

The Hale Family News

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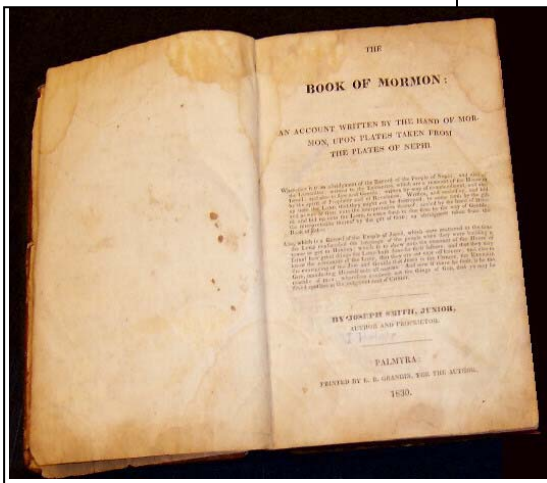
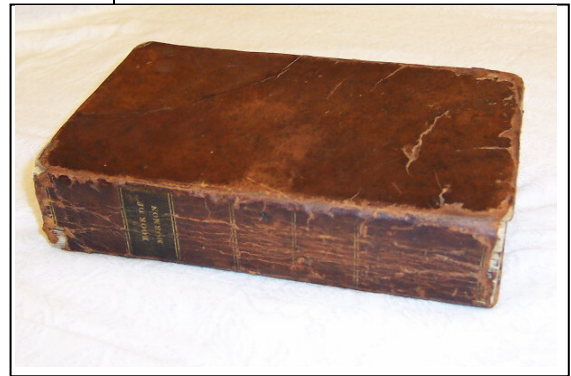
Significant Discovery!

Jonathan's 1830 Book of Mormon

JHH Book Donated to LDS Church

An exciting discovery recently came to light. The Columbia River Temple in Richland, Washington, was given a

first edition Book of Mormon by an anonymous donor. We soon learned that this 1830 book has special significance to the Hale family. As the book was opened, the original owner's name was revealed ~ "Jonathan H. Hale" was written on the inside front cover.



Once the discovery of the book was announced, the news spread rapidly throughout the Hale family. President Wheelwright and President Tingey of the Columbia River Temple presidency have been most gracious in providing information and pictures to share

of determining the truth of this "strange new book." The year was 1834. Jonathan and Olive were residing in Dover, New Hampshire, with their two children, Aroet and Rachel. "There came during the spring of that year missionaries bearing an astonishing message. Jonathan and Olive attended their meetings. They discussed gospel principles with them. They held in their hands and were permitted to read the 'strange' new book translated from golden plates. And they prayed. . . . Two hearts were touched. Two minds were illuminated with understanding. Two souls were convinced of the truth. And so, on that verdant day of June 13, 1834, Jonathan and Olive were baptized . . . by Elder Gladden Bishop, then president of the

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with us. [See p. 2.] As a "voice from the dust," Jonathan's signature attests to the truth of this great book. It bears testimony of the gospel principles contained within these weathered pages. We are again encouraged by our illustrious ancestor to "stand by the faith and continue on." This year marks the 172nd year since Jonathan set himself to the task

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branch of the Church at Westfield, New York.” (Heber Q. Hale, *Bishop Jonathan H. Hale of Nauvoo*, p. 35)

It is not known whether this recently discovered Book of Mormon was the exact one that converted Jonathan or if he obtained this edition from the Prophet Joseph himself during their first visit April 28, 1835. Whatever the case, it is possible that this glorious book was carried by Jonathan when he accompanied The Quorum of the Twelve on their first mission to the eastern states in May 1835 or on subsequent missions, possibly to the Fox Islands in May 1837.

President Wheelwright of the Columbia River Temple has indicated that the donor of this book is not from the Hale family but someone who wanted to bring joy to all who came to the temple. A special glass case was built, and the book is now on display in the lobby of the temple. Even though the donor has asked to remain anonymous, we have asked that our appreciation be expressed to him for his exceptionally kind donation. A Jonathan H. Hale book was sent to President Wheelwright so that he may have firsthand knowledge of Jonathan and the Hale family. He expressed his gratitude in being able to connect the donated Book of Mormon with its original owner.

Two of our Hale relatives working at the Columbia River Temple recently expressed appreciation for this great family and the privilege of seeing Jonathan’s Book of Mormon every time they go to the temple.

