

NEWSLETTER 2004 January

OVERVIEW

With this issue it is time to renew your subscription. Please send in \$20 to renew your receipt of newsletters for June 2004 and January 2005. By sending in the renewal form now you will save us the time and expense of follow up on getting your subscription renewed. These funds allow us to continue to send out newsletters, publish books on our ancestors and in general pursue our goals as stated below in our Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization, Inc. mission statement:

‘TO IDENTIFY OUR ANCESTORS, DO THEIR TEMPLE ORDINANCES AND GATHER AND PUBLISH THEIR HISTORIES. TO SHARE OUR RESEARCH IN FAMILY MEETINGS AND AT REUNIONS. TO ENCOURAGE FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE INVOLVED IN RESEARCH, WRITING AND ORGANIZING TO ACCOMPLISH OUR OBJECTIVES. TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER THROUGH OUR MEETINGS AND FAMILY REUNIONS. ‘

In our Research letter for 2003 which was mailed in December we covered the research efforts discussed in our November Research Meeting. If you did not receive this letter and wish to do so please send in a contribution for research. Any size contribution allows you this once a year in depth report on our family research. Please send in the form provided indicating your contribution and any other transactions you wish to complete. Please note we are still _____ short on completing the funding of the Winslow Farr Sr. Family Monument dedicated this summer at our reunion. We would like to fully fund this project before we remove it from our form and website.

We will summarize the Officer/Trustee Meeting held in November of 2003. You will see commentary on our August Family Reunion along with pictures from the various events.

We will also continue our serialized histories of Lorin Farr and Winslow Farr Jr. As you may know Marcia Nelson, our Aaron Farr biographer, has written a book on Aaron. This was sold at the reunion. I have enjoyed very much reading it and suggest any interested contact Marcia directly at (ph. and/or email) to see if she has some left. We will hope some time to begin to serialize Aaron's history and also other family members that we may publish histories for in the future. Before the reunion Claudine and I were able to complete a short 34 page biography on Lorin Farr, his wives and children. With these short biographies we have pictures on most of the family. We still look for better pictures in some cases. If you have this book or order it please see if

your ancestor is properly represented in biographical information and pictures. We look for improvements in this publication in the future. Wilma Smith continues to have her excellent books on Winslow Farr Jr.: (1) Winslow Farr Jr. and his polygamous wives and (2) Winslow Farr Jr. Autograph Book. To get these books please order directly from Wilma Smith via the enclosed order form. See the enclosed order form for our various publications available from the address on this letter. We also have most of our publications on the website.

In this issue of our letter we are reporting on our very interesting Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization, inc. member Barbara Moss. Barbara is one of our most mature members in experience and years (I can't reveal her age unless I want to suffer the consequences). I have always enjoyed being with Barbara at our reunions. In the near past we had a reunion that featured square dancing and she was out there with all of us, young and older, following the caller as good as any. She has been in the real estate business for seven decades (70 years) and is still active. Thought you would enjoy the summarized article out a real estate magazine.

Sadly we will report the obituaries of three family members: 'William Christensen, a grandson of Lorin Farr (must be one of the few left), Julie Thomas, sister of Sherrie Dunford, and Arthella Steele, mother of Sandra Westover, Secretary to our organization. We will accept any obituaries or other articles of interest on family members you may wish to submit

Included in this issue is our annual financial statement audited by Douglas Farr Higham, our Vice President of Financial and Legal affairs.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have gathered about one hundred family email's. As research news or other family information becomes available we will send special email's. This is not weekly or probably even monthly but just periodic according to news. If you are not on this list or don't know whether you are send us your email address. If we made a breakthrough in tying our Farr line to Bedfordshire England and the father and mother of our known Stephen Farr ancestor you would first hear it by email. See our DNA article for recent breaking news.

OFFICER/TRUSTEE MEETING

We will continue to report on our semi annual meetings regarding any news that we think of interest. We will be giving more in depth treatment on our research meetings in the Research Letter published once a year. This letter is sent to those who have contributed to research.

