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The Cover

By Phyllis Paulsen Taggart, Utah State University's First Lady when Glen was President, who is greatly admired and loved.

Family Fund

We are immensely gratified for your outpouring of support as expressed by your contributions since our last Newsletter and at this year's Reunion. Sepcifically, we wish to thank the following: Valeria T. Pond, Charlotte B. Smith, Glen & Phyllis Taggart, Mervin & Nell Elwood, Charles & Merle Taggart, Becky T. Watkins, Bruce & Claudia Taggart, Helen Wride, Brent & Sheri Brown, Sydney Calder, Mary B. Lawyer, Spencer & Ila Taggart, Charles W. Taggart, Sherman & Melba Gold, Ronald & Florence White, Doyle Child, Joseph & Grace Jensen, Beulah T. Hatch, Clarence & Irma Poulsen, Earl & Verla Ashment, Richard H. & Judy Taggart, Brent & Pauline Jensen, Sydney & Arenys Heiner, Elliott & Shirley Berlin, Ethel T. Christensen, Don Taggart, Gladys T. Snelson, Gary & Viona Nelson, Daniel & LaNae Wheatley, Doris & Ralph Collette, Oneita Van Noy, Karlyn F. Brett, Fred & Hazel Hilbig, Lyle J. & Leila Taggart, F. Farel Tibbits, Marva B. Karren, Douglas & Julie Pike, Henry & Mildred Mansfield, Jeffrey J. Taggart, Mac & Janet Taggart, Rodney & Ann Taggart, Hazel Taggart, Jeanette T. Holmes, Nga T. & Jack Taggart, James & LuDean Pond, Harriet T. Byrtus, Lawrence & Charlotte Taggart, Charles Cassaday, Sherman Boyce, Eileen & Jeffry Robinson, Lynn & Beth Bright, Dyan M. Welch, Dick Calder, Dorothy Bird, Helen M. Barger, John Taggart, Howard & Wanda Shuldberg, Jessie Taggart Francis, Joel & Mary Lou Mellor, Jay Dee & Adelle Karren, Valene Taggart, Nick Hauert, Bernice T. Van Dam, Verla T. Olsen, Athlene M. Allred, Carolyn Chow, Ingar & Louise Andersen, Edis & Mary Taggart, Charles Bowman, Louise T. Heiner, Vera T. Hopkins, Karen Graham, Alice B. Hardcastle, Norean B. Boyce, Lela Johnson, C. Jay Taggart, Kathy Gifford, Rulon Crosby, Earl & Alice Taylor, Myrna T. Scott, Foster & Venice Sorenson, Scott & Sharon Heiner, W. Kenneth Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Dallas White, Jane & Vine Poll, Shirley Wright, Keith Francis, Margaret & Ronald Leckie.

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OURS IS A GREAT FAMILY!

To have an effective Family Organization with accomplishments befitting greatness requires your support.

We feel you are providing this kind of support. Our Family Newsletter is operating in the black, and our Family Reunion was a financial success. For example, we had a carry-over of \$138.28 from our last Reunion (Ogden 1982). After all expenses (\$277.43) for this 1984 Reunion, we have been able to send a carry-forward of \$962.05 to Lloyd for our family account. As the buffet luncheon was self-sustaining, donated funds were not used for it.

You have given us the means to begin moving toward a sounder Family Organization, obtaining, for example, recognition by the Internal Revenue Service. Thanks again for your continuing support.

THE 21ST GEORGE WASHINGTON TAGGART FAMILY REUNION

Held in Logan, Utah, August 4, 1984, on the Campus of Utah State University, our Family Reunion was a memorable gathering of relatives with about 350 in attendance. The day was packed with much to do and see - renewing old acquaintances, making new ones, visiting, swimming, viewing interesting and important displays, sharing genealogical information and materials, attending a genealogical meeting, savoring a buffet luncheon in the Glen L. Taggart Student Center, enjoying an afternoon program of Family talent, topped off by a beautiful Art Show from Family collections in the University's new Museum of Art. In addition, several were able to attend the University's national award-winning Festival of the American West.

Genealogical Meeting

At the Genealogical meeting, Jeanette T. Holmes (Bruce-George Henry) outlined the general history of all families - not ours alone - who are Taggarts. Her survey covered the period from earliest beginnings until settlement in America. Taggart antecedents, Jeanette explained, came to Ireland from the Middle Eastern Countries and Spain, first as conquerors and then as colonists. They remained in Ireland well into the Seventh Century (673 A.D.) when O'Beollan of the priestly tribe moved to Scotland. There he was appointed Abbot of the Christian monastery at Applecrossen, Ross-shire. He was the first Scottish ancestor of the Taggarts. In 1214 Fearchar Mackintaggart, son of the priest at Applecrossen, became the first Earl of Ross of the O'Beollan line.

The Taggarts, Jeanette continued, remained in Scotland until the Seventeenth Century (1610/25) when they moved to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland at the request of the English Crown to aid in rehabilitating that part of the Empire decimated by war. They lived there almost 100 years before emigrating to America to escape religious persecution as a result of the Irish Inquisition, more bloody and horrible than the Spanish Inquisition. Different Taggart families settled in different parts of America, ours more particularly in Massachusetts (Boston and Roxbury) and New Hampshire (Londonderry, Peterborough and Sharon).

In addition to her report, Jeanette had wall posters depicting this history, including scenes and locations where Taggart ancestors had lived. There was also a poster showing the farms of (1) John and Barbara McMah Taggart and (2) James and Elizabeth McNee Taggart.

Jeanette's 55-page report on "The Taggart Family in Scotland, Ireland and America" presents this history in considerable detail. It contains a number of illustrations, including maps, pictures, etc. Jeanette's report was received with great interest. One hundred copies were bought at the Reunion. She has only twenty left. If you wish one, please write to her (address on our masthead). The price has been increased to \$6 (from \$4) to cover mailing. Proceeds above actual costs will go to the Family Fund.

There were also several tables with displays: the Taggart tartan, a Taggart Coat of Arms of carved wood, the Ross tartan and Coat of Arms, books, pictures, maps, records, documents, etc. All were related to the history of the Taggarts.

