

August 6, 1990

In the doctor's office waiting to have my six-month's checkup. The nurse took my blood pressure - said it was almost the same as last time - 120/60.

This morning I gathered a few facts together - one set covering duties of Ward Family History Consultants and the other for some history of the "Take your Ancestor to the Temple" Project which the Stake participated in. Bro. Charles Smith, our Stake High Councilor requested the information on the Ward Family History Consultant today, if possible. I was able to gather the information quite rapidly, since it was on my computer. With a few minor changes, I was able to deliver almost an entire page to Bro. Charles.

Am still working on the history items which Bro. Smith does not need until the end of the year. Neva and I will work on a final draft together for the next few months.

Thursday, April 11, 1991

Slept very sound for nearly 5 hours. The VCR clock showed 4:45 a.m. Tried dozing for a few more winks but decided to get dressed.

Turned on the computer and entered two of Neva's AYCOCK Family Group Records she copied at the Salt Lake Family History Library. Then I entered Packet E in the UDE Extraction Files.

Completed a letter to Thelma (Dansie) Peterson who lives in Sandy, Utah. Asked her to fill in the blanks on her sister Florence's Family Group Record and return it to me. This will bring the Dansie File up to date.

Felt an urgency to finalize the plans for the up-coming "Teaching Smorgusbord" to be held Thursday, 18 Apr 1991 in the Stake Center. Completed list of the equipment, handouts, and what will be put on the bulletin board in our booth area. Our reason for participating with the stake sunday school with this "fair" idea is to expose the teachers to the new stake Family History Project. Also, it will provide us with some ideas, if we ever decide to hold a Family History Fair on our own.

Helped Neva organize more of her "Gentry Line" records that will ultimately take one or two of her lines back to Adam and Eve. Experimented with gedcom for linking all of Neva's records back to Adam. Without the gedcom capability, this would be an almost impossible task.

Had to cancel the Ward Family History Consultants' meeting because only one out of 7 could make it. Decided to hold some one-on-one meetings with the consultants and other committee members. Seems like we can teach more that way.

Retired after watching the news.

Thursday, April 18, 1991

Felt rested and relaxed when I woke up this morning. Started completing last-minute preparations for the Family History display tonight at the Stake Center. Called Sister Hemmert to learn whether she was successful in getting her mother Martina Duffin to record a short-story segment of her life. Sister Hemmert wasn't successful but said we could borrow a tape that Pres. Hemmert made about his mother. We agreed to meet in the Stake Center at 11:00 a.m. to get the equipment set up for the 7 p.m. display.

Printed several charts and signs explaining the stake Family History Organization and Goals for 1991. This materials will be posted on the wall for teachers and others who attend the smorgansbord to learn more about the Family History Program.

Took some equipment and materials to the stake center at 11:00 a.m. Met with some volunteers who helped set up our booth and pin the materials on the wall for viewing. Decided how to set up the tables for using the microfische readers and computers. The area for the video was also planned. Went home for lunch after a successful completion of the booth area.

At 2 p.m. I went to the "Computer Show" store and talked with the representative about how a scanner can be used for entering photos on the computer. The representative made two examples which I will use during the smorgusbord tonight. I feel quite excited about this new way to do personal histories. Although there are some inexpensive ways to reproduce photos as well as expensive ones, I feel it is only a matter

of time when the costs will be substantially reduced and will be used by the majority of computer users. This is a fun and exciting time for me to see all the computer tech advancements.

Went to the smorgusbord at 6:20 p.m. Completed setting up our booth and then waited for viewers to show up. Many teachers came to our booth and wanted to learn more about the Family History Program. Had nice conversations with Pres. Hemmert, Pres. Higley and a couple of Bishops. Hopefully more will show their interest as time goes by. We felt the evening was a success in getting a few new ones interested but there are still lots in our wards who need to learn of the new programs the Church will be sending to the wards sometime in the Fall. Asked Pres. Higley to choose a date for "taking an Ancestor to the Temple" session and he finally called and said to use November 7th. Hopefully this won't bother the "Temple Search" program that will be sent to each ward meeting house computer.

Retired after listening to the news.

Friday, 19 April, 1991

Arose early this morning around 5:30 a.m. Slept soundly for 4 or 5 hours and was quite relaxed while dressing for a new day's beginning.

