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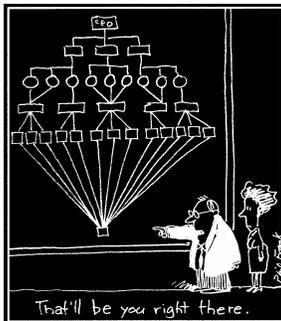
President's Greeting and Overview

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. It is an exciting prospect to sit on the edge of a new millennium and consider all the exciting things that will happen in the coming years. One of those exciting events will be catering to a growing interest in our family history. We want to start 2000 out right with our Reunion 2000 — which will be held August 3-5 at Cherry Hill Campground in Kaysville, Utah. Please mark your



calendars now as this will be an exciting event. Please see the article from Renee Warner, our reunion leader, on this event. She tells how you can begin to plan now for Reunion 2000.

Don't miss Harold Armstrong's report (in the Research Meeting Summary) about his monumental work in researching our down line. He needs family members to help him accumulate our family down to the present. Harold would like to make assignments on each line and gather data. He has over 5,000 names at present, but it will grow much larger when we search out our family far and wide. We can accomplish a great work here. Please read the summary of our trustee and research meetings



held in November 1999. Those present at the meetings could feel the increased vitality and eagerness to push ahead with our organization's mission. I am including that mission statement at the end of this newsletter for you to review; we seek further input on what you think we should be doing in defining our goals.

You can read further about the life of Winslow Farr, Jr. as authored by Wilma Smith and her son, Randall. We appreciate all their efforts and diligent research into the life of this great man. You can also learn more about our roots on the Winslow line as Wilma Smith continues her "Sojourn in Kempsey." I will continue to narrate the life of Lorin Farr as I endeavor to pull together his biography.

We have retained professional research help from Dean Hunter, a specialist in British research, in an attempt to make the long-missed connection to England. Dean was at our Research Meeting and his comments are included. Ron Farr, our research chairman, has been in contact with Andrew Pierce, a New England specialist working on some of our other up lines. I have included most of Mr. Pierce's report in this newsletter.

I also thought you might be interested in an email message that I received from a woman named Lynn. She said: "I have reviewed your site and admire the dedication that has gone into upholding your heritage; this wasn't done in our family and I now face trying to teach my children where they came from with little history. If I find that my Farr connection is

in any way associated with this site I will gladly and thankfully obtain membership. Until then God bless and thanks in advance for any info you may have."

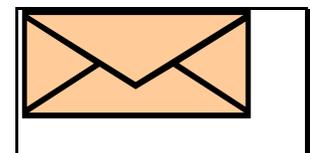


Again, our hats off to Deven Ogden, our web master, and Tim Farr, who maintains our central records and sends Deven email updates to keep us current. What a marvelous work they are doing in our behalf!

— David J. Farr, President

Renewal

Remember to send in your renewal of \$20 so you will be sure to get your June 2000 and January 2001 family newsletters on time. By renewing early you save us the time and expense in sending you late notices. We appreciate your support!



Officer / Trustee Meeting

Karen Gall, who is assisting Renee Warner with Reunion 2000, was at our meeting. She was representing Renee who couldn't be with us. Karen said that she felt the Cherry Hill Campgrounds would be a really fun place for our reunion. Renee reserved a large pavilion for our picnic on Saturday and ten or fifteen spots for campers at Cherry Hill. It will be up to each family to make their own sleeping and eating arrangements for the reunion.



We are also working to get the church

building that is a few blocks from Cherry Hill for our Friday family history, business and entertainment day. There are a lot of motels and eating places in close proximity to Cherry Hill. We also discussed creating a pin or other piece of inexpensive jewelry we could sell in remembrance of this historic reunion.

Our membership vice president, Debbie Jackson, suggested we try to build an incentive for early sign ups for the reunion by offering a lower reunion fee. This could help us know our reunion registration numbers better. We don't know exactly what we will do yet.

We also discussed putting on some Farr family history as a dramatic presentation Friday evening for our entertainment. Let us know if you want to be involved. We will also have a lot of family history and research presented

Friday in class sessions in the cultural hall.

Joe Reimann and his committee are trying to clear enough names so we will have 150-200 Farr related names for a temple endowment session on Thursday. This will most likely be at the Salt Lake Temple. If Elder Richard Scott is available, we hope he can again join us as he did in 1996.

Our next family organization meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2000, at 8:15 a.m., at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building Cafeteria. The full reunion committee meeting will meet first, followed by a 10:15 Research Meeting on the 4th floor. Afterward, there will be a brief Officer/Trustee Meeting. We will have a continental breakfast for our reunion meeting.

Reunion 2000

We are working on plans for another great Farr family reunion. The year 2000 is the time to renew our memories and make old and new acquaintances with our Farr family relations.

