

HRFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

At the home of Elaine Youngberg, 24 W. Boulton Way, Bountiful, UT

Attending: Elaine Youngberg, Jay Rampton, Arlene Eakle, LaRaye Sheridan, Roland Nelson, Richard Perry, Carol Merrell, Emily Bates, with Hazel Perry accompanying Richard Perry

Excused: Brent Hill, Brian Frazier, Madelyn Platt, Christine Low, Robert Taylor

Conducting: Elaine Youngberg, President, gave welcome

Opening Prayer: Elaine Youngberg

Reading of the Minutes from March 2016 meeting: Emily Bates, minutes stand approved.

Introductions of HRFA Officers and Staff Members in Attendance

Changes in Officers: Emily Bates succeeded Jean Nelson as Secretary

Henry Rampton Book:

Should we donate a digitized copy to the Church?

Yes, the Henry Rampton book meets the required criteria with information and stories. Carol read church copyright guidelines, sent link to Elaine and Jay, resent for Elaine to print and complete during meeting. Carol also received permission to publish Henry Rampton's journal, as long as proper credit given to LDS church. The journal was on the family website, which is no longer functioning. Jay reminded committee that there are multiple versions of H. Rampton's journal, each different as Henry updated and rewrote journal for children. Richard asked about H. Rampton's mission letters, and Jay replied that they were all on the website. After Elaine printed the copyright paperwork, she signed as agent, granting permission to LDS church to duplicate and allow publication for access by search engines. Arlene offered to take the paperwork to the Family History Library.

How and when should corrections to Henry Rampton book be handled?

After publication and distribution of book, it was discovered that there were corrections needed, such as missing biographies and incorrect names. Carol suggested that corrections be printed as insertions to book. Jay updated master copy of book with corrections to book online. Jay also suggested that additional pages not be printed, instead provide link to updated master copy online, concerned that another book reprint will be requested. Carol and Elaine lead discussion that those who bought copies of book should be given opportunity to add the extra, corrected or missing pages into their books, with no option given for another printing. It was decided that the insertions will be provided to those in attendance at the reunion this summer.

How to return photographs to proper owners?

Carol took the photos to see whether she could determine the owners of any photographs. A reminder will be sent to members that photographs will be available for return at the reunion.

Family History Research Review and Planning:

Report by Carol Merrell, with some notes added:

Thank you to Elaine and LaRaye for completing the temple ordinances for Rampton ancestors.

Goals for March 2017

1. To finished the editing project for the Henry Rampton Book. It is finished.

Some hard copies of pictures were sent to us by family members for this book and need to be returned. Jean Nelson, Helen Reeder, and I have sorted through the pictures. I am in the process of contacting family members for verification of ownership and returning the pictures. We also found among the items sent, a third version of a diary/life history of Henry Rampton originally given to his son, George Albert Rampton. This needs to be transcribed and added to our collection. *Roland and daughters will transcribe.

2. To begin searching for all the descendants of Sarah & John Norgate 1767-1836, the grandparents of Henry Rampton. I found an interesting story I wanted to share about Frederic John Bull, a grandson of John Norgate. See Chart.

I will continue to work on the Norgate line. I believe it will take several years. There are many, many Norgate families in the area and it is difficult to place individuals in their correct families.

New research projects for 2018:

1. I have been contacted by a cousin, Gill Piper, from Australia, who is a descendant of Richard Kersley and Elizabeth Staples. He has shared his records on his Kersley line with me. He also believes that Elizabeth Staples is not the daughter of George Staple and Mary Plummer of Kent, England, 70 miles away. I agree with him. There is no proof of relationship. She simple has the right name and is born in the right time period, but in another county 70 miles away. Gill and I have found 12 other Elizabeth Staples within a 50-mile radius of Herriard where Richard Kersley and Elizabeth Staples were married. These Elizabeth Staples are also born in the right time period. Gill and I are going to divide and conquer by researching each possible candidate and their families in hopes of finding a connection.

2. I have also been contacted by Pauline Gale from Southampton. She is a descendant of Edward Rampton. Edward does not have a recorded christening record. He has no proof of parentage. She believes he is the son of Thomas Rampton and Katherine Kersley (or a brother to Jonathan Rampton.) His birth year is 1769, calculated from his burial record. This date makes him fit nicely in the birth order between our Jonathan Rampton 1768 and Jane 1771. There are 3 ½ years between the two siblings. It is possible.

Someone has already added Edward to the Thomas & Katherine Kersley Rampton family on FamilySearch. I plan to do descendency research on this line also.

