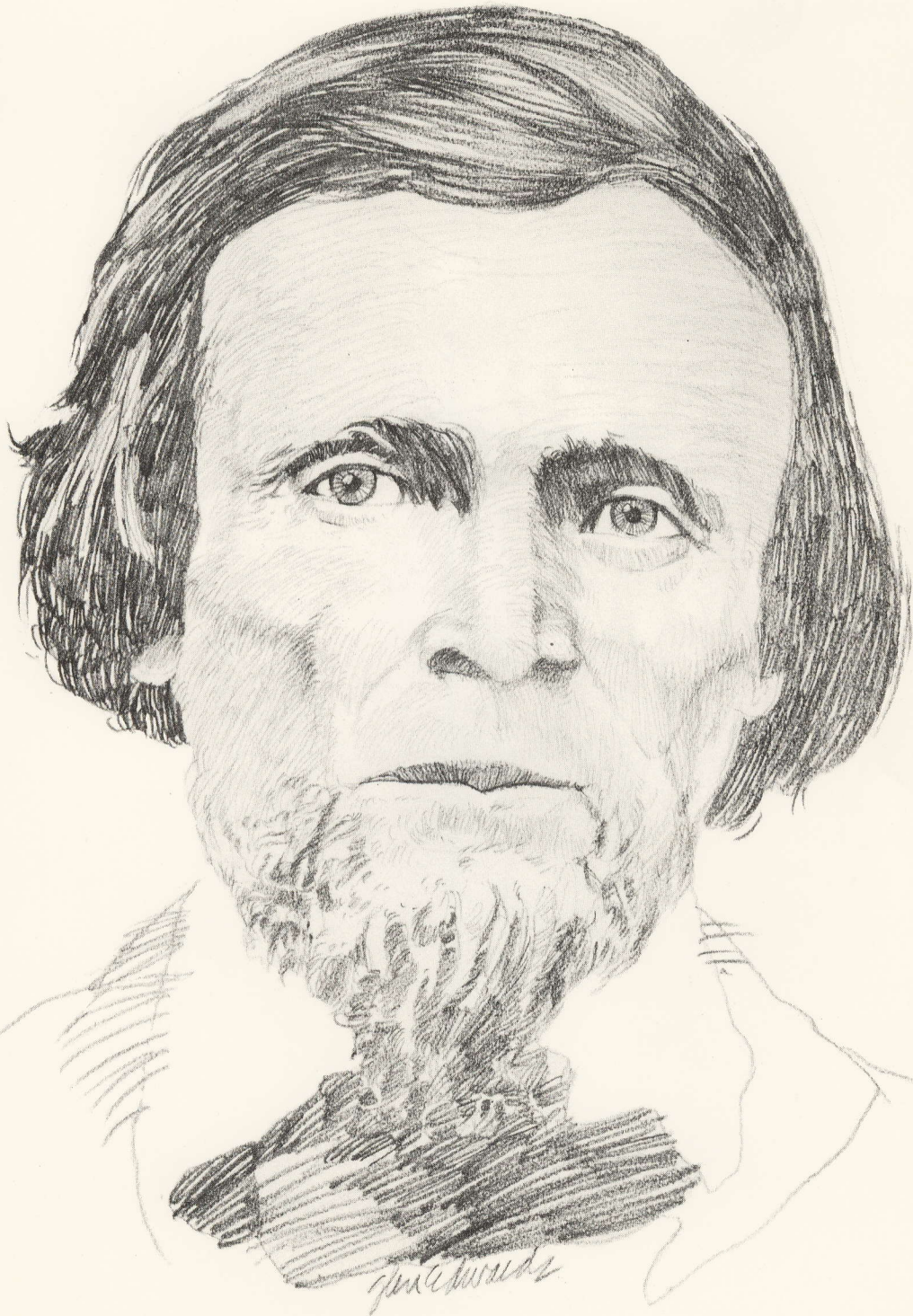


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THE 25TH GEORGE WASHINGTON TAGGART FAMILY REUNION

August 15-16, 1992

Our 25th Reunion will be on the campus of Utah State University (Logan, Utah) in the Glen L. Taggart Student Center. Our theme, Appreciating Our Ancestral Heritage, will remind us of our deep responsibility in carrying on the work of those who have gone before.

SATURDAY: August 15, 1992, Ballroom, Taggart Student Center

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Registration, Visiting, Displays, Exhibits, etc.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

Lunch will be in the Carrousel. You will make your own choice and pay for it.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Family Program — Auditorium, Student Center

8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Dance — Ballroom, Student Center — With Live Band

SUNDAY: August 16, 1992, Auditorium, Student Center

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Family Sacrament and Testimony Meeting

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THE COVER

This drawing by Glen L. Edwards is based on a picture of George Washington Taggart when he was younger. Edwards is professor of art at Utah State University.

EARLY TAGGARTS IN CACHE VALLEY

by Spencer L. Taggart

(Sources: Lorna England Bingham, "History of William Brigham Parkinson, Sr.," June 24, 1962; Hazel Parkinson McAlister, Clarissa Taggart, no date; Clarissa McAlister Beutler, Hazel Parkinson McAlister, July 7, 1981; Marva B. Tibbitts Karren, "Reminiscence," March, 1984; Morgan County Historical Society, "Morgan County School Buildings," 1989; Twila Van Leer (*Deseret News* medical writer), "The Short and Troubled Life of Utah's First School of Medicine," *Deseret News*, August 26, 1984; "Life Sketch of Frederick Taggart," by Frederick Taggart, September, 1954; "Life History of Henry Milton Taggart," as dictated to Iva Brind, by Henry Milton Taggart, during the months of January through April, 1932.)

The first Taggart in Cache Valley was Clarissa, first child of George Washington and Clarissa Marina Rogers Taggart.

Clarissa and her husband, Dr. William B. Parkinson, moved to Logan in 1885. She was followed the next year (1886) by her sister Julia, who married William H. Lewis of Lewiston. Ten years later (1896), their sister Alice married John Wesley Bright, also of Lewiston. Three brothers—Marcus, Frederick, and James—followed in 1897, 1899, and 1900, respectively, to settle in Lewiston, too.

