

completely destroy the average person.

The source of their unshakable faith-the Puritan-Congregational Church.

There was a great migration of Puritans and Congregationalists to New England from 1630 to 1641, and it is in this time frame that most of Mary Olds Campbell's ancestors arrived in the New World to found several distinguished American families.

When I began my research, I found many Olds researchers claiming that word had been passed down through generations that the Olds families were descendants of the members of the Mayflower Compact. We found this is true for some Olds descendants, but the evidence has not been proved for Mary Olds. The basis of these claims were the wives of James Ould of North Ashford, Connecticut. His first wife was Elezebeth Fuller, whom he married in Attleborough, Massachusetts. Their first two children were born there. There were two Fuller families in the Mayflower Compact, most of them settling in the Plymouth-Bristol area. However, no researcher has been able to connect this Elezebeth Fuller to those Fullers in the Mayflower Compact. James Ould's second wife, Sarah Kingsley, was definitely a direct descendant to the "John Billinton and Elen his wife", as listed in Governor William Bradford's "History of Plimouth Plantation". The several children of James and Sarah and their descendants can certainly claim that heritage. Mary Olds Campbell was a descendant of James and Elezebeth through their son, George Olds.

This has been a very exciting and enjoyable research, filled with adventure and patriotic deeds. There is the documented account of Salem Witchcraft: the ordeals of the Ormsby families; the heroic deeds of George Olds and Gideon Ormsby as members of Ethan Allen's "Green Mountain Boys" in the

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This is not an official genealogy. In my research, I have attempted to trace the Old World roots, from all sources, of Mary Olds Campbell. This paper limits the genealogy to her paternal line, as I have not yet started to research her maternal line through her mother, Mary Elizabeth Black of Elbert County, Georgia. This work has been more extensive than that of other Olds researchers in my family:

Nell Winson Oldham Boswell (daughter of Floried Olds Vinson), who obtained a DAR membership (Fort Myers Chapter no. 294996; 1935, Romney Lyle Campbell-application for SAR membership. New York CA1930-40, and Dr. Bomar Olds, Sr., letters and papers CA1930-40, Atlanta, Georgia. I have attempted in all cases, to obtain documentation for various connections. In this, I have been successful on all connections except that of James Ould (spelling of the name before 1700), of North Ashford, Connecticut. We can only assume he was probably the son of Ebenezer Ould, as most researchers believe. (see "Olds of America", page 275).

When I was a child, I asked my father, James Thomas Campbell, about my ancestry. He replied "you are Scottish-Irish". I assumed this was correct until this research revealed a solid English ancestry all the way back, starting with my great-grandfather, Daniel Griswold Olds.

Mary Olds Campbell was a remarkable woman. People who still remember "Ma Campbell" say she was the cultural and religious leader of her community. I have found in this research the basis of her reputation, if family traits are passed down through certain genes (as geneticists tell us), to be a very strong faith shown many times, as her ancestors went through ordeals that would



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The original family was a group of "Thanes" or "Thegns" in Anglo-Saxon terms, meaning "servant" or "soldier"; one of a class of minor nobles in Anglo-Saxon times; administered justice and held offices in the King's service. The Thanes of Yorkshire, first mentioned in William the Conqueror's "Domesday Book", were "Wolds".

Original name: Wold, pronounced "Old". Variations are "Ould"; "Olde"; "Auld"; "Owls"; "Olds".

The line goes back, supposedly to Roger Wold, who lived in Flextine, Yorkshire, CA 1189-1200. The seal of his son, William, is affixed to one of the Campbell Charters in the British Museum. From Yorkshire, the name and principal branch moved to Rowton Hall in Shropshire, where they lived from 1257 to 1815.

In 1599, Richard Old married Agnes Courtney of Somerset, where she brought to the marriage an estate near Yeovil, called "Olds-oak" or "Oldsoke". From this Yeovil branch came the "Olds of Dorset", afterwards known as the "Olds of Sherbourne" - from whence Robert Ould immigrated to found the Olds of America in 1669.

