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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HISTORIES!**

**Biographies of the following GWT children  
have now been published in our newsletters:  
Eliza Ann (Harriet), Harriet Marie (Fanny),  
George Henry (Fanny), Noah Albert – this  
Issue – (Clarissa), Sarah Jane (Clarissa),  
James (Clarissa), Henry Milton (Clarissa),  
and Frederick (Clarissa).**

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

**2004 GWT Family Reunion Announced!**

**Join us at the George Washington  
Taggart Family Reunion “The Salt Lake  
Valley Years”, Friday, Saturday and  
Sunday, August 6, 7 and 8, 2004, with  
pre-reunion activities on Thursday,  
August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

George Washington Taggart first came to the Salt Lake Valley with a horse and a span of mules in October 1847. He was 30 years old. He had been discharged from the Mormon Battalion, Company B, on July 16 at Fort Moore in Los Angeles, traveled north with his companions to Sutter’s Fort, through the High Sierras and eastward to the Wells, Nevada area, northward to Fort Hall, Idaho, and then south into the Salt Lake Valley. He expected to find his wife, Fanny, and daughter Eliza Ann, settled in the valley but they were still in Winter Quarters, Iowa. In three days he left for Council Bluffs with 31 other battalion members and found his family living in difficult circumstances on December 17, 1847. He settled in the area and started providing for his family.

In July, 1852, after making his own wagon and gathering the needed supplies to travel, he left Harris Grove, Iowa, and again arrived at the Salt Lake Valley on October 17 – this time with wife Fanny, daughter Eliza Ann (from his late first wife Harriet) and three younger children – Harriet Maria, born September 2, 1848, George Henry, born May 29, 1850 and Charles Wallace, born March 19, 1852. It was in Salt Lake City that he was sealed to Clarissa Marina Rogers on February of 1857, and then their first five children were to be born thereafter. GWT with his two wives and nine children lived in Salt Lake City until 1865.

**Come and learn more about George Washington Taggart and his life in Salt Lake City at the well planned 2004 GWT Family Reunion to be held on the beautiful campus of the University of Utah.**

**An announcement with details and registration form was mailed to you in April; however, we will provide the same information and registration form for you at the conclusion of this newsletter!**

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## NOAH ALBERT TAGGART 1863-1924

Compiled by Larene Taggart



**Noah Albert & Sarah Jane Maria Kingston Taggart**

Noah Albert Taggart, better known as Dick, was born Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 1863, in Salt Lake City. He was the fourth child of his mother, Clarissa Marina Rogers, and the eighth child of his father, George Washington Taggart. Clarissa Marina Rogers was born the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 1836, at Shalersville, Portage County, Ohio. George Washington Taggart was born the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 1816, at Sharon, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Clarissa Marina Rogers was George Washington Taggart's third wife. They were married December 1856 in Brigham City, Box Elder County, Utah, and they were sealed 8 February 1857, at the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah.

George Washington Taggart's other wives were Harriet Atkins Bruce and Fanny Parks. There were a total of sixteen children.

Noah Albert Taggart was blessed 1 March, 1863 by George Washington Taggart; baptized 17 August 1874 by George Washington Waldron; confirmed 17 August 1874 by George Washington Waldron; ordained a Priest 8 January 1882 by J. H. Rich; and

ordained an Elder 29 July 1883 by George Washington Taggart.

Noah's parents moved to Richville, Morgan County, Utah, in the fall of 1865 where his father built a grist mill. Their mill ground wheat into flour for all who lived in Morgan County. They lived in a two-room log cabin built near the mill. The grist mill and cabin were built at the mouth of a canyon called "Taggart Hollow".

Noah's childhood was spent with his brothers, sisters, and playmates roaming the hills, fishing in Canyon Creek, helping take care of the cows and sheep, working in the garden, and picking chokecherries and serviceberries to be dried for winter use. In the winter he went to the canyon to help get wood for the home.

His school was in a log school house near his home with all the grades together. It was held three or four months in the winter. The teacher lived with his parents.

Sunday school and church were also held in the log school house. They attended Sunday school and church as a family, which was a vital part of their lives and the life of Noah as he grew to manhood.

Noah had good, humble, self-sacrificing parents who taught their children true principles: to live worthy, upright lives and to pray humbly to Heavenly Father for guidance and protection. Grandfather was always truly thankful for this.

Noah met a beautiful brown haired, hazel-eyed young girl from Morgan, Morgan County, Utah, by the name of Sarah Maria Kingston. She became his bride the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 1883, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah. Noah was twenty and Sarah was sixteen.