1830 “Mormon Bible” for Sale

Finding a first edition Book of Mormon? Fortunate. Finding one to purchase? Costly! Finding one with the signature of Jonathan H. Hale? Priceless!

Searching the Internet to learn more about the significance of finding a first edition Book of Mormon, I read: “For Sale: First Edition Book of Mormon ~ \$100,000 or Best Offer.” Could it be that these 1830 books are that valuable? I read on . . .

“Joseph Smith translated this book from the Golden Plates and then had it typeset and published by E. B. Grandin in Palmyra, New York, in 1830. Of the 5,000 books printed in the first edition, there are probably a few hundred books that have survived with most now in institutions or in private collections not for sale at any price. Because of this Book of Mormon’s unique connection as being the foundation for the restored Gospel, the first edition printing has become one of the most sought after treasures for rare book collectors. Prices continue to accelerate to new highs because of the very short supply of available books for sale.”

With this additional information, we should be even more appreciative of the discovery of the Jonathan H. Hale Book of Mormon. As well, delving into the history of the publication of this book provides us with even greater understanding.

“On September 22, 1827, Joseph Smith received the Book of Mormon plates from the Angel

Moroni at the Hill Cumorah. He also received a solemn commandment to preserve, protect, and translate the sacred record.” For the next three years Joseph, working without notes or textual aids, translated the plates. By July 1, 1829, the manuscript was completed. A contract with Grandin was soon signed and by August 25, 1829, publication had begun.

“At the Smith farm, Joseph entrusted oversight of the printing to Oliver Cowdery and then returned to his wife and farm in Harmony, Pennsylvania. Back at the Smith’s log home, Joseph’s family and companions took steps to protect the Book of Mormon from those who threatened to destroy it. Oliver hand copied the entire manuscript and . . . with a few pages of the printer’s copy concealed under their coats, either Oliver or Joseph’s brother Hyrum daily walked up Stafford Road to Grandin’s office in Palmyra village. At the end of each day’s printing, Oliver carefully examined the proof sheets for errors.

“Printing the Book of Mormon was a slow and exacting task. Each letter, line, and page of type had to be composed and set by hand. . . . The work proceeded steadily through the autumn and winter months. . . . On March 26, 1830, *The Wayne Sentinel*, a local newspaper, announced the publication of the Book of Mormon.” (*Gallery Guide for A Covenant Restored*, LDS Church, p. 22)

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Letter from the President

With nearly half of 2006 behind us, we continue to prioritize what needs to be accomplished. It is an exciting time with much to be done. The following are areas that we have been focusing our efforts on:

Family Names for Temple Work ~

Through the help of the Hale Family Genealogical Committee, family names for temple work are now available. Some temple districts have Hale family members who have volunteered to distribute name cards to local family members. If you would like to be a temple representative, please contact me. If no one has already volunteered for your area, we will set up a temple district and provide information on members in your area.

The committee has now gone through approximately 30,000 names to make sure we are not duplicating the work. About 8,000 additional names remain to be cleared. Once that is completed, we will then start on the Boynton line to make sure all of that work has been completed.

There are many other family history areas that need our attention. If you would like to help in this endeavor, please contact me. We have more than enough work to do. [Call Lee Hale: 801-731-7397; or email: hale2u@mstar2.net]

Aroet Book ~

Work on the Aroet book continues. If you have anything pertinent to the life of Aroet Lucius Hale, oldest son of Jonathan and Olive Hale—journals, histories, pictures, or other relevant information—please contact us. This is a great undertaking and will require the cooperation and effort of many family members.

Genealogical updates for all Aroet's descendants are needed. Many are missing. Your help in updating your family records would be appreciated.

If you would like to help with the actual compiling and sorting of information, please let us know. (*contact Donna Akers, phone: 435-257-5171; E-mail: www.Mawsquaw@frontiernet.Net or Christine Hale 801-451-9100, newsletter@halefam.org*) This is a long-term project, but we will keep moving along so that the book will become available as quickly as it can be compiled.

Memorial Marker ~

Plans are nearing completion for the memorial marker to be erected in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in honor of Jonathan H. and Olive Hale, and their two young daughters, Olive Susan and Clarissa Martha. All four passed away within 15 days of each other in September 1846. We invite you to provide donations as your means will allow. It is not as much a matter of money as it is a matter of helping honor this great ancestral family.

