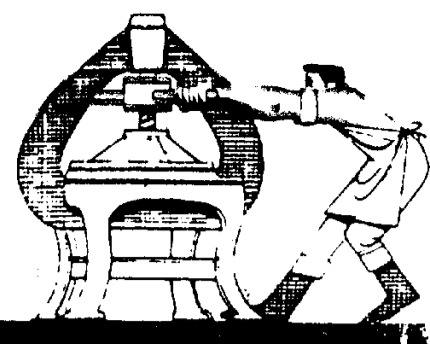


# John Walker Family

## NEWSLETTER



Year 1988 No. 1

TWO 1988 WALKER FAMILY REUNIONS: Lewisville, Idaho and Peacham, Vermont

Lewisville, Idaho and Peacham, Vermont have been selected as the sites of two reunions for the year of 1988. The Lewisville reunion will be held on Saturday June 25th while the reunion at Peacham, Vermont will be on Saturday, July 30th. Eldon D. Harker will be in the charge of the Lewisville reunion. Wayne G. Walker of Peacham, Vermont takes care of the Peacham reunion.

Peacham was John Walker's birthplace and was the place where John's father Simeon Walker, after serving as a soldier in the American Revolutionary War, received a piece of land and settled there. Lydia Holmes' father William Holmes and his family moved from Falmouth, Maine and settled at Peacham, Vermont. Some of John's and Lydia's children were also born at Peacham. It would be an enchanted opportunity for us to retrace John Walker's footsteps back to Peacham and to walk on the same ground where our ancestors used to.

About 12 families have made their plans to go to the reunion at Peacham, Vermont. A bus tour has been organized. It will leave Salt Lake City, Utah, on Thursday July 21st with full day stops at Nauvoo, Illinois; Palmyra, New York, and Peacham, Vermont. This tour continues to Boston where a day will be spent in visiting before making a non-stop flight to Salt Lake City in evening. See the details of the bus tour somewhere in this Newsletter. "First Come, First Served" will be based on firm reservation of seat with deposit.

### Tentative Reunion Schedule -- Peacham, Vermont

Saturday, July 30, 1988

10:00 A.M.	Registration at Peacham Congregational Church
10:45 A.M.	Tour of the Areas
	1. Peacham Historical Society
	2. Home built by Lydia Holmes' father
	3. Simeon Walker's homesite
	4. Town Clerk's Office and Land Records
	5. Peacham Store
1:00 P.M.	Luncheon may be catered by chef at the Peacham Inn Peacham Picnic Grounds or The Peacham Congregational Church
2:00 P.M.	Family Programs
4:00 P.M.	Possible Tour of East St. Johnsbury Site of Early Mormon Settlement
	Other possible tours:
	Goodrich Sugar House in Cabot (Maple Syrup Operation)
	Maple Grove Museum
	Fairbanks (natural) Museum in St. Johnsbury
	An Art Museum nearby St. Johnsbury
	Antique shopping at several establishments

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Reunion -- Lewisville, Idaho -- Saturday June 25th, 1988

10:00 A.M.	Lewisville Ward and Shelter (Come earlier, please)
Noon	Luncheon -- Bring your own lunch
1:00 P.M.	Family Talents

This year is an election year for President and Vice-President.

We know that many of you have talents such as singing, playing musical instruments, dancing, clobbering, jitter bugging, mime, magical entertainment, acrobats, gymnastic, and others. Many families at the reunion would like to see your performances at the reunion. Please call Eldon D. Harker (208) 754-0051.

A Visit to Manchester, England --- Robert Walker's Hometown

"In November 1986 we had the privilege of going to England to get our Missionary, Steven, who had been serving in the England Manchester Mission.

We arrived in London at 6 A.M. After a short tour of the city we boarded the train for Manchester about 250 miles north of London.

What a beautiful land our ancestors came from -- Lush green rolling hills, quaint homes, fantastic castles and well preserved old churches.

