

2017 Family Reunion

***“And he shall turn the heart of the fathers
to the children, and the heart of the
children to their fathers . . .”*** Malachi 4:6

*Our fathers - our ancestors
help define who we really are!
Let's learn about them and let
Our hearts turn to them*

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Who am I REALLY?

I am a child of God

And He has sent me here

has given me an earthly home

with parents kind and dear

God, our Father, creates families

by birth in the covenant,

by adoption and by marriage

God creates
ETERNAL FAMILIES
in His holy temples



Families Matter!!

“One of the great discoveries of parenthood is that we learn far more about what really matters from our children than we ever did from our parents. We come to recognize the truth in Isaiah’s prophecy that “a little child shall lead them.” Family time is sacred time and should be protected and respected. We urge our members to show devotion to their families.” President Boyd K. Packer, Apr. 2012

We have made that discovery and have learned much from our children for whom we are most grateful!

The family of Tom and Gretna Palmer



The family of Kenneth and Deborah Palmer



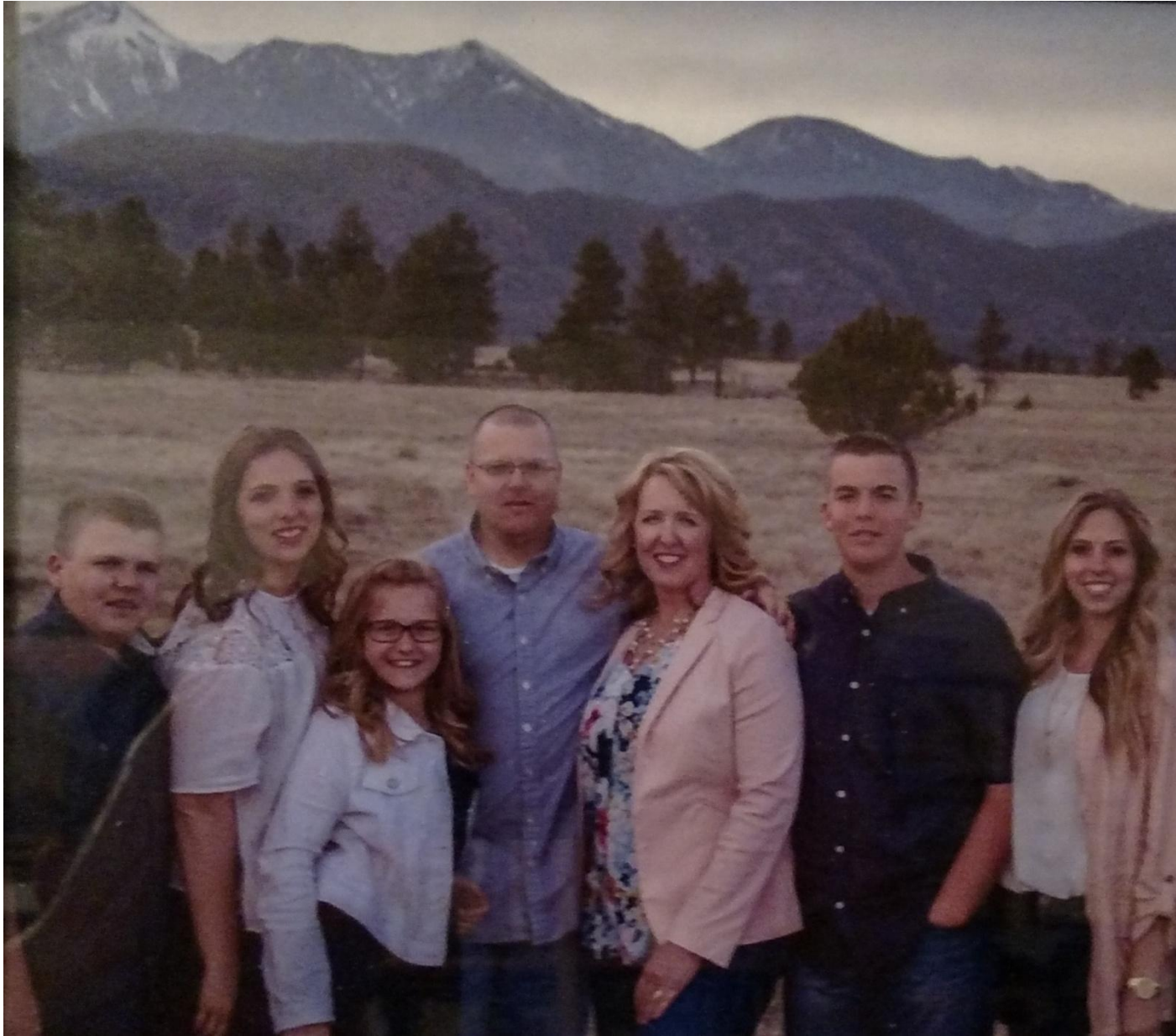
