

WINSLOW FARR SR., FAMILY ORGANIZATION,

OVERVIEW

This issue of our newsletter is coming to you late, due to our family experiencing a flurry of activity and preparation for the return of our son, Jason, from Ecuador. He arrived, bleary eyed, from a Continental Flight which left Ecuador at 1:00 A.M. on Memorial Day and arrived in Orange



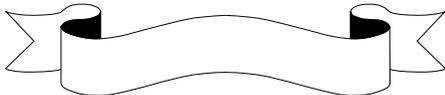
County, California late, after a lengthy customs delay in Houston.

As he came through Gate 14 at John Wayne Airport, we greeted him with welcome banners, tears, laughter and relief to see him upright, happy and healthy. After being released from his mission by his Stake President, Douglas Myers, his first stop was a trip to *In and Out Burger*, his favorite fast food restaurant, for a real all-American cheeseburger. *First things first!* We experienced a great mixture of emotions, as many of you who have sons and daughters return from their missions, no doubt will remember.



With relatives coming in and out of town to greet and welcome Jason home, it has been an all consuming, but happy, time. Please excuse our tardiness.

Jason brought his family some exciting gifts from



Ecuador - intricately carved wood figurines, brightly painted Ecuadorian pictures, a hammock and other equally interesting handcrafted gifts. These gifts were lovely and have a cherished spot in our home, but the greatest gift Jason brought to us was his strong testimony of the church, an increased appreciation for life on American soil and a gratitude for our wonderful heritage. This heritage, that we possess in common, was founded in faith by our ancestors as they accepted the testimony of those early missionaries - Elders Orson Pratt and Lyman Johnson in far off Vermont..

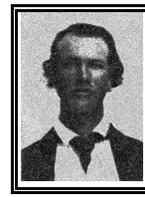
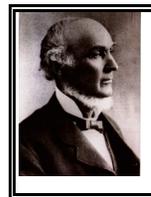


It is satisfying for me to see that this great heritage has flowed down through the generations, translated today in the faith and testimonies of our Farr family descendants. How grateful we all should be for the rich heritage with which we are endowed.

In this issue we will report on our Officer/Trustee and Research meetings and continue with our serial

histories of Lorin Farr and Winslow Farr Jr.

Harold Armstrong has provided us with an article on downline research. Wilma and Randy Smith continue their Sojourn in Kempsey.



OFFICER-TRUSTEE MEETING

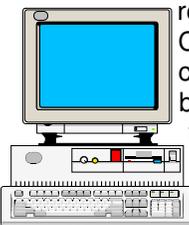
We discussed the meeting that we had earlier in the week with Dean Hunter, our professional English researcher. He will be closely examining probate and vital records in the various English parishes in which we hope to make our connection of Stephen Farr to Thomas Farr. Although we feel our family researchers have helped lead us in the right direction, we feel very good about seeking this professional help at this time as we have not been successful in making this connection on an absolute basis.

Dean will write an article for our research letter in the Fall, summarizing his findings and his future direction. Ron Farr sent some of our New England family names to Mindy Sanbourn. She will endeavor to

help further our research by parceling out our files to the top researchers in the various states back East. We are interested to see if they will be able to help us break some research log jams.

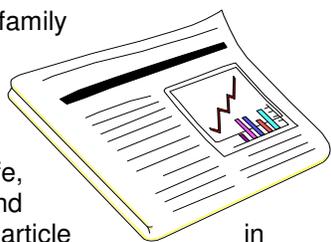
Our Research Committee will be meeting twice a year, before our regular Saturday gatherings, to go over the results of research and make future plans with our professional researchers.

Our Officer-Trustee meeting was very interesting with many comments about the advancing technology in the Church's Family History Department. Dave Rencher, who referred us to our two professional researchers, informed us that the Church will be introducing a new product called *Pedigree Resource File*. This will be a depository for carefully researched family information that cannot be changed. He commented that we should work towards preparing our records carefully, so they can be entered on this new data base as a permanent record. Dave said, 'You have some extremely competent researchers on task here. You're getting professional advice. I think you're just right on...track. Any time I can be a resource, I'll .. do whatever I can....I just commend you'



Another big topic was the church's trial run with www.familysearch.com on the internet. Their tremendous resources will be available to anyone wishing to do research, right from their home. This has created a great stir among professional and amateur genealogists everywhere.

