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**PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER:**

We want to acquaint you with the rich family heritage of being descended from Winslow Farr Sr.(b. 1794) and Olive Hovey Freeman Farr (b. 1799) and the organization that bears his name. We want to communicate to you the stories, history, genealogical data and the strength of our family roots. We wish to extend the Farr Family line back to our European ancestry which are as yet unknown. We also want to extend and fill in information on collateral family lines. We feel that by working together through the already established non-profit Winslow Farr, Sr. Family Organization, Inc. we can accomplish these goals.

To accomplish our research goals we need to gather from family members and other sources copies of correspondence, stories, journals and other family information to help us. We wish to avoid duplication in research by correlating among family members the various family lines to do research on. We also will be able to better co-ordinate the temple ordinances by those interested in this goal. This saves both time and money.

Through setting up a board of trustees and having a paid independent contractor we hope to see efforts continue on a more consistent basis as personal demands on trustees and officers will cause an ebb and flow in our efforts. To accomplish this we need to reach certain financial goals outlined in Doug Higham's article. All money donated to and purchases from the Winslow Farr Sr. Organization will go to further the family goals. No individual will receive any monetary compensation from this organization other than

one paid contractor and researchers we may need to hire.

Our hope is to have this newsletter reach into the homes of those who are members of the LDS church and those non members who are interested in knowing more about their family heritage. Because of costs we will need to eventually mail these newsletters only to those who make a modest annual contribution of \$15.00. Of course, larger contributions by those who wish to accelerate this work by their generosity will be highly appreciated and necessary if we are to achieve our research goals. By your annual contribution of at least \$15.00 you will receive two newsletters a year containing family research, stories, history and other articles relevant to the family and ancestry of Winslow and Olive Farr. Those who join will also receive a large family pedigree chart prepared by Maybeth Reimann, who has made diligent efforts to get our lines extended. This chart is free of charge to those joining. It goes back nine generations from the children of Winslow and Olive Farr and has over 400 names on it. These newsletters will keep you informed of Farr Family Reunions and other opportunities to participate with us in our family history projects.

Please join us by sending your contribution today and filling in the enclosed membership form. It is not necessary to fill in the form to join, but it will be helpful to us knowing of your families talents and desires.

**Winslow Farr, Sr. Family Organization, Inc.  
by Dave Farr**

Our family organization is the result of the efforts of many Winslow Farr Sr. family members who over the years have contributed to Farr and related family lines research by their work. They wanted to be able to consult with other family members to share stories, history and to avoid duplication in research. I have been fortunate to work with some of these family members. I will mention two. They have motivated me in writing the Family History of Winslow and Olive Farr as well as given me the desire to see our organization function to advance the research of the Farr and other family lines.

While a student at Brigham Young University I had the privilege of meeting T. Earl Pardoe, then a professor of speech, grandson of Lorin Farr and author of Lorin Farr, Pioneer. I had an early interest in family history and was especially interested in my great, great grandfather, Lorin Farr. This interest grew from some of the things my father had told me and stories I had heard. But it was Professor Pardoe who heightened my interest through his book and personal acquaintance with his grandfather, Lorin Farr. The second person is Maybeth Reimann who has been one of the foremost researchers I am aware of on the Farr and related lines. She has been ever diligent and concerned through her life to advance the cause of our family history. Today she labors to complete a large pedigree chart outlining our ancestry and to continue on other research efforts with which she has been engaged. Truly she is a leading family light in gathering a wealth of stories and information about our fascinating family heritage. You will be reading about some of her efforts and feelings in an article in this newsletter. It is our hope and goal as an organization to build on her work and the work of others as we discover it thus adding to our family knowledge. Many others

could be mentioned and will come to your awareness as more newsletters are completed and by attending family reunions.