The main topic of discussion was the reunion. I was not able to be there due to a funeral the same day. Joe Reimann conducted the meetings in fine fashion with much good discussion. We had fewer events at this reunion. The events included dedication

of the Winslow Farr Sr. Monument, endowment session at the Salt Lake Temple and then our family history classes in Layton, Utah. We concluded with a picnic at Cherry Hill Campground. We hope you enjoy the pictures included in this newsletter of the various events taken by family members. We were somewhat disappointed in the low turnout compared to prior years. Because our reunion covered just Friday and Saturday some of the normal social activities were curtailed. In years past we started on a Thursday night and went through Saturday. Some felt that this lack of social togetherness may have discouraged some. Of course our main goals are family history oriented. Nina Palmer suggested that closer related groups should be getting together more often to get to know one another better. Ideally more socially oriented reunions could be conducted by each of our male family lines. Each year the Winslow Farr Jr. has a three or four day reunion in Ogden which draws about 200 or so family members. If we had one on the Lorin and Aaron Farr lines it would help fill that social gap. At this point we don't know of any descendants of Olive Farr Walker or Diantha Farr Clayton. These reunions take leadership and so far no reunion for Aaron or Lorin have occurred as far as we know. Let us know of anyone who might be interested in heading up such a venture.

We felt we had pretty good communication by two newsletters prior to the reunion. We also sent out a special reunion newsletter to everybody in our data base which numbers over 500 families. For your editor things got wildly busy and exciting just prior to the reunion. Tim Farr and I were preparing our presentation at the BYU Family History Conference for July 31st last. This requires a syllabus and outline in advance. We also had received a box of wonderful historical documents from Harold and Marian Nufer that you probably have read about. See our web site for pictures, order forms and the story of their coming forth. We had about ten of these documents scanned, printed and prepared for sale at our reunion. This was a time consuming process. Then my wife, Pat and I had the opportunity to go on a special church history tour to Kirtland and Palmyra with my cousin as tour director. This was July 13th-20th. It was marvelous featuring Susan Black as our tour guide. Many good things came at once and I felt like I was on a two month family history mission. It was great but busy.

DNA TESTING

Please go to our website winslow.farr.org to see the building Farr line project in DNA testing. I have sent in my sample and am now listed as participant #14723 on test results. I am printing part of the page of DNA Results:

Results will be posted to this page as they are received. Please check back every few weeks.

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Click on Participant # to see Ancestry Chart	Group	Haplo	393	390	19	391	385a	385b	426	388	439	389 1	392	389 2	458	459a	459b	455	454	447	437	448	449	464a	464b	464c	464d	
14704	Stephen Farr, MA	R1b	13	23	14	10	11	12	12	12	12	14	13	30														
14723	Stephen Farr, MA	R1b	13	23	14	10	11	12	12	12	12	14	13	30														
15659	Thomas Farr, Bedford, England	R1b	13	23	14	11	11	12	12	12	12	14	13	30														
15851	Richard Farr, VA	R1b	13	24	13	11	11	14	12	12	12	13	13	29														

DYS 19 is also known as DYS 394.

Participants 14704 and 14723 have an exact match on all 12 markers and both have a verified line back to Stephen Farr of Concord, MA. Their common ancestor is Lorin Farr. Participants 14704 and 14723 would like to know what area of Great Britain they come from. They have suspected Bedfordshire for along time but have not been able to prove it. Some have suspected that they came from Epworth, Lincoln. Participant 15659 has 11 matches and 1 mismatch with the first two participants 14704 and 14723. Participant 15659 has a verified line back to Thomas Farr of Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire, England. This indicates that 14704, 14723 and 15659 are probably related. The TMRCA (Time To Most Recent Common Ancestor) is between 362 yrs. and 925 yrs. If we were to order a 13 marker refinement test on Participants 15659 and either 14704 or 14723 we could possibly bring the TMRCA within a closer range than stated above. (See [Table 1.](#))

Participant 15851 with a line back to Richard Farr of Virginia was wondering if his Farr line (the southern Farris) were connected to the Massachusetts Farris or not. With a 5 marker mismatch, he does not appear to be related to the Stephen Farr line of Massachusetts. But there is still hope if maybe there was an adoption or some other type of skeleton in the closet in his ancestry. Testing another Male descendant from a

different son of Richard Farr would help to clarify the results on this line as either “not related” or “related”. If a descendant from a different male line of Richard Farr tested the same as #15851, then there would be no connection. If the other test matched then more research would need to be done to figure out why the mismatch for participant 15851. As more participant results come back we hope to find some matches for this line. With an R1b haplotype, participant 15851 is a descendant of Western European ancestry.