Continued working on several "Smith and Clark" lines family group records, searching for families who need their temple ordinances completed. I still find one or two deceased relatives with empty spaces in their temple ordinance slots. It means either the work hasn't been recorded or they were still living and could not have the ordinances done. In our next meeting with the Smith, Clark and Anderson family members in Grantsville, most of these problems will be resolved. Hopefully we can hold the meeting sometime next month.

David came from Springville to help me start the sprinklers going. He found a leak in one of the plastic pipes. We picked up some pipe glue at Ernsts. I also bought another light for the computer room. After applying the glue, we found one of the elbow pipes had been damaged and will need replacing. David will try and replace the damaged pipe next Monday. Was a bit frustrated that we couldn't get the sprinklers to work.

Worked some more on Neva's "Adam" disk to adjust some of the files. Have linked her BEAUCHAMP line back to Adam. Although we don't place much value to this linkage, it has been fun trying. It is believed by most history scholars that the King and Queen genealogy lines are "forced" linkages without sufficient documentation. I personally feel until a better explanation is offered by any or all historians, this information will be kept on Neva's lines at least at this time. Our Church has been working on the royal lines for a long time and have not refuted the information they now have.

Heard back from a Gailey cousin Donnell Hansen who lives in Salt Lake. After checking the information she sent, I find we are 3 cousins 1 time removed. She gave me her brother David's address who lives in West Valley City and has a computer with the PAF program. He has been working on the GAILEY line. Will write him a letter and ask for a floppy disk and GEDCOM of the GAILEY lines. Our common ancestor is William (Lewis) GAILEY. There has been questions about name changes

that hopefully David may give me his feelings on the subject. The changing from GAILEY to LEWIS seems rather odd unless there is either a 2nd wife or an adoption involved. We have no positive documentation that either happened.

Wrote a letter to Maria and the grandkids in Germany. Haven't heard yet from Steven about his new assignment and how it will affect his bringing the family home in August. Hopefully it will have a positive one instead of a negative affect.

Saturday, 20 April 1991

Went to the Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting of the first session of our stake conference, starting at 4 p.m. We were given indepth-instructions on how to function with the Melchizedek Priesthood we now hold. Also, instructions were given on how to get started using this priesthood office in conjunction with the new Family History program. Most of the instructions centered around "doing something" which ultimately helps a person to more fully understand his duties.

Neva met me and we attended the next meeting which started at 7 p.m. These instructions primarily were extensions of the previous meeting. We were instructed to get involved in our assignments in the stake and wards, helping us to perfect ourselves and others we serve. I was motivated again in my desire to get every stake member from 8 years up to do "something" about their Family Histories". We have the tools and knowledge to accomplish such a task, but lack the skill in motivating members of the Church to step away from their busy lives for a few moments every day and get started.

Sunday, 21 April 1991

Attended the Sunday session of our Stake Conference. Listened to many talks centered around ways of improving our lives. Our stake leaders were on "dead center" encouraging all of us to get involved in "serving" others as well as ourselves. This Church is designed to involve every baptized member to find service-oriented projects that can strengthen our weaknesses. In turn we help strengthen others in the process. The entire world needs this concept to be taught by the Spirit and prevent Satan from ruining our lives. It is a constant battle to be spiritually awakened and improve our lives from day to day.

Our newspapers and tv's are filled with stories about how our society is degenerating. Very few stories contain how we are progressing. I feel our leaders have been calling it to our attention almost on a weekly basis but sometimes it is difficult to detect any positive progression in our lives despite their pleas. One delightful way I have found to be positive about the situation is to stay close to my family which I try to do.

After receiving a phone call from Bryan telling about his interview with Thiokol this coming Monday in Ogden, we phoned the McLachlans and arranged to visit them until Bryan's flight arrived about 6 p.m.

After attending our stake conference session we stopped for a quick lunch at the Ponderosa then headed out for Salt Lake. We did stop and visit with Dimple and Carl Mellor for a brief time. Learned more details about the marriage of their daughter and the "love boat" trip

they took to the Carribean.

Arrived at Winnie & Jim McLachlans about 2:30 p.m. Winnie gave me a copy of the new PAF update and some other programs. They fed us some delicious sandwiches and then we headed for Lavina's apartment.

