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JOHN HARDISON REDD AND ELIZABETH HANCOCK FAMILY ORGANIZATION

1936 Family Reunion

Redds gather at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City, Utah

By Amasa Mason Redd

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. It could also be said that a picture without words is worthless. Fortunately, this photograph, taken in Liberty Park on July1, 1936, is not worthless because we do have a few words (names) to go with it. Wouldn't it be priceless with words and stories to match every image? Do you know these people? Can you provide a few more names and stories? Even better, were you there? If not, where were you on July 1, 1936? When I saw that I was not there, nor were any of my immediate family I quickly did the math and determined I would have been four years old. Why were we not there? I don't know for sure, but I suspect the birth of my brother, Jay Whitney Redd, on June 22, 1936 may have had something to do with it. *(Continued on page 5)*

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Raising Great Kids

By Jacque Rich Evans and Fay Chadwick Rich

The family ... would gather around their fireplace and crack and enjoy the tiny little pine nuts they gathered.

Many great people have come out of the Lemuel Hardison Redd family: Marion G. Romney, Bruce R. McConkie and Fred Adams are quite well known. Why is it so? They were strong people to begin with and in the evenings the family of 24 children would gather around their fireplace and crack and enjoy the tiny little pine nuts they gathered. In this atmosphere a friendly family spirit was at its best. Secure from the dark, storm and cold, having worked hard all day, this family held many lovely homey evenings. They told stories and adventures. Young and old participated. Memories of these evenings helped them accomplish great things. They were taught their parent's and grandparent's values and told that they "owe these noble pioneers a debt of gratitude that can be paid only by our best efforts to live up to the ideals that they set for us." Mother Keziah Jane Butler Redd sincerely wanted each daughter to get enough education to become a teacher. On her death bed the youngest promised they would continue their education even though it meant moving to Cedar City and working their way through the Normal Academy. Learning stories of extended family helps kids have values and courage and the desire to do something good with their lives. Never underestimate the influence you have on your own family – there is great power there.

Redds lead LDS Worldwide Primary

By Jan Garbett

Cheryl Lunt,

General Primary President

Echoing the Redd contribution to the administration of the Church in the Marion G Romney Bruce R. McConkie era Cheryl Lunt and Margaret Lifferth serve in the General Primary Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Both are descendents of George Romney and Teressa Artemesia Redd (known as Artemesia).

"The last George Romney and Artemesia Redd family reunion was about two years ago" reports Margaret Lifferth. Margaret, a granddaughter of Artemesia Redd, said there are many artists in the family and so as part of the reunion many brought works that were put on display. Another interesting item generated from the reunion was a collection of faith promoting stories written in a simple format for children with original illustrations.

I wondered if these two have always maintained contact. Margaret explained "we both grew up in Provo. Cheryl's father Verl owned the well known Clark's clothing store and my father Albert Swenson taught chemistry at BYU. We renewed our acquaintance when we were both called to the Primary general board under Colleen Menlove." Last October in the LDS Sunday morning general conference session Margaret spoke on "Beholding Your Little Ones." In her talk she said "We know that nothing can replace a righteous family in the life of a child. But in today's world, children will need not only a devoted mother and father, but they will need each of us to protect, teach and love them." When asked what role the extended family plays for the well being of the children she referred to the role of grandparents and faithful ancestors. "It is important that we gather the family and tell the faith promoting stories of our ancestors." Margaret will do just that this Memorial Day . She and her husband meet family members at the cemetery where they gather at family graves and share inspiring stories from their ancestor's lives. "it gives

Margaret Lifferth
1st Counselor
General Primary Presidency

vision to the children of a protective circle of family available to them and vision to carry on in the faith those people gave to them."

With Cheryl and Margaret heading a worldwide primary those stories of faith do not stop with just their family. The lessons learned and the people they have become communicate the faith of Sariah Chamberlain and Lemuel Hardison Redd's daughter Teressa Artemesia out in ever expanding circles to a posterity like Abraham & Sariah of old-as the sands of the sea. And in that all nations are being blessed.

