

BENNION AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

In this issue of the Recorder, we have decided to reproduce biographical and autobiographical sketches written by John and Samuel Bennion. Each article will be preceded by a brief discussion of its source. Please keep in mind the following points as you read these:

1. When source documents have been available, we have tried to be faithful to the original spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization. Unfortunately, that is not as easy as it sounds, because the handwriting is often difficult to decipher, and the distinction between capital and small letters is often fuzzy. In the selections taken from Volumes 2 and 3 of The Bennion Family of Utah, we suspect that there was a considerable amount of editing done, based on the extraordinary correctness of the grammar, punctuation, spelling, and punctuation.

2. Don't necessarily trust everything you read. These people were often writing from memory, many years after the actual events. They were not always careful about the accuracy of the dates, and we have not gone back and doublechecked them.

3. We're always interested in locating and then sharing interesting documents like these. Please contact us if you have knowledge of any.

4. Enjoy your reading!



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JOHN BENNION, SR.

[We have two versions of Samuel's writing about his father, John Bennion Sr. The first is taken from The Bennion Family of Utah, Volume 2, and the second is from Samuel's "Memorandum and Day Book", dated 1858 and located at the Utah State Historical Society. Both are included below]

From Bennion Family of Utah Vol. 2:

My father was born November 9th, 1786, at Mancott, near Hawarden Flint County, North Wales, England. He was the second son of William and Elizabeth Iboll (Eubale) Bennion. Was brought up and followed the occupation of a farmer. He was married to Elizabeth Roberts on the 24th of September, 1811, at St. Mary's Church in the City of Chester, England, and lived on a small farm in the Moor Lane near Hawarden, twenty five years.

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JOHN BENNION Sr.:

BIOGRAPHY BY HIS SON SAMUEL (cont.)

My mother, Elisabeth Roberts Bennion, departed this life on the first day of May, 1831, at the age of forty years. Buried in Hawarden Churchyard after a lingering illness of several years. First the dropsy and afterwards a stroke of the palsy, losing the use of one side.

My father died at this place (Garden Grove, Ia.) on the 24th of September, 1846, aged sixty (60) years, at ten minutes to four o'clock P.M. Buried on the 26th, under a large oak tree in the big field by the Side of the Timber, and by the side of Father Samuel Bent at Garden Grove in what is now Decatur Co., State of Iowa, 160 miles west from Nauvoo. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints in the River Mersey by Elder James Houston. He lived and died in full faith in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints.

From Samuel's Day Book:

My Father John Bennion was Born November 9th, 1786 at Mancott near Hawarden County of Flint North Wales England was Son of William & Eliseabth Bennion was brought up and followed the Occupation of a Farmer. Was married to Eliseabth Roberts on the 24th of September 1811 at St Marys Church in the city of Chester England lived on a Small Farm in the Moor Lane near Hawarden about 25 years.

He had four Children

Mary

Samuel Bennion Born Decr 11th 1818

John “

Eliseabth “

My Mother Departed this life on the first day of May 1831 after a lingerening Sickng of Several years first the dropsy and afterwards a stroke of the Palsy loosing the use of One Side Aged 40 years Buried in Hawarden Churchyard My Father was Baptized into the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints May 2nd 1841 in the River Mersey by Elder James Houston. Left [h]is native land for Nauvoo in the Spring of 1844 Left Nauvoo to move west in the Sprint of 1846

Departed this life on the 24th of Sep 1846 at ten minuits to four oclock P.M. for three weeks before he died he was confined to his Bed Complaint was Bilious favor [fever] and Dumb ague. Buried on Satuarday morning the 26 in St [September] under a large oak tree in the Big Field by the Side of the Woods & by Father Samuel Bent at Garden Grove Now Dakator Co, State of Iowa 160 miles west from Nauvoo in full faith in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints

My Grandmother Elisabth Roberts died May 13 1839 aged 78 years Buried in Hope Church yard

My Granfather Robert Roberts died august 18, 1839 Buried at the same Pleace

FAMILY HISTORY TOUR??

Your Bennion Family Executive Committee has been approached with the idea of organizing a Bennion Family History Tour to England and Wales. Our current thinking is to plan a trip for sometime between April and October, 1992. Helen Madsen and/or Ruth Rogers would serve as the Family History Expert(s), and we would visit all the important Bennion sites in the Wales and Liverpool areas, plus sneak in a few days in London to visit the major sites there, accompanied by expert local guides. Assuming a 2 week trip, the cost would likely be between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per person, dependent upon then-current air fares, exchange rates, class of hotels & meals selected, and time of year. If you might be interested, please contact any member of the Committee, or return the last page of this Recorder to Steve Bennion. We need at least 15 people to make it a viable idea.

SAMUEL BENNION'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

[We have two sources for Samuel's autobiography: Bennion Family of Utah Vol. 2 and Samuel's Day Book at the Utah State Historical Society. We include both here, beginning with Vol. 2]

Samuel Bennion was born December 11, 1818, in the Moor Lane near Hawarden, near Chester County of Flintshire North Wales, England.

