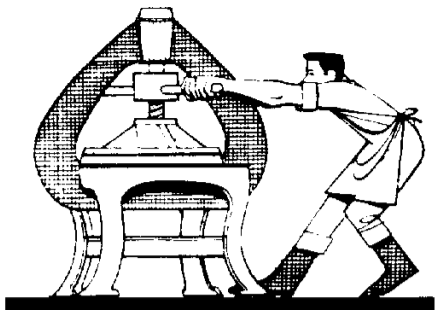


John Walker Family NEWSLETTER



YEAR 1980 --- No. 1

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, the New Year has just burst upon us with all its promises and opportunities. Many of us have already made, or will be making resolutions in an effort to make some personal improvements. I hope that high on your list appears a commitment to start right away and complete your family group sheets (make them current), as well as one for all your married children, and send them to Rodney as soon as possible so he can compile the information for the revised edition of the John Walker Book. Other note worthy goals for accomplishment in 1980 will be to set up an intermediate family organization - one through which currently living generations can function in arranging for reunions (to get acquainted with 1st and second cousins, etc.) and also to function as a clearing house to provide genealogical information to the Church as well as to the ancestral organization and also to the individual families.

Publication of the revised edition of the John Walker Book is near at hand - in fact it is as close as we wish to make it. We can start with your information as soon as we have it - please send it in. Rodney has already started work on revising as much of the manuscript as has available. Once the manuscript has been written and 'proofed' it will be ready to go to print. The John Walker Family Organization Board of Directors has authorized purchase of some computerized equipment for the typing, storing, and setting up the pages of the new book. Get your orders in early for the book so we will know how many to print. Rodney estimate the cost of the book at a minimum of \$35.00 if we print 1000 copies; and if we don't delay too long and let costs continue to rise. Post publication prices of the book could be higher than those estimated at this time, so hurry and get your orders in now and reserve them at the pre-publication price. Please send your money with your orders. It has been a lengthy process to try to get all the dates needed to update this information and get started with the actual work of publication - please lend your support at this critical stage.

As a Board we wish you all a successful and Happy New Year in 1980. We hope to see the final stages of this new book well in view by the end of this year.

Sincerely

Eldon D. Harker, President

TIME HAS COME.....

A rough draft of the manuscript for the second edition of the book, "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker" is now being prepared with copies made with an office copier from the first edition. Each individual family has been pasted on a sheet for corrections to be made, and for new information to be added on margins of the same sheets. This work will cover about 25% of the whole manuscript.

It has been estimated that the second edition, after being enlarged and revised to include all descendants whose records are on hand, will be four times as much volume of information and sketches as in the first edition. The new book will be 8½ by 11 inches in size and may contain a little over 1000 pages.

It may take up to three years to organize, type and edit manuscript into camera ready format and have it printed into book form.

To date \$800.00 has been received as donations toward the publication of the book. Two choices are before us as to how best the camera ready format should be prepared.

First Choice: A home computer or a word processor is an excellent tool in preparing the manuscript. The capacity of this computer is to: (1) store a rough draft of articles on families; (2) edit the same articles; and (3) recall the same articles and make them up into pages with straight margins on both sides for camera ready format for a publisher to use.

This computer has advantages of eliminating:

1. The cost of typesetting, if done by the publisher, with substantial savings in the printing cost.
2. Time spent in re-typing the corrected manuscript manually.
3. Possibility of making any new mistakes incurred by re-typing manually.

The computer costs around \$7,000.00, though expensive at the beginning but will pay for itself in the long run. We already have \$800.00 in donations for this purpose but still our Walker family organization is not in a financial position to make the purchase of one right now. Only through your generosity with donations of \$100.00 or more each, the second choice after attaining the amount of \$7,000.00, will be made possible. If interested, please send in your donation to the John Walker Family Organization, 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105. After the book is published, an attempt may be made to make a fair return for each dollar donated.

Second Choice: If the first choice can not be made by April 1st, due to insufficient fund to cover the cost of a home computer, the second choice will doubtless be made immediately with a purchase of a new electric typewriter with better characters and carbon ribbon. This typewriter will involve more time in retyping corrected articles on some individual families without any guarantee against any errors that may creep in through manual typing. The margin on right side of articles will be irregular.

The pre-publication offer has been set as \$35.00, if pick-up is to be made at reunions or a few selected places of distribution. If a copy of the book is to be mailed as desired or has to be mailed due to distance, \$3.50 will have to be added to cover the cost of handling and mailing each copy.

The minimum number of orders has to be better than 1000 so that the manuscript when completed, can be turned over to a publisher immediately. After the number of copies to be printed has been decided, the pre-publication offer will expire, and the price will go up to \$45.00, \$50.00 or more depending on the number of extra copies printed. The more pre-publication orders, the cheaper it will be.

