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28 July 2006

Dear Family,

Greetings once again from Pocatello, Idaho. It has been hot, hot, hot for the past several weeks. We've been in the high 90's and low 100's and baking. Other parts of the country where there is both heat and humidity have been broiling. It's time for everything to cool down! Never-the-less, reunion time is just a couple of weeks away. Regardless of the temperatures, we'll be looking forward to seeing those that can be in Bountiful that day. Mother has been doing lots of organizing....

We're now up to seventeen grandchildren with no more coming in the near future. Our two youngest sons are not yet married, so there's still some hope. Our middle daughter Dawnmarie had a daughter Olivia on May 15th. They now have a full house with six children. Olivia broke the grandchildren tie - we now have nine female grandkids and eight male. Our oldest grandchild, Stephanie Brown, starts her senior year of High School in August. She's very excited and is all wrapped up in deciding which college (somewhere way out east) she will be attending.

Oldest son James, his wife LeeAnn, and their three children are now living in Springfield, Missouri. That makes them a whole day closer! We visited with them for a couple of days in May. He's working for a document management company and LeeAnn is home-schooling their children.

Oldest daughter Heather, her husband Ty and their four children are moving today into a new home they've built in North Salt Lake (high on the hill above Bountiful). That makes them a whole hour closer! Ty is a Director at O.C. Tanner in Salt Lake City and Heather keeps house and home perking along.

Second daughter Dawnmarie, her husband Kirk, and their six children (including the newest grandchild Olivia) are pretty firmly settled in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Kirk is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Westminster College in New Wilmington and a Major in the Air Force Reserve. Dawnmarie also keeps house and home perking along plus being the family chauffeur. They haven't moved any closer!

Third daughter Jaelene, her husband Scott, and their three boys are still in Chandler, Arizona. Scott just sold his business and is working for a company doing high-end home theater and security systems (for which there is a never-ending demand in the Phoenix / Scottsdale / Mesa / Chandler area) and Jaelene is the office manager for a very successful architectural engineering company. Their three boys all started back to school this week.

Our second son Daryl is in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania where he is responsible for network security in a division of Sunguard Corporation. He also keeps moving further away!

Our third son Jared is still in Seattle, Washington, although he's making noises about moving to upstate New York (there's a girl involved....).

That's the current state of our family. Since the letter goes next to my brother Perry, he can update his family news. As to my other siblings:

Eileen and her husband Phil are in Sandy. Phil is a helicopter mechanic and spends a lot of time out of the country (current destination is Italy). Eileen has been able to make a couple of trips to Italy to spend some time with him. Kent (wife Kimberly) is still in Kentucky, Alison is sometimes in Salt Lake and the rest of the time providing medical care in a "hot, sandy, desert Middle-eastern country" about which she can't talk. Erin (husband Adam) are living in Iowa. Sabra (husband Chris) are out in the wilds of Alaska. Finally, Suzie is house sitting Alison's house in Salt Lake City.

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My sister Terry and her husband Allan are still in Grace, Idaho, although that may have to change. Even after thirty years working for the power company, Allan is pretty low on the seniority totem pole and may get bumped out of his job in Grace. We're keeping our fingers crossed! Their children Bryan (wife Sydnee) are in Salt Lake, Mark (wife Nancy) are in Las Vegas, Amy (husband Jeff) are in Pocatello, and Jenifer (husband Josh) are also in Pocatello. Jen will deliver a baby girl this Wednesday.

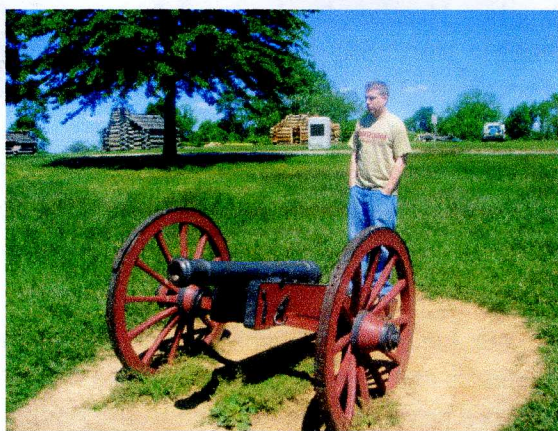
Nina and I manage to stay very busy. She is still in the Relief Society Presidency at the Women's Prison and loves the calling and the girls (as they are called). I'm very busy at the office and as the Stake Sunday School President (they keep raiding my counselors). We had a very nice cross-country trip in May to Pennsylvania and Missouri in our small motorhome, after which I left for two weeks in Manila. While I was there, I made a Saturday trip to Corregidor Island and the graphic history of WWII in the southern Pacific. The Filipinos love and revere Douglas MacArthur and after the tour I understood why.

We'll see you at the reunion!

Regards,



Son James being Cub Master at Pack Meeting



Son Daryl at Valley Forge, PA



Blessing Day for baby Olivia (note big pout lower left)



Big demonstration in downtown Manila, Philippines

August 04-06

Dear Family:

I was afraid that the letter would reach me in time, but it did. I am in my new home & settled in. When I got here, I found out that Rob and his wife made a bed for me and that Arlene & Ed and bought garments for me. Also Kathy gave a plaque to put on my shelf. Sandra's two little grandchildren gave me a teddy bear (I thought that was cute)

It is wonderful not to have to look up clean for awhile. we take a lot of field trips, play bingo. Watch movies now the rooms are tiny but sufficient (it meets my needs)

The administrator is our cousin, he is from DeLu, Idaho. he is a busy so have not had a chance to sit down & have a chat with him.

I am so happy for Brad and Melaine's wedding

Eileen & Phil took a trip to Stanley, Idaho, I think they are back by now

Have not seen them
yet

Merrill, have you heard
from Baye? Just want to know

how he is doing

Okay, I am not upset with
Perry.

See you soon

Maria Lorie

Perry & Chris Smith
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Green River, WY 82935

August 30, 2006

Dear Family,

It was great to see everyone that was able to attend the Gillette reunion this year. I am grateful to all of you for listening to my ramblings and also for your participation. We had a great time and are looking forward to attending the reunion in Hanna next year.

One of the things that I mentioned at the reunion was that I (and maybe others) am not too sure who everyone in your families are and in what order were they born etc. To help me with this problem, I have requested that each one of you put together a list of your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren along with birth year (or complete birthday if desired), email addresses, and if any one has a blog include that address also. Since I made the request, I will be the first to make such a list. I am looking forward to receiving this letter again so I can see everyone's list. The email addresses will also help Kathy update her list in preparation for next year's reunion.

On August 3rd I had my first post chemo check up with my doctor. This visit included a CT scan, a bone marrow biopsy, blood work, and a check up with the doctor. The results of all the tests came back negative. I was really grateful for that result this time. I have to see the doctor again at the end of October for more blood tests and check up and then sometime in January I will go back for another CT scan, bone marrow biopsy, lab work etc. I will see the doctor every three months and have the other test done every six months for the next two years. I am still gaining strength back and generally feel pretty good.

About a month ago we bought a new travel trailer and have been out camping a couple of times. Last week we met my brother and his wife at Hoback Junction, (just south of Jackson Hole) and spent three nights with them. We had a great time visiting, eating, sight seeing and rafting down the Snake River. We will be going to New Mexico in October and we are thinking of taking the trailer with us.

We have been busy with work, camping, and attending the local dirt race track to watch Chris' daughter race her car in what is called the Cruiser class. (the cars can't have more than 8 cylinders and no modifications) She finished 9th in points this year and had a great time. The grandchildren continue to grow like weeds and most are already in school or getting ready to start next week.

We hope this finds all well at your home and wish you all the best.

Perry and Chris Smith

Jeff and Kathy Ellett

6254 So. Fairwind Drive.
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September 9, 2006

Dear family,

It's good to hear from all of you and since the reunion was in August we also got to see a lot of you also.

Since most of you were at the reunion we really don't have too much news. Arrol and Becky had a baby girl on August 12th and Jeff's daughter (Heather) and son-in-law (Gary) had their second baby (a girl) on August 15th.

We went on our cruise to Alaska from August 16th to August 26th and had a wonderful time. We really enjoyed all the sights and tours we took. The only bad thing was that we got rear-ended on I-15 near Clearfield on the way to drive to Seattle for the cruise. The traffic had come to a fairly sudden stop but the girl in the truck behind had decided to say a little prayer (for some reason) and wasn't watching the traffic and even though she had plenty of time to stop.....she didn't and hit us going about 40 mph. We were not injured but my van was and it's still in Clearfield getting repaired. We ended up renting a vehicle to go to Seattle and no more troubles.