In 1978 Maybeth and myself visited with Ben Farr and other family members in Ogden to begin this organization. We have enjoyed meetings through the years and hopefully have accomplished some worthy goals. We realize as with most family organizations that the activity goes up and down depending on the circumstances of the officers involved. I felt that if we were able to begin a more permanent organization with part time paid help we could better meet family goals. Douglas Higham, a CPA and attorney, is in process of securing Federal approval for our tax free foundation. He is working with another Farr family attorney in Salt Lake, Dale Gardner, to gain the tax exempt status we seek on a Federal level. We hope to have this accomplished in 1993.

We feel that by having the board of trustees serve a period of five years or longer if they are willing to serve, and having a permanent staff member, that we could better accomplish our goals. Paula Tucker is the only paid person in the organization is now working five hours a week. She has done many administrative tasks in helping us get the organization going again and is a vital link in our success. She has a lot of experience in computers and is an accomplished genealogist herself. The trustees will need to be voted on by you at a future time. The trustees in turn will elect officers who will serve two year terms with various assignments in giving direction to the work and planning our reunions. To begin we are proposing an initial group of trustees to be approved by the outgoing ones currently listed in the articles of incorporation. The proposed trustees will begin officially serving when our legal papers are completed. The trustees are:

**David J. Farr**-Initial family organizer and author of "Family History of Winslow and Olive Farr." Works with the President to see that goals are carried out. (714) 582-1852

**Lewis Farr**-Is president of organization. Has directed reunions in the past and is in charge of reunion August 5th-7th 1993. (801) 277-6683

**Barta Heiner**-Teacher of drama at BYU. Directs summer theater in Provo. Actress portraying Diantha Farr Clayton in one woman drama seen in various parts of church. Has been in several BYU produced movies for the church. Will work with newsletter and reunions. (801) 373-3315

**Douglas Higham**-A CPA currently practicing as a business attorney in California. He is in charge of securing tax exemption for family and overseeing financial records. Has traveled to Nauvoo and taken video of Winslow Farr home. Also worked on Farr name gathering. (714) 365-5515.

**Dean McLeod**-Currently works for a private research firm in Northern California. Has done extensive research in Farr history and genealogical lines. Earned his living one time as a researcher. Will assist Dave Rencher in organizing research for the family. (510) 458-6086

**David E. Rencher**-Has developed software while working for the Family History Department in Salt Lake. A professional genealogist since 1977 he has worked on the Farr line when we were first organized. Serving a second term as treasurer for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Dave has great knowledge of overall research sources and will direct our family research so we don't duplicate each others work. If you are interested in research call Dave at (801) 240-3997 or (801) 254-6789.

## **Farr's In Vermont by Dave Farr**

Vermont was the springboard to the west for our ancestors, Winslow and Olive Farr. Vermont is a beautiful New England state sparsely populated, with 562,758 people counted in the 1990 census. It has the lowest percentage of city dwellers in the United States with only two cities over 15,000 in population. Vermont has 9,614 square miles in area with beautiful forests covering about three-fourths of the land. It's length is 155 miles by 90 miles at its greatest width.

Vermont scored many firsts in its history including: (1) First state admitted to the Union after the 13 colonies, (2) First constitution to outlaw slavery and to abolish the requirement of being a property owner to vote, (3) First U.S. patent and postage stamp issued here, (4) First revolutionary soldier to shed British blood at Battle of Lexington, 1775 and first state to offer troops for the Civil War, (5) First person to cross the United States by car in 1902 and first to use laughing gas in tooth extraction, and (6) First to invent platform scale and introduction of the Morgan Horse.

This beautiful state with harsh elements has produced some great men. They would have great influence on Winslow and Olive. Early Mormon Church leaders: Joseph Smith born in Sharon, Vermont in 1805; Hyrum Smith in Turnbridge, Vt. in 1800; Brigham Young in Whittingham, Vt. in 1801; Heber C. Kimball in Sheldon, Vt. 1801; Oliver Cowdrey, in Wells, Vt. in 1806; Luke Johnson in Pomfret, Vt. in 1835; and Erastus Snow in St. Johnsbury, Vt. in 1818. The lives of these men would weave together with the Farr Family in scenes of action from Vermont to Utah that would change the direction of the family forever. They would be witnesses of and participants in the saga of the Mormon pioneers. The ancestors of Winslow Farr were active in Massachusetts,

