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## WELCOME

### *Hello Everyone;*

Welcome to the WINTER 2009 issue of our family newsletter. We've included you on the mailing list because you are either, family, a gen-cousin or genealogist 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. For example at many of our web pages we've begun to add a surname search button to link directly with Google's power search engine.

In addition to news regarding worthwhile website the [News of Interest to the Family Historian](#) section contains an interesting article about how to search immigration records for ancestors who arrived in America during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The [feature article](#) is a fascinating true story about our Uncle John Rhodes and his involvement in one of the Southwest's famous family feuds.

Take a look at the new web page about our Mauduit ancestors who originated in Normandy, France and came to England as a result of William I's conquest in 1066.

In addition to some general topics of interest for the family historian, the WRIGHT surname is featured in the [Surname Search](#) section. "Surname Search" displays matches of a surname in our database to the huge resources found at RootsWeb.com. You are also reminded to check out the [Research Connections](#) to see if anyone else is researching your family.

Don't forget to review the new and updated information in our maternal family database at the *Rootsweb World Connect Project*, as well as recent happenings with regard to our website at *Roots Web's Freepages*. A quarterly accounting of our database at Rootsweb shows that **11 new direct ancestral family lines** were uncovered and **59 new individual records** have been added.

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

*"Stirring the pot brings all things to the surface"* – contributed by Melissa Fitzkee

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### John Rhodes and "The Tewksbury Feud"

I have misty memories of my mother clipping articles from the [\*Saturday Evening Post\*](#) about an old fashioned cowboy feud that contained many intriguing elements that can capture the imagination of a young boy. According to Mom her Uncle [Sam Scruggs](#) had told her that his Uncle John Rhodes was a "hired-gun" in an event of the Old West that she referred to as "The Tewksbury Feud". Many years later during my research of the [William C. Rhodes](#) family I began to investigate the subject to see whether there was any validity to this story. First, I needed to know whether the *Saturday Evening Post* ever published the aforementioned story. Sure enough I found that "The Tewksbury Feud" had indeed been published by the magazine in eight installments in 1960 beginning in the April 9<sup>th</sup> issue and culminating with the May 28<sup>th</sup> issue. With proof that my memories were correct I then moved on the task of finding out whether my Uncle [John Rhodes](#), (brother to our great-great-grandmother [Julia Rhodes](#)), was really a participant in this historical event.

John Rhodes, son of William C. and [Sarah \(Douglass\) Rhodes](#), was born 1851 in Rusk County, Texas. In 1857 he moved west, in a wagon train, with his family to California. By the age of 19 he had left his family home in [Tulare County](#), California. Eventually John moved on to the Arizona Territory where around 1884 he married an unnamed Mexican woman. Between 1885 and 1888 at least three known offspring, [John F.](#), [Ernestina](#), and [William](#), were produced of this union.

"The Tewksbury Feud", which started in 1886 and ran on for almost a decade, is more commonly called "[The Pleasant Valley War](#)". This affair is also referred to as "Graham-Tewksbury Feud", or "The Tonto Basin War".

The feud between the Grahams and the Tewksburys took place in the Pleasant Valley of Arizona south of the [Mogollon Rim](#). This conflict was, in a limited sense, a war between those who ran sheep and those who ran cattle, but there were other important factors. Originally both families had been in the cattle business, and it seems probable that they first fell out over the division of cattle they jointly stole from a Jim Stinson. There is good reason to believe that the precipitating factor was the appearance, in 1887, of a big herd of sheep under the management and probably partial ownership of the Tewksbury's in what had originally been a range exclusively used by cattle. It has been pretty well established that the sheep came from the Daggs brothers of Flagstaff, who had plenty of money and were constantly on the lookout for more range for their growing flocks. Eventually the opposition faction to the sheepherders centered around the Graham family to

which gathered a considerable number of cowboys and cattlemen.

