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OVERVIEW

This is our **renewal issue**. We voted as officers/trustees and as a family at our reunion in August to raise our annual newsletter fees to \$20.00 a year. **Please send in your \$20.00 subscription now to avoid missing out on our next issue.** Please use the enclosed form for your renewal. Your early reply also saves us the expense of writing you a reminder. Thanks for your consideration.

Please note we are moving the officer and trustee meeting from April 24 to Saturday April 19, 1997. (See details later in this letter for times and place.)

We have much to report this issue as we had an outstanding reunion in Ogden, Utah in August, 1996. We also had an exciting officer/ trustee and research meeting in November in Salt Lake. We will cover both of these meetings in detail.

Wilma Smith, in conjunction with her son Randall Smith, continues her article on Emily Jane Covington, wife of Winslow Farr Jr. The Smiths will again combine for a series of articles on Winslow Farr Jr. beginning in our June 1997 issue. The Smiths are compiling a biography on Winslow Farr Jr. and his family that will eventually be published for family interest.

I will be starting a series of articles on the life of Lorin Farr. This will be the basis for the eventual publication of a biography. The Smiths and I would appreciate any information you have on Winslow Jr. or Lorin that can help us in our research and eventual publications. Letters, journals, newspaper clippings or other relevant biographical information will be appreciated. We do have Lorin Farr, Pioneer, and Winslow Farr Jr.'s diary. Lorin Farr kept diaries, but we have no idea as to their where-about. I have the book, 'My Yesterdays' by John Farr, a son of Lorin. Any pertinent information you have on either Lorin or Winslow Jr. would be appreciated.

We hope to see someone step forward to become the official biographer of Aaron Farr. Dean McLeod and Bob Stum have written excellent articles in the past on Aaron Farr, but we need someone to coordinate research and eventually compile his life story.

Douglas Farr Higham will be reporting our financial status for 1996. Doug has done an excellent job keeping us qualified as a tax exempt organization with the IRS and making sure we have financial oversight.

REUNION 1996

Renee Warner, who contributed much to the success of our reunion and who is chairperson of our "Reunion 2000", reports the following on the reunion:

“During the first weekend of August 1996 the Winslow Farr Sr. Family had their State Centennial family reunion. Because it was the centennial of the state of Utah, President David Farr, and the Chairman of the reunion, Dick West, determined more than two years ahead of the reunion that it would be appropriate to hold the reunion at the Lorin Farr Park, located on Canyon Road in Ogden, Utah. In addition to holding the picnic and other activities there, they also determined that it would be nice to hold the family organization meetings at the Lorin Farr Ward, located within walking distance to the park.

Accordingly, Debbie Jackson and Renee Warner reserved the meeting house for Friday, August 2, 1996. Beginning early in the morning of the 2nd, Sandra Westover and Mary Lou Lloyd began registration for the family members as they arrived for the reunion.

At 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon Chairman Dick West called the general meeting to order, President David Farr greeted family members and held a short business meeting, after which meetings were held throughout the building. Each meeting was presented three times so that those interested in different aspects of the family organization could attend the meetings in which they were interested.

The seminars consisted of history, family genealogy, etc. In addition, the cultural hall held exhibits of Farr Family memorabilia, as well as a video that David Farr had taken in Vermont during a visit there.

There were also special activities for the younger children so that parents could attend the seminars without them.

In the evening, Barta Heiner performed her one woman show of Diantha Farr, the youngest daughter of Winslow and Olive Farr. She was the plural wife of William Clayton, the writer of the great pioneer song, "Come, Come Ye Saints'.

It was a wonderful presentation and all who attended it were deeply touched by Diantha's sacrifice and love for William Clayton.

There were many pictures, articles, group sheets, etc., available to purchase. Our Archives Vice President, David Packard, donated his time and equipment to take pictures of the Farr historical items on display and of old photographs to add to our archive file.

There were many who made the day memorable. We want to thank all of them for their time and efforts on behalf of the family organization. We hope that more family members will take advantage of the reunion in the year 2000.

On Saturday Kay Feeny arranged a wonderful and informative tour of Ogden City by bus. Those that went on the trip were excited by what they were able to see. Some of the stops were the Lorin Farr statue, City Hall Park, the Union Station and the Pioneer Museum. Arranging for the tour was time-consuming, but worth the effort for all of those who were able to go.

After the tour there was a family picnic at Lorin Farr Park. Arthur Budge arranged for some very nice door prizes from merchants around the city of Ogden, and Dick Brown, a fine entertainer, performed for the family members. Debbie and Renee did a sing-along,

and much good food and visiting went on for the rest of the day.

