



Homers of America

RUSSEL KING HOMER FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

It was our great pleasure to recently go to Washington D. C. Temple to accompany a dear sister, who joined the church while we labored as missionaries in Pennsylvania last year. She had asked that I be the proxy for her deceased husband and it was a very choice experience.

We extended our trip and went to Yarmouth, Massachusetts, to see what we could find with regards to our noble ancestors. It was humbling to be in the locations they had been so long ago. As we stood by the side of old graves it gave us a great sense of responsibility to these noble relatives and friends who paved the way for the gospel to be restored in a free land.

Our distant cousin, Barry Homer, of Yarmouth was very gracious and showed us his collection of genealogical data and old family bibles. He also took us to see the home built by Benjamin Homer and introduced us to it's present owner. The home (see photo) is being red in and is very well kept, (possibly you still have the letter sent out by Bill Homer in the winter of 1988-89, which had pertinent information and a picture of the home). Barry presented us with a descendancy chart of his line showing his relationship to Cap't John Homer, which includes about 35 names that can possibly have their temple work done.

After leaving Barry we drove past a library and felt prompted to go inside. We are really novices at this work, but we really gained a feel for it. This was a private library, but we were treated graciously. We paid the fee to go inside the historical part and began looking around. One of the old books that caught our eye was a record of marriages taken from the Yarmouth Town Hall. There we found numerous names that appear on our records: Homers, Crowels, Sears, etc. I made copies of a number of pages to bring home. Now as I count them it appears that I have about 300 marriage records, to be submitted for temple ordinance work.

As we look back on our New England experience, which included visiting historical sites for my wife's family also, our feelings of gratitude and responsibility to those gone on before is very real and urgent! I also get the same feeling about the present family members we are sending these newsletters to. There are so many wonderful family members. I would like to see all of you become more involved and I promise you that you will enjoy all you do. I have found a spirit and feeling that is typical of true family love that is in most families.



Home built by Benjamin Homer — Yarmouth, Mass.

May I suggest some things you can do to help:

(1) Subscribe to our \$10 per year membership fee. That money is spent only for printing and mailing costs. The officers pay their own expenses including mail, travel and phone bills. If \$10 is too much, send what you can or more if financially able to do so. Continuing the newsletters does depend on receiving members fees or donations.

(2) Help locate Russell King Homer Family descendants. Look in your local phone book for names and call them. If you are willing, and need a list of family members we are sending newsletters to in your local area, write us and we will send you a zip code list or lists.

(3) Become involved in research of our ancestors. A letter will notify us and we will use your comments to find the best way you can become involved.

We also have a long ways to go before we have pre-sold enough of the two planned books (Homer Children's Stories and Descendants of Russell King Homer and Wives) to justify publishing them. As we stated before, if this does not happen we will refund your money, but we still want very much to accomplish these goals.

This is a large family, but you, too, can feel that spirit of belonging and love of family members that I have felt.

I would like to close my message by voicing appreciation to all those who have given so freely of their time, talents and means to serve and help this great Russel King Homer Family Association.

In February John Wendell Homer will become the President. It has been my pleasure to serve you!

Sincerely,
Newell Anderson

**Children and Grandchildren of Anna Eliza Homer 1843-1911
and Willis Lemon 1837-1909**

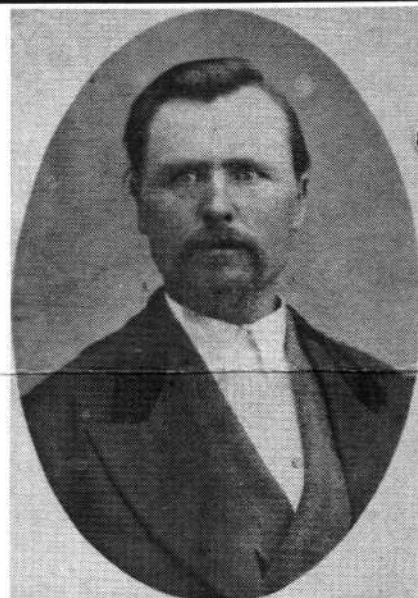
(She is the fourth child of Russell King Homer and Eliza Williamson)

by Susan Roylance

Several years ago I embarked on a project of copying all the family group sheets of the descendants of Russell King Homer. I started with my own family — the descendants of Anna Eliza Homer and Willis Lemon. I soon became overwhelmed with the number of descendants of Anna Eliza, and discontinued the effort — believing that if all Russell King Homer's children had as many descendants as Anna Eliza it was an almost impossible task. I have since learned that some of the other families are not so large.

