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## *A Family History Newsletter*



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### **WELCOME**

*Hello Everyone;*

Welcome to the FALL 2007 issue of this family newsletter. We've included you on our mailing list because you are close family, a gen-cousin or genealogist who shares a common interest of searching for information on the family surnames associated with our maternal family line.

The subject of our feature article is our 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather Giles Carter, Sr.. He is recognized as one of the earliest of our ancestors to come to America. Giles' landed in the Virginia colony as an indentured servant who eventually became a fairly affluent landowner, as well as a participant in the historical event known as Bacon's Rebellion.

A new page about researching immigrant ancestors, as well as a page with information that identifies our own ancestors who immigrated from Europe to the "New World" has been created and uploaded to the website.

The MCVICKER surname is featured in the Surname Search section. "Surname Search" displays matches of a surname in our database to the huge resources found at RootsWeb.com.

In addition to some general topics of interest to the family historian we have also included an update on our maternal family database online at Rootsweb's WorldConnect Project, and recent happenings with regard to the website at RootsWeb's Freepages. A quarterly accounting of our database at Rootsweb shows that five new direct ancestral family lines were uncovered. In addition new records on 123 individuals have been added.

As always we will attempt to keep the newsletter brief but informative and hope you will enjoy reading it. If you do not want to remain on my mailing list please let me know and I will stop sending to you. To read our previous newsletters, visit this link [Newsletter Archives](#).

### **A QUOTE TO NOTE**

*"It's not a question of who's going to throw the first stone;  
it's a question of who's going to start building with it." - Sloan Wilson*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Giles Carter Indentured Servant

Our 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather [Giles Carter, Sr.](#) was born in England in 1634, and christened on April 24 1635 at [Cirencester Parish](#), in [Gloucestershire](#). He came to the Virginia colony as an indentured servant around 1653. The indenturement was probably for a period of seven (7) years. This stature was common, even for a third or fourth son of a well-to-do man. Primogeniture was in force at this time and even the second son had to hope for the early death of the first son, without heirs, in order to gain the fortune of his father.



Giles Carter, Sr. was christened here in 1635. Constructed in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, Cirencester Parish Church of St. John Baptist is The largest parish church in Gloucestershire. It is one of the Cotswolds great 'wool' churches because it was built from the prosperity based on the wool trade.

The first mention of Giles Carter in Virginia, that is the Giles who remained in [Henrico County](#), is found in the State Land Office when on April 7, 1653 William Frye is granted land for transporting to America among others, Giles Carter. Around 1661 Giles was living with a John Rowen. It is believed that Giles married John's daughter Hannah Rowen in that same year. He was about 27 years old at the time. In 1680 Giles Carter made a deposition in the Henrico County Court saying that he was forty-six years of age, thus placing his birth in the year 1634.

As to his political beliefs he was in sympathy with the opposition to [Sir William Berkeley](#), Governor of Virginia, which a little later led to [Bacon's Rebellion](#). Bacon's Rebellion or the Virginia Rebellion was an uprising in 1676 in the Virginia Colony, led by Nathaniel Bacon. It was the first rebellion in the American colonies in which discontented frontiersmen took part. At the period of the Rebellion Giles Carter was an intimate friend of Col. James Crewe or Crewes of Turkey Island, Henrico County. Crewe was one of five persons sentenced to be hung for treason as a result of their involvement in the aforementioned event.

Research shows our Giles Carter named in a variety of public records during his lifetime. In the Henrico County records in 1679 he is listed in a government decree which required that a man and horse should be provided for service in the militia by each of the forty taxpaying landowners listed. Giles Carter was appointed by the Court on August 15, 1681 to appraise an estate. In 1684 Giles purchased a parcel of land lying upon [Turkey Island](#) Mill Run from William Cocke. At the court of [Varina Parish](#) in Henrico, Co. on June 1, 1687 a certificate is granted unto Giles Carter for 800 acres of land due for the importation of 16 people. A man received fifty acres of land for each person he brought into the colony. These persons were primarily indentured servants.

