

Our Family Links

The Groberg/Holbrook Family History Association Newsletter

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The More We Get Together

With no DVG/JHG reunions on the 2007 horizon, this long-overdue family newsletter may help quell the cravings of those in need of a family gathering fix. It may help the previous reunion organizers enjoy the respite as they recall how much work goes into putting one of these events together. It may help others realize that summer is approaching and no one else is planning their family vacation for them. Hopefully, though, this newsletter will help all of us remember what a blessing it is to be part of the DV and JH Groberg clan. Whether we are packed on top of each other for a group photo in Joe and Jeanne's IF backyard or are separated by continents (or even by the grave), Delbert and Jennie's eternal and unconditional love for each other and for each of us keeps us all ever linked together in a sphere of influence and support that transcends space and time and spiritual dimensions.

Thank you Mary Jane Fritzen for keeping track of when, where, and under the direction of whom each of the previous DV/JHG family reunions took place. Thank you previous reunion organizers for sharing the highlights below.



Delbert and Jennie with descendants at 1998 reunion in Idaho Falls

1986 -- LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

By Julia Blair

The second reunion was held in Logan, Utah on the campus of Utah State University. We began on Friday evening and continued through Sunday morning. Mary and Gloria each conducted one session. Mary talked about BYU Devotionals and had GrGrGr talk about their memories of these. Gloria had us play the "Ungame." There were activities for the children. Mother and Dad were completely present and marvelous. I recall that some of John and Jean's family couldn't come until late on Saturday night (but not too late to go bowling before it was Sunday). I also recall that there was a medical diabetic conference in the same building where we met. Joe's doctor was there and Joe and Bob were very interested in that competing conference.

We had an inspiring Sunday meeting with the Sacrament and testimonies. This was followed by a delicious dinner catered by the university food service. I remember we had more people than the caterers expected and our people were hungrier than anticipated, but the food-service people provided plenty of food for all. I was very impressed!

Each family had an apartment on USU campus. USU catering provided several meals. Each family paid \$150 (as I recall) and that included everything. It was an excellent price and the food and facilities were wonderful. Dell and Kathleen were living in Logan at the time and were very helpful. Dick handled the finances which was a great relief to me. He said we came out even.

1984 -- BUILDING THE KINGDOM AT HOME AND ABROAD

The first official DV and Jennie Groberg family reunion was held on the Ricks College campus in Rexburg, Idaho. Lew and Marie were the organizers. Jennie's personal touch permeated the activities, décor and handouts (remember the missionary time line backdrop and the family books filled with typewritten histories and xeroxed photos?) We began each session with a rendition of Beth's missionary song "Come Into The Fold of God." The talent show provided Gr.Gr.Gr. hours of uninterrupted joy and rejoicing in their posterity. The Joe and Jeanne Groberg family, just home from their mission in Peru, introduced their new baby and DV and Jennie's newest grandchild, Pam. Pam and husband Alex Odida are now adding to the great-grandchild population. Whitney Owens, the newest of that great-grandchild population at the reunion, is -- with husband Dustin Hemsath -- the newest of the great-grandchild newlyweds. The newest

in-law at the reunion could not believe that any still-living man and woman could have enough descendents to fill up two whole college campus dormitory buildings. His awe, like the size of the family, has increased exponentially as he has become better acquainted with both the roots and branches of this family while working as editor of the Family Links newsletter.



Erik, Geoff and Jared Groberg perform talent at 1984 reunion

FAMILY SONG by David and Lorraine Groberg (written for 1986 family reunion)

Verse 1

Left alone in the world
the little boy climbs to the top of an old apple tree.
Did the sky open up for you little boy
as you wondered what your future would be?
A vision of us and the love of your life
the perfect wife, so pure and so true
waiting for you, waiting for you.
We are your dream come true.

Refrain

What do you see from the old apple tree?
Was there love in the air?
Were there children everywhere?
You dreamed the dream that we share with each other.
We love you so our Father and Mother.

Verse 2

Little girl all adorned in curls secure in the world.
what was the song in your heart?
Was the melody sweet as it sang of the life you were
going to start?
A song of us and the love of your life
the perfect man so pure and so true
waiting for you, waiting for you.
We are your dream come true.

Verse 3

Visions and songs have a way of unfolding
as babes are born and constantly growing.
We'll be honest and true in all that we do.
The love in our hearts we'll forever be sowing.
The little ones look a lot like you.
They all climb apple trees too.
We all feel at home in your love ever new.
We will always make your dream come true.

