Alfred Raymond Hanson
&
Harriet Viola Holland

Their Ancestors and Descendants

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WHO ARE THEY?

Who are they? These planters of seeds and genes,
The harvest of which has become the person you see here.
My features reflect those who have gone before......
The color of my hair, my eyes, my skin, my shape of ear
My height, my bones, a health defect, a skill.
It does not matter how I look, for that’s the way I am.

Inside, my spirit also is the fruit of gardening in the past.
Much was forgotten when I left my spiritual
  family to enter one here on earth.
Earned blessings here are manifest -- talents, gifts planted before birth.
Among them, questions needing answers seem a whispering from afar.
I feel a need to bind my life, connect my lines
  and bind children as I find out who I am.

Where did they live, Those who led me into life and launched my destiny?
What choices did they make to influence what I feel now?
Did they like truth? Love, truly? Serve in gladness? Share?
Did they sail ships? Sing songs? Shear sheep? Sell silks?

What artistry did they display?
Did they draw with pen or mold with clay or paint?
  Compose thoughts or music, create with dance?
What stories lie in hidden sites? Where do I search to learn of ME?

Why do I care? Because I know what was before, will come again.

As a child of God, I seek a heavenly throne, with linkage of sealed blessings
Tying me to parents and their sires, my grandparents -- to the first of time--
Binding my descendants who will also seek
  To know the planters of their genes.

------- Carol Heintz, April 1997
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**Babies Waiting In Heaven**

These spirits that come here to us  
Are by our Father given  
The bodies we provide are just  
Their home away from heaven.  
How long we can detain them here  
Is not our lot to know.  
We only know our love is theirs  
Both here and ever more!  
Though “JJ’s” stay here was so short,  
His love you have forever!  
The day will come, not too far off  
When all families will be together!  
(Poem written by Joyce Wallin for Lynette in 1973)
Preface and Acknowledgements

As a child in Shelley, Idaho, I heard a lot about my Mormon Pioneer ancestors and their hardships in traveling from Europe on sailing ships, and then crossing the plains by wagons and handcarts to the Salt Lake Valley. Pioneer Day on July 24th celebrated the day the first pioneers arrived in Salt Lake. One of my biggest disappointments came in 1947 when the Pioneer Centennial celebrations were held in Salt Lake City, and Garth, Joyce and I had Whooping Cough. We had to stay home while our parents went to Utah. Dad later came down with whooping cough, but after they had the trip. He got to go, and we didn’t.

I was often told of my choice heritage. I didn’t really understand it was a unique blessing, because in our LDS community many had the same backgrounds. My older relatives thought I should be excited that my grandfather, John Alfred Hanson, was born in a covered wagon while crossing the plains. That didn’t mean anything special to me until I grew up and became interested in my own genealogical records. His birthplace was listed in the records as “someplace in Nebraska.”

My grandmother, Hannah Anderson Hanson, wrote a book, “History of Hakan Anderson” with the subtitle “Early Pioneers Who Crossed the Plains in a Hand Cart Company in the year 1859” about her parents who left their homes in Sweden because of their great faith, and their desire to join the saints in Zion. This was printed in February of 1944. Then the pioneers became real persons to me.

About 1962 Grandma’s slim green book was expanded with added life stories of her children and their posterities to a two-inch thick burgundy book titled “The Hakan Anderson Families” that was “Prepared for publication by the Hakan Anderson Family Organization” and was copyrighted in 1962. The subtitle for that book states “This is the known history of Hakan Anderson and Cecilia Svensson, Posterity and Ancestry.” It included five generations of the Hakan Anderson family records.

“The Raymond Hanson and Viola Holland Family” was the title of our own Family History book printed in the legal-sized format of Family Group Sheets and bound with rings. It was updated once a few years later. In 1997 when I was on a Family History Mission in Salt Lake City, I was able to print another history of Raymond and Viola Hanson with pictures and anecdotes of the Hanson family.

The Holland side of the family also had a book project compiled by Viola’s nephew, Les’s son Vance M. Holland, and it was printed in 1962 titled “Thomas Daniels Brown and Esther Wardle, Their Ancestors and Descendants.” They were Viola’s maternal grandparents who came from England. That book is three inches thick, and also has a burgundy binding.

