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Do you have at least \$10.00 or \$20.00 you can send us each year to help keep the GWT Organization going? More of course would be welcome. Chris Taggart would love to hear from you.

Looking Back ...

The first issue of the *Taggart Family Newsletter* was written and published by Spencer Laird Taggart (James-Clarissa) in September 1980. Now, twenty-five years later, you have in your hand volume twenty. Spencer first started the George Washington Taggart Family Organization and the subsequent newsletters shortly after his retirement from the CIA, to help preserve the memory of our ancestors, George Washington Taggart, Harriet Atkins Bruce, Fanny Parks and Clarissa Marina Rogers. This genius start was no doubt a response to the prophesy given to us in *Malachi 4:6*, that the hearts of the fathers would turn to their children and that the hearts of the children would turn to their fathers. This has indeed come about as the GWT descendants here on earth have become so involved in finding out about our Taggart ancestors and we have most certainly felt help on many occasions from beyond the veil.

Over the past twenty-five years many hands have invested thousands of hours that have resulted in the present GWT Family Organization. This includes an annual newsletter that is sent to over 900 families, regular GWT Family Reunions that draw family from all over the world, a website that is second to none in quality and content that provides volumes of information about our ancestors and our heritage. Biographies and publications, hard and soft bound, providing invaluable information to our family; organized family history research that has successfully provided the names of thousands of deceased ancestors that are thankful as they look upon our efforts to assist in their eternal progression. And most recently, a professional DVD that brings the life of GWT and his wives into our own homes that we may teach our children of their own pioneer history and ancestry, thus continuing to bring about prophesy. What will the next twenty-five years bring?

We express a sincere thanks to all that that helped in anyway, and thanks to those that will contribute in the future. And above all, we express our love and devotion to four very humble ancestors that made it all possible, George Washington Taggart, Harriet Atkins Bruce, Fanny Parks, and Clarissa Marina Rogers and their ancestors! - Editor Steven L. Taggart

Alice Janette Taggart Bright (Clarissa)

Contributed by Granddaughter, Paulene Greenwood

January 28, 1937

A brief sketch of my own life.



Alice Janette Taggart Bright

"I was born in Richville, Morgan County, Utah, 15th of February 1873. Our home being near the hills, I spent my childhood days (in connection with my brothers and other playmates in the neighborhood), roaming the hills gathering wildflowers, pretty rocks, choke cherries and digging Segos which grew quite plentiful on the hills. Of course, in the winter we went to our little district school near our home, where we all sat around big tables, used slates and pencils, and all drank from the same water bucket. As in those days we hadn't the nice water systems we now have, but however we enjoyed life and had what we called real fun.

We had very good parents and were taught true principles and to live worthy upright lives, for which I have always been truly thankful. We always attended Sunday school and church, which became part of our lives as we grew to man and womanhood. When but a tiny girl I used to sing on the church programs a lot and have followed it up some during my life. I especially followed choir work a great deal.

When about 17 years of age, I started attending the Morgan Stake Academy, attending three or four times. It was here I found myself, and began getting a little more social life than had been my privilege previous to this, meeting so many more young people and making so many nice friends. Through the association of some of them I feel my whole life was bettered. I must state, that when about thirteen years of age I started helping my sister-in-law (Brother Albert's wife) weave carpet and after she moved away, I continued weaving carpet and bought my clothes and other necessities this way as long as I was at home. I would sometimes have a whole room of warp and rags piled up to do. Some days I would weave sixteen yards in a day.

When I was small, Aunt Fanny taught me to tell the time; to knit socks and stockings; and how to make a bed, neatly, and 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 up 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.

My brothers were good boys, but a few of the things they did to tease me still stir my feelings. Such as the times Jim and Henry sat me between them and composed songs and sang them to me. I would get fighting mad at them, but would have to sit and listen to them. Oh, what songs they would sing about me! They surely had a lot of fun at my expense.

When the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated, George and Sister Jane Taggart Heiner and I went with Jessie Little to Salt Lake on the train. It was April, 1893 and what a wonderful time we had!