Bryan finally arrived. He explained the reason for interviewing for a job at Thiokol. Discussed his feelings about his job at Boeing. Bryan is still young enough to be thinking about his future and how he and Tina will reach their goals. We talked until late in the evening. Lavina seemed much improved healthwise since the last time I saw her. Bryan left for Ogden to stay at a hotel located near Thiokol's administrative offices.

Monday, 21 April 1991

In the morning I helped Lavina prepare some names to be submitted for temple ordinances. We finally ended up with about 75 names. She is keeping busy in other activities as well so we only were able to work on the admissions in the morning.

I went to the Family History Library around 11:45 a.m. Visited with the Denmark Jensens who are one of my home teaching families and are serving as family history missionaries. About the only way I get to visit them is while they are "on the run" to and from their missionary assignment in Salt Lake.

Tried finding new information about any of my ancestors on "Family Search" files but was unsuccessful. Am hoping new additions to the IGI and Ancestral Files will be accomplished soon.

Returned to Lavina's apartment about 1:45 p.m. Waited for Bryan to show up on his way to the airport. He finally arrived but wanted to get a bite to eat before leaving on the plane so we went to the Sizzlers. We talked about his job interview at Thiokol. He listed some advantages and disadvantages. Will await a call from Thiokol to see if they will meet his salary schedule. After eating our meal, Bryan dropped us off at our car and we headed home to Orem. Arrived home about 6:30 p.m.

Seemed good to visit with Bryan and get caught up on what he and Tina have been doing with their lives since working for Boeing.

Sunday, 5 May 1991

Chose not to attend any church meetings today. My ankles started to swell last night coupled with feeling like a flu bug had entered my body.

These feelings always seem to accompany the swelling in my ankles. The doctor described my condition as having a weak liver. Hopefully I can eat proper foods that will help to place it in remission until I leave this span of my life for the next one.

Monday, 6 May 1991

Felt a little rough but managed to get the family letter printed so Neva could get it mailed. We appreciate contributions to the letter that our children and grandchildren make because we know they have to take time out of their busy schedules to make up whatever news they can. This type of communication has helped us all to feel a closer

relationship with one another, despite the many miles that separate the larger part of our family. I enjoy reading every word each one contributes to the family letter.

Wednesday, 15 May 1991

It was a red-letter day for Neva and I. After many frustrating months of battling with lawyers, we finally signed legal documents and accepted a final payment from Mrs. Gates to release to her the Green Grove property which we once owned.

There were many frustrating periods during this past year that even a computer keyboard hasn't enough words to describe what physical and mental stress we were subject to. I came up with a single word that describes our lawyers, attorneys or judges - "confusion". They proved to be masters at generating total confusion in our entire legal system.

Neva and I had to choose the type of celebration for closing this deal after experiencing enough frustrations to last us the rest of our lives.

Tuesday, 21 May 1991

Celebrated and splurged all in one today. Had looked at CD players at Silos the other day. Tried to make up my mind if I wanted a unit that could be split up between our floors. The price seemed more than I thought wise. Looked at other units, but still couldn't make up my mind.

Went with Daryl Stanley to the Regional Stake Center to find out what kind of training our members would receive, if they were called to do data entry on computers. Found out our members would be only working with computer data entry. They would be trained, but I have some doubt that some members who are called may not want to work with computers. We will give them all a chance.

Wednesday, 22 May 1991

Received some bad news today. Danny called and said Becky was in intensive care at the Price hospital. At first she was thought to have had a bad case of kidney infection, but tests were showing differently.

Worried about Becky for most of the day. Danny said he would call tonight after visiting Becky at the hospital. I waited up until midnight but no call. Decided to call him in the morning early.

Thursday, 23 May 1991

Called Danny about 8 a.m. He said Becky was still in intensive care but showed some improvement. Found out she had two different strains of infection in her body, probably due to the flu bug she had experienced some weeks before. I still have infection from my attack of the flu. Once in awhile I can feel some infection in the chords of my

neck which makes me feel dizzy when I get up real quick and walk up the stairs.

Saturday, 25 May 1991

Danny brought their two youngest to stay until Becky can get on her feet again. We will certainly enjoy having our grandchildren with us.

Sunday, 9 Jun 1991

After attending our own ward meetings, Neva, Ray and Margaret and I hurried to Joseph Nelson's missionary farewell. He and his wife have been called to preside over the Santa Rosa California Mission. Joe is my 1st cousin on my Dad's side of the family - Jos's mother and my Dad were brother and sister.