1990 - THREE SCORE ... AND MORE: A CELEBRATION OF FAMILY by Nancy Tingey

The 1990 D V Groberg Family Reunion was held July 27-28-29 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. This was the first reunion to be held in Idaho Falls. The theme was "Three Score and More....A Celebration of Family". Each family was given a woodend replica of a rainbow.

The reunion began with the wedding of Kristin Groberg and ET Clark.

There were slide reports from recently returned missionaries and other world travelers, Sue Groberg, Gayle Groberg, John Enoch Groberg, Bob & Julie Blair, Derrik Stratton, Greg Groberg, John H. Groberg family.

We held a "Fun Run, Walk, Ride" 3K course beginning and Gr & Gr Groberg's place and around the IF High School Track and back.

There was a picnic and games in the park, and of course the much loved "Talent Night" Program.

Sunday we attended the local wards then gathered again at the 3rd Ward building for Family reports and a buffet meal. That evening John H. Groberg was the speaker at a Regional Fireside.

Some interesting trivia about this reunion:

The out of town family stayed at the Motel 6 - The Hampton Inn wasn't built yet.

The "tenders" for the children's activities are now parents themselves

There were five 1988 girl cousins toddling around the reunion: Julia Young, Cierra Blair, Alissia Lambert, Debra Groberg and Eliza Tingey

Of the 36 households listed in the directory handed out at the reunion, only six of them are still residing at the same address! (Bruce and Margaret Young, Dell and Kathleen Blair, Kevin and Jenette Lambert, Joe and Jeanne Groberg, Barry and Beth Stratton, Lew and Marie Groberg)

Grandpa Groberg paid for the hotel, but each family contributed \$15- 25 to help cover the other costs.

We made a remembrance book as a 60th wedding anniversary gift for Delbert and Jennie.

Three
Score
and more...
A celebration of
Family

DV Groberg Family Reunion
July 27-28-29



Fun Run.



Celebrate 1990

Red is the color of blood, the blood which bonds a family together. The Blood that was shed so through our part we will be an eternal family.

Rainbows and families have much in common, each a sign from God. The one a forever promise from Him, the other a promise of forever with Him.

Orange is the color of a delicious fruit, tart and sweet. Life is full of bitter and sweet. A family is there to share it all.

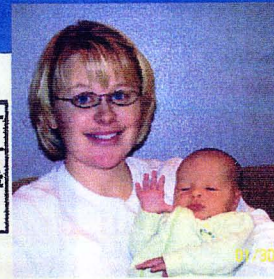
Yellow is the color of the sun, whose warmth protects and strengthens the earth. A family's love keeps us secure and gives us the confidence to move forward in life.

Green is the color of growing, newness and life. As a family we increase in numbers and strength as we continue to grow together.

The world is full of colors, each one is unique and beautiful. Together they make a rainbow, a spectacular view to behold. The world is full of people, each one is unique and beautiful. Together as a family, they become a wonderful sight to see.

Blue is the color of the heavens, an infinite hue. Our family is a piece of heaven on earth.

Gretchen Groberg Hilton - one of the "tenders" at the 1990 reunion - now tends 4 little boys of her own, including the newest DVG great-grandbaby, Darin (right).

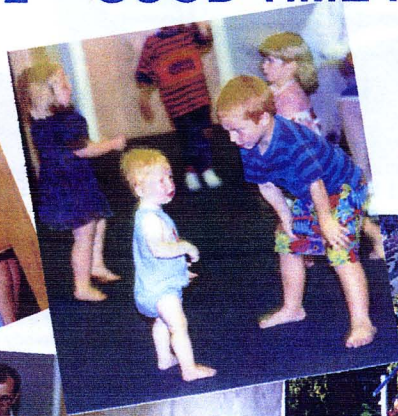


Fun Run.



Celebrate 1990

1992 -- GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL IN PROVO



1996 -- IDAHO FALLS

The flyer below sums up the theme and main event of our 1996 gathering. Most of the information in the Family Links newsletter and on the dvgroberg.com web page was found in that family center. Contact Mary Jane if you have questions about what is still there and what has been moved to other locations.

Grand Opening

of the

Delbert V. and Jennie H.

