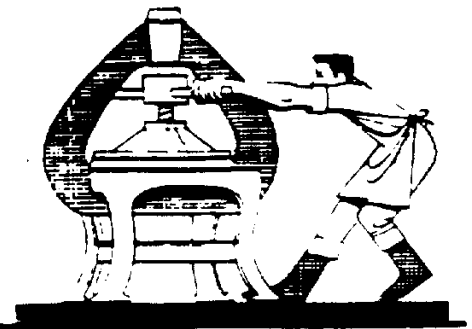


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THE WALKER LEGACY STORY

A Report by Stan Stevenson

The popular video, "The Walker Legacy," had its genesis at a board meeting May 30, 1992. Discussion about a Walker video centered around who, what, when, how, and where. It ended up by Stan Stevenson volunteering to give it a try.

A good video must have a good name. Clint Walker came up with a winner, "The Walker Legacy." A master copy was produced for the August 1993 family reunion.

To accomplish this goal, it was necessary for me to go to the places of beginning. A trip to Peacham, Vermont; Woodbury, Connecticut; Plymouth and Boston, Massachusetts was accomplished.

Harold Wood of Scotia, New York, met me in Montpelier, Vermont, and gave great service in providing transportation and guidance. He is a Walker. His wife, Jean, accompanied us. This effort was successful in securing three hours of quality video footage.

We met Reverend Marsden, the minister in the very church in Woodbury, Connecticut, where Zechariah Walker was the founder in 1670. Zechariah Walker was the son of Robert Walker, who was the Walker immigrant ancestor to Boston in 1630.

In Plymouth, we were able to photograph the Mayflower II, and visit with Mayflower Society people, who were delighted with our video project. They were very helpful. A copy of the "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker" was presented for their library.

It was in Plymouth that we learned that our thirteen-year-old pilgrim, Mary Chilton, was not buried in Plymouth, but in Boston. She moved to Boston with her husband and ten children about 1655. One of my objectives was to photograph her gravesite. It was Mary Chilton who, it is believed and seems very probable, wanted to be the first woman to go ashore. Tradition justifies the claim.

I set off to Boston in search of Mary's gravesite and to get video footage of the place. I found the grave. She is entombed with her husband, John Winslow, the brother of Edward Winslow, the governor of the Plymouth Plantation according to early history.

The tomb was found in the King's Chapel Burial Ground. The tomb bears the Winslow Coat of Arms in black slate, about two feet in diameter. I placed flowers on the tomb site in the name of her descendants. It was a tender moment for me.

It was most interesting that Robert Walker was one of twenty-nine dissenters, who withdrew from the First Church of Boston and organized the Third Church, also known as the Old South Church. That withdrawal resulted in much bitterness. John Alden, a Walker progenitor, was one of the twenty-nine dissenters. His signature is just below Robert Walker's on the dissent document.

Interesting too, is that Mary Chilton Winslow and her husband, John, were both members of the Old South Church at the same time with Robert Walker. So, our Grandmother Mary and Grandfather Robert were going to that church together over 300 years ago.

The genealogical line from Robert Walker and Mary Chilton Winslow meet again at the marriage of John Walker and Lydia Holmes in 1819, about 200 years later.

I made a second trip to Plymouth and Boston December 1992 and January 1993, to do additional research. This trip was very beneficial in developing more information verifying dates, times and places.

It was on this second journey that I presented a copy of the "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker" to the Old South Church at Copley Square, their location since moving the congregation in the early 1700's.

The historic building, known as the Old South Meeting House, at Washington and Milk streets, is just that, a meeting house where public meetings are held. It is also a museum.

The death of Sarah Walker, Robert's wife, was confirmed. Her last words were: "God bless all my posterity." This means you, a Walker or extended family. Both trips were worth the effort and expense.

I hope you have and enjoy a copy of that visual history, a video of "THE WALKER LEGACY."



THE GENEALOGICAL TREASURE, "THE ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS OF JOHN WALKER" compiled by Rodney W. Walker, goes to the Mayflower. This valuable record was presented to Caroline Kardell, Historian General for the Mayflower Society by Stan Stevenson while in Plymouth, Massachusetts, doing research for the video "THE WALKER LEGACY."

More about the Video "The Walker Legacy"

Stan Stevenson also made more footage telling about the first family of John Walker. The following are a few items of interest from the video:

There is a copy of of the First Edition of the Book of Mormon which now belongs to a Walker relative, the cane which once belonged to Hyrum Smith; the story of mummies, which brought the papyrus known as the Pearl of Great Price to the Prophet Joseph Smith, kept in a closet where Lorin Walker's children played.

