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**MAY WE HAVE YOUR HELP?**

**We have now presented Biographies of the following children of GWT:**

**Eliza Ann ( Harriet), Harriet Marie (Fanny), George Henry ( Fanny), Sarah Jane (Clarissa), James (Clarissa), Henry Milton (Clarissa), and Frederick (Clarissa).**

**We still need: Charles Wallace (Fanny), Clarissa (Clarissa), Noah Albert (Clarissa), Julia Mariah (Clarissa), Marcus (Clarissa) and Alice Janette (Clarissa).**

**THE 30<sup>th</sup> GEORGE WASHINGTON TAGGART FAMILY REUNION - SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT:**

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Morgan, Utah was the gathering place for more than 500 GWT descendant family members August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George Washington Taggart's trek from Iowa to the Salt Lake Valley in 1852. Morgan is the small and quiet community where GWT along with two of his wives, Fanny and Clarissa, settled and are now buried. His first wife, Harriet is buried in the old pioneer cemetery in Nauvoo, IL within a grave or two of GWT's father, Washington Taggart.

The reunion began with a special Taggart Temple Session in the Bountiful, Utah Temple Thursday evening, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.. The chapel was filled with 80 plus Taggart family members doing the work for Taggart ancestors. A member of the Temple Presidency told the family gathered there that our group had the largest number of family members at one session in the history of the Bountiful Temple.

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> began at the Morgan LDS Stake Center with registration from 10:30 A.M. until after noon, and then a wonderful Southwestern lunch, under the direction of Blaine S. Taggart (C. Jay-James Henry-George Henry-Fanny), held in the bowery adjacent to the church. The General Session filled the chapel and the

recreation hall where we enjoyed music including “instant choirs,” and the presentation of, “*Follow in the Footsteps of George Washington Taggart*,” written by Julie Taggart Rabe (Blaine-C. Jay-James Henry-George Henry-Fanny), in the form of a Reader’s Theater. A picture book of this presentation was provided for all of the children in attendance. At approximately 2:10 P.M. there was a break out session for the children and youth, to include a children’s fair with arts and crafts and other activities. The adult session began at the same time where again we enjoyed wonderful music by Taggart talent, as well as a very interesting and informative talk by J. D. Karren, son-in-law (Adelle) to Spencer L. Taggart (James-Clarissa), about the life Spencer led while in the CIA. This was followed by a terrific presentation of some Taggart history presented by Jeanette Taggart Holmes (Bruce-George Henry-Fanny). Space will not permit the inclusion of these fine talks in this issue, but they will be in the Spring 2004 issue of the *Taggart Family Newsletter*, which will give us something very special to look forward to.

Mid to late Saturday afternoon provided us an opportunity to take a self-guided tour of the historic places of interest in the Morgan Valley, which included Fanny’s and Clarissa’s cabin sites. The family members then convened at the graves of George Washington Taggart, his second wife Fanny and the third wife Clarissa, in the South Morgan Cemetery for the rededication of the grave sites. The family sang with the music flowing over the valley below and then Glenn B. Goodrich (Byron-Eliza Ann-Harriet) gave a touching dedicatory prayer. We were all then given a special treat when at the conclusion of the prayer, a bagpiper walked down from the hill above playing beautiful music that always takes us back to our roots.

A delicious Dutch-oven dinner was provided back at the Church bowery at 6:30 P.M. This was followed by an outstanding program presented in the Chapel by Jeff Goodrich (Glenn-Byron-Eliza Ann-Harriet) and his family. Jeff and Joan have

published four albums of original music, on both tape and CD. The albums are: “*I Heard Him Come*”, “*A Grove of My Own*”, “*Oh Lord, My Redeemer*”, and “*Back in Galilee*.” All of the music was composed by Jeff. Great interest following the program was manifested by many that bought all of the albums that Jeff and Joan brought with them, with all proceeds donated back to the Taggart Family Fund. The next morning, many attended our Family Worship Service where testimony was repeatedly given for gratitude of our heritage and the special love we all share.

This year’s biannual reunion was chaired and directed by the very talented Julie Taggart Rabe, her family, and her exceptionally well organized committee. We cannot begin to give the proper thanks to all that helped in anyway, not to mention the wonderful family members that came from many miles in all directions to support this reunion and feel of the spirit.

See Reunion Picture pages at end of issue.

**We will see you at the next George Washington Taggart Family Reunion to be held in Salt Lake City, August 2004. Details will be in our next newsletter in the spring of 2004.**

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**SARAH JANE TAGGART HEINER  
1860-1933**



Jane Heiner  
about 23 years old

**BY MARILYN HEINER MECHAM**

"She was small enough to fit into a teacup when

she was born!", "They put her in the warming oven of the old wood burning stove to keep her warm!", "Just a little piece of cake won't hurt me!!"

These are the remarks I remember hearing about my grandmother, Sarah Jane Taggart Heiner. She was a twin, and her sister, Susannah, survived only a few hours. Being a twin, Sarah Jane was probably premature so it is miraculous she survived when comparing pioneer times to the sophisticated medical advances we see today.

I am grateful for the righteous life and legacy she left for her descendants and for the heritage into which she was born. Perhaps this is the only record you will read of this good and righteous lady, so I am including some previously published information about her predecessors to make a more complete record of Sarah Jane's heritage.

## ANCESTRY

Sarah Jane Taggart was born the 16th of May, 1860 in Salt Lake City to George Washington Taggart and Clarissa Marina Rogers. Her father, George Washington Taggart, came from a line of at "least four ancestors that had fought in the American Revolution, namely both of his grandfathers, Reuben Law and James Taggart, out also two of his great-grandfathers, William McNee and John Taggart."<sup>1p1</sup>

In the George Henry and Jessie McNivin Taggart History, "My kindred in both lines were of the middle class that in those days would be termed small farmers, neither rich nor poor, but very moral in their course of life and honest in their dealings."<sup>1ibid</sup>

GWT was the oldest in a family of six boys and no girls. His youngest brother, Reuben, died in his first year. He grew up in Peterborough, New Hampshire where "all who were old enough were usefully employed. The children were trained in the hard paths of toil and continued labor."<sup>1ibid</sup>

"The Bible was thoroughly read without note or comment, and made the rule of their lives...and the effects of its teaching was apparent in the lives of all."<sup>1ibid</sup>

GWT became a carpenter and worker of wood and other materials. He built grist mills, musical instruments, violins and cases, and fifes.

Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints preached the gospel to the people in Peterborough, New Hampshire. George, his father, mother, and brother Oliver, "as near I can recollect was baptized into the Church in December of 1841"<sup>1p21</sup>

He married Harriet Atkins Bruce, 7 May 1843, a daughter of Peter Bruce and Eliza French of Peterborough. She was born 20 March 1821 and joined the Church 19 February 1843. They came to Nauvoo in June 1843. Here GWT was ordained a Seventy. A baby girl was born 28 Jan 1844 and named Eliza Ann Taggart. Harriet died 19 February 1845 in Nauvoo "reason unknown but probably related to one of the diseases that then plagued Nauvoo."<sup>1p21</sup>

GWT was a very faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout his life. He took baby Eliza Ann in a wheel barrow with him as he worked on the Nauvoo Temple. He played the fife in the Nauvoo Band and was with that group as they accompanied the bodies of Joseph and Hyrum Smith from Carthage after their martyrdom.

He married Fanny Parks 12 July 1845 and on 12 January 1846 they were endowed in the Nauvoo Temple. (They were sealed in the Office of the President 10 April 1855, Salt Lake City, Utah. L.D.S. Collectors Library 97: Early LDS Membership, 1996 Infobases, Inc.) From Fanny's journal we read, "On the 17th February 1846 my husband was called to go as one of the guards for the artillery in the camp bound for the Salt lake Valley. Then the call came for 500 men to go in

the Mormon Battalion. My husband was one of them"<sup>1p24</sup>

George returned from the Mormon Battalion to Winter Quarters where Fanny and Eliza Ann had been living 17 December 1847. They moved to Harris Grove, Harrison County, Iowa, a small settlement about 32 miles from Winter Quarters, where three children were born to them; Harriet Marie Taggart, George Henry Taggart, and Charles Wallace Taggart. "In July 1852 we started for the Salt Lake Valley and arrived in Salt Lake 17 October 1852."<sup>1p71</sup>

GWT and his family endured many hardships in their daily living and travels, which reveals a very dedicated, hard-working, faithful, skillful man.