Program

Paul L. Taggart, Reunion Chairman, began the afternoon program warmly welcoming all present and thanking those who had assisted with the Reunion. He commented on how pleased he was to see so many there and on the large representations from the families of several of GWT's children, i.e. George Henry 72, James 58, Frederick 36, Charles Wallace 34.

Marva B. Karren (Alice) set the tone with her appropriate and beautifully played piano prelude music. George Welch (Mary-Nettie-George Henry) directed the Family in singing a number of songs, among them our traditional opening favorite: "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning", and "Springtime in the Rockies", a tradition at our Reunions since it was introduced by Milt Taggart's band. George Welch also sang a solo.

Lyle R. Taggart (Walter-Frederick) M.C., maintained a comfortably-paced program tempo. Sharon and Scott Heiner (Sydney-Horace-Sarah Jane) sang "Sun Rise, Sun Set" while their young daughter Heather did an interpretative dance. George T. Frost (Rebecca-George Henry), accompanied by his wife Myrtle, sang a group of old-time favorites, among them "Alice Blue Gown". Their daughter, Karlyn, who has the Karlyn Brett School of Music in Spokane WA, played a piano solo. Family stars June and Rulon Crosby (Cleone-Rebecca-George Henry) again delighted us with their rousing violin and guitar music and lively commentary. Glen L. Taggart's (James) talk is published elsewhere in this issue. He was our only speaker.

The conclusion of the program was reserved for "Hugo the Clown" who turned out to be none other than our relative, Hugh Taylor (Ruth-Ida-Sarah Jane). He formed shapes out of balloons no one would believe possible. He stayed on after the program and entertained the young children until each had a specially sculpted balloon. Mac Taggart (Lloyd-George Henry) and F. Edis Taggart (Frederick) gave the opening and closing prayers.

At the conclusion of the program, Scott Taggart, Sr., who will be ninety-two in January, was presented a booklet containing letters from a number of Family members expressing their love and appreciation for him. He is GWT's oldest living grandchild. There were also a number of others in the Family present who have reached eighty and above: Jessie T. Francis, Amasa Hyde, Jay Taggart, Velma and Wendell Bayles, Valeria T. Pond, Marva B. Karren. Another item of interest - Paul, our Chairman, is GWT's youngest grandson. His sister, LaRee T. Scott, also present at the Reunion, is not only GWT's youngest granddaughter, but also his last grandchild - born (November 13, 1926) 110 years after GWT's birth (November 6, 1816).

Art Show

The notion of an art show was at least novel, if not unprecedented as a feature of a family reunion. As I recall, it surfaced during a telephone conversation with Lloyd about eighteen months ago. I had just commented on the University's new Art Museum: "How about an art show? You can have our stuff. Mac's too." Lloyd volunteered. "If you want, I'll ask him."

"Great! I'll call the Director of the Museum immediately and put him in touch with you. His name is Twain Tippetts."

With this beginning and after many months of careful planning and considerable work, our Taggart Family Art Show became a reality. The title: "Westerners' Love of the West" was suggested by Adele Taggart, Lloyd's wife. The show opened on July 27, to coincide with the opening of the University's Festival of the American West, and ran through August 31, 1984. For all those Family members who participated in making this show possible, this was a great and fulfilling experience. It was surely one-of-a-kind as part of a Family Reunion. As I overheard one Family member at the exhibit comment: "This is the icing on the cake."

We received good advance coverage of the Show in the Logan Herald Journal, the Salt Lake Tribune, and the Deseret News. Reported the Herald Journal: "Works on display were selected . . . from the extensive private collection of family members who have long supported the arts by purchasing examples of the best in contemporary works".

The Deseret News headlined Richard P. Christenson's (that paper's art critic): "USU's Western exhibit a family affair." "Over the years", Christenson's review ran, "the Taggart family has shown unusual artistic sensitivity and appreciation for the fine arts. The exhibit testifies of this interest. There is not only a fine selection of paintings and sculpture, but original prints, photographs, drawings, and ceramics. And their Navajo jewelry and weavings collections are some of the finest in the country.

"Top names in painting include Wilson Hurley, W.H.D. Koerner, Conrad Schwiering, Harrison Groutage, Bill L. Hill, and Ed Taggart. But there are also striking sculptures by Ed Fraughton, Harry Jackson, and Avard Fairbanks; and ceramics by Dorothy Bearnson, Lee Dillon, Ben Kajitani, and John Takehara."

The show logged almost 1600 visitors. They were from cities in Utah and neighboring states. Visitors from other areas included Grants Pass OR, Buffalo NY, Stuart FL, Fairfield IA, Chicago IL, California (a number of cities), West Germany, Jerusalem, Kalamazoo MI, McLean VA, Farmingville NY, Laie HI, St. Joseph MO, Bronx NY, Espanala NM, Athens GA, West Lafayette IN, Enid OK, Byron IL, Dearborn MI, the Philippines, Kula Maui HI, Columbia MO, Tulsa OK, Endicott NY, Binghamton NY, Bellview WA, Portland OR, Daytona FL, Pullman WA.

Visitors' comments - a typical sampling: "Inspiring collection." "Absolutely super." "Beautiful display." "Neat Pottery." "Lovely." "Great." "What an opportunity to see a Wilson Hurley!" "Georgeous, loved it all." "Western display surpasses anything I have yet seen." "Exquisite." "Beautiful - a good blend of art." "Fantastic." "Western impressionism! How better to express our Spirit." "Unusual and varied moods in paintings." "Loved the weavings!" "Bill Hill - world-class!" "Well worth paying for." "Many thanks to all the Taggarts!"

As many of you were unable to see the Show, we have reprinted at the end of this Newsletter our program. The painting by Hurley, "Red Wall", was reproduced in color, not as we have done it in black on white. With the exception of Paragraph 5 ("Their common . . . etc.), all of the program notes are by Twain Tippetts. We thought you might be interested in reading what someone else has written about the Taggarts. You have guessed it - paragraph 5 is mine.

Of special interest to Reunion guests was the display of art by our own family members. Easel paintings were on display in the same area where Jeanette had placed her genealogical display. There were paintings by Marcus Taggart (GWT's son), Wanda Shuldberg (Marcus), LuDean Pond (wife of James Pond -Valeria-James).