We especially want to thank Dick West, who chaired the reunion. His follow-through and diligence made the three days a great success."

Renee Warner

FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE REUNION

We can't begin to thank our reunion chairman, Dick West, and his outstanding committee enough for the excellent reunion put on in Ogden, Utah August 1-3, 1996.

The committee members were Joe Reimann, Renee Warner, Deborah Jackson, Art Budge, Dave Farr, Sandy Westover, Mary Lou Lloyd, Ron Farr, and David Packard. Many others assisted to help make our reunion a success.

The first meeting of the reunion was held Thursday night at the Salt Lake Temple where a chapel session was held featuring family speakers and Elder Richard G. Scott, of the Council of the Twelve. We had over 75 Farr family members there to hear Elder Scott and to take a 'Farr' name through the endowment session. Elder Scott's wife, Janeen, had been an active member of our organization and was always eager to support us. When she died Elder Scott had indicated he wanted to be involved with us in doing temple work.

Accordingly, our Temple Committee Chairman, Joe Reimann, invited him to speak. Joe had done excellent work, along with other members of the family, in preparing over 100 Farr names for temple endowment work that night. All the baptisms, confirmations, and washing and anointing had to be done before we could take the names through the endowment session.

Joe Reimann, Dave Farr and Tim Farr spoke prior to Elder Scott. Elder Scott made an excellent overhead projection presenting the statements of a number of church authorities, past and present, on the importance of doing our temple work. He asked family members to read the statements from the audience. At first there was some reluctance to volunteer, but when he reminded us that we needed to participate to get the blessings, we had a sea of hands raised. After his talk, we went through the endowment session with Elder Scott in attendance. I must tell you, I got a chuckle out of taking my namesake, Dave Farr [b. 1875] through the veil. The worker asked me my name and I said, 'Dave Farr.' He looked at the name on the slip and said this fellow is 'Dave Farr,' and a little confused asked 'Is this you?' I said 'oh no,' looking at the birth date and as I went through he said, 'he was glad it wasn't me' and I replied 'I am doubly glad!'

Elder Scott showed he was eager to volunteer. He was sitting way over by the wall when people were asked to come forward for the prayer circle. He got up and went all the way to the aisle gliding by

10 or 12 brethren to participate. Elder Scott stayed afterwards to seal the families whose names were prepared. In his calm and spiritual manner, a number of us enjoyed the blessing of his counsel in sealing families together on an eternal basis. He stayed late to talk to some of our family that lingered. It was a very special evening. Elder Scott has volunteered to meet us when he is able, in various temples where we have names submitted under certain family names.

Dave Farr

AN UPDATE ON TEMPLE WORK

Joe Reimann reports (in an article he entitles “A Surprise Phone Call”) the following:

A SURPRISE PHONE CALL

On the morning of January 31, 1997, I received a phone call from Elder Richard G. Scott, of the Quorum of the Twelve apostles. Elder Scott said that he had checked the family file that was in my name at the Salt Lake Temple and noted that there were several names that needed sealings to be completed. He then offered to perform those sealings that same evening if I could arrange for several people to come. I told him that we would be honored to have him assist us with this and pledged to have a group at the Temple at 7:00 p.m. I immediately went about trying to contact Farr family members living in the Salt Lake area that might be able to do this on short notice.

I contacted the Family File at the Salt Lake Temple, and they informed me that there were only four names that needed sealing work. I have to admit that I was rather puzzled about being called to see that the final four names were completed. There were the remnants of the one hundred Farr family names that we had prepared for the Winslow Farr Sr., family reunion temple session last August. Elder Scott had graciously attended that session with us and performed many sealings following our Endowment Session that evening. He also performed the remainder of the sealings that were available several days later and offered to assist us in the future.

Due to the short notice and legitimate conflicts for several, only four of us made it to the Temple that evening. George Farr, my mother Maybeth Farr Reimann, my wife Shelley and myself met Elder Scott in a sealing room at the appointed time. We had a wonderful experience serving as proxies while he officiated. Upon completion of the sealings, Elder Scott stated that there were four grateful people whose work was completed that evening.

We soon learned that there was another purpose for being there that evening. He said that he felt an urgency about getting family history research and temple work done for our family. He again offered his assistance in helping our family organization, both with respect to research and in performing temple work.

Last August, Elder Scott presented us with two Personal ancestral File disks which were prepared by his wife Jeanene prior to her passing away. These disks contained the descendants of Winslow Farr Sr. and his wife Olive Hovey Freeman. He asked if the information on these disks had been checked and prepared for submission. I reported that

Anthony Farr had broken these files into five groups and had processed them through Temple Ready. I also stated that they had not been sent to the temple yet, as we were concerned about trying to get the actual descendants of some of these individuals to do their temple work. He stated that many of these deceased persons have waited for a long time and that we shouldn't delay in getting this work completed. I said that we would proceed to get the names needing work to the temples as soon as possible.