Mary Bushell was born March 1, 1816, in Roby, in the Parish of Huyton, County of Lancashire, England.

Samuel Bennion and Mary Bushell married on Sunday, the 28th day of April, 1839, in St. Nicholas Church, Liverpool.

At the same time I worked as a Journeyman Baker for Robert Farrall, Mill Street, Taxteth [*Toxteth*] Park Liverpool. September 14th, 1839, by the assistance of my uncle, William Bennion, I commenced business for myself as Bread, Flour and Provision Dealer in Harding Street Windsor, joining Liverpool.

I gave up the Business on the 4th day of November, 1844 to prepare to come to America. During the time I carried on the business I cleared about £500 or 2500 dollars.

I was Baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on the 30th day of September, 1842 in the River Mersey, Liverpool, by Elder Thomas Domvale.

Mary Bushell Bennion continued in her adherence to the Methodist faith until 1848 when she was baptized by Bishop Abram Hoagland, in Salt Lake City.

I left Liverpool in 1845, and set sail for America on Sunday, the 30th day of March, on the sailing ship Parthenon, - Captain Woodbury.

After a pleasant voyage of six (6) weeks arrived at New Orleans on the 12th day of May in the afternoon.

Myself, wife and son John R., aged

five years, one daughter, aged three months.

We arrived at St. Louis on the 20th day of May near night. Stopped the first night in the Stone House at the landing. Next day they were putting the Capstone on the Temple, and my brother John brought his team, took us to his house or shanty seven miles east of Nauvoo where I bout 85 acres of land of Daniel H. Wells, the same summer. Had it fenced and built a good two story Brick House with six apartments in it. Hauled thirty two thousand bricks from Nauvoo. Cost of house was one thousand dollars. During the summer my father, myself and wife and two children, John R. and Elizabeth were sick with the ague and fever.

On the 18th day of February 1846, our little daughter Elizabeth died of the same. Buried in the Nauvoo burying ground, near Nauvoo, and put a large headstone on her grave.

May 1846, I sold my house and farm for two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.) part trade.

On the 19th day of May 1846, we left our Nauvoo home to go West somewhere. Myself, wife, son, and father, brother John and his wife Esther Wainwright and two children, Samuel R. and Mary.

We traveled one hundred sixty miles west from Nauvoo, and stopped at a place called Garden Grove. Here we plowed up land and put in some corn and buckwheat.

My father had one yoke of oxen and one light wagon. I had two yoke of oxen and wagon, one span of horses and wagon. My wife drove the horse team.

[The following is from Samuel's "Memorandum and Day Book", dated 1858]

Samuel Bennion Born Decr. 11, 1818
at the Moor Lane near Hawarden Near Chester
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Samuel's Autobiography (continued)

County of Flintshire North Wales England

Mary Bushell Born March 1st 1816 at
Roby in the Parish of Huyton County of
Lanchshire, England

Baptized by Bishop A Hogland
Samuel Bennion and Mary Bushell Married
on Sunday 28th of April 1839 in Saints
Nichols Church Liverpool at the same time
worked as a Journyman Baker for Robt Farrall
Milk Street Toxtath Park Liverpool
1839

September 14th Commenced Bus-
nefs for myself has Bread Flour and Provision
Dealer in Harding Street Windsor near Liver-
pool give up the Buisnefs on the 4th day of
Nov 1844 during the time I carried on the
Busnefs I cleared about £500

Baptized and ordained a member in the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day on the
23rd day of August 1843 in the River Mersey
Liverpool By Thomas Domvale
1845

Left Liverpool and set sail for America
with one Son and one Daughter on Sunday the
30th day of March 1845 on Board the Ship
Parthenon Captain Woodburry after a
Pleasant Voiage of Six Weeks arrived at New
orleans on the 12th day of May in the after-
noon Arrived at Saint Louis on the 20th of
May at this Place my Father met us from
Nauvoo Who had Left Liverpool One year
Before us on the Ship John Cummin Ar-
rived at Nauvoo on the 23rd day of May near
night Stopped the first Night in the Stone
house at the Landing Bought 85 Acres of
Land of D H Wells 7 Miles East of Nauvoo
and fenced and Builded a good too Story
Brick house witch cost me one thousand
Dollars --- \$1000 --- -----

during this Summer My Father Self
and Wife and too Children John R. and
Elizeabth had moast of the time the ague or
Chills & feaver On the 28th day of Febuary
1846 our little Daughter Elis Died of the
Same, & Buried in the Nauvoo Buring Ground

near Nauvoo and put a large Head [*end of
page*]
1846

Stone on her Grave

May Sold my house and farm for
\$250. On the 19th day of this month Left
Nauvoo to go West Some ware in Company
My Self & Wife & Son John R. My Father
and Bro John and famiely Traveled 60
miles West of Nauvoo and Stopped at a place
Called Garden Grove. here we plowed up
land put in Some corn & Buck Wheat

Januray 13th 1847 Hyrum Born [*this
line then crossed out*]

September 24th

My Father Died and Buriead on the
26th at the above pleace

Jery 13, 1847 Hyrum Born

April Left Garden Grove and Started
further West. When we arrived at Council
Blufs on M^e River we found that a Company
of Saints about 500 Waggon's where fitting out
for the Mountians or GSL Valley.

