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A Family History Newsletter



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WELCOME

Hello Everyone;

Welcome to the FALL 2008 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 a link that will take you to information about the release of the new Family Tree Maker 2009.

At the website take a look at the "Genealogical Vocabulary Dictionary" resource at the [Research Tools](#) web page. In addition, we've expanded the collection of books at the [Research Reference Library \(USA\)](#) web page.

The subject of this issue's [feature article](#) deals with the probability that most if not all of us are descended from royalty. Our recent research shows that we are directly descended from several early English kings such as William I, better known as "William the

Conquer" and King John who signed the famous Magna Carta.

In addition to some general topics of interest for the family historian, the ABBOTT 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 eleven new direct ancestral family lines were uncovered and 110 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

"You can ask whether everyone in the Western world is descended from Charlemagne, and the answer is yes, we're all descended from Charlemagne. But can you prove it? That's the game of genealogy."

-Mark Humphrys, a computer scientist at Dublin City University-

FEATURE ARTICLE

You Are Descended From Royalty

The column at the right charts our direct family descendency from William de Falaise I to our grandfather [Jerre F. Moreland](#). You probably didn't know that William de Falaise is William I of England, better known as [William I the Conqueror](#) who was [Duke of Normandy](#) from 1035 and King of England from 1066 to his death in 1087. Other English rulers on the aforementioned chart are: [Henry I](#) (c.1068/1069 –1135) the fourth son of William I the Conqueror and the first King of England after the Norman conquest; [Henry II](#) of England (1133-1189) ruled as King of England from 1154 to 1189). Henry was the first of the [House of Plantagenet](#) to rule England; and [John I](#) (1167–1216) who reigned as King of England from 1199, until his death in 1216. John succeeded to the throne as the younger brother of King [Richard I](#) (known in later times as "Richard the Lionheart"). As a historical figure, John is best known for acquiescing to the nobility and signing [Magna Carta](#), a document that limited his power and that is popularly regarded as an early first step in the evolution of modern democracy.

At this point you are probably saying “is this for real” or just the product of flawed research? With regard to seeking our family roots the possibility of incorrectly published family lines is great. On the other hand that we are descended from nobility is also much more than a remote possibility.

Every time I think about finding kings and queens in the family tree, I create a mental image of the would-be social climbers of years ago who researched family trees in hopes of proving themselves to be "better" than the average person. How little they knew. It seems that the "average person" also has royal ancestry. In fact, there is nothing more common than having a few bluebloods in the family tree.

According to a fascinating article in the May 2002 issue of *The Atlantic Monthly* by Steve Olson, called "The Royal We: The mathematical study of genealogy", indicates that everyone in the world is descended from Nefertiti and Confucius, and everyone of European ancestry is descended from Muhammad and Charlemagne."

In the article, Olsen discusses some recent

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Direct Descendants of William I (de) Falaise