(note: it is doubtful that the line was unbroken as listed, from Roger to the immigrant Robert, as there are only nine generations to span more than five hundred years) TLC.

Sources: "Olds family of New York", William Richard Cutter, A. M. 1912.

"Barbour Collection"

"Olds of America" (author unknown)

*The Olds of England*

SUBJECT	SPOUSE
Roger Wold of Yorkshire living in reign of Richard I CA 1199	wife unknown
William Wold-his seal is affixed to Campbell Charter in British Museum	Alice Erenburg of Flextine, Yorkshire
Thomas Wold, CA 1296-1301 lived in Colchester, County Essex	Christiana _____ (last name unknown)
William Wold-first to use name "Old", of Staunton, England, born CA 1400's	Elizabeth Ryton married William 1522
Richard Old-Sherbourne, Dorset died 1566	Agnes Courtney of Somerset
Bartholomew Old lived in Sherbourne in 1594	Margaret Churchill, Great-Aunt of the Duke of Marlborough
William Olde born 1592-Sherbourne	Elizabeth Greensmith
John Le Olde 1615-1682 Sherbourne	_____ Gatherest first name unknown

Robert

the immigrant



# The Olds of America

A-1 Robert Ould, a younger son of John Le Olde and \_\_\_\_\_ Gatherest, was born in Sherbourne, England in 1645 and died in America on January 16, 1728. He came to America in 1669 and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. He moved to Suffield, where he was, in 1670, one of the five Proprietiers. In the year he arrived, he married at Windsor, Susannah Hanford, or Hosford, who died in 1688, after bearing seven children.

On April 1, 1689, Robert married Dorothy Granger, b. 1665 d. 1728, daughter of Launcelot Granger b. 1620 d. 1689, and Joanna Adams, in Suffield. They had six children. Among issue-Ebenezer (A-2) born January 22, 1693.

Robert Ould was known as "Doctor Robert Ould" and was agent for the town of Suffield in the General Court in Boston in 1694. His services were valuable as the town was unable to pay the Colonial Taxes. By his efforts, these were 'Rebated-Remitted- and Forgiven'.

A highway, named Old Street, bore his name in the General Records. He died in Suffield on January 16, 1728.

A-2 Ebenezer Ould was born in Suffield, Connecticut, the second son of Robert and Dorothy Granger, January 22, 1693. Little is known of Ebenezer. He married Rebecca Temple on November 17, 1718. She was the daughter of Jsaak Temple and Prudence, his wife, of Concord, Massachusetts. Rebecca was born in 1697 and died October 1746. The number of children is uncertain as only three are in records, however, more are believed to have been born in other locations not recorded. Among issue: Isaac. Some Olds researchers believe this to be James; "James Isaac" or James to be the younger brother

Sources: Olds Family of America  
Olds Family of New York, Cutter  
Barbour Collection

Subject	Spouse
A-1 Robert Ould (born England) 1645-1728	Dorothy Granger 1665-1728
A-2 Ebenezer Ould 1693-1732	Rebecca Temple 1697-1746
A-3 James Ould (dates unknown) this connection	Elezebeth Fuller 1720-1753 not documented
A-4 George Olds 1750-1846	Lucy Ormsby ( B-6 ) 1757-1834
A-5 James Newell Olds 1790-1862	Eunice Griswold ( G-6 ) 1793-1844
A-6 Daniel Griswold Olds 1821-1892	Mary Elizabeth Black 1832-1902
A-7 Mary Almeda Olds 1852-1923	Joseph Thomas Campbell 1851-1913

"Olds, Elizabeth, born July 6, 1752, d. James and Elezebeth"

James was evidently a Minute Man, as were most farmers in that time who supported the Revolution. His service in the Lexington march is verified in the records: "For the relief of Boston in the Lexington Alarm, from the Town of Ashford, page 5, the name of James Olds". The last record of James's first wife, is in the Ashford Town Records:

"Elezebeth, w. of James, d. Aug. 4, 1753, in the 33rd year of her age".