Their first home was in Richville, Morgan County, Utah, where he helped run his father's grist mill. In the year 1888 they moved to Star Valley. They settled in the town now known as Smoot.

The first winter in the Valley was a very hard one. Noah lost all his stock but one horse. In the spring

before he could plow, he had to return to Richville to get another.

Uncle Louis said he can remember him talking about the great love he had for the soil. He always loved good livestock. He loved a good team of horses and always took good care of them. He never liked his children to play in the hay loft on the hay. He said we took the value out of it and the stock would not eat it. I can remember his saying many a time that one turn with the water when your hay needed it was just as good as two when you already had moisture and you could raise just as good of crop. He tried to work to that end. He always had a good crop.



Grandfather was a good fisherman, and you never caught him out with his work clothes on that he didn't have a fish line, hooks, and always a good pocket knife to cut a willow pole. He never caught fish to waste, just what would be needed for a meal.

Noah was a very early riser. He would arise at three or four in the morning. He spent many hours reading before the rest of the family arose. He would read the Bible, Book of Mormon, and other scriptures. He loved to read novels. He also read all his children's school books. Uncle Frank said he knew more of what was in them than the children did. He would read to his family in the evening from the Bible and Book of Mormon. He read many novels to them, also. He was a wonderful story teller. The story he loved to tell most was the story of Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon.

He was one of the best square dance callers in the Valley. He went all over the Valley calling for dances. The first winter in Star Valley he went to Afton to call for a dance. His pay was 25 cents worth of sugar. This was all the sugar the family had that winter.

He had a great love for band music and military marches. His favorite march was "Stars and Stripes Forever." Uncle Louis and Uncle Frank tell of the morning word came of the Armistice being signed. Louis and Frank helped him carry the old phonograph and records out to the front gate. Noah stayed there for about three hours playing band and military marches.

Noah used to play in the Smoot band, playing the alto horn. He also worked in the drama. He could direct as well as play roles.

Uncle Louis said one of the first things he can remember about Grandfather was his sitting on a block or log of wood at the wood pile talking to the boys that were home. Sometimes it would be about work on the farm or whatever the boys were doing at the time. Grandfather taught his boys and girls to give an honest day's work for a day's pay. He always told them, "If you don't have anything better to do, dig a hole and fill it up again. It is better than being idle."

Grandfather loved to talk to the boys about sports such as baseball and boxing matches. He loved all sports, and he wanted them to be good and clean. He was catcher and first baseman for the Smoot Ward team. He played catcher without a padded glove like those used today. He used a leather glove with the fingers cut off. Most of his fingers were injured or broken at one time or another.

Bishop Lawrence Bruce, Erastus Nephi Jensen, and other in the Smoot Ward tell that if anyone had the gift of healing, it was Noah Albert Taggart. People called on him for administration a great deal during the flu epidemic in 1919 and 1920. He was constantly at the bedside of the sick. He never came down with the flu during this time, although he was around it day and night.

When Grandfather helped administer to the two small daughters of Thomas and Electa Walton, he told his companion that they would not get well and would die. During the night they died.

Bishop Bruce told of his mother sending for Noah to help administer to his brother Ernest. When he finished, he turned to her and said, "Your son will

live and be just fine.” Grandfather could almost always tell if a person would recover.

The last few years of his life he was sick most of the time, and he took a contract hauling mail from Smoot to Afton. He had to leave Smoot at 6:00 in the morning. About all he could do was to sit and drive. He died before his contract was up. Uncle Frank and Uncle Leon finished the time left.

For a long time, he could not lie down to sleep, so he slept in a chair or in bed with a pillow nailed to the wall. His lungs could not exhale to get rid of the carbon dioxide.

The winter he died he went to Utah to be under a doctor’s care, and when he came home, Uncles Louis, Morg, and Leon went to Montpelier to meet the train. It had snowed quite a bit, and they wanted to wait until the next day, but Noah said he wanted to get home before he died, so they put the two teams together and came home.

Grandfather died 18 January, 1924, of dropsy at his home in Smoot. He was buried the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 1924, in the Smoot Cemetery.