FAMILY TREE ON DISKETTE!!

We are pleased to announce the avail-
ability of the Bennion family tree in digital
form. As shown on the form on the last page
of this issue, you may order a PAF diskette, in
either IBM or Macintosh format, which
contains the pedigree charts and family group
sheets published to date in all issues of the
Recorder. It will also be accompanied by
some instructions to assist you in attaching
this information to your own records. Future
versions will be published as we make more
progress in both documentation and research.
Our long term intent is to maintain diskettes of
our common ancestors, which begin with John
Bennion Sr. and his wife Elizabeth Roberts,
and then extends on back.

We'd like to give special thanks to
Helen Madsen for the painstaking documenta-
tion and research, and to Steve Bennion for
the computer expertise.

JOHN BENNION'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

This selection was taken from Bennion Family of Utah, Volumes 2 and 3. When it first appeared in volume 2, some paragraphs were inadvertently omitted, but were later included in volume 3. The two are combined below, with the missing paragraphs set off by "...". The original source of this autobiography has not yet been located, which probably accounts for the mostly correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.]

John, son of John and Elizabeth Bennion, was born in the township of Moor, Parish of Hawarden, County of Flint, North Wales.

My grandfather's name was William; his father's name was John Bennion, who was said to be an opulent farmer in his time, but ill fortune attended him, and his substance wasted away. The last known of him, one day he went out of his house and was never seen or heard of after. My grandfather was then a boy of twelve or fourteen. He now went into the employ of farmers by the year for a livelihood until grown, when he married Elizabeth Ibel. He labored by the day the remainder of his life while his health permitted; was an honest, hard-working man and out of his small earnings saved enough to support him in his old age when feeble.

My grandmother died about 1824. My first days at school I remember dinnerring at her house at noontime. My grandfather lived with his children the remainder of his days. His last home was at Shotton, Hawarden Parish, with his daughter Elizabeth Jones, where he died in peace in his eightieth year. He was buried in the same grave with his wife. I attended his burial. At evening his children met, five in number, and after settling up all funeral and other expenses, had a few pounds left of his means which was equally divided amongst his children. He had appointed my father his administrator. He had reared up a family of six children, three sons, William, John and Samuel (who died in Liverpool leaving a wife and three children),

three daughters, Ann, Susan, and Elizabeth, each of whom had married and had numerous families, namely, Chamberlain, Bentley, and Jones.

My father, John Bennion, was born in the town of Mancott, Parish of Hawarden, County of Flint, North Wales, on the 9th of November, 1786. In his youth, education in schools was mostly out of the reach of the day laborer. He had about one quarter's schooling, commenced to earn his living away from home at about twelve or fourteen years of age. From that time until he married he lived in the employ of different farmers in the Parish. He was married on the 14th of September 1811 at St. Mary's Church, Chester, to Elizabeth Roberts who was one of seven children, namely: John, Richard, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ann, Maria, and Rebecca. My grandfather Roberts died in the eighty-first year of his age; my grandmother died about the same time in the eighty-second year of her age. They were both buried in the Hope Churchyard.

My father, after his marriage, changed his labors from a servant hired by the year to a day laborer at which he continued two or three years, having now saved a little money, he took a small farm to rent in the township of Moor in Hawarden Parish where he procured a comfortable livelihood for about twenty years; had about twelve acres of land for raising hay, grain, vegetables and pasture, besides a garden and orchards. While my mother had her health they increased in property so that when she was taken sick in the year 1823 of the dropsy, which sickness increased upon her. Also a few months before her death she had a stroke of palsy by which she lost the use of one side so that she had to be carried about in a chair. Her affliction increased until on May 1, 1830, she departed this life and was buried in the same grave with my grandfather and grandmother Bennion in Hawarden Churchyard. She raised four children, Mary, born at Moor Lane 25th of August, 1817; Samuel,

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JOHN BENNION'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY (continued)

born at Moor Lane December 11, 1818; John, born at Moor Lane July 9, 1820; Elizabeth, born at Moor Lane January 10, 1822. At the death of mother my sisters became housekeepers for father, which part they performed up till my father left for America.

Samuel left home at the age of twelve years; went to Uncle William to learn the baking business. I went to school when I could be spared until about fourteen years of age. When fifteen and at home it was dull prospects for farmers; my father thought it for the best to put me to learn a trade and engaged me to Mr. Rigby and Company, to boilermaking, where I stayed only about one year, at which time I left home and employ to go I know not where, but I was determined to leave home.

My father had been a member of the Methodist Society a number of years and had taught his children strict morals and religion; but as I grew up in my teens and became associated with boys who were less under religious influence, going to Sunday School and to hear preaching became burdensome to me, choosing rather to spend the Sunday with my comrades in some fun. One Sunday, I with two others were rambling through the fields with a dog a rabbit chasing when the dog caught one. A watcher came upon us and declared we were poaching. Next day we were summoned to appear before a justice for trial but I was determined not to submit to such proceedings. I therefore took my departure another way and came to Liverpool.

