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## Summary

**Title:** Walker Collection

**Span Dates:** 1589-2004

**Bulk Dates:** 1762-1990

**Accession Number:** 2012-32

**Creator:** Rebecca Jane Walker (1927-2007)

**Extent:** 3 boxes containing 51 file folders

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Genealogical research as compiled by Rebecca Jane Walker. Includes photographs, family group sheets, descendant charts, correspondence, biographical sketches, copies of vital records, and various court and land records. The research spans several decades and follows the family from England to New England and through several Midwestern states as they made their way toward Oregon and Washington. The primary surnames include Walker, Crowley, Vashon/Vachon/Vashaw, Inman, Mitchell and Berchard.

Mrs. Walker corresponded with family members across the country, gathering photos and stories. The collection includes several files containing photographs. Although most of the photos are of Ms. Walker's family members, a number appear to be unrelated. One set of photos contains a note about Ms. Walker's practice of rescuing miscellaneous photo albums she found in second-hand stores. She seemed interested in the history surrounding the key events in her family's lives and collected the information needed to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** The manuscript collection of Rebecca Walker was acquired by the Genealogical Society of Oregon before 2012. The files were primarily arranged by family groups. Most of the photographs were in labeled envelopes, with the rest arranged within two bound photo albums.

**Retention and Access:** Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting [manuscripts@gfo.org](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

**Processing History:** Processing and description of the Walker Collection began in the fall of 2015 and was completed in spring of 2016.

**Copyright Status:** The status of copyright in the unpublished writings and research papers of Rebecca Jane Walker is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Biographical Note

Rebecca Jane Walker (1927-2007) was born in Gaston, Washington County, Oregon. Her parents were Robert Walker and Clarissa Vashaw. When she was a child, her family moved to Rickreall, a small town in Polk County, Oregon, west of Salem. In 1949, Rebecca married Dale Clyde Walker. They lived in Portland until 1978 when they moved to Cathlamet, Wahkiakum County, Washington. She worked on her genealogy for many years, corresponding with people across the country. She was also an active member Daughters of the American Revolution.

# Finding Aid

## **Container**

## **Contents**

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### Box 1

File 1	Descendant reports, including a compilation of the research of Rebecca Walker and others, copies of land records <b>Surnames</b> Cleveland, Stafford, Walker, Curry, Mackintosh, Fraser, Crowley <b>Locations</b> England, Rhode Island, Ireland, Pennsylvania, Nova Scotia, Polk County, Oregon <b>Dates</b> 1619-1993
File 2	Copies of land records in Polk County plus references, research notes, copies of military, marriage and other records, copies of Bible pages, descendent chart for John Bradford of Virginia <b>Surnames</b> Walker, Crowley, Harlan, McFarland <b>Locations</b> Oregon, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia <b>Dates</b> 1695-1948
File 3	Vashon family photo - unlabeled <b>Surnames</b> Vashon <b>Locations</b> <b>Dates</b>
File 4	Photos <b>Surnames</b> Berchard <b>Locations</b> <b>Dates</b>
File 5	Photo <b>Surnames</b> Love, Stafford <b>Locations</b> Oregon <b>Dates</b> 1825-1927
File 6	Photos – Phebe’s family – most labeled, some with birth, death, etc. <b>Surnames</b> Barr, Vaughn, Allen <b>Locations</b> Washington <b>Dates</b> 1865-1962
File 7	Photos - most labeled, some with birth, death, etc. <b>Surnames</b> Wilson, Hansen <b>Locations</b> <b>Dates</b> 1887-1981
File 8	Photos – labeled – including “Mom in stupid dress” <b>Surnames</b> Berchard <b>Locations</b> <b>Dates</b>



File 18 Family group sheets, copy of The Olds Family in Oregon from Timber Trails, correspondence, copies of pages from reference materials, newspapers and vital records

**Surnames** Olds, Russ, Kingsley, McLachlan, Messinger, Perkins

**Locations** Oregon, Connecticut

**Dates** 1722-1991

File 19 Correspondence, research notes, family snapshots

**Surnames** Russell

**Locations** Oregon, Pennsylvania

**Dates** 1984-1996

File 20 Contact list

**Surnames** Inman

**Locations**

**Dates** 1990

File 21 Family group sheets, biographical sketches from various sources, copies of court papers, correspondence

**Surnames** Russell, Vaughn, Broyles, Bonney, Zumwalt

**Locations** Ohio, Oregon, Virginia

**Dates** 1772-1996

File 22 Gay family genealogy, research notes and references, family group sheets, biographical sketches from various sources

**Surnames** Conant, Gay, Kingsley

**Locations** Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts

**Dates** 1630-1990

File 23 Family group sheets, correspondence

**Surnames** Irwin, Brisbane, Russell

**Locations** Ireland, Virginia, Ohio

**Dates** 1738-1985

File 24 List of descendants, family group sheets, correspondence, copies of various documents, references, and newspaper clippings, biographical sketches, research notes

**Surnames** Russell, Cain, Looney, Hawkins, Gay, Whiteson

**Locations** Oregon, Illinois, Massachusetts

**Dates** 1904-2000

## Box 2

File 1 Deaths – copies of death certificates, obituaries, funeral cards, probate files and cemetery listings, correspondence

