

Dear Relatives:

On page 4 of Fathers book "Select Writings" he says - "The Lord has blessed me spiritually and temporally and I acknowledge his goodness to me all my life, and my desire is that I may be faithful to the end, and that my family will be faithful - pay their tithing, attend to their prayers, especially in secret, keep the Sabbath day holy, obey the word of wisdom and listen to the counsel of their inspired teachers. Especially I desire my family to look after their dead, obtain their names as far as possible and do work for them in the temple. If they neglect this work, they will stand condemned before God and their Fathers."

That is a strong admonition and we of Fathers first family, who are still living, tho it is pitifully late, are working at it and trying to heed it and carry it out. But it is a big job and we need help. We are writing this letter in hopes that Fathers second family and the descendants of both families, as well as our other relatives who should be interested, will join us in raising funds and in supervising and carrying forward this most important work.

We are extending pedigrees on our lines of lineal relationship as far as we can, all the way back to Adam if possible. Pedigrees on the Halls and the Selstones, Fathers two lines, which we have traced back about 200 years, are deposited in the Genealogical office at Salt Lake where we have a worker employed part time, checking the records for work already done on these lines to avoid duplications and searching microfilms which come in from locations where we may expect to find records of our kindred. This worker also directs, thru the Genealogical office, our research in England, which is done as ordered by workers sent out from the British Mission office in London. Our research is going forward in England now.

Rosabel Halls Ashton, Mosiahs eldest daughter, who is experienced in the work, is managing it for us. She meets the worker at the office and checks on the work and decides on what shall be done and how much foreign research shall be ordered. She pays all bills from our research fund which is deposited in Walker Bank and Trust Co. at Salt Lake. Nobody else can handle those funds. Thus the work is under excellent control. The fund will be economically administered. These pedigrees and a record of all the temple work done for our kindred will remain at the Genealogical office for the benefit of the descendants of William Halls, as a permanent record to prevent all future duplications. This should be a sacred heritage to us all.

Up to the beginning of 1949 nearly 2000 names have been searched out and nearly all of their temple work has been done. Father did much of the temple work. We paid his expenses while at the temple and the cost of the research which he had done in England. Anna Halls Smith did considerable of the work while she lived in Salt Lake. John Halls and wife began on the work when he was appointed Bishop of Huntsville in 1908. They have been busy at it much of the time since then. Their daughter Edna joined them when she came from her mission in 1930. They have done much temple work and have searched hundreds of volumes at the Los Angeles library and the office in Salt Lake and have supervised the research in the parishes of England since Fathers time. Part of this was done on our mothers line, the Enderbys. To date nearly \$2000.00 has been spent on the work.

On Feb. 11 Mosiah died leaving only George H. 82 and John 77 of the first family living. Dr. Ernest M. Hall, eldest son of Mosiah, will take his fathers place and carry on in his stead. We feel that \$5000.00 should be raised at this time and spent on extending pedigrees and in gathering names and data of those whose lineal relationship to our kindred can be established. We believe that there are plenty of the younger members of our relatives who will do the temple work, without additional cost, after the names are secured.

Please be good enough to give this matter your immediate, earnest attention and write at once to -  
- and tell us whether you approve this plan and whether you will join us in raising the money - also whether you will authorize the three of us to raise a suggestive amount which in our best judgment you should pay toward the accomplishment of this effort. Wishing you the utmost of the blessings that can come to our Fathers children, we remain,

Most sincerely,

*E. H. Hall*  
*John Halls*  
*E. M. Hall*

*James Halls*  
*son of Wm Halls & John E. Franzen*

David Halls  
Mancos, Colorado  
March 30, 1929 (1949)

John Halls  
My dear John;

Yours in regard to Temple work for the Halls family, just received and duly noted.

You and the others are to be praised for your efforts and success, and as the Lord, through his spirit, has inspired your minds along this line, it is certainly your duty to do all in your power to attend to the work.

As to our family helping, I take the liberty of explaining our duty (as I and Lewis see it, the others are not here to consult).

You quote father as saying how the Lord had blessed him and as he has said on many occasions, The Lord had provided for all his needs. As I see it, The Lord works through some medium, and in regard to your mother and her children, you boys were the providing medium.

As to our family, before I was even grown father said on account of his physical condition and his religious duties took so much of his time, he wished to turn over the family to mother and myself. This was done, mother getting the farm. (This was most agreeable to all of us). Mother milked and the boys run the farm (after a fashion). Tom helped in the pinches and the girls got jobs whenever possible. Anna taught school and helped a great deal. Thus we became the medium through which the Lord provided.

Everything was so agreeable that when father (while staying with G.H. in Ogden) got sick and thought he might die, came to Mancos because he said he wanted to die at home in Mancos.

Keeping the above in mind, it made us strictly mother's children; and not long before she died, she requested that us four boys, David, Lewis, Frank and Herbert contribute \$1,000.00 each toward her temple work. She did not require a promise, not did we give one.

Until her wishes are fulfilled, we couldn't suscribe to any other fund, and according to Lewis, Bert and I (Frank has had a terrible winter in his stock business, and I dont know how he will come out) a lot of it will have to be passed to posterity.

As our family relations have always been so agreeable, I hope this will be taken in the humble spirit I am giving it.

As to Tom's children, the girl is here but has a son on a mission in Europe. Francis is in El Paso, Texas, and all he ever accumulated was 16 children. Roy, Lee and John are in Glendale, Calif.

Your brother and wll wisher in your good work

gch/dh

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David Halls.

Dear Bert,

The reverse side wishes to tell John  
why we can't donate \$1,000.00 for  
father's temple work. Surely hope you  
I approve.

We are about as usual.  
Lily is better since she quit  
as pres. P.S.

Hope Mina is better.  
Lewis + Vida have Grace and Bobby  
visiting them. It is a nice looking  
child.

With love

Dave.