Seeking Pioneer Cemetery Sleuths

Janene Baadsgaard needs cemetery sleuths to discover who is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery at the south end of 1400 east. Baadsgaard was appointed head of a Daughters of Utah Pioneers committee to discover all who are interred there. At this point a monument on the site lists some names, but the list ends with the notation "and about 35 others." Baadsgaard said, "if my ancestor is there, I want his or her name on that plaque." The vague notation is a result of missing grave markers and loss of family connection to burials in that hallowed ground. When the marker was built and dedicated, the names inscribed on the plaque could be verified. Other interments could not be verified by name. The Cemetery fell into disrepair many years ago. Eye witnesses claim to have seen headstones sliding down the hill toward the Spanish Fork River. All the grave markers are long gone. Many of the earliest citizens of Spanish Fork/Gopher Town left no written evidence of their passing. Baadsgaard, whose official title is Chairwoman of Pioneer Cemetery Preservation and Beautification Committee, is looking for families with records of someone who was buried between 1851 and 1866. She emphasized the importance of family journals and personal histories in this project. Local lore says the old cemetery interments were moved and re-interred into the new cemetery. The sextant told Baadsgaard that only a couple moves were made. The rest of the earliest residents of this town lie on a bluff overlooking the Spanish Fork River, unknown and unmarked.

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Lila VanDenBerghe, Jan Garbett and Verena Hatch visit John Hardison Redd's grave in the Spanish Fork Pioneer Cemetery.

Mollie's Grandson

In our last issue we ran the story of discovering Mollie Pruden Redd's identity from an old 1800s photograph. This is part II of that discovery - her descendents in Suffolk, Virginia.

By Ann Christensen

We ventured past cotton fields, peanut farms, swamps and mossy woods to find John H. Redd's house, delightfully situated in former Nansemond County, Virginia. Mrs. Redd greeted us on the front porch that creaked with an old hanging chair and chipping paint, and her hands rested on her hips as though they were more accustomed to that position than any other. It was a friendly welcome but a full five minutes passed before we were able to understand a word of the thick southern accent. Mr. Redd's house is covered in trinkets, aging photographs and yellowing furniture. It smells of the history of a long, hard life farming. Mr. and Mrs. Redd are pleased with their work and with their way of life. John is known as the hardest worker in town. He still tends to his farm and keeps an immaculate garden. At 86 years old he has survived a stroke and is battling skin cancer but speaks with a quiet happiness and endearing smile.

"Are you from town?" He asked me. Confused, I answered that my mother and I were simply visiting DC and had driven down from there. He insisted, "Are from town?" At a loss, I repeated myself until he stopped me, "I mean, are you from the town or the country." "Well, I'm from the suburb," adding, "it's not quite the city but the houses are all very close to each other." His eyes lit up and he responded in his thick accent, "I know just what you mean." He explained that only a few years before, he had known every neighbor ten miles up and down the road but so many people were moving in, he didn't "know nobody no more." I smiled and laughed silently at myself for thinking this was about as rural as anywhere in America I had ever been.

John's daughter eventually joined us, having cut short her visit to North Carolina to meet us. Her keen interest and love for her family history witnessed itself in her stories. The visit climaxed with taking Mr. Redd's DNA sample after a tour of the family picture albums.

NOTE: The Redd family is actively soliciting DNA samples from unrelated Redds, Reid, Red, Reads and other derivations on the Redd surname. Samples are taken by simply swabbing the inside of the mouth with a cotton device which is then processed by Family Tree DNA. If you know of a potential donor please contact Jan Garbett at garbettjan@hotmail.com

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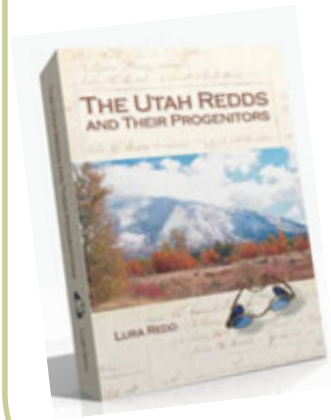

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Redd Family Organization newly appointed Vice President

Lloyd H. Redd was born 6 June 1926 in Blanding, Utah to Lemuel Burton Redd and Cynthia Irene Hatch. Lemuel Burton Redd is a son of Lemuel Hardison Redd Sr. and Sariah Louisa Chamberlain. Lloyd fought in World War II Infantry combat in the Philippines Luzon campaign. He served in the East Central and Central Atlantic States mission from 1947-49 and received a B.S. degree from BYU in 1952. Lloyd married Shirley Roberts in the Manti Temple. They have 5 children, 18 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Lloyd has worked as a store and regional manager and president for Tandy Leather Company in Omaha, Nebraska and Fort Worth, Texas.

He has served as a Branch President, Bishop, High Councilor and Stake President. Lloyd and Shirley completed a proselyting mission to the Chicago North Mission from 2001-2003.

Serving in the Redd Family presidency with Lloyd are John VanDenBerghe and Jan Garbett, both grandchildren of Pauline Redd, daughter of William Alexander Redd and Mary Verena Bryner. President John VanDenBerghe lives in Riverton and is an endodontist practicing in Sandy City, Utah. Jan is a homemaker and avid Redd family fan.

