

The Hale Family News

♥From the Heart of the Mountain West♥

Temple Traditions Carry On

Temple Session

In the tradition of our Hale ancestors who gathered annually at the Logan Temple, we invite you to attend a—

LOGAN TEMPLE SESSION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2003

- 11:00 a.m. (gather in cafeteria/
register/greeting/questions)
- 11:15 a.m. (lunch)
- 11:45 a.m. (family meeting)
- 12:30 p.m. (temple chapel/
message from Temple presidency)
- 12:50 p.m. (prepare for session)
- 1:10 p.m. (assemble in waiting room)
- 1:30 p.m. (endowment session)

You are invited to bring family name cards with you or pick up a name card from Lee or Debbie Hale. The temple presidency has asked that we NOT change into white temple clothing until after their greeting in the chapel.

We encourage you to join us at the

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Logan Temple or at the temple nearest you to participate in the spirit of this great Hale family.

Voices From the Grave

In June 1848, Aroet (20), Rachel (18), Alma (12), and Solomon (9), the four surviving orphans of Jonathan H. and Olive Boynton Hale, gathered at Elkhorn Camp (Winter Quarters) to begin the great trek to the Salt Lake Valley. They suffered much and lived through times incomprehensible to us. Once in Utah, their lives were filled with service and many years were devoted to temple work on behalf of the Hale family. The example of these noble ancestors lives on, and their influence continues to be felt today as they encourage us to carry on the great work of sealing families for eternity.

In 1887, Alma moved his wife Ellen Victoria to "Gentile Valley," a few miles southeast of the present city of Grace, Idaho. He and Aroet had counseled together, and it was determined that a move to the Logan Temple area was the only solution to the challenge of doing the work they knew to be all important. Alma put his property up for sale and prepared for the move.

This was the beginning of the great Hale Family Organization, which today is still striving to fulfill the

During the winter of 1888-1889, Alma spent as much time in the temple as he could spare. It was evident that it would take the cooperative effort of many to accomplish the work that was before the Hale family. Accordingly, a call was sent out to heads of families to assemble in Logan during the month of February 1889 to see what steps were necessary to organize the work. Following are the minutes of that first official meeting:

Meeting held in Logan City, February 27, 1889, for the purpose of affecting an organization of the Hale Family to carry on our temple work:

Meeting called to order by Alma H. Hale. Prayer by Solomon H. Hale. Aroet L. Hale was elected President by unanimous vote. Solomon H. Hale was then elected Vice President. Alma H. Hale, Secretary and Treasurer, and Sarah A. Hale as his assistant, and they were all unanimously sustained.

Many great instructions were given by the brethren present purporting to the greatness of the work they were engaged in. Bro. Solomon H. Hale was chosen as committee chairman on resolutions . . . which [was] unanimously sustained by all present. It was also proposed that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each member of the Hale Family. Benediction by Alma H. Hale

original purpose established in 1889. The family is now great in number and is still under the same

responsibility to accomplish these mighty goals. It is up to us to carry on in the tradition of our forefathers.

Lee Hale, President

Prophetic Warning

The Honorable Robert Safford Hale, LL.D. (1822-1881), U.S. Senator and well-respected statesman, had compiled a great amount of genealogical work of the Hale family, starting with our immigrant ancestor Thomas Hale (1606-1682) and comprising more than 150 years. Senator Hale contacted Utah Representative George Q. Cannon for help in directing him to the Hale “boys” in Utah, who assisted him in connecting the “Mormon” line to his existing record.

It wasn't until after the death in 1881 of Senator Hale that his genealogical records were officially printed (1889) and distributed to various Hale branches.

Upon hearing about this amazing compilation of Hale records, President Wilford Woodruff, pronounced the following admonition: “Now when that is given to you, if you don't take up the work here and carry it on for the dead, you will stand condemned before the Lord” (quoted by Solomon H. Hale at Alma H. Hale's funeral; see *Alma Helaman Hale, History & Genealogy*, Volume I, second edition, p. 70).

The work continues on. The Hale family is still under the same prophetic warning. The call now is for every Hale family member to unite, to verify the validity of the existing records, to continue extending the ancestral line, and to confirm that no breaks exist in any descendant line. Our Hale ancestors are waiting on the other side of the veil to help if we but do our part here.

Lee Hale, President

Solomon—Friend to Shoshones

In the spring of 1856, Solomon Hale, youngest surviving son of Jonathan and Olive, helped drive the Church herds of horses to a ranch in Cache Valley, just south of where the city of Logan now is. Here he broke broncos and assisted in caring for the herds during the ensuing winter and the following year.

Cache Valley, where about seventy-five Indian lodges were set up on the Logan River, was a winter rendezvous for the Shoshones. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and tanning hides and furs formed their principal occupation.

“Sol spent considerable time with the Indians in their lodges during the winter months, learning of their customs, making friends with them and acquiring a workable knowledge of their language.

