

The Hale Family News

♥From the Heart of the Mountain West♥

Hale Family Web Site in Operation

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Thanks to David N. Hale, son of David S. and Christine Hale, the Hale Family web site is now in operation.

David, an internet applications developer for Xerox, has provided a great service for our family with his expertise and willingness to help. With this step into the new digital age, we can provide families with information faster and continue with the work that our ancestors started. What an exciting adventure!

The new web site will allow each of us to share information, pictures, ancestral stories, journals, genealogy data, events, and histories that we have had tucked away. There is no reason that we cannot all have access to every bit of information available on our Hale ancestors, but we will need everyone who has material not already included, to share what unique contribution they may have.

The web site will be basic at first

but will continue to expand. The home page provides explanatory information and general announcements by family officers and web site administrators in an ongoing web log. (For those unfamiliar with this format, it is similar to a shared personal journal, arranged by date and category.) There are other sections for family history articles and data, a discussion forum, and a photo gallery.

The family history section is dedicated to sharing our Hale genealogy data and posting articles about various family members. Current and archived Hale newsletters will be added as they become available. The genealogy data--currently 29,011 individual records--provides information on our ancestral line starting with Thomas Hale and Joan Kirby. To protect the personal data of living individuals, all names identified as potentially living will be automatically replaced with "Living." That way, no one can access this information for fraudulent purposes. This data will be updated on a regular basis as you provide corrections and new material to Lee Hale (email: hale2u@mstar.net).

The photos section contains rare, heritage photos of our ancestors. No

The best web sites are only as good as the participation of those who visit and become involved . . . in this case, our extended family. Ideally, this web site will become a catalyst where our children can gain a greater appreciation for who they are, who

longer do these special photographs, illustrations, and maps need to stay hidden in a shoe box in someone's closet. Currently included are some of the ancestral pictures and picture pedigrees of the Jonathan Hale family.

We will add to the gallery as additional pictures become available.

The Forum section is a moderated discussion area where everyone can participate, post information, get answers to questions, and get involved in ongoing genealogy research. This section is divided into forums based on specific topics, including the halefam.org web site,

Announcements, Hale Genealogy Research, and Heritage Family Photos. The Announcements forum will be able to keep track of missionary callings, births, marriages, deaths, reunions, or other important events as you submit your personal family information. Other forums will be created as the need arises. All family members with an existing email address can create accounts to participate in these discussions (see the web site for more detailed information on how to do this). New moderators for these forums will be selected from those that actively participate.

their ancestors were, and bring our family together despite the distance between us. If you know of pictures or other content that would be appropriate to share with the extended family, or if you would be willing to assist others in your area to do so,

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please contact a family officer or send a message to webmaster@halefam.org for more information on how to get involved.

[*David N. Hale and his wife, NiCole, reside in Farmington, Utah, with their four children.]

Burial Site of Thomas Hale

In Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts, on December 21, 1682, our immigrant ancestor, Thomas Hale, passed away and was buried in what today is still called “Ye Old Burying Grounds” [see picture on newsletter insert].

The burying grounds was evidently near the meetinghouse on a parcel of land called the “Greene,” of which twenty rods were preserved when the remainder was sold to Mr. John Emery in 1647 (*History of Newbury, Massachusetts, 1635-1902*, by John J. Currier, p. 59; reprinted by the Newbury 350th Committee.)

It is upon this plot of ground that records indicate Thomas Hale, his wife, Thomasine Dowsett, and their son Thomas were buried. The City of Newbury has given its approval for the Hale Family to erect a headstone in memory of this immigrant family.

It is suggested that the inscription read as follows:

In memory of . . .

Thomas Hale, 1606-1682

Thomasine Dowsett, 1609-1682/83

Thomas Hale, 1633-1688

Immigrated 1637 from England

—From a family who
will be forever grateful—

“Happy as the day was long”

The following story is told by Emma Louisa Seamons Hale, wife of Edgar Daniel Hale, son of Alma Helaman Hale:

