

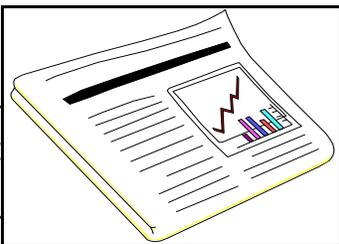
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OVERVIEW

This newsletter is the first one to be sent only to those family members who have paid their \$15 annual contribution. Hopefully, you have found the previous issues and will find this one, worthy of your continued support. Many exciting things have happened since our last newsletter, which you will read about in the following pages. You will be hearing about our reunion held at Cherry Hill Campground in August (please see enclosed article), our achieving tax exempt status with the I.R.S. making your contributions deductible and our financial report for 1993.



Additional articles include the newly elected officers, an historic meeting of officers, trustees and 'The Research Group.', along with the final chapter of the 'Farr's in Vermont', an interesting view by our Professional Genealogist, Dr. Arlene Eakle on how we propose to extend the illusive 'Farr Line' over the ocean and an article on how we want to catalogue and locate family pictures, antiques, journals, letters and other items of historic interest. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal notice and will extend your subscription through the June 1994 and January 1995 news filled letters. Your contribution also allows us to continue to operate the Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization and provides help in achieving our genealogical and historical research goals which is much appreciated.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEE MEETING

We held an organizational meeting at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building (formerly the Hotel Utah) on the fourth floor where the church has set up special rooms for family organizations. They have computers in these rooms for research purposes. Our bylaws are written so that the trustees elect the officers. As you know from our prior letters we have six trustees: David Farr, Lewis Farr, Barta Heiner, Douglas Farr Higham, Dean McLeod and David Rencher. The Trustees formally nominated and elected, by written proxy, the following officers:

David J. Farr as President (26561 Campesino, Mission Viejo, CA 92691); Susan Fenton as Vice President in charge of memberships (1085 Westfield, Alpine, Utah 84004 (801)763-0688); David Packard as Vice President of Archives and Photography (5156 Pickford Way, Culver City, CA 903230 (310)839-6910); Joe Reimann, Vice President in charge of research (1920 E. 5685 S., Salt Lake City, Utah 894121 (801)272-6369); Richard West, Vice President in charge of our reunion (3354 Baker Dr., Ogden, Utah 84403 (801)394-3342); Douglas F. Higham, as our Chief Financial Officer (25761 Empressa, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 (714)581-7682); Claudine Barnett as our Secretary (26561 Campesino, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 (714)582-1852); and Sandra Westover, Asst. Secretary (951 E. 3025 N., North Ogden, Utah 84414 (801)782-2359). We appreciate the efforts of our trustees and the willingness of our officers to serve. I have included the addresses and phone numbers of our officers in the event you wish to contact them

about the organization or to inquire how you might be involved.

We want to express our appreciation to the outgoing President Lewis Farr for all he has done over the years to keep the organization going. We also appreciate the services of Lyle Farr and Nadine Miley who also served as officers.

As members you elect the trustees, voting them into office at each reunion. Membership affords you the right to review financial records and/or any and all organizational materials.

It was exciting to have most of the trustees and officers in attendance. We discussed each of the areas assigned to the vice presidents, sharing many exciting ideas. Dick West suggested the possibility of holding our next reunion in Ogden at the Lorin Farr Park, which has many recreational facilities in the nearby area. We would also find a building for our historical presentations and family meetings. An historical tour might be considered. We have chosen August 2nd and 3rd in 1996 for our next reunion. Please mark your calendars now. We will keep you updated on the progress of this committee over the next few years. Suzanne Fenton gave a challenge to the assembled group to obtain five new memberships by the end of January 1994. Suzanne will be forming a committee to encourage additional family members to join so that more may take advantage of knowing of their rich family heritage. David Packard will tell of his efforts and desire in this issue regarding the family archives and photographs.

Joe Reimann's article on the research portion of our meeting will give you insight as to the exciting possibilities there are for advancement of various lines and co-ordination of work to avoid duplicated expenses and efforts. With the help and efforts of the multi-talented Farr descendants we feel we can build an organization that will help encourage all family members through the telling of interesting, inspiring and character building stories of our ancestry. For those members interested in the

goal of genealogical research and the binding together of our family from generation to generation through L.D.S. Temple ordinances, it will provide a coordinated and effective means of achieving that goal. We need your help in defining our mission!