In order to spread these names to areas where many Farr families live, the five groups of Temple Ready prepared names will be sent to the San Diego, Los Angeles, Arizona, Salt Lake and Ogden temples. Please refer to the accompanying article which lists the names of the family files.

On February 14th I wrote Elder Scott a letter thanking him for his time and interest in our family research. I invited him to attend any Temple services he desired to further assist us.

We insert here an attachment to Joe's letter of February 14, 1997 to Elder Scott indicating the names assigned to various temples.

San Diego Temple (Diantha Farr)
David J. Farr
26561 Campesino
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
(714)582-1852

Los Angeles Temple (Aaron Farr)
Dixie Horspool
1226 6th Street
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
(310)376-9620

Arizona Temple (Winslow Farr Jr.)
Eldrena Farr Lee
1834 East Delta Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85204
(602)833-2606

Arizona Temple (All Farr Lines)
Ron Farr
4013 E. Des Moines
Mesa, Arizona 85205
(602)396-5313

Salt Lake Temple (Lorin Farr)
Joseph L. Reimann
1910 E. 5685 S.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121
(801)272-6369

Ogden Temple (Lorin Farr)
Sandra Westover
951 East 3025 North
North Ogden, UT 84414
(801)782-2359

In addition to Joe's list of temple assignments there are some 20 Farr names to be done in the Dallas Temple under the family file name of David Farr.

Dallas Temple (Misc. Farr Lines)
David J. Farr
Contact: Stephanie Boyd
840 Bitternut
Coppell, TX 75019
(214)462-0743

Continuing with reunion news...

The next day, Friday, August 2nd, we had registration day for the reunion at the Lorin Farr Stake Center, near the Lorin Farr Park. Sandy Westover and Mary Lou Lloyd faithfully attended the table while Jeff Hansen and others made sure that things were in order for our afternoon meetings.

We presented the names of our trustees for ballot approval by family members in attendance. The trustees then choose the officers. You will see a list of trustees and officers under our November meeting information. I must tell you that I felt a great surge of emotion as we sang, 'Come Come Ye Saints', (written by William Clayton, husband of Diantha Farr). I felt as if we had family in attendance, seen and unseen. I had difficulty in making my comments to the family.

After some comments from Ron Farr we dismissed to classes being conducted on Aaron Farr & Diantha Farr (by Robert Stum), Lorin Farr & Olive Farr (by Dave Farr) and Winslow Farr Jr. (By Wilma and Randall Smith). These were excellent presentations conveying much good information on these outstanding children of Winslow and Olive Farr.

In the meantime, Ron Farr and Tim Farr conducted an inspirational research meeting in the chapel. Family members Eldrena Lee, Mary Lou Lloyd and Yvonna Tyrrel portrayed three of our ancestors appealing in dramatic fashion for us not to forget them. Ron and Tim spoke telling of inspiring efforts and results in research.

To participate in 'Reunion 2000.' Mark your calendars for August 3 -5, 2000.

Dave Farr

FAMILY BIOGRAPHIES

We are now printing the color pages of our Winslow Farr Sr. Family Biographies. This is the book we took orders for and collected \$22.00 at the reunion and after. The book contains 61 bio-graphies of Winslow and Olive Farr descendants. The book also has pictures of our ancestors and of the reunion. The project took Claudine and myself a lot longer than we dreamed. Isn't that always the case with these extra 'little jobs' we undertake! Claudine has done a marvelous job in scanning in your family pictures and editing your biographies.

It is hard to tell whether this letter or the book will reach you first. Doing the book and the newsletter at the same time has delayed both. Our apologies.

We have a limited supply of additional books at \$22.00 each - first come, first served. Of course, if you have already paid for a copy it will be coming in the mail.

Claudine Barnett, our administrative assistant in the organization,

helps keep us organized and on track. Thank you Claudine for your outstanding help!

OFFICER/ TRUSTEE MEETING

We held our leadership meetings Saturday, Nov. 5th, 1996 at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. Our officers and trustees, along with their assignments, are as follows:

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: David Farr

VICE PRESIDENT REUNION: Renee Warner

V. PRES. MEMBERSHIP: Deborah Jackson

VICE PRESIDENT RESEARCH: Joe Reimann

V. PRES. LEGAL & FINANCIAL:
Douglas Farr Higham

VICE PRESIDENT ARCHIVES: David Packard

TRUSTEES:

CHAIRMAN: David Farr

Trustee - Douglas Farr Higham - Legal

Trustee - Barta Heiner - Reunion

Trustee - Jagger Lawrence - Reunion

Trustee - Dick West - Membership

Trustee - David Rencer - Research

Each of the trustees will help and advise the officers in their assigned responsibilities.