Sadly, we also had family members close to the shooting rampage that took place in the family history library the week of our meetings. Ron Farr's wife, Eleanor, was at the library and was quoted in a USA Today article in regards to the shooting. Fortunately, none of our family were injured.



Joe Reimann suggested a goal of 150 names for our August 2000 Reunion Temple session. We hope to have Elder Richard Scott there to speak to us again, his schedule permitting. Elder Scott has been a tremendous encouragement to us as we have sought to push forth this work. He has been willing to do temple work and to perform sealings with our family members, whenever he is able.

We have a fair amount of funds accumulated to pay our professional researchers and it was suggested that



we could afford to hire help to input names for temple clearance, if needed. The Rich Family has a trust fund that could possibly be of some use to us if we needed to help defray some of our expenses. So, we have the economic muscle to go along with the spiritual endeavor, for expansion of our family data base and needed temple work.

Farr Reunion 2000

Renee Warner, our Reunion chairperson, reported that she has been planning and setting up the places and people to have an exciting '**Year 2000 Winslow Farr Sr. Family Reunion.**' She is planning to reserve Cherry Hill Campground and the meetinghouse located within a few blocks of the campground. She will have final approval in January of 2000. Renee has contacted two or three of the newer hotels in the Layton, Utah area to see if we could block off rooms for our family at discounted prices. We will have more information in our January 2000 letter.

There is much more to report on the officer-trustee meeting. Harold Armstrong, our down line research committee chairman, gave us information on his great efforts to track Winslow and Olive's family - from their children and on down the generations. We were given a special challenge by Elder Scott, to begin this work and perform temple ordinances for those where they hadn't been done in their lifetime. I will save Harold's comments for the article he is doing in this newsletter.

RESEARCH MEETING



To begin our meeting, we read together the statement by President Brigham Young, regarding the importance of remembering our ancestors.

"What do you suppose the fathers would say if they could speak from the dead? Would they not say, 'We have lain here thousands of years, here in this prison house, waiting for this dispensation to come?'...What would they whisper in our ears? Why, if they had the power the very thunders of heaven would be in our ears, if we could realize the importance of the work we are engaged in. All the angels in heaven are looking at this little

handful of people, and stimulating them to the salvation of the human family. So also are the devils in hell looking at this people, too, and trying to overthrow us, and the people are still shaking hands with the servants of the devil, instead of sanctifying themselves and calling upon the Lord and doing the work which he has commanded us and put into our hands to do. When I think of this subject I want the tongues of seven thunders to wake up the people.” (DBY, pg. 403-4)

After that statement was read someone dryly commented, ‘I just wish Brigham Young could say what he means!’

President Young was never indirect about what he expected of the Latter-Day Saints. If his statement applied then, it apply’s even more today. This is one reason your research committee feels such an urgency to act - to keep the research work going. We feel as we organize here, our family is also being organized in the spirit world to carry on the great work of teaching, informing and bringing the ordinances of salvation to our family.

We have strengthened our research organization. We gave our Vice President of Research, Joe Reimann, more duties in receiving reports from our research committee chairmen, Ron Farr and Harold Armstrong, with ongoing intercommunication with our researchers, webmaster and keeper of our central records. Joe will elaborate on this reorganization in our Fall Research Letter. Joe spoke of our two levels of research - family researchers and paid professionals.

Tim Farr, our central records keeper, reported he is continuing to update our records as more names are uncovered. Between Tim and our web master, Deven Ogden, there are five or six back ups to these massive records. Tim is continuing to send updated data to Deven for the internet. Tim has also delivered five or six New England family lines we had research problems on to Ron Farr. Ron will send them to Mindy Sanbourne, to see if she can find researchers to help us make some breakthroughs.