As we have reported before, much effort has been put into finding an appropriate site for the marker. We have identified two burial sites that were near

the encampment that the Hale family was located in when they died. Further research may help us confirm the specific site.

To honor these great ancestors, let us not only erect a memorial marker but through our diligence, carry on the work that they started.

Family History ~

It is amazing to me that in working on the genealogy of our great family, you are never alone. Almost daily I get emails from Hale family who are searching for relatives. Many of them are our direct family and are related to Thomas Hale, our immigrant ancestor. Others have descended through lines other than Jonathan H. Hale's.

Of those Hale family whose names are now ready for temple work, many are links that we did not know about before, ancestors of those individuals who found us. Many have provided missing pieces. Hundreds more have yet to find a relationship to Thomas Hale. I am positive they will keep coming to us, and we will keep finding them. Your efforts and donations have made this important work possible.

We have identified over 11,000 descendants (including spouses) of Jonathan and Olive. Nearly 19,000 descendants of Thomas Hale have likewise been identified. As we continue tracing every line from Thomas, I believe thousands more will be found. This is a lifelong work for many people. Who will do the work? The answer is quite simple: all of us promised WE would.

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Family Dues ~

Last year much work was accomplished and a great family reunion held. Many contributed in 2005 to help sustain this great work. This year brings additional work and challenges. We now have nearly 1,400 families who receive the Hale newsletter. This project and others can only continue with your contributions. Thousands of hours are donated each year by volunteers. A yearly donation of \$15 per family will help defray expenses. As of this date, 84 of the 1,400 families in our database have contributed. Your continued support is appreciated!

As you can see, we have our work cut out for us. No one person can accomplish everything that needs to be done, but when many hands work together, much can be accomplished.

Lee Hale, President
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Membership Update

Over the last few months, I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you via telephone to verify and update our Hale family records. Living in Oklahoma, I really appreciate those phone visits. I am impressed with the rich family heritage I find in visiting with many of you. I wish to thank those of you who have helped update addresses and fill in gaps in our Hale Family descending pedigree records. As of the present time, we have 1,391 families who are on our family mailing list.

You are the core of our family organization and we appreciate your support.

Brent W. Hale
 VP-Membership
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In Memory Of

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

➤ EVERETT HALE CALL, 92, passed away June 11, 2006. He was born Aug. 15, 1913, in Denver, Colorado, to Willard and Louie Ann



Hale Call. Everett grew up in Bancroft, Idaho, and married Louise Madsen on Nov. 9, 1934. Twin girls were born to this union. After Louise's passing in 1949, Everett married Anne DeYoung. Five more children joined their family.

Everett served diligently in many church callings, including missionary, bishopric counselor, and temple worker. He also served as national president of Sons of Utah Pioneers as well as an officer in the Hale Family Organization. He was a successful salesman of fine clothing and jewelry and traveled extensively.

Everett is survived by his wife of 56 years, 6 children, 22 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and one sister, Louise Nelson.

➤ JOSEPH MERRILL FIFIELD, 27, died in a hiking accident near Provo, Utah, Feb. 22, 2006. He was the third of eleven children of William and Patricia Bergin



Fifield of Spanish Fork, Utah. He was born Oct. 23, 1978, in Evanston, Illinois, and lived most of his life in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Joseph was a talented poet as well as an accomplished pianist and cellist. He had a great capacity for being a peacemaker and could not be persuaded to speak unkindly of others.

Joseph served a mission in the Dusseldorf Germany Mission and enjoyed his callings as organist, teacher, member of the elders quorum presidency, and ward missionary. He graduated from BYU, having performed regularly with a jazz ensemble.

He is survived by his parents, 7 brothers and 3 sisters. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Matthew and Leah Hale Fifield.

➤ZELDA HALE LEMON, passed away June 10, 2006. She was born May 20, 1919, in Groveland, Idaho, to Alvin and



Julia Dean Hale. She was married to Dr. C.M.H. Wilcox in 1937 and had two beautiful children, Julona and Richard. She later divorced and married T. O. Lemon in 1956. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple. They had a son, Darrell, and a daughter, Tauni Lei.

Zelda was a licensed beautician for 63 years and touched the lives of many people. She and T.O. built a lifetime of service and love for those around them.

