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The First Reunion of the family of Russel King Homer Son of Benjamin Cobb Homer And Anna Warner Homer, Was held at the residence of Russel King Homer & Eleanor Atkinson Homer at Rigby Idaho.

Oct - 16 1900

A good program was rendered And time of rejoicing and satisfaction was had

There wer present-

Eliza Williamson Homer

John Williamson (Brother of Eliza Williamson Homer)

Edmund Homer

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The Minutes of Meeting of 2d Reunion of the family of R. K. Homer, 1901

Held at the home of Richard Costly

St. Anthony, Idaho

In family reunion we have met today

Our Respects to Grandmother Homer to pay,

And we hope she will live to see

Many returns of the day.

Many had gathered from far and near

Words of love from Grandmother to hear,

Each one striving to do their best

To make the reunion a grand Success.

Teams were coming they kept the street alive,

Until they numbered One Hundred and twenty five.

Grandma welcomed us all with a kind loving word,

Till the dinner bell was heard.

Then to the dining room we all adjourned

Here our attention soon was turned.

From kind and loving words,

To a heavily laden and groaning board.

Thanks were returned for this great treat

Then we commenced to eat.

Five Generations were represented there

They each in turn took the chair.

No waiter called the bill of fare,

No one had that much time to spare.

Every dish with a name was there,

Others invented with the greatest care.

When to the parlor we did stray,

Recitations and songs for a time held sway

Dancing was the next order we did take,

You'd have almost thought twas an Irish wake.

Grandma and good old Uncle John

Both danced with the festive throng.

Everything in order moved along

Nothing in that grand crowd went wrong.

An order then came in Uncle Kings name

Our future plans to unfold

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That a meeting we would hold  
And in terms loud and plain  
told of Grandfathers fame.  
One good rule our Grandsire had  
Be the weather good or be it bad  
It was our duty and nothing more  
To Alleviate the suffering of the poor.  
Whether worthy or not - be that as it may  
From his door he never turned any away.  
Many a family he has clothed and fed  
And given to them a good warm bed.

These minutes were written by Julia Hibbard

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Minutes of 3rd Meeting held Oct 5th 1903 at the Home of Larse & Emily Jane Homer Larson at Clarkston, Utah.

After Dinner we repaired to the Clarkston Meeting house, where our meeting was held.

Singing by the family

Prayer by

Singing by the family

Grandma Eliza Williamson Homer, Said She felt well to meet with her family one more. She could but reflect on the time when Russel and I were newly married two of us in the family. And now this large and beautiful family. It seemed strange that all belonged to her but she was proud of everyone and loved and welcomed them all children, grandchildren and children-in-law. My sons all good and true, worthy to hold and do hold good positions in church and State. My daughters are good wives and mothers. I love and bless you everyone and ask God to bless you.

Willis Lemon, Richard J. Costly, Russel King Homer, Joshua Homer each gave a short talk. We and a fine lot of Songs and resitations. We then had a good social visit.

And a dance in the evening And Sold a quilt.

The minutes of this reunion were written in Poetry By Julia Lemon Hubbard, And will be found in the family history book.

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4th Garden City, Bear Lake County at the Home of Geo. D. Lutz & Rozett Homer Lutz

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The Fifth Reunion of the Family of Russel King Homer, Son of Benjamin Homer and Anna Warner Homer, Was held at the Residence of Russel King Homer and Eleanor Atkinson Homer, at Rigby Idaho June 10th 1910

Meeting was called to Order by Edmund Homer (Oldest son of Russel and Eliza Williamson Homer)

The family sang Redeemer of Israel

Prayer was Offered By Joshua Homer, Sang How firm a foundation  
Edmund Homer said he wished to form a family Organization. Said that Homer was on old Historic name. Russel King Homer Then Welcomed us all to his home And hoped we would have an enjoyable time. Said he thought we ought to have a more permanent organization. He thought that while Borhter Edmund lived he ought

to be at the head of the work. Thought it time to start in on an organized plan of temple work.

Joshua Homer thought we ought to do more temple work. He said he felt Proud to be here and to be a member of the Homer family. He hoped we all as a family would be bound together by the bonds of Affection. And love each other. As our Earthly father had loved all of his children.

