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The Cover

Our cover is a portrait of our common ancestor, George Washington Taggart. Although undated, he was clearly in his advanced years when it was taken. Jane H. Bush (Beulah-James) did the lettering. She also did our covers for Vol. II, No. 1 and Vol. IV, No. 2.

Editor's Note

Our last Family Newsletter was Volume V, Number 1, October 1984. This current Newsletter signifies our intention to resume publication again on a regular basis. Despite not publishing in 1985, we have continued to receive words of approval and encouragement.

Family Fund

It is also gratifying to note that contributions to the Family Fund have continued despite our inability to publish. We wish to thank the following who have contributed during this interim period: Pauline and Parry Greenwood, Devere Hinckley, Margaret W. Taggart, Emory and Judy Scott, Ila and Spencer L. Taggart, Scott Taggart Sr., Wendell and Velma Bayles, Luana Swade, David Salisbury, George and Louann Greenwood, Richard and Mary Lou Taggart, Charlotte B. Smith, Leah M. Bright, Camille B. Hart, Faye H. Taggart, and the following in memory of Hal S. Taggart: Jeanette T. Holmes, Valene Taggart, Ethel T. Christensen, Joanne Bach, and Charles Bruce Taggart.

THE 22ND GEORGE WASHINGTON TAGGART FAMILY REUNION

August 1-3, 1986

This reunion will be held in Cody, Wyoming, gateway to the Big Horn Basin. The main Family Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 2; and a Family Service on Sunday, August 3, 1986. Details will be provided later by special letter.

1986 Reunion — continued

At this reunion, we wish to pay special honor to the memory of George Henry and Jessie McNiven Taggart and their children who participated in the settlement of the Big Horn Basin and who, along with their descendants, have contributed so much to the development of this area of Wyoming.

In addition to gathering with our Family members, Cody offers a number of outstanding institutions and activities which distinguish it as a center of culture and history, as well as tourism. Among them are: The Buffalo Bill Art Museum, the Whitney Gallery of Western Art, the Plains Indian Museum, the Winchester Gun Museum, the LDS Mural and Visitors Center, the Old Town, the Wildlife Museum, the Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir, the Sunlight Basin, the Cody Night Rodeo, the Shoshone River Float, fishing, and, of course, Yellowstone National Park is nearby—only 50 miles, an hour's drive \pm .

Let us all begin now to make plans to attend this reunion in Cody. In addition to the opportunity it will provide of becoming better acquainted with one another, we shall also have an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with this locus of our Family history. A pull-out sheet has been included at the back of this Newsletter for our convenience in making reservations at Blair's Buffalo Bill Village. This is a Ruth Taggart (Lloyd-George Henry)—Quin Blair Family enterprise.

Before leaving this topic, we wish to express our deep appreciation for the love and support that Hal S. Taggart gave to our Taggart Family Organization. Only a short time before his death he met with Mac and Lloyd Taggart to make plans for this reunion. Although seriously ill, he made this coming reunion one of his urgent concerns. He was a firm believer in the Family and in the importance of bringing us all together in understanding and friendship.

NEW ADDITIONS TO TAGGART FAMILY HISTORYGeorge Washington Taggart Letter

Introductory Comments: Dated September 9, 1860, to his brother, Albert, in New Hampshire, this letter is George's first and only letter that we have from Great Salt Lake City, as it was then called. He had already lived there eight years.

Soon after his return (December 17, 1847) from the Mormon Battalion to Fannie and daughter, Eliza Ann, at Winter Quarters, George had begun making plans for the long trek to the Salt Lake Valley. "I may not go . . . for two years," he had written to his brothers in New Hampshire, "for all that I have to fit myself out with besides my hands is a span of mules . . ." (Volume IV, Number 2, p. 5).

Almost five years would pass before George and Fannie would be ready to leave (July 4, 1852) for the Valley. They would be on the trail three and a half months. With them would be three additional children: Harriet Maria (almost 4 years old), George Henry (almost 2 years), and Charles Wallace (3½ months). With this young family, one can easily visualize the role of Eliza Ann, then all of 7½ years, in helping to care for her younger sister and brothers. One can also visualize how the journey over dusty—at times muddy or rocky—trails, or at best trace or rutted roads, must have strained their patience and endurance. It would not have been easy for any of them, especially Fannie who was most likely nursing her infant son.

In 1856 George entered plural marriage, taking Clarissa M. Rogers as his second wife. At the time this letter was written, he and Clarissa had three daughters, Clarissa and twins Sarah Jane Susannah, the latter having lived only a few hours.

We note that George wrote about the number of his children, including a touch of Taggart humor in reference to Eliza Ann's good looks, but said nothing about having taken a second wife. Any attempt at an explanation by us would be pure speculation. In any event, George's brothers learned about it in due time as evidenced by Samuel's letter in this issue of the Newsletter.