When Steven first moved into the Manchester Area we were quick to ask if he could find Higher Ardwick Church. By return mail he sent us a map showing us Higher Ardwick. The road was a gentle curving road with the church in the corner of the curve. Steven lived two blocks from our famous Robert Walker's church. The higher ardwick road runs into Stockport Road and is about 2 miles from the Mission Home.

When we arrived in Manchester Train Station, the Mission President met us and three new missionaries. Of course we went to the mission home, not Higher Ardwick.

The next day on our own time we toured the town of Manchester. Nearly the whole town is a manufacturing center. Clothing mills run for miles. When we arrived at the church -- what a disappointment we had --. The old church that our ancestor would have known had been torn down 75 years ago. A red brick larger church had been built on the same corner. The church had been made larger so the graves were no longer there like many of the old church yards.

The vicar showed us through the new Higher Ardwick Church, told us the old records were still there but someone in the Manchester Cathedral would have to give us permission to see them. He thought there was a painting of the old church but did not know where.

As we left the church steps we paused to look at the area. To the North and South, the homes built so close there was no space between them, a block to the West the great mills started and continued into Manchester Town Centre. You felt this was a special place where you were standing. The cobblestone roads and ancient mills could indeed have been the same ones our ancestors traveled as linen weavers. If only the church had been the same our adventure would have been the thrill of a lifetime, feeling we had stepped back in time many years. Everything was old and quaint in the area and we traveled for some blocks before anything modern appeared. We traveled on to Liverpool, visiting the docks and realized this would be the place they said goodbye to beautiful England." Written by Lois Walker Grover

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Phone Calls for Rodney W. Walker?? Yes, it is possible. The Utah Relay Services, as authorized by the Utah Legislature in 1987, is in operation and enables deaf people to have equal access to telephone calls with any hearing people. Deaf people use TTY or TDD (modem with keyboard) to type out messages to the Utah Relay Services and an operator translates it into spoken message for hearing people to receive. Hearing people use voice to speak to the Utah Relay Services which later turn the message into typewritten ones for deaf people to receive. In order to call Rodney W. Walker, one has to use (801) 298-9482 and then ask an operator to dial Rodney Walker's phone number which is 484-6017. The Utah Relay Services is located in Bountiful, Utah, which is within Rodney's area of local calls. Whenever one who wants to make a long distance call, he must pay for it.

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Short of Goal!!! The John Walker Family Organization has completed the project of having all names of the Walker Pioneers memorialized in the Sons of Utah Pioneers Memorial Hall in Salt Lake City and has paid for it in full including \$481.00 out of the general fund. That \$481.00 is needed to replace the borrowed money in the general fund. It is hoped that many of you are willing to donate \$5, \$10, or \$25 to cover the amount which is supposed to complete the goal of financing the Walker Pioneer project. Thank you.

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Family Dues: The family dues is \$5.00 per year, from Aug 1 to July 31 in the following year. Are you in good standing? If in doubt, ask Rodney.

**THE WESTON LINEAGE RIDDLE:** On the chart showing the first four generation of Lydia Holmes' lineages, one of her ancestor, **Jonathan Weston** (No. 10) married Rickard Mercy (No. 11) and they had six children, all born at Kingston, Mass. The parents of Jonathan Weston were John Weston and Deborah Delano as printed on the chart.

The latest checkup on the lineage of Jonathan Weston showed an error on his mother Deborah. Jonathan was born in 1698 while his mother Deborah (Delano if correct) was born about 1702, this would make Jonathan four years old when his mother was born. This is a dilemma.

Do any of you happen to have the correct Weston lineage starting with Jonathan Weston, b 1698 of Kingston, Plymouth, Mass. He married Mercy Rickard. If so the John Walker Family will appreciate having it.

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**Bad News and Good News:** The old Billings Computer which was purchased by the Walker Family in 1980 gave up its ghost. This computer was a good workhorse in preparing the manuscript for the Second Edition book "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker," also many issues of Newsletter, reports and others. The company which made the computers is no longer in existence and parts are not available any more to keep our good old computer in shape. The Newsletter was in danger of becoming extinct unless a typewriter is to be used. So were the genealogical and other datae were locked up in the Billings system and were not IBM nor CP/M compatible.

