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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **Winter 2010** issue of the *McVicker, Moreland, Pinnell, Scruggs* (MMPS) family newsletter. We've included you on my mailing list because you are someone 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.

This issue's **feature article** is about our Bishop and Dickson ancestors who migrated to South Carolina in the 1760's, fought in the American Revolution and settled the Indian lands of western South Carolina after the war.

News of Interest to the Family Historian contains links to worthwhile FREE websites for British Isles Researchers.

A quarterly accounting of the **MMPS Database** at the *RootsWeb World Connect Project* indicates the addition of three new direct ancestral family lines, as well as 60 new individual records.

Take time to look at the new and revised web pages and image galleries recently uploaded to the **Maternal and Paternal Ancestors Website** at *RootsWeb's Freepages*. Included here are pages containing worthwhile information about individual surnames, and ancestral locations, as well as special topics such as military units, our genealogy reference book library, and historic American roads.

You are reminded to check out the **Research Connections** to see if anyone else is researching your family or a similar surname.

The **Beaumont** 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.

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

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain perpetually a child. For what is the worth of a human life unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history? -

Marcus Tullius Cicero, 106-43 B.C.

FEATURE ARTICLE

The Bishop and Dickson Families of 18th Century South Carolina

Several years ago we were fortunate to receive a manuscript from Dorothea Rhodes of San Luis Obispo, California. The document, written in the mid 1960's by family genealogist Floyd Bennett, introduced me to the previously unknown ancestors of my 3rd great-grandmother Sarah Rebecca (Douglass) Rhodes. With the help researchers like Reavis Dixon, Claire Sullivan and many others we've been able to accumulate quite a bit of information about the lives of our Bishop, Dickson and Neely forebearers in 18th century South Carolina.

We believe the best way to begin is to quote directly from Floyd Bennett's original work.

"This story of Michael Dickson and his son-in-law Nicholas Bishop, together with as much as is known at present of their families, times and circumstance, has been gathered from family records and accounts, court records and other sources of reliable nature, including several visits to old Chester and Pendleton districts of South Carolina, where they lived.

In the course of the years an aura of family romance has grown up around the Dicksons and Bishops of old Chester and Pendleton, until some accounts have become altogether legendary -- of wealthy planters with slaves to do their bidding, laces and ruffles, powdered wigs and jeweled snuff boxes, gold-headed canes, cufflinks made from the hilts of old swords -- all quite in keeping with fond Southern tradition.

All such stories have their place, and far be it from me to go against traditions, even when they may appear to be a bit over-glorified. They are a source of inspiration and enjoyment -- a family needs them. Besides, there is some basis of fact in most of them. The Dicksons and Bishops did have sizable plantations and a few slaves. And somewhere among the Bates connections are some small silver spoons, made from epaulettes of Major Michael Dickson, who served with General Sumter's patriot forces after the fall of Charleston. It is not unreasonable to suppose that there may have been gold cufflinks and even a gold-headed cane for use on occasions. The lace and ruffles and powdered wigs don't quite seem to belong -- but let them be."

Bishop Family

Sometime around 1761 Nicholas Bishop, Jr. his wife Hannah and young children joined the throng of Pennsylvania Scots-Irish that migrated to the uplands of western South Carolina along the Catawba River. They settled in an area in the Camden District that would in 1785 become Chester County, South Carolina. This property was along Rocky Creek located just northeast of the town of Chester, named after Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Nicholas Bishop was a Patriot of the American Revolution having served in the South Carolina Militia. Around 1776-77 Nicholas, at the age of sixteen, entered the service of his country at Chester District South Carolina, as a private in the foot service. After the fall of Charleston, when the British marched into the South Carolina countryside, he volunteered in a unit under the command of his brother Captain Henry Bishop. During this time he was present at Rocky Mount South Carolina where the rebel army engaged the British on July 20, 1780. Subsequent to this encounter Nicholas and his unit moved on to the area of Hanging Rock creek where they again encountered the enemy in battle. Nicholas's brother's John and Captain Henry Bishop also fought in the Battle of Hanging Rock. Unfortunately his brother Henry died of wounds received during the fighting. Nicholas was then put under the command of his future father-in-law, Major Michael Dickson, and continued with General Sumpter's army until his defeat at the Battle of Fishing Creek on August 18, 1780.



