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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **SPRING 2012** issue of the *McVicker, Moreland, Pinnell, Scruggs* (MMPS) family newsletter. We've included you on my 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** traces our MORELAND Family direct lineage from the 1600's to 1853. Within the **News of Interest to the Family Historian** we've added lesson 2 of the England Beginning Research Series. The **SHEPERD** 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 reminded to check out the **Research Connections** to see if anyone else is researching your family or a similar surname. Check out our **MMPS Databases** at the *RootsWeb World Connect Project* and *Ancestry.com*



to see if we've added any new ancestral family lines, or individual at the 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

*"There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children
- one is roots, and the other, wings." -- Hodding S. Carter*

FEATURE ARTICLE

A HISTORY OF OUR MORELAND LINEAGE – Part One

We believe that our Moreland line has been traced back to Patrick Moreland who lived in Charles County, Maryland where he died in 1717. Patrick Moreland's children are named in a 1719 court document. They are John Moreland, Philip Moreland, Mary Moreland, Patrick Moreland, William Moreland and Jacob Moreland. It appears that our lineage continued through Jacob Moreland.

Jacob Moreland, Sr. was born at Charles County circa 1710. He married a woman named Catherine around 1746. Of this union at least three

known children were born between 1746 and 1750. Jacob resided in Trinity Parish, Upper Hundred, in Charles County, as he appears on the tax list of 1758. After owning "Jacob's Birthright" for 23 years, Jacob sold the plantation in 1767. Jacob Moreland, Sr. died at Charles County sometime after 1767.

Jacob Moreland, Jr., son of the aforementioned Jacob and Catherine Moreland was born c.1750 at Charles County probably at "Jacob's Birthright" in

Trinity Parish. It appears that by 1768 Jacob and his brother Walter were occupants of property leased by their uncle, William Moreland, located in Zachai Manor, Charles County. Jacob married a woman named Celia around 1774. The marriage resulted in at least three known offspring born between 1775

and 1780. During the Revolutionary War Jacob took an "Oath of Fidelity and Support to the State of Maryland" on May 30, 1780. The 1790 Census shows Jacob's household in Charles County as composed of 1 male over 16, 3 males under 16, 4 females, and no slaves. Jacob and his family migrated

from Charles County, to York District, South Carolina, circa 1795. Jacob was listed as the head of a family on the 1800 Census for the York District, of South Carolina. He died at this location in 1808. Our lineage continued through Jacob's son George Moreland.

In 1775 George Moreland was born in Port Tobacco Parish, East Hundred, Charles County, to Jacob and Celia Moreland. It appears that around 1795 when George was about 20 years old he moved south with his father and family



Port Tobacco- Marker
<http://tinyurl.com/894qxiw>

to the York District of South Carolina. It is probable that he married Hannah sometime around 1795- 1796 either just before or after the family moved south from Maryland. He and his wife Hannah produced at least ten children, from whom many present day Morelands, primarily located in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas, can trace their roots. After reaching the York District he and his wife advanced on to Wilkes County, Georgia where he first appears in 1797. George's sister, Sarah (or Sally) made her home in Wilkes County as well, she having married William Russell, son of John Russell, of that county. George was to remain Wilkes County until circa 1809 when he removed back to the York District of South Carolina. He probably moved to his widowed mother's farm as his father, Jacob had died previously in 1808. George was listed as the head of a family on the 1810 Census for the York District, of South Carolina. The household consisted of 1 male 26 to 45, 1 male 10 to 16, 2 males under 10, 1 female 16 to 26, and 1 female under 10. George and his family then moved from York District to Jefferson County, Tennessee, circa 1813. It is speculated that George left South Carolina after the death of his mother. Between 1818 and 1821 George owned a 297-acre tract located in the district south of the French Broad and Holston Rivers, on Muddy Creek. Around 1825 George had moved on to McMinn County, Tennessee where he owned a 160 acre tract of land until 1833. George was listed as the head of a family on the 1830 Census in

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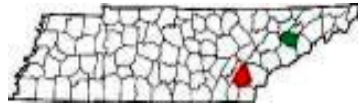
Charles County, Maryland
<http://tinyurl.com/6nlyko3>



1789 Zachia Manor Survey showing Moreland property
<http://tinyurl.com/7n8pb98>

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McMinn County. In 1833 George moved west and settled briefly in St. Clair County, Illinois. He and his family then moved to Missouri before 1839.