On October 21, 1687 there is a grant of 1,780 acres in the Parish of Varina at the White Oak Swamp on the north side of the James River to, to several men. This patent was signed by Frances Lord Howard, Baron of Effingham. Giles Carter's share being 552 acres on the main run of White Oak Swamp. One hundred years later John Carter a grandson of Giles gave a piece of land at the White Oak Swamp to his son and namesake John Carter, Jr.

On 14 September 14, 1699 Giles Carter, Sr. made his [Last Will and Testament](#). The document was recorded on 2 February 1701. From this will one can see that Giles Carter divided his property between his wife Hannah and his younger son Giles, he having already provided for his older son Theodrick. Of the children of Giles Carter his eldest son Theodrick was of age in 1688. The three daughters were married Susanna to Thomas Williamson, Mary to Thomas Davis and Ann to James Davis. Giles Carter II was not yet eighteen.

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Five Projects for Family History Month

October is Family History Month, a time when we and our families 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. The following are suggestions for five projects you and your family for Family History Month.

A great project for Family History Month is a family [storytelling night](#). Declare a night each week throughout the month, and set aside an hour when no television, telephone or other interruptions are allowed. Gather in a comfortable area of your home, and encourage the sharing of stories about yourself, your parents, your grandparents, and other ancestors. Try to couple the stories with times, places, and historical events to help bring history alive.

[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.

Most of us have family recipes that have been passed from generation to generation. They may have been jotted down on scraps of paper or clearly typed out on index cards. A great project with recipes can involve gathering them together, sorting through them, and transcribing them into a [family cookbook](#). If you want to transcribe them into a word-processing document, one person can read the recipe while another types it into the computer, and still another person can be responsible for editing. In the process of working on the cookbook, you and your family can prepare meals using the recipes. You might want to consider

establishing a "family recipe" night each week on which the main dish or even the entire menu consists of special family recipe items. This involves each person as either the preparer of ingredients, the chef, and/or the consumer.

One way to involve children in learning more about their ancestors is to host a [theme party](#). Children love to play dress-up, and they love to make up stories. You might consider an "I'm My Own Grandpa" party. This event involves urging the children to learn something about an ancestor. It doesn't have to be a grandfather; it could be a grandmother, a great-grandparent, or some other ancestor. Encourage them to gather facts about the person's appearance and their life, and to construct a short story about a particular event. They can also be encouraged to create a costume so they can dress for the part. Set a time for the entire family to gather together, and let the children present their stories in costume. Serve cake, cookies, and other refreshments appropriate for children's parties.

[Visiting sites of family interest](#) is another way of commemorating family and celebrating family history is to visit places that have some meaning associated with your family. A visit with other relatives at their homes might make a nice trip, especially if it is an old family home where grandparents and/or other ancestors lived. If you want to learn more about your ancestors' place in history, a visit to a museum, the historical society, or an archive might be appropriate. A visit to the cemetery where relatives and ancestors are interred also makes a good trip and can be combined with cleaning, maintenance, reminiscences, and storytelling. If you have a Civil War ancestor, you might consider a trip to a battlefield at which he fought or to a memorial site.

All of the projects above are intended to involve all members of the family. It is especially important to involve children so that they gain knowledge about their family and an appreciation for the pride and family values you already have. These projects are actually events and can become family traditions as well.

Genealogists and family historians often work alone, but here is an opportunity to share some fascinating information and stories you've gathered with other members of the family in a fun and exciting way.

## Have You taken a look at the User-Contributed Databases at RootsWeb??

Here is an idea that you might consider to “jump start” your research. RootsWeb has a multitude of databases contributed by people like us. These resources may be viewed by either location or category. The following are links to the aforementioned resources.