HIGHLIGHTS - MY BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

By Glen Laird Taggart Taggart Reunion - August 4, 1984 - Logan Utah

(Glen was President of Utah State University from 1968 to 1979. At present he is Senior Program Consultant for the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.)

When Paul asked me to talk at our reunion, he suggested presenting something on my background and experience. My brother Spence, who was involved in the conversation, said "and don't take more than fifteen minutes, because long presentations at family reunions can be boring".

To assure keeping within the time limit, Spence suggested that the presentation be written. Paul concurred.

I was the last of eight children of James and Valeria Ann Laird Taggart. I recall that the overwhelming impact of being last was the pressure of trying to live up to the achievements and reputations of my brothers and sisters and parents. When I registered as a freshman at Utah State University, for example, Herr Jensen, the German professor, suggested that I skip first year German because it would be a waste of my time. He didn't actually know me, but had had Spence as a student and somehow thought I might be as good.

This positive family pressure set the standards and environment for achievement that seemed to drive me much harder than otherwise might have been the case.

Another family impact was a deep and abiding commitment to the Mormon religion which touched every aspect of our lives. Our parents were prime examples of people "living their religion." All members of our family have been sustained throughout their lives by the religious influence of our parents and home.

Another influence within the family was a pattern of open and lively discussion. We would sit around the dinner table for hours and discuss all types of problems and issues - vigorously and sometimes heatedly. But, almost always, we would come to some amiable conclusion. These family discussions, I believe, were my best training in the patterns and techniques of resolving conflict.

There were several decisions in early life that significantly influenced my future. By age 16 my ambition was to become a dairy farmer. My father and I studied improved dairy farms to determine if we should make certain advancements in our operation. One evening after a long discussion, Father concluded that this was not the time to make the investments. I then made the decision not to become a farmer. That same evening I decided that education would be my channel for achievement and thus I would strive to obtain a PhD degree. I didn't know what field of study, but I determined that as a goal.

The next major decision was a mission. I wanted to go abroad so that in the process of serving the Church I could learn a language and thus work off one of the PhD requirements. I was sent to Germany and assigned to work in Chemnitz, not far from where Spence was working in the Czechoslovak Mission. I visited him and ended up being reassigned to work in Czechoslovakia.

Almost three-and-a-half years later I returned home, where I really dug into my academic work. At the same time, however, I did not neglect getting acquainted with and dating a large number of attractive girls. One such young lady hastened the process of narrowing the field by asking me to accompany her to a sorority party, our first date. Roughly six months of courting later, after receiving an offer of a graduate assistantship from the University of Wisconsin, which as I recall, paid around \$900 a year, I had a date with that same young lady, Phyllis. During the course of the evening I asked casually if she thought a young couple could live on that much money. Her immediate response was: "You bet we can!" Thus we were engaged.

I chose Wisconsin for graduate study because they were impressed with my background in Czechoslovakia, and wanted me to work on ethnic studies in their state. Frankly, most of the professional activities of my life, in one way or another, can be traced to that Czechoslovakian Mission experience.

After three years in graduate school at Wisconsin where I earned a PhD, Phyllis and I went to Washington D.C. to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The first year there was devoted to doing studies related to the settlement and development of the Columbia River Basin, an area impacted by the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam.

Next was a shift to Foreign Agriculture Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The United States was at war with Japan and was cut off from Southeast Asia, an area that supplied the United States with commodities important to our economy and vital to our war effort such as rubber, fibers and medicinals, including quinine.

The United States had two programs to deal with the loss of these vital commodities. One was to gather them from wild plants in tropical Latin America, and the other, with which I was associated, was to help develop agricultural research stations to supply the scientific knowhow and materials for cultivated production. Our logic was (1) that even after the war ended we needed a dispersed supply of commodities so important to our economy; and (2) if we could help Latin American countries gain the knowledge and skills for production of agricultural crops needed by the United States, we at once would help their economies and our own.

Many, if not most, of the agricultural research stations in Central America, the Andean countries, and several in Brazil were started with this U.S. Department of Agriculture program. I spent ten years in this endeavor, first as a science specialist, then as assistant head, and then as head of the Division responsible for the program.

I was spending a great deal of time abroad. We liked the program and the people involved, but we had three children and my extensive absences left Phyllis with undue responsibility and I was deprived of the kind of association with my family that I considered important. We had always wanted university involvement, and since we had joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture as part of the war effort and the war was now over, we explored leaving government and finding a university job.

After a long discussion with Phyllis, we decided to go look at Michigan State University for possible employment. After returning home, Charles Loomis, Head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, called and said, "Glen, I can offer you a full professorship, but you will have to take a cut in salary." We took the job.

This seemed to set a pattern. I had two more major position changes before arriving at my present role. In both cases I took cuts in salary. I have always felt that the nature of the work and the type of people with whom you are associated is more important than the money.

For three years at Michigan State University I was a professor with no administrative responsibilities. I look upon those years with great fondness. I enjoyed the students and the style of family life it permitted.

This did not last long, however, because President Hannah asked me to assume responsibility as the University's first Dean of International Studies and Programs. He, as I, felt it was important for American students to become more interested in and knowledgeable about international political, economic, social and cultural forces.

In this role we increased the magnitude of the University's effort in international studies considerably. In addition to area studies related to various parts of the world, we incorporated the international dimension as an integral part of many of our major academic enterprises. For example, international trade and economics was made a part of the economic offerings, international business in our College of Business, comparative education as a part of our College of Education, and others.

In addition to the academic emphasis, the University contracted with foundations and governments to help develop University programs and research and extension enterprises in many of the less developed countries.

While at Michigan State we helped to establish five new universities abroad. We also helped another 20 or so colleges and universities already established to develop into more effective and competent institutions.

An example of the kind of involvement was the development of the University of Nigeria. In 1958 the then Eastern Region Government of Nigeria laid aside a thousand acres of land and roughly \$20 million for the establishment of a university. Nigeria was still a colony of Great Britain, but the premier of the Eastern Region had been educated in the U.S. and was impressed with the land grant universities' practical orientation toward education. He desired both British and American input into the planning and development of the university. Thus a commission of two British heads of universities and two Americans was established to assess the situation and make recommedations as to the nature of the university and the strategy of its development. I was one of the Americans.