All monies, received for orders, will be set aside and will not be used for any other purpose than the printing cost. In all, if nothing happens, money will be refunded to all in full. Send in your order and remittance to Rodney W. Walker, 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105

So please act now and send in information which had been asked for before so you will be glad to see it included in the book. During the course of preparing the manuscript, a copy of the article on an individual family will be mailed to each family whose information appear in the same article for their verification, as long as their addresses are on our mailing list.

Come and help push the book project rolling along. We need your help.

Rodney W. Walker, Executive Secretary

Dear Rodney:

Please reserve _____ copy(ies) of the second edition at \$35.00 per copy for me after it is printed.

Also include \$3.50 in addition to cover postage and handling for each book.

Name

City, state, and Zip code

1979 Walker Family Reunion at Bear Gulch Ski Resort: The Walker family lost the camp at the Rock Creek Girls Camp, even though this camp was reserved with money deposited as requested and binding for our reunion on June 29 and 30. This reservation was cancelled by the custodian in favor of another party, leaving us with no place to hold our reunion. In the last minute, due to Lois Walker Grover's efforts, another camp - Bear Gulch Ski Resort was secured. Some directional signs were posted along the road.

Many found their ways with some difficulties and more rewarding joy. Some "Izaak Waltons" were on hand, and a few went out to try their luck with their poles, sinker and hooks. A veteran fisherman Owen J. Walker took Rodney who had not been out to fishing for 45 years, down to a river far below the ski resort. There Rodney could say honestly, "A few fish got away," while Owen had a good catch of trout and handed them all to Rodney as if it was his own luck.

The most represented family at the reunion was the Lorin Paul Walker family with four or five of his daughters, their children and grandchildren. Warm River was the place where Lorin Paul Walker used to live for some years. Some cousins came from far away places such as Southern California and Hawaii.

That evening found many cousins gathering and renewing their family ties. Supper prepared by committee was loaded with fried chickens, salads, scones and other delicious things. "Family Home Evening" program followed with prayer, songs, talks, and slide movies telling about our ancestors from time when they landed at Boston, through American Revolutionary War, Missouri Persecution, Nauvoo, Trek to Utah down to present. Most of us bedded down for the night on the floor of the ski resort while others had campers, tents, vans, and station wagons.

In the morning Doyle Walker and his helpers were adept in preparing a delicious breakfast consisted of pancakes, fried grated potatoes, bacon, scrambled eggs and cocoa. Some were seen getting their second helpings.

The morning hours were spent in a business meeting while some youngsters were out on their own adventures. A question was asked as "Why are you here at the reunion?" A variety of answers turned out to be interesting. One of the topics was about the second edition of the John Walker book.

In all, the reunion turned out to be successful and many of us went home with good memories regardless of having our first camp lost to another party. Mrs. Dean R. Grover and her family deserve lots of credit of putting the reunion to the successful conclusion.

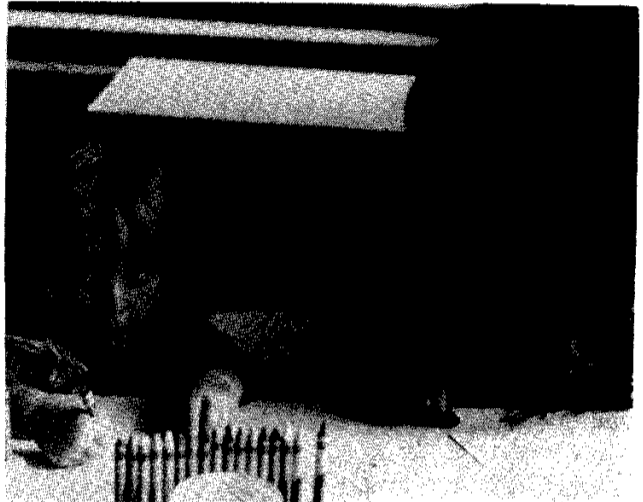
Remember - - - - - The 1980 Walker Family Reunion

Farmington, Utah ----- Saturday, July 12, 1980

More details in the coming Newsletter

Candid Scenes of the Walker Family Reunion in 1979





Wyoming and Crystal

Jodie Jensen & Rodney
(Interpreter)