Jefferson County and McMinn County, TN

George settled in Johnson Township of Crawford County. In 1855, Johnson Township fell into the southeastern most part of the newly created Maries County, where it is situated today. He sold property on August 30, 1853 in Crawford County, Missouri, to his

son, Andrew, at about age 78. This is the last known record of George's life. He apparently died shortly afterward.

In the next issue of this newsletter read about John Moreland (1809-1836); John P. Moreland (1832-1917); Jeremiah E. Moreland (1858-1901); and Jeremiah "Jerre" Moreland (1899-1971) in Part Two of A History of our Moreland Lineage.



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:



- Iowa, County Births, 1880-1935
- Ohio, County Births, 1856-1909
- Texas Birth Index, 1903-1997
- New York State Census, 1875
- Alabama, County Estate Records, 1800-1996
- Illinois, Probate Records, 1819-1970
- Maryland, Register of Wills Books, 1629-1983
- West Virginia Will Books, 1756-1971
- California, Death Index, 1905-1939
- Florida, Death Index, 1877-1998
- South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1943

- GA, Headright & Bounty Land Records, 1783-1909
- Dane Co., WI Naturalization Records, 1887-1945
- Indiana, Marriages, 1811-1959
- Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934
- Mississippi Confederate Records, 1889-1942
- United States, Old War Pension Index, 1815-1926
- Virginia, Historical Society Papers, 1607-2007
- Idaho, Cassia County Records, 1879-1960
- Maine, State Archive Collections, 1790-1966
- Massachusetts, State Vital Records, 1841-1920
- Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-1954

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

Some "Good News" submitted by our Readers



June Grove < rnklbrogue@yahoo.com > has notified us that on December 15, 2011, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett approved a bill to provide for public access to certain birth and death certificates after a fixed amount of time has passed. This legislation provides that such documents become public records 105 years after the date of birth or 50 years after the date of death. Now you may have online access to the birth indices or death indices. The links to the aforementioned indices as well as guidelines for ordering a copy of a record can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/7y4qmwX>.



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 Records



Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at FamilyTreeMagazine, <<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 worthwhile websites:

OK/IT GenWeb:

<http://www.okgenweb.org/~itgenweb/>

Also under the USGenWeb umbrella, this site stands out in part because it's no ordinary state page: It's dedicated to the "twin territories," Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and exists in addition to a strictly Oklahoma site. As a result, it's of interest to researchers with any number of American Indian heritages. Packed with links to related tribes, the site also is home to special projects, including migrations, "removals," timelines, trails and roads, the 1900 census and 1903 postal routes.

Massachusetts Archives:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/>

A triple threat, this site's Massachusetts Archives database, spanning 1629 to 1799, is just the beginning. The vital records database spans 1841 to 1915. And the in-progress project to index more than 1 million arrivals through the port of Boston from 1848 to 1891.

Missouri Digital Heritage:

www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/resources.asp

If you're seeking military records, naturalization documents, photographs or land patents, this is the place to start if you have Missouri kin.

Wisconsin Historical Society:

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/>

Search the Wisconsin Genealogy Index for more than 150,000 Wisconsin obituaries and biographical sketches, 1 million births, 400,000 deaths and 1 million marriages. You also can milk this site for Dairy State images, Civil War records and history articles.

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 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.

England Beginning Research Series Lesson 2: Understanding Census Records

This lesson utilizes a case study to help you to understand what a census is and identify the types of information censuses contain. You will also learn ways to access census records online.



<http://tinyurl.com/6thl75d>

This is part 2 of a 4 part series about researching England. Instructor Margo McKinstry provides the following Lesson Supplements: Course Handout (pdf) and Teacher Resource (pptx)

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 database at *Ancestry. Com* currently contains the records of **3,282** 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 **3,148** 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 Roots.web** 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

New and Revised Image Archives added for 17 MMPS Surnames

New TENNESSEE 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 **three** new or revised web pages have been created and added to the **MMPS Subsite**. We've also added new or revised “Image Archives” for 17 surnames as listed below.

At our **Ancestral Locations** sub-site **seven** new or revised web pages have been built and uploaded to the internet. This includes several revised county pages, and the revisions of our England and Scotland pages.

The scope and volume of the various sub-sites created for our “Special Topics” continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter.

We have added many more links to our special topic sub-site **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, and various U.S. State archives.

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 the **TENNESSEE** 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 **U.S. Mountain**

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States region pages. As a result many new trails and several image galleries about routes taken by pioneers to settle in the U.S. States of Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah as well as parts of Nevada, and Colorado.

