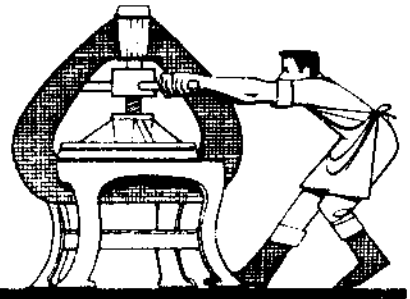


John Walker Family NEWSLETTER



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WALKER - STEVENSON FAMILY REUNION

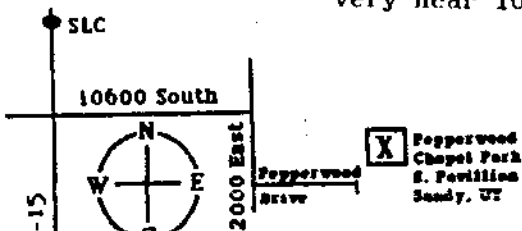
Saturday August 19th, 1989 -- Sandy, Utah

The Walker and Stevenson Family Reunion this year will meet together in a grand and glorious "Get-to-gether."

Plans are already in place for a never-to-be-forgotten day of fun and games. In "Alice in Wonderland", the walrus said it in a few words, "The time has come to talk of many things - of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings." Indeed, we will be talking about our great heritage in sight and sound. You will hear many things seldom heard about William Holmes Walker and Edward Stevenson. There will be special events and a grand pot-luck dinner.

William Holmes Walker and Edward Stevenson were close friends living in Big Cottonwood (now Holladay, Utah) for some years and were well acquainted with each other. William's two children, Franklin and Emma married Edward's two children Ernest Extra and Harriet Louisa.

The memorable day has been set for August 19th - your "best" day of 1989. The location is the Pepperwood Chapel Park Pavilion, very near 10600 South and 2000 East and is at 2135 Pepperwood Dr.



Sandy is southeast of Salt Lake City, Utah

- 10:00 A.M. - Registration
 - 11:00 A.M. - Softball Game: Walker vs Stevenson
 - NOON - Pot Luck Luncheon
 - 1:00 P.M. - Walker's Business - Children/Games
 - 1:30 P.M. - Stevenson's Business - " "
 - 2:00 P.M. - Joint Business - Games for Children
 - 3:00 P.M. - Family Talent Show
 - 6:00 P.M. - Goodbye with fond memories
- (Program subject to change w/o notice)

And most important, return the questionnaire below. We need to know about how many folks will attend and the ages, so our program will fit the need.

Merrill E. Walker
Merrill E. Walker, President
John Walker Family Organization

Stanley W. Stevenson
Stanley W. Stevenson, President
Stevenson Family Organization

----- WALKER/STEVENSON FAMILY REUNION -- 19 AUGUST 1989

- We (I) plan to attend this great reunion: Yes No
- Estimate number that will attend: Adults Children
- Children ages:
- Will you need overnite housing? Yes No
- Will you participate in a softball game? Yes No RETURN
- Will you please provide a pot luck hot dish? Yes No PROMPTLY
- Will you please provide home made ice cream? Yes No AS POSSIBLE
- Will you please participate on a committee? Yes No

Your reponse is important! Please fill in appropriate blanks and return to Rodney W. Walker 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105 on or before August 1st. Past and current family dues - \$5.00 per year - may be sent to the same.

Name Address

City & State Phone No ()

Elwood W. Chamber's Visit to Peacham

I was so impressed with our journey to Peacham, Vermont. I produced a 30 minute tape, titled, "Eastward Palmyra, Peacham" and sent it to my family members that were not fortunate enough to make the journey.

In checking with those that attended the reunion, I found all considered the trip had been worthwhile and were glad they had made the effort to attend.

Barbara and I met Wayne and Terry Walker the morning of the 30th of July. We had just asked for directions to the Walker home when a car drove up and a voice asked, "I'm Wayne Walker. Are you looking for me?" Wayne was on his way to the sanitary landfill. He suggested we go to his home, which is a block from the country store, and get acquainted with Terry.