Pauline Redd meets her uncle Lemuel Burton "Burt" Redd in front of the LDS church while both were serving missions in Mexico. Descendants of Pauline and Lemuel head the Redd Family Organization.

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I am deeply grateful for the unknown photographer who took this wonderful photograph and the committee that organized the reunion—Ulrich R. Bryner, chairman, Marian Redd, Vivian Redd McConkie, Marion G. Romney, Lura Redd, Adele Adams Matheson and Amy Redd Snow. None of these illustrious individuals are still among the living. In fact, many of those pictured are now deceased. Of the younger individuals in the photo many may still be alive, and they share the distinction of being difficult to identify.

How this photograph came to be in my possession may be of interest. A number of weeks ago I got a call from John Bryner whom I had met in my daughter's ward in San Diego a few years ago. He is the son of Ulrich R. Bryner. John told me about the photograph and wondered if I would help him identify our relatives. I told him it would please me very much to help. We met in a most unlikely place; a story for another time. John gave me the photograph with names he and others had compiled. It was entirely new to me—I had never seen it before.

Since receiving the picture I have visited and gotten better acquainted with several family members including Karen R. Redd, Jan Garbett, Lila Burt VanDenBerghe, Alene Redd McDonald, George and Joanne Romney, Lyman Shurtliff and Merne Laycock Livingstone. Karen accompanied me on some of the visits. I have conferred with all of my siblings. Together we have added a few names to those on the list. Each new person identified provided me deep satisfaction. Even more exciting than the names were the stories Karen and I learned as we visited with family members—so stimulating and interesting that when I announced we needed to go to Canada to interview Merne, Karen was ready to go that very day. Fortunately I learned that we could find Merne Laycock Livingstone in Provo, at her son, Donald's home. Karen and I still want to go to Canada, Mexico or where ever to hear more interesting and inspiring family stories. It goes without saying these stories need to be recorded in some way. Karen and I intend to visit Alene Redd McDonald in Bountiful again to refresh our memories of several stories she told us including one about her mother, Myrtle Porter Redd. Myrtle is the woman in the very center of the photograph wearing a dark dress with white flowers at her neck. Her daughter, Ruth, sitting above her, has her left hand on her shoulder. To Ruth's right is her sister, Alene Redd McDonald. To Myrtle's right are her daughters, Lola and Garda Redd. We have not been able to locate Myrtle's only son, Herbert Joy Redd in the photo. He must be there somewhere. He was seven years old.

In 1936 Myrtle Porter Redd had been a widow for eight years. Her husband was my father's half brother. His death in 1928 is another story for another time. Before the birth of Ruth and Herbert Joy the family was living seven miles east of Monticello, Utah. Myrtle's brother working in Monticello was prompted to check on her perhaps because he knew her husband, Herbert was not at home. He found her to be very ill; so ill he hardly dared move her to Monticello let alone transport her over rough roads to the nearest hospital in Moab. She, apparently, had peritonitis from a ruptured ectopic pregnancy. He took her to my father's home and gathered whatever help he could find including a woman in a “starched white dress.” They put her on my parent's kitchen table and someone made an incision in her distended abdomen, which released copious quantities of purulent liquid spraying everyone in the room. My grandfather, Lemuel Hardison Redd, Jr. attended her during the whole night following the incision and drainage procedure. He held her hand and when she "died," which she did several times that night he would say to her, "Myrtle, come back, come back" and she did come back each time. Not only did she miraculously survive but gave birth to two additional children following this illness.

I don't know why my grandfather was in Monticello because he lived in Blanding. And, I had never heard the story before, neither had my oldest sister, Imogene (Jimmie) Hess. After hearing the story Karen and I came home and checked the dates and places in an attempt to verify if it could possibly be true. We learned my father returned from a mission the end of June 1922 and my grandfather died June 1923. We concluded that it was indeed possible for this event to have occurred sometime between June 1922 and June 1923. During this year my parents lived in a home they rented from Aunt Emma Woods for $16 per month. We wondered if this event could have taken place at a different home like the home of Lemuel Hardison Redd, III, Herbert’s full brother, who bought the new J.B. Decker home in Monticello in 1920. I called his youngest son, Howard and after telling him the story I asked if it could have been his father’s home. He didn’t know but said me he would ask his sister, Bessie. He also said he believed the story because he had had a similar experience in being called back from the dead following a heart operation. Myrtle provided the clinching verification for the experience in a poem written at my father’s request in 1966 to be included in grandfather’s biography published in 1967. Karen found this tribute as she searched for dates and places.

