

NEWS LETTER

McVicker; Moreland; Pinnell; Scruggs

and allied families

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Hello everyone;

Welcome to this the sixteenth issue of this family newsletter. We've included you on our mailing list because you are close family, gen-cousins or genealogists who share a common interest of searching for information on the family surnames associated with our common maternal family line.

Within this issue our great-grandfather Jeremiah E. Moreland is featured in the "Ancestor Profile" article. We have also included an update on our maternal family databases online at Rootsweb's [WorldConnect Project](#), and recent happenings with regard to the website at [Websites on RootsWeb's Freepages](#).

As always we will attempt to keep the newsletter brief but informative and hope you will enjoy reading it. You will find articles from back issues on our website. If you do not want to remain on my mailing list please let me know and I will stop sending to you.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

October is Family History Month, a time when our families and we should celebrate our family heritage. This means sharing information about our ancestors and commemorating their lives and accomplishments. Most of all, this should be a family affair, and with that in mind, I would like to suggest a project for you and your family for Family History Month.

Family photographs are excellent reminders of people, times, and events. Most of us, however, probably have loads of loose photographs in boxes or drawers that need to be labeled and organized. A great project for Family History Month involves getting your family together, sitting down with your photographs, and working together to organize them. Find a place where you can spread out your materials—make sure it accommodates the group. Examine photographs, and label them as appropriate. Passing around the photographs and sharing stories about the people, places, and events helps involve everyone in the project. Discuss and agree upon an organizational scheme that allows you to sort the photographs and then place them in some order. This project may take several sittings, depending on the number of photographs you have. However, it can be an enjoyable experience for every member of the family, and it can also promote good preservation skills for everyone.

An event such as the photograph project is a great way for involving your family and celebrating Family History Month and it is as relevant now as they ever were. Family and family values are timeless, as every genealogist knows. With a little work, like this newsletter, we can start a groundswell; grass-roots effort to celebrate family and all that is right with it.

ANCESTOR PROFILE

Jeremiah E. Moreland (1858-1901)

The earliest information about Jeremiah E. Moreland is found in the 1860 census. At that time Jeremiah is listed as living in the family of his father John P. Moreland, mother Lydia (Brown) Moreland, and brother William. According to the census the Moreland's were neighbors of the William Lewis Pinnell Family. It appears that Jeremiah grew up and attended school in the Lanes Prairie area of Jefferson Township, Maries County, Missouri.

Missouri marriage records show that Jeremiah married Miss Laura A. Kinsey on May 16, 1880. In addition, his brother William apparently married Laura's sister Josephine on April 18th of the same year. Reference to Jeremiah (age 21) is found in the 1880 census. At this time he is living in Jefferson Township either with or next to his brother William. A little more than a year after they were married Jeremiah and Laura's first child, a son named Emmett C., was born on June 2, 1881. Beginning in October of 1881 Jeremiah had to deal with several tragic events in his life. On October 4th his sister-in-law Josephine died at age 22 years. The day after Christmas his six-month-old son Emmett left this earth. As if that wasn't enough, three months later on March 29, 1882 his wife Laura passed on at the tender age of 21 years!

Ten months after the death of his first wife Jeremiah E. married Mary Etta Pinnell, daughter of the aforementioned William Lewis Pinnell. This event occurred on January 31, 1883 in Lanes Prairie, Maries County, Missouri. Jeremiah was 24 years old at the time. It is believed that shortly after Jeremiah and Mary were married they moved from Maries County, to the State of Kansas. A family history detailing the names and dates of birth of at least 6 known children attributed to Jeremiah and Mary Etta was related to Jerre' Moreland by his brother John Earl just before Earl's death in 1968. Jeremiah adopted their eldest child, a daughter known as Pearl Moreland, born in 1879. It is speculated from information obtained in the 1880 census that Pearl was most likely the natural daughter of wife Mary Etta, and may have been conceived out of wedlock. It may be surmised that sons Ira and Guy were born in Kansas and it is certain that John Earl was born there in 1889. During this time the family included at least four children Pearl, Ira Cecil, Guy Hurst, and John Earl. All of who were born prior to 1889. It is most likely that they lived in this location up to 1893 or 1894.