We are scheduling parts of three days — August 3, 4, and 5 — for us to spend time together. On the 3rd we will enjoy an evening of service together at the temple. On the 4th we will have a day of classes, entertainment and visiting. To finish on the 5th, we will have time to socialize.



Plan your vacations now so that you can spend all or part of that time with us. Cherry Hills is a beautiful spot for our families to have time together. We have reserved spots for those of you who might have RV's, so you can park there. If you do not have an RV, there

are picnic places and fine family recreation facilities available for all ages.

There is a web site for Cherry Hills for those of you who wish to make reservations for your camper.

The web site is: www.Cherry-hill.com, or you can call them at (801) 451-5379. For those who need accommodations other than an RV spot, there are several motels close by. We will send you a price list in our next newsletter.

We are also planning to have a Farr Family pin to commemorate the year 2000 and our reunion. We have printed the possible styles these pins will be. We hope that you will be as excited about them as is the committee. They will be something your family members can treasure for years to come.

Mark your calendars now and prepare for a great reunion!

— Renee Warner and Karen Gall

Research Meeting Summary

Dave Rencher, a trustee, introduced Dean Hunter, Collection Development Specialist for all of the British Isles. Dean is an accredited researcher in England, Scotland and Ireland. He has been sent to England to study records which the church will acquire for the Family History Department.

Dean reviewed the report he had given in our Research Letter for 1999. Basically he reminded us that he found a marriage record in St. George, Southwark, Surrey, England for Thomas Farr and Eleanor Creed. But Dean could find no christening record for Stephen Farr with Thomas and Eleanor as parents. He also searched the Haynes parish but could find no connections. There are gaps in various records due to fire and other record destructions. According to Dean we do not have the hoped for proof tying Stephen to Thomas and Eleanor Farr.

Dean feels that it will take a long and detailed search in surrounding parishes to try and make our connection. He also suggested that a detailed search into Farr probate records in the area might provide a clue. Dean plans on continuing to do research on our line as he is able. He will report again to us on April 29.

Harold Armstrong told of his efforts in finding 5,101 names of Farr descendants from the ancestral files. Harold is in charge of down line research from Winslow and Olive to the present. Harold will maintain our central records for down line research at his home. He needs other family members who would be willing to complete various branches of the family down to their conclusion. This is a large effort and will take team work. Please call Harold at (801)966-2544 or email him at hwarmstrong@desertonline.com to receive an assignment. It is exciting

work and we are grateful to Harold for his efforts.

Harold hopes to have a computer set up at the reunion to show family members where they fit into this vast Farr family network. If you have records that would help him fill-in the downline further, please send them to Harold on a disk.

Ron Farr said that Andrew Pierce, a New England researcher, has been looking into some of our more difficult lines to see if he can help. A summary of his report is included in this newsletter. We recently sent him \$300 more to continue his efforts under Ron Farr's supervision and direction. We obtained Andrew's name from Mindy Sanborn who originally had been recommended by David Rencher.

Tim Farr indicated that he is continuing to send updated files to Deven Ogden so he can update our web site. Tim spent a lot of time this last summer on George Ernest Bowman's Mayflower descendency records, getting a lot of wills, land records, histories, and vital records. He put them on the internet at our web site. This cleared up some questions on children and spouses on various family lines. This added over 150 pages of documents to our central and internet records.

Tim also reported that he and other researchers are working on enlarged pedigree charts for both Winslow and Olive Freeman Farr using a computer program called Acrobat. These charts will be ready for the reunion. This way we can update these files more often and keep better track of corrections in our lines as they are made.

Pam Bott reported that she had been working on the Frances Bulkley line (#467). She found that many of the

early records had a spelling of Buckley. She obtained a marriage record and also found the original record of Richard Welby's (#466) birth. She indicated that she has a high interest in the Welby line and wishes to continue re-searching it.

Pam also reported that she had found a number of Farr's in the area of Gainsborough and Lincolnshire as she hunted for a Robert Farr, who we were trying to tie into our line. Some of these names she discovered will be submitted for temple work.

Eldrena Lee reported that she had done some searching on Rebecca Ewer (#19) married to Thomas Winslow (#18). Their son, Samuel Winslow, took care of them. The family had a tavern called "Winslow's" that they owned for about three generations.

Joe Reimann is working on getting 150200 family names so we can do endowments for them on the temple night, August 3rd.