Viola’s paternal grandparents, Richard and Sarah Tomlinson Holland, also came from England, sailing to New Orleans and river boating up the Mississippi River to Nauvoo, Illinois in 1844. John Holland, her grandfather, was baptized in Nauvoo. We have 19 direct ancestors who are Utah Mormon Pioneers, meaning they went to Utah before the railroad was completed in 1869. The Golden Spike was driven at Promontory Point in Utah, and wagon trains were not needed.

The original books are no longer available for purchase, so much of the material in them is copied in this book. Besides the printed books, I have accumulated personal history records of many relatives that have been lying dormant in my files. I am grateful for the record-keeping habits of both sides of our family. Events are listed chronologically where possible. Spelling corrections have been made, and dates estimated if complete dates are not available. I take responsibility for editing repetitive phrases and condensing some accounts. Family members have helped edit, type, and have contributed to this book. Some excerpts from Raymond and Viola’s siblings expand our knowledge of their childhood. Joyce and Cindy Wallin helped get the material I submitted into workbook form that was distributed to a few family members for their input. Steve Hanson, Lynn’s son, distributed heritage books to his children with ancestor stories that I also used as a source.

Pictures came from many family members. Some were hard to scan so may be a little blurred. They could not be
enlarged without losing recognition so may be too small, but were included for images that helped the story. Those with labels were so helpful, and I’ve tried to identify the rest. I’m sorry for mistakes made. My thanks to all of you.

You will find extra statistics, readings, pictures, stories and poetry from family members. I’ve included some tributes that were given to Raymond at birthday parties, but had to leave out some because of space. Some taped discussions with Blanch, Earl J and Merrill were very helpful. They were there when I wasn’t. The picture section doesn’t have equal space for family members, partly because of availability, and it isn’t meant to be an “everybody is equal” project. I tried to pick those that bring the best memories to most. The family pages were exciting to me as I met some of you for the first time. No doubt there are hundreds of better reunion pictures, but these are the ones I had. Enjoy them. Please don’t be offended.

There have been many consultations with “the team.” In July of 2009 Garth, Sheila, and Joyce came to Sequim and we went through the first draft together. What an experience! Our memories differed in some events and were enriched as we shared a different outlook on some things. I’m thankful to Garth and Joyce for added input to keep the content accurate and more fun to read. Joyce spent countless hours editing early drafts, and Cindy and Juli were instrumental in formatting and polishing the book.

In May of 2010, Joyce and Cindy came to Washington for another work session at Juli’s. Joyce was able to get Garth’s input before she came. It took three days to go through the book once, with more suggestions to be implemented. Juli, Jim and I have been able to meet for more sessions. The rest of the communication has been via phone and internet.

Jim Heintz became a team member in August of 2010 when he agreed to use his yearbook experience to fine tune our formatting. The software program we were using became too crowded to make changes, and he helped us into a better program. Juli (Heintz) White has spent hours indexing the contents to help you locate particular items.

My parents always claimed they had two families, as there were eleven years between Earl J and Carol. The older group of four gave us great examples, and “we three little kids” tried to follow what seemed impossible to attain, an equal status.

It seems this book has given us the final word after all. I hope you and they are pleased with the book, and that you will find it meaningful and rewarding in your own lives.

We have a great heritage that has given each of us a strong foundation on which to build. The great standards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints help us to stay united and strong as a family. May God continue to bless us to become an eternal forever family.

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Photo Pedigree Chart

A. Raymond Hanson

John Alfred Hanson

Hakan Andersson
Hannah’s Father

Cecelia Swensson
Hannah’s Mother

Margaret P. Brown
Harriet’s Father’s Mother

John Holland
Joseph’s Father

Ralph Wardle
Harriet’s Mother’s Father

H. Viola Holland

Joseph Holland

Esther & Thomas D. Brown
Harriet’s Parents

Harriet Daniels Brown

Harriet Charlesworth
Harriet’s Mother’s Mother