

Note: Due to incredible costs, this will be the last mailing of a paper newsletter. You will be able to continue receiving family information through e-mail, website www.cazier.org, and our new Facebook group. Make sure we have a current e-mail address for you or for someone who will receive e-mails for you!! If this absolutely does not work for you, please contact the family secretary!



April 7, 2017

Dear Cazier Cousins,

As you probably know, the Cazier Family Organization (CFO) is a non-profit ancestral family organization comprised of descendants of pioneers William Cazier (1794-1872), Pleasant Drake Cazier (1796-1864), and their ten children. Recently the officers of the CFO held two lengthy planning meetings in Salt Lake City and Springville, Utah. We covered several major topics and want to give you an update of what we are working on in regards to (1) the focus of the organization, (2) reunion plans for 2017, and (3) a special project we're doing.

FOCUS OF THE CAZIER FAMILY ORGANIZATION

There has been some query about the primary focus of the Cazier Family Organization (CFO) and its reunions. After much discussion, the officers feel, considering the number of generations involved, that we should focus most intently on ancestral heritage, family research, and family history, both as an organization and at our reunions. So you will see a bit different format and focus at our reunions. Additionally, we are seeking for more involvement by our membership and also want to better communicate with you all. Here are some actions that will help facilitate these things:

- **Chairperson for each child of William and Pleasant**

We hope to have a chairperson and committee for each of the children of William and Pleasant. **Will you volunteer to be a chair or committee member for James, Maranda, John, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, Charles or Rosanna?** We leave out William since he died as a child with no descendants. The chair will be the central point of contact for descendants of each of William and Pleasant's children and will coordinate the work of the committee for their respective line. We envision that the chairs and their committees would gather histories, memories, stories, pictures, data, documents, etc. that exist in each family for posting on the central database, FamilySearch.org. We would like more histories, etc. from more generations to be shared across the broader Cazier Family. And so we hope you'll volunteer to participate. **If you would be willing to help in any way**, please contact CFO President Dee Cazier at deecazier@gmail.com.

- **FamilySearch.org**

There are a number of databases that focus on storing historical information. We chose FamilySearch.org to store all the Cazier information because of its broad availability, widespread use, ease of use, price (free to everyone!) and security.

- **Communications with Cazier Family Members**

The CFO officers have considered methods for more effective communication among and discovery of more of our Cazier cousins. In a recent meeting we created a brand-new baby Facebook group: "**Cazier Family Ancestral Organization**". We're really jazzed about it, and it's growing! Any member of the group can add other members. Come to the reunion and learn more! We encourage you to share and talk together on this Facebook group, to post current things, family history, and ancestral kinds of things like discoveries you've made! **Updates for the Cazier Family Organization will be posted to this new Facebook group and to our website: www.cazier.org.**

2017 CAZIER FAMILY REUNION IN PROVO, UTAH:

The 2017 CFO reunion will be held in Provo, Utah, Friday evening to Saturday afternoon, June 23-24. This year's hosts are the CFO officers. We're excited! Come to the reunion!

To come prepared for the upcoming reunion, everyone please bring the following:

- A lawn game or table game to play in the park, Friday evening
- A snack to share at the Friday evening park social (healthy or otherwise)
- Family history stories, pictures, presentations to share with the family on Saturday morning. If you don't have a story, that is ok. You will enjoy hearing little-known stories from others.
- Family history stories, pictures, etc. (in written or printed form) to scan and upload to FamilySearch.org. Especially, bring these items for the recent generations (yourself, your parents, children, etc.) and get yourselves onto FamilySearch! We'll have great equipment and helpers at BYU Saturday afternoon!
- **Your login and passwords** for Facebook, FamilySearch, and partner accounts like FamilyTree, Ancestry, etc. If you are not LDS, we'll help you set up a free account on FamilySearch using your e-mail address. If you are LDS, we'll help you set up a free account using your membership record number (from ward clerk or on temple recommend.) Having an account on FamilySearch makes it free for LDS members to set up partner accounts, like on FamilyTree, Ancestry, etc..
- Your laptop computer or iPad if you like.
- Money for Saturday catered lunch. Cost to be determined. (There will be no Friday or Saturday evening dinners.) Let us know soon if you'll be there. We need a head count!
- Money for donation...formerly called "dues". Amount requested: \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Further donations are appreciated. Money is used for website hosting fees, miscellaneous expenses, mailings (coming to an end), family research, and special projects like a cemetery monument for Grandmother Pleasant Drake Cazier.
- Ideas for location of 2018 reunion. Would you and your family be hosts for the 2018 reunion??

Tentative agenda for the 2017 CFO reunion:

Friday, June 23

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Family social at a park in Provo (Location to be determined. Check website, email, our Facebook group, or ask a family officer before reunion, to learn the location.)

Saturday June 24

7:00 - 9:30 am

Family temple session at the Provo Temple with family names, for those who would like. (Endowment sessions begin every 20 minutes, starting on the hour.) Baptisms (with kids 12 and older!), initiatories, or sealings may also be done.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cazier family heritage/history meeting, at a church in Provo. (Location to be determined)

Items to be presented/ discussed:

- *President Dee Cazier: Dual purpose of the family organization, new focus!
- *Introduce new facet of the CFO...a committee for each of William's, Pleasant's children!
- *Progress in getting monument for Grandma Pleasant
- *Claire Averett, historian: Family communication
- *Josh Cazier, webmaster: Facebook, our website
- *Individuals (you): share new ancestral stories, pictures, and presentations. Time available for each person depends on how many family members bring things to share!
- *Carol Reynolds, family genealogist: presentation on Pleasant Drake, including new info.
- *Determine location of 2018 Reunion...any volunteers? Check with your family now!

