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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the **Summer 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** explores the McVicker name to illustrate how surnames are treated within the "Origins of the Surname" segment that is a part of each webpage dedicated to the surname of a direct ancestor.

News of Interest to the Family Historian contains links to worthwhile *FREE* websites for U.S. Researchers. As well as other interesting news which include submissions by our readers that may enhance your research efforts.

A quarterly accounting of the **MMPS Database** at the *RootsWeb World Connect Project* indicates the addition of ten new direct ancestral family lines, as well as 30 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 **BALL** 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

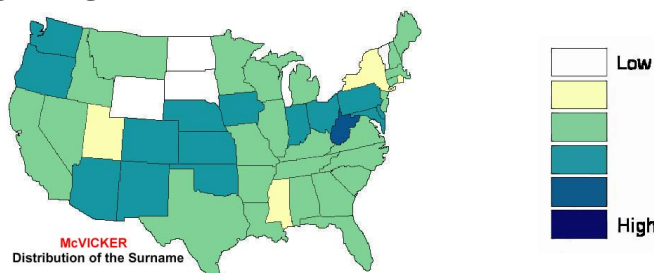
A QUOTE TO NOTE

The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future. - Stephen Ambrose, 1936-2002

FEATURE ARTICLE

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

There are almost 70 surnames of our direct ancestors in the McVicker, Moreland, Pinnell, Scruggs family tree. Most of these names have a webpage dedicated to the name as well as our ancestral family. Each page addresses topics about the specific family such as a brief description of its history, ancestral lineage, ancestral places, and migrations. In addition there are several supplementary generalized topics of interest about that surname designed to be both informative as well as to assist with additional research into the family name. It is the purpose of this feature article to illustrate how surnames of the British Isles, and Ireland are presented. Within the "Origins of the Surname" section of the webpage each name is introduced with several statements regarding the general history of surnames where English, Scottish, and Irish linguistic traditions are commonly found. The following subsection discusses how surnames came in to being and how the meaning of the name being researched fits with the primary sources of name development. The final segment deals with what is known about the history to the specific surname. The following is information that has been obtained regarding the McVicker surname.



The information presented above shows where the McVicker surname is distributed within the United States

The practice of inherited family surnames began in England and France during the late part of the 11th century. With the passing of generations and the movement of families from place to place many of the original identifying names were altered into some of the versions that we are familiar with today. Over the centuries, most of our European ancestors accepted their surname as an unchangeable part of their lives. Thus people rarely changed their surname. Variations of most surnames were usually the result of an

involuntary act such as when a government official wrote a name phonetically or made an error in transcription.

Most modern family names are a means conveying lineage. For the most part, Anglo-Saxon surnames were developed from the following major sources: (1) patronym or matronym, names based on the name of one's father, mother or ancestor, (Johnson, Wilson); (2) occupation (i.e., Carpenter, Cooper, Brewer, Mason); (3) habitational (Middleton, Sidney, or Ireland); (4) topographical (i.e. Hill, Brook, Forrest, Dale); (5) nicknames (i.e., Moody Freeholder, Wise, Armstrong); (6) status (i.e. Freeman, Bond, Knight); and (7) acquired ornamental names that were simply made up.

McVicker is a long established early medieval surname that is English, Scottish and Irish in origin and is a variant spelling of McVicar. The name was probably derived from two sources: (1) an occupational name for one employed at the vicar's residence. The derivation is from the Middle English words "vicare, vickere" rooted in the Old French word "vicaire", and ultimately from the Latin "vicarius", meaning substitute, deputy, or one who carried out pastoral duties on behalf of the absentee holder of a benefice; or (2) a patronymic surname denoting "son of the vicar". One ilbertus filius (son of) vicarii was noted in documents from the Abbey of Bec, Oxfordshire, dated circa 1248. Thus McVicker is recognized as the Anglicized form of Gaelic Mac áBhiocair (Scottish) or Mac an Bhiocaire (Irish) "son of the vicar".

Surnames as we know them today were first assumed in Europe from the 11th to the 15th century. They



UNITED STATES	15.02
NEW-ZEALAND	13.76
UNITED KINGDOM	10.45
IRELAND	9.6
CANADA	3.21

The map of the UK to the left presents the distribution of the Mc Vicker surname. Above is a listing of the top countries in the world where this surname is highly clustered as per frequency per million people.

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were not in use in England or Scotland, before the Norman Conquest of 1066, name was a custom that was first introduced in the British Isles from the Normans who had adopted the custom just prior to this time. Soon thereafter it became a mark of a generally higher socio-economic status and thus seen as disgraceful for a well-bred man to have only one name. It was not until the middle of the 14th century that surnames became general practice among all people in the British Isles.