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## **TAGGART HISTORY**

**Courtesy of Jeanette Taggart Homes  
Presented at the GWT 2002 Reunion in Morgan**

It has been four years since I have seen most of you Taggarts and it’s a special treat to be with you today. It means that I’m still surviving! But I sorely miss some of those who are not here with us this year and I want to express my special love and respect to them. Three of them were some of my favorite cousins – Lloyd and Mac and Hal Taggart of Cody Wyoming and Spencer Taggart of Logan, Utah. They exemplified the very best attributes with which so many of the Taggarts seem to be so generously blessed – honesty, generous, kind, compassionate, humble, caring, leaders among their churches and communities, dedicated to family and to God!! For that I give my special thanks.

Today I’ve been asked to tell you some of the stories of other Taggarts who heave preceded us. To do so, the best place to start is with the questions

WHY AMERICA? WHY MORMONS? WHY US TAGGARTS? In 1984 I was asked to prepare a Taggart Family Overview for the family reunion. It was the first “draft” of the results of many years of searching for the history of our Taggart family. When I started all I knew was that the Taggarts were knows as Scot-Irish and had lived in Roxbury, Massachusetts and in Peterborough and Sharon, New Hampshire. The first thing that I learned was that the Scot-Irish should rather be called Ulster Scots, the term used to identify those Scots who had left Scotland in the seventeenth century and settled in the Ulster Plantation of Northern Ireland. The reason behind this emigration was due to the religious persecution they were suffering in Scotland and the fact that King James of England was making land available to so-called “planters”; from Scotland and England in the Ulster Plantation of Northern Ireland. This, he hoped, would help to protect him from the native Irish who had been replaced on their lands when he conquered Ireland. This was about 1610. The Taggarts, hoping to better their lives in the Ulster Plantation of Ireland, left their homes in Scotland. They succeeded in building a thriving flax industry and cattle industry and these began to threaten the English. The king began once again to persecute them for their refusal to deny their Presbyterian religion and also to impose embargoes on their cattle and linen. Then when he also began to raise their land leases, these Ulster Scots looked to find better living in the newly planted colonies of New England.

America had been planted by a similar group of emigrants – Puritans and Separatists from England and Leiden, Holland. The prime factor which influenced the Pilgrim Fathers to immigrate to America was religion. Their emigration was a phase of the general Reformation which took place in the sixteenth century. Kind Henry VIII had broken with the Catholic Church and the subsequent reigns of Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, and King James exacerbated the religious problems of England. In many areas the Puritans had to hold their meeting in secret, much as had the Scots. Many fled to Leiden, Holland to be free from persecution and possible death. These formed the nucleus of the now famous groups who first settled in New England.

These two ancestral groups – The Ulster Scots on our paternal GWT line – and the early Pilgrims on our maternal Susanna Law Taggart line – were joined by the marriage of Washington Taggart to Susannah Law. To me I consider these periods in their past histories as a “preparing time” for them (and their descendants). The roles they would play in the founding of America would require a people who had become tempered by hardships, but who had endured and persevered – and most important – a people whose beliefs were founded on the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. God was preparing a chosen land for His purposes and He was preparing a chosen people to assume the leadership that His purposes in that land would require. Many would be instrumental in the Revolutionary War and in the drafting and signing of the Declaration of Independence. Before the pilgrims landed they called a solemn convocation in the cabin of the Mayflower and drew up the Mayflower Compact. It was a distinct and solemn pact, one which was to give birth to a nation of free people. Through it they were establishing the first government in the world’s history which derived its power solely from the people, through the divine kingship of Christ.

The fathers who planted this nation that day were Christians. They came here as Christians. They came here on a specific Christian venture. One author has written: “The planting which determined the genius of this nation was a Church – not a town, not a colony, not a trading or exploring venture, not a gold rush; but a church. A little pilgrim church had crossed the sea for the sake of its Church life.” That was the true origin of the United States. The spirit of Christianity burning within their hearts can be seen in the Mayflower Compact for they opened it with these words: “In the name of God, Amen: we whose names are underwritten, having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith; a voyage to plant the first colony; do by these present, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, combining ourselves into a civil body politic.” In their articles of federation they wrote; “Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end, namely, to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the gospel in purity, we, therefore, concede it our

bounded duty that as in nation and religion, so in other respects, we be and continue as one.”