Wayne and Terry Walker are a young couple. They have two boys the oldest being five. Since we returned home they have added a girl to their family.

We asked Terry what we could do to help with the reunion and she said I think I have everything ready. We visited for a short time with her and then she suggested, "It is about time for the people to start arriving. I'm going to be a little late getting to the Community Church to greet them. Would you mind taking this material and greeting the arrivals until Wayne and I can get there?"

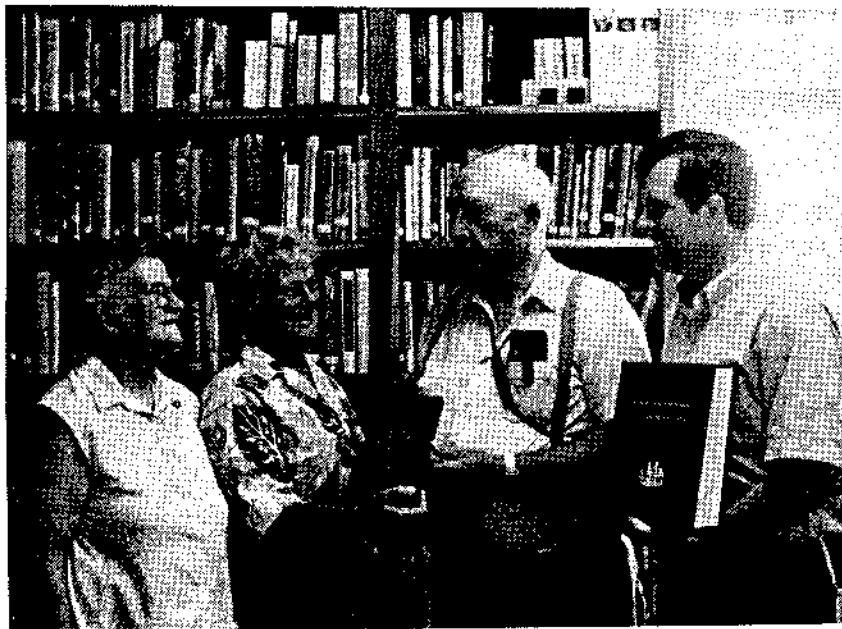
Terry, as we discovered while looking over the material she had prepared for the reunion had done a tremendous amount of work and research. Her schedule for the day also included old newspaper accounts such as: "The Mormon Invasion 1835"; "The Mormon Barn"; and "The Legend of Devil Hill." There were also two maps of the Peacham area to show us the way to the various places that were on our agenda to see.

We certainly didn't need the maps. Out in the front of our motorcade was Terry leading the way in her V.W. bug pointing out the sights.

Twenty-two people arrived at the Community Congregational Church. We met in the cool basement of the church. Then we toured the church and had a prayer, sang Mormon Hymns and also Protestant Hymns. This old church acoustics was so good that Choirs come from outlying areas to sing there.

From the Community Church we made a foot tour of the Peacham Community Center and at 12:10 P.M. we were at the Peacham Library to make our presentation of the John Walker Hook and the William Holmes Walker Journal. We were met by Frances Randall, Librarian, and Drusilla Powden, President of the Peacham Library. Also present was a newspaper reporter from the St. Johnsbury paper.

Francis Randall expressed her appreciation for the books and remarked, "I have



From left, Frances Randall, librarian, and Drusilla Powden, president of Peacham library board of trustees, accept the books from Elwood Walker Chambers, a board member of the family organization, and Wayne Walker, Peacham resident and seventh generation descendant of John Walker

many people that stop in the library looking for genealogy. Now I have something to show them."

Francis gave us permission to use the basement of the library, which was super cool, to have our lunch in and our meeting. While Wayne and Dennis Killian prepared the barbecued hamburgers, Terry led our motorcade to the many sights in the Peacham area.