This conflicts with the birthdate of Elezebeth in "Olds of America", which gives her birthdate as 1724. If she died in 1753, in the '33rd year of her age", she would have been born in 1720. James married Sarah Kingsley, March 21, 1754. They had eight children. As stated before, there are no existing records, yet found, that show where James died or is buried. We may assume he left Ashford after those last records were made. Also, many researchers, including the writer, have attempted to find the correct lineage of Elezebeth Fuller but as yet, have been unsuccessful.

A-4 George Olds, son of James and Elezebeth Fuller, was born June 24, 1750, in North Ashford, Connecticut. We know nothing of George except the above facts, until we find him in and around Manchester, Vermont. The following are from:

"History of Manchester Vermont", by Bigelow and Otis, page 120

"Vermont History Gazette", Vol. 1, pages 887, 888, and Vol. 3, pages 445, 446, 449.

"Records of Mary Ormsby Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, Manchester, Vermont.

"One of the Manchesters" Revolutionary Soldiers was George Olds,

of Isaac. This is the James (A-3) that appears in North Ashford in 1750. He is our only nondocumented link in the lineage from Robert, the immigrant.

A-3 James Ould of North Ashford, Connecticut. No birth or death date exists for James. He was born CA 1719-1730, location unknown. Since his mother was born in Massachusetts, and the first records of James (marriage in Attleborough, Massachusetts) appear there, the probability of his birth is in that State. He first appears in "Attleborough Marriages", page 437; "Fuller, Elezebeth and James Owls both of Attleborough int. May 12, 1744"; also, same book, under "O"; "Owls, James and Elezebeth Fuller, both of A., int. May 12, 1744". Their first two children were born in Attleborough. Under "Attleborough Births", page 188: "Ould, Bethiah, d. of James and Elezebeth, April 6, 1745"; same page: "Ould, James, s. James and Elezebeth Fuller, Aug. 21, 1747". The only other record of James appears in the "Olds of America", under "Unconnected lines":

"James Ould, a farmer, was living in North Ashford, Windham County, Connecticut, in 1750. Married first, Elezebeth Fuller, b. 1724 d. 1753; married second, Sarah Kingsley, 1754.

"In 1770 he was one of the subscribers to the Pews in the Congregational Church at Ashford, and marched in the Lexington Alarm in 1775. He was probably the son of Ebenezer Ould. All his children were born at North Ashford".

We know this last statement is wrong, as we have documented proof of the births of his first two children in Attleborough. His last children by Elezebeth: (Town records-Ashford, Connecticut):

"Olds, George (A-4), born June 24, 1750, s. James and Elezebeth"



Being very new they suffered incredible hardships. Here, I was born Jan. 11, 1790. When I was 3 years old, they moved to Underhill; thence when I was 27 (1817) to Johnson, then in a few years to Fort Covington, New York, where they lived 8 years, and then Returned to Underhill, where mother died Sept. 23, 1834, aged 77 years, after a life of toil, almost to the day of her decease. She was a woman of uncommon stability of mind, and a great foe of hypocrisy and deceit".

The following is in "History of Brandon", page 30:

"George Olds originated in Ashford, Conn., but came here from Manchester. He bought for 50 pounds, Sept. 11, 1783, 110 acres, the first division of the David Munroe place. He was first to commence on the place since known as the Abel Goodenow, or Seager Farm (which he later sold to the later and Luther Dodge). Only the last 2 of his 8 children were born there. He accumulated a handsome property and died here Sept. 26, 1835, age 64".

Again, the historian confused George, Sr. and George, Jr. We know George, Sr. never accumulated a "handsome property", as we have the actual words of son, James, to the effect "a life of toil, even to the day of her decease" (this would certainly apply to both parents). Also, George, Sr. died not at Brandon, but at Underhill at age 96. George, Jr., born 1771, died 1835, was the one referred to who died at age 64. We also know that the James, one of his last two children born at Brandon, is the same James who wrote of "I was born here (Brandon), Jan. 11, 1790" - is the son of George, Sr., and could not have been the son of George, Jr., born 1771.