The family of Steven and Colette Palmer



The family of Michael and Heather Palmer



The family of Daniel and Julie Palmer



The family of Mike and Kalynn Pospisil



The family of Rick and Shannon Palmer



The family of Tim and Tia Palmer



The family of Mark and Celeste Palmer



The family of Ronnie and Pam Ludwig



The Next Generation

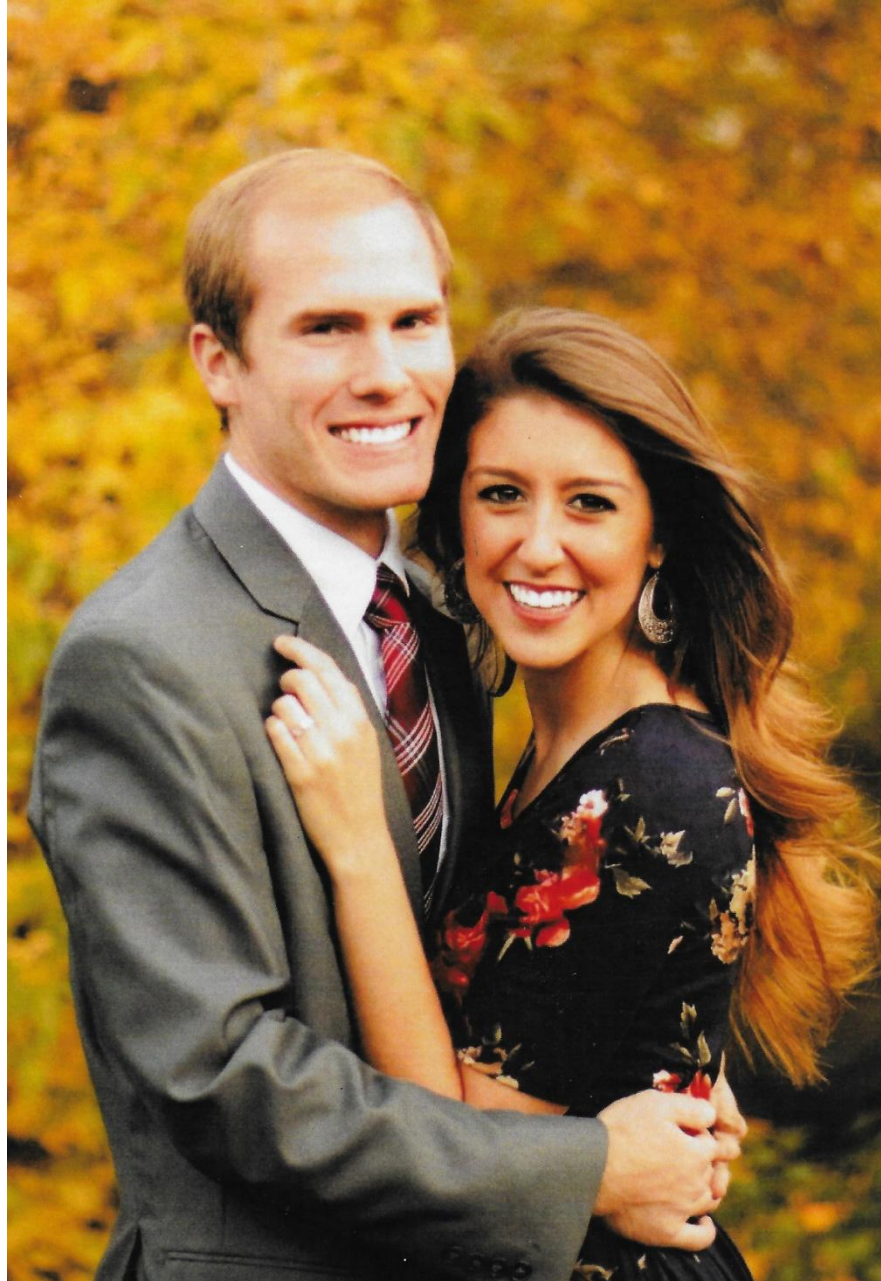
The family of Colton and Panika Palmer



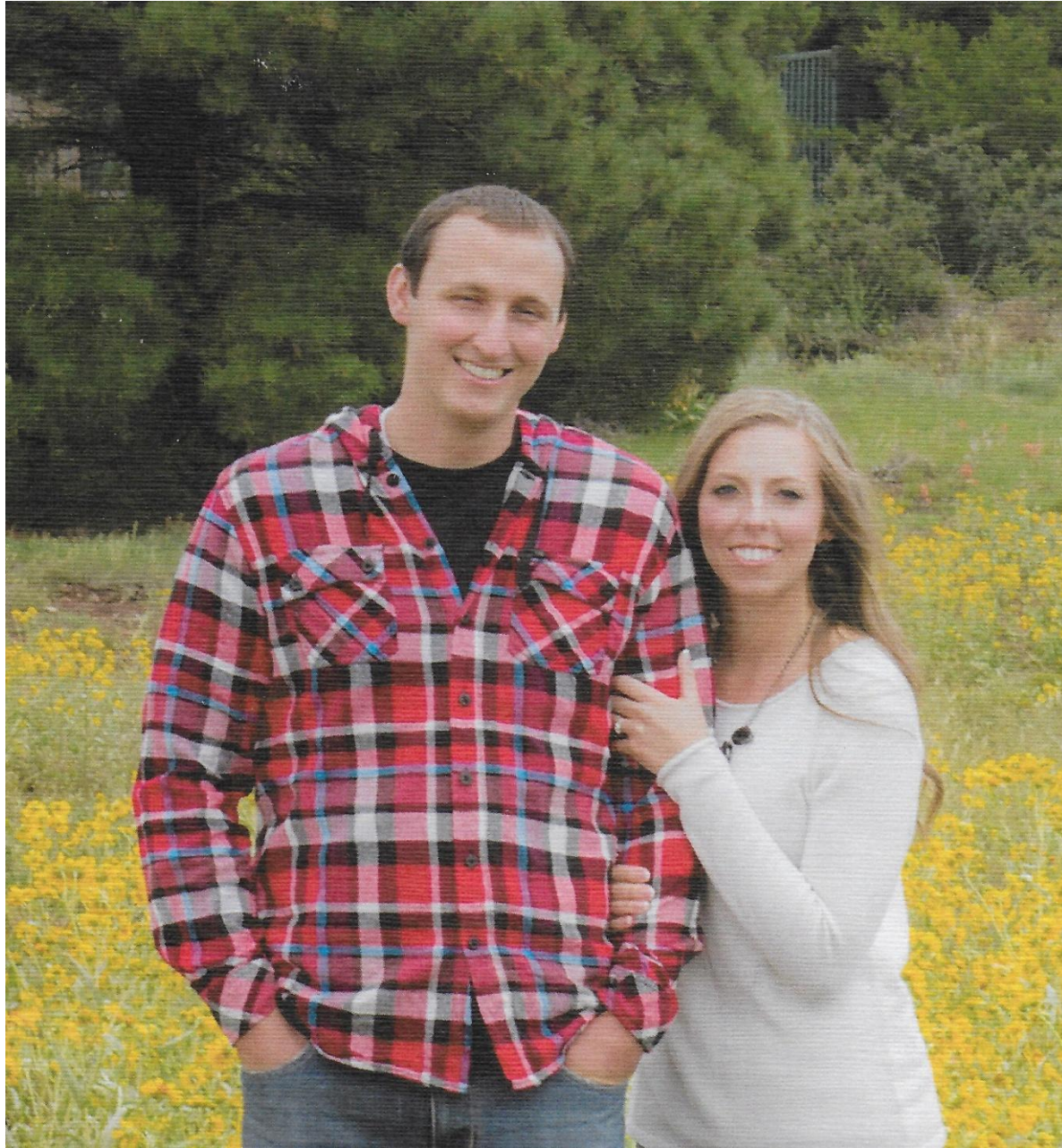
The family of Thane and Amanda Palmer



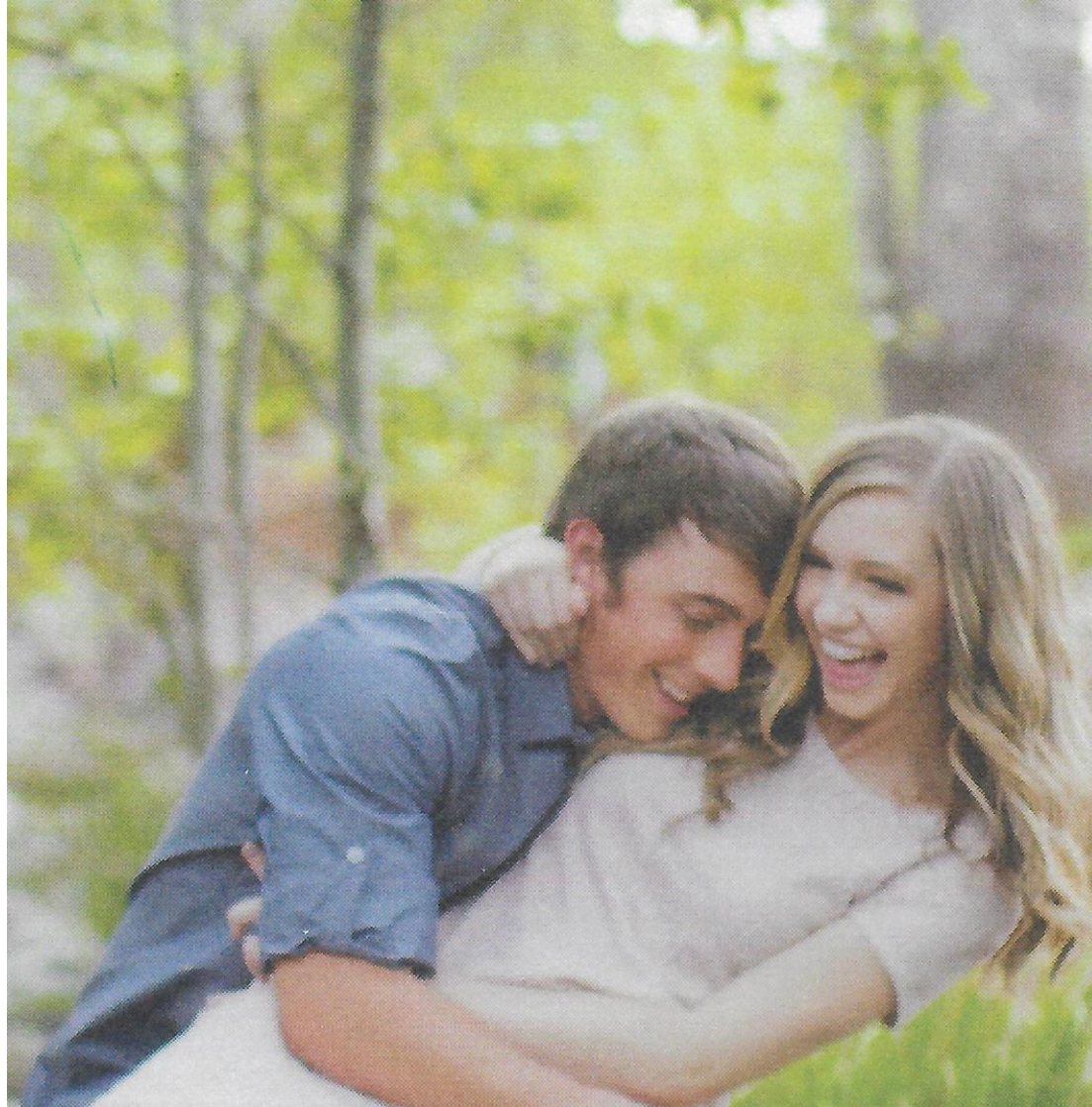
The family of Trent and Alexandra Palmer



