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## WELCOME

### Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the WINTER 2009 issue of our family newsletter. We've included you on the mailing list because you are either, family, a gen-cousin or genealogist who shares a common interest of searching for information on the surnames associated with our maternal family line.

We hope that some of the topics addressed within this newsletter will assist you with your genealogical endeavors. For example, News of Interest to the Family Historian contains tips on FREE birth, marriage and death records, as well a how to find FREE lessons on using Ancestry.com.

The feature article, of this issue, is entitled, *The Continental's Army's harshest winter: Morristown 1780*. The primarily consists of an award winning essay written by Eagle Scout Paul Banwart of Shakopee, Minnesota was chosen to illustrate to war experience of our Benjamin Peachee, a patriot of the American Revolution and our 6<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather.

Take a look at the revised, (and still in the making), web page about our many ancestors who migrated across American on many notable and historic roads and trails.

In addition to some general topics of interest for the family historian, the **BACON** 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. You are also reminded to check out the Research Connections to see if anyone else is researching your family.

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 3 new direct ancestral family lines were uncovered and 53 new individual 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 section of this issue.

*Fred & Tom*

## A QUOTE TO NOTE

*"We reached this wilderness, about three miles from Morristown where we are building log huts for winter quarters. The snow on the ground is about two feet deep, and the weather extremely cold."* – Dr James Thacher, Continental Army Surgeon, 1779



## FEATURE ARTICLE

### The Continental Army's harshest winter: Morristown 1780

The feature article of the Winter 2004 issue of this newsletter focused upon the life our great-grandfather [Samuel Scott Scruggs](#) and his experiences as a patriot of the American Revolution. The fact that Samuel spent the winter of 1777-78 with the [10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment](#) of the Continental Army at [Valley Forge](#), Pennsylvania is certainly a noteworthy event from which we can all take a measure of pride.

Another of the many episodes of the War for Independence was the infamous winter of 1780 endured by Washington's army at [Morristown](#), New Jersey. Because the roots of our family tree, here in America, have grown quite deep we are acknowledging another patriot great-grandfather named [Benjamin](#)

[Peachee](#) who as Private in the [2<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey Regiment](#) of the Continental Line spent the aforementioned winter of 1780 at Morristown.

#### Direct Decendents

<b>Benjamin F. Peachee</b>	<b>1756 - 1835</b>
Alice "Elcy" Peachee	1786 - 1850
Anna Eubanks	1803 - 1842
Elizabeth Ross	1824 - 1880
John Robert McVicker	1844 - 1929
Minnie V. McVicker	1878 - 1920
Ella Pearl Scruggs	1901 - 1957

The following essay written by Paul Banwart of Shakopee, Minnesota captures the spirit, and fortitude of those citizen soldiers like Benjamin Peachee who endured this significant event in our nation's history:

"Oftentimes when one looks at the Revolutionary War, he or she usually thinks of the battles at Bunker Hill, Trenton, and Yorktown. Most of the time, these battles are duly glorified and are credited to be the foundation of the colonial victory. However less well-known events also played a significant role in the outcome of the American Revolutionary War. One such event took place at



Paul J.P. Banwart winner of the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Scholarship. Paul a member of Troop 218 has earned more than 100 merit badges and is now attending the University of Minnesota.

Morristown. It was in this town that a war was fought not on the battlefield but in the minds and hearts of the soldiers.

In Morristown, Washington's Continental Army wintered two years from January to May of 1777, after the victories at Trenton and Princeton, and from December 1779 to June 1780, documented as being, "the worst winter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century." The soldiers endured the winters by living in huts at [Jockey Hollow](#).



cabins at Jockey Hollow

Notables such as James McHenry, Alexander Hamilton, Robert Hanson Harrison, Gen. Nathaniel Greene, Richard Kiddler Meade, Marquis de Lafayette, and of course Gen. George Washington, wintered at Morristown. During their first visit, a serious outbreak of small pox threatened the vitality of the army. To prevent an epidemic, the first mass inoculation in the history of the country was administered. In 1779, with dwindling supplies, Washington sought the comfort of the military depot at [Fort Nonsense](#) located at Morristown. Unlike their first stay, the army faced a battle of determination and willpower. Combating starvation and high monetary inflation, the future funding and longevity of the war was uncertain. Not only was the Continental Army faced with troublesome financial difficulties, but they also faced the test of physical endurance of the harshest of winters. If it had not been for the unity and camaraderie of the soldiers, perhaps the outcome of the war might have been different.

