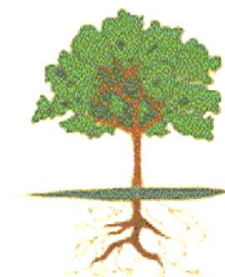




# *McVicker, Moreland, Pinnell, Scruggs; and allied families*



## *A Family History Newsletter*

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## WELCOME

### *Hello Everyone;*

Welcome to our SPRING 2008 issue of this family newsletter. We've included all of you on our mailing list because you are 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.

Just when we think that we've included all of the topics appropriate our website we seem to come up with even more innovative ideas. For example, during the past months we've initiated a library of books we think are suitable for family history research. Another theme that has recently caught our interest is that of the American migration routes taken by our ancestors during the expansion of the United States during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Read more about these two initiatives at "What's New at the Website."

During recent research we've found a direct link to some of the noble families of Medieval England and France. The link was created through the early sixteenth century marriage of our 15<sup>th</sup> great-grandparent Thomas Bennett and Agnes Moleyns. This discovery has proved to be quite interesting and as such subject of our feature article is our Culpepper

lineage. This family line begins with Thomas Culpepper, I, our 25<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather.

In addition to some general topics of interest for the family historian, the ARMSTRONG 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.

Don't forget to review the new and updated information in our maternal family database at the Rootsweb World Connect Project, as well as recent happenings with regard to our website at Roots Web's Freepages. A quarterly accounting of our database at Rootsweb shows that six new direct ancestral family lines were uncovered. In addition 189 new records 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 our mailing list please let us know and we will stop sending to you. To read our previous newsletters, see the link in the Contact Information of this issue.

*Fred & Tom*

## A QUOTE TO NOTE

*"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." --- Benjamin Franklin*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### THE CULPEPPERS OF KENT, ENGLAND

Our Culpepper lineage has been traced back to the landed gentry of medieval England. The first known ancestor is our 25<sup>th</sup> grandfather Thomas Colepeper born 1170 in [Kent, England](#). Thomas de Colepeper was a Recognitor of the Grand Assize. The [Grand Assize](#) was a judicial proceeding or inquiry, and the Recognitors, who were summoned to such a tribunal, were the jurors. In most records he is referred to as "Thomas the Recognitor".

Thomas's son John was born 1200 at [Brenchley](#), a village located in the shire of Kent, as was his grandson Thomas II, born 1230. Thomas II carried the title of "Sir" and as such was a knight of the realm. In fact the Colepeper family was most likely the ruling family of Brenchley and the lands surrounding.

During the reign of King Edward I and his son Edward II the Culpepers seem to have inaugurated their characteristic practice of land acquisition by the time honored expedient of marrying heiresses. It was from their first manor so acquired, that of [Bayhall](#), in the Kentish parish of [Pembury](#) that they spread, over much of Kent and eventually into adjacent [Sussex](#) as well.

Sir Thomas Culpeper III, seems to have married Margery, a daughter of the Bayhall family, and either by this match, or by purchase, to have acquired their estates. This Thomas who is called in 1306 "fil' Thom' Colepeper de Brenchesle." During the [baronial](#) opposition to [Edward II of England](#), Thomas, III took the side of the [Thomas Plantagenet, 2nd Earl of Lancaster](#). Unfortunately Thomas was on the losing side was executed in 1321 at [Winchelsea](#) where he was the Governor.

Sir John Colepeper, succeeded his father Thomas as the Lord of Bayhall. In 1348, Sir John, purchased the manor of [Great Wigsell](#), in [Salehurst](#), the county of Sussex, from Simon de Etchingham. He also obtained [Hartshill Castle](#) and surrounding lands by his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Sir John Hardreshull. These acquisitions considerably augmented his patrimonial

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Alexander, through whom we are descended, is the progenitor of the senior line of Bedgebury, in

estates. This property was left, at his death, to his only son and heir, Sir Thomas Colepeper, of Bayhall, in the county of Kent, and Hardreshull, in [Warwickshire](#).

Sir Thomas IV Colepeper of Bayhall married, first, Alianora, daughter and heiress of Nicholas Greene, of Exton, in Rutlandshire, by whom he had a daughter named Eleanor, and a son Sir John Colepeper, of Bayhall, Hardreshull and Exton. Sir Thomas Colepeper married, secondly, Joyce Bayard, widow of John Vyne, Esq., by whom he had four sons: Walter, Nicholas, Thomas, and Richard. We are descended through Walter. Sir Thomas Colepeper died a very old man, about 1428/9.