You will notice that two of their daughters had 12 children, and one had 13 children. My own father, Newell Anderson (our President), was that thirteenth child. As a child, I often heard him say that he was sure glad his mother didn't stop at 12. As I look over this chart I understand his statement even better.

Question? Does anyone have more information about child #4 — Nancy Matilda Lemmon, who married Fred Saurey? Our records do show a George Saurey from Pocatello, Idaho — but we don't know how he fits in. We would really appreciate family group sheets, and family group pictures, for each family.



Willis Lemon

(see pictures of Anna Eliza Homer on next page)

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| <p>1. Anna Eliza LEMMON – 1860
md. Justin Abraham KNAPP
1. Anna Rozina KNAPP – 1880
md. William L. WIDDISON
2. Mabel KNAPP – 1882
md. Charles Heber Monks WARD
3. Jennie KNAPP – 1884
md. Francis "Frank" WALTERS
4. Justin Willis KNAPP – 1886
md. Mabel Fidela HALE
5. Lydia Malinda KNAPP – 1888
unmd/inf
6. Clara Leona KNAPP – 1889
unmd/child
7. Elsie May KNAPP – 1893
md. (1) Charles Martin LARSEN
md. (2) Lehi A. KEPPNER
8. Warren KNAPP – 1895
unmd/child
9. Esther June KNAPP
md. (1) Ross Burrell COVINGTON
md. (2) ROBERTSON
10. Alice Eveline KNAPP – 1899
md. John Alfred HILLMAN
11. Edmund Raymond KNAPP (twin)
unmd/inf 1903
12. Adrian Leroy KNAPP (twin)
unmd/inf – 1903</p> <p>2. Willis Jr. LEMMON – 1963
unmd/inf</p> <p>3. Julia Caroline LEMMON – 1865
md. George Abraham HIBBARD
1. Mabel Jane HIBBARD – 1885
md. Henry Lane ARNOLD
2. Georgia HIBBARD – 1887
unmd/inf
3. Nellie Mae HIBBARD – 1889
md. William Wallace SHEPPARD
4. Stella HIBBARD – 1890
unmd/child
5. Willis Lemmon HIBBARD – 1892
md. Alice JONES
6. Alice HIBBARD 1894-child
unmd/child
7. Rhoda Lenora HIBBARD – 1896
md. Hyrum E. SHEPPARD
8. Julia Lemmon – 1898
md. Branson DIXON
9. Silas Larin HIBBARD – 1903
md. Loretta Mae LARSEN
10. Don Theo HIBBARD 1906-
md. Edna L. BENNETT</p> | <p>4. Nancy Matilda LEMMON – 1867
md. Fred SAUREY</p> <p>5. Eva Alvira LEMMON – 1869
md. James SHEEN Jr. – 1862
1. James Edwin SHEEN – 1892
unmd
2. Joseph L. SHEEN – 1902
md. Vida MIKKELSON
3. Willis SHEEN – 1908
md. Vivian McNEIL
4. George SHEEN – 1910</p> <p>6. Alice LEMMON – 1872
Axel Alfred ANDERSON – 1869