George also reported that he had a "bountiful" livelihood in "mill building." Harriet Maria Taggart Goodrich, in her autobiography, provided this additional information: "... Arriving (in Salt Lake City) ... 17 October 1852 ... my father purchased a lot in the Twelfth Ward and went to work on the Chase Mill in Liberty Park My father worked one summer on the Salt Lake Temple. After this he assisted in building four grist mills: one at Bountiful, Davis County, for President Kimball; one at Brigham City for Lorenzo Snow; one at Farmington for Apostle Franklin D. Richards; and one for the latter's brother, Samuel Richards." (Harriet's autobiography, as told to her daughter, Lucy Goodrich Lind, written in September 1921, published in the George Albert Goodrich Family History and Genealogy, 1608-1976, pp. 293-294, editors Hazel and Frederick Hilbig, Salt Lake City, UT 1976.)

There is no need to question Harriet's account of her father's work, although it would be reassuring to have independent verification. In none of the accounts on the Chase Mill that we have seen, for example, is there any mention of George. Still, we know that George knew Brigham Young and did considerable work for him, and that Brigham Young had become a partner in the Chase Mill with Isaac Chase in the early 1850's. We also know that the Mill was being renovated and enlarged in 1852, the year George arrived in Salt Lake City. In addition, we have learned that George knew Frederick Kesler, a trained flour mill contractor who had been appointed by Brigham Young to superintend the construction of mills. It also happens that Kesler was employed in 1852 to help Chase build the larger mill. (*Deseret News*, August 27, 1982)

Could it be that George and Kesler first met at that time? Could it also be that their association was of such a congenial nature as to have influenced George later to name his last child "Frederick"?

Returning to George's letter, there is one additional facet of information pertaining to his mill building. He informed Albert that he was leaving the next morning for "... a place 18 miles distant to commence the superintendence of the building of a grist mill." George does not say whether the place was north or south of Salt Lake City. But an entry in Kesler's diary three years earlier (June 12, 1857) placed George in Farmington in a supervisory position: "Went to Farmington," Kesler recorded, "concerned the Doctor's (Willard Richard's) old mill gave a Bill of materials to Repair Same Also intrusted Br Taggart in the Factory as Foreman" (Papers of Frederick Kesler, Special Collections Department, University of Utah Libraries. Researched by Eileen Taggart (Spencer-James) Robinson.)

From this entry as well as from George's comment to Albert, it is apparent that George by 1860 was well established in the mill building business.

There are several other interesting points in George's letter that provide insights to his thinking, his concerns, forebodings, and love for his brothers, as well as his attitude toward others. George's statement about the coming Civil War antedates by seven months the firing on Fort Sumter (April 12, 1861), scene of the opening military engagement. Within this context, it is well to remember that George's youngest brother Henry gave his life in the Second Battle of Bull Run.

And finally. George's descendants who enjoy fishing may sense a certain affinity with him borne of his request to "tell Henry I indulge in the sport of trout fishing a little yet." SLT

Great Salt Lake City
Sept 9th, 1860

Dear Brother Albert, in particular, and Every Body in general, that may chance to read or hear this,

I feel as though an appology was due you for the long silence I have kept toward you, but the only appology that I can make is the unceasing labour which has seemed to fall to my lot and the natural dislike that I have to writeing.

I well suppose, in the first place, that about two and a half years ago you probably expected if you ever heard any thing concerning me, it would be that my name was blotted from the earth, with all the rest of the community to which I belong. But this is not the case. Neither will it ever happen, for Mormonism so called, or the Kingdom of God, is in the ascendant and will continue to be so.

My health and that of my Family is reasonably good. I have six Children living and one dead - a twin girl 36 hours old at its death. My boys are only two. Eliza Ann is quite a large, healthy and good looking Girl for a Taggart, and so far, she has been to me a very good girl which is the best recommend of all.

I am continually labouring for a livelihood which I obtain in as bountiful a manner as I ever could in the States. My business has been altogether mill building which is a very good business in this Country. We are all at work as hard as possible trying to make a comfortable place for our friends. For we expect to see many of them before many years shall have passed wending their way up to our Mountain Home, for the day is nigh at hand when our Government will be dissolved. And woe to the man that suffers himself to be harnessed either on one side or the other. Now this is a thing I wish you to consider. You may perhaps call to mind a letter which I once wrote from Nauvoo to Uncle James Law. If you ever saw or knew its contents you'd may consider it also for I remember some items in that which to me are yet true. Give yourselves no uneasiness concerning your friends in Utah for we shall all ride safe through the storm that stick to the ship. And recollect when the storm gets past your endurance that there is yet one place of safety to flee to which the Prophet Isaiah spoke of namely, Zion, but do not wait too long lest you be overwhelmed. I must now leave this subject.

Referring you to a letter I shall send Charles Bruce, the old Peterboro folks that you used to know that came to these Valleys are all alive and prospering, except old father Ward and Bement. Cousin Naamah Twiss (wife of Brigham Young - Vol. IV, No. 1, p. 10) is well and also G. B. Gardner who is still plying the hammer. I would like to write you about two sheets, but time will not permit as I have to leave tomorrow morning for a place 18 miles distant to commence the superintendence of the building of a grist mill.