After visiting Morristown, the National Parks Service's first National Historical Park, one gains a better understanding of the tactical superiority of Morristown's terrain. The town's geographical location was a military's dream. The [Watchung Mountains](#) and the [Great Swamp](#) provided a defensive barrier between Morristown and the British-controlled New York City. In addition, the design of the roads in Morristown provided mobility and

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versatility to counter any British surprise attack. Even though no battles were fought at Morristown, the site provided an ideal and strategic position over the British. Not only did the colonials have superior location, but also more experienced soldiers.

Despite facing a harsher winter than was experienced at Valley Forge, the Continental Army suffered less than 100 casualties compared with the devastating 1,500-plus deaths at Valley Forge.

In March 1780, George Washington declared St. Patrick's Day a holiday to honor his Irish troops. Consequently the holiday boosted the whole army's morale and helped lead the army to future victories. With strength

and willpower to break free from the rule of Britain, the colonials were able to endure through the winters at Morristown and rally enough energy to leverage themselves to win decisive battles that would inevitably end the war. Morristown exemplifies the high cost of freedom the colonials paid in order to ensure the safety for future generations to prosper in this beloved nation. Let us not only remember Morristown as an event in history, but let us embrace the sacrifices the Continental Army made which has sustained our freedom today."

*For more information about this historic event see:*  
[Morristown National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

### Worthwhile Research Tips and 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:

#### **Best for Websites for Genetic Researchers**

**GeneTree** < <http://www.genetree.com/> > ,

This innovative site, still in beta, combines DNA and social networking. Although limited to mitochondrial test results so far, its mapping of DNA results is the best we've seen. You can order test kits here, but you can search for your DNA matches no matter which lab you used.

#### **Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation**

This nonprofit organization is dedicated to building the world's foremost collection of DNA and corresponding genealogical information. To date, its database tops 70,000 DNA samples with family trees from around the world. Website at: <http://www.smgf.org/>

**MitoSearch** <<http://www.mitosearch.org>>

These sibling databases from Family Tree DNA let you search for Y-DNA or mtDNA matches no matter whom you tested with. At Family Tree DNA's site, you can see if your surname is among the 74,355 in the company's client database.

#### **Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection**

Click on the county map to see what's available and where to find it in this collection of nearly 450,000 digitized pages from 136 Colorado newspapers, published from 1859 to 1933. Coverage spans 71 cities and 41 Centennial State counties. You'll need Internet Explorer to get the most out of this site at:

<http://www.coloradoshistoricalnewspapers.com/>

#### **Free BMD**

As the name implies, this free volunteer site, at <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/> offers birth, marriage and death records, more than 186 million in all, from 1837 to 1933. A sibling site is similarly generous with 4.2 million parish records at: <http://www.freereg.org.uk/>.

#### **Newspaper Abstracts**

Find your ancestors in the news—without getting ink on your fingers. At last count this volunteer project included nearly 52,000 pages of abstracts and extracts from historical newspapers, with an emphasis on items of interest to genealogists such as obituaries. Website at: <http://www.newspaperabstracts.com/>

## New National Genealogical Society Website Easier Than Ever to Use

The National Genealogical Society is pleased to announce its new website at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org). The professionally designed site restructures available information for members and the general public, making it faster and easier to find what you're looking for.

The site is designed for ease of use. At the top right corner of each screen, just under the banner, you'll find Text Size (+ and -) buttons to enlarge or reduce the size of text on the website to suit your personal needs. Click the easy-to-navigate tabs across the top of each page to

go to the section of interest: References for Researching, Educational Courses, Publications, Conferences & Events, Awards & Competitions, About NGS, Become a Member, or the Members Only section of the site. Additional sub-menu items below the tabs easily transport users to frequently used services such as the NGS online store, the member log-in area, or a press room for the latest press releases.