Lynn and Jolene it's good to hear you're going to be grandparents! It's a wonderful experience!!

Since We've seen the rest of you we won't bore you with the rest of our family news.

I do want to remind all of you that next August will be the big weekend reunion in Hanna, Utah at Warm Springs Resort. It will occur on August 10-12th, 2007. I'm giving you plenty of time to plan your schedule. Also, please remind each of your family members who do not receive this letter about next years reunion.

As a reminder to all, here are the family assignments for the reunion.

JOHN GILLETTE FAMILY: Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast

ARLENE AND ROLAND SMITH FAMILY: welcoming committee

JUDY MERKLEY AND PERRY GILLETTE AND FAMILY: Games

GAY MOON AND LYNN GILLETTE AND FAMILY: Campfire program

EILEEN AND AUNT MARGE: Pictures

MERRIL AND JEAN GILLETTE: Genealogy

KATHY ELLETT: Treasurer

Well..... Love to all of you!!!!

Jeff + Kathy

*Judy,
Please send this letter to Perry next*

Smithfield, Utah
September 16, 2006
Dear Family,

We had a wonderful time at the reunion and it was so good to hear what everyone and their children have been doing. Thanks for the terrific CDs. John is really into working on the computer with pictures and has enjoyed seeing all the family photos. Nann felt bad that she had to miss this event but her family keeps her busy on weekends with sports.

We have had a chance to visit with Andy in the past few days and he is now in Bagdad. He is in good spirits and looks great. We have our computers set up so we can see him as we visit with him. He will be stationed there for the next year. His wife, MaRae and their four children will remain in Germany. She is expecting their fifth child around Thanksgiving. We will keep you posted as to how things are going.

Please keep Kenny in your thoughts and prayers. He will take his medical board exam on Sept. 29th before he leaves for Baltimore. From there he will go to New York.

We have had a very bountiful summer when it comes to garden produce. John is a great gardener and we have enjoyed the fruits of his labors. We had all three peach trees bear and I still have one tree to put up in bottles. We have blessed our neighbors with much of the garden produce. Many of them do not have gardens. My four little pepper plants gave me 45 peppers. The freeze that is to come this weekend will probably put an end to the garden for this year.

We are glad you are doing well Perry. It was so good to see you at the reunion. Here is the information you were asking for.

John Merkley (12-04-41) Judy Merkley (01-29-47)
Nannette Shaw (02-23-67) Michael Shaw (02-21-??)
Jacob Shaw(04-22-92) Caleb Shaw(07-24-93)
Spencer Shaw(09-27-94) Adam Shaw(03-28-97)
Rachel Shaw (06-03-99)

John Andrew Merkley(07-15-69) MaRae Jacobson Merkley(07-13-69)
Jesse Merkley (03-03-94) Gillian Merkley(11-03-96)
Miranda Merkley(10-18-99) Grace Mae Merkley(03-21-01)

Steven Charles Merkley (06-27-70) Heather Healy Merkley(04-24-??)
Trevor Merkley(12-03-98) Eric Merkley(06-03-01)
Kayla Merkley(02-02-04)

Kenneth Christopher Merkley(10-13-72) Samantha Anderson Merkley(08-27-75)
Madison Merkley (07-07-95) Cheighny Merkley(05-27-02)

David Nelson Merkley (07-31-74) Robin Fox(Merkley)(03-11-??)
Annette Fox Merkley (03-11-05) Robin is Sioux and retains her family name.

James Fredrick Merkley (02-24-78) Delma Merkley(09-08-??)
Nakayla Stout (Delma's daughter) (01-04-00)
Isaac Brogan Merkley (11-14-05)

Perry I hope this helps. Some of the years for the daughters-in-law I am not sure of but I will ask them when we get together. Thanks for doing this for us. I look forward to hearing from all of you again.

Love, John and Judy Merkley

Oct. 10, 2006

Dear Family,

We are sorry about the delay. We have been waiting for our new computer and now we hope that we live long enough to figure out all the bells and whistles on the thing.

