

The William Cazier & Pleasant Drake Family Organization Newsletter

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Hello Cazier Family,

Here is hoping that all is well in your corner of the woods and that you are all enjoying good times and good company. Here in Idaho we have had a few fires this summer that have helped us to appreciate the air we breath – Andy's fun caption about "Cuz-air is good for you" applies in more ways than one.

It has also been a busy season for researching and I have to reflect that we are meant to find our families and get to know them better. There are so many difficulties that knock on our doors and try to discourage us from doing good that it takes staying busy with good work to keep ourselves on the right track – and to help our families to do it too.

We had such a great time at our reunion in LaGrande, Oregon this year (June 24 & 25), and we made so many new friends in the family that we have to thank Claire Averett and her family for the great effort they put forth to show us such a wonderful time. Claire is a descendant of David Cazier and was raised in the LaGrande area. Some pictures that were taken are at the end on this section of the newsletter. I apologize in advance if I have mislabeled any of the photos. Please let me know of any necessary corrections.

Edcil and Rosannah Elmer have a great family and we even got to know family that we didn't know about. Marlene Ferrell from Minneapolis, Minnesota, traveled for 16 hours on a bus to come to the reunion.

On Friday we met at the LaGrande Oregon Stake Center for a "Getting Acquainted" meeting and then a light supper of meats & fruits & vegetables finger foods. Sharon Kolstak was our guest speaker from the local museum. She spoke to us and told us about much of the history of the area.

On Saturday we met again at the Stake Center and then went on a tour of the Summerville Cemetery where Rosannah, Edcil and other of their descendants are buried. We also visited various other historical sites around Summerville. We returned to the Stake Center for a luncheon. Claire Averette also had pictures on the walls, and as handouts, showing Rosannah's family members.

We then had our genealogy meeting with Carol Reynolds giving a history of William Cazier's family. See the second part of this newsletter for further details on her presentation.

Our Executive/Past President's Meeting was held while the others continued to mingle and get to know each other. Secretary/Treasurer Marilyn Manwill read the minutes and gave the financial report. It was decided that we will send

newsletters and other announcements to the family by email only from now on. The cost of postage has gotten too expensive to warrant postal mailings. Everyone pass the word & keep us updated with any email address changes.

REUNION PICTURES – 2016

LA GRANDE, OREGON



Friday's Sign In Table at the Stake Center

Marilyn Manwill, Camille Palmer Hawkins, Jason Cazier, Rigel Voogd



We went around the table and introduced ourselves at the first meeting in the cultural hall.
[Standing] Carol (Ray) Westenskow is the 2-Great Granddaughter of Edcil & Rosannah Cazier Elmer.





Alan & Marilyn Manwill (our Secretary/Treasurer) & Steve & Carolynn Foster, descendants of Benjamin Cazier, Sr., both from Utah



(R-L) Andy & Suzie's grandsons Isaac Ginther & Corbin Cazier, Jason & wife Karina Cazier, Suzie & Andy, all descendants of Benjamin Cazier, Sr., all from Washington



(R-L) Ivaloo's son Rigel & his son O'zion, from Las Vegas, NV; Andy & Suzie's grandsons



Iva Lou Voogd is from Las Vegas, Nevada, and is a descendant of Charles Drake Cazier



(From R-L) Andrew & Suzie Cazier, descendants of Benjamin Cazier, Sr.; Ray & Carol Westenskow, descendants of Rosannah Cazier Elmer; Bob & Carol Cazier; & Joshua Cazier, descendants of Benjamin Cazier, Sr.; Claire Averett & her mother Camille Palmer Hawkins, descendants of David Cazier



Sharon Kolstak, our guest speaker from the local museum.

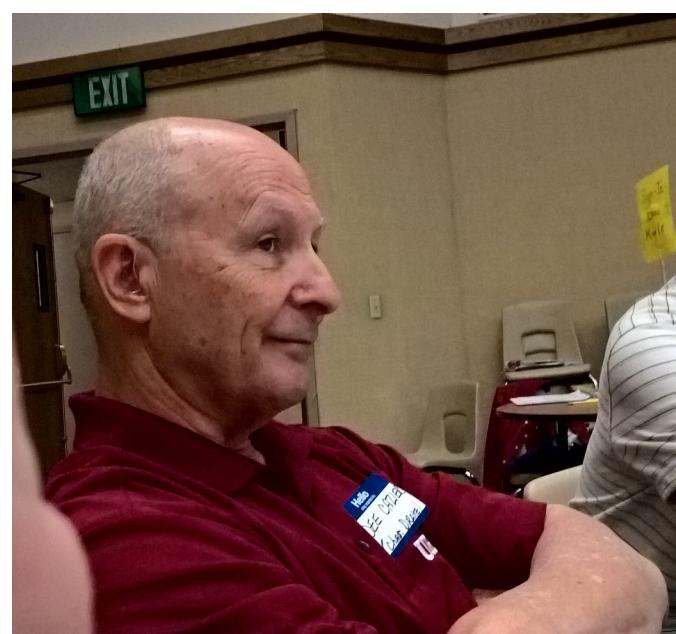


[R-L] Claire Averette and her mother Camille Palmer Hawkins, descendants of David Cazier; Michael & Patty Hoffman, descendants of Benjamin Cazier, Sr.; Marlene Ferrell, descendant of Edcil & Rosannah. She rode on a bus 16 hours from Minneapolis, Minnesota, in order to come to our reunion. Kathleen & Larry Skinner, Steve & Carolyn Foster, descendants of Benjamin Cazier, Sr.