Horace Cummings recorded:
 "Concerning the work for the dead, [Joseph] said that in the resurrection those who had been worked for would fall to the feet of those who had done their work, kiss their feet, embrace their knees and manifest the most exquisite gratitude ... We do not comprehend what a blessing to them these ordinances are."
 (Joseph Smith the Prophet, Truman Madsen, p. 99)

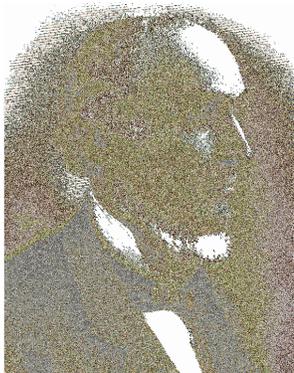
Lorin Farr History — Part Six

In February of 1846, the first of the Saints left Nauvoo crossing the providentially frozen Mississippi and settled into their first encampment at Sugar Creek. Eliza R. Snow reported that nine babies were born at that first encampment. William Clayton received joyous news that his wife, Diantha Farr Clayton, had successfully delivered a healthy baby boy, named William Adriel Clayton. In celebration of that news on April 15, 1846, William wrote "All is Well" (Come, Come Ye Saints).

Much of what we have on the Farr family's trek to Winter Quarters and on to the Salt Lake Valley comes from Brother Clayton's journal. He writes much of Diantha and incidentally mentions other Farr family members, including Lorin and Nancy Bailey Farr. William records that he sent Diantha's chest on to Mt. Pisgah where she was with her brother, Lorin.

By May of 1846, over 12,000 Saints had left Nauvoo and were in various stages of progress across Iowa, headed to Winter Quarters in Nebraska. This location was just near Council Bluffs across the Missouri River. It was as far west as the Saints got in 1846.

By the time they arrived at Council Bluffs, the community of Saints had grown to 15,000 Saints, 3,000 wagons, 30,000 cattle and a great number of mules, horses and sheep. Lorin Farr had been selected by Brigham Young to remain with the main body of Saints to negotiate



settlement of property and church business back in Illinois. Because of this assignment, Lorin did not go with the Mormon Battalion when Colonel Stephen Kearney came to seek Mormon assistance in the war with Mexico. Nancy was extremely joyful when she found out Lorin would remain with her on the western trek.

From the journals of William Clayton and Hosea Stout we learn of many incidents on the trail and at Winter Quarters. Many died that winter of 1846 from what the Saints called "black canker" or "blackleg." This sickness was due to a lack of fruit and vegetables and was similar to scurvy. It caused limbs to swell up and become black. Some 600 Saints died that harsh winter. Finally, vegetables purchased from the Missourians helped to stop the illness that affected so many. Winter Quarters was divided into 22 wards with a bishopric over each with responsibility for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the members.

William Clayton told of a social held in January of 1847 where he played in a band from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. He said that Presidents Young and Kimball "danced considerable and all seemed to feel well." Amidst all their labors, the Saints did seem to enjoy relief through socials, dances, feasts and music.

On January 16, 1847 Elder Richards read "The Mind and the Will of the Lord" (D&C 136), received as revelation by President Young two days earlier. Winslow Farr said it reminded him of the first reading of the Book of Mormon; he was perfectly satisfied that it was from the Lord.

There was much planning in January for the coming trek to the Salt Lake Valley planned for the Spring of 1847. There was much discussion about the building of wagons, laying aside provisions and other preparations for this historic trek. Captains of hundreds, fifties and tens were organized. Each family mak-

ing the trek had to show that they could take 300 pounds of food for each person making the journey. Aaron Farr and William Clayton were chosen to accompany this first band of pioneers. William Clayton recorded many interesting and exciting adventures on the trail. He wrote of measuring the distances by the odometer, hunting buffalo, and dealing with Indians, bad weather and other difficulties.

At the crossing of the Green River, after the initial pioneers had left, Brigham Young appointed Aaron Farr and five others to go back and pilot the next train of Saints through the Black Hills. Aaron Farr and the others met Daniel Spencer and his group some two hundred miles below Fort Laramie. There Aaron met his brother Lorin, Lorin's wife Nancy, as well as his sister Olive Farr Walker. William Walker, Olive's husband, was in company with Aaron, so they must have had a joyous reunion. Lorin Farr was driving a large wagon filled with implements, furniture, seeds, bedding and other household goods. Nancy drove a specially equipped spring buggy that could be made rain proof and had good sleeping facilities. At the evening campfires they danced, ate, and told stories. William gave Lorin some maps of the trail and a plot map of Salt Lake City. The Farr family arrived in Salt Lake on September 20, 1847. Meanwhile Winslow Farr, his wife Olive, Winslow Jr., and Diantha Farr Clayton remained in Winter Quarters planning to come to Salt Lake Valley when they could.

(The above article is taken from research in possession of David J. Farr. If you have any material that you think should be in Lorin Farr's history please pass it on to me. Thank you.)