### MISSION STATEMENT

I had the privilege of hearing Steven R. Covey lecture at BYU's Education Week in August, 1993, about the importance of families, groups and organization's having a mission statement to guide their efforts. His business group, based in Provo, has consulted many large organizations on how best to treat their employees, thus improving their bottom line. The Saturn Car Company credits him with saving them millions in operating costs and helping them achieve real success in the marketing of the Saturn. Many other companies and organizations have used his ideas to achieve greater success. I felt his idea of a mission statement would certainly help us in directing our efforts as a non-profit family organization dedicated to genealogical and historical research. At our officers' meeting we discussed various elements of a mission statement such as historical research, genealogical research, temple work, communicating our findings through reunions, books, articles, etc. The evolving of a concise action oriented mission statement will take time and input from all those interested in the success of our organization.

Please write and give us your thoughts. We are also interested in publishing your comments about what you have experienced about the heritage from which you come. We will publish this in a 'Mailbag' section in our newsletters as we have input from you.



## FAMILY BIOGRAPHIES

We want to add to various biographies, articles, life sketches and other information about our ancestors published and unpublished in the past. The following individuals have volunteered to do research on the children of Winslow and Olive Farr for dissemination to the family through this newsletter, at reunions and eventually the publication of a biography. I am giving you their addresses and phone numbers so if you wish to be involved in helping, through research, you can contact them directly.

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**LORIN FARR - David J. Farr** 26561 Campesino, Mission Viejo, CA 922691 (714)582-1852 & **Bruce Lloyd** 1448 S. Haight Creek Dr., Kaysville, Utah 84037 (801)451-6114

**WINSLOW FARR JR. - Wilma Smith** P.O. Box 2315 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916)721-5442 & **Randall Smith** P.O. Box 853, Ventura, CA 93002 (805)647-0982

So far no one has volunteered to do research on Olive Farr Walker or Diantha Farr Clayton. If anyone reading this letter would have interest, please contact me. Also, as far as we know, we have not had contact with any of the descendants of Olive or Diantha. Olive had one adopted child and Diantha had three children before her early death. If anyone knows of descendants, please contact us.

Many of the richest sources for biographical research lies in the possessions of our large extended family. We need your help in pulling together this information for publication and sharing with our family members. Could you please send any copies of letters, journals, documents, newspaper articles, clippings, books that may reference these early family members, etc., to us at the address on the letterhead of this newsletter. Faxed copies are also appreciated. Please give source of information sent so it can be properly documented in a future biography. We will distribute information on the children to

those who have volunteered to collect data and write about them. We will keep copies of everything in a main file for future reference and research. Also keep in mind that children, grandchildren and other descendants may have written things about the five children of Winslow and Olive and would be very valuable to know and share amongst one another.

David J. Farr

## **OTHER NEEDS:**

We have a lot of video taken in Waterford and Charleston, Vermont where Winslow Farr and his family resided. We also have video taken of our reunion in August. We would like to put together a video that we could make available to interested family members. If you or anyone you know has the skill and equipment to put together a video that would be worthy of distribution, please call.

Dr. Arlene Eakle is looking for any helpful information you might have on early FARRS in New England. She also mentioned a need to get copies of any temple registry books handed down in the family. She needs any research on the Farr line in connection with Winslow's ancestors - Ashael, Jonathan, Stephen, Thomas, etc., that would help her in extending our line back. Please see her article for more details.

We also have need of a person who can produce black and white prints to assist our photograher, David Packard, in providing reproduction of pictures for the family.

We are also going to continue to enclose information forms for you to pass on to family members who would like to sign up.

## FARR FAMILY RESEARCH MEETING

Joseph Smith Building  
December 11, 1993

A research meeting was held on December 11, 1993, for the purpose of making some research assignments and to hear progress reports. Over twenty Farr family members attended the meeting which was held in the cafeteria of the newly restored Joseph Smith Building, (formerly the Hotel Utah).

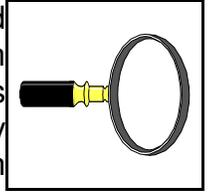
David J. Farr, President of the Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization, Inc., presided at the event and made some introductions. Joe Reimann, V. P. of research, conducted the meeting.

Maybeth Farr Reimann, who has done extensive research on the Farr family pedigree lines, distributed packets which she had prepared for those wanting to assist in the research effort. The packets contained the large Farr pedigree chart, and index/key to the pedigree chart, a smaller pedigree with end-line ancestors that need to be extended and a list of objectives that hopefully can be accomplished.

Those in attendance that accepted research packets and are known as 'The Research Group,' included: **Pamela Bott**, 943 Oxford, Kaysville, Utah 84037 (801)546-0341 (#'s-17,34,35,68-71,134-143); **Ruth Stafford**, 641 S. 1500 S., Provo, Utah 84606 (801)375-6941 (#'s-18,36-37,72-75,144-151) **Lorin Winslow Hurst**, 1266 36th St., Ogden, Utah 84403 (801)394-3241 (#'s-19,38-39,76-79,152-159); **Lewis Farr**, 3747 Millcrest Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109 (801)277-6683 (#'s-20,40-41,80-83,160-167); **Barta Heiner**, 396 N. 800 E. Provo, Utah 84606 (801)373-3315 (#'s-21,42-43,84-87,168-175); **Richard West**, (address listed previously) (#'s-22,44-45,88-91,176-183); **Dr. Arthur Budge**, 1584 34th St., Ogden, Utah 84057 (801)621-7017 (#'s-23,46-47,92-95,184-191); **Mary Lou Lloyd**, 1207 S.



