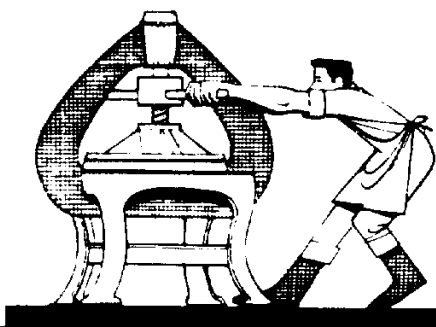


John Walker Family NEWSLETTER



Year 1981 No. 2

WALKER FAMILY REUNION

RICKS COLLEGE, REXBURG, IDAHO July 10-11, 1981

- Friday, July 10
- 4:00 p.m. Arrival and check-in: A Rick College representative will meet you in the lounge of Building #35. (See Ricks College map on the back of this sheet, Building #35.) This time will be set apart to register participants, receive room assignments and meal tickets and pay for reunion fees.
- 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Dinner: The Manwaring Center Cafeteria (Building #7.)
- 6:00-11:00 p.m. Evening activities: This may include the campus movie "Escape to Witch Mountain" featured at the Manwaring Center Little Theater (Building #7 on map.) The movie starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at the Manwaring Center Information Desk. The cost is \$.50 for 12 and under and \$1.00 for adults.

The Game Room in the Manwaring Center will also be open. All of these activities will be at your own cost.

Saturday, July 11

- 7:30-8:15 p.m. Breakfast: Manwaring Center Cafeteria.
- 9:00 a.m. Arrival and registration of main group: A registration table will be set up in the lower lobby of the Manwaring Center across from the Ricks College bookstore. Again, meal tickets will be given out and fees will be paid by reunion participants.
- 9:00 - 12:00 noon Sport activities: Softball - Ricks College Upper Playing Field. Balls and bats can be provided for our use. Please bring your own mitts and bases. Volleyball - Hart Auxillary Gym (Building #9.) A volleyball court and balls will be provided. Basketball - Hart Auxillary Gym. Racquetball - Hart Building. Two racquetball-handball courts will be reserved for us during this time.
- 10:00-12:00 noon Family Business meeting: Manwaring Center Little Theatre.
- 12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch: Manwaring Center Cafeteria.
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Family Talent Show: Manwaring Center Little Theater.
- 3:30 p.m. Check-out and departure.

Costs:

Three meals, housing, use of Campus and Physical Facilities (Friday and Saturday.)

6 Years and older	\$13.00 per person
1-5 years old	\$10.00 per child
Under 1 Year	\$ 0.00 (\$3.75 extra if bedding is used)

Lunch, Use of Campus and Physical Facilities (Saturday only.)