1. Madeline ANDERSON – 1896
unmd/inf
2. Annie ANDERSON – 1898
unmd/inf
3. Axel Glenn ANDERSON – 1899
md. Lena Rivers HODGE
4. George W. ANDERSON – 1903
unmd/inf
5. Alice Edna ANDERSON – 1905
md. Estes LaCone HAWKES
6. Maida Artizie ANDERSON – 1909
md. Robert Lee HODGE
7. Stella May ANDERSON – 1913
md. William Emil BLEDSOE</p> <p>7. John Lee LEMMON – 1875
md. Nellie RICHARDSON – 1880
1. John Willis LEMMON – 1898
md. (1) Penny ADA (div
md. (2) Emma POULSON
2. Estella Grace LEMMON – 1900
md. John DALLINGA
3. Lola LEMMON – 1902
md. Joseph Sylvester JOHNSTON
4. Annie Madeline LEMMON – 1904
md. (1) James SANDMAN
md. (2) Orval COOP
5. Perry LEMMON – 1906
unmd/inf
6. Ruby LEMMON – 1908
md. James Bruce WILLIS
7. Afton LEMMON – 1910
md (1) Charles Raymond CAMPBELL
md (2) Leland SOUTHAM
md (3) Charles CAMPBELL
8. Nellie Esther LEMMON – 1912
md. (1) Frank HENSLEY (div)
md. (2) Lewis LARSEN
9. George Alfred LEMMON – 1914
md. Grace V. RIGHT</p> | <p>10. Edward Earl LEMMON – 1917
md. Marie MILLER
11. Wanda Lemmon – 1920
md. (1) Earl O'Della BECK
md. (2) Vernal Wayne THOMPSON
12. Russel Lee LEMMON – 1922
md. Harriet J. MILLER</p> <p>8. Rozett LEMMON – 1878
md. Francis William ANDERSON
1. Wanetta ANDERSON – 1898
md. Jessie Lewis PUGMIRE (dec)
2. Florence ANDERSON – 1899
md. Harold Garrett LEATHAM
3. William Leroy ANDERSON – 1901
md. Pearl McArthur
4. George Russell ANDERSON – 1904
md. (1) Pearl KELLY
md. (2) Docia May Dial HARKER
5. Ada ANDERSON – 1906
md. John Dahlie STEWART
6. Myrtle ANDERSON – 1907
md. Clarence MANGUM
7. Warren "L" ANDERSON – 1910
unmd/inf
8. Lewis Lemmon ANDERSON – 1911
md. Iva BROWNING
9. Delia ANDERSON – 1913
md. Kelly Wells BROOKS
10. Albert Hogan ANDERSON – 1914
unmd
11. Dorothy ANDERSON – 1916
md. Floyd Erwin DEPPE
12. Afton Rozett ANDERSON – 1921
md. Mervin L. HULT
13. Newell Francis ANDERSON – 1923
md. Cora Gene YORGESEN</p> <p>9. Nellie May LEMMON – 1884
md. Henry BARNES – 1882
1. Winnie May BARNES – 1911
md. Moroni Mack OLNEY
2. Lucille BARNES – 1913
md. John Henry HOLT
3. Melvin Jay BARNES – 1915
md. Alice MATHER
4. Afton BARNES – 1917
md. George Golden CARLSON
5. Thomas Boyd BARNES – 1919
md. (1) Uldene PEARSON
md. (2) Metta Theo MORRILL
6. Gwen BARNES – 1923
md. Ray Edward LINDEMAN-D</p> |
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Research Corner