The Eastern Region Government approved our report and I was invited to serve as a consultant in the actual development of the University. Under a grant from the United States Agency for International Development, Michigan State University undertook helping establish the institution. It opened its door to students in October of 1960. During 1964-66 I served as Vice-Chancellor or President. When Phyllis, Elaine and I left there in the Spring of 1966 we had just participated in the graduation of over 550 students with bachelor's degrees. It was a dramatic development.

There was a period beginning in the 1940's through the 1970's when the United States and a number of Western countries through their technical assistance programs helped to develop universities, colleges, research and extension programs in many of the economically less developed countries of the world. I am not sure, but I would estimate that there were more such institutions established and developed during this period than in the rest of the history of the world. The United States was the main participant in the whole development.

It is true that universities, research and extension programs do not solve all the social, economic and political problems of the world. But at the same time we know that they are a necessary ingredient that must be present and functional for any nation to develop in the modern sense of the word. I am gratified that Phyllis and I were a part of this great educational movement.

From time to time I have served on commissions or in special studies related to higher education. I will mention several as illustrations. There was the one in 1958 already cited in Nigeria. In 1946 following the war with Japan, I was one of a five-man commission to study and make recommendations for the rehabilitation of higher education in the Philippines. In 1961 I was one of a four-man commission to study the development of and the relationship of the East-West Center to the University of Hawaii.

In the early 1970's I headed a commission to study the future development of Hallie Salassie University in Ethiopia.

I was a member of a United Nations Commission to assess the University of Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland and make recommendations for future development. Each country has since developed its separate university. If all goes well, I will go to the University of Swaziland in October, along with a few colleagues, to assess again that University and make recommendations for its further development.

I have served as a consultant to a number of universities in this country in advising them on the formulation and development of their international studies and programs. In 1962, for example, I was requested to make a study of the University of California in relation to its participation in international studies and programs. My report constituted the basis of the policy for that university system's participation in such activities.

I served for over ten years as Chairman of the International Affairs Committees of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, with its major purpose being to help universities develop their international studies and programs.

In 1968 we came to Utah to assume the Presidency of Utah State University. Everything considered, I believe our 11 years in that role have been our most productive and satisfying. I believe that during this period Utah State

moved to become an excellent University, even as measured by national standards. I will refer to only one index, of which there are many, to illustrate. When we came on board, the most the University had attracted in competitive research and training grants was around \$1.5 million a year. When we left it was over \$23,000,000. This was in addition to the appropriated funds for research and development. This year it will be around \$35,000,000.

For my last budget hearing with the State Legislature we had made a study comparing all the Land Grant Universities in the United States in relation to the number of competitive grant dollars per full-time faculty members. Utah State University was third in the nation. This doesn't tell you everything about a university, but it is an index of the vigor and quality of the faculty.

When we retired five years ago because I had reached the age of 65, we returned to Washington D.C. where we worked for two-and-one-half years for the State Department, returning to the arena of international development.

In the meantime, the Kellogg Foundation contacted me and wanted us to work for them. It invovles what they call their Kellogg National Fellow Program which is essentially a program to develop leadership capacities in select, well-established, competent people. Although the assignment involves a lot of travel, they permit us to live in Logan.

In addition to the Kellogg work, I am presently a member of the Utah State Board of Regents, the governing body of higher education in the State of Utah. I am a member of a legislative committee to rewrite the Utah legal code on education, and a member of a committee set up by the Utah Supreme Court to look at the court system and recommend a constitutional amendment for its revision.

Over the years I have concluded that it is important for all of us to set both long-term and short-term goals. If we have aspirations which can be defined, I believe we work more diligently and purposefully to achieve than otherwise would be the case. And I have concludeed that good solid work is important to achievement and happiness.

Education is extremely important to prepare us to compete and live meanfully in society. The state of the arts is changing so rapidly that a solid educational background is essential, not only to compete in, but to enjoy an advanced society such as our own. In addition, even with a good educational grounding, it is important to remain inquisitive and to continue one's learning throughout life. This is important not only to perform effectively in our various roles and positions, but also to adhere to the religious philosophy important to most of us, i.e, eternal progression. In other words, there is not just a time for learning and a time for doing. Learning and development should be a continuous process throughout life.

There are other things I consider important to achievement, but my fifteen minutes have expired. Permit me to mention briefly a couple more.

Integrity in purpose and method is perhaps the most significant. It is important that people believe and trust us - that they know we are honest and forthright in our statements and actions. Traits George Washington Taggart eminently possessed.

A sense of optimism about the possibilities for the future helps to drive us to achieve. I suppose there is nothing more important than our responsibility to make an effort to instill in our young people a sense of vision and hope. Our society has not reached its zenith. The limits of human enterprise have not yet been met. The best is not behind us. Indeed, the best is yet to come.

I suppose if I were going to ask any of the young people to copy the single most important act of my life I would say, be fortunate enough to have the right young lady or man propose to you and be smart enough to accept. Phyllis has participated fully and most effectively in every aspect of our development and achievement. I am grateful for the very significant contributions she has made as a spouse, a mother, a companion and a coworker.

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IN MEMORIUM

Robert Western Sappington

Husband of Charlene Smith (Charlotte-Mary Amanda-Charles Wallace) Sappington

Born September 20, 1937 - Rexburg, ID. Died April 16, 1984 - Kaysville UT

Marie Frost Bolin
(Rebecca-George Henry) Wife of Lew Bolin
Born March 20, 1904 - Cowley WY. Died May 22, 1984 - Cowley WY

Harold Silver
Husband of Ruth (Ruth-Pauline-George Henry)
Born March 15, 1901 - SLC UT. Died September 13, 1984 - Denver CO

New Members

Scott (Donna-Byron-Eliza Ann) and Carol MacKay Son - Born September 25, 1984

Scott D. (Perry-Molleta-Marcus) and Echo Roberts Son Nathaniel ("Nate") Cook Roberts - Born April 28, 1984

> David (Valeria-Beulah-James) and Teresa Crapo Son Jonathan David - Born June 30, 1984