After a few days search I got employ at Mr. Horton and Company's boiler yard. I did not like my shop mates and left at the end of three weeks and by this time I felt homesick so after my work was done on Saturday night I crossed the river on steamer and walked home, a distance of twenty miles. My people were glad to see me, to know where I had gone and what my prospects were. They were anxious to hear from me, I being young and inexperienced to leave home and go among

strangers.

Next day I returned to Liverpool and after wandering about Lancashire for several days, settled in work again at Vayxhall Boiler Yard, lodging at Mr. Wainwright's. After I had wrought a few days the foreman proposed to hire me for the three years to which I agreed, first year for 10 s a week, second year for 12 s, third year for 14 s, which contract I fulfilled to the satisfaction of my employers.

About the last of my servitude my foreman asked me to engage for the three years more; I answered him hastily that he had not done as well as he might to me in times past, referring to his not teaching me the business. He said he had done well by me and that I was like unto throwing dust in his eyes so I must quit his employ. I then went to work for Vernon & Company; William Jones, foreman, had 20 s per week, labored there one year and a half, during which time I lodged with Peter Shone.

Soon after I came to Liverpool I became a member of Mr. Aiken's Society, or the Christian Society, and continued to be in membership until May, 1841. In 1840 two elders came to Liverpool to preach the gospel in its fullness; namely, John Taylor and Joseph Fielding. They came first to Mr. Aiken's chapel where I belonged. My attention was taken upon them as they came in chapel, although strangers. Elder Taylor, after the preaching, asked the privilege to make some remarks but could not, except to the leaders.

On account of Elder Taylor coming and teaching the way of salvation as it had been revealed from the heavens, there became quite a stir; a few believed and obeyed; some got angry and kicked against it while others gave heed to the cry of the priests saying, "Keep away from it, it is a dangerous delusion."... I was amongst the last class. I kept away from it, fearing I might get caught in the snare, as they called it, until one evening, April 22nd,
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JOHN BENNION'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY (continued)

1841, I was going to chapel; unawares I met Elder Domville, my former class leader; after passing some compliments he commenced on religion and laid before me the way of salvation, as taught by the ancient apostles according to the scriptures; too plain and scriptural for me to reject. After this I resolved to investigate for myself, which, the more I did, the more I became convinced that it was not for [of] man but of God. After ten days I went to Elder Domville's house to inquire more about it. My inquiries were satisfied. Next day I attended the Saints meeting three times, forenoon, afternoon and evening, hearing preaching and testimony. I was now fully convinced, and resolved to obey. Accordingly, after the meeting was dismissed, I went, in company with some others, to the seashore and was baptized by Priest Robert Reid, and went to my lodgings rejoicing in the truth. This was on Sunday May 2nd 1841. On Tuesday evening I attended a meeting at Brother Harrington's where I was confirmed a member of Christ's Church under the hands of Elders James McGuffey and Richard Harrison.

My old religious acquaintance on hearing that I had embraced the faith and doctrine of the Latter Day Saints came to see me, and as they thought, to reclaim me from the error of my ways. They appeared to show much sympathy for me, saying that the course I had taken would lead me to hell. I reasoned with them from the scriptures, showing that the doctrine I had embraced was strictly in accordance with the scriptures; and that theirs was not. Soon they found that I was too fast grounded in Mormonism to be shaken loose, and ... after several visits in about nine days they gave up all hope of reclaiming me. Mr. Shone whom I lodged with felt sorry for me and more so for my Father who had taken much pains to bring me up religiously. He thought my course would be a source of much grief and sorrow to him; thereby, he said, I was breaking the commandment, "Honor thy

father and thy mother."

This caused me to reflect upon it and that same night I dreamed that I went home and instead of my folks being angry and reprimanding me for my course, they were silent on the matter and I had to introduce it myself. After a few days I went home on a visit, and as I had dreamed, so it was. They welcomed me, but as though some strange thing had happened to me that they feared to ask me about. This being on Saturday night, on Sunday I purposed going to Ewloe, two miles off, to meet with the Saints, but when I went to put on my coat, it was missing. My sisters had concealed it to prevent me from meeting with the Saints. When their Methodist Chapel time had come, my coat came to light and I started with my father to his place of meeting. While on the way I showed from the Scriptures that the doctrine and faith that I had embraced was such as the apostles anciently preached and that there had been a falling away in the church also that God had restored the everlasting gospel with commissioned officers to administer the ordinances and that signs do follow them that believe. These things appeared strange to him but too scriptural for him to contradict. We attended chapel, heard a fine discourse from an itinerant preacher. His text was good but his comment was like sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

Before I left home to return to Liverpool I made up my mind to come back home and work for father on his farm as I had left home when young and had not been of any or little help to him. I went back to Liverpool and gave my employer due notice to leave his employ, which I did. At the end of five and a half weeks after I was baptized I returned home. Before leaving Liverpool I was ordained a priest under the hands of John Greenhow and Thomas Domville, both high priests, in the house of Brother Thomas Hall. I went home to tarry; this was in the month of June,