Tom Graham later told how at first he tried to use a form of moral persuasion to rid the area of sheep. Not wishing to kill anyone, he would be a wait till the sheepherder began the preparation of his evening meal and then, from the darkness Graham would drop a bullet through the frying pan or coffee pot. This intimation out of the night usually was effective in inducing the herder to forget his hunger and to move his band very early the next morning.



It is believed that about twenty-nine men had been killed in the war and that twenty-two graves of men of the Graham faction could be found in the vicinity of the old Stinson ranch. Only four of the Tewksbury group died during the feud, but the most awful feature of all was the manner of the death of two of them.

On September 2, 1887 after the Tewksbury's had reoccupied their cabin, the surviving Grahams and their partisans surrounded the place. They found John Tewksbury and Will Jacobs outside, looking for horses. The Grahams shot them both and left their bodies on the ground in front of the house while those inside held off the invaders. It is unclear as to precisely who was present in the cabin during this time. Some accounts place John Rhodes there along with Mary Ann, wife of the slain John Tewksbury, and at least two to four other persons.

The battle lasted for hours, with many bullets shot ineffectively from each side. Finally after hogs came up to the two bodies and began rooting at them, the cabin door opened. The besiegers heard a woman scream: "I can't stand it! I must bury them. They'll have to kill me to stop me." It was Mrs. John Tewksbury, with a shovel in her hand. White-faced but defiant, she risked sudden death and walked straight to the bodies, drove off the hogs, dug shallow graves and buried her husband and his friend. As

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she worked, the guns were silent. The only sound was the wailing of her baby in the cabin. As soon as Mrs. Tewksbury returned to the cabin, the shooting started again, but without much effect. Late in the afternoon a posse led by Deputy Sheriff John Meadows appeared and the besiegers fled.

An interesting legacy of the aforementioned incident is that John Rhodes married [Mary Ann Tewksbury](#) in 1888. Between 1890 and 1899 five children, [Ella](#), [Anna](#), [Ora](#), [Charles](#), and [Mary](#), were born of this union. In addition, John adopted that "wailing baby" from the Tewksbury cabin who was named John after his father. Eventually the boy took his stepfather's surname and became John Rhodes. As an adult this John Rhodes achieved great fame and popularity, from his enduring skill as a rodeo performer, specializing in calf, steer, and team roping, winning championships for more than 50 years.

The end of the war was the killing of Tom Graham. As his clan was about all gone, in 1892, he had fled from Tonto Basin and had established himself and his young wife on a farm southwest of Tempe, Arizona. He had just harvested his first crop of grain and was hauling a load of barley to town. As he was passing the Double Butte school house he was shot from ambush and his body fell backward upon the grain. The deed was witnessed by two young women who positively identified Ed Tewksbury as one of the murderers. A.J. Steneel, a Winslow cowboy, later declared that he had met Tewksbury, riding hard on the Reno Road on his way back to Pleasant Valley, 120 miles distant, thus strong evidence against Tewksbury was later produced in court. As a result of this incident Ed Tewksbury, and John Rhodes were arrested and charged with the crime.

According to news reported in the August 3 and 4, 1892 edition of the *Arizona Republican*, John Rhodes and Ed

Tewksbury were seen by Tom Graham when he was shot and murdered. According to Graham's dying statement he had just enough time to see two men with guns leveled on him and the next instant both fired. One of these men was Ed Tewksbury and the other John Rhodes. As to Graham's claim that he saw Rhodes with a gun leveled on him, there were many, even among Graham's friends who were inclined to believe that his was a mere idea of a dying man. William Bowen, a warm friend of Graham's and Rhode's employer said that he was with Rhodes that morning so soon before the shooting occurred that he would not have had time to reach the place. In addition to this the girls who saw Ed Tewksbury after he killed Graham did not see Rhodes, though he might easily have concealed himself in the bushes at the roadside. Ed Tewksbury was eventually arrested and tried for the murder. John Rhodes was discharged at a preliminary hearing before a Phoenix Justice of the Peace, after a dramatic attempt on his life by Graham's widow. Apparently she tried to draw her husband's heavy revolver from her handbag, but the hammer of the weapon caught, giving time for her disarmament.

