

Livingston Family Association

February 1998

SAVE JULY 11, 1998, FOR THE GATHERING OF THE CLAN.....

This reunion is for everyone - Whether you like to visit, learn, meet your cousins, do genealogy, play games, collect photos, eat, write or hear histories, you should be there.....

Let's take a minute and discuss reunions - past and present. For the past few years we have all greatly enjoyed being entertained and fed and treated to a wonderful activity. Last year it was suggested that we purchase some serious family history equipment. So, in order to learn a more about family history and genealogy, we have made arrangements to meet at the Big Cottonwood Stake Center and use their Family History Library. This facility includes 12 computers and a scanner. We have arranged to have some classes, similar to a *Family History Fair*. The classes we have scheduled are:

1. Introduction to PAF
2. Using the Ancestral File
3. Getting children involved in Family History
4. Writing personal histories

These classes will be held in the morning from 9:15 - 11:15. You will be able to choose two classes. The afternoon will be available to visit, share information, input your own information, pull *stuff* off the Ancestral File or scan photos onto your own disks. There will be something of interest to everyone, from the person with no computer skills or interest, to the very advanced genealogist,

including visiting and other activities. Available also is the ball diamond, lawns for other games and activities, and the covered bowery where lunch will be served. There will also be carnival games and wood crafts for children. At the last reunion many of you had good ideas and some of you even volunteered to help at the next reunion. (Shari Reese, where are you?) We would appreciate any volunteers. Send any suggestions, resources, ideas



Livingston Family Reunion
 July 11, 1998
 S L Big Cottonwood Stake Center
 1750 East Spring Lane
 Salt Lake City, Utah

9:00AM Welcome and Registration

9:15AM - 11:20AM Classes
 **Computer, preserving documents**
 **& Genealogy Classes**
 **Activities, Games**
 **and Wood Crafts for children**

11:30 AM Business Meeting
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 PM Histories by four cousins
1:00 PM-4:00 PM Family History Center open and specialized help available. Bring your pictures and histories to be scanned or copied (you take them back home with you!)

to Carolyn Shackelford, P O Box 521168, Holladay, Utah 84117, phone (801)278-7099, or email: juliepaula@aol.com (attention Carolyn) or Louiserick@aol.com (attention Carolyn). Let her know how you would like to participate in the planning or implementation of this great experiment. We

hope to hear from all of you! Come and rub shoulders with cousins from all over the country. Plan to spend the day and get better acquainted.



FUTURE PLANS:

We are buying a computer for the Livingston Family Association. The main purpose is to have one central access point for all genealogy, histories, pictures, etc. The computer will be used only for Livingston Family Association business and it will be the storage hub for all information we gather. Members will have one place to send information or request information via the Internet or by mail.

We have waited to purchase our computer because of the incorporation status of the Livingston Family Association. This short delay in our plans allows the Association to purchase the computer without paying sales tax. The Board has been surveying and getting prices for the desired make and model of computer equipment we will purchase.

The first project for the Association is to put our Livingston Book on a CD-ROM. A copy of the book will be scanned into the Livingston computer and corrections made, and we want to include updates to the present. **Please forward any corrections or updates (births, deaths, marriages, etc.) to Shaunna Wozab, P O Box 171021, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117-1021.**

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This coming Family Reunion **PLEASE** bring your pictures. We will have a scanner available. This will be set up to scan all types of photos. (Your parents - grandparents, you, your family, etc.) Bring one or several. Look in those drawers, boxes, closets and bring your photos to share with the family. If you do not know, a scanner just takes a picture of your picture. You will then take your original picture back home with you. If you bring a disk, you can also take a copy of the scanned picture or pictures. You can insert these pictures into documents, histories, or whatever.

We will be making assignments to help proof-read the information and make corrections for the new updated book. All volunteers please contact Shaunna Wozab at 278-8519 and we will be happy to put you to work.

Additional future plan for the Association is to have a web page and Internet address for our Livingston Family Association. The web page will provide updates on genealogy and news of upcoming events. Then eventually it will include stories, articles, pictures and "the book".

As with any project, there will be a rather large initial expense. We plan to spend about \$2,000 - \$3,000 the first year and see what we can accomplish with that. Thank you for paying your dues and donating whatever you can to help us with this project. We have been blessed many times before with the means to accomplish a worthy task. It seems whatever we undertake to do, you wonderful people make it possible. We have been blessed with dedicated

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The terms for the first three names on the list will be up at the reunion. If you would like to nominate someone, or have suggestions for the board, please make them known to anyone on the board. We like to have each branch of the family represented, but they do need to live along the Wasatch front, just so they are able to attend meetings. It is a great experience, and not a hard job.

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## A report on last years Livingston Family Reunion - August 23, 1997...