Groberg Family Center



1605 South Woodruff - Idaho Falls, Idaho
August 9-10, 1996

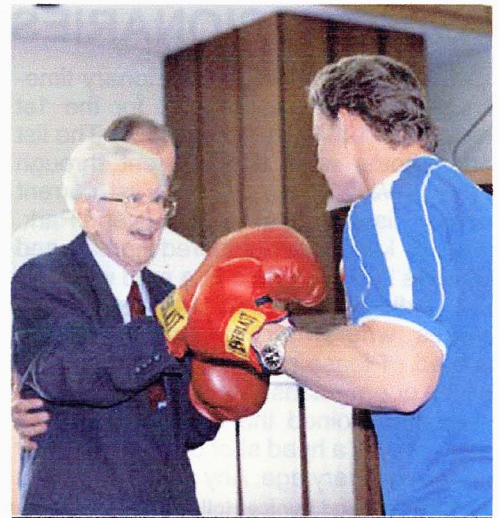
1998 -- BACK IN IF

by David Groberg

The 1998 Delbert and Jennie Groberg Family reunion was held in Idaho Falls on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September. Lorraine and David planned the reunion, but many other family members had leading roles. We had stretching and physical exercising groups early each morning, as well as hikes, swimming at Heise Hot springs; We had tennis and golf tournaments and many games to keep members active and aware of the importance of physical fitness. We had pony rides, picnics and talent shows, including original songs and a women's choral performance led by Beth, Greg singing I Am a Child of God to a modern beat and sounding like Neil Young, and the film "The Race" by Geoff. One of the unusual features of this reunion was that we had both adult and children's workshops and members had to select which ones to attend, as there were ten or more workshops, many being held simultaneously. Some of the workshop titles were: family history, black Mormon pioneers, Shakespeare, Bible history, the challenges of parenting, health in the environment, resiliency, family violence, mental health research and depression, and business entrepreneurs. We had family portraits and had each family complete a questionnaire about their current life, including each person address, etc., and the activities, interest, and favorite books of each family member. We put together a family reunion album and an address book. As usual we had times set aside to visit the family center in the office, and had wonderful messages from Gr, Gr and Gr, mission reports and lots of spontaneous laughing, joking and just plain family fun. Most of the meetings were held in Joe's ward building on Woodruff and at the Ammon City Park.

2002 -- IDAHO FALLS

The Dee and Sharon Groberg family organized the 2002 reunion. Activities included picnic at the park, a scheduled discussion of "topics of interest", and a program. For the program, each of the 11 sibling families were allowed 10 minutes to provide an update, report significant events, and present a talent. Of special note were the attendance of Gabrielle Lifferth as the 1st of DV and Jennie's great-great grandchildren and Erik Groberg's boxing demonstration (with assistance from Grandpa). Sharon recalls that the catering arranged by Dick and Ronda was excellent. Geoff noted that his brother Dell was doing particularly well and was able to attend. Adding some perspective to the significance of these gatherings is the realization that 2002 was to be that last official full-family gathering before Dell, Grandma and Grandpa passed away. We are all thankful that we had that special time to be with them.



Grandpa's boxing match with grandson Erik in 2002 has to be close to the top of the list of all-time most memorable reunion moments

2004 -- SIBLINGS AT ISLAND PARK

by Joe Groberg

On July 16, 2004, the D.V.Groberg Company celebrated 75 years of business with an Open House at which Great-Grandpa Delbert V. Groberg was the key feature. He greeted and visited with friends and former business associates for over three hours. Then he stayed with Mike and Natalie Groberg while Joe and

Jeanne hosted a Delbert and Jennie Groberg Family "Sibling Reunion" at the cabin on Luke Lane in Island Park on July 17 and 18. Nine of the eleven children and their spouses came--Julia and Bob from Beijing, China, and Dee from Singapore. David and Lorraine did not come because they were in Europe with their children, and Dick and Ronda were absent as they were serving as missionaries in Finland. We visited, canoed, jogged, rode horses, attended church at the Mack's Inn chapel, and had our own wonderful Sabbath meeting. It was a catch-up time and a bonding time. We were glad we experimented with a non-traditional family reunion where all the children and grand-children of the original eleven were not included. We missed them but enjoyed time with each other.



DV and Jennie with 11 children in 1998

2006 -- ANOTHER IF GATHERING

by Lewis Groberg

It was a great pleasure and spiritual treat to participate in the DV Groberg family reunion held in Idaho Falls July 1st and 2nd 2006. The highlights included the Arizona families putting together a beautiful multi-media tribute to Delbert and Jennie. It had pictures and narration that brought memories and enjoyment to all. We had a documentary where all eleven siblings were interviewed by Julia and photographed by Geoff Groberg with Annie Fritzen and Mary Jane assisting. It was professionally done and greatly appreciated. We had games and tours and great food and time to associate with family members. We concluded with a testimony and remembrance at the gravesite of Delbert and Jennie at Rosehill Cemetery in Idaho Falls. John conducted this part of

the reunion. The testimonies and remembrances of family members brought tears to many as we reflected how our lives were touched by each other and Mom and Dad, Grandma & Grandpa Groberg.