*by Pamela K. Sayre, CG, CGL, NGS Education & Publications Director*

## FREE Online Lessons in Searching on Ancestry.com

If you think you can improve on the way you use Ancestry.com, you're probably right. You can now take advantage of free, online video tutorials that will help you maximize your use of this robust resource. Professional genealogist and nationally known lecturer and author Barbara Renick has produced a series of online video tutorials, entitled "Searching at Ancestry." Each tutorial is twelve to fourteen minutes long, each building on the previous one. Part 1 introduces the new Ancestry.com search engine. Part 2 uses a case study approach to locating members of a family on Ancestry.com. It steps through a sample search while Barbara explains the actions and analyzes the results for the viewer.

She shows how to refine a search by layering a search with more details to home in on members of a desired family. Part 3 offers search techniques by layering information in Ancestry.com's different search templates to search for common names. Part 4 addresses the topic, "Finding Name Variants,"

If you want to improve your success with Ancestry.com, these tutorials are well worth your time! You can find them at: <http://www.zroots.com/tutorials1.htm>. You can also find these tutorials from the [www.zroots.com](http://www.zroots.com) home page. Just click on Notes, click on NGS, and then click on Tutorials.

*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



## Eleven New Direct Ancestor Surnames Added

An updated version of our database was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. **53** new records have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **3,345** 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.

Our recent investigations have uncovered information about the following new direct ancestral lines: MARTIN, POLE, and STEVENS.

To access our MMPS Database at Roots Web click the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>. You may also access our family tree by going to: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>

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*

**Are You Researching English Ancestors From Cambridgeshire or Surrey?**

**Revisions Underway on American Migrations Routes Pages**

**Hundreds Of New Books Added To Our Genealogy Research Library**

We've added three NEW surname pages at the MMPS Home Page: <http://tinyurl.com/56odpr> especially the page about our PLANTAGENET family ancestors beginning with our 28<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, Geoffrey Plantagenet, and his descendents of whom three were Kings of England.

During the past three months we've initiated a completed restructuring of our sub-site on the subject of [American Migration: Routes, Trails & Roads](#). The content is now divided into nine U.S. geographical regions. Fifteen new or revised "Migration Route Image Galleries", have also been created or revised.

Hundreds of new titles have been added to our [Genealogy Research Library](#). Most of these books are fully searchable and can be downloaded to your computer. Due to the many volumes on locations in the United States and England we've created separate pages for each. If your looking for a county history or church records you may find it in our Library.

Over the past three months many new web pages and images have been created and added at least fifteen pages to our [Ancestral Locations](#) sub-site located at: <http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>. See new pages specific to our ancestral gen-sites in Cambridgeshire and Surrey, England.

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/>.

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 I would appreciate an email from you just to let me know that you've found your way to our online website.

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

[MMPS Surname Index](#): Brown; Dugale; Gainsford; Plantagenet; Scruggs; Walker

### **NEW "MMPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:**

[Death Certificates for John Rhodes and Mary Ann \(Crigger\) Rhodes;](#)  
[Brown Homestead \(1797-1826\); Walker Homestead \(1792-1826\)](#)

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

### **NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SPECIALTY PAGES:**

[American Migration Routes](#)

### **NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES**

[U.S.A. Ancestral Locations](#): Amherst Co., VA; Burlington Co., NJ; Carter Co., KY; Christian Co., KY; Floyd Co., KY; Hopkins Co., KY; Lancaster Co., VA; Middlesex Co., VA; Russell Co., VA;

[FRANCE Ancestral Locations](#): Sarthe

[GERMANY Ancestral Locations](#): Bergstrass; Lower Saxony; Main-Taunus

[UNITED KINGDOM Ancestral Locations](#): Cambridgeshire; Surrey

### **NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES**

[U.S.A. Image Archives](#): Amherst Co., VA; Burlington Co., NJ; Carter Co., KY; Christian Co., KY; Floyd Co., KY; Hopkins Co., KY; Lancaster Co., VA; Middlesex Co., VA; Russell Co., VA;

[FRANCE Image Archives](#): Sarthe

[GERMANY Image Archives](#): Bergstrass; Main-Taunus

[UNITED KINGDOM Image Archives](#): Cambridgeshire; Surrey

**“SPECIAL TOPICS” NEW & REVISED PAGES:**

**[LIBRARY Table Of Contents Page:](#)** General Reference & Location; United Kingdom Reference; United Kingdom Locations; USA Reference; USA Locations

