



Homers of America

RUSSELL KING HOMER FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Merle W. and
John Wendell Homer**

At a recent meeting of the Russel K. Homer Family Association, it was agreed that we need to demonstrate tangible progress on gathering information for the family history project. Those at the meeting decided that the proposed children's book has the greatest potential to be produced quickly, with quality results.

We felt that the children's book would also generate additional interest and partic-

ipation in the more comprehensive multi-generational family history.

The inside pages of this issue give an example of the stories we are preparing for the children's book. The book will contain approximately 50 such stories, complete with appropriate original illustrations. The projected cost of the book will be \$6 per copy (softbound).

However, we need your help. If you have any family stories you would like to share — stories about trials, triumphs, spiritual experiences, or stories that tell cherished memories of loved ones, please let us know. You can write them up, or just record them, and send in the tape. We can transcribe, edit, etc., and return them for your approval before they are finalized and included in the book.

I believe this book could have great importance to our young children and grandchildren as they struggle with difficult issues in their lives. It is also a tremendous opportunity for "the hearts of the children to turn to the fathers" in a very real way.

We'd like stories from all the branches of the family. Please send your stories to:

Marva Sadler
131 North Village Way
Fruit Heights, Utah 84037

And please subscribe to the book. \$6 is very little to pay for a book that can inspire and teach our children more about their heritage.

John Wendell Homer

Announcing . . .

GENERAL FAMILY MEETING of

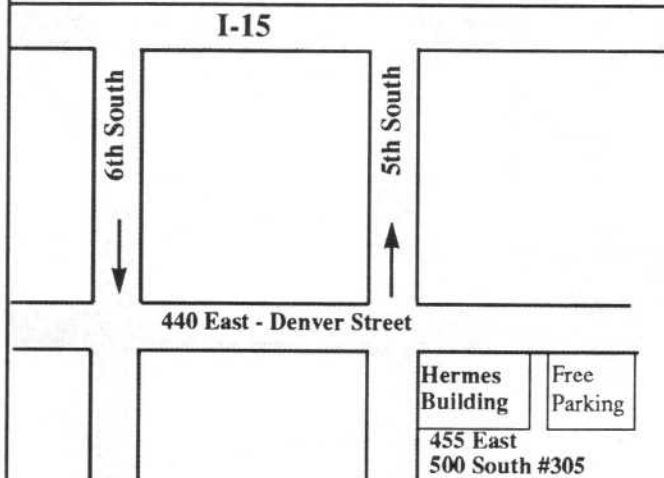
Russel King Homer Descendants

June 12th Saturday — 1:00 p.m.

455 East 500 South, Suite 305
(Oxford Financial)
Salt Lake City, Utah

*We would like a representative of all
families to attend this meeting!*

Directions: Take the 6th South Exit from I-15,
Turn left on Denver Street (440 East),
Cross 5th South, the building faces West.



Example of a Children's Story

A New Home

as told by Rachel Marett Homer Crockett

In the middle of the winter, 24 January 1873, my youngest brother, David Homer, was born. The snow was deep, and it was impossible to get a doctor, so mother was attended only by a mid-wife. While the baby got along all right, mother developed pneumonia, and died. It was a real tragedy up in that cold country of "Packer's Bridge", on the Bear River, to leave a small month-old baby and five other motherless children.

With no one to care for us, Father turned for help to the partner he had known since childhood, his first wife, Eliza Williamson. He took this family of six children to her as soon as the winter broke enough to permit the trip. I

was one of those children, and though only three years old at the time, I well remember a great deal of that awful trip through the mud and slush.

We were many days on the way, encountering high water in many places where there were no bridges, and other places where the bridges were washed out. When we came to Cub River, a few miles north of Richmond, it was dark and raining. We were all wet and hungry. The milk supply for our three-months old baby brother had run out.

Father used an old tin lantern to light the way through the darkness ahead of the horses. As we approached the stream, he saw that the bridge was gone, but a new one had been started. There were enough planks across the framework so that it was possible to crawl across to the other side.

It was decided that our brother Josh, who was 10 years old, and a young woman, Adelia Petty (whom father had brought along to care for the baby), would crawl across the bridge and take the baby to Richmond on foot. The rest of us would have to stay where we were until morning. They got across the stream and trudged along in the sticky mud through the rain, arriving at Richmond about midnight, where they went to the home of Adelia's brother Louis.