12:00-1:00 pm

Catered family lunch at the church We need a head count. (Price to be determined. Everyone pays for their own.)

1:00-4:00 pm Two options, you choose one. Let us know, in advance, which you'd like to do:

1. Family genealogy working session at the BYU Family History Library
Be taught how to use FamilySearch, how to upload your photos, documents, stories for yourselves and your own family. Learn to do research from the computer. Learn to solve discrepancies in the FamilySearch records. Work on personal histories, compile documents, etc....whatever you would like to learn or do. BYU has scanners, computers, lots equipment to use. **Be SURE to bring your passwords** or information to set up a new account with FamilySearch, etc.. Bring a laptop or ipad if you like.
2. Tour family history sites in Nephi where William Cazier and his family were assigned to settle when they first came to Utah. They were among the first settlers, and this is where William lived until he died. Nephi history is tied to our Cazier family history!!

We will send out another e-mail before the reunion to give complete information.

SPECIAL PROJECT: Memorial Monument for Pleasant Drake Cazier

Our great-grandparents, William and Pleasant Drake Cazier were Mormon pioneers. The following was written about them by David Cazier, one of their ten children:

"In May 1846 the William Cazier family left their home in Illinois and all that they had, except for a few belongings that they could take with them, and joined the saints at Council Bluffs, Iowa. When they arrived at Council Bluffs, which was in the fall of 1846, they took up their temporary abode in a hay shed. The weather was cold and stormy, and as the result of exposure Mother Cazier died. There were no caskets to be had at this point and no material with which to make one. As a last resort, Father Cazier cut down a tree,

hollowed it out...and this hollow tree was used as the casket in which the last remains of their dear wife and mother was consigned to mother earth."

William married a widow in the spring of 1847. In 1851 he and his new wife (Margaret) and the four youngest of his children from Pleasant made the 1000-mile journey across the plains to Utah. William and his second wife are buried next to each other in Nephi, Utah. On their headstone is also listed the name of Pleasant Drake Cazier, even though she is not buried there.

Your CFO officers feel that it would be fitting to have a headstone in her honor placed in a cemetery in Council Bluffs, the area where she actually died. We are currently working with the city of Council Bluffs to get approval to place a monument in their beautiful Fairview Cemetery in memory of Pleasant Drake Cazier. We are anxiously awaiting their response and will keep you posted on our progress! Donations for that project will be sought...cost to be determined after decisions by the city.

Watch for further family updates on e-mail, www.cazier.org, and Facebook.

Important Note: We are ending the mailings of paper newsletters. This will be the last one! The cost is abominable (Last mailing was above \$400 to print and mail a 3-page, printed both sides, newsletter!!!) Make sure we have your current contact information, especially electronic, so we can send email updates!! If you definitely need a paper copy, please contact the secretary/treasurer. Please remember to send any new contact information. Many newsletters have been returned by the post office...tears. Many e-mails are undeliverable...sad. If you don't use e-mail, find a family member who will receive e-mail communication for you and let secr/treas. know where to send newsletters. You tech-saavy ones, please offer help to your family members who don't use e-mail (like some older ones), so they can stay connected with the family!!

Even if you won't be attending the reunion nor sending a donation, please send us your contact information anyway, so we can double-check our list. Thanks!!!

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Cazier Family Website: www.cazier.org register online for the reunion, if you like!

Family Facebook Group: "Cazier Family Ancestral Organization"

**We love you guys!!! Can't wait to be with you again this year,
learn with you, and explain the exciting new things in the family!!!!**

Mail-In Form for Family Donations (formerly "dues")

Full Name _____ Phone(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail address(s) to receive family newsletters... If you don't have your own e-mail address, what e-mail address may we send your newsletters to?

E-mail address(s): _____

Suggested Donation: \$10 per individual or \$20 per family: \$ _____ Thanks!!!

Additional donation for research and projects: \$ _____ Thanks!!!

Make checks payable to secretary/treasurer Marilyn Manwill.

Send form and check to her at address above or pay at the reunion. Please be generous!

Mail-In Registration for 2017 Reunion at Provo, Utah

For Online Registration, go to www.cazier.org, then pay at the reunion.

Full Name (Same as above?) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ E-mail(s) _____

Number planning to attend: Adults _____ Children 10 and under _____

Reunion Meal, Friday lunch: # children _____ # adults _____

Estimated prices: Children \$5-8 ? Adults \$11-16 ?

For now, choose one: How many plan to take the tour of family sites in Nephi? _____

And for now, how many plan to go to the BYU Family History Library? _____

Do you want to be a member of our family Facebook group?

If yes, your Facebook name(s): _____

To be a member you must have a Facebook profile and be a "friend" to a member of the group. Then the person already a member, can "add" you. If other family members would like to be members of the group, please send their Facebook names also or find a member (yourself?) to "friend" and add them.

Please send additional family member names to add to our family list!

Our family list is shrinking! Some members have passed, sadly. We can't find some others. People's contact information changes, and often we don't receive their new info.. The more recent generations are likely not on our list. Please update us. Please, please, send names of Cazier descendants you know to our secr/treas, Marilyn Manwill....children, parents, cousins, nieces, nephews, etc.. With their permission give us, at least, full name and e-mail address. (Many family members have the same names!) But preferably, please send the below information. (All information stays with family officers.)

Full name E-mail address Address (opt) or town/state Phones (opt) Facebook name
Family line (like Charles Drake, Benjamin, etc.) Their relationship to you