Initially found in Argyllshire, Scotland where they were seated from early times the McVickers appear first as a small Clan of the MacNaughtons and after the dispersal of the Clan they appear to have followed the Campbells. In the modern idiom the name has several spelling variations: Vicary, Vickery, the patronymic Vickarman, Vicars, Viccars, Vickars and Vickers and the Scottish McVicar, McVicker.

The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of William del Vikers, which was dated 1327, in the "Subsidy Rolls of Staffordshire". Records of this family appear on the census rolls taken by the first Kings of Scotland to determine the rate of taxation of their subjects. Early examples of the name include: Henry Attevicars of Derbyshire in 1327, Peter atte Vicars of Howdenshire, County Yorkshire who is listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379, and William Vickers of County Lancashire who was documented in the year 1389. Other early records of the name mention Edward Vickary of Yorkshire in 1400 and Joan Atvicars is noted in the Yorkshire Wills Records

of that same year, as well as James Makuecar who was burgess of Glasgow in 1488. Later instances of the name mention John Viccars of London who was entered in the Oxfordshire University Register of 1581, and in 1592, Anne Vickars was noted in the Register of the Parish Church of Rothwell, Yorkshire. Church records show a John Vicars baptised at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London in 1655 and the marriage of Francis Vickers to Elizabeth Lamden at St. Peter, Cornhill, London in 1689.

The associated arms of McVicker are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory of 1864. The most

common armorial bearings feature a silver shield containing a galley, her oars in action and sails furled, a flame of fire on the masthead between an eagle's head and a red cross crosslet fitchée. The cross fitchée (from the French, "fixed") originated as



a cross with a pointed bottom, designed for use by traveling Crusaders, with a sharpened point that could be thrust into the ground. Because its shape resembles a sword, it became an apt symbol of the Crusader's faith, and their willingness to use force in its cause. The Crest is a green branch growing out of the trunk of an oak tree. The commonly known McVicker motto is "Tandem". The mottos of the M'Vicar-Affleck family of Edinghame, Scotland is "Dominus providebit" meaning "The Lord will provide".

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Best FREE Web-sites for USA 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:

Archives of Maryland Online Access more than 471,000 historical documents, including Maryland land, military and probate records. <<http://www.aomol.net/html/>.

Arizona Genealogy Birth and Death Certificates

<<http://genealogy.az.gov/>>. Those with Arizona ancestors can do so with this recently expanded index to births (1855 to 1932) and deaths (1844 to 1957), linked to PDFs of the original certificates.

Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection

< <http://tinyurl.com/5nclsq> >. 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.

Illinois State Archives Online Databases

< <http://tinyurl.com/2fca9bp> >. Search statewide indexes of marriages (1763 to 1900) and deaths (pre-1916 and 1916 to 1950), plus veterans' records ranging from the War of 1812 to the 1929 Roll of Honor. An index to the Illinois Regional Archives Depositories will tell you where to go next in search of records on your Prairie State ancestors.

Some "Good News" submitted by our Readers

Scottish Dream Tours

For those who want my scone recipe. I make scones the same way that I make everything else, with lots of butter and cream! Julia Childs would be so proud! I have converted the recipe to American measures as that is where the majority of readers are from. There are many, many scone recipes out there but this one is very simple and pretty much foolproof. These scones will win you rave reviews and that is a promise! You will need:

2 cups of flour

3 tablespoons of baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/3 cup sugar

8 oz softened butter

light pouring cream

Combine dry ingredients in medium sized mixing bowl. Cut in butter until the mix resembles peas sized crumbs. Moisten with just enough cream to bind the mixture together and then turn out on a floured surface. Roll out until about 1/2 inch thick and then cut into rounds. You can brush the tops with a beaten egg for a golden effect. Baked at 400F for about 12 minutes.

Search 1880 DDD Schedules for 14 States on Ancestry.com

Subscription genealogy website Ancestry.com has added 1880 special census schedules of "defective, dependent and delinquent" classes, also known as DDD schedules. You'll know to look for your ancestor in DDD schedules if his 1880 US census listing has a mark in columns 15 through 20, showing whether he was ill or had a physical or mental disability. If so, DDD schedules might give you more information about his condition or reasons for being institutionalized. Surviving DDD records are scattered among libraries and state archives. But now you can search many of the records from home: Ancestry.com subscribers can search DDD schedules from California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington Territory.