I expect to send this to you by the hand of Elder John D. T. McCalister, who is a man that I am personally acquainted with and who, if you should have the privilege of entertaining, will give you many particulars concerning myself and the place and community which I live in that I have now no time to write. If Elder McCalister comes to you, entertain him, for know assuredly that if you do, you will entertain a servant of the Lord and a sociable, kind-hearted man. And if not for these qualities, please treat him kindly and with hospitality for the sake of Bro George, who will always feel it a privilege to administer to the necessities of yourself or friends, if you should come in my way, which I anticipate may be the case before many years shall have passed.

There are several Elders going from here to the States this fall, among them will be Erastus Snow. Do them all good and no harm if they come in your way, for it will be for your consolation in a day to come.

I wish you to send this or a copy to Samuel and Henry, and I wish you all to write as soon as possible and often. Do not think I have forgotten you or do not wish to hear from you because I have not

written more, it is not the case. I should esteem it a favour to receive a paper from you as often as convenient. I sent the Deseret News and the Mountaineer to you & Samuel, I think about last New Years and would send them often if I knew you would like them. Write to me concerning the welfare of all my old friends and relatives, whether they are in the land of the living. I wish you to tell me if you know any thing of the whereabouts of Cousin David Taggart. When I crossed the plains in '52 I saw a grave—I think on the Platte River—and on the head board was the name of D. Taggart. This is the special reason of this inquiry. I am very anxious to hear from you and Sam and Hen and your families and welfare in general. Tell Henry I indulge in the sport of trout fishing a little yet. I must now bid you a goodbye and a God bless you in all your laudable pursuits.

George W. Taggart

Since I commenced writing this letter I have had Eliza Ann's likeness taken which I am going to send Mother Bruce. By calling on her you can get to see my oldest daughter.

G.W.T.

RICHVILLE GRIST MILL

By Elma Dickson - January 1980

(This article by Elma Dickson was sent to us by Sidney H. Heiner (Horace - Sarah Jane). Ford Dickson, her husband, in his eighties as of 1984, and a life-long resident of Richville, was well acquainted with the history of the mill. We have included this history as an adjunct to GWT's work in building grist mills (see the cover of our Newsletter, Volume I, Number 2). Apparently he balanced his work with a good sense of humor, albeit somewhat mischievous in this instance.)

The grist mill was conceived and built by artesians in the carpenter trade - George W. Taggart and the Hinman brothers. It was located near a canal built by the early settlers and rightly called the mill race. Billa Dickson surveyed the waterway with the use of a plank and spirit level to get the necessary fall for the water to reach its destination and also to be used for irrigation purposes. This project began in the upper field owned by Earl Waldron, which in the early days was known as the Darkett place. Later the canal was enlarged and is known as the West Richville Irrigation Company.

The mill itself was 40 feet in length 36 feet wide and 26 feet high, the roof was a half pitch. It was located about a block north and west of where the canal crosses the road in the town of Richville and just north of Steven G. Bird's home, formally known as the Cottom place. The front of the building faced the road while the mill itself was situated East and West. There was a door in the center of each end with a larger door in the center of the west side, in front of which was a loading platform about 10 feet by 4 feet. There were smaller doors in each gable end, and two windows on either side, one higher than the other with four panes to each window to provide light for the mill. It was two-stories high with a half-basement where two circular grinding stones were housed. As the grain was ground, it would fall into a hopper and connected to the hopper were square wooden casings or pipes that were attached to a belt through which the grindings were elevated upstairs. The grindings were dumped onto wooden rollers, constructed on the principle of clothes wringers with wider spaces at one side which graduated to smaller spaces between the rollers to crush the grain finer and finer and finer. It was then sent to sieves and either blown or forced through fine cloth which resembled silk to make the finished product of flour.

Cleaning machines were used to remove dirt and trash and weed seeds before the wheat was ready for milling. Then the cleaned wheat was soaked in water to loosen the outside layer of the kernel known as bran so it would come loose in larger flakes and thus be easier to separate.

The spillway was approximately seventy-five feet long and was constructed of wood. At the end or near the end of the spillway was the water turbine which would supply power to operate the milling equipment. After it was built and before it was in operation, President Brigham Young came to the valley to look at it and said: "Brother Taggart, it won't run, the draft is in dead water." This proved to be true, so the draft or get-a-way had to be enlarged and sunk deeper into the water so the wheel or turbine could get more speed. When the mill was not in use the water could be diverted into a regular ditch or into the mill pond which covered the land owned by Larry Wilson.

The timbers used in the old mill have been reused to build the barn now owned by Ada Waldron. When Fred W. Clark (Morgan County Surveyor for twenty years) was building this barn for Waldrons, he said of Mr. Taggart's workmanship "The old mill was a masterpiece." Those timbers were cut and hauled from one of the 9 sawmills in nearby Hardscrabble Canyon and were hewn and fitted perfectly by Mr. Taggart. The stairway in the mill was made of plain thick boards and the floor boards were about four inches wide and snugly fitted together so that none of the precious grain was lost while being transferred from the wagon to the mill. The mill had never been painted. It was built in 1863 and was a boon for local settlers as well as people from other counties and Idaho. It was dismantled in 1915 after serving the people for almost a half century.

