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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **Fall 2012** issue of the *McVicker, Moreland, Pinnell, Scruggs* (MMPS) family newsletter. We've included you on our mailing list because you are someone who shares a common interest of searching for information on the surnames associated with our maternal family line. We hope that some of the topics addressed within this newsletter will assist you with your genealogical endeavors.

This issue's **Feature Article** has been designed to provide some important facts and details to the reader's who have ancestors with the WALKER surname.

Within the **News of Interest to the Family Historian** learn how to access, use, and interpret Scotland's Old Parish Registers.

The **ROYSTON** surname is featured in the **Surname Search** section which displays matches of a surname in our database to the huge resources found at RootsWeb.com.

You are reminded to look at the **Research Connections** to see if anyone else is researching your family or a similar surname. Check out our **MMPS**

October is Family



History Month

Databases at the *RootsWeb World Connect Project* and *Ancestry.com* to see if we've added any new ancestral family lines, individuals or new and revised web records that may be of interest to you. Take time to look pages and image galleries recently uploaded to the **Maternal and Paternal**

Ancestors Website at *RootsWeb's Freepages*. Included here are pages containing worthwhile information about individual surnames, ancestral locations, free genealogy records as well as other topics such as military units, our genealogy reference book library, and historic American roads and migration routes.

As always we will attempt to keep the newsletter brief but informative and hope you will enjoy reading it. If you do not want to remain on our mailing list please let us know and we will stop sending to you. To read our previous newsletters, see the link in the **Contact Information** section of this issue.

Fred & Tom

A QUOTE TO NOTE

People will never look forward to Posterity who never look backward to their ancestors. -Edmund Burke

FEATURE ARTICLE

WALKER: Some Details and Facts About a Common Surname

If you have a long line of English or Scottish ancestors, as we do, it is a good bet that the Walker surname is probably found in your database. As of the 2010 U.S. Census, 544,653 people had the surname Walker, making it the 25th most common surname in America. The following is basic information about the name that can assist you with your Walker research.

ORIGIN AND MEANING OF THE NAME: Walker is primarily an occupational name for a fuller, or an officer whose duty consisted of walking or inspecting a certain space of forest ground. Job descriptive surnames such as this one denoted the actual occupation of the name-bearer, and became hereditary when a son followed the father into the same skill or business. The word Walker comes from the Middle English word “walkere”, and before that the Old English “wealcere”, which is an agent derivative of “wealcan” meaning “to walk, or tread”. Fuller was the regular term for the occupation during the Middle Ages in western and northern England. The Walker surname compares with Fuller and Tucker as a surname related to the processing of cloth. As a Scottish surname it has also been used as a translation of Gaelic Mac an Fhucadair ‘son of the fuller’. Walker can also be a locational or habitational surname for a person who came from a place called Walker in Northumberland, England. This name originated from the Old Norse word “kiarr”, and means “The wall by the marsh”.

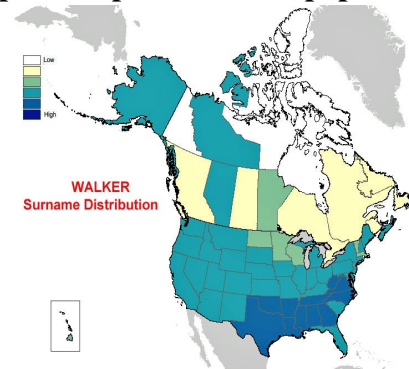
SOME HISTORY OF THE NAME: The Walker surname was first found in Yorkshire, England where the Walker family was seated from early times. This ancient and distinguished surname, has over fifty entries in the “Dictionary of National Biography”, and no less than sixty Coats of Arms. The first recorded spelling of the English family name is shown to be that of Richard le Walkere. This was dated 1248, in “Select Documents of the Abbey of Bec”, Warwickshire. Other early examples of recordings in England include Robert le Walker, in the Assize Court Rolls of

Yorkshire in 1260; a Walker in Northumberland who is recorded as Walkyr in the “Inquisitiones post mortem”, dated 1268; Johanna Walkere of Yorkshire was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. The Walker name was taken early to Scotland by settlers, and Thomas dictus Walkar of Berwick, 1324, appears to be the first on record. William Walker held land in Inverrys Scotland in the year of 1381. Johannes Walker was a juror on an inquest held in the Episcopal lands of Aldrochty in 1393. Donald Walcare, held lands in St. Leonard's, Edinburgh in 1457. Johannes Walcar (hatmaker) was the burgess of Perth, 1546.

