

Brief additions in copies previously in succession sent to them and on Washington birth day 1923 to the Houses of the U.S. Congress have been added to is this one. The writers father Wm. T. Welcker was not impressed by the statement of others made to him that he was descended from the same family that Washington had been. For, on land as a soldier and from his experiences afterwards on the ocean when on his way to serve and thereafter, when appointed to the Head of the Department of Mathematics of the University of California the first class of which, before others were ready, being a West Point graduate he taught; incidentally, during the years that he was allowed to serve the institution having prepared a book on Military Science, he being also at the head of Military instruction; also writing mathematical works, within one of which is the method developed by him of solving equations of the third degree, differing from those previously in use; and, beyond all this, regardless of insidious opposition to his stand for fair play and freedom for others; that caused all young real men to love him; for which he understood the reason for standing, from his experiences in life in such a way developing comprehension in him that, to those stating that he, from the same family that Washington had, had descended, could have responded: A MANS FAMILY ARE THOSE THAT ALSO HAVE DONE THE SAME THINGS THAT HE HAS DONE.

Among the additions to the work is that as to one whom others, who crave for authority over them, by which to take from others their inalienable rights who, close to 1900 years ago found fault with one because he, with publicans and those called sinners ate, and drank wine; through whom has been delivered to the earth, where he was placed to do it, a brief work, having in it laws and rights, inalienable; from loyal obedience to all of whose directions men can come to have their bodies to be so educated and developed as to have been made able to make use of capacities beyond any to which men before have been brought to be able to attain.

The reference in the letter of Nov. 28th and acknowledged Nov. 29th 1922 to the Tax Collector of the City of Stockton a copy of which is herein added should be of interest not only to Scotchmen of the U.S. and Canada because it refers to a family whose motto was Loyal Au Mort whose presence on coming to localities both of the U.S. and other parts of the world has been an asset greater than could come from them afterwards by taxes imposed upon them. Before Oregon had a customs house John Adair sent by his father John Adair governor of Kentucky and U.S. Senator with his wife and two children, one of whom married Col. Mendell; a daughter, born in Louisville Ky., mother of the writer of this and other children to Astoria which the John Adair governor of Kentucky arranged, for the appointment that brought his son to be the first collector of customs of the Pacific coast.

John Adair crossed the isthmus of Panama; his wife and children being carried in hammocks by carriers some of whom attacked by cholera on the way