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and commenced to labor for my father on the farm. On the first Sunday I went to the meeting of the Saints. They received me gladly, and as there was no higher officer present I had to take the lead of the meeting and stand up to preach for the first time. I spoke a short time under a great depression of spirits. I continued at home until February [1842], working for father in the daytime and meeting with the Saints evenings and Sundays, enjoying myself very well. At times I had to take the lead of small meetings and speak a little which became less of a task. I baptized five persons and labored in the branches around according to my ability. I also discovered by hearing and reflecting that the time had come for the Saints to gather to Zion. One day while I was at work with my father I made known to him that I felt it my duty to gather with the Saints and that the ship would sail in about two weeks and that I would like to sail in it. He replied that as he understood our faith he expected that I would at some time go, but did not expect that I would go so soon. But as he thought I knew what I was about he should not try to stop me. He told Mary, my oldest sister, to take money out of his box and give me to pay my passage. She said she would not hand out money to carry me away from home to a foreign land, never to see me any more, but my younger sister mustered courage and fetched out the money.

I started for Liverpool for the purpose of taking passage in the ship "Hope" which sailed February 5, but postponed my trip until the next shipload of Saints sailed three weeks later on the John Cummins. This was in order to take a wife with me who was not then ready. It then became publicly known that I was going to America. My old neighbors and friends came now to give me some friendly advice, to give up my strange notions and content myself at home; but the more they talked the more intent I became to go ahead.

BENNION ERRATA

As unlikely as it may seem, Bennions occasionally do make mistakes. Fortunately, our "cousins" help us find them! Here is the latest batch:

From Amelia A. Bennion: "Included in your August 1990 issue was a list of persons buried in the Taylorsville Cemetery ... which included my name and also the name of another family member in error. ... My initial response to being listed as already 'buried' was a good laugh; however, with Bennions encouraged to retain the paper in family files, together with current publicity and restoration now going on at the Taylorsville Cemetery, I am concerned the incorrect list could be used by someone to identify some unmarked grave." Therefore, please note that the following two people listed on page 5 of the August 1990 Recorder are both still living: Bennion, Elizabeth Amelia Anderson (b. 1919); and Bennion, Ruth Wilson (b. 1913).

From Dorothy B. Potter, we have learned that there are some errors in the book Bennion Family of Utah Volume 1 which were not corrected in the errata sheet that has been included with the reprints. On page 169 Israel Bennion's family by his second wife Matilda Pehrson is described. Omitted were two children that both died on the day they were born: Myrtle Pehrson Bennion (14 Jan. 1895) and Zella Pehrson Bennion (18 Mar. 1896). Myrtle and Zellan were not stillborn, and were blessed by the grandfather, Eric Johan Pehrson, before they died. Also on the same page, their child Judith's middle name of "Pehrson" was inadvertently omitted.

If you are aware of any more errors in any of the Bennion publications, please let us know. Perfection (or at least progress toward it) is our goal!

BENNION BITS

Yes, Sir!

Major General Alan Giles Sharp has recently retired from the Air Force Reserve. He was the Vice Commander, which is the #2 position in the entire Air Force Reserve. He is also a descendant of Samuel Bennion and Mary Bushell, via Rebecca Ann Bennion and June Bennion Sharp. To quote from the Church News of November 17, 1990: "Since 1986, General Sharp has overseen the worldwide, day-to-day operations of more than 500 flying and support units and some 70,000 Air Force reservists, active duty military, and civilian personnel ... He and his wife, Gloria Stefensen Sharp, plan to live in Marietta, Georgia for the time being. They are the parents of two sons and two daughters and have eight grandchildren." Immediately following his retirement, Brother Sharp was called as bishop of his ward in Georgia. Welcome back to civilian life, General!

Rhoda Jones, Where Are You?

Helen Madsen is working feverishly on Bennion Family History Volume V: History of Samuel Bennion, but she needs help. She is woefully short of information about Rhoda Jones, the third wife of Samuel Bennion. If you have any information on her or her family (ancestors & children), or are willing to do some research on the same subject, please contact Helen as soon as possible. She is at 3376 Lee Ann St. Salt Lake City, UT 81449 (801) 968-7848.

Long Lost Cousins

While Richard and Edith Sharp were serving recently in the South Africa Cape Town Mission, they followed up on a request by Helen Madsen to look up a descendant of Mary Bennion Bradshaw, the older sister of Samuel and John. The Bennion sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, did not join the LDS Church. Richard and Edith were successful in locating Sheena Bradshaw Jones, her husband Stan, and their teenage son Jamie, living in Durbanville, a lovely residential suburb of Cape

Town. Their daughter Melanie was away attending school in England. Stan and Sheena graciously received the Sharps, and they enjoyed calculating that they are approximately third cousins once removed! Stan works in maintenance of heavy equipment for a construction contractor, and Sheena works in medical research at the University of Cape town. The Jones family is happy to be living in South Africa, enjoying their peaceful surroundings, the beauty of "The Cape", the challenges and opportunities of their employment, and the positive outlook for the future. Any other Bennions are invited to stop by and say hello to their cousins!