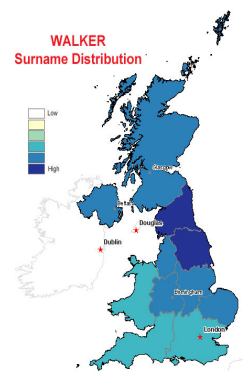
LOCATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE NAME:

Statistics show that there are approximately 3,028 persons per million of population with the Walker

surname, within the United Kingdom, and 1,844 persons per million of population within the United States. New Zealand is found to be the country in the world where this surname



is the second most highly clustered having about 2,866 persons per million of population. The top region of the world where this surname is the most highly clustered is the Opoitiki District, New Zealand, with 10,384 persons per million. Birmingham, West Midlands, England, United Kingdom is the top city where this surname is found.



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ARMORIAL BEARINGS, MOTTOS, AND SYMBOLS:

A coat of arms, more properly called an armorial achievement, armorial bearings or often just arms for short, is a design usually granted only to a single person not to an entire family or to a particular surname. As was previously stated there are at least sixty coats-of-arms attributed to persons with the Walker surname. The following are examples of a few interesting ones we've found.



These armorial bearings were granted to Sir James Walker, 1st Baronet (1803–1883) of Sand Hutton in the County of Yorkshire. This Walker Baronetcy, was created in the Baronetage of the United

Kingdom on 9 December 1868. Sir Victor Stewart Heron Walker, 6th Baronet (born 8 October 1942) is the current Baronet. This coat-of-arms is described as having a silver shield containing a red chevron with three golden annulets* all between three blue crescents. The crest shows a bent right arm, in armor, coming out of grey battlements, the hand is holding a green lizard. The motto of this Walker is, "Honesta quam magna." *An annulet is a finger ring and it represents, "Fidelity."



This is an image of the Walker Clan Badge that features the clan crest of a cornucopia, as well as the clan motto, "Cura Et Industria" which translates as, "Care and industry." A Scottish crest badge is a heraldic badge worn

to show allegiance to an individual or membership in a specific Scottish clan.



This coat-of-arms was originally granted in 1563 to William Walker of Wakefield, Yorkshire, England. The arms are described as having a silver shield containing a black fesse that is embattled counter embattled all between three black crescents. The descendants of this Walker have created different crests but the arms have essentially remained the same. For example, the coat-of-arms of John Walker of Hillingdon in Greater London and Wakefield, Yorkshire contains the greyhound's* head and black collar but also included three silver crescents, and the crest, (as shown), of another Walker of Wakefield has only the greyhound's head with a black collar. *The heraldic greyhound signifies, "Courage, vigilance, and loyalty."



This is an example of the Walker Dress Tartan. Dress tartans are based on the *earasaid* tartans worn by Highland women in the 17th and 18th centuries. Dress tartans tend to be made by replacing a prominent color with the color white. They are commonly used today in Highland dancing. It is generally regarded that "clan tartans" date no earlier than the beginning of the 19th century. The naming and registration of official clan tartans was begun in 1815 by the Highland Society of London. Today almost all Scottish clans have several tartans attributed to their name. Although it is possible for anyone to create a tartan and name it any name they wish, the only person with the authority to make a clan's tartan "official" is the recognized chief of the clan.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

NEW FREE Databases added from Historical Record Collections



We are continually adding links from various historical record collections, such as state archives, FamilySearch, Rootsweb, USGENWEB, and others to our **FREE Genealogy Records** pages at: <http://tinyurl.com/3saa5z9>. Following is a listing of some of the new or updated databases that we have recently uploaded to our website:



- Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821-1962
- United States Census (Mortality Schedule), 1850
- Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885 – 1950
- Mississippi, Confederate Records, 1889-1942
- Illinois, Cemetery Transcriptions, 1853-2009
- Maryland, Register of Wills Books, 1629-1983
- North Carolina, Deaths, 1931-1994
- NY, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980

FREE Social Security Death Index see DEATH RECORDS webpage at: <http://tinyurl.com/8x7m44r>

Some "Good News" submitted by our Readers



"THE HUNT" a genealogy poem submitted by Savannah Jordon at, <lakegirltyler@yahoo.com>

Molly Bolt, where are you?
Searching for you everywhere
So young when you died
A sweet son left behind.