but as discussed in the article by Dave Rencher we don't have enough evidence to determine how the Farr family got there. Winslow was born in 1794 in Chesterfield, New Hampshire migrated north through Hanover, New Hampshire to Waterford, Vermont. Much of the early transportation was by boat up the slow moving Connecticut River which divides the state of Vermont from New Hampshire. Olive Hovey Freeman was born in 1799 in Hanover, New Hampshire, home of Dartmouth College. Her parents, Elijah Freeman and Olive Hovey, came north to Waterford (six miles south of St. Johnsbury, Vt.) in about 1800 and were to play an active role in this small Vermont hamlet of Waterford. We know less about the activities of Winslow's parents, Asahel Farr and Lydia Snow. In the next issue of our newsletter we will cover the experiences of the Freeman and Farr families in Lower Waterford. This issue will reach you in June. Sources of this article are the World Book Encyclopedia and Lorin Farr, Pioneer by T. Earl Pardoe.

### **Family History of Winslow and Olive Farr (Sixth Edition)**

**By David J. Farr**

#### **Features:**

*90 pages of fact filled family history - Family photographs and places they lived - Maps of their location through 1850 - Partial patriarchal blessings - Letters & interpretations - Deed of Asahel Farr to his son Winslow - Grandfather Elijah Freeman's life & prophetic comments - Early Vermont pioneering and family life - Olive's healing which is still known today in Charleston, Vt. - Farr families conversion and move west - The association with their cousin's, the Snows - Their pilgrimage to Kirtland, Far West, Lima, Nauvoo & Salt Lake - Williams Clayton's courtship & marriage to*

*Diantha - How polygamy affected the Farr family - The Farris in Kirtland, Far West, Lima, Nauvoo, Cutlers Part & Salt Lake - Their involvement with church leaders Joseph Smith, Brigham Young & others - Was Winslow an eye witness at the Haun's Mill Massacre? - How the birth of Diantha's firstborn inspired William Clayton to write "Come, Come Ye Saints" - Graphic accounts of other church history highlights from various sources - Interesting details of their life in Nauvoo and trek west - Their pioneering life in Salt Lake and Holladay and Big Cottonwood - Thirty sources used in the writing of this inspiring human saga.*

Some of you ordered the second edition in 1982. Four editions later much, much more has been added to this history and would be well worth your having a current version. To order mail a check to us for \$15.00 per book made payable to the Winslow Farr, Sr. Family Organization, Inc. All proceeds go to further the family organization purposes and are not for personal use.

### **Our Farr and Freeman Families In New England The Quaker Connection**

**by Maybeth Reimann**

Did you know: Quakers in OUR family tree? You better believe it! And what's more, we find that these honest, conscientious, God-loving people were to be much admired. So forget any negative connotations you may have had about the Quakers. They suffered much at the hands of their fellow settlers who had little tolerance for any who did not follow the prominent religious beliefs of the time. And we thought that was a main reason for their seeking the new place to live--freedom of thought and freedom to worship as they felt! We should feel a sense of pride with the understanding that we have a Quaker heritage!

Which of our known ancestors were Quakers? There were at least three families: Freeman, Perry and Ewer. Several other of our ancestors were also in sympathy of the Society of Friends--more commonly known as Quakers, or also just Friends. Others of our ancestors who lived in the Sandwich area may also have participated: Bessey, Skiff(e), Presbury, Snow, Warren, Ewer, Johnson. They were all people recorded as being of strong character and leaders in the community. It is a fascinating story, and part of our American history. Some of our ancestors helped to make that part of history (on large pedigree chart).

