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FAMILY FUND

Do you have \$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.

2008 Reunion to be in Cody, WY

AUGUST 8-10

Once every ten years or so the Taggart Reunion is hosted in Cody, Wyoming. You should make every effort to experience this phenomena.

George Washington Taggart's son George Henry and his wife Jessie McNiven were part of the colonization of this region in 1901. It was the last church sponsored colonization. Now the Cody Taggarts open their arms to the family!

The Cody Taggarts have exciting plans for us, starting with registration and a **DINNER** on Friday night at the church, (weather dependant call 307-527-6204 or 307-527-7751 for the final location and updates).

Mmmm! the **FOOD** is going to be fantastic! \$2000 has been contributed in Mac and Lloyd Taggarts' memory for food. Real Taggarts love food!

They would like your help! There will be a GWT **T-Shirt design contest**. The winner of the contest gets **free registration!** **Deadline July 10th!**

Email a copy of your design to:

info@taggartcompany.com If you have artifacts, genealogy, or other "**Taggartiana**" bring it to the reunion. If you have special considerations please give the Codyites a call! And there will be a special **Taggart Choir!** You can download a copy of "*To Those Who Came Before Me*" at www.defordmusic.com/tothosewhocamebeforeme.htm. Click on SATB. Please contact Chris 307-527-6204 if you have a number to put on the musical program.

Friday evening we'll have a **square dance** at **Old Trail Town**. Frommer's review says of Old Trail Town, "Walking the authentically creaky boardwalks here, you'll pass by gray storefronts and clapboard cabins gathered from ghost towns around the region and assembled on the original town site of Cody City, ... which include an 1883 cabin from Kaycee where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid once conspired, and a saloon deco-

rated with bullet holes, ... Also on-site: the relocated graves of a number of Western notables, including John 'Liver-eatin' Johnston, the model for Robert Redford's Jeremiah Johnson." Of special interest for the Taggarts--one of the buildings is **George Henry Taggart's Carpenter shop** and holds his tools.

Saturday will find us enjoying a program at the church. One of the speakers will be Kurt Graham the head of the McCracken Library at the Buffalo Bill Historic Center. He did his master's thesis on the settling of this part of Wyoming. We're also hoping for a lesson on Peterborough, NH by an expert who presented and attended an historic society meeting there last summer! Peterborough and sister-city Sharon are the settlements where GWT was born and his family lived for 32 generations before him.

After the program we'll be fed **LUNCH**. Mmm!

That afternoon you'll have the difficult task of deciding which exciting activities you want to participate in. You could: **1-Visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center (BBHC)** one of the country's supreme cultural attractions—this is a five museum complex. It's third of a million square feet of exhibition space certainly makes it one of America's largest museum complexes (see www.bbhc.org for more!). **2-River Rafting:** There will be two trips on the Shoshone River --one at 1:00 and one at 3:00 pm. According to www.wyomingrivertrips.com/trip1.htm "This trip is the perfect family whitewater adventure as you retrace the tracks of John Colter, Jeremiah Johnson, and Buffalo Bill. Trip highlights include the timeless beauty of the red rock canyon, frequent rapids and narrated history of early Cody pioneers and the Plains Indian culture. Approximate round-trip time from our office: 1 1/2-2 hours." For those with smaller children a suggested activity is the **3-Recreation Center**. The Recreation Center has a nice pool, indoor slide, basketball, raquetball etc. And if you'd like you can take a self-guided tour of Cowley to see George & Jes-

sie's house, their graves, and the RS building that Jessie was instrumental in building. This could also be done before or after the regular reunion!

Saturday Evening there will be a **BARBECUE!** Mmmm!

Then to cap off the evening the **Cody Nite Rodeo**. A section of bleachers will be reserved for the Taggarts! "The Cody Nite Rodeo is the longest running rodeo in the United States, having operated for over 60 years. Many of the nation's greatest cowboys started their rodeo careers in Cody. Bull riding is the big event, ending each rodeo with a guaranteed thriller. Calf roping, team roping, bulldogging, and cowgirls' barrel racing are some of the other favorite events. Kids from the audience can "cowboy up" too, joining in stick horse races and calf scrambles. Kids of all ages will enjoy watching the rodeo clowns at work, both entertaining the crowd and artfully helping to keep the rodeo participants out of harms way" (www.codywyomingnet.com/rodeo/).