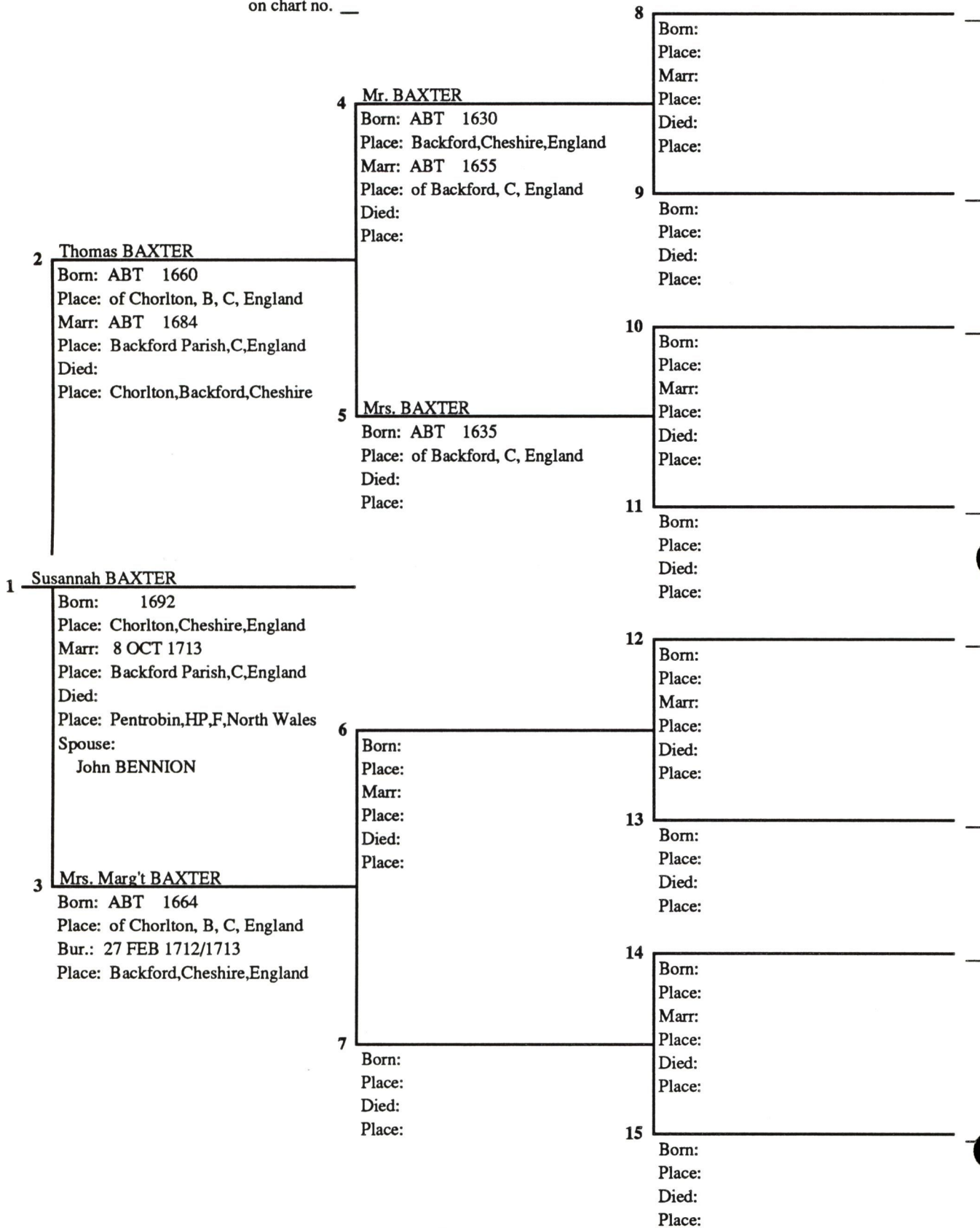
MORE FAMILY GROUP SHEETS!!

Once again we are pleased to provide a fully documented family group sheet for your reference. This issue's family is Thomas Baxter (b. about 1660) and his lovely wife Margaret (b. about 1664). Their daughter Susannah married John Bennion in 1713, and that family was covered in a previous issue of the Recorder (Dec. 1990). That makes Thomas and Margaret Baxter the paternal great great grandparents of our pioneer brothers Samuel and John Bennion. Please note:

1. This group sheet contains our best current understanding. Changes may occur. If you note any errors, please contact Helen Madsen, our Family Genealogical Coordinator.
 2. Copies of all documents referenced are either in the LDS Family History Library or in the possession of Helen Madsen. Helen's files will ultimately be in the possession of the Bennion Family Association.
 3. In cases of duplicate ordinances, we have used the earliest dates with solid documentation. Thus, endowment dates may precede baptism dates.
 4. In spite of the great work being done by Helen, your personal help is needed! Call Helen if you need a little direction.
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PEDIGREE CHART

Person Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. ___
on chart no. ___