Main, Kaysville, Utah 84037 (801)451-2014 (#'s-24,48-49,96-99,192-199); **Bruce and Debbie Lloyd**, 1448 S. Haight Creek Dr., Kaysville, Utah 84037 (801)451-6114 (#'s-24,48-49,96-99,192-199). We appreciate 'The Research Groups,' willingness to help in this very important effort. We have listed their names, addresses, phone numbers and the numbers assigned to them from Maybeth Farr Reimann's chart, indicating what names they will be working on. If you happen to be working on any of these lines please let us and the researchers know so we can better coordinate efforts.



Maybeth still has seven packets available if any reading this newsletter would like to help. She can be contacted by writing to Maybeth Farr Reimann, 1586 So. 2200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108. Her phone number is (801)581-0136.

Maybeth's son, Joe Reimann, spoke about making corrections and additions to the Church's Ancestral File program, which is available at most Family History Centers on computer CD ROM disks. The Ancestral File program is distributed worldwide and allows massive access to pedigrees and family group records, to the extent that they are entered into the system. The problem is that there are numerous duplications, errors and omissions that need to be corrected in order to make this record more accurate for those that use it.

In order to make corrections for records already in the system, it is necessary to use the Edit feature of the Ancestral File program at any location where the software is installed, such as a Family History Center, the Joseph Smith Building or the main Family History Library. The corrections along with their valid sources are saved on a floppy disk which is sent to the Family History Department for inclusion in future releases of the Ancestral File.

For any that would like to assist with corrections to the Ancestral File, please contact Joe Reimann, (address & phone listed earlier).

accurate count, but there were more than 150 at the Thursday and Friday events. It was great!

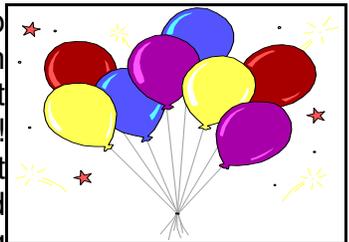
As a reminder for those who were there and as a brief sketch for those who were unable to attend I give you a brief outline of events:

### **Family Historical Night, Thursday 8/5/93**

President Lewis Farr greeted those in attendance, including former President, Gerald Smith. David Farr then addressed those assembled in the chapel after an opening prayer and song. Dave spoke of the importance of being organized as a family, of obtaining more information about our heritage and communicating these stories and facts to our extended family. He introduced Betty Roe and her husband, Bill. Betty's story about her adoption and quest for her roots was written up in the June 1992 letter. Betty was officially adopted by the Family and her search for the 'Farr Link' continues with some positive results.

Dr. Arlene Eakle then spoke on achieving success in research on the Farr line, giving some interesting facts on possible sources.

Apostle Richard Scott was to have been the concluding speaker, but due to pressing obligations could not be with us, so his wife, Janeen Scott (a Lorin Farr descendant) did a wonderful job as his substitute. She told some stories about Lorin Farr, commented on some of her interesting work in doing genealogy on the Rich family and how the church is rapidly expanding its data base from records never before copied. She commented, "the computers are being fed information almost faster than the workers can put it into the system. I can hardly wait to check it out. It is so exciting! Now anyone and almost everyone can find something exciting about their families."



Following the speakers, the group was divided in two. Half of the group went to hear

David Rencher and Arlene Eakle spoke at the meeting on the status of paid research on extending the Farr ancestry from early New England to the British Isles. Arlene, who is a PhD and a leading New England researcher, is working with *Robert Anderson*, an accomplished genealogist, living in New England, on the project.

We were also pleased to have Jeanene Scott, wife of Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve, speak to us. She related several inspirational stories and shared her testimony with us about the divinity of family history and temple work.

Mary Ellen Smith, serving as a missionary at the Family History Library, spoke about the many exciting advances in technology and software that will be soon available for our use. New releases of *Ancestral File*, the *I.G.I.* and *Temple Ready* are being distributed now and a new version of *Personal Ancestral File* for home computers should be released in January, 1994.

Others attending and participating in the meeting included Paula Tucker, Suzanne Fenton and Nina Palmer. If any names were omitted, it was unintentional.