This is just one precious story to go with a name and an image. I have others. Do you have others, to go with this photograph? If you do please let me know. *Contact the author at 801.277.0104 or at amredd@comcast.net*

President L.H. Redd As I Knew

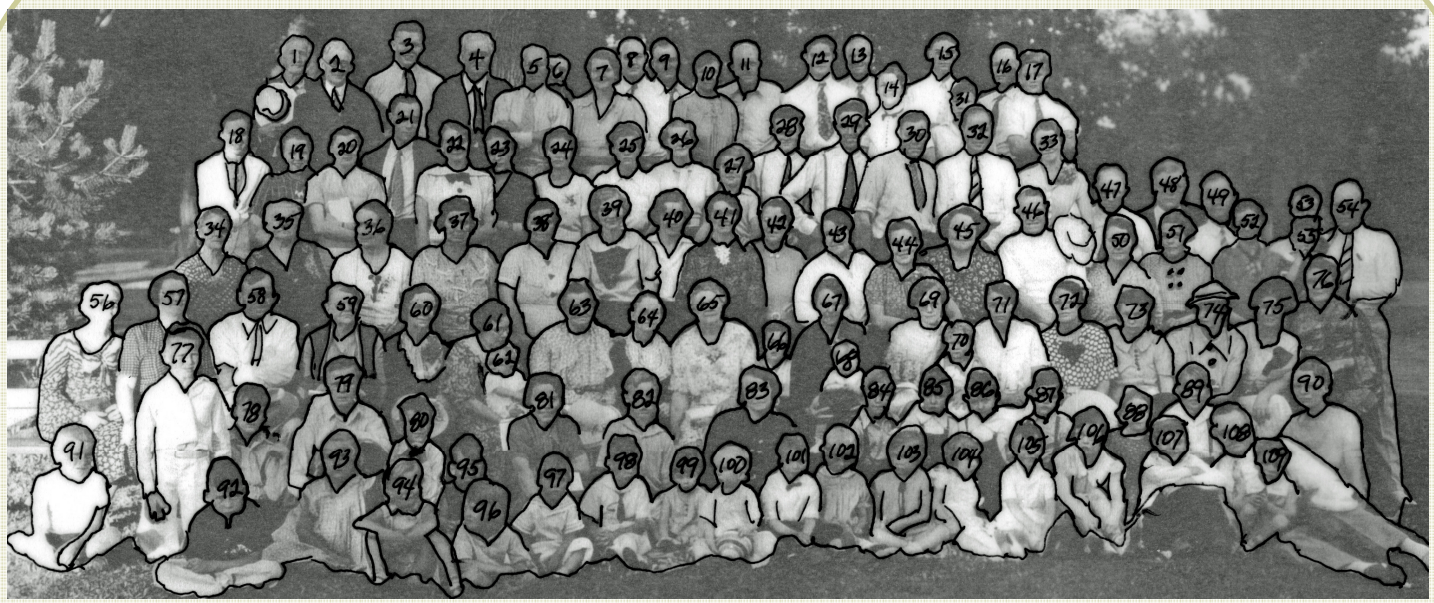
Our Father and President is gone
But he is not dead to me.
His part in my life still carries on
And he will always be
A tower of strength, a beacon light,
A guide along my way
To plant my feet in paths of right
And build my faith from day to day.

I came to his household a stranger
So desperately needing to know
That I was accepted and welcome
And that's why I loved him so.
I knew that he honestly liked me
And that I could always depend
On his marvelous strength and wisdom
And his loyalty to the end.

I owe him a debt of gratitude
Far larger than I can pay,
These many good years of my living,
He gave them to me—in a way.

His power in the priesthood brought me back
From the shores of eternity.
I could hear his voice in the distance,
Calling—calling to me,
"Come back, Myrtle, come back, come back."
As my spirit slipped out and away,
God heard him too, and felt the power
In his Priesthood, and let me stay. . .

By Myrtle Porter Redd



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12	Ralph G. Laycock
13	Loraine R. Ivins
14	Mary Redd Snyder
15	Harold Redd Laycock
16	William Redd
17	Hugh Laycock
18	Norma Shurtliff Forsberg
19	Janet Shurtliff Lewis
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24	Maurine Redd Wood
25	Merne Laycock Livingstone
26	Alene Redd McDonald
27	Ruth Redd Barrett
28	Harold Shurtliff
29	Melvin J. Burt
30	Paul Hardison Redd
31	Preston George Redd
32	Preston Lyman Redd
33	Mary Adam Snow
34	Hattie Ellen Redd Barton
35	Rose Redd Anderson
36	Vivian Redd McConkie
37	Della Redd Spilsbury Tucker
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