Our new Research Coordinator is:

Marva Saddler Phone: (801) 547-9215
131 N. Village Way
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If you desire to help — please notify her directly.

We do not want to print the new Homer book until we have a more complete documentation on the ancestors of Russell King Homer, or any of his wives. If you have well documented research on any of these lines, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Do you have old family pictures — or histories of the children or grandchildren of Russell King Homer? We are still gathering pictures for the new book. Your pictures will not be harmed in any way — as we are only making halftone pictures of them. These halftones will be filed away for use in the new Homer family history book — featuring the children and grandchildren of Russell King Homer — your pictures will be returned. Family group pictures of the families of grandchildren will be included in the book.

Do you have access to Temple Ready?

Thanks to Joseph Buttars, we now have hundreds of names entered in the PAF program — that need to be checked for temple work.

If you have access to Temple Ready (and the T.I.B. microfilms), we could sure use some help preparing these names for temple work. This is a good way to get involved in family history work — even if you have never done research before.

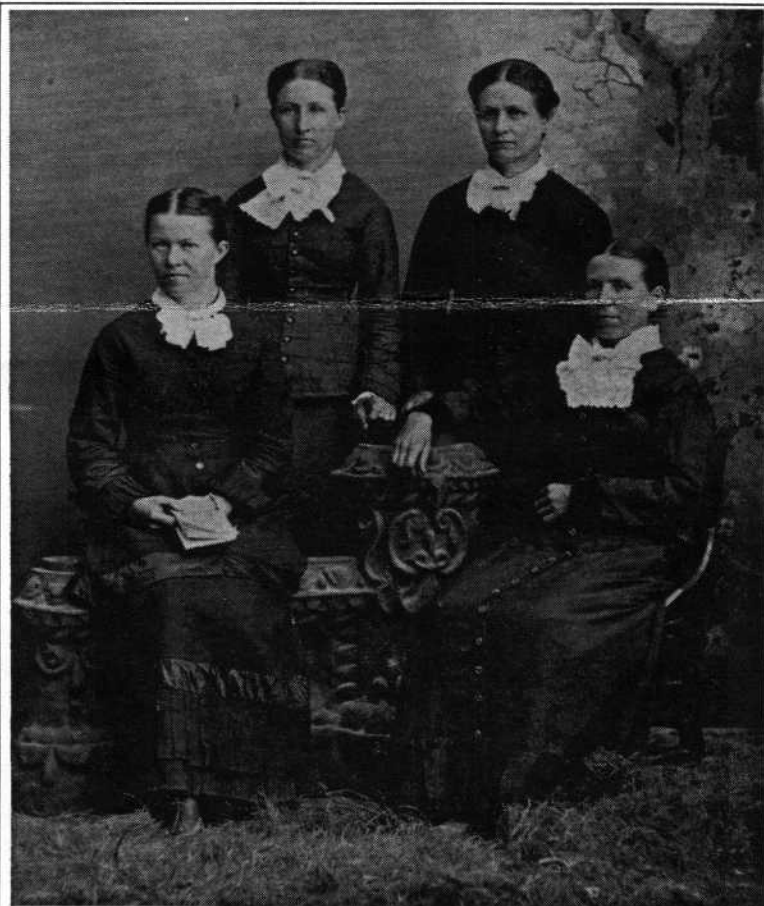
Also, if you would like to participate in a family research day at the Salt Lake Family History Library contact Marva Saddler (this could include instructions on how to use Temple Ready to prepare the names we now have on the PAF program — or involvement in important areas of research needed on the ancestry of Russell King Homer or one of his wives).

Please look closely at the pictures below, and compare them with any old pictures your family may have. While the caption on the old picture would indicate that Annie Homer is on the left, her features in the four generations picture look more like the daughter on the right. This is a very special picture, and we want to properly identify all four sisters. If you have old pictures that would help properly identify these sisters please write Susan Roylance, 5141 Clover Meadow Drive, Murray, Utah 84123, or phone (801) 266-0076.



Four Generations:

Back: Eliza Lemon Knapp, Annie Knapp
Front: Annie Homer Lemon, Eliza Williamson Homer



Daughters of Eliza Williamson Homer:

Back?: Annie Homer?, Rosetta Homer? (*see note above*)
Front: Mary Homer, Lovisa Homer (is this correct?)

Introducing . . .

The Homer Association's New President — John Wendell Homer

Since I did not campaign to become president of our association, I feel a need to introduce myself to you. I am the seventh and youngest son of Benjamin King and Juliaette McMurray Homer. Ben is the oldest son of Edmund Homer (through Susan Evelyn Greene). Edmund is the oldest son of Russel King Homer.

I was born in Marion, Cassia County, Idaho, 20 June 1914, and grew up in Logan. I took ROTC at USU in Logan, while pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. My military training landed me in the army much deeper than I ever wanted to be. I retired a Colonel. You all know what that is, a Col. is an insignificant piece of corn.

I am married to Myrle Wangsgard, who descends from the Wangsgards of Denmark and Huntsville, Utah, and Peter Maughan, who settled Cache Valley. Myrle and I are the parents of eight children, and at last count also claim twenty-nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I knew Maretta Crockett well. She was a close friend of my mother and dad.

I remember seeing William Harrison Homer at family reunions in Logan, when he was very old and I was very young.

As a youngster of nineteen I went to Washington D. C. to look for a job. Russel King Homer Jr. came to Washington, I met him at church. He was looking for a guide and I was unemployed — so we spent nearly a week together. I showed him the sights of Washington and he told me stories of his youth and young manhood.

I was the family baby at the time, and now I am almost the "grand-pere".

I am an ardent believer in and supporter of the Homer Family Association. I would like to see it with 2000 members, and with a family history written and published.

Our goals for this year will be to substantially increase our paid membership and to continue to collect and organize information for the family history.

John Wendell Homer

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last newsletter you will receive
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