



# CAZIER

## Family Newsletter

MAY 2009

### WILLIAM CAZIER FAMILY REUNION 2008 IN NAUVOO, IL

By Andy Cazier

#### Trip before the Reunion

Those of you that were not able to come to the reunion in Nauvoo missed a great experience. As some of you may remember, a few weeks before the reunion last year there was a lot of flooding in the mid west. Some of us were concerned that the flooding would put a stop to the reunion. From across the US I looked at every news story and internet site that dealt with the flooding. I made several calls to Durell Nelson the reunion host to make sure that all was OK.

My brothers and I and some of our immediate family arrived a week early to tour some of the LDS Church and country historical sites before the reunion. As we flew into St. Louis, Missouri we could see the overflow of the river. Our planned route took us west away from the high part of the flooding toward Independence, Missouri and away from the flooding. We spent the night in Columbia, Mo.

We spent the next day visiting the Independence Visitor Center, Liberty Jail, Far West and Adam-Ondi-Ahman. Some of the back roads to get to the sites were wet and muddy and our GPS units seemed to want to always take us the back routes. After the visits we drove north to Council Bluffs for the night.

The next day we visited Winter Quarters visitor's center, the Kaneshville Tabernacle and the Cottonwood Grove where I believe Pleasant Drake Cazier was buried. While at the Kaneshville Tabernacle we met the Cazier Family president Marilyn Crezee, who went with us out to the grove. The farm land and streams surrounding the grove showed signs of recent excess water.

From there we headed south and followed in the reverse path of the Mormon Trail along what is now Route-2. We stopped at several historical sights including Garden Grove. We arrived late in Nauvoo after crossing the Mississippi river that showed signs

of recent flooding with sand bags still in place in several locations.

We spent the next day visiting the different sites in Nauvoo and attending the many historical presentations that were available. We also drove out to Carthage, Illinois and saw the jail where Joseph and Hyrum Smith were martyred.

On Friday we went to the Nauvoo LDS Temple where we did baptisms for the dead. On the way out one of the sisters showed us Joseph Smith's sword that he wore as part of the Nauvoo Legion. It was in a case in one of the offices.

#### Friday Gathering June 27<sup>th</sup> 2008

In the afternoon at 3:00 we went down to the Nauvoo State park for the reunion, but found signs directing us to the Nauvoo City Hall. Because of the recent wet weather and misquotes it was decided to move the reunion indoors.

There were about 40 in attendance at the Friday gathering. We sat around the tables talking and eating. There were a number from the James line that live in the east that attended. It was very enjoyable to sit and get acquainted with them. Some of the stories that were exchanged came from different perspectives of history and were wonderful to share.

We all lined up for pictures of the different family lines in attendance. However I failed to get copies of them. If any of you would like to send copies to me I would like to share them on the Cazier web site.

Durell and Kathy Nelson the reunion hosts gave us instructions and directions for the activities for the next day. Nauvoo being a historical site there were a lot of things to see and do.

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Executive Meeting

Marilyn Creezie conducted and Andy Cazier offered a prayer over the meeting then did a quick review on the results of the post card mailing.

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Of the 114 post cards that were sent out with the newsletter (see the May 2008 newsletter article "[The Family Mailing List](#)") 6 newsletters were returned as undeliverable, no responses from 90 and 18 post-cards were returned with 6 e-mail addresses. The executive committee approved that the 90 be moved from the active mail to the inactive mail list.

We discussed Genealogy Research donations, where the reunion would be held next year and who may be the next president. It was suggested that Andy Cazier be Vice President and host for the reunion in Washington State.

### Genealogy Meeting

Larry Galli offered a prayer over the meeting. There were 40 family members in attendance. Durrell Nelson welcomed everyone and turned the time over to Gail Cazier for the meeting specifics.

Gail showed an "all Cazier chart" and pointed out where John Cazier who was in attendance fit in. They are related thru Philip and Catherine before William. Gail talked about the Abraham Cazier will, presented a power point presentation on genealogy and told us that the "Big Red Book" has been scanned to CD. He also showed websites and advised us to send more histories to Gail.

Gail also reported back on the preliminary results of the professional genealogist he hired.

