



WORKMAN NEWSLETTER

John and Lydia Workman Family Organization

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Message from the President

Hello to all you fine descendants of John and Lydia Workman. I always enjoy sending greetings to you, and I especially enjoy hearing from you and seeing the interesting materials and photographs you furnish for posting to our family web site.

During the month of June, we had a wonderful reunion trip to Nauvoo, Illinois (and surrounding church history sites), hosted by family members Ray and Jeanene Workman Brown. They were wonderful tour guides, and they had interesting and informative discussions at all the stops, and on the bus along the way. They really made the trip fun and worthwhile.

Here is a very brief discussion of what we did:

We flew into St. Louis, MO on Saturday, June 18th, and got a few winks of sleep before boarding our fine bus early on Sunday morning. This bus, and our friendly/helpful driver John would be our constant companions for the next seven days. We visited the Carthage Jail and had a fine tour, furnished by the friendly Senior Missionaries stationed there. We all



enjoyed taking pictures and hearing about the jailer's family, seeing the jail's quarters, and reviewing the sorrowful events of the martyrdom. We then drove to Nauvoo and had an opportunity to attend Sacrament Meeting with one of the local wards. On Monday, those who desired were able to visit the beautiful Nauvoo Temple, and participate in various temple ordinance activities. On Tuesday, we were able to explore all the displays and buildings in Nauvoo and listen to the historical presentations from the missionaries. A few of us, were even able to take the tour offered by the Community of Christ of the Smith family home, the Mansion House, the Red Brick Store, and the family grave sites. The musical and theatrical performances from the LDS missionaries were fun and informative. The helpful missionaries at the Lands and Records office, would help us do research on family plots and farms, and even provided us with a CD containing information found. On Wednesday, day 5 of our trip, we departed Nauvoo and headed for Winter Quarters in Nebraska. On the way, we made a stop at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa, and had a very interesting tour of the area where Workman family members resided after the expulsion from Nauvoo. The tour guide here, a local farmer and landowner named Bob Brown, took us on a wagon ride of the surrounding area and showed us using "witching wires" where various graves, cabins and roadways were situated. We toured the visitor's center at Winter Quarters and listened to the interesting presentations there. The office staff were very helpful in searching their databases for information on Workman family tidbits while they resided in Nebraska. On Friday, day 7 of our tour, we visited Adam-Ondi-Ahman, the interesting Amish community of Jamesport, MO., and Hannibal, MO.,

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the home of Mark Twain. All along the way, we saw evidence of much flooding this year along stretches of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. At Hannibal, we toured the town, painted the Tom Sawyer fence, and took a steamboat ride (with dinner served) on the mighty Mississippi River, where we were treated to a beautiful sunset over the riverbridge. On Saturday, our final day, we headed for St. Louis and were able to catch a glimpse of the St. Louis Temple along the roadway. At the airport, we had to say goodbye to our

new friends and tour-mates, and “wish them well” for the coming days. It was such a great trip, that I’m sorry more of you couldn’t join us.

I hope this message finds you healthy, happy and busy.

Sincerely,

A. Larry Streadbeck



Little Workman Family Mysteries ???

Dear Family Members, some of you may have heard these questions posed in the past, but so far, we have not received any answers to them. Please respond to our Editor if you can answer any of them.