Let me read a quote from President Ronald Reagan: *“I have always believed that this anointed land was set apart in an uncommon way, that a divine plan placed this great continent here between the oceans to be found by people from every corner of the earth who had a special love of faith and freedom.”*

This has been a short overview of the historical background of our ancestors and the events which influenced their emigration to America. Most of us are familiar with the stories of the Pilgrims. However, we have been lacking in information pertaining to the emigration of our Ulster Scot Taggarts, McNees, McAlister, and others. When I began my personal search for their stories, all that I knew was that they were so-called “Scot-Irish” and had emigrated from Ireland. They first appeared in America about 1720 in Roxbury, Massachusetts and later some were among the early founders of Peterborough and Sharon, New Hampshire. Exhaustive searches of census records, land records, probates and wills, town histories, state histories, biographies, military records, church and parish records, ecclesiastical records of the Presbyterian Church, genealogical histories, etc. have finally provided us with a quite accurate record of these ancestors.

I feel very comfortable now with the early overview of these people which I proved in 1984. My research confirms most of the information contained in that report. It has also provided us with some fascinating stories of their migration as well as their influence and participation in the early colonial period of America.

Let me tell you of some of these stories. Our Taggarts were part of a group who were among the first large migration of Ulster Scots from Northern Ireland. Migration from Ireland had been small in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It reached impressive volume in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century when from three to six thousand emigrants reached America annually. It rolled steadily onward to its peak from 1740 to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. At least 12,000

sailed annually from Ulster. The great majority of these were Presbyterians and descendants of Scottish Covenanters. In 1718 a contingent of five ships from Ulster left Ireland. Our Taggarts and many of their neighbors and collateral families were among these immigrants. A few of the stories of their voyages have been preserved.

These Ulster Scots brought to America their spinning wheels and their knowledge of a successful linen industry (weaving). They also brought the potato. Most did not stay in Boston but pushed to the outlying frontiers where land was more plentiful and where they could be more successful in maintaining their habits and traditions. They still maintained rather “clannish” tendencies. They fought in the French and Indian Wars. They were among those who participated in the Boston Tea Party. They were among the first to enlist in the defense of their freedoms in the Revolutionary War. The accounts of their services fill a whole binder of research. However, I want you to know that some of these need to be told so that you can pass them on to your children and grandchildren. About sixty years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence another significant event occurred. The vision received by a young New Englander – the Prophet Joseph Smith. An interesting account of his ancestry provides us with the knowledge that we share many of his ancestral lines as well as many of the other leaders of the Mormon Church and of the United States.

We find a goodly portion of both our Ulster Scots ancestors and our pilgrim ancestors among the earliest converts to God’s restored church. On my recent visit to Nauvoo for the dedication of the temple I was deeply impressed with the knowledge of the parts which numerous ancestors had played in the events surrounding the building of the first Nauvoo Temple. A very special spirit prevailed there. It was a choice experience to visit the Old Pioneer Cemetery and see the graves of Washington Taggart, his wife Susannah Law Taggart, their son Oliver Hazard Perry Taggart, and George Washington Taggart’s first wife, Harriet Atkins Bruce. A visit to the home site of George Washington Taggart, located on the hill overlooking the Mississippi River with its view of the temple spire in the distance was a thrill. Our search in the

Lands and Records office for the properties of Noah Rogers (Clarissa's father) and of Henry Jolley, (Susannah’s second husband), added more exciting discoveries. Each adjoined the George Washington Taggart property!!

The Nauvoo visit also introduced us to previously unknown Taggart relatives. Get to know your ancestors – their names, their stories, their trials and their successes. Knowing their histories brings other histories to life! It is a wonderful journey and every day of my life I thank my ancestors for the gift of their heritage- for their examples of dedication, commitment, sacrifice, love, compassion, honesty, integrity and for their devotion to the teachings of Jesus Christ and to the building up of His kingdom here on earth. I have developed a profound respect and reverence for them. Truly they were SPECIAL PEOPLE with SPECIAL PURPOSES at SPECIAL TIMES in history.

I relate these stories to you with the prayer that we can be an important part in the efforts to maintain our freedoms in this country and that we will maintain those ideals and qualities which will render us deserving of God’s continued intervention in our behalf, in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ, Amen

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## **SPENCER LAIRD TAGGART (James-Clarissa)**

**Courtesy of Jay Dee Karren: Transcript of Funeral Talk on November 15, 2000, and then presented at the GWT 2002 Reunion in Morgan**

Someone mentioned earlier that I had volunteered to talk and wanted to know why I had done that. And for those of you who knew Spencer very well, the reason I volunteered to talk is because it’s probably the first time I’d be able to talk without being interrupted.