Family Group Record

Husband: Thomas Baxter				
Born:	ABT 1660	Place: of Chorlton, Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	21 OCT 1988 SL
Chr.:		Place:	End.:	3 DEC 1988 SL
Marr:	ABT 1684	Place: Backford Parish, Cheshire, England	Slg S:	2 DEC 1988 SL
Died:		Place: Chorlton, Backford, Cheshire	Slg P:	9 MAY 1991 SL
Bur.:	1 JUN 1729	Place: of Chorlton, Backford, Cheshire		
Father: Mr. Baxter		Mother: Mrs. Baxter		
Other Wives:				
Wife: Mrs. Marg't Baxter				
Born:	ABT 1664	Place: of Chorlton, Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	20 OCT 1988 SL
Chr.:		Place:	End.:	4 NOV 1988 SL
Died:		Place:	Slg P:	
Bur.:	27 FEB 1712/1713	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England		
Father:		Mother:		
Other Husbands:				
Sex Children	List each child (living or dead)		LDS Ordinance Data	
M/F	in order of birth		for Children	
1.	Name: Thomas Baxter		Spouse: Hannah Low	
M	Born: ABT 1684	Place: of Chorlton, Backford Parish, C, England	Bap.:	21 OCT 1988 SL
	Chr.:	Place:	End.:	16 DEC 1988 SL
	Marr: 14 DEC 1707	Place: Backford Parish, Cheshire, England	Slg S:	2 DEC 1988 SL
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:	22 MAR 1989 SL
2.	Name: William Baxter		Spouse: Elizabeth Baxter Mrs.	
M	Born: ABT 1687	Place: of Chorlton, Backford Parish, C, England	Bap.:	21 OCT 1988 SL
	Chr.:	Place:	End.:	16 DEC 1988 SL
	Marr: ABT 1710	Place: of Backford, Cheshire, England	Slg S:	9 MAY 1991 SL
	Died: BEF 1729	Place:	Slg P:	22 MAR 1989 SL
3.	Name: Susannah Baxter		Spouse: John Bennion	
F	Born: 1692	Place: Chorlton, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	12 SEP 1905 SL
	Chr.: 24 NOV 1692	Place: Chorlton Parish, Cheshire, England	End.:	14 NOV 1923 SL
	Marr: 8 OCT 1713	Place: Backford Parish, Cheshire, England	Slg S:	16 APR 1952 SL
	Bur.: 11 APR 1755	Place: Hawarden Parish, Flintshire, North Wales	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988 SL
4.	Name: Miss Baxter		Spouse: Jonathan Teggan	
F	Born: ABT 1694	Place: of Chorlton, Backford Parish, C, England	Bap.:	20 OCT 1988 SL
	Chr.:	Place:	End.:	9 NOV 1988 SL
	Marr: ABT 1715	Place: of Backford, Cheshire, England	Slg S:	9 MAY 1991 SL
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988 SL
5.	Name: Jane Baxter		Spouse: John Littler	
F	Born: ABT 1698	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	20 OCT 1988 SL
	Chr.: 12 FEB 1698	Place: Backford Parish, Cheshire, England	End.:	10 NOV 1988 SL
	Marr: 11 MAY 1718	Place: Backford Parish, Cheshire, England	Slg S:	18 MAR 1988 WA
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988 SL

Family Group Record

Husband: Thomas Baxter			Year of Birth: 1660		
Wife: Mrs. Marg't Baxter			Year of Birth: 1664		
Sex Children (continued)			LDS Ordinance Data		
6.	Name: Mary Baxter		Spouse: Thomas March		
F	Born:	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	20 OCT 1988	SL
	Chr.: 20 NOV 1700	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	End.:	3 NOV 1988	SL
	Marr: ABT 1723	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	Slg S:	9 MAY 1991	SL
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988	SL
7.	Name: John Baxter		Spouse:		
M	Born:	Place: Chorlton, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	INFANT	
	Chr.: 21 OCT 1705	Place: Chorlton, Cheshire, England	End.:	INFANT	
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:		
	Died: 10 FEB 1706	Place:	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988	SL
8.	Name: George Baxter		Spouse:		
M	Born:	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	INFANT	
	Chr.: 16 AUG 1708	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	End.:	INFANT	
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:		
	Died: 29 MAR 1709/1710	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988	SL
9.	Name: Margaret Baxter		Spouse:		
F	Born:	Place:	Bap.:	20 OCT 1988	SL
	Chr.: 1709	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	End.:	11 NOV 1988	SL
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:		
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988	SL
10.	Name: John Baxter		Spouse:		
M	Born:	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.:	21 OCT 1988	SL
	Chr.: 26 OCT 1710	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	End.:	4 NOV 1988	SL
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:		
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:	2 DEC 1988	SL

Family Group Record
Documentation

Husband: Thomas Baxter	Year of Birth: 1660
Wife: Mrs. Marg't Baxter	Year of Birth: 1664

Husband: Thomas Baxter

BURIAL: Backford Parish Records

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Wife: Mrs. Marg't Baxter

DEATH: Backford Parish Records in Backford, Cheshire, Eng.

