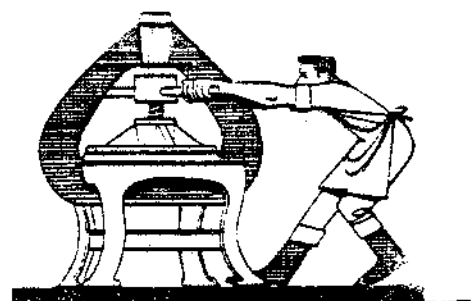


John Walker Family NEWSLETTER



Year 1983 -- No. 1

WALKER FAMILY REUNION

The 1983 summer will be a highlight if you attend the Annual Reunion to be held at Logan this year.

DATE: July 16, 1983
PLACE: Adams School Park in Logan City
ADDRESS: 500 North and 500 East

The schedule as follows are:

9:00 A.M.	Registration and "Get Acquainted"
10:00 A.M.	Business Session
Noon	Luncheon --- (Bring your own lunch) (Drink and ice cream will be furnished.)
1:00 P.M.	"BIG EVENT"

Plan on coming early and staying late. Big event to be held at noon. You'll love the opportunity to spend some relaxing hours in Logan Canyon. Campers, trailers, or tents are super in the many camping accommodations that Logan Canyon has to offer.

Evan Stevenson is coordinating the reunion activities. His address is 595 East 1150 North, Logan, Utah 84321, telephone (801)-752-0354. Owen Walker, of course, is giving leadership to the entire affair.

Plan now. See you then.

Hyrum Smith's Home in Kirtland, Ohio: The house was purchased by the Hyrum Smith Family Association for \$72,000. During the last few years descendants of Hyrum Smith and friends have donated money toward the purchase of this historic house. Lately only one and last payment of \$14,575 remains to be paid for the house in full. The family association has committed to the Presidency of the Church to make this final payment. The house is now being managed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and will be restored in the future by the Church.

Those who are interested in helping them with financial means to pay the final payment, may send their remittance to LaVorn Sparks, 174 West 4750 North, Provo, Utah 84604, or Eldred G. Smith, 2942 Devonshire Circle, Salt lake City, Utah 84108.

Report on the Progress of the Second Edition: Good News and Bad News.....

Good News -- The rough draft of the manuscript is FINISHED!!!

Proof copies have been sent to descendants of William Holmes Walker, Lorin Walker and Catherine Fuller for their verification. Only work remaining to do is to mail out proof copies to descendants of the rest of John Walker's children.

The pre-publication price remains the same: \$35.00, if picked up and \$38.50 if mailed. This price will expire at the time when the manuscript is turned over to a publisher. The target date is December 31, 1983.

Bad News --- The target date, set previously as of Aug 1, 1982, has been moved ahead to Dec 31, 1983. The manuscript needs lots of finishing touches! It is hopeful that the target date will stay. The target date depends on how fast responses are received from those who have some corrections or additions to be made on the proof copies on their families or closely related ones.

To date we have 605 orders and over 1000 pages containing over 14,000 names of descendants plus names of spouses. It will take time to prepare the name index for the Second Edition.

Set B-4 Family Group sheets: This is the fifth set of the series on Lydia Holmes' ancestry. This set will be released at the 1983 reunion and will be distributed to those who have paid or will pay their 1983-1984 dues.

Israel Silvester (1674) and Ruth Tanner
Israel Silvester (1646) and Martha _____
Richard Silvester (1607) and Naomi Tarrey
John Turner (1620) and Mary Brewster
Humphrey Turner (1593) and Lydia Gamer (or Gerner)
Jonathan Turner (1593) and Lucretia Oldham
William Brewster (1566/7) and Mary Love
William Brewster (1534) and Prudence _____

Of these mentioned ancestors, William Brewster and his wife Mary were among the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth in 1620.

William came with his wife Mary and his two sons, Love and Wrestling. The rest of his children were left behind and came over afterwards. He was the fourth signer of the Mayflower Compact. He probably had much to do with the preparation of this document. He attended Peterhouse College, Cambridge University from about 1580 to 1583. He entered the service of Sir William Davison, then Ambassador to Holland. After the latter lost his position, Brewster obtained the appointment of the Post at Scrooby, a position previously held by his father. He kept this position from April 1, 1594 to September 30, 1607, when he was in trouble because of his religious activities.

Brewster had been pious from his youth and was early found among those who opposed the ceremonies and forms of the English Church. Those who wished to leave the Established Church, known as Separatists, met in groups in private houses, and one group met in the Scrooby home. Eventually persecution drove its members to flee secretly to Holland in 1607 and 1608. When the members of the Scrooby group were arrested for trying to escape from England, all except seven were discharged after one month's confinement. He was among the seven who were kept in prison and, therefore, was the last to escape to Holland. At Amsterdam where they resided for a year and at Leyden where they settled for over ten years more, Brewster taught the English language. He also engaged in the business of printing prohibited religious books and introducing them into England by stealth from about 1616 to about 1619. During the latter years he was under cover, seeking to avoid arrest by the English authorities. He, together with John Carter and Robert Cushman, conducted the negotiations for the emigration to America.

He was long the ruling Elder of the Church, and in Plymouth he conducted all services for many years because Robinson stayed in Leyden and there was no ordained minister in Plymouth. After the death of James Chilton, he was the oldest of the Pilgrims. He was one of those leaders who assumed the debt of the Colony, and who settled with Merchant Adventurer Sherley. A deputy to the General Court in 1636, he also was Chaplain of the Military Company. He died at Plymouth.

The Truth About The Pilgrims by Francis R. Stoddard

Welcome to the WALKER FAMILY Reunion.....

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