The family of Micleane and Kymber Bendel



The family of Darris and Amandalyn Palmer



The family of Torin and ___ ? ___ (I have a good guess 😊) Palmer



A growing family

It all began with 2

With 9 children and spouses = 20

Add to that 43 grandchildren = 63

+ 6 of the grandchildren marry = 69

Add our three great grandchildren = 72

Imagine the future with additional grandchildren marrying and assume an average of 5 children per grandchild . . .

The total climbs to 321

*You are a child of God and
HE sent YOU HERE*

Yes, right where you now are!

*Let's see WHERE and WHO
you came from*

Pioneers of Northern Arizona

*Each of my four lines of ancestry came
to Northern Arizona in the 1800s in
response to a call from the Lord to
help settle this territory*

Thomas Lee Palmer

Zemira Palmer

Zemira Palmer (my great great grandfather on my father's line)

Left **Council Bluffs** with the “Mormon Battalion” in July, 1846 to represent the United States in their war with Mexico. He was only a teenager but was valuable as an aid to Colonel Allen (Zemira's mother, Phebe Draper Palmer Brown was asked to go as a cook for the 500-man battalion). He later married **Sally Knight**, daughter of Newell and Lydia Knight, and settled in central Utah. His son, **Alma Zemira Palmer**, left in 1877 with his wife of three years, **Alzada Kartchner Palmer**, to help settle **Northern Arizona** first in Joseph City area and then in **1878** in **Snowflake/Taylor** area.

Zemira Palmer and Sally Knight family



Zemira Palmer and Sally Knight Palmer (daughter of Newell Knight) and their family. Probably in Orderville. Alma Zemira, the oldest is in the rear behind his father.

Edwin Lycurgus Westover

Edwin Lycurgus Westover (my great grandfather on my mother's line)

Was born in Ohio in 1845 (his mother died 3 months later) – he came with his family west to Utah arriving in **Council Bluffs** in May of 1848 and then traveling on to Utah. After marrying his wife, **Joanna Erickson Westover** (from Sweden), in 1874. They came in **1876** to help settle **Northern Arizona** in the **Joseph City** Area – they traveled with the Bushman and other families.

Edwin Lycurgus Westover and Joanna Erickson



Clockwise: Electa, Mary, Eddie, Matilda
John, Christena
Center: Joanna (Mother) holding Emma

William Hoover Gibbons

William Hoover Gibbons (my great grandfather on my father's line)

Was born 23 January 1851 in **Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa**. His father, **Andrew Gibbons**, left his wife, **Rizpah Knight Gibbons**, with family in Council Bluffs in July 1847 while he accompanied Brigham young and the first group of pioneers to the Salt Lake valley. Andrew returned to Council Bluffs and after the birth of William they returned to Utah and he and William and their families helped settle **Northern Arizona** arriving in **St. Johns** in **1879**.

