

# Livingston Family Newsletter



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## **FAMILY** *Reunion* *Back to our Roots*

Friday & Saturday  
June 13 and 14, 2003  
Birch Creek, Utah

Join us for a fun and exciting Family Reunion.

Schedule:

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| Fri | noon  | Arrive and set up camp                               |
|     | on    |  |
|     | 6:00  | Family Dinner (see menu and registration form below) |
|     | 7:30  | Campfire program                                     |
| Sat | 7:30- | Breakfast - provided by the                          |
|     | 9:00  | Organization   |
|     | 9:30  | Field trip: Ft. Green Cemetery                       |
|     | 10:30 | Business Meeting/Children's Activities               |
|     | 11:30 | Walking tour of Birch Creek                          |
|     | 12:30 | Lunch (bring your own)                               |
|     | 1:30  | Depart   |

The Family Dinner Friday night will be catered by a local company and will be an all-you-can-eat Southern BBQ!

- Slow cooked BBQ beef, pork, and chicken
- Potatoes
- Salad
- Home-made Root Beer
- Dessert
- Utensils provided - just send your check and bring your appetite!

Campfire Program will be led by our host, Donley Despain. Join us for a fun evening of stories & folklore. Have you heard the legend of Chief San Pitch? Do you know who carved their initials in a rock? Be sure to join us at the campfire for the answers to these questions.

Breakfast will be a good old fashioned bacon, eggs, pancakes, hashbrowns, juice, etc breakfast prepared by the Board. Come see who can flip those flapjacks the best. It will be served from 7:30 (or earlier if you get up with Ted!) until 9:00 am.

We are really excited about the Fountain Green Cemetery field trip. Come see which of our ancestors may be walking around that day with stories to tell.

We will need to give the caterer an approximate number by June 1. Therefore, we are asking if you are interested in participating in the dinner that you fill out and return the form with your check for the meals no later than May 28. Questions? Contact any of the Board members.

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult meals @ \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children's (age 5-12 yrs) meals @ \$6.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children under 5 are free

Total of check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

make checks payable to Livingston Family Organization

mail to: 1283 Logan Avenue, SLC, UT 84105



The Business Meeting will be a great time to share ideas, elect new board members and give your input. There will be games for the little ones (and not so little ones if you choose).

We will have a Family History Table set up for use during the whole reunion. Bring your histories and pictures to share.

The Walking Tour of Birch Creek will be led by Donley Despain and will include many sites of historical importance to the Livingstons.

Please join us for any or all of these exciting activities. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

\*\*\* It is really important for our planning to have an idea of who will be attending. So, please, let us know. You can call us at 1-801-484-2678; or email us at [lfa\\_board@yahoo.com](mailto:lfa_board@yahoo.com). Also, if you are joining us for dinner on Friday, we need your reservation by May 28. We hope to see a lot of you there.\*\*\*



There will be plenty of camping places at the original family land holdings in Birch Creek (now owned by our cousin, Donley Despain). However, if you aren't a camper, don't let that keep you away. Here are some of the hotel accommodations close by:

#### **Ephraim**

Iron Horse Motel, 435-283-4223 (10 rooms)  
Travel Inn Motel, 435-283-4070 (14 rooms)  
Willow Creek Inn, 435-283-4566 (58 rooms)

#### **Fairview**

Skyline Motel, 435-427-3312 (10 rooms)

#### **Fountain Green**

Country Paradise Motel, 435-528-7521 (4 rooms)  
Gunnison Motel, 435-528-7840 (16 rooms)

#### **Manti**

Manti Country Village Motel, 435-835-9300, 800-452-0787 (23 rooms)

Manti Motel, 435-835-8533 (12 rooms)

Temple View Lodge, 435-835-6663, 888-505-7566 (12 rooms)

The Yardley Inn and Spa, 345-835-1861, 800-858-6634 (8 rooms)

#### **Mt. Pleasant**

Horseshoe Mountain Lodge Motel  
435-462-9330, 800-462-9330 (21 rooms)

#### **Nephi**

Safari Motel, 435-623-1071 (28 rooms)

Best Western Paradise Inn, 435-623-0624 (40 rooms)

Nephi Super 8 Motel, 435-623-0888 (41 rooms)

Roberta's Cove Motor Inn, 435-623-2629, 800-456-6460 (43 rooms)

Starlight Motel, 675 S Main, 435-623-4000 (24 rooms)

Come join us for any or all of the activities. Camping is not required. We'd love to see you!