You can make variations by adding chocolate, raisins, bananas etc. Plain scones are best when split and spread with jam and whipped or clotted cream. Some people like to add a beaten egg to the batter but I think this makes the scone too heavy and they should be light and flaky! Please don't substitute margarine or milk unless you are willing to forego taste for calories! Submitted by Margaret Kerr Beckwith at:

< margbeckwith@verizon.net >

Jamestown and the Virginia Experiment, this website is a digital research, teaching and learning project that explores the legacies of the Jamestown settlement and "the Virginia experiment. You may access this worthwhile web site at: <http://www.virtualjamestown.org/>.

Submitted by Michael Wooton at:

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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.

"Who Do You Think You Are?" Gets Second Season

"Who Do You Think You Are?" from executive producer Lisa Kudrow averaged a 1.6 rating, 6 share in adults 18-49 and 6.8 million viewers overall results for its first season. In fact, "Who Do You Think You Are?" won the 8-9 p.m. ET hour in adults 18-49, marking the first time any regular competitor in this slot has beaten an original episode of CBS's "Ghost Whisperer" in 18-49 rating since November 17, 2006. "Who Do You Think You Are?" ultimately improved the time period by 23 percent in adult 18-49 rating versus NBC's average for the traditional 2008-09 season in "live plus same day" results. The upshot of these excellent statistics is a commitment by NBC to a second season. You can watch "Who Do You Think You Are?" episodes on NBC.com by using the following address:

<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/video/>

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



Coble, Dillowe, Goffe, Greenland, Rapalje, Raynsford, Shute, Sprague, Stahlin, and Vergoose direct ancestral surnames added to the database.

Our **Moreland-Scruggs Family Line** database at *Ancestry. Com* currently contains the records of **3,128** persons. The database can be viewed by all Ancestry subscribers. This tree will change every three months as we edit, remove, or otherwise modify the data therein.

An updated version of our **MMPS** Database was recently uploaded to the, open to all, World Connect site at RootsWeb.com. Although many records were deleted due to an error in our database at least **30** new records have been added over the past three months. We now have information on **2,996** 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 out the website 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.

The **Database at Roots.web** free for all to use. It is located at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z3ky6>. You may also access our family tree by going to: <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/>.

The **Database at Ancestry.com** can only be accessed by subscribers. It is 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

Surname and Locations Pages deleted from Website

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 **six** source documents and images have been uploaded to the **MMPS Subsite**. The Immigrant Ancestors, Migration Routes and War Veterans pages have been updated. Thanks to Bennett family researcher Melody Pryor an error in our MMPS database has been found and corrected. As a result we've had to take down 28 surname pages from the website. The following pages are no longer at available at our site: Bacon; Beard; Beaumont; Brumwell; Chamberlain; Clements; Comyn; Culpepper; Dowdle; Dugale; Edney; Gainsford; Goode; Lawson; Mauduit; Moffat; Moleyns; Pasque;

Patten; Plantagenet; Roper; Smith; Todd; Tomson; Wade; Waller; Whalesborough; and Wimer. We will maintain archive copies of this information and will share with anyone who requests a copy.

14 new or revised web pages have been created and added at to our **Ancestral Locations** sub-site. Since the discovery of New England Ancestors we've added pages and corresponding image galleries for Middlesex and Suffolk counties in Massachusetts. As a result of the aforementioned deletions of surname records from the website we've also deleted the following locations pages: UK pages - Berkshire; Cambridgeshire; Lincolnshire; Norfolk; Somerset; Suffolk; Surrey; Wiltshire; France pages - Eure; Mayenne; Sarthe. We will maintain archive copies of this information and will share with anyone who requests a copy.

The scope and volume of the various sub-sites created for our **Special Topics** continued to increase since the last issue of this newsletter. We have continued to upgrade and increase the number of volumes within our **Genealogy Reference Library**. During this quarter

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we've added 10 books to the shelf for "Religion in Pennsylvania". In addition, many of our collections have been re-catalogued according to author. 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 updated page that addresses routes taken by pioneers to settle Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia. In addition new maps of the Great Indian War and Trading Path have been developed and posted. If you have ancestors who

served in the York County Militia during the American Revolution be sure to take a look the new webpage on this topic. In addition, we have posted the rosters of several militia companies from York County. You can access this information through our War Veterans sub-site home page. We've revised our Research Tools webpage and added a tool to help you research "census records", and a "glossary of old occupations". As with the database you may find some 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.

NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES

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

MMPS SURNAME INDEX: Ball; Bennett; Blew; Howson; Kerr; Langston; Rhodes; Vanderford

MMPS SOURCE DOCUMENTS: Dickson Letter #4 of 28 Dec 1790; John Blew-Elizabeth Shute 1701 marriage record; Kerr-Ball migration maps; Letter of John Joyce to his Uncle Rev. Robert Dickson; Samuel J. Rhodes McNeil, WA Penitentiary Record; William Dickson Letter of 30 November 1784

PHOTOGRAPHS AND IMAGES ARCHIVES: Douglass and Rhodes Portrait Galleries

SPECIALTY PAGES: 2006 Genealogy Trip Journal; MMPS Immigrant Ancestors; MMPS War Veterans

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES

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

UNITED STATES: States – Alabama; California; Georgia; Massachusetts; Tennessee **Counties** – Knox Co., TN; McMinn Co., TN; Middlesex Co., VA; Middlesex Co., MA; Queens Co., NY; Queen Anne's Co., MD; Salem Co., NJ; Sevier Co., TN; Suffolk Co., MA; Suffolk Co., NY

GERMANY: Bergstrasse

UNITED KINGDOM:

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

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

UNITED STATES: Knox Co., TN; Middlesex Co., MA; Queens Co., NY; Salem Co., NJ; Sevier Co., TN; Suffolk Co., MA; Suffolk Co., NY

GERMANY: Bergstrasse

UNITED KINGDOM:

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES

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

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY: General Reference Collection; United Kingdom Reference; United Kingdom Locations; France Reference; Germany Reference; USA Reference; USA Locations; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Virginia

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Migration Routes to Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia

RESEARCHING OUR WAR VETERANS: Pennsylvania Militia of York County (Rev. War)

OTHER: Research Tools; Surname Locator Resources

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

To access these pages follow this **link** <<http://tinyurl.com/3lbrly>>.

HISTORIC AMERICAN ROADS AND MIGRATION ROUTES: Great Indian War & Trading Path: South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina; Ogeechee Road

MILITARY Image Galleries: Pennsylvania Militia of York County (Rev. War); 2nd Va. Cavalry (Civil War); 5th Va. Cavalry (Civil War);

OTHER:

RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since the first issue of this newsletter was created 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.

Who	Researching Surname(s)	Who	Researching Surname(s)
Debbie Johnson angellady862@hotmail.com	Warnock, Dowdle	Savannah Jordon lakegirltyler@yahoo.com	Moreland, Jones of Missouri and Oklahoma
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Susan Norton nortoncrew@cablone.net	McVicker	Randy H. Schmidt peshewa@comcast.net	Thomas Holeman (1675-1723) m. Mary Moreland
Mary Flegel maryflegel@cablone.net	Johnson	Jody Logan dlogan1@wi.rr.com	Richard William Ross b. 1823, m. Susan Lease.
Luann Seamons lubose@plmw.com	Green, Bracken of New Castle County, Delaware	Jasmine Snipes JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com	Bennett and Snipes
Gay Edens Carrigan gaedcar@xipline.com	Peter Eades, born ca 1773-79, Albemarle Co., VA, m. Sarah Henderson Sandridge, 1803	Kasey Hart angelkcp23@angelic.com	Peachee family of Burlington, Co., & Salem Co., NJ
Jerry Deatherage jerryditdotdeatherage@yahoo.com	James A. Deatherage born c. 1825 in Tennessee	June Atkinson jwaesq@juno.com	VA roots of Robert Brown 1772, Washington Co., or Jemima Walker 1791, Montgomery Co.

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 that may be useful and hopefully rekindle your own research into this family as well as other topics at RootsWeb. To view 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>.

Search RootsWeb.com

First Name

Last Name

[By Keyword](#)

To access the databases listed below
Follow this address:

<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>.

At the Rootsweb Home Page type this or any other surname into the "Last Name" box and click "Search".

BALL Surname

Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	375,831	Canadian Records	2
Social Security Death Index	29,836	Cemetery Listings	830
Vital Records	Matches	Census Records	528
California Death Index	3,286	Church Records	101
Texas Death Index	1,325	BLM/GRO Land Records	613
Kentucky Death Index	2,152	Naturalization Records	21
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	908	Obituaries	349
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	854	Plat Records	23
Maine Death Index	59	POW/MIA Records	11
South Dakota Birth Index	30	British, UK and Ireland Data	325
World War One Draft Index	420	Atlas/Gazetteer Listings	10
Early Death Records	616	Deeds	2
Pre-1920 Marriages	1,172	Military Records	125
Pre-1920 Births	354	Newspaper Indexes	522
Other Searches	Matches	Passenger Lists	2
Web Site Search	62,024	One-Name Studies	1
Swedish Records	1	Tax and Voter Lists	24
Australia and New Zealand Records	521	Utah State Archives	15
Alumni Lists	113	Professional, Society, Religious Groups	39
Book Indexes	559		

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