1. Who was the sick little boy that Jacob L. Workman went back on the trail to find, using a horse borrowed from John D. Lee, per John D. Lee’s diary?
2. Why did the two Workman brothers (Samuel and John Butler) get offended in Nauvoo and return to central Illinois to settle with the rest of the Workman and Bilyeu families? Their leaving seemed to happen even after John Butler Workman purchased property in Nauvoo.
3. Where were Jacob L. Workman’s and Abraham Smith Workman’s homes really located in Nauvoo? Were they located down on the flat, on the property purchased by their brother John Butler Workman? Were they located up on the ridge, on what is now the Warsaw road where they purchased property?
4. Who is the “Lamb Dame” or “Dame Lamb” that was buried in the Workman cemetery plot, 12-20-1850, in Salt Lake City? This is the first family plot that was utilized, and so far nobody seems to know who she is.
5. Most opinions are that Fanny Workman, wife of Jacob L. Workman, is buried in Virgin City, Utah, but her son, David Harris Workman’s history says she was buried in SLC, UT. Which is correct?
6. The Eastern Part of the Virgin City, Utah plot plan was laid out in an area that is now occupied by the river. Was the river really quite a ways East in the early days? How many families were forced to relocate as the river “ate the land away”? Where were the Workman plots in the areas washed away?
7. Why was Rebecca Turner living with John W. Patrick (an Insane person) during the 1850 Census? The histories seem to indicate she resided with the Covey family prior to her marriage to Jacob L. Workman.
8. Various histories tell us that Henry Barter Turner (the crippled brother of Rebecca W. Turner Workman) was left behind to fend for himself in Winter Quarters Nebraska, while his orphaned siblings went West with other families. Does anyone know when Henry died, or what happened to him?
9. Other?

Missionary Update

by Ken Workman

While Sue Ann and I are full-time Temple Missionaries in the Santiago Chile Temple, we do have some off time each day. I spend much of that time pursuing family history endeavors. Since we arrived on 1 Oct 2010, the following has been accomplished on the Workman Family History:

1. The Santiago Temple Presidency is very generous in allowing Temple Missionaries to have ordinances performed for their families, something that cannot be done in our home Temple of Boise, even though we are Ordinance Workers in that Temple. The following ordinances have been performed to date for Workmans in the Santiago Temple: Baptisms - 300, Endowments - 513, Sealings to Parents - 474, and Sealings to Spouse - 286. There are many, many more to be done.

2. Two other long term projects: extracting William Wilkerson and his Descendants (c.2008), compiled by Anna Smith Blyton. This book was provided by courtesy of Neil C. Wilkerson. More than half the Wilkersons in this 700 page book are related to the Workman family. The other is extracting information from a GEDCOM provided by Les and Margaret Workman. There are 22,000 Workmans on this file to merge with our PAF. These two projects will take two or three years to complete.

3. Another long term project is completing the ordinance fields in our Personal Ancestral File. There were thousands that had submitted dates, or the words "submitted", "completed", "in progress", "pre-1970", "cleared", or "reserved" in the date fields. I have looked up the actual ordinance dates in New Family Search for all but those with "pre-1970" and "cleared" in the date fields. That leaves about 1000 more to research for actual dates. And then there are the thousands with no data at all in the ordinance fields, meaning the Temple work needs to be done, or the Temple work has been done and the ordinance dates need to be researched in New Family Search.

4. Another side benefit to our mission have been numerous cousins we've met. Sisters Ewing and Leavitt currently serve in the Santiago East Mission and have Workman ancestors. Two of our Temple Missionaries, Michael and Lenore Thomson Cahoon hail from Lethbridge, Alberta where many Workmans also live. While we are not related to Elder and Sister Cahoon, each has a relative who married a Workman. Thus, the Workmans and Cahoons are both related to the children of those couples. It's still a small Church and a very large family.

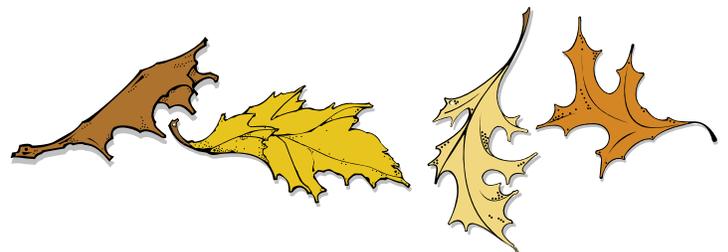


5. As I write this article, I am reminded that the funeral of Petty Officer First Class Jason Ray Workman, USN, of SEAL Team 6, is being conducted in Blanding, Utah today. PO Workman is a Workman cousin, brother warrior, and returned missionary. God bless him, his family, and our great nation. If any of you know exactly how this Workman family ties into the extended family please share this information with me. I continue to maintain current life events in our PAF as I become aware of them. Thanks to Les and Margaret Workman in Washington for sending me obituaries and to Gloria Workman Barfuss and Naomi Lagasse for the volumes of data they continue to send me.