— David J. Farr

Sojourn in Kempsey — Part Three

Our direct ancestor Kenelm Winslow (#144) emigrated from England to the Plymouth Colony in 1629. Kenelm was the namesake of his grandfather Kenelm Winslow who, during his lifetime, owned several residences in the western midlands of England. Kenelm's thatched roof cottage, situated at the hamlet of Kerswell-on-the-Green, and his Manor house situated north of the village of Kempsey, have been restored and are still occupied today. The cottage is used as a residence, the Clerkenleap Farm Manor House, with the approval of the British Government, was recently restored for use as corporate offices for the company known as Aston Coaches. Both structures were restored as close to the layout of the original homes as possible.

My daughter Claudia Keyworth and I journeyed to Kempsey and Kerswell-on-the-Green in September of 1998. Our purpose in traveling to our ancestors homeland was not only to observe the countryside, but to seek and document additional genealogical information and historical data about our Winslow progenitors.

Mrs. Gill Warfield, the secretary of the Kempsey village, St Mary's Parish Church, kindly drove Claudia and I to the Kenelm Winslow homes. We were able to view and photograph the cottage at, Kerswell-on-the-Green as well as the Clerkenleap Manor house that stands north of Kempsey village. This segment includes our photograph of the Clerkenleap Farm Manor home.

The Rev. Sperry-Cooper (Vicar of St. Peter's Church in Droitwich and former Winslow family researcher) wrote the following description of the Clerkenleap Manor house in 1953. The description still fits the appearance of the home as it appears in my photo-graph taken in September of 1998.



“The old high road leading north into Worcester passes the well maintained property with the buildings of mellow brick. Windows at the front of the house overlook a lawn where the former line of wall was set back distressingly several years ago to straighten an out bending curve in the road beyond. The brick of the house facade continues upward into three triangles formed by adjacent gables, which break the front roof slope with Eliza-bethan angularity. A brick barn, also with three abutting gables across the front, stands off to the north of the house, set back a little; the two brick structures, seen together appear remarkably alike in design.” (The brick barn now stands converted into cottages.)

The book titled The Mayflower Heritage, written by Lt. Commander D. Kenelm Winslow and published by George G. Harrop & Co. of London, England in 1957, was the primary source we used to begin our search for documents to substantiate the Kenelm Winslow family pedigree. Winslow's bibliography states that old wills, manorial records, parish records, an old deeds in his possession document the Kenelm Winslow pedigree; however, his bibliography suggests he held a number of the original documents in his own private collection. Mrs. Gill Warfield, secretary of St. Mary's church told Claudia and me that the British government ordered old parish church records, manorial records, court records, wills, and deeds be removed from the Parish

churches and other unsecured locations. Many old documents were removed and placed in county record offices and/or government repositories in London for safe keeping, restoration and preservation.

Lt. Commander Winslow states in The Mayflower Heritage that a Richard Winslow bought lands from King Henry VIII in Croome Manor. The following quotation is found on page 22 of The Mayflower Heritage:

“Richard Winslow bought up lands in Croome Manor, to the benefit of his quite numerous family. He left a will which is most informative. He names his family precisely. Through this will and manorial records we can trace how his youngest son, Thomas, moved to nearby Kerswell, a hamlet within the Parish of Kempsey. Kenelm Winslow, son of Thomas of Kerswell, sold the farm and moved north to Worcester City. Kenelm's son Edward moved further north, where he set up a business extracting the famous Droitwich salt.”

Edward's sons, Edward Jr. and Gilbert, sailed on the famous Mayflower voyage of 1620. John, Josiah and our direct ancestor Kenelm eventually joined their brothers at the Plymouth Colony. With the help of researcher Sue Campbell of the Worcestershire County records office, I have obtained a copy of the will for Kenelm Winslow dated April 11, 1607, proved November 9, 1607 and Kenelm's grandfather Richard Winslow who died in 1546. (Kenelm's connection to Richard is yet to be proven with documented evidence.) Lt. Commander D. Kenelm Winslow alleges proof of this pedigree using Richard's

will (copy in my possession) and manorial records which I have not yet located.

We are still searching for manorial records. Many records are missing while others may be found among the Church of England Archives and/or Historical Collections held by various entities in the City of London. I have been told by Worcester historians that D. Kenelm Winslow, who resided in Surrey, England, is dead. I have as yet been unable to locate any of his family.

The copies of the Winslow wills in my possession are written in old Elizabethan Script. Mrs. Campbell has provided me with a photocopy of the will as well as a photocopy of "The Inventory Of Goods" held by Kenelm Winslow. (The original inventory document is written on a sheepskin parchment.) Kenelm's brief hand-written will mentions children and grandchildren. Unfortunately, Kenelm does not list them by name. We do know from other sources that his oldest son Edward was the father of the five Winslow brothers who emigrated to the Plymouth Colony.

The following columns show a partial list of Kenelm's "Inventory Of Goods." It will give you some idea of the lifestyle during the late 1500's.

