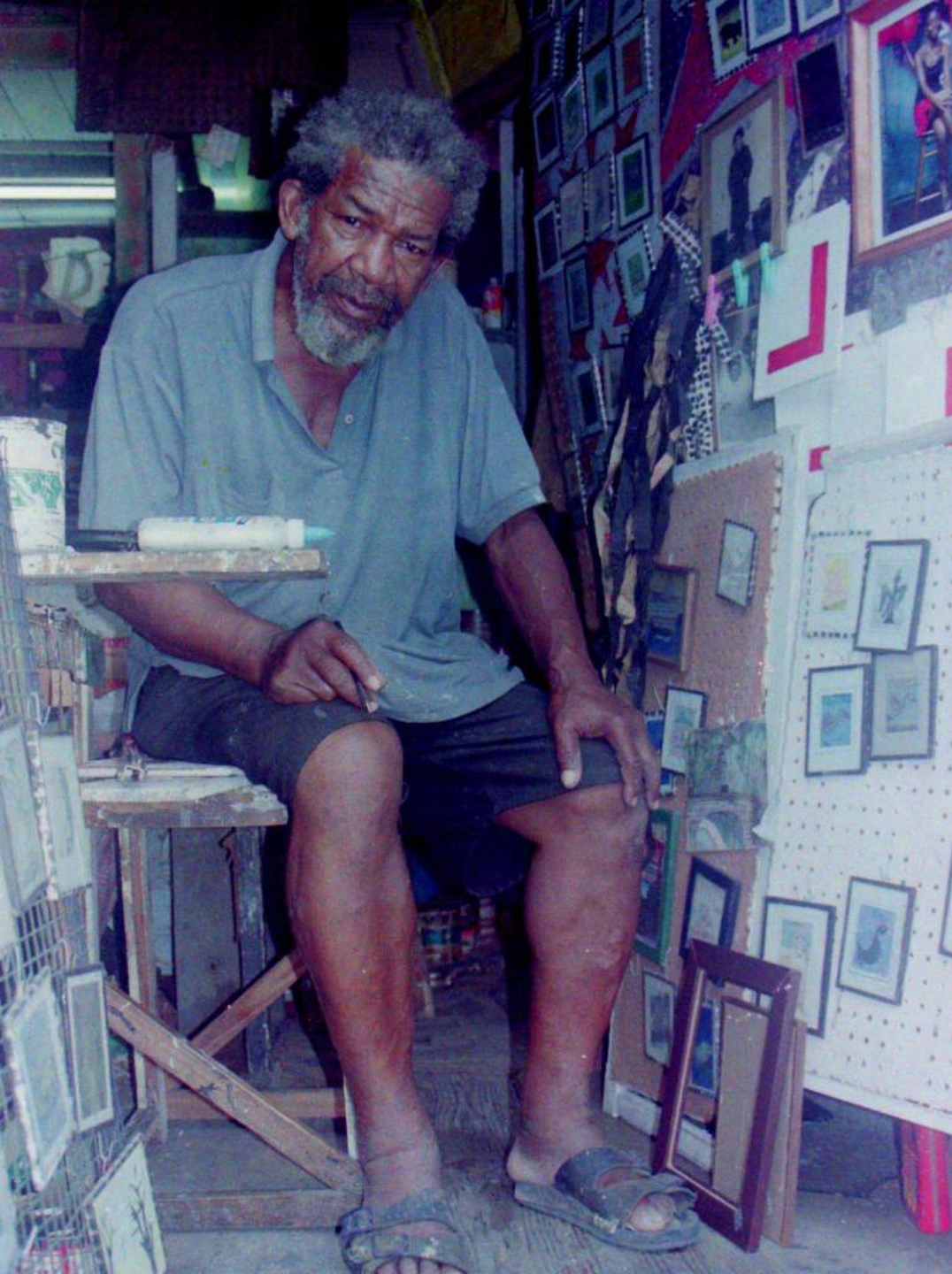


Amazing People:

An Introduction to the Walter Global Family

Shared by Tilghman Logan in April 2020



Frank Walter was a gifted artist who represents the beginning of the Walter Family story. He is the person who brought me to Antigua again and again as my mother studied his art and philosophy.

Frank Walter was a genius and a good person. I see many of his fine qualities in other members of the Walter Family who live all over the world. I hope that you will be inspired by this story, and add to the Walter Global map with your own photos and histories!