Now to Sarah Jane's mother's side of the family--

Clarissa Marina Rogers was born 27 Mar 1836 in Shalersville, Portage, Ohio to Noah Rogers and Eda Hollister, the eighth of nine children.

Noah and his brothers, Milton and Chandler, were taught by a traveling preacher who "taught scriptural doctrines different from the preachers of the day. He told them the true Church was not then on the earth, but would be restored during their lives, and that they would all live to see it and would join it. They asked him how they would know the true church. He replied, "This is your blessing, you shall know it and be identified with it."<sup>1p296</sup> All three brothers, their wives, and the children who were eight years of age or older, were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

These brothers were very close to each other and took their families to Far West, Missouri and eventually to Nauvoo, Illinois and endured many hardships and persecution. Clarissa "recalled that as a child she saw the bodies of Joseph and Hyrum as they lay in state, and also was there when the mantle of the prophet fell on Brigham Young."<sup>2p3012</sup>

Noah was called on several short term missions for the Church, and on 1 June 1843 left Nauvoo to fill

a mission in the Society Islands. He "sailed from Tahiti on the ship *Three Brothers*, arriving back in Nauvoo 29 December 1845. He became the first missionary to circle the globe as a missionary."<sup>1p304</sup>

The family move to Mount Pisgah, Iowa. "Here Noah began making preparations for the trek westward, but fell ill with pneumonia and died 31 May 1846-only five months after returning from his mission. He became the first of many buried at Mount Pisgah." <sup>1 Ibid</sup>

Two of Eda and Noah's sons had gone to the Salt Lake Valley in 1848 so Eda and the remaining six children followed them and she arrived in 1849. "Influenced by her restless, venturesome sons, Eda and her family remained only a brief period in the Salt Lake Valley. They moved first to Brigham City then to Cache Valley in the vicinity of what became Logan... She died in Richmond, Cache, Utah" 6 March 1877. <sup>1 p305.</sup>

It was in Brigham City that Clarissa married George Washington Taggart at age 20. He was 40 years old. The Taggart family and Rogers Family were contemporaries in Nauvoo and may have been known to each other. G.W.T. went to Brigham City to build a grist mill for Lorenzo Snow and while there he entered into the polygamous marriage.

George Washington Taggart lived in Salt Lake City with his two wives and Fanny's three children and Eliza Ann. Four children were born to Clarissa in Salt Lake: Clarissa, Susannah and Sarah Jane, twins and Noah Albert. Susannah did not survive. Stories were told of Sarah Jane, that she was small enough to fit into a tea cup and that she was put in a warming oven of the wood burning kitchen range to keep her warm. Sarah Jane, affectionately known as "Jane" to many people was born 16 May 1860 in Salt Lake City.

G.W.T. settled in Richville, Morgan County in 1864.

## COMMUNITY

The first people to settled in Richville were David E. Henderson and his family and Isaac Morris in 1859. The Dickson and John Seamon families came in 1862. Other families who moved here were the George W. Taggart family, Garn Family, Mikesell family, James Doricut, the Petersons, Philemon Merrill, John O' Brien, Joseph Brough, Nels Merkley and others. Thomas Rich was the first Presiding Elder in Richville and the town was named in his honor. He had been one of the Prophet's body guards. <sup>3 p 30.</sup>

A Grist mill commenced in 1862, and started running the spring of 1864. In 1867 the crops of Richville were nearly all destroyed by grasshoppers and in 1868 the grasshoppers again destroyed the crops of Richville. A number of brethren, in order to earn a livelihood sought employment on Union Pacific Rail Road while it was being built through Echo Canyon."

The grist mill was constructed by George Washington Taggart and the brothers Morgan and Henry Hinman. "Owing to the difficulties of obtaining the necessary materials in those days, it was not completed until 1866. The irrigation ditch which the earlier settlers had made was now enlarged into a mill race. Mr. Thomas Grover said that Brigham Young came to the valley before the mill was in operation and after looking at it said, 'Brother Taggart, it won't run. The draft is in dead water.' This proved to be true and the wheel had to be enlarged and sunk deeper before it would run.

"In the words of Frederick W. Clark, Morgan County surveyor for twenty years, 'The old mill was a masterpiece of workmanship. George W. Taggart was a millwright, a wheelwright, a general carpenter, a gunsmith and last but not least, a musician. He could fit out a martial band with fifes and drums all from native materials and play many instruments.'

"The grist mill, the first to be built in Weber Valley, was greatly appreciated and proved a blessing to the people, as it gave them the

opportunity of milling what little grain they raised and encouraged them to plant more.

It was also patronized by the people of Coalville and all the upper country, who came overnight. As many as thirty teams have been there at one time. It served in milling and chopping until 1913."<sup>3 p 30.</sup>

The first schoolhouse was built in 1864. It was constructed of logs, measured 18 feet by 25 feet, and had a rock fireplace built in one end. The school house lot was located at the mouth of Taggart Hollow or the present address of 1480 So. Morgan Drive.

The next school was also constructed on the schoolhouse lot between 1872 and 1874. The land was deeded to Richville School Trustees in 1874 for \$5.00 by Probate Judge Jesse Haven. The new structure was a typical one-room school heated with a pot-belly stove. The building measured 21 feet by 40 feet and was built with red brick and had a wood shingle roof with a cornice return. The bricks were probably obtained from the Thomas Brough brick yard located in Porterville. Residents of the small community hauled the shingles on hand sleighs from the nearby canyons because in the fall four feet of snow had fallen and the usual bobsled travel was impossible. <sup>4 p 47.</sup>

The Manuscript History of Richville Ward tells us "The first school house at Richville erected in 1863, 18x24 ft. served for meetings, school and social purposes until the present school house was built in 1872.

The Richville Branch was created in 1864. The name changed to Richville Ward 1 July 1877. <sup>5</sup>

## **CHILDHOOD AND EARLY LIFE**

In 1864 G.W.T. moved Clarissa and her children to Richville, Utah Territory, and would walk over the hills from Salt Lake and Fanny's family to Richville. By 1865 both families were located in Richville.

Sarah Jane was 4 years old. Both families lived in separate homes a short distance apart.

Clarissa lived on a small farm to support her family which grew to include children Julia Maria, Marcus and second pair of twins, Francis and Franklin, who died the day they were born, as well as James, Alice Janette, Henry Milton and Fredrick. Son Frederick said, "The house had three rooms. On the north end of the living room was a large fireplace made of sandstone. The center room was the bedroom, the south room was Father's carpenter shop and the boy's bedroom combined... Our bed consisted of springs made of one-fourth inch rope run cross wise and lengthwise with sheep skins for a mattress and two buffalo robes to cover us." <sup>1 p 269-270.</sup> They hauled water from a small stream each morning and raised grain and milled the flour to make bread. They sheared the sheep, carded the wool and loomed the cloth to make their clothing. They made their own furniture and tools and soap.

In a talk given at a Taggart Family Reunion, Jeanette Taggart Holmes said of Fanny Parks Taggart, "She was a remarkable woman. She demonstrated great courage in facing hardships and trials. She was dedicated to the principles which she espoused. She was patient and kind to others. She was devoted to her family, her Church and her God. One of the finest legacies is evident here today. When polygamy was introduced one can find stories of many varied experiences, both sad and good. Fanny's experience showed that her unconditional love and sweet spirit never left her. This made it possible for her to love the third wife and the children of that union, thereby avoiding the jealousy, anger and resentment which could have entered in. That love is manifest in the Taggart family today." <sup>6.</sup>

Fanny was Relief Society President of the Richville Branch. Minutes of the R.S. meeting held 12 Feb. 1869 state: Pres. Fanny Taggart "bore her testimony to plural marriage. That it was a correct principle. Hoped never to be heard saying

anything against it. Prayed that we may all maintain our standing in the Kingdom of God." <sup>7.</sup>

Jane spent her childhood in Richville, Morgan County, Utah and many times walked to Morgan to help with family shopping. She attended school in the log school house where Sunday School and other meetings were held. One winter she lived with her elder married brother, George, and attended South Morgan School.