At the age of 23 I married John Wesley Bright of Lewiston, Utah, and moved to that place. I left my dear mother in tears at my leaving which made me feel very bad. In about a year my first baby (a boy) was born. When he was a year and a half old my husband was called on a mission to the North Western States, which he gladly accepted. We

weren't in the best of circumstances, and to me, it was two years of struggle and hardship, but I have always been thankful for the experience, although my mother passed away just before his return.

As we were trying to buy a farm, it was necessary for us both to work hard, on the farm in summer and in winter. Wesley worked in the sugar factory and I kept boarders from the factory. In this way, by being very saving we were able after a number of years to build us a comfortable home and pay for our land.

When my last boy was five months old, my husband was again called on a mission. With my oldest child about thirteen years, a babe in arms, and my health badly broken which it had been for several years, I certainly felt this quite a trial. But with the desire to do all the good possible, we set to work preparing for the mission, and I must say the Lord certainly did bless us during his absence. We were able to buy the things we had to have, and I feel that I am a much better woman for having had that experience.

When our oldest boy was old enough, he was sent on a mission for two years. The next spring after his return, we lost our home by fire, which was a great loss to us at the time, but having some insurance on it we soon built another home and are still living comfortably in it. Our children are all married but one, and he is away teaching school. When our family was growing up we tried to teach them right living. We tried to create a homey atmosphere that they might enjoy bringing their friends home. We did enjoy ourselves together, and have had a very happy home with all our ups and downs.

Although my health hasn't been the best for years, I have always tried to do what I've been asked to do in church work, during my entire life. I have held some positions in the church, namely Secretary of Relief Society, Chorister and visiting teacher of the same organization, Sunday school teacher, counselor to Relief Society president and finally, president of the same organization in the 2nd Division of Lewiston First Ward. I am at present a visiting teacher, Valeria Hyer being my companion. I am also a committee member on genealogy work,

and a member of the Old Folks Committee of the Lewiston First Ward. I am sixty four years old.

(NOTE: Alice Janette Taggart Bright passed away on December 27, 1961 in Lewiston, Utah at the age of 88).

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

By Dixie Lee Davis

Greetings our wonderful George Washington Taggart family. It is amazing how many wonderful, creative family members there are who are descendants of G. W. Taggart. Many have contributed their time and skills to make this family organization a success. May our organization continue to be an inclusive, informative – and most of all – an inspiring experience for all.

Two important events have happened since I last wrote: the 2004 GWT Family Reunion held in Salt Lake City, and the completion of the DVD, *“George Washington Taggart – The Salt Lake City Years,”* by Steve Berlin.

Our reunion was held on the campus of the University of Utah on August 6-8, 2004. We had some outstanding events starting with a lively and fun activity night ably run by Julie Rabe on Friday evening. Saturday's gathering was started in the morning with colors being presented by the U.S. Mormon Battalion in costume and Steve Berlin's first presentation of his yet unfinished but totally awesome DVD, *“George Washington Taggart – The Salt Lake City Years,”* Ethelynn Higbee's presentation of her life experiences was told beautifully and inspirationally through original poetry, paintings (presented on screen), dance (by her grandchildren) and song. Brad Taggart was totally extraordinary and loved by the children and adults who went to his sculpture activity. Lunch time and the early afternoon were used to explore the Salt Lake City areas important to our family. Afternoon “sport” activities by Elizabeth Rabe were enjoyed and well planned.

Saturday evening was completed by an excellent, high quality Talent Showcase organized by Steve

and Jennifer Lerud. The MC was Chris Taggart with his usual wonderful humor. It also featured Jerri Warnick – she and her husband had just gotten back from a mission to Nauvoo and really “wowed” us with her torch songs; the Crinna Hill Irish Dancers who also showed off a “modern” side by presenting some other songs – some original – that displayed their dancing, singing and instrumental talent; and Jennifer Lerud who pleasantly impressed everyone by singing some of her original songs.

Sunday morning started with special seating at the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Broadcast and ended with a short, warm, farewell gathering at the North Visitor’s Center on Temple Square. Newsletter Editor Steven L. Taggart was at the reunion with his camera and the reunion pictures can be seen (on page 13) in this issue. Also, we can’t forget all the people who helped to make the reunion a success – from those who helped with registration to those who “got up there” and gave their best as well as the activities. Thank you!!!