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Howard W. and Zina Rae Brown (John Robert "Jack"-George Henry)
Celebrating 50 Years of marriage together this past April
in Centerville UT. They have four children: LaRae, Gerry, Robert and Linda

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Marriages

Barbara Watkins (Becky-Lloyd-George Henry) to George McKay August 4, 1984 - Glendora CA

Perry T. Roberts (Molleta-Marcus) to Frances Ellen Amble May 23, 1984 - Salt Lake Temple

Jay Rosel Elwood (Nell-Walter-Frederick) to Joanne Halverson November 11, 1984 - Logan Temple

Jill Taggart (Robert-Glen-James Henry-George Henry) to Collin Gordon Homer April 26, 1984 - Ogden Temple

Frederick Quintin (Ted) Blair (Ruth-Lloyd-George Henry) to Judy Monty August 25, 1984 - Cody WY

Alexander T. Holmes (Jeanette-Bruce-George Henry) to Tena Flornes September 3, 1983 - Santa Monica CA

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MISSIONARIES

SCOTT CHAMBERS

Serving in the Georgia Atlanta Mission and is "loving it". He is Anne and John Chambers' oldest son Alice's grandson, and Scott Taggart Sr's oldest great grandchild

ANNE BOYCE AND CHRISTOPHER BOYCE
Children of Richard and Glenna Boyce (Norean-Alice)
Ann is in the Dallas TX Mission
Chnristopher is in the South Dakota Mission
They had a joint farewell, entered the Missionary Training Center the same day, and left for the mission field a day apart

BRAD LYNN BARLOW (Becky-Ethel-Bruce-George Henry) Serving in the Peru Arequipa Mission

KELLY TAGGART

(Steven-Ted-Henry Milton)

Serving in the Arcadia CA Mission

Her brother Anthony is expecting to receive a mission call in November

Their father Steven Laird Taggart is serving as

President of the West Hunter Stake, West Valley City UT

Missionaries - continued

LYLE J. AND LEILA S. TAGGART Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Mission

They have been assigned to work with inactive members and with part-member families in the Johnstown Ward. Upon completion of their mission January 25, 1985, they plan to visit with their daughter, Jill, in Mechanicsburg PA and Leila's brother in Rhode Island, before returning to their home in Rigby ID. Lyle is retired from Kraft Foods.

WALLY AND LAVELLA TAGGART (Henry Milton) BURT

They filed this report about a month before their release as guides at the Mormon Battalion Memorial Visitors Center in San Diego: "I have just re-read the 1st two Newsletters and enjoyed the letters of our Grandfather, his Mother and his Brothers. They came just the right time. I used Grandfather's ballad and some parts of the letters for our family home evening with the other guides we serve with. Since we have been here I feel I have gotten to know our Grandfather and certainly do appreciate more what he and the other Battalion members endured on their long march. We have visited a part of the desert where they travelled and marvel that they were able to survive. . . . We are enjoying our mission immensely. This experience has been very rewarding and we are thankful for the opportunity."

LaVella T. Burt - June '84

OWEN AND VERONA SLOUGH

"Our last mission, making 12 missions for our family, was in the California San Diego Mission, providing an excellent opportunity for me to gather all the information the Visitors Center . . . had on George Washington Taggart and his experiences with the Mormon Battalion. He is listed as an engineer or surveyor and helped in founding or laying out the Old Town of San Diego. It was nice to have a close relative given such recognition."

Owen Slough - St. George - May '84

SCOTT HINCKLEY TAGGART (Lloyd-George Henry)

Called to be President of the Canada Montreal Mission
Scott and Lou Ciel are the parents of five children. A retired civil
engineer, Scott has filled a mission in Brazil and has been a bishop, high
councilor and high priest group leader. Lou Ceil was a full-time missionary
in New Zealand, and has served in various Church organizations, including
President of both the Ward and Stake Relief Society.

TODD SAPPINGTON

(Charlene-Charlotte-Mary Amanda-Charles Wallace)
Returned home April 20, 1984, after completing a full-time mission in the Tokyo South Mission

HAPPENINGS

Sherri McKenna (Joanne-Fannie-Mary Augusta-Eliza Ann) is President of her Junior Class at Sky View High School in Smithfield UT.

<u>David Ryan Barlow</u> (Becky-Ethel-Bruce-George Henry) is President of his class at Bountiful Junior High School. His grandfather is Bountiful's former Mayor Elmer Barlow.

Richard Van Wagoner is this year's Managing Editor of the Utah Law Review at the University of Utah College of Law. A second-year law student, he has also received a \$4,500 graduate research fellowship to study issues related to worker's compensation. Richard is married to Cheryl Taggart (Paul-Frederick) and they have a daughter, Angela.

Douglas Pike, husband of Julie Lewis (Dow-Julia) is with Martin Marietta Aerospace as a Field Engineer in the construction of the new Space Shuttle Launch and Landing Site at Vanderberg AFB in California. According to Doug, the first Launch will be October 15, 1985. He and Julie have a one-year-old daughter, Rebekah Ann. He is the Scoutmaster in the Lompoc First Ward and Julie is the Relief Society Secretary and choir pianist.

Brent L. Brown (Bruce-Violet-George Henry) reports that he and Sheri have five children: Kimberly (11), Kristen (9), Jason (6), Kari (4), and Matthew(3). Brent describes Sheri as "a consummate mother and homemaker" and himself as "an average Senior Vice President in a local financial institution."

George Welch (Mary-Nettie-George Henry) is married to Carol Watson, and they have four sons. George is director of the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir, the largest professional independent touring choir in America. He is also consultant of fine arts for the Jordan School District, which has around 51,000 students. George is a member of the American Choral Directors' Association and President of the Utah Music Educators Association. He holds degrees from Utah State and Brigham Young Universities. He has held various teaching positions in Wyoming and Utah, and has been an adjudicator for music activities throughout Wyoming, Utah and Idaho.

Richard Glen Taggart (James-George Henry) is President of the Ogden Utah North Stake. He has been with the Meridian Publishing Company (Ogden) from the beginning and is its Director of Finances and Administration.

Ida Smith (Ruth-Pauline-George Henry) on the BYU Alumni Association Staff, is in charge of adult education for that organization.