Born in Salt Lake City December 12, 1857, Clarissa had moved with her parents in 1864 to the Morgan Valley, eventually settling in Richville, where her father built and operated a grist mill, the first in Morgan County. The first settlers came to Richville in 1859 and by the time of the Taggarts' arrival there was quite a settlement. That same year (1864), the first schoolhouse was built. It was of logs, 18 by 25 feet, with a large rock fireplace in one end. This is where Clarissa went to school. Being the first of thirteen children—three died in infancy—we can expect that Clarissa had much to do at home helping her mother care for her younger brothers and sisters.

Six days before her eighteenth birthday, Clarissa married (December 6, 1875) William B. Parkinson, to become his second wife. Two years earlier, at the age of twenty-one, he had married Elizabeth Bull, whom he had come to know and love while working on her father's farm in Morgan. We know nothing about how Clarissa met William and Elizabeth, but we can believe they were a satisfactory threesome, as Elizabeth and Clarissa lived together while their husband was in England on a mission and later while he attended Rush Medical School in Chicago.

Elizabeth and Clarissa were married to a young man with lots of drive and promising capacity. Born in England, young William (age five) emigrated to America in 1857 with his parents, who had joined the Mormon Church. His mother died that same year in St. Louis. His father remarried and moved to Oregon, where he died five years later (1862). Young William lived with his step-mother until he was twelve. Treated sternly and harshly by her, he decided to strike out on his own. He stopped in Helena (Montana) to see his father's friend, John Chapman, a rancher. Chapman adopted William and sent him to school. When William was fifteen, Mr. Chapman died.

William worked at whatever he could find, making his way through Wyoming and Idaho, arriving in Utah when he was sixteen. It was in Morgan where he found work on Daniel Bull's farm and where he also stayed.

After working on the farm all day, William studied telegraphy, shorthand, and photography at night. The next year the Union Pacific gave William work in its Morgan station as night operator and train dispatcher. This is when he married Elizabeth, Mr. Bull's daughter. When their baby Lillian was six weeks old, William moved his family to Granger (Wyoming), where they lived in the Union Pacific station and he was the telegraph operator. They returned to Morgan in 1875 and that same year he married Clarissa Taggart.

When Elizabeth had four children—three daughters and a son, Clarissa two children—a son and a daughter, William was called on a L.D.S. Church Mission (May, 1879), to England. He served about a year-and-a-half, and was released early as he was suffering so with rheumatism.

While he was away, Clarissa and Elizabeth lived together, doing the best they could to care for themselves and their children. They also received help from their fathers. The day before William's return, Clarissa buried her two children who had died of scarlet fever.

William had returned interested in medicine and began to study with Dr. Frederick S. Kohler, a Pennsylvanian, who had arrived in Morgan in 1879. Kohler had degrees from the Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and the Medical College of Ohio in Cincinnati and had practiced in Ohio and Indiana. Kohler has the distinction of having established (1880) the first Medical School in Utah. It graduated its first class in 1882. Despite glowing plans for the School, as announced in 1882, it soon came under criticism in the Salt Lake City press and by certain of that city's physicians. The School was accused of many shortcomings, such as cutting the three-year term of medical training to a two-year term. Our William, who by then had become Bishop Parkinson of the North Morgan Ward, rebutted the criticism. But the School soon closed.

William continued his study of medicine, going to Chicago to earn a degree from Rush Medical College.

Clarissa and Elizabeth banded together again to take care of themselves and their children. Clarissa by then had a daughter, Leona, born August 9, 1881, and a son, George Taggart, born December 27, 1883.

After tentative efforts to establish himself in Coalville and in Farmington (Utah), Dr. Parkinson moved with his two families to Logan in 1885, where he established a very successful practice, becoming a highly respected physician and community leader. His practice took him all over Cache Valley. His horse and buggy, and later his automobile, became a common sight. He was always trying to improve his skills and knowledge. In 1914, for example, he attended a medical convention in London. He then went to Vienna where he completed a post-graduate course in diseases of the eye, ear, and throat. He was the first Logan physician to specialize. He owned the first x-ray machine in Logan and he maintained and operated a small hospital for many years. He did much charity work and never refused to take a case. Several of his sons became physicians. Many of his daughters helped with his office work, cleaning up, and nursing. One daughter recalled going with him to deliver a baby, his ninth in the family, without ever having been paid for any of them.

In 1886, William married Edith Benson, daughter of Apostle Ezra Taft Benson, Sr. Four years later (1890), he married Margaret Wallace Sloan. He took good care of his wives and twenty-four children. He maintained four homes in Logan. William died November 9, 1920, from complications of the dread flu of that time.

Clarissa and Dr. Parkinson had seven children: Albert Woffinden (lived three years nine months), Clarissa (lived one year seven months), Leona, George Taggart, Marcus Taggart, Hazel, and Mary Alice. The latter and her baby died February 6, 1920 of the flu, leaving two young sons. She was twenty-nine. Leona had eight children. She gave birth to twin boys; both died in infancy. George Taggart also had eight children. The last, a daughter, lived only eighteen months. George was a physician. Marcus Taggart had six children. A daughter died when she was a year old. Hazel had four children. The first two, sons, lived only a short time. Her third, a daughter, lived almost two years. Her fourth, Clarissa (Clixie) McAlister Beutler, had five children. Four lived to have families of their own.

My wife and I find the Logan City Cemetery a beautiful place to walk. Many times we have stood at Clarissa Taggart Parkinson's grave. It has a very simple marker (10 x 16 inches) — "Clarissa T. Parkinson 1903." Clarissa was forty-five (December 12, 1857 — July 15, 1903).

The graves of William B. Parkinson, Elizabeth Bull, and Edith Benson are identified with like markers. I have not located the grave of Dr. Parkinson's fourth wife, Margaret Wallace Sloan.

Clarissa's daughter, Hazel, was thirteen when her mother died. Hazel wrote this about her mother: "... I remember very little of her life ... I do know we were a very happy family. Her brothers and sisters have always spoken of her as a wonderful woman. She was a favorite with younger people ... My mother died ... very unexpectedly while my father was in Chicago doing post graduate work."