Tewksbury was found guilty of murder in the first degree, although well defended. His attorneys, however, found that his plea of "not guilty" had not been entered on the record of the District Court and so the verdict was set aside. There was a second trial, at Tucson, after a change of venue at an expense probably of \$20,000 to Maricopa County, resulting in a hung jury. Over 100 witnesses had been called. Then the case was dismissed.

Ed Tewksbury died in Globe, Arizona in 1904 where for a while, he had served as a peace officer. By 1900 John Rhodes was working as a manager of a cattle ranch in Pinal County, Arizona. He died in 1919 at the age of 68.

*contributed by Fred Siler*

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Worthwhile Websites

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at [FamilyTreeMagazine.com](#) have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites: [Federal Tax Records on Ancestry.com](#) April 15, while you all were desperately punching calculator buttons, the subscription site Ancestry.com announced its new database of IRS tax assessment lists "for several US states covering the years 1862-1918." Actually, records are available for relatively few years within that range—but you'll get some good information if your ancestors are listed.

### See Vietnam Wall Names Free on Footnote

[Footnote](#) lets you search—free—at <http://go.footnote.com/thewall> for those whose names are etched into the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The new interactive exhibit has a database of names linked to photos of each one—and information about that person.

### Footnote to Digitize Homesteaders' Case Files

Historical records subscription service Footnote is embarking upon a project to post hundreds of thousands of US homesteading records online. What can they tell you about your family? [Find out on the Genealogy Insider blog.](#)

## Google Expands News Archive By 20 Million Historical Pages

**Google** has enhanced its **historical newspaper initiative** by buying 20 million digitized historical newspaper pages from Canadian company *PaperofRecord*. The purchase price wasn't available. The pages—some dating back to the 1700s—will be part of the **Google News Archive Search**, launched in early September “to make more old newspapers accessible and searchable online.” *PaperofRecord* has digitized newspapers from Canada, the United States, Mexico and Europe.

According to the *Ottawa Business Journal*, the purchase—the end of a two-year agreement between the companies—will “essentially shut down” *PaperofRecord*. Its troubles started when companies such as ProQuest began paying newspapers to digitize pages—the opposite of what *PaperofRecord* was doing.

In another month or so, *PaperofRecord's* online database will redirect to Google.

## Searching for Early Immigrants

Some researchers become discouraged when they search immigration records for ancestors who arrived in America during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This is because the U.S. government did not require ships to keep passenger lists until 1820. As a result few immigration records exist before that time. Here are some sources you can check:

1. Philadelphia passengers from 1729-1808, at: <http://tinyurl.com/6b5gb6>, with the originals on microfilm at the Pennsylvania state archives.
2. Boston ship cargo logs from 1715-1716 and 1762-1769, published in *Port Arrivals and Immigrants to the City of Boston* at: <http://tinyurl.com/57qhu2>, by William H. Whitmore (Genealogical Publishing Co.). The subscription site Ancestry.com has a digitized version of this book at: <http://tinyurl.com/5q42zw>.
3. Though not passenger lists, records of an ancestor's court case could provide plenty of immigration information. Colonial court records often are in state archives; you also may find some microfilmed by the Family History Library at: <http://tinyurl.com/684hcr>.
4. Run a place search of the **online catalog** at: <http://tinyurl.com/yz5hgh> on your ancestor's county or town. Visit your local branch Family History Center to rent FHL microfilm.
5. During the British Colonial period, non-English immigrants had to apply for

citizenship, often by signing oaths of allegiance upon arrival. Look for these, too, at state archives and on FHL microfilm.