We were also fortunate to have family researchers - Yvonna Tyrell, Sherri Dunford and

Julie Thomas - provide us with comments on their assignments. Sherri told us that the Winslow Farr Sr. headstone is starting to deteriorate. The grave site is located in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. It is located down the hill and across the street from the Heber J. Grant monument. Sherri suggested this would be a good family project. We have already done similar projects in Vermont and Ogden. This might be the next one we could take on. If anyone would like to volunteer to research it and make suggestions as to what may be done, we will be happy to communicate with family and have a special fund raising for the restoration project. Let us know of your interest in this project.

Dave Farr

FARR DOWNLINE RESEARCH

Winslow Farr, Sr. Posterity Compilation Project:

I have accepted the chair of the project to compile as complete a record of all the descendants of Winslow Farr, Sr. and Olive Hovey Freeman Farr as I am able. My goal is to obtain and maintain, as complete as is humanly possible, the record of the posterity of these, our revered pioneer ancestors.

For the record to be complete I will have to have the complete name, vital statistics with place of events and LDS ordinance information for each descendent. I would also love to maintain, as current as possible, a mailing address for each living descendent.

I am convinced the large majority of this descendant record is already compiled on many different family members’ computer programs. I solicit your help in sending me copies of the files in gedcom file or PAF@ qualified backup of the records already existing on your computers. I would also gladly accept paper records of descendants. If your computer files include other family records, I will extract the pertinent records from those files.



My goal is to have as complete as possible, the compiled records on computer and in paper form present at the Winslow Farr, Sr. Family Reunion to be held in August of 2000.

Again, I solicit your help to accomplish this great project. I would appreciate volunteers to represent the posterity of each of the separate children of Winslow and Olive Hovey. Additionally, it would be most helpful to subdivide to each of the children's spouses for the larger family groups.



I will return any disks or paperwork that you share with me, as requested, and be happy to share all compiled information with all who desire it.

If anyone has suggestions for assisting in completing this great project, I will gladly accept them.

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Sincerely, your brother
and kin,

Harold Armstrong

Editor's note - Harold Armstrong has graciously accepted the responsibility of our downline search, but he needs our help to complete the project as he has indicated. Please send him whatever PAF disks you have containing information on your Lorin Farr ancestry line that would end with Lorin and the wife you descend through. Harold is talking to a couple of descendants seeking to fill the spots of down line co-ordinators for Winslow Farr Jr. and Aaron Farr. When these are filled and in force we will seek the help of descendants of Winslow and Aaron. We also need help on Diantha and Olive, but have not found descendants yet to take up their cause.

Harold mentioned in our meetings that he had worked on another family line (not related to us) that

he extended from 5,000 to 27,000 in his efforts. Using the Ancestral File as a data base he has identified 4,616 Winslow and Olive Farr descendants. He thinks this is everything in Ancestral File. Harold said he had printed out about 23 pages on Winslow Jr. and 50 pages on Lorin. Harold is trying to concentrate on Lorin and then organize the Lorin descendants by wives as well as seeking help on the other lines. This mode of research will expand and provide us with a much better and bigger family data base. From this we can begin to finish ordinance work that may have been overlooked or omitted. We hope to be able to present a worthy record that will be correct as far as possible.

I know as we seek to do this work we will be led by the Lord to find those of our family we have not as yet identified. I may have told you this before, so bear with me for those who have heard this story already.... (more senior moments of forgetfulness creep up on me.) I was in the Historical Library doing research on Lorin Farr when my name was called out to come and get some documents on his life. The man next to me said that he was Brother Jones and was doing research on Jones descendants including Olive Ann Jones, wife of Lorin. He referred me to a book that he had compiled which had several thousand Jones names in it along with several hundred or more descendants of Olive Ann and Lorin. I copied these and sent them to Harold which he input in a very short period. The names are there, we just need to follow the admonition of David in Psalms 107:21 where he talks about the gathering of Israel by the Lord, 'And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.'