— **Wilma Smith and Randall Smith**

Future Articles:

Croome Estate Records, and
Richard Winslow's Will

Kenelm Winslow Probate Inventory — November 9, 1607

Appraised by John Swayne, John Cowling & Richard Caldowe of the City of Worcester

THE HALL: 6 joined stools. 6 cushions & a service book.

THE KITCHEN: Various brass and pewter utensils (*pewter contained lead — our ancestors must have suffered lead poisoning*), 3 spits, a warming pan, 11 spoons & two salts.

THE CELLAR & BUTTERY: 4 earthen potts with liquor, barrels of drink plus various 'treen' (*wooden wares*).

THE KILNE HOUSE AND MALT CHAMBERS: 96 bushells of malt and barley at 2 shillings a strike. Bacon in the kitchen, 12 sacks for corn and malt.

THE WORKHOUSE: One axe, a mattock (*hoe for weeding*), 3 iron wedges, tools of husbandry, wool and woolen yarn.

THE LITTLE HOUSE: 1 cupboard, 4 pieces of pewter.

THE CHAMBER OVER THE HALL: A joined bedstead & trundle bed to go under the same. Bolsters, pillows, blankets, 4 chests. A sword & dagger, a bow & 13 arrows, hemp and flaxen yarn.

THE INNER CHAMBER: Bedstead, trundle bed & covers, bottles and glasses, 2 pieces of new woole cloth, 2 timber trees at Kempsey, his wearing apparel with his purse & money.



THE STABLE: Hay, one mare with 2 saddles & bridles.

IN THE BACKSIDE: 3 ladders, a cobb of poultry, wood 3 store swine.

The Lease of a close (small house) for the present year for the sum of 23/8 (?) per annum and the lease of his dwelling house for the sum of 23 pounds (a very good sum for those days).

TOTAL VALUE OF HIS GOODS LISTED: 73 pounds, 13 shillings, and 4 pence.

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Trivia Question

How many thousands of Farr's will we end up with when we complete the down line?

Maybe we should set up a prize for the family member who guesses most closely the amount of descendants since Winslow and Olive.

What would be your guess?



The Diaries of Winslow Farr, Jr. — Part Four

The following selected excerpts from Winslow Farr Jr.'s diaries reflect the early pioneer life in the years 1856-1857 on the Big Cottonwood farms cultivated south of Salt Lake City, Territory Settlement.

[1856, August]

Monday 4 It is quite cloudy. R Covington cradled wheat for us and I bound after him. It sprinkled some a little through the day but did not rain much during the night.

Wednesday 6 Very warm indeed. I work for D Thomas at binding wheat. People are very busy harvesting. We are cutting ours with all of our might

[1856 September]

Saturday 6 In the fore part of the day went up to Br. Norwood to get my boots mended but did not get them done. It rained little in the morning. I work at hauling brush in the fore part of the day.

Sunday 7 I stayed to home today. My father is to let his farm to I and J White and F Knolls for the space of one year.

Tuesday 18 I commenced to make adobes. I finished Thursday, made 150.

Tuesday 22 Dug some in the ditch and husk corn in the evening. I was vaccinated for the small pox.

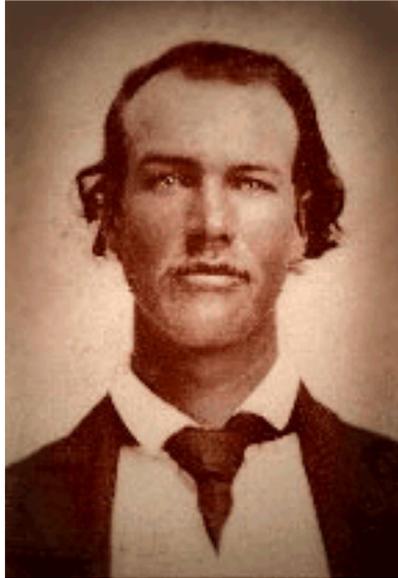
Monday 29 I was warned to train with the minute men but did not go on the account of fear of smallpox. Most of my neighbors are getting well of the smallpox.

[1856 November]

Monday 3 I started for the kanyon to log through Wednesday 5th. Got in enough logs to make 1200 feet.

Wednesday 19 Quit storming through the day. I work at putting over logs on the house.

Thursday 27 I started for Ogden city and on Friday 28 went to the theater.



[1856, December]

Monday 1 Quite stormy and cloudy. I was still in Ogden city. I visited different parts of the city. In time this city will be quite a place.