Martin Harris (Son of Martin Harris of Book of Mormon fame) Said he was glad to be a member of the Homer family. He said he had known the family long and loved them well. Said he did not have words to tell the goodness he know of Mother Homer. He said Father and Mother Homer fed nine missionaries one Winter in Iowa then helped them to get teams and provisions to come to Utah with. And he hoped the younger members of the family would not slaken in the good work started by R. K. & Eliza Homer.

After due consideration by All Present - the Following Officers were duly Elected.

- Edmund Homer President
- William H. Homer - 1st Vice President.
- Russel King Homer (the 2d) - 2d Vice President.
- Joshua Homer - 3rd Vice President
- Mary A. Boram - Secretary & Treasurer
- Russel King Harris - Assistant Secretary & Treasurer

We decided on the name Homer Geneological Society. We also decided to tax each Head of a family (Voluntary) .25 to \$3.00 to be paid yearly as an Expense fund for temple work.

Further we decided to tax each head of a family \$2.00 for Every Reunion held, to pay Expenses of Provisions, Stationary and other necessaries.

Meeting was then dismissed till some future time, not then agreed upon.

Minutes copied by Mary A. Boram

June 11th Edmund Homer and most of the Party ate his birthday Dinner with Alfred & Mary Boram.  
100 members of the family present.

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Minutes of Homer Family Reunion. To be known as Homer Geneological Society.

Meeting held at the home of Geo. D. & Roset Homer Lutz at Blackfoot. Sept 2d 1911

- Meeting called to order by First Vice W. H. Homer Sen.
- Sarah Clark lead the singing. Sand Redeemer of Israel
- Prayer by Willard G. Homer
- Family Sang O Ye Mountains High

Minutes of last meeting read and Accepted. 1st Vice President W. H. Homer Sen. said we are here by the Invitation of Geo & Roosett Homer Lutz and we thank them for the invitation. He told us this was the first Family Reunion he had ever attended. Did not think it would be his last by a great many. For the pleasure of meeting with so many of the family would certainly pay for the great Effort it sometimes cost for the most of us to get here. Geo D. Lutz then made a welcoming speech and a good hearty welcome

he made it. He hoped our reunions would be more frequent and better attended.

Joshua Homer gave at some length the benefits of a family reunion. Said it kept up the loving ties that should be kept up in every family. That would otherwise be allowed to be dwarfed and blunted by long separations. Said Reunions would tend to interest us in Temple work. As they would create in us a desire to have the ties that bind us here carried to the Countless ages of Eternity. He said the name Homer was a Historic name a good Old name and we should all be proud of it. And keep it clean and unspotted as it was given to us. He also said the Gospel part of these reunions are beyond Comparison (with any other meetings) for the good we get out of them. The family ties are the greatest ties ever made and the family tie is the Gospel tie. Said the oldest member holding the Priesthood must be at the head.

Alfred Raymond Homer was the next speaker. Said he liked reunions very much. He said each reunion should be better than the last. He read a poem on "Do not Hurt each other's feelings." Then he said be very careful that we do not let our feelings get hurt. He said we are all born equal in the family, and the knowledge gained in this life will be so much intelligence stored up for the life to come.

Merinda Jardine was the next speaker. Said she was pleased to be with us. Hoped we would always be bound together as a family by the bonds of love and Affection as we had Hither to been, one of the examples set us by our parents. Hope we might all have good health. Be prosperous, Be just and do much good in the world to all of our fellow men.

R. K. Homer spoke at some length. He approved of all the previous speakers had said. Hoped we would continue to hold these Reunions. That as a family we might know each other better than we had since we were all children at home, ate at the same table and slept under the same roof with our Dear Father and mothers.

Sarah Clark testified of her great love for the whole family. She said when we see the great happiness here in a good family, we ought to put our whole life and soul into our Temple work that we may be united by the same family ties in the eternal worlds.

W. H. Homer Jr. made a few remarks. said he was glad to meet with us and to meet so many of the younger members of the family whom he had never seen before. He liked these family meetings and hoped we would all be present at our next meeting.

