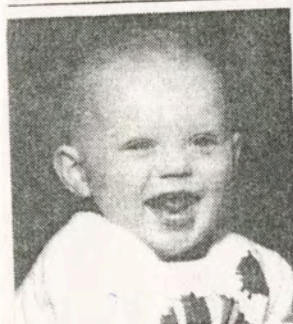






One Year Olds



CEDAR CITY — Braden Michael Pearson celebrated his first birthday Feb. 12. Braden is the son of Mike and Cindy Pearson of Cedar City. His grandparents are Ralph and Katherine Staheli, W. W. Staheli and Bessie Gardner all of Washington and Laree and Frain Pearson of Cedar City, Charles and Drucilla Bratcher of Calif., and Allaif and Leola Pearson of Richfield.



LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Brady Michael Syphus celebrated his first birthday Feb. 5. Brady is the son of Michael and Shelly Syphus of Las Vegas, Nev. His grandparents are Bud and Ermia Harris of St. George and Roney and Elaine Pratt of Fredonia, Ariz.



















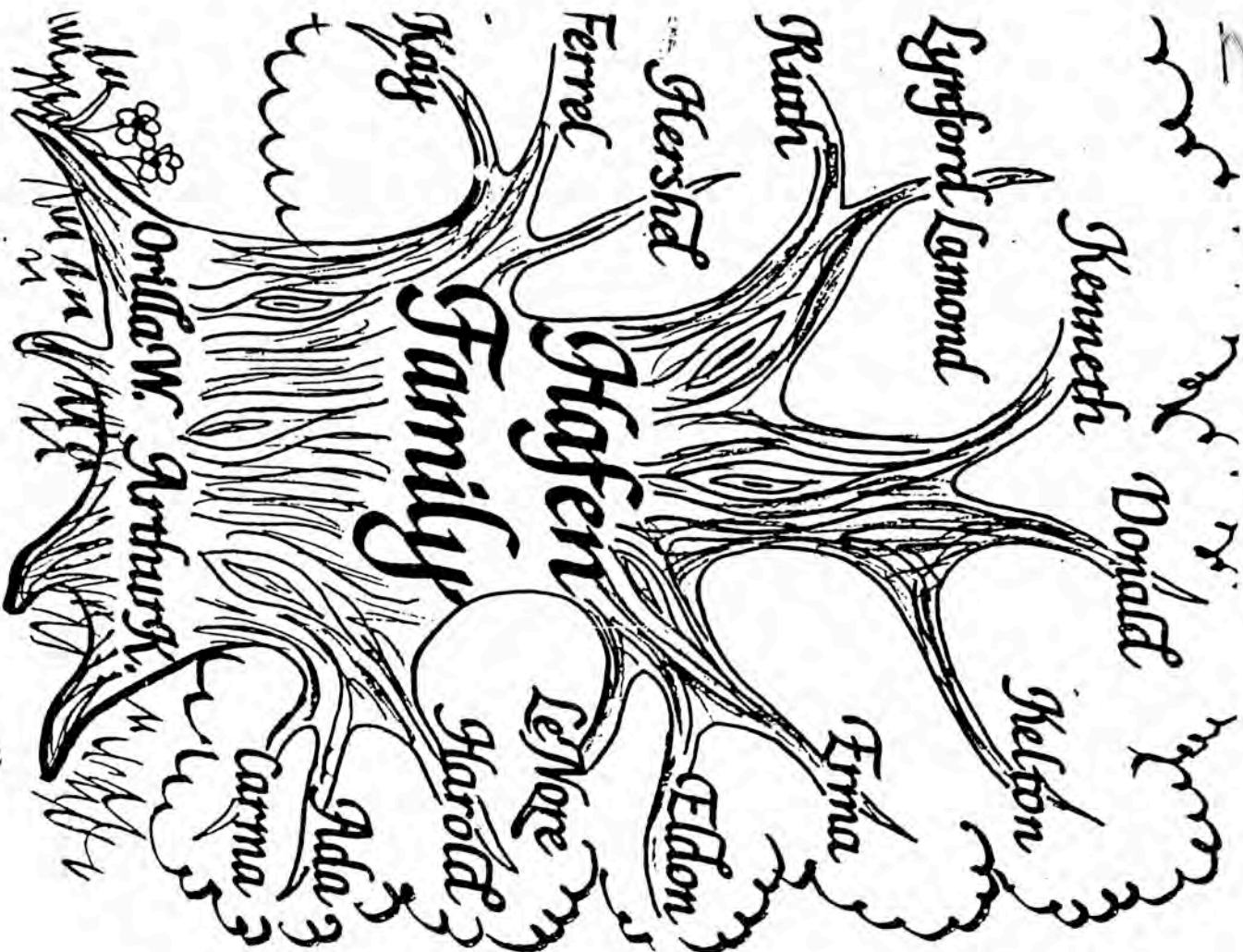
Woodrow, Russ, Ralph, Uncle Herschel



Sister Pymm, Grandma Hafen



Stan, Ralph, Woodrow
Vernon Worthen Park
23 July, 1983



Attention family and descendants of A.K. and Orilla Hafsen
 We hope you all have vacation time you've been savin'
 Because it's time to get together to review and renew
 Our kinship—so important to me and you.
 For Grandma and Grandpa, their special joy was the family
 To build loving and lasting relationships was a top priority.
 So as Grandma Hafsen's 100th birthday comes around,
 Enjoying each other at this reunion is where we should be
 found.

Date—Saturday October 12, 1991
 Place—St. George Worthen Park
 Time—10:30am (until the cows come home!)
 Program—We would like each family to
 contribute a number for the program
 *For your own comfort, you may want to bring
 folding chairs and/or blankets.

Plan on a full day of food, fun, games, and reacquainting. Games for all ages
 begin at 10:30am. Wouldn't you like to unlock some memories? Come and join us
 on a tour of Grandma and Grandpa Hafsen's home at 148 E. Tabernacle. There will
 be such fun things going on all day. We hope you will make plans to be with us.
 Also, for a special treat, we'd like to have you join us for the 6:50pm session on
 Friday, October 11, 1991, in the St. George Temple. President Snow will give us a
 personal tour of the Temple after the session. We would appreciate an RSVP on
 this, so we can set up the numbers. *Love Ruth. 673-2166*

Hoping to see you!
 A.K. Hafsen Reunion Committee

Bicentennial restoration

House holds many memories

ST. GEORGE -- The walls echo the laughter and tears of a large Dixie family growing up through years of sharing and sacrifice.