Beth, Mary Jane, and Julia enjoy visit near Gr.Gr.Gr. gravesite at close of 2006 family reunion.

"OUR MISSIONARIES" TIMELINE UPDATE

We are updating the missionary timeline that Grandma prepared for the 1st reunion in 1984 (see photo right). The list and photos were kept current through 2002. We want to keep the list current and on display at the cabin in Island Park. We will keep the numbered names and pictures in a book next to a map with correspondingly numbered pins marking the places where our missionaries have served. Please review the list below for errors or omissions. Also, if you served a mission or joined the family after 2002, please send a head shot of you at or near your missionary age. Any size or format is



fine. We will be careful with and quickly return any originals. Please send pix or questions to Matt Powell: 1315 E. Libra Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283; mmpowell9@msn.com; 480-730-5289.

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| 1. Chandler and Eunice Holbrook
Zion's Camp (group of 204 men and 10 women in Kirtland, Ohio called to travel to and aid Saints in Jackson County, Missouri - 1834 | 26. Marie Hansen (Groberg)
Ireland Dublin - 1973-75 | 53. Angela Groberg
Taiwan Taipei - 1991-93 | 80. Geffery Sterling Hubble
Venezuela Caracas - 2000-02 |
| 2. George Washington Brimhall
Eastern States - 1842-44 | 27. Delbert Wallace Blair
Equador Quito - 1975-77 | 54. Greg James Bailey
Korea Seoul West - 1991-93 | 81. Matthew Reeder
Hungary Budapest - 2000-02 |
| 3. George Meyer
Germany/Switzerland - 1852-55
Las Vegas, New Mexico - 1856-58 | 28. Karl Stuart Owens
Austria Vienna - 1975-77 | 55. Anna Marie Groberg (Glenn)
Russia St. Petersburg - 1992-93 | 82. Dustin John Hemsath
Venezuela Maracaibo - 2000-02 |
| 4. John Groberg
Sweden - 1871-72? | 29. Stephen Choules Tingey
England London South - 1977-79 | 56. Geoffrey Nelson Groberg
England London - 1992-94 | 83. Heather Hubble
Nebraska Omaha - 2001-02 |
| 5. George Washington Wilkins
England (President of Bedford and Norwich Conference) - 1871-72
New England States - 1876 | 30. Delbert and Sharon Groberg family
Japan Tokyo South (President) - 1977-80 | 57. Benjamin Wallace Blair
Greece Athens - 1992-94 | 84. Aaron Williams
Brazil São Paulo East - 2001-03 |
| 6. Lucian Noble
Eastern States - 1872 | 31. Robert Groberg Blair
Bolivia Lapaz - 1978-80 | 58. Jason Groberg Stratton
Korea Pusan - 1992-94 | 85. Tyler John Owens
New York New York City North (Spanish) - 2001-03 |
| 7. Lafayette Holbrook
Europe (Manchester England Conference) - 1873-75 | 32. Mark Lynn Sabey
Franco-Suisse - 1979-81 | 59. Richard Aaron Ballard
Washington Spokane - 1992-94 | 86. Joseph Stephen Tingey
California Fresno (Spanish) - 2002-04 |
| 8. William Burnett
New Zealand - 1881-83 | 33. Kathleen Naumann (Blair)
Germany Frankfurt - 1980-81 | 60. Daniel Spencer Madsen
Argentina Resistencia - 1992-94 | 87. Daniel Naumann Blair
Japan Nagoya - 2004-06 |
| 9. John Enoch Groberg
Sweden - 1897-99 | 34. Jenette Blair (Lambert)
Bolivia Cochabamba - 1981-83 | 61. Jonathan Pratt Groberg
Cordova Argentina - 1992-94 | 88. Richard and Ronda Groberg
Finland Helsinki 2004-05 |
| 10. Lafayette Hinckley Holbrook
New Zealand - 1897-1900 | 35. Troy James Garner
California San Bernardino - 1981-83 | 62. Anny Elizabeth Fritzen
Czech Republic - 1993-95 | 89. James Groberg Powell