Joseph Reimann  
Research

### **THE WINSLOW FARR, SR. FAMILY REUNION** **- AUGUST 5,6,7, 1993**

Surely our ancestors, Winslow Farr, Sr., and Olive Hovey Freeman Farr would have been pleased to see how many of their descendants and ex-tended family members met together last August at the new, beautiful Kaysville Chapel and also at the Cherry Hill Vacation Facilities belonging to our Farr cousins, Grant and Mary Lou Lloyd.

The activities were so varied and the participants so active, it was difficult to make an

Dave Farr give a slide presentation on the 'Farrs in Vermont,' and the other half stayed in the chapel to hear talks on the historical and genealogical research being done in the Family. Dean McLeod spoke about the life of Aaron Farr and his many accomplishments. Joe Reimann spoke about the advances that had been made recently in the Ancestral File and the International Genealogical Index (IGI). Both are now ready for use. Maybeth Reimann spoke of the ever expanding Farr Genealogical Chart with a new index of names. She spoke of our possible connections to the Quakers and records now being copied for the first time in Massachusetts and The West Indies. What stories to learn!

### **Family Activity and Entertainment Day, Friday, 8/6/93**

This day was set aside for family activities. Many families with young children camped at the Lloyd's Cherry Hill Camping Resort. During the daytime they enjoyed its many fun facilities. Grant and Mary Lou Lloyd (owners) had graciously made all the arrangements. A covered picnic area was also provided, where we brought our picnic dinners. We were able to meet new members of our extended family and also renew our acquaintances with those we had known from past reunions and associations.

Lewis Farr and his group of entertainers provided a wonderful backdrop of music. In the past Lewis was involved in Opera on the East Coast big stages. In any event the music was wonderful and featured a wide variety of uplifting tunes. The night was somewhat cool with some rain showers, from which we were protected by a canopy.

Thanks to the influence of Dick and Molly West we had a reporter from, 'The Standard Examiner,' Sandra Demchuk, at the reunion. She asked questions for an article which was published Sunday, August 8th. A photographer was present to take pictures. Please see enclosed article.

### **Historical Display Day Saturday, 8/7/93**

The closing function was a display of family memorabilia; ie., photographs, books, artifacts, handicrafts, diaries, ledgers, etc. We appreciated the extra efforts of our photographer, David Packard (assisted by Suzanne Fenton) in taking photographs of much of the display for future reference and publication. Joe Reimann brought his computer and displayed and explained the functioning of the Church's Personal Ancestral File (PAF). The display was held in a room above the gift store at Cherry Hill.

We had a family wander into the reunion, who were descended from Winslow Farr. They had noticed our signs but had no prior knowledge of the reunion.

"Evaluation": Was it worth all the effort? Most who attended said, 'yes!' Again our thanks and appreciation to the Lloyds and all those who spent so much time to make this a successful reunion.

Yvonne Jacobs

### **WHERE ARE THE TEMPLE RECORD BOOKS OF WINSLOW FARR?**

In the diary of Winslow Farr, Jr. he describes how he and his brother, Lorin, performed temple ordinances for 52 of their kindred dead on 17 February and 19 February 1895. The usual procedure was for the family to record data on those loved ones who had died in a temple record book provided by the temple (at first) and later through the Genealogical Society of Utah. Each page was an approximation of the temple recorder's ledger into which a duplicate record was made at the time the ordinances were done. It is this ledger that you can search on microfilm; and it is this source that is eventually extracted into the International Genealogical Index (IGI) so you can access it by computer at your local family history center.

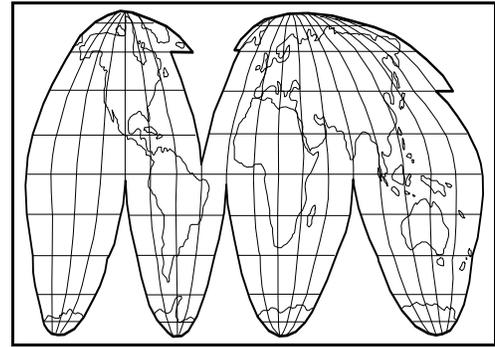
As each temple ordinance was performed, the names of the proxies were recorded in both the family temple book and the temple recorder's ledger. Each individual was also checked off so family members knew that ordinances were performed each temple visit.

The temple record book belonging to Lorin or Winslow Farr Jr. has not turned up yet. So tell everyone you know that we are searching for the record book as well.

The true value of the book does not lie just in the record of the ordinances dates, although they are of worth. What we seek are the stated relationships of Winslow and his children to those ancestors for whom ordinances were done. The earliest work was usually done for close relatives and valued friends. These entries are extremely valuable. Winslow Farr was several generations closer to those we seek than we are today. Some he knew personally and others he had heard about in the course of his life. And he wanted these persons to be part of his eternal family. These are the names and relationships we want.

