



Homers of America

RUSSEL KING HOMER FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Fall 1992

Presidents Message

Since the last newsletter I've been conscripted to be your new president. Though I feel inadequate, I've enjoyed getting better acquainted with family members — and want to do all I can!

My mother, Rozett Lemmon Anderson, is Russel King Homer's granddaughter—through his daughter, Anna Eliza Homer Lemmon. Willis Lemmon and Anna Eliza (my grandparents) were married the same day as Martin Harris Jr. and Nancy Homer.



Newell F. Anderson

I am the 13th child of Will and Rozett Anderson. I always say my history started five years before I was born — when my mother had a special dream and manifestation that she was to mother two more children, a girl and a boy (I am the boy).

Family has always been very important to me, and since becoming better acquainted with this large noble Homer family, I can see much has been accomplished and there is still much to be accomplished.

Some of our goals are:

- **Establish a family archives** (see article inside).
- **Continue work on two books** (1) *Homer Children Stories*, and (2) *Descendants of Russel King Homer and Wives*. Information for these books is in the process of being gathered — there is still time to provide needed information and pictures. We will not publish the books until we have sufficient pre-sales to finance the books. This money is kept in a separate account, and could be returned if we do not have enough pre-sales.
- **Continue research for temple work.** In addition to research on ancestral lines, we are working on a project to submit names from Westmoreland Cemetery records for temple work.
- **Locate descendants of Russel King Homer.** We are very indebted to Gareth Homer who has worked tirelessly on this project, and continues to do so. However, we need everyone's help to accomplish this goal. Do you know any adult Homer descendants who do not receive this newsletter? We need their names and addresses!
- **Hold reunions every five years.**

NAMES FOR TEMPLE WORK

Joseph G. Buttars (of Salt Lake) has entered over 2400 names from the Westmoreland, New Hampshire, cemetery records. In an initial check against the I.G.I., 90% of the names cleared. We will now check them against the TIB, and then they will be ready for submission for temple work. With the new Temple Ready program the names will be available within a week after submission to the temple.

We are looking for family members who would help organize other family members in their temple district. *If you would be willing to help us with this important work*, please fill out your name and address on the enclosed green paper, write the name of temple near you on the back, and return in the attached envelope.

GRANDCHILDREN FOCUS

Each issue the newsletter will focus on the children of one of Russel King Homer's children. This issue will begin with the children of Edmund Homer. On the following page you will find an early picture of Edmund Homer, with some of his children and grandchildren.

Of Edmund's thirteen children, we show that two died as children (Louvisa Eveline and Admonzah Greene) and two were unmarried (Arta and John). We show eight children for Susan (md. Samuel Barker), eight children for Benjamin King (md. Juliett McMurry), one child for Edmund (is the Johnnie on the picture his only son?), no children for Mary (md. Lyman Howell), no children for Anna Mary (md. David Hubbard), ten children for Willard George, six children for Nancy, one child for Louisa (md. William Hopkins) and six children for Rhoda (md. Ezekiel James Hopkins).

Is this correct?

Could someone with good records of the Edmund Homer line please contact us? OR call Gareth Homer (208) 523-0759 with the name of someone who might have more complete information.

We need histories of each of Russel King Homer's grandchildren for the *Descendants* book we are preparing.

Edmund Homer Family

Second child of Russel King Homer and Eliza Williamson



Front Row: Barker dog, Mae Barker, Chris Barker, Edmund Elmo Homer, Eva Barker, Molbourne Homer, Leo Homer, Elsie Homer, Murray Homer
 Middle Row: Johnnie Homer (Uncle Ed's boy), Sam Barker, Susie Homer Barker, **Edmund Homer**, Susan Eveline Greene Homer,
 Benjamin King Homer, Juliett McMurray Homer
 Back Row: Edmund Barker, Henry Barker, Mary Barker, Edmund Homer, Annie Homer Hubbard, (friend) Abby Mary Bayless,
 Lyman Howell, Mary Homer Howell