Steve Berlin’s DVD is wonderful and was finished in time to send to family members for Christmas. There is no telling how much “time, work, sweat and tears” by several people was necessary to complete it. But it was all worth it. You can learn more about the DVD and how to order it on our website.

We have several plans for the future. **Mark your calendar for the next reunion in the Bountiful, Utah area on Saturday, August 5, 2006.** It is being chaired by Glenn and Marilyn Taggart – now home from their mission in Mongolia. We also want to start a new “First Cousins” communications system. George Washington Taggart has a wonderful family and we would like as many possible to join us in remembering this great and inspiring man. So be expecting us to get in touch with you.

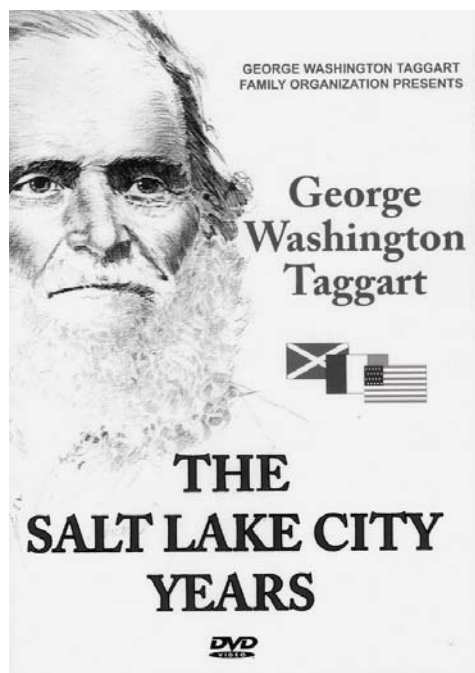
God bless you all,

Dixie Davis, GWT Family Coordinator

George Washington Taggart, The Salt Lake City Years

By Julie Taggart Rabe

After 10 months of work the descendants of GWT have a treasure, *George Washington Taggart, The Salt Lake City Years*. This DVD is not just a treasure but, another layer of fulfillment to Brigham Young’s prophecy: “The Mormon Battalion will be held in honorable remembrance to the latest generation.” This DVD is indeed an “honorable remembrance”!



In February 2004 Steve Berlin said to me, “I’m thinking of making a film about GWT’s Salt Lake City years. Will you help?” “Sure”, I answered. Neither of us could have predicted the journey that would take place for the next 10 months. I could never have believed that it would have turned out so professionally.

Here let me insert an author’s note. Steve graciously put me down as one of the assistant producers. I think the term “cheerleader” would be more correct. My role was to encourage and quite literally say, “Go, Steve, Go!” I wanted to see this become a reality and for that reason I was willing to do whatever was necessary—even appear on camera, though I can’t watch those parts.

The journey involved research and trips and sweating in pioneer cabins and getting stuck in Chase Mill, and a deepening love for our ancestors!

Steve crowed about the people involved in the film on the website. I will here take the opportunity to crow about Steve. Steve spent untold hours on this project. At one point I asked Steve, "Do you have time to make a living?" He answered, "Not this week." In December as the project neared its finish I teased him that writing his Christmas cards would be a snap because his whole 2004 could be summed up with. "I made a documentary." He put his money where his heart is and purchased computer programs and a fabulous camera that made what you see the best it can be. He spent hours on the phone getting tech support for problems and usually knew more than the "experts" on the phone. He is respectful and kind and always got permission to take the pictures that he did. His patience got him and his camera invited inside the Farmington Mill, and inside the Chase Mill among other places.

I am not sure that anyone told Steve, "No," not archivists, or home owners, or musicians, or authors, or directors of films. As an example he asked Ken Verdoia for permission to use footage from the KUED production *Battalion*. The email reply was classic and makes a Taggart heart swell!

Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004
From: Ken Verdoia
Subject: Re: Use of George Washington Taggart
Clip from Battalion

Steve:

Sounds like a wonderful, meaningful event. Of course you may use the requested material... and do not feel yourself unnecessarily constrained.

George Taggart. "The Goodbye Letter"...as I continued to refer to it during production. Has any man marching to war written a more touching letter to the family he so dearly loves? Rivalled only by the legendary *Sullivan Ballou letter of the Civil War (used with great impact in the Ken Burns' series).

My best wishes for your success with the video, and the reunion.