Family members often wrote home to loved ones still living in the places of origin of the family. Tombstones, church registers, family bible entries and personal knowledge of those who had died were used for temple work. These entries are also very important to us. Finally, when those resources were exhausted, the family visited the Genealogical Library to search printed vital records and other printed sources for additional names and dates. These last data were often surname searches. These help us to avoid duplication of research.

Arlene Eakle



## FARR SURVEY TO 1 JANUARY, 1994

The first steps in our research effort to extend the Farr lineage and do the temple work for these kindred dead, include a careful and thorough survey of all the work that was done before 1994. Since the Farr lineage is stuck on Thomas Farr with very little information to go on, we have reviewed all of the information collected by Archibald F. Bennett and his daughter Barbara Bennett Roach; the research staff at the Institute of Family Research including David Rencher and Richard Price; Maybeth Reimann who worked on the lineage for over twenty years and her son Joe Reimann; various descendants who submitted their three and four generation sheets to the Ancestral File (after 1981) and to the Family Group Sheet Archives of the Genealogical Library (before 1979).

In addition, the extraction program has input the printed vital records of Massachusetts into the IGI and created alphabetical computer printouts for each locality so that we can quickly check for births and deaths previously unknown or overlooked by the researchers.

Several research projects are currently underway that we can take advantage of:

- 1) The Great Migration Project under the auspices of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Robert C. Anderson, director of this project, is a consultant to our work so he can watch for Farr ties as he tracks the origins of early settlers in Massachusetts.

2) The Passengers of the Mary and John Society is tracing those immigrants who came from the West Country of England arriving in Massachusetts before 1635.

3) The Mayflower Families through Five Generations Project. The Mayflower Society has coordinated the research on these families so that we can eventually plug into the many descending lines from these original settlers to New England.

Samples of what is entailed in each of these projects is available through me if you wish to review the sources.

In addition to these many projects, there were genealogists at work on New England families in the closing years of the nineteenth century and at work before World War II. Their research files have been deposited in the New England Historic Genealogical Society library where they can be researched for our family ties as well. In June 1994, Arlene Eakle will be going to Boston to search these files for Farr data.

David Rencher will be in England in July and he can begin the searches in the British Library and University of London Collections.

New indexes give us direct access to Farr data previously printed in periodicals since 1840. The Periodical Source Index compiled by the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN includes 6 volumes of indexed family information. The Family Histories Catalog of the LDS Family History Library, cross-reference Farr families mentioned or included in over 100,000 genealogies and family histories. And finally, equity court files for Massachusetts are now card-indexed and available on microfiche so that we can determine if the Farr Family genealogy appears in old court files.

## Checklist of Records Collections and Source Searches for Farr Ancestors:

- Archibald F. Bennett Manuscript Collection microfilm
- Valiant in the Faith: The Gardner Snow Family compiled by Barbara Bennett Roach
- Maybeth Reimann Collection, photocopied and bound
- Farr Computer database compiled by Joe Reimann from sources including the Ancestral File, 1993 edition and Family Group Sheet Archives
- Institute of Family Research, work by David Rencher and Richard Price
- Farr Family Papers, part of the George A Smith Collection, University of Utah Special Collections.
- Great Migration Project
- Passengers of the Mary and John Society
- Mayflower Five Generation Project
- International Genealogical Index, MA before 1750, 1993 edition
- Periodical Source Index (PERSI), 6 vols.
- Family History Catalog, cross-index, 1993 edition
- Genealogy collections at New England Historic Genealogical Society
- Equity Court Files (Massachusetts), Microfilm index
- British Library and University of London collections.

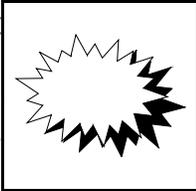
I will be writing more about progress and plans for finding out how and where your Farr ancestors came from in the June newsletter. If you have any idea where any temple registry books (mentioned earlier in the article) are please let me know. Also, if you have any information or referrals of individuals on research done or being done, please call or write. Thank you.

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## ARCHIVIST REPORT

Dear Family Members, I am honored to serve as Family Archivist and Photographer. This valuable aide to our family organization was conceived between David Farr and myself some time early last year.

The function of this position is to locate family objects. Memorabilia, such as photographs, journals, letters, documents, scrapbooks, post cards, newspaper clippings, etc. Also personal items that relate to our early family members. Items such as clothing, hats, canes, medals, pistols, holsters, saddles, jewelry, etc. Most of us have items that were handed down from generation to generation. Sometimes we take these artifacts for granted.



We may have items hidden away in old trunks, stashed in the attic or buried in the basement, and long forgotten. We want to find these family treasures and bring them to light so all family members can share in the knowledge of their existence.

We do not want to take anything from anyone physically. We want to know the existence of these items. Where possible, and with permission, we would like to photograph some of these items. I have professional equipment to copy photographs. This way we can make copies available to other family members that are not fortunate enough to have an original. We also would like to have copies of journals, letters or other items of historical interest regarding our ancestry.

