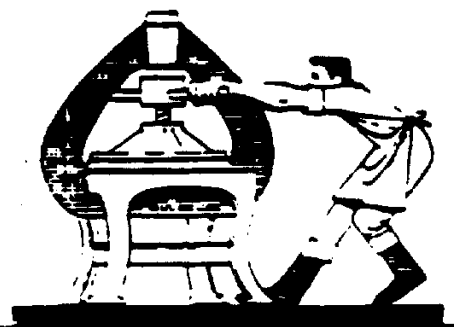


John Walker Family NEWSLETTER



YEAR 1995 NO. 2

FEEDBACK OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF REUNION

Only two months remain till the reunion which will be held on July 22nd of this year. President Merrill E. Walker who is in charge of registration said that many responses were received right after the Walker Family Newsletter was out. A good number of Walker cousins paid their dues for the first time and mentioned that they will come to the reunion. They are excited to see the "LEGACY." The theatre has the capacity of 500 seats. Plenty of room!

Remember the show "LEGACY" starts promptly at 8:00 A.M. so please come early and have time to get acquainted with our cousins. How about being there at 7:00 A.M. and have chance to say "Haven't seen you for a long time", "How is your family," etc.

Chairman Mark L. Walker has been working hard to make the reunion a big success. His committee has been very helpful in making things happen for that reunion.

- 8:00 A.M. "Legacy" at Joseph Smith Memorial Building
Special showing!!
- 10:00 A.M. Registration, Luncheon and Business session -
Ensign Peak Ward Building (125 E North Sandrum Road)
- 1:30 P.M. Games - Ensign Peak Park
- 2:00 P.M. Sing along with a Karaoke
- 7:30 P.M. Fireside - Salt Lake Stake Center (142 West 200 North)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our present president, vice president and secretary have "over-served" our organization. "Over-served" means that they have served for six years instead of four years as defined as a term. The family organization feel greatly appreciative for their kindness and willingness to serve for that many years and so limit of a four year term was overlooked.

Our present officers are as follows: President Merrill E. Walker of Idaho Falls; Vice President Leon B Casper of Rigby and Secretary Lilyce W. Cox of Burley.

This year is the time for election of the president, vice president and secretary for the term of 1995-1999. The election will take place during the business session at the reunion.

The nomination is open now. Names of candidates may be sent to Leon B Casper, 226 N 3rd W, Rigby, ID 83442-1365. Nominations may be made on the floor during the reunion.

Any one who has a desire to serve the family organization is welcome to nominate himself or herself.

The Walker family board is made up of the Chairman, President Vice President, Secretary, Executive Secretary and representatives of family organizations of John Walker's grandchildren. Chairman and Executive Secretary are appointed by the Walker Family Board and may serve indefinitely.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a representative on the Walker board, may contact Executive Secretary Rodney Walker so that each family organization of John Walker's grandchildren may have one representative.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At a board meeting in March, it was proposed and voted that a second video to be named "THE WALKER LEGACY II" be produced.

If interested, please represent a family of your direct ancestor (identified by a black dot) and circle it. You will be interviewed for this video.

Also please prepare a short presentation, about two minutes or more, about the person and come to the John Walker Family Reunion for the shot. Pictures are desirable. Bring one or two pictures.

A schedule for filming will be announced and posted at the reunion for the time and place for you to appear for the video.

Your prompt reply is important!!!!

This will be fun thing to do and an everlasting record.

DO YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE? If so, make your choice. fill in the blanks and mail to Stanley W. Stevenson. 5016 South 1034 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84117. For further information, call Stan (801) 268-8002. Stan reserve the right to select presentations and pictures.

Name	Address	Phone
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I will represent

I will bring picture

I will prepare a short sketch about that person.

Yes

<p><u>MARY</u> ● Mary Hyrum Amy William Ezra Lucy Caroline</p>	<p><u>OLIVE</u> ● Elva</p>	<p><u>LOVINA</u> ● Hyrum Isabella Jerusha Edwina Emma William Sarah Lucy John Joseph Don Carlos Charles David</p>	<p><u>ELIJAH</u> ● Elijah Edwin Rachel Nephi Lydia</p>	<p><u>HEBER</u> ● Rachel John William Lydia Anna Eliza Washington Joshua Franklin</p>	<p><u>ANNA</u> ● Edwin <u>OLIVE</u> ● Celestia Julius Sarah Lydia Erastus Edwina Mariah John William Bingham</p>	<p><u>HARRIET</u> ● Lórin Charles Lorenzo Eliza Hatta Elizabeth Eunice Franklin Emma Wilford Laura</p>	<p><u>EDWIN</u> ● Bennoni Charles</p>
<p><u>SARAH</u> ● Flossie Royal Lenora Aken John Sarah Verna</p>	<p><u>MARY JANE</u> ● Theodocia Simeon Don Carlos William Winslow Welby Edwin Olive</p>	<p><u>WILLIAM</u> ● Annie Lizzie Lewis</p>	<p><u>AMANDA</u> ● Emma Elizabeth</p>	<p><u>MARTHA</u> ● Duane John Della Edwin Karl Alberta Jennie Reed</p>	<p><u>LOT</u> ● Rhoda William Jedediah Emma Annette Alice Margaret Lucy</p>	<p><u>WILLIAM</u> ● Rosetta Rosannah John Heber</p>	<p><u>SEREPTA</u> ● Oren Clarissa Lorin Edwin John Lydia Henry Frank Lucy William Mary</p>

