

## JOHN'S MUDDY RIVER JOURNAL FOUND

By Ruth W. Rogers

[BFR ed. note: When The Bennion Family of Utah Volume III was published in 1968, it contained all of the known journals of John Bennion. Since that time, his Muddy River Mission journal, covering the years 1868-1870, was discovered. The journal will be reprinted in its entirety in the soon-to-be-released History of the John Bennion Family by Ruth Winder Rogers. See the article on the book on page 5 of this issue. Below is an introduction by Ruth and excerpts from the previously missing journal, complete with original spelling and punctuation.]

I sit at my computer copying the words John Bennion so painstakingly wrote more than 120 years ago. My dishwasher is doing my dishes, the washer and dryer my clothes, and dinner is ready to be popped into the microwave, and I am trying to place myself in Esther Ann's shoes. Until 1870 she lived in a tent, which John says the wind blew over at least five times, usually in the dead of winter. Her baby Owen was born in the tent three months after the arduous journey to Long Valley. John made a bedstead ten days before. They moved four times after grubbing the stubborn brush, plowing and planting grain and vegetables and fruit trees. Each time John went the long miles back and dug up the dozens of trees and moved them. I walked over some of that Muddy River ground a few weeks ago and the tough brush tore into my Nike's. How tiny feet must have hurt and bled as it tore into them. Here are some excerpts from John's Muddy River Journal

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discovered a few years ago in an account book in Lucile Diamond Smith's collection. This journal covers some of the same dates as the journals published in Bennion Family Volume III, but is more detailed in most cases and covers much important time and information missing until now.

WED NOV 11 1868    Left home to journey south to fulfil a mission appointed to me at the last conference    had with me Esther Ann & her 4 boys 5 horses 4 cows 1 waggon loaded with provisions & household goods. Samuel R come in from rush & helped me get ready & start. Amongst all my acquaintance I knew of none but felt a warm friendly feeling at parting    my family feeling sorrowful    we travelled to Lehi    stay at Br. Karrans.

THUR DEC 3    started on & soon we heard by express that a company a few miles ahead had their animals stampeded & run off by Navahoes we fitted up 3 good horse men with water & food to the relief of those who had persued the robbers, but some friendly Indians recovered part of the stolen stock    we camped near our camped

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## John's Muddy River Journal Found (cont'd.)

breatheren who had been robbed & sent one of our young men on to St Joseph

SAT DEC 5 this morning old Beck mare lost her colt after 1 1/2 miles we climbed up the great virgin hill helping each other then over the bench we arrived at St Joseph at 1/2 past 8 O clock P M and kindly entertained at Bro Cose's Had travelled about 434 miles in 23 travelling days average 19 miles per day

FRI DEC 25 [ed. note: Christmas Day!] Come 4 miles through grape vine narrows made some rode & got stauld 3 times

TUES FEB 9 1869 cutting stakes for fencing garden Indian Jim come down. I had Br. Gibbons talk to him about some threats an Indian had made, they each got excited Br. G struck the Jim at which he drew his knife the bretheren standing by stopped it. (the striking) I mailed a letter for home

MON FEB 22 1869 Last night I think was the coldest night we have past this winter worked on my garden lot

THUR FEB 25 cut & hauled up a load of staks for garden fence Bros Bateman & Egbert returned from St George recieved the following trees from Br Hemenway 21 apple trees at 75c 15.75 4 pear trees at 1.50 6.00 grape cuttings 2.00 some peach seedlings gratis

SAT MAR 6 watering wheat & Bros Erasmus Lynne & Archibald Swapp come from St Thomas after stock afternoon made a bedstead Wm Spencer made a gate for me to use on big corral

MON MAR 15 about 1 O clock Esther A give birth to a Son about home jobing afternoon got up firewood

SAT MAR 20 prepared ground and planted a

little corn in the garden. A lot of Indians come down, heap hungry

TUES APR 20 moved camp two miles the old Beck mare missing

FRI APR 23 rode back to Cane Spring to hunt old Beck found tracks of an Indian driving her of into the hills offered an Indian blankett to bring her in

MON APR 26 An Indian brought in old Beck I rewarded him with blanket & some flour believing the Piutes had shaded her to get some such present got up a load of wood

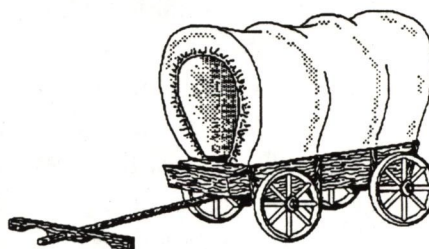
TUES MAY 10 1870 Enoch left us to go to Salt Lake City after a Mower & flour to travel with Br Wm McIntosh [ed. note: Enoch was 12 years of age]

SUN MAY 15 finished shearing we loaded up the traps & family & come in the high wind tore down our tent

SAT JUN 11 fixcing the floor of Shanty worked for the Bishop in his garden 1/2 day Enoch got back home He made the trip in 29 days brought a Mower and flour

SAT SEP 24 Attended Meeting, Br Snow preaching on the Saints enriching themselves by firstly Agriculture next Manufactures he wanted to raise means to pay for A factory at Washington afternoon on the ditch I got up a load of hay About 8 P M Northern lights was very beautiful