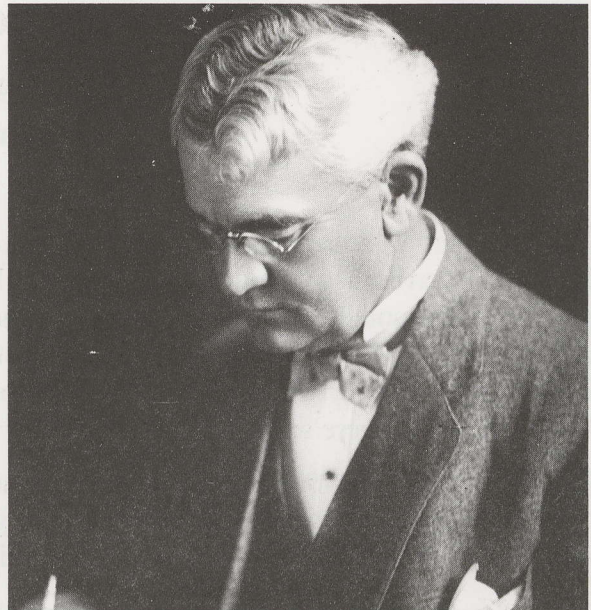
Frederick Taggart, according to his autobiography, attended the Utah State Agricultural College 1896-97, and while there lived with his sister Clarissa. He did chores for his board. Dr. Parkinson gave him a letter of recommendation to Professor J. H. Paul to help him get started. Frederick was Clarissa Rogers' youngest child. When Frederick married Eulalie Leavitt December 17, 1902 (Logan Temple), he and his new bride stayed that night at his sister's (Clarissa's) home in Logan.

Clarissa's brother Henry, in his life history, spoke of staying with her. After his father's (GWT) death, Henry was on his way to live with his brother Albert (Uncle Dick) in Star Valley. As it would be Henry's first separation from his older brother James, the latter decided to accompany him part way. They saddled their horses and rode as far as Logan the first day. Henry's account: "We spent the night with our older sister Clarissa, a wonderful sister she was. We enjoyed the night with her and our visit. The next morning we separated, he [James] returned back home to Richville, and I continued my journey to Star Valley."

About 1897 Henry attended Brigham Young College in Logan and lived with his sister. Clarissa "was kind and big-hearted. Dr. Parkinson "arranged the term for me at the school."

When Henry completed his mission in the Southern States (1899-1901), he took his wife and young son to Lewiston to stay with his brother James while he looked for work. James and Henry had married sisters (Valeria and Mary Laird). While in Lewiston, Henry received word from his nephew, Charles Taggart (George Henry's son) that he had a job for him helping build the Logan sugar factory. Henry's account: "I immediately went to Logan and while there I stayed with my sister, Clarissa Parkinson. She was one of those big hearted, kind, and loveable sisters that was willing to help her brother. . ."

Henry stayed at his sister's about two weeks, when he returned to Salt Lake City to accept a job offer from his father-in-law.



Clarissa (no date) and her husband Dr. Parkinson (1919, age 67).



We are very fortunate to have this picture of Clarissa, standing beside her mother, Clarissa Rogers Taggart. The other child is her younger sister, Sarah Jane. It is priceless!



Hazel Parkinson McAlister and her daughter Clarissa, named after her grandmother and great grandmother. This present Clarissa and her husband, Alvin S. Beutler, are living in Logan. They have four living children and ten grandchildren.

NOTE: Clarissa McAlister Beutler found pictures 3 and 4 in her mother's records. Pictures 1 & 2 are from Lorna B. Olsen.

NETTIE TAGGART WHITNEY

by George T. Whitney

March 1991

Nettie Taggart Whitney was born January 14, 1884 in Morgan, Utah. She was eighth in a family of sixteen children born to George Henry and Jessie McNiven Taggart. She attended school in Morgan and spent her childhood there, making life-long friends who never forgot this beautiful girl. When she was sixteen, she left Morgan with her father, her sister Becky and her two brothers, Jack and Bruce. By covered wagon, over trackless plains and mountains, they journeyed to the Big Horn Basin in Wyoming. They were among the first pioneers in that region.

The two girls did the work of the home, which early on was a tent, and made life as pleasant as possible for the rest of the family. They had beautiful singing voices and with their guitar accompaniment they sang away the cares from the hearts of this tired Mormon colony at Pryor Gap.

In his book, *History of the Big Horn Basin*, Charles A. Welch relates: "It is difficult to tell how much joy their songs brought to the people that summer. There was not a house, nothing but barren waste, there was no grass because there was no rain to make it grow. Only was there salt sage, greasewood and an occasional straggling sagebrush. After the day's work was done, the supper eaten and prayers said, all was still as the face of the dead. The only sound was the lonely cry of the coyotes or an occasional bark of a dog. It was then that these two beautiful daughters of Elder George H. Taggart would sit on some wagon tongue or cottonwood log and sing. Oh, how those lovely notes broke the stillness. Many tears were shed as they sang 'Many are the hearts that are weary tonight, tenting on the old camp ground.' or 'Gone are the days when my heart was young and gay.' How many stout hearts were softened when 'I need thee every hour' could be heard in the stillness of the night, or 'Tis evening brings my heart to thee.' The wonderful thing is that they have passed their beautiful voices on to their descendants. As the generations come and go the Taggarts will always be singers bringing joy to the hearts of their listeners."

It was at this camp that Nettie met her future husband, Francis (Frank) David Whitney. They were married in 1903 in Cowley. To this union were born eleven children. Frank was employed as a blacksmith.

Nettie was an active member of every women's organization of the Church, a life-long member of the Singing Mothers as well as civic groups, such as the Alta Club and the Ladies Republican Club. She and Aunt Becky (Nett and Beck) along with Alice Welling, could fire up any Republican rally, they were the ones most called upon to organize a bake sale or a banquet to fund a special event for the Church or school. They were usually the first to bring comfort at the death of a loved one. Many of her good works were private affairs without fanfare. During the depression years, men were traveling around the country on freight trains or walking the roads. Every week during the summers there would be one or two at the back door, willing to work for something to eat. No one was ever turned away from Nettie's home. One cold, winter morning, a neighbor who lived north of us came walking down the road carrying a small baby. She wore only a skimpy jacket and the baby was wrapped in a flimsy shawl. Nettie called her into the house and put one of my sister's winter coats on her, then wrapped the baby

in a warm blanket. My sister, Joyce, was not too pleased when she came home. Nettie's reasoning: the poor creature's need was the greater and besides Joyce had another coat.