To me the most outstanding event of our visit was to the home of William Holmes. This home was built in the 1700s. The home is in good repair and is a large stately home constructed from the native woods found in the area. The home remains much the same as it did when built with exception that electricity and plumbing have been added. The home is no longer

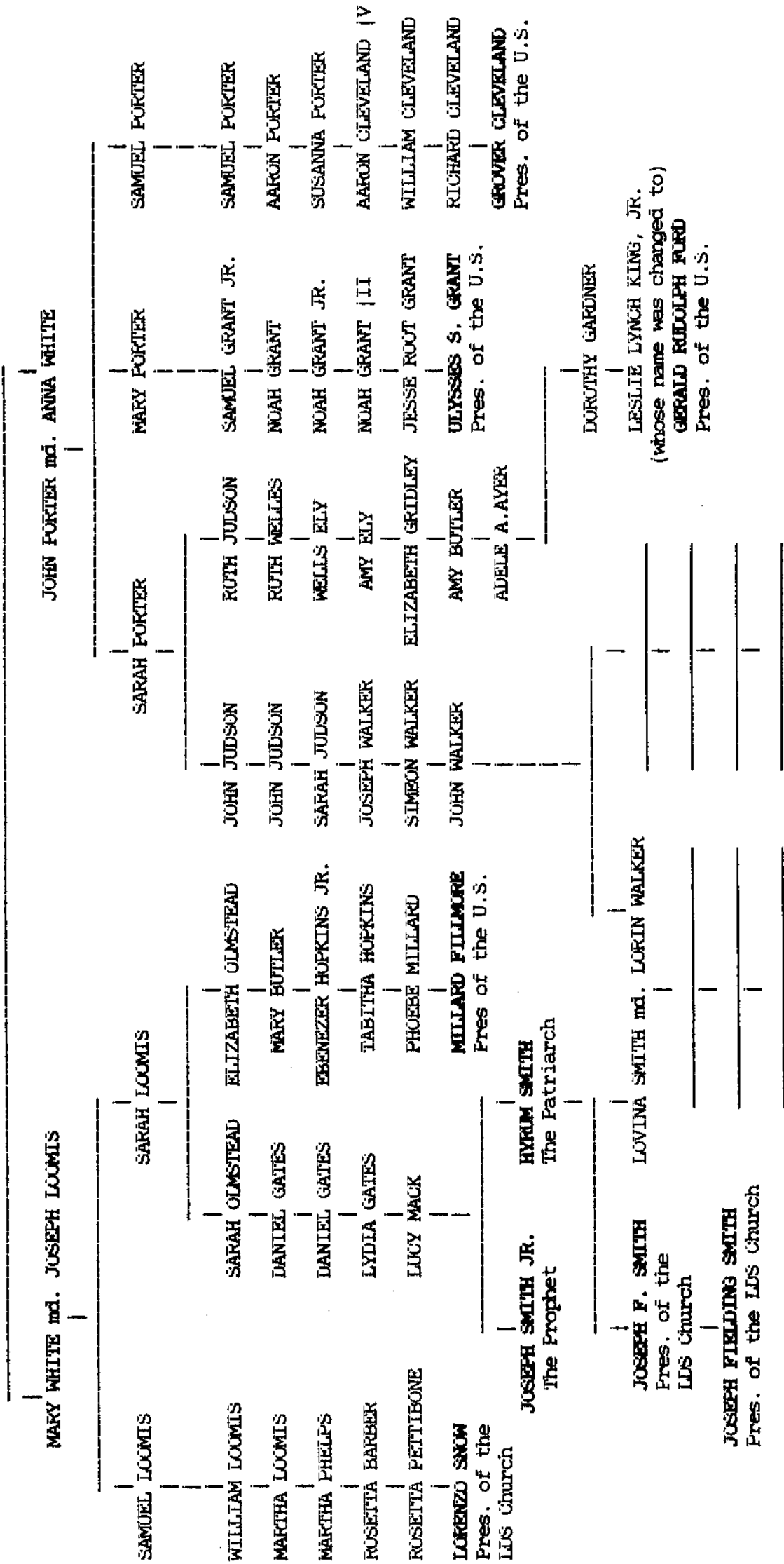
owned by the Holmes family but is used as a summer home. Although the owner's were not present they made arrangements with their Granddaughter to open the home for our inspection.