Through some help from Rodney Dale Walker, a new multi-purpose Business Computer was purchased. This computer has Intel 80286 and is IBM compatible. It has a room for two hard disks and also slots for a few more future interfaces. The top drive can accommodate an 1.2 mb (1.2 million bytes or characters) floppy diskette. The price was really reasonable. No plan has been made to acquire hard disks or extra boards yet. It also can handle genealogical requirement for any family.

J. Warren Harding of former Billings Company and of presently Novell Company in Provo helped transfer datae from Billings system to MS-DOS IBM system through use of his good old Billings Computer and IBM compatible computer by means of CROSS TALK program.

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**100th Birthday:** Etta Eliza Taylor Walker celebrated her 100th birthday last April. Her deceased husband was Bingham F Walker, son of William Holmes Walker and Olive Louisa Bingham. She was born 5 April 1887 at Harrisville, Utah. Three children were born to Bingham and Etta, of which two are living, one in California and the other in Alaska. Etta is now in California. Our best wishes go to her and her family.

Two surviving grandchildren of John Walker are much alive now. They are Jennie Walker Halliday now 84 years old and Verna Uinta Walker Thompson 82 years old. May they enjoy their good health.

Stanley W. Stevenson and his new wife are on a nine month tour around the world. They left last June and are expected to be back in March. They were present during the time when the Frankfurt Germany Temple was dedicated as one of their planned stops on their odyssey. Paris, Tel Aviv, Athens. Bombay, Bangkok, Singapore, Honk Kong, Tokyo, and Honolulu are places where they plan to stop and browse around.

The Year of 1988 is a special year for the John Walker Family to remember what happened 150 years ago. John Walker and his family left Ogdenburg, New York, with other families for the West in 1838 and went through terrible experiences in Missouri where John Walker nearly lost his life at Haun's Mill.

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*Special year 1988 Offer*

Second Edition book "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker"	\$50.00
Book "Travels and Incident's of Elder William Homes Walker"	<u>5.00</u>
Total combination	\$55.00

**BOTH BOOKS FOR \$40.00**

The John Walker Family Organization again is extending another special offer to you all. This time this offer is good during the entire year of 1988 as long as the supply lasts. During the last two offers many books were sold. You may place an order for one or more offers. This offer enables you to have a saving of #15.00. We pay postages, another savings for you.

Are We Related To Any Of The United States Presidents?

Definitely Yes!!! Four of them were found to be our cousins, as shown on the chart below. They were traced to our common ancestors, Robert White and Bridget Allgar who were also John Walker's ancestors.

Robert White = Bridget Allgar

Mary White

Anna White = John Porter

Sarah Loomis

Mary Porter

Samuel Porter

Sarah Porter = Capt. Joseph Judson

Elizabeth Olmstead

Samuel Grant, Jr.

Samuel Porter, Jr.

Ruth Judson

John Judson

Mary Butler

Noah Grant

Aaron Porter

Ruth Welles

Sgt. John Judson

Ebenezer Hopkins, Jr.

Noah Grant, Jr.

Susanna Porter

Wells Ely

Sarah Judson

Tabitha Hopkins

Noah Grant III

Aaron Cleveland IV

Amy Ely

Joseph Walker

Phoebe Millard

Jesse Root Grant

William Cleveland Elizabeth Ely Gridley

Simeon Walker

Millard Fillmore

Ulysses Simpson Grant Richard Falley Cleveland Amy Gridley Butler

John Walker (1794)

1800-1874, 13th U. S. President

1822-1885, 18th U. S. President

Stephen Grover Cleveland Adele Augusta Ayer

1837-1908, 22nd & 24th U. S. President

Dorothy Ayer Gardner

Leslie Lynch King, Jr.

(whose name was changed to)

Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.

1913- .. 38th

U. S. President

Fill in names of your ancestors from John Walker down to yourself

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