Ancestry File

The Computer Age has come and make thousands, even millions, of things easier and quicker. The home computer has become popular and became an household "must," for home, business and school.

It is becoming a big help in genealogy work at the Family History Libraries and centers. The Church has established the Ancestry File to make things easier for researchers to locate needed information coming from original records through extraction or from family group records submitted by individuals.

It is understood that the submitters try to do their best to keep the records straight and correct before turning them into the Family History Library for the Ancestral File.

However some discrepancies have been discovered in submitted records in the "Family Search".

For instance, records showed that (1) Robert Walker had 16 children instead of 12, although there are a few duplicates of names among the children. (2) The name of "Thurston," listed as the second child of Robert Walker and Sarah Leager, was misquoted from the surname of Benjamin and Elishu (Walker) Thurston family. (3) From somewhere the name of James instead of Joseph appeared as the fifth child of Robert Walker and Sarah Leager, and he supposedly married Abigail Prudden. Robert and Sarah did not have any child named James.

The Ancestral File showed that (4) Rev. Zechariah Walker had an extra daughter named Mary. Some of us would like to know about her and to have documentary proof about her so that her name could be left intact.

It is felt that it is about time to prepare the genealogy facts on Robert Walker and Sarah Leager, and also their son Rev. Zechariah Walker and his two wives, Abigail and Susanna, and to mail with this Newsletter to all Walker folks whose addresses are on the mailing list. They can be used for their references.

At present the 1994 version of the Ancestral File diskettes are now in use at the Family History Library. The old 21 Aug 1992 version contained these discrepancies as said above. Some changes have already been made in the present version. Some errors have not yet been eliminated.

Some attempts are being made to submit the corrected version of the family group sheet on Robert Walker's and Rev. Zechariah Walker's families to the Ancestral File for the next version which may be out in 1996 or 1997.

Copies of the family group sheets (PAF) on the families of Robert Walker and Rev. Zechariah Walker, completed with the LDS ordinances and AFN, will be sent to those who paid their 1995 dues.

ROBERT WALKER OF BOSTON

1. **Robert Walker**, son of Thomas and Margaret (Bardsley) Walker of Higher Ardwick in the parish of Manchester, was baptized 21 Feb 1607/8 at Manchester, Lancaster, England. He married **Sarah Leager**, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Grimwood) Leager in England. She was born about 1610/1611 and was of Hadleigh, Suffolk, England. They emigrated to America in 1630 in the John Winthrop's fleet and settled in Boston by 1631. He joined the Church in 1632, became a freeman 14 May 1634 and was of one of twenty-eight men who founded the Old South Church in 1669. He died 29 May 1687 at Boston, Massachusetts and was buried 31 May 1687. Judge Sewall writes: "He was a very good man, and conversant among God's New England people from the beginning." Sarah died 21 Dec 1695 at Boston, Mass.

To Robert and Sarah twelve children were born, all at Boston, Massachusetts

1. **Elishua (or Elizabeth) Walker**, b. 14 Feb 1635/36; chr 28 Feb 1635; md at Boston 12 Dec 1660 **Benjamin Thurston**, son, of John and Margaret (_____) Thurston.
2. **Rev. Zechariah Walker**, b. 15 Sep 1637; chr. 1 Oct 1637; md (1) in Conn. 1669 **Mary Prudden**; (2) at Stratford, Conn., **Susanna Rossiter**; d 20 Jan 1699/1700 at Woodbury, Conn.
3. **John Walker**, b. 22 Sep 1639; chr. 29 Sep 1639; d. 22 July 1652 at Boston, Mass.
4. **Sarah Walker**, b. 15 Nov 1641; chr. 28 Nov 1641; d. at age of 2 years at Boston, Mass.
5. **Jacob Walker**, b. 21 March 1643/44; chr. 24 May 1644; md at Stratford, Conn., 6 Dec 1670 **Elizabeth Wheeler**, widow of Samuel Blackman, dau of Moses and Miriam (Hawley) Wheeler.
6. **Joseph Walker**, chr. 19 July 1646; md at Milford, Conn., 14 Nov 1667 **Abigail Prudden**, dau of Rev. Peter and Joanne (Boyse) Prudden; d 19 Nov 1687 at Stratford, Conn.
7. **Thomas Walker**, chr. 22 April 1649.
8. **Mary Walker** (twin of Thomas), chr. 22 April 1649, died young.
9. **Timothy Walker**, chr. 1 Sep 1650
10. **Eliakim Walker**, b 3 July 1652; chr. 4 July 1652; d. 30 Sep 1654.
11. **Mary Walker**, b. 1 Nov 1654, chr. 5 Nov 1654.
12. **John Walker**, b 14 July 1656; chr. 20 July 1656; md 1676 **Hannah Leager**, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Blake) Leager; had a daughter named Hannah who was living unmarried in Boston in 1704; John died 1678/79 at Boston. His wife Hannah md again to Thomas Philips and had a child named Hannah Phillips.