Left: Frank Walter by photographer Timothy Payne

Right: View from Frank Walter's studio on Bailey's Hill near Falmouth, Antigua

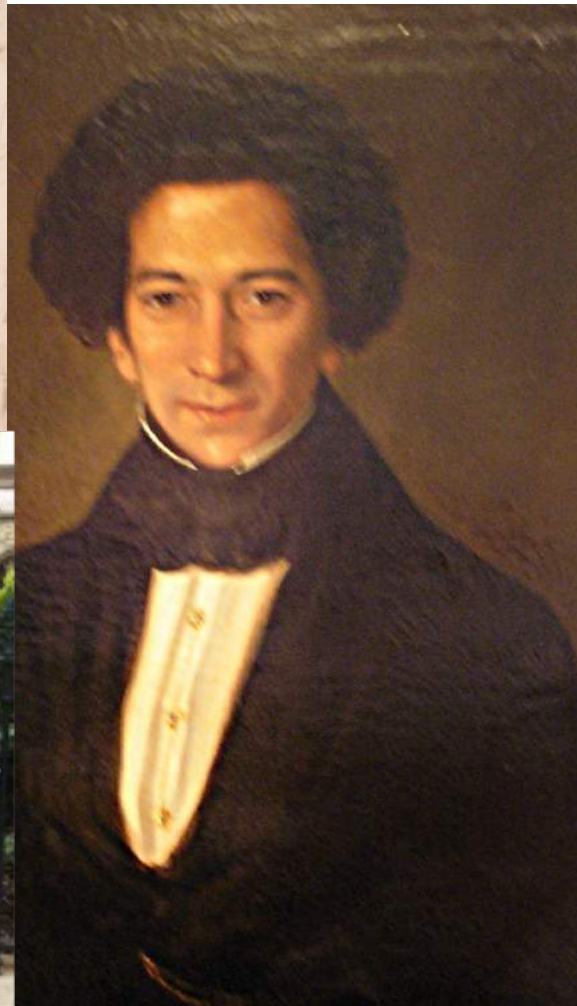


Frank Walter lived the pure life of an artist and philosopher on top of the saddle of a hill where he was surrounded by nature. From there he completed over 5,000 paintings, 1,000 sculptures, and a 50,000 page archive. He lived in the UK and in Germany and knew that his family came from Germany long before the genealogist Perry Miles published it in his fascinating histories.





How did he know? Unlike his siblings, Frank Walter knew the truth about his family history. His grandmother entrusted him with the oral history. Left going counter-clockwise: Jules and Frank Walter as plantation managers; Jules and Australian Professor Perry Miles in front of the Walter grave behind the Savoy, London; Peter Walter; Jacob Walter; Jacob Walter as an older man sitting in front of the portrait of his father John Jacob Walter; miniature of John Jacob Walter, born in Markgroningen, Germany, immigrant to Antigua via Baltimore.





Jules Walter knew Frank Walter better than anyone else. I've known Jules Walter for almost my entire life. He has taught me a lot about Antigua, Frank Walter, the Walter Family as well as art and culture. He gives me acting lessons, but mostly we like to sit together on the dock in Falmouth Harbour and enjoy the breeze and sun.



Jules Walter has been an actor for over 70 years, and played in many movies including Star Wars, The Wild Geese, and the Fight Against Slavery. In the last film, he played Soubise, who was the lover of the Duchess of Devonshire. Thinking it too controversial, the BBC banned the program, which would have been the first of its kind in the world. Roots came out one year later!





Jules Walter has an important historic property in St. John's. Here he is sharing the history of Coates Cottage and its original slave yard. The only of its kind left in Antigua thanks to his preservation efforts!



Jules invited his Alaskan Walter cousin to visit the historic Coates's Cottage. Here I am introducing the Alaskan Deborah Vogt (a Walter) to the Governor General and also Coates's Cottage in the middle of St. John's, Antigua!



Wherever we go, Jules and I like to attend cultural events, such as this preservation seminar at the Government House in Antigua. Jules was given an award from the Governor General for his contribution to preserving the culture and heritage of Antigua.



We all worked together to make a special exhibition about Frank Walter at the Venice Biennale in 2017.





Our exhibition about Frank Walter was always really crowded (like a nightclub!), and fun to work with Marco and Luigi as our show was popular with visitors!