“On the first day of October, 1890, my boyfriend and I went to the Logan Temple and were married for all time and eternity. Edgar’s father and my parents went with us. The next day it rained all day but we had a nice supper at Mother’s and had 8 or 10 of our folks for supper. The next day we went to Smithfield to his father’s home and that was the first time I met his mother. Next morning we started on our honeymoon. We went in a whitetop. Grandma Hale and her two youngest children went with us. We got to Mantua, between Cache Valley and Brigham City, and stayed with a family by the name of Keller. They sure had a lovely home and some nice little children. They put on a program for us, one little boy with golden curls and big blue eyes sang for us. His name was Varian and he was so cute. I said if I ever have a boy, that will be his name. (Emma and Edgar’s first child was a son whose name is Varian Edgar Hale.) Next day we went on to Ogden to Edgar’s Aunt Rebecca’s and stayed a few days, then to Morgan, Utah, to another Aunt’s, Kate. We went on up to my Uncle Henry’s at Rockport, then we went to Gentile Valley (Mound Valley) to make our home. It was a one-room log house (10 ft. x 10 ft.). We didn’t have much. My husband took lumber and made a table, and the crate of a binder and made me a cupboard and I took calico and made a curtain. We had a little rocking chair and two other chairs, a bedstead, and what we called a toilet with a curtain around it and a scarf I had made trimmed with lace I had made. There were two shelves in it. There was where I kept my clean clothes and on top we kept our lamp and clock and some of our books. For a closet we put pegs in the wall and had a nice curtain around them, and a

homemade carpet on the floor, also a stove, and we were just as happy as the day was long. That is the way we lived the first year of our married life.

I must tell you before we were married I put up ten quarts of fruit and a jar of sweet pickled apples. We had a cow, so we had plenty of milk and what beef and pork we wanted.

I am telling this as I want our children to know we were just as happy as they are now with all their fine things.”

New Headstone for Rosa Ellen

In the summer of 1897 in a remote area known as Mound Valley near Grace, Idaho, a young woman, Rosa Ellen Hale, suffered from diabetes and crossed over to the other side. Her father, Alma Helaman Hale, had grieved through the deaths of five other children, but this was the first loss for her mother, Ellen Victoria Clark Hale. It was especially hard for Ellen since Alma was unable to live with them or visit much because of the abolishment of polygamy. Rosa was buried in the Mound Valley Cemetery on a small hill overlooking the Bear River.

Several years later, the family was forced to move and settle in Groveland, Idaho. How difficult it must have been to leave their comfortable little home nestled amid the hills of this picturesque yet remote valley. What sorrow must have been felt in leaving the site where this loving daughter was buried.

Nearly 106 years have passed since Rosa was laid to rest. Her gravestone has become weathered and broken. Hale family members recently observed the damaged headstone and felt a desire to correct the problem. Money was collected, material donated, and the project completed thanks to descendants of Rosa’s older

brothers and the Hale Family

The family of Edgar Daniel Hale can be proud of the unselfish service they rendered on behalf of an ancestor who will not soon be forgotten. [See a picture of the new headstone in the Mound Valley Cemetery in newsletter insert. Provided by Lee Hale.]

Oneida Academy to be Moved

The 113-year-old Oneida Stake Academy will be spared the wrecking ball because Friends of the Academy raised \$1.2 million needed to relocate it. Just in the nick of time.

The 1,800-ton rock building, with its high-pitched gabled roof and bell tower, occupies the only space available to build a needed cafeteria and library facility at Preston High School. The academy will be moved from its present site to Benson Park, two blocks away. It will then be renovated into an interpretive center and museum.

"This is our heritage for our children," said Debbie Heaton, a Mink Creek resident who pledged money to the cause. "It gives us a sense of who we are and where we came from. I can't see destroying things like that."

On June 1, 1884, the Oneida Stake was organized. Solomon H. Hale, youngest surviving son of Jonathan H. and Olive Boynton Hale, was made first counselor to President William D. Hendricks.

"Added to the exacting demands of his heavy burden of civic and ecclesiastical service, Solomon was given the special assignment by the Church in April 1890 to superintend the construction of the Oneida Stake Academy in Preston, Idaho.

"Although it required five years to complete this project, it was successfully accomplished. For fifteen years afterward, Sol served as a member of the board of education of this splendid institution of learning,

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which his children were privileged to attend. . . . The Academy was later called Preston High School." [See *Bishop Jonathan H. Hale*, by Heber Q. Hale, pp. 214-16.]

Many generations attended the school, including prominent people like former Church presidents, Ezra Taft Benson and Harold B. Lee.

The Oneida Academy is believed to be the oldest of 35 such academies built between 1888 and 1909. It is one of only two remaining academy buildings still in existence.