1750-1846, who came from Ashford, Connecticut. He was living in Manchester during the war years but was in Brandon in the Census of 1790. From Brandon he removed to Underhill, where he died in 1846, a Pensioner of the Revolution, aged 96. There is a record of George, Jr., born in 1771 at Ashford. He died in Brandon Sept. 26, 1835. His last 2 children out of 8 were James and Lucy. He resided several years in Manchester, buying land in Brandon in 1783. In the Census of 1790 at Manchester, there was no one named Olds. It is believed that George Olds, Sr. who served with and under Gideon Ormsby, and whose name appears Manchester's list of Revolutionary Soldiers, married Lucy Ormsby and came to Manchester from Ashford soon after 1771".

Vermont historians are always confusing George and his son, George, Jr. In the above statements, "George Jr. was born in Ashford, Conn. "-- there are no records in Ashford to confirm this. There is a record of George, Sr.'s birth (see A-3). Also, in "Olds of America" page 278, it shows:

"George, son of George, born 1771, died Sept. 26, 1835, Brandon, Vermont, married \_\_\_\_\_ (1774-1835) she was probably the dau. of Gideon Ormsby".

We know this is wrong. The Ormsby woman was his mother. The most accurate account of where George Olds and his wife, Lucy, Ormsby, lived and died, is in a letter written by James Newell Olds (A-5) to his son, Daniel Griswold Olds (A-6), of Elberton, Georgia, July 11, 1847:

"After Father and Mother married, they lived in Manchester (CA 1770).

Several years later they moved to Brandon (1783) then called "NEHOBA".

they moved to Nine Partners (now Amana), New York, where they lived until she was 9 years old. Then they moved to Manchester, Vermont, which was then a wilderness".

This account makes it clear that she probably never left the Manchester area until after she and George were married. Their first child was born in 1771. They lived here until the early days of the Revolution when the Tories and British Troops forced them to Bennington. After the War, they moved to Brandon, where they purchased land in 1783. George and his wife's family, the Ormsbys, were Whigs. This made them the mortal enemies of the Tories and British. Records show George served in the days before and after the

Declaration of Independence, in the Vermont Militia as follows:

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"June 1775 to December 1775, under Captain Potters Company, Col.

Seth Warners Regiment, Green Mountain Boys".

"June 1776 to Dec. 1776, as Sergeant in Jonathan Fassetts Company, Col. Seth Warners Regiment, Green Mountain Boys"

'August 1777 to Winter 1778, under Captain Smiths Company, Seth Warners Regiment, Green Mountain Boys"

"Captured Aug. 16, 1777, but escaped in a weeks time"

"Battles engaged in: St. Johns-Montreal-Bennington-frequently went out on scouting parties"

George also served in Captain Gideon Ormsby's Co., Col. Ira Allen's Regiment, CA 1778-1781.

These records were taken from Pension Applications, Sept. 27, 1832 Age: 82 years. Residence: Underhill, Chittington County, Vermont. Notation was made "Claim allowed".

In "Vermont Historical Magazine", page 446, the following:

### George Olds

"Was originally from Ashford, Connecticut, but resided several years at Manchester, whence he came to this town (Brandon). He purchased Sept. 11, 1783 of Richard Montague, for 50 pounds, the first division of the David Munroe place of 110 acres, which he sold to Abel Goodenow and Luther Dodge, Sept. 16, 1792, for 100 pounds. Mr. Olds was moderate in his movements, and of a sound and sagacious mind. He was above medium height, and well proportioned. He died after a short illness, Sept. 26, 1835, age 64. His widow died April 11, 1848, age 74".