Reports were given on the reunion last August and Renee Warner, our Chairperson for 2000, talked about planning for that historic event. Deborah Jackson, our new member-ship vice

president, talked about her ideas to attract more members. She handed out a form outlining some of the benefits of belonging to our organization. Deborah will be working on a brochure with graphics and text to hand out. Joe Reimann discussed further plans to get names for the temples. As mentioned previously, Joe was given a disk by Elder Scott for down line work on our Farr ancestry covering descendant families from Winslow Jr. , Aaron and Lorin Farr. Tony Farr has done a great job in getting the names Elder Scott gave us on the disk straightened out and prepared for temple work.

RESEARCH MEETING

Following our officer/trustee meeting, Ron Farr and his committee conducted our research meeting. We owe them our gratitude for their continuing efforts to expand our knowledge and appreciation for our ancestors. We heard from a number of different researchers regarding their efforts on the various lines on Maybeth Farr Reimann's chart. We took detailed notes which are available upon request. If you would like a copy of the note, please send us a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$5.00. You should put a 55-cent stamp on your envelope. There are eleven pages so you can see that we cannot reproduce them here.

Listed below are Farr Research Committee members and their assignments:

Family Research Committee Members:

Ron Farr - Committee Chairman
4013 E. Des Moines
Mesa, Arizona
602-396-5313
602-396-5620 Fax

Pamela Bott - English Research
943 Oxford drive
Kaysville, Ut 84037
(801)546-0341

Tim Farr-Research Farr Family Line P.O. Box 449 Ferron, Utah 84523 (801)384-3514 (801)384-3354 Fax <tf@srjh.emery.k12.ut.us.>(email on Internet)	Anthony Farr Computers 9979 N. 5800 W Highland, Ut. 84003 (801) 756-8378
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Research Assignments

Responsible Researcher	Committee Member	9-Generation Chart & Surnames Assigned to Family Researcher
Tim Farr	Tim Farr	32 Stephen Farr 34 Thomas Powers
	Pamela Bott (801) 546-0341	32 Stephen Farr
	Joanne Bair (801) 487-1850	33 Mary Taylor
	Karen Kauer (206) 888-3549	54 Joseph Davis
Tony & Vicky Farr	Tony Farr 21 (801) 756-8378	Abigail Brigham
	Suzanne Fenton (801)341-6422	25 Kezia Presbury
	Lewis Farr (801) 277-6863	20 John Snow
Responsible Researcher	Art Budge (801) 621-7017	23 Jerusha Park
	Dick West (801) 394-3342	22 James Trowbridge
Gordon &		

Jackie Farr	Ron Farr (801) 745-2642	26 William Johnson
	Mary Ann Hernandez (801)	Aaron Downline
	Eldrena Lee (602)833-2606	38 Subael (Shobel) Ewer 39 Rebecca Conant
	Lorna Kerby (602)497-9586	39 Rebecca Conant
	Linda Lee (602)545-8197	37 Mercy King
	Yvonna Tyrell (602)917-8714	30 John Farwell 31 Dorothy Baldwin
	Ron Farr (602)396-5313	28 Edmund Hovey 29 Mary Farwell 24 Edmund Freeman

Toinette Thomas reported in the meeting:

“I am a very firm believer in primary evidence, but I also believe that we get help from the other side. As I was looking for Sarah and Edmund’s marriage date - I had been looking for about 8 hours over at the library looking at film and as you know looking at New England writing...this is Edmund Freeman’s will..it is very difficult to read. I had decided that I was not going to find the marriage date for him and Sarah. I was sitting there and I was winding back through the film and I thought ‘I am going to quit and go to my daughters’ - She lives in Roy. I cannot find it.. A voice came to me in my mind. I am sure it said if I would turn it back just two more times and look for double f instead of capitals that I would be able to find it. Well, I turned it back and that is when I found Edmund married to Sarah Freeman and it was a double f. I turned to say thank you, and there was no one there. So I have been saying it was said to my mind. I am very grateful for this experience because it made me very humble.”

It is exciting to see this work continue to grow and the increased interest and enthusiasm of family members as they join us in the continued quest of our family roots.