Great great grandpa took your child
and changed his name to his
He grew and made a family
that brought me here today.

The Census shows you lived
Your name in black and white
One registry only and then no more
and none before, where are you?

Molly Bolt, you left a big hole
in my genealogy, even the internet
can't unearth the facts, who are you
and where are you hiding,
Great great grandmother Molly Bolt.

If you have any research tips, recipes, photographs, web links, news articles, maps, etc. that you would like to share with our readers please feel free to send them to me at silrem@comcast.net.

Great Places To Look For **FREE** Genealogy Information



Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related web-sites popping up? The folks at [FamilyTreeMagazine](http://FamilyTreeMagazine.com), <http://tinyurl.com/re5ryu> have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently

identified the following "Best Big Genealogy" websites for 2012.

Library of Congress at <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>

Search this online catalog of pretty much every book there is, along with the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections. Or picture the past with the American Memory digital collection of maps, photos, documents, audio and video on topics from landscape architecture to war.

Also, check out the **Chronicling America** newspaper collection at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>, which has grown to more than 4.8 million digitized pages, plus a directory of historical US newspapers and archives where you can find copies today.

National Archives and Records Administration at <<http://www.archives.gov/>>. Look under "Research our Records" so you can use the new **Online Public Access System** to search the Access to Archival Databases collection of more than 85 million historic electronic records—among them more than 9 million WWII enlistment files—and the Archival Research Catalog index to 6.3 million records (with 153,000 digital copies).

FamilySearch at <<https://familysearch.org/>>. The Family Search website has been completely overhauled and expanded. As a result, this early innovator in online genealogy is once again at the front of the pack. A wealth of digitized records, family history books, new ways to search the Family History Library catalog, a Research Wiki and improved records searching make this free site—and its more than 2.5 billion records—your first stop in almost any genealogy undertaking.

Looking for Married Names

Know a woman's maiden name but not her married name? Try these strategies:

1. Search legal documents, wills and probate records for her parents—a daughter may be named in them.
2. Seek out obituaries for siblings. Most will list brothers and sisters among those "survived by."

3. Check census records for her twilight years, when she may have been living with a sibling.
4. Ask, ask and ask. Even your near and dear family members remember things differently.

FREE Research Courses

Learn About the Methods and Key Resources Needed to Jump-Start Your Family History Research

Stuck at a brick wall, or feeling overwhelmed by your research? Then it is probably time to increase your skill set by educating yourself. Once understanding of records and research planning is acquired we become better researchers. This means we are more selective in what we gather, more confident that we can find information again, and better equipped to scale our brick walls. To assist you with this effort we have included this "Research Courses" article as an on-going feature

of this newsletter. Although there are many sources for **FREE** online genealogy lessons we have decided to start with those tried and proven courses offered by Family Search that can be seen at: <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>. These classes are taught by genealogy research consultants from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as experts from around the world. Below you will find information about the featured lesson. **Click** on the **URL** to get the lesson started.

Scotland's Old Parish Registers: How to Access, Use, and Interpret

Learn how to access, use, and correctly interpret the information found in the christening, marriage, and burial registers of the established Church of Scotland. See examples of problems to



<http://tinyurl.com/9axvntv>

watch for, clues given for further research, and what to do when your ancestor is not found. Instructor Paul Milner provides the following Lesson Supplements: Course Handout (pdf).

If you have any ideas, and or information you might have regarding ways to enhance our researching experiences. Send them to me at silrem@comcast.net.



Database Updates



New Records Uploaded to the Databases at RootsWeb and Ancestry

Our Moreland-Scruggs Family Line (MMPS) database at *Ancestry.com* currently contains the records of **3,302** persons. The database can be viewed by all Ancestry subscribers. This tree will change every three months as we edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data therein.

An updated version of our MMPS Database was recently uploaded to the, open to all and FREE, "World Connect" site at *RootsWeb.com*. Several new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **3,168** persons. Since we update the database quarterly to coincide with the publishing of this newsletter our readers are all reminded to take a look at what is new with our family history research. If you do check out the website

you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may find some errors in ours that we need to know of.

The Database at *Rootsweb* is free for all to use. It is located at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>. You may also access our family tree by going to: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>.

The Database at *Ancestry.com* can only be accessed by subscribers. It is located at the Home Page <http://www.ancestry.com/> in the "Search" pull-down button under "Public Member Trees". Please know that we would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE ??

Our Ancestors: 380 Years of History in America

**Dozens of New Historic Roads Added to Revised "Routes in the Northeastern U.S."
New KENTUCKY Library Page Added**

Since we usually update our website several times between the publishing of this newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to periodically review what is new with regard to the family information and genealogical resources contained at, **Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 380 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information.** To access the site's Home Page use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>.

Over the past three months **seven** new or revised **Surname** web pages have been created and added to the **MMPS SUBSITE**.

At our **ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS** sub-site **seven** new or revised web pages have been created and uploaded to the internet. This includes several new and revised county pages for the State of Kentucky.

The scope and volume of the various sub-sites created for our **SPECIAL TOPICS** continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. For example we have added many more links to our **Free Genealogy Records and Databases.** Here you will find hundreds of links to free genealogy record databases. Most of these free records come from websites such as

Family Search, Ancestry.com, Distant Cousin, various U.S. State archives, and Fold 3. We have continued to upgrade and increase the number of volumes within our **Genealogy Reference Library.** As a result of our growing library of books we've added a separate page for easier access to the **176** volumes now in our **KENTUCKY** State collection. Most of these books are fully searchable and can be downloaded to your computer. In addition text may be cut & pasted directly to your family tree software or other document. For our readers who have an interest in **Historic American Roads And Migration Routes** major revisions have been made to the **Routes in the Northeastern U.S.** pages. As a result many new trails and several image galleries about historic routes within the New England and Middle Atlantic states.

As with our databases you may find some new information at our web-site that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise us of some updated records that we can include at the site. Either way we would appreciate an email from you just to let us know that you've found your way to our online website.

NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES

To these pages follow this link <<http://tinyurl.com/56odpr>>.

MMPS SURNAME INDEX: Barrie^{NEW}; Crewes^{NEW}; Geisler^{NEW}; Goodwin^{NEW}; Sonst^{NEW}; Sturler^{NEW}; Walker

MMPS SOURCE DOCUMENTS: Bennett; Eubanks; McVicker; Moreland; Rhodes; Ross^{NEW}; Walker

PICTURE GALLERY ARCHIVES: Peachee^{NEW}; Rhodes; Johnson; Brown; Moreland

OTHER:

NEW & REVISED “ANCESTRAL LOCATION” PAGES

To access these pages follow this **link** <<http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>>.

UNITED STATES: States – Indiana **Counties** – Fleming Co., KY; Floyd Co., KY; Mason Co., KY; Philadelphia Co., PA

WORLD: Baden-Württemberg, Germany; Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

NEW & REVISED “ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS” PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

To access these pages follow this **link** <<http://tinyurl.com/nczbsj>>.

UNITED STATES: Fleming Co., KY; Floyd Co., KY; Mason Co., KY; Philadelphia Co., PA

WORLD:

“SPECIAL TOPICS” NEW & REVISED PAGES

To access these pages follow this **link** <<http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>>.

FREE GENEALOGY RECORDS & DATABASES: Biographies & Surnames; Cemetery; Census & Directories; Church; Court; Death; Immigration & Naturalization; Land; Marriage; Military; Newspaper; Organizations; Federal, State & Local Records; Tax & Voter

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY: General Reference Library; Illinois; Kentucky **NEW**; Pennsylvania

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Northeastern U.S. Migration Routes; Braddock’s Road; Catskill Turnpike; Gist’s Trace; Great Genessee Road; Iroquois Trail; Mohawk Trail; Pennsylvania Road

RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS:

OTHER:

“SPECIAL TOPICS” NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

To access these pages follow this **link** <<http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>>.

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: General Maps and Images of Historic Northeastern U.S. Routes; Bay Path; Boston Post Road; Braddock’s Road; Burd’s Road; Catawissa Path **NEW**; Catskill Turnpike; Gist’s Trace; Great Indian War & Trading Path (PA); Great Genessee Road; Great Island Path **NEW**; Great Shamokin Path **NEW**; Greenwood Road; Iroquois Trail / Mohawk Turnpike; Juniata Path **NEW**; King’s Highway (Maine); Mohawk Trail; Pennsylvania (*Forbes*) Road; Portage Road **NEW**; Tulpehocken Path **NEW**; Tuscarora Path **NEW**; Ulster & Delaware Turnpike **NEW**; Venango Path **NEW**

MILITARY Image Galleries:

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created its distribution list has grown significantly. Along the way we have interacted with many genealogists that have expressed an interest in one or more of the family lines contained within our MMPS databases located at RootsWeb and Ancestry.com. Because networking is a key to the success of any family historian we feel that it is important for this newsletter to help in making that connection. As a result "Research Connections" has become part of

every edition because we all realize the importance of a forum for researchers to reach out to others who may be working on the same family. Since most of the readers of this letter share several surnames in the aforementioned databases we believe that we would all benefit from the publishing of your significant "brick wall".