William Hoover Gibbons and Evaline Augusta Lamb



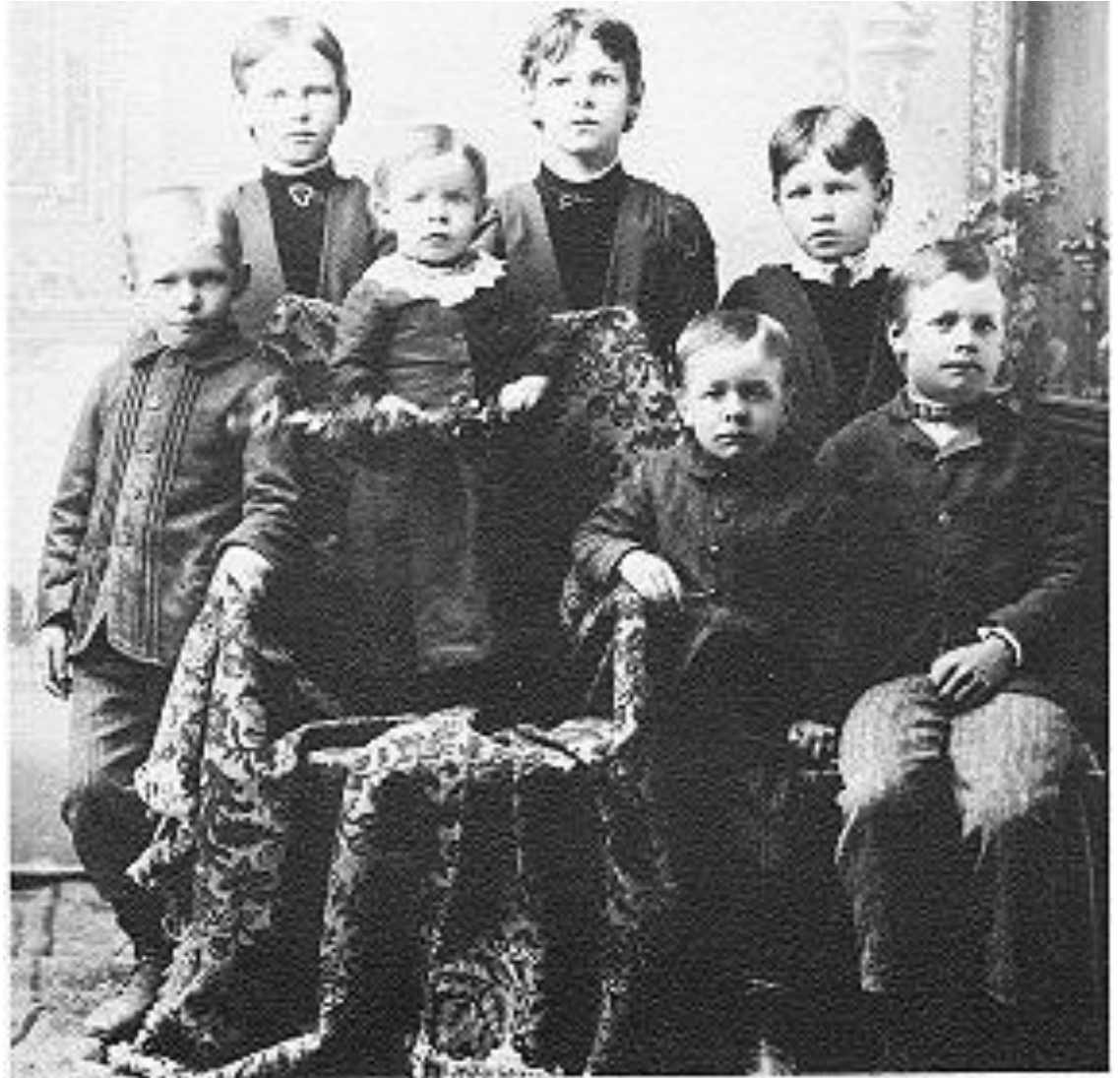
Back: Ben Loman, Rhoda Ann, William Osmer,
Andrew Augustus
Middle: William Hoover Gibbons, James Owen,
Evanline Augusta Gibbons, David King,
Front: Evaline Augusta, Ione, Junius, John
Lamb, Edward

John Bushman

John Bushman (my great grandfather
on my mother's line)

Came with his family in 1846 (then only 3 years old) from Nauvoo to Highland Grove village, near **Council Bluffs**. They lived there for 5 years farming and raising enough money to buy provisions to move on to Utah. They went to Utah in the summer of 1851 and John Bushman came in **1876** with his wife, **Mary Ann Petersen**, to help settle **Northern Arizona** where he was a leader of the Church in the Little Colorado settlements in the **Joseph City** area.

John Bushman and Mary Ann Petersen family



Pioneers of Southern Arizona

*My lines of ancestry came to Southern Arizona
in response to a call from the Lord to help
settle this territory*

Gretna Ann Phinizy Palmer

Paul Bryant Phinizy

My grandfather, Paul Bryant Phinizy, moved to Arizona from Rome, Georgia in about 1929. He and my grandmother, Nellie Gretna Helms Phinizy, and their two youngest children, Virginia and Robert, traveled by rail car across the southern part of the country and settled in Wilcox, Arizona, where the drier climate might help treat grandfathers TB. About 1932, my father, Paul Bryant Phinizy Jr. (then only 12), along with his sister, Dorothy, joined the family after staying in the care of an aunt in Georgia for a few years. My grandfather passed away on September 4, 1934. My Father struggled with the loss of his father at such a tender age. I am confident that the Lord sent them to Arizona so that my father could come to know of our Father's plan and that families can be together forever. My father was sealed to his parents in the Mesa Arizona Temple in his older age after his conversion, which may not have happened had the Lord not sent them to Arizona to dwell among the Mormons.

Nellie Gretna Helms

Nellie Gretna Helms was born in 1896 in Missouri to James Robert Helms and Olive Missouri Murphy. She later met and married Paul Bryant Phinizy and they moved in about 1929 with some of their children to Wilcox, Arizona, where he could get treatment for his TB. My father and aunt Dorothy joined the family in about 1932 and were in Arizona when Paul Bryant Phinizy died of TB in 1934. Nellie Gretna and Paul Bryant never joined the Church, but instilled Christian principles in their children that paved the way for many of their posterity to help establish the Church throughout Arizona.

*Paul Bryant Phinizy and
Nellie Gretna Helms family*



Howard Orvil Post

Howard Orvil Post and Tressie May Evans Post came from a small farming town – Mt. Hope, Kansas. Tressie May had joined the Church and Howard Orvil was cordial toward the Church. In 1898 their first child, Clarence Evans Post, my grandfather, was born. The family moved to Arizona in 1902 and ultimately settled on the west side of the San Pedro River near St. David. The move to Arizona was likely in large part due to Tressie May's desire to be closer to the Saints [The Lord puts us where He wants us to be] – In Arizona Howard Orvil joined the Church and their family helped establish the Church in this area. In 1920, Clarence married his childhood sweetheart, Maud Billingsley in the Salt Lake Temple. They had 7 children: Phillip, Ella, Violet (my mother), Jack, Billie, Howard, and Jesse. They settled in on the cattle ranch in 1953 near the Whetstone Mountains.