**Surnames** Russell, Arthur

**Locations** Oregon, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania

**Dates** 1840-1993

- File 2                    Family group sheets, correspondence, excerpts from family and local histories, pedigree charts  
                               **Surnames**                Baker, Jenkins, Bates  
                               **Locations**              New York, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania  
                               **Dates**                    1761-1985
- File 3                    Family group sheets, research notes, correspondence, family photos, biographical sketches  
                               **Surnames**                Vashon, Vachon, Dion, Mitchell  
                               **Locations**              Quebec, Michigan  
                               **Dates**                    1630-1998
- File 4                    Copies of death certificates, research notes  
                               **Surnames**                Vashaw, Inman, Walker  
                               **Locations**              Ohio, Michigan, Oregon  
                               **Dates**                    1863-1991
- File 5                    Clippings, family group sheets, correspondence, pedigree charts, Oregon pioneer application, biographical sketches, parish records  
                               **Surnames**                Walker, Everett, Crowley, Vashaw, Inman  
                               **Locations**              Maryland, Oregon  
                               **Dates**                    1755-1984
- File 6                    Parish records, research notes, newspaper clippings, copies of birth, marriage and death certificates, correspondence, probate and other court records  
                               **Surnames**                Walker, Harlan, Jensen  
                               **Locations**              Maryland, Oregon  
                               **Dates**                    1808-1998
- File 7                    Family group sheets  
                               **Surnames**                Litten, Coffey  
                               **Locations**              Indiana, Missouri, Washington  
                               **Dates**                    1768-1986
- File 8                    Family group sheets, biographical sketches from local histories, correspondence, research notes and copies of cemetery, land, probate and census records  
                               **Surnames**                Alexander, Vaughn, Martin, Walker, Birchard  
                               **Locations**              Kentucky, Illinois, Oregon,  
                               **Dates**                    1806-1994
- File 9                    Diary of William B Walker (1880-1930) from Feb 1929. Includes descriptions of everyday life, but also memories of people who died during that period. Of significant interest is the story of a former slave family.  
                               **Surnames**                Walker; Rice, Robinson  
                               **Locations**              Oregon, Missouri, Tennessee  
                               **Dates**                    1793-1930

File 10	Histories of the Canfield, Reed and Bush families, biographical sketches, pedigree charts						
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<b>Locations</b>	Connecticut, Ohio, Nebraska, Iowa, Massachusetts						
<b>Dates</b>	1604-1969						
File 11	Biographical sketches, transcriptions of correspondence from the late 1800's, 1929 interview with Rachel (Coffey) Walker, family group sheets, Crowley reunion book (2000)						
	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;"><b>Surnames</b></td> <td>Coffee, Coffey, Pratt, Cleveland, Whiteside, Bradford, Walker, Stafford, Lake, Crowley</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Locations</b></td> <td>Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, Connecticut</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Dates</b></td> <td>1662-2000</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Surnames</b>	Coffee, Coffey, Pratt, Cleveland, Whiteside, Bradford, Walker, Stafford, Lake, Crowley	<b>Locations</b>	Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, Connecticut	<b>Dates</b>	1662-2000
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<b>Locations</b>	Oregon, Missouri, Virginia						
<b>Dates</b>	1759-2004						
File 13	Research notes, copies of some vital records including marriage, pension and death records, obituaries, pedigree charts, family group sheets, photos, biographical sketches, history of the Desgranges family						
	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;"><b>Surnames</b></td> <td>Inman, Keazer, Roth, Walker, Milan, Flynn, Harlan, Desgranges, Bancroft</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Locations</b></td> <td>Oregon, Ohio, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Indiana</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Dates</b></td> <td>1625-1998</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Surnames</b>	Inman, Keazer, Roth, Walker, Milan, Flynn, Harlan, Desgranges, Bancroft	<b>Locations</b>	Oregon, Ohio, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Indiana	<b>Dates</b>	1625-1998
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<b>Locations</b>	Oregon, Washington, Michigan						
<b>Dates</b>	1920-1954						
File 15	Service records dating back to 1868, land records, Everett family history, copies of marriage, probate and other records, photo of Wilbur Granzen						
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<b>Dates</b>	1937						

File 2	Photos – family and cemetery	
	<b>Surnames</b>	Crowley, Gaines, Fulkerson, Walker
	<b>Locations</b>	Tennessee, Oklahoma, Oregon
	<b>Dates</b>	1810-1993
File 3	Photos – Family and homes	
	<b>Surnames</b>	Inman, Bancroft, Vashaw, Walker
	<b>Locations</b>	Ohio, Oregon
	<b>Dates</b>	1852-1985
File 4	Postcard, cemetery photo	
	<b>Surnames</b>	Inman
	<b>Locations</b>	Oregon
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File 5	Miscellaneous loose papers – correspondence, photo	
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	<b>Locations</b>	Oregon, Ohio, California
	<b>Dates</b>	1907-1924
File 6	Family photos, WWI pay record book for Wilbur L. Granzen	
	<b>Surnames</b>	Bancroft, Inman, Coffee, Walker, Shaw, Granzen
	<b>Locations</b>	
	<b>Dates</b>	1825-1919
File 7	Photos – family, cemetery, homes	
	<b>Surnames</b>	Crowley, Fawk, Coffee, Walker, Olds
	<b>Locations</b>	Oregon
	<b>Dates</b>	1927-1991
File 8	Family photos	
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	<b>Locations</b>	
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File 9	Family Photos	
	<b>Surnames</b>	See separate list of names
	<b>Locations</b>	
	<b>Dates</b>	
File 10	Photos – wonderful collection that does not appear to be family as there are no common surnames.	
	<b>Surnames</b>	See separate list of names
	<b>Locations</b>	Oregon, Washington
	<b>Dates</b>	1919-1946
File 11	Photo Album 1	
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	<b>Locations</b>	Oregon
	<b>Dates</b>	
File 12	Photo Album 2	
	<b>Surnames</b>	Hayes



**Locations**      Ohio  
**Dates**

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