Many family artifacts are located in various Public and Private Schools, Museums and Libraries throughout the Western States. If you are aware of family related materials in any museum, please advise me. I will make arrangements to photograph whatever I can.

Another avenue of interest to us are books that reference family members. I descend

from Lorin Farr. Therefore, I search for and purchase books that reference him. I must have in excess of two dozen books that reference his name. I have more than three hundred books on L.D.S. and Utah history. My library is open to you members. What books do you own, or are aware of, that will interest our family organization? Please advise. We will publish a list of these books from your input. This will certainly help pull the family history together.

Photography is my profession and has been for nearly forty years. I have camera and will travel. In 1994 I will be in and about Cody, Wyoming from June 23rd through July 10th. I will most likely be in Salt Lake City from July 14th through August 27th. If you have something that you are willing to share, please let me know.

The following are contact locations to reach me during 1994. See above paragraph for dates relating to locations:

David Packard; 5156 Pickford Way, Culver City, CA 90230 (310)839-6910

Dorothy Packard Casey; 1966 So. 200 E. #707A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 (801)487-4042  
Susan Sherman; Cody Firearms Museum, Cody Wyoming 82414 (307)587-4771

Mindy Chism, Secretary to Dr. Glen M. Leonard, Director - Museum of Church History; 45 N. West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150 (801)240-5615

A very special thanks to those family members who brought and displayed their photographs and other memorabilia at the Farr Family reunion last August. I want to thank Dick and Molly West for allowing us to photocopy their photo album. This as a good start for our collection.

Thanks to Ruth Stafford for allowing us to photograph her Gold Broach containing a portrait of Aaron F. Farr and an antique frame.

Thanks to Randall Smith for sending me a

duplicate 11"x14" photocopy of the Mormons convicted of polygamy. Aaron F. Farr is pictured in this group. Also his mother, Wilma Smith, sent a list of items about Winslow Farr, Jr. and where they are located.

Thanks to Joan Farr Bair for her attempt to set up a photo session while I was in Salt Lake City last summer.

I also want to thank our Vice President, Suzanne Fenton, for her help as Photo Assistant and Record Keeper.

Thanks to others who assisted me this last summer, whom I may have forgotten to mention.

Recently, I received a letter from Linda Mayberry Richey. She is a Farr descendant and is looking for photographs of her descendants, starting with Winslow Farr Sr. and Olive Hovey Freeman. The only picture that I have is of Olive taken when she was eighty nine years old. It is the same photograph as displayed on page 265, of the Lorin Farr Pioneer book. I copied Olive's photograph at the L.D.S. Archives in Salt Lake City. I copied others, however I missed Winslow. I believe they have a copy. If any of you have original prints, that you would allow me to copy, please advise.

We will build up a collection of photographs. In time we will publish a list of what is available. I will make these available to our members at my cost. Color photographs became the norm, many years ago. Consequently, black and white prints are now only associated with professional uses. Because of this, black and white prints cost more than color prints. I am a photographer, not a printer. This means that I must send my negatives out for printing. This is where most of the cost lies. Advise me if there is a professional printer in the family organization.

We will disseminate historical information and artifact locations as they become known to us.

For nearly ten years, I have researched

and photographed, in preparation for publishing, a book on firearms relating to L.D.S. history. If any of you have knowledge of any old guns that were owned by early L.D.S. pioneers, especially family related, please let me know.

John Moses Browning was the greatest and most prolific firearms inventor the world has ever known. He was L.D.S. and born in Ogden Utah. I believe that his father Jonathan, as a close friend of Lorin Farr. It is most likely the reason for Jonathan settling in Ogden. If any of you have information that relates to the Browning family or the Browning Brothers Co., I would like to hear from you. I am trying to locate some of the original single-shot rifles that were made in Ogden.

Suggestions to enhance the concept of the Archivist program are welcome.

We can all be very proud of our family heritage. Let us all make it come to life for our future generations. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. God bless you and thank you for your support.

David Packard  
Archivist/Photographer

### FARR'S IN CHARLESTON, VT.

In our second trip to Vermont in May, 1992 my wife, Pat, and I took the northerly trek of the Winslow Farr family from Lower Waterford to Charleston, Vt. some 20 miles south of the Canadian border. Our June of 1981 trip had not included Charleston. It was often the case in those early days of farming for a family to build up a farm and its attendant buildings, sell it and then buy a larger piece of property for development. So it was to be with Winslow Farr and his family as they moved north. After all it was and is the American way! We drove north on the highway for about 45 minutes arriving at the Charleston turnoff. Charleston actually encompasses two towns-West and East Charleston separated by some six miles of highway. The two towns today are rather small and not impressive, with West Charleston being

the larger of the two.

