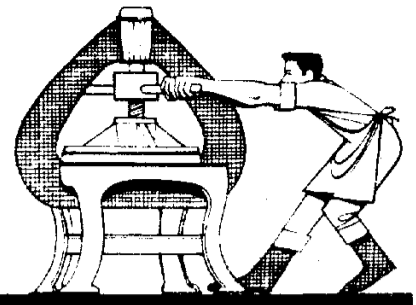


John Walker Family NEWSLETTER



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Another Reunion at "Yonder the Wilds"

After leaving the highway by the ranger's station located several miles north of Ketchum, Idaho, over twenty adventurous Walker cousins traveled some miles on unpaved one lane road through forest and across a few bridges over a creek to take part in the Walker Family reunion. The Carey Stake campground was the site of the 1986 Walker reunion. Though the campground was purchased by Carey Stake a few years ago, it is being developed. It is hoped that this campground would be one of the best one in the area, after being fully developed. It has a baseball diamond, a volleyball court and a outdated mess hall which would soon be torn down and to be replaced with a brand new 40 by 80 mess hall. An old steam engine apparently used for a saw mill was found abandoned and is rusting.

On Friday August 1st President Elwood W. Chambers, also a member of the Carey Stake High Council, was on hand to greet guests. Upon my arrival, three cousins and their spouses were chatting with Elwood.

That evening found us sitting around a campfire even though it was so cold that evening. Mrs. Arden Lauritzen cooked some popcorn in a cast iron kettle and it tasted delicious. I was the only one who brought a tent, a sleeping bag and an air mattress. Others brought their own campers over trucks and a large home trailer. President Chambers would not let me sleep on the ground but invited me to sleep in his camper which was something new in my life. Like other campers, the camper moved to and fro sideway whenever someone tossed over that the other sleeper wake up. It might be better to sleep on the stable ground than in a shaky camper. Any way I enjoyed sleeping in the camper. To be confidential, it was so cold that night that I had to leave my clothes along with a sweater on in the sleeping bag and to sleep under a pillow. But since I have been living in city so long that I do not see much stars at night. There the sky was so clear and millions of stars shine brightly that one can locate the Big Dipper easily. The bright display of millions of stars will cause one to stare into the celestial heaven for a long time.

Next day breakfast was had. Three families arrived from Idaho Falls, Rexburg and Boise. Short business meeting was held. It was decided that the reunion is to be held every year. Phyllis Summers and her husband Elmer proposed to have the next Walker reunion held in Boise and their suggestion was accepted. Some life sketches of Elwood's parents and grandparents, prepared by the same Elwood were passed around and found to be interesting. (It would be nice if we do the same about our own parents and grandparents.) Financial report on the Second Edition project was read. Even though a few were present, good time were had. The stay at the Carey Stake campground went down into a history as another reunion with good happenings. R.W.W.

Memorialization of Walker Pioneers Project

It has been a year since the project started in raising \$5,000 enough to pay \$100.00 per name for our Walker pioneers and their spouses to be engraved on a brass plate. This plate will be hung in the main hall of the Sons of Utah Pioneers building. The amount of \$876.00 is needed to complete this fundraising project. Let's all push this over the top together and be glad to say "We did".

The family dues is still \$5.00 per year, starting August 1st till July 31st next year. It would be helpful if you add a few dollars or more above the dues toward the Walker Pioneer Memorialization project and Genealogy Research.

The cost of Newsletter, annual mailing fee and bulk mailing rate are still rising. The rate of bulk mailing used to be 3.5 cents per piece and is now 8.5 cents. Printing 2900 copies of two-page Newsletter now cost around \$85.00 in comparison with 2200 copies of six page Newsletter for nearly the same cost ten years ago. Dues remain at the \$5.00 level since 1976. Dues can still remain the same only if we have 300 or more regular dues payers to keep the Newsletter going for a while. It is felt that extra 100 regular dues payers will be very helpful.

FUTURE REUNIONS

The next (1987) reunion will be held in Boise, Idaho, tentatively during the last part of June, depending on the availability of site which will be reserved in February. The Elmer Summers family of Boise, Idaho, will host it. More details will be announced in the next Newsletter in 1987.

During the Walker Family board held in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 27th, future reunions were brought up according to the agenda. It was proposed to have two reunions in 1988. One is to be held in the Salt Lake area at the time when officers will be elected to serve a four year term.

The other reunion in 1988 is to be held at Peacham, Vermont, being John Walker's birthplace during the last week of July at the time when the Hill Cumorah Pageant is held. It is a day's drive from Hill Cumorah to Peacham. Several couples are needed to commit themselves to go to the Pageant and then to Peacham. Many families living in the Eastern part of the United States have an opportunity, once in lifetime, to attend a Walker family reunion which they had not been able to attend ever since it started. We have a Walker descendant living right in Peacham. His name is Wayne Garvin Walker. We need feedback from you all in order to know how you feel about the second reunion in Peacham and to know how many of you can plan to go there.

While at Peacham one can see John Walker's farm, the Congregation Church of which John Walker was a member, William Holmes' house (Lydia Holmes' father), and a few others relating to our Walker family.

Set of family group sheets for 1986-1987

Twenty sets of family group sheets, (thirteen on John Walker's lineages and seven on Lydia Holmes' lineages have been prepared since the time when Theodore D. Walker was president in about 1964. During these time we had lots of information on hand that we were able to keep up with "a set per year" for dues payers.

Though we have some information on the rest of Lydia Holmes' fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth generations, there is not enough to fill a pedigree chart and a good number of family group sheets to make a set worthwhile. More time will be needed to do some research work on these areas. There may be some delay in getting the 1986-1987 sets ready for those 1986-1987 dues payers.

Special Christmas Offer

Second Edition book "Ancestry and Descendants of John Walker"	\$50.00
Book "Travels and Incidents of Elder William Holmes Walker"	<u>5.00</u>
Total combination	\$55.00

Both Books for \$40.00

The John Walker Family Organization extends a special Christmas offer to you all. This offer will make an excellent gift for your own, your loved ones, parents, children or others. This enable you to save \$15.00 each offer, if ordered before December 31, 1986. You may place an order for one or more offers. We pay postages which mean another savings to you.

These two books are important additions to your library and may be part of the family treasure which will be appreciated as heirlooms by posterity.

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