Dick Cazier gave a presentation on James Cazier, oldest son of William and Pleasant Drake Cazier. He spoke about James' travels as well as his birth/marriage/Mormon Battalion service and his death.

Larry Galli also spoke about the donations needed for further research.

### Family Dinner

We all met for dinner at the Hotel Nauvoo buffet. We ate as much as we liked and there were many selections. The Mississippi River Catfish was new to a lot of us, but good. Durrell welcomed all us cousins to Nauvoo.

After dinner Andy reviewed last year's reunion and a Roll Call was taken with 61 in attendance. The number in attendance from the family lines were: James-11, Maranda-0, John-0, Benjamin-31, Elizabeth-5, Samuel-2, David-0, Charles Drake-4, Rosannah-0 and 8 other Caziers from before the William lines.

A discussion was had as to where the next reunion should be held. It was proposed that Kathryn Kovac could host one in Florida at some future date. It was also suggested the next reunion be held in Washington State. It was sustained for June 26 & 27, 2009 with Andy Cazier as the host.

Bob Cazier was nominated to be president. Bob has served several times before as the Cazier president and he accepted the task again. Bob Cazier then spoke to the cousins and stated how much he enjoyed coming to Nauvoo and thanked Durrell and Kathy for hosting it.

The Family then departed to take in some of the sites of Nauvoo and enjoy the sunset over the Mississippi river.

#### Financial Report

Account Balance on May 31, 2007	\$2,769.11
Expenses	
Reunion Expenses	\$480.00
May 2008 Newsletter	729.74
Postage Expenses	82.00
Genealogy Research	2200.00
Web Site Hosting (12 months)	<u>159.40</u>
	\$3,651.14
Deposits	
Dues, Donations, Reunion	\$8,763.14
Dividends	<u>173.07</u>
	\$8,936.21
Account Balance on May 31, 2008	\$8,054.18

### OTHER STUFF

**The Cazier Web Page:** This newsletter will be posted on the Website and you can also register for the reunion online. Go to <http://cazier.net/> on the Internet, and click on the Cazier Family Organization. Information will be found there on the reunion and a form for registration. Links to other family information including <http://cazier.org> will also be found there.

**E-mail:** If you have an e-mail address please send it to me and you can receive the newsletter and other information by E-mail. Also with the increased cost for postal mail, putting yourself on the "E-mail only" list will help to save money as well as increase the speed of communication .

**A Reminder:** On the address label is the last date I have a record of dues contributed from you. The dues are still only \$10 per year and are used for this Newsletter and other Cazier Family benefits including genealogy research. Thank you for your contribution. [AndyL@Cazier.net](mailto:AndyL@Cazier.net)

## The Cazier Reunion Kennewick Washington June 26th and 27th, 2009

By Bob Cazier, President

It is our objective to pattern this year's reunion after the one held in the Tri-Cities in 2001. The theme for that reunion was "Our Pioneer Heritage." That reunion was geared towards introducing our heritage to our children through games and activities that depicted and reminded us of some of the things our ancestors experienced and struggled through. We will do some of that again this year so that the young generations will be entertained as we get a taste of generations past.

The reunion will start on Friday June 26 at the Pavilion behind the Kennewick Stake Center at 895 West Gage Boulevard. This is right next to the Columbia River Temple which will not only add a nice backdrop to the event but make it convenient for any who would wish to attend the Temple as part of the Reunion. If you plan on attending the Temple it is recommended that you make reservations by calling 509-628-0990.

The balance of the reunion will be held at my home which should be large enough to handle the Genealogy session, the Executive session and the Saturday evening barbeque. We will set up the "Ancestor Fair" in my back yard for the kids and the young at heart to reminisce about the adventures of our ancestors. We will also have access to the internet and a large enough TV screen to conduct any Genealogy instructions needed. Like a review of the new.familysearch.org if the Genealogist would like.

Schedule:

### Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm Initial gathering Pavilion behind Stake Center. Agenda: Eat, talk, and tell stories

### Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Morning: Free time, golf; go to the temple hang out with the family

1:00 Genealogy Meeting at Bob & Carol Cazier's

3:00 Executive Meeting at Bob & Carol Cazier's

6:00 Barbeque at Bob & Carol Cazier's

## From the Genealogist

We will have a genealogy session at the reunion again this year. I will make a full report on the latest findings of Heirlines Family History and Genealogy group, on their research to prove and document the connection between James Cazier, the Father of William Cazier in Virginia and Philip Cazier of Cecil County, Maryland. I have two reports from them since our last reunion in June.