Fourteen children grew up in the old pioneer home in central St. George. Students at Dixie College lived there and made friends with the members of the family which occupied the home.

Arthur Knight Hafen and his wife, Orvella, moved into at 148 E. Tabernacle in 1914. Before moving there, they had been spending the summer months in Santa Clara and the winter months in St. George. Mrs. Hafen told her husband, "I never want to move again until I have a home of my own where I can stay."

The Hafens had some property north of the city cemetery. The area was then largely unsettled and the Hafens had planned to build a home there.

The Snows decided to sell their home, and the Hafens chose to buy it. They traded property; the home for the land to the east of town.

The Hafens had two children when they made the move. The Snows stayed for the winter of 1914 in the house with their five children until they finished their new home.

While the Hafens were living in two rooms of the home, their third child was born. "We didn't lose any time getting our family," Mrs. Hafen said. After the Hafens moved

into the house, they added a larger kitchen, a basement, a bedroom and the front porch.

Remodeling was done on the home over a number of years. Mrs. Hafen said, "Her husband never went over his means in improving his home."

Hafen was an instructor at Dixie College. He had an acute interest in history and wrote some books on the history of Utah's Dixie-Devoted Empire Builders (Pioneers of St. George), "Benash Vermillion Cliffs" and "Dixie Folklore and Pioneer Memoirs."

"The income was small as it is with teachers," Mrs. Hafen. But the family had enough and got along very well.

"The children perhaps didn't have everything they wanted," she said, "but they had everything they needed."

All but five of the 14 Hafen children were born in the house. The first two were born before the family moved, and the last three were born in the hospital.

The screen porch and one room in the upper floor of the home was rented to college students. "The tenants used the 'outdoor convenience' and the number two wash tub for baths. Sometimes they would use the bath tub downstairs."

ago. They still visit her and share their love with her. A.K. Hafen died in November, 1971, in his home. Mrs. Hafen remained there until October, 1976, when she moved to a smaller, more modern home adjacent to her laughter in St. George. She said the old home needed repairs, and she wanted to do it until her decision to move.