Jeremiah may have been one of the 100,000 eager settlers who participated in the Oklahoma Land Rush that occurred on September 16, 1893. These hardy pioneers were looking to obtain land in the 226-mile tract known as the Cherokee Strip. This event was much more than an opportunity to obtain a free parcel of land. The Cherokee Strip Land Run of 1893 was the setting for the largest, most spectacular competitive event in American history. Cities and towns such as Woodward, and Tangier, grew from the dust of that great race, and today their amazing story can still be heard across the Oklahoma plains. Although it is fact that Jeremiah and his family settled in Woodward County, Oklahoma, which was one of the seven counties in the Cherokee Strip, no records have been located to substantiate that he or any other Moreland actually participated in this historic event. Yet there is no disputing the fact that the appearance of the Moreland family in this part of Oklahoma followed very closely upon the heels of the settlers who participated in the Land Rush.

Jeremiah E. lived the rest of his days in Woodward County, Oklahoma. The family resided in Tangier Township located just west of the town of Woodward. During his years in Oklahoma two more children Lucy May (1896), and Jeremiah (Jerre') Floyd

(1899) were born. Jeremiah made his living raising cattle. At the time of his death in 1901 his herd numbered 136 head. Probate records of his estate show a total value of \$1,736.00. Of this amount the cattle were worth \$1,436.00. In addition, there were seven horses worth \$140.00, farming implements and household goods were valued at \$50.00 each. \$1,067.00 was used to pay off debts of which \$900.00 was owed to his son-in-law Lon Thomason. It is apparent from this document that Jeremiah did not own a home or any land. Jeremiah E. died, at age 43 and is buried in the Tangier/Resthaven Cemetery in Woodward County, Oklahoma.

Find more about [MORELAND, Jeremiah E.](#) and his family in our “Family Tree” at Rootsweb.

	
<p align="center">Headstone of Jeremiah E. Moreland</p>	<p align="center">Rest Haven Cemetery, Tangier, Woodward County, Oklahoma</p>

NEWS ON OUR “FAMILY TREE” AT ROOTSWEB



An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at Rootsweb.com. *New information about our Bleasdale family ancestors has been recently added. This branch has now been traced back to Richard Bleasdale born 1423 in Lancashire, England!!*

We now have information on **2,059** persons, which include, ancestral grandparents, but also aunts, uncles, and cousins. Since we update the database quarterly to coincide with the publishing of this newsletter our readers are all reminded to take a look at what is new with our family history research. If you do check the websites out you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may find some errors in ours that we need to know of. Of course we would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.

To access the database just click on the following link: [Our Maternal Ancestors: McVicker; Moreland; Pinnell; Scruggs and allied families](#) . You may also access our family tree by going to <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/> . On that page you will see on the left column a box entitled ”jump to a specific tree”. Type in ***jmoreland*** and click on “go”, or just search for any name in the database and you will be taken to that record.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??

Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 300 Years of History in America

Because we usually update this site several times between the publishing of this Newsletter our readers are reminded and encouraged to take a look at what is new with regard to the family information and genealogical resources contained at this internet site. As with the database you may find some new information that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise of some new information that we can include at the site. Either way we both would appreciate an email from you just to let us know that you've found your way to our online website.

NEW SURNAME PAGES = [Dickson](#); [Johnson, Disbury](#); [Sheperd](#); [Johnson, Mary Ella](#)

NEW SOURCE DOCUMENTS* = [William Bishop Rev. War Pension App.](#);
[James Douglass Death Notice](#)

** Most if not all of the new Surname pages also include new source documents*

NEW ANCESTRAL LOCATION PAGES = [England](#); [Germany](#); [Kentucky](#); [Oklahoma](#);
[Philadelphia Co., PA](#); [Sedgwick Co., KS](#); [Stevens Co., KS](#); [Carter Co., KY](#); [Lancashire, UK](#);

REVISED PAGES = [Fluvanna County, Virginia](#); [Maternal Family Homepage](#);
[Ancestral Locations Homepage](#);

You are encouraged to take advantage of this family resource. We will be updating the site on a regular basis. Therefore you should attempt to visit it frequently.

Directions for Accessing the Website:

SIMPLY use the following link:

[Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 300 Years of History in America](#) ;

OR you can go to Rootsweb.com at <http://www.rootsweb.com/> . In the center column you will see "WEBSITES" click on [Websites on RootsWeb's Freepages](#). Select the letter "O" click on it and scroll down the page to the website entitled, Our Maternal and Paternal Ancestors: 300 Years of History in America.

The text of the journal along with accompanying photographs has been uploaded to our website. We believe you will enjoy reading our chronicle or at least some portion that may have particular interest to you. You may directly access it via this link:

[Journal of Our Genealogy Trip](#)

We are always open for suggestions as to what you might want to look for in future issues of "Our Family Story".

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