The above table and commentary is by Tim Farr our DNA chairperson. Ben Farr, Tim’s father, and I match 12 for 12 on the markers showing we are a perfect match to our recent common ancestor Lorin Farr. Ben and I match on 11 out of 12 markers to the direct descendant of Thomas Farr of Bedfordshire England. As Tim has written above that shows we are most likely searching in the right area. We have done lot’s of work in Bedfordshire. Through the efforts of Dean and Reed Hunter as well as Tim Farr and others we have gathered many hundreds of Farr names. This is on our Farr CD. Tim is continuing to look at this Farr information trying to tie our Stephen into available Farr’s and families we have found. Tim feels he is making progress. Our prayers are with him and our other researchers in making this link for us. When that happens it will indeed be a joyful day one preceding by much labor. This labor has been performed over the past one hundred years by faithful Farr family members interested in our roots. When this breakthrough happens it will most likely be announce by email and posting to the website. Go to our website to better understand DNA testing. At first it will be complex to you but will be more understandable as you read our site and familytreeDNA’s site. No one’s name will be attached to a participant number in our publications without their permission. Mainly we will be referring to numbers. I of course told you my number and got tacit approval through Tim for Ben.

I have scanned in the certificate I received from FamilyTreeDNA which is displayed below. You also get a nice four page explanation of the Certificate you receive. We are looking for direct Farr male descendants bearing the Farr name to be tested. It costs \$99 for your test. Tim wants myself and our Bedfordshire cousin to go to a 25 marker test that will further prove our relationship. We now seek his permission for this expanded test. At first blush this looks very complicated but with study you begin to understand what these terms mean. Check the websites. If you wish to sign up please go to our website to order a kit. It is very easy. Two samples from the inside of your cheeks with a Q-Tip does the job.

Scanned Certificate

WHITNEY BIRD-AARON FARR DESCENDANT

I am the great-great-great-great granddaughter of Winslow Sr. and Olive Farr. I’d like to tell you a little about my life and how I recently came to know about my ancestors.

I was born and raised in Carmichael, CA, a suburb of Sacramento. Almost every

weekend we visited my grandparents on my father's side in Gridley, CA on my father's side. Every summer we would vacation at Bucks Lake, CA. I recently learned that my ancestors also lived in Gridley and vacationed at Bucks Lake.

My name is Whitney but I was almost named after my great-grandmother Carrie Johns. When I was a young girl at my grandparents house in Gridley I remember watching a video of pictures that were put to music. On the video a family member read a letter from Carrie about her life. In that letter it mentioned that Carrie was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and I never forgot that. Just before my 18th birthday in February 1989, I met a less-active member of the church and his family invited us to dinner and Sunday services. At the meetings I met some of his good friends, all of whom were preparing to go on missions that summer. This is also when I was introduced to the missionaries. I was baptized September 30th, 1989. It was then that I really started to wonder about Carrie's maiden name and where she had joined the church.

My grandfather, Orland Johns, Carrie's son, passed away when I was 6. My father passed away when I was 14 and my grandmother, Lucille, Orland's wife, had passed away in August of 1989. No one else could remember her maiden name. So I decided that when I learned more about genealogy and when I had the time, I would start looking for my family roots.

Soon after that in November at a Fireside I met Ryan and we were quickly engaged and then married July 4th, 1990. We were sealed in the Oakland Temple November 3rd, 1990. With Ryan joining the Army, we have moved a lot. We've lived in Korea, Texas, and Arizona, with Ryan also living in SC, Alabama, and Bosnia. We then decided that we've had enough moving around and time apart. Ryan attended BYU in Provo, UT for 4 ½ years earning a degree in Construction Management. He works for Bechtel NV at the Nevada Test Site in Las Vegas, NV. We have four children, Derek, 12, Daniel, 9, Amy, 4, and Katie, 17 mos.

With four kids, soccer, school, dance, scouts, church, etc, I still had not gotten around to finding anymore about my ancestors. I did manage to have my father's work done and his parents while we were in Provo. I can't even describe the Spirit that was there that day.