Again, this is a description of both George and his son. As Mrs. F.E. Smalley, of the Manchester DAR wrote: "George Jr., born 1771, died 1835, could not possibly purchase land in 1783. It was his father who purchased the land, as the son would have been only 12 years old". We do not know which George the historian was describing. The writer believes George, Jr. was the one who accumulated "a handsome property", and the physical description could fit either man.

Just where George and Lucy met and were married is not known. The writer believes George left Ashford as a young man, CA 1765-1770, to seek his fortune in the wilds of what is now Vermont. James Newell Olds states in his letter to Daniel (July 11, 1847) speaking of his mother, Lucy Ormsby:

"She was born at a place called SEHONK, now called Rehobeth, in Connecticut, Aug. 10, 1756. Her Father, Major Gideon Ormsby and his wife Mercy were married very young. Soon after the birth of Lucy,

the woods and new land without speaking a word, so closely was the road beset, but went on safely. A few days after this, Father being left behind to harvest the wheat, was captured by a Company of Tories, and carried to General Burgoyne."

James Newell Olds' account ends here without telling Daniel of his father's escape. George gives the date of his capture as August 16, 1777, in his Pension Application. Other sources give about the same information:

"He escaped under fire of the Indians". (Olds of America, page 276)

We can assume that after questioning George and receiving nothing, General Burgoyne turned George over to his allies, the Indians, for torture (which was common practice in those days). Somehow, the wily George tricked the Indians and escaped to fight again. He must have been a man of uncommon courage and unusual physical stamina.

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George and Lucy lived their last days at Underhill, where they are buried in the North Underhill Cemetery. Records of their lives in Underhill are in the Town Records, as follows:

#### BIRTHS:

Olds, Elan, born Jan. 28, 1796, - father - George Olds  
(their last child?)

#### BURIALS:

Olds, Lucy, aged 77, wife of George, died Sept. 23, 1834  
North Underhill Cemetery

Olds, George, age 96, died Aug. 8, 1846  
North Underhill Cemetery

Real Estate Records, Underhill

Another Claim Form shows: "Country through which he marched-from Rutland to Ticonderoga to Canada".

From the winter of 1778 on, the action in the Revolution shifted to the south and east. George claims: (in his own words) "and continued in the service until the time of winter of 1778 and returned as Minute Man from that time to the close of the War I performed service as nine months or more". (from claim: War Dept. Pension Office, Oct. 4, 1833). And from an "Account Form-Warners Regiment, Vermont Militia", George Olds appears shown below in an account as follows:

"State of Vermont

To Capt. Oliver Potter His Officers and Soldiers who served in Colonel Seth Warners Regiment in the year 1775 in the Expedition to Canada:

Bounty 40-S, Blanket 12-S, Gun 10-S, S-3-2-0

Total S- 163. 16.0

No. 168 Pay Table Office Rutland Oct. 24, 1786

Rec'd of Ira Allen (Ethan's brother) Esq. Treasurer the contents of above order being One-Hundred-Sixty-Three Pounds and Sixteen Shillings".

(signed) George Olds

There are several accounts of the capture and escape of George during the War. James' letter to Daniel tells:

"When General Burgoyne came down from Canada, they (his parents) moved with all other Whigs to Bennington, 20 miles distant. She, Lucy, followed her father, Major Ormsby on horseback, on a dark night through



including name, to General Motors. Later, he developed a truck, which he called "REO" (after his initials), as he could not use the name "Olds", as this would violate his deal with General Motors).

#### A-5 James Newell Olds

James Newell Olds was born January 11, 1790, in Brandon, Vermont. He was the third son of George and Lucy Ormsby Olds.

James lived with his parents until they settled in the Lamiolle County area in northwestern Vermont. There he met and married Eunice Griswold on September 4, 1816. There is evidence that James and Eunice lived in New York, as Daniel gives his birthplace as that state. (census of 1860). Since we know his parents, George and Lucy, lived for a time in Fort Covington, New York, and James visited his sick son, George, in Malone, New York (see letters- James to Daniel), his residence in New York is quite factual.

