

WINSLOW FARR SR., FAMILY ORGANIZATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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President's Overview

Much of this issue of our family newsletter will be devoted to our upcoming Farr Family Reunion 2000 to be held August 3-5 at Cherry Hill Campground in Kaysville, Utah. Over 700 letters have been sent to our entire family data base so you should have received the reunion mailing by the time you receive this newsletter.

We are enclosing another copy of the Reunion 2000 mailing for you to pass on to other family members that may not have received the mailing. Please sign up for the reunion if you have not already done

so. We need to know what our numbers will be so we can adequately plan. It will be a reunion to remember!

In this newsletter, we will report on our series of family meetings held on Saturday, April 29 in Salt Lake City.



These meetings covered reunion plans, research progress, and an executive meeting. We are also continuing our biographical installments on Lorin Farr and Winslow Farr Jr. We want to point out that the main presenter at the reunion on the life of Winslow Farr Jr. and his family will be Claudia Keyworth, daughter of Wilma Smith. Wilma will be assisting her and continues to write the biography in installments in this newsletter.

— David J. Farr, President

Quote from Russell M. Nelson

Our V.P. for legal and financial, Douglas Farr Higham, emailed me this quote from Elder Nelson made at the funeral for Zella Farr Smith on Feb. 13, 1996:

“THE FARR BLOOD IS THE BLOOD OF BELIEVERS — BLUE BLOOD THROUGH AND THROUGH. BE TRUE TO THE BLUE THAT IS IN YOU.”

This is a big challenge for us all to live up to!

George Farr Obituary

We are sadly reporting the death of George Roberts Farr, one of our devoted temple workers and supporters of our family organization from the beginning. His obituary read as follows:

“George Roberts Farr, 86, died peacefully in his sleep on April 20, 2000.

He was born in Ogden October 7, 1913 to George Farr and Mary Maria Roberts. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Kenyon Farr, who he married on July 24, 1937, later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple Sept. 23, 1983. Survived by his daughter, Barbara Farr (Gerald) Stringfellow; and son,

Jerry Kenyon (Charlene) Farr. He also leaves seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bob was active in the LDS church, having served in many positions, and loved golf.

Services will be Mon. April 24, 12 noon at the Rose Park North Stake Center, 1155 North 1200 West, where friends and family may call from 11-11:45 am. Interment, Salt Lake City Cemetery. Directors, Larkin Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, families may donate to the American Cancer Society.“

In a note to the family organization, Jerry and Charlene Farr wrote: “He’s now having the great privilege of personally meeting our wonderful ancestors at a reunion of his own.”

Reunion 2000: *“Getting to Know You ... Getting to Know All About You.”*

Renee Warner, our reunion chairwoman, conducted our Reunion Committee meeting, held in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building on April 29. Renee has a full fledged committee working out the many details of this reunion. You will see the extent of their work enclosed in this mailing.

We discussed the clearing of Farr related names for the Temple endowment session to be held in the Salt Lake Temple on Thursday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m. You should report to the chapel for a family meeting prior to the endowment session. Elder Richard G. Scott is planning to be with us to address us. The temple president will also make some comments.

Tim Farr, Ron Farr and Joe Reimann have been busy gathering names and assigning out the performance of initial ordinances in the temple so that these names will be ready for us to complete the endowments on the 3rd. We should have over 200 names cleared. Our thanks to the efforts of all those involved in doing the initial name gathering and ordinance work to prepare for our temple session.

Ruth Goodrich, our Vermont family member who has over 17,000 names on her family history data base, has supplied us with several names as well. These are primarily descendants of the Farr's who remained in Vermont and New Hampshire. We have seen how Winslow and Olive's family kept in touch with these early cousins by their trips to Vermont and through correspondence. The family still

had a concern and affection for those relatives they left behind on their journey west.

We are trying to broaden our seminar presentations on Friday by including research topics and a presentation on Olive Farr Walker and Diantha Farr Clayton. Barta Heiner, who presented the one woman show on Diantha at our last reunion, has consented to teach this section. Barta is noted for her acting in many LDS productions and work in the drama department at Brigham Young University.