**[MIGRATION Table of Contents Page:](#)** American Migration Routes; Braddock’s Road; El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro; Mohawk Trail; Mohawk Turnpike; Northeastern US Migration Trails; Pennsylvania Road; Routes to the American Southwest; Routes to the Central Plains States; Routes to the North-Central Lakes Plains; Routes to the Southeastern Gulf Plains; Routes to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia; Trails to the Pacific Coast; Trails to the Western Mountain States; Trans-Appalachian Migration Routes

**[MILITARY Table of Contents Page:](#)** 5th Virginia Cavalry (CSA); 87<sup>th</sup> Naval Const. Batt. (WWII); 110<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. (WWI);

**[OTHER Pages:](#)** [Bordentown H.S., NJ, 1941 Yearbook;](#) [Surname Locator Resources](#)

**“SPECIAL TOPICS” NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES:**

**[MIGRATION Image Galleries:](#)** Braddock’s Road; Bradshaw Trail; Burd’s Road; Catskill Turnpike; El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro; Greenwood Road; Gist’s Trace; Honeymoon Trail; Migration Routes to the Southwest; Mohawk Trail; Mojave Road; Northeastern US Migration Trails; Pennsylvania/Forbes Road; Santa Fe Trail; Temple Trail

**[MILITARY Image Galleries:](#)** 6<sup>th</sup> Special NCB (WWII); 87<sup>th</sup> NCB (WWII); 110<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt. (WWI);

**[OTHER Pages:](#)** [Bordentown H.S., NJ, 1941 Yearbook](#)

**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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Luann Seamons <a href="mailto:lubose@plmw.com">lubose@plmw.com</a>	Green, Bracken	Jasmine Snipes <a href="mailto:JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com">JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com</a>	Bennett and Snipes
Gay Edens Carrigan <a href="mailto:gaedcar@xipline.com">gaedcar@xipline.com</a>	Peter Eades, born ca 1773-79, Albemarle Co., VA, m. Sarah Henderson Sandridge, 1803,	Kasey Hart <a href="mailto:angelkcp23@angelic.com">angelkcp23@angelic.com</a>	Peachee family of Burlington, Co., & Salem Co., NJ

If you would like to be included on this list or if should any of the above named persons would like their information deleted or revised contact Fred at [silrem@comcast.net](mailto:silrem@comcast.net).

## SURNAME SEARCH

### BACON

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches <i>(continued)</i>	Matches
<a href="#">WorldConnect</a>	156,134	<a href="#">Book Indexes</a>	86
<a href="#">Social Security Death Index</a>	11,051	<a href="#">Cemetery Listings</a>	224
<a href="#">Rootsweb Surname List</a>	234	<a href="#">Census Records</a>	220
<b>Vital Records</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<a href="#">Church Records</a>	7
<a href="#">California Death Index</a>	1,507	<a href="#">BLM/GRO Land Records</a>	382
<a href="#">Texas Death Index</a>	385	<a href="#">Naturalization Records</a>	1
<a href="#">Kentucky Death Index</a>	383	<a href="#">Obituaries</a>	33
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Husband</a>	113	<a href="#">Plat Records</a>	1
<a href="#">Kentucky Marriage Index Wife</a>	106	<a href="#">POW/MIA Records</a>	1
<a href="#">Maine Death Index</a>	96	<a href="#">British, UK and Ireland Data</a>	46
<a href="#">South Dakota Birth Index</a>	16	<a href="#">Atlas/Gazetteer Listings</a>	1
<a href="#">World War One Draft Index</a>	244	<a href="#">Military Records</a>	20
<a href="#">Early Death Records</a>	182	<a href="#">Newspaper Indexes</a>	189
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Marriages</a>	208	<a href="#">Passenger Lists</a>	1
<a href="#">Pre-1920 Births</a>	63	<a href="#">Tax and Voter Lists</a>	19
<b>Other Searches</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<a href="#">Utah State Archives</a>	106
<a href="#">Web Site Search</a>	74,939	<a href="#">Professional, Society, Religious Groups</a>	4
<a href="#">Australia and New Zealand Records</a>	49	<a href="#">Obituary Daily Times</a>	2,886
<a href="#">Alumni Lists</a>	61		

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname, from my database, found at RootsWeb.com(<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>). 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://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>. and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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