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James served in the War of 1812. The National Archives has supplied the writer with copies of his records, showing date of enlistment as October 2, 1813. He served in Captain Birge's Company, Colonel Dixon's Regiment; also Captain Asahel Langworthy's Company, Colonel Isaac Clark's Rifle Corps. There is no record as to where he enlisted or where he fought.

James and Eunice settled in the area around Morristown-Elmore-Johnson. All of his letters written to Daniel, from 1844 to 1861, are postmarked Stowe, Vermont, with the exception of the one written from Malone, New York. Stowe was probably the only post office in the area at that time and is near the other towns listed above. James was a farmer. He was also a very well educated man for his time. Letters (photocopies) in the possession of the writer show proficiency in spelling, vocabulary, knowledge of current events and penmanship.

"Gideon Ormsby sold or gave to his daughter, Lucy Olds, Lot #14"

(Vol. 1, page 71, Jan. 26, 1797)

"Gideon Olds sold land in 1805" (Vol. 3, page 38)

"1803 Gideon Olds sold 50 acres, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot #17"

"1808 George Olds sold land to Daniel Olds of Manchester"

"1814 Daniel purchased land lot #14" (from Lucy?)

"1814 George and James sold land"

"1815 John purchased land"

#### CHURCH RECORDS:

From "Vermont History", page 889-Vol 1

"The Congregational Church at Underhill was organized Dec. 29, 1801, by Rev. Ebenezer Kingsbury, of Jerico. Among males of original Organizers; George Olds"

According to historical records, George and Lucy had 3 children. We believe the following is as accurate as possible:

George, born 1771, probably Manchester

Gideon, born 1782, probably Manchester

#### A-5 James, born 1790, in Brandon

Lucy, born 1792, in Brandon

Ransom, born CA 1793-1795 probably in Underhill

Elan, born 1796, in Underhill

Daniel, no record, yet mentioned in records of real estate

John, no record, yet mentioned in records of real estate

(An interesting sidelight: Ransom Olds' descendant, Ransom Eli Olds, of Geneva, Ohio, built the first Oldsmobile automobile, which he later sold,

Excerpts from letters written by James Newell Olds  
to Daniel Griswold Olds, 1844-1861

Elsmore  
May 12, 1844

Dearly beloved son:

I have a most painful duty to do-to inform you of the death of your dear mother. She died on the morning of the 8th of March, having been sick about one week of the irrisipilaus. She had been taking care of her brother Zara, who died of the week before. She was taken of the same disease. Your Aunt Lucinda Patch died about the time she was taken sick and your Uncle Gilman Griswold since about the 20th or 22nd of April.

This will be heavy news to you especially the death of your lamented mother. I feel it to be a great bereavement to me- a loss that will never, no never be made up to me in this world. But much as we feel our loss we may comfort ourselves in calculating that our loss is her gain. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord saith the Scripture, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

(above letter mailed to Daniel at Glenns Falls, New York)

Morristown  
Dec. 26, 1851

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The weather is very clear and cold. The ground is covered with snow as dry as dust. Vegetation is sleeping in silence. The little insects and crawling creatures are mostly dormant. The little gurgling brooks and broader streams of water are mostly hidden from sight and the cold air-and are urging their way through silent channels towards their ocean home. Cattle and horses are covered with white frost in stantions and stalls where they stand side by side in the stables, and are eating the green looking hay. The hills are covered and Old Mansfield is as white as snow can make it. One-third of the way down from the top of Sterling Mountain and Camels Hump are nearly the same-and are grand and magnificent. Appearing at this time to the eye of the beholder-the waning Moon travels with silent splendor through the lofty sky, and sends forth its silvery light to show this beautiful Earth in comely white. All show forth the handiwork of Him that doeth all things for His own glory, and best good for His creatures.