*Edmund's children, and grandchildren,
 by his wife Susan Eveline Greene.*

1. **Susan Eliza Homer 1865-1945**
 md. Samuel Henry **BARKER**
 1. John Edmund Barker
 2. Samuel Henry Barker, Jr.
 3. Susan Eva Barker
 md. Joseph R. **HURD**
 4. Alfred Molbourne Barker
 5. Frank Barker (unmd.)
 6. Jennie Mae Barker
 md. James W. **HURD**
 7. Mary Marie Barker
 md. M. **YOUNGBLOOD**
 8. Jennings B. Barker
2. **Benjamin King Homer**
 md. Juliett McMurry
 1. Leo King Homer
 md. Elizabeth Haycock
 2. Edmund Elmo Homer
 md. Daisy Blanche Brandon
 3. Charles Murray Homer
 md. Susan Wiseman
 4. Russell Melbourne Homer
 unmarried
 5. Elsie Jane Homer
 md. Oliver **GRAFF**
 6. David Homer
 md. Louise Perrea
 7. Benjamin Pratt Homer
 unmd.
 8. John Wendell Homer
 md. Myrle Waanggaard

3. **Edmund Flavius Homer**
 md. Mary Jane Pettengill
 1. John Edmund Homer
4. **Arta Molbourne Homer**
 unmarried
5. **Mary Melissa Homer**
 md. Lyman H. **HOWELL**
6. **Lovisa Elvan Homer**
 died as a child
7. **Anna Mary Homer**
 md. David **HUBBARD**

*Children, and grandchildren, by his
 wife Melissa Greene.*

1. **Admonzah Greene Homer**
 died as a child
2. **John Williamson Homer**
 unmarried
3. **Willard George Homer**
 md. Elvina Josephine Peterson
 1. Ellen Melissa Homer
 md. Maurice **ADAMS**
 2. Edmund Homer
 md. Inez Jacosia Whitehead
 3. Rhoda Green Homer
 md. Howard Park **HILL**
 4. Lula Elvera Homer
 md. Newell **WHITEHEAD**
 5. Russell Kent Homer
 md. Fay Wright
 6. Evan Molborne Homer
 md. Julia Andrus

7. Cleone Homer
 md. Leland **GENTRY**
8. Eva Ruth Homer
 md. Merlin **HILL**
9. Willard John Homer
 md. Shirley Bertoch
10. Nels Pehrson Homer
 unmarried
4. **Nancy Green Homer**
 md. Don George **SMITH**
 1. Nancy Smith
 md. Reginald **LOWE**
 2. Don C. Smith
 3. Mary Smith
 md. Archie **WALLIS**
 4. George A. Smith
 unmarried
 5. Joseph Smith
 unmarried
 6. Susan Smith
 md. Joseph **ADAIR**
5. **Louisa Lula Homer**
 md. William Grant **HOPKINS**
 1. Laura Hopkins
 md. _____ **HUNTER**
6. **Rhoda Greene Homer**
 md. Ezekiel James **HOPKINS**
 1. Louisa Hopkins
 md. Dewey **DEVER**
 2. Rhoda Melissa Hopkins
 md. Samuel **EARL**
 3. Robert J. Hopkins
 4. Mark Hopkins
 5. Elvira Hopkins

Benjamin Homer of Yarmouth, Mass.

by Bill Homer

Notes

Benjamin Homer, second son and third of eight children of Captain John Homer and Margery Stevens, was born 8 May 1698 at Boston, Mass., possibly named after his mother's brother, Benjamin Stevens.¹ He grew up in a comfortable, maybe affluent home, with the family in Boston.¹

When Benjamin was a young man, a merchant, Mr. Stright, in Yarmouth wanted to go into the business of making custom clothing for sailors and wrote to a friend in Boston to send him a qualified tailor. Benjamin moved to Yarmouth to provide these clothes for him.²

There he probably met his bride, Elisabeth Crowell. They were married 22 December 1721 in Yarmouth by Daniel Greenleaf.⁴

They bought a farm north of Yarmouth and built a house.² It is thought his house, later moved to South Yarmouth near the Bass River, still stands today at the corner of Main and Mill Streets.⁷ In the house they had six sons and three daughters, as follows:

1. **Bethia**, born 18 March 1722,⁵ married Benjamin Cobb of Boston⁶

2. **John**, born 28 Sept. 1724,⁵ died 29 Apr. 1799, Barrington, N. S.⁶, married 1st: 28 Sep 1749 Abigail Osborn of Nantucket,⁶ married 2nd: 2 July 1772, Boston, Hannah Carnes¹.

