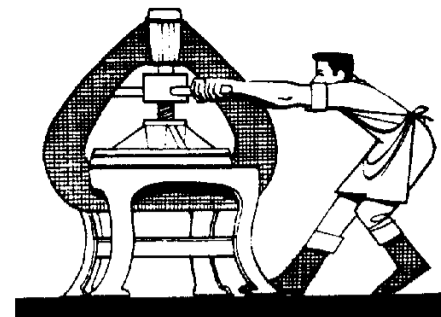


John Walker Family NEWSLETTER



Year 1981 No. 1

President's Message

Dear Relatives:

Having been elected President of the John Walker Family Organization at the reunion last July, I now more than ever appreciate those great men and women who have so ably organized and carried the work to this point.

I hope to be successful in carrying out the obligations of a president and living up to your expectations and confidence in me.

As I write this message the first month of the new year is behind us. Many of us have made resolutions in an effort to make personal improvements. I hope you have listed the John Walker book and Rodney at the top of your list.

As a Walker Board we hope you have committed yourself to make more effort this year to complete and update Family Group Sheets. Have a reunion with your first and second cousins. Get your documented Family Group Sheets sent in. Compile histories of your families and ancestors and get this material to Rodney for the John Walker book.

A lot of exciting things are happening at Rodney's. He has his computer! Many long hours are spent each day, updating, correcting and revising the John Walker book. Once the manuscript is in the computer, it is ready for the Book.

If you haven't bought a book at Pre-publication price. Do it NOW! Our goal is over a thousand books.

If you haven't sent Rodney your family group sheets, pictures or histories. Do it NOW!

If you haven't sent in Rodney's request for corrections. Do It NOW!

As a Board we wish you all a Prosperous, Successful and Happy New Year, one filled with opportunities, commitments and improvements.

Sincerely

Lois W. Grover

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

WALKER FAMILY REUNION ? ? ? YES YES

JULY 11, 1981 RICKS COLLEGE in REXBURG, IDAHO

More details in the coming Newsletter

Save this date for your fun of meeting your kissing cousins

Another Milestone for the Newsletter:

This Newsletter is being prepared with the help of the newly acquired computer which is being told about on the following page of the same. The straight line margins on both sides are to be noticed. Bold letters of the heading "President's Message" has been printed by the command of the computer to the printer.

Address labels have been printed by the printer with over 2500 names and addresses stored in a few diskettes. One 5" floppy diskette can hold up to 700 addresses while a diskette can handle up to 100 pages of letter size pages.

Progress on the Second Edition of the John Walker book

The much needed computer has finally been acquired and has been put to work in preparing the manuscript as well as the mailing list, primarily for the Newsletter. The computer, known as Billings Computer and a NEC Spinwriter printer were made possible through donations from 104 families.

The computer does wonder in word processing, even more than what the best typewriter can do. It will control length of format on each page, print page number, underline words, superscribe or subscribe letters or numbers like these $x^2 + y^2$ or H_2SO_4 , search out a desired word, justify the right margin, and other things in a short time at command. Even a word, phrase, sentence, paragraph or a picture can be inserted in a format without any difficulty. Correction, change or deletion of letter, word or sentence can be done in a minute.

Special thanks are being expressed to 104 families for their generosity in making out donations that help save much time, work and headaches in the manuscript work.

But we are somewhat \$2350.00 short of the \$5,000 goal. In order to start the manuscript right away, it was necessary to borrow that much money from the General and Genealogy funds to complete the purchase price. It will be grateful if the remaining families will make their donations of \$25, \$50, or \$100. toward the computer fund to complete the \$5,000 goal, and also to keep the computer in good repair.

Now about the status of the manuscript. About 206 pages of manuscript has been stored in the computer. The "Fourth Generation of John Walker" section is being prepared. Proof of computerized manuscript have been sent out to many families for their verification, correction, change or addition. Responses are surprisingly good. Latest information have been added to the proof. Some corrections were made. More orders have been received. Proof of the remaining manuscript will be sent out as soon as they are completed from time to time.

To date we have 235 orders for the book which is one fourth of our goal of 1000 orders, while about 20% of the manuscript is already in the computer. So please keep the number of orders growing ahead in pace of the manuscript work.

