

# Minutes of Henry Rampton Family Association meeting Wednesday, 30 March 2005

Roll: Richard Perry, pres; John Rampton, Bob Rampton, Ed Rampton, advisors; Angela Peterson, hired genealogist and guest; Jay Rampton, treasurer; LaRaye Citte Sheridan, chair, Rampton Family Genealogy Committee; Jean Nelson, secretary, Dianne R Smith, newly elected 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; Richard Smuin, newly elected chair, Rampton Histories Committee, Charles Nelson, James H Rampton, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president (by phone).

The meeting convened at 7 p.m. at the home of John R Rampton, 848 East 900 North, Bountiful. Thanks to John and Mary for letting us meet in their beautiful and comfortable home. They made their large dining room table available for display of documents and photos relating to history of the Henry Rampton family.

Richard Perry conducted.

Angela Peterson was recognized first and invited to give the organization an exciting report about results of her research in England regarding the ancestry of Henry Rampton, christened 8 September 1829 in Old Alresford, England. Of special interest was Frances Hack, who had been identified as Henry's grandmother, but for whom documentation was missing. Angela reported the conclusion of other researchers that Frances Hack was illegitimate, and she was neither born nor buried in Medstead, as it said on the Pedigree chart she was given. . The results of her search extended this line back 3 generations on the Hack & Digenson als Glasher lines. Sister Peterson supplied us with full documentation of her conclusions. Previously, she documented the Rampton and Kersley lines, which takes Henry Rampton's father William's lines back 5 generations.

SEE DOCUMENTATION OF RESEARCH IN ATTACHMENTS TO THESE MINUTES.

Angela's bill for the research was \$700 (20 hours of time @ \$35 per hour) and she incurred an extra \$30 for expenses. Ed Rampton made a motion to pay Angela, and Angela was reimbursed at the meeting by Treasurer Jay Rampton.

Angela asked for e-mail addresses for members of the executive committee, and the secretary will send them. Our next meeting with Angela will be published on the website, and we will secure a room at the Bountiful Library for this purpose.

Angela also gave some education comments which can help us in further research:

1. "1837 on line" has scanned all civil registrations.
2. Bob Rampton asked Angela about the prefix "du" on some Rampton names.  
Angela said that "du" means "of" and that we should be wary of confusing the prefix with the actual name.  
In the 1086 Domesday Book, a "du Rampton" is listed. Angela said that is far more likely to be a real name.
3. In 1538, England's government made it mandatory to copy on vellum the church records of births, christenings, marriages, deaths and burials. These Bishop's transcript records were made once a year, copying records for the previous 12 months. Vicars did the work.
4. Because of the civil war in England 1640 – 1660, research became more difficult. The Puritans under Cromwell destroyed many of the Church of England's records. In many cases Parish and Bishop's Transcript records weren't kept. After 1660, many ministers were semi-illiterate. Fortunately for us, the records kept in the south of England were better kept than in the north.
5. Wills can be an extremely helpful source of genealogical information.
6. Angela asked the question, what is your goal for family research. Some were interested in connecting to royalty. Angela advised us to hope that our ancestry was farmers and common people...the honest folk... because the English royalty was so depraved. She expressed her opinion that it is no honor to tie into British royalty.
7. Angela also brought research recommendations from the web. Her references for tracing British family history is [British-Genealogy.com](http://www.british-genealogy.com) For a list of British county mailing lists go to <http://www.british-genealogy.com>

[genealogy.com/lists/index.htm](http://genealogy.com/lists/index.htm) She also provided information on types of resources. All this can be found on [British-Genealogy.com](http://British-Genealogy.com)

In answer to Bob Rampton's query if Angela plans on connecting the extensive list of Rampton names in England, she said she wants to know if we are interested in that. No direction to Angela was given on this subject.

A discussion ensued about where to concentrate on the next research. Interest was expressed in doing some research on the McDuff line. Angela said that research in Scotland for those not members of the State Church is very challenging and often, no records exist.

The conclusion of the executive committee was that we authorize Angela to spend 2 hours surveying the McDuff line, then pursue Henry Rampton's ancestors, concentrating on finding the birth father for Frances Hack (we know the adoptive father) and then begin on Henry Rampton's mother Elizabeth Norgate's line. The lines of Elizabeth's grandparents, William Windebank and Elizabeth Westerton, are not researched.

