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## RESEARCH FINDINGS

This begins the 12th year of publication of the Wisser newsletter. There is much we have found during that time but still many unanswered questions about our family.

The following is from "A History of Framingham, Massachusetts, including the Plantation, from 1640 to the Present Time", by William Barry, published by J. Munroe and Co., Boston, MA, 1847. I may have quoted from this book before, but don't remember if I ever shared this portion about our ancestor James Rumney Marsh and his father, Awansamug. The story about his personal feelings about joining with the Christian Indians is to me the most interesting part.

p. 18; BOMAN and ROGER have already been noticed as grantors of land near the Falls, and as commemorated in the names of **Bowman's** Brook and Roger's Field. Other Indian names of hills, ponds and streams, (and those in some instances corrupted), are meager, yet pleasant memorials transmitted to us, of the aboriginal race. [Indian arrow-heads have been frequently found in ploughed fields in this town].

"Ancient records moreover inform us, that John Awansamug, Sen., was a "chief proprietor" and "sachem" of a tract of land, extending from the S. part of Framingham into Sherburne, and beyond that town to the S.W.; and the name of "Peter Jethro's field," on an old survey, points out the local habitation, near Nobscut Hill, of an individual, whose name is somewhat notorious in the annals of King Philip's war. Capt. Tom's Hill, which lies at the E. Part of the town, S. of the turnpike, upon the bounds of Natick and Framingham, probably received its name from the celebrated Wuttusacomponom, or Capt. Tom, the chief schem of the Nipmuck Indians. Of the three last name, the following sketches may deserve a place in this history.

Awansamug.-This name very often occurs in ancient deeds, and is variously written Awassomoag, Oonsumog, Wessomog, Ossamog, &c. The earliest mention made of him is in the History of Lynn, which refers to him (if the same), as having lived at Rumney Marsh (now Chelsea), and the father of Mumingquash, (**James Rumney Marsh**), born in 1636. He is generally known, however, as one of the "Natick Indians," in their conveyances of lands. In an account of the Praying or Christian Indians, 1659, he is described as "a young man when they (the Indians) begun to pray to God. He did not at the present join with them. He would say to me, *I will first see to it, and when I understand it, I will answer you.* He did after a while enter into the civil covenant; but was not entered into church covenant before he died. He was propounded to join the church, but was delayed, he being of a quick, passionate temper." It is added, that the church would have been satisfied to receive him, had he... p. 19; recovered from the long sickness which caused his death. Eliot elsewhere gives this Indian's confession among others. The extent of his possessions in this region must have been considerable. Besides land in the S. part of this town, he conveyed to William Sheffield 500 acres at Chaboquassit, in Sherburne, and obtained leave of the General Court, just before his death, to sell a large tract not far from Sherburne line on the S.W., to \_\_\_\_\_ Rawson. He appears to have received much kindness from Thomas Eames, of Framingham, "for sundry years until his death," of which a suitable notice is taken in an Indian conveyance to his sons. Awansamug left at his death a widow Yawataw, who signed the deed of the township of Salem in 1686, and at least two sons, Thomas and Amos; the former of whom owned a "houseslot" upon the land of Thomas Eames, and was living (or a son) in Natick, June 4, 1742. Samuel Assamug, of Natick, 1682, was probably another son." [Mr. Willard, in his History of Lancaster, notices that "Hannah Woonsamug, an Indian woman, ownd the Covenant (in that town) and was baptized Oct. 1710"]

## OBITUARIES

Please accept our condolences to those who recently lost family members.

Marshfield News-Herald, 31 Aug 2006; Owen, WI-Pauline McCray, 86, Owen, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, at her home. Private graveside services will be held Friday, Sept. 1, 2006 at Riverside Cemetery, Withee. Maurina Community Funeral Home is assisting the family. Pauline was born July 4, 1920, in Iowa to Paul and Alice (Adams) [her ancestry to **Benjamin Wisser Sr., her father, Louie Eli Edwin Adams, Byron Sidney Adams, Temperance Wisser Adams, Samuel Wisser, Benjamin Wisser Sr.**] Ritter. Pauline and Blaine McCray were married April 28, 1940. She worked for various factories in the Owen area and also operated the Come and

See Shop, a secondhand store in Withee. She is survived by her husband, Blaine of Owen; her daughter, Bonnie Marcott, Owen; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; one brother, Merlyn Ritter, Owen; and one sister, Alice Bender, Owen.