6. Even in Chile, I am contacted by individuals wanting copies of our PAF. Most promise family data in return, and some actually provide it. It is quickly added to our PAF, so our file continues to grow. We have 92,500 Workmans and related individuals in our PAF now. I know there are lots more to go. Please send copies of any info. you get to me. By the way, I happen to know that there are members of the Board of Directors who have children and grandchildren who are not in our PAF. (Larry, how many grandchildren do you and Norma have?) How about some help in keeping our data current, please?

Our love and best wishes to all our Workman cousins.

Elder y Hermana Workman (Ken & Sue Ann)
Templo de Santiago Chile



Barter Cemetery Research, 2010

by Joseph Buchanan (husband of Shauna Workman Buchanan)

In a recent trip to Maine to visit family, Shauna and I decided to look up any possible cemeteries related to her Turner/Barter/Hupper ancestry. Rebecca Willard Turner was the third wife of Jacob Lindsay Workman and had come to Nauvoo from Maine as a young girl with her family. Her mother and father joined the church in Maine and moved to Nauvoo with their family where both parents, Nathaniel Turner and Betsey Barter Turner died leaving the children as orphans. The place where the Turner and Barter families lived at the time was an area called Saint George.

Saint George is the name of the area on a peninsula of land about 80 miles northeast of Portland. In searching findagrave.com, I found some Barters listed in the Seaside Cemetery near Tenant's Harbor on the peninsula. We set out one day to visit the Seaside Cemetery and see what we could find. On October 18, 2010 we visited the cemetery and found a number of stones with Barter names.

I recorded all that I could read and took pictures of the stones, wrote down what information I could and saved GPS coordinates of them all. Then we went on to visit other parts of the peninsula, including seeing Hupper Island off the tip of the peninsula. We found a number of place names that included Turner, Barter and Hupper.

While on the trip, I did not have much time to process the information I gleaned from the cemetery, but worked on that when I returned home to Utah. During that process, I also looked up to see what was known about those families we found in the Seaside Cemetery. To my surprise, the only information for the most part for these families comes from the census records. Because of the lack of information during the 10 year



time-lapse between census records, a significant amount of information was not known about these families. One family in particular, the Henry Barter family, had missing and incorrect information recorded in church family history records. The most significant is the fact that Henry's wife Eunice died and he remarried and had more children. In the records, it showed Eunice, the first wife, but all of her children as belonging to Henry and his second wife, Mary. All children sealed were sealed to him and his second wife.

Also, in the process of researching what other records are available, I discovered that a book has been recently published where a few people have done extensive work in recording cemetery gravestone inscriptions of the St. George, Maine area, including the stones I found. This book was published in 2009 and a copy is in the LDS family history center in downtown Salt Lake City. Between our on-site research and finding information in this book, we found a fair amount of detail for the Barter families, especially Henry Teal Barter and his family. Note that Henry T. Barter is the younger brother of Betsey Barter Turner, so his children are first cousins to our Rebecca Willard Turner. The other Barters found here are also cousins or second cousins.

More details of this work and a picture are found on the page of the Workman Family web site:

http://www.workmanfamily.org/charts/families/Turner_Barter/BarterCemeteryResearch2010.html





Front row: Joshua Stewart, Ashley Stewart, Alyssa Stewart (slightly forward of everyone), Amy Bell, Sue Bell, Lyn Williams (slightly behind), Sheila Kingston, Linda Stewart, Jeanene Brown, Roxanne Workman, Marci Ramsey

Back row: Caleb Stewart, Kara Stewart, Austin Stewart, Jess Stewart, Sherri Gentry, Ray Brown, Bruce Workman (in front of Ann), Ann Bubert, Larry Streadbeck

Reunion Experiences

by Roxanne Workman

I think my favorite part of the trip was walking along the Trail of Hope and reading about what our ancestors and the early saints experienced, how they felt, and that even though it was difficult, how they continued to look ahead with hope, knowing that they would be able to live the gospel in peace.