Since having our own sacrament meeting is not an option, Chris Taggart has made arrangements to have a **"TAGGART CHOIR"** at the 2nd ward Sacrament Meeting on Sunday at 9:00 am. So, you can be on your way by 10:30 am if you wish or catch a 12:30 pm flight. But, like the Cody website says, "Cody,... will keep you busy for days."

Since Cody is the eastern entrance to Yellowstone Park you might want to extend your Wyoming experience there.

For lodging or camping see the list after the registration sheet on page 15. Note that this is "high season" in Cody and get your reservations quickly! Also of interest is that the Holiday Inn and the Comfort Inn are Taggart owned.

For more information about Cody visit www.codywyomingnet.com, www.codychamber.org/visit-cody.cfm or give your cousins a call at 307-527-6204 or 307-527-7751.

ODE TO CODY

to the tune of "Maria" (MAR-I-AHH)
from the musical Paint Your Wagon
By Julie Taggart Rabe

In August '98 we took a trip,
Up north in Big Wyoming.
To trace our roots and learn Taggart truths,
On that trip we took to Cody!

The Cowley bus tour, couldn't ask for more.
Saw their homes and farms and gr-aves.
The Sidon Canal, 37 miles long,
On the bus tour out to Cowley.

Refrain: George Washington's clan...
We revere that Man!
So we took that trip to Cody.

We saw Prayer Rock*, it was in the way,
Wouldn't let the water flow.
Through the miracle of prayer, the rock was split,
As they dug that ditch to Cowley.

George Henry was a man, with talented hands,
Made guitars, violins and coffins,
His carpenter shop now in Trail Town is.
You can see them all in Cody.

Refrain: George Washington's clan...
We revere that Man!
So we took that trip to Cody.

**See Ensign, Feb. 1980, 23-32 Lavina Fielding Anderson,
"Called to Settle, Called to Build," ("Prayer Rock" is the
third part of the article)*

If you revere that man, George Washington Taggart,
we encourage and invite you to take that trip
to Cody. You'll be glad you did!

Highlighting GWT Children

It is a goal of the newsletter to highlight all of the children of GWT. There are three children that have NOT been highlighted-- Fanny's third child, Charles Wallace TAGGART, Clarissa's first child, Clarissa Marina TAGGART Parkinson and her sixth, Marcus TAGGART. The editor has brief sketches of their lives but desires a greater detail about them. If you are a descendant of one of these good people and would consider writing an article about them please contact the editor.

TAGGARTS HORNPIPE



The music above is found in the book Sliptown, the History of Sharon New Hampshire 1738-1941 by H. Thorn King, Jr. p. 180. The music is the creation of John Adams Taggart (1854-1943). His Great-Great-Grandfather is GWT's grandfather John Taggart. John A. was born 11 years after GWT joined the church and left Sharon. John A. was the fifth generation Taggart to reside in Sharon. and he left a written legacy of songs loved in that county. The music of John Adams Taggart as played by the New Hampshire Fiddler's Union was featured on the DVD "GWT the Salt Lake City Years". From the album notes we learn " 'Taggart's Hornpipe', his own composition, reveals John A.'s prowess as a musician, for no key is dreaded more by fiddlers than Bb." We encourage you to pull out your favorite instrument and see what you can do with this Taggart tune!

ABOUT...

“THE BRETT FAMILY SINGERS”

(Taggarts – through George Washington and Fanny Parks Taggart)
by Karlyn Summerill Frost Brett – GGGranddaughter of G.W. Taggart

Perhaps you have seen them on BYU-TV where they have performed quite regularly for the past several years....OR perhaps you have even seen them on their popular Morning Show: “The Brett Family Show” in Branson, Missouri where they are now in their 10th year of sharing their wonderful talents with their many fans, followers, and those who come to Branson to enjoy the ‘family-quality entertainment’ that Branson has to offer.