On one occasion while returning home from a trip with daughter, Lynette, Nettie stopped for gas along a desolate road. Behind the station stood an outhouse simmering in the dust and heat of midsummer and on the verge of collapse. On one side of it was a sign that advertised a popular candy bar. When she arrived home she wrote a letter to the Curtis Candy Company; she explained the circumstances which prompted her to write. "I have seen your signs in the most undesirable places. I have never been tempted to try the product." Days later a box of candy came from the company president and a letter thanking her for writing. He informed her that a copy of her letter had gone out to every distributor advising a change in their advertising policies.

Although Nettie's health was never very good, she accomplished so much. She was a fine seamstress, an excellent cook and a good mother who loved us all dearly. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Mark M. Partridge:

"I well remember when I first became acquainted with Nettie Taggart. It was when we were camped at Piney and the railroad was being constructed. I was a little barefoot boy without a mother who seldom, if ever, looked like he had been cleaned up. This was so, even though my father did very well under the conditions. Nettie was a very charming young woman, very kind, very thoughtful, and very happy. I well remember how she and her sister would sing while they worked in the cook-tent.

"The songs they sang would constitute the greater part of the music I knew for many years afterwards. I'm sorry that I did not take the opportunity to tell her how much her singing and many kindnesses meant to me in those early years. She has always been one of my ideals. She influenced my life to a much greater degree than one might suppose. For a long time I did not have much of an opportunity to associate with a mother or any other woman. Consequently, I was deprived of that refining, inspiring influence which we see in lovely, kind women. For at least a year, Nettie, more than anyone else, filled that place in my life. And one year is a large part of life to a boy of six. I am very glad that I had the privilege of knowing such a fine woman."

On the night Mother was stricken, several of us were on our way to attend a Rubinoff concert in Billings. We visited with her before we left. Around nine o'clock in the evening she suffered a stroke and never emerged from the resulting coma. She died some five hours later. The date was January 24, 1941. She was 58 years of age.



GLEN LAIRD TAGGART

by Spencer L. Taggart

(In 1989, Val R. Christensen, Vice President for Student Services, Utah State University, directed his staff to prepare a short history of Glen. It was to be shown in a display cabinet, along with a portrait of Glen and Phyllis, in the Student Center which carries his name. Eventually, it became my happy lot to write this history.)

I. ELEVENTH PRESIDENT OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, 1968-1979

President Taggart placed emphasis on academic excellence and high quality performance. He surrounded himself with a staff of highly competent academicians and administrators and USU made great strides forward. President Taggart's vision and administrative style were reflected in accomplishments such as these:

- The University's entire offering of programs was reviewed and evaluated. Areas were identified where USU as a Land-Grant University was singularly qualified to contribute and excel and these areas were strengthened. For example, the University's twenty-eight Ph.D. programs were consolidated into eighteen and these were made stronger programs. A relationship of academic complementarity was sought with the University of Utah to strengthen each institution's contribution to the State of Utah and the Nation.
- The Office of Provost was established and given the budget initiative, thereby enabling the decentralization of the budget so that each academic unit would know what its budget was at the first of each year. The Provost was also placed in charge when the president was away.
- An open-door process of communication between the Administration, Faculty, and Staff was adopted. Free expression of ideas, aspirations, problems, and complaints were invited. At the annual meetings of Department Heads, the Administration presented important issues and goals. This practice promoted greater team work and unity of purpose as well as stimulating new ideas and aspirations.
- A rational approach to growth and promotion was developed and adopted. It systematized performance and growth expectations for the Faculty and Staff.
- Emphasis was placed on targeting competitive grants to strengthen the University's research and development programs. When President Taggart assumed office, USU received about \$1.5 million a year in competitive grants; the year he left USU received about \$25 million. In 1989, the University received about \$65 million in competitive grants.
- A vice-president's administrative post was created to oversee the Cooperative Extension Service and the Continuing Education Program. The Consolidation of these two programs was designed to bring about the total involvement of the University in these two areas. The Kellogg Life Span Learning Center was symbolic of the importance of this work. In 1988 about 60,000 participants took part in USU's outreach programs.
- High priority was given to maintaining open communication channels with students. Regular

meetings with the Student Body Officers who came to be known as "The Staters' Council" helped the Administration stay abreast of student concerns and issues. Problems were considered and solutions reached. Student input was encompassed within the general direction and thrust of the University.

- The University Scholar Program was established. Its impact was felt in attracting outstanding students and in raising the University's level of academic achievement. USU became distinguished by its number of National Merit Scholars.

- An Undergraduate Research Program was established, permitting students to work concurrently on a masters degree while finishing a bachelors.

II. PRESIDENT TAGGART'S BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Born January 16, 1914, Lewiston, Utah, to James and Valeria Ann Laird Taggart, the youngest of eight children.

Education and related experience: Lewiston Public Schools; North Cache High School, where he was Student Body President; LDS Mission (1933-1937) in Czechoslovakia; B.S. Degree (1940) in Sociology, Utah State Agricultural College; Ph.D. Degree (1946) in Sociology, University of Wisconsin.

In 1940, Glen married Phyllis Paulsen of Logan, also a graduate of USAC. They were the parents of three children. In Glen's words: "Phyllis—as spouse, mother, companion, and co-worker—participated fully and effectively in every aspect of our development and achievement."

Dr. Taggart came to USU, as President, with a record of distinguished accomplishments in government service, education and foreign relations. For example, he was one of the formulators of the Point Four Legislation and Program of the Truman Administration. He completed his ten years of service with the Department of Agriculture as Chief of the Technical Collaboration Division of the Department's Foreign Agricultural Service, and in this capacity assisted in developing Agricultural Experiment Stations in Central and South America.

In 1953, Dr. Taggart accepted an appointment as full professor of sociology at Michigan State University. Three years later, he was appointed Michigan State's first Dean of International Studies and Programs. This was a pioneering effort which emerged under his direction as the foremost program of its kind and set the pattern for similar international programs at a large number of universities in the United States.

Dr. Taggart, with his global view of education, embraced an expanded concept of international education. In addition to the traditional fields of geography, political science, and the humanities, he advocated the inclusion of the international dimension of such non traditional fields as agriculture, business administration, engineering, comparative education, and other professional disciplines.