The decision to leave the house in which she had spent nearly 62 years of her life came hard for Mrs. Hafen. She gave it a lot of thought and prayed about it. The people she talked to about moving encouraged her to do it.

Mrs. Hafen is now happy she made the move. Her family is close to her where she lives now. "I tell you, I'm blessed," she said. Mrs. Hafen said she still loves the old home, but it no longer belongs to her. After moving from it, she sold it to Dr. Larry Staples, a St. George dentist.

"When I sold the house," she said, "I asked Dr. Staples to promise to wait until I was dead before he tore it down." But Dr. Staples didn't want to tear it down; the structure was too good to destroy. Instead, he restored it.

The old A.K. Hafen Home has been redecorated. Mike Johnson, the man who painted the woodgrain in the Brigham Young Winter Home, painted the woodgrain in the Hafen Home. The woodwork has



it looks like a knot in the natural oak wood, but it is really paint. The grain in the woodwork of the house has been handpainted by Mike Dobson. Dobson did the same sort of work in the Brigham Young Winter Home.

been made to resemble oak, and the old wooden fireplace has been painted to look like marble.

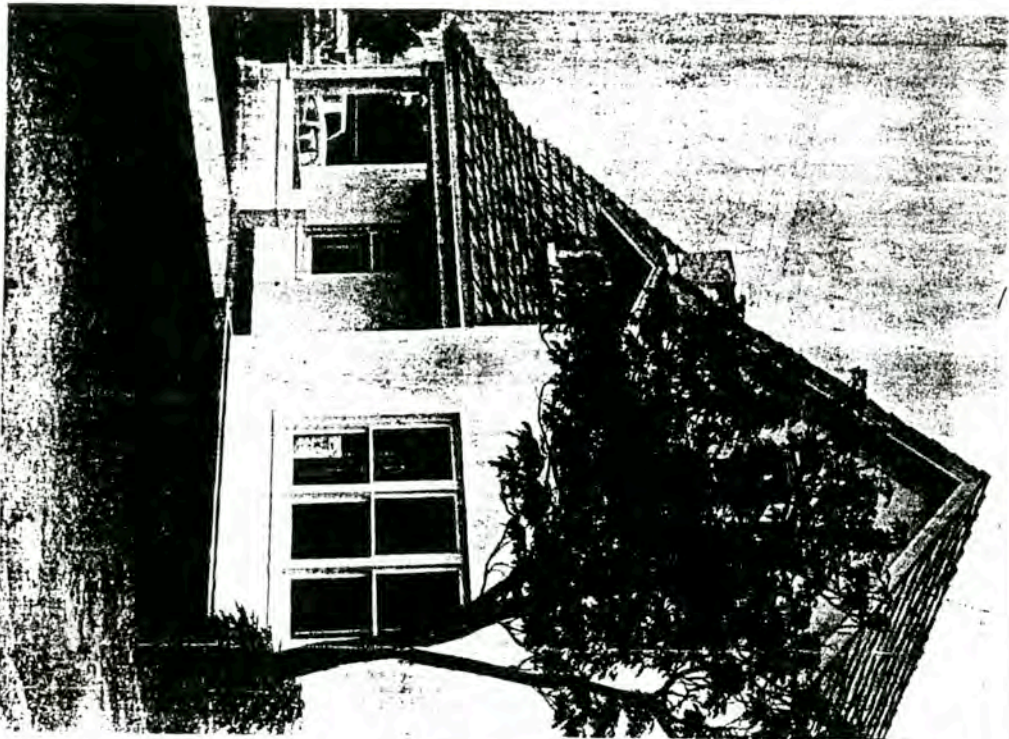
Staples said the house is close to 100 years old as far as he can ascertain. Mahonri Snow moved into the home in 1894, and the house was already standing when he moved in.

Staples said he chose to remodel the house rather than raise it because "I

thought there was too much history and too much value in it to see it go."

Staples said when the Hafens bought the house it was valued at about \$1,000. Today it is valued at about \$100,000.

"This is a bicentennial house," Staples said. Mrs. Hafen hasn't been back to the house since the restoration has begun.