Thanks to the Smith's for a wonderful reunion. They had so many great ideas. We really liked the family colors and mixing up. Since we last wrote we have been to Philmont for a fabulous experience. It was all we expected and more. The big thrill was singing in the Philmont choir with so many outstanding voices we felt professional. Perry and his counselors were inspired by the training while Linda and Rama Johnson got to know each other better during the activities for the wives. President Mitchell's wife has been confined to a wheelchair since her late 20's with arthritis so she didn't make the trip. She is a true angel, never complaining while her husband serves in bishoprics, as a bishop and now in the Stake Presidency.

The Monday after the reunion we drove up to Martin's Cove for the **Relief Society** trek. Did you hear us honk as we drove through Green River? You should have seen the looks at Little America as Perry got out with 6 women in pioneer clothes. This was prior to the Warren Jeff's capture and I'm sure people thought it was a sighting. There were 13 sisters and Perry and Larry whose wife Marsha was in charge. It was an unforgettable experience, not easy but worth it. We had the whole experience, pulling the handcart to the camp ground, cooking over campfires, hearing coyotes at night, a pony express rider delivering letters from our families, testimony meeting, sharing pioneer stories of the ancestor we represented. The day of the 8 mile trek we had a beautiful overcast day, one of the sisters who had had a hard time the first day with 3 miles had prayed for such a day. A highlight for Linda was bathing in the Sweetwater River. We were the only campers as it was Mon-Wed and school was starting up.

Our September Conference was the Satellite broadcast with President Faust spoke of believing blood and black sheep: Elder Bednar about how the loads in our lives can give us the spiritual traction we need. One of the Stake clerks set up a calling system with a recorded message from the Stake President personally inviting everyone to conference. Perry had a sister from one of the wards come up and thank him for the personal call. She said if anyone missed that conference they really missed something. This from a sister who hadn't been participating for several years.

Perry continues to be busy with all his responsibilities. Tues, Wed, Thurs nights and all day Sunday with an occasional Friday and Saturday thrown in. He has had some wonderful spiritual experiences.

WE were able to go down to Texas for a week to spend time with the Kemas. Perry went to a Texas A and M football game and came away saying something he never thought he'd say "It was worth it just to see the band". The stadium seats 85,000 and they are real fans but always courteous to the opponent. Linda attended the General Relief Society meeting with Stephanie.

Here is our family information:

Perry Gillette (10-14-39) Linda Reese Gillette (01-18-43)

Matthew Charles Gillette (07-07-66) Julie Frederisy Gillette (09-12-69)

Lauren Adriana Gillette (07-12-89) Nicholas Perry Gillette (09-07-92)

Caitlin Sarah Gillette ((09-22-95) Riley Anne Gillette (08-06-97

Jennifer Lyn Gillette Roe (12-06-67) Lawrence Roe III (T.T.) (01 -12-68)

Tiana Nicole Roe (03-12-1997) Tiffany Collette Roe (10-08 – 98)

Taylor Lauren Roe (10-13 -2000) Trey Lawrence (04-22-03)

Nicole Jeanne Gillette Thorpe (09-06-70) John Thomas Thorpe (11-21-69)

Braiden Thomas Thorpe ((05-24-94) Austin Perry Thorpe (06-07-96)

Brooklyn Naomi Thorpe (12-09-99)

Kimberly Anne Gillette Partridge (08 – 08 – 72) Kevin Matthew Partridge (07-15-72)

Dillan Matthew Partridge (12-08-97) Chloe' Anne Partridge (08-18-2000)

Olivia Jane Partridge (08-07-04)

Stephanie Lee Gillette Kema (09-16-74) Troy Keanini Kema (11-18-

Kailee Pualani Kema (04-05-97) Noah Keanini Hokulani Heneli Kema (03-15-99)

Malia Hi'ilani Mae Kema (07-28-2000) Isaiah Charles Makana Kema (02-07-05)

Kellie Mae Gillette Barber (11-28-77) Yan'tu Dar'rel Barber ((03-28-79)

McKelynn Ky'liza Annameka Lee Barber (10-31-99)

Sha'Kyla Annameka Nicole Yvette Barber (04-15-01)

JaReese An'drea Annameka Page Barber (08-26-03)

Ooana Mae Annameka Maryan Barber (07-12-06)

It was good to read everyone's news. There was good news this time.