The Family consists of:

Thomas George Brett (Tom) – “the Dad”

(named after his grandfather, George Taggart Frost)

Andrea Christensen Brett - “the Mom”

Briahna Brett -- the first-born and only daughter

Brydon Thomas Brett – second-born and first son

Garon Anders Brett – third-born and second son

Their Taggart lineage hails through Tom whose line goes thusly:

1. Parents: Karlyn Summerill Frost Brett...
married to Jerry C Brett (Spokane, Washington)

2. Grandparents (and Karlyn’s parents):
George Taggart Frost and Myrtle Summerill Frost
(Ogden, Utah)

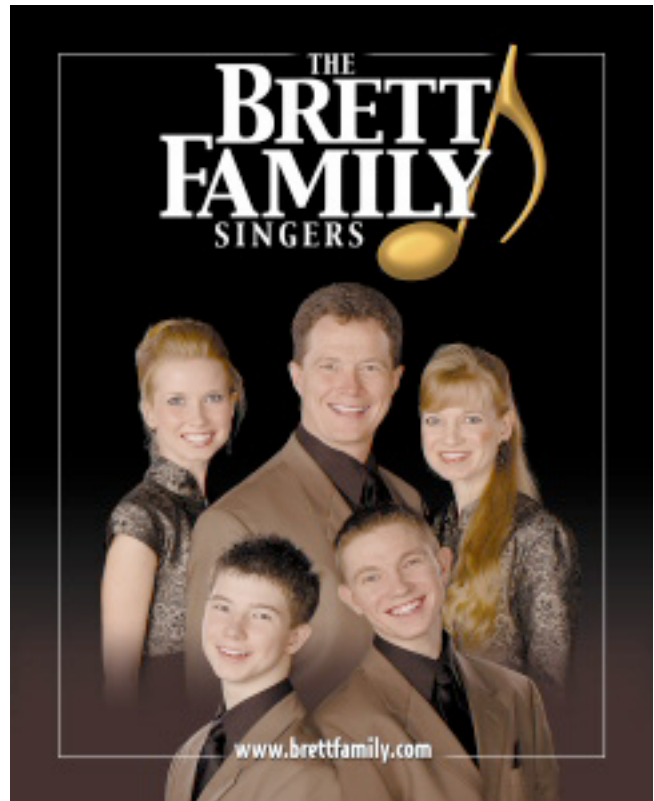
3. Great Grandparents (George Taggart Frost’s
parents): Rebecca Taggart Frost and Orson Peter
Frost – (Cowley, Wyoming)

4. Great-Great Grandparents: George Henry
Taggart and Jesse McNiven Taggart:

5. 3rd Great Grandparents: George Washington Taggart and Fanny Parks Taggart:

Following his mission in Hamburg, Germany, and graduating from Chiropractic College in 1984, Tom set up practice in McKinney, Texas – suburb of Dallas- where he conducted a very successful practice for the next 13 years. Severe herniated discs in his neck then appeared, causing such pain that 2 ½ years of intense therapy was necessary just to be able to function in normal day-to-day movements. He had always wanted to “retire early, and sing his way through life”, and after visiting Branson during a family reunion with Andrea’s family, they determined to sell “lock, stock, and barrel”, move to Branson, and Sing, Sing, Sing...which they have been doing now for the past 9 years.

The entire family is extremely musical. Tom has a beautiful voice that reminds me so much of my Dad’s – George Taggart Frost. (He also has so many mannerisms like Dad’s, and attitudes, feelings as well.) He has been singing since he was born...(Even before! I could feel him “keeping time” with the music while I ‘carried’ him in the womb) and kept perfect pitch from 1 ½ years of age. He is a gorgeous



tenor – like Dad.

Andrea not only has a beautiful voice, too, but is the musical arranger for their group and along with beautiful Briahna designs their wardrobes for the show. She performed with her sisters from a very young age, too. She is the alto in the group.