Several stories are worth recording here about the activities that took place in the mill. One of the sisters on her way to Relief Society stopped in at the mill to visit with Brother Taggart. While visiting with her he jokingly dipped his hands in the flour and placed them on her back so that it appeared as if he had had his arms about her. At Relief Society the sisters were full of oh's and ah's whispering to each other that Bro. Taggart had had his arms around sister so and so.

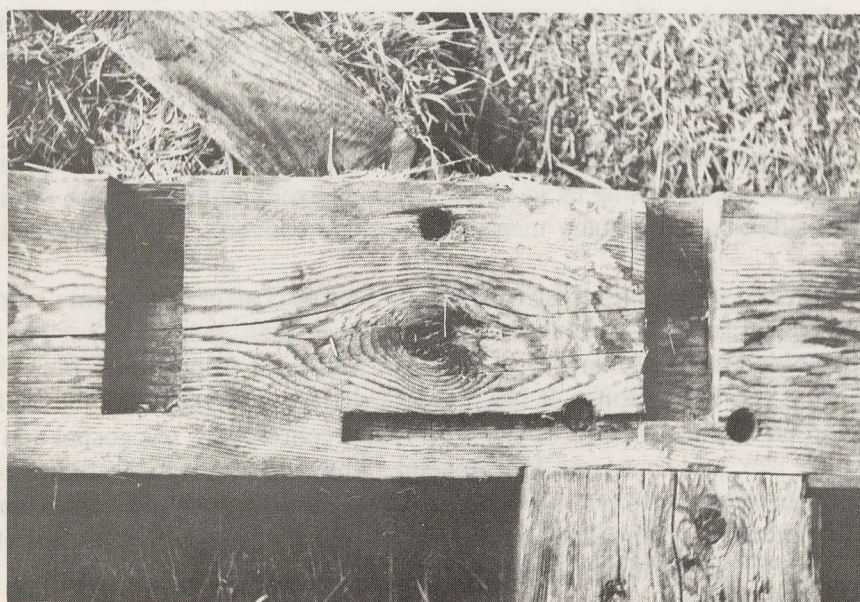
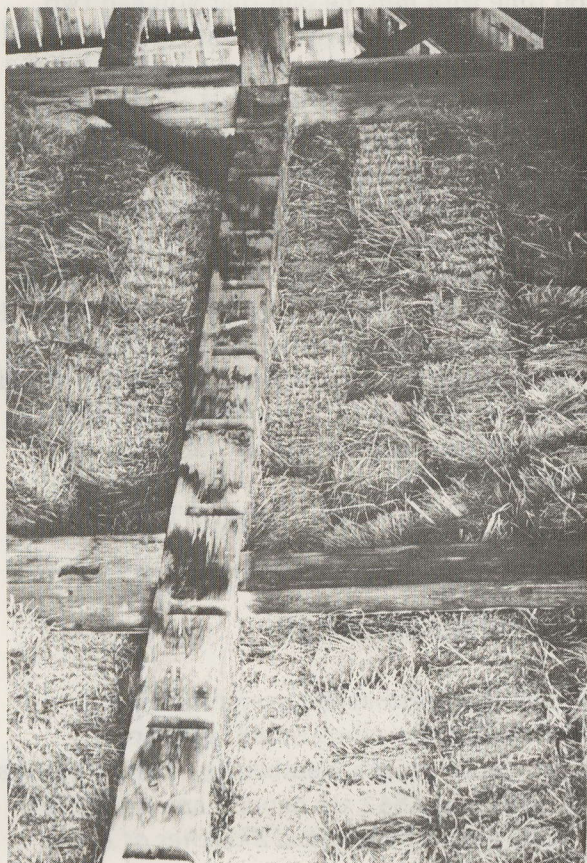
Another time around Halloween a couple of young men got up in the top story of the old mill and stretched a wire across the road to a rock on the hillside where they secured it good and tight. Then they filled some overalls and shirt full of straw, placed a hat on the dummy's head, put gloves on the end of the arms and spent the night pulling the dummy across the road. It happened to be a moonlight night and as one of the townsfolk was going down the road, the dummy went walking along the wire, his arms and legs giving the appearance of walking. Well this person was so frightened he stopped and went up over the hill to get past what he thought was a ghost.

Samuel W. Taggart Letter

(This letter was made available by F. Edis Taggart (Frederick), who has the original. We are pleased to share it with you. We have published it exactly as it was written.)