BAPTISM, ENDOWMENT: TRS Family File micro fiche, 0002 page 816 #E21
1988.

Child 1 Thomas Baxter

MARRIAGE: Backford Parish Records, Backford, Cheshire, England.

BAPTISM, ENDOWMENT & SEALING TO PARENTS: TRS Family File micro
fiche 0005 page 1157 #B06 1989.

SEALED TO SPOUSE: TRS Family File micro fiche 0004 page 881 #K05
1988.

Child 2 William Baxter

BAPTISM, ENDOWMENT & SEALING TO PARENTS: TRS Family File micro
fiche 0005 page 1157 #B06 1989.

SEALED TO SPOUSE: Ref: 5028732.

Child 3 Susannah Baxter

CHRISTENED: By Correspondence from Chester, England. Mr. Fred Booth,
Genealogist, 1938, to Howard S. Bennion.

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

BAPTISM: G.S. Film #183,434 SL page 443 #15923.

ENDOWMENT: G.S. Film #184,132 SL, page 210 #6026.

SEALED TO SPOUSE: G.S. Film #456,696 SL Archive Records.

SEALED TO PARENTS: IGI TRS Family File 0004, Dec. 1988.

Child 4 Miss Baxter

BAPTISM, ENDOWMENT & SEALING TO PARENTS: TRS Family File micro
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SEALED TO SPOUSE: Ref. 5028732.

Family Group Record
Documentation

Husband: Thomas Baxter	Year of Birth: 1660
Wife: Mrs. Marg't Baxter	Year of Birth: 1664

Child 5 Jane Baxter

CHRISTENING: Backford Parish Records, Correspondence to Howard S.

Bennion from Fred Booth, genealogist, Chester, England.

MARRIAGE: Backford Parish Records, Correspondence to Howard S.

Bennion from Fred Booth, genealogist, Chester, England. Also Ref.
8817630.

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SEALED TO SPOUSE: Reference 8718333 21.

Child 6 Mary Baxter

CHRISTENING: Backford Parish Records, Backford, Cheshire, England.

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SEALED TO SPOUSE: Ref. 5028732.

Child 7 John Baxter

CHRISTENING: Backford Parish Records, Backford, Cheshire, England.

DEATH: Backford Parish Records, Backford, Cheshire, England.

BAPTISM: Infant.

ENDOWMENT: Infant.

SEALED TO PARENTS: TRS Family File micro fiche 0002 page 816 #E21
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Child 8 George Baxter

CHRISTENING: Backford Parish Records, Backford, Cheshire, England.

DEATH: Backford Parish Records, Backfordk Cheshire, England.

BAPTISM: Infant.

ENDOWMENT: Infant.

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Child 9 Margaret Baxter

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Child 10 John Baxter

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Family Group Record

Husband: Mr. Baxter			
Born:	ABT 1630	Place: Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.: 9 MAY 1991 SL
Chr.:		Place:	End.: 9 MAY 1991 SL
Marr:	ABT 1655	Place: of Backford, Cheshire, England	Slg S: 9 MAY 1991 SL
Died:		Place:	Slg P:
Bur.:		Place:	
Father:		Mother:	
Other Wives:			
Wife: Mrs. Baxter			
Born:	ABT 1635	Place: of Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.: 9 MAY 1991 SL
Chr.:		Place:	End.: 9 MAY 1991 SL
Died:		Place:	Slg P:
Bur.:		Place:	
Father:		Mother:	
Other Husbands:			
Sex Children M/F	List each child (living or dead) in order of birth		LDS Ordinance Data for Children
1.	Name: Thomas Baxter		Spouse: Mrs. Marg't Baxter
M	Born: ABT 1660	Place: of Chorlton, Backford, Cheshire, England	Bap.: 21 OCT 1988 SL
	Chr.:	Place:	End.: 3 DEC 1988 SL
	Marr: ABT 1684	Place: Backford Parish, Cheshire, England	Slg S: 2 DEC 1988 SL
	Bur.: 1 JUN 1729	Place: of Chorlton, Backford, Cheshire	Slg P: 9 MAY 1991 SL
2.	Name:		Spouse:
	Born:	Place:	Bap.:
	Chr.:	Place:	End.:
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:
3.	Name:		Spouse:
	Born:	Place:	Bap.:
	Chr.:	Place:	End.:
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:
4.	Name:		Spouse:
	Born:	Place:	Bap.:
	Chr.:	Place:	End.:
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:
5.	Name:		Spouse:
	Born:	Place:	Bap.:
	Chr.:	Place:	End.:
	Marr:	Place:	Slg S:
	Died:	Place:	Slg P:

Family Group Record
Documentation

Husband: Mr. Baxter	Year of Birth: 1630
Wife: Mrs. Baxter	Year of Birth: 1635

Husband: Mr. Baxter
BAPTISM AND ENDOWMENT: Ref: 5028732.
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Wife: Mrs. Baxter
BAPTISM & ENDOWMENT: Ref: 5028732.

Child 1 Thomas Baxter
BURIAL: Backford Parish Records
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