We will also be privileged to hear from David Rencher who heads up all the Family History libraries in the church. As noted in the reunion information, other family members will be involved in family history and research presentations. These classes will be preceded by a general family meeting on Friday, August 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Reunion sign-up begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday at the church located two blocks west of Cherry Hill Campground. We encourage you to bring any family artifacts or other items of interest you want to share with other family members. Tables will be set up for display. We are very interested in early family pictures.

You are encouraged to bring a sack lunch or snacks to eat between sessions as it will be a very busy day. These various presentations will be spaced out between noon and 5:00 p.m. in 50 minute classes with 10 minutes breaks. In the evening there will be some dramatic presentations. We encourage you to

take a vacation day on Friday as it will be a very important day.

Our just-recently-agreed-on Reunion theme is “Getting to Know You ... Getting to Know All About You.” We want this to apply to our ancestors as well as our current extended family, which we will be getting to know better at the reunion. There will be handouts for the various classes on the topics discussed.

We are still looking for someone to present a couple of class sessions on Aaron Farr and for someone to supervise taking video of the reunion. We would like someone who has the capability to edit a video to be sold after this historic reunion. If you wish to be involved in helping at the reunion please contact: Renee Warner at (801)621-4135 or email rw23juno.com. You could also contact Karen Gall at (801)745-5062.

We will have a beautiful Farr Reunion 2000 pin and colorful Farr coat of arms available for sale at the reunion (see samples on page 3). The pins are wonderful collector's items and attractive mementos for your entire family. We want to thank Dick West for the design and production of these pins. They will be on sale Friday morning of the reunion. We encourage you to wear your pin during the reunion.

We will finish off our reunion on Saturday with a family picnic at Cherry Hill Campground at 11:00 a.m.





You can purchase a reunion collector pin (left) or Farr Family coat of arms (right) on Friday morning at the reunion.



Research Meeting Summary

There was much discussion regarding the reunion and what research and computer information could be presented in our classes. Various topics discussed by our research committee were family web sites that allow sharing of pictures and commentaries with other family members.

Presentations on the use of the internet in research, as well as information on related family lines were discussed as possible topics. You may want to check out the ancestry.com and myfamily.com web sites to get ideas on family history web sites. We are also encouraging our teachers to present interesting stories concerning our ancestors and give updates on their research efforts.

We are firming up our presentation subjects and teachers now. There will be a list of subjects, teachers and class rooms for you on Friday to help you make your selections of the classes you want to attend.

Tim Farr reported that he had sent an updated GEDCOM file for Deven Ogden to put on our web site. This

will include the latest research that has been done. Tim is also working on software that will allow him to print our large pedigree chart. When we initially put together Maybeth Reimann's chart on our family ancestry we had to do it by typing the names in WordPerfect, copying them on clear sticky plastic sheets, and then cutting out the names to apply on a large blank pedigree chart. Then we ran copies. We did this back in 1994 and have not changed the chart since. Tim will be able to keep the chart current. There will be two separate charts showing the ancestry of Winslow and Olive Freeman Farr. These charts will also be available for sale at the reunion. Tim reported on several other family names on which he and others have been working.

Harold Armstrong reported on his continuing efforts on the downline. He will have his computer at the reunion so you can see where you fit in. He is looking for family members to take charge of specific lines and to take them down the generations. Joe Reimann, Karen Kauer, Tony Farr, Eldrena Lee and Ron Farr also gave reports.

We were fortunate to have Dean Hunter, our British Researcher, at our meeting. Dean indicated he was not entirely comfortable placing the family in Bedfordshire, England. He is going to examine a collection of Probate/Will records from England with the Farr surname. He obtained 96 entries for the Farr surname for the years 1383-1749 out of Thee Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC). This court was the highest court of probate jurisdiction in England until 1858. These films will be searched for possible links.

Dean presented eight Farr names, detailing the information found on the probate records. An example of one of the films is given here on Robert Farr:

1745 PCC Administration-Film 093286 "Robert ffarr on the eleventh day Admon of the Goods Chattels and Credits of Robert ffarr late belonging to his Majestys Ship the Portsmouth, Bachelor deceased was granted to James ffarr the natural father of the said deceased being first sworn by Comon duly to administer-Cot 1746."

Executive Meeting Summary

After the research meeting was dismissed the research leaders met on what they were going to present at the reunion while the officers and trustee's held a brief meeting.

We announced some board changes which will take place at the reunion. So far the changes are as follows: Karen Gall will replace Deborah Jackson as membership vice president. We really appreciate Debbie's involvement as she has been a key worker on many different family reunions and projects. She helped develop the nice membership brochure that we have. Jagger Farr Lawrence, a trustee, will assume the position of Farr Reunion Vice President and Chairman for 2003. Renee Warner will take his position as a trustee. The other positions will remain the same. Our organization income and

expenses were reported as follows:

Summary Report 1/1/99 through 12/31/99

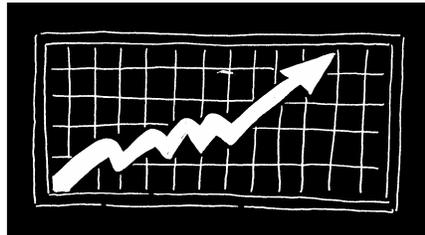
ASSETS

Money Market Account \$12,179.89
 Checkbook Balance \$1,493.88
 Savings Balance \$2,212.44

TOTAL ASSETS \$15,886.21

INCOME

Deposits \$10,940.97



Winslow Book; contribution;

Membership; Pedigree chart
 Interest Income \$32.68
 Transfer (\$ Market) -\$12,000.00

TOTAL INCOME -\$1,026.35

EXPENSES

Bank Charges -\$36.00
 Computer -\$250.00
 Copies -\$725.27
 Postage -\$549.00
 Research -\$622.55
 Salary (C. Barnettt) -\$2,273.50
 Supplies -\$112.00
 Taxes -\$5.00
 Telephone -\$91.40

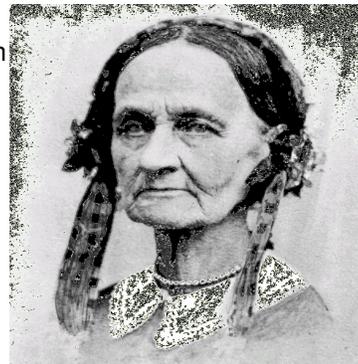
TOTAL EXPENSES -\$4,665.90

Lorin Farr

While the rest of Winslow and Olive Farr's family were enroute to Salt Lake, Winslow, his wife Olive, and Diantha Farr Clayton had been left in Winter Quarters and Kanessville, Iowa. From there Winslow served a two-year mission in the Eastern States from 1847-49. In his book on Lorin Farr, T. Earl Pardoe mentions that Winslow returned from his successful mission in the East. Pardoe says that the heroic struggle made by Winslow's wife and children at Winter Quarters and Kanessville in his absence would make a book in itself. The last time the Winslow Farr's had seen Brigham Young was on March 27, 1848. In 1850 they met again in Winter Quarters:

History — Part Seven

"At 10:40 o'clock p.m. the meeting was called to order in the Log Tabernacle when Brigham Young was elected chairman and Evan M. Green, secretary. The following prominent citizens were present by invitation, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Phineas H. Young ... Winslow Farr."



"Captain Garner Snow's company of emigrating Saints ... left the Missouri River for G.S.L. Valley."

From a letter written August 28, 1850 —

At this meeting Brigham Young outlined what must be done to get all the people out to Utah. It was with joy that Winslow and his family looked forward to the journey West and reunion with the rest of the family.

signed by Joseph Young and Gardner Snow and addressed to the First Presidency in the Valley — we cull the following: "We are the second fifty of Captain Snow's hundred; Gardner Snow is captain, Joseph Young, president; Winslow Farr, counsellor."

Brigham Young gave good instruction to the Saints upon first entering the valley. They were to be unselfish, live humbly and keep the commandments of God that they might prosper in the valley. He also instructed them not to hunt or fish on the Sabbath or work thereon. Those that wished to do otherwise could go live somewhere else. Brigham also instructed that there was to be no land sold, but everyone would have land measured off to them. They were to receive no more than they could use in cultivation.

Lorin entered the Salt Lake Valley in the second company to enter the valley after the original band headed by Brigham Young. (LF, p. 106) Two days after arriving in the valley, Lorin and Nancy — along with their toddling baby — went to conference, voting with hundreds present to accept the name, “Great Salt Lake City.” Some two dozen log cabins were already built and Lorin was given space for his cabin north and west of the Temple Block on First West and North Temple Street. He was next to his brother Aaron and brother-in-law, William Clayton. The survey work was led by Orson Pratt using the most modern equipment then available. When rechecked by government officials it did not require changing.

Not much is recorded of Lorin’s activities in Salt Lake on his arrival. We know on February 25, 1849 Lorin Farr and William Clayton were selected in a meeting and appointed to assign representatives of lots in the Seventeenth Ward their quota of fencing and to decide where each fence should be built. A road, two rods wide, was to be around each block. The First Presidency recommended that gardens and fruit orchards be planted. (An Enduring Legacy p. 134, 5 Daughters of the Utah Pioneers)

After staying a while in the “Old Fort,” Lorin moved onto a lot northwest of the Temple block. His first domicile in the valley was his wagon box, taken off the running

gears and made into a temporary abode. He and his brother, Aaron, soon hauled logs from the canyon and built homes of a more comfortable character. Their houses in the fort had whip sawed lumber floors and were among the best constructed there.

From Winter Quarters, Lorin had brought with him all kinds of seeds, and these he planted in the spring of 1848. Most of his crop was devoured by crickets before they were destroyed by seagulls, but Lorin raised enough to support his family until another harvest time. Then he had considerable to spare. Some of his neighbors were forced to eat thistle roots, raw hides and even wolf meat. Many put their families upon rations. He was not reduced to this necessity, owing to the fact, he says, that he had an economical wife who managed so well that the family had enough to eat and some to give away. (NADB, p. 35)

In March of 1849 Lorin was present at the convention for forming a constitution for the State of Deseret and to submit a resolution to Congress asking for admission as a state.

During the summer many groups of gold seekers came through Salt Lake on their way to California. Lorin did some trading to his advantage, giving horses for furniture and household goods. The Saints had great advantage in trading as the gold seekers were desperate for means of travel and food. The travelers were selling their goods at a great discount to get themselves to California. This fulfilled a prophecy by Heber C. Kimball a year earlier that goods in Salt Lake would sell for much less than in the East. Brother Kimball couldn’t believe what he said, thinking he had “missed one” as it seemed so unlikely. Lorin was to play an active part in the fulfillment of President Kimball’s prophecy.

Lorin participated on the committee to organize a celebration in July 1848 to commemorate the pioneers’

coming into the valley. It was a combination of thanksgiving and celebration. Lorin was present in several meetings where school organization and entertainment were discussed. Lorin was trying to determine whether he would return to his profession of teaching. Out of these meetings and planning came the Deseret Dramatic Association. Lorin said he was no actor and would leave acting to his wife, Nancy. Lorin wondered whether he should go into merchandising, the lumber business, or to build and run a flour mill.

Joy came to the home of Lorin and Nancy that year when their second girl, Sarah, was born on October 30, 1849. She would become the mother of George Albert Smith, the eighth president of the church. (LF, p. 103)

Please bring any history you have on Lorin or his family to our reunion to share in the class on Lorin and his family. Also bring any pictures you might have of Lorin, his wives, children, and spouses that should go in the biography on him. If you can’t make it to the reunion, please send pictures to me and I will reimburse you for any duplicating and postage costs.

In the next newsletter I will be writing about Ogden, Utah and the Farr family’s influence there. This will result in quite a long running series as I have much information gathered.