Ken

I believe that we were given great cooperation because this is one of the first such projects. I think in ten years others will find the doors much harder to get through.

Steve has quite literally gone the extra mile. The wheat you see waving in the opening scenes is wheat growing on Clarissa's property in Richville. The voice talents are descendants of those Taggarts they portray. Each piece of background music was painstakingly chosen and edited. You will hear never before found tidbits of Taggart history because of the research Steve did. For example:

From Peter Sinclair's journal

(A mill builder who kept a journal)

"Sat 2[Feb1865] fair. Attended mass meeting to consider and arrange for the daily express, the remainder of my day joyfully spent in the society of our guests sweetened with cheering Musick on the Violin and [regimental] bugle by bro George W. Taggart – Landlord."

and

From the *Deseret News* Nov 2, 1859

The 21st Quorum of Seventies will resume their semi-monthly meetings at the house of Geo. W. Taggart, 18th Ward – North of President Kimball on the bench..."

Steve wrote the script for the film. He wanted us to get a feel for the time and place the GWT lived in. My favorite paragraph that I have used already in two major talks in this year of celebration for the 200th anniversary of Joseph Smith's birth:

"While our George was still a boy of four, another American lad, not 300 miles to the west in New York state and barely ten years older, was receiving a visitation from heavenly messengers. Young Joseph Smith and the gospel and church he was the agent in restoring, were to become a powerful force within the hearts of George, his parents and brother, the women George would one day love and raise his children with and the many friends in the faith whom George would soon count as his brothers and

sisters in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.”

Steve found experts that have given us valuable information of GWT’s life. Randy Dixon gave us a picture of life in SLC at the time and a literal picture of GWT’s house. Allen Roberts, a GWT descendant, gave such an amazing interview at the Chase Mill. We would ask him questions and he answered, unscripted, with the great material you see on the DVD. What a great hour and a half.

To learn more about the DVD you can take an enjoyable journey by going to the GWT website at <http://www.taggartfamily.org>. (Steve Berlin is also the web master.) You will find the following **ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND INFORMATION ON THE FILM**: 1-Film Credits With loads of notes and explanations. 2- Music Page With more loads of notes and explanation. 3- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) 4- A picture of Taggart House (Courtesy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). And be sure to sign the Guest Book and let Steve know how you like the DVD.

As I testified to Steve as I sat in the flowers at the McCune Mansion, (land once owned by GWT)...George Washington Taggart cares for all his descendants. He wants us ALL back!

*A touching letter from a man to his family before he dies in battle. To find this letter simply “Google” Sullivan Ballou letter.

LEFT BEHIND, The Women of the Mormon Battalion

By Julie Taggart Rabe

(Fanny and George Washington Taggart Lives
Featured in Dance Concert at BYU)

On February 25 & 26, 2005, BYU Department of Dance presented, *LEFT BEHIND, The Women of the Mormon Battalion*. The program ran an hour and fifteen minutes. Several minutes were devoted to Fanny and GWT. For the number entitled simply “*Fanny Taggart*” two dancers started apart and acted out the words of the live narrators. Narrators

read of Fanny being left alone and going to Brigham Young for help. Then GWT’s August 6, 1846 letter including I go “to show that the blood of my grandfather, who fought and bled in the Revolutionary War and the spirit of liberty and freedom still courses in the veins of their posterity that are called Mormons” was read. Also from the Oct. 18th 1846 letter where GWT wrote: “Fanny, I feel anxious to hear from you and my little daughter and I am more anxious to see you, but distance and circumstances forbid me the latter privilege, but I trust that our minds and feelings are not separated, although distance between us may intervene.” As they read the “our minds and feelings are not separated” the dancers came together, a pioneer style hymn started and they danced a beautiful, poignant number.

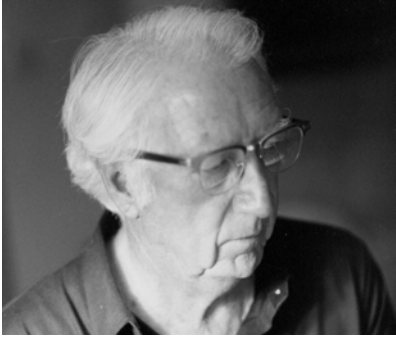
The number “Mother’s Reflections” was danced to John Adams Taggart’s music the *Soldiers Dream*. This music is featured on the GWT Salt Lake City Years DVD. And you can find out more about it on the website. The music was fortuitously provided by Jeanette Taggart Holmes after a chance meeting with a BYU student researching the life of Fanny Taggart at the SLC Daughter’s of Pioneer Museum.