I know it’s an honor to be here to speak at Spencer’s funeral today. I first met Spencer about thirty-three years ago when I traveled to Virginia. And the reason I went there was to seek his

daughter's hand in marriage. I remember his daughter at this time was only nineteen years of age. I kind of laugh when I think what was going through Spencer's mind. We had kind of a kinship; we were both born and raised in Lewiston, Utah. But I'm sure he thought, "Here comes a farm boy from Lewiston, Utah that all he knows how to do is buck a bail of hay and milk a cow. And this wasn't quite, I'm sure, the white knight that he was looking for to be the suitor of his daughter.

When I was there with Spencer on the second day, Mr. Taggart, as I referred to him then, we went to this local service station to have his car serviced. "J.D." said Mr. Taggart, and I looked at him, "what graduate school do you plan on attending after you finish your studies at Utah State University? I would suggest Stanford, Harvard, or Yale." I swallowed hard at that time. All I was worried about was getting through Utah State and getting on with life and going to work. I hadn't thought that far ahead. And that's what I said, "I haven't planned that far ahead, Spencer."

Now this was something I didn't know then, but I know now. This was Spencer's strength that he had to bring out excellence in



those with whom he was around. He saw excellence all his life. I know Spencer did not like to buck a bail of hay. He told me that. I know he didn't like to milk cows, but he liked to read. He liked to study. He liked to play with the animals. About the time Spencer entered the University here, or college at that time, he was already a scholar. He was already an accomplished musician. Why? It was because of this great desire that he had to pursue excellence and encouraged that pursuit of excellence in others. Another thing I know about Spencer, a great driving trait that he had in his life besides his pursuit of evidence of excellence was his love for freedom.

How did he acquire this trait? If I know his life, when he went on a mission to Czechoslovakia he learned to speak the Czech language so well that many people mistook him for a native. That pursuit

of excellence drove him in that direction. While he was there he started to study the writings and essays of a man by the name of Tomas Ct. Masaryk. This man had a great influence for the rest of Spencer's life upon the direction that his life was to take. Tomas Ct. Masaryk could be very much similar to our Thomas Jefferson to the Czechoslovakian people. He was the one who was trying to bring about a democracy through his writings of his books and his essays in a country that had been ruled long and hard by monarchs. Spencer, I believe, that it's this man and his teachings that taught Spencer the true value and helped him gain the great love and respect he had for freedom not for just himself, but for the freedom of all mankind.

After his mission, he returned to his studies at Berkley. Spencer, not only loved freedom, what he wanted to be in life was to be a teacher. He wanted to study history and music and art. These were his loves. And while at Berkley his studies were interrupted by the war. Spencer, at that time had been trained by a new government organization to be dropped behind the lines in Czechoslovakia as a civilian to gather information data for the allied forces. This never happened because of the end of the war. But, because of Spencer's great knowledge of the Czechoslovakian people that he'd acquired on his mission, his ability to speak the language so fluently that his understandings of freedom were needed there, he was assigned as an assistant to the Ambassador in Czechoslovakia. And while there it was his job also, again, to gather data and information for an organization that we now know as the CIA or the Central Intelligence Agency.

These were good times and bad times for Spencer and Ila. They'd had their first child after ten years of not having any children in the marriage, and then conceived their second child. But because of the political situation there with the communists and the things that were going on Ila had to return to the states. Spencer stayed behind to help patriots cross the border. He did very dangerous work. His life was in danger every day. The communists were tightening their hold on the Czechoslovakian people. And any and all that they saw that had any desire for freedom they did what they could to destroy them. He was under surveillance; he was poisoned one time to become ill almost to the point



of death. In real life he risked his life by taking others across the borders.

He saw others killed and others that were in prison. This I think was another turning point in Spencer's life. He came to grow and hate what the communists were doing to freedom. So, for the next twenty-five years Spencer spent his life fighting communism to protect the freedom, he so much loved. He traveled the world in many dangerous places. In the latter part of his career with the CIA he spent his time teaching. He taught presidents, he taught generals, he taught senators, he taught diplomats about US policies throughout the world against the communist aggression. That was his mission, that's what I want you grandchildren to know.

Thirty years later when he retired and came here he passed all these traits onto his grandchildren. The pursuit of excellence. Not one grandchild did he ever talk to did he not want to know what they were doing to become better people. He taught each of his grandchildren and his friends and associates, not just descended to his grandchildren, the love of freedom and that courage to exercise those freedoms of choice. And he also in doing all this became the greatest teacher of all.

