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Moses Clawson Family - Jan. 1995

Dear Family,

I'm grateful for the association with you. I wish it was possible to meet and get acquainted with each of you personally, but that is not really realistic since we are spread so far apart. The family organization is a great vehicle to help us become acquainted and develop a sense of friendship and kinship. I'm sure that Moses did not contemplate the vastness of his posterity. We have currently about eleven hundred head-of-household mailing addresses. What a tremendous group of friends.

I want to express to each of you my love and my appreciation for your efforts to support the organization. We have the board organized and are moving forward on our genealogy. In case we haven't mentioned it elsewhere, the new elected officers of the organization are: President--G. Neil Clawson, 1st Vice President--Rodney E. Clawson, 2nd Vice President--Leslie "Les" Fowers, and Secretary--Sandra Clawson Johnston. Appointed board members are: Genealogist--Neil R. Clawson and Treasurer--Lawrence A. Clawson. You may have noticed this on the letterhead. We plan to appoint a Historian, and are working to find a professional genealogist to help us get the Clawson line across the ocean (find out where Stephen Clason came from).

We hope you will feel free to write or call any of the officers if we can be of help.

Once again, thank you for your support. Without you the organization would not exist.

Love
G. Neil Clawson, President

What a fun experience it was for me to attend the Moses Clawson Summer 1994 Reunion in Farmington, Utah. I hadn't been to the last reunion and I made sure that I was able to get there.

My cousin Jim Clawson, son of Art Clawson (my father Fred's brother), son of Leslie Bernard Clawson (youngest child of Moses to live to maturity), and his wife Myrna drove all night from Hughson, California to be there. What a great visit we had. I really appreciated the effort they made to be a part of the Moses Clawson Family. We looked around and decided that there were people there who looked like our family. What fun to see all of those fun people who were sharing the same blood line.

I can imagine that it will be something like that to renew relationships with those who have passed on. I think that is one of the reasons it is so important to learn as much about our ancestors as possible so that we can know them when we see them again.

I'm sold on reunions!!

Submitted by Sandra Clawson Johnston, Secretary

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the reunions of the Moses Clawson Family Association. I only wish I were closer so that I could better help in the activities. The reunion last summer was a great treat. My branch of the family drifted away from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints over a hundred and twenty-five years ago. Because my father had the good sense to marry my mother, a life-long church member, I came back into the fold. I have heard that the reason that some people are born into the church and others are converted later is that those who are born into the church are those who are too hard-headed to accept the Gospel if it had been offered to them later. I am not sure that is true of all of those who are born into the Church, But it has a lot of applicability to me.

Anyway, my association with all of you is my main Church-Clawson relationship, and I treasure it. The reunions give me and my family a chance to renew acquaintances, make new acquaintances, and catch up on family developments. I welcome the opportunity to support a group genealogical effort on behalf of all of the Clawsons. I am grateful to benefit from the effort. Most of all, I am grateful for the association with family who are, or are becoming friends in the best sense of the word.

Submitted by Robert (Bob) M. Clawson, member of MCFO from Denver, Colorado



Moses Clawson Family Organization

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GREETINGS TO ALL OF THE MOSES CLAWSON FAMILY. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THIS GREAT FAMILY ORGANIZATION AND TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE A BRIEF MESSAGE WITH YOU.

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THE PURPOSES OF THE MOSES CLAWSON FAMILY ORGANIZATION

1. To Complete an Acceptable and True Record of Our Progenitors and Descendants.
2. To Maintain and Foster Love, Unity, and Friendship Among All Members.
3. To Acquaint Our Members with the Heritage that has come to Them and to Encourage Them to Pass on an Even Greater Heritage.
4. To Prepare and Preserve Interesting and Accurate Histories of Our Ancestors and Living Members.
5. To Organize and Centralize Our Work so as to Prevent Duplication of All Phases of Our Work.

THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE FAMILY ORGANIZATION IS TO LOCATE ALL OF MOSES' LIVING DESCENDANTS. THIS IS A HUGE TASK AND WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP IN ACCOMPLISHING OUR GOAL. FOR US TO FIND EVERYONE WE NEED TO START WITH EACH FAMILY GROUP (eg. EACH GRANDCHILD OF MOSES) AND HAVE ONE PERSON FROM THAT GROUP TO BE THE FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE. THAT PERSON THEN CAN HELP US BY LOCATING AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE NEXT GENERATION WHO WILL HELP COLLECT INFORMATION FROM THOSE FAMILY LINES.

LET ME ILLUSTRATE: AT THE FAMILY REUNION IN 1992 I WAS ASKED TO HELP FIND ALL OF THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CLAWSON JR., THE THIRD CHILD AND OLDEST SON OF GEORGE SR. WHO WE HAVE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER, AND MY GREAT GRAND FATHER. GEORGE JR. AND HIS WIFE JENNETT ROBINSON HAD NINE CHILDREN, SEVEN WHO LIVED TO ADULTHOOD AND HAD POSTERITY. I WAS GIVEN NAMES OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED OF GEORGE'S FAMILY WITH SOME ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS. FROM THIS LIST I STARTED TO SEARCH OUT DESCENDANTS. I NATURALLY STARTED WITH MY GRANDMOTHERS FAMILY (ELDEST CHILD OF GEORGE JR.), AND I CONTACTED ALL OF THE AUNTS AND UNCLES, AND COUSINS I COULD TO GET CURRENT INFORMATION, WHICH INCLUDED A CURRENT FAMILY GROUP SHEET ON ALL MARRIED CHILDREN, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS. I THEN TOOK FROM OUR FAMILY RECORDS NAMES OF GRANDMOTHERS BROTHER AND SISTERS AND FOUND THE CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE TO GET INFORMATION FROM THEM AND ALSO HELP TO GATHER INFO FROM THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. WITH THIS PROCESS IN 14 MONTHS I EXPANDED OUR FAMILY LISTING FROM THE NEAR 100 TO ALMOST 1,000 DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE JR. I HAVE WRITTEN TO AND SPOKE WITH SCORES OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHOM I HAVE NEVER MET, BUT WAS RECEIVED MOST ENTHUSIASTICALLY WHEN I TOLD THEM WHAT I WAS DOING. WE HAVE TAKEN SOME PICTURES OF GEORGE AND JENNETT AND FAMILY AND MADE ZEROX COPIES AND I WOULD SEND COPIES TO ALL THAT I REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM. THIS SEEMED TO BE APPRECIATED BY ALL. I HAVE RECEIVED INFO FROM AND TALKED TO COUSINS FROM ALASKA, MISSOURI WASHINGTON, MISSISSIPPI, CALIFORNIA, MONTANA, IDAHO, UTAH, ARIZONA, TEXAS, ILLINOIS, ETC. WHAT A GREAT JOY IT HAS BEEN TO ME TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND TO GET TO KNOW MANY OF MY "COUSINS" WHO I HOPE TO GET TO MEET IN PERSON SOME DAY.

I AM NOW WORKING ON GEORGE'S OLDEST SISTER ADA CLAWSON RICE'S FAMILY. SO FAR I HAVE FOUND 85 DESCENDANTS SINCE OCTOBER. IF YOU ARE A PART OF HER FAMILY OR KNOW OF ANY I WOULD APPRECIATE A CALL OR LETTER WITH FAMILY INFORMATION.

I HOPE THAT THIS WILL STIMULATE SOME OF YOU TO GET TO WORK AND JOIN WITH US TO HELP LOCATE YOUR "COUSINS". PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH FAMILY LINE YOU WILL BE WORKING ON. SEND ANY INFO TO ME OR TO NEIL R. CLAWSON.

SUBMITTED BY LESLIE "LES" FOWERS, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT