The Nelsonian



New Genealogical Newsletter

A new monthly newsletter to connect all of the Nelson Clan

New Biographical Information

In this issue, histories of Andrew Nelson Sr., and his wives are included. We are working to get all of the historical information captured. We plan to distribute new information in each issue. Each of these histories will be available to you on diskette. All you have to do is let us know which history and which format you would like to see. Some new information on the Christian Lorentzen family was recently located and will be coming in a future issue.

Calling all Nelsons!!

We are pretty sure that each of you has information that the others in the family don't have. Please send it on to us and we will add it to the next newsletter.

New Genealogy Finds:

This issue doesn't have any new finds, but stay tuned to this section for new leads and information.

"Bishop" Brent

On January 26th, Brent Edwin Nelson was called as Bishop of the BYU 68th Ward. He was ordained as a high priest by Ted. Ted's children and grandchildren all attended the sacrament meeting where Brent was called. Congratulations, Brent!! Condolences, Julie!!

Where are you??

The last sheet shows all of the addresses that we have for the family. We have sent newsletters to each of them. But you can see that living away from the family for all these years has depleted our listing of addresses. Please help us by sending us missing addresses of family members.

Jessica comes home?!

A surprise phone call announced that Jessica Ann Nelson is finally coming back to Utah in May. Hooray!!

Where are those sheets?

Please send us your group sheets and we will publish them to the group.

Wedding (finally!)



Unless you have been living on Mars for the past few months, you know that Stanley Edwin married Leona Gragg on January 10th. Congratulations!!!!

Who am I?

I was in the Danish army for 20 years. Some of my family thought I was a bit cranky, but I always brought candy to my grandkids. I also brought doll furniture to my grand daughters. Answer next issue.

Who is the Editor?

Jeff and Rose Nelson are the editors of the newsletter. You can reach them at any of the places on the address sheet. (Page three)

Readers Write

Q: What family does this represent?

The Stanley Christian Nelson and Florence Adelia Cary family.

O: What's the deal with the holes in the pages?

We hope that you will keep all of this information in your three ring genealogy binder (HINT, HINT).

How do I send information to you?

See page one for all of the addresses.

Isn't all of the genealogy work done? Didn't Conrad do it all?

We hope that the readers will see that genealogy includes family histories and photographs also.

• I heard that Jeff and Rose have lots of old pictures. When are we going to see them?

We are working to both get them scanned so that you can have them electronically and to get photo quality copies made.

How can I get started with genealogy?

A: Start by collecting everything that you know into one place. Once you have started that process, you are making good progress. Organization is the key to success in genealogy.

Once I have all of my information in one place, what do I do next?

A: Start capturing all of your information either on paper or through a genealogy program. The LDS church publishes one called "Personal Ancestral File" or PAF. This is the format that most Genealogists use, but there are many other programs that will also work just fine. Most of the other programs will read and write PAF files.

There is so much information to type into the computer. Is there a shortcut?

Sure, just ask us for our files and you can use them. One caveat, however, our mistakes will be your mistakes. Check each of the sources for correctness.

Can I get some help getting started on the computer or at the genealogy library?

Sure. Jeff and Rose plan to spend each Wednesday night at the main genealogy library and as many Saturdays as possible. Give us a call and we would be happy to try to answer your questions or to meet you at the library.

Do I need to have a computer to have this information?

Definitely not. Most LDS stake buildings and family history libraries have computers that you can use. The main genealogy library and the Joseph Smith Memorial building also have computers and staff to assist you.

• When will the letter be published?

The letter will be mailed on or about the first of each month. Anything that we receive by the 25th of the month will be in the next issue.

• What was that about diskettes?

We will be happy to send you diskettes of everything that we have. Just drop us a note or call to let us know what formats (IBM only) you need and we will forward them on to you. We are also happy to send the actual PAF files (PAF calls them GEDCOM files) for any individual, family, descendants, ancestors, etc. Just let us know.

How in the world do I know what you have to send?

Pedigree charts and group sheets will be published in this and all future issues. If in doubt, call.

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