Of the sons of Sir Thomas Colepeper, our 19<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, Sir Walter Colepeper of Bayhall succeeded to all the estates except Exton on the death of his half-brother, Sir John, and was the only one to leave sons to continue the line. Walter fought at the famous [Battle of Agincourt](#) in 1415. Around 1425 he married Agnes, the daughter of Edmund Roper, of [St. Dunstons, Canterbury](#) and the widow of John, son of John de Bedgebury, the last Bedgebury in Goudhurst. Walter died in 1462, and is buried next to his wife Agnes at [Goudhurst](#).



Hartshill Castle as it looked in 1927



Badsell Manor a home of Sir Thomas Culpeper (1356-1428)

Sir John Colepeper III, Lord of [Bedgebury](#), as the eldest son of Thomas, inherited Hardreshull, in Warwick, Bayhall, in Kent, and Wigsell, in Sussex. Some time before 1460 he married Agnes Gainsford. Sir John and Agnes, had two sons

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Goudhurst, county of Kent, whose descendants, as belonging more to Kent than to Sussex, and Walter, ancestor of the Wigsell branch of the family. Sir John Colepeper died in 1480, and was buried at Goudhurst.

Alexander Culpepper was born at Bedgebury in 1454. He married Constantia Chamberlain of [Kingston, Cambridgeshire](#). Alexander, as did several of his predecessors, served the King as the Sheriff of Kent. We are descended through their daughter Ann born at Bedgebury in 1478. Ann married [William Molyns](#) a native of [Hampshire](#).

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Worthwhile Websites

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up?

The folks at [FamilyTreeMagazine.com](#) have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites:

**FamilyLink** at [familylink.com](#). This free social networking site lets you get in touch with other researchers who share your genealogical interests.

**German Originality** at [germanoriginality.com/](#)

This German-American heritage site, (from the German National Tourist Office and the German Information Center USA), has information on different regions of Germany, interactive maps, tourism information and more.

**MortalitySchedules** at [www.mortalityschedules.com](#)

A free site where you can search transcribed US census mortality schedules for hundreds of counties from 1850 through 1880.

### Request a Search for Your Ancestors at the Family History Library

“ANCESTOR SEEKERS” researchers at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will search this vast collection for your ancestors from the USA, Canada, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Russia, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Italy. If you commission the work (there's no obligation to do that!) prices start from \$55 (US).

For a FREE! Initial e-mail consultation visit: <http://www.ancestorseekers.com/research/rwr/>.

For help in finding ancestors from England or Scotland request a FREE e-mail assessment from <http://www.britishancestors.com/>

### Ever Had the “Genealogy Pox”?

**SYMPTOMS:** Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouses and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters and emails. Swears at mailman if he leaves no mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night phone calls. Hides phone bill from spouse.

Mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes. **TREATMENT:** Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

**REMARKS:** The unusual nature of this disease is--- the sicker the patient gets, the more he enjoys it.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any ideas, and or information you might have regarding ways to enhance our researching experiences. Send them to me at [silrem@comcast.net](mailto:silrem@comcast.net).*



## A "FAMILY TREE" TREE GROWS AT ROOTSWEB



### Eight New Generations added to the Moleyns Lineage

An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **189** new names have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **2,940** persons. 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 website 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. A listing of all new surnames may be viewed at our [MMPS Home Page](#).

To access MMPS database at Roots Web your can merely click the following link:

<http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=jemoreland&I1.x=15&I1.y=6>

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 Pages About Migration: Routes & Genealogy Reference Library

Tracing your own family's paths of migration can prove crucial in identifying previous generations. Knowing the network of trails American pioneers traveled can help you guess where to start looking. The trail descriptions on our new [American Migration Routes, Trails, and Roads](#) webpage will assist you in understanding the routes your ancestors may have taken to find new homes and opportunities in the United States.

As a follow-up to the article, in our previous newsletter, about free books at Google we have created a [Genealogy Reference Library](#). This web page is dedicated to the compilation of books that have shown to be of value in the furtherance of research into our direct ancestral lines. The collection is primarily derived from [Google Book Search](#) a **FREE** access website and [Ancestry.com](#), a subscription site.

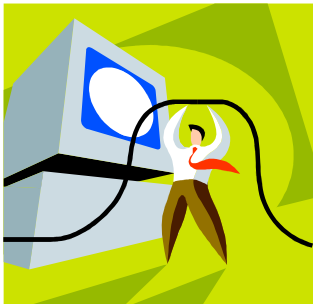
Take a look at our **six** new surname pages on the [MMPS Home Page](#). Our recent investigations have uncovered information about several new direct ancestral lines, such

as the Christman family of North Carolina whose roots go back to the Alsace Region of France. The new Beaumont and Whalesbrough surname pages are a result of our link to early English and French noble families.

Over the past three months many new web pages and images have been created and added to [Ancestral Locations](#). The home page has been revised. In addition, new image galleries have been constructed for a wide variety of locations in the United States, United Kingdom, and Germany.