Briahna graduated from B.Y.U. about a year ago with a degree in Theater, Music, and Dance and is a born performer, really ‘gracing’ the stage with her soprano voice and presence, and like her dad, Tom, has sung since a baby - joining Tom and Andrea in forming a trio at age of 9 – singing all over Texas. She just recently debuted her first CD of Broadway hits.....incredible!! She will be auditioning later this year for next year’s American Idol, so keep an eye out.

Brydon charms everyone with his sunny personality and also was ‘born for the stage’. He served a most successful mission in Portland, Oregon, and is now attending college at Southern Virginia University and playing on the varsity basketball team – after singing for a season with the family in Branson following the return from his mission. He is also ‘the comedian’ of the group.

Garon will graduate high school this spring, is the latest ‘heart throb’ in town...and has really stepped up to the top rung of young performers. He sings a powerful bass in this fun family group. He will be attending B.Y.U. and preparing for his mission, soon...challenging the numbers of this talented group.



Left: Performing for with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir July of 2006 –Pioneer Day Concert

In 2005 they were privileged to be asked to be the Guest Artists with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on “Music and The Spoken Word” – at Christmas time; and again in July of 2006 when they appeared with the Tab Choir in the special July 24th celebration sharing a 30-minute segment of that 2-hour spectacular. On the Sunday following, they once again were blessed to be a part of “Music and The Spoken Word”. A real highlight in

all their experiences was the invitation to present a special private performance at the Christmas brunch for President Hinckley, Pres. Monson, and Pres. Faust and office staff on the Monday following the December, 2005 Tab Choir appearance. Our First Presidency and staff are incredibly gracious, warm, and personable – making you feel like a member of their own family. They treated all of us like royalty. (Yes, I played for the numbers that Briahna sang, so Jerry and I along with Andrea’s father, Wade Christensen, were able to be part of all of this.)

Their most recent musical achievements include 3 ½ weeks this past Christmas time – 2007 – performing multiple times in Triberg, Germany at their big Christmas spectacular presented every year. In February, 2008 (this month...as I write) they will share their voices on the Carnival Glory cruise in the

Western Caribbean. Many of the family will once again ‘go with them’ for music and family time together.

In addition to all this music they share, they remain very involved in Church work. Tom currently is serving once again in the Bishopric – this time as 1st counselor. (In Texas, he served for over 5 years as their Bishop.) Andrea serves with the Young Single Adults as institute teacher and YSA advisor, Choir Director; she serves wherever and whenever asked. She is so capable. The 3 ‘children’ are also extremely active in their individual callings and young adult programs, and each shares such a powerful testimony of our Savior and our Father in Heaven...the most important fact of all.

May I just add that it has been a rare privilege for us to serve as the parents/grandparents of this choice family – and all our children and their families. Each of them in their own domain are fulfilling the promise to George Washington Taggart that “his great talents of music and art would be passed onto his posterity”, and we are so grateful to be a part of this great Taggart Family and for the gift of music in our lives.

Thank you for asking for this brief history.

FROM SPENCER’S DESK...*



Spencer Laird Taggart

George Washington Taggart - A FEW INSIGHTS

By Spencer L. Taggart

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This November 6 (1986), will be the 170th anniversary of George Washington Taggart’s birth. [192nd in 2008!]. In seven years (June 1993), he will have been dead 100 years. He lived 76 years, 7 months. He had three wives: 1) Harriett Atkins Bruce (who died in Nauvoo, Illinois), 2) Fanny Parks, and 3) Clarissa Marina Rogers, the

latter two in a plural marriage. George fathered sixteen children. Thirteen lived to maturity and had children of their own. These thirteen sons and daughters presented him with 116 grandchildren. Ninety-nine lived to maturity and had children of their own. I am one of these 99 grandchildren.

George with his new bride, Harriett, and his parents, Washington and Susannah Law Taggart, and his brother, Oliver, joined the Mormon Church in Peterborough, New Hampshire. In the summer of 1843 they moved to Nauvoo so as to be near the center of the Church. From our family records, it appears that this move was made largely at George’s instigation. If that was the case, it tells us something about his intensity and steadfastness in his new Mormon faith. We have learned much about his character from his letters that have been published in the Newsletter. Let us examine a few highlights.