6 Years and older	\$ 4.25 per person
1-5 Years old	\$ 3.25 per child
Under 1 Year	\$ 0.00

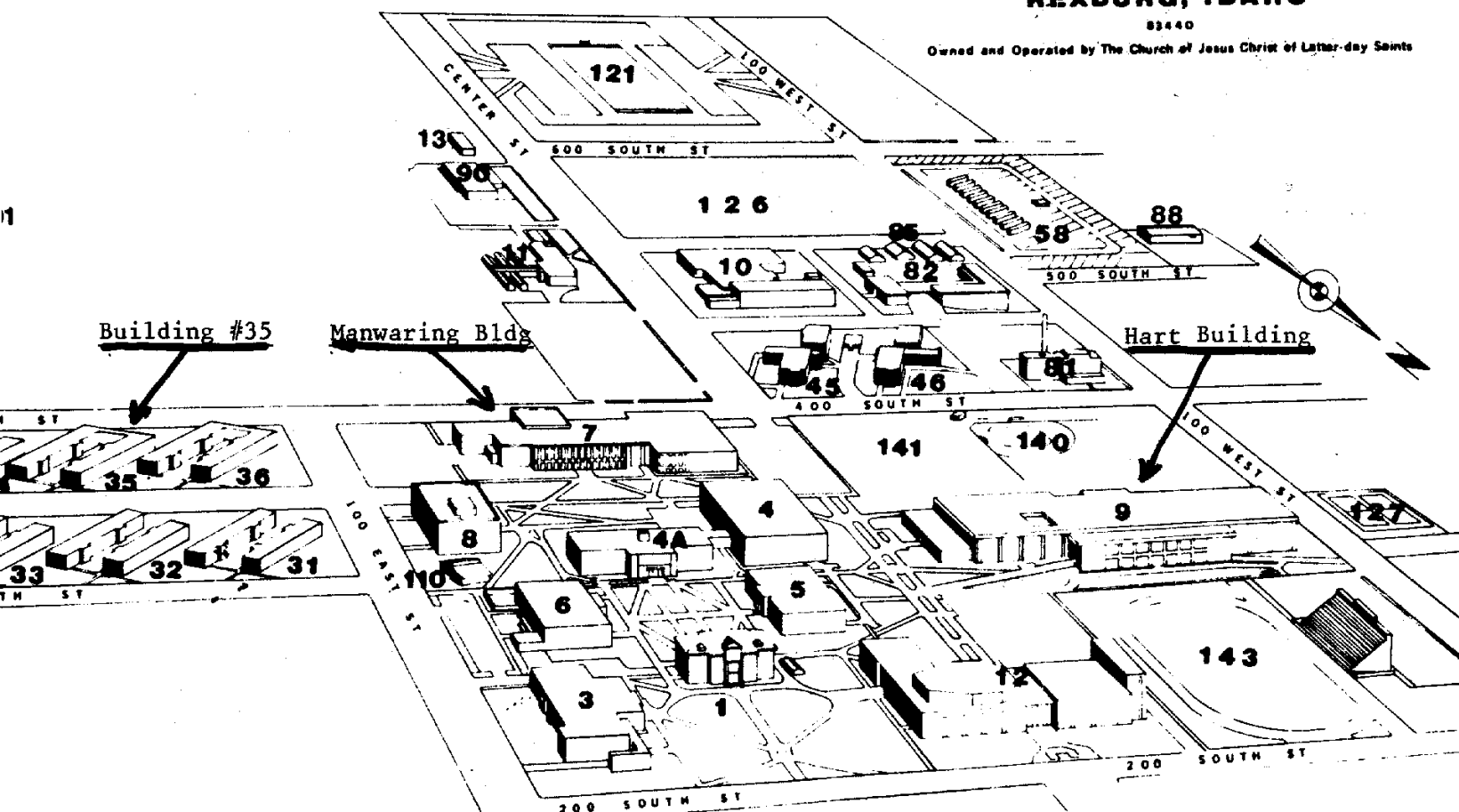
More Information and Map of Ricks College on the following page

Ricks College

REXBURG, IDAHO

83440

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NOTICE: On Wednesday, July 1 we need to know the number who will want housing for the night of July 10. Also on Monday July 6 we will need to know the exact number eating each meal and what age group you are in. Please send in your reservation for housing and meals well in advance of these dates so that we can notify the Ricks College on these dates. Please send your money to Owen enough to cover the cost of meal(s) by July 6.

We have several people to give some good entertainment for Saturday afternoon. However an invitation is extended to our visiting families to share their talents in the Family Talent Show. Please let Owen know a few days in advance.

Those visiting families who need to have place to stay overnight off campus may ask Owen or Lois Grover, Route 4, Rexburg, Idaho 83440. Please let them know a few days in advance.

Dear Owen:

Please reserve for my family as follows: Remittance to cover meals is enclosed.

- All meals, and housing. (Friday and Saturday)
- Lunch (Saturday only)

My family is consisted of:

- How many Adults (12 years and over)
- How many Children (1-5 years old)
- Baby (under 1 year old)

Name _____

Street Address or RFD _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

IMPORTANT: Please mail this coupon to Owen J. Walker, 276 West 3rd South, Rexburg, Idaho 83440 a few days or more before July 1, 1981.

THOMAS MINOR

Thomas Minor was born at Chew Magna, Somerset County, England, on 23 April 1608. He embarked for the Colonies aboard the Lyon's Whelp, sailing from Gravesend, England on 25 April 1629, and arrived at Salem, Massachusetts in the middle of July 1629.

Very shortly after his arrival in Salem (then called Pequot Harbor), there was a serious outbreak of Typhus, and Thomas moved on to Watertown. His stay there was brief also; from Watertown, Thomas moved on to Charlestown where in 1632 he became a founder of the First Church, his name appearing 34th on the roll. Two years later he was granted four acres of land at the line of Newtown (now Cambridge), and by 1637 owned a 10 acre plot.