It was reported by Joe's family that one of the unusual events that happened during this farwell was Joe's singing a duet with one of his daughters-in-law. But music almost totally overshadowed talks - a practice I hope to do during my funeral. Joe's grandchildren all did a super job and singing a few hymns and several other musical numbers helped create a very spiritual atmosphere during the entire farewell program.

All of us were glad we took time to attend Joe's farewell.

Tuesday, 20 August 1991

Arose early to prepare for our trip to Brigham City at Bryan and Tina's new home then on to Logan for our grandson Dale Olson's 18th birthday celebration and his ordination as an Elder.

Checked all names of our Kunz relatives who are living in Brigham City and will give them to Bryan so he can contact them about updating their records.

Helped Wendell continue on with his creative writing until we had to leave for Brigham City. Had trouble with my screen on the computer. Hopefully it will return to its normal colors with a blue background instead of brown.

Ate some dinner then headed out for Brigham City. Stopped at the service station on 8th South & State to fill the gas tank. Had trouble with the pump so am not sure how many gallons I put into the tank. Our new Nissan Sentra is supposed to get better gas mileage than the Toyota Carona, but that remains to be seen after a good fuel consumption record is kept for the first 1000 miles.

Our second stop was at Ron Willmore's home. Picked up some empty buckets and pans which we plan to leave at Carl Mellor's catering establishment in Lehi. Stopped at Mellors for a moment to leave all of the pans and buckets which we had previously used for extra food that the Mellors give us from time to time.

Continued on to Brigham City. Our new car seemed to run smoothly and we arrived in Brigham about 2:30 p.m. Found Bryan and Tina's home and visited with Tina until Bryan returned home from his work at Thiokol. Tina showed us around their home. They done a good job at painting the walls and resurfacing the hardwood floors.

When Bryan returned from work we talked some more then headed out for Logan. Bryan drove the car while Mother and I relaxed in the back seat. The drive through Sardine Canyon made me wonder about the beauty of God's handiwork as we saw green mountainsides and beautiful wildflowers dotting the hillsides near the highway. I had never seen this canyon so beautiful before.

In about one-half hour we arrived at the Olsons place in Logan. After talking with Shirley and her family for a few moments and with Blair's parents, under the direction of Stake Pres. Rich, Blair ordained our grandson Dale Olson to the office of Elder. I was elated because it was the first one of my grandsons that I could attend the ordination. My first grandson Michael I was not able to stand in the circle. But I give credit to our Father in Heaven who allowed me to stay alive to attend Dale's ordination.

After the ordination we all sat down to a nice birthday dinner in Dale's honor. The food was excellent and the visiting was super. Couldn't have asked for a better time.

My brother Ray and wife Margaret also was able to attend the celebration. After visiting for awhile we departed for Brigham. Ray followed us and we talked him into staying at Bryan and Tina's all night. They had oodles of room for both all of us.

Wednesday, 21 August, 1991

Ray left early in the morning for his home in Provo. Neva and I stayed and visited with Bryan and Tina until after dinner. We found out more about Bryan's job at Thiokol. He still assists in designing parts similar to he did at Boeing except these parts are for rockets instead of airplanes.

Tina informed us she was pregnet, expecting our 34th grandchild. We were extremely joyful over her exciting news.

We left for Orem after noon and sped along the freeway without incident arriving home in good shape. Our new Nissan Sentra buzzed right along without giving us any problems. Our gasoline mileage hit an all time high of 31 miles per gallon. Hopefully the mileage will hit around 28 during our city driving which we will do more than other types



of traveling.

Sunday, 25 August 1991

Gave a Family History Lesson to the Priest Quorum at the request of their leader Bryant Coombs. This large a group is hard to keep their interest in their genealogy because many parents show little or no interest in their ancestors. A teacher can easily determine which boys have the proper training in their home about the family history program.

We gave them all an opportunity to pass off their genealogy scout merit badge. Three boys had already passed off their badges.

Made appointments in our home for those wishing to continue with the passing off of their merit badge.

Friday, 30 August 1991

Met with Bro. Jim Sauers to find additional ancestors who have not had their temple ordinances performed. He is a convert to the Church so we were able to find a number of his ancestors who need the ordinances done. His wife also is a convert so her ancestors will be many who have not had their ordinances performed.