Hyrum Wayne Smith (Ruth-Pauline-George Henry) has his own firm - H. W. Smith & Associates - in the management seminar business.

John T. Karren (Adelle-Spencer-James) is Student Body President at the Junior High School in Nampa ID. On October 14, 1984 he received his Eagle Scout Award.

REUNIONS

The descendants of NOAH ALBERT (DICK) AND SARAH MARIA KINGSTON TAGGART gathered in a family reunion on June 23, 1984, at Smoot, Wyoming. According to Chairman J. Edison Taggart, this was their first reunion in thirty years. About 130 were present. Of Noah Albert's and Sarah's twelve children, three are still living - Leon and Louis Taggart, and Jean Taggart Hillstead.

The BYRON GOODRICH (Eliza Ann) family reunion was held July 7, 1984, in Providence, Utah. Byron has been dead since 1970, but his wife, Violet Mary Starkie Goodrich, still presides over the family and is living with her daughter Lela in Providence. She will be 93 this December 5th. Of her twelve children, nine are still living. Lela reports that her parents have 358 descendants - 282 blood descendants and 76 who have married into the family.

JOHN WESLEY AND ALICE TAGGART BRIGHT - Reunion held September 29, 1984 at Smithfield UT. Richard Bryce (Norene-Alice) and Marilyn Lower (Marva-Alice) were in charge of arrangements. The Reunion coincided with Marva B. Karren's 82nd birthday.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

I do enjoy the Newsletters . . . I have known hardly anything about the Taggart people - just my father's brothers and sisters and his parents . . . I'm so anxious to learn all I can and get better acquainted with my Taggart family.

Irma Taggart Poulson - Aberdeen ID - May '84

Since moving to Seattle two years ago, we have come to realize the importance of teaching our children about their ancestors. We are far away from relatives . . . and value very much the written histories. Thanks . . . for a great Newsletter - even though it comes addressed to our ll-year-old son.

Bruce W. Taggart - Redmond WA - May '84

Yet another outstanding Newsletter. . . The George Washington Taggart letter was of special interest. His letter to Fanny on the eve of his departure to Council Bluffs is a real testimony to the importance of journal writing and family record keeping. What if I could write something today that would inspire my great-great-etc. grandchnildren a century from now? Humbling thnought . . . Brown - Tucson AZ - May '84

We surely do enjoy the Newsletter . . . Our appreciation for the great work.

Sidney Calder - Bountiful UT - May '84

Received "the" letter yesterday - enjoyed it thorougly - as I have all the others:

Mary B. Lawyer - Salem OR - May '84

Thank you for the excellent Taggart Family Newsletter. It is so very well done and shows evidence of great research and commitment to its intent. We are very proud of our heritage and for the effort . . . put forth to make us aware of our great ancestry.

Doyle Child - Afton WY - May '84

We enjoyed the Taggart Newsletter very much. . . George Washington Taggart was a great man and the Newsletter brings this out very well.

Velma and Wendell Bayles -St. George UT - May '84

The Newsletter is enjoyed and the genealogy work being done is appreciated. Florence Goodrich White - Hyde Park UT - May '84

Little did I know when Dad called me in March to tell me that he'd given you the news of my promotion and that it would be in the Newsletter, that the news of his death would be on the same page. It was very hard not to shed tears on that page. . Please accept this check in Dad's name. He so looked forward to receiving the Newsletter. Richard H. Taggart - Las Vegas NV - May '84

It seems every Newsletter gets better, and I think this last one tops them all. . . The letter of GWT's was most interesting and informative. . . My love and respect for him increases all the more. . . The mere fact that I bear his name makes me all the more proud to be one of his descendants.

George T. Frost - Ogden UT - May '84

I really love getting the Newsletters. The information is new to me and therefore even more exciting and inspiring!

Dixie Davis - Rapid City SD - May '84

I am an enthusiastic reader of the Newsletter. What a good job! We are all grateful. Becky Taggart Watkins - Glendora CA - May '84

Dying to attend the Taggart Reunion, but my daughter, Joyce Hilton, and her husband are having their reunion on the same date (32 of them). I wanted to see if any of my generation of cousins had survived as I had known and loved so many. We celebrated Leora's 90th birthday in March.

Oneita Van Noy - Oakland CA

I love the Newsletters . . . They are great and so very informative.

Louise T. Heiner - Bountiful UT - June '84

Read your Newsletter very thoroughly and I am thrilled with it.

Sidney H. Heiner - Morgan UT - June '84

I enjoy the Newsletter very much! When you live a long distance from home it is especially nice to receive them. . . I'm very proud of my Taggart heritage. . . My husband and I belong to the Big Bend Genealogical Society, composed mostly of non-members. Pauline Hodges Jensen - Alpine TX - June '84

Thank you for the Newsletters. . . We thoroughly enjoy reading them and about George Washington Taggart. Melba & Sherman Gold - Abington VA - May '84

I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation for . . . our proud heritage. You're all to be complimented for generous contributions and efforts. You've all created a warm perspective in total, previously unacknowledged. I can totally relate to the many hardships and sacrifices that our ancestors were confronted with. I feel we have been introduced through the Newsletter to "new" close friends and family! Charles B. Taggart - Bountiful UT - May '84

I do enjoy the Taggart Newsletter. . . I have long wanted to read the GWT Journal, but my Grandmother's was loaned to someone who forgot to return it. So I am glad of the opportunity to have one of my own.

Verla Ashment - Afton WY - May '84

GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Following the publication of GWT's letter dated April 2, 1848 (Volume IV, Number 2, pp. 3-5), I received a letter from Grace Jensen (Spokane WA) stating her husband was a member of the Jolley Family. This is Grace's response to my request that they follow-up with them in checking out information in GWT's letters:

I wrote a letter to the Jolley family to see if I could get some information on the family Bible mentioned by GWT in his one letter. I sent my inquiry to the man whom I knew to be the historian some years ago as I don't have any contact with the Jolley Family Organization now. The former historian is deceased, but the letter was received by the family and a Jolley relative in Pasco, Washington answered. He states: We found your letter most interesting for we have no record of Henry Jolley having remarried in Nauvoo. We do have record of his marriage to a Barbara while he resided in Pleasant Grove, Utah. This appears to be our Henry Jolley from the information you sent on him. I'm sorry to tell you that we have no information about the Old Family Bible as we didn't know that Henry ever married Susan Taggart."