One thing I do know about Spencer in the latter days, as I got to know him and became truly a friend. He and Ila, you can't speak of one in my mind without speaking of the other, showed unconditional love to their grandchildren, their children and all who they associated with. I never, in all the time I knew Spencer, ever had him speak to me in anger. I've never seen him speak to any of the grandchildren in anger. Not that he didn't reproof, but never in anger. He was a man that had unconditional love. I started off calling Spencer "Mr. Taggart," and ended up calling him dad. And then I called him at the end of my life, most of the time, Spence. Why, because as Mr. Taggart I respected him. Dad, I was learning to love him, and when I called him Spence I respected him, I loved him, and I had with him a mutual friendship. I love this man. I am thankful for what he has done for my family and for my children. And I know they--- and I am going to change it a little bit: Give a man a gun, and he fights for a day. Give him an idea and

fights for light. And he has given my family and my children ideas. And I say this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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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 anytime during the year to: Steve Taggart, P.O. Box 70282, Salt Lake City, UT 84170-0282, or, by FAX to 1-801-968-6065. Should you have a good clear picture, it would be most welcome by mail. Also, whenever possible please include the lineage link from the person of interest back to one of our three Grandmothers, Harriet, Fanny or Clarissa.

**JANE POLL** – "MY THREE SONS", that sing in the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir, are shown in the photograph that follows. Charles, Farrell and Brian Poll will be singing in the Tabernacle Choir Broadcast Sunday Morning August 8<sup>th</sup> on Temple Square when at the conclusion of the GWT Reunion, Taggarts will be in attendance at a Special Family Seating in the Tabernacle.



**Top: Charles, Farrell and Brian  
Center Bottom: Jane Poll**

Jane is about to move into a brand new red brick house that was built by Liz's husband, Steve. The home has fewer steps than the fifty-five year old home she is presently living in. Jane continues to serve the GWT family well in her young and early eighties.

**GLENN & MARILYN GOODRICH FROM MONGOLIA**, continue to serve their second mission as a couple for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Their current assignment as Humanitarian Missionaries began May 19, 2003 and will go for a period of eighteen months. While in Mongolia they have celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary and continue to have many wonderful experiences as missionaries. They previously served in Tanzania, Africa as the Country Directors of Church Education from 1999 through 2001. Shown below, Glenn (Byron-Eliza Ann-Harriet) and Marilyn are wearing Mongolian costume.



**GEORGE & DYAN WELCH** sent to us a wonderful letter from Juneau, Alaska, dated August 25, 2003. In part, we quote, “This is our third time in Juneau, Alaska on a mission. The first time we came as CES Coordinators from 1998 to 2000. We were home for eleven months and the Stake President asked if we could consider coming up for six-month part-time Church Service Mission during the summer. Summer is the best time to be here. We were again here in 2001. Again we were asked to come for the summer this year, 2003. We gladly turned in our papers and have once more enjoyed ourselves immensely. We were very happy and surprised to find that Jim Taggart, Spencer’s son, lives here in Juneau, about six houses down the street from where we are living. We have visited Jim and Beth and little Glen on many occasions and have always been welcomed in their home.” . . . . . “We thank our Heavenly Father for this opportunity to serve Him up here. We have truly been blessed

by His goodness to us. We only want to do what George Washington Taggart would have done, to do the most good to build up the Kingdom.” Signed, “With Love, Dyan Mills Welch (Dyan-Rhoda Lucinda-Charles Wallace-Fanny.”

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**IN MEMORIAM:**

**MARGARET TAGGART** passed away at the age of 90 on October 27, 2003 in Ogden, Utah. She was married to Howard W. Taggart until he died on December 10, 1975. They lived in Cody, Wyoming until 1937 when Howard, Margaret, Dewey and Queena established Taggart’s Camp.

**VERA TAGGART HOPKIN** died quietly on Sunday morning, January 11, 2004, in Woodruff, Utah. She was born January 15, 1915 in Morgan, Utah, the 12<sup>th</sup> of 13 children of Mabel Shurtleff and George Albert Taggart. On January 16, 1939 she married Alonzo Hopkin, and he passed away in December 1961.

**NADINE CARVER TAGGART**, died Saturday, January 17, 2004 in Morgan, Utah. She was born in Ogden, Utah on October 25, 1929, and married Jay Bryant Taggart on June 11, 1952 in the Logan Temple. Their 51 years together were marked by total devotion to each other. The nine children that blessed their marriage became her life’s work.

**TIMOTHY GREG TAGGART**, infant son of Timothy Edward (Steven-Ted-Henry-Clarissa) and Kori Brower Taggart was born in Salt Lake City on March 23, 2004 and passed away on March 24, 2004. Little Tim is survived by his parents and three sisters, Hanna, Kathryn (Katie) and Emma.