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Family Dues:

The family dues are \$5.00 per year "from reunion to reunion." In return the 1980-1981 dues payer will get Set B1 family group sheets which is the second of the Lydia Holmes' four generation series. The family group sheets are listed as follows:

- John Holmes (1682) and Mercy Ford
- Nathaniel Holmes (1640) and Mercy Faunce
- John Holmes (abt 1612) and Mrs. Sarah Holmes
- John Faunce (1606) and Patience Morton
- Mr. Faunce (abt 1585) and Mrs. Faunce.
- George Morton (1585) and Julia Ann Carpenter
- George Morton (1553) and Catherine Brown
- Alexander Carpenter (1560) and Mrs. Alexander Carpenter

However some of regular dues payers may not have been certain if they have paid their dues this year to be in good standing or if they have received their current set. In order to help them, reminders will be sent to them on or after March 15th.

Set A Family group sheets on Lydia Holmes' first four generation which were intended for those 1979-1980 dues payers, are still available at \$1.25 per set or to those who are willing to pay last year's dues. Family group sheets of Set A are being listed below.

- William Holmes (1770) and Lydia Adams
- Simeon Holmes (1741) and Mercy weston
- Josiah Holmes (1716) and Ruth Cooke
- Jonathan Weston (md 1728) and Mary Rickard
- Ebenezer Adams (1744) and Lydia Cooke
- John Adams (1714) and Thankful Washburn
- Caleb Cooke (1695) and Hannah Shurtleff

Errors of Long Standing:

The Four Generation Program as initiated by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints some years ago has revealed many discrepancies on sheets submitted by some members of the same family which are many. This department also carries many identical family group sheets made with an office copier or copied from his "aunt's book" by hand. The same sheets contain the same errors on all. The same sheets contain full or missing information on all in the identical way. The first edition of the book, "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker" has some mistakes also. So do many published family books.

The new Four Generation Program, known as Ancestral Four Generation Program was started once more on July 1, 1979 and will continue for two years till June 30, 1981 which is the deadline. This program encourages members of each family to get together and organize themselves in a family and to prepare one family group sheet to be submitted from each family instead of members as before. Each member in the same family is to verify all information before submitting the family group sheet and pedigree chart, one from each family, to the Genealogical Society. Have you started your part in this project yet?

There are some errors that have been thought to be correct for a number of years. Certificates, original records and documents have revealed the mistakes. Here are a few examples.

John Walker married Lydia Holmes on 8 April 1819 (not 18 April 1819).

Emma Walker, daughter of William Holmes Walker and Harriet Paul, married Ernest Extra Stevenson on 7 March 1900 (not 18 March 1899).

Edwin Walker, son of John Walker and Lydia Holmes, was born 15 April 1828 (not 15 August 1828).

Third husband of Mary Electa Walker, daughter of John Walker and Lydia Holmes, was Robert George Parker instead of George H. Parker.

The name of Edwin Clark Fuller's wife was Pheba Melinda Thompson (not Mirianda Thompson). Edwin was a son of Catherine Walker and Elijah Knapp Fuller.

The name of Hattie May Walker, daughter of William Holmes Walker and Harriet Paul, was used on church records and obituary notice instead of Harriet May Walker (Lauritzen) as found on some family group sheets.

The name of Sarah Ellen Walker, daughter of Lorin Walker and Lovina Smith was recorded on original records instead of Sarah Helen Walker.

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Hyrum Smith's House in Kirtland, Ohio:

Currently the Kirtland, Ohio home of the Patriarch Hyrum Smith is for sale. The residence still stands on a corner one block south of the Kirtland Temple on the east side of Chillicothe Road.

A short time an ad hoc committee representing the many descendants of Hyrum Smith, Jerusha Barden and Mary Fielding, met at the home of Patriarch Eldred G. Smith to work out the course on how to acquire the Kirtland homestead.

The non profit Hyrum Smith Family Association is being formed. This association will be the actual agent which will be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of the Hyrum Smith home in Kirtland. This association will also serve as the agent that receives donations from the individual family members.

The Jerusha Barden branch of this family will be represented on the Hyrum Smith Family Association Board by Patriarch Eldred G. Smith. In order to move the project as swiftly as possible, Rodney W. Walker has been asked to represent the descendants of Lovina Smith Walker, wife of Lorin Walker. Letters have been sent out to all 660 descendants of Lorin Walker and Lovina Smith whose addresses are available. There may be some more families that have been missed.

However anyone outside or of this family wishing to make donation toward this worthy project are welcome to do so, by sending their donations to the Hyrum Smith Family Association, c/o Eldred G. Smith, 2942 Devonshire Circle, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108. Please make all check payable to Hyrum Smith Family Association and let him know that you are a descendant of Lovina Smith Walker or a descendant of Lorin's brother or sister. Your phone number will also be appreciated by Eldred G. Smith.

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