To the right are my Venetian God sisters Serafina and Beatrice at the exhibition. They are standing in front of Frank Walter's typewriter and desk.

I liked talking about Frank Walter's life and art and Antigua, and also just hanging out in the space and our Antiguan garden with Marco and Luigi and our friends.





Jules traveled to Venice to take part in the Frank Walter exhibition in 2017. Labels were all over the streets of Venice celebrating the show. Here is Jules resurrecting one near the Peggy Guggenheim Museum!

Below is Jules enjoying a snack and the tranquility of our National Pavilion's garden in the center of town.





Carl Walter was the Director of Culture in Antigua. Here he is on the Left with the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Venice holding up the Frank Walter catalogue at the Venice Biennale Gift Shop.

Jules Walter is an inspiration to young people all over the world. He is below with London painter Robbie Fife, who first met him in Venice.





Jules Walter lives in Antigua and also in London. He is always full of good stories about art and history. Here we are at the Royal Automobile Club talking with artist Stephen Chambers who we met at his exhibition, Court of Redonda, in Venice.





Here's my Godbrother baby Joel Walter-Thomas at his Christening in St. John's, Antigua two years ago. His mom, Dr. Joycelyn Walter-Thomas is Frank Walter's niece, and Joel's dad is Dr. Ian Thomas. Ian and Joycelyn practice medicine as an Art and share in the Walter gift for being really good at their work!



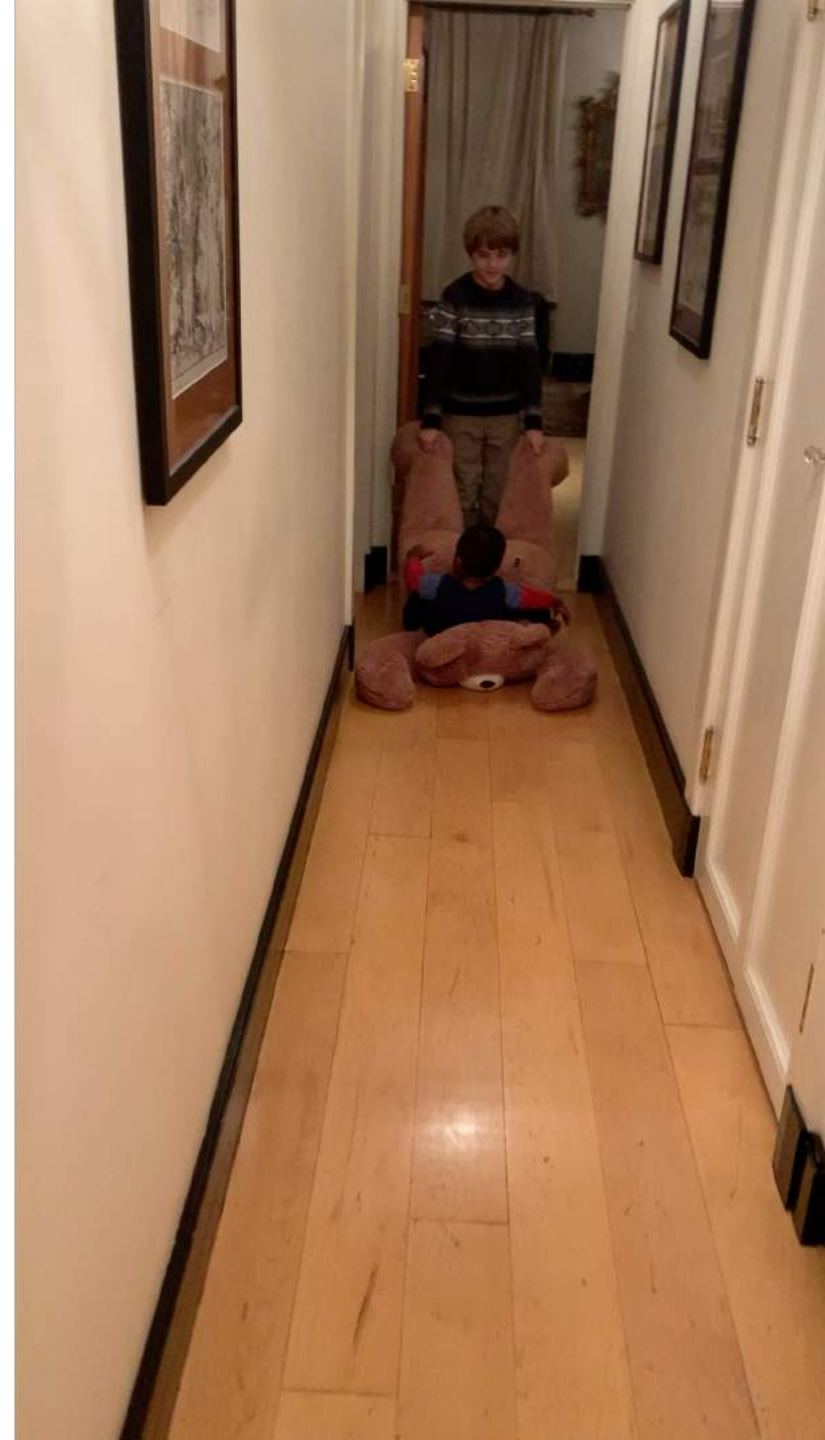
Dr. Ian Thomas is Joel's dad. He saves so many lives in his work in doing kidney transplants and helping people with dialysis.