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**2004 Family Reunion Announcement** is reprinted from the flyer mailed to you in April of this year, beginning on page 11 that now follows. For a better copy of the map shown on page 12, please refer to the announcement sent in April or visit our website at: [www.taggartfamily.org](http://www.taggartfamily.org)

## The Cousins Corner

We would like you to contact your siblings and first cousins and make sure they know about the reunion so they can put it on their calendar. If they haven't received this flyer, please write us a letter or send an e-mail with their names and addresses.

We are also going to have a special "Cousins Corner" posting board at the Guest House Conference Room.

We hope the Cousins Corner will help us keep up with information about all our family members, a difficult task!

**Our address is G. W. Taggart Reunion, c/o Dixie Davis, Family Coordinator, PO Box 1135, Orem UT 84059.**

**Our e-mail address is prestonconnection@msn.com.**

## The Reunion Schedule

### Thursday Evening, August 5, 2004 - Pre-Reunion Activities

✓ **SLC Stinger Vs Omaha Royals Semi-Pro Baseball Game at the E-Center Stadium.** Group tickets at \$6. Cheer with Chris Taggart.

✓ **Salt Lake Temple Endowment Session.**

Julie Rabe (rabewoodwest@cs.com) and Kristi Bush coordinators, Jeanette Holmes providing names.

✓ **Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal at Temple Square.**

### Friday, August 6 University of Utah Guest House (See map)

Your personal time for activities - Red Butte Gardens, Hogle Zoo.

4:00 to 6:45 p.m. Meeting Room C Sign In and Displays-Not dinner.

7:00 p.m. "Getting to Know You" Activity Night.

### Saturday, August 7 U of U LDS Institute Building. (See map)

9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Sign In Time.

10:00 a.m. Chapel - General Session.

11:00 a.m. Chapel - Adult Session. Special Sessions for Young People, Children in other areas.

Afternoon: Finding G.W. Taggart. Downtown Walking Tour, Driving Tour, This is the Place Heritage Park.

7:00 p.m. Family Talent Night and Dance

### Sunday, August 8 Downtown Temple Square

8:45 a.m. Tabernacle Choir Broadcast - Temple Square

Special Family Seating and Farewell.

## Happenings

### ★ Teen and Young Adult Track

Rebecca Taggart, who is a student at the University of Utah and Elizabeth Rabe who is a student at Utah State University are putting their bright and creative heads together to plan some fantastic activities for Teens and Young Adults. If you want to contact them with suggestions, Elizabeth's e-mail address is lizard85@cs.com.

Rebecca is at rtag@teachmetotrade.com.

### ★ Bradley Taggart, Sculpture

Brad, a Professor of Sculpture at Snow College has said yes to do a clay presentation for the children on Saturday. With a Bachelors and Masters degree in Art, his sculpture of Glen Taggart is on display at the U.S.U. Glen Taggart Student Union Building. He will bring clay for the children to use and will fire the finished "artwork" if arrangements are made ahead for mailing.

### ★ Ethelynn Higbee, an accomplished writer and

painter, daughter of "Doc" Goodrich, is going to "share her growing up experiences in a unique way" at the Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Adult meeting. She has given presentations to other groups with enthusiastic, positive results. She hopes to use the talents of her extremely talented children during her presentation.

### ★ Tabernacle Choir Broadcast

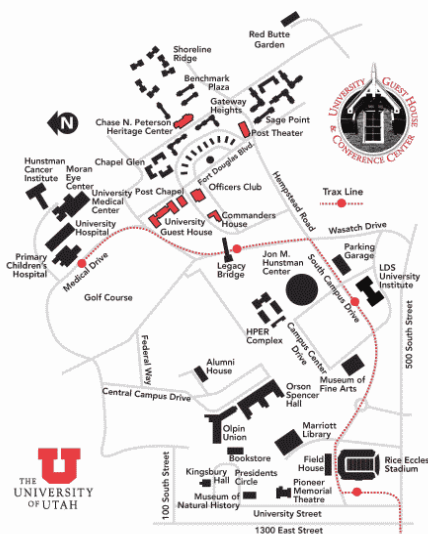
with a special 8:45 a.m. G. W. Taggart Family seating section on Sunday Morning. Four members of our family are in the choir. This will be the last family activity of the reunion.