Howard Orvil Post & Tressie May Evans family



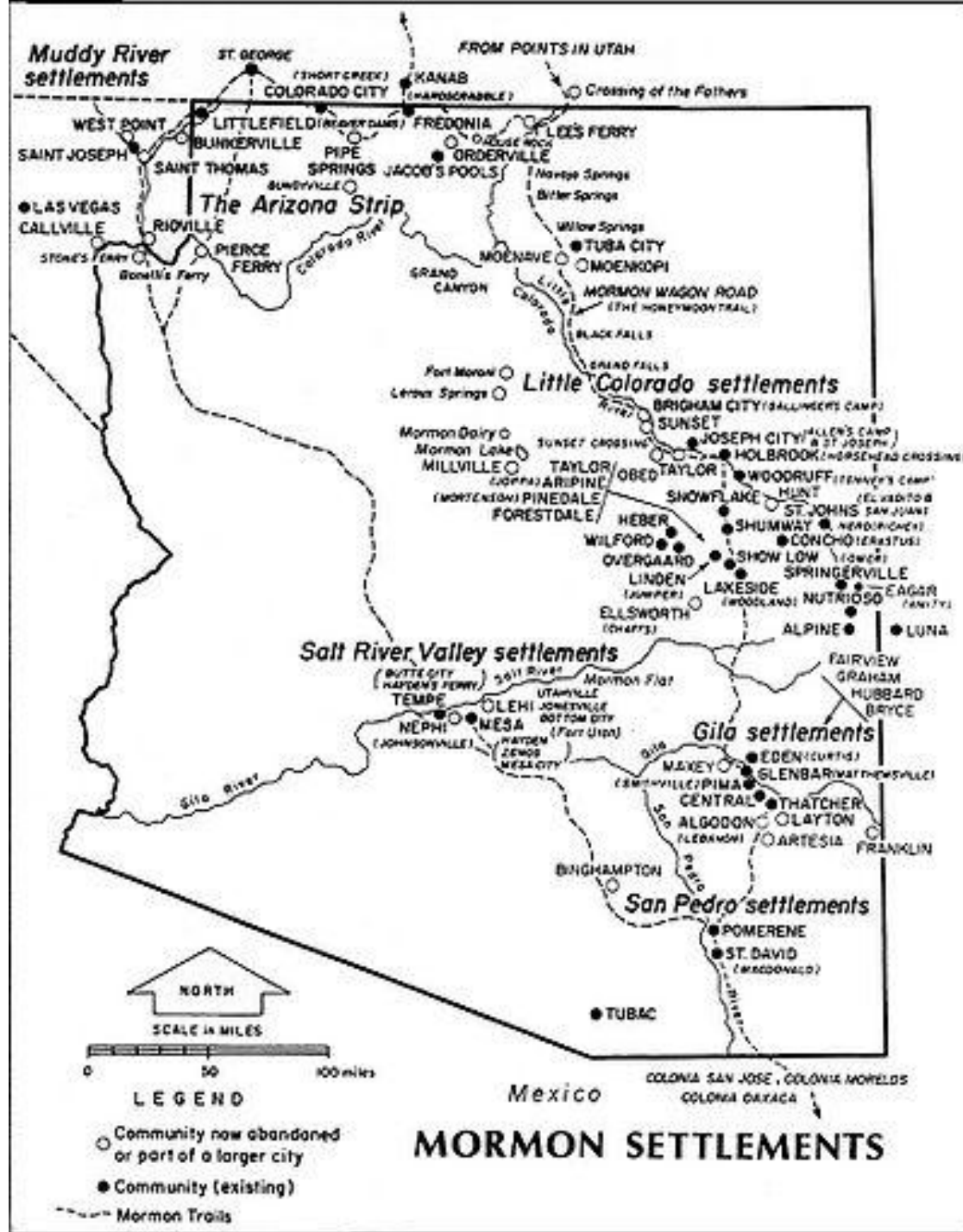
*Violet Maria Busby and Jesse Eugene
Billingsley and later Hyrum McClellan
Scranton*

Violet Maria Busby came to the San Pedro River Valley with her family who had been sent by President Brigham Young in the late 1800s to help settle that area. She married Jesse Eugene Billingsley, father of my grandmother, Maud Billingsley Post. After his death in 1902 the family was raised by Violet Busby and her new husband, Hyrum McClellan Scranton. They helped establish the Church in the St. David area.