These people were intelligent, well-educated for their time, highly respected and prominent among the early settlers of some of the New England towns. For example: Edmund Freeman I, (#192 on the chart) was known as "The Father of Sandwich", a Massachusetts town about 15-20 miles south of Plymouth. He was the largest land-owner of this new town, and was also an Assistant Governor of Mass. for the years 1640-1645. The Freeman Family came from Pulborough, Essex, England, and were of the Landed Gentry, by dictionary definition, "these were people of high social standing--the class of land-owning people ranking just below the nobility."

The Farr Family records that we have show that the Farris were once members of the Congregational Church (1800's). But we have little, or no records showing earlier affiliation with the churches of that time. In fact, we cannot even find where they were some of the time, or when they arrived. Could they at one time also have been followers of the Quaker movement, with records and clues about them? As far as we are aware, those records have not been searched with the Farris (or Freemans, and perhaps others) in mind. The Quakers kept very good records: Births,

deaths, marriage intentions, marriages, wills, deeds, -- but no baptisms, as they did not practice it.

Our Perry family came into widespread public attention (1650's - 1670's) because of their connection with the Quakers. Edmond Perry (son of Edward Perry, #194), by Quaker ceremony, married Mary Freeman, daughter of Edmund Freeman I. In this ceremony, without benefit of clergy, the couple promised each other to be husband and wife, and to be faithful always to each other. This marriage was held in the presence of family members and friends, but it was definitely NOT accepted as a valid marriage since not performed by either church or civil authorities (the Quakers did not at that time have a clergyman). The couple was admonished to be re-married by "proper authority," but they defied the orders; they were as consequence, fined 5 pounds sterling, quarterly "until they did conform." The records say, "there is not evidence that they ever did." One Pound English money was equivalent to \$50.00!

The Quaker records also might give light on the big question as to the maiden name of the wife of Edmund Freeman III. We know her only as "Sarah." She has been listed as the daughter of James Skiff(e) (#204), but this is not true. His daughter, Sarah married a Thomas Mayhew and had a large family during the same years that Edmund III and his wife, Sarah were also having a large family of children.

If Edmund Freeman III and his wife, Sarah \_\_\_\_ were also of the Quaker faith, as were the parents of Edmund III, they may have been married by them and on their records. It appears to be our best clue to further research. Professional researchers in New England have not been able to ascertain her name. Could it be possible that they did not search Quaker records?

There are Quaker records on films. They range from Pennsylvania to the Carolinas. Our people are not known to have gone elsewhere except Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and later, Connecticut, so that is where we need to search. There are 6 printed volumes of records, but our areas are not in them. The other records are mostly handwritten, and are not indexed. But it is not an impossible task--just a challenging one. We invite anyone who is interested to join the search. The alternative: Help us to be able to hire professional researchers who can go on from what we do know to records that might shed light on more that we need to know.

The 1992 Family History Library computer records are now available. They have recently been searched for additions or extensions on the Farr and Freeman lines. The news is not good: Pertinent, new information is not there. They still show our Sarah (#49) to have been married to Thomas Mayhew, and that her maiden name was Sarah Skiff. Not true.

One last note: Our own, larger, new FARR FAMILY PEDIGREE CHART is scheduled for printing by February, 1993, and will be available to our extended family members. This new chart will extend one additional generation to include some more of our lines. The new chart will have some important changes. Some of the ancestors once thought to be ours, have by further research, been replaced with names that really are ours. There will be some additional new names, additional dates and places of births, marriages and deaths. We hope this to be part of our heritage, a special inheritance! You are very much a part of this very large, extensive and wonderful FARR FAMILY that has made such a large contribution to early pioneering history. They contributed their hard earned efforts in the settling of the Utah territory.

We would be most happy to hear from you--how you feel about our organization, your interest, and any other in-put.

Among our ancestors of note was Richard Warren (#414 new Pedigree Chart). He was among those who arrived on the Mayflower which anchored off the Massachusetts coast 21 Nov 1620, and from whom our ancestral grandmother, Olive Hovey Freeman Farr (Marr. Winslow Farr, Sr.) was descended, and also each one of us. A short distance from Plymouth Harbor stands a large, granite monument which pays tribute to the 102 passengers of the Mayflower. On this plaque is the name of our Richard Warren. Wouldn't you like to know more?