Winslow was to acquire nearly two thousand acres in this cold northern hamlet of Vermont. The acreage was scattered from atop Dane Hill overlooking the valley near West Charleston to a mile or so east of East Charleston on the slow moving Clyde River where it intersects with a stream the locals call 'Mad Brook.' Originally Charleston was chartered by the Honorable Abraham Whipple and his shipmates on November 8, 1780 after it was granted to them by Governor Thomas Chittenden. Admiral Whipple had been a distinguished naval officer in the Revolutionary War. Originally it was called Navy and contained some 23,040 acres. None of the original grantees ever lived there and was an unbroken wilderness until settled in 1802. The soil was a rich loam producing fine crops and grazing ground for cattle and horses.

In 1828 Winslow moved his family to Charleston (so named in 1825). Lorin Farr tells of his family clearing one hundred acres from rocks, trees and brush on the Clyde River to build their home. This could be the 97 acres contained in lots #39 and 40 right on the Clyde which Winslow owned upon moving to Charleston. Lorin also speaks of 200 acres in the nearby vicinity which was uncleared and filled with pine timber. This could be lot #87 nearby which is now a well cared-for farm. Lorin also spoke of a sawmill which could have been situated on 'Mad Brook' (which gets its name from its' turbulent activity during snow melt off and rainstorms.) The local historian, Richard Colburn, felt the lively stream was a lot more likely spot for the saw mill than the meandering Clyde River.

Winslow and Olive brought their four children-Aaron, Lorin, Olive and baby Diantha in 1828. Aaron, 10, and Lorin, 8, would help their father clear the one hundred acres for their homestead. In 1837 Winslow Jr. would be born. Olive came to Charleston suffering from ill health. Winslow had great expense with the doctors in her treatment. Some things never change! The doctors did not give her long to live

in 1832 when two young Mormon missionaries, Orson Pratt and Lyman Johnson came to preach. After a very interesting meeting in the local schoolhouse the missionaries were invited home with Winslow. As they discussed the gospel and the spiritual gifts such as healing in the early Christ inspired church Orson Pratt asked Olive, a virtual invalid confined to bed, if she had faith to be healed. She replied in the affirmative and taking her by the hand Elder Pratt commanded her to be well. She was instantly healed, arose from her bed and busied herself with household chores.

The next day the townspeople were amazed to see her actively working. The surprised doctors said they would convert if she remained healed for 12 months. Now there's faith! This caused quite a sensation in the community as Winslow was a popular and prominent man. He held offices as judge and town selectman. While talking to the aforementioned, Richard Colburn, and the town clerk, Jeannie Bennett, they both asked upon learning I was researching the Farr line, if this was the same Mrs. Farr who had been healed of serious illness in early Charleston history. The experience was also faithfully recorded and written up in the Vermont Historical Gazetteer. Olive, as promised by Orson Pratt, lived a happy, healthy life until she passed away in her 94th year. No doubt another case where the patient outlived the doctor!

The Farr family enjoyed the happiness of building a home, developing their land, participating in town government and raising their family in this northern Vermont area. They enjoyed parties, games and get togethers of all kinds to compliment their work of raising crops, harvesting syrup from the maple trees, making soap and meeting all the other tasks of their hard pioneer existence. After conversion to the Mormon Church they decided to take their family and head west to Kirtland, Ohio where many of the church members were. The Farr's were appreciated for all of their service in Charleston and were begged by their neighbors not to follow the, 'deluded Mormons,' out west. But prizing conviction above material gain Winslow led his

family of seven with newest arrival, Winslow Jr., out to Ohio in 1837. They would live through all the severe persecution of the Latter Day Saints knowing eleven different homes including settling in Salt Lake City. There they would see a large posterity, pioneer, farm, build towns and pursue various occupations in a successful Utah life. (Taken from Winslow and Olive Farr History)

## TAX AND FINANCIAL REPORT

I am happy to announce that after applying to the I.R.S. for tax exempt status under Code section 501 (C) (3) and exchanging a number of letters to clarify our work as a non-profit organization that we were issued a letter from the I.R.S. dated September 23, 1993 indicating that we could reasonably be expected to be a publicly supported organization described in section 509 (A) (2) of the Code. When our Advance Ruling Period ends on December 31, 1997 our status will be finalized as a foundation under Code Section 509 (A) of the Code.

The ruling means that any donations, bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts are deductible for federal estate and income tax purposes under their respective code provisions. You may also deduct portions of your payments memberships, books, charts, etc. which are greater than the fair market value (fmv) of those items. The following is our estimate of the deductible portions of these items (Cost-fmv=Deduction): Memberships \$15-\$5=\$10, Book \$18-\$12.50=\$5.50, Chart \$7.00-\$4.00=\$3.00.