The white haired lady in the middle of the picture (between Patty Hoffman & Kathleen Skinner) is our new-found cousin, Marlene Ferrell, from Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a the 2-Great-granddaughter of Edcil & Rosannah Cazier Elmer and was researching and trying to find Cazier relatives when she discovered our website at www.cazier.org. There she found the information about our reunion and emailed me with questions on arrangements. I forwarded her questions to Claire as she was more familiar with LeGrande – and the rest is history.

Joshua Cazier, our webmaster, has done a great job with our website. Anyone who is interested can go there to find many histories, pictures and also information on past & present reunions. There are also many reunion histories still on Andy's personal website (our past Secretary/Treasurer for 25+ years) at www.cazier.net.

Dee Cazier, our fearless leader, the president of our Cazier Family Organization since 2013, he is a descendant of Charles Drake Cazier and lives in Springville, Utah.



During the genealogy meeting on Saturday cousin Kathy Dell Cazier Tracy from Layton, Utah, came to join us, she was unable to attend on Friday. Kathy is a descendant of Charles Drake Cazier.

Also, Claire Averett's father popped in to say hello, then back to the farming. They raised their family in the LaGrande area for many years. It was the haying season and he is still actively involved in the farm work even though he is 97 years of age. His wife Camille is 92 and helped Claire make arrangements for our wonderful reunion this year. What a great time we all had. Thank you Hawkins family.

Also found this year from Carol Westenskow – a new picture of Rosannah Cazier Elmer

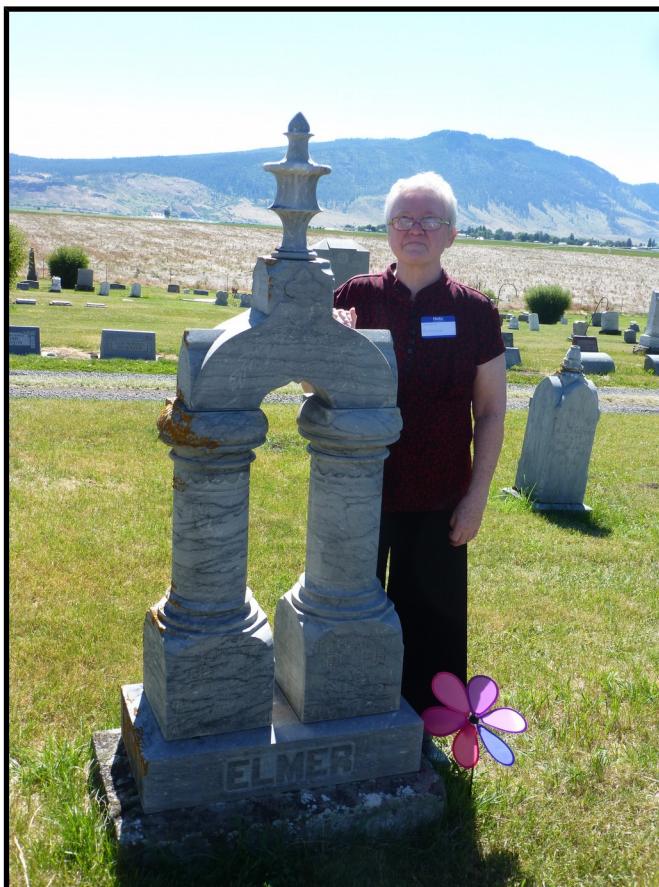


Summerville – Imbler Cemetery, Union Co., Oregon

Family names buried here are Elmers, Lanman, Baker, Geddes, Boswell, Whitmore, Woods, etc.



Marlene Ferrell by the headstone of her 2nd G Grandparents – Elmer & Rosannah Cazier Elmer





[R-L] Dee Cazier, Josh Cazier, Claire Averett, Carolynn Foster, Mike Hoffman, Ray Westenskow



Looking southwest



View from the Summerville-
Imbler Cemetery



looking northwest over the valley

For some time, it has been considered within the family that it would be nice to have a memorial plaque placed in Council Bluffs, approximately where Pleasant Drake Cazier is buried. Since the exact place of her burial is not known, her son David's journal is the main source of our information on her burial. In it he states that they arrived at Council Bluffs (Winter Quarters) and moved into a grove of timber.

"Now at this time my brother Benjamin, mother and myself took sick [with scurvy]. I was not very ill, but my mother died in a hay shed crying out for vegetables. There were none to be had There being no coffins to be had, my father and neighbor cut one out of a solid log. There was no funeral service and there wasn't any flowers. Oh! How forlorn! Mother died a martyr for the truth."
(from the Journal of David Crockett Cazier)

We do have access in Idaho Falls for stone from the quarry that the new Nauvoo Temple took stone from when it was built. If the family is still interested we can start a fund for the purpose of placing a small plaque or stone in the nearby Council Bluffs Cemetery. If you would support this project please let Dee Cazier know and he can set this up.



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