On 4 March 1633/34, Thomas was made a freeman, and on 23 April 1634 he married Grace Palmer, daughter of Walter Palmer of Charlestown. Two years later in 1636 the young couple moved once again settling in Hingham, Massachusetts, where they remained until 1645. Thomas' first child, a son named John was baptized in 1635 before they moved to Hingham. During their years in Hingham, their sons Clement, Thomas, Ephraim and Joseph were born.

In 1645 Thomas joined his good friend John Winthrop Jr.'s colony of Massachusetts Puritans in the settlement of New London, Conn. Thomas made many references to Winthrop in the diary which he kept for many years; from these many remarks, it is quite obvious that these two men were close friends. In 1649 Thomas was appointed "Military Sargeant in the towne of Pequett" with power to call forth and train the male inhabitants. In 1650 Thomas Minor and Jonathan Brewster were made the first deputies to the General Court (the Legislature) from Pequot (now New London).

During the years that Thomas lived in New London, his son Manassah and his daughters Ann and Mary were born. Manassah was the first white male child born in New London.

In 1652 Thomas moved to Pawcatuck, now Stonington, Conn., became a co-founder of the town with three associates; William Chesebrough, Thomas Stanton, and his father-in-law Walter Palmer. On the grounds of Wequetequock Cemetery there is a monument honoring these four men.

In Stonington Thomas built a house on land granted to him, which he later relinquished to Walter Palmer, there having been some confusion during which time the same land was also granted to someone else who sold it to Mr. Palmer. Thomas then bought some land situated on Quiambaug Cove from Cary Latham about 1653. In his diary, Thomas tells of the building of his house at Quiambaug: "I had 9 peeces to hew", "I made an end of hewing of timber", "goodman redfield was making our backe for our Chimbloy and wensday the 22nd our backe of our Chimbly was ended goodman Redfield had 22 s and 6 d for doing the stone walle", "I had newly raised my roofe of my house".

In Stonington Thomas served as deputy to the Connecticut General Court in May and October, 1665; October, 1667; October, 1670; October, 1672; May 1677; May and October, 1679; May 1680, and October, 1689. He was appointed Chief Military Officer of the Mystic Trainband in July, 1685. During King Philip's war Thomas served as a Lieutenant and was referred to that title in February and in April of 1676. In August, 1676, he was called Captain, although in later years he usually is mentioned as Lieutenant.

By Colonial appointment in May of 1649, Thomas Minor served as a Magistrate or Justice, in the town of New London, and in the town of Stonington in October, 1664, and in May of 1665. He also held various other positions of trust and honor. In his diary one can read: "This 24th of Aprill, 1669, I Thomas Minor am by my accounts sixtie one yeares ould I was by the towne & this yeare Chosen to be a select man the Townes Tresurer The Townes Recorder The Brander of horses by the generale Courte Recorded the head officer of the Traine band by the same Courte one of the ffoure that have the charge of the milishcia of the whole Countie and Chossen and sworne Commissinor and one to assist in keeping the Countie Courte".

In May, 1666, Thomas received a Colonial grant of 100 acres of land and in October, 1667, 50 acres more; such grants were made to those who had performed distinguished public service. His last two children, Samuel and Hannah were born 4 March 1652 and 15 Sept 1655, respectively.

Thomas died in Stonington, Conn. on 23 Oct 1690. He is buried in Wequetequock Cemetery, his grave covered by a "wolfstone", consisting of a large granite slab which it is said he selected for the purpose from his own field. On one side of

the stone an inscription reads: "Here lyeth the body of Lieutenant Thomas Minor, aged 83 years. Departed 1690". His wife, Grace, died 31 Dec 1690 and is buried beside Thomas, the opposite side of the stone being inscribed for her.

Of his ten children, Thomas has descendants from sons John, Clement, Ephraim, Joseph, and Manassah and from his daughter Hannah. His other children, Thomas, Ann, Mary and Samuel all died young without issue.