She helped her mother around the home and learned many of the arts of those early days such as carding wool, spinning, weaving, knitting stockings, crocheting lace and embroidery work. She also learned to make soap, lye, molded candles from tallow and many other things that early day families had to do. <sup>8.</sup>

We get an insight into early life in Richville that Jane also may have experienced and also the practice of polygamy in the family from her sister Alice Janette Taggart. "I spent my childhood with my brothers and sisters and playmates roaming the hills, gathering wild flowers, pretty rocks, chokecherries and digging for sego lily roots which grew in profusion on the hills.

"In the winter we went to our little district school near our home. We sat around big tables, using slates and pencils. We all drank from the same water bucket. We didn't have any of the modern conveniences but we knew how to have real fun.

"We had good parents and were taught true principles (which were) to live worthy and upright lives for which I have always been truly thankful. We always attended Sunday School and Church which became a vital part of our lives as we grew to adults.

"When I was thirteen I started helping my brother Albert's wife weave carpets. After she moved away I continued at this work to buy my clothes and other necessities as long as I was home. I would sometimes have a whole room full of warp and rags piled ahead for me to do. There were a

few times when I was able to weave as high as sixteen yards in a single day. It urged me on when someone was in a hurry for it but usually I averaged six to eight yards a day, receiving 12 1/2 cents a yard for it.

"When I was young Aunt Fanny taught me to tell time, to knit socks and stockings and how to make a bed neatly, how to wash dishes and sweep the floor. She was very precise in all she did and as a child I often went over to spend the night with her. It was such a pleasure to sleep with her in her lovely, soft feather bed, made so smooth and straight. Each morning when she made her bed everything had to come off and hang to air before it was made up again." <sup>9</sup>.

Henry Milton tells us in his *Personal Journal* things that the whole family participated in. "I was born under very humble circumstances being born in a three roomed log house, shingled with a dirt roof. Even though being raised under these circumstances, still we had plenty to eat and our clothes were made from home spun cloth that was made by our very fine, lovable Mother who spun the cloth from carded wool from the sheep's back." <sup>10</sup>.

"My Father had thirteen acres of land, four cows and about thirty sheep. We raised a good garden, had an apple orchard and raised some grain. The cows and sheep were turned down the Hollow on the range each morning and it was our job, as boys, to go each evening and bring in the animals. I always carried a gun so as to bring home a rabbit or sage hen for family use. As a boy I worked in the garden, peeled apples, picked service berries to dry and remember in the fall going to the canyon to get wood to keep us warm during the winter months. As I grew older it was not unusual to get fifty cents a day for picking up potatoes or often thrashing all day getting two bags of grain for pay." <sup>11</sup>.

At an early age Jane was asked to work in the Relief Society as a Visiting Teacher. In this capacity she visited the sick, helped make clothing, quilts, and all things that go with being a Relief Society Worker. At the age of about 18 years she

was called to assist in making temple robes for burial purposes in which she became very proficient. <sup>8</sup>.

Minutes from the Richville Branch Relief Society of 25 April 1877. "President Fanny Taggart. The following teachers were nominated, Sarah J. Taggart. In Relief Society (we) quilted, sewed rags for carpets." <sup>7</sup>.

"11 February 1878, Pieced quilt blocks. Sister Fanny Taggart said we must do what we could with our means towards gathering the poor. We should deprive ourselves of some comforts for the sake of doing something towards building up the Kingdom of God. Sisters encouraged not to be in opposition to the Bishop but be one with Priesthood and help the Bishop." <sup>7</sup>.

"13 April 1882. Sister Sarah J. Taggart felt she was engaged in a good cause and wished to do good. Hoped to have strength to overcome the weaknesses of nature." <sup>7</sup>.

"11 May 1882. Sister Sarah J. Taggart felt like going on and doing all the good she could. Said practice makes perfect but could not see as she had improved much." <sup>7</sup>.

## ENDOWED

Sarah Jane Taggart was endowed in the Endowment House 17 February 1881 (age 21) and sealed to William Henderson Dickson that day by D.H. Wells. The sealing was canceled 27 May 1882. This was not talked about in my hearing except, "We don't talk about that", and "She never went home with him." In the Richville Ward records William H. Dickson was active in the ward. He had a wife and family and resided there many years.

"At age 23 she was wooed and won by a faithful suitor by the name of





George Heiner." <sup>8</sup> George's parents emigrated from Germany, were taught the gospel and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pennsylvania then settled in Baltimore, Maryland where George was born 26 March 1846. They accepted the gospel and came to Salt Lake City in 1859 finally settling in North Morgan in 1863. They were faithful members of the Church and a hard working family. He was the fifth of eleven children.

George was a hard worker and had a small farm. He built a two-story, red brick home in 1874. It was the first brick home in North Morgan. The house had a porch on the upper floor which guests, children and grandchildren enjoyed for sleeping. He did many things in the community as well as farm his land. His daughters helped him in many of his jobs especially while he was Post Master.

"In 1882 George was left a widower by the death of his wife, Mary Henderson, with a family of six children, the youngest a boy of two and half years."

<sup>8</sup> George's children, Mary Ellen age 16, Eliza Adelgunda age 14, Clara age 11, George Angus age 9, Nettie age 7, John Martin age 2 1/2, and Christine Sophia died age 1 month.

## **MARRIAGE**

Jane and George were sealed in the Endowment House 22 February 1883 by Daniel H. Wells.

It could have been a very difficult time for a young 23 year old to step into mothering a family of six. There could have been resentments and strife within, but I believe her life had been in a harmonious home with two wives, and she learned how to solve problems. I never heard any ill feelings expressed. Her own family and the first family were one loving family.

Daughter, Viola, said, "Although Mother was fourteen years younger than Dad, she learned to love him dearly."<sup>15</sup>

George and Jane had six children: Ida May, born 24 Mar. 1884; Julia, born 21 Feb. 1886; Horace, born 1 May 1888; Viola, born 15 April 1891;

Leland, born 14 December 1893; and Clifton, born 8 February 1896 making a family of twelve children in all.

## **LOGAN TEMPLE**

Something very interesting transpired 14 October 1885. George Washington Taggart, his two wives, Fanny and Clarissa, and all of his living children, thirteen in number, all met at the Logan Temple and were sealed in families. Eliza Ann Taggart Goodrich was sealed to her parents, George Washington Taggart and Harriet Atkins Bruce. Harriet Maria Taggart Goodrich acting for mother.

Harriet Maria Taggart Goodrich, George Henry Taggart and Charles Wallace Taggart sealed to parents, George Washington Taggart and Fanny Parks Taggart. These children had not been sealed to their parents before this time. G.W.T. was sealed to Fanny Parks in the Office of the President 10 April 1855 by President Brigham Young. Harriet Atkins Bruce was sealed the same day and place with Fanny Parks proxy but the children had not been sealed to their parents.

Children of Clarissa attending: Clarissa Taggart Parkinson, Sarah Jane Taggart Heiner, Noah Albert Taggart, Julia Maria Taggart, Marcus Taggart, James Taggart, Alice Janette Taggart, Henry Milton Taggart, Frederick Taggart sealed to parents, George Washington Taggart and Clarissa Marina Rogers Taggart. Clarissa acting for Susannah Taggart, Noah Albert acting for Francis Taggart, and Marcus acting for Franklin Taggart.

Clarissa had been sealed in the Endowment House 8 February 1857. The children would have been Born in the Covenant. The records are clear that this was done, but we are left to wonder why these ordinances were performed. What a monumental effort was made for each one to come from their several places of abode and activities and travel by horse and buggy, taking several days to complete the trip, perhaps camp by the roadside to make this happen.

The following day G.W.T. was proxy for the sealing of his brothers, Oliver Hazard Perry Taggart and Reuben Law Taggart to their parents Washington Taggart and Susannah Law Taggart. George Henry acting for his grandfather, and Eliza Ann Taggart Goodrich acting for her grandmother.<sup>25</sup>

Fanny passed away 6 May 1891 in Richville.

There is a marriage license from the Territory of Utah, Morgan County dated 9 May 1893 in which George W. Taggart, of Richville, was joined in Holy Matrimony with Clarissa Rogers, of Richville, by James R. Stuart, Justice (of the Peace). Witnesses were Sarah Jane Heiner and Jessie Taggart. This civil ceremony was probably performed so Clarissa could receive G.W.T.'s federal pension from his Mormon Battalion service. Fanny had probably used it until her death.