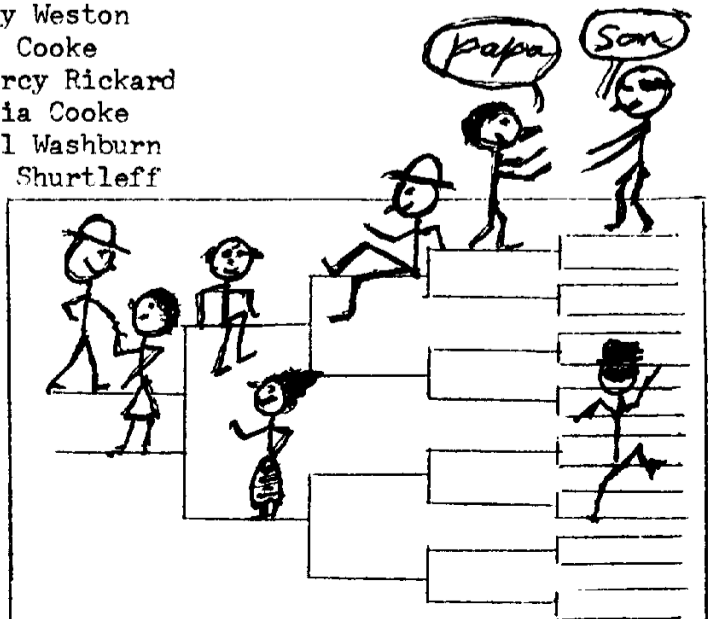
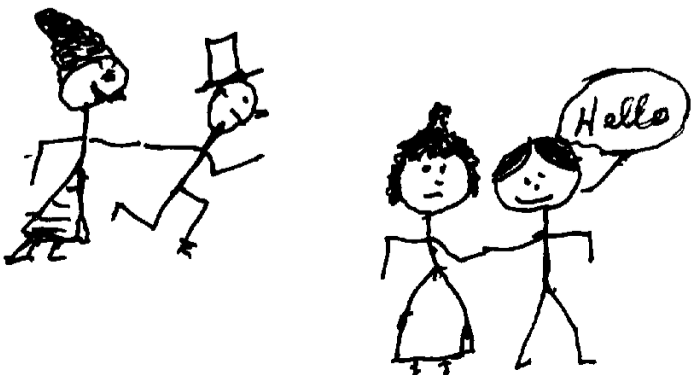
(Courtesy of Chester Byron Walker III,
Mary and Wyoming)

FAMILY DUES: The current dues which is "from reunion to reunion" or 1979-1980 is still \$5.00 a year. It is not too late to send in your current dues and to receive Set A - Lydia Holmes' First Four Generation sheets.

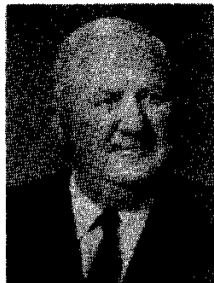
LYDIA HOLMES'S FIRST FOUR GENERATION SHEETS: Set A consists of a pedigree chart of Lydia Holmes and family group sheets on Lydia Holmes' parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who were of her first three generations. Set A is available to those who pay their 1979-1980 dues, either in person or through the mail. A set may be purchased otherwise at \$1.25 each. It may be obtained from Rodney W. Walker, 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105.

Set A consists of as follows:

- Pedigree of Lydia Holmes
- William Holmes (1770) and Lydia Adams
- Simeon Holmes (1741) and Mercy Weston
- Josiah Holmes (1716) and Ruth Cooke
- Jonathan Weston () and Mercy Rickard
- Ebenezer Adams (1744) and Lydia Cooke
- John Adams (1714) and Thankful Washburn
- Caleb Cooke (1695) and Hannah Shurtleff



Past Presidents of the John Walker Family Organization Passed Away



RAY WILLIS WALKER, 82 years old patriarch of East Idaho water projects and the leading force in building of the ill-fated Teton Dam, died 14 May 1979 at his home in Rexburg, Idaho. Ironically his family was preparing to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willis Walker that Sunday when the flood from the broken Teton Dam wiped out their home. Many honors were heaped on Mr. Walker including certificates of recognition and achievement from six Idaho governors. He was admitted to the Agricultural Hall of Fame. He was the president of the John Walker Family Organization at the time when the book, "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker" was published in 1952.

He was a son of Winslow Farr and Sarah Melissa (Scott) Walker. Surviving are his wife, four daughters, two sons, 41 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.



RUDGER HARPER WALKER, 76, dean emeritus of agronomy at Brigham Young University died 4 June 1979 at Provo hospital. From 1936 to 1960 he was dean of the School of Agriculture and director of the Agriculture Experiment Station at the Utah State University at Logan, Utah. From 1960 to 1968, Dr. Walker served as dean of the college of Biological and Agricultural Sciences at the Brigham Young University. He served on the United Nation Food and Agriculture Organization. He was a program supervisor in Tehran, Iran in 1958-1960, and a member of the board of trustees, American University of Beirut, Lebanon from 1954 till 1972. He was a fellow in the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America, and received

distinguished alumnus awards from Ricks College in Pexburg, Idaho and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He served as the president of the John Walker Family Organization for two terms.