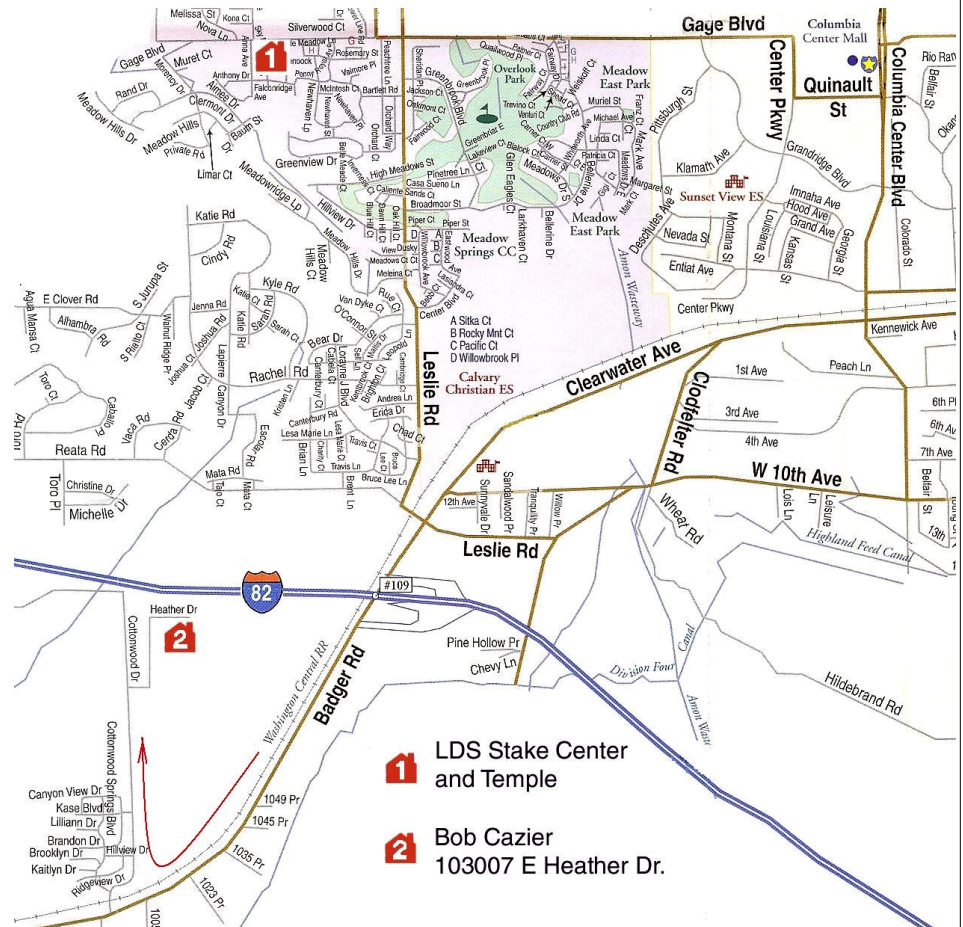
I will also report on the progress that Carol Reynolds has made on her work preparing a Casier/Cazier time line showing the information we know from Philippe Casier and Maria Taine (1595-1620 Calais, France) and William Cazier (1794 Virginia).

Kathleen Skinner gave me some information on Drake research that I will report on also.

We had a wonderful genealogy session in Nauvoo last year and we want to continue the discussion this year.

Sincerely,

Gail Cazier, Cazier Genealogist



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**CAZIER FAMILY REUNION 2009**  
KENNEWICK, WA  
JUNE 26H AND 27TH

FAMILY NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number Planning to Attend:  
8 years & up \_\_\_\_\_ under 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
Please remit \$12.00 per person 8 years & up.

**Send Registration to:**  
Andy Cazier  
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Phone 253-661-7758  
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You can also register on the web  
at <http://cazier.net/>  
Click on Family Organization.  
Then Click [Register Online](#)