George Washington Taggart passed away 3 June 1893 in Richville and Clarissa passed away 19 April 1901 in Lewiston, Cache County. "On the morning of the 19th of April 1901 Mother passed away without any suffering. She was very sick for three months before she died, however. She had a very bad rupture which made it difficult to walk at the time. She had broken her shoulder when she lived in Richville, when she fell from an old granary door. The night she passed away, although we were all sleeping in the same room, no one was aware of her passing.

"When the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated, George, sister Jane Taggart Heiner and I went with Jesse Little to Salt Lake on the train. It was April 1893 and what a wonderful time we had!"<sup>9</sup>

"Besides mothering the two families Jane found time to serve in different capacities in the ward. She served four years as counselor to Emma Clark in the Y.L.M.I.A.

George, "was counselor in the Bishopric for 27 years and Jane assisted him in taking care of some of the

tithing that was paid in kind such as butter, eggs, etc. She also had quite a job caring for the Sunday eggs that were brought in at the time the ward was raising funds for the building of a new meeting house. The Bishop, O.B. Anderson, lived in Round Valley, a distance of three miles and it was handier for people to bring those things to the Heiner home. She and her husband took care of the little glass sacrament cups each week, washed and ironed the sacrament cloths and furnished the bread for the Sacrament for 38 years.

"Along with everything else she found time to weave carpeting on a loom that her father had made in earlier days which was used in his home. She also found time to do home maternity work for her neighbors and relatives and assisted in bringing about 40 babies into the world."<sup>8</sup>

Morgan Relief Society was organized in 1868, North and South Morgan Wards were one ward with Alonzo Francis as Bishop. The wards were divided 13 October 1877.<sup>13</sup> In May 1909 she was chosen President of the Relief Society in her North Morgan Ward. During the years 1918 and 1919, at the time of the World War I, under her leadership there were 400 articles of clothing made for the boys in the service. Every member in Relief Society learned to knit at least one pair of socks and one sleeveless sweater. They also made 800 surgical dressings and bandages for the Red Cross. During this time there were many notable social gatherings, bazaars and other parties given under her supervision. She was released 10 Feb. 1921, after a service of twelve years.

"She was very hospitable and many people found sociability and warmth in her home. She lived in a large home and after most of her husband's first family was married she found room to board some of the school teachers and others who came from out of the county. They enjoyed the warmth of her fireside and felt secure in her motherly care. Some of those who made their home with her were: Lucy Baker, a graduate nurse from Cache Valley who came to work at her profession; Rhinardt Olsen, the first Rural Mail Carrier in the County always stayed when the

roads were too muddy to make a round trip in one day; Hannah Grover, George's niece. <sup>8</sup>

Mary Ellen was married in 1884, Eliza in 1890 and Clara in 1891. George Angus was endowed in the Salt Lake Temple 14 Jan 1897. Both Angus and Nettie each married in 1901. George records in his history some of the activities of the children. "At the time of the Spanish American War my oldest son, Angus, volunteered for service and went as far as San Francisco. The war closed before they needed him to go overseas. He also served a mission to the Southern States (1897). These would have been busy and exciting times for the Heiner's.

"In May 1910 I sent my son, Horace, on a mission to Australia. He was gone two years and five months. In the summer of 1913 I built on another room and divided the house so my son, Horace and his wife could live in it.

"At the time the World War I came in 1918, my son, Leland, was sent to Camp Lewis, Washington for training. There were also four grandsons in the service. While Leland was at Camp Lewis he contracted pneumonia through exposure and over work. He was thought dead and placed in the dead house. Bert Dickson heard of it. He immediately went to see him and noticed he moved. He administered to Leland there and then reported it to the doctor who had him taken back to the hospital. He recovered and lived until 20 Aug 1928 (when he died as a result of complications of the pneumonia during his Military Service).

March 1919 my son, Clifton died of Spanish Influenza. At one time there were six widows in my family." <sup>14</sup>

Daughter Viola tells us, "The railroad tracks ran through our farm and tramps used to walk the tracks. We used to say they had our house marked for we had so many come begging for food. They never got turned away without something to eat. Sometimes they would chop wood or do some little job Father would have them do. Some were ill and asked if

they could stay in the hay barn a few days until they felt better.

"We used to have much more snow in those days. Seemed like we could sleigh ride for five or six months of the year. Horace was in his glory when he could gather up the sleigh full of boys and girls for a ride, cutting shins on the hills and tipping us over and spilling the straw and all. There was a group of young folks that played around together and we surely had good times. We would go to dances and afterwards go to someone's house for oyster supper.

"We had a player piano and we were all good singers and spent many happy hours singing together.

"We didn't have any modern conveniences when I was growing up, just coal oil lamps and we went to the spring to get water which was later put in the house. Coal stoves and an outhouse was built to the rear of the house. Many years later, two nice rooms and a bath room were added making it an eight room house. The outhouse, "Privy" as we called it, with the door swinging in and out, was removed." <sup>15</sup>

"Sarah Jane Taggart was industrious and helpful to her husband and the community. Besides being mother to two families, she found time to be a maternity nurse. She also helped prepare the deceased for burial and make burial clothes. She wove yards and yards of carpet for herself and friends; served many years as Relief Society president. She was affectionately known by the community as 'Aunt Jane Heiner.'" <sup>3 p 230-231</sup>

Sarah Jane and George worked well together and many friends and family visited their home and enjoyed their hospitality. Their birthday anniversaries were always celebrated with homemade ice cream and cake by all family members who could attend. The grandchildren were welcome at all times and they visited frequently. There was always room for one or two more. During summer months the older grandsons would come to Morgan to find work and stay with "Grandpa and Grandma". There was a steady stream of guests, children, grandchildren and guests staying at the

Heiner Home. They always had plenty of good food and place to rest. I wonder where we were all accommodated!

George was a good provider and hard worker. "George bought the first car about 1916. It was a Model T Ford and it surely beat the horse and buggy. The first time he drove it, he drove it into a ditch so he left the driving to Horace after that. He bought himself a bicycle, though, and went down in the field to learn to ride it, then he used this to take himself to town and back. With a car, a trip could be made to Ogden in about two hours and it became easier to go to Idaho and Wyoming to visit members of George's first family who had settled in these areas." <sup>24</sup>

"Late one evening in the summer of 1932, Horace and Amy heard a commotion down to the barn. Horace went to investigate and there found one of his former missionary companions, LaMond Bunnell, his wife and a family of six children. LaMond had lost all he had in the depression and was unable to find any work, so they had come to Morgan to help with beet thinning. They intended to stay in the barn for the night and not disturb anyone. Needless to say, the women were brought into the house to stay and the men slept in the barn. That summer the two families mingled as one and a great bond grew up between them. The garden produced enough food for them all. LaMond pitched a tent in the orchard for sleeping quarters." <sup>24</sup> This was a time when Jane was not very well after suffering a stroke previously. There were eighteen people, plus cousins who came for work and visits, in the house that summer. We made many loaves of bread every day and wash day was a monumental effort. Ironing occupied a whole day. Jane had heavy metal irons that were heated on the coal stove which involved keeping a fire all day also. There was no perma-press, everything was cotton or linen.

## **I REMEMBER GRANDMA**

(Note:) When I took this task upon myself to compile a history of my Grandmother, I wrote to all my cousins and siblings and asked for their memories of Grandma Heiner. I would like now to

include their responses, just as they wrote them. I was the youngest grandchild and felt all the others would remember more of her than I did. I knew their memories would be different than mine.

"Up in Morgan things were different. Grandpa Heiner was a good provider and the family lived off the fat of the land. Besides being a good farmer he also grew a fine orchard, a dozen or more cows ensured plenty of milk and cream. In the fall there was always a beef and two or three pigs to kill. A look into the old fruit and milk cellar was something to gladden the heart. It was built halfway down into the ground and offered excellent storage for rows of smoked hams, the milk and cream, fruit, pickles, cheese and mincemeat

Grandma used to make. Many a time I sneaked quietly down there with a spoon to fill up on sour cream and mincemeat. I used to smooth it over when I got through so you couldn't tell any was gone.

"Grandpa Heiner had many interests. He was a skilled craftsman as well as a farmer. Seems like he produced everything he needed. In the spring, calves were branded and a good many head of cattle sent to the hills for the summer. He was a prospector and miner and part owner in the Morgan Chief up Cottonwood Canyon. As a young man he was a great hunter and probably the best shot in the valley. He was also a fiddler and even played the organ for all the early-day dances in Morgan. He was the postmaster for many years and served as a counselor in the North Morgan Bishopric for twenty five years. It was said at his funeral that if all men were like George Heiner there would be no wars, no policemen and no locks on doors.