— David J. Farr

The Diaries of Winslow Farr, Jr. — Part Five

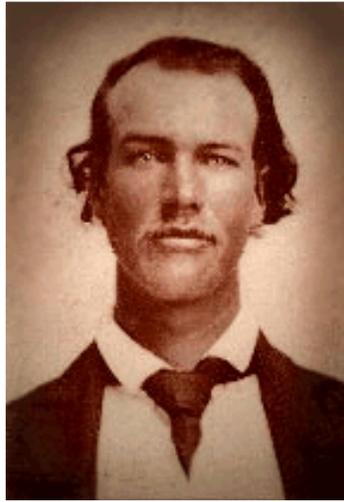
Salt Lake City was founded on July 24, 1847 by 148 Mormon pioneers led by Brigham Young. The group overlooked the valley from the mouth of Emigration Canyon and Brigham Young stated, "This is the place." A state-wide holiday on July 24, is decreed every year in the state of Utah to commemorate the arrival of the pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley.

On July 23, 1857 Mormons gathered for a two day rendezvous at Silver Lake campground in Big Cottonwood Canyon to commemorate the July 24 pioneer holiday. In the spring of 1857, without taking time for a thorough investigation, President Buchanan decided that a Mormon rebellion existed in the Utah Territory. Buchanan ordered the U.S. Army to march to Salt Lake City.

In the afternoon of July 24, 1857, word reached Brigham Young of President's Buchanan order and of the U.S. Army slogan, "On to Utah for war and extermination." The following excerpts from Winslow's diaries describe his observations and activities for the July 24 celebration.

[1857 July]

Thursday 23 I with my father and family started for the (c)anyon about daylight. We passed through the toll gate where we had to deliver our ticket for admittance. Roads quite dusty, (c)anyon well timbered. We passed a saw mill. Got there about 4 o'clock p.m. We then camped in an opening where they had a large lake and turned out our animals. We had several bands of music at night. At the sound of the bugle all were



called to gather for prayers. After prayers we commenced dancing

Friday 24 Very cold in the morning. The camp arose at the sound of the bugle. After breakfast we (were) called to prayers as usual. After prayers several bands of music marched down to the lake. Some 200 yards from camp we had a firing of canons. The assembly then marched to the President's tent where we had some comic songs and a few speeches. We (were) dismissed for dinner. After dinner, went to dancing on floors made for that purpose (40 ft long 20 ft wide). I, with my cousin O. Badger, went to some lakes about 2 miles from camp. I caught a fish with 4 legs. I brought it to camp alive in my hand. Today we heard the news ... from the states that U.S. troops were on the way to the valley to kill off the Mormons. We had dancing all night. Next morning quite cold.

Eight days after the receipt of the news of the U.S. army preparing to march to Utah Territory, the pioneers, under the direction of their leaders, began to make preparations to resist the army from entering the Salt Lake Valley. Daniel H. Wells was selected by the legislature and

authorized to choose commissioned officers to draft the systems of laws and regulations for the Mormon militia who called themselves The Nauvoo Legion.

Winslow Farr Jr. was selected to serve as a Captain of a 10-man militia team. During the month of August his diaries describe his daily activities of hauling hay, thrashing grain and helping others of the community complete their fall harvest. On September 15, 1857 Brigham Young issued a proclamation placing the territory under martial law.

Beginning September 11, 1857 the following diary excerpts describe Winslow's beginning service with the militia.

[1857 September]

September 12 Quite warm. I got up about 3 o'clock in the morning to prepare to go to the city. We started with 5 wagons, and 2 span of horses to a wagon, with provisions for 12 days. We got into the city at 10 o'clock and went down to the river Jordan and camped for the night. We trained some through the day. I kept guard at night.

September 13 Nice and warm. I got up about daylight and went after the horses which strayed away in the night. Took my breakfast at home in the city [*His parents Winslow Sr. and Olive Farr resided in Salt Lake City where we assume he ate breakfast.*] I then returned to the camp with my horses. We then trained awhile. We got our dismissal at 10 a.m. I with my 10 men went up to the (public) square to see the hand carts come in. I then returned home to Cottonwood.