Thursday, 3 October 1991

Bro. Baird informed me I could pick up a copy of the PowWow Instructor's Packet at the Harmon Center. I arrived at Bro. McClure's office about 9:30 a.m. but found out he was out of the office on other chore assignments. The girl asked me to leave a note so Bro. McClure could drop the kit off at my house on his way home from the office. I was a bit frustrated, sensing the kits probably weren't ready for distribution.

When Bro. McClure dropped off the kit, lots of pertinent material were missing which made me even more frustrated. The only positive feelings I had about the powwow was all my instructors were ready to receive a copy of the kits. I felt they should soon receive them because November 2nd was only a month away.

Sunday, 13 October, 1991

Left for Grantsville about 11:30 a.m. Had Ray drive our car while we discussed items of interest at the meeting to be held at our relative Edward Watson. We arrived at Myrtis Hutchinson's home about 1:30 and visited with her for a few minutes. We drove to Watsons and waited for everyone to show up at the meeting.

Old officers were released and new ones were voted in. Van Anderson brought an interesting organizational chart which we filled in the names of those who were voted upon to head the Anderson Family Organization. I copied the chart and will use it to try and get a Smith

and Clark Family Organization going. I was pleased that most of the Anderson Clan present responded and accepted their assignments.

Left Grantsville about 4 p.m. Stopped at the park and ate a quick lunch before heading for Orem. Had Ray drive again so I could think on the events that happened at the meeting. Was pleased with the results of the meeting and will try and pass on to the Smith and Clarks some of the ideas we learned at this meeting.

Wednesday, 16 October 1991

Talked with Shirley about the floppy discs I gave her. Decided to send her new ones so she could be trained on how to use the PAF program. Copied the PAF information I had and sent her a new set of discs. Hopefully she will be able to use them.

I continually am amazed at the technological progression that computer manufacturers are able to perform almost on a monthly basis. Today I saw a small lap model computer that weighs less than 4 lbs. but has a 40 meg hard drive capable of a faster recovery than any unit I have ever owned. Making up my mind to stay ahead of the voluminous changes that are taking place in the high-tec industry is a constant problem. I have a continual prayer in my heart that I may live long enough to take part in the exciting "Temple Review" Family History Program the Church will ultimately have in all meeting houses. This program is designed to speed up the submission process for determining if our ancestors temple ordinances have or have not been done. I suspect the program will finally filter down into individual homes and become as common as reading scriptures. I hope I can live long enough to see that day arrive.

Friday, 18 October 1991

Met with my POWWOW Instructors this evening. We discussed final plans for the first PowWow session to be held on 2 November at BYU. Everyone seemed excited about their teaching role and in my opinion everyone of the Instructors will do a fine job in helping the scouts pass off their genealogy merit badge. I enjoyed their spirit and desire to do good.

Tuesday, 22 October 1991

Called the temple and made arrangements for a room that holds 90 patrons to accomodate our stake project "Take An Ancestor to the Temple" night on 7 November 1991 at 6 P.M. A rough calculation indicates we will have around 75 members participate that evening. It is hard to get an exact figure because there are so many reasons why the members change their minds the last minute because of one reason or another. For instance I got a call from one member who broke her wrist and will require surgery. She and her son will be unable to get to the temple that particular session.

Thursday, 24 October 1991

Was invited to the Shallenberger's home at 7 p.m. Visited with Joyce Johnson, the new woman Mayor of Orem. Let her know why most of the Carterville residents feel "left out" of the Orem Administration's planning programs. Don't know for sure whether she will help our situation but at least we can try to convince her of our plight. Hopefully she will garner enough votes to be elected in November.

Saturday, 2 November 1991

Held our first POWWOW sessions at the BYU Convention Center. 143 scouts signed the roll. We suspect some forgot to sign it. Bro. McClure said 150 scouts signed up to pass off their genealogy merit badge. We felt some boys got lost and couldn't find the building or the distance between their classes were too far for all to get there on time. Perhaps next Saturday the lost ones will be found.

I felt grateful for the teachers. They tried giving the scouts all the requirements to pass off their genealogy merit badge. As usual some were excited about family history while others thought it was a lot of work. It will be interesting to see how many actual sign their cards when the three sessions are completed.

Next week we will let some of the boys use the computers. Hopefully they will complete their first assignments and be rewarded with using the computer to do other assignments.