Sources of information:

1. The American Genealogist Vol. 21 p 66-69
2. Th Winthrop Fleet of 1630 by Charles Edward Banks p.83
3. The Crooked & Narrow Streets of the Town of Boston 1630-1822 by Annie Haven Thwing p 8, 224, 228.
4. Jacobus, Families of Old Fairfield p. 637
5. Suffolk County, Mass., Probate Records No. 1590
6. Boston Town Records
7. New England History and Generation Register Vol 3, (1849) p. 39

REV. ZECHARIAH WALKER

Rev. Zechariah Walker, son of Robert¹ and Sarah (Leager) Walker, was born 15 Sep 1637 and christened 1 Oct 1637 at Boston, Massachusetts. He was a "debtor" (student) at Harvard College from 1653 to 1655 and was one of 17 students who left the college, probably in protest against lengthening of the course for the degree of Bachelor of Arts from 3 to 4 years. In 1662 he was chosen to serve as the first minister of the newly-organized church at Jamaica, Long Island. He may have had to preach at first in the ordinary, or inn, kept by John Baylie at Jamaica. On 14 Feb 1662/3, Mr. Walker's salary was fixed at 60 pound sterling a year, but sincemoney was scarce, most of the salary was paid in wheat at 6s. a bushel and Indian corn at 3s. 6d. a bushel. The town of Jamaica built the first meeting house, 26 feet square, in 1663 and there Mr. Walker preached till he left Jamaica in 1668. He was "a man of solid attainments, well educated and sound in doctrine, a pungent and powerful preacher and greatly well beloved by the people he served." On 7 Aug 1668 he left Jamaica and became the pastor of the Second Church at Stratford, Conn. He was ordained minister of that church 5 May 1670. He removed to Woodbury with the first settlers of that town and became the first minister there, and remained there till his death which occurred on 20 Jan 1699/1700 and he was buried there. (The American Genealogist Vol. 21 p 67)

In Connecticut about 1669 he married first Mary Prudden, daughter of Rev. Peter and Joanna (Boyse) Prudden. Mary was christened 4 Dec 1641 at Milford, Connecticut and died before 1681.

He married secondly Susanna Rossiter. She was the daughter of Bryan and Elizabeth (Alsop) Roositer and was born 18 Nov 1652 at Guilford, Connecticut. She died 26 April 1710 at Woodbury, Conn.

Three children were born to Zechariah and his first wife Mary, all at Stratford, Connecticut

1. Deacon Zechariah Walker, chr. 22 May 1670 ; Deputy from Woodbury to the Conn. General Court, May 1720; Deacon of the Church at Woodbury; md abt 1689 Elizabeth Miner, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Booth) Minor; d. 21 Dec 1753. Nine children.
2. Abigail Walker, b. 22 May 1670; d young.
3. Elizabeth Walker, b 1 March 1673/74; md Deacon Samuel Bull, son of Thomas and Esther (Cowles) Bull; d 22 Sep 1741 at Woodbury, Conn. No issue.

References:

1. Families of Old Fairfield, Conn; Donald L. Jacobus (1930) p. 637
2. New England Reg Vol 84 p. 62, 68
3. Peter Prudden by Lillian E. Prudden p. 63
4. The American Genealogist, Vol. 21 p 67-8
5. History of Ancient Woodbury by William Cothren

The Video "WALKER LEGACY": Good number of responses and orders were received. Total of 800 videos were ordered. We have little over 180 copies left. The price is \$10.00, if picked up and \$11.75, if mailed.

The Book "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker": Lately many orders were received unexpectedly. Only 30 copies are on hand out of 1500 copies printed. So better get your copy while the supply last. The price is \$35.00, if picked up. \$40.00 if mailed. Send in your order to Rodney W. Walker, 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84105-2235

John Walker Family Reunion - Registration
Saturday, July 22, 1995

Name _____

Street/RFD _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Adult \$2.50 per plate - How many () \$ _____

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(under 12 years old)

Membership Dues - \$5.00 per family per year \$ _____

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