### **Research Possibilities On The Ancestry Of Thomas Farr**

**by David Rencher**

While it has been several years since I have looked into extending the ancestry of our common ancestor, Thomas Farr (born circa 1620 in the British Isles and settled in Lynn, Massachusetts) many of the research strategies remain the same. Lynn, Massachusetts does not have the wealth of records available in other New England communities; however, the prospects to extend this line should center on uncovering every clue in America before trying to connect our Thomas to the possibilities in England.

I am familiar with English records sources. Having made numerous genealogical research trips to the British Isles and having lived in London and worked at all of the major record offices, I am certain that we can unearth candidates for our Thomas Farr. Proving they

are the same individual who came to America in the early 1600's would be quite a task. Many who settled in Lynn, Massachusetts came from the "Home Counties": and the counties north of London seem the most likely. These include Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and possibly Hertfordshire.

With the accumulation of records from New England for the past ten years, these sources will be the focus of our first efforts to again extend the Farr ancestry. Should these efforts prove unfruitful, an investigation into English records would be in order. At present, my plans will take me to the British Isles again in August of 1993. Unfortunately, my trip is planned after the date of the Family Reunion, but a report can be filled in the newsletter.

As we have evaluated the Farr line, there are a number of missing event dates for the earlier generations. Some effort should be made to solidify the links made previously and to fill in the gaps of missing information. This will all be a natural outcrop of trying to extend the line in U.S. record sources.

As always, your thoughts and prayers will be most helpful in this work. We are promised that if we will do all we can in the records that are available to us, that the Lord will assist us in our sincere efforts to fulfill our responsibilities. There is every reason to believe that we can identify the ancestry of Thomas Farr and make the connecting link to the ancestral home. However, this task will take considerable time and effort on our part. Those who live in the New England area and could assist with possible day trips to various historic sites would be extremely valuable to the research process. If you are available to assist in this manner, please contact me at your convenience. If we work together on this interesting research possibility we can make exciting breakthroughs in the future. This is a

longstanding problem that I feel can be solved through a united effort.

### **President's Greetings by Lewis Farr**

We bring you greetings and best wishes from the Winslow Farr Family Organization. It is my pleasure to announce a Farr Family Reunion Thursday August 5th through Saturday August 7th, 1993 at Cherry Hill Campground in Kaysville, Utah (17 miles north of Salt Lake). There will be a family history night on Thursday evening, activities Friday night, a short business meeting Saturday morning with a picnic to follow at Cherry Hill. They feature miniature golf, batting cages, waterslides, swimming pool, volleyball, game rooms, aeroball, Cardiac Canyon River Run and much more. Your family will enjoy this reunion. Much of our family heritage will be presented. You will hear from family members who have done extensive research. Family and genealogical materials will be available.

We have facilities reserved for our group events, but you will need to call Cherry Hill at (801) 451-5379 to secure camp spaces. The rates are around \$20 a night. If you wish to rent a motel room adjacent to Cherry Hill call the Spragues at the Mountain Creek Inn (801)544-0999. They have kitchens available with a variety of rooms. You will need to send money to secure your reservation as they will not take unsecured reservations until later in the year. Five miles from Cherry Hill is the Crystal Cove (801)825-9500 or the LaQuinta Inn (801)776-6700.

We will send information to those who let us know they are coming on our information form. Our June newsletter will give you more specific details of the events scheduled. If you have any family historical documents, books, letters, journals, personal property, etc. that

you would like to share please plan on bringing these items for a special 'Family History Display' we would like to have. Your help is essential to the success of this project. May 1993 be happy and profitable year for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