As I continued walking along, I felt much sadness because the saints had to make that journey -- to see the freezing river ahead of them and the frozen ground on the other side and to look back at the beautiful city they worked so hard to build. At the same time, I also felt happiness knowing that they had testimonies of the gospel and the conviction to follow Heavenly Father and the Prophet so the church could grow to what it is today.

by Linda Stewart

My husband and I have previously visited most of the places we enjoyed on our June 2011 Workman family/ church history tour. This trip, however, was most special for many reasons (the following not being inclusive). 1) We were able to share the experience with one son, his wife and four children ranging in age from 10 to 15, along with several siblings and other family members. 2) Places and times became more personal as we learned of our family involvement in the church and its move westward. 3) We enjoyed the expanded tour at Mt. Pisgah, previously only seeing it as a marker. But this time we learned about the size of the community and the suffering of our own family members there. 4) Experiencing the different points of view of the Gospel through the eyes of other congregations (churches) who all had their beginnings with the restoration through the Prophet Joseph Smith has strengthened my testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel as found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and led by His living prophet, Thomas S. Monson.

by Sue Bell

I am not a traveler so to be able to participate in the Workman Family and Church History Tour was more than I can tell. Most of it is engraved on my heart.

Being with my two daughters and some extended family was so wonderful; each person added to my experience. As I read back over my journal, I am able to feel once again some of the wonderful things we experienced. Starting off with a modern day miracle! I know the Lord is mindful of us and I felt He truly wanted our family to be together. Because of difficulties, on two separate planes, the 'Lord worked in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.' We were all eventually together so that we could partake of experiences of the past which included our ancestors. We were truly blessed beginning with the first day.

Each day opened new avenues of experiences about our ancestors and the saints. I loved hearing stories and singing the songs along the way so that we had a better understanding of what the people went through for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To pin point what I liked best, well, for sure being with my family and then the experience of being in the Nauvoo Temple. It was sooo beautiful with its rich vibrant colors and the peace that attended us as we were able to perform ordinances, it was incredible. We were able to go through an endowment session and also do baptisms for the dead. It was wonderful.

I loved the opportunity of visiting so many places that I have only read or heard about; some were very sobbing to think of what the saints (some of our ancestors) had to bear. I enjoyed so much learning what they did so that I can have the gospel in my life.

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Every day was filled with wonderful things to see, do and experience and I so much enjoyed being with my family; it made things so much fun and brought us much closer together. I really consider this an experience of a life time and am so glad I was able to be a part of it. My girls express how wonderful everything was for them, too.

Thanks to Jeanene and Ray for all they did to make this affordable and possible for myself and my girls; we would love to participate in another FAMILY experience.

Membership

by Ann Bubert, Treasurer

Thank you for your past support of the John and Lydia Workman Family Organization. Membership donations support the Organization's administrative costs, website maintenance, reunion expenses, and preservation of materials (scanning, copying and maintenance of genealogical information for the Organization).

The Organization's fiscal year runs from September 1 through the following August 31st. It is time again to renew memberships in the Organization for the 2011--2012 fiscal year. A Voting Membership in the Organization is only \$25, and is tax-deductible. Your membership donation will help provide for the Organization's expenses listed above, and will help the Board continue the good work of the Organization into the future.

The Organization also maintains a headstone donation fund. The headstone fund is used to preserve and/or replace damaged or missing headstones for Workman family progenitors. For example, in the recent past the Organization purchased and installed a headstone for Fannie Workman, a wife of Jacob Lindsay Workman, in Virgin, Utah. Donations to the headstone fund are also tax-deductible, and are welcome in any amount.

Membership renewal letters will be sent out soon to past members, and the Organization looks forward to receiving your continued support. We also welcome and encourage new members to join at any time!

If you have any questions regarding renewal or membership in the Organization, please feel free to contact me.

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