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# *McVicker, Moreland, Pinnell; Scruggs; and allied families*



## *A Family History Newsletter*

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## **WELCOME**

*Hello everyone;*

Welcome to the WINTER 2007 issue of this family newsletter. We've included you on our mailing list because you are close family, a gen-cousin or genealogist who shares a common interest of searching for information on the family surnames associated with our maternal family line.

Along with a new format, "Genealogy News" and "Family Facts" sections make their debut in this newsletter. Simon Dickson, (our 11<sup>th</sup> great- grandfather) is the subject the "Ancestor Profile" article. We have also included an update on our maternal family database online at Rootsweb's WorldConnect Project, and recent happenings with regard to the website at RootsWeb's Freepages.

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 my mailing list please let me know and I will stop sending to you. To read our previous newsletters, visit this link [Newsletter Archives](#).

## **A QUOTE TO NOTE**

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-68-*

## ANCESTOR PROFILE

### Simon Dickson (1607-unk.)

Simon Dickson was born in England around 1607 to Scottish parents who descended from the Dickson family in Eccles Parish of County Berwick on the Marches (borders) of Scotland. Simon Dickson, a Lowlander Scot, was "known to have lived in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and County Down, Ireland". County Down is a maritime county, mostly mountainous, located in Northern Ireland was formerly known as the Province of Ulster.

It is not known why or when Simon Dickson's Scottish parents migrated to England but they may have been descendants of the Dicksons who left Scotland and settled in England prior to 1525. Another possible explanation is that Simon's father may have lived within the English East March as many Dixons presumably began their association there when Berwick-Upon-Tweed was Scottish.

Based upon a timeline of the struggle between the English Parliament and King Charles I, Simon Dickson probably settled in Dromore, County Down, Ireland around 1651. Although no document has been forthcoming, some believe he was an Ensign or Lieutenant in the Parliamentary Army. It is most likely that he participated in the conquest of Ireland by Oliver Cromwell in 1649 - 50. As a reward for his military service he received a land grant of approximately 400 acres in County Down located within two miles of



*Cromwell's Army lays siege to Irish Castle*

Dromore. He settled there and reared his family. It is not known how many offspring he produced but tradition says there were at least six, one of which Joseph was the progenitor of the family that eventually came to the New World. At the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 the grants of Oliver Cromwell were destroyed whereupon Simon became a tenant on the same land over which he had formerly been the landlord.

It is most probable that Simon Dickson lived the remainder of his life at this location. It is not known when he died or where he is buried.

Source: Sullivan, Claire F., Ph.D., *Descendants of Simon Dickson*, (published privately by the author), p.15.

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Descendants of Simon Dickson

We are pleased to announce that one of our subscribers has recently published a book about our Dickson ancestors. Claire F. Sullivan, Ph.D., has spent the past decade pulling together just about any significant information pertaining to the Dickson family. The outcome is a magnificent hardbound volume containing over 600 pages of quality research.

A fifteen-page introduction begins with early European origins of the Noble Family of Keith from which the Clan Dickson descended. The author cites many sources as she covers how the Keiths were found in Scotland as early as 1000 AD and how some of this group evolved into Clan Dickson by the 1300's. Claire completes this section of her work with a well-written account of the migrations of the Scots to Ireland starting in 1603, and eventually to America as early as the 1680's.

The majority of the book, over 500 pages, covers 12 generations of the Dickson family beginning with Simon Dickson, the subject of this newsletter's feature article, through many descendants born in the first half of the 20th century. Claire has utilized the NGS Quarterly (Descendent Ordered) format to display the individuals of each generation. A total of 959 family units and over 6,000 descendants are identified with footnotes listed at the bottom of each page. The fact that there are 1,050 footnotes speaks well of the time-consuming research that has gone into the book. Documentation such as copies of wills, obituaries, maps, death certificates, photographs, etc., have been inserted among the various family descriptions truly making this a thorough description of the Dickson family during the past 350 years.

Forty-five pages of appendices provide additional primary source documentation and include letters written by William Dickson (1739-1820); a manuscript written about the family of David Dickson (1750-1830); an index to Headright and Bounty grants pertaining to the Dickson surname in Georgia between 1756-1909; Tax Digests for Fayette County, Georgia 1823-1834 as well as additional letters and family histories.

Claire's completes her fine collection of "all that is Dickson" with a comprehensive and through index of individuals that are found within her tome. It is worthwhile to note that appendices and footnotes are not indexed, and females are listed by their maiden names, if known.