*Clarence Evans Post and Maud
Billingsly Post*

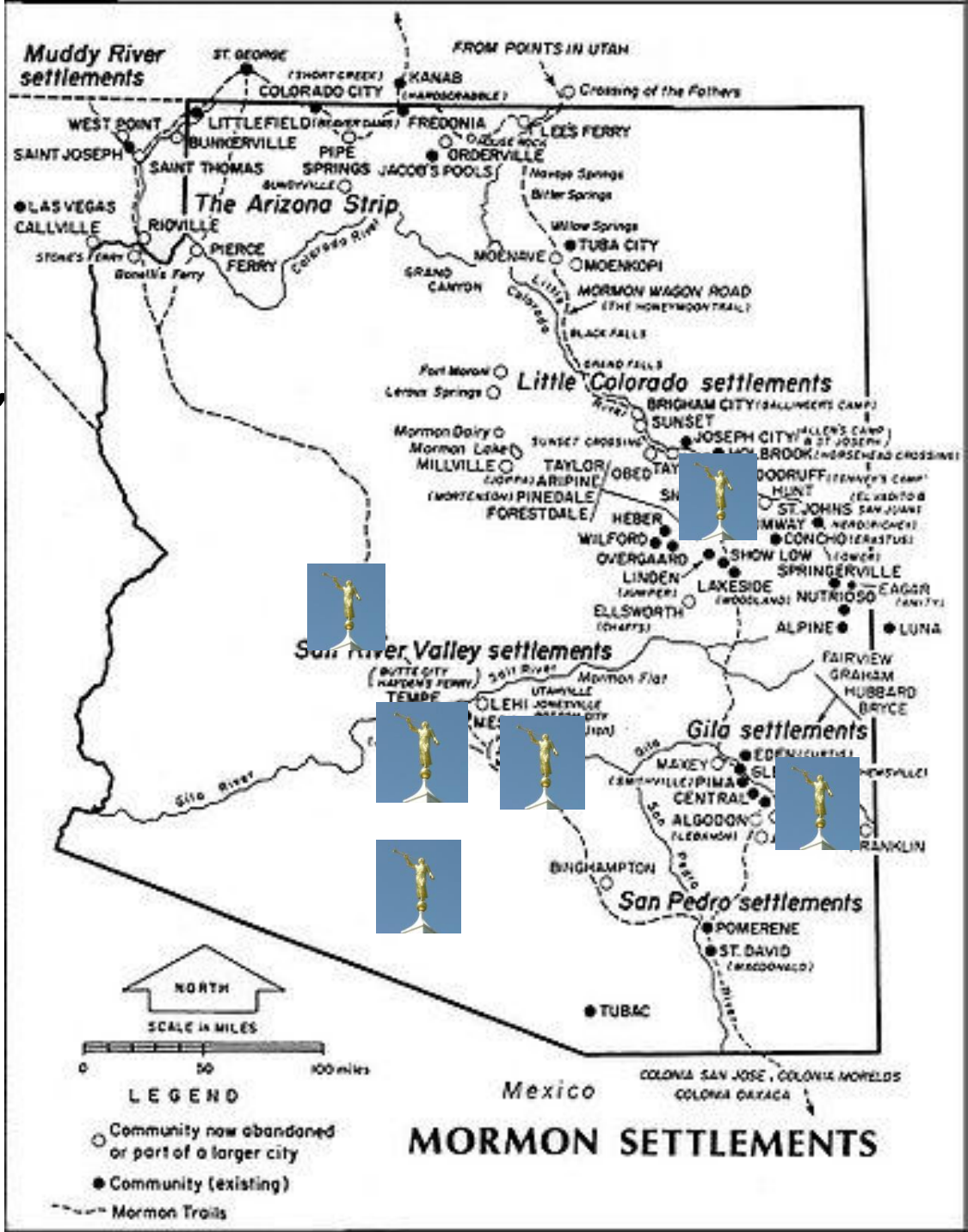


Arizona



Arizona

Ancestors helped establish the Church and TEMPLES have followed in Mesa, Snowflake, Gila Valley, Gilbert, Phoenix, Tucson, and soon Yuma and Flagstaff