In a letter (September 6 and 10, 1843 from Nauvoo) to his three brothers who remained in New Hampshire, George’s realism and pragmatism surfaced: “...It is almost impossible for a man here to get a dollar in money for work. for

money is scarce and there is little confidence to be placed in many of the people, and those that have money will not put it in circulation. This perhaps you will wonder at seeing this is called the land of Saints, but let me tell you that the people are not all Saints that profess to be... The most of the people are industrious and honest, but poor. But there is many, as might be supposed, that are not honest, and many that belong to the Church which are not to be depended upon. This I expected before I came here, therefore I am not disappointed.” (Volume IV, Number 1, pp. 5-6)

George’s courage and strength of character were put to a severe test almost as soon as he got to Nauvoo. Within a few months (September 1 and 2, 1843), his brother and father died only a day apart. “I... employ my pen for a few moments thinking that it will be for your satisfaction,” he wrote his brothers, “And it is with peculiar feelings that I sit down to the task. It is hardly necessary for me to make any remarks upon what Mother has written for what she has written is even so. Our Father and our brother Oliver are dead.” (Volume IV, Number 1, p. 5)

On March 5, 1845, less than two years after arriving in Nauvoo, George wrote to his brother Albert: “My wife (Harriett) has ceased to live. She now lies in the grave by the side of Father and Oliver. She died Feb. 19th, after a lingering illness of 6 months. I think my lot has been one of sorrow and tribulation since I came to Nauvoo but I do not feel like complaining for sorrow and perplexity are the common lot of mankind here in this life.” (Volume IV, Number 1, p. 8.)

George’s Mother, Susan, died eight months later (October 31, 1845). He still had little Eliza Ann (a daughter born January 28, 1844 in Nauvoo) to care for. In this he was helped by Fanny Parks whom he married on July 6, 1845.

George remained strong in the Mormon faith and dedicated to its mission--as he expressed it--of “rolling on the Kingdom of God.”

For example, in a letter (September 10, 1843) to his brothers, George commented: “Now concerning public reports and stories that are abroad in the world concerning Joseph Smith and the Mormons, so called, as a people, they are as false [as] the Devil or those that make such stories. I say this as a fact, knowing it to be so.”

He also included in this letter his own candid description of Joseph Smith: “Now something concerning Old Jo, so called. He is a young looking man of his age, which is near thirty eight years [George was nearly twenty seven], and one of the finest looking men there is in the country. And he does not pretend to be a man without failings and follies. He is a man that you could not help liking as a man, setting aside the religious prejudice which the world has raised against him. He is one of the warmest patriots and friends to his country and laws that you ever heard speak on the subject. Neither is he puffed up with his greatness, as many suppose, but on the contrary is familiar with any decent man and is ready to talk upon any subject that any one wishes. And I assure you, it would make you wonder to hear him talk and see the information which comes out of his mouth and it is not in big words either but that which any one can understand.” (Volume IV, Number 1, p. 6)

In a letter (April 2, 1848) to his brothers from the Iowa Territory, after completion of his service in the Mormon Battalion, George further elaborated: “I presume that you will begin, by this time, to wonder how or whether George gets along with his Mormonism. I [assure] you, his faith and confidence in it is as good this day as it ever has been since he first heard it.” (Volume IV, Number 2, p.5)

In a letter, (September 9, 1860), from Salt Lake City to his brother Albert, George added: “I well suppose... that about two and a half years ago you probably expected if you ever heard anything concerning me, it would be that my name was

blotted from the earth, with all the rest of the community to which I belong. But this is not the case. Neither will it ever happen, for Mormonism, so called or the Kingdom of God, is in the ascendant and will continue to be so.” (Volume VI, Number 1, p. 4)

George was also a caring person. He addressed his brothers, for example, as “Beloved Brothers.”

This salutation typifies the tone of his letters to them. His commitment to Fanny and little Eliza Ann as well as his love for them was unconditional. One can imagine his concern, and anguish, when he had to leave them behind in Nauvoo. As a guard for the first company, he had to leave Nauvoo February 17, 1846. Fanny and Eliza Ann would not leave Nauvoo until later that summer, after George’s departure in the Mormon Battalion. Almost two years would pass before they would again take up their lives together.