I am copying over some of the notes from our research letter to give you a taste of what Ron Farr and his committee are accomplishing. *Remember if you donate to our research efforts you will receive an in depth research report every year on the committee’s findings.*

RON FARR LISTS 5 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOUR RESEARCH TEAM

1. Stephen Farr's (#32) father, Thomas Farr (#64) is still being researched. We feel we have identified Thomas and his wife Eleanor Creed (#65) as well as Eleanor's and Thomas's parents. We still need the final proof as outlined in this letter.
2. Mary Taylor (#33), wife of Stephen Farr, is listed as the daughter of William Taylor (#66) and Mary Mirriam (#67). It appears that Mary's mother was probably Mary Coltman not Mary Mirriam. Further research being done.
3. Andrew Mansfield (#158) has been found to be Robert Mansfield.
4. Robert/Richard Andrews (#450) has been identified from his will and statements by Daniel Hovey as Robert Andrews.
5. Walter Powers (#68) parents are not John Powers and Sarah. There will be more information presented on this line.

There are several families where family researchers have found additional information and have made corrections. As we focus on these ancestor families, we are bound to find more information since there are so many new records that are being found, published and copied.

We have requested that Toinette Thomas continue working with Tim Farr, Karen Kauer, Joanne Bair and Pamela Bott on the Farr, Powers and Taylor lines. We also have requested that Toinette research Elizabeth Currier (#35) and Sarah Freeman (#49). We believe her surname to be the same as her husband, Edmund Freeman (#48). We are looking for her parents.

In 1997 we have hopes of answering all of these questions and making further progress on these lines.

Our next Officer/Trustee and Research Meeting is set for Saturday April 19th 1997 at 9:00 A.M. on the 4th floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg. The Research Meeting. Follows at 10:30 A.M.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Those of you who have donated to our family research are receiving our in-depth family Research Letter that comes out once a year. We are in need of an editor for that letter. The main information for the research letter is obtained from our two research meetings during the year and conversations with our research committee. If you can't get to our research meetings we will provide minutes. This is a great opportunity to be involved in learning about our research efforts and putting the stories in print. If you have an interest, please call Dave Farr at (714)582-1852 to discuss.

We also still need a person to edit our family videotapes for possible publication for family use. If you or anyone you know has the equipment and ability to edit, please call.

We also have a continued need for researchers. Please call Ron Farr to learn how you can participate. Thanks.

OBITUARIES

David Rencher notified me of the death of Zella Farr Smith, daughter of Willard Ballantyne and Janice Lucretia Brown Farr. She was born September 5, 1914 and died November 8, 1996. She married Joseph Fielding Smith Jr., May 16, 1933.

Zella was a model at 16, T.V. personality when T.V. first became available and directed fund-raising for the University of Utah Medical Center. She was chair for both the Cancer and Heart Fund. She served proselyting missions in Florida and Mississippi. She constantly read and taught. She suffered a number of illnesses without complaint. She is survived by nine devoted children and was predeceased in death by her beloved husband. She is survived by her nine children: Joseph Smith, Diane Groneman, Lane Smith, Carolyn Read, Zella Jenses, Lewis Smith, Louise Spencer, Susan Davis and Richard Smith. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 13, 1996 in the Monument Park 4th Ward in Salt Lake. Zella was descended from Lorin Farr.

Salt Lake Tribune

My father Morrill Spencer Farr died January 25, 1996. Dad was born in Salt Lake City March 13, 1910 and later moved to Los Angeles with his father, Morrill Newton Farr and mother, Jean Spencer Farr. He had attended the University of Utah and graduated in Engineering from U.S.C. In 1936 with a loan of \$150.00 and a tool box, Dad, his brother Dick and their dad, M.N. started the Farr Company which became a leading producer in the distribution of products for pollution control, air conditioning applications, railroad and gas turbines.

Dad led a life of service to his family, Scouting (he received the silver buffalo), the American Heritage Foundation, the Rotarians and other civic and charitable organizations. Known for his friendliness and interest in others, he maintained an active role in business, service, hunting, fishing and golfing until his death. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Thalís, and four children - David, Alan, Teresa Fistere and Jerry. Dad was a descendant of Lorin Farr and Nancy Bailey Chase.

Dave Farr

(If you have obituaries you would like published, please send them to us.)

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Enclosed are some articles from the Ogden Standard and the Salt Lake Tribune. Please note the excellent coverage we got on our August 1996 Reunion. Also, note the article that Sharon Jeppson sent me regarding the chance to honor our ancestry with 'Gravestone Markers.' If you wish to order these markers please call the number in the article.