More complete obituary from an earlier published one, paper and date unknown; Belle Plaine, MN; Faith Flaschenriem, 73, of Belle Plaine, died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at her residence in Belle Plaine. Born in Marble Rock, Iowa, Feb. 4, 1933, Mrs. Flaschenriem was the daughter of Gerald [his ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Sr., his father, Louie Eli Edwin Adams, Byron Sidney Adams, Temperance Wiser Adams, Samuel Wiser, Benjamin Wiser Sr.] and Ena (Ackley) Adams. She was raised and attended school in Marble Rock. While in high school she was a star basketball player. On Nov. 19, 1971 she married Louis Flaschenriem Jr. at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Chanhassen. After their marriage, they lived for a time in Eden Prairie before moving to Belle Plaine in 1986. She had been employed in the food service of the Eden Prairie High School and later as a custodian in the Belle Plaine schools. She loved the outdoors, whether it be watching clouds or birds. While she was in Eden Prairie she enjoyed her vegetable garden where she raised canning pickles. Collecting dolls was her hobby as well as reading and listening to music. Mrs. Flaschenriem is survived by her husband, Louis Jr. of Belle Plaine; sons, Scott of Menomonee, Wis., Jacob III \*fiancee' Jennifer Sennes) of Belle Plaine. Daughters: Ena Cisewski of Rosemount, Sheila Falls of St. Paul. Grandchildren: Aaron (Jen) Cisewski, Jeni Jackson, Joy Falls, Beca Falls, Sara Falls, Login Flaschenriem and Lauren Flaschenriem. Brother: Owen of Bishopville, S.C., Lee of Union, Mo., Larry of Mesa, AZ, Jerry of San Diego, CA. Sisters: Ruth Newton of Apache Junction, AZ, Judi Rabideau of Scottsdale, AZ, many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Dean and Max Adams; sister, Shirley Sellon. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church, Belle Plaine. The Rev. Tom McCabe officiated. Pallbearers were Andy, Duane and Desi Flaschenriem, Aaron and Jeni (Cisewski) Jackson, Joy, Beca and Sara Falls. Burial was at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Belle Plaine. Visitation was Thursday, May 18 from 4-8 p.m. at Wagner Funeral Home, Belle Plaine and also one hour prior to service at the church. Wagner Funeral Home of Belle Plaine provided arrangements, 952-983-2324.



South Idaho Press, Burley, ID, 22 Jul 2006; Thelma Malissa Bartholomew Stott, a 92-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley. She was born Dec. 21, 1913, in Oakley, to Bert LeRoy and Mary Ellen (Tracy) Bartholomew. On Nov. 10, 1932, she married Elden Rawlins Stott [his ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Sr., his mother, Della Cunningham Stott, Mary Olive Wiser Cunningham, John McCormick Wiser, Samuel Wiser, Benjamin Wiser Sr.] in the Manti LDS Temple. They lived in Manti, for several years before moving to Salt Lake City, in 1941. Thelma worked as a hotel and motel manager. Later, she worked at the Remington Arms Plant in Salt Lake City, during WWII, and also in various homes as a caregiver for several families. In 1994, she moved to Montana, for one year and then, in 1995, moved to Burley, where she lived the remainder of her life. Her nickname was "The Gypsy" because she moved to different homes almost every year of her life. Thelma loved to garden, she enjoyed writing poetry and was also the producer of yearly family Christmas programs for which she wrote the scripts and made all of the costumes. She was a loving, giving, and devoted mother, and grandmother. Thelma is survived by her children, Betty Carr of Paul, Reah Stott of Burley, and James LeRoy (Sharon) Stott of Plains, Montana; sisters, Alta Lowry of Rupert, and Rose Mary "Dorothy" (Glade) Loveless, of Garland, Utah; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; sisters, Velva Bartholomew, Ireta Bartholomew, Ella Richardson; brothers, Alonzo Lee Bartholomew, LeRoy Donald Bartholomew, Richard Jensen May, and Ralph Jensen May; a son, Clark B. Stott; and a great-grandson, Brandon Griffiths. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Marion Cemetery. The family expresses their appreciation to IHC Hospice and to the staff of Highland Estates for the tender and loving care shown to Thelma and family.

Wichita KS Eagle, 10 Jun 2006; Moundridge, KS - Butz, Bertha S., 71, died June 9, 2006. Service 10:30 a.m. Monday, Moundridge Funeral Home. Survivors: sons, Terry Trimm of Grove, Okla., Steven Trimm of Wichita; daughter, Liz Lowe of Allen, Texas; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters. [her husband's ancestry to Benjamin Wiser Sr., Nelson Leroy (Bill) Butz, Addie (Adda) Thomas Thornburgh, Nathan Thornburgh, Cloe Wiser Thornburg, James Wiser, Benjamin Wiser Sr.]

## POSTSCRIPT

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