“It was here that he was assigned the Indian name of ‘Tosacoma-noyo,’ which he carried the remainder of his life. He became widely known and greatly respected among the Indians of northern Utah and southern Idaho.

“Many of the old Indians remembered him well and often spoke of him as their ‘good friend.’ Just a few years before Solomon died, a number of Indians came to visit him in Preston and brought him a gift of jerked venison, of which they knew him to be so very fond.” (*Bishop Jonathan H. Hale*, by Heber Q. Hale, p. 202-04)

In a recent newspaper article (“The Shoshone Nation and the Gospel,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, January 12, 2003), we learn more about the Indians who were acquainted with Solomon:

“In the late 19th century, during a very volatile time in the history of the Shoshone Indian nation, leaders of the tribe increasingly turned to Mormon pioneer settlers to feed their starving bands, which eventually led some tribes people to join The Church of

Efforts to Save Oneida Academy

On June 1, 1884, the Oneida Stake was organized. Solomon was made first counselor to President William D. Hendricks. The stake encompassed the counties of Oneida, Franklin, Bannock, and Caribou, and extended westward to Baker City, Oregon. It was not uncommon for Sol to be gone from home a month at a time to visit wards and branches, hold conferences, and set organizations in order.

“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. The herculean task of this assignment, since funds had to be raised locally, was to first secure the subscriptions--they were usually obtained in the form of livestock and produce. Secondly, the subscriptions thus obtained needed to be converted into building materials and labor.

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. . . . On one day in the 1870s, some 300 Shoshones were baptized in the waters of the Bear River near present-day Tremonton, Utah. . . . By the time the tribal Chief Sagwich died, he was an elder in the Church and had received his temple endowments.”

Although the early relationship of the Shoshones and Mormon settlers was often unstable, it is noteworthy to consider that Solomon was always well respected by his Indian friends. It is easy to conclude, therefore, that Solomon's friendship and example helped the Shoshones accept the gospel.

“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, 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.] The Academy went on to produce many famous alumni, including two future presidents of the LDS Church: Ezra Taft Benson and Harold B. Lee.

The Oneida Academy, one of only two remaining original LDS Church academy buildings still in existence, is facing the wrecking ball unless supporters come up with the money needed to move this historic edifice to Benson Park, two blocks northwest of the present site.

The Preston School District needs the land where the building sits for a new cafeteria and school library.

Volunteers trying to save the building have until March 14 to raise \$2.5 million to move and restore the structure. They want to renovate it into a museum or interpretive center.

Fred Woods, a professor of Mormon history at BYU and executive director of the Mormon Historic Sites Foundation, has been traveling the state lecturing on the history of the Academy in the hopes of drumming up support and donations to save and restore the building. “The community would lose an important piece of its history if the building has to be demolished,” he said.

100th Wedding Anniversary

A 100th wedding anniversary is being celebrated by the Benjamin Walter and Susan Idella Cazier Hale

family. They were married in the Logan Temple on February 5, 1903, and spent their honeymoon in Logan doing temple work. While there, they stayed with Alma H. Hale. During the month, they received letters from the groom’s father, Aroet Lucius Hale, [see p. 4] and the bride’s mother. Both emphasized the importance of temple work.

In his letter, Aroet says:

“My dear sons, I do feel pleased at the interest you are taking in temple work . . . I do feel pleased that you [Benjamin] have brought your lady love with you. It is a good place to spend the honey moon . . . I will come the last two weeks if possible and assist with the sealings.”

One hundred years later, Ben and Idella have 699 known descendants. One daughter, Elda Hale Miller of Logan, Utah, still survives. The family has supported 109 missionaries with eight currently serving. They are Brady Stuart (Argentina Cordova), Denton Johnson (Russia Rostov), Tyler Garrett (Brazil Sao Paulo), Jonathan Koberstein (Mexico Tampico), Lonny Walker (New Mexico Albuquerque), Timothy Hale (Mexico City South), Michael Roos (Brazil Belo Horizonte), and Jordan Eliason (Japan Nagoya).

The Benjamin W. Hale family is commemorating this special wedding anniversary with three key events:

- 1) **Attending the temple** during this anniversary month. Because the family is widely scattered and schedules are complex, each family member is asked to arrange his/her own time for this temple visit and are encouraged, where possible, to support the annual Jonathan H. Hale temple day on February 22.
- 2) **Writing recollections of Ben and Idella** to be compiled and distributed at the summer family reunion.
- 3) **Participating in a family missionary auction** at the Benjamin W. Hale family reunion in July. This annual event has been a lot of fun in

the past with family members making some choice items to be auctioned. It is an event that really draws the family closer together doing something that is important to us because of what we were taught by our grandparents.

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Family Trivia

Are you aware that Jonathan Harriman and Olive Boynton Hale had 54 grandchildren? The next generation of great grandchildren numbers over 700 (includes spouses). When you consider that the 8+ generations descending from Jonathan number in the thousands, it is easy to see that the Hale Family has much to do in gathering and updating our records.