## We're staying at the Olympic Village!

Call 1-888-416-4075 before July 21 for reservations

The University of Utah Guest House at Historic Fort Douglas (in red at center, right) has set aside, until July 21, 50 rooms (10 with king-size bed and 40 with two queen-sized beds) for our Taggart reunion. After July 21, the room reservations will be made available to the public or other groups. This 2002 Winter Olympics housing has spectacular views of the Salt Lake Valley. The rooms have everything – air conditioning, refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave, iron and board, hair dryer, voice-mail and Internet connections. There's a fitness room, laundry facilities, even a convenience store. The cost is \$69 per night for two people, \$10 for each extra person and no cost for children under 13 years. Continental breakfast is included. They are close to all of our activities and to transportation. If we have an "overflow" crowd we can use the nearby Heritage Commons Residence Halls at \$25 per night per person. Of course, you can stay anywhere you want in Salt Lake City, but this is really "the best place."

Guest House Meeting Room C will be our gathering place. On Friday afternoon when you sign in we will take your photo for our family tree, give you name tags and a bag full of goodies and information about the Saturday tours featuring George Washington Taggart. If you don't have a car, don't panic! There will be plenty of transportation – TRAX light rail, free campus shuttle buses, and our own system for getting drivers and passengers together.



## Taggart Reunion Family Talent Showcase Saturday, August 7 at 7:00 P.M.

Polish your voices and talents for the Taggart Family Talent Showcase on Saturday, August 7 at 7:00 P.M. We're looking for you, our talented GWT relations, to inspire, amuse and entertain us in an evening of music, poetry and other various displays of talent.

If you have an instrumental group, a vocal/piano number (original or not,) some original poetry, short prose pieces or a family skit, dance number or anything else your family or you do that you're interested in sharing with us, we want you to let us know!

We would like submissions of talent as soon as possible. We are hoping to fill an hour and a half program. Depending on how many of you are willing, we would like short acts (up to ten minutes) so that as many as possible can share their talents. Please contact Jennifer Lerud at 801-226-8089 or e-mail [jlerud@comcast.net](mailto:jlerud@comcast.net) if you want to participate. We look forward to a delightful evening with you as an important part!

# 2004 George Washington Taggart Family Reunion Registration Form

"The Salt Lake City Years" - August 6, 7 and 8, 2004 in Salt Lake City, Utah

Please pre-register by July 22, 2004

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children, Names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Genealogy: (Chris-Hal-Grant-George Henry-Fanny, for example)

**Registration Donations:** \$20 per Family Group  
(\$25 after July 22) or \$6 per Individual.  
(A family is parents living with dependent children.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Meals are On-Your-Own and we highly recommend the U of U Heritage Center Food Court which won the National Restaurant Association 2001 Center of Excellence Award. Cost: \$5 for breakfast, \$6 for lunch and \$8 for dinner. Served all-you-can-eat buffet style.*

**Don't forget your G.W. Taggart Reunion T-Shirts at \$10.00 each:**

Youth: Small \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult: Small \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Large \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
X Large \$ \_\_\_\_\_ XX Large \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing an RV? Rental space in the parking lot (no hookups): \$5

**Total Amount to be sent in for the reunion:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to:

G.W. Taggart Reunion  
c/o Dixie Davis, Family Coordinator  
P.O. Box 1135  
Orem, UT. 84059

**Family Group Activities**

Please put the number of people attending in front of the activity. // We plan to attend the:

Thurs, Aug 5 Pre-Reunion Night:

\_\_\_\_ SLC Stinger Baseball Game @\$6

\_\_\_\_ Salt Lake Temple Endowment Session

\_\_\_\_ Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal

**Fri., Aug. 6 at U of U Guest House Conference Room C:**

\_\_\_\_ Teen Activities

\_\_\_\_ 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Sign In.

\_\_\_\_ 7:00 PM "Getting to Know You" An Evening of Entertainment Taggart Style

**Sat, Aug. 7 at U of U LDS Institute Building, Wasatch Dr. & S. Campus Dr.**

\_\_\_\_ 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Late sign in

\_\_\_\_ 10:00 AM Chapel – General Family Session

\_\_\_\_ 11:00 AM Chapel – Adult Family Meeting, Break-outs for Young People and Children

\_\_\_\_ Afternoon Tours

\_\_\_\_ 7:00 PM Taggart Family Talent Showcase

**Sun, Aug. 8 at Temple Square**

\_\_\_\_ Tabernacle Choir Broadcast and Farewell



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