"Grandma Heiner was also a woman of many talents, foremost of which was her ability to cook. Having a seemingly inexhaustible supply of ingredients with which to prepare a wide variety of dishes, one would rightly suppose that meals and food at Grandma's were both rich and plentiful. Even the bums riding the freight trains through

Morgan knew all about her handouts. Most of them cut wood for their meals.

"She churned butter which she sold along with the milk and eggs. I remember how I used to gaze in wonderment as she worked the big loom in the upstairs of the granary where she wove rag carpets. She was also a good nurse and midwife delivering many babies in Morgan and all the kids in Mother's (Ida's) family except Milt and myself, we being born in Idaho.

"Naturally, all that good food and warm hospitality attracted a lot of boarders. And so it was that Dad, a salesman, selling in Morgan and the nearby towns, happened on the Heiner family. Dad said it was the tarts Mother (Ida) made that got to him (she lied, Grandma baked them) but it was probably the combination of good food and good looks (of Ida) that hooked him.

"We lived with Grandma and Grandpa Heiner for quite a while. Those were good times for me. All my uncles and aunts were still living at home and something was going on all the time. There were lots of good eats and singing. In the evening Grandpa would get his fiddle down and play "Pop Goes the Weasel" and I would run around the table until I almost dropped. The really big times were when Mr. Brian came and stayed a few days. He sold pianos and was a great entertainer. "I remember Uncle Hod (Horace) leaving for his mission and also when he came home. I also remember when he and Aunt Amy got married.

"About once a year a band of Indians came through Morgan. The old Chief would be up in front in a buckboard and the squaws would be begging down each side of the street. Grandma was always very generous toward them." <sup>16</sup>

"I remember Grandma Heiner as being about 5'6" and about 150-160 lb. She had beautiful white hair and was the sweetest, most pleasant woman I've ever known.

"The house in Morgan was the place for all the grandchildren to be during the summer or anytime you could get an invitation. There was not room for all the grandchildren at the same time so we had to take turns. We waited impatiently for our turn. I remember Elliott and I could never be there at the same time which was somewhat of a disappointment.

"Grandma made the most wonderful donuts in the whole world and homemade noodles (a recipe she passed on to my mother - which my daughters would give anything to be able to duplicate) that would melt in your mouth and a coconut cream pie that has made the Mansion House famous. (Milton was owner of the Mansion House, the finest eating establishment in Ogden, Utah for many years.) She was a great believer in quality not quantity. Grandma was a great cook - we always ate well there. She had diabetes but it didn't seem to slow her down at all.

"There were, as you probably remember, two kitchens in the house. Grandma used the south kitchen and Amy and Horace used the one on the north. As young growing boys we helped ourselves from both sides.

"She occasionally took in boarders and my mother (Ida May) tells the story of setting the table and asking if she should put spoons on the table. Grandmother told her, "Of course, that was what made the meal worth two-bits." It didn't matter whether they (boarders) would need them (spoons) or not.

"Morgan was the place to be in the summer and we had to help around the farm in order to pay for our keep. We milked cows and had a few milk fights in the process, pulled weeds to feed the pigs and chickens. They kept about 300 chickens and sold the eggs to the Utah Poultry Co-operative.

"Grandma quietly went about her chores, making each of us feel special and wanted. We never felt in the way or that we weren't needed or wanted." <sup>17</sup>

"I came on the scene 18 Feb. 1914 as the first child of Horace and Amy Heiner in the family of George and Sarah Jane. Their children grew to maturity, married and left the home nest one by one.

"Horace, also with a family of five, began looking for a place to raise his children. He and Amy took a trip into Idaho to find a farm to buy. George, realizing his maturity and aging, suggested to Horace and Amy that they remain on the farm and help him and Sarah Jane through their declining years; he would deed the farm to them. They moved into the house that George built as a duplex with the bathroom separating the two kitchens. Horace and Amy on the North Side and George and Sarah Jane on the South side with bedrooms upstairs. George and Sarah Jane were now alone, Horace and Amy had a budding family. In time we were invited over for a meal or two. It broke the boredom of Grandma and Grandpa of their being alone. This became more frequent until we settled in permanently with each meal, sharing one kitchen (that Horace and Amy used). Amy now was caregiver to both George and Sarah Jane.

"As I began to mature in childhood I observed that Mother consulted with Grandma on many issues. They were discussed and disposed of with mutual understanding. In time I wondered why Mother should confer with Grandma on so many things, thinking, "Doesn't Mother ever make her own decisions or does Grandma maintain her dominance as head of the house?" This bothered me at a tender age, but I do remember observing complete unity in the conversing. Never any disagreement or anger or hostility. Either Mother was completely submissive or acknowledged Sarah Jane as the matriarch of the home and respected her as such. (Or they agreed on the issue.) I do remember when Grandmother died that now Mother can make her own decisions. I was then seventeen years of age.

"I remember Grandmother's reputation throughout the ward was being a good cook. Her breadmaking was an involved process. She kept a two quart jar of yeast growing on the back of the wood range

and after measuring the flour, seasonings and other ingredients, poured 3/4 of the yeast mixture into the flour. The remainder she put back on the stove and added more potato-water to keep the yeast alive and growing. I can see her mix the batter, shaping the loaves or rolling a batch of dough for noodles or dumplings. I do not remember her pastries but they were there, whether made by her or Mother.

"I sometimes wondered if I was a favored grandchild. Frequently when I came in late for a meal or sometimes following dinner, when I was alone, she would quietly open her hands and display a special goodie, piece of cake, cookie or candy. I would thank her and wonder if the other children received their share. I did not want to be favored above them. I was probably in my early teens or younger, thus I did not display any special affection to her. I feel now that perhaps it would have meant something special to her.

"To make butter we would put the cream into the butter churn and after what seemed an eternity of turning the churn handle, with aching arms and shoulders, we would peek inside, hoping to find a glimmer of golden specks signifying the coming of butter. Cousin Elliot Berlin just had to sample that good buttermilk after the butter was formed. Grandmother with her expertise soon had the butter batch in the wooden bowl and with a wooden paddle pushed and squeezed the butter milk whey aside, then salted, plopped a batch into the pound measuring device, pushed firmly and smoothed top, then pushed a plunger and out came a perfect pound of golden, delicious butter.

"The rug loom, a pioneer necessity, was stored in the granary rafters. I do not remember, but probably Grandfather George, at the request of Grandmother, got it out and reassembled it in one of the bedrooms upstairs. I remember the assortment of strings crisscrossing and the clank, clank of the foot pedals as a strip of worn clothing was passed through the loom, then the clank of the foot peddle to change the cross strings to weave strips of worn cloth into a rug, carpet, etc. It was

fascinating to watch the finished product materialize. Carpets and rugs by the dozens from numerous old worn out clothing of all kinds and colors made by Grandmother's loom adorned many floors.

"Head cheese, my favorite! Each fall was harvest time and preparation time for the winter season. We harvested and preserved fruit and vegetables of all kinds. Wheat was ground into flour. Potatoes put in the cellar where bottled and canned fruit, beef and pork was stored. One of our porkers was dressed out and hams were cured in salt brine barrels and crocks, also smoked were then buried in the wheat to keep the varmints out. Grandma saw to it the head was cleaned of all hair and debris. It was cooked and the meat was cut off, ground up, seasoned and stored in a cool place. A slice with a meal was most delectable.

"As a teen-ager I noted many visits by people that I was not familiar with and wondered why so much attention then I learned that Grandfather George had two families. Whenever some family members were in the proximity of Morgan a visit was made. As I became acquainted with them I formulated an opinion that they were united as a family. This first family and the second family unity seemed to prevail with Sarah Jane's family also. So this was special for me to be with them for many years. I only regret that I did not get inquisitive enough to ask about their early settling in North Morgan." <sup>18</sup>.



"Sarah Jane Taggart married George Heiner February 22, 1883 in the Endowment House. Grandpa was a widower

with six children ranging in ages from 15 yrs. to 2 yrs. Grandma had six children. Six months after her first child, Ida May, was born Mary Ellen, the oldest of George's first family married. Through the next 17 years grandmother had eleven children that she mothered and cared for. Nettie, the youngest of the first family married in 1901. John, the youngest, never

married. In his later years he lived at times with his sisters.