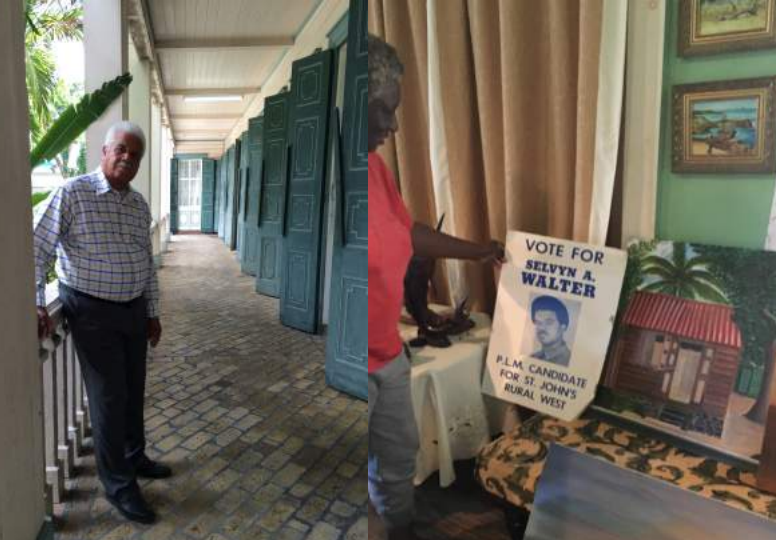
Wait! Looks as though there are more Walter cousins in NY!

Jennifer Vogt and her husband Mark Walters here with their twin sons meeting their cousin Joel for the first time.

It was a fun evening of pizza and salad and teddy bear rides up and down the hall! Hope they come to Antigua one day.



Sir Selwyn Walter was also very close to Frank Walter, and made sure that he could live his life on the hill in peace. Sir Selwyn is a journalist and a politician. He served as Minister of Tourism and Economic Development in Antigua.



All Walters are artistically gifted. Kathleen, Lady Walter is a painter and a sculptor and an art teacher for over 40 years. Here she is with Frankfurt Museum of Contemporary Art Director Susanne Pfeffer, who selected the sculpted fish and still life painting for an exhibition in Germany!





FRANK WALTER A Retrospective

We have helped with an exhibition about Frank Walter at Frankfurt's Museum of Contemporary Art. In researching for the show, my mom followed his tour of Germany fifty years ago, including churches, factories, nature, and Beethoven's house.



Can you add to the list? Walter Family Members from Germany, and Antigua: Family Gathering in Eckartsweier, Germany; Coxy and Inez Coates in St. John's, Antigua; and Carl Walter, who was an actor. He was known as the Black Prince of Antigua and lived in London until he was 99 years old!





Querbach, Eckartsweier, and Kehl, Germany: Earliest known homes to the Walter Family.

Notice the pretty church where Walters got married and also Albert Walter Street in the center of Querbach!



The German Branch of the Walter Family



Katherine and my mom traveled from Frankfurt to be welcomed by the first known home to the Antiguan Walters. Research brings all of the Antiguan Walters here to this spot from 1550! And this is only the beginning! Please add to this story because it would be good to connect all!