WINSLOW FARR JR. FAMILY REUNION

Stephanie Farr called me one day in January. At first I said, "Stephanie Farr, I have a daughter, Stephanie Farr Boyd, but who are you?" She introduced herself as recently moved from Utah, a descendant

of Winslow Farr Jr., head of the Winslow Farr Jr. Organization Reunion for June 1997 and now working for KCAL (Channel 9) news as an Associate Producer.

Stephanie is eager to join our organization and learn more of our family history. She will support us by encouraging reunion members to join with us in our research and family history. **If you are a Winslow Farr Jr. descendant please mark your calendars for June 26-27th 1997 at Perception Park in Ogden, Utah.**

We completely support annual or every other year down-line reunions and will publish your particular family reunion if you will let us know when and what you are doing.

LORIN FARR

This is the first in a series of articles about Lorin Farr, son of Winslow Farr Sr. and Olive Hovey Freeman Farr, that will be published over the next several letters.



Lorin was born July 27, 1820. There was much scurry and worry at Lorin's birth about his safe delivery. Grandfather Elijah Freeman kept things in balance with his wry sense of humor.

Elijah Freeman owned several plots of land in Waterford and was very

active in the community. He was a very religious man but had a falling-out with the pastor and members of the Congregational Church in the community. Lorin can remember sitting by the side of Grandfather Freeman as he talked religion with his daughter, Olive, and son-in-law, Winslow. He taught them that the Savior's true church was not on the earth but soon would be. They would recognize the church because it would have all the offices and gifts of the early church. Later Lorin would recognize the truth preached by the Mormon Elders because of the description of the church left by Grandfather Freeman. Lorin's grandparents, Elijah and Olive Hovey had been born in Connecticut and had come to Waterford from New Hampshire in the early 1800's. Lorin's other grandparents, Asahel Farr and Lydia Snow were born in New Hampshire, and also settled in Waterford early in the century. Asahel was more quiet and reserved like Winslow Farr Sr. Aaron more resembled Asahel and Lorin looked more like Elijah. Lorin also had Elijah's quick wit.

All of Lorin's grandparents had died by 1828 and are buried in the Lower Waterford Cemetery, which is located by the Connecticut River. The Farr family consisting of Winslow Farr Sr., Olive, Aaron, Lorin and Olive moved to

Charleston, Vermont, north of Waterford and twenty miles south of the Canadian border. Winslow ended up buying about 2,000 acres in Charleston. It was typical for families to build up one homestead and then move on to something bigger. The Farr's had the challenge of clearing 100 acres of Vermont farm land of rocks and timber. The land was located right on the slow moving Clyde River in East Charleston. Aaron and Lorin worked side by side with their father in this difficult labor.

These hardy settlers had to provide most of their own necessities. They made their own shoes, ground corn and wheat, made soap, hats of straw, produced cloth for their clothing and made their own furniture. Pottery was fashioned on a backyard potter's wheel and fired in an oven.

They managed to have parties or bees centered around a work activity like shelling peas, extracting maple syrup, apple paring, berry harvesting, candy pulling, corn popping and other frontier activities. At these parties if a young man spotted a young lady with a red ear of corn he was entitled to a kiss. If he spotted her with a black kernal of corn he was entitled to spank the unlucky girl!

Feathers from geese became quills

for the school room and ended up as quilt stuffing. They loved to hear the honking of the night flying geese, the whirr of wild turkey wings and the howling of wolves. The young boys anxiously listened for the explosion of a flintlock used in defense of the settlers' animals against wolf or bear attack. There was much in this wilderness to whet the imagination of these boys.

Wrestling was a popular sport and Aaron and Lorin were eager participants. Lorin developed some expertise in the sport and would later wrestle with the Prophet Joseph Smith. Lorin could throw men larger than himself. Bareback horse racing, horseshoes, ball playing and throwing boulders were other sports common to boys in Charleston, Vt.

Lorin loved to play a form of baseball. They played one-o-cat, rounders and cross-out. The ball was a piece of rag tied tightly with string. The bat was trimmed piece of hickory although baseball bats could be purchased in the larger cities. The bases were usually a pile of willow, flat rocks or cow droppings. The underhand pitch was used and fielders worked themselves up to bat.

Winslow and Olive were active in the community and well respected by their friends and neighbors. They were becoming fully settled into community

ways. This would all change with the arrival of two young men preaching an unusual religion. We will treat this subject in our next newsletter.

The source for this article is the book, 'Winslow and Olive Farr,' by David J. Farr.

David Farr

Part III
Emily Jane Covington Farr

In March of 1882, the U.S. Congress passed the Edmunds-Tucker Act which outlawed the practice of polygamy. By 1884, government agents were gathering evidence and issuing warrants for the arrest of many of the Mormon polygamists.