In Memory Of

Our heartfelt prayers and support are extended to loved ones of the following Hale family members:

➤OSBORNE JAY CALL, 62, died in an airplane accident March 15, 2003. Founder and chief executive officer of Flying J Inc., Jay was born June 4, 1940, in Afton, WY, to Osborne and Janice Miller Call. He is survived by his mother and his wife, Tamra.

➤ANNA MAE MERRILL HALE, 100, died February 15, 2003, in Logan, UT. Born April 17, 1902, to Apostle Marriner and Hilda Maria Erickson Wood, she married Sumner Hale in the Logan Temple. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Louise Hale Rector.

➤ORLEAN HODGES BARRUS, age 85, wife of Winford Melvin Barrus (grandson of Alma Helaman Hale), passed away May 25, 2003, in Tremonton, UT. She was born March 18, 1918, in Lewiston, UT, the daughter of Abraham and Hannah Fuller Hodges.

➤GEORGE LEROY NELSON, 87, husband of Lillian Barrus Nelson (granddaughter of Alma Helaman

Hale), died July 28, 2003, at Juniper, Idaho. He was born June 18, 1916, the son of George and Lela Ann Austin Nelson.

➤GEORGE HALE CALL, 77, died March 21, 2003. He was born and reared in Bancroft, ID, the son of Willard and Louie Ann Hale Call. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he is survived by his wife, Marjorie Harrison.

➤VERLA H. GUNNARSON, 83, passed away March 2, 2003, in Draper, UT. Born to Varian Hale and Cedenia Bingham on July 5, 1920, in Riverside, ID, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Gunnarson.

➤MARION WOODROW HALE, 88, passed away March 17, 2003, at his home in Provo, UT. Born in Blackfoot, ID, on May 19, 1914, he was the son of Horace and Agnes Hale. His wife, Jean Turner, survives him.

➤DONALD GOWER MERRILL, 90, was born September 20, 1912, in Groveland, ID, the son of Joseph H. and Grace Emma Hale Merrill. He passed away September 19, 2003, in St. George, UT. His wife of 64 years, Pearl Elizabeth Stocking Merrill, survives him.

➤CLYDE AMIEL LINDER, 82, passed away August 15, 2003. Born July 25, 1921, in Ft. Lupton, CO, to Henry and Charlotte McCoy Linder, he married Norma Hale, who preceded him in death in 2000.

➤LOIS J. FLINDERS, 89, was born February 25, 1913, in Malta, ID, to Albert J. and Laura Hitt Petersen. Married to Willard Manning Flinders, she was at her home in Brigham City, UT, when she passed away on December 31, 2002.

➤STEPHEN ALLEN CAZIER, 79, passed away January 22, 2003, at his home in Brigham City, UT. Born March 9, 1923, in Grace, ID, to Stephen and Evelyn Panter Cazier, Al married Doris Olsen in the Logan Temple.

Tribute from Celebrity

Gordon Jump, who played a befuddled radio station manager on the television sitcom “WKRP in Cincinnati” and who made his mark in commercials as the lonely Maytag repairman, passed away September 22, 2003.

In reporting the death of this celebrity, the *Deseret News* added: “He became a convert to the LDS Church early in his acting career, after meeting Ruth and Nathan Hale when the Utah couple was running a theater in Glendale, California.”

It’s a well known fact that the late Ruth and Nathan Hale touched many lives (including television celebrities). Their memory and example live on!

Hales in the News

[If you or another family member want to share a notable achievement, please submit your information.]

➤ELDER FLOYD MELVIN HAMMOND, a member of the LDS Church’s First Quorum of the Seventy, recently received the Silver Buffalo Award for distinguished service to youth from the Boy Scouts of America. This honor, the highest Scouting award for service to youth, was presented at a national BSA meeting in Philadelphia. As general president of the Young Men

organization for the Church, Elder Hammond has influenced more than 635,000 young men worldwide. Outside his LDS-related service, he has served as a National Executive Board member of the BSA, among several other positions.

[Elder Hammond was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Floyd Milton Hammond and Ruby Hodge. He is the grandson of Milton James Hammond and Aroetta Louisa Hale, the daughter of Alma Helaman Hale and Sarah Annie Clark.]

➤PRESTON Q. HALE, age 89, son of Heber Q. Hale and grandson of Solomon Henry Hale, recently published his autobiography, *From Coyotes to Corporations: Pages from My Life in the West*. Written “with the most faithful effort of the author’s memory,” this book contains a number of stories of interest to members of the Hale Family organization. With the author’s permission, we will share several of these stories in future newsletters or on the new Hale Family web site.