Korea Seoul West - 2004-06 |
| 11. George Henry Brimhall
Colorado - 1897 | 36. James Matthew Powell
Brazil Porto Alegre - 1981-82 | 63. Jeremy Groberg Hubble
Argentina Bahia Blanca - 1993-95 | 90. Benjamin Craig Tingey
Russia Rostov - 2005-07 |
| 12. Delbert Valentine Groberg
Eastern States - 1925-27 | 37. Joseph and Jeanne Groberg family
Peru Lima South (President) - 1981-84 | 64. Peter Dewitt Christofferson
Czech Republic - 1993-95 | 91. Andrew Jensen Groberg
New York New York City South (Cantonese) - 2005-07 |
| 13. Robert Wallace Blair
Finland - 1950-53 | 38. Christy Marie Anderson (Blair)
Switzerland Zurich - 1982-83 | 65. Michael Joe Ray
Spain Malaga - 1993-95 | 92. Whitney Owens (Hemsath)
Argentina Buenos Aires South - 2005-06 |
| 14. John Holbrook Groberg
Tonga - 1954-57 | 39. Elizabeth (Lisa) Blair (Sabey)
Taiwan Taipei - 1983-85 | 66. Robert and Julia Blair
Latvia Riga (President) - 1993-96 | 93. Thomas Omar Powell
Samoa Apia - 2005-07 |
| 15. David Holbrook Groberg
Southern States - 1956-58 | 40. Ezra Thompson Clark III
Netherlands Amsterdam - 1985-87 | 67. Travis Anders Hubble
Uruguay Montevideo - 1994-96 | 94. Brian Mark Sabey
Taiwan Taichung - 2005-07 |
| 16. Mary Jane Groberg (Fritzen)
Great Britain - 1956-58 | 41. Thomas Jay Mortell
Florida Ft. Lauderdale - 1986-87 | 68. Jennie Marie Groberg (Blaser)
Slovenija - 1994-96 | 95. Samuel Peter Powell
Poland Warsaw - 2007-09 |
| 17. Richard Holbrook Groberg
Finland - 1958-1961 | 42. Craig Michael Teuscher
Canada Montreal - 1986-88 | 69. David Paul Blaser
Argentina Mendoza - 1994-96 | 96. David Blair Sabey
Italy Milan - 2007-09 |
| 18. Delbert Holbrook Groberg
Northern Far East (Japan) - 1960-63 | 43. John Enoch Groberg
Brazil Curitiba - 1987-89 | 70. Viki Ann Groberg (Bailey)
Brazil Ribeirão Preto - 1995-96 | |
| 19. Joseph Holbrook Groberg
Andes (Peru) - 1962-65 | 44. Gayle Groberg (Teuscher)
Spain Seville/Las Palmas - 1987-88 | 71. Jennifer Giles (Groberg)
Netherlands Amsterdam - 1995-96 | |
| 20. Barry Johnson Stratton
South Germany - 1963-66 | 45. Gregory K. Squire
Arizona Tempe - 1987-89 | 72. Allen Eugene (Gene) Hilton
Brazil Fortaleza - 1995-97 | |
| 21. Lewis Holbrook Groberg
Southern Far East (Philippines) - 1966-69 | 46. Susan Groberg (Squire)
Uruguay Montevideo - 1988-90 | 73. Michael Andrew Groberg
South Africa Capetown - 1995-97 | |
| 22. John and Jean Groberg family
Tonga (President) - 1966-69 | 47. James Groberg Blair
Montana Billings - 1988-90 | 74. Erik Nelson Groberg
Arkansas Little Rock - 1996-98 | |
| 23. Jon Clyde Hubble
Brazil Central - 1969-71 | 48. Eric Nelson Beard
Wisconsin Milwaukee - 1988-90 | 75. Noah Alex Lifferth
Japan Tokyo South - 1996-98 | |
| 24. Bruce Wilson Young
France Paris - 1970-72 | 49. Sean W. Glenn
Indiana Indianapolis - 1989-91 | 76. Brenda Marie Groberg (Christofferson)
Czech Republic - 1997-98 | |
| 25. George Holbrook Groberg
Indonesia & India - 1971-73 | 50. Thomas Sabin Groberg
Spain Bilbao - 1990-92 | 77. Samuel Lewis Groberg
Czech Republic - 1997-98 | |
| | 51. Denell Petersen (Stratton)
New York Rochester - 1990-92 | 78. Bryan Groberg Stratton
Australia Melbourne - 1998-2000 | |
| | 52. Derik Groberg Stratton
Sweden Stockholm - 1991-93 | 79. Alex Odida
Kenya Nairobi - 1998-2000 | |

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Elder DV Groberg (and temporary companion?) in West Virginia 1926