Under Dr. Taggart's leadership, Michigan State's program assisted in establishing four new university-level institutions abroad. It also assisted approximately another twenty already established colleges and universities abroad to become more effective educational institutions.

In 1964-66, he took a two-year leave of absence from Michigan State University to serve as Vice Chancellor (President) of the new University of Nigeria.

After retirement from USU, President Taggart served two-and-a-half years with the Department of State, again in the arena of international development. Since 1982, he has been a Senior Program Consultant with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. He has also sandwiched in a four-year stint as a member of the Board of Regents of Higher Education in Utah.

As a Kellogg Consultant, he has served in a number of capacities, including chairman of a task force to plan and establish an institution of higher education in Costa Rica. He is at present (April, 1989) serving as a member of the Board of that institution, which it is planned, will open its doors to students in the Fall of 1990.

(As chairman of the task force to establish an institution of higher education in Costa Rica, Glen led the effort from its inception to its completion, including where it would be built as well as defining its mission. The mission of the Agricultural College of the Humid Tropical Region in Costa Rica (Escuela de Agricultura de la Region Tropical Humeda—E.A.R.T.H.) "... is to support agricultural development within the unique ecology of the humid tropic region. The curriculum is predicated on a learn-by-doing methodology to assist students in developing sustainable and ecologically sound agricultural practices for the region. In order to protect the fragile plant and animal system, there is a need for much more knowledge concerning the patterns of land use and production and their impact on the humid tropics."

E.A.R.T.H met its deadline of opening its doors to students in the Fall of 1990 and is having success beyond its founders expectations. In January 1991, Glen drew up a proposal to construct and develop a research facility "... to support agricultural research related specifically to the humid tropics. The humid tropics are unique and critical ecological regions which are being impacted by agricultural and forestry practices which may be having damaging effects on the world's ecosystem."

This facility was dedicated on June 24, 1992 and was named after Glen.) SLT



ESCUELA DE AGRICULTURA
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Dr. Robert J. Carbonell
President Board of Directors

June 22, 1992

Dr. Glen L. Taggart
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Logan, Utah 84321

Dear Glen:

I am very sorry that we will miss you this week in Costa Rica. If you could have joined us, we had planned a little surprise, which I will disclose to you now.

I am very pleased to tell you that the Board of Directors of E.A.R.T.H. at its last meeting, upon motion made by Dr. Eduardo King Carr, unanimously seconded and voted to name E.A.R.T.H.'s Continuing Education Center as the "Centro de Educacion Permanent Dr. Glenn L. Taggart".

We are delighted to honor the Center with your name. You are its creator and this is the least we could do to recognize the tremendous contributions you have made to E.A.R.T.H.

I am sure that many generations of E.A.R.T.H. students and attendees at conferences, seminars, workshops, etc., etc. will benefit greatly from your vision which becomes a reality on June 24, 1992.

As an aside, you recognize, of course, that the designation "Permanent Education" is the creation of our Official Linguist, Jorge Manuel Dengo!

I hope that you are feeling well and I would like to send the best wishes of all your colleagues at the E.A.R.T.H., Trustees and Amigos boards for your continuing and speedy recovery.

Warmest personal regards.

Cordially,

cc: Dr. Norman Brown
Dr. Jose Zaglul

MY EXPERIENCES IN EGYPT

May - September 1990

by Wendy Bayles Barnes

(Wendy's parents are James W. (Velma-James) and Sandra Bayles. Her father is a professor of law in the Law School of Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. Wendy graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts from Washburn University, with a major in anthropology and a minor in Spanish. This June she received a Master's degree in Historical Administration and Museum Studies, with emphasis in anthropology, from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.)

My time in Egypt was richly spent. As I flew to Egypt my mood was deeply anticipatory. I wanted to watch myself as I learned the customs of a new country, explored the language, and intertwined my life with the lives of strangers. I did not know if my experiences during the three-and-a-half months I was to be there would be vigorously exciting, trudgingly endurable, or somewhere in between.

High above Cairo I stared down into the haze. Two of the Giza pyramids appeared for a moment, then vanished. There is truly no way to prepare for the first sight of the ancient pyramids. Even from the plane they were spectacular. My first impression of the city was a vast expanse of buildings and sand.

My plan was to work at the Egyptian Museum or the Coptic Museum and stay with an Egyptian family. I trusted an acquaintance of mine to make the arrangements. He assured me over the phone, before I left, that everything would be settled by the time I arrived. Although there were problems, everything was easily worked out. Roushdy, my Egyptian "father," somehow found me on the edge of a sea of people waiting outside the airport.

Each time I left my home, I considered it an adventure. Outside was a sea of people: men in either western clothes or long white cotton gowns; women wore western clothes with veils over their hair as well as more traditional black gowns with their faces covered. Children were everywhere. Every street was filled with cars only inches from each other on all sides. I never got tired of watching and moving through the crowds of people. Most days my destination was the Coptic Museum.

The museum is devoted to the material culture of the Copts. Copts are Egyptian Orthodox Christians. They trace the founding of their church to the apostle St. Mark who brought the gospel to Egypt in the 1st century. The museum was founded in 1908 to house the large collection of Coptic art and antiquities dating from A.D. 300-1000. I worked with many of the curators, the assistant director, and several specialists in the restoration department.

A typical day for me was spent working in the restoration department during the morning, and with a curator for the afternoon. Many days I would spend my lunch time in the museum's library reading various histories of the Copts, descriptions of the many nearby Coptic churches, or gazing through the books of drawings from Napoleon's occupation of Egypt. I spent many Fridays sight-seeing around

Cairo because it is the Islamic holy-day and few people were working at the museum. Often on Sundays I visited the Coptic churches near the museum. I particularly enjoyed reading a 19th century description of a church, and then visiting it myself to see what had changed. As a frequent visitor, I became good friends with some of the volunteer tour guides at the churches. They were eager to explain the many symbols in the architecture as well as their own beliefs.

My camel ride up Mount Sinai in the moonlight was a beautifully memorable experience. At about one a.m. I began to hike near St. Katherine's Monastery. A few miles later my group came upon some sleeping Bedouins with their camels. I found the opportunity to ride a camel up the red granite mountain in the darkness an irresistible experience. I hiked the last few miles to the top. As the sun rose and warmed my face, its light illuminated the three small churches and the crowd of strangers who had hiked up to see the sunrise and the place where Moses stood.