Because we update the website several times between the publishing of this Newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to take a look at the new and revised family information and genealogical resources added to Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 350 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information. For access use the following address,

<<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/>>.



#### EDITOR'S NOTES:

We are currently experiencing various technical difficulties with the links to several of our web pages. If you would like a copy of any page listed below Fred will send one out to you, see contact information at the end of this newsletter.

*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 us know that you've found your way to our online website.*



**NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES:**

Beaumont; [Christman](#); [Culpepper](#); [Kraemer](#); [Molevns](#); [Ross](#); Whalesborough

**NEW "MMPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:**

Tulare Co. 1892 land map (Rhodes); [Princess Augusta 1736 Passenger List \(Christmann\)](#);  
[David Wade \(1802 Will\)](#); [Edward Wade Will](#);

**NEW "MMPS" FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:**

[Bessie P. McVicker, 1963](#); [Burt & Bessie P. McVicker Saak 1963](#); [Ross McVicker c. 1912](#);  
[E.D. Halbert Ranch \(Rhodes\)](#); [Spencer Fay Ranch \(Rhodes\)](#); [Sherrill Halbert](#);  
[Pleasantville School Students c. 1912, Tulare Co., CA](#); [Joseph Christman \(Tombstone\)](#)

**NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES:*****U.S.A.:***

[Arizona](#); [Indiana](#); [North Carolina](#); [Fluvanna Co., VA](#); Guernsey Co., OH; [Guilford Co., NC](#);  
 Harrison Co., OH; [Pittsylvania Co., VA](#); [Ross Co., OH](#); [Sedgwick Co., KS](#); [Tulare Co., CA](#);  
 Tuscarawas Co., OH

***GERMANY:***

[Heilbronn District](#); [Rhineland-Palatinate](#); [Sudwestflaz District](#)

***UNITED KINGDOM:***

[Scotland](#); United Kingdom; Kent Co., England

**NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES:*****U.S.A***

Guernsey Co., OH; [Guilford Co., NC](#); Harrison Co., OH; [Pittsylvania Co., VA](#);  
[Ross Co., OH](#); [Sedgwick Co., KS](#); [Tulare Co., CA](#); Tuscarawas Co., OH

***GERMANY***

[Heilbronn District](#); [Sudwestflaz District](#)

**"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES:**

[American Migration Routes](#); [Reference Library](#); [10<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment \(Continental Line\)](#)

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**RESEARCH CONNECTIONS**

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2002 its distribution list has quadrupled. Along the way we have interacted with many genealogists that have expressed an interest in one or more of the family lines contained within our MMPS database located at Roots Web. Because networking is a key to the success of any family historian we feel that it is important for this newsletter to help in making that connection. Below is a listing of several subscribers and the common family lines they are researching.

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## SURNAME SEARCH

### ARMSTRONG

<b>Featured Databases</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<b><a href="#">Alumni Lists</a></b>	<b>200</b>
<a href="#">WorldConnect</a>	273,093	<a href="#">Book Indexes</a>	380
<a href="#">Social Security Death Index</a>	45,427	<a href="#">Canadian Records</a>	2
<a href="#">Rootsweb Surname List</a>	775	<a href="#">Cemetery Listings</a>	503
<b>Vital Records</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<a href="#">Census Records</a>	263
<a href="#">California Death Index</a>	5,986	<a href="#">Church Records</a>	5
<a href="#">Texas Death Index</a>	3,259	<a href="#">BLM/GRO Land Records</a>	1,269
<a href="#">Kentucky Death Index</a>	1,838	<a href="#">Naturalization Records</a>	9
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Husband</a>	720	<a href="#">Obituaries</a>	175
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Wife</a>	729	<a href="#">Plat Records</a>	11
<a href="#">Maine Death Index</a>	208	<a href="#">POW/MIA Records</a>	4
<a href="#">South Dakota Birth Index</a>	32	<a href="#">British, UK and Ireland Data</a>	323
<a href="#">World War One Draft Index</a>	2,107	<a href="#">Atlas/Gazetteer Listings</a>	14
<a href="#">Early Death Records</a>	433	<a href="#">Military Records</a>	75
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Marriages</a>	531	<a href="#">Newspaper Indexes</a>	372
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Births</a>	113	<a href="#">Passenger Lists</a>	3
<b>Other Searches</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<a href="#">Tax and Voter Lists</a>	5
<a href="#">Web Site Search</a>	106,085	<a href="#">Utah State Archives</a>	18
<a href="#">Australia and New Zealand Records</a>	659	<a href="#">Professional, Society, Religious Groups</a>	23
		<a href="#">Obituary Daily Times</a>	11,657

"Surname Search" features matches, found at RootsWeb.com < <http://searches.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 at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tqpeiffer/index.htm>, and database at <http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=jemoreland&I11.x=15&I11.y=6>.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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My ancestors did WHAT?