Angela advised that rather than trying to take one line back as far as possible that we try to keep all generational lines fairly even, that research is more profitable that way.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** After paying Angela Peterson this evening, we have \$95 in our bank account. Ed Rampton noted that checks written to the Henry Rampton Family Assn are being stamped with Jay and Luana Rampton's personal stamp for endorsement purposes. To avoid confusion, Jean moved that we authorize Jay to make a Henry Rampton Family Association stamp.

**REPORT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Jay Rampton is receiving all letters mailed to the Association, as well as letters returned for a bad address. He gave the information to Jean, secretary. Executive committee members looked over the returned envelopes and updated some addresses. LaRaye Sheridan took some envelopes home to update addresses and mailed them back to Jean. All changes and family information are to be entered into our family mail list for distribution to all executive committee members.

**NAMES ON OUR BANK ACCOUNT:** It was moved, seconded and passed that our bank account would be signed by titles. The President and Treasurer are authorized to put their signatures on the account. Richard and Jay will do this.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The Association was in need of a second vice president, who, among other responsibilities, will oversee the organization of the next reunion, now scheduled for June 24, 2006 in Farmington City Park.

LaRaye nominated Dianne Smith for the position, and Bob Rampton seconded the nomination. The election of Dianne was unanimous.

Richard Smuin was introduced to the group and asked to tell about his interests. He is particularly interested in histories and historical records. He would like to prepare a good map of the Bountiful Cemetery with photos. Jean Nelson nominated him to be the chairman of the Henry Rampton Family Association Historical Committee. Ed seconded the motion. Richard was unanimously elected.

**REUNION June 24, 2006.** Bob Rampton, resident of Farmington, was asked to make the reservation for our reunion at Farmington Park. The pavilion costs \$180, but there is no charge for the bowery. Executives unanimously agreed that we want to use the bowery. Bob will be in line at the office at 5 a.m. on the morning of Monday, January 2, 2006 to make the reservation, as reservations are at a premium demand. **THANK YOU, BOB!** There is a swimming pool at the park, and those wishing to use it will be responsible for paying their own admission. Jay volunteered to bring a speaker system so that those who have any difficulty with hearing will be able to participate.

**WEBSITE:** Jean reported disappointment in not having the website up and going for all to see. (Note: In checking with the person who is setting up the site, he just hadn't gotten it done. However, you can go to the website now at [henryramptonfamily.org](http://henryramptonfamily.org) and see the front page. Jean's son, Joel Nelson, who maintains a

website for Hewlett-Packard, will enter the site and arrange the information in the right places so you can all test it. Give him about 2 weeks to get this done. Jean will let you know if it's done earlier.)

Bob showed us a "Rampton coat of arms" which he can photograph with a digital camera and submit to the website.

The executive committee asked him to do that. Bob will also write a background of the origin of the name "Rampton" to submit to the website.

Jean made a motion for authorization of the purchase of software to run the website. Dianne seconded. We will purchase the software and will reimburse Jean when the Association has the money.

Jean asked if the Association would like to have a password for those who have paid their dues. Jay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A handsome photo of the daughters of Henry Rampton and Ada Alice McDuff was submitted by John for display on the website.

We will also use "East of Antelope Island" as a source of information for the website.

The story of Henry & the Cougar will be available on the site.

It was also recommended that we put a link to Calvin Rampton's biography on the website.

Bob also talked about Sir Jack Rampton. We think that Henry's great grandfather and Sir Jack's great great grandfather were brothers.

Bob asked that we include Sir Jack's obituary on the website. Everyone agreed.

Jean asked the group for the following information:

1. Dates from Henry Rampton's family in Syracuse.
2. Addresses of Syracuse property
3. Dates that Henry Rampton served in the Utah Territorial Penitentiary for being a polygamist.
4. Where is Henry Rampton's anvil? There was talk between Dianne and John about the location of Grandpa George's anvil.
5. Bob Rampton says he has two blacksmith tools which are from the family. Bob, will you please identify who used these tools?

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Nelson, secretary