The video also relates about a few incidents about Pres. Heber C. Kimball and Lucy Walker and their children.

There is a story about John Walker and his family being converted to the L.D.S. Church, and their experience at the Haun's Mill in Missouri. The Walker family was involved with the Prophet Joseph Smith. John Walker's oldest son William Holmes Walker was also mentioned and about his part in the Mormon Battalion and his missionary experience in South Africa.

The rough draft of the video "The Walker Legacy" was shown at the Walker reunion in 1993 at the Rock Creek Girl's Camp near Twin Falls, Idaho. It was acclaimed and well received by those present at the same. Many orders for copies were placed in advance.

Kent Norton, the Weatherman on Channel 5, is the narrator and tells many things about the Walker Family. He is our cousin indeed.

Here is how you can get a copy of the video titled "WALKER LEGACY." Executive Secretary Rodney Walker has some copies available for those who want one or more. The cost is \$10.00 each plus \$1.50 if mailed within the United States. Make out a check payable to John Walker Family Organization and send with coupon below to Rodney Walker, 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105-2235.

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THANK YOU...

The Family dues are still \$5.00 per year and have not increased since 1976. The financial status of John Walker Family Organization remains rather healthy and enables our organization to meet operating expenses and to continue sending out the Walker Family Newsletter each year, but from three times per year in 1976 to once or twice a year. The cost of printing and mailing keeps going up, and some dues payers have passed away while some become new dues payers. It would be nice if more Walker folks become involved in the family organization to keep it going. If interested, please mail your family dues to Rodney W. Walker, 842 Roosevelt Ave, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105-2235. This Organization started in 1948 at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

1993 WALKER REUNION

Three days of reunion were held at the Rock Creek Girls Camp in the Sawtooth Mountains south of Hansen, near Twin Falls, Idaho. Each family paid \$5.00 for meals for three days plus family dues. What a great bargain!

The committee prepared, cooked and served wholesome meals. The Walker family organization footed the rest of the bill. Many enjoyed the crafts and activities. Programs including short plays were also given.

Fast and testimony meeting was held on Sunday. Testimonies left us with a good spirit and determination to keep the family together. At this reunion the video, "The Walker Legacy" was shown and favorably received. A few children were trying to learn sign language from Rodney. Many new cousins showed up and joined us. This reunion will be remebered by many as one of their fondest memories.

1994 Family Reunion: The Walker Family Board has voted not to have any reunion in 1994, but.....

1995 family reunion: The Board already has voted that the reunion be held, most likely, in Salt Lake City on July 22, 1995. Please circle the date on your 1995 calendar. More details about the reunion later on.

A good number of copies of the Second Edition of the book, "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker" are available. The price is \$35.00 per copy. The mailing cost is \$5.00 each copy. Order one or more copies from Rodney W. Walker, 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105-2235. This book has 16,000 names of descendants and 7,000 names of spouses. It also has over 1300 pages and is well indexed.

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 LYDIA COOK
 LYDIA ADAMS

WYLLONNE

JOHN WALKER md LYDIA HOLMES (1st wife)

WILLIAM	LORIN	CATHERINE	LUCY	EDWIN	HENRY	JANE	JOHN	MARY
<u>OLIVE**</u> Elva	<u>LOVINA**</u> Hyrum Isabella	<u>ELIJAH**</u> Elijah Edwin	<u>HEBER**</u> Rachel John	<u>ANNA**</u> Edwin Lydia		<u>LOT**</u> Rhoda William	<u>SEREPTA**</u> Oren Clarissa	<u>EDWIN**</u> Charles
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JOHN WALKER md ELIZABETH WALMSLEY (2nd wife)

JOSEPH	SOLOMON	HYRUM
	<u>AMANDA**</u> Emma Elizabeth	<u>MARY**</u> Mary Hyrum Amy William Ezra Lucy Caroline
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	<u>MARTHA**</u> Duane John Della Edwin Karl Alberta Jennie Reed	<u>SARAH**</u> Flossie Royal Lenora Allen John Sarah Verna

JOHN WALKER md CAROLINE LUCE (3rd wife)

NO ISSUE

JOHN WALKER md ABIGALL SANFORD (4th wife)

CLARINDA

FREDERIC**

Tama
 Frederic
 Elsie

HARRIET**

Lorin
 Charles
 Lorenzo
 Eliza
 Hatta
 Elizabeth
 Eunice
 Franklin
 Emma
 Wilford
 Laura

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