He was a son of William Adelbert and Lavina (Harper) Walker, and was a first cousin of Ray Willis Walker who is mentioned above. He was married to Fawn Lucile Davies 6 June 1923 at the Salt Lake Temple. Surviving are his wife, three sons, two daughters, 24 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

ELDON MUIR YOUNG, 75, died 3 Sep 1979 at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born 25 Oct 1903 at Rockland, Idaho, to Hyrum Smith and Lucy (Muir) Young. He married Florence L. Larsen 7 Sep 1927 at the Salt Lake Temple. He was an ardent temple worker for many years and active in church and civic affairs. Surviving are his wife, one son, one daughter, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LORENE HIRSCHI WALKER, 45, of Rexburg, Idaho, died a few months ago in Rexburg, Idaho. She married Winslow Keith Walker 25 Sep 1953 in the Salt Lake Temple, and was a daughter -in-law of Ray Willis Walker. Surviving are her husband and ten children.

FRANCES VILATE BARNES HUNTER, 72, dies some months ago at the Idaho Falls hospital. She married Alfred W. Hunter, son of Edward Bishop and Lydia (Walker) Hunter, 4 Nov 1935 at the Salt Lake Temple. Her profession was nursing. Surviving are her husband, one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.

Our Cousin Genealogist Did It Again: As received, an announcement from the New England Historical Genealogical Society in Boston, Mass., read as follows: "A meeting of the Society will be held Wednesday, October 17th, 1979 at 5:30 p.m. Noel C Stevenson, J.D., F.A.S.G., Lawyer, Author, Lecturer, Genealogist, will speak on 'Marriage New England Style; 1620-1850.' A Social Hour at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Stevenson has kindly agreed to autograph copies of his important recent book, Genealogical Evidence: A Guide to the Standard of Proof Relating to Pedigree, Ancestry, Heirship and Family History. Francis V. Lloyd, Jr. Recording Secretary"

This book (233 pages) is available at \$12.80 postpaid and discounts are allowed if purchased in five or more copies. If interested, send in your order to the Aegean Park Press, P. O. Box 2837, Laguna Hills, Calif. 92653.

The Oldest Living Couple: On January 18 this year, Luman Peter Green and his wife Veda Jane Walker are celebrating their 69th Wedding Anniversary. Both are nongenarians. He is 92 years old while she is 91. In November 1978 at the time when Veda was 90 years old, many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were on hand to help make her birthday a big one thst she will not forget for a long time. That birthday party was so big that it required two adjacent houses to hold guests. Luman and Veda live next to their daughter Leola and her husband David M. Merrill. Congratulations.....

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60th Wedding Anniversary: The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Walker nonored them on their 60th Wedding Anniversary with an open house at the Rigby L.D.S. East Stake Center. Mr. Walker was born in Lewisville, Idaho, to John and Jane (Vallier) Walker. Mrs. Walker nee Stella Jenkins, was born at Midvale, Utah, to Dan and Florence (Bush) Jenkins. They were married in Rigby, Idaho 17 April 1919. The marriage later was solemnized in the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Temple. The couple has eight children, 36 grandchildren and 59 great grandchildren. Congratulations.....

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World Conference On Records in 1980: Have you ever asked yourself "Who am I?" or "Where did I come from?" or, more specifically, "Who contributed to my heritage?" and "Where did these people live and what were they like?"

With the theme "Preserving Our Heritage" emphasizing on family and personal histories, it has something for everyone. The Second World Conference on Records is being held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 12-15, 1980, with its headquarters at the Salt Palace. This conference is expected to attract in excess of ten thousand participants. You should be one of them.

During the four-day conference, nearly three hundred seminars will be held from which you may choose. Authorities from throughout the world will give instruction in a wide field of topics. Each participant will be able to attend a general assembly, a plenary session, and five seminars daily at the Salt Palace and adjoining buildings. Those scheduled speakers at general assemblies are President Spencer W. Kimball, Elder G. Homer Durham and Author Alex Haley.

Anyone from anywhere is invited to attend. Registration for four days is \$50.00. Those registering after June 15, 1980 will be required to pay \$60.00. Information and forms are available from the World Conference On Records, Genealogical Society of Utah, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150. Hotel reservations are to be made by using the official form provided.

1980 Walker Family Reunion

Farmington, Utah - - - - Saturday, July 12, 1980

More details in the coming Newsletter

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