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SEPTEMBER 9, 1889  
BISHOP SAMUEL BENNION DIED ON THIS  
DATE  
LAID TO REST  
BISHOP BENNION'S REMAINS CONSIGNED  
TO THE TOMB

The funeral services over the remains of the late Bishop Samuel Bennion were held yesterday at the North Jordan Ward Meeting House, the building being crowded to its utmost capacity. Elder Samuel Bringham conducted the services. Elder Joseph Harker, Bishop R. T. Burton, Elder H. W. Naisbitt, President Angus M. Cannon and President George Q. Cannon were the speakers. The remarks were on the exemplary life of the deceased, and his courage and integrity for the right; words of comfort and instruction for the bereaved were spoken, and at the close of the services about fifty vehicles followed the remains of Bishop Bennion to the cemetery in Salt Lake City. He leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Bishop Bennion's life has been one of long continued usefulness. He can be classed among the pioneers of Utah, having arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley in the Fall of 1847. Since that time he has been well known among the people as an active worker for the general good, and his good judgment and untiring energy will be especially missed by the people of North Jordan Ward, over which he has presided for nearly 26 years.

He was a son of John Bennion and Elizabeth Roberts, and was born in the parish of Hawarden, County of Flint, North Wales, Dec. 11, 1818. In 1840 he saw the first Latter-day Saint missionaries (Elders John Taylor and Joseph Fielding) in a chapel in Liverpool, where Elder Bennion at that time carried on business as a baker. He was baptized September 30, 1842. Having made the necessary arrangements to gather to the Saints' headquarters in America, he sailed from Liverpool, together with a few Saints, March 30, 1845, on board the ship *Parthenon*, landed in New

Orleans May 12th, and continued up the Mississippi River to Nauvoo, Ill., where he arrived May 23rd.

The following spring (May 19th, 1846) he was forced to vacate his possessions because of the persecutions. Together with a small company of Saints he crossed the Mississippi River at Fort Madison, and stopped at Garden Grove, Iowa, where he raised a crop, and remained the following winter.

Early in the spring of 1847 he proceeded to the main camp of the Saints, on the Missouri River, and, after having made a trip to Missouri after provisions, he crossed the plains in Bishop E. Hunter's company, arriving in Salt Lake City in October, 1847, with Captain Joseph Horne's Fifty.

Early in 1848 he located himself and family on the west side of the River Jordan, and thus became one of the first settlers in that section of the country. In February, 1850, he went to Provo, in G. D. Grant's company of Minute Men, and participated in the battle with the Indians under Big Elk, February 8th and 9th. The winter of 1855-56 he spent in Rush Valley, together with Luke S. Johnson and others.

In 1857 he participated in the Echo Canyon Expedition and on Sept. 27, 1863, he was appointed to preside over the North Branch of the West Jordan Ward, which position he occupied until the Branch, June 17, 1877, was organized as a ward, when he was ordained Bishop. He acted for years as Justice of the Peace, and was one of the leading men of Salt Lake County. He served several terms as Selectman, his career in that respect having terminated last month.

Bishop Bennion was seized with his last illness, a disorder of the kidneys, on Sunday night, August 25th. He had a strong constitution, and his sufferings were intense. He was relieved by death on the evening of Monday, September 9th, and in his departure the people mourn the death of a wise counselor and faithful friend.

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# DESERET NEWS

## Monday Evening, September 17, 1877

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### OBITUARY

John Bennion, son of John and Elizabeth Roberts Bennion, who died Sept. 1st, 1877, at North Jordan, Salt Lake County, was born in the township of Moor, parish of Hawarden, county of Flint, Wales, on the 9th of July, 1820. Received the gospel under the teachings of Elder John Taylor and was baptized May 2nd, 1841, by Robert Reid; confirmed under the hands of James McGuffey and Richard Harrison. He was ordained a priest by John Greenbow and Thomas Dumbille, on the 8th of June following. On the 15th of February, 1842, he was married to Esther Wainwright, by Elder Greenbow; on the 22nd went on board the ship *John Cumming*, and set sail for New Orleans, arriving at that port on the 25th of April. On Saturday, May 7th, he landed in Nauvoo, then the gathering place of the Saints. He bought a city lot of Squire Warrington, and resided there two years. In April, 1844, he purchased a piece of land of D.H. Wells, Esq., six miles east of Nauvoo, built a house and shared in the persecution of the Saints until their expulsion from Illinois. He was ordained a member of the 14th Quorum of Seventies on Sunday, December 22nd, the day the quorum was organized. During the winter he made himself a wagon, and in January 1846, attended to the ordinances in the Nauvoo Temple, and sold his farm, consisting of thirty-one acres, for the sum of forty-five dollars, leaving his house and lot in the city of Nauvoo unsold. On the 19th of May he left Nauvoo and traveled west as far as Garden Grove; built two log cabins and planted crops, preparing for the Winter; in the Fall he was taken sick with the chills and fever.