(above letter mailed to Daniel at Elberton, Georgia)

Several of these letters are reproduced in this paper, as some are classic in the use of descriptive prose. James was also very religious, as evidenced by every letter to Daniel. His last letter to Daniel was on the eve of the Civil War, February 23, 1861. He pleads with both North and South not to go to war-as brother would be fighting brother; and in-laws would be fighting in-laws, as "many young men (such as Daniel) had gone South and married; likewise, many young men from the South had married Northern girls".

After the death of Eunice in March of 1844, James married Tirzah Hartshorn, date unknown. He died May 18, 1862, without seeing Daniel again. Tirzah died January 30, 1869, age 82. Known children of James and Eunice:

A-6 Daniel born October 14, 1821

Wesley (see note)

George " "

Betsey

Caroline

Laura Ann

note (1) - some papers show a "George Wesley". However, James' letters mention George and Wesley independently, so we may assume they were two separate children (town records-Johnson "George Wesley, son of James, b. Aug. 20, 1824).

note (2) - James' middle name "Newell" is also a mystery. Families usually named one son's middle name for the mother or grandmother. Newell could be the missing last name of James' grandmother, Mercy or Marcy Ormsby.

References: National Archives  
State of Vermont Archives  
letters-James Newell Olds to Daniel Olds  
Morristown Records

Morristown  
Feb. 23, 1861

Dear Son:

Our political horizon presents an awful aspect to me. I hope and pray there will be no fighting. How can brother fight brother? We are connected by strong ties that are impossible to sunder. Many young men from the North have settled in the South in business and have married there and have children. They have thus become joined by an indissoluble link to the South. Many young of the South have also come North, set up business and intermarried with the North in the same way. I contend these are ties that cannot be severed. How then can the North and South fight? Impossible! We cannot go to War with our own friends! In the last war with Great Britain, I jeopardized my life for my country- the whole country, not merely for a part- and now they are throwing away what I held most dear? But I have one thing to console me, and that is I have had no hand in raising this agitation in either North or South!

(last letter to Daniel, mailed to Elberton, Ga.)

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A-6 Daniel Griswold Olds was born Oct. 14, 1821, in New York, probably in the area of Fort Covington. His parents, James Olds and Eunice Griswold apparently followed his grandparents (George and Lucy) there when they moved to New York. When George and Lucy returned to Underhill, Vermont, James and Eunice returned to Lamoille County.

Daniel was a stone mason. He left home as a very young man, to seek his fortune. We first find him in the Glen Falls and Sandy Hill area of New York and later to the area around Graniteville-Aiken, South Carolina, near Augusta, Georgia, then to Elberton, Georgia. We can surmise the time of his leaving home as CA 1839; arrival Augusta area CA 1847; arrival Elberton CA 1848-49.

Daniel Olds and Mary Elizabeth Black were married Jan. 29, 1850, at the home of her father, John W. Black, in Elberton, Georgia. The following children were born to Daniel and Mary:

1 - James Newell May 17, 1851 d. Mar. 17, 1939 (married Sally DuBose)

A-7 2 - Mary Almeda Nov. 4, 1852 d. Aug. 3, 1923 (married Joseph Campbell)

3 - Elizabeth E. Mar. 15, 1855 d. Mar. 27, 1947 (married H. E. Freeman)

4 - Lucious W. Mar. 22, 1856 d. Jan. 22, 1941 (married Elizabeth Clower)

5 - Amos D. Mar. 24, 1859 d. May 25, 1935 (married Tommie Bomar)

6 - Sousie R. July 8, 1861 d. Nov. 18, 1863

7 - Carrie S. Aug. 7, 1863 d. Apr. 19, 1887

8 - Eula Georgia S. May 7, 1866 d. (married A. J. Majors)

9 - Saluda F. Nov. 29, 1868 d. (married W.H. Turner)

10 - Floried H. Feb. 10, 1871 d. (married C. E. Vinson)

Sources:

Family Bible (in possession of Bomar Olds, Jr.)

Georgia State Archives - Historical letters donated by Mrs. Allen

Clements (Mamie Vinson Clements) James Newell Olds to son Daniel;  
sister Caroline to Daniel;

brother George Wesley to Daniel;

sister Laura Ann to Daniel;

sister Elizabeth to Daniel.