Peterborough Dec 13th 1868

Dear Brother George I sit down to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and also my family I have but one child a boy 17 years old his name is Frank he is going to school now Albert is living in the village keeping boarders he and his family are well Henry was killed in the Army (2nd Battle of Bull Run) his family are well all the rest of the friends are as well as usual Bruce's folks (George's first wife was Harriet A. Bruce) are all well I have wrote to you a number of times before since you went to Salt Lake but have never received an answer from any of them I hope if you receive this that you will gratify me enough to answer it as I would like very much to hear from you often I am living on the Peterboro Town Farm this year we have no porkers on the Farm we are having a very quiet time of it I wish that you could stop in and see us Jesse Little (early Mormon convert from Peterborough) was up to see us the other day he stopped with us 3 hours which gave us a very good chance to hear from you it was the next thing to seeing you Jess is the



Waldon's barn (p 6) in Richville, Utah — showing cuts and joints in the original timbers as hewn by GWT and the Hinman brothers.
Photographs — Sydney H. Heiner (1984).

same old thing full of his funn and talk and we had agood time with him he said that you had two Wives and he had three Wives Cate (Samuel's wife Catherine) told him that she did not care if you had Forty but she wanted to hear from you once and awhile he says that is the way to talk it Mr. Little is ahaving agood time asleighbiding with his Friends I wish that you could be here to I think that you would enjoy it very much I know that I should don't you think of every coming on here again to see the old Friends I had about given up ever hearing direct from you as I could get no answers from any of my letters but since I saw Mr. Little I thought that I would try once more and hope that I shall not be disapointed this time Mr. Little says tell George that the Old Curnell (Mr. Little) has less apurpose to see you and that he is ahaving a furst rate time he is agoing to leave hear soon he says Our village has alterde very much since you left I own a House in the village I guess that I shall (have) more work in the spring Frank Bruce has just come in and he sends his best respects to you and says that he would like to see you first rate his folks are all well Catherine sends her best respects to you and wood like to see you as I have no more news to wright I will bid you good by till I hear from you again I hope that this will find you and your family well Please wright soon and tell me all the news give my best respects to all enquiring friends yours This from your Brother

Saml W Taggart

TAGGARTIANA — NOTES FROM PETERBOROUGH

The Peterborough Lyceum was organized in 1828 and had an intermittent life over a thirty-year period. Its purpose was to improve and promote the town's economic, educational, and moral interests. Among the papers that were read annually before the Lyceum's membership was the town's history for the preceding year. The Annals (histories) for 1841 and 1842 are happily among the few that have been saved and these have been published in a book entitled *Historical Sketches of Peterborough — New Hampshire* (Peterborough Historical Society, 1938).

The 1841 Annals contained a short paragraph about a new preacher: "July 25. Mr. McGinn, a Mormon Preacher (Newsletter, Vol. I, No. 2, p. 9) began public service and has continued most of the time since; has been aided a short time by Mr. Snow. November 27, six persons were immersed by Mr. McGinn." (p. 185)

The 1842 Annals commented more extensively: "... The past year has in some respects been remarkable. Never before have we seen among us so much religious excitement, so much talking, disputing, wrangling on religious subjects. . . so many meetings, so many converts, and so many changes in society.

A Mormon Society has risen up in our midst . . . called a sect of 'Latter Day Saints.' Some good it must do . . . and some harm from it . . . many a sinner it has broken, many a toper . . . and smoothed the pimpled and carbunkled faces of many a . . . and sent him for a wonder into our midst in his right mind. I do not say what else it has done. It has made Christians — it has made them of that sect that has used up and discarded all the religions of the world, and centered all the gospel and all that is good under heaven in a single ism, and that is, in Mormonism. They are strictly a sect with one ism, with one single idea, one ruling note. It is easy to conceive of all the effects which result from the prevalence of this faith. The dumb may almost be said to speak. Men who could not talk before, may under the excitement of this new religion ring a long list of changes on one single idea. Many imagine that it is inspiration that has loosened their tongues and made them so unlike what they were." (p. 187)

We also found this information in the 1842 Annals: "February 20th . . . Miss Bruce immersed by McGinn. 21st . . . Ice all out . . . This month remarkably mild. These two mornings, below zero . . . River clear of ice most of the time . . ." (pp. 187-188) We have had the year and month, but not the day of Harriet's baptism!

The Lyceum also had various standing committees, including one on statistics. Only one of this committee's reports has been preserved, happily again for 1842: "The whole number who have been admitted into the Church of Latter Day Saints, as given by Jesse C. Little, an Elder in the Church, is 116 - 48 males and 68 females. I give them in the same order that they were admitted in the Church as given me by Elder Little, viz. . . ."

The names of all 116 are listed. "Geo. W. Taggart" is 6th on the list. "Oliver Taggart" 34th. "Nuahmah Carter" (George's cousin who later married Brigham Young) is 35th. "Harriet Bruce" 58th. "Mrs. (Susan) Taggart 75th, and "Washington Taggart" is 91st. (p. 195)

George recorded in his Day Book that he was baptized — according to his best recollection — in December 1841 (Newsletter Vol. I, No. 2, p. 8). According to the above information, the actual date of his baptism may have been November 27, 1841. This assumes that the statement in the 1841 Annals that the six persons baptized on November 27 were the first six to be baptized into the new church. It also assumes that George was in fact the sixth person to convert to it, as reported in the 1842 Annals.