- 1 King William I (de) Falaise 1027 - 1087**
+Matilda (de) Flanders 1032 - 1083
- 2 King Henry I (of) England 1068/69 - 1135**
+Matilda Edith (of) Scotland 1079 - 1118
- 3 Matilda (of) England 1102 - 1167**
+Geoffrey Plantagenet 1113 - 1151
- 4 King Henry Plantagenet II 1132/33 - 1189**
+Eleanor d'Aquitaine 1122 - 1204
- 5 King John Plantagenet I 1166 - 1216**
+Isabella (de) Taillefer d'Angouleme 1188-1246
- 6 Henry Plantagenet III 1207 - 1272**
+Alianore (de) Provence 1223 - 1291
- 7 Edmund Plantagenet 1244/45 - 1296**
+Blanche d'Artois Capet 1248 -
- 8 Henry Plantagenet 1281 - 1345**
+Maud (de) Chaworth 1282-1322
- 9 Eleanor Plantagenet 1311 - 1372/73**
+John (de) Beaumont 1318 - 1342
- 10 Henry (de) Beaumont 1340 - 1369**
+Margaret (de) Vere 1342 - 1398
- 11 Eleanor (de) Beaumont 1363 -**
+Richard (de) Moleyns 1353 - 1384
- 12 William (de) Moleyns 1377/78 - 1425**
+Margery (de) Moleyns, (nee ?)
- 13 William (de) Moleyns 1405 - 1429**
+Margarey Whalesborough 1405 - 1487
- 14 Richard (de) Moleyns 1428 -**
- 15 William Moleyns 1466 -**
+Ann Culpepper 1478 -
- 16 Agnes Ann Moleyns 1496 -**
+Thomas Bennett 1485 - 1547
- 17 John Bennett 1512 - 1564**
+Margery Bennett, (nee ?) 1511 - 1564
- 18 Robert Bennett 1533 - 1603**
+Elizabeth Edney 1537 - 1597
- 19 Thomas Bennett, Sr. 1570 - 1616**
+Anstie Tomson, (aka Spicer) 1579 - 1647
- 20 Thomas Bennett, Jr. 1603 -**
+Agnes Beard 1608 - 1660
- 21 John Bennett 1624 - 1670**
+Mary Bennett, (nee ?) 1628 -
- 22 William Bennett, Sr. 1659 -**
+Mary Smith 1663 - 1690
- 23 William Bennett, Jr. 1684 - 1710**
+Sarah Brumwell 1679 - 1720
- 24 William Bennett III 1703 - 1777**
+Hannah Goode 1724 -
- 25 Stephen Bennett 1744 - 1826**
+Grizzell "Gensy" Wade 1751 - 1790
- 26 Elisha Bennett, Sr. 1766 - 1833**
+Jane Sarah Todd 1774 - 1828
- 27 John Todd Bennett**
+Rosanna Lineberry 1800 - 1873
- 28 Sarah Bennett 1816 - 1893**
+John Moreland 1809 - 1836
- 29 John P. Moreland 1832 - 1917**
+Lydia Ann Brown 1834 - 1913
- 30 Jeremiah E. Moreland 1858 - 1901**
+Mary Etta Pinnell 1863 - 1929
- 31 Jerre' Floyd Moreland 1899 - 1971**

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research done by Joseph Chang, a statistician at Yale University. In short, everyone of European descent has royal ancestry. Chang's mathematical model makes the case for the number of ancestors that each of us has: "The mathematics of our ancestry is exceedingly complex, because the number of our ancestors increases exponentially, not linearly. These numbers are manageable in the first few generations—two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents—but they quickly spiral out of control. Go back forty generations, or about a thousand years, and each of us theoretically has more than a trillion direct ancestors—a figure that far exceeds the total number of human beings who have ever lived."

Another preconceived idea that needs to be shattered is that royalty only married royalty, and therefore, commoners would not likely have royal

blood in their veins. For example we think that the daughter of a knight with the title of "Sir" would certainly only marry someone of her station. Maybe this woman will marry nobility, but there has always been a limited pool of nobility, so eventually someone here is going to marry someone who's just wealthy. Then one of their children could marry someone who doesn't have that much money. In ten generations you can easily get from princess to peasant." This concept is well demonstrated in our family line with the circa 1512 marriage of [Agnes Ann Molevyns](#) a descendent of "nobility" and [Thomas Bennett](#) a prosperous "commoner".

Steve Olson's article in *The Atlantic* is very interesting, and I would suggest that every genealogist read it in its entirety at:

www.theatlantic.com/issues/2002/05/olson.htm.

Portions of this article from [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#)

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:

Find Old Newspapers at Free Library of Congress Site - <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>

The Library of Congress has added more than 79,000 digitized newspaper pages to its free *Chronicling America* web site, for a total of 500,000 pages from 61 titles.

German City Directories Now On Ancestry.com

Something like 42 million Americans—that's 15 percent of the population—claim German heritage. (Quick fun fact: The first German immigrant was Johannes Fleischer of Breslau, Silesia, who arrived April 20, 1608, at Jamestown, Va.) Ancestry.com now has a collection of 500 German city directories with 27 million names that can be found at:

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/default.aspx?rt=37>.

If you're not a member of Ancestry.com, see if your library offers access to Ancestry Library Edition, which contains many of the same records.

"Everton's Genealogical Helper" now Online

An edition of the popular genealogy magazine [Everton's Genealogical Helper](#), is now available online. The magazine debuted a new "Online Edition" this July - hosted by [FamilyLink.com](#). This new digital edition will be available for free to subscribers of the traditional print magazine, and will also be available as a separate, online-only subscription at a reduced subscription rate of \$12.00 per year for the monthly magazine, (the print version has a current

subscription rate of \$27.00 per year). The rate for the online-only version is discounted still further to \$10.00 for subscriptions made before July 1.

The new [Online Edition of Genealogical Helper](#) will be available in PDF format which is fully-searchable. Hopefully, there will be no restrictions on downloading/saving these PDF files to your computer, as it's always nice to be able to go back articles you read months and even years ago.