The floor in this home were a masterpiece. Lumber in the 1700 was not squared as we did today. Various widths and tapers were all matched to make up the floor. This floor was then sanded and varnished bringing out the beauty of the wood and workmanship.

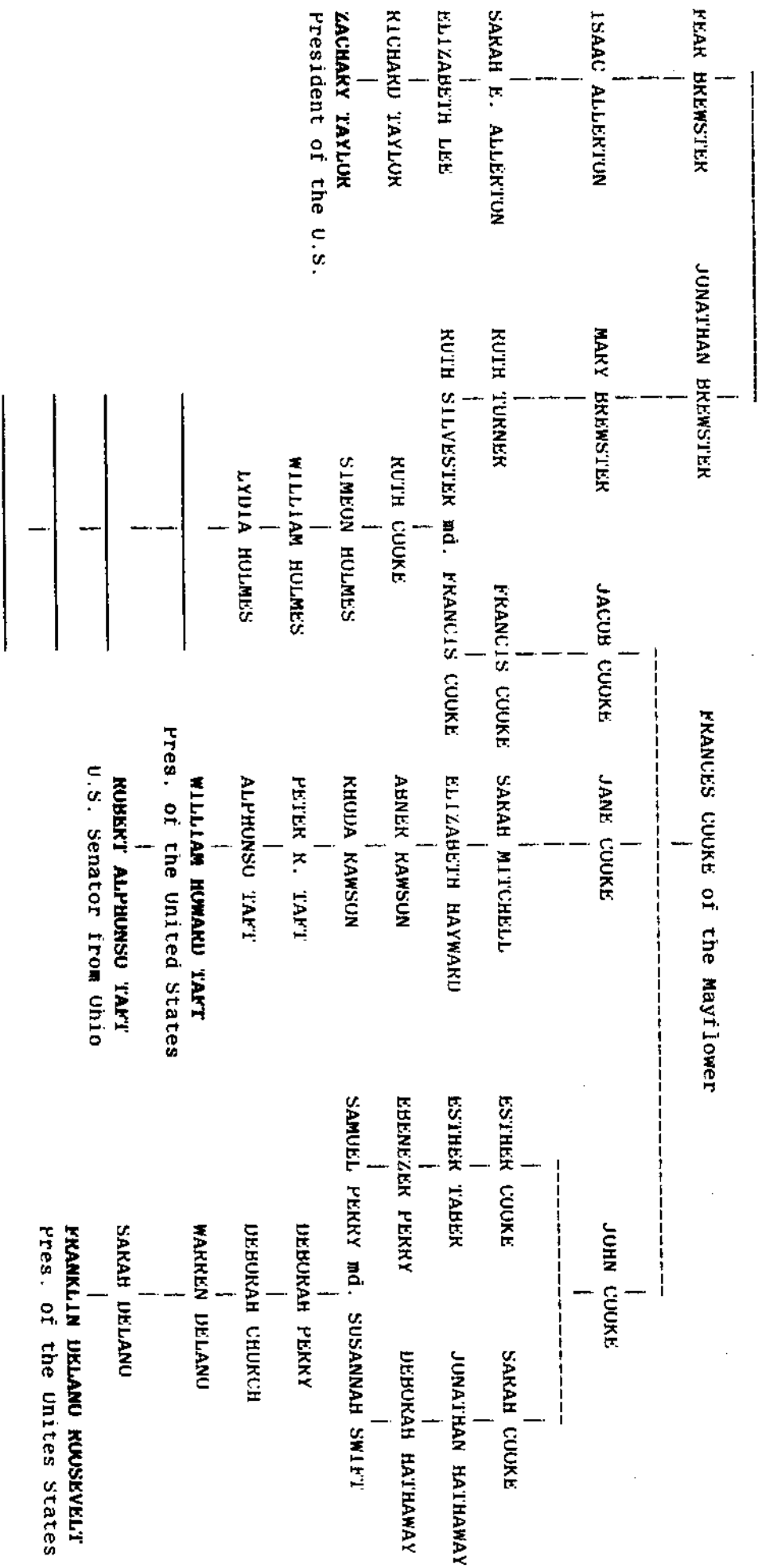
We returned to the library for a lunch of hamburgers, beans and soft drinks with a peach for the dessert. Terry, would you mind sending Rodney your bean recipe? Your