### Have you seen them?

We are looking for our lost cousins. Do you



know where they are? If you know someone who would like to be on our mailing list, please let us know. Also, we would like to

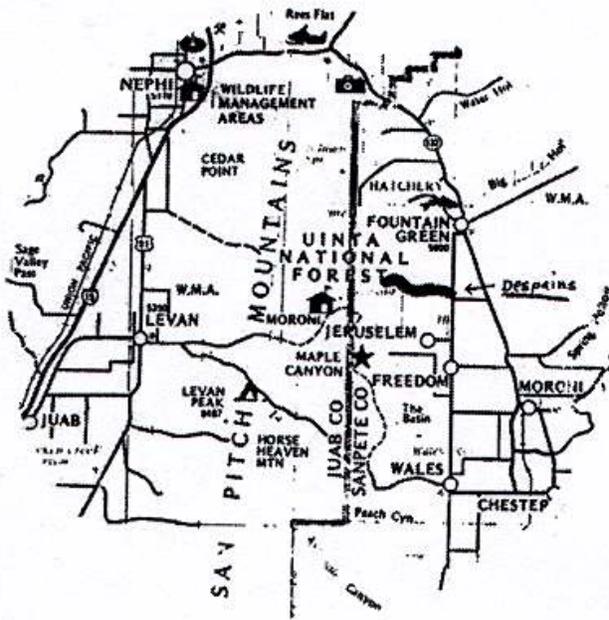
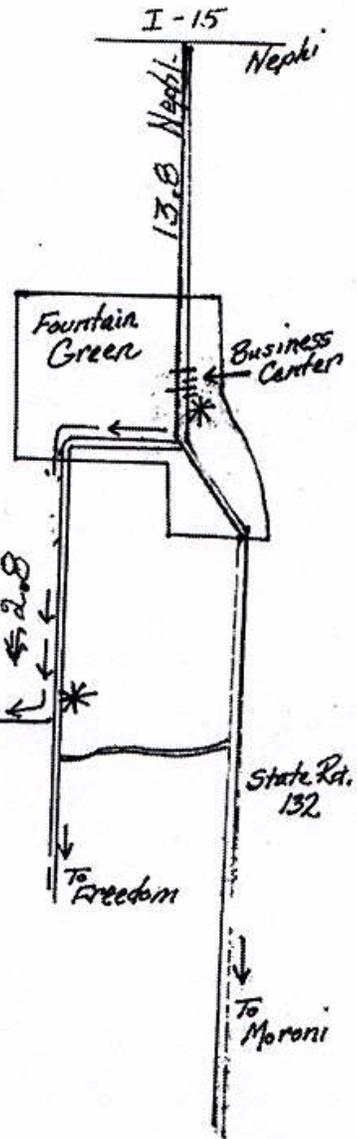
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### Dues are Due!

As you know, we have never had a set amount for dues in our organization. The suggested amount is \$20, but if you can only give \$10, that is fine. Some give more and it is appreciated. Please be generous. Newsletters and reunion costs add up. You can mail it in or bring it to the reunion.

# Directions to Despain Property in Birch Creek

Go South on I-15 to Nephi. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit (to Manti), State Road #132 east through Nephi Canyon to south end of Fountain Green. (13.8 miles on #132). Turn right at "Wales, Maple Canyon (400 South)" sign, go 2.8 miles. Turn right and go .2 mile to site.



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## Memories from a Livingston Reunion in 1974 held in Birch Creek

In 1974 at a Livingston Family Reunion in Birch Creek we gathered at the Despain Ranch where we held a campfire program. Relatives from all over attended and as we became acquainted and introduced our families, some remembered stories about their ancestors and shared them with us. Lillias Livingston Quintana told the following story:

"I will just tell a few things that our Aunt Lill who lived out here in Birch Creek told us. She and father and everybody out here talked so much about Birch Creek. It fascinated me last year to learn for the first time that a whole colony of people came from Salt Lake City to Birch Creek and settled here. My grandfather, William, and his brother James Campbell and their families, plus some other families who came from Scotland to Salt Lake City.

"In my teens I used to ask my Aunt Lill about life here in Birch Creek. She grew up here and her mother who was also my grandmother, had also told her stories. My grandmother, Lillias Dick Livingston had a lot of relatives in Salt Lake. She had met my grandfather, William Livingston when he was working for a lumber company there. She cooked and helped serve meals to the men and this is where they became acquainted. Their families had also known each other in Scotland. After they were married and had either three or four children, one being a little baby, they were called to go to Birch Creek and help settle it. Grandmother dreaded leaving Salt Lake City. She just sobbed and cried. She was sorry to leave her relatives and everybody she knew in the city and come out into this sort of wilderness. Dan Livingston was my father's cousin (son of Charles) and he told my grandmother that it was really best for them to come here, that it was much easier to bring up a family out there. It turned out for the best because they had twelve children who all lived to adulthood.

"When my mother, Lilly May Munk, was being courted by my father, Archibald Dick Livingston, he brought her to Birch Creek and she met his parents. She described my grandfather as a very jolly man who always saw the funny side of life.

"Aunt Lill talked about the parties and how they enjoyed going to the square dances and of the good influence of Willie Dobbie (who you have all heard about) had on them. She mentioned "Uncle Jim" who went back to work in the quarry (that would be James Campbell). He had moved his family down here and then he went back to finish the job on the Salt Lake Temple. He had lost his arm in an accident at the quarrie. She spoke about religion meaning more to her parents than anything.

"This is just a few notes that I took from things she told me. I hope it has been interesting to you."

Lillias Livingston Quintana