SLT

FAMILY PATRIARCH — SCOTT TAGGART

Uncle Scott, as he is affectionately known, was ninety-three years old
on January 18, 1986.

Our love and congratulations!!!

In a recent letter he remembered: "I also saw Halley's Comet in 1910. I was returning home late because I got stuck in the mud with a wagon load of gravel. I alerted the people at a dance so all could see it. I was in Cowley and seventeen then, and now I am hoping to see it again this year."

"I was but a child of seven years when the unmarried members of our family left the beautiful Morgan valley and a comfortable home which father had built to become a part of one of the Church's last colonization efforts. The Colonists would occupy and develop some 22,000 acres of sage-brush land which the State of Wyoming practically gave them as an inducement to develop it. Thus, I became a pioneer at a very young age.

"In retrospect I suffer with Mother and the other mothers who moved from comfortable homes and intimate friends and their own married children to move into and live in tents until a thirty-five mile canal could be built without Church or government financial aid, and until a township could be surveyed and parceled into lots and logs could be brought from nearby mountains and made into homes.

"Childhood and growing into manhood under these circumstances encourages self assurance, resourcefulness and dependability. Lucky or richly blessed? Probably some of both, for which I thank my Heavenly Father to this day. True it is that I never have had to look for a job—every post that I have ever held, from my first banking job, to a cashiership, to mission secretary, and later to mission president. The latter was ended two or three months before the usual three years when the company from which I was on leave personally appealed to the First Presidency to release me so I could take over the post as company treasurer. President McKay's answer was, "Well, gentlemen, we are just borrowing this man from you so we will bring him home as soon as we can find someone to replace him in Switzerland."

Marriages

Greg M. Pond (Martin-Valeria-James) to Marianne Miner
August 2, 1984 — Salt Lake Temple

Morgan Taggart Graham (Raye Rita-Lloyd-George Henry) to David Grow
November 20, 1984 — Salt Lake Temple

Todd Taggart (DeVere-Jerome-Charles Wallace) to Susan Jane Miekell
February 1, 1986 — Aurora, Colorado

IN MEMORIAM

Edith Faye Taggart (John Seaman-Charles Wallace) Olney
wife of Gerald D. Olney
born April 18, 1905 in Honeyville, Box Elder County, Utah
died October 27, 1984, Glendale, California

Walter L. Taggart (Frederick)
husband of Vella Gregory
born February 24, 1904 in Lewiston, Utah
died January 4, 1985, Wilder, Idaho

Jessie Taggart Francis (George Albert-George Henry)
wife of Howard Francis (deceased)
born September 10, 1896 in Morgan, Utah
died October 5, 1985, Morgan, Utah

Wanda Whitney Fenex (Nettie-George Henry)
wife of Guy M. Fenex (deceased)
born November 29, 1907 in Cowley, Wyoming
died November 24, 1985, Billings, Montana

Hal Snell Taggart (Grant-George Henry)
husband of Phyllis Jameson
born February 6, 1924 in Cowley, Wyoming
died December 1, 1985, Cody, Wyoming

Edward Ralph Child (Eliza Jane-Noah Albert)
husband of Marie Stoor
born September 12, 1916 in Sublette, Wyoming
died December 9, 1985, Reno, Nevada

HAPPENINGS

Shauna (Nolan-Walter-Frederick) Wayne Lofthouse
Shauna is Head Registered Nurse at Sunshine Terrace, Logan UT
Wayne has just completed his requirements at Utah State University
for an Electrical Engineering Degree

Larry (Walter-Frederick) Taggart
recently called to serve as Bishop of 2nd Ward, Bonners Ferry, ID

Hyrum W. Smith (Ruth-Pauline-George Henry) and his wife Gail
are featured in *This People* magazine (February/March 1985)
which is published in Salt Lake City. Following his release as President of the California Ventura
Mission, the Smiths moved to Centerville, UT where they went into business for themselves. Hyrum,
an organization specialist, conducts seminars on time management. His clients include many of the
largest corporations. Gail is executive secretary for the business. She and Hyrum first met as mission-
aries in Great Britain. They have six children.

Karen M. Taggart, wife of Dennis Taggart (Devere-Jerome-Charles Wallace)
physician in Salt Lake City, has written a cook book *No Sugar Cooking*, published by Ideals Publish-
ing Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Karen's book is designed for anyone wanting to cut down on
sugar, or wanting to follow a sound dietary program. Karen also has a second book on the way on
"Low Fat" cooking.