Revised Relationship Chart

ROBERT WHITE md. BRIDGET ALLGAR



WILLIAM BREWSTER of the Mayflower



Contributed by Theodore H. Walker and Bert K. Webster

Sources:

"Franklin D. Roosevelt's Colonial Ancestors"

by Alvin Page Johnson, 1933 B.Y.U. 929.2.K67

from Mayflower Index, B.Y.U. 929.06, S013

beans were the tastiest I have ever eaten. I'm sure Rodney will be happy to include it in the next John Walker Family Newsletter. (I don't have it, Ed.)

After lunch we had a get acquainted program which we all enjoyed. Our cousins from New York, the Woods, broke up the party. They had to leave to attend wedding. If they hadn't left we might have still been there.

All too soon it was time to leave our most gracious hosts, Wayne and Terry Walker. We said goodbye to Wayne who had to rush to a political rally. Wayne is running for State Treasurer. Terry, in her V.W. bug led us to our last stop. Here we visited one of the largest Sugar Maple Groves and Sugar House in Vermont. At the end of our visit we said goodbye to Terry and drove back to Grandma's Bed and Breakfast to spend our last night in Vermont.

May we recommend Grandma's Bed and Breakfast, which is located a few miles west of St. Johnsbury. Kay and Pat Cross are fine people great hosts and their price is right.

Wayne and Terry have invited the Walker family to return to Peacham for many reunions in the coming years. They would love to have you for a visit. Thus ended the Western Mormon Invasion of Peacham, Vermont.

Reunion at Lewisville:

After two hours of delay due to car trouble Rodney and his son Dale finally arrived at Lewisville at noon. Chairman Eldon D. Harker was on hand earlier to greet cousins. About forty people were there. Luncheon was had with plenty of food that all were filled to their satisfaction.

Following the luncheon brief business was transacted. The election was held. Though several were nominated as candidate for the office of president of the John Walker Family Organization. Merrill Edwin Walker of Idaho Falls came out as the elected President for the four year term. Leon B Casper was elected as Vice President.

The board members met afterwards. They voted to retain Clinton Walker as the Chairman and Rodney Walker as the Executive Secretary. Some business was discussed relating to the John Walker book, computer, and others.

Later on some of the cousins and their spouses went to a room in the Lewisville Ward where Stanley W. Stevenson and his wife Fran treated them with video movie showing many scenes taken during their six month odyssey around the world.

Personal Ancestral File (PAF):

The John Walker Family has prepared a diskette containing information on John Walker's family and families of his ancestors. Though it is not fully completed as some data are needed to be added to children of his ancestors. The ancestors and children are the same people which were printed in thirteen sets of family group sheets and pedigree charts. A copy of this diskette is being submitted to the Family History Library.

The diskette is a Personal Ancestral File 2.1 - MS-DOS type and is to be used on an IBM compatible computer. A copy is available for ten dollars each enough to cover the cost of a new diskette, mailing and handling cost.

It is hoped that time will come when the PAF diskette can be prepared for Lydia Holmes and families of her ancestors.

Suggestion is being made for us all to prepare our own four generation genealogy up to John Walker and Lydia Holmes on either paper or diskette and submit it to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Family Group Sheets (Set B-9) - (Tenth Set of the Series of Lydia Holmes's Ancestry):

The problem on the Delano line was solved. This lineage shows that we are descendants of the famous ancestors John Alden and Priscilla Mullins as portrayed in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's story about the Courtship of Miles Standish and Priscilla Mullins with John Alden involved.

Names of parents as appeared on family group sheets in this set are as follows:

John Weston (1662) and Deborah Delano
Thomas Delano (1642) and Rebecca/Mary Alden
Philipp De Lanndy (c. 1603) and Hester Dewsbury
Jean De Lanndy (abt 1570) and Marie Mahieu
John Alden (1599) and Priscilla Mullins -- "On the Mayflower"
George Alden (1573) and Jane _____
William Mullins (1578) and Alice Atwood -- "On the Mayflower"

Copies of this set (B-9) were mailed out to those who have paid their 1988-1989 family dues. There are some left on hand for those who are late in paying the same dues which are \$5.00 per year.