The First Reunion of the Thomas Minor Society

In September, 1979, seventy seven descendants and spouses arranged to meet in Chew Magna, England to visit Thomas' birthplace. This pilgrimage was a great success due to large part to the warm hospitality of the inhabitants of Chew Magna who received the Miners into their hearts and homes. During the visit a plaque was unveiled in the church of St. Andrew, a gift from the Miners to the Church. The plaque was dedicated to the memory of Thomas and commemorates his life and works. Enthusiasm among the Miners was high, and they quickly seized upon a suggestion that a Minor family association be formed. At a meeting on 27 September 1979 in Chew Magna, The Thomas Minor Society was voted into existence with 65 immediate members. Founding Officers were elected and the purposes of The Society were set forth. The Society is dedicated to honoring the memory of Thomas Minor, to collecting and preserving genealogical data pertaining to his descendants, to fostering a spirit of fellowship among the members, and to publishing a newsletter. At the present time, the Society's membership consists of 595 adult members.

The Second Reunion of the Thomas Minor Society

A second reunion-cum-business meeting will be held in Stonington, Conn. September 14-18, 1981. Activities planned include a walking tour of Stonington Village, a walking tour of Mystic Seaport, a bus tour of New London, visits to several of the old cemeteries to view the graves of ancestors, including that of Thomas, visits to Stonington Lighthouse Museum and to the Stonington Historical Society at Whitehall, as well as seeing a number of old Minor homes.

----- Prepared for the John Walker Family Newsletter
by William A. Miner, President of The Thomas Minor Society

Our John Walker was twice a descendant of this Thomas Minor. John's mother was Mary Miner being in the sixth generation of the Thomas Minor Family. John's great-great grandfather Deacon Zechariah Walker married Elizabeth Miner, granddaughter of Thomas Minor. Miner is also spelled as Minor. --Ed.

1981 FAMILY REUNION OF THE THOMAS MINOR SOCIETY

Headquarters: Ramada Inn in Mystic, Connecticut

Check in Sept 14, 1981 after 1:00 P.M. ----- Depart before noon Sept. 18, 1981

Double occupancy - \$215.00 per person Single occupancy - \$219.00 per person

The price includes rooms, meals, charter local bus services, and fees.
Taxi service available between Groton airport and Ramada Inn - \$6.00 each way up to four passengers.

Deadline for reservation - March 1, 1981.

If interested regardless of the deadline, write to W. A. Miner, 4051 Winston Drive, Hoffman Estate, Illinois 60195.

Membership dues: \$10.00 per year. If you plan to do so, please furnish order of your descendency from John Walker down to yourself.

The Lyon's Whelp

The current edition of the "The Lyon's Whelp" - Miner/Minor Genealogy, descendants of Thomas Minor of Stonington, Conn." is available at \$12.50 per copy. Order from the Compiler, John A. Miner, East Shore Road, Trevett, Maine 04571. John A. Miner is the founder of the Thomas Minor Society and is presently up-dating materials for a new edition of "The Lyon's Whelp."

Reunions -- A Powerful Anchor:

Alex Haley said the following about family reunions:

"I see family reunions as a means of communicating with our living kins, and that in turn, is testament of our heritage. Reunions are nothing less than a family's roots brought to the surface. To know these roots is to fulfill a need that has been in humans from the beginning, and will be within us to the end."

The Alex Haley movement of re-examination our roots has tremendous merit for families throughout the world. It could be wisely said that families that have reunions might well be a major factor in redirecting a wayward son or daughter. Those family gatherings at the very least will give additional meaning and purpose to the concept of families.

Family reunions properly planned can be a powerful anchor to give stability to the extended family in times of rapid change and social turbulence.

Haley said, "The family that comes together in a reunion -- whether it is the first or the 25th -- finds sanctuary that nurtures all of it.

This is important because, quite simply, the family is the reason all of us are here. From man's first tottering steps on earth, the family has created life, sustained it and enriched it. The family is our refuge and springboard: nourished in it, we can advance to new horizons. In every conceivable manner, the family is a link to our past and bridge to our future." Haley says.

Family reunions call to our memories a sense of kinship, fond memories, and an opportunity for us to share how much we care for each other. Perhaps the most important of all benefits from the family reunion is it educates the young and bridges the gap between this generation and the last generation and the generation to come.

In a reunion of any size, there will be persons absent who have died since the last gathering and babies that have joined the family. This is an obvious orientation to the shortness of life and the importance of clinging to one's family as long as that opportunity is present.

It is important that reunions be well planned, so ample time is available to visit, to learn, to experience and to be involved. Each person attending needs to participate in all. Why not plan to attend a family reunion this year and to experience the new meaning and feeling that comes from knowing a family can be together forever. (Underlined words, mine -- Ed.) ----- Dr. Glen Jensen - The Salt Lake Tribune.