*Carol provided a chart to show her relationship for Frederic John Bull, and excerpt of Mr. Bull's obituary.

I had the assignment from our last meeting to look into a blog page/website for our HRFA. We need a place to post Arlene's research, Henry Rampton's diaries, missionary letters, etc., reunion info, and meeting minutes. The only person I know to get expert advice from is my daughter, Brooke (34 years old). This is what she does for a living.

Jay told us in our last meeting that it would cost \$2,000 to set up (*fix/resurrect the old website) a new website. Brooke said it was true if we were starting from scratch, but there is another option. I told her to go ahead and write a proposal for the family to discuss at our meeting today. Carol provided a written proposal from her daughter. This is her proposal:

Saturday April 8, 2017

I am Carol Merrell's daughter, Brooke Banta. I've been working with Blogger and WordPress for 8 years with my own business Leelou Blogs I do not build websites from scratch but customize coding and themes within the WordPress and Blogger Frameworks. Both Blogger and WordPress are very user friendly and will allow for multiple authors to post on the site. Making it easier for the Rampton Family organization to delegate updating the site including the minutes, calendars, and genealogy information. With the full website built from scratch, it's difficult to teach others how to use it as well as trusting that they won't modify anything they shouldn't be. WordPress and Blogger have built in limitations for users so that they cannot modify the website functionality or design.

From what my mother and I discussed about the website, I do not recommend using Blogger for a family website. It is built as a blog which is an online journal. While modifications can be made to make it act more like a website, it has limited options for integrations for calendars and other multimedia. It is a free option, but Blogger will limit the things that a website can be used for. It is only as secure as your google account.

I would recommend using a self-hosted WordPress site. The security for it is a lot better than Blogger. WordPress has a lot more options for communication, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), and a multitude of Plugins that can be used easily to create photo albums, calendars, family trees, etc. It is also VERY user friendly in comparison to built-from-scratch websites. So, WordPress does require Self hosting which costs \$3.95 per month or \$47.40 per year. As well as the domain purchase of \$15 a year.

In looking over the things that would need to be coded and customized, I can design the website for \$600 whether its Blogger or WordPress. I can help my Mom build up the information that you would like on the site. I typically charge extra for site maintenance and for helping post information, but would be more than happy to help do it for free. I can help keep the site running smoothly, answer questions, and help everyone get the training they need to use it.

Between the hosting (\$47.40), domain (\$15), and website design (\$600) the initial cost would be \$662.40. Then the cost would be around \$63 dollars a year for hosting services.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Brooke Banta

There was a motion by Roland to accept Brooke's proposal to develop a WordPress website, motion seconded by LaRaye, motion carried unanimously.

Report by Arlene Eakle: The desired end product is a stable research website with accurate, documented information to aid in development of another printed volume of Ramptons in England, with equal weight for wives. Resources still needed are

illustrations, such as photos of places ancestors lived, and occupations, not just of people, new copy of pedigree, timelines. Carol, LaRaye and Emily volunteered to assist with research and collecting required documents. Pedigree available on Arlene's website: <http://arleneeakle.com>. Arlene will provide a bid for research, usually at the cost of \$35k.

Motion to accept bid by Jay Rampton, seconded by Roland, motion carried unanimously.

Website or Facebook for updates on Henry Rampton family organization and meetings: There is a blog for the HRFA and a Facebook page, maintained by Jay & Luana Rampton. The blog can be found at <http://hrfafamily.blogspot.com/>. There was a brief discussion of how to effectively use the blog and Facebook to communicate to more members. Emily will work with Jay to expand the use of the Facebook page.

Reunion on June 24, Bountiful Park 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Set up for reunion will begin at 9 a.m. There will be a business meeting before lunch, Jay will bring the sound system. Jay proposed that menu be changed with less chicken, adding ribs and corn. Discussion about activities for children and families. Elaine will enlist her children again to help with rockets. LaRaye will check on cost of train by Don Higgs, remembered that it was approximately \$1 per child, per ride. Elaine and Emily proposed face painting and storytelling, but there were concerns about it being cost prohibitive. Emily to check into costs of face painting supplies, and the cost of hiring professional storyteller. All other food and supply assignments kept the same as 2016.

2018 Executive Committee Meeting: to be determined.

Closing Prayer: Jay Rampton

Treasurer's Report: Jay Rampton, with Richard Perry, LaRaye Sheridan, Elaine Youngberg, Emily Bates also in attendance.