Then one day I came home from the grocery store and Ryan said I had a message from Marcy Bramwell. I said I didn't know her and wondered what she could want. Ryan said she was my great-grandmother Carrie's niece. I immediately thought that she would probably know her maiden name. I called Marcy right away and I couldn't ask her enough questions. She was asking about my kids and where they were born, where I was married, when I joined the church, and so on. I said to her, "You know that Carrie and Will were members don't you?" She said she did and that she was a member also. When I asked her about Carrie's maiden name and how I wanted to find my ancestors, she said to me, "You have no idea do you?" I didn't know what she

meant. She preceded to tell me all about the Farr's, the history, the reunion, the books, the pedigree chart, and how she was asked to find so many of us that didn't even know about our ancestors. I feel so blessed that I was able to attend the reunion and to learn a little bit more about my ancestors. I love reading the books that many have taken the time to write. I especially love the pictures!!!

I am a convert and shouldn't be. Little did I know that I have pioneer ancestors. But I am truly blessed to have found the gospel and to be able to raise my children in it. I know that Joseph Smith is a true prophet. I know that Gordon B. Hinckley is our prophet today. I know that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ live and love us and answer our prayers. I gained my testimony on my own when I was 18 years old and it's grown over the years. I know others who rely on their family's testimonies until they have one of their own. I now gain strength from my ancestors' sacrifices and testimonies that they gained under the hardest of circumstances. They joined the church because it was true and they wanted to return to live with Heavenly Father again. They made their sacrifices not only for themselves but for their posterity. I only hope that they are pleased that I have bridged a small gap that has been made with two generations not choosing to be part of the gospel. I know I have a lot of work to do but not as much as I thought I had. I am so thankful for all of you that do so much for the Farr Family Organization. I truly look forward to getting to know all of you over the years.

OBITUARIES:

Julie Ann Farr Thomas

My sister, Julie Ann Farr Thomas, was born July 26, 1956, to Oswald W. and Venice Hansen Farr. She was my baby from the beginning, and my only sister. Throughout our lives we shared many interests, but the one that bound us closest was our ardor for genealogy and our love for our ancestors. Our grandfather, Heber Farr, was the oldest son of Winslow Farr, Jr., and Susan Melvina Bingham. He married our grandmother in the Mormon colony of Dublan, Mexico, on Christmas Day, 1893. As events unfolded, he became the last legal polygamist in the Church.

Julie was married to Clint Thomas, and they had one daughter, Carla Anne. Carla gave Julie the greatest joy of her life in the form of four beautiful grandchildren. Julie worked for the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Utah State Tax Commission. She was over all the automobile dealerships in the state (she was on a first name basis with the likes of Larry Miller, you know that guy, don't you?), as well as having her own police force to make sure all Utah laws governing automobiles were complied with.

Julie and I took our parents to Colonia Dublan, Mexico, and Binghampton, Arizona, back in

1998, places of great significance to our family. It was a trip we will always cherish in our memories, and one that bound us closer than ever to our ancestors. The following year, Julie and I traveled to Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut to seek out ancestral homes. As we visited East Charleston, Vermont, where Winslow and Olive Farr received the gospel and where Winslow Junior was born, we were overcome by the beauty of that land. To think that Winslow just walked away from the lush green land that he owned in order for his family to have the benefit of being among the saints truly filled our hearts with love and reverence for the man. We visited the cemetery in Lower Waterford, Vermont, where Winslow's parents, Asael and Lydia Snow Farr and others of our ancestors are buried. We visited West Chesterfield, New Hampshire and saw and toured the home built by Zerrubbabel and John Snow, and had our pictures taken at the intersection of Snow Road and Farr Street. We also visited every town in Massachusetts that we could find that had some connection to our family. What a wonderful experience these days were and how grateful I am that I was able to spend them with my sister.

The summer of 2001 found me in Tooele, Utah, taking care of Julie after her cancer surgery. How lucky for us it occurred in the summer, as I am a school teacher and was out of school. We were told that the cancer was aggressive and had a good chance of coming back, which it did last spring. We were determined to fight it with all of our energy, but it finally got the best of her last summer. Again, grateful that this last crisis occurred in the summer, I spent the time, night and day, with my sweet sister. She did quite well for a time, but after I went back to school, her health went into a downward spiral. We lost her on October 1st. Her last words in mortality were "Grandpa!" as she recognized the one who had come to take her home.

We both became involved in doing research for the Winslow Farr Family Organization, but it was short lived because of her declining health. I hope that I can pick up where we left off, and maybe with Heavenly Father's help, and Julie also helping from the other side as she promised she would, I can do enough good for both of us.