The next eight days of his September 1857 diaries describe his daily activities on the farm.

Winslow's diaries contain a gap from September 21, 1857 through April 1, 1858 (perhaps he was called to serve in the militia). Winslow often carried a pocket journal. On several occasions in his diaries he describes losing a pocket journal.

[1858 April]

April 1 I was called by Bishop Andrus to go out to the mountains to prevent the soldiers from coming into the valley. (There were) something like 1,500 men that went out at the same time as I did. We started about 12 a.m. We arrived on the 4th on Weber river. We had to pack our poundage on our backs for about 25 miles on account of deep snow on the big mountain which hindered the wagons from going over. I was taken very sick on the night of the 3rd. In the morning of the 4th I felt some better. We traveled to Weber station the distance for 4 miles from where we (were) camped. Major Casper's battalion was ordered to go to a stream called lost creek about 10 miles west of Weber station. I am in

this battalion with Captain Rollins captain of the 5th division. I enjoyed myself well while out there — helped build some battereys and make wickeups. My health is good. No fighting done yet. Not so much as a gun fired at the enemy. Everybody is moving out from the city of Salt Lake and the north country and moving south to what is called White Mountains.

In the late spring of 1858 President Buchanan sent a peace commission to meet with Brigham Young and other Mormon leaders. After months of preparation and drilling by the Mormon militia, an agreement between the Mormon leaders and the peace commission was achieved. Under the command of General Johnston, the U.S. Army marched peaceably into the Salt Lake valley on June 1858.

[1858 May]

May 23rd Went rafting on the Weber river and lost my boots and socks which floated off the raft.

May 24 We started for home. I came in barefooted all the way. We got in Salt Lake City on the 25th. The city is pretty well vacated. The soldiers have got in and are camped about 40 miles from Salt Lake City in Cedar valley. I returned home and (did) some harvesting.

With recent memories of burnings and mob attacks against the Mormons in Missouri and Illinois, thousands of the pioneer families abandoned their homes and moved southward.

The pioneers left behind their houses, orchards and farm, in Salt Lake City and various settlements of the northern Utah territory. With assurance from the church leaders and the commanders of the U. S. Army, the families returned in early July to reoccupy their homes and farms.

[To Be Continued]

— Wilma Smith and Randall Smith

Reminders

Here are a few reminders until you receive our next family mailing:

1. Please mark your calendars for August 3-5 to attend our reunion. Please contact the Cherry Hill Campground if you wish to get a camping spot.
2. Send in the reservation form for the reunion. For those wishing to get hotel reservations, the best rate so far is the LaQuinta Inn (rates are \$49-59 a night). Call (800)687-6667 to make reservations. CALL TODAY as the rooms are going fast.
3. Bring family heirlooms, artifacts, pictures and other items of interest to the reunion to share with the family.

Don't Forget

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

After several years serving as Chairman of our Upline (Winslow and Olive Farr and back) Family research Ron Farr has stepped down. Ron served with distinction and devotion. He rallied the research troops to investigate and do research on our many family lines going back the generations. He set the agenda for our twice yearly research meetings and helped lead out in this vital family work. We personally want to thank Ron for his many hours of devoted service and wish him well in all that he does.

Karen Kauer, of St. Anthony Idaho, has agreed to assume Ron's responsibilities and carry on in the work where he left off. We feel lucky in having Karen continue this important work and look forward to working with her. She has headed a family history library and done research for us. She is the sister to our own relentless Farr family researcher, Tim Farr. Karen can be reached at (208) 624-4081 or via internet redhen@nstep.net If you are a current researcher please contact Karen to help fill her in where you are in your research. Karen's address is 1827 E. 350 N. Saint Anthony, Idaho 83445. Karen will be at the reunion for all of you to become better acquainted with. If you haven't been involved with us in research and would like to do so please contact Karen. If you would rather work on lines coming down the generations from Winslow and Olive you should contact Harold Armstrong (Chairman of our down line research) at 5455 W. Peggy Lane W. Valley, Utah 84120; (801)966-2544 or email him at hwarmstrong@deseretonline.com