Subscribers Seeking Assistance With their Research



I am from the Philippines and am researching the **KERR** surname in our family tree. While researching the Kerr surname in Philippine history, I came upon John Stuart (or Stewart) Kerr, who was born in Philadelphia and traveled to the Philippines sometime between 1770-1796. He became one of the first Americans to settle in the country. He was also the first American Consul in Manila, and held this post from 1801 to 1815. By any chance, would you have information on his family and descendants? Please reply to Mel Obedoza at chibi.missy@gmail.com.

I'm trying to find any info on a **LINEBERRY** that lived in Gold Hill, NC, (Rowan County), in the early 1800's. There was a house known as the Lineberry- Loflin house, and I'm trying to find out info on the owners. The house is all but gone only one room remains, and I have some of the wood from the house. Please reply to George Orndorff at george@fly-gbi.com.

I am looking for an obit, family Bible, family history, bio, sale of property, will, probate for: 1) Isaac **BRACKEN** /**BRACKIN** 1747 DE, 1825 Brackintown, Sumner Co, TN; 2) wife, Rachel **STALCOP**/**STALCUP** 1749 DE, 1830 Sumner Co, TN; 3) Rachel **BRACKEN**/**BRACKIN** 1776 Orange Co, NC, 1849 Washington Co, AR, 1/h Zachariah **LEWIS** 1774-1803, 2/h Peter Mankins 1770- 1881 Wasington Co, AR. Martha **BRACKEN**/**BRACKIN** 1781 Orange Co, NC, 1863 Clay Co, MO, m. Ralph **FAWCETT**/**FAUCETT** 1777 Orange Co, NC, d 1837 Orange Co, NC. Please reply to Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen <pattitwirler@comcast.net>

Some Current Subscribers & the Common Family Lines They are Researching

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Susan Norton nortoncrew@cablone.net	McVicker	Randy H. Schmidt peshewa@comcast.net	Thomas Holeman (1675-1723) m. Mary Moreland
Luann Seamons lubose@plmw.com	Green, Bracken of New Castle County, Delaware	Jerry Deatherage jerryditdotdeatherage@yahoo.com	James A. Deatherage born c. 1825 in Tennessee
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If you would like to be included on this list or if should any of the above named persons would like their information deleted or revised contact Fred at silrem@comcast.net.

SURNAME SEARCH

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname from our database to records found on the internet that may be useful and hopefully rekindle your own research into this family as well as other related topics. To see what information we have uncovered about our direct family surnames follow the links to our Website at <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>. and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>.

ROYSTON Surname at RootsWeb

The origins of **ROYSTON** as a surname is as follows: (1) habitation name from a place in Hertfordshire, recorded in 1262 as *Croyroys*, from Old French *croiz* ‘cross’ (Latin *crux*, genitive *crucis*) + the female personal name *Royse* or *Rose*). and (2) habitation name from a place in West Yorkshire, so called from the genitive case of the Old English byname *Hror*, meaning ‘vigorous’ (or its Old Norse cognate *Róarr*) + Old English *tun* ‘enclosure’, ‘settlement’.

Search RootsWeb.com

First Name

Last Name

By Keyword

To access the databases listed below follow this address: <http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>. At the Rootsweb Home Page type this or any other surname into the “Last Name” box and click “Search”.

The following matches of records pertaining to the **ROYSTON** surname have been found in **20 of 45** databases at the **FREE** RootsWeb site.

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	7,950	Web Site Search	4,395
Rootsweb Surname List	15	Australia and New Zealand Records	23
Vital Records	Matches	Alumni Lists	2
California Death Index	101	Book Indexes	1
Texas Death Index	46	BLM/GRO Land Records	8
Kentucky Death Index	26	Obituaries	6
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	5	British, UK and Ireland Data	13
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	3	Military Records	4
World War One Draft Index	19	Newspaper Indexes	4
Early Death Records	9		
Pre-1920 Marriages	14		
Pre-1920 Births	5		

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