About the 1st of November a call was made for men to go and bring up the poor Saints who had been driven out from Nauvoo. He sent two yoke of oxen to assist in that labor. On the 1st of April, 1847, he was enrolled in Capt. Chatteter's com-

pany, to travel to the West. On the 10th was sent down to Des Moines, Iowa, after corn to fit out the company to go to Council Bluffs; returned home on the 24th, sold his two log cabins for \$2, and, on the 28th, started for the Bluffs, in a company of ten; arrived there on the 18th of May. The counsel of Elders John Taylor and P. P. Pratt was for all who could fit themselves out to go over the mountains. On the 23rd of May he started down to Missouri after provisions, made the journey, of 280 miles, in fourteen days; crossed the Missouri River on the 12th of June, and on the 13th got his certificate, left Winter Quarters on the 14th, and camped near Elder Taylor's company. Next day he traveled ten miles, and camped near the Elk Horn; was enrolled in William Taylor's company of ten, Joseph Horne's company of fifty, and Edward Hunter's company of one hundred. He left the Elk Horn on Saturday, the 19th, and camped on the banks of the Platte until Monday, 21st, and then resumed the journey westward. He met the pioneer camp on their way to Winter Quarters, September 7th, on the Sweetwater; arrived in this valley on the first day of October. He built a log cabin in the old fort for his family and farmed on Canon Creek in the summer of 1848. In December he moved his house on the west side of Jordan, and moved his family into it on the 1st day of January, 1849. In February, 1850, he was in the Indian War, on the Provo River. On the 4th of September, 1854, he started East, in charge of a company from West Jordan Ward, with supplies to assist the emigration. He was ordained a High Priest December 11th, 1856, under the hands of John Young and Joseph Harker; was appointed to preside over the North Branch of the West Jordan Ward, April 17th, 1859, which position he held until called to go on a mission to the southern part of the Territory, at the October Conference in 1868. He started on his mission November 11th, settled on

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# NEW BOOK COMING IN LATE 1989

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## **HISTORY of the JOHN BENNION FAMILY**

By Ruth Winder Rogers

[BFR ed. note: The following is Ruth's commentary on the new book that she will publish later this year. We are all grateful for her efforts in this area. The previous issue of the Bennion Family Recorder indicated that the book would be available this August. As Ruth recently discovered 50 more of John's letters, the publication date has been delayed until late 1989. Thank you for your patience and stay tuned for more details.]

This is an exciting time for me. I think when I sat at the feet of my grandmother, Mary Bennion Calder, and heard firsthand stories of crossing the plains and pioneering the valley, I somehow sensed that someday I would write this family's history, for I have remembered and collected and internalized so much of that which went into the building of a strong, united family. I remember the chills that went up my spine as she told of Old Limpy, the Indian; the tears that flowed as she painted a word picture of the death and burial of her tiny sister Ann out on a lonely prairie. Later there were visits back and forth between my mother and her uncles, aunts and cousins, whom I did not realize belonged to "other wives" because there was no difference in the love and remembrances and the fun shared among them. Perhaps it is to this that I owe a very real feeling of love and respect for Esther Ann and Mary Turpin, as for my own special great-grandmother Esther.

The book will contain approximately seventy pages of history capturing the interweaving of the lives of three women with that of one man and their 29 children. In a straightforward manner it tells the joys and sorrows, the hardships and triumphs, the very human feelings of those who faced living under much different and more

difficult circumstances than any of their descendants have experienced. In addition the book will contain uncut and unaltered and in chronological order more than 220 letters of John's and other family members. Someone remarked that John showed no emotion in his journals. His letters express very deep feelings and emotions and probably show the real John Bennion, as well as the real-life wives as nothing else could. And then, of course, there are the 31 pages (typewritten) of the heretofore missing journal.

The book is written with love, with no idea of monetary gain, but with a strong desire to make it possible for each descendant to experience a sense of discovery, sharing, love and belonging to this very real Bennion family. Our hope is that families will be able to afford copies for each of their children, so we are offering the book at cost.

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## **BENNION BITS**

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**Lowell C. Bennion**, the son of Utah's renowned **Lowell L. Bennion** (son of Milton, son of John Bennion and Mary Turpin), is a professor of Geography at Humboldt State University in northern California. His 1987 book Sanpete Scenes: A Guide to Utah's Heart, published by Basin/Plateau Press and co-authored with Gary B. Peterson, received the 1989 \$1,000 J.B. Jackson Prize from the Association of American Geographers. The award is given "to encourage American geographers to write scholarly books about the geography of the U.S. in language that a broad audience of non-professionals would find interesting and appealing" (quote from Jackson Prize letter of notification). In Lowell C.'s words, you "might be interested in knowing that Bennion appears as a place name in the northeast corner of Sanpete County. There both a creek and a ridge

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At the last reunion you authorized the Bennion Family Executive Committee to complete the constitution keeping in mind questions that had been raised about items such as liability and meeting state requirements. The constitution has been revised and amended with your directions in mind. It also has been submitted to the IRS with the hope that they will approve the Association as a non-profit organization so that we can claim tax deductions for the donations you make to our religious and educational work. By the next Recorder these efforts should have reached fruition. Copies of the Constitution are always available and will be present at the reunions for distribution. The Constitution is a living thing and can and should be reviewed any time and may be amended at the reunions. In addition the Executive Committee may add and change By-Laws so long as they do not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation.

The fabric of our society sometimes seems that the strains on it are irresistible, and each warp and woof that endures is welcome. The Bennion Family Association is another thread that promotes close relationships. The representatives you have chosen are wonderfully dedicated to the activities you have given in the charter, and it is no doubt comforting to know that 100% of the funds given go directly to support those activities.