The old A.K. Hafen Home has been remodeled and is now for lease for commercial purposes. Dr. Larry Staples has spent the past eight months in working with contractors in the restoration of the century-old house.

YIPPEE!! IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER REUNION!!!!



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING OR NEEDS TO HAPPEN:

1. FRIDAY OCT. 11TH 8:00 P.M.

TEMPLE SESSION!!

(St. George Temple. The Hafen families will conduct the session.)

2. SATURDAY OCT. 12TH 10:30 A.M.

PICTURES !!!!

(Dawn wants to get some family pictures of Grandpa and everyone down to the field. So come in your t-shirts and be there no later than 10:30!!) Please let someone know if you aren't going to be there, otherwise we will plan on you! Please be on time !!!!!

3. SATURDAY 11:00 A.M.

FUN AND GAMES!!!

(whoever is responsible for the game from your family, please have it set up and ready to go around 11:00)

4. SATURDAY 12:00

LUNCH!!!!!!!

(Our responsibility is the meat. Uncle George will fix it and then Grandpa and we Aunts & Uncles will pay for it)

**YOU ARE ALL WONDERFUL!! THANKS FOR ALL
YOU HAVE DONE OR WILL DO TO MAKE OUR
REUNIONS SO GREAT!!!**











THE FAMILY

A PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

WE, THE FIRST PRESIDENCY and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

ALL HUMAN BEINGS—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

IN THE PREMORTAL REALM, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshiped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize his or her divine destiny as an heir of eternal life. The divine plan of happiness enables family relationships to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

WE DECLARE the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan.

HUSBAND AND WIFE have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalms 127:3). Parents have a

sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives—mothers and fathers—will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

THE FAMILY is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

WE WARN that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.

WE CALL UPON responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

This proclamation was read by President Gordon B. Hinckley as part of his message at the General Relief Society Meeting held September 23, 1995, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

THE LIVING CHRIST

THE TESTIMONY OF THE APOSTLES THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

As we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ two millennia ago, we offer our testimony of the reality of His matchless life and the infinite virtue of His great atoning sacrifice. None other has had so profound an influence upon all who have lived and will yet live upon the earth.

He was the Great Jehovah of the Old Testament, the Messiah of the New. Under the direction of His Father, He was the creator of the earth. "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). Though sinless, He was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. He "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38), yet was despised for it. His gospel was a message of peace and goodwill. He entreated all to follow His example. He walked the roads of Palestine, healing the sick, causing the blind to see, and raising the dead. He taught the truths of eternity, the reality of our premortal existence, the purpose of our life on earth, and the potential for the sons and daughters of God in the life to come.

He instituted the sacrament as a reminder of His great atoning sacrifice. He was arrested and condemned on spurious charges, convicted to satisfy a mob, and sentenced to die on Calvary's cross. He gave His life to atone for the sins of all mankind. His was a great vicarious gift in behalf of all who would ever live upon the earth.

We solemnly testify that His life, which is central to all human history, neither began in Bethlehem nor concluded on Calvary. He was the Firstborn of the Father, the Only Begotten Son in the flesh, the Redeemer of the world.

He rose from the grave to "become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20). As Risen Lord, He visited among those He had loved in life. He also ministered among His "other sheep" (John 10:16) in ancient America. In the modern world, He and His Father appeared to the boy Joseph Smith, ushering in the long-promised "dispensation of the fulness of times" (Ephesians 1:10).

Of the Living Christ, the Prophet Joseph wrote: "His eyes were as a flame of fire; the hair of his head was white like the pure snow; his countenance shone above the brightness of the sun; and his voice was as the sound of the rushing of great waters, even the voice of Jehovah, saying:

"I am the first and the last; I am he who liveth, I am he who was slain; I am your advocate with the Father" (D&C 110:3-4).

Of Him the Prophet also declared: "And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

"For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God" (D&C 76:22-24).

We declare in words of solemnity that His priesthood and His Church have been restored upon the earth—"built upon the foundation of . . . apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20).

We testify that He will someday return to earth. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Isaiah 40:5). He will rule as King of Kings and reign as Lord of Lords, and every knee shall bend and every tongue shall speak in worship before Him. Each of us will stand to be judged of Him according to our works and the desires of our hearts.