Our Dear Mother Eliza W. Homer was the next speaker. She said she thanks God that he had put it into the hearts to hold these family meetings. For nothing ever pleased Russel (my husband) better than to see his family all gathered together and enjoying each others society. Hoped the family would never give up holding these Reunions. Hoped we would all do our part and try to make every member to the family feel at home and like they wanted to come to every meeting, whether she herself was permitted to be present or not.

She said she felt to thank God for such a family. There is not One Drunkard, One Criminal or thief in it. Not even so much as one divorced person in the whole family. She again thanked God for such a noble family and asked Him to bless us all.

W. H. Homer Sr. 1st Vice President read a short History of the family.

Willard Homer said, Salvation is what we are working for. And nothing could be greater help to a family than these reunions.

Phillip Moore said he could see a great improvement in our meeting since we met in Clarkston.

Susie Raymond Homer said she thought we could do more good by working in the Temple than in any other way.

Melissa Green Homer said she loved Temple Work, that no one could understand the grandeur of it unless they went there.

John B. Jardine said he knew Father (R K Homer Sr.) that he picked out cattle for his father (bishop John Jardine) to cross the plains with.

1st Vice President - W. H. Homer then spoke a few words, said he had enjoyed the meeting.

Miss Sarah Clark sang, "I'll be your Sweet-heart Grand Pa."

We then had a song from Russel King Homer the 4th.

Song by Lagene Moore

Resitation by Goldie Moore

Song by James Jardine

The family sang "Praise to the Man."

Benediction by R. K. Homer the 3rd

Spent Afternoon and evening visiting. Sustained all officers and put in some new committees.

Executive committee - W. H. Homer Jr., John, Geo. A. Lutz, Lovisa Thornton, Julia Hubbard, Benjamin K. Homer, Nellie Sparks, Delania Cooper, Louisa Hopkins.

Each head of a family paid \$2 to help pay for the food.

Special committee (voted in) on Geneological and Temple work: Edmund Homer Chairman, Willard Homer, Joshua Homer, A. Ray Homer, Merinda Jardine.

Minutes of Meeting of Homer family head at the residence of Lovisa Thornton At Blackfoot - June 11, 1913

Meeting was called to Order by President Edmund Homer.

Family Sang Redeemer of Israel

Prayer by President - Edmund Homer

Family sang Praise to the man that communed with Jehovah

The roll was then called

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

The 1st speaker was 2nd Vice President - R. K. Homer. He said he was very glad to meet - with us again in a family reunion. He said that since our last meeting our Mother had been taken from us. He hoped we would All be as well prepared to go as she was, when our call comes.

There is a great work for us to do, a lot of temple work that should be done. We should get at it as soon as we can and not leave it all for our elder Brother. Father's last request was that his children should do his temple work. And we ought to do it and not leave it for our future generations to do.

The next speaker was first president Edmund Homer. Said he was glad to be with us and to see so many present. He hoped we would never discontinue our reunion meetings, as they tended to bind us



together as a family. That so long as we held these meetings, we could and would encourage each other to do what is right. That we would sympathize with and help to bear each others burdens. Thus making life pleasanter for all. He said the last time he saw Father his (Fathers) only subject of conversation was temple work, and Father requested him to never stop in temple work as long as he had strength of body and means to work in the temple. So my dear ones do not think me tiresome if I talk Temple work to you every time we meet. He also said the Homers were liked everywhere they had lived. Asked God to bless us all.

Next on the programme was a recitation by John Allen Crockett (Red riding hood).

Next David Reider recited the Blue hen chicken.

Next was a reunion song by Nancy Smith.

This was followed by a song by Olena Homer.

Maretta Homer Crockett spoke at some length. Endorsed all the previous speakers had said. She said this was the happiest day she had seen for seven years. (She had lived in Canada seven years)

Then dinner was served. Much enjoyed, was plentifully seasoned with pleasant conversation and mirth. After which everybody enjoyed themselves visiting, renewing acquaintances, telling of past experiences and of the bright hopes of the future. On account of bad roads, R. K. Harris' did not get in till evening. So his family sang and recited in the evening. R. K. Harris gave us some of his missionary experiences and sang some missionary songs.

We then (each member) took a chance on a quilt (made by the family). Wm Martin Harris drew the lucky number. Pres. Edmund Homer then spoke a few words.

The family sang, "God be with us till we meet again."

Benediction by Geo. Smith.