With this Issue 2 of the Recorder, the value of keeping these issues as a permanent part of your genealogy files has no doubt been realized by many of us. They are designed with that goal in mind, certainly the effort that goes into them warrants that permanence. We hope to have a few of the yearly set of four available at the reunions but it would be prudent to compile your mailed copies as you receive them.

Your comments and help are sincerely solicited; don't choose us every two years then let us

## Bennion Bits (continued)

bear the family name, if I remember right. I discovered these toponyms while doing research for Sanpete Scenes ... So far as I know, no Bennions ever settled in Sanpete (they merely herded sheep or cattle there and in Emery County), but surely a few of them must have married Sanpeters. And Sanpeters, or anyone else interested in a microcosm of Mormon Country, are the ones we're trying to reach with this guide to Utah's bypassed heart."

If you would like to contact Lowell C. Bennion on this subject, try 2213 Plunkett Road, Bayside, California 95524.

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If you followed the TV coverage of the demonstrations in Beijing, China recently, you may have noticed several interviews of one **Susan Lindsay Gong**, the wife of the Assistant U.S. Ambassador to China. She is your relative, descending from **Richard P. Lindsay** (new member of Second Quorum of Seventy), Samuel J. Lindsay, Emma Bennion, and Samuel Bennion/Mary Bushell. Susan's husband, Gerritt, is a former Rhodes Scholar and until a few days ago was the LDS Branch President in Beijing. About two weeks before the eruption of the demonstrations, the first baptisms of Chinese citizens were performed in the Beijing Branch, baptizing six people who had been attending the branch for up to ten years. The Gongs have been working with these people to prepare them for leadership in the Church, as the Chinese government has indicated that they want local leadership in the churches. Reports are that the Gongs are safely out of China and back in the U.S.A.

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wander without your guidance which is always welcome. Contact me at:

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## BENNION FAMILY BURIAL PLOT--SALT LAKE CITY CEMETERY

[BFR ed. note: For many years prior to his death in 1971 Howard Sharp Bennion was the self-appointed family genealogist, donating literally years of his life and thousands of dollars to the compilation of our family records. Below is his description, written shortly before his death, of the Bennion burial plot in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Howard had recently completed supervision of the project of erecting replacement headstones for the family members buried there. All are invited to visit the spot to honor our ancestors.]

When the Saints first settled in Salt Lake Valley, what is now the Salt Lake City Cemetery was the established burial ground for several years. The Bennion brothers obtained a plot about 30 feet by 30 feet in which they and their five wives, thirteen of their children, five grandchildren and a daughter-in-law are buried—a total of twenty-six family members. Also buried in the plot are two or possibly four fellow immigrants, who died without a burial plot and were given a resting place in the Bennion plot.

I think I am right in saying that except for the graves of the two brothers, Samuel and John, and their five wives, and the adopted Indian boy, Kanosh, of John and Esther Wainwright Bennion, the exact locations of the graves of the other eighteen family members buried in the plot are not ascertainable. At least, I and the cemetery attendants in the office did not find specific locations for any of them. Generally, the members of Samuel's family were buried in the south half of the plot and the descendants of John in the northwest quarter of the plot. The location of old markers, now gone, gave that general information. The grave of Kanosh is marked by a small, white sandstone monument in good condition and is left standing.

### LOCATION OF THE PIONEER BURIAL PLOT

This plot is twenty yards north of the street called 240 North Street. It runs east and west, wider than most, a good parking street and starts from just north of the parking lot at the Cemetery Office.

This Bennion plot is 30 yards west of Center Street, a street running north and south. If you overshoot 240 North Street, the next east and west street is Grand Avenue, very narrow. The Bennion plot is 60 yards south of Grand Avenue. A few yards east and south of the Pioneer Bennion plot is the burial plot of Samuel Roberts Bennion and his family. It is marked by a large granite stone, on the east face of which is the name BENNION, clearly readable from Center Street a few yards to the east. Samuel R. Bennion is the oldest son of John Bennion. Each of the pioneer brother named his first son for his brother—Samuel named his first son John; John named his first son Samuel.

The headstones we have erected replace the broken and badly eroded stones are bluish grey granite from Barre, Vermont, the best stone in this country to resist erosion. The lettering will remain legible for centuries—long after the graves are no longer in use by the present occupants, because our forebears will be among the first to rise from the grave.

The stones are eight inches thick, twenty-one inches high at the center and forty-two inches wide. They are set in a granite base that rises ten inches above ground. In a light gray panel five inches by twenty-one and one-half inches, the name BENNION stands out in large black letters.

On the Samuel Bennion headstone, several inches below the surname panel are three panels in a horizontal line with the names, Samuel Bennion, Mary Bushell and Rhoda Jones, with the year of birth and death under each name. On the John Bennion stone there is a single panel for himself. The graves of each of his three wives are already marked by a separate flat stone for each grave, cut from the same appearing bluish gray granite. The only other family marker remaining in the burial plot is the small white sandstone marker of Kanosh, before mentioned. The vandals somehow left that unharmed.

On the back of each of the two stones are carved the names, the years of birth and death of each son or daughter buried in the plot. Most of them were infants. There were grievous epidemics in those early years. The names are so listed as to indicate to which mother each child belonged. On the Samuel Bennion Stone, which lists five grandchildren buried in the plot, the names of the parents of these five grandchildren are stated. Also listed is his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Sharp Bennion, my aunt, who is buried in the same unmarked grave as her infant child.