July 8, 1846, George wrote to Fanny from Mt. Pisgah, explaining his feelings about leaving the next morning to join the Mormon Battalion:

“...You may be assured Fanny it is a great disappointment and a wound to my natural feeling to tear myself, as it were, away from my family that I have not seen for five months, ...but I believe that the God of Israel will order all things right for those that act through a pure desire for the welfare of His Kingdom. This is the motive through which I hope always to act. ...Take good care of Eliza Ann and tell her that her father is sorry to go away.... Tell her to be a good girl and not forget her father. ...I now say goodbye, Fanny and Eliza Ann, and may the lord bless you with life and health and with every necessary blessing and keep you steadfast in the principles of truth and virtue until we meet again. (Volume IV, Number 2, pp. 6-7)

Following his discharge from the Mormon Battalion, George returned (October, 1847) to the body of the Church by way of the Salt Lake Valley, hoping to find Fanny and Eliza Ann there. Not finding them, he set out a few days later, at great peril to his life, for Winter Quarters (near

Council Bluffs) where he was finally reunited with his family December 17, 1847.

Thirteen years later, with obvious pride, George reported in a letter to Albert from Salt Lake City (September 9, 1860) “...I have six children living and one dead. ...My boys are only two (George Henry and Charles Wallace). Eliza Ann (age 16) is quite a large, healthy and good looking girl for a Taggart, and so far, she has been to me a very good girl which is the best recommend of all.” (Volume VI, Number 1, p. 4)

George was patriotic and loved his country. He was proud of his ancestral revolutionary war heritage. In a letter (August 6, 1846) to Fanny from Fort Leavenworth, he gave expression to his deepest feelings: “I feel ...as though I had made as great a sacrifice as I could well make, in that I have forsaken for the time being my possessions and my family. And at the risk of life start for Mexico as a United States soldier with 500 of my brethren in order to show that the blood of my Grandfathers, who fought and bled in the Revolutionary War, and the spirit of liberty and freedom still courses, in the veins of some of their posterity that are called Mormons.” (Volume I, Number 1, p. 6)

George was blessed with an eye for the beautiful.

For example, in his Mormon Battalion Journal, he commented on the landscape they marched through--the prairies, the vegetation or lack thereof, the buffaloes, the mountains, rivers and streams, the towns and villages, the people, including the Indians, and so forth. He did not dwell on the military part of the Battalion’s work.

George’s talents--carpenter, cabinet maker, wheelwright, millwright, builder of grist mills, musician and maker of musical instruments (violins, guitars, fifes), are legendary within the Taggart family.

I have outlined a few of George Washington Taggart’s character traits and values as I have discerned them. I think he comes across as a very

human, capable, and caring man. We are richly blessed to have him as our common ancestor, Because of the commonality of this heritage which binds us together, we are here today in fulfillment of a promise given to him in a patriarchal blessing (January 30, 1844) by Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet: "You shall be blessed in lineage of your posterity, and your name shall be commemorated unto the latest generation."

***This column will reprint some of the many articles that were prepared and gathered by Spencer Laird Taggart (James-Clarissa) 1911-2000) while he was editor of the newsletter from 1980-1992. Many treasures of family history were printed in these newsletters for our family to cherish.**

George Washington Taggart Song

Words by Glenn and Marilyn Goodrich (Glenn-Byron-Eliza Ann-Harriet)

To the tune of "On Top of Old Smokey"

Sung at the 2006 reunion in Bountiful, UT with Glenn on guitar and Marilyn on accordion

George Washington Taggart
A patriot true,
Worked hard for his family,
And also for you

But George was soon drafted,
With patriots all,
The Mormon Battalion,
Must answer the call.

For almost two years,
He trudged on his way,
For four thousand miles,
And so little pay.

He learned of the Gospel,
And knew it was true.
And so he was baptized,
The right thing to do.

For thousands of miles,
They trudged on their way,
Their goal San Diego,
They suffered each day.

Six years in recovery,
His health was restored,
He made a new wagon,
He shaped every board.