We also thank Grace for her work in indexing. When Jeanette asked for volunteers, Grace stepped forward. She has already indexed over a thousand names, mostly from the Maude Taggart files.

Clarissa Rogers' Genealogy. In her researches, Jeanette has come across information that would indicate Clarissa Rogers' line does not go back Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower, as we have it in our records. Jeanette's source is "The Ancestry of William Rogers of Long Island'" by Louis Effingham De Forest, New York Biographical and Historical Register, Volume 60.

I have reviewed the evidence presented in this article and have concluded that it is probably correct. But I also believe that it should be carefully researched for any further confirmation that can be found. Would someone within the Family, possibly from the Rogers' line, please volunteer to undertake this project. It is obviusly exceedingly important.

Briefly, De Forest's article states that our William Rogers was a son of Thomas Rogers who lived in Stratford-on-Avon, County Warwich, England. William was baptized there on February 7, 1612/13. He married Anna Hale on February 2, 1630/1 and they had three children - Anna, Obadiah, and Jonathan - before coming to America, sometime between 1636-1640. They eventually settled in Southampton, Long Island. Additional children: John, Noah, Hannah, Mary.

De Forest further states: "The Rogers family was numerous and prominent in Stratford-on Avon. Thomas Rogers, bailiff and alderman. . . had at least sixteen children, one becoming mother of the John Harvard of New England. The handsome Rogers' house in Stratford-on-Avon which the alderman Thomas built in 1596 is believed to be still standing."

CORRECTIONS

Volume IV, Number 1, p. 4 - In the comment top of the page, line 3, the date should be July 20, 1842 (not 1843). Same page - the letter to Albert from Henry should be dated November 9, 1842 (not 1843). Page 10 - the letter to Albert from Samuel, we failed to include the date. It was December 14, 1845.

Volume III, Number 2, p. 3 - On the marker, gives 1813 as the date of GWT's death. The Maude Taggart materials give February 5, 1814 as the date of his death.

Jeanette's Report - "The Taggart Family of Scotland, Ireland and America" - p. 42, end of 4th paragraph states Susannah Law married G. W. Taggart. It should read - Washington Taggart. Page 44 - last paragraph states Susannah Law married James Taggart. It should be Washington Taggart.

COMING SPRING 1985 NEWSLETTER
GWT'S LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1860
FROM SALT LAKE CITY TO HIS BROTHERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE!

REUNION PICTURES

We have three pages of Reunion pictures. Ruth T. Blair (Lloyd-George Henry), our photographer, was kind enough to send us these prints.

First page, top to bottom, left to right: (1) Valene Taggart, Claudia Taggart (2) Ruth T. Blair, George T. Frost, Scott Taggart Sr., Scott Taggart

(3) Alice T. Taylor and two sons, Jeff and Keith

(4) Nga Taggart and daughter, Janet Taggart, Faith T.

(5) Gigi Taggart, Ruth T. Blair

(6) Mac Taggart, Ida Smith, Ida Smith

Second page, top to bottom, left to right: (1) Janet Taggart

(2) Jesse Byrtus, Bruce Graham

- (3) Scott Taggart Sr., Jack Taggart
- (4) Scott Taggart Sr., Phylllis Taggart

(5) Rulon and June Crosby

(6) Anna Byrtus Valentine

(7) Kenneth Francis

(8) Charles W. Taggart (9) Beth Francis White

(10) Mr. White

- (11) Ethel T. Christensen
- (12) Harriet T. Byrtus, Gigi Taggart

(13) Robert T. Byrtus

14) John Greever

Third Page, top to bottom, left to right: (1) Glen Taggart and Ruth Smith

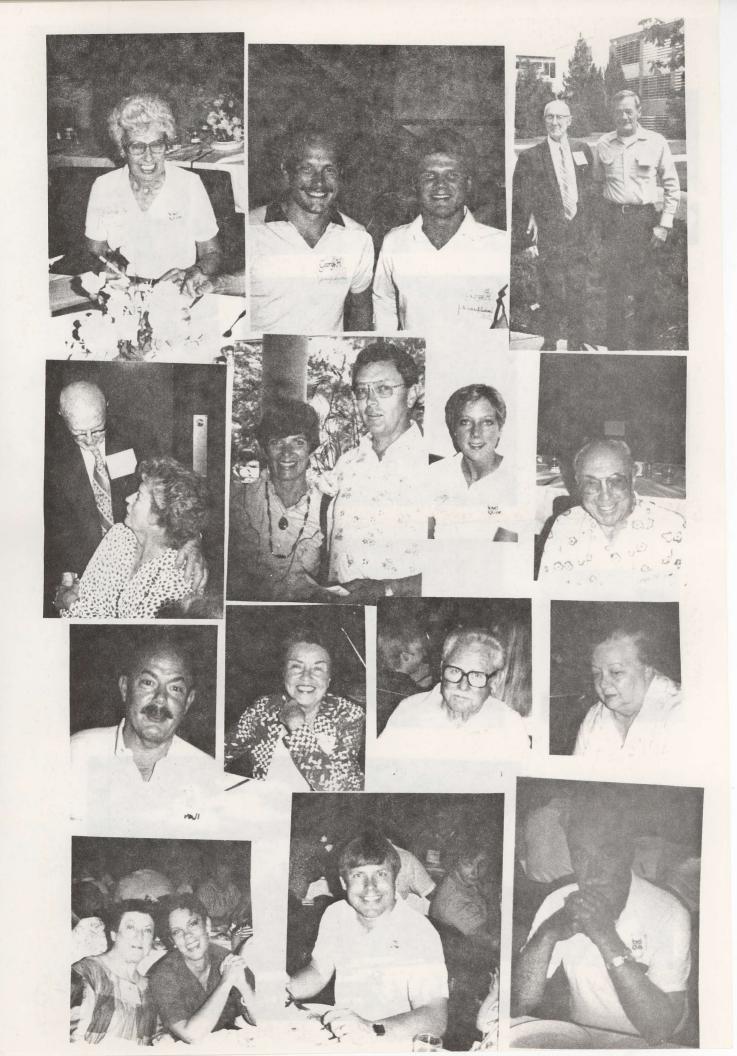
(2) Hal, Phyllis and Megan Taggart

(3) Spencer and Ila Taggart

- (4) Richard Taggart and son
- (5) Paul and Juanita Taggart (6) Rodney and Ann Taggart
- (7) Karlyn F. Brett (Piano)
- (8)Glen at lectern
- (9) Myrtle Frost
- (10)Glen L. Taggart Student Center

If anyone else wishes to share prints of the Reunion, please send them in and we shall try to use them in a future Newsletter. If you do send prints, please help us identify the individuals in your pictures.