While in Luxor I visited the temples of Karnak and Luxor. I crossed the Nile to the land of the dead to see the tombs in the Valley of the Kings. The carved hieroglyphs and the painted stars on the ceilings of the tombs were incredible. If Sety's tomb had been filled with his treasures I might never have noticed them. King Tut's tomb was small and unremarkable in comparison, but his treasures at the Egyptian Museum were breathtaking.

As I spent my last days in Cairo my mood was both sweet and sorrowful. I traveled the crowded streets to visit the pyramids for the last time. Climbing up to the entrance of Cheops, I moved to the side of the steps and sat upon the stones. I watched two men of the border patrol gallop below me on their camels, and I allowed my mind to wander. The pyramid was a place where I felt contemplative. Oddly, I was not thinking of the ancient Egyptians, the great size of the pyramids or the vast expanse of vanished time between Cheops and myself. Instead I marveled at my own experiences of the summer: the old woman I helped on the street, the young boy who slept outside my favorite restaurant, the Sri Lankan Embassy guard who only knew how to speak to me by saying, "How are you?", the young woman who futilely tried to teach me to belly dance, my friends at the museum—these strangers and friends filled my thoughts. I wanted to keep the things I'd experienced and learned forever fresh in my mind. It was a sweet, rich summer and now it is time to return home.

THE FAMILY FUND

The following have contributed to the Family Fund since our Morgan Reunion (August 11, 1990); Cleone & E.L. Crosby, Norean B. Boyce, Parry & Paulene Greenwood, Faye Taggart, Valeria T. Pond, Ila & Spencer Taggart, Velma & Wendell Bayless, Lloyd & Adele Taggart, George T. Whitney, Fern Baldwin, Martin & Jeanine Pond, Keith & Marti Taylor, Jane & Vine Poll, Thomas & Ardella Taggart, La Nae & Daniel Wheatley, De Ann Taggart Gaeth in memory of her father Wallace M. Taggart, Dyan & George Welch, Mary Lou Mellor, Lynn T. Bright and James T. Frost.

Our many thanks to these family members. To have an effective Family Organization with accomplishments befitting greatness requires the support of us all.

IN MEMORIAM

Lynn Angus Berlin (Ida Mae-Jane-Clarissa)
husband of Anita C. Whelan
born December 2, 1905, Pocatello, ID
died September 5, 1990, Ogden, UT

Roger Greenwood (Paulene-Norean-Alice-Clarissa)
born February 10, 1946, Salt Lake City, UT
died April 5, 1991, Salt Lake City, UT

Wallace Martin Taggart (Jerome-Charles Wallace-Fannie)
born September 21, 1910, Millville, UT
died May 29, 1992, Logan, UT

Beth McCann Lamb Bright
wife of Lynn T. Bright (Alice-Clarissa)
born May 7, 1912, Smithfield, UT
died July 6, 1991, Logan, UT

Pauline W. Bischoff (Nettie-George Henry-Fannie)
wife of Rob O. Bischoff, deceased
born May 10, 1912, Cowley, WY
died July 18, 1991, Billings, MT

Valeria Taggart Pond (James-Clarissa)
wife of Harris M. Pond, deceased
born February 21, 1900, Salt Lake City, UT
died September 13, 1991, Logan, UT

Mary Brown Lawyer (Violet-George Henry-Fannie)
wife of Harry R. Lawyer, deceased
born March 3, 1912, Cowley, WY
died September 18, 1991, Salem, OR

Grant Wesley Salisbury
husband of Peggy Taggart (Lindsay-Marcus-Clarissa)
born November 22, 1931, Cache Junction, UT
died April 13, 1992, Newton, UT

Lynn Taggart Bright (Alice-Clarissa)
born June 19, 1910, Lewiston, UT
died April 15, 1992, Las Vegas, NV

Lynette Whitney Mann (Nettie-George Henry-Fannie)
wife of Orin B. Mann
died December 6, 1991, Cowley, WY

NEW MEMBERS

Spencer James Harris — March 15, 1990
son of Karen (Valeria-Beulah-James-Clarissa) and James Harris

Amy Van Wagoner — November 24, 1991
daughter of Cheryl (Paul-Frederick-Clarissa) and Richard Van Wagoner

Tanner Taggart — December 13, 1991
son of Anne and Rodney Taggart (Paul-Frederick-Clarissa)

Nathan Ruston Bayless — October 29, 1990
son of Ann and Ruston Bayles (J. Wendell-Velma-James-Clarissa)

Eric James Lewis — March 17, 1992
son of Sheila (Spencer-James-Clarissa) and David Lewis

Twins—Madison Joelle and Mackenzie Allison Davis — April 5, 1991
daughters of Allison (Mary Lou-Beulah-James-Clarissa) and Kirk Davis

Alyssa Diane Mellor — June 20, 1991
daughter of Jennie and Joel R. Mellor (Mary Lou-Beulah-James-Clarissa)

William Samuel Mellor — December 20, 1991
son of Susan and William Kimball Mellor (Mary Lou-Beulah-James-Clarissa)

Megan Ashley Pond — May 26, 1992
daughter of Jennifer and Michael Pond (Martin-Valeria-James-Clarissa)

Lydia Roberts — July 2, 1991
daughter of Carrie and Paul Roberts (Perry-Moletta-Marcus-Clarissa)

Jeffrey David Karren — February 12, 1992
son of Shawna Mansfield (Leon Allen-Mildred-Lucy-Harriet-Fannie) and David Karren

MARRIAGES

Joan Michelle Crapo (Valeria-Beulah-James-Clarissa) to Brett R. Webb
June 29, 1991, Idaho Falls Temple

Jennifer Manwaring (Eileen-Spencer-James-Clarissa) to Scott Humble
August 1, 1991, Provo Temple

Sharlene Fisher to Brian K. Taylor (Keith-Alice-Scott Sr.-George Henry-Fannie)
August 24, 1991, Salt Lake Temple

Meredith Noel Struhs to Jeffrey Austin Taylor (Keith-Alice-Scott Sr.-George Henry-Fannie)
November 1, 1992, Denver Temple

Jamie Michele Spencer to Thomas James Bayles (J. Wendell-Velma-James-Clarissa)
December 14, 1991, Logan Temple