"Grandma assumed a big responsibility when she married Grandpa but she was a real homemaker and loving mother plus being a very active Latter-day Saint.

"I was just five years old when Grandma had her first stroke in 1921 so I remember very little about that time. However, I do have some memories of her.

"I remember Grandma weaving rag rugs on the loom set up in a bedroom upstairs. I also recall rolling strips of cloth into balls for her. I remember Grandma and Grandpa living in their part of the house and how much fun it was to eat with them. I have a glass teaspoon holder that belonged to Grandma Heiner that I treasure very much.

"Grandma kept boarders among them the Raleigh and Watkins salesmen. Where everyone slept I do not remember.

"Grandma and Grandpa furnished the bread for sacrament meetings in the North Morgan Ward for 38 years. Grandma washed and ironed the linen cloths for the sacrament table. Each week linens were washed, (by hand with a wash board) starched, and ironed and the small glass cups used in the sacrament service were washed and stored for the next meeting.

"Grandma was a super cook. Her doughnuts, pies, chicken noodle soup made with homemade noodles and anything else that she made were beyond description.

"Grandma and Grandpa were living with us the summer that Lamond (a companion of Horace's while he served in the Australian Mission) and Lavina Bunnell and their six children stayed with us on the farm. I can vividly see Grandma making 8 loaves of bread every day to feed a hungry bunch of seventeen.

"I do not remember when Grandma and Grandpa gave up their housekeeping and became a part of our family. I surmise that it must have been after her first stroke in 1921. Grandma had developed sugar diabetes and mother had to check her sugar levels and gave her insulin shots.

"Grandma was most particular about how the laundry was hung on the lines out of doors. She insisted that the articles of the same length and color be hung together so that the laundry made a good impression from the highway (which was in front of the house).

"I remember Grandma as a rather tall lady with gray hair that she wore in a bun on top of her head. Grandma always did her part doing the dishes and keeping the milk separator clean. She also helped with drying and canning of fruits, vegetables and meats. One Christmas Grandma helped me embroider a pair of pillow cases as a surprise gift for my mother.

"I remember going to Lewiston, Utah, Cache County to visit Grandma's brothers and sister, Fred, Mark, Henry, James and Alice.

"When mother had her last baby, Marilyn, she went to South Morgan to a midwife to have the baby. Mum seemed to be the word, as I recall, when I got up in the morning mother was not at home. I was 10 years old at the time but I do not recall Mother's pregnancy. Those things were not talked about in those days. Grandma "took over" in Mother's absence, along with the help of my father.

"I remember Grandma and Grandpa celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary February 22, 1933. Most of the family attended as well as many from the Ward and community.

"I remember when Grandmother passed away in 1933. The funeral was held in the North Morgan Chapel. Lamond and Lavina Bunnell sang, "The Old Rugged Cross". The young girls in the ward were flower girls. They sat in the choir seats and

held the flower arrangements. I dried a red rose from one of the flower arrangements, pressed it and kept it in my scrapbook. Grandmother was buried in the North Morgan Cemetery." <sup>19</sup>.

"I recall a few things about Grandma Jane Heiner. She always made us feel welcome and at home with her. I remember how I loved her flat dumplings and her big round dumplings. They were so good! I remember Grandpa George Heiner had a large (seemed to me) vegetable garden just below the big ditch and Wesley and I had the job of weeding it and watering it.

"I remember Grandma Heiner having a number of us grandchildren sleep on the porch on the second floor and sometimes out in the apple orchard just south of the house. I remember seeing her get shots for her diabetes and I think that hurt me more that it did her! I don't know if homemade chicken noodle soup in our family started with Grandma Heiner or not but it is still one of my favorite meals." <sup>20</sup>.

"I have happy memories of the days that I spent at Grandmother and Grandfather Heiner's home, especially the dear memories of my dear Uncle Horace and Aunt Amy. Our grandmother was a tall woman. She didn't say much as I remember. In my day children were seen and not heard.

"I remember Grandmother as being old. Mother has told me Grandmother was just 73 years when she died, but being a young child, she seemed old to me. My last recollection of her was when I was with Mother (Viola) at Morgan and seeing Grandmother standing on the front porch waving goodbye to us." <sup>23</sup>.

"I don't remember a lot about Grandma Heiner because I didn't have much personal contact with her. I was probably about 13 years old when she died.

"But I do have a vivid remembrance of her visual appearance in my mind. She was an older lady with a lot of beautiful white hair, which was long and usually pinned up. She always wore a long



cotton dress that was clean and neat. She had diabetes, so she probably didn't feel the greatest a lot of the time. I can see her sitting on the front porch of the Heiner home - a quiet, but dignified sweet lady.

"When I was six years old, she gave me a long strand of amber beads for my birthday which I still have and treasured all these years. My memories of Grandma Heiner are all pleasant ones." <sup>21</sup>.

From our next door neighbor and good friend to Louise, Horace and Amy's daughter, Clare Heiner Richins says she remembers how delicious her (Sarah Jane's) pumpkin pies were and how she got after Louise and herself for getting into them. The kids used to put on shows in the bathroom and were scolded for occupying the bathroom too long! "She sure did get angry with the children."

As has been mentioned, Sarah Jane developed Diabetes. I am not sure when they found this out but I remember watching Mother test her urine using a little gas burner and test tube to heat the sample. A big purple ring formed at the top and the colors went from blue to orange to brown indicating a high level of sugar and acetone, an indication that she had a severe case of the disease. The tests are much more accurate now with a little prick of the finger and a quick reading of the blood sugar level. Amy also administered her insulin after she boiled the syringe and needle, sometimes twice a day. Jane loved pastries and good food and would often say, "Just a little piece of cake, or pie (or whatever), won't hurt me." One of her favorite dishes was wilted lettuce salad with cream and vinegar dressing. She made mouth-watering, delicious caramels with real cream and butter.

The families were close and the married children came to visit Father and Mother often. Also, Amy's mother lived with them at times and her brothers and sister and their families visited Grandma West. There was always a flood of visitors treated with food, beds, love and spiritually uplifted. I never heard any criticism or discord with family members. There was never any

shouting, quarreling or criticism of others. I'm sure there were differences that all learned to resolve amicably.

It took a "saint" to have so many people in her home, so often and surely Jane loved having people in her home. She was always a gracious hostess. Remember, she lived in times of scrubbing boards and washing clothes in a round tub by hand, heating water on the stove, carrying water to the house, carrying ashes out, carrying in firewood and coal and hanging clothes on a line outside to dry. The clothes froze in the winter time and had to finish drying hung on chairs and make-do clothes lines around the potbelly stove. She lived without running water in her home, without electricity or central heating. She had many household chores like making candles, cleaning coal oil lamps, making soap with lye from ashes outside in the old black kettle over a bonfire was a day long task. The mixture had to be stirred frequently. Life was not easy but it was good and they were very generous with all the means and talents they had.

The school the children went to was "a rock building across the street from (Horace's) home. There was a stream of water that came from the North Morgan spring which ran down and across the road close to where they got the water for the house and garden. There were trees and wild plums along the ditch." <sup>24</sup>.

As equipment and facilities became available the home was improved and running water, electric lights (a light bulb hanging down on a cord from the center of the ceiling) and eventually a bathroom with toilet facilities were enjoyed. Jane saw many advancements in her lifetime from horse and buggy to motor car and the airplane. Radios also became available.

Jane was a successful mother. She taught the children homemaking skills and how to work as well as a love of the gospel. Her children were all faithful to the principles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were all sealed in

temples and have taught their children a love for the Savior and to be faithful to gospel principles.

### **GOLDEN WEDDING AND LAST YEAR**

"February 22, 1933, my wife and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary at home. Irene, Leland's wife, made us a quilt and a wedding cake. We also received many other lovely cards, gifts and flowers. (It is a grand event at any time to celebrate a Golden Wedding Anniversary but quite unusual in a second marriage. George and Jane had many happy memories and had given lots of service to others in those fifty years which was shared with many, many friends and family.)