This road sign marking Bishop's Branch Road is a testament of the Bishop surname in Anderson County. The marker is located near the site of the old plantation in Garvin Township. In addition a nearby stream, church and poultry farm are identified as Bishop's Branch.

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Dickson Family

Records show that during his lifetime Michael Dickson obtained many parcels of land in North and South Carolina. Michael was able to acquire this ground due to the fact that he was eligible to receive land grants under the Bounty Act of 1761. The purpose of the act was to encourage the immigration of Protestants from Europe, to South Carolina. Although he had been in America for some 25 years, Michael was Irish born, of Presbyterian faith, and thus was qualified to participate. The aforementioned properties lay in several counties, among them Anson, and Mecklenburg, in North Carolina, and Camden, and Pendleton Districts, in South Carolina. After the 1772, North Carolina-South Carolina, border survey, some of his holdings in Mecklenburg County, fell into South Carolina, within the counties of York, and what was to become Chester County in 1785. Michael also obtained early land grants in 1763 from Governor Thomas Boone, in Boonesborough Township, South Carolina. The grants were located, on Long Cane Creek in the old Abbeville District, South Carolina, near the Savannah River. Michael received 200 acres, one hundred for each adult in the household. This property was situated in what was still Indian Territory, until 1789.

For most of their married lives Michael and Sarah (Neely) Dickson lived in the area of South Carolina that is now Chester County. Their home sat upon a 48 acre tract, received by grant, from Governor Tryon, on October 24, 1767, while it was yet in Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina. During this time they operated an inn at Rocky Creek for the overnight keeping of

travelers along the Saluda Road. It is believed that Michael and Sarah were living there, before, and during the American Revolution.

In 1777, Michael was a Captain in the regiment of Minutemen serving the state of Georgia. The proposed purpose of the South Carolina Militia's service in Georgia was to defend against Indian attack. Upon his return to South Carolina, Michael was promoted to the rank of Major. It is believed Major Dickson served with General Sumter's patriot forces after the fall of Charleston in May 1780. He was present on August 6, 1780 at the Battle of Hanging Rock. It is probable that Major Dickson also participated in the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

About 1789, Michael and Sarah Dickson moved westward to Pendleton District, (now Anderson County) South Carolina and settled on lands located along Twenty Three Mile Creek and Gaven's Creek, in the vicinity of Pendleton. In later years Michael Dickson became a member of Carmel Church near his home plantation, He is buried at Picken's Chapel.



Sign marking "Rocky Creek" where it intersects with Route 72 (Saluda Road). The site of Michael and Sarah Dickson's 18th century inn is now covered with trees and brush. Little is left except stones from the bridge of earlier times.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Some "Good News" submitted by our Readers

From time to time readers of our newsletter send us items that you may find interesting and informative. In an effort to not let "good ideas" go to waste we would like to share them with you.

(1) My Parents Were Awesome, a website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mt78ch>, submitted by Margaret

Kerr Beckwith at margbeckwith@verizon.net.

If you have any research tips, recipes, photographs, web links, news articles, maps, etc. that you would like to share with our readers please feel free to send them to me at silrem@comcast.net.

Best FREE Web-sites for British Isles Researchers

Overwhelmed by the number of family history-related Web sites popping up? The folks at FamilyTreeMagazine <<http://tinyurl.com/re5ryu>> have taken the time to sort through them to bring us the best. As a result they have recently identified the following worthwhile websites:

Access to Archives –

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/>

The latest update to this catalog of English records in 416 repositories brings its reach to 10.2 million records, dating from the eighth century to today.

FreeBMD - <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>

This free volunteer site offers birth, marriage and death records—more than 186 million in all—from 1837 to 1933. Sibling sites are similarly generous with

Free REGisters - <http://www.freereg.org.uk/>

This web-site provides free Internet searches of 4.2 million baptism, marriage, and burial records, that have been transcribed from parish and non-conformist registers of the U.K.

UK Census Online - <http://www.freecen.org.uk/>

This site provides a "free-to-view" online searchable database of the 19th century UK census returns.

GENUKI - <http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

Think of this classic site as the RootsWeb for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. You get how-to help, a nifty mapping gazetteer, databases and more. GENUKI is a must-bookmark for genealogy in the UK and Ireland.

Ireland's History in Maps -

<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/ihm/iremaps.htm>

A history lesson through cartography, this collection of nearly 300,000 words in 80 documents spans BC to the 1840s.

National Archives of Ireland -

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

The archives is digitizing the Irish national censuses of 1901 and 1911, beginning with the 1911 Dublin city and county enumerations. The whole project, totaling about 9 million entries, aims to be complete by mid-2009.

Ordnance Survey: Get-a-Map -

<http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/getamap/>

Pinpoint your UK ancestors on the map with this slick site that combines six separate data products to generate printable color maps.

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.



Database Updates



Ball, Basset, Buchan, Giffard, Quincy Surnames Added

You will now find our family trees at the *Ancestry.com* website. One is named Ancestors of Jerre' F. Moreland and contains the records of **935** persons. The other tree is Ancestors of Ella Pearl Scruggs with **544** records.

An updated version of our **MMPS Database** was recently uploaded to the World Connect site at *RootsWeb.com*. **60** new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **3,538** 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.

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

The two **Databases at Ancestry.com** are located at the Home Page <http://www.ancestry.com/> in the "Search" pull-down button under "Public Member Trees".

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

Histories of each county in New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, added to the "Genealogy Reference Library"

Because we usually update this site several times between the publishing of this Newsletter you are reminded and encouraged to periodically review what is new with regard to the family information and genealogical resources contained at our internet web site entitled, **Our Maternal & Paternal Ancestors 350 Years of History in America: An Archive of Genealogical Information**, at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>.

Over the past three months **eight** new and revised surname pages, and **four** source documents have been uploaded to the **MMPS Subsite**. The Immigrant Ancestors and War Veterans pages have been updated. In addition we have we than ks June Atkinson for donating several Brown family photos for placement into our archives.

31 new or revised web pages have been created and added at to our **Ancestral Locations** sub-site. We've completed our goal of having a webpage dedicated to each of the 50 U.S. states. In addition a page has been created to identify genealogy resource for research the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. Additional pictures have been added to the several locations "Image Galleries".

The scope and volume of the various sub-sites created for our **Special Topics** continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. If you're currently researching ancestors in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia take a look at our **Genealogy Reference Library** where we've created new pages for each of the aforementioned states. Since the last newsletter we've added well over 100 new books. Most of these books are fully searchable and can be downloaded to your computer. In addition text may be cut & pasted directly to your family tree software or other document. Readers who have an interest in **Historic American Roads And Migration Routes** should take a look at the new updates and revisions at the pages, which address routes in the Western Mountain States and trails to the Pacific Coast. Our **War Veterans** sub-site has basic accounts about each of the eleven most important American war periods in which our ancestors may have participated. The 5th Virginia Cavalry page has been updated. We've also added a full-roster of the 187th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment of the American Civil War.

NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES

To these pages follow this link <<http://tinyurl.com/56odpr>>.