**COUNTRY:** [Australia](#) | [Canada](#) | [Eng](#) | [France](#) | [Germany](#) | [Irl](#) | [Italy](#) | [Jamaica](#) | [Multi-National](#) | [Netherlands](#) | [New zealand](#) | [New Zealand](#) | [New zealand](#) | [New Zealand](#) | [Philippines](#) | [Russia](#) | [Sct](#) | [Sri lanka](#) | [Sweden](#) | [United Kingdom](#) | [Us](#) | [USA](#) | [West indies](#) |

**STATE/REGION:** [Lihus-le-Grand, Oise, France](#) | [All](#) | [One-Name Studies](#) | [Forfar](#) | [\\*\\* Various Locations](#) | [\\*\\*\\* Book Index](#) | [\\*\\*\\* Book Indexes](#) | [\\*\\*\\* Military Records](#) | [\\*\\*\\* Native American Records](#) | [Alabama](#) | [Alaska](#) | [Arizona](#) | [Arkansas](#) | [California](#) | [Colorado](#) | [Connecticut](#) | [DC](#) | [Delaware](#) | [Florida](#) | [Georgia](#) | [Hawaii](#) | [Idaho](#) | [Illinois](#) | [Indiana](#) | [Iowa](#) | [Kansas](#) | [Kentucky](#) | [Louisiana](#) | [Maine](#) | [Maryland](#) | [Massachusetts](#) | [Michigan](#) | [Minnesota](#) | [Mississippi](#) | [Missouri](#) | [Montana](#) | [Nebraska](#) | [Nevada](#) | [New Hampshire](#) | [New Jersey](#) | [New Mexico](#) | [New York](#) | [North Carolina](#) | [North Dakota](#) | [Ohio](#) | [Oklahoma](#) | [Oregon](#) | [Pennsylvania](#) | [Rhode Island](#) | [South Carolina](#) | [South Dakota](#) | [Tennessee](#) | [Texas](#) | [Utah](#) | [Vermont](#) | [Virginia](#) | [Washington](#) | [West Virginia](#) | [Wisconsin](#) | [Wyoming](#) |

**CATEGORY:** [Alumni](#) | [Atlas/Gasetteers](#) | [Births](#) | [Book Indexes](#) | [Cemeteries](#) | [Census](#) | [Church Records](#) | [City Directories](#) | [Colored/Black Records](#) | [Court Records](#) | [Deaths](#) | [Deeds](#) | [Divorces](#) | [Land Records](#) | [Marriages](#) | [Military](#) | [Mortality Schedules](#) | [Native American Records](#) | [Naturalizations](#) | [Newspaper Indexes](#) | [Obituaries](#) | [One-Name Studies](#) | [Passenger Lists](#) | [Plats](#) | [POW/MIA](#) | [Professional, Society, Religious Groups](#) | [State Archives](#) | [Tax Lists](#)



## A “FAMILY TREE” TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



### ARMSTRONG, EUBANKS, PASQUE, PATTEN and WALLER Surnames Added To Our Database

An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **123** new names have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **2,445** persons, which include, not only 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.

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 *jemoreland* and click on “go”, or just search for any name in the database and you will be taken to that record. Please know that we would always welcome any new information that you may have on our common ancestors.

## **WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE??**

### ***OUR MATERNAL AND PATERNAL ANCESTORS: 350 YEARS OF HISTORY IN AMERICA***

#### **New Web Page Identifies Our Immigrant Ancestors Eleven New Surname Pages Added New Features Added To State And County Pages**

For many of us a primary research goal is to establish the identity of the brave men and women who left their “Old World” homeland and took the daring step a tumultuous ocean voyage in an effort to make a new life in America. With this in mind we’ve designed and created a new web page entitled Immigrant Ancestors: Research and Resources. This web page is intended to provide information that will assist with the research of finding the when, where, and how of our ancestors’ immigrant experiences. On this web page you will find information on search strategies for tracing your immigrant origins. In addition there are lists of informative websites where one can find facts on immigration and naturalization, records, as well as ship, passenger & crew lists.

For those of our readers interested in knowing more about the immigrant ancestors of various family lines found within our maternal family database we’ve created a web page entitled, Immigrant Ancestors: McVicker, Moreland, Pinnell, Scruggs and allied families. This page contains a listing of all appropriate direct ancestral family surnames. When known we’ve included the names of our forefathers and mothers credited with being the progenitors of their family lines in America, their place or origin, date and place of arrival in the “New World”, name of ship, as well as where they settled.

You are invited to take a look at our eleven new surname pages at Home Page MMPS. Our research shows that our 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather Richard Ubanck (Eubanks) came to the Maryland colony in 1675, and our 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather Ambrose Yarborough emigrated from Yorkshire, England to Virginia around 1730.