To quote the program, although this production is still “in progress”, nonetheless, it is a milestone towards a vision of film and stage production.” It was a lovely tribute to our worthy ancestors.



(Dancers Krista Di Lello and Nathan Cottam)

FROM SPENCER'S DESK ... *



Spencer Laird Taggart

Hidden Hill Farm **The William McNee – James Taggart House** (Volume III, Number 2 May 1983 Issue)

“Alexander Taggart Holmes, son of Jeanette Taggart (Bruce-George Henry) and J. Gordon Holmes, did our cover (see page 14 in this issue). A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Alexander is a first-year medical student at the medical Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, where he has received first honors in each of his classes. His drawing of the William McNee-James Taggart home in Sharon, New Hampshire is from a photograph taken by his mother in 1981. This James (1742-1828), son of Captain John Taggart was his grandson.

While in Boston in June 1981 to attend her son Jeffery's graduation from Harvard Medical School, Jeanette made a short side trip to New Hampshire in search of information about our Taggart forebears. She visited Hillsborough, Peterborough, Dublin and Sharon. In the latter she found the William McNee-James Taggart house. Her account follows:

“The man who answered my knock at the door was very pleasant. At first glimpse of the house I felt certain it was the James Taggart home, and this gentleman confirmed it for me. I told him who I was and asked him if he would object to my taking some pictures. He graciously consented and the introduced me to his lovely wife... The owner's name was Withrop Brown. He was now retired from B.F. Goodrich Company. His wife was a volunteer at the Sharon Arts Center which was located nearby. They invited me to see the original

part of the home as well as the new additions which were in very good taste and served nicely to complement the original home. The rooms in the original part of the home were the same as they had been 200 years ago except for the modern heating and electricity which had been added. The original brick fireplaces (used for heating) and the low-beamed ceilings still remained. The original living room now served as Mr. Brown's den. The Browns had tastefully furnished the home in lovely period antiques and the home exuded charm and graciousness.

The view from the lanai (summer porch) was magnificent. Mountains, rolling hills, vast green fields, lush green lawns and a man-made pond created an inviting picture of peace and serenity. The focal point of the view was Mt. Monadnock in the distance. Mr. Brown pointed out the exterior changes to the home and also the area where the old potatoes patch had been. Near this stood the beautiful old barn – another example of early master craftsmanship...Mr. Brown showed me two old photographs of the home as it had been when they purchased it many years before. Their improvements have been extensive and, happily, have added tremendously to its present charm without destroying the historically significant portions.”

As Jeanette added, this house was the former house of William McNee, James Taggart's father-in-law. George Abbot Morison in his History of Peterborough (published in 1954, pp. 749-750) included a picture of this house and calls it the William McNee house. He recorded that it “... is probably the oldest house in town in which there have been no substantial changes made... It is one of the few houses which are located upon an original one-hundred acre lot which still remains intact.”

Why?

By Spencer L. Taggart

Our Taggart Family forebears have blessed us with a legacy of courage, hard work, integrity, and perseverance. They willingly left familiar surroundings, friends, family and home to venture out in strange and unknown lands. Why?

Captain John Taggart, our first-known Taggart forebear, with his wife Barbara McMaha, took up their lives together as early settlers in Peterborough and Sharon in southwestern New Hampshire. John fought in the French and Indian Wars. He and his sons James and John, Jr. took up the fight in the cause of the revolution against England. Why?

Captain John and James were men with apparently little formal schooling. When they bought tracts of land, for example, they affixed their signatures to the contracts by making an “x” which had to be witnessed by two men who could sign their names. Still John and James had attained the military rank of captain and lieutenant respectively. It would appear that they were men with obvious intelligence, courage, leadership, capacity for hard work, good intentions and honor.