Richard A. Van Wagoner, husband of Cheryl (Paul-Frederick)
graduated from the University of Utah Law School in June 1985
and passed the Utah Bar in September

Nolan R. Taggart (Walter-Frederick)
was called August 1985 to serve as Second Counselor in the Caldwell Idaho Stake. Nolan, a former
Bishop, Principal at Homedale High School (Idaho), is an educator who believes not only in excellence
but also loves sports. For example, his school's football team has won eleven of the last twelve Wes-
tern Idaho Conference (3-A) titles and has participated in the State tourney six of the last seven years,
taking the coveted title three times. Nolan himself has coached Homedale's Junior High football team
for the past sixteen years and has a remarkable 88-14-3 record, including fourteen championships. No
wonder his high school coaches must win!

Douglas Pond (Martin-Valeria-James)
graduated last May 19th
with a degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University

Franklin Taggart Hinckley (Jessie-George Henry)
In the November 1983 election won the office of Wyoming State Senator from Big Horn County.
Devere, his brother, reported that Frank was "the first Democrat elected to that office in forty-four
years; indeed, the second one since his father John Heiner Hinckley was elected to that same office
eighty years ago as a Republican. Pa may be turning in his grave." This is the office that
Cal Taggart (Grant-George Henry)
had vacated after many years of distinguished service.

Glen L. Taggart (James)
was one of five recipients, among them President Gordon B. Hinckley of the
L.D.S. Church, to be honored with the Utah Lifetime Achievement Award
This was at Southern Utah State College May 24, 1985.

Ted Blair (Ruth-Lloyd-George Henry)
Honored in 1984 by the Cody Wyoming Commercial Club
as the "Businessman of the Year"

John Taggart Holmes (Jeanette-Bruce-George Henry)

Named to Who's Who of American Law Students

He served a mission in Chile, received his MBA at the University of San Diego,
his LLD at BYU (1985), and passed the Utah Bar in September 1985.

Alexander Taggart Holmes (Jeanette-Bruce-George Henry)

Awarded First Honors at the Royal College of Surgeons
Dublin, Ireland

Valeria Hatch Crapo (Beulah-James)

has four children attending BYU: Karen, post-graduate studies in Computer Science; David, third year in the Law School; Christa, second year; Jennifer, first year in undergraduate studies. Joan, Val's youngest, is still in high school and lives with her mother in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Val's husband, Terry L. Crapo, dead at 43 years (Vol. III, No. 1, p. 4), was a distinguished leader in the legal profession as an attorney in Idaho Falls and as a Professor in the BYU Law School; in public service as a member of the Idaho House of Representatives, and on the boards of various health and civic institutions; and in the L.D.S. Church as President of the Idaho Falls West Stake and as Regional Representative of the Rexburg, ID area.

Frank B. Taggart (Mac-Lloyd-George Henry)

and Mary Jane, with their four children, have moved to Logan, UT
where Frank has taken aim on a degree from Utah State University

Sheri J. McKenna (Joanne-Fannie-Mary August-Eliza Ann)

is Student Body Secretary

at Sky View High School in Smithfield, Utah

Dan Pond (James-Valeria-James)

is Student Body Vice President

at Logan UT Senior High School

Todd Taggart (Devere-Jerome-Charles Wallace)

Named his firm's "Titleist Salesman of 1985"

Missionaries

Brad Lynn Barlow (Becky-Ethel-Bruce-George Henry)

Appointed Assistant to the President

Peru Arequipa Mission

Trent Taggart (Larry-Walter-Frederick)

Serving in the Tongan Mission

H. Kent (Jessie-George Albert-George Henry) Francis

and Donna Burch Francis

are in South Carolina on a mission

Florence (Jessie-George Albert-George Henry)

and husband Max Rogers

are on a Temple Mission in Switzerland

Ruth Taggart Blair (Lloyd-George Henry) and husband Quin Blair
L.D.S. Visitors Center — New York City

Edward Ralph (Eliza Jane-Noah Albert) and Marie S. Child
missionaries in Nevada at the time of his death

James R. Taggart (Jay B.-C. Jay-James-George Henry)
New York Rochester Mission

Golden Wedding Anniversaries

Renold L. (Henry Milton) and Luana Taggart
February 14, 1935
An open house in their honor was held February 16, 1985

Wallace and LaVella T (Henry Milton) Burt
June 4, 1935
An open house in their honor was held June 8, 1985

New Members

Joshua Scott Burns — September 17, 1985
Son of Dee Ann (Val-Walter-Frederick) and Martin Burns

Brooke Anne Holmes — January 30, 1984
Daughter of Melanie and John (Jeanette-Bruce-George Henry) Holmes

Mark Taggart Lewis — June 17, 1985
Son of Sheila (Spencer-James) and David Lewis

Daniel William Nelson — November 14, 1985
Son of Blaine and Pat (Beulah-James) Nelson

DO YOU KNOW THIS TAGGART ?

(Our neighbor, W. Whitney Smith, sent this letter to my brother, Glen Taggart, with a note (dated December 5, 1985) stating he could offer "no idea of how this letter fell" into his hands. In any case, we feel that it is worth sharing.)