The first nine sets of four generation family group sheets were prepared with the set starting with Lydia Holmes and the following four generation sets on Lydia's great great grand-parents. Each set is available at \$1.50. Send your remittance to Rodney W. Walker, 842 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105.

Some Extractions from Lilyce W. Cox's Account of Her Tour to Peacham:

We arrived at Peacham from St. Johnsbury, where our lovely motel was located, at 10:00 a.m. The beautiful drive on Vermont country roads from St. Johnsbury to Peacham was exciting for me as well as for my neice, Judy Muummert, and my two friends, Thelma Zilner and Esther Galbraith who were with me. Peacham, Vermont is just like I pictured it in my mind. A pictureseque, postcard-type village hidden away among the trees covered hills.

As we drove near we could see the spires of the country church, which turned out to be the one we were to meet at for the Reunion. The Peacham Congregational Church where our Great Grandfather, John Walker and his family and Great Grandmother, Lydia Holmes and her family, also attended. I can just picture the consternation of the others when John Walker announced that he had joined those "Mormons."

The ladies of the Congregational Church made us feel welcome, also. After the registration at 10:00 a.m. we went upstairs to the Sanctuary, where we sang a Hymn. Joanna Killian, daughter of Dennis and Donna Killian shared her beautiful singing talent with us. It was truly wonderful to be there where my ancestors worshipped and to sing the hymns of God. Oh, yes, we also were favored with some beautiful organ music by the Congregational Ladies.

Wayne gave us some history of the church building. It seems that it originally was at the top of the hill and around the turn of the century, they put it on logs and rolled it down the hill to its present place in the center of town. The all-tin accoustics are wonderful.

Joseph Walker came to Vermont with his son, Simeon, from Conn. They settled 100 acres of land. This was in 1776. The sign outside of town says "Peacham settled in 1776." It was thrilling to be where our forefathers fought for freedom in the Revolutionary War. Just to think they were there in the struggle for the freedom we take for granted, made me so thankful to them.

After dinner we drove to and took pictures at the William Holmes house and Simeon Walker's homesite and John Walker's birthplace. Terri lead us by Elkins Tavern on the Bayley-Hazen Road where Orson Pratt and Lyman Johnson stayed (probably overnight) on May 14, 1832 where they may have met John Walker as they were about their mission to the Eastern States as stated in Doc. & Cov. 75:14.

We visited the cemetery and walked among the headstones, where there are many Walker names. At the top of the hill is a beautiful War Memorial.

We enjoyed our visit to the Goodrich's Sugar House where we were told how the maple syrup is made from the sap of the maple tree. It takes lots of hard work and love of work to accomplish. We bought some REAL Vermont maple syrup to bring home with us for a souvenir of Vermont. It was truly a delightful day. Those who were there were glad they had made the effort and we wished there had been more family members able to participate.

It was interesting to know that when Simeon Walker lived in Vermont the hills were not covered with trees, but with grass and they raised sheep. The trees were planted by those who lived there.

Wayne and Terri invited us back for another reunion in two years and I for one, would like to be there. I know for sure I will never forget this one or those who attended. Nellie and Harvey Bate and their son, Lorin Paul. The Killian Family and Harold and Jean Wood from Scotia, New York. This was their first John Walker Reunion. They both have beautiful singing voices and Jean is a professional teacher and performer.

Thank you, Wayne and Terri. Thank you for inviting us to Vermont. Thank you for your hospitality and your outpouring of love. Be sure to tell the Lyndon Ward "Thanks" for the welcome we received at church on Sunday. Terri accompanied Johanna Killian as she sang in Sacrament Meeting and Alfred Harris was honored as being a direct descendant of Martin Harris. I even had the privilege of leading the singing in Relief Society. Wayne had been the Bishop of Lyndon Ward and had been released two months before. I felt strongly the influence of our forebearers who gave so much for the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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