Tuesday 2 The clouds hung heavy and low around the mountains. At 8 o'clock in the morning I started for home in Big Cottonwood. I passed through the upper part of Bishop Kay's ward ... quite a handsome place. Farmington very pleasant place. It is situated close under the mountains. Very large school house erected on the Publik square. I put up at Cherrys Settlement, the distance of 28 miles from Ogden, which distanced I walked the following day. It was here I first heard the news of Brother Jedediah M Grant death. Departed this world of trouble on Monday 1st of December 1856 after illness of three weeks.

Thursday 4 I attended the funeral of Brother Grant, the 2nd counselor of

Brigham Young, The Governor of Utah Territory. All the band of music were there. Brother Heber and Brigham spoke well, and the funeral was at 12 to 2 in the afternoon.

Sunday 14 Quite pleasant through the day. A friend an me took our guns and went for a short walk and killed us a fine hare which made us a fine supper.

Wednesday 24 I felt quite well and made a willow basket. My father went up to the city and bought me a pair of buckskin pants.

Thursday 25 Christmas. It snowed all day. I went with father to Brother Tews to see about a steer of ours. In the evening I went up to Daniel Thomas's to spend the evening in learning how to dance. No dancing going on now. It is time of reformation and is doing great deal of good for it is now time for the people to wake up on that subject.

[1857, February]

Sunday 1 Went to meeting. Brother Kimball and Brigham the prophet preached. We had a good meeting.

Sunday 15 Quite pleasant over here. I went to meeting to the tabernacle and heard a speech from Arapene, the Chief of the Utah Indians, interpreted by Warren Snow. Brother Woodruff spoke to us. We had a good meeting.

[1857, March]

Thursday 12 I hunted cows — found them. Set stakes for brush fence. A band of Indians came here to farm and they wanted to learn to work. They also brought a line from Brigham Young to make them a farm.

Monday 23 It snowed a little Monday evening. Today I went to plow for the Indians. All hands turned out to plow. We put in seventeen acres of wheat. They seemed well pleased. Some of them

know how to plow quite well. My father went to the city and brought the news that one of my brother's little girls was dead. She was taken sick Saturday 21 and died on Monday 23 (supposed to have brain fever by eating poison segeos through mistake). She was 8 years old and her name was Brianna Farr. Quite a sudden death.

[1857, July]

Saturday 8 Somewhat cloudy. Bound and cradled wheat. 7 of my ten minute men to train. Drilled some two hours.

Saturday 15 Quite warm. I went to training (minute men). Give my name as a volunteer to go back on the road if called on and to be ready for a minute warning. I returned home about 2 o'clock pm. I went and helped dig a grave for George Scoles who died Friday. Another young man and myself sat up all night with the corpse.

(Winslow's diaries record the many days he worked on the Robert D. Covington farm. Winslow composed a poem during this period entitled

"The Belle of Big Cottonwood." We surmise it may have been written about Emily Jane Covington. The young couple was married at Washington Settlement in the Utah Territory on October 17, 1858. Winslow was age 21, Emily Jane was 15.)

THE BELLE OF BIG COTTONWOOD

Where big cottonwood waters run
murmuring by,
As cold as the snow on the
mountains high,
In a little log hut where the summer
flowers grew,
There dwells a sweet maiden with
eyes of true blue.

Chorus: She was fair as the
flowers,
Neath her footsteps that grew,
And she won many a heart,
With her eyes of true blue.

She was lively and gay as the
mountain gazelle,
And her voice like the notes of soft
music did swell,
As she sang neath the shade of the

sweet Hawthorne tree,
And laughed with a heart full of mis-
chief and glee.
Chorus

She could walk like a matron or play
like a child,
She was gentle and yet as a deer
she was wild,
Her parents looked on her with joy
and with pride,
And many a bright youth sought to
make her his bride.
Chorus

Hers was the bright spirit that
hovered around,
Wherever the boys at their labor
were found,
In the kanyons so wild or at work in
the field,
The thoughts of her smile a sweet
pleasure did yield.
Chorus

To be continued.

— Wilma Smith and Randall
Smith

Preliminary Temple Work

Joe Reimann, Vice President of Research, has been busy gathering names from Tim Farr, Ruth Goodrich, and other researchers for our Reunion Temple Night on Thursday, August 3rd.

We need help in completing baptisms, confirmations and intiatories, so that all names are ready for the endowment session. We would like to finish this preliminary work shortly so we can be assured of reaching the goal of 200 cleared names for our session. If any of you would like to help with this preliminary work, please contact Joe Reimann at (801)272-3639 or email him at goldcontac@aol.com.

Or you can contact me using the numbers on our letterhead.

We need to be sure the temple cards are closely monitored and in the hands of family members who will follow up, get the work done, and then get the cards back to us in time for the reunion.

Joe has extended an official invitation to Elder Richard Scott to address us as he did in our temple session in 1996. We can only hope his assignments will allow him to be with us again. There will be some sealing work to do, in which he may also wish to participate.

Thanks for your support!