Early the next morning, men came to work on the bridge. They took the wagon to pieces, rolled the wheels across one at a time, then ferried the wagon box across the water.

Father carried us children across the planks, one by one, on his shoulders. Finally, we got to Three-Mile Creek and the home of Eliza Williamson Homer. If she was not happy to see father and the extra burdens he brought with him, she didn't say so.

She kissed each one of us, gave us a good warm supper, and put us in a cozy warm bed. What a haven this was to us poor wayfarers who had been so long in the mud and rain!

The next morning, when I arose, I sat watching this angel of mercy as she bustled about, feeding and caring for such a large brood. Quietly, I crawled up on my father's lap, in a cozy corner by the fire.

I pulled father's ear down to my lips and whispered, "Father, what is her name?"

In a broken tender voice, he whispered back, "Her name is mother."

Those magic words were music to my ears. She was indeed a real mother to us children, who badly needed a mother's care at that time.

Loving memories cling around every nook and cranny of that dear old home in Clarkston.

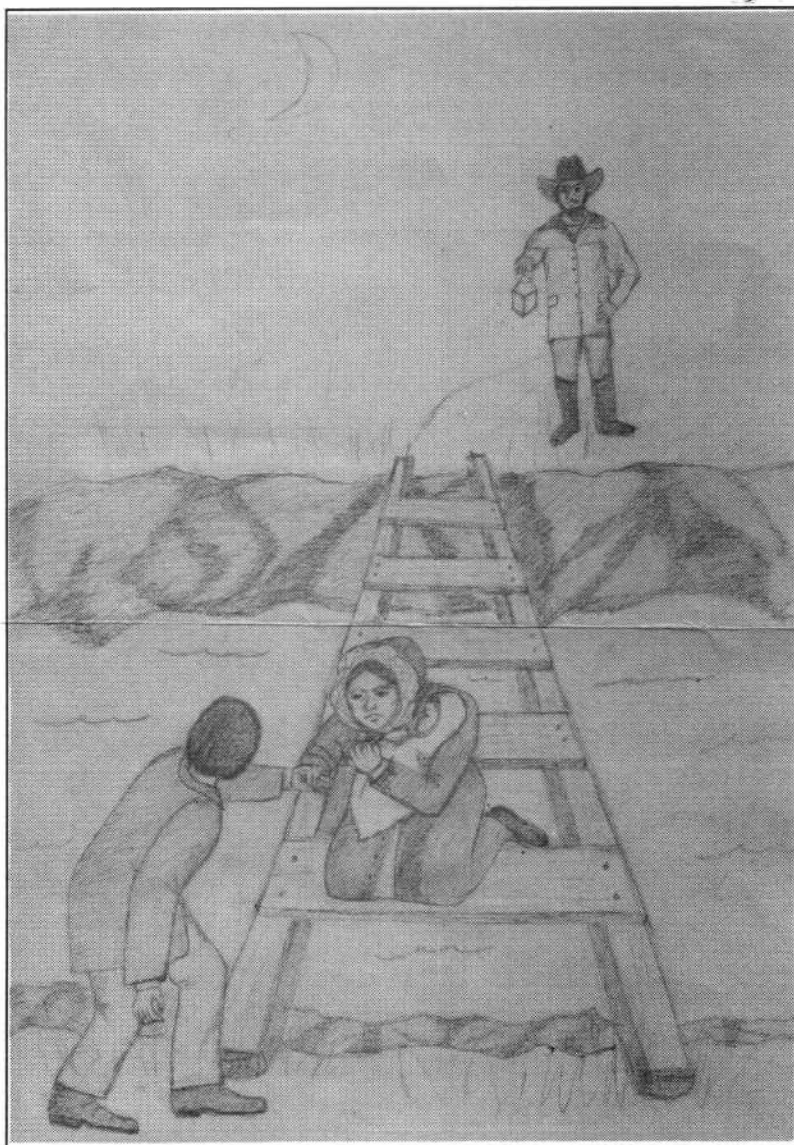


Illustration by Heidi Weyland

Mary Caroline Anderson

Second Wife of Russel King Homer

RESEARCH REPORT

Through the research of Joseph G. Buttars, we know additional information about Mary Caroline Anderson's roots in Denmark. Joseph reports:

I had a difficult time locating Mary Caroline Anderson in Denmark — using known information, including that contained in the *Homer Family History* by Rachel Maretta Homer Crockett. Sister Crockett, in this story, did not take into account the name change (patronymics). Grandfather's name should have been Anders Peterson. Mary changed her name when coming to this country to enable her to travel without family in the U.S. Her name on the church records and on the civil records was Karin Maria Anderson. The military number of her brother Christian and her father were used to verify that this was Grandma Anderson.