For years, the part of the cemetery in which the pioneer Bennion plot is located was covered with weeds and somewhat eroded. Now it has been smoothed out, covered with sod and the grass kept cut. Our two stones are not so large and massive as some other monuments in the area. Costs of stones and carving have skyrocketed in recent years. But our two identical headstones are beautiful, appropriate and informative. We have done what badly needed to be done. We can feel sure our deed is approved by those we have honored.

—Howard S. Bennion

[BFR ed. P.S.: For those of you not familiar with the life of Howard S. Bennion, he was born in 1889 in Vernon, Tooele County, Utah to Israel and Jeannette Sharp Bennion. Israel was a son of John Bennion and Esther Ann Birch. Howard graduated #1 in the 1908 class of LDS High School, and #1 in the 1912 class of the United States Military Academy at West Point. His score at graduation ranked 13th on the all-time list of West Point graduates, a list that includes Douglas MacArthur and Robert E. Lee. Howard entered the army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Engineer Corps, and in World War I he directed camouflage operations in France. He was in line to become the youngest general in the U.S. Army, but elected to join the Edison Electric Institute, of which he became the managing director until his retirement in 1956. During this time he was Stake President of the New York Stake and later Patriarch. Until his death in 1971 he worked tirelessly and brilliantly on the Bennion family tree. This editor sincerely believes that Howard is currently very disturbed at how many Bennions believe that their family histories are complete because of his work! Much remains to be done. Please contact the Bennion Family Committee; we need your help.]



the Muddy, was called from there to Long Valley and was appointed Bishop of that place December 20th. He was on that mission until the fall of 1872. He started on a visit to England in October of the same year and returned on February 15th, 1873. He was elected Justice of the Peace for North Jordan Precinct at the general election for 1875. He was acting teacher in the ward in which he resided. He leaves 22 children and 21 grandchildren to mourn his loss.

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## INCREDIBLE SECOND CHANCE OFFER!

As you probably don't recall from the first issue of the Bennion Family Recorder, you were invited to return a form which permitted you to continue to receive quarterly copies of this new publication. The Executive Committee of the Bennion Family Association received much favorable feedback regarding the Bennion Family Recorder, but few subscriptions! Therefore, the Executive Committee has decided to slightly revise the terms of subscription, and to offer all family members a unique **SECOND CHANCE** to receive all future issues. The \$10 "annual dues" mentioned in the previous letter have been dropped in favor of \$10 "suggested annual donation". This policy change was motivated by a sincere desire on the part of the Bennion Family Executive Committee to communicate with as many of our relatives as possible. Independent of whether or not you make a donation, we want to be sure that the newsletters go to all interested family members.

**DETACH AND SEND IN THE LAST PAGE  
OF THIS NEWSLETTER — THIS SECOND  
CHANCE MAY BE YOUR LAST!!!**

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## PLEASE RETURN IT!!

Through the miracle of modern technology, your issue of the Recorder should contain an insert which lists the names and addresses of all heads of households who descend from your parents, according to our Bennion Family Computer! We are trying to maintain a complete and accurate list of all Bennion descendants, so **please** check the list for accuracy, expand it as appropriate, and return to us within a month. Even if you can provide only partially improved information, send it in. And, encourage your fellow near relations to do the same. We would like to publish a complete "family tree" within the next year or two, updating the Bennion Family Volume II book, which contained all the Bennion families as of about 1960. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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## MORE FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

In the inaugural issue of the Bennion Family Recorder, we published a three-generation pedigree chart of John and Samuel Bennion, and the family group sheet of their parents John Bennion (1786) and Elizabeth Roberts (1790). In this second issue, we are enclosing two more family group sheets: (1) William Bennion (1760) and Elizabeth Iboll (abt 1755); and (2) Robert Roberts (1758) and Elizabeth Jones (1759). These group sheets contain John Bennion (1786) and Elizabeth Roberts (1790) as children, so you can see that we are working our way back up the family tree! Successive issues will follow this same pattern of producing a pedigree chart and then the group sheets for all families on the pedigree.

We have an **opportunity** for those of you who would like to help in this important work. We are finding a serious need to verify each date and reference on each group sheet, so we are organizing task forces to visit the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City to perform this verification process. If you would like to help, call John E. Bennion at (801) 466-7524. **No experience necessary—you will be well supervised and instructed. We'll work around your schedule. No minimum time commitment necessary, either!**

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## HUSBAND William BENNION

## LDS ORDINANCE DATA

NAME: [REDACTED]  
BORN: 20 FEB 1760  
MARR: 10 MAR 1785  
DIED: 3 NOV 1830  
BUR.:  
PLACE: Mancot, Hawarden, Flint, Wales  
PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales  
PLACE: Hawarden Parish, Hawarden, Flint, Wales  
PLACE: Shotton, Hawarden, Flint, Wales  
PLACE: Hawarden Parish, Hawarden, Flint, Wales  
FATHER: John BENNION  
OTHER WIVES:

BAP.: 29 NOV 1871 EH  
END.: 5 MAY 1904 SL  
SLG S: 29 NOV 1871 EH  
SLG P: 18 OCT 1938 SL

## WIFE Elizabeth IBOLL

BORN: [REDACTED]  
CHR.: 9 MAR 1755  
DIED: ABT 10 JUL 1824  
BUR.:  
PLACE: Bistree, Mold, Flint, Wales  
PLACE: Bistree, Mold, Flint, Wales  
PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales  
PLACE: Hawarden Parish, Hawarden, Flint, Wales  
FATHER: Richard IBOLL  
OTHER HUSBANDS:

BAP.: 29 NOV 1871 EH  
END.: 18 MAY 1904 SL  
SLG P: 19 OCT 1961 SL

## Sex CHILDREN

1.	NAME: William BENNION	*SPOUSE: Ellen BLACKBURN		
----	BORN:	PLACE: Mancot, Hawarden, Flint, Wales	BAP.:	29 NOV 1871 EH
M	CHR.: 3 JUL 1785	PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales	END.:	18 MAY 1904 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	22 MAY 1934 SL
	DIED: 30 OCT 1856	PLACE: Queens Ferry, Hawarden, Flint, Wales	SLG P:	10 JUL 1974 PV
2.	NAME: John BENNION	SPOUSE: Elizabeth ROBERTS		
----	BORN: 9 NOV 1786	PLACE: Mancot, Hawarden, Flint, Wales	BAP.:	17 SEP 1968 SL
M	CHR.: 25 NOV 1786	PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales	END.:	1 MAR 1882 SG
	MARR: 14 SEP 1811	PLACE: St. Marys Church, Chester, Cheshire, England	SLG S:	29 NOV 1871 EH
	DIED: 24 SEP 1846	PLACE: Garden Grove, Decatur, Iowa	SLG P:	25 JUN 1919 SL
3.	NAME: Samuel BENNION	SPOUSE: Mrs Samuel BENNION		
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M	CHR.: 27 JUN 1790	PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales	END.:	18 MAY 1904 SL
	MARR:	PLACE: , Liverpool, Lancashire, England	SLG S:	
	DIED: 1824	PLACE:	SLG P:	10 JUL 1974 PV
4.	NAME: Ann BENNION	SPOUSE: Thomas CHAMBERLAIN		
----	BORN:	PLACE: Mancot, Hawarden, Flint, Wales	BAP.:	3 MAY 1904 SL
F	CHR.: 13 MAY 1792	PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales	END.:	28 OCT 1904 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	26 MAY 1905 SL
	DIED: 1846	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
5.	NAME: Elizabeth BENNION	SPOUSE: Robert JONES		
----	BORN:	PLACE: Mancot, Hawarden, Flint, Wales	BAP.:	3 MAY 1904 SL
F	CHR.: 28 FEB 1795	PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales	END.:	25 JAN 1905 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	10 JAN 1906 SL
	DIED: 23 MAR 1856	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
6.	NAME: Susanna BENNION	SPOUSE: John BENTLEY		
----	BORN:	PLACE: Mancot, Hawarden, Flint, Wales	BAP.:	3 MAY 1904 SL
F	CHR.: 21 JAN 1798	PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales	END.:	25 JAN 1905 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	3 MAR 1882 SG
	DIED: 12 APR 1872	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
7.	NAME: Mary BENNION	SPOUSE:		
----	BORN:	PLACE: Mancot, Hawarden, Flint, Wales	BAP.:	3 MAY 1904 SL
F	CHR.: 23 MAY 1800	PLACE: , Hawarden, Flint, Wales	END.:	10 OCT 1923 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	
	DIED:	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL



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HUSBAND	William BENNION	Yr of Birth 1760
WIFE	Elizabeth IBOLL	Yr of Birth 1755

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HUSBAND - William BENNION

Birth:

Christening: Hawarden Parish record, G.S. Film #944,003.

Marriage: Hawarden Parish marriage record, G.S. Film #944,003 page 60.

Death:

Burial: History of John Bennion (1820) by himself. The Bennion Family of Utah Vol. II, page 250.

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11263.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 page 433, #15568.

Sealing to spouse: G.S. Film #183,398, Entry #702.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #184,701.

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WIFE - Elizabeth IBOLL

Spelling: Iboll has been spelled in various source documents as Eubale, Eybal, Iball, and Iboll. The correct spelling is unknown at this time. Iboll is used because it was used when the temple work was performed.

Birth:

Christening: Is either 9 Mar or 13 Jul 1755. It is not known for certain whether the Elizabeth Eubale who married William Bennion is Elizabeth Eubale born 9 Mar 1755, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Jones Eubale, or is Elizabeth Eubale born 12 Jul 1755, daughter of Rice and Elizabeth Eubale. Richard and Rice are brothers who married two different women, both named Elizabeth, and who both had daughters named Elizabeth, born 4 months apart.

The Mold Parish Register (G.S. Film #104,824) reads thusly:

" 9 Mar 1755 Elizabeth d of Richard and Elizabeth Eubale baptized

30 Jun 1755 Elizabeth Eubale buried

13 Jul 1755 Elizabeth d of Rice and Elizabeth Eubale baptized"

There is currently no way of knowing if the Elizabeth that was buried on 30 Jun 1755 was the wife or daughter of Richard. If it was Richard's wife, then either of the two Elizabeths born in 1755 could have married William Bennion. For the purposes of computer data entry, we are at present (1989) assuming that William Bennion married Elizabeth the daughter of Richard. Please note that both Elizabeths have been sealed to William.