An Honor Award for Rodney Wilson Walker:

A plaque which reads, "Golden Key Award 1981 -- For Outstanding Achievement -- Rodney Walker -- * * * -- Utah Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped" was presented to Rodney Wilson Walker by Norma Matheson, wife of Governor Scott Matheson during a Luncheon at Hotel Hilton on May 12, 1981. Governor Matheson was at Washington, D.C. at that time.

As explained by Dick Nourse who is a Newscaster on Channel 5, Walker's achievements were: Speaker at the World Conference on Records 1981, President of Utah Association of the Deaf, President of Utah Athletic Club of the Deaf, President of the Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf, President of the Salt Lake City Division No. 56 of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, an officer in the Salt Lake Valley Ward for the Deaf, and the only deaf officer in the John Walker Family Organization.

Set B2 - Family Group Sheets:

Another set of family group sheets have been prepared and will be released at the 1981 Walker Family reunion. The families as appeared on these family group sheets are of Lydia Holmes' lineages. The sets will be available to those who have paid or will pay their 1981-1982 family dues which are \$5.00 per year.

Set B2 - (with a pedigree chart)

John Ford (1669) and Hannah Sherman

William Ford (1633) and Sarah Dingley

William Ford (1594) and Anna (_____)

John Dingley and Sarah Chillingworth - Came to America in 1635-7)

Francis Dingley and Elizabeth Bigge

Report on the Progress of the Second Edition:

Three months ago the first Newsletter of this year was put out. It has brought in good reponses which has taken much of my time from the manuscript work.

Spring has also arrived and beckoned me to go outside and do some yard and garden work. School has just closed and released me from my job as a part time seminary teacher. I have been teaching a class of three deaf teenagers since October for an hour on week days. Two extra hours are needed for preparing lessons and traveling to and from the class.

On the other hand, 75 additional orders have been received since the last Newsletter and bring the total number to 310. About 30 more pages of the manuscript have been prepared.

The Pre-publication offer for the Second Edition is \$35.00 (if pick-up) or \$38.50 (if mailed), and is to be paid in cash before the target date. Reserve your copy now while you can. The target date is August 1, 1982. The regular price may be \$50.00 or more depending on number of copies printed.

Correction - The Marriage Date of Ernest Extra Stevenson and Emma Walker:

A copy of the old Brinton Ward transcript and correspondence has revealed that Ernest Extra Stevenson and Emma Walker were actually married on 18 March 1899. Their marriage was solemnized on 7 March 1900 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Obituary Notices:

Veda Jane Walker Green, 92, died 31 March 1981 at a Las Vegas hospital. She was born 3 Dec 1888 at Lewisville, Idaho to Welby Holmes Walker and Diadamia Casto. Her husband Luman Peter Green died 9 June 1980. Surviving are three daughters, two sons, 22 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren.

John Lorin Walker, 83, of Perry, Utah, died 21 Jan 1981 at a Brigham City hospital. He was born 16 Nov 1897 at Rockland, Idaho to John Lorin Walker and Martha Elizabeth Wilkes. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Also surviving are five brothers and two sisters.

Minnie Annetta Hess Sessions, 91, of Idaho Falls, died 15 March 1981 at St. Anthony, Idaho. She was born 20 April 1890 at Basalt, Idaho to Moroni Hess and Emily Smith. Her husband Printice Sidney Sessions died 1 Nov 1972. Surviving are two daughters, two sons, a half brother, 15 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Venna Elizabeth Tolman Hess, 72 of Las Vegas, Nevada died from an injury suffered from an auto accident on 8 Dec 1980. She and her missionary companion were on their way to a meeting of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Logan, two miles north of Council Bluffs. Iowa. She was married to Oel Clark Hess, son of Orin Moroni Hess and Ann Somes Jackson. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, 25 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Anna Zelnora Fuller Jeppson, 97, formerly of Brigham City, Utah, died 22 March 1981 in a Salt Lake City nursing home. She was born 3 June 1883 to Elijah K. Fuller and Sarah Glover. Her husband David Fernando Jeppson died 30 Jan 1937. Surviving are six sons, three daughters, 45 grandchildren, 90 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

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