(all above 1839 to 1870)

Civil War Records - Georgia State Archives

follows:

Enlisted Jan. 25, 1864, Elbert County, Georgia in the 24th Battalion, Georgia  
Cavalry.

Shown in Muster Rolls as Private in Company "C" - 7th Georgia Cavalry Feb.  
27 to Apr. 30, 1864-Virginia.

Shown in Muster Rolls as sick in Jackson Hospital, Richmond, Va. June 10-  
June 16, 1864 with erysipelas.

Shown in Federal Muster Rolls as Prisoner of War. Captured May 19, 1865,  
at Anderson, South Carolina, by U.S. Forces under Brig Gen. S.B. Brown.  
Paroled at Hartwell, Georgia -date unknown.

In 1869, Daniel moved with all of his family except son James Newell to the  
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Rockbridge District, (Centerville) Gwinnett County. He built a house, still  
standing, above No-Business Creek near Centerville-Rosebud Road. Daniel  
continued his trade as a stone mason. Since Census Records between 1860  
and 1890 are either incomplete or nonexistent for many Georgia counties,  
his movements after residence in Gwinnett County are uncertain. It is believed  
he moved to the Atlanta area CA 1880-1890.

Daniel died on Nov. 1, 1892. No official records of his death or funeral exist,  
other than the record in his family Bible. He is buried in West View Cemetery  
in Atlanta. His burial there was evidently a re-interment, as West View  
records show the date of burial as Dec. 1, 1898, along with his daughter,  
Carrie (who died in 1887) the same date. (note: I have searched all records  
and newspapers at the State Archives in Atlanta and cannot find where he or  
Carrie died). His widow died May 29, 1902 in Macon, Georgia and is buried  
in West View.

Harold Joseph b. Nov. 23, 1889 d. Dec. 8, 1978 (m. Eula Mae Davenport)

James Thomas b. Apr. 26, 1897 d. Apr. 26, 1953 (m. 1- Blanche Lyle;

2 - Zadie Kimbell)

Joseph Campbell died August 1, 1913. Mary Olds Campbell died August 3, 1923, and is buried beside her husband in the shadows of Zoar Methodist Church, which she loved so much and served so well.

A-7 Mary Almeda Olds was born Nov. 4, 1852, in Elbert County, Georgia.

She moved with her parents, Daniel and Mary Black Olds, to the now Rockbridge District of Gwinnett County (Centerville) in 1869. The nearest neighbor to the Olds family, was the family of George Allen Campbell and his wife, Mary Rhinda Humphries. A twice-wounded veteran of the War Between the States, George Allen Campbell first appears in the Gwinnett County Census of 1860 as follows:

Geo. A. Campbell	age 33	farmer	born Ga.
Rinda	"	age 29	wife born Ga.
Joseph	"	age 8	son born Ga. (future husband of Mary)
John	"	age 7	son born Ga.
Sarah	"	age 2	dau. born Ga.

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Mary Olds and Joseph Thomas Campbell were married December 17,

1872, in Gwinnett County.

The following children were born to Mary and Joseph:

Leila Rebecca b. d. (married Elmer Sexton)

Saluda Elizabeth b. Jan. 3, 1875, d. Oct. 21, 1958 (married James Hannah)

Carrie E. b. Sept. 9, 1876 d. Dec. 29, 1877

Clarence Maynard B. July 25, 1878 d. Dec. 10, 1963 (m. Eunice \_\_\_\_\_)

Minnie Estelle b. Aug. 15, 1880 d. Oct. 2, 1959 (m. Oscar Williams)

Charles Wesley b. Nov. 2, 1882 d. Sept. 30, 1886

George Augustus b. Mar. 4, 1885 d. Jan. 19, 1956 (m. Lucy Evans)

Romney Lyle b. Sept. 22, 1887 d. May 1, 1975 (m. Annie B. Garner)