Our **War Veterans; Research and Resources** sub-site we've revised pages about the 2nd Virginia

Cavalry (CSA), and 6th Special NCB of WWII.

As with the database you may find some new information 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 me 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: Moreland; Trico^{NEW}; Vinnell^{NEW}

MMPS SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

PICTURE GALLERY ARCHIVES: Abbott; Bennett; Bishop; Brown; Christman; Dickson; Douglass; Johnson(1); McVicker; Moreland; Neely; Pinnell; Rapalje; Rhodes; Ross; Scruggs; Vanderford

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

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

UNITED STATES: States – Connecticut; New York **Counties** – Anne Arundel Co., MD^{NEW}; Charles Co., MD; Chester Co., SC

WORLD: Germany; Netherlands^{NEW}

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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

UNITED STATES: Anne Arundel Co., MD^{NEW}; Charles Co., MD; Chester Co., SC

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES

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

FREE GENEALOGY RECORDS & DATABASES: Biographies & Obituaries; Cemetery; Census & Directories; Church; Court; Death; Immigration & Naturalization; Land; Marriage; Military; Newspaper; Organization; State and Local Records; Tax & Voter

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY: Tennessee^{NEW} New York State; Maryland

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Trails to the U.S. Mountain States; The Mormon Trail

RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS:

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Trails to the Western Mountain States; The Mormon Trail

MILITARY Image Galleries: 6th Special Naval Construction Battalion (WWII)

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".



New Subscribers Seeking Assistance With their Research



I am in possession of James Wright Will, (WB B page 134-136, Harrison County Ohio, filed October term 1842-FHL 894184). He was an Entryman in that county. I am descent from the daughter Sara Wright who was married to George Gardner. She was awarded money of \$50.00 and a horse. I would like to prove James Wright's parents. Do you have this information? Was he Quaker or Moravian? I think there were 2 James Wrights there at the same time.

JUDY KIMBALL at cbkjaksf@pacbell.net

Some Current Subscribers & the Common Family Lines They are Researching

Who	Researching Surname(s)	Who	Researching Surname(s)
Jody Logan dlogan1@wi.rr.com	Richard William Ross b. 1823, m. Susan Lease.	Savannah Jordon lakegirltyler@yahoo.com	Moreland, Jones of Missouri and Oklahoma
Vanelle Mangers grandmagers@gvtc.com	Bishop, Hardy	Sherry Veith NONAMELDY52@aol.com	Bennett
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
Gay Edens Carrigan gaedcar@xipline.com	Peter Eades, b. ca 1773-79, Albemarle Co., VA, m. Sarah Henderson Sandridge, 1803	Kasey Hart angelkcp23@angelic.com	Peachee family, Salem Co., & Burlington, Co., NJ
John Eubank johneubank3@gmail.com	Thomas Eubank b. c.1785 – d. 1831 in King Wm. Co., VA	Dolly Lang dolly723@wowway.com	William M. Moreland, b. 1828 Anderson County, KY
Cal Craig calbarb@xplornet.com	Samuel Moreland, b. 1800 in Ireland, lived in New Brunswick, Canada, & Maine, USA. Married Isabella Dohahue, Sarah Craig, Margaret McDowell.		

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>.

SHEPERD Surname at RootsWeb

The **SHEPERD** surname is featured in this newsletter. Our Sheperd lineage traces back to Anthony Sheperd born 1779 in Virginia. Anthony's father may have been P. William Sheperd of Essex County, VA and his grandmother on his mother's side was Isabella Langston. Anthony's daughter Francis Parks Sheperd married Joseph C. Scruggs in 1824. She and Joseph were married for almost 48 years and produced fifteen known offspring. Francis lived most of her married life in Fluvanna County, Virginia. Our lineage continues through her son Albea E. Scruggs. The following records and databases pertain to this surname and can be found at the FREE RootsWeb site.

Search RootsWeb.com		
<input type="text"/>	SHEPERD	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
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”.

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	6,711	Web Site Search	1,801
Rootsweb Surname List	8	Australia and New Zealand Records	1
Vital Records	Matches	Alumni Lists	1
California Death Index	29	Book Indexes	5
Texas Death Index	11	BLM/GRO Land Records	20
Kentucky Death Index	26	British, UK and Ireland Data	16
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	5	Military Records	1
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	5	Newspaper Indexes	7
World War One Draft Index	6	Pre-1920 Marriages	7
Early Death Records	4	Pre-1920 Births	5

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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!