6. Newspapers in port cities such as Philadelphia and Boston may mention arriving ships. The subscription service GenealogyBank, at <http://tinyurl.com/5ku8q8>, has many Colonial-era papers; historical societies in those towns also are likely to have papers on microfilm. You can use the Library of Congress' Chronicling America site at <http://tinyurl.com/29e3kk> to identify newspaper titles to look for.
7. The **Great Migration project** at <http://www.greatmigration.org/> hosted by NewEnglandAncestors.org, publishes a Web site, book series and newsletter with information about early immigrants. A 1620-to-1640 surname index is free; most of the information is by subscription.

Keep in mind that ancestors' names aren't always recorded as we think they should be. Your immigrant relative may have been recorded under his middle name or a nickname rather than his first name; or the name you know him as may be the middle name.

Continue researching your ancestor in whatever records you can find, even those unrelated to his immigration. If a resource helps you pinpoint his place of origin, you can start researching his life in his ancestral homeland—and then maybe you'll learn when he departed.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** 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](mailto:silrem@comcast.net).





## A "FAMILY TREE" TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



### Eleven New Direct Ancestor Surnames Added

An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **59** new records have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **3,292** 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 the website 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.

Our recent investigations have uncovered information about the following new direct ancestral lines:

BADLESMERE; CHAWORTH; CHRISTIE; FELTON; GILA; HANSLOPE; HAWYSE; MARE; MURDAC; PORTNER; and PUGNEYS.

To access our MMPS Database at Roots Web click the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>. 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.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

*Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 350 Years of History in America*

### New American Migrations Page for MMPS Ancestors

### Google Surname Search Buttons Added

Take a look at our surname pages at the MMPS Home Page: <http://tinyurl.com/56odpr>. The current new surname page about our Mauduit family ancestors beginning with our 30<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, William (de) Mauduit. William was born 1038 in an area of Normandy, France.

Recently we've begun the creation of a new web page at <http://tinyurl.com/74ra97>. This resource is designed to link our restless ancestors to the most probable American migration routes they traveled during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

With the addition of this new search button to many of our new web pages one can immediately link to Google's powerful search engine. This free genealogy site will help you to get the best genealogy searches from Google™ by using your family tree, for your research. It will create a series of different searches using tips or "tricks" that will likely improve your results. The different searches will give you many



different ways of using Google and the Internet to find ancestry information about surname.

Over the past three months many new web pages and images have been created and added to Ancestral Locations at: <http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>. See new image galleries that have been constructed for a wide variety of locations in the United States, France and the United Kingdom.

Because we update the website several times between the publishing of this Newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to take a look at the new and revised family information and genealogical resources added to *Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 350 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information*. For access use the following address,

<<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/>>.

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 "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES:

[Euliss](#); [Mauduit](#); [Pinnell](#); [Wimer](#); [Werli](#)

**NEW “MMPS” SOURCE DOCUMENTS:**

[Benjamin Peachee \(Rev. War. Pension File\)](#); [Richard Molens \(1506 Will\)](#);

**NEW “MMPS” FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:**

[Augustus & Millie \(Sheperd\) Pinnell Tombstone](#);

**NEW AND REVISED “MMPS” SPECIALTY PAGES:**

[MMPS Migration Routes](#); [MMPS War Veterans](#)

**NEW & REVISED “ANCESTRAL LOCATION” PAGES**

**U.S.A.:** [Alaska](#); [Augusta Co., VA](#); [Connecticut](#); [Crawford Co., MO](#); [Daviess Co., IN](#); [Hawaii](#); [Indiana](#);  
[Los Angeles, Co. CA](#); [New Mexico](#); [York Co., PA](#)

**FRANCE:** [Mayenne](#) **UNITED KINGDOM:** [Berkshire](#)

**NEW & REVISED “ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS” PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES**