This compilation is certainly a must for anyone researching Dickson and related families. For additional information regarding the purchase of Descendants of Simon Dickson you may contact her via regular mail at 424 High Earls Rd., Westminster, MD 21158, or email her at <cdsullivan\_8@msn.com>.

## A "Fulton" Family Encounter

Last September Fred and his wife Lynn took a 10- day road trip to Michigan and Canada. While visiting Sault St. Marie, MI they met Roberta and John Hirth of Harriman, New York. The Hirth's have spent all but one month this year living on the road in their RV home having just recently returned from Alaska. What a pleasant surprise to for Fred to find out that Roberta is also an avid genealogist. She has been hosting the Fulton mailing list at RootsWeb for many years. Roberta is able to accomplish this while traveling the country via a satellite hook-up in their motor home. If any of our readers has the FULTON surname in their database and would like more information we recommend that you check-out the following websites that Roberta has forwarded to me:

Fulton web page at:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~elisa96/hirth/fulton.htm>

Search the Fulton-L Archives at this URL:

<http://listsearches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/listsearch.pl?list=Fulton>

Browse the Fulton-L Archives at this URL:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/fulton>



## A "FAMILY TREE" GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



**The Bennett family line now extends back to 1465 with nine new generations added.**

**Recent updates made to the Bleasdale and Dickson lines.**

An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **86** new names have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **2,145** persons, which include, not only ancestral grandparents, but also aunts, uncles, and cousins. 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 the websites out 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.

To access the database just click on the following link: Our Maternal Ancestors: McVicker; Moreland; Pinnell; Scruggs and allied families . You may also 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 that record.

Please know that we would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.

## OUR MATERNAL AND PATERNAL ANCESTORS: 300 YEARS OF HISTORY IN AMERICA

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

Photographs and images archives developed for ancestral county locations.  
101 Best Websites now at "Websites and Web Pages We Like".

Because we usually update this site several times between the publishing of this Newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to take a look at what is new with regard to the family information and genealogical resources contained at this internet site. As with the database you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise of some new information that we can include at the site. Either way I would appreciate an email from you just to let me know that you've found your way to our online website.

### NEW AND REVISED SURNAME PAGES\*:

[Bennett](#); [Bleasdale](#); [Dickson](#); [Green](#);

*\*All of the previously existing surname pages have been revised.*

### NEW SOURCE DOCUMENTS\*:

[Birth Record of Ira Cecil Moreland](#); [1881 Will of Miss Jane Bishop](#);  
[Gardner](#); [Pinnell](#);

*\*Most if not all of the new surname pages also include new source documents.*

### NEW ANCESTRAL LOCATION PAGES:

[United States of America](#)

USA STATES - [New Jersey](#); [Alabama](#); [Colorado](#); [Florida](#); [Illinois](#);  
[Georgia](#); [North Carolina](#); [Texas](#); [West Virginia](#)

USA COUNTIES: [Burlington County, NJ](#); [Nelson County VA](#);

ENGLAND - [Somerset, UK](#); [Gloucestershire, UK](#); [Wiveliscombe, UK](#); [Yorkshire, UK](#);

GERMANY - [Baden-Wurttemberg](#); [Bavaria](#); [Hesse](#); [Rhineland-Palatinate](#); [Dillingen](#)

NORTHERN IRELAND- [Northern Ireland](#); [Antrim](#); [County Down](#)

FRANCE - [France](#); [Alsace](#);

Photo and Image archives developed for the following counties:

[Los Angeles, CA](#); [Fluvanna, VA](#); [McMinn, TN](#); [Tulare, CA](#); [York, PA](#); [Nelson, VA](#)

## FAMILY FACTS

### The BISHOP Surname

Top Places of Origin for BISHOP		Top Occupations for BISHOP in 1880	
Place of Origin	Bishop Immigrants	<div><div>General Public</div><div>Bishop</div></div>	
England	656	<div><div>0 %10 %20 %30 %40 %50 %</div><div><div>Farmer</div><div>35%</div><div>41%</div></div></div>	
Ireland	115	<div><div>Keeping House</div><div>6%</div><div>7%</div></div>	
Great Britain	82	<div><div>Laborer</div><div>3%</div><div>6%</div></div>	
Scotland	50	<div><div>Farming</div><div>3%</div><div>3%</div></div>	
Germany	31	<div><div>Farm Laborer</div><div>3%</div><div>3%</div></div>	
Wales	10	<div><div>Carpenter</div><div>2%</div><div>3%</div></div>	

*The “Family Facts” article features a surname of a direct ancestral line. To find additional information on this family follow the links to the website [BISHOP](#) and the database [BISHOP](#).*

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*Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!*