

# CAZIER

## FAMILY ORGANIZATION

[www.cazier.org](http://www.cazier.org)

The Cazier Family Organization (CFO) is a non-profit ancestral family organization comprised of descendants of Mormon pioneers William Cazier (1794-1872) and Pleasant Drake Cazier (1796-1846). William and Pleasant had ten children -- James Cazier, Maranda Cazier Bryan, John Cazier, Benjamin Cazier Sr., William Cazier Jr., Elizabeth Cazier Bigelow, Samuel Cazier, David Crockett Cazier, Charles Drake Cazier, and Rosannah Cazier Elmer. While living in Illinois in 1844, missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints taught the message of the restored gospel to William and Pleasant and they joined the Church in August of that year. In May 1846, after enduring much persecution, the William Cazier family left their home in Illinois and joined the saints at Council Bluffs, Iowa. In the fall of 1846, Pleasant died. William remarried. In 1851 William, his new wife Margaret and his four youngest children crossed the plains and entered the Salt Lake Valley. In October 1851, Brigham Young requested that William and his family relocate to Salt Creek (which later became known as Nephi, UT). The William Cazier family was the 8<sup>th</sup> family to join that settlement. William later became the first patriarch of Juab Stake.

The CFO is dedicated to the preservation of family history and carrying out genealogical research. Organized in 1949, it is one of the oldest and largest ancestral family organizations in the United States.

In 1950 the CFO began holding family reunions. Since 1950, 67 reunions have been held on an annual basis without missing a year. They are usually held on the last Saturday in June.

The organization has also undertaken major genealogical research and restoration projects. Some research has been conducted in France where the Cazier heritage began. Currently the CFO is in the process of working with the City of Council Bluffs to arrange to place a monument in a cemetery in Council Bluffs in memory of Pleasant Drake Cazier.

Membership in the Cazier Family Organization is automatic for all descendants of William Cazier and Pleasant Drake Cazier. Members remain active in preserving, perpetuating, and promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of their tremendous pioneer heritage. **Contributions of stories, photographs, and genealogical information on any descendant, ancestor, or relative of William Cazier and Pleasant Drake Cazier are warmly encouraged.**

CAZIER is a surname that is routinely mispronounced. One of our long-time members, Andy Cazier, came up with the following saying to help people know how to correctly pronounce our name.

***“Keep breathing, Cuz Air (Cazier) is good for you!”***