Missing Link?

The Hale Family needs your help. We are requesting that every descendant family line provide a representative to help facilitate the work of checking, verifying, and adding family data to the central Hale Family file. If you are a member of a family line that has no formal organization, we encourage you to contact your family members who have records and help verify and submit your data.

Please submit the name of your family representative and verified records to Lee Hale [see p. 6 for address]. If you are not sure what records have been submitted for your line, please refer to the Hale PAF CD or contact Lee directly.

In Memory Of

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

➤ **QUENTIN SOLOMON HALE**, 83, passed away November 15, 2002. Born March 22, 1919, in Oakley, ID, he was the son of Rosel Hyde and Jane Pearl Read Hale. His boyhood adventures in Oakley would have made Tom Sawyer envious. Returning from an LDS Spanish-American mission, he served in the Navy during World War II. He was married for 54 years to Elaine Bryner, who passed away last year. Quentin was a football/basketball coach, teacher, insurance salesman for Beneficial Life, and the “biggest Cougar fan on the planet.” He served in several LDS bishoprics and was a devoted temple worker. He also served as Vice President for the Hale Family Organization for many years. He is survived by 10 children (James, Geralee Baughman, Tonia Ann Banks, Jennie Lyne Hannebaum, Val, Rachel Gonzalez, Miriam Murphy, Aimee Jo Allen, Heather, and Irvin); 3 brothers (Edsel, Kent, and Rodney); 2 sisters (Rachel Cunningham and Marva Chambers); 38 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

➤ **MELVA HALE KIDMAN**, 80, the seventh and youngest child of Benjamin Walter Hale and Susan Idella Cazier was born June 21, 1922, and passed away January 7, 2003. She grew up in Afton (Star Valley), WY, learning many homemaking skills from her mother. At age 15, she was put in charge of the family’s cooking and cleaning when her mother died. She graduated from Star Valley High School as valedictorian and attended the University of Wyoming on a scholarship. After working at Hill Field Air Force Base, she joined the U.S. Coast Guard and

served two years during World War II. Returning home, she was called on an LDS mission to the North Central States. Melva graduated from BYU in 1953 and began teaching at the Ogden School for the Deaf. Shortly after marrying Oriel Kidman, the two served a 6-month mission to the Western States. Melva loved serving in the Church in any capacity she was asked. Everyone loved being around her--she was often referred to as an “angel” by many. Melva’s greatest joy came in raising her three sons (Verdel, Mark, and Rex) on the family farm. She is survived by her sons, her sister Elda Hale Miller, and eight grandchildren.

➤ **EZRA FOSS HALE**, 91, passed away January 14, 2003, of heart failure at his home in Blackfoot, ID. He was born May 29, 1911, to Jonathan Harriman Hale (son of Alma Helaman Hale and Sarah Annie Clark) and Mary Rebecca Moss. He was married in the Logan Temple on November 21, 1929, to Grace Belnap, who preceded him in death in 1998. Ezra and Grace were the parents of seven children (Ella, Ezra, Mary Ann, Arvil, Trudy, and twins Dan and Don).

➤ **LORRAINE MARCELLA ARNOLD HALE**, wife of Lucius Melvin Hale, passed away January 5, 2003, in Virginia, after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lucius, who was the son of Franklin George Hale (son of Alma Helaman Hale and Ellen Victoria Clark) and Cora Elizabeth Hammond. Lorraine and Lucius were the parents of Joyce and Kathlene.

Hales in the News

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

➤ We are aware of two family members, **ZACK HALE** and **LUKE HAWES**, who are on their way to the Mid-East with the United States armed forces. Our prayers are with them as they serve their country. Are there any other family members being deployed?

Your Letters

“Your message reached me here in Lithuania where I am grafting a new member into the family tree. I would very much appreciate an assignment, so I can direct my efforts in an area where research has hit a dead end. I will be retiring here, while serving an unofficial Church-service mission along with my new wife.”

Dr. Boyd J. Hale
Vilnius, Lithuania

“Thank you for the Hale newsletters. I have enjoyed hearing what is new and what is happening. I purchased both the Jonathan and Alma books from my grandma, Lillian B. Nelson. Our family is really enjoying them.”

Trish Moody
Page, AZ

“I recently stumbled upon a bit of information in the LDS Church IGI file at my local family history library, which you were credited with placing there. I have been able to confirm that the information was indeed a missing piece of my research. I appreciate the extra information and am willing to share any information beneficial to your search as well.”

Jeremy David Huston
Royal Oak, MI

Assistance with Aroet History

Volunteers are needed to assist with research, compiling information/data, verifying records, and collecting pictures/artifacts in preparation for publishing an Aroet book. Do you have items to share (that will stay in your possession) or time to help?

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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 (27,000+ 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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