Dear Family,

October 18, 2006



Welcome Judy and John!! Congratulations to Lynn and Jolene!! You will make "great" grandparents. Speaking of great grandparents, John and Bobbie did become actual "GREAT GRANDPARENTS" in July. Their daughter, Lori's, daughter, Emily, gave birth to a baby boy making them "great grandparents". Imagine your children becoming grandparents! We'll then be joining the ranks with Aunt Arlene and Uncle Roland. When we start counting our great grandchildren we'll know we've arrived! Thank you, Aunt Arlene and Uncle Roland, for the "Gillette Family Photos CD". You are so kind to us!! We also send a "thank you" for your best wishes to Melanie and Brad. It is ironic, however, that all 4 of Melanie's children are living with their father. Brad won't allow disrespect to Melanie and has rules in their home which apparently the 4 kids don't want to take on yet. When we stop to see Blake and the kids they seem to be doing fine. The girls chose to go to the new Charter School (yeah!) and the boys are doing better in their schools. Blake sold his corner on Main Street and the new owners asked him to demolish everything. They will relocate somewhere else there in Spanish Fork.

Kay always comes through with fun information about his family, plus pictures. Perry, we are so grateful for the "negative" test results about you! This letter did come with lots of "good" news. By this time even Merrill and Jean's family will be almost back to normal after all their surgeries. Aunt Marjorie, it was so fun to read your letter. You sound as "with it" as the rest of us. You sound so "grateful" for your life, family, and surroundings. You do have a wonderful sister, brother in law, and some extra special devoted nieces and nephews. We belong to a very exceptional family!! Some even go to Philmont, then on to Martin's Cove, then to Texas; even manages to call every member of their stake to remind them of conference and gets a new computer to boot. Way to go!

We hope that Jackie has had an easier pregnancy than Robin. We aren't very good baby makers in our family. Robin has a hip that has gone out since the birth of her first two sons. She's gone monthly to a chiropractor for 6 years and they hope the hip will endure. Her "broken foot!" has healed but her cervix is falling out, and her uterus has prolapsed. The helps for this will come in the months ahead when needed. She's been told to stay horizontal as much as possible. The nausea seems to be letting up but the headaches linger. She was in so much pain one day that she thought she must have an infection, but it turned out to be the bladder. It had filled up and would not let much out. They used a catheter at the doctor's office and she was told not to let it fill up again! If we had been planning to go to the Gillette Reunion, we never would have made it. Sorry about that!! Robin's boys are in school now so her days are easier. Cache, Chance and Kelly were sure hoping for a "girl"; but 2 weeks ago the ultrasound left no doubt that they are getting a "boy" (Kiefer Lamont Kielbasa). Robin really likes her boys, so she isn't disappointed at all. Jackie & Darrin are getting the "girl" ☺ Congratulations again!!

Now on the "brighter side of pregnancy", Carolyn and Darren had a baby boy on July 19th. Lamont and I went to Las Vegas and then grandma got to stay for 2 weeks. Gordon and his family came to get me, so they got to meet "Cameron Ray Hildreth" in person.

Robin and Kelly's house is coming close to completion. The kitchen is almost in and then will come the instillation of all the plumbing fixtures throughout the house. Kelly bought a 12 foot "Christmas Tree" for the house, so this made Robin's eyes light up.

We send a "Happy Halloween", "Blessed Thanksgiving" and a very "Merry Christmas".

With love to all, Lamont, Gay and Family



Lamont Willis and Gay Gillette Moon and Family

Lamont Willis Moon (1-26-41)

Gay Gillette Moon (1-22-46)

Melanie Moon Peterson (2-21-67)

David Bradley Peterson (11-12-63)

Angela Marie Barney (10-12-89)

Ashlee Marie Peterson (11-25-86)

Sara Ann Barney (2-7-91)

Dana Leigh Peterson (7-1-90) deceased

Austin Blake Barney (4-21-93)

Colton Bradley Peterson ((6-21-92)

Calvin Ray Barney (3-26-98)

Emily Ann Peterson (12-19-1993)

Gordon Lamont Moon (6-8-68)

LaDawn Van Dyke Moon (7-14-70)

Amber Moon (2-12-91)

Brandi Moon (5-9-93)

Brady Gordon Moon (6-15-95)

Robin Moon Kielbasa (11-4-71)

Kelly Ryan Kielbasa (6-27-72)

Cache Kelly Kielbasa (8-31-96)

Chance Calvin Kielbasa (6-18-00)

Kiefer Lamont Kielbasa (2 or 3-(?)-07)

Ashley Willis Moon (7-9-74)

Christie Childs Moon (7-13-73)

Colby Willis Moon (5-7-01)

Katie Joy Moon (7-15-03)

Carolyn Moon Hildreth (1-15-1979)

Darren Ray Hildreth (12-22-75)

Alexis Hildreth (11-18-02)

Cameron Ray Hildreth (7-19-06)

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Lamont and Gay

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Gillette Family Letter

Dear Family,

11-07-06

Hello to everyone. It is such a pleasure to read everyone's letters. This will be a short one from us as we are in the middle of packing for Hawaii. We leave tomorrow morning and there seems to be an endless list of loose ends.