Family Tree Maker 2009 Released

[The Generations Network](#) (TGN) has announced the release of Family Tree Maker 2009. It's mainly the same as version 2008 with all its patches plus improved functionality, but it does have some new features.

Those include charts and reports, such as hourglass, bowtie, 180-degree fan and others (in case you're wondering, there's no need to be signed up with Ancestry Publishing to generate these reports).

Automatic backups and more-powerful global data manipulation are other updates. Use the following link to see the full list of new features: <http://tinyurl.com/3jpb96>.

Several patches are planned for Family Tree Maker 2009 that'll add book-building features, better integration with the subscription data service [Ancestry.com](#), an improved relationship calculator and more.

The 2009 version will read Family Tree Maker files back to version 4 (which takes you to the mid-1990s). To learn more about it, see [FamilyTreeMaker.com](#).

If you purchased Family Tree Maker 2008, don't buy version 2009—registered 2008 users are eligible to upgrade for free. If that's you, during early to mid-September, you'll receive an e-mail with instructions and a coupon code good for 2009 in the Ancestry store.

The offer will be available for a limited time, but the TGN spokesperson says there'll be follow-up e-mails, so if you just ordered 2008, you still have time to register the software and be eligible for the free upgrade. Get more information on the free upgrade offer on [Ancestry.com's blog](#).

Help! My Ancestor's Birth Record Is Restricted

Are you having difficulties getting a relative's birth record because you live in a state that restricts vital records and you are not an immediate family member, and thus not entitled to the record?

Here are some suggestions that may help you find this type of information:

(1) Try to find someone who is a qualified family member of the person in the record, and ask if he or she will request it for you (or perhaps the person already has a copy). A relative may be able to help you connect with the person, or you can post to surname message boards;

(2) See if you can get an uncertified copy of the record. Unlike a certified copy, an uncertified copy can't be used for official purposes such as identification. The uncertified record also may contain a bit less information;

(3) Look for a birth index in print, online or on microfilm. It will certainly have less information than the full record, but you can confirm the person's name,

place and date of birth, and maybe the parents' names. To find printed or microfilmed indexes, check with the state archives and a local library. Also, run a place search of the [FamilySearch](#) catalog on the county of birth, then look for a vital records heading. You can go to your nearest [Family History Center](#) to rent the microfilm;

(4) You may need to go to other sources for birth information. The person's church may have recorded his or her baptism. Maybe there is a family Bible entry or the newspaper announced the good news (check newspaper databases such as [Ancestry.com](#) or [GenealogyBank](#), or visit the local library for microfilmed papers);

(5) Military records, death certificates, cemetery records and the [Social Security Death Index](#) can provide birthplaces and dates. Remember that these records, created long after a person's birth, are more likely to contain errors than a birth certificate.

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.



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. **110** new records have been added to our database over the past three months. We now have information on **3,233** 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: CAPET;

D'ANGOULEME; D'AQUITAINE; ENGLAND; FALAISE; FLANDERS; NEUVILLE; PROVENCE; SCOTLAND; STURLER; AND WAKE.

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/>. 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

Over 100 Books Added to Our USA Genealogy Library

Links created to a *General Genealogical Vocabulary Dictionary*

Take a look at our surname pages at the MMPS Home Page at <http://tinyurl.com/56odpr>. The new surname page about our Wehrli(Verly) ancestors takes us to a new country of origin. Our research has shown that a David Wehrli was born 1613 in the town of Walhern, Switzerland.

Thanks to Bill Pinnell we've been able to add several new images to our Pinnell family gallery. Of special interest is the newspaper article describing the 1892 dedication of the Peter Pinnell tombstone in Maries County, Missouri.

During the past three months many new volumes have been added to my Genealogy Reference Library at: <http://tinyurl.com/4jlwja>. The USA Collection web page now totals well over **200** books covering state-wide, county, and local subjects in **33** states.

We've also added links to a comprehensive "General

Genealogical Vocabulary Dictionary" located at: <http://tinyurl.com/4gpbwh>. Also take a look at the new maps, images, and descriptions added to our American Migration Routes at: <http://tinyurl.com/4d222z>.

Over the past three months many new web pages and images have been created and added to Ancestral Locations at: <http://tinyurl.com/5rcafv>. See new image galleries that have been constructed for a wide variety of locations in the United States, United Kingdom, and Germany and Switzerland.

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/>>.

NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SURNAME PAGES:

[Christman](#); [Euliss](#); [Wehrli\(Verly\)](#);

NEW "MMPS" SOURCE DOCUMENTS:

NEW "MMPS" FAMILY PHOTOS / IMAGES:

[Ranch of A.E. Scruggs](#); [William Lewis Pinnell Tombstone](#);
[1892 dedication of Peter Pinnell tombstone](#)

NEW AND REVISED "MMPS" SPECIALTY PAGES:**NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATION" PAGES**

U.S.A.: [Table of Contents](#); [Lebanon Co., PA](#);
[Washington Co., MD](#); [Westmoreland Co., PA](#)

GERMANY: [Table of Contents](#); [Enz](#); [Esslingen](#);

FRANCE: [Table of Contents](#);

UNITED KINGDOM: [Table of Contents](#);
[Lancashire](#); [North Yorkshire](#); [Yorkshire](#)

SWITZERLAND: [Table of Contents](#)

NEW & REVISED "ANCESTRAL LOCATIONS" PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES

U.S.A.: [Lebanon Co., PA](#); [Washington Co., MD](#);
[Westmoreland Co., PA](#); [Woodward Co., OK](#);
[York Co., PA](#)

FRANCE: [Molsheim](#) *GERMANY:* [Esslingen](#)
UNITED KINGDOM: [Lancashire](#); [North Yorkshire](#); [Yorkshire](#)

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PAGES:

[Tools for Organizing and Evaluating Your Research Findings](#); [110th Inf. Regt., 28th Division, USA](#);
[American Migration Routes](#); [Old Walton Road](#); [Great Wagon Road](#); [Pennsylvania \(Forbes\) Road](#);
[Research Reference Library USA](#);

"SPECIAL TOPICS" NEW & REVISED PHOTO & IMAGE ARCHIVES:

[Chickasaw Trail Map](#); [General U.S. Migration Maps](#); [Roads to TN and KY](#); [Upper Road Map](#);
[110th Inf. Regt., 28th Division, USA](#); [Southwestern Trail](#)

We're Building a New Web Site !!

The Next Generation

OF GENEALOGY SITEBUILDING

One of the benefits of maintaining a website and database at Rootsweb is that we've met and shared information with many experienced genealogists most of whom subscribe to this newsletter. A few months ago we were contacted by David Christman who has developed a website, <http://www.christmanfamily.net/>, dedicated to the Christman surname. David invited us to take a look at his creation and requested that we provide a link from our own Christman Surname web page to his website. As a result we became interested in the possibility of creating a similar site for our family history research.

As of this newsletter we've purchased the

appropriate software from , *The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding*® ("TNG"), see more at <http://lythgoes.net/genealogy/software.php>, as well as space on a web server. We are not sure what to expect at this point but do hope that the new website will make our online site management a lot easier than before. In addition we believe that the features included into the "TNG" software will enhance our users' ability to access more information at not only our website but all other "TNG" family history websites.

Currently our database of ancestors has been uploaded to the new website which can be found at: <http://www.morelandsilerpeiffergenealogy.com/genealogy/> We'll have more information about how this project in future issues of this newsletter.

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.

Who	Researching Surname(s)	Who	Researching Surname(s)
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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	Jasmine Snipes JMSnipes@magellanhealth.com	Bennett and Snipes

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

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Featured Databases	Matches	Other Searches	Matches
WorldConnect	186,970	Book Indexes	80
Social Security Death Index	19,145	Cemetery Listings	440
Rootsweb Surname List	349	Census Records	198
Vital Records	Matches	Church Records	11
California Death Index	2,587	BLM/GRO Land Records	560
Texas Death Index	979	Naturalization Records	1
Kentucky Death Index	823	Obituaries	94
Kentucky Marriage Index Husband	370	Plat Records	3
Kentucky Marriage Index Wife	409	POW/MIA Records	8
Maine Death Index	416	British, UK and Ireland Data	95
South Dakota Birth Index	42	Atlas/Gazetteer Listings	5
World War One Draft Index	5,804	Military Records	36
Early Death Records	151	Newspaper Indexes	107
Pre-1920 Marriages	185	One-Name Studies	3
Pre-1920 Births	51	Tax and Voter Lists	9
Other Searches	Matches	Utah State Archives	12
Web Site Search	47,700	Professional, Society, Religious Groups	7
Australia and New Zealand Records	249	Obituary Daily Times	4,673
Alumni Lists	80		

“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>.

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Someday you'll be an Ancestor too!