In October of 1885, while Winslow was at work at the ZCMI Co-op in Ogden, the underground sent word that the U.S. Marshals were on their way to place him under arrest. He made his escape by being nailed inside a wooden box which was taken away by team and wagon. Winslow was taken to the home of Simon Halverson in the Marriott settlement. Winslow fled with his third wife, Matilda Halverson Farr, and their children to San Juan County in Southern Utah. Later they moved to an area near Cortez, Colorado.

After two years of self-imposed exile, Winslow returned to Utah in November of

1887 to give himself up to the Federal authorities.

FROM WINSLOW FARR JR.'S DIARY:

November 1887: "We arrived in Ogden all safe in November after having quite a pleasant trip. but some cold weather some 500 hundred miles of travel Br J. T. Johnson and family accompanied us on our journey. Found the rest of my family all well at Ogden I did not come out in public but kept quiet as I wanted to arrange my business to stand my trial in court as there was an inditment (sic) against me I then with my attorneys went up to court and gave myself up to the marshalls they then wanted bonds Br Barnard White William H Wright were my Bondsman I was then released to go where I pleased I then went to work for the co-op till my trial came on which was May 1888 I was then sentenced to 6 months imprisonment and \$300 fine and cost of Court by Judge Henderson for keeping my Covenants with my wives (sic) for unlawful cohabitations I had the privilege (sic) to obey the law and be released but I preferred (sic) Prison walls rather than to abandon my wives (sic) that god had given me or to go back on my children and religion In the evening myself and Br Lorenzo Waldron were taken by a deputy marshal to the Utah Territorial Penitentiary for the term of 6 months" (Diary of Winslow Farr, Jr. 1856-1899, Page 72)".

Winslow stood trial in the First District Court on May 27, 1888, Docket No. 815. Emily Jane and Melvina were subpoenaed to testify. Emily Jane was called as the States first witness. She claimed the privilege of exemption from testifying, as she was the legal wife; therefore, she was excused. Winslow was convicted of unlawful cohabitation and was sentenced to six months in the Utah Territorial Penitentiary with a fine of \$300.00.

When Winslow was released from prison, November 24, 1888, the Ogden Third Ward, where he was a bishop, gave him a grand reception and welcome home party.

Winslow with his wives, Melvina and Matilda, and their children left Ogden in August of 1890. They joined other Mormon families on their journey to establish farms in Mexico. The families arrived in September at Colonia Diaz, a Mormon settlement which had been established in 1885. The Farr's and all of the new arrivals spent the winter living in tents.

January 1891: "We all moved up to Colonia Dublan and laid out a new town bought some land of the Mexicans and got ready to farm and put in a small crop."

Colonia Dublan is located about 150 miles south of Deming New Mexico and 170 miles from El Paso, Texas. To make the trip to Dublan, from Deming, and return by team and wagon required at least 8 days of hard tedious travel.

A railroad was not built until 1897 and then it was still 12 miles beyond Dublan. The railroad eventually extended through Dublan and became a great benefit for travel and marketing the colony's farm products.

Winslow returned to Ogden in the fall of 1892 with his wife Matilda and her children. Melvina with her children remained in Colonia Dublan. Upon arriving in Ogden Winslow rented a home for his wife Matilda and enrolled their children in school. Dividing his time between Emily Jane's farm in West Weber and Matilda's home in Ogden, Winslow spent the following spring and summer in Utah. Emily Jane was a charter member of the West Weber Relief Society

which was created February 17, 1893. By 1895, the relief society had raised the funds and built a granary for the storage of wheat for the Bishop's storehouse. The grain was used as seed crops for the farmers in time of crop failure and was also used for donations to the needy in times of disaster.

On October 28, 1893 Winslow with his wife Matilda and their children, joined four other families in seven wagons, with 500 head of "loose stock", and headed for the long journey to Dublan Mexico. Subsequent return trips to Ogden, to visit his family in West Weber, were easier and affordable, when his brother Lorin Farr provided a railroad pass.

January 1, 1897: "My wife Emily's birthday is today. She is fifty-four years old."

In April of 1897 Sariah Farr, wife of Emily and Winslow's son, Lorin Farr, became suddenly ill. The doctors diagnosed her condition as "brain fever".

April 12, 1897: "Raked all the brush from under the trees administered to my son's wife Sariah who is very sick and stayed a short time by her bedside".

April 13,14,15,16 "waited on the sick did not have my clothes of(f) for 3 days and nights. My son Lorin sent for Doctor Rich He pronounced it brain fever".