She is survived by her 3 children, 15 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren; 3 brothers (Wilford and Dean Hale); and 3 sisters (Otella Buttars, Donna and Beulah Hale).

➤ARBA HALE BLACK NORTH, born May 15, 1916, in Groveland, Idaho, passed away Feb. 12, 2006. She was the daughter of Raymond and Faunt Killian Hale. She grew up near Pocatello, Idaho, and married Russell Black in 1931. Together they owned and operated retail

grocery businesses in Pocatello and Ogden. Following her husband's death in 1984, Arba moved to Salt Lake City, where she was employed as a decorator for ten years. She married Barton P. North on July 16, 1988,



and was loved by his entire extended family.

Arba is survived by her sister, Valeen Anderson, son, Robert Black, as well as 3 granddaughters and 2 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her husband and extended family--an additional 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

➤FERRIS NATHAN CALL, 90, passed away at his home in Orem, Utah, Feb. 15, 2006. He was born Aug. 7, 1915, in Denver, Colorado, the son of Willard and Louie Ann Hale Call. He



lived most of his life in Bancroft, Idaho, but lived the last 30 years in Orem. He married May Lindsay on June 12, 1942, in the Logan Temple. They were the parents of 8 children.

Ferris was an active member of the LDS Church. He and his wife served a mission in Calgary, Canada. He enjoyed appearing in numerous Church videos and more recently grew a beard for a role in the film commemorating the life of the Prophet Joseph, which currently shows in the Legacy Theatre on Temple Square.

Ferris was survived by 4 sons, 2 daughters, 35 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren, sister Louise Nelson, and brother Everett [who since passed away June 11, 2006]. He was preceded in death by his wife, son Ferris, daughter Martha, 3 grandchildren, 3 brothers, Ellis, Barlow, George, and sister Melva.

➤BETHEEN WADSWORTH, born May 3, 1924, in Oakley, Idaho, died April 18, 2006, at the age of 81. The daughter of Albert H. Hale, Jr., and Mary Lucile Pettegrew, Betheen mar-



ried Eugene D. Wadsworth on Feb. 7, 1944, in Salt Lake City.

Bethen lived in Seldovia, Alaska, from 1945-65. She lived in Kodiak for 5 years until she moved to Sequim in 1970. She was a substitute teacher and worked in commercial fishing. She was a homesteader and lived in five log homes her husband built.

Bethen was active in the LDS Church, having served as Relief Society president and early morning seminary teacher. She enjoyed painting, sewing, and gardening.

She is survived by her husband and son, Ray Wadsworth (Jane), all of Sequim, Alaska; also a brother, David Alma Hale; sisters Rosemary, Helen, Margaret, and Martha; five grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

➤GARTH ARDEN HOWARD, 51, was born February 26, 1944, in Rexburg, Idaho, the son of Merrill William and Joyce Hale Howard, and was laid to rest April 11, 2006. He grew up on a farm in St. Anthony, where he developed his strong work ethic and a love for the outdoors.



Garth served a mission in Guatemala-El Salvador for the LDS Church and returned to marry Tammy Elsmore on January 6, 1978. He graduated from BYU and received his MBA from the University of Utah.

Garth served in many capacities in the church, including that of bishop. He had a great enthusiasm for life and had a propensity for inspiring others. He is survived by his wife and their 4 children; 4 grandchildren; mother Joyce; and 8 siblings. He is preceded in death by his father, Merrill, and brother Lee.

Hales in the News

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

➤SHANNON HALE, wife of Dean Hale, received a Newbery Honor for her New York Times bestseller, *Princess Academy*. She and her husband are working together on a graphic novel and live with their son in Salt Lake City.



Shannon started writing books at age ten and never stopped, eventually earning an MFA in Creative Writing. She is a dedicated writer, a loving mother, and a talented dance instructor.

Akin to an Academy Award, winning Newbery recognition catapults an author to international fame. Shannon is the first Utahan to win such recognition since 1947. The Newbery Award is the single most prestigious award given to authors who write for children or teenagers. "It's a life-changing, career-making award that essentially guarantees that the winning books will stay in print forever," says Chris Crowe, professor of young adult literature at BYU.