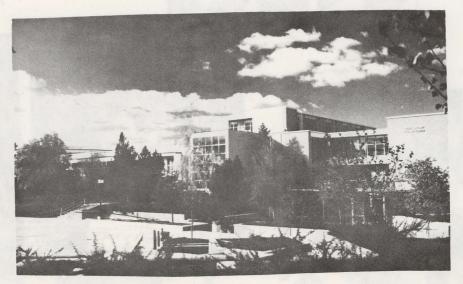


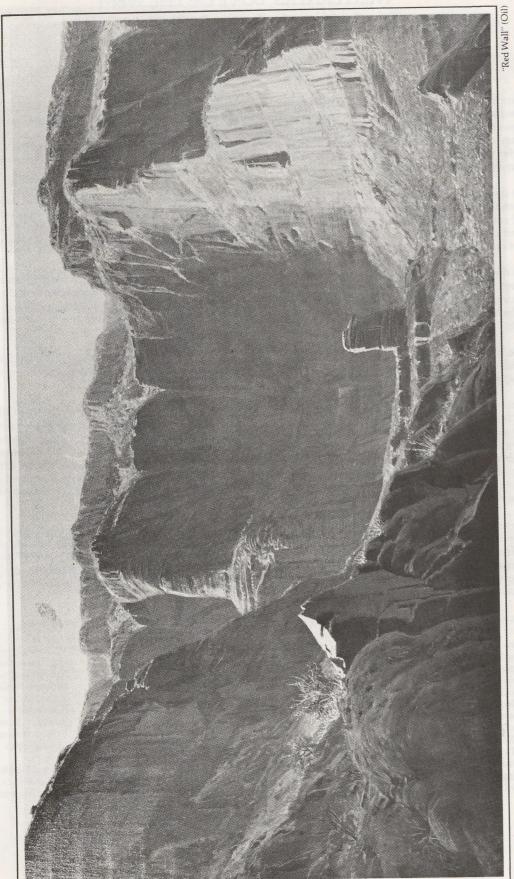












Wilson Hurley

WESTERNERS' LOVE OF THE WEST

(Selections from the Taggart Family Collection)

July 27-August 31, 1984 Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art Downstairs Gallery

Art in the West is the continuing major emphasis of this Art Museum because art works grow in numbers and improve in quality where the most promising artists are able to discover, develop, and exhibit their creative talents. They need to be recognized, understood, and appreciated for the amazing visual experiences they can share with all those interested enough to see what they are doing. Furthermore, some of the viewers who are really impressed by the artists and their creations invest in art to enrich the daily lives of their families and friends.

In the extended Taggart family, many have a genetic inheritance of unusual artistic sensitivity and appreciation for the various fine arts. Some also have considerable creative ability. There is also the widespread trait of contagious generosity revealed in their caring for and sharing with others. They are exemplary patrons and promoters of the arts in this western region. It was during the "Taggart years" at USU that all of the private funds for this new Art Museum were contributed.

In the lower gallery, the walls, spaces, and display cases are all filled with an exciting variety of art pieces from a wide variety of artists who are friends of the Taggarts. Oil paintings, watercolors, sculptures, ceramics, famous Navajo weavings and jewelry, drawings, original prints, and photographs have been selected from their family collections. Some of their artist friends and collectors have also loaned works of art.

We hope that many who come to enjoy the Festival of the American West will enjoy this special western exhibit. Like many other pioneer families, the West was a homeland by choice for the early Taggarts and still is cherished by their numerous descendants.

Their common ancestor was George Washington Taggart, whose grandfather and great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War. Although proud of his New England heritage, he left his native New Hampshire for an uncertain future as a participant in the Mormon exodus to the West. There, he took part in the early development of Salt Lake City and Morgan County in Utah. His example of hard work and dedication was embraced by his thirteen sons and daughters who assisted with the development of Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. The descendants of these thirteen children are now to be found in all the Western States, as well as in many others. To all of them, the West is home, regardless of where they may be living, for it is their heritage. The works of art assembled in this show exemplify the deep love they have for the West.

We wish to thank all those who so generously have made this show possible. We thank the Taggart family—especially Lloyd and Adele Taggart, Lloyd "Tag" and Julie Taggart, and "Mac" and Janet Taggart, on whose collections the show has drawn heavily. Works of art on exhibit are also from the collections of Beulah Taggart Hatch, Spencer and Ila Taggart, Glen and Phyllis Taggart, and Edward and Elizabeth Taggart. Appreciation is also expressed to Mr. Robert O. Campbell, and Mr. & Mrs. William A. Fawcett for the loan of paintings from their private collections.

The artists—admired and loved by the Taggarts—who are represented in this show, are the following:

Laura Andreson
Dorothy Bearnson
Joseph Bohler
Edward Borein
Carl Oscar Borg
Harley Brown
Robert Caples
Tom Coleman
C. Dabich
Lee Dillon
Maynard Dixon
N. Eggenhofer
Avard Fairbanks

Olive Fell
Mel Fillerup
Ed Fraughton
Gollings
Edward Grigware
Harrison Groutage
Bill L. Hill
Wilson Hurley
Harry Jackson
Ned Jacob
Frank T. Johnson
Ban Kajitani
Gene Kloss

W. H. D. Koerner Gaell Lindstrom Robert Lougheed Brownell McGrew Robert Myers Eunice Prieto Robert K. Rose Conrad Schwiering Moishe Smith A. Spohr Edward Taggart John Takehara Twain Tippetts