April 19, 1897: "My daughter-in-law is about the same, not much change. We all gathered around the bedside and prayed for her. She seemed a little better."

April 20, 1897: "Quite stormy and windy. My daughter-in-law not so well, delirious and out of her mind. Sent for Dr. Rich and he brought another man with him to consult. I sat up with

her tonight."

April 21, 1897: "Sariah no better. Fever not quite so high. I sat up with her. The day is stormy and cold."

April 22, 1897: "My son's wife Sariah died at 5:00 a.m. with brain fever after an illness of two weeks. She leaves a husband and four small children. She was born June 1, 1870 in West Weber, Utah. We went over to Ogden and got a coffin and material to dress her. We returned at 2:00 p.m." (Diary Winslow Farr, Jr. 1897, Page 187).

When Sariah Farr died on April 22, 1897 at the age of 27, she left four small children, Charles Buck, age 8, Emily Evelyn, age 7, Lorin Winslow, age 3 and Nephi Horace, age 2.

Emily Jane's own children were now adults. Starting over with a new family, Emily Jane took her four grandchildren into her home. These grandchildren lived with Emily Jane and their father Lorin until they were grown.

Emily Evelyn Farr Mower, age 90 in 1980, was asked in an interview to describe her grandmother, Emily Jane. She stated, "Oh she was gentle, kind, a wonderful mother. She would sometimes scold us, but she never ever laid a hand on us. She would say to people, I never whip any of these children. I'd hate to meet their mother, up there, and have her say, you spanked my children, you didn't take good care of my children."

In 1897 Winslow was called by the First Presidency of the Church to move

permanently to Mexico.

December 20, 1897: "received a letter from the first Presidency for me to Locate permanently in Mexico quite a Disappointment to some of the family but the Lords will be done" (Diary of Winslow Farr, Jr. 1897, Page 206)".

Before he left for Mexico he deeded his interest in the homestead to Emily Jane. In 1899, Emily Jane divided the farm into parcels and deeded the property to her four sons, Lafayette, Lorin, Barnard and Aldebert.

By Wilma Smith

LOWER WATERFORD CEMETERY

Situated on the Connecticut River a mile down the road from the courthouse in Lower Waterford is situated a cemetery. In this cemetery are buried many Freemans, Fars and Hoveys. Winslow and Olive's parents, Ashael Farr, Lydia Snow Farr, Elijah Freeman and Olive Hovey Freeman lay buried. They were buried there in the 1820's.

Upon my two visits to Vermont I visited that sacred ground and found that the headstones have become fragile and hard to read over these many years. Olive's headstone has been moved closer to Elijah's between the time T. Earl Pardoe took pictures for his book in the 1940's and I took pictures for my book in 1992. I have asked Grant and Mary Lou Lloyd to visit the grave site and find out what it would cost to restore those four headstones. If we get approval to restore we will need to

raise funds to do it. Your input and comments would be appreciated. I will let you know in our next newsletter the Lloyd's findings. They are serving a mission in Sharon, Vt. which is about an hour away from Waterford.

Dave Farr

FINANCIAL REPORT

I am listing below the Summary Report for the financial transactions of our Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Income:

Deposits	\$16,758.88
Transfer	-61.78
Other Income	11.11

Total Income	\$16,708.21
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As of 12/31/96 we have cash in the bank of \$ 8,616.60 plus supplies of minor value.

I have reviewed complete copies of check registers and other financial reports to provide this report. Any dues-paying member has the right to review any of the Winslow Farr Sr. Family Organization records at any time. Just let us know.

Douglas Farr Higham

Expenses:

Salary Paid	3,315.00
Bank Chrg.	99.74
Computer	200.00
Copies	1,235.26
Newsletters	236.00
Photos	27.01
Postage	619.12
Refund	46.00
Research	1,967.19
Reunion	2,416.35
Subscriptions	13.72
Supplies	204.56
Tax	5.00
Telephone	312.94
Misc. Expenses	61.78

Total Expenses	\$10,759.67
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Net Income	5,948.54
Reunion Fund	500.00

Total Gain	\$6448.54
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ACTION ITEMS

1. Please send in your membership renewal today.
2. Order biographical books if desired as there is a limited supply. Cost \$22.
3. Mark your calendars for our research meeting April 19th.
4. Pass on Winslow Farr Sr. Family Information forms to your family members who do not yet belong and enjoy the benefits of membership in our organization.
5. Take time to attend one of the temples mentioned and participate in doing work for your deceased family members.
6. Send in any biographical items-letters, journals, etc. that you might have on Aaron, Lorin or Winslow Jr.
7. Consider joining our research team, volunteering as a research editor or in some other way being involved with us in this important work.