We bear testimony, as His duly ordained Apostles—that Jesus is the Living Christ, the immortal Son of God. He is the great King Immanuel, who stands today on the right hand of His Father. He is the light, the life, and the hope of the world. His way is the path that leads to happiness in this life and eternal life in the world to come. God be thanked for the matchless gift of His divine Son.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

James E. Faust
Thomas M. Monson
James H. Faulstich

January 1, 2000

THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE

Boyd K. Packer
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M. Russell Ballard
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Richard G. Scott
Robert D. Hall
Jeffrey R. Holland
Henry B. Eyring

I opened the door of "Alpha Engineering" ⁽¹⁾ and stepped across the threshold into my son's office. As I did so, a flood of warm memories almost overwhelmed me — and as I sat waiting for him to complete a phone call in the next room, my mind rushed back over the years to the fall of 1949 when I had first entered this room.

You see, this house that was now the office of my son's engineering business was once the home of A.K. and Phyllis Hagen, and I, a New Dixie College student from Arizona had been hired to iron and do light house keeping there. In addition to Bro. & Sister Hagen, there were four sons who also lived there, Eldon, Kenny, Kelton and Donny. These four boys and their father provided me ^{with} around 30 to 35 shirts to iron each week! There were days when each shirt had to be dampened, rolled up, and stacked in a bushel basket and allowed to "sit" for a few hours before they were ready to iron!

As I met Sister Hagen for the first time, I felt such a warm welcome,

② so very much at ease, for she was so kind and made me feel so welcome. I stood a little in awe of Brother Hafen - for after all - he was one of the College professors!

I came, once a week to iron, and on Saturdays to dust and vacuum. I was rather ill at ease around the boys at first, but they were such a happy, carefree, friendly bunch, that it wasn't long before I overcame my first anxiety -

There was such a feeling of love, peace, happiness and contentment in that home and truly Sister Hafen was the "Heart of the Home" there - I often thought to myself, "These boys have no idea how lucky they are to have a mother to come home to each day" - for my mother had died when I was just a little girl - Each of them always sought her out as they came in the door after school!

On my birthday that first year, I heard Eldon call to me (I lived upstairs at the Cannon home) - "Genie! Come down here and get this cake that mom sent over - I can't wait

my house climb the stairs. She
had made a birthday cake for me!
Each of those boys adored his
mother, and she "managed" the
whole crew with kindness, love,
and a delightful sense of humor.
One very funny experience I remember
so very well - I had asked Kelton to
go to the "Sadie Hawkins" dance with
me, we were having a good time at
the dance, had even been "wed" by
"marryan Sam" complete with a
bent horn shoe nail ring. Kelton
said "Let's go tell my folks we got
married" - so off we went - Her
house was just around the corner
and down the street from the
College Rec Hall. - Well, Bro. and
Sister Hafen joined in the spirit
of the occasion and made a great
fun over us - and then Grandpa
Wood, who was living with them at
the time, stood up, and with great
dignity, formally welcomed me into
the family!! He was dead serious!
and thought this "wedding" was for
real!! Kelt and I were a little embarrassed
then - and said we'd better get back
to the dance, so we left Brother

and Sister Hagen to explain the true meaning of a "Sadie Hawkins day un-doling" to Grandpa Wood.

Another humorous experience occurred one Saturday when I was doing my dusting and light house keeping chores there - Bro. Hagen came hopping in with one sock on, one off calling "Orilla, I can't find my other sock. have you seen it?" She called from the kitchen "Are you sure you haven't put both socks on one foot? This agitated him - and he began to hop even faster!" "Of course I didn't do that" he said - She came and found the other sock - and peace was restored.

Their married children were in and out often - and always made us very welcome in that lovely home. As I sat there, that day, waiting for my son, Brent, to complete his phone call, I thought - "The magic and peace of this home are here still. I can still feel the spirit of this most special home - and the scripture came to mind" "I was a stranger, and ye took me in" - How very blessed I was to feel of the love and caring of this very special family - Leniel (Ellsworth) Gardner

Katherine - I hope these things I have written will be what you want.

Our typewriter needs a new ribbon and I don't "do" computers - so you will just have to accept my hen scratches as they are -

Love Genev