**U.S.A.:** [Crawford Co., MO](#); [Daviess Co., IN](#) **FRANCE:** [Mayenne](#); **UNITED KINGDOM:** [Berkshire](#)

**“SPECIAL TOPICS” NEW & REVISED PAGES:**

[110th Inf. Regt. \(WWI\)](#); [187<sup>th</sup> PA Inf. Regt. \(Civil War\)](#); [2<sup>nd</sup> NJ Regt. Continental Line \(Rev. War\)](#);  
[10<sup>th</sup> VA Regt. Cont. Line \(Rev. War\)](#); [5<sup>th</sup> VA Cavalry \(Civil War\)](#); [6<sup>th</sup> Spec. Naval Const. Battalion \(WWII\)](#);  
[American Migration Routes](#); [Gist’s Trace](#); [Great Genesee Road](#); [Mohawk Turnpike](#); [National Road](#);  
[Research Reference Library \(USA\)](#); [Santa Fe Trail](#); [Zane’s Trace](#)

**“SPECIAL TOPICS” NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES:**

[2nd NJ Regt. \(Rev. War\)](#); [10 VA Regt. \(Rev. War\)](#); [187<sup>th</sup> PA Inf. Regt. \(Civil War\)](#); [110<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. \(WWI\)](#);  
[Great Genesee Road](#); [Mohawk Turnpike](#); [National Road](#); [5<sup>th</sup> VA Cavalry \(Civil War\)](#);  
[6th Spec. Naval Const. Battalion \(WWII\)](#); [Santa Fe Trail](#); [Zane’s Trace](#)

**RESEARCH CONNECTIONS**

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2002 its distribution list has quadrupled. 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 database located at Roots Web. 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. Below is a listing of several subscribers and the common family lines they are researching.

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Mary Flegel <a href="mailto:marvflegel@cablone.net">marvflegel@cablone.net</a>	Johnson	Jody Logan <a href="mailto:dlogan1@wi.rr.com">dlogan1@wi.rr.com</a>	Richard William Ross b. 1823, m. Susan Lease.
Luann Seamons <a href="mailto:lubose@plmw.com">lubose@plmw.com</a>	Green, Bracken	Jasmine Snipes <a href="mailto:JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com">JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com</a>	Bennett and Snipes

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](mailto:silrem@comcast.net).

## SURNAME SEARCH

## WRIGHT

Featured Databases		Matches	Other Searches		Matches
<a href="#">WorldConnect</a>		1,010,516	<a href="#">Canadian Records</a>		3
<a href="#">Social Security Death Index</a>		148,365	<a href="#">Cemetery Listings</a>		1,683
<a href="#">Rootsweb Surname List</a>		1,953	<a href="#">Census Records</a>		1,175
Vital Records		Matches	<a href="#">Church Records</a>		42
<a href="#">California Death Index</a>		15,924	<a href="#">BLM/GRO Land Records</a>		3,021
<a href="#">Texas Death Index</a>		9,054	<a href="#">Naturalization Records</a>		15
<a href="#">Kentucky Death Index</a>		7,299	<a href="#">Obituaries</a>		443
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Husband</a>		3,120	<a href="#">Plat Records</a>		36
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Wife</a>		3,259	<a href="#">POW/MIA Records</a>		29
<a href="#">Maine Death Index</a>		513	<a href="#">British, UK and Ireland Data</a>		596
<a href="#">South Dakota Birth Index</a>		78	<a href="#">Atlas/Gazetteer Listings</a>		15
<a href="#">World War One Draft Index</a>		2,444	<a href="#">Deeds</a>		470
<a href="#">Early Death Records</a>		954	<a href="#">Military Records</a>		228
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Marriages</a>		1,265	<a href="#">Newspaper Indexes</a>		1,120
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Births</a>		498	<a href="#">Passenger Lists</a>		7
Other Searches		Matches	<a href="#">One-Name Studies</a>		12
<a href="#">Web Site Search</a>		264,144	<a href="#">Tax and Voter Lists</a>		46
<a href="#">Swedish Records</a>		2	<a href="#">Utah State Archives</a>		33
<a href="#">Australia and New Zealand Records</a>		1,367	<a href="#">Professional, Society, Religious Groups</a>		65
<a href="#">Alumni Lists</a>		535	<a href="#">Obituary Daily Times</a>		35,139
<a href="#">Book Indexes</a>		869			

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

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