3. **Margery**, born 13 July 1727.⁵ Married 1st: 3 January 1765, William Sears of Harwich, Mass.¹ Married 2nd: _____ Higgins⁶.

4. **William**, born 14 July 1729,⁵ died 24 Feb. 1764,⁵ unmarried⁶ on a voyage from Barbados to Boston.¹

5. **Benjamin**, born 5 Aug. 1731,⁵ married 23 October 1759, Mary Perrott.⁶ died 10 Mar. 1776⁵

6. **Stephens**, born 15 April 1734,⁵ married Elizabeth Chapman of Yarmouth.¹

7. **Thomas**, born 21 March 1736,⁵ "The Valiant Captain"⁶ married 21 Nov. 1765, Elizabeth Sears of Yarmouth.¹

8. **Elisabeth**, born 18 Sep. 1738,⁵ married David Knowles,³ died 17 Nov. 1812.³

9. **Robert**, born 28 July 1742,⁵ married 7 Jan. 1768 Jerusha Sears,³ died 1832.³

In their later years, Benjamin and Elisabeth cared for Benjamin's aged mother, Margery, who died in the home about 1762, over 95 years of age.⁶

At least four of their six sons (John, William, Benjamin, and Thomas) were seamen. October 23, 1776, in Yarmouth, Benjamin died.⁵ Elisabeth died there January 23, 1778.⁵

1. Holman, Winifred Lovering, "Homer-Stevens Notes," *American Genealogist*, January, 1953. Original typewritten manuscript with sources and footnotes in author's possession.
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3. Ancestral File Family Group Record, LDS Family History Library. 18 July 1989.
4. Yarmouth and Dennis Vital Records.
5. Family bible of Benjamin's son, Robert Homer, who hand wrote dates sometime after 1779. Copy in author's file.
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7. Notes from telephone conversation between Barry Homer of Yarmouth, Mass. and William Homer dated January 24, 1989. Copy in author's possession.

Family Archives

Comments by Bill Homer and Gareth Homer

1. There should be a central family archives for important documents, photos, etc.
2. The archives should be public, permanent and accessible, thus ruling out homes of private family members, specifically one who is located too far from the majority of potentially interested family parties.
3. We would suggest the archives be set up in connection with a church branch family history center, where we will be assured there will always be a large pool of family members from which to select an archivist and where there will be sufficient local interest to protect our family's history, materials and interests.
4. Our archives should remain under our control, with our own family member archivist called to serve as an assistant librarian with primary responsibility for the Homer collection and the stipulation that if arrangements are not satisfactory, our collection may be removed at our sole discretion and placed elsewhere.
5. The family archivist should make copies of documents, photos, etc. available to any family member upon request, retaining the originals in the archives.
6. The location of the materials should be conducive to their preservation. The potential for water, heat, light or any other damage should be considered.

Any further Suggestions will be appreciated!

PRE-PUBLICATION ITEMS

Homer Children's Stories (48 pages – soft cover)

1992 Pre-Publication Price — \$5.00 each

(1993 price will be \$5.50) We are still searching for good stories to include in the children's book. If you know any interesting stories about Russel King Homer, any of his wives, any of their children or grandchildren contact Susan Roylance, 5141 Clover Meadow, Murray, Utah 84123 — Phone: (801) 266-0076

Descendants of Russel King Homer and Wives

1992 Pre-Publication Price — \$25.00

(aprx. 600 pages — Hard Cover — 1993 price will be \$30.00) Histories and pictures of descendants — to the third generation. Possibly some ancestral information and charts, if research provides solid information. Histories and pictures still needed!

ITEMS FOR SALE

Homer Family History

by Rachel Mareta Homer Crockett
1976 reprint of original 1942 publication

Because there are only two boxes of these books left, they have become a rare item. The funds from the sale of these books will be used for ancestral research. It is hoped that this research will solve some of the problems we now have on our ancestral lines, before the new book is published.

One book will be sent for each \$25 that is donated to our research fund — until the books are gone.

One book for each \$25.00 donated to research

We need information about you and your family. . .

(A copy of an up-to-date family group sheet, listing sources for the information, would be wonderful!)

Name: _____ Parents: _____

Date born: _____

Place born: _____

Date married: _____ Spouse: _____

Children:

Name

Birth Date

Married to:

Name	Birth Date	Married to:
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