

OUR FAMILY STORY

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Hello everyone;

Welcome to the **twelfth** issue of our family newsletter. As the descendants of **Jerre' Moreland** and **Pearl Scruggs** we all share a common heritage. The purpose of this newsletter is to pass along to you and your families some of the chronicles and stories about our ancestors. Please consider sharing them with your children so that they can also understand how firmly rooted we are into the history of our country.

FAMILY WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

During the past several weeks Tom Peiffer and I have been putting in countless hours in an effort to put together a website designed to provide additional information about our ancestors. The website is located at RootsWeb.com (www.rootsweb.com). This site is the oldest and largest free online community for genealogists. It contains extensive interactive guides and numerous research tools for tracing family histories.

When it comes to family history research the two most important factors are name and location. Therefore we will be presenting information not only about our ancestors themselves but also the family surname and the locations in which they lived. When you explore the website you will be directed to surname links as well as links to the many states and counties. At this time we have limited our work to direct ancestors, i.e. grandparents, only. Of the 107 surnames listed 42 are from our Moreland-Scruggs family tree. The remainder of the names comes from the Peiffer and Siler/Silar family trees. At this time we have completed web pages about our Scruggs and Pinnell surnames.

We urge you to take some time to visit our website. You will especially enjoy reading the narratives written to describe the events in the lives of our grandparents, as well as a look at some of the places in which they lived. Space will be provided on the site for you to see photographs our ancestors. You may also be interested in viewing images of original documents such as Civil War military records, Revolutionary War Pension applications, deeds, as well as birth and marriage certificates. In some cases documents have been written and/or signed in the hand of our fore fathers.

Directions for Accessing the Website:

Go to Rootsweb.com at <http://www.rootsweb.com/> . In the center column you will see "WEBSITES" click on [Websites on RootsWeb's Freepages](#). Select the letter "P" click on it and scroll down the page to the website entitled:

[**PEIFFER - MORELAND - SILAR FAMILY ARCHIVES**](#) by *tqpeiffer*

When you enter the site click on the **Scruggs** or **Pinnell** surnames and follow the links. Please note that you will not find any records pertaining to us or any other family members that are or may still be alive. I'm sure that you will agree with Tom and I that this is an appropriate precaution to take.

You are encouraged to take advantage of this family resource. Your kids can use it for a school assignment, or you may want to read some it just for pleasure and general

information. Tom and I will be updating the site on a regular basis. As such you may expect it to become larger and more informative as time goes on. Therefore you should attempt to visit it frequently. We both would appreciate an email from you just to let us know that you've found your way to our online website.

NEWS ON OUR FAMILY TREE AT ROOTSWEB

May I remind you that the entire family can access our family tree on the internet. An updated version was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at Rootsweb.com on **Friday, June 23rd**. The database now has **1,830** names, which include not only ancestral grandparents but also aunts, uncles, and cousins. You may access our family tree by going to <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>. On that page you will see on the left column a box entitled "jump to a specific tree". Type in *jemoreland* and click on "go" or just search for any name in the database and you will be taken to the record.

DID YOU KNOW??? !!!

The largest family is that of our great-grandparents **Joseph C. Scruggs** (1794-1879), and **Francis Parks Shepard Scruggs** (1809-1872). "Fanny" Scruggs delivered at least 15 children between 1826 and 1852. That means that she had a child about every 21 months for 26 years!!

A QUOTE TO NOTE

"I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unrelenting devotion to the things you want to see happen."

--- Frank Lloyd Wright ---

Always open for suggestions as to what you might want to look for in future issues of "Our Family Story".

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