From EUROPE to AMERICA

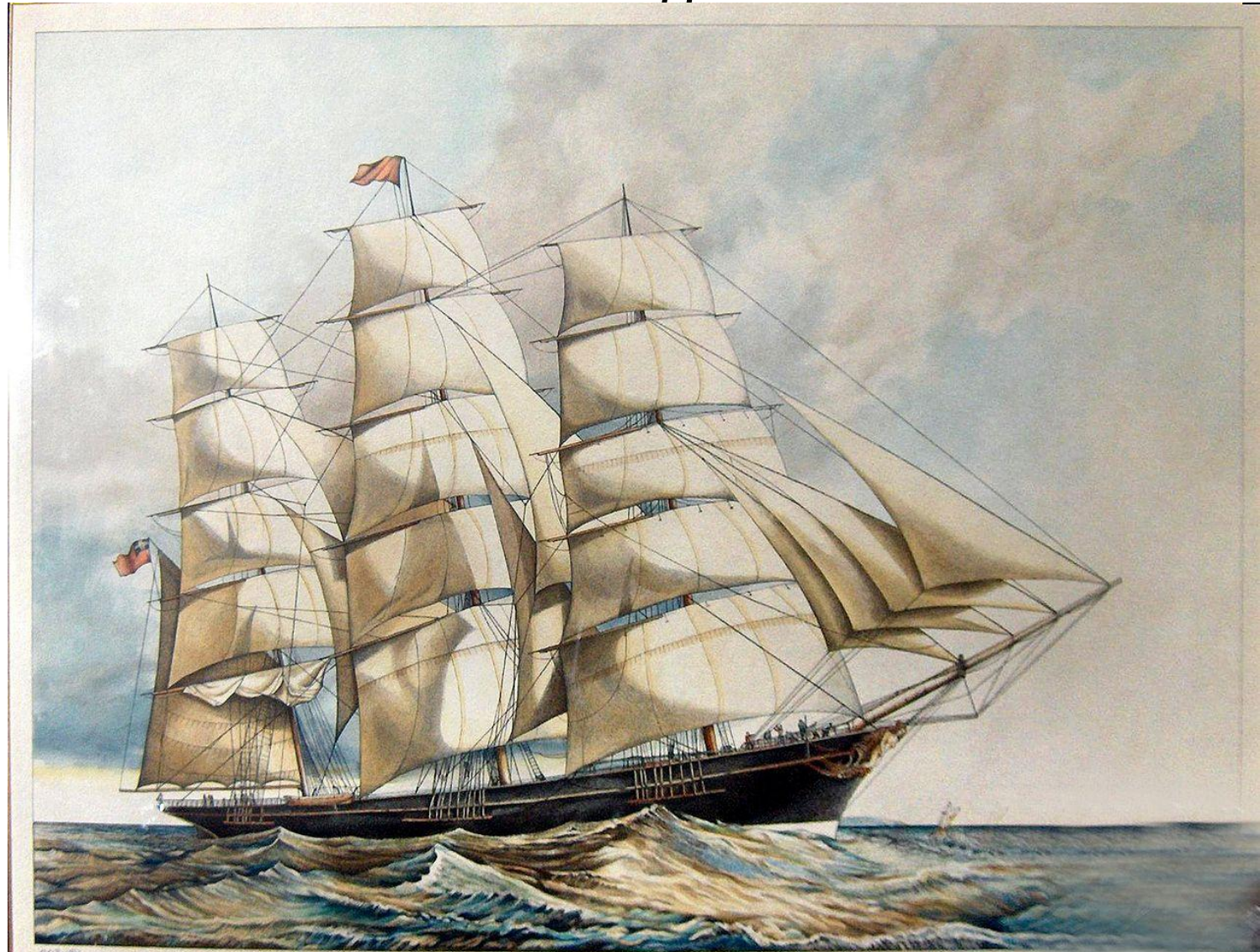
ANCESTORS

*came from the following countries
in Europe:*

*Denmark, France, Germany,
Italy, Norway, Sweden, and
United Kingdom (England and Wales)*

From EUROPE to AMERICA

*travel to America was by sailing vessel such as this
1860 Clipper*



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Our Ancestral lines go back to the countries highlighted



In our European ancestry we find ROYALTY

For example . . .

- ***Richard III, Duke of Normandy - 1079***
- ***Hugh “Capet”, King of France and Queen Adelaide – 996***
- ***Rupert “Robert the Strong” IV King of France – 866***
- ***Richard I “The Fearless”, Duke of Normandy 996***
- ***Olaf II “The Mighty” Bjornsson, King of Sweden - 964***

More ancestral ROYALTY

- *Sigurd “Snake-in-the-eye” Regnarsson, King of Denmark – 853*
- *Audur “The deep-minded” Ivarsdotter, Princess of Sweden – 717*
- *Halfden III “The Valiant”, King of Sweden - 650*
- *Hrimnir “The Giant”, Norway – 664*
- *Ranulph I “The Rich”*
- *Svend I “Forked Beard” Heraldson, King of Denmark, England and Norway – 1014*
- *Bjorn “Ironside” Ragnarson, a powerful Viking Chieftan and Navy Commander - 859*

More ancestral ROYALTY

- **Louis VI “The Fat” Capet, 21st King of France – 1137**
- ***Louis VII “The Young”, King of France 1180 [A common ancestor of Grandma and Grandpa . . . Yes, we are cousins!]***
- ***Gladys “The Dark”, Princess of Wales – 1251***
- ***Llewelyn “The Great”, Prince of North Wales – 1240***
- ***Thronnd “The Old” Haraldson, King of Norway – 725***
- ***Halfdan “The Violent” Solfasson, King of Sweden***

More ancestral ROYALTY

- On the Palmer line . . . The following ancestors:
 - ❑ ***King Henry of England – I, II, and III [King Henry II (on Palmer line) was defeated by King Louis VI (on Gibbons and Post lines)]***
 - ❑ ***King Edward I of England***
 - ❑ ***Joshua, who followed Moses as prophet***
 - ❑ ***Joseph, who was sold by his brothers***
 - ❑ ***Jacob, Isaac and Abraham***
 - ❑ ***Shem and Noah, and Adam***
 - ❑ ***God, our Father in Heaven – that's real Royalty!***

I am a child of God, and so my needs are great, lead me, guide me, walk beside me, *help me find the way* . . .

He has provided a map to help us find the way - *The Book of Mormon*.

President Monson (Apr.2017): "I implore each of us to prayerfully study and ponder the Book of Mormon each day. As we do so, we will be in a position to hear the voice of the Spirit, to resist temptation, to overcome doubt and fear, and to receive heaven's help in our lives" . . . This will *"help us find the way"* home to our Father.

I am a child of God, rich blessings are in store --

President Russell M. Nelson promised that we can see . . . power in our lives. He said: “While temple and family history work has the power to bless those beyond the veil, it has an equal power to bless the living. It has a refining influence on those who are engaged in it. They are literally helping to exalt their families.” Elder Renlund of the Twelve: “I promise protection for you and your family as you take this challenge to find as many names to take to the temple as ordinances you perform in the temple and to teach others to do the same. ***You will find not only protection from the temptation and ills of the world, but you will also find personal power—power to change, power to repent, power to learn, power to be sanctified, and power to turn the hearts of your family members to each other and heal that which needs healing***”

We love you ALL!!

Thank you to PAM for all of her fun activities and for her and Mom helping with meals, games, shopping. Thanks to all who have pitched in and will yet pitch in 😊



The End



Now I lay me down to sleep,