Wendy Marzee Bayles (J. Wendell-Velma-James-Clarissa) to Mark J. Barnes
December 20, 1991, Salt Lake Temple

Michelle Kiester to John Taggart Karren (Adelle-Spencer-James-Clarissa)
December 21, 1991, Salt Lake Temple

Kara Hendricks (Sylvia-Beulah-James-Clarissa) to Jason Reid
February 1, 1992, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Toni Marie Black to Ian R. Taggart (Charles & Jane Taggart, Scottsdale, AZ)
February 16, 1992, Provo Temple

Stephanie Kay Hatch (William J.-Beulah-James-Clarissa) to Brandon Lee Eliason
April 25, 1992, Seattle Temple

Susan Haynes to Kent Roberts (Perry-Moletta-Marcus-Clarissa)
June 29, 1991, Dallas, Texas

Kimberly Brown (Brent-Bruce-Violet-Fannie) to James Keith
June 21, 1991, Mesa Temple

MISSIONARIES

Robert McKenna
(Joanne-Fannie-Mary Augusta-Eliza Ann-Harriet)
Japan Sapporo Mission

Jess L. Christensen (Ruby-Stella-Noah Albert-Clarissa), with his wife Laurie
President of the Canada Winnipeg Mission

Ryan L. Rawlins
(Rosemary-Melba-Horace-Sarah Jane-Clarissa)
Portugal Lisbon South Mission

Robyn Rawlins
(Rosemary-Melba-Horace-Sarah Jane-Clarissa)
Korea Pusan Mission

Scott H. Taggart (Lloyd-George Henry-Fannie), with his wife Lou Ciel
released July 4, 1992 as President of the Zaire Kinshasa Mission
This is their third mission together— as President of the Canada Montreal Mission,
as missionaries in the Ivory Coast;
Lou Ceil was a full-time missionary in New Zealand, Soctt in Brazil.

Michael Manwaring (Eileen-Spencer-James-Clarissa)
Japan Nagoya Mission

Curtis P. Wilson (Joyce-Nettie-George Henry-Fannie), with his wife Joyce
President of the Japan Kobe Mission

Heather Ann Phullips (Perry-Moletta-Marcus-Clarissa)
recently released from the Arizona Tempe Mission

Jonathan Miller (Lynette-Norean-Alice-Clarissa)
has just returned from the Jacksonville Florida Mission

Corey Bullock (Janette-Alice-Norean-Alice-Clarissa)
is serving in the Guatemala Mission

HAPPENINGS

Wendy Goodrich McKenna (Glen-Byron-Eliza Ann-Harriet) has served this past year (1991-1992) as the National Representative Mother of Young Children. She was selected for this high honor at the Annual Mothers convention in St. Louis in April 1991. Wendy has a degree in Home Economics from Utah State University and is the mother of five children: Amanda 12, Camilla 10, Mark 8, Brian 5, and Kyle 3. She is married to Richard McKenna (Joanne-Fannie-Mary Augusta-Eliza Ann-Harriet). Richard is a Region Manager for Greyhound Bus Lines, Inc. They live in Farmington, Utah.

Joanne McKenna (Fannie-Mary Augusta-Eliza Ann-Harriet) is president of the American Mothers, Inc. Utah Association. This is an organization dedicated to strengthening homes and families. Joanne was named to this post in May, 1991. In 1989 she was the Utah Mother of the Year. Joanne has eight children, seven sons and one daughter. She has an outstanding family. Her youngest, Robert, is now in the Missionary Training Center. Her husband, Earl, died in 1979.

Kelley Valene Taggart (Charles-Bruce-George Henry-Fannie) is a June graduate of the University of Utah with a B.S. degree in Recreational Therapy. She hopes to continue on a masters. From her father and mother: "We're very proud of her accomplishments."

S. Anthony Taggart (Steven-Ted-Henry Milton-Clarissa), a graduate of the University of Utah with a B.S. in Economics and a B.A. in Political Science and a Certificate in International Relations, is now in his second year of the School of Law at the University of San Diego. He filled a mission in Western Venezuela.

Stephen Taggart (James Albert-Cordon Jay-James Henry-George Henry-Fannie) is Program Director for BYU Conferences and Workshops. He and his wife Teri have five children—four sons and one daughter.

Greg, Chris and Jeff Taggart (Hal-Grant-George Henry-Fannie) provided funding for the Wyoming Centennial Sculpture: "Fanning A Twister—Steamboat," by Peter Fillerup. This is a 14' statue of a famous rodeo bronco named Steamboat whose untamable spirit lives on in the hearts of Wyoming's citizens. The only officially sanctioned centennial statue, it was placed near the University of Wyoming Cowboy's football stadium during homecoming October 13, 1990. The three brothers make up the Taggart Insurance & Securities Company of Cody.

Rachel (14) and Andrea (13) Bush (Jane-Beulah-James-Clarissa) won second place in their division in the Utah State History Fair. They wrote an account of John Wesley Powell and his exploration of the Colorado River down through the Grand Canyon. They also made a model of his boat. Their award—round-trip air fare to Washington, D.C. Their mother and older sister, Sarah, joined them for a week in Washington.

Jane Hatch Bush (Beulah-James-Clarissa) received her M.A. in Art History from BYU in 1991. She did a thesis on "Prehistoric Native American Art of Utah." An outcome of her study was curriculum project with slides, teacher information and a children's book on petroglyphs. It is titled: *If Rocks Could Talk*, and will be released to the public in July, 1992.

Jane and her husband, Vern, have three daughters. The entire family became involved in Jane's research, traveling the entire state of Utah and visiting hundreds of petroglyph panels. Vern is the 1992 president of the "Utah Rock Art Research Association."

George T. (Rebecca-George Henry-Fannie) and Myra T. Frost were Grand Marshals of the 1991 Ogden Pioneer Days Parade. George was a former mayor of Ogden.