Summarize obituaries on Arthella Steele (mother of Sandra Westover, our Secy.provided this)

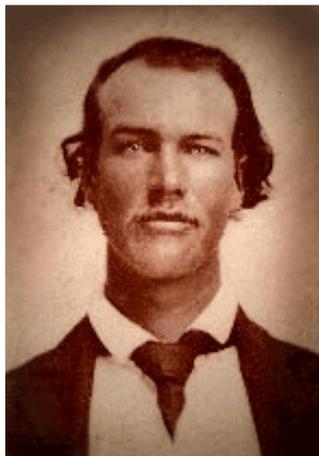
And William Farr Christiansen, grandson of Lorin Farr(article summarized which was sent by David & Louise Salmon)

WINSLOW FARR JR

THE DIARIES OF WINSLOW FARR JR.

by

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Part Twelve

A continuing series of excerpts from
Winslow Farr Jr. Diaries
with his own words and spelling

The following selected excerpts are from Winslow Jr.'s Missionary Diary from June of 1869 to September 1869.

[June 1, 1869] Warm day Br Ensign and myself went up to Princes Landing to see the Saints go on board Minnesota for New York 110 Saints and plenty of foreign people besides Br Elias Morris Captain of the Saints and Orson Holbrook assistant went on board with several of the elders and see them all comfortable We bid them adieu and came back to 42 Islington (Liverpool, England) Met one of the new missionaries from Zion named Br Mousley

[June 2] Cloudy wrote in my journal went out for a walk and helped to make out a list of those who would like to have emigrated this year went down to see the Minnesota go out supper at Sister Grices came back to Bottle (seaside village north of Liverpool)

[June 5] quite warm finished the book accounts went of the 42 Islington Got measured for a coat cost 2 guineas also bought me a pair of new shoes

[June 10] wrote to Br Stuart went up to 42 Islington met with eleven of the new missionaries from Zion was glad to see them and attended meeting Br Eldridge came back with me to Bottle

[June 12] came down to Bottle Br Price came with me We started for Ormskirk we arrived at farmer Peets at Narrow Moss staid all night Feet quite sore

[June 17] wet and cloudy it is one year ago today that I left my home to go to Europe to preach the gospel and I still have a desire to fulfill my mission

[July 3] quite warm and pleasant helped to make up the accounts Br Jacobs and Teasdale came down here and we went down and had a good bath in the sea we then went to see some Japanese Juglers One man lay down on his back and put up his feet and balanced a 30 foot ladder on his feet then a small boy went up the ladder and stood on his head and then on one foot he pulled to the ladder apart and stood on one side another trick was a ladder 30 feet with another part cross ways on the top and the boy went out and performed on it he also performed some slight of hand tricks

[July 18] quite warm I with some of the Brethren and Sisters went to a Baptism I baptised 3 One by the name of Ann Briggs and her daughter Ann and William Fish

[July 27] went down to the steamship Colorado see the Saints on board stood guard all night

[July 28] the Saints set sail for New York all feeling well

[August 1] Sunday attended meeting at Liverpool eat dinner at Br Chadwicks Br Romney and myself went over to Birkenhead and attended meeting bore my testimony

[August 7] Br Romney and I went to St Georges Hall heard a musical concert on the great organ staid at conference house

[August 25] fine morning went on board the vessel Minnesota and bid Br Ensign and the Saints goodbye found some Saints from Ireland but they were to late for the Minnesota we got passage for them on the City of Washington that sailed on August 26

[September 1] quite cool wrote in my journal Went out for a walk over to Birkenhead to a meeting spoke a short time and returned to Everton

[September 24] foggy went up to 42 Islington received two letters from home received my appointment o preside over the Kent Conference

[September 25] went up to 42 Islington to go with President Carrington to see the Nottingham Conference while at 42 I received a letter from my wife with the sad news of the death of our little boy David James our youngest child that was born while I was on my Mission to England he was 13 months old when he died he died on the 6th of September 1869 but as God gives he take away I felt to be reconciled trusting in God to help me overcome my feelings and help me to so live as to have our dear ones again also received the word of the death of Br of Ezera T. Bensen one of the twelve apostles

[September 28] fine morning after breakfast Br Lake and myself went up to Robin Hood Cave and the Ararbretum visited Br Cherry's grave who died while on his Mission with smallpox he

was 24 years of age when he died he was from Cherry Settlement, Utah

To Be Continued

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