➤ELDER MICHAEL HALE AND ELDER DAVID HALE ~ On Jan. 25, 2006, Michael Hale (son of Brent and Ruth Hale), of Tulsa, Oklahoma, left home for LDS missionary service in the Seattle Washington Mission. He soon discovered that he was one of two Elder Hales in the group going to Seattle. He met Elder David Hale (son of Craig Victor Hale) from Lenoir City, Tennessee, who was also headed to the



Seattle Washington Mission.

It took only a short time to discover that wherever you go in the world, you can find Hale relatives in unexpected places. After checking their ancestral records, the two missionaries found that they are fourth cousins once removed. It was obvious from the picture they sent home that they are both Hales. Both have the distinctive Hale look which we recognize in the drawing of Jonathan H. Hale.

➤BECKY HALE BENSON has been seen every Monday morning since Feb. 2005 on SLC's



Fox 13 News (7:45 a.m.) sharing her money-saving tips. She is proof that smart shopping with coupons and a watchful eye can cut your food budget at least in half. At times she has been seen saving more than 90 percent of her total monthly food bill. "Finding those free items is like a treasure hunt," she says.

Keeping up with her four active boys has kept Becky on her toes in more ways than one. She continually juggles her family

responsibilities with part-time work as a CSR in a busy insurance office, church callings, and establishing her couponing business. Becky enjoys educating others through classes and seminars in the art of saving money. She says the key to maximizing savings is to pair up coupons with in-store specials. For more information, check her website: www.beckysbasics.com.

Your Letters

"It is a tremendous feeling knowing these two great artifacts have been preserved and we can see them and remember our great grandfather Jonathan H. Hale. An original Nauvoo Legion sword and an original copy of the Book of Mormon both owned by our great ancestor! It's great to have any relics from his life but these two objects are especially meaningful because of the symbolism they carry.

"Jonathan's Nauvoo Legion sword to me is a symbol of his fight for freedom and truth, a reminder for us all to defend and strengthen ourselves from those evils in our lives that seek to bring us down. I look forward to the day that I can hold that sword in my own hands.

"And an original copy of the Book of Mormon owned by Jonathan with his signature still bright and legible! This represents to me his commitment to living by and sharing the word of God; it is his endorsement of everything written in that book and preserved for so many centuries. It is as if Jonathan is standing alongside Enos, Moroni, and all the other authors of

the book in 'crying from the dust' his testimony of the Savior and the restored gospel for the benefit of his future generations. It is as if their words are his:

"And now behold, this was the desire which I desired of him . . . that the Lord God would preserve a record of my people . . . that it might be brought forth at some future day . . . that perhaps they might be brought unto salvation. . . .

"And I have faith, and I did cry unto God that he would preserve the records; and he covenanted with me that he would bring them forth . . . in his own due time.' (Enos 1:13, 16)

"What a great man of faith was Jonathan H. Hale! How blessed we are to belong to his family and to have these artifacts preserved to remind us of what he lived and died for! What a legacy he has left for us! I feel very privileged to know these things, to have these reminders, and to be a descendant of Jonathan H. Hale!"

Matthew D. Hale
Salt Lake City, UT

[If your Hale family group would like to visit The Museum of Church History and Art (west of Temple Square in Salt Lake City) and have a guided tour of artifacts significant in the life of Jonathan H. Hale--possibly including the JHH sword and the E.B. Grandin press that printed Jonathan's first edition Book of Mormon--contact David and Christine Hale (docents at the Museum on Monday evenings). Email: HaleCN47@hotmail.com or call 801-451-9100 for an appointment.]

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Items to Order

- *Bp Jonathan H. Hale of Nauvoo* by Heber Q. Hale (4th printing)— \$22.00 (includes shipping).
- *Alma Helaman Hale* by Nathan Hale Gardner (2nd edition 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 postage).

- *PAF records on CD*—records of the Thomas Hale/Joan Kirby line (38,000+ 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 wall chart of the Thomas Hale / Joan Kirby line through Jonathan H. Hale’s grandchildren. Professionally done — suitable for framing! Reproduced on quality paper (indicate white or antique ivory); \$15 (includes packaging and shipping).
- *Nauvoo Legion lapel pin or necklace*—a replica of the original button worn on Nauvoo Legion uniforms. Show pride in your heritage by receiving a lapel pin or necklace free for every \$25 donation.
- *Fourth Generation Book* – Short histories of the 28 surviving great-grandchildren at time of the 200th anniversary reunion, July 30th, 2005. Complimentary with dues payment (request copy).

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