Montell Seely and his family from Castle Dale, Utah, came to the reunion and told of their trek across the plains from Nauvoo to Winter Quarters in 1996, and from Winter Quarters to Salt Lake City in 1997. Their story - "One Handcart to Zion" is a fascinating one. They traveled from Winter Quarters to Salt Lake City in a record 46 days. Montell (63), Mark (22) and Janell (15) walked the entire distance and pulled the handcart. Another daughter LeAnne drove a support vehicle. They built their authentic handcart according to the specifications given by Brigham Young. Their only objective was to honor their ancestors and turn the hearts of the children to their fathers. This objective was reached many times over. Some of the children at the reunion were able to experience pulling the handcart.

**At the reunion...** relatives came from many different places. It was fun to mingle and meet cousins you didn't know you had. Archibald descendants were well represented this year as well as the other brothers, William, James, Charles and sister Isabel. Cousins came from Granada Hills, Covina, LaCanada, and Vista, California; Kemmerer, Wyoming; Pocatello and Idaho Falls, Idaho, and all over Utah. If there were others who didn't get on the list, please let us know! We love you! We



appreciate your support and strength. If you have family members who are not on our mailing list, please send us their names and addresses. We want to keep you all posted on some exciting things about to happen in the Livingston Family Association. We also want to acknowledge financial donations, some



large and some small, that came from cousins who came to the reunion, and some from others who were not able to attend the reunion. These are much appreciated, much needed, and shortly will be put to very good use.

**Good eating...** Janet Feeney, Lowry and Maretta Livingston and Dale and Margaret Livingston have been in charge of the lunch for the reunion for several years and have done an outstanding job. We certainly thank them for their yeoman effort. It was especially fun this year as we had a pioneer lunch in the bowery at This is the Place State Park. Somehow I could visualize our ancestors having that same kind of lunch in that same area many years ago. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful pioneer heritage.

**Board Members...** released with many thanks were Janet Feeney and Brent Livingston. New board members elected were Mary Ann Swalberg and Christine Donaldson along with Enid Cox who was re-elected.

**Research Report ...** LaVonne Van Orden and Donna Bench went the extra mile to verify information on pedigree charts for James, Charles, Archibald, Isabella and William. These charts are accurate and should replace any information you have previously received. If you were not to the reunion and would like to receive a copy of this chart, please send your request. Our sincere thanks to LaVonne and Donna for the many hours and energy expended to accomplish this for all of us.

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## A GRAND OLD HOUSE...

By Nancy Livingston Law

During a trip in August, 1997, to Manti to attend a session at the Manti Temple, my husband and I spent some time looking around the area for Livingston homes and gravestones. We were lucky enough to find this wonderful house that was built by William Dick Livingston in 1900 and is still standing south of Manti on the main road. It sets down off the west side of the road between it and another smaller road which joins south of the home at a V angle. On the east side of the main road is the spring after which the Livingstons named their farm - Crystal Springs. It forms a small pond that contains watercress and moss.

The home is owned now by Guy and Linda Palmer. They were very generous and took us through the house. The upstairs has 4 bedrooms and a smaller room off the east bedroom that has been made into a bathroom. Originally it could have been another small bedroom. A wall in the closet of that bedroom has been removed and era wallpaper is exposed. It has a blue design on a lighter background of perhaps Victorian figures. It reminds me of the rose colored wallpaper that was in the "little bedroom" of my home in Holiaday.

Mrs. Palmer said the story was that William Dick Livingston built this home to show the people of Manti how to build a house. It is a very solid brickwork for both stories with careful attention to detail like the lintels and woodwork. The stone front porch is the oolite limestone that was used in the construction of the Manti Temple. The federalist architecture with the pulled back gables was quite

common in a lot of the better built pioneer homes.

The main entrance to the home is on the west, a small entrance includes the small stairway to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level. The 2 main rooms have sliding wooden doors between them and a fireplace in the parlor area, plus a bay window with stained glass above the main window. Similar stained glass is in the window of the living room and the downstairs bedroom at the northwest. Outside the lintels above the windows are designed rather than straight, with a stepping stone effect to the center of the window. The eaves have filigree at the corners and shingles in the north gable. The woodwork inside has designs on the corners of doors and windows.

The family has begun some restoration in the upstairs. There is also a hanging light fixture over the stairway with colored glass. The main floor was renovated before to lower ceilings but they hope to restore the original decor. A newer kitchen and bathroom are at the east of the main floor.

Some of the outbuildings look original - a wooden shed at the southeast corner and a brick building on the southwest of the property.

William Livingston and Lillias Dick (William Dick Livingston's parents) lived on a farm in Birch Creek (south of Fountain Green on the road to Freedom and Wales). We found what we believe to be the right location, having heard that the Cooks have a turkey farm now on that property. There is a ranch called Birch Creek Ranch at 22350 South West Side Road and a creek by that name near that address.

The cemetery in Fountain Green contains the graves of William and Lillias Dick Livingston. There is a tall headstone with a draped urn on top that sits near the middle of the cemetery. Rasmus and Annie Melander Anderson, the parents of Annie Boletta Anderson, who married W. D. Livingston, are buried at the northwest corner of the cemetery. There is a square red stone marker. Other Livingstons buried there are James C., the oldest brother of William, with several of his family.

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