MMPS SURNAME INDEX: Armstrong; Beard; Bonde; Brumwell; Campbell; Childress; Clements; Moreland; Roper

MMPS SOURCE DOCUMENTS: Jerre F. Moreland (WWI Draft Registration); John E. Moreland (WWI Draft Registration); Peter Brumwell (1721 Will abstract); Mary Etta Pinnell – Jeremiah E. Moreland (1883 Marriage License)

PHOTOGRAPHS AND IMAGES ARCHIVES: Robert Brown, Sr. (headstone); Samuel F. & Sarah C. Brown (headstone); Solomon W. Brown (headstone); Samuel F. Brown & Sarah Bray Brown (photo)

SPECIALTY PAGES: Immigrant ancestors; MMPS War Veterans

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

To access these pages follow this link <<http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>>.

UNITED STATES: States - Florida; Illinois; Michigan; Minnesota; Mississippi; Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; New Hampshire; North Dakota; Ohio; Oregon; Rhode Island; South Dakota; Territories & Districts USA; Texas; United States; Utah; Vermont; Virginia; Washington; West Virginia; Wisconsin; Wyoming

Counties - Jackson Co., AL; McMinn Co., TN; Middlesex Co., VA; Nelson Co., VA; New Castle Co., DE;

GERMANY: Darmstadt-Dieberg

UNITED KINGDOM: Kent

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

To access these pages follow this [link](http://tinyurl.com/nczbsj) <<http://tinyurl.com/nczbsj>>.

UNITED STATES: Campbell Co., VA; Charles Co., MD; Frederick Co., MD; Hocking Co., OH; New Castle Co., DE; Philadelphia, PA; York Co., PA

GERMANY: Darmstadt-Dieberg; Hesse

UNITED KINGDOM: Kent

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES

To access these pages follow this [link](http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly) <<http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>>.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY: General Reference & Location; United Kingdom Reference; United Kingdom Locations; USA Reference; USA Locations; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Virginia

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: California Trail; Routes to the Central Plains States; Routes to the Southwest; The Old Spanish Trail; Trails to the Pacific Coast; Trails to the Western Mountain States

RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS: Researching Our War Veterans; 5th Virginia Cavalry (Civil War); 187th Pennsylvania Infantry Regt. (Civil War);

OTHER: Our Surname Locator & Surname Resources

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Applegate Trail; Boone's Lick Road; Butterfield Overland Trail; California Trail; Central Plains States; Child's Cutoff; De Anza Trail; Goodale's Cutoff; Hudspeth's Cutoff; Kelton Road; Lander Road; Old Spanish Trail; Old Yankton Road; Oregon Trail Alternate Routes in the Western Mountain States; Red River Trails; Sublette-Greenwood Cutoff; The Chisholm Trail; Trails to the Pacific Coast

MILITARY Image Galleries: 2nd Virginia Cavalry (Civil War); 6th Special Naval construction Battalion (WW2); 110th Inf. Regt. (WWI); 187th Pennsylvania Infantry Regt. (Civil War)

OTHER:

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created back in the Fall of 2002 its distribution list has grown significantly. 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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Susan Norton nortoncrew@cablone.net	McVicker	Randy H. Schmidt peshewa@comcast.net	Thomas Holeman (1675-1723) m. Mary Moreland
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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.

SURNAME SEARCH

“Surname Search” features matches of a direct ancestral surname from our database to records that can be found at RootsWeb.com(<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>). At the Rootsweb Home Page type this or any other surname and 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 surname follow the links to our Website at <http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>. and Database at <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>.

BEAUMONT

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	121,228	Web Site Search	30,102
Social Security Death Index	1,823	Swedish Records	1
Rootsweb Surname List	89	Australia and New Zealand Records	83
Vital Records	Matches	Alumni Lists	7
California Death Index	319	Book Indexes	24
Texas Death Index	69	Cemetery Listings	20
Kentucky Death Index	63	Census Records	25
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	19	BLM/GRO Land Records	39
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	18	British, UK and Ireland Data	27
Maine Death Index	14	Military Records	5
South Dakota Birth Index	1	Newspaper Indexes	21
World War One Draft Index	11	Passenger Lists	4
Early Death Records	7	One-Name Studies	1
Pre-1920 Marriages	11	Obituary Daily Times	47,320
Pre-1920 Births	10		

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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!