— David J. Farr

Andrew Pierce Report

(excerpts from

10/22/99 letter to Ron Farr)

The recently published Vital Records of Sandwich, Massachusetts, which draws on several manuscript sources, shows no record of Edmond Freeman marrying Sarah Freeman there on 6 July 1682. Nor is this found in the published vital records of Harwich MA. Nor does Torrey's New England Marriages to 1700, a standard source for most families in the region (and certainly the well-researched ones on Cape Cod), show any John & Sarah () Freeman residing in Harwich or thereabouts in the 1650s. A John Freeman married Sarah Myrick at nearby Eastham MA in 1672, but this would be too late for them to be Sarah's parents.

As you may be aware, all the Barnstable County deeds and court records were destroyed in an 1827, making it more difficult to establish connections there when vital records fail to. The standard source on this family is still the 1875 Freeman Genealogy, which did not know Sarah's maiden name and surmised she was a Skiffe since a grandson was given this name. However, it is probable that Skeffe Freeman, born 1723, son of Edmund & Keziah (Skiffe, I think, not Presbury, see further), was most likely named after his mother's family, not his paternal grandmother's, so this erodes the 1875 theory).

All we know for certain (and even that is not ironclad, looking at Wakefield's sketch) is that Keziah (last name uncertain), born ca. 1688, was a granddaughter of Stephen and Lydia (Snow) Skiffe of Sandwich. She may have been born out of wedlock to one of their daughters (so further records of those daughters might be searched down), and not necessarily by Deborah,

Torrey's New England Marriages adds nothing further, nor do two supplements to the latter. Also, your Edmond Freeman was born "Circa 1655" (obviously based on his age at death), not 5 October 1652; the latter is the birth date for a first cousin with the same name. The IGI states that your Edmund Freeman, son of Edmund and Margaret (Perry), was born at Sandwich 6 October 1655.

Robert S. Wakefield's Mayflower Families through Five Generations: Family of Richard Warren (1999) offers the most up-to-date analysis of Keziah (Presbury?) Freeman, who was born in 1687/88 (according to age on death record?), was named as a granddaughter of Stephen Skiffe of Sandwich in his will, dated 1701 (Wakefield's sketch does not say whether a surname is given for her in the will). She married Edmond Freeman at Sandwich in 1706; a codicil to Stephen Skiffe's will in 1708 noted that Keziah "was given her things upon marriage." It is apparent from the analysis that Keziah was not a daughter of Stephen Presbury, either by his wife Deborah Skiffe (daughter of Stephen) or by a theoretical first wife. Assuming that the age on his tombstone is correct (d. 1730 at 58), he was born ca. 1672, and was not necessarily the same Stephen Presbury who witnessed a deed at Kittery, Maine in 1686. We know that he married Deborah Skiffe by 1694, when their daughter Mary was born. They had seven daughters and one son, all of whom (or whose issue) are or by any of the daughters known to exist, either; a daughter or even a son might have died before Stephen Skiffe made his will in 1701, leaving Keziah. Scanning the long list of Edmond and Keziah's children, I notice they named eldest daughter Lydia, a son Stephen, a son Skeffe, and a daughter Deborah, all

mentioned in Stephen Presbury's will, and they do not include Keziah.

Banks' only reason for giving Stephen Presbury of the Vineyard a birth date of "ca. 1666" is the 1686 Maine deed, and I maintain there is no evidence that the two Stephens were identical. I have found old Yankee New England gravestone dates to be largely accurate, and there is no reason to believe that Stephen Presbury was not born ca. 1672 and married a woman four years older. Banks' statement that he was "probably older than his wife" is, in this context, entirely without foundation.

My eight-year research into the Native American history of Martha's Vineyard (to be published by GPC in about two years) noticed several flimsy conjectures, and some outright mistakes, made by Banks in sketching both white and Native families, and these have also been noticed by other Vineyard historians and genealogists such as Katherine (Kay) Mayhew of the Martha's Vineyard Historical Society.

Unless there is something I missed, I do not think there is any evidence at all that Keziah was a Presbury. This is only stated, without any corroborating evidence, in the 1875 Freeman Genealogy, in which many other conjectures seem to be made based upon hearsay. There is no marriage for Edmund and Keziah in any vital records (VRs), and the marriage date of ca. 1706 is apparently only based on the birth date of their eldest child, 1708 in Sandwich.

names found in the Skiffe family. There are no children named Keturah, Dorcas, Drusilla or Content, all unusual names found among Stephen and Deborah (Skiffe) Presburys' children. It would seem that if Keziah had belonged to the Presburys and been raised by them on the Vineyard, she would have given some of her fourteen children the names of these putative half-sisters.