My wife, Sarah Jane Taggart, died from sugar Diabetes and a stroke September 26, 1933. She was 73 years old. The funeral services were held in the North Morgan Meeting House, October 2nd, with 1st Counselor Jessie C. Little presiding. The house was nicely decorated and floral offerings were many. The house was packed to capacity."<sup>14</sup> Their son, Horace, was Bishop of the North Morgan Ward at the time.

### **OBITUARY**

#### **Mrs. Sarah Jane Taggart Heiner Laid to Rest Last Monday**

Mrs. Sarah Jane Taggart Heiner, 73, wife of George Heiner, passed away last Friday morning at the family home in Morgan, following a short illness of a stroke. Mrs. Heiner was born in Salt Lake, May 16, 1860. She was an active member of the L.D.S. Church and especially in the Relief Society organization. Mr. and Mrs. Heiner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last February. Surviving are the husband, three daughters and one son: Mrs. Ida May Berlin and Mrs. Viola Wright, Ogden; Mrs. Julia Fowels, Burley, Id., and Horace Heiner, Morgan; also the following brothers and sisters: Mark, James, and Frederick Taggart of Lewiston; Henry Taggart of Salt Lake and Mrs. Alice Bright of Lewiston. (Also surviving but not in the paper were all the

children she helped raise in the first family. Mary Ellen Stewart, Eliza Adelgunda Durrant, Clara Smith, George Angus Heiner, Nettie Guild and John Martin Heiner.) Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the North Morgan ward chapel under the direction of counselor J.C. Little. All the speakers spoke of the sterling qualities of Mrs Heiner, of her kindness and loyalty, her service to fellow workers. A very splendid tribute was paid by the American Legion. Following is the services:

Quartet, "Oh, My Father", Edith Johnson, Bertha Porter, E.E. Anderson and J.J. Johnson  
Invocation, Bishop Albert Dickson  
Duet, "The Old Rugged Cross", Mr. and Mrs. Lamond Bunnell  
Speaker, Thomas Palmer  
Speaker, Mrs. Hannah Hegsted  
Vocal Solo, "Dreaming of Mother", Lynn Berlin (Grandson)  
American Legion Tribute, B.K. Farnsworth  
Speaker, E.E. Anderson  
Duet, "Come Unto Me and Rest", J.J. Johnson and daughter, Edith Johnson  
Speaker, G.S. Heiner  
Remarks, Counselor J.C. Little of the Bishopric  
Vocal Solo, "Goin' Home", Bertha Porter  
Benediction, David A. Robison  
Prelude and postlude were played by Richard Rawle (Violin)  
Interment was made in the North Morgan Cemetery with Pres. M. Howard Randall dedicating the grave <sup>22</sup>.

Also reported in the Morgan County Newspaper

REMEMBER WHEN  
50 YEARS AGO  
October 3, 1933

Impressive funeral services were held for Mrs. Sarah Jane Taggart Heiner, wife of George Heiner, in the North Morgan LDS chapel. A tribute to a Gold Star mother was given by B.K. Farnsworth, district commander of the American Legion. Mrs. Heiner was survived by her husband, four children, 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs.

Heiner had been president of the Relief Society in Morgan during the World War and when much relief work was done.

## **PATRIARCHAL BLESSING**

Morgan City, October 9, 1889

Patriarchal Blessing by A.E. Hinckley upon the head of Sarah Jane Heiner, daughter of George Washington Taggart and Clarissa M. Rogers, born May 16, 1860 in Salt Lake City.

Sister Sarah Jane, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and by the authority of the priesthood, I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a fathers blessing, patriarchal.

Thou art of the seed of Ephriam, Thou didst covenant in the heavens to come forth in this dispensation to receive the ordinances of the gospel and to perform the labors connected there with, and as thou was born under the covenant and art an heir to all the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant. Thou shalt receive a crown which shall be complete worlds without end.

Thou shalt teach the children of the descendants of Joseph the principles of life and salvation theocratically and practically. They shall look up to thee as a mother and obey thy council. They shall defend thy life and protect thee from all thine enemies.

Wisdom shall be given unto thee and thou shalt council in wisdom the aged and youth of Zion. In thy habitation there shall be no lack. Thou shalt by faith heal the sick and drive the destroyer from thy habitation. Thy guardian angels shall watch over thee and preserve thee and the Holy Spirit shall direct you and every blessing shall be thine unto the completion of thy labor.

They sons and daughters shall be numbered with the great and honorable sons of Zion and shall receive their inheritances with their parents, both in this world and in the world to come. Seek the

Lord and be united with thy companion and not one word shall fail.

I seal upon thee this with all former blessings to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection. Amen

## **MEMBER DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS**

On 25 March 1918 Sarah Jane applied for membership in the Society of Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Under the category *The services of my ancestors in pioneering* was as follows:

My father came to Utah in 1848 with a contingent of the Mormon Battalion and settled in Salt Lake City in 1852. He worked some as a carpenter on the Salt Lake Temple. He moved to Morgan County in 1865 and built the first flour mill in that place. He was a musician in the Company B of the Mormon Battalion playing a fife and bugle.

A part of the application with her own signature is included.

## **"AUNT JANE'S" CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**

During the 1940's and 1950's the *Morgan County News* ran a series of recipes of the people in Morgan which I found in some of Amy's scrapbooks.

"The favorite dish of the Horace Heiner Family is 'Aunt Jane's Chicken Noodle Soup.' This recipe submitted by Mrs. Horace Heiner has been in their family for a great many years. She has graciously given us the recipe and we pass in on to our readers."

## **"Aunt Jane's" Chicken Noodle Soup**

Take a good fat stewing hen and cook it slowly until the meat leaves the bone. When about half done an onion may be added if desired. Remove the meat from the kettle before adding the noodles.

The soup may be weakened to taste. (Not a mis-print)

## Noodles

6 eggs (or more as desired)  
Flour  
Salt to taste

Beat the eggs until foamy, add salt, mix enough sifted flour to make a very stiff dough. Divide in four equal parts, roll each separately and evenly and as thin as possible. Spread on towel to dry. (Do not let dry crisp.) When dry enough to cut without sticking together, cut in strips about two inches wide, stack evenly and cut fine crosswise with a sharp knife. Loosen lightly with fingers. Stir into seasoned soup and bring to a rolling boil and it is ready to serve. (Take the meat off the bones and cut into bite sized pieces. Add to soup or sprinkle some on top of each dish.) For added zest and flavor, have a dish of finely minced onion on the table to sprinkle on noodles as desired or a sprinkling of chopped parsley or chives adds color and flavor.

(Melba says the hen needs to be one that has pecked around in the yard to give it the bacteria that makes the great flavor!!)

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It has been a pleasure to seek out facts concerning my grandmother, Sarah Jane Taggart Heiner. I remember her and was not very kind to her, I hope for her forgiveness. She was a good mother and grandmother and I am indebted to her for a great heritage for which I shall always be grateful. Thanks to all who have contributed to this short history of one of our ancestors who have helped to mold our desires and kept us in the straight and narrow path.

Thanks to Louise Heiner Andersen for many of the pictures herein and for her encouragement and assistance.



I am grateful for the references and publications that help us see and feel the great struggles and faithfulness of these great pioneers in our lives.

Marilyn Heiner Mecham  
16 April 2002

**Editors's note: "A special thanks to Marilyn for a job well done. This is a wonderful work from devoted love and research."**

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**DIXIE LEE DAVIS**  
**GWT Family Organization Coordinator**  
**(Appointed August 2002, Morgan, Utah)**

By Dixie Lee Davis (Klis-Leora-Julia-Clarissa)

Why did I accept this position in this great organization? Probably because of those crazy Lewis girls - Leora (Lee, my grandmother), Oneita

(Neita), and Irene (Mitzi and known to me as Aunt Bee Bee) - who adored their mother, Julia Taggart Lewis, the daughter of Clarissa Marina Rogers Taggart. As a teenager in California I remember them bringing cake and ice cream over the Bay Bridge from Oakland to our home in San Bruno on February 18 to celebrate great-grandmother Julia's birthday. Of course, being that my mother's birthday was on February 19 and she being her grandmother's favorite didn't hurt the celebration either. Aunt Neita loved the Taggarts and their reunions. She also loved to pull out the genealogy sheets and old family photos so I could learn "about everybody." Mitzi was especially good in having favorite photos copied and framed so we would remember "Mama." Ah, what stories they could tell about the family living in Lewiston and Logan. Coming down the female line didn't dilute that Taggart blood one little bit.