➤CHRIS HALE, wide receiver for BYU and grandson of the late Quentin S. Hale, is making a name for himself.

Questioning whether a recently returned missionary is prepared to play football, teammates were heard to say, “Hey, the Hale kid can play! He’s tough to cover.” Chris’ father, Val Hale, BYU athletic director, is pleased and relieved. “I thought everyone would assume he’s playing because he’s my kid.” It turns out, the boss’ kid can really play, if there were ever truly any doubts. In the season opener, he caught four passes.

How did Chris stay in such great shape during his recent missionary service? With six months left of his mission and while living in a tiny mountain town in Ecuador, he got up each morning at 5:30 a.m. He salvaged the axle of an old truck and hoisted it upon his shoulders to perform a regimen of squats and

bench presses. He found old cans, poured concrete into them, and used them to do arm curls. He ran up and down the surrounding hillsides and threw the football with his companion while the natives looked on with their mouths agape.

Only one day after returning from Ecuador, Chris participated in team conditioning drills and outperformed most of his teammates. Suddenly there was no more talk of redshirting Chris for the season.

Of his son, Val says, “If you tell Chris he can’t do something, he’s going to show you he can.” Even if it means lifting truck axles to do it. (*Deseret News*, September 5, 2003)

Duplication of Temple Work

The gathering of correct information on temple ordinance work is slowly expanding. It is a time-consuming task and many are needed to help.

As a family presidency, we are asking everyone to avoid doing Hale family temple work until you have gone through the proper channels to confirm that the work has not been done. According to the Church Temple Department, every duplicate name that is done wastes 14 hours of work by patrons and workers.

In further conversation with the Temple Department, we learned that the names updated to the IGI are the most current names being done in temples today. Those names that were extracted in earlier temple work are not all in the IGI. Current names are the ones being input while older names are input only as time permits.

The Hale Family Organization has the original records of the early temple work completed by our Hale ancestors. That information is being input as quickly as possible. If you have Hale family names that you want to do temple work for, please check

with our family president to confirm if the work has been done.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Lee Hale:
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Aroet Book Underway

The descendants of Aroet Lucius Hale, eldest son of Jonathan H. and Olive Boynton Hale, have started the great task of gathering information to be included in a book about Aroet's life. Aroet eventually had four wives and twenty-four children. With his sister, Rachel, and two younger brothers, Alma and Solomon, Aroet was 20-years-old when the little orphaned family left Winter Quarters for the Great Salt Lake Valley. He continued to lead the family until his last breath, counseling with Alma and Solomon on the work they knew needed to be completed.

Volunteers are needed to assist with research, compiling data, verifying records, and collecting pictures and artifacts in preparation for publishing this book. If you have items to share (that will stay in your possession) or time to help, please contact Christine Hale (phone: 801-451-9100; email: HaleCN47@hotmail.com) or Donna Akers (phone: 435-257-5171; email: www.mawsquaw@frontiernet.net).

Temple Day

Don't forget to mark Saturday, February 28, on your 2004 calendar. This will be the day of our next annual family outing at the Logan Temple. More information will come.

Family Dues

Your financial support is always appreciated. A suggested amount of \$10 per family per year will assist with the continuance of research, mailing of newsletters, preservation of family documents and records, and preparation of historical information for printing and distribution.

Items to Order

→ *Bishop Jonathan H. Hale of Nauvoo* by Heber Q. Hale (revised)—\$22.00 (includes shipping).

→ *Alma Helaman Hale* by Nathan Hale Gardner (revised)—\$22.00 (includes shipping).

→ *Pencil sketches of Jonathan and Olive Boynton Hale*—portraits drawn by a professional artist, suitable for framing; \$5.00 per 8x10 set (add \$1.50 for shipping).

→ *PAF records on CD*—records of the Thomas Hale/Joan Kirby line (29,000+ names); \$10.00 (includes shipping). We welcome your input in submitting documented information to add to our Hale tree or to correct possible errors in the established line.

→ *Pedigree chart*—large 18x24 pedigree chart of the Thomas Hale / Joan Kirby line through Jonathan H. Hale's grandchildren. Professionally done with original artwork—suitable for framing! Reproduced on quality paper (indicate white or antique ivory); \$15 (add \$5 for shipping).

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