January 3, 1965

Dear Mr. Taggart,

Having spent a very enjoyable and rewarding holliday with my family, I am now back in San Diego on the ship and trying to readjust to the Navy. I want to take this time to express my appreciation for all you have done.

For a brief period of time, I was in the Santa Clause croud which worshiped the image of that ledgend and lived at least two months of the year only for the day when he would bless them with gifts. With

the end of that era, came a more realistic and awe inspiring view of the true meaning of Christmas. Not until a cold Friday morning on a lonely Wyoming highway did I regain a full, lasting belief in Santa Claus. There was something, as you say, that stopped you that morning, and it wasn't my shabby looks. It would seem that there exists in the world around us, a power which seeks to better peoples lives by whatever means possible. That power, and your natural love of people, combined to give my family, yourself, and me a wonderful experience in the relationship of human beings. For that experience, I will be ever grateful, and, although I can never repay you for it in full, I will carry with me the image of your kindness and generosity for a great many years to come.

As you know, there is an irreplaceable item in dealing with people which must be kept in mind and practiced in order to succeed. This trait is one which flows from you and is the greatest asset a man can ever possess. How poorly I say the things I want to say, and how deeply I feel gratitude for the deeds and words of wisdom which have passed from you to me. Please accept my humble expressions of thanks, and if you feel you have time some day, I would love to keep some sort of correspondence going with you. My address is:

Thomas A. Watson, Jr.
RD3 6854789 OI Div.
USS Bexar (APA 237)
EPO San Francisco, California

Again, thank you for the chance to be with my family on Christmas. May God shower His love on you.

Yours truly,
/s/ Tom

Corrections

Volume V, Number 1, p. 17, 2nd para:
"GWT" was inadvertently substituted for "Captain John Taggart"

Volume V, Number 1, Reunion Pictures, first page:
Valene Taggart and Merle (not Claudia) Taggart
Merle is the wife of Charles Bruce (Bruce-George Henry) Taggart
Valene is the daughter of Bruce (George Henry)

Volume IV, Number 2, p. 3, last line 3rd para:
Grandmother Fannie Parks should have been listed as being "twenty-six,"
not "twenty." Her birthdate was October 25, 1821,
not 1827 as is sometimes found in our Family Records.

Reunion Reservations !

Just a final reminder to start planning vacation time
so you can be with us in Cody on August 1-3!

Mary Louise (Lloyd-George Henry) Taggart Greever
will graciously let her home in Cody
to someone willing to "House Sit" and tend the dog and plants and
water the yard. It will be available for
two weeks in August from the 11th thru the 22nd
Mary Louise and husband Bill will be taking a
cruise tour of Alaska
Anyone interested should write to

Mrs. Bill Greever
2005 Stampede Avenue
Cody, WY 82414

ADDENDUM

Lloyd "Tag" (Lloyd-Lloyd-George Henry) and Julie (Vol. III, No. 1, p. 15) Taggart and their seven children were featured in *The New Beehive*, a privately owned bi-weekly newspaper, published in Las Vegas, which is designed for approximately 75,000 Mormons in Southern Nevada and Southern Utah. Its issue of February 19, 1986, carried a full front page picture of Tag with President Reagan, with whom Tag has worked and maintained a close friendship for many years. Tag and Julie and family now make their home in Las Vegas where Tag is in business acquiring and selling fine art.

Brad Boyce (Richard-Norean-Alice), 6 years old, is not only Utah State University's youngest cheerleader but also one of its best. If you wish to see him in action, he is on duty at all basketball games in Logan.

Our Newest Member

Adam David Grow — February 24, 1986
Son of Morgan (Raye Rita-Lloyd-George Henry) and David Grow



Richard's Mill (1977) — see page 3.

Dear Guest: Please fill out the following information and return this form to this address:

Blair's Buffalo Bill Village
1701 Sheridan Ave. P.O. Box 30
Cody, Wyoming 82414
(307) 587-5544

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

EVENT: Taggart Family Reunion

DATE: August 1-3, 1986

Yes, we will be attending the Taggart Family Reunion. We plan to stay in the CABINS/CAMPGROUND (circle one) and will require:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Cabin, 1-2 persons, 1 double bed | \$28.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twin Cabin, 1-3 persons, 1 double/1 twin bed | 33.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double Cabin, 2-4 persons, 2 double beds | 35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Triple Cabin, 3-6 persons, 3 double beds/2 rooms | 48.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quad Cabin, 4-8 persons, 4 double beds/2 rooms | 48.00 |

We will need the cabin for _____ nights, beginning _____ (date)

We wish to guarantee our reservation, please use our credit card, _____
Credit Card Name

Credit Card Number Expiration Date

We wish to guarantee our reservation, enclosed is our check # _____ for one nights lodging in the amount of \$ _____.

- | | |
|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campground Site, 1-2 persons | \$ 9.00 |
| Each additional person @ \$.50 | _____ |
| (under 3 years of age no charge) | |

I require Full Hook-ups / Electric & Water / Tent Site Only

Name

of Adults _____

of Children _____

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Phone Number