Over the past three months many new web pages and images have been created and added to Ancestral Locations. We’ve revised numerous “USA State pages” to include new maps showing the locations of our ancestral counties, as well as links to resource information for all counties in that State. Our new “USA County web pages” now include links to the major localities and “gen-sites” as identified with each ancestral county.

Because we usually update this site several times between the publishing of this Newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to take a look at what is new with regard to the family information and genealogical resources contained at our internet site; Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 350 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information. It is hoped that you will find new information that will enhance your own research or you may want to advise us of some new information that we can include at the site. Either way we would appreciate an email from you just to let me know that you’ve found your way to our online website.

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#### **NEW AND REVISED SURNAME PAGES:**

[Armstrong](#); [Clements](#); [Eubanks](#); [Goode](#); [Howson](#); [Mason](#); [McVicker](#); [Moffat](#);  
[Patten](#); [Royston](#); [Scruggs DNA Project](#); [Smith](#); [Yarborough](#)

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#### **NEW SOURCE DOCUMENTS:**

[Will of Ambrose Yarborough](#); [Will of Theodrick Carter](#); [Will of Edward Wade](#);  
[Catherine McVicker Baker \(Death Cert.\)](#); [Rebecca McVicker Tiffin \(Death Cert.\)](#);  
[John P. Moreland \(Death Cert.\)](#); [Lunsford L. Pinnell \(Death Cert.\)](#);  
[Pennsylvania Farmer \(1737 Passenger List-Todd\)](#); [Paule \(1635 Passenger List-Wade\)](#);

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## NEW & REVISED ANCESTRAL LOCATION PAGES:

### USA STATES & COUNTIES:

[Kansas](#); [Kentucky](#); [Maryland](#); [Missouri](#); [Ohio](#); [Pennsylvania](#); [Virginia](#); [Anderson Co., SC](#); [Chester Co., SC](#); [Edgar Co., IL](#); [Frederick Co., MD](#); [Lancaster Co., PA](#); [Pickens Co., SC](#); [York Co., SC](#)

### WORLD STATES & LOCALITIES:

[Cockpen Parish, Scotland](#); [Midlothian, Scotland](#); [Dilligen District, Germany](#); [Gloucestershire, England](#)

### PHOTO AND IMAGE ARCHIVES developed or updated for the following localities:

[Maries Co., MO](#); [Anderson Co., SC](#); [Chester Co., SC](#); [Edgar Co., IL](#); [Pickens Co., SC](#); [York Co., SC](#); [Gloucestershire, UK](#); [Cirencester Parish, UK](#); [Dilligen District](#); [Dilligen Stadt](#); [Hochstadt](#)

## SURNAME SEARCH

### McVicker

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
<a href="#">WorldConnect</a>	11,828	<a href="#">Australia and New Zealand Records</a>	5
<a href="#">Social Security Death Index</a>	1,246	<a href="#">Alumni Lists</a>	10
<a href="#">Rootsweb Surname List</a>	26	<a href="#">Book Indexes</a>	9
<b>Vital Records</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<a href="#">Cemetery Listings</a>	12
<a href="#">California Death Index</a>	170	<a href="#">Census Records</a>	19
<a href="#">Texas Death Index</a>	37	<a href="#">BLM/GRO Land Records</a>	12
<a href="#">Kentucky Death Index</a>	7	<a href="#">Obituaries</a>	15
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Husband</a>	7	<a href="#">Newspaper Indexes</a>	2
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Wife</a>	5	<a href="#">Utah State Archives</a>	1
<a href="#">Maine Death Index</a>	1	<a href="#">Professional, Society, Religious Groups</a>	1
<a href="#">South Dakota Birth Index</a>	6	<a href="#">Obituary Daily Times</a>	309
<a href="#">World War One Draft Index</a>	6		
<a href="#">Early Death Records</a>	4		
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Marriages</a>	11		

"Surname Search" features matches, found at [RootsWeb.com](#), of a surname from my database. Follow the links to information that may be useful and hopefully rekindle your own research into this family as well as other topics at RootsWeb. To see what information we have uncovered on this family follow the links to our [website](#), and [database](#).

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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!