I was born in Oakland, California to Richard Eldo Powell and Klis Worley (Leora-Julia-Clarissa). My dad was from Burley, Idaho and my mother was raised in Cache County - primarily in Hyrum, Utah and Preston, Idaho. My parents divorced when I was ten and my younger brother, William Eugene (Gene) was about five years old. My mother married Leo Baretta, a native of Switzerland, when I was 12. I was raised in San Bruno California and lived there until I graduated from high school and went to BYU where I met my future husband, Briant LeRoy Davis. We were married in the Los Angeles LDS Temple in 1957. We lived in Provo, Utah while my husband attended BYU (with the exception of one summer in Rock Springs, Wyoming) and then in West Los Angeles and Culver City, California until he left UCLA in 1962. We then isolated ourselves in Rapid City, South Dakota where was a professor at SDSM&T. In 1980 I graduated from BYU with a degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in public relations. With the exception of that one school year in Provo and a winter with my brother in Thousand Oaks, California, I lived in Rapid City until September 2000.

Always active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in South Dakota I was also involved in associations such as PRSA (I was a charter member and treasurer of the first organized Internet chapter), Ad Fed, and Toastmaster' Club. I was also President of the Learning Disabilities Association of South Dakota for several years. After I graduated from BYU I added variety to my life by working for several South Dakota associations (Funeral Directors, Ready Mix Concrete, LP Gas and Hospitality) as a newsletter and convention material's editor. I then drove people crazy full-time for a couple of years at Grellind Printing doing Marketing and Sales. In 1990, Val Farmer - a friend and clinical psychologist - and I began working together through *The Preston Connection*, a newspaper feature service company that I formed. I edit and market his booklets and weekly newspaper columns which specialize in family and rural mental health. In 2000 I divorced my husband and with my son Briant drove a truck/car trailer to Orem, Utah to start a new life. And a great new life it has been!

Happily, I have four choice children and three of them live in Orem. Julia Davis Allen, with her husband Travis has three children: Erika (Mrs. Joe) Gonzales, who is the mother of adorable Jakson (age 10 months), Skyler 15, and Spencer 13. My third child, Jennifer and husband Steve Lerud have four children: Matthew who is married to Kara and has a precious baby girl Aspen, Stephanie 11, Joshua 5 and Daniel 2. My last child, Briant Junior, I consider a "keeper". All my other children married and moved out of the house, but I get to "keep" him as a dependant adult and he has been a wonderful companion. My second child, Laurence Jeffrey (Jeff) lives in St. George, Utah with his wife Anita and their four children: Grant 16, Thomas 14, Katie 12 and Christie 8.

So the blood lines are carried on and on. I am looking forward to getting to know many more of you and your "blood lines." It is wonderful to know that our common ancestors are worth learning about, knowing (warts and all) and loving.

We have a personal family identity to be proud of and to live up to. I know that sometimes I feel those long gone family members around me, helping me and letting me know that I am loved. Hurrah for the Taggarts! May we see you in Salt Lake City in August 2004!

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### IMPORTANT TAGGART EVENTS

Please share your family's important happenings so we can print them in our newsletter. Items of interest can be sent at any time during the year to Steve Taggart, P.O. Box 70282, Salt Lake City, UT 84170-0282, or, by FAX to 1-801-968-6065, or, by E-mail to [staggart@mstar2.net](mailto:staggart@mstar2.net) and be sure to use "Taggart Newsletter" as the subject of your E-mail. Should you have a good clear picture, it would be very welcome by mail or email attachment.

**ERLEND AND JERRI OLSON WARNICK** (Fern Slaugh Olson-Rachel Maria Goodrich Slaugh-Harriet Maria-Fanny) reported to the Nauvoo Visitors Center Mission July 10, 2002 and are over all of the entertainment/shows being put on in Nauvoo. Erlend also serves as first counselor in the mission presidency, as reported by their daughter Wendy Warnick. Any family members who find themselves in Nauvoo, they would love to have you stop and say hello!

**TODD C. MORRIS AND MARGARET SMITH** (Claire Taggart Morris Matthews-Scott-George Henry-Fanny) are both members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Todd has been a member for seventeen years and Margaret has been a member since November 2002. Claire's father, Scott, was also a member for many years in the 1940's and passed this wonderful gift onto his family. Todd and Margaret are both proud of this calling and the wonderful opportunity to represent our great family in this magnificent choir.

**CAL S. TAGGART** reported that after extending an invitation to Captain James Lovell, Commander of Apollo 13 while Cal was Mayor of Lovell,

Wyoming 32 years ago, Captain Lovell came to Lovell to dedicate the Veteran's Memorial. He and his son Jay, who accompanied him on the trip, were the Grand Marshals of the Mustang Parade. Captain Lovell and his son spent two nights at the Taggart Mountain Home on the Big Horns and then toured Custer Battlefield, Yellowstone Park, Cody, Wyoming and the Bear tooth Mountains. He plans to make a return trip but says he will not wait 32 years to do so. Captain Lovell's Apollo 13 movie was Tom Hanks' opportunity to star as the Captain on his almost fatal trip to the moon.

**ELIZABETH STANGER AND NATHAN CHOW** were united in marriage July 5, 2002 in the Ogden LDS Temple, Ogden, Utah. The bride is the daughter of Don and Robyn Stanger of Plain City, Utah. The parents of the bridegroom are Mick and Carolyn Kuriowa (Louise-Horace-Sarah Jane-Clarissa) of Washington Terrace, Utah.

**PAUL ANTHONY MARSH AND NATALIE LAYTON** were married on March 1, 2003 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The bridegroom is the son of Paul and LuJean Taggart (Renold-Henry Milton-Clarissa) Marsh of St. George, Utah. Paul and Natalie live in North Carolina where Paul works for Mack Truck.

**JOHN TAGGART MARSH** (LuJean-Renold-Henry Milton-Clarissa) is now serving as Bishop of the Tanglewood LDS Ward in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. John is also vice-president of Sales and Marketing for Sara Lee Underwear's Mid-Tier, Clubs and Sporting Goods.

**GARY C. AND VIONA TAGGART NELSON** have been called to serve in the Jordan River LDS Temple Presidency. Gary is serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor to President Ben B. Banks and Viona (Renold-Henry Milton-Clarissa) is serving as Assistant Matron. Both have served previously in the Jordan River Temple as ordinance workers and Gary as a sealer. They have also served two previous missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Gary was Executive Secretary to the Area Presidency in the Philippines and as Area

Welfare Agent for the Europe East Area over the Humanitarian Services for that area, with Viona as his companion for both missions.

**O'DONNELL 'DOC' GOODRICH**, 87, died November 27, 2001 in American Fork, Utah. He was born September 15, 1914 in Vernal, Utah to Albert Gardner and Lydia Merrell Goodrich. He married Helen Evans May 10, 1933 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died March 25, 1988. They are the parents of Ethelynn, Roger, Patricia and D. Marshall. He married Doris Duvall June 17, 1988 in the Provo LDS Temple. As a young man, he homesteaded on Diamond Mountain, North of Vernal, Utah where his family lived during the summers and raised wheat. He was a farmer in Moses Lake, Wn. From 1944 until 1962 and worked at Jolaynes and at Kencraft in Alpine, Utah until he was 85 years old. He loved being in the mountains, hunting, camp cooking and telling stories about his interesting life. He also worked for the forest service in the Wasatch Mountains. He was active in the LDS Church serving faithfully in many callings. He and his wife Helen served in the Nauvoo LDS Mission from 1983 to 1984.

**SYDNEY 'SID' H. HEINER**, 88, passed away July 19, 2002 in Salt Lake City, Utah due to a severe stroke. He was born on February 18, 1914 in Morgan, Utah to Horace Heiner and Amy Alice West. Sid attended one year at Utah State Agricultural College where he got interested in photography until he enlisted in the Army, serving in the Pacific Theater in World War II for 4½ years. After the war Sid returned to the photography business and also served a term as the Morgan County Attorney. He then worked as a photographer for the Clearfield Naval Supply Depot. When the Naval Depot closed down, he went to Hill Air Force Base where he worked until his retirement in 1979. He was very active in the LDS Church as well as the community including a devoted Scout leader. Sid married Ethyl Arenys Wright on May 19, 1950 in the Logan LDS Temple and they are the parents of Scott and Richard.







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