these grandparents.

Mr. Henry<sup>7</sup> Canfield Odell of Odelltown told the compiler in 1911 that he had often heard his father John<sup>6</sup> Odell, born 1801—son of Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Jr.—speak of his uncles William, Oliver, Samuel, James, Charles and Joseph Lewis, and remembered the uncle Joseph Lewis in particular from the coincidence of names; that Joseph Lewis married Sarah Odell and Joseph

Odell married Sarah Lewis, brother and sister marrying sister and brother.

There still remains much research work to be done in the Odell and Lewis lines, also in the Manning line. Somewhere there must exist a will of Joseph Odell, Senior, or some other document which will reveal the date of his death. There are vast numbers of documents not yet indexed in the Archives at Montreal that may yet reveal much.

And the records on Long Island may yet disclose the parentage and the ancestry of Morris Lewis and of Martha Manning.

This publication of the results of twenty-five years of patient, persistent research in the face of discouragement and of seemingly insurmountable obstacles may prove a stimulus to some other descendant of Joseph Odell and Martha Manning to carry on the good work and make further discoveries in our Odell genealogy.

# ERRATA

Page	Line	
22	20	for <i>Eight-five</i> read <i>Eighty-five</i> .
28	15	for <i>Conway</i> read <i>Conroy</i> .
42	5 & 7	from bottom of page—for <i>Boswell</i> read <i>Roswell</i> Canfield.
49	20	for <i>La Bodos</i> read <i>La Bodo</i> .
59	28	for <i>in Ohio, d. Oct. 21</i> read <i>Evansville, Ind.,</i> <i>d. Oct. 1.</i>
59	29	for Jan. 24 read Jan. 25.
60	1	for <i>April 12</i> read <i>April 2.</i>
60	9	for <i>1909</i> read <i>1906.</i>
60	12	for <i>Marie</i> Kundert read <i>Kathryn</i> Kundert.
60	17	for <i>Zuenert</i> read <i>Zeunert</i> .
62	10	(omission) read— <i>Ida Cornelia Odell</i> m. July 4, 1892, James Van Tassel b. Mar. 14, 1868, d. Aug. 26, 1931. <i>One</i> daughter (not <i>two</i> ) Lena Belle Van Tassel b. Mar. 22, 1895, m. June 18, 1919, James Snow. <i>One</i> child, Alice Snow b. Apr. 28, 1920. Mrs. Van Tassel and daughter live in Adams, Wis.
62		2nd line from bottom of page—for <i>1862</i> read <i>1892.</i>
63	8	read <i>George E. Kelsey b. at Jefferson, Wis.</i>
63	27	read <i>Elmer J. Kelsey b. at Jefferson, Wis.</i> in- stead of <i>Vermontville, Mich.</i>
64	1	<i>Allie Kelsey b. Vermontville, Mich.</i> Had 4 children instead of 2.
64	6	read <i>James Kelsey b. Vermontville, Mich. Liv-</i> <i>ing at Boone, Iowa.</i>
65	4	from bottom of page—for <i>1848</i> read <i>1849.</i> <i>brother.</i>
67	6	from bottom of page—for <i>by brother</i> read <i>my</i> <i>brother</i>
91	3	from bottom of page—for <i>Mr.</i> read <i>Nr.</i> (abbrev- iation for November).
97	25	for <i>Battollion</i> read <i>Battalion.</i>
105	3	(ommission) after first two words "six sons," read <i>other than the one son of James</i> <sup>6</sup> .
111	14	for <i>living</i> read <i>lived.</i>
116	25	for <i>Dominic</i> read <i>Dominie Benjamin Meynema.</i> ("Dominie" was the old Dutch title for the minister of the Dutch Reformed church.)