

OUR FAMILY STORY

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Hello everyone;

Welcome to the **ninth** issue of our family newsletter. To reiterate from my previous correspondence, as the descendants of **Jerre' Moreland** and **Pearl Scruggs** we all share a common heritage. It is my aim to pass along to you and your families some of the chronicles that I am collecting on our ancestors. I hope that you will share it with your children so that they can also understand how firmly rooted we are into the history of our country.

FAMILY TREE HITS THE INTERNET

Now the entire family can access our family tree on the internet. Thanks to the hard work of my brother Tom Peiffer the database was uploaded to the World Connect site at Rootsweb.com. on September 17th. RootsWeb.com (www.rootsweb.com) is the oldest and largest free online community for genealogists. The site contains extensive interactive guides and numerous research tools for tracing family histories. On RootsWeb.com the site's World Connect Project contains more than 300 million ancestor names. At this time there are 1,706 names contained in our family tree database.

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". This should take you directly to the family tree entitled "Ancestors of June Eleanor Moreland". From here you will begin to search for a specific individual or family. For example if you were looking for our Grandfather Jerre' Floyd Moreland you can either type the surname "Moreland" into the surname box and click on "list", or you can click on the letter "M" and follow this by clicking on "Moreland" then scroll down to Jerre' Floyd Moreland and a final click to his record.

As you view Jerre's record you will begin to become familiar with the format as well as the method of our record documentation. In an effort to make most persons more interesting I have developed a written narrative of various aspects from their lives. I'm sure that you will find some of them quite interesting and informative. 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.

I encourage you all 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 are planning to up-date the database on a monthly basis. As such you may expect it to become larger and more concise as time goes on. We both would appreciate an email from you just to let us know that you've found your way to our online family tree.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

October is Family History Month, a time when we and our families should celebrate our family heritage. This means sharing information about our ancestors and commemorating

their lives and accomplishments. Most of all, this should be a family affair, and with that in mind, I would like to suggest a project for you and your family for Family History Month.

Family photographs are excellent reminders of people, times, and events. Most of us, however, probably have loads of loose photographs in boxes or drawers that need to be labeled and organized. A great project for Family History Month involves getting your family together, sitting down with your photographs, and working together to organize them. Find a place where you can spread out your materials—make sure it accommodates the group. Examine photographs, and label them as appropriate. Passing around the photographs and sharing stories about the people, places, and events helps involve everyone in the project. Discuss and agree upon an organizational scheme that allows you to sort the photographs and then place them in some order. This project may take several sittings, depending on the number of photographs you have. However, it can be an enjoyable experience for every member of the family, and it can also promote good preservation skills for everyone.

An event such as the photograph project is a great way for involving your family and celebrating Family History Month and it is as relevant now as they ever were. Family and family values are timeless, as every genealogist knows. With a little work, like this newsletter, we can start a groundswell, grass-roots effort to celebrate family and all that is right with it. I hope you will join "the family."

DID YOU KNOW?? !!!

The first of our known ancestors to come to America was Giles Carter who arrived in the colony of Virginia some time prior to 1653. Remember you can now read more about Giles and his descendents on the internet.

A QUOTE TO NOTE

"Life engenders life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich." --- Sarah Bernhardt

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

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