Marriage: Hawarden Parish record, G.S. Film #944,003 page 60.

Death: 10-14 July 1824. Hawarden Parish record, G.S. Film #944,003.

Burial: History of John Bennion (1820) by himself. The Bennion Family of Utah Vol. II, page 250

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11271 (listed as Elizabeth Bennion). Also baptized 27 May 1939 SL, G.S. Film #944,005.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 p. 456, #16382.

Also endowed 8 Dec 1939 SL, G.S. Film #184,234 p. 1240.

Sealing to spouse: G.S. Film #183,398, Entry #702.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film 457,778. Heir: Ivy Spencer Welling.

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CHILD 1 - William BENNION

Birth:

Christening: Hawarden Parish record, G.S. Film #944,003 page 56.

Marriage: (1) Ellen Blackburn; (2) Mary Hughes

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11265.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 page 454, #16322.

Sealing to spouse: (1) 22 MAY 1934 SL; (2) 29 NOV 1871 EH.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #935,092.

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CHILD 2 - John BENNION

Birth: Hawarden Parish Records, G.S. Film #944,003 page 65.

Christening: Hawarden Parish Records, G.S. Film #944,003 page 65.

Marriage: History of John Bennion (1820) by himself. The Bennion Family of Utah Vol. II, page 250.

Death: Historical sketch of John Bennion (1786) by Samuel Bennion (1818), The Bennion Family of Utah, Vol. II, page 249.

Burial: Historical sketch of John Bennion (1786) by Samuel Bennion (1818), The Bennion Family of Utah, Vol. II, page 249.

Baptism: 17 Sep 1968 was rebaptism, G.S. Film #1,262,011 TIB. Had been baptized in 1843 in England but no acceptable records remain.

Endowment: TIB, G.S. Film #1,262,011.

Sealing to spouse: TIB, G.S. Film #1,262,011. Also sealed 29 NOV 1871 EH to Maria Roberts, G.S. Film #183,398.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #184,666.

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HUSBAND	William BENNION	Yr of Birth 1760
WIFE	Elizabeth IBOLL	Yr of Birth 1755

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CHILD 3 - Samuel BENNION

Birth:

Christening: G.S. Film #944,003 page 75.

Marriage: Name of wife not known at present (1989).

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: EH baptisms for dead, G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11266.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 p. 454.

Sealing to spouse:

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #935,092, page 144.

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CHILD 4 - Ann BENNION

Birth:

Christening: G.S. Film #944,003 page 83.

Marriage: Spouse name is also shown as John.

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film # 183,431 page 428, #15381.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,097 page 217, #7780 and TIB G.S. Film #1,262,011  
as Ann Iball Bennion.

Sealing to spouse: G.S. Film #170,597.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #1,234,142.

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CHILD 5 - Elizabeth BENNION

Birth:

Christening: G.S. Film #944,003 page 93.

Marriage:

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 page 428, #15380.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,097 page 292, #10492.

Sealing to spouse:

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #1,234,142.

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CHILD 6 - Susanna BENNION

Birth:

Christening: G.S. Film #944,003.

Marriage:

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 p. 428 #15382.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,097 p. 292 #10493.

Sealing to spouse: G.S. Film #170,597.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #1,234,142.

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CHILD 7 - Mary BENNION

Birth:

Christening: G.S. Film # 944,003 page 116.

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 page 428, #15383.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,131 page 1089, #30872.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #1,234,142.

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## HUSBAND Robert ROBERTS

## LDS ORDINANCE DATA

BORN: PLACE:  
CHR.: 10 DEC 1758 PLACE: ,Cilcain,Flint,Wales  
MARR: 11 NOV 1782 PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales  
DIED: 28 AUG 1839 PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales  
BUR.: PLACE: Hope Parish,Hope,Flint,Wales  
FATHER: Hugh ROBERTS MOTHER: Mary ROBERTS  
OTHER WIVES:

BAP.: 29 NOV 1871 EH  
END.: 1 MAR 1905 S  
SLG S: 29 NOV 1871 E  
SLG P: 24 JAN 1969 SL

## WIFE Elizabeth JONES

BORN: PLACE:  
CHR.: 19 AUG 1759 PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales  
DIED: 16 MAY 1839 PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales  
BUR.: PLACE: Hope Parish,Hope,Flint,Wales  
FATHER: Richard JONES MOTHER: Mary PRICHARD  
OTHER HUSBANDS:

BAP.: 29 NOV 1871 EH  
END.: 22 JAN 1988 SL  
SLG P: 14 APR 1988 SL

## Sex CHILDREN

1.	NAME: Mary ROBERTS	SPOUSE:		
----	BORN: 23 DEC 1782	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	8 DEC 1903 SL
F	CHR.: 1 JAN 1783	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	4 FEB 1904 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	
	DIED: 25 JAN 1849	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
2.	NAME: John ROBERTS	SPOUSE:		
----	BORN: 26 APR 1785	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	3 JUN 1978 SL
M	CHR.: 1 MAY 1785	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	12 JUN 1978 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	
	DIED:	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
3.	NAME: Richard ROBERTS	SPOUSE: Sarah GRIFFITHS		
----	BORN: 19 FEB 1788	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	3 MAY 1904 S
M	CHR.: 2 MAR 1788	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	27 FEB 1920 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	
	DIED: ABT 18 FEB 1850	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
4.	NAME: Elizabeth ROBERTS	SPOUSE: John BENNION		
----	BORN: 16 OCT 1790	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	29 NOV 1871 EH
F	CHR.: 30 OCT 1790	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	1 MAR 1882 SG
	MARR: 14 SEP 1811	PLACE: St. Marys Church,Chester,Cheshire,England	SLG S:	29 NOV 1871 EH
	DIED: 1 MAY 1830	PLACE: ,Hawarden,Flint,Wales	SLG P:	10 JAN 1974 LA
5.	NAME: Sarah ROBERTS	SPOUSE:		
----	BORN: 11 FEB 1794	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	8 DEC 1903 SL
F	CHR.: 23 FEB 1794	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	16 AUG 1978 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	
	DIED: 10 JUN 1811	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
6.	NAME: Ann ROBERTS	SPOUSE: Edward EDWARDS		
----	BORN: 3 JUL 1797	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	8 DEC 1903 SL
F	CHR.: 30 JUL 1797	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	12 FEB 1904 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	
	DIED: 14 APR 1815	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
7.	NAME: Maria ROBERTS	SPOUSE: TAYLOR		
----	BORN: 8 FEB 1800	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	29 NOV 1871 EH
F	CHR.: 16 FEB 1800	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	30 MAR 1904 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	SUBMITTED
	DIED: 10 SEP 1831	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL
8.	NAME: Rebecca ROBERTS	SPOUSE: PURCELL		
----	BORN: 10 APR 1803	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	BAP.:	8 DEC 1903 SL
F	CHR.: 1 MAY 1803	PLACE: ,Hope,Flint,Wales	END.:	27 APR 1904 SL
	MARR:	PLACE:	SLG S:	
	DIED:	PLACE:	SLG P:	8 JUN 1978 SL



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HUSBAND	Robert ROBERTS	Yr of Birth 1758
WIFE	Elizabeth JONES	Yr of Birth 1759

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HUSBAND - Robert ROBERTS

Birth:

Christening: Cilcain Parish Records, G.S. Film #34,805.

Marriage: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Death: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Burial: Hope Parish Record.

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11264.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,097 page 365, #13117.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #537,539. Heir: Howard S. Bennion.

Sealing to spouse: G.S. Film #183,398 entry #704.

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WIFE - Elizabeth JONES

Birth:

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Marriage: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Death: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Burial: Hope Parish Record.

Baptism: EH G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11242 (listed as Elizabeth Roberts).

Endowment: TRS 00241988.

Sealing to spouse: EH Sealing Records, G.S. Film #183,398 Entry #704.

Sealing to parents: TRS 00241988.

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CHILD 1 - Mary ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 page 5, #162.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 page 255, #9161.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #1,234,142 Batch #7804703.

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CHILD 2 - John ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: IGI F0109 1984.

Endowment: IGI F0109 1984.

Sealing to parents: G.S. Film #1,234,142 Batch #780473.

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CHILD 3 - Richard ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Marriage:

Death: may be 18 Feb 1850 or 7 Feb 1850.

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 page 429 #15417.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,138 page 987 #29069.

Sealing to spouse:

Sealing to parents: G.S. #1234,142 Batch #7804703.

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HUSBAND Robert ROBERTS  
WIFE Elizabeth JONES

Yr of Birth 1758  
Yr of Birth 1759

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CHILD 4 - Elizabeth ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Marriage: History of John Bennion (1820) by himself. The Bennion Family of Utah, Vol. II, Page 250.

Death: History of John Bennion (1820) by himself. The Bennion Family of Utah, Vol. II, page 250.

Burial: Hawarden Parish Burial Records, G.S. Film #944,005 page 184.

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11244.

Endowment: St. George Endowment for Dead, G.S. Film #23,055, pt 12, page 224, #3830. Also endowed 9 Jun 1904 SL, IGI F0108 1984.

Sealing to spouse: G.S. Film #183,398. Sealed again 1 Mar 1882 SG, St. George Sealing Record G.S. Film #11,049 page 410.

Sealing to parents: IGI G0114 1988.

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CHILD 5 - Sarah ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 page 5 #163.

Endowment: IGI F0110 1984.

Sealing to parents: G.S. #1234,142 Batch #7804703.

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CHILD 6 - Ann ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist Helen Madsen.

Marriage:

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 page 5, #164.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 page 280, #10067.

Sealing to spouse:

Sealing to parents: G.S. #1234,142 Batch #7804703.

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CHILD 7 - Maria ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Marriage:

Death: Baptism record. G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11245.

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,384 Book C page 235, #11245.

Also baptized 8 DEC 1903 SL, G.S. Film #183,431 page 5, #165.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 page 378, #13579.

Sealing to spouse: Request for sealing to Mr. Taylor has been submitted.

Also sealed to John Bennion (1786) 29 NOV 1871 EH, G.S. Film #183,398.

Sealing to parents: G.S. #1234,142 Batch #7804703.

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CHILD 8 - Rebecca ROBERTS

Birth: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Christening: Correspondence from County Record Archivist to Helen Madsen.

Marriage:

Death:

Burial:

Baptism: G.S. Film #183,431 page 5, #166.

Endowment: G.S. Film #184,096 page 420, #15120.

Sealing to spouse:

Sealing to parents: G.S. #1234,142 Batch #7804703.

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