And Harriet was ready
And though she was tried
She also was baptized,
And soon was his bride.

So hungry and thirsty,
And tired he did roam,
And never a letter,
Or word from his home.

So little is written,
Of the final trip west,
Of the mills he constructed,
But they were the best.

They started their family,
Were faithful and true,
He helped build the temple,
She died in Nauvoo.

Their mission accomplished,
The victory they won,
But heartache and trial,
Was scarcely begun.

So Harriet had one child,
And Fanny had three,
But Clarissa's one dozen,
Made a big family tree.

And little Eliza,
Was only a babe,
Her crib a wheelbarrow,
While the temple was made.

Arriving in Salt Lake,
They met with despair,
Because in the Valley,
Their families weren't there.

Musician and soldier,
And craftsman supreme,
George Washington Taggart,
Fulfilled every dream.

When George met sweet Fanny,
He gave her a ring.
And she raised Eliza,
A pretty young thing.

So on through Wyoming,
Nebraska and more,
When Eliza saw daddy,
She just wasn't sure.

So here's to our hero,
His children and wives,
We are their descendants,
We honor their lives!

*"The toils We bore
Your ease have wrought,
We sowed in tears,
In joy you reap,
The birthright we so dearly bought
Here guard,
till you with Us shall sleep."*

-Gile Hopkins

given to the editor by Jeanette Taggart Holmes

GWT DESCENDANT WRITES FOR DESERET BOOK

Alisha Ann Geary (Alisha-Ann T. Geary-Blaine-C.Jay- James Henry-George Henry-Fanny) has written a book entitled Hidden Treasures from the Scriptures: The Battle Is Not Yours, It Is the Lord's: The Story of Jehoshaphat.



From Deseret Book's website, "The Hidden Treasure of the Scriptures series brings gems of insight from little-known stories of the scriptures. Many remarkable characters and their experiences found in the standard works are left largely unexamined. Thoughtful authors bring out these jewels and explain how they relate to our lives and give us power in these last days."

Alisha was the first author selected for this series. Alisha is a graduate of Utah State University and teaches writing at the Utah Valley University.

This is a beautiful little book whose 69 pages are packed with spiritual insights. It was just the cure for a sleepless panic brought on by an overwhelming church calling for this newsletter's editor.

Again from Deseret Book's website, "Find inspiration in the little-known story of King Jehoshaphat, who learned that through his obedience and faith the Lord would be by his side to fight his battles. Liken the remarkable story of Jehoshaphat and his faithful people to your own life and find divine power to strengthen you in your personal battles."

On sale at Deseret Book and the BYU Bookstore.

STILL CALLED TO SERVE

BY PETER JAMES MARRELLI

As a boy and a young man, I prepared to serve a full-time proselytizing mission for the Church. Like Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles counseled us, I wanted to be a missionary, not just to go on a mission.¹ But because of my medical challenges, the Missionary Department informed me that it was not in my best interest to face the stress of a full-time mission. Although it would have been easy to become bitter, I had prepared to serve my Savior, and I was prepared to accept His will for me.

My Opportunity

What happened to me is called being honorably excused. That means that Church leaders saw my worthiness and my desire to serve but encouraged me to serve in other ways. Like many others who cannot serve a full-time mission, I felt prompted to do more than just "get on with my life." I wanted to serve, so I did—as a local Church-service missionary. With help from my bishop and stake president, I found a way to serve the Lord while living at home. There was a need at the Church's Audiovisual Department, and since

Even though I was honorably excused from a full-time mission, I was able to serve in a meaningful way.

STILL CALLED TO SERVE

Check out this article by a GWT descendant in the 2008 February New Era. "Still Called to Serve" By Peter James Marrelli (Nancy-Jay B.-C.Jay-James Henry-George Henry-Fanny).

IN MEMORIAM:

NANCY TAGGART MARRELLI (Jay B.-C.Jay- James Henry-George Henry-Fanny) passed away as a result of cancer on Sunday September 2, 2007 at the age of 54. She was educated in Weber county and was a graduate of Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science in English. Her home with 2 sons was made in Bountiful, Utah. Nancy was a dedicated and loving, wife, mother, and friend. She served faithfully in The Church of Jesus Christ of latter Day Saints in numerous callings. Her greatest joy was teaching the gospel to others. She was an example of how to live a Christ-centered life. She is survived by her husband Rod, sons Jonathan and Peter, father Jay B. Taggart and 8 siblings.