Karin Maria Anderson (later known as Mary Caroline Anderson) was born 7 April 1837 in Kippinge, Maribo, Denmark to Anders Pedersen and Marie Kerstine Amtizbol. She married Russel King Homer 24 Nov. 1860 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She died 27 Jan 1867. She is buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery

Her father, Anders Pedersen, was born 25 Mar 1804 in Guldbjerg, Odense, Denmark.

Her mother, Marie Kerstine Amtizbol, was born 22 Nov 1812 in Guldbjerg, Odense, Denmark, to Rasmus Nine Amtizbol and Bodie Marie Larsdatter.

The family record includes: (1) Julius Anderson born 21 Apr 1825 in Kippinge, Maribo, Denmark, (2) Johanna Kirstina Andersdatter born 19 Feb 1827, (3) Christian Anderson born 24 Feb 1830, (4) Johan Anderson born 24 Feb 1830, (5) Marin Andersdatter born 8 Apr 1834, (6) Maria Anderson (she is listed as a female although the Anderson is used) born 8 Apr 1834, (7) Karin Maria Anderson (see above), and (8) Christian Anderson born 6 May 1840.

Does anyone have a picture of Mary Caroline Anderson Homer?

Children of Russel King Homer and Mary Caroline Anderson

1. Emily Jane Homer (1861–1930)

md. Richard Jardine

1. Mary Jardine md. William Fife
2. John Homer Jardine md. Mary Griffin
3. Agnes Jardine md. James J. Buttars
4. Richard H. Jardine, Jr. md. Stella Boise
5. Emily Rose Larsen md. George W. Larsen
6. Vaunda Larsen md. Duaine Rose

2. Delania Homer (1863-)

md. William Cooper

1. Wyley Cooper died unmarried
2. Homer Cooper md. Fern Sharp
3. Della Coooper md. Tom Phelps
4. Fountain Cooper md. Emma Perkins

3. Esther Homer (1865 – 1928)

md. William Stokes

1. Bessie Stokes
2. Mary Caroline Stokes
3. William Stokes, Jr.
4. Henry Stokes
5. Russell King Stokes
6. Alice Stokes
7. George W. Stokes
8. John Edward Stokes
9. Clara Stokes

CAN YOU HELP?

We are trying to gather information on the descendants of these families. We are especially anxious to hear from anyone with one of the following last names:

**Jardine
Fife
Buttars
Larsen
Rose
Cooper
Phelps
Stokes**

We know very little about the Stokes family. Does anyone know someone who is descended from William and Esther

— 100th Birthday —

The children of Elsie May Larsen Keppner recently honored her at an open house in celebration of her 100th birthday

Elsie was born 17 Feb. 1893 in Hibbard to Justin Abraham and Anna Eliza Lemmon Knapp. She was the seventh of twelve children. She is a great granddaughter of Russel King Homer.

On Nov. 10, 1910 she married to Charles Martin Larsen in the Logan Temple. They lived in Idaho Falls on a farm. He died in 1963. They are the parents of 9 children, 51 grandchildren, 173 great-grandchildren and 39 great-great-grandchildren.

In 1972 she married Lehi Keppner and lived in Rexburg until he died in 1986. After her second husband's death she moved to Salt Lake City.

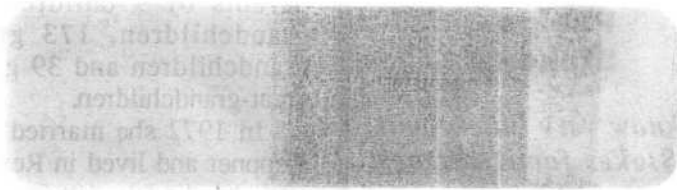
Please Send in the Following Information for the Family History Book

Your Name _____ Birth Year: _____ Phone: _____
Husband/Wife _____
Parents _____
Children 1. _____ Birth Year _____ Death Year _____
Husband/Wife _____
2. _____ Birth Year _____ Death Year _____
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Husband/Wife _____

Any family group records of descendants of Russel King Homer would be greatly appreciated. If you know of someone in your family who has these records, please send us their name and address. **Thank You!**

Russel King Homer Family Association

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Please Note : General Family Meeting in Salt Lake — June 12th