Washington (son of James) and wife Susanna Law and their son George Washington and his new bride Harriet Atkins Bruce, once they had embraced the Gospel, left home and loved ones and friends in New Hampshire. That life for them in Nauvoo was to be hard is attested to by the fact that all but George were shortly to lay buried therein unmarked graves. George may have felt like giving up. Why didn’t he? He had baby Eliza Ann to care for. Important as that was, there was more to his motivation as he explained in a letter to Fannie Parks, after was more to his motivation as he explained in a letter to Fannie Parks, after his marriage to her in Nauvoo: “...One thing I’m confident.. that your faith and patience is such that you will not murmur or complain at any hardship that you may have to undergo by reason of any sacrifice that I have or may make for the salvation and the rolling on of the Kingdom of God.”

It had to be difficult for George and Fannie and little Eliza for him to absent himself from them for almost two years while he was helping with the trek westward and serving in the Mormon Battalion. Why after his return and five years of hard work and preparations and the arrival of three more children – Harriet Maria, George Henry, and Charles Wallace – did George and Fannie make that strenuous trek across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley? This example of Family dedications and

sacrifice was emulated about fifty years later when George Henry and Jessie McNiven Taggart, after thirty years of marriage, left all behind to assist in the almost insurmountable task of settling the Big Horn Basin.

The same spirit of pioneering was exemplified when Julia Taggart and William Lewis (in whose honor the town of Lewiston was later named), Alice Taggart and Wesley Bright, and the Taggart brothers Fred and Eulalie Leavitt, James and Valeria Laird, and Mark and Florence Bright assisted in the development of Lewiston, “poverty flat” as it was called because the people had such a hard time making a living. This same spirit was carried on when Noah Albert and Sarah Kingston Taggart pioneered in the development of Star Valley. And how about the two Taggart sisters Eliza Ann and Harriet Maria and their husband George Albert Goodrich who accepted a call to the almost hopeless “Muddy Mission” and who eventually moved to Ashley Valley where they made significant contributions to the development of the Uintah Basin.

There is also Clarissa Taggart, who helped send her husband William Parkinson, to Rush Medical School in Chicago, and afterwards participated with him in pioneering medical practice in Logan and Cache Valley. Charles Wallace and Mary Seaman Taggart pioneered in Richville, Ogden, Salt Lake City, South Weber and in Tilden and Black Pine, Idaho. Henry Milton and Mary Laird Taggart, in the employ of her father Edward Laird, participated in pioneering the development of Southeast (Sugarhouse) Salt Lake City. Jane Taggart and husband George Heiner remained in Morgan where they too helped develop and maintain the family seat, while keeping out the welcome mat to those returning to visit.

From Captain John and wife Barbara down to the latest of these forebears, the uppermost question remains – why? A better life? Material wealth? Doubtful, although that has been added. What then? Wherein found they the courage? Does the answer lie in the higher values they sought and espoused? In the blessings of freedom and independence they sought? Does it lay in their love of country, love of family, love of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

A better life? Yes, indeed! Certainly they sought to improve their lot. They also did it for us! Would they be as proud of us as we are of them?

***This is a new column that will appear in future issues of the *Taggart Family Newsletter*, reprinting some of the many articles that were prepared and gathered by Spencer Laird Taggart (James-Clarissa, 1911-2000) while he was editor of the newsletters from 1980 to 1992. Many treasures of family history were printed in these newsletters for our family members to cherish.**

Important Taggart Events

SHAA Pres Honored for Service

*Cynthia Talbot-Holz,
SLCC Director of Sponsored Projects*



Richard M. Taggart

“On November 18, 2004, Richard Taggart, president of the South High Alumni Association was recognized on the annual Utah Philanthropy Day for his volunteer contributions in the State of Utah. Sponsored by the Utah Nonprofits Association and the Utah Society of Fund Raisers, Utah Philanthropy Day honors extraordinary contributions to charitable organizations. While a number of donors are recognized for their monetary contributions, the largest groups honored are those who devote their time to charity. This award is called the *Hearts and Hands Award*. Dick was nominated by the Salt Lake Community College Development Office.

Dick has been a longtime volunteer for many community organizations and his efforts have greatly impacted the education, economic development, and cultural fabric of the State of Utah. Dick has served his community as a youth leader for his church, scouting leader, little league coach for soccer, basketball, and baseball, and served as a founding member and president of the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir. Under his guidance, the choir was brought to national prominence by performing in over 900 concerts and traveling over 170,000 miles on the professional concert circuit. This “service leadership” focus to his life has caused him to be honored by many, including the South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Utah Chamber of Commerce.