LEORA CHILD RICH (Eliza Jane Taggart Child-___Taggart-Clarissa) passed away January 20, 2008 in SLC, Utah at the age of 101. She was born in Fairview, Wyoming in 1906. She was the oldest of 11 children born to Horace Ezra and Eliza Jane Taggart Child. She married in 1925 and had 6 children. Leora's life was a wonderful example of devotion to family and to the church. She worked as Postmaster in her home town for 33 years. She is survived by 5 children, 26 grandchildren, 82 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She was interred in Fairview, Wyoming.

JOHN DOUGLAS (DOUG) WORLEY (Leora-Julia-Clarissa,) was born on September 25, 1951 to Eugene Max and Gwen Keate Worley in Los Angeles, California. He lived his entire life in California. He died in San Rafael on March 5, 2008 from an extremely aggressive form of cancer at age 56. Intelligent and full of life, this "huggy bear" guy overcame a difficult

early life to enjoy exceptionally happy years with his devoted wife, Ty. He loved to cook, the outdoors, adventures traveling, and completed the remodeling of his cherished country farmhouse in the Sebastopol area just before he died.

He was raised in Westwood and Huntington Beach and graduated from Huntington Beach High School -1969, attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and received a BA in Psychology from California State University at Sonoma and a MA from CSU Humboldt in 1983. He worked for the Forest Service in the Mt. Whitney area as a young man and later served as an LD school psychologist in the Danville and Sebastopol areas for 21 years. He was divorced from his first wife, Signe, in 1996. He married his beloved Carolyn (Ty) Kelly in Port Ludlow, Washington on Aug 3, 2001. He will be greatly missed.

WHY WE HAVE A NEWSLETTER

As recorded in the first Spencer Laird Taggart Newsletter in 1980, "the primary purpose of our Newsletter is to help us keep in touch as family. We are hopeful that it will become a family organ for sharing and communicating with one another and for bringing us all closer together. We want all to be accounted for--not one should be lost or left out."

This can only happen with your help. Please let the editor know of news, events and deaths.

Thanks to Viona T. Nelson & Dixie Davis for supplying obituary information. Also thank you Dixie for handling the mailing list, what a huge headache. Thanks also to Alisha Geary and Sussanna Taggart for proof-reading.



TAGGART FAMILY REUNION REGISTRATION

Aug. 8 - 10, 2008 - Cody, Wyoming

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone# _____

Children's Names _____

 Family Genealogy _____

 E.g. Chris-Hal-Grant-George Henry-Fanny

Family Registration Costs:

Early: \$50.00
 After July 10th: \$75.00

Age 80 and over is free, but donations are accepted.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

COST: EVENT:

Free	Fri. 8th Dinner
Free	Fri. 8th Old Trail Town Square Dance
Free	Sat. 9th Lunch
\$13.00	Sat. 9th BBHC Museums
\$ 7.00	Sat. 9th Recreation Center
\$20.00	Sat. 9th River Rafting Trip
Free	Sat. 9th Saturday Night BBQ
\$12.00	Sat. 9th Cody Nite Rodeo

NUMBER INVOLVED:

(Adult 13 & up) (Children 0-12)

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 or if you have any questions or comments

Cody, WY LODGING

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CODY, WY CAMPGROUNDS

<http://www.codychamber.org/business-directory.cfm?search=&cat=Campgrounds>

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www.cody-wy.com/

2001 Highway 14,16 & 20

Cody, 82414

(307) 527-7440

Tents \$20 Full hookup \$30

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Cody, 82414

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Tent Trailer \$42/night full hookup

cabin (6 people) \$62 a night

Gateway Motel & Campground

Category: Campgrounds

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Cody, 82414

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1815 8th Street

Cody, 82414

(307) 587-9203

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and Tent Sites. \$18-\$39+/ night

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