### **Action Items**

- 1. Join by sending your \$15 check today.*
- 2. Make additional contributions to further research efforts.*
- 3. Fill in information form and return. (This form is for family use only and will not be used for any kind of commercial activity.)*
- 4. Order Family History of Winslow and Olive Farr at \$15.00 a copy.*
- 5. Copy and send this newsletter and information form to family members who did not receive it.*
- 6. Make arrangements to attend our Family Reunion August 5th-7th.*
- 7. Bring historical items (letters, journals, books, other items of interest, etc.) for our reunion. Please let us know what you want to show family members attending.*
- 8. Those interested in doing research should co-ordinate their efforts through Dave Rencher to prevent duplication. His phone numbers are (801) 240-3997 or (801)254-6789.*

*9. Those of you wishing to order additional pedigree charts by Maybeth Reimann should send \$6.00 per chart. The pedigree chart measures 2' x 2' and has over 400 names.*

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery on the pedigree charts and books ordered. We would also appreciate your comments and feelings about this newsletter and our plans. We will want to print some of these comments in later newsletters.

Best wishes for a prosperous 1993.

Trustees of the Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization, Inc.



**TAX EXEMPT STATUS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FAMILY ORGANIZATION**  
**by Douglas Farr Higham**

The Winslow Farr, Sr., Family Organization, Inc. is a Utah corporation originally formed in 1978. However, it was never qualified with the Internal Revenue Service as a corporation to which contributions could be made on a tax deductible basis. We feel that it would be a great benefit to members of the organization if we and our family members could receive a tax saving deduction when contributing to the organization. To that end, we are in the process of amending the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to meet applicable Internal Revenue Service standards. We will then submit an application for Recognition of Exemption to the Internal Revenue Service. We would hope to receive a positive response in the next several months.

I am listing below the 1992 financial report for the organization:

Balance on hand at Key Bank of Utah January 1, 1992.....	\$1,698.23
Check #110 to Arlene Eakle (for copying, arranging and binding Maybeth Reimann's extensive lifetime research notes on the Family)	755.00
Balance .....	943.23
Less service charges plus interest earned.....	49.80
Balance on hand. . . . .	\$913.43

The following expenses were incurred by Dave Farr and will be reimbursed through an account to be set up in California operated by the trustees:

Paula Tucker's salary August 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 .....	980.00
Miscellaneous copying and other office expenses .....	91.00
Total Expenses .....	\$1,071.00

The following figures are an estimate of the anticipated donations, family membership contributions and expenses for 1993. We will revise as the year progresses.

**Revenues:**

Two individual contributions as of January 1, 1993.....	\$4,000.00
Family contributions based on 100 memberships @ \$15.00 .....	1,500.00
Additional family contribution ..	5,000.00
Sale of Winslow Farr Family History (based on 100 books @ \$15) .....	1,500.00
Total revenue anticipated. . . . .	\$12,000.00

**Expenses:**

Paula Tucker's fees.....	\$2,080.00
Two Newsletter mailings per year (based on 700 letters) .....	1,124.00
Costs of producing 200 copies of Family History of Winslow/Olive .....	600.00
Phone bills .....	300.00
Legal costs for organization .....	300.00

Correspondence, office supplies & other miscellaneous expenses .....	750.00
Reimbursement to Dave Farr for 1992 expenses .....	1,071.00
Total Expenses Anticipated.....	\$6,225.00
Balance for use in research .....	\$5,775.00

Since 1993 will be our first full year in operation it is difficult to tell how many of you will join, purchase books and desire to donate extra to the cause. At least these figures will give you an idea of what we estimate. The number joining will also dictate our expenses as we will be both sending you mail and talking to some on the phone. As you can see, our revenues will be very important in determining how fast we can accelerate our research capabilities. We hope to have much donated expertise, but may need to hire some experts in our more difficult research cases. There will also be reimbursement to our researchers for some expenses they may occur. We hope you will copy this newsletter and our information form to send it to your family members who did not receive this letter and encourage their joining the cause. We feel by organizing as proposed we will be saving thousands of dollars in duplicated efforts over the years by interested family researchers. We hope you will join and be active with us to whatever degree your time and resources permit. There is much to gain. May your interest and involvement in this work bless and inspire your family in unity.