In 1995, Dick was instrumental in founding the South High Alumni Association. As president of that organization, he has had a hand in helping many young people achieve a college education through a scholarship program devoted to the descendents of South High alumni who attend Salt Lake Community College. For the past two years he has also served as president of the Salt Lake Community College Foundation, once again advancing efforts to make a college education available to anyone who wants it but may not be able to afford it. Because of the unique relationship that exists between the College and the Alumni Association, the alumni organization received national recognition at the National Council for Resource Development Convention in 1998.

Salt Lake Community College is very grateful for Dick Taggart’s efforts on behalf of these students and programs at the College, and his participation and leadership with critical College partners like the College Foundation and the South High Alumni Association.

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(Ancestral Note: Richard-Milton-Henry Milton-Clarissa)

From Roselyn Goodrich Jones
(Glenn-Byron-Eliza Ann-Harriet)
June 9, 2004

The following picture is of Roselyn and Rick's children, grandchildren of Glenn & Marilyn Goodrich.



Left to right: Andrew Jones, 19, entering the MTC in preparation for his mission in San Diego; Bremen Leak, 23, returned missionary from the Moscow South Mission, attending BYU; Maggie Leak, 20, completed five years of French and studied for a semester in Paris, now taking a "mission break"; Adreanne Leak, 15, living at home and attending Raytown High in Kansas City, MO.

Roselyn has suggested the compilation of a list of all of the missionaries and missions in our large family and this suggestion will be turned over to our Coordinator for follow up.

From Ray & Julie Wilson
September 9, 2004



Whitney Brewster

Julie reported that Ray's niece, Whitney Brewster (Ray-Joyce-Nettie-George Henry-Fanny), won the Title of Mrs. Alaska 2004-2005. Whitney is the

wife of David Brewster and the mother of a 17-month-old baby. She has many accomplishments to her credit including a Master's degree in Public Administration, and is deputy chief of staff for Lt. Gov. Loren Leman. Whitney, 29, and her family reside in Eagle River, Alaska.

From Lorell E. (Lee) Roberts
July 31, 2004

"Hello Steven, as a grandson of Eliza Ann I still enjoy the newsletters. At 87 I am not able to attend the reunions, but I am glad you still have them. (Note: Lee lives in Bluebell, Utah and has fifteen Goodrich's in his ward as of July 31, 2004.)

Emory Scott (LaRee-Frederick-Clarissa) has the honor of coming the greatest distance to attend our 2004 reunion in Salt Lake City. Emory traveled all the way from Australia to be at our reunion with his mother, LaRee.



Emory Scott and LaRee Taggart Scott

Jane Mills Poll (Rhoda-Charles Wallace-Fanny) was honored at an **80th Birthday Open House**, on Saturday July 10, 2004 in South Weber, Utah.

LaVella Taggart Burt (Henry Milton-Clarissa) was the guest of honor at her **90th Birthday Celebration**, on October 23, 2004 in Salt Lake City.

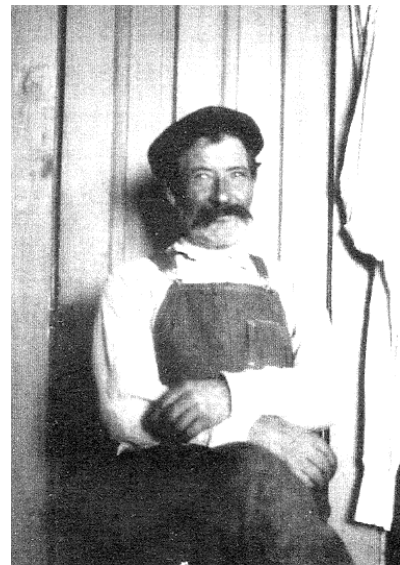
CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

In the Spring 2004 issue of our *Taggart Family Newsletter*, an identification error was made from the information that was available and we wish to set the record straight at this time.

The following pictures are now correctly identified:



George Henry Taggart and Jessie McNiven Taggart



Noah Albert Taggart





Hidden Hill Farm

(William McNee - James Taggart House)



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