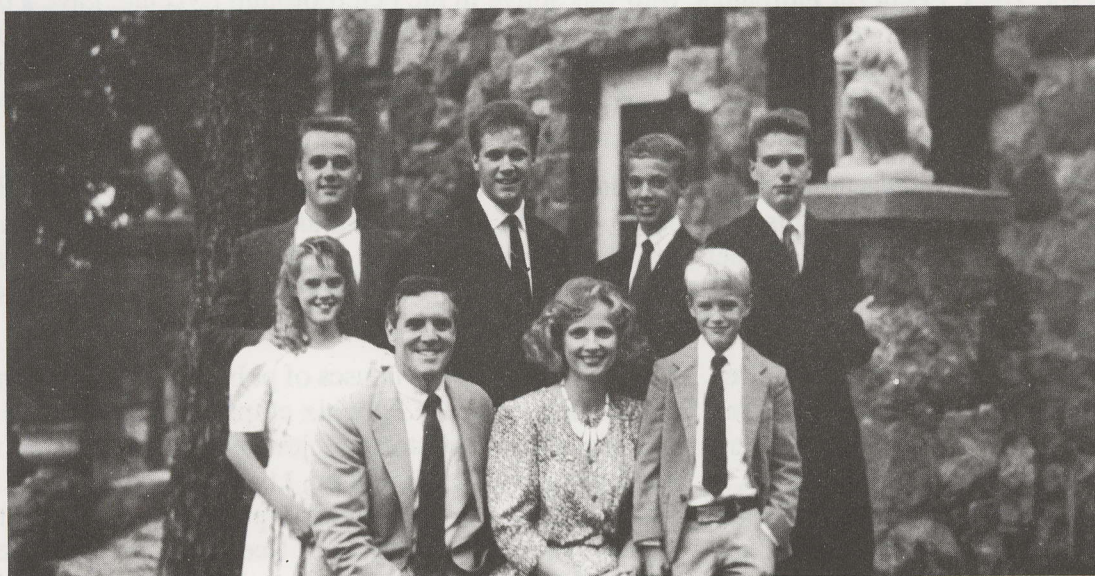
Sally Bayles (J. Wendell-Velma-James-Clarissa) starred in the leading role of BYU's production of "Beauty and the Beast." The six performances between June 4 and 14, were so packed and such a success, eight encore performances will be given in August. Sally is a senior and a major in Vocal Performance with emphasis on opera. To hear this young diva come to the Taggart Reunion.

Andrew George Boyce (Richard-Norean-Alice-Clarissa) was one of seven students, each with a 4.0 grade point average, who were named valedictorians at Mountain Crest High School in Hyrum, Utah. Andrew was center on the varsity football team, president and member of the debate team.

Cache Miller (Lynette-Norean-Alice-Clarissa) filled a mission in Finland, is a graduate of Ricks College, and is attending the University of Pennsylvania on a football scholarship.

Jeffry Boyce (Richard-Norean-Alice-Clarissa) served a two-month internship in Utah Governor Bangerter's office in Washington, D.C. Jeffry was given a special award as outstanding student in Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences at Utah State University.

Keith (Alice-Scott Sr.-George Henry-Fannie) and Marti Taylor of Delafield, Wisconsin, have six children. Marti is President of the Relief Society and Keith teacher of the Gospel Doctrine class in their ward. Keith works for a company that constructs medical office buildings. This work is very specialized and they do construction all over the U.S.



The Keith S. Taylor Family

Delafield, Wisconsin

(Rear): Jeff, Brian, Doug, Greg

(Fore): Jennifer, Keith, Marti, Brad

SPECIAL REPORT

Several family members have commented on the misspelling of George Washington Taggart's name—Taggart—on the plaque at the Mormon Battalion Exhibit in San Diego. We are grateful to Steven L. Taggart (Ted-Henry Milton-Clarissa) for his initiative in getting this error corrected. We quote the last paragraph of his letter of March 20, 1992, to Jay Blair, Director Exhibits Section, Missionary Department, Salt Lake City: "When we spoke yesterday, you indicated that the spelling would be corrected with the preparation of a new plaque. We sincerely appreciate your understanding as well as your willingness to remedy this problem. Our family will now feel comfortable when we visit the Center in San Diego."

PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(1843)

On April 1, 1843, Ebenezer Fairbanks, who was active in the Peterborough Lyceum, gave a paper on Peterborough of that time. It was about two months later when George Washington Taggart with his new bride, Harriet Atkins Bruce, his parents, Washington and Susanna Law Taggart, and his brother, Oliver, moved from Peterborough to Nauvoo, Illinois. Thus, Fairbank's paper gives us a description of what Peterborough was like when the Taggarts left.

"... It is a fact," Fairbanks reported, "that according to the numbers as taken last week with considerable care there are now living in this village 896 persons, of whom 90 are under four years of age, 324 between 4 and 21 years of age, 188 between 21 and 30 years of age, 132 between 30 and 40 years of age, 87 between 40 and 50 years of age; 75 over 50, viz., 43 between 50 and 60 years of age, 17 between 60 and 70 years of age, 11 between 70 and 80 years of age, and 4 over 80 years of age. . .

"This village consists of 173 families, 111 dwelling houses, 4 houses of public worship, 1 town hall, 2 school houses, 1 academy, 2 taverns, 2 cotton factories, the Phoenix employing 101 hands, and the other, 50 hands. One foundry, employing eight hands, 4 stores, 1 jeweller's shop, 2 grist mills, 3 machine shops, 3 blacksmith shops, 2 wheelright shops, 1 cabinet shop, 1 tin shop, 1 stove manufactory, 5 shoe makers' shops, 2 harness shops, 3 tailor shops, 4 milliner shops, 3 paint shops, 1 book store and bindery, 1 hatter's shop, 1 cooper shop, 1 sleigh shop, 4 joiner shops, 1 Reed manufactory, 1 lead pipe manufactory, 1 gun shop, 1 livery shop, 1 slaughter house, 3 regular practicing physicians, 1 Botanic physician, and 3 lawyers."

(*Historical Sketches of Peterborough—New Hampshire*, Peterborough Historical Society, 1938, p. 196.)

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"My Brother"

*I'll always be in debt to thee
My Brother who died on calvary.
Shall I ever be able to comprehend
The love thou had for me, my Friend?
Why would thou drink the bitter cup,
That a soul like mine be lifted up?
Is it possible? Could I repay?
The suffering done on the cross that day?
God, help me repent of my sins atoned,
By thy Son who trod the wine press alone.
Then might I be lifted up
And in eternity I sup.
With thee my Elder Brother.*

Lyle J. Taggart (Jasper-Charles Wallace-Fannie)