Lynn has been in town for the last two months. It has certainly made life easier. It's great to be able to have breakfast and dinner together. He is teaching the Gospel Living Lesson now and dazzles everyone with his historical additions.

Last weekend we had a family baby shower for Jackie. It was great fun to see nieces nephews and my oldest sister. Lots of family from out of town came and spent the weekend in Walnut Creek so they could help celebrate my sister and brother-in-laws fifty-fifth anniversary on Sunday.

The Kids are all doing well. Jani and Trevor are putting the finishing touches on their new bathroom. Looks like it could be in a magazine. Jackie and Darrin are putting the finishing touches in the baby's room. Jackie stopped working last Thursday 11/02 and is relishing the free time. There will soon be precious little of that. Talked with her today and found out she'd just washed the car and done some yard work, and was very tired. I would imagine so!

Not much else to report. Thank you Kathy for the heads up on the upcoming family reunion.

Love to everyone,
Jolene and Lynn

14 November 2006
Bountiful, Utah

Dear Family;

The *Family Letter* arrived yesterday postmarked Honolulu and we wondered who was in Hawaii. Turns out it was Lynn and Jolene. It is wonderful to read of some of the goings on within the family as we move through our fast paced lives.

The time has gone so fast since the reunion we hardly have had a chance to turn around and catch our breath. We have gotten nearly all of Mother's estate settled and hope that no more bills will turn up.

Merrill had the right half of his thyroid gland removed on 27 Oct. During the course of the surgery the pathologist did a quick look at the tissue that had been removed and determined that it was benign. While they were scoping his lungs they found another nodule growing on his vocal cords which needs to be taken care of in the future. He still is coughing and dealing with a shortness of breath but seems to be able to do more each day. His voice is never the same one moment till the next.

In the midst of Merrill's illness Jean's brother Verlan decided it was time to remodel our kitchen. He is retired and loves to build things. He has remodeled the homes of each of his nine children some several times and wanted to do something to help us. As we discussed the project it became apparent that not only the kitchen needed remodeling but that Jean needed to have the laundry area upstairs due to her knees and back. So we had a back bedroom that became the library/computer area, and where the computer and books used to be was going to be the laundry room as one wall is common with the bathroom. So that was set up first and then we tackled the kitchen itself. Merrill wanted to upgrade the wiring from 1947 standards so we had to have an electrician come in to do that part of project and plumber to handle the need for increased capacity of the drains both for the laundry room and the kitchen.

With Jean's brother Verlan and a brother-in-law all of the heavy work was done. We now have a beautiful tile floor in both the laundry and kitchen areas, cabinets galore in both areas and a large pantry area just off the kitchen. The library/computer room is slowly getting into some semblance of order.

Family news: Holly has moved to Las Vegas to be with her husband Oscar. She has quit her job with the Ashley Valley Hospital and will be working in an 8 to 5 clinic. That will be a big change for her as she has always worked the 12 hour shifts and then had some days off. Oscar moved to Las Vegas to find employment in computer graphic arts. Her house in Vernal was rented quickly and what she gets in rent will cover their rental in Vegas. Holly's son Troy Jr. (T.J.) married last December, 2005 and his lovely

wife is pregnant with a due date of mid-January 2007, Samuel Arthur Sherrick will be our first great-grandchild. We are very excited about it and can hardly wait.

Troy is still trying to keep his head above water with his new shop (1 year old last October). He has had a difficult time keeping mechanics that belief in his standards of mechanic work. He is working very long hours with very little sleep.

Anthony recovered well from his first surgery but the pain has returned and he will have another surgery on 20 November. The first showed a benign growth but the doctor is very concerned with the pain level and the rapidity with which it returned. He is still driving a tanker truck here in the Salt Lake valley and down into Utah county and is keeping busy. He enjoys life as much as ever but age is slowing him down just a little.