After first meeting with resistance on the part of the I.R.S. to grant us tax exempt status I found it necessary in an August 11, 1993 letter to restate the position of the church in encouraging its members to form family organizations and to complete research on ancestors. I quoted Elder Bruce R. McConkie, a member of the Twelve Apostles at his death regarding the gathering of genealogical data. Elder McConkie stated on page 501 of his book, 'Mormon Doctrine,' "We are commanded to go to with our might, collect all the accurate genealogical data we can, and

perform these saving and exalting ordinances for our...ancestors." He further stated on page 274 "Church members who are descendants of common ancestors should form family organizations.

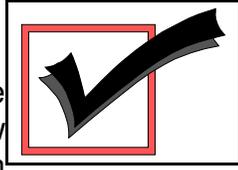
These organizations serve the following purposes: (1) They create family solidarity and honor the patriarchal system. Desires to work righteousness are enhanced, and members of the rising generations are encouraged to keep the commandments and look forward to temple marriages and the fullness of the blessings of the priesthood. (2) They make it possible for large groups of saints, having a common purpose, to pool their skills and means in organized genea-logical research. Incident to this research the preparation of family histories is a proper and desirable enterprise. (3) They keep current family genealogical data...."

We recognize that all descendants of Winslow and Olive Farr are not particularly interested in the L.D.S. Church's motivation for doing research. We encourage the continued support and concern of all the family to bring to light the family histories, stories and other genealogical data that will add to our knowledge and appreciation of our heritage. Family history is a leading hobby for many. We find that often times there is greater use of our regional Family History Centers (located in L.D.S. Stake Centers) by non-members than members.

Family history and a sense of roots can bring greater stability and peace to each of us in this time of unrest, war and conflict. Alex Haley, author of 'Roots,' once said, "In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep, to know our heritage, to know who we are and where we have come from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still ...an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness." We encourage all family members to continue with us no matter what your motivation so that we may together achieve greater success in uncovering our 'roots.'

Douglas F. Higham

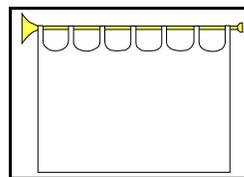
## ACTION ITEMS



1. Send in your renewal notice with a check to the Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization Inc. for \$15.00.
2. If you wish to contribute to our Farr research, please add any additional amount to your check desired listing amount under research. As you will notice, you can order books and charts on the renewal notice also.
3. If you have any biographical data on the children of Winslow and Olive, please send it to us to distribute to the biographers.
4. Please contact Dr. Arlene Eakle with names of any people doing research or information that you feel would help her in extending the Farr line.
5. If you desire to coordinate with other researchers where you will be working on the same line, contact them and let us know. If you wish to research a line, call Maybeth.
6. If you want to be involved in any of the specific areas of service, contact the officer assigned to that area.

## FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

1. We will have articles on ancestors as research efforts locate interesting details. We invite articles from members that have interesting information to share.
2. An article on "Judge Aaron Farr and the Federal Government.' Also, a synopsis of Aaron's mission to the West Indies as revealed in his diary.
3. A follow up on the 'Betty Roe' story as late breaking research begins to unfold her roots. See June 1993 letter for her story.
4. The expanding role of our Archivist and photographer, David Packard, and how we will be planning on providing pictures of family and artifacts.
5. Updated reports on the Farr family research progress being done by Arlene Eakle.
6. As our other researchers make interesting discoveries they will be writing about them.
7. Periodically more indepth research reports will go to those who have contributed extra to have us perform research.
8. An article on 'The Farr's In Nauvoo' will be coming out when more in depth research is completed.



*We currently have 150 members, have sold 180 books and distributed 173 charts. Most of the charts went out as an added benefit for membership. Each new member will continue to receive a chart.*

The following is our financial report for the year ended 12/31/93

**RECEIPTS:**

Contributions	\$ 5,826
Memberships	2,070
Books	2,221
Pedigree Charts	272
Reunion Donations	185
Misc.	313
Total	\$10,887

**EXPENDITURES:**

Research	\$ 897
Fees	150
Computer	330
Bank Charges	100
Postage	570
Copies (Newsletter, Books, Charts, etc)	4,145
Secretarial	2,311
Phone	176
Office Expense	1,074
Donations	63
Misc.	100
Total	\$ 9,916

**BALANCE** (Net Receipts) \$ 971

**NET ASSETS:**

Cash at Wells Fargo	\$ 1,702
Inventory on Hand	
Books 45 @ \$12.50	563
Charts 48 @ \$3.50	168
Total Assets	\$ 2,433

We closed the Key West Bank Account in Utah and transferred its balance of \$781 to Wells Fargo.

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Chief Financial Officer