This is obviously not hard evidence either way, but should be considered circumstantial. My opinion is that Keziah was born and raised in Sandwich, never left there and was possibly not even Deborah's daughter, and certainly not Stephen Presbury's.

The above is an example of connections based on flimsy or non-existent evidence, which compounds itself through numerous repetitions in the IGI, published genealogies, etc. The good news is that since Keziah was almost certainly a granddaughter of Stephen and Lydia (Snow) Skiffe, she would have a proven Mayflower descent through Lydia.

I should also call your attention to an NEHGS Register article on the Perry family of Sandwich, reprinted in *Genealogies of Mayflower Families*. It notes that there is no evidence, other than (again) the hearsay of the 1875 Freeman Genealogy, that Edmund Freeman's wife Margaret Perry was a sister of Ezra Perry of Sandwich, and thus a daughter of Edmund and Sarah Perry. I can explore this further if you wish, to determine if anything has been unearthed and published more recently.

On to the Middlesex County MA problems. Ruth H. Bubul's recent [George Hayward: A Line From Concord, Massachusetts, 1635](#) states that William Taylor (born ca. 1618) married by 1649 (when he was a proprietor in Concord), Mary Meriam, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Goldstone) Merriam. After her death, in 1677 he married (2) Hannah Merriam, a cousin of his first wife. The Merriam family is also sketched, with sources such as Lemuel Shattuck's notes, and there seems no reason to doubt that Mary Merriam was not William Taylor's

wife. I do not see in your notes the source which supposedly identifies Mary was a Coltham, daughter of William Coltham of Wethersfield CT, but the latter place is quite far from Concord MA, where William Taylor lived.

The IGI (apparently based on vital records) gives the marriage date of William Taylor to Mary Merriam as 19 October 1650, which seems to clash with the birth of their oldest daughter Mary on 12 September 1649/50; but since transcriptions of calendar dates of that period sometimes don't take into account the "double years" given between fall and spring, it would be worth another look at the VR's for Concord. Also, the new publication of Middlesex County probate records (to 1660) might be checked, as well as Middlesex County deeds through 1700, to see if William and Mary Taylor, or their children, deeded out land in her right; and a probate for Mary's presumed mother Sarah (Goldstone) Merriam, who married (2) Joseph Wheeler of Concord and died there in 1671, to see if she mentioned Mary or her children. Wheeler's probate might be checked too, since he may have remembered stepdaughter Mary or her children.

I searched down the best sources given in Torrey's *New England Marriages to 1700* for the marriage of William Johnson to Hannah Davis, although references had to be followed up for their parents, not for them. *History of Billerica, Massachusetts (1883)* shows that Joseph Davis, from Reading MA, married Rebecca Patten in Billerica in 1691; their second daughter Hannah

was born in 1694 but it is not stated who she married. Joseph Davis died in 1747 and his Middlesex County probate file (#6045) should certainly be checked, unless you already have this as your source. Middlesex County deeds might also be checked for William and Hannah Johnson deeding out land in her right.

Newhall Ancestry (1899) states that William Johnson (born 1686 in Woburn) married firstly in 1708, Sarah Dole, secondly, after his first wife (Hannah _____) died in 1710. Obviously, the marriage had to occur between 1710 and 1718, when their first child was born in Woburn, and obviously it occurred in or near Woburn, not Mansfield CT since the couple did not remove there until the 1730s, after all their children were born in Woburn and registered in the VR's there. There is no record of William's marriage to Hannah in any Massachusetts vital records, and the actual date might never be known. If you do need confirmation that she was a Davis, however, I can check the above probate and land records at the Middlesex County registry, to which I travel about twice a week.

This concludes my report; I trust that the new information and extracts will be of some help to you. Please advise as to your wishes for any continued research; it has been a pleasure to work on these New England problems for you, and I shall look forward to corresponding again in the near future.

— R. Andrew Pierce

Winslow Farr, Sr. Family Mission Statement

To identify our ancestors, do their temple ordinances and gather and publish their histories. To share our research in family meetings and at reunions. To encourage family members to be involved in research, writing and organizing to accomplish our objectives.'

Please read over this mission statement and add your thoughts

and corrections so that we ultimately will have a statement that will meet our needs and help us to make even greater progress in this important work.

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Thank You for your input!

Reminders

Here are a few reminders until our next family mailing in the Spring:

1. Please send in your \$20.00 renewal right away.
2. Please mark your calendars for August 3-5 to attend our reunion. Please contact the Cherry Hill Campground if you wish to get a camping spot.
3. We will send a spring mailing to

allow you to begin to register for the reunion and make your reservations at surrounding hotels if you wish.

4. Those involved on the reunion committee and other interested parties should attend our April 29th meeting at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. We will have a continental breakfast. At 10:15 a.m.

on the 4th floor. We will hold our research meeting followed by a short officer/trustee meeting.