Perry Jr. that was a wonderful idea to use a personal message from the Stake President to increase your attendance at the multi-stake conference. Ours was just the first of the month and President Monson was our main speaker. We went down to the Bountiful Tabernacle to hear the Sunday proceedings even though Merrill was just out of surgery several days before. It was wonderful.

Perry S. we are so pleased that things are working out well for you and extend the same invitation that if your caught in a storm and do not want to drive home you are welcome to stay with us as we are just right on the way.

Jeff & Kathy we do so hope that you had your necks checked following your rear end accident. Merrill was rear ended and the force broke a previous fusion in his neck which had to be fused once again. Please take care and watch yourselves.

With fond wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving season and wonderful Merry Christ centered Christmas, may the New Year bring you all peace, joy and happiness.

Merrill & Jean

Family List for Perry from the Gillette's
As of 14 November 2006

Merrill E. Gillette	30 October 1939	801 295-6321	merrill_gillette@msn.com
Jean Terry Gillette	28 February 1940	801 295-6321	same as Merrill

1ST CHILD:

Holly Jean Nonis	1 October 1963	702 982-7828	hollyt35@hotmail.com
Oscar Nonis	24 March 1964	702 982-7828	same as Holly

HER CHILDREN:

1ST CHILD

Troy Sherrick	13 April 1983	801 698-1164
Cindy Walter Sherrick	7 December 1977	801 698-9254

HER GRAND CHILD:

Samuel Arthur Sherrick ? January 2007 Due date is mid-January 2007

2ND CHILD

Jeffrey Eugene Sherrick	13 September 1985	Deceased same day as birth
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3RD CHILD

April Marie Sherrick	5 July 1987	435 789-2914
Kris Caldwell	31 December 1980	435 789-2914

2ND CHILD:

Troy Blaine Gillette	5 September 1968	801 913-2057
Kristin Rio Gillette	2 July 1968	801 712-1536

HIS CHILDREN:

1ST CHILD:

Joshua Randall Gillette	11 May 1987
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2ND CHILD:

Jacob Ryan Gillette	20 July 1990
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3RD CHILD:

Alexis Markee Gillette	17 March 1997
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3RD CHILD:

Anthony Merrill Gillette	9 March 1971	801 864-7400
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SIBLINGS OF MERRILL E. GILLETTE

Ronald Arthur Gillette	24 November 1947	503 680-4162	gillettes2@comcast.net
Stephanie Gillette			
Bernita Ann Gillette Corsi	15 May 1953	614 256-0973	bunslex@yahoo.com
John Corsi	16 February 1957		
Wallace Adrian Gillette	28 April 1955	801 597-0589	wag5@hotmail.com
Karen Knighton Gillette	20 February 1958		

Saturday 18 Nov., 2006

Dear family:

The letter was a real hit this time around. So much news and most of it good. We have a good time reading all your comments. Unfortunately, we have very little to add. We haven't made any trips, done anything outstanding, just going day to day. Maybe that is enough.

We've been keeping in touch with Jean through Merrill's illness. We are so happy that at least part of the problem has been solved. Now if they can get his lung fixed he should be much better.

We had Regional Conference last Sunday. I'm going to let Kay report more on that. It is amazing to us that so many people in so many places can all be gathered together for a conference of this nature. Our stake building was as full as it could be. We went an hour early so that we could sit in the chapel and hear better. I think there were more than 200,000 people accessed through this medium. It was a great experience.

We are most thankful for the Gospel in our lives. Thankful that our parents saw to it that we were in church each Sunday, and at Mutual, Primary and whatever during the week. I'm beginning to wish that I had paid more attention at home, at school, and in church. My parents, your grandparents, were very faithful members of the church. Their testimonies, I know, were strong although I never remember hearing them bear them. They were just testimonies in and of themselves. Money was quite scarce when I was growing up. A priority was getting the boys through college. Remember my Mother collecting a small amount each month from subscribers to magazines. We often went with her as father drove her around (she never did drive). They made any and all means to keep the boys in school. I appreciate them both more as I grow older and fill their shoes to some degree. It is a wonderful thing to have had parents that truly were parents, and tried to raise responsible children.

Hope you all have great holidays with lots of family around you. We wish you a happy thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a good New Year.

We love you all

Roland & Erlene