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President Wilford Woodruff's "Other Eminent Men"— and a Waldensian Connection

By Ron Malan

At the General Conference of the Church held in October 1849, President Brigham Young called Lorenzo Snow to open the Italian Mission "and other parts of the world as the Spirit should direct." Elder Snow, along with the other three Apostles called to other foreign missions, was set apart on 19 October by the First Presidency. These brethren then had only six days' notice to make arrangements and be ready to leave.

That was a harsh time of year to be re-crossing the plains and these elders weren't able to leave New York until 25 March, 1850, arriving in Liverpool on 18 April. Elder Snow crossed the English Channel on 15 June and, in company with his companions, traveled through Paris, Lyons, and Marseilles.

As you know, a major result of Elder Snow's mission to Italy was the conversion of our Waldensian ancestors.

I recently learned of the groundwork laid by the Lord so that all this was possible. When the generation of our convert-and-immigrant ancestors was born, most of modern Italy was ruled by Austria and divided into eight states, still basically feudal in nature. Piedmont, the exception, had been conquered by Napoleon and the people were subjects of France. But in 1831, the Napoleonic government in Piedmont was defeated, with the previous government restored. That led to renewed, even increased repression of the Waldensians. *(Continued on page 2)*

Ordinances Report: 2010 & Cumulative (1987 – 2010)

Year	Baptism		Endowment		Sealing to Parents	Sealing to Spouse	TOTAL ORD.
	Male	Female	Male	Female			
2010	331	289	319	287	437	247	1,910
1987-2010	7,155	7,191	7,142	7,177	6,031	4,366	39,062

The total number of *individuals submitted* during 2010 was **620**, bringing the grand total of individuals whose names have been submitted for ordinances since 1987 to **14,396**. Thanks for all you do!

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The “Other Eminent Men” and the Waldensians, cont.

From the Glorious Return from exile in 1690, the Waldensians had lived in misery. Legally barred from any of the rights of other citizens, they were also forbidden to live outside their own valleys. Overcrowding had caused the situation to deteriorate such historians now describe the era as the time of the Waldensian Ghetto.

Elder Lorenzo Snow and his companions were only able to preach in the Valleys because on 7 February 1848, Charles Albert, Duke of Savoy and by then King of Sardinia, had granted the first constitution in what is now modern Italy. What caused him to make such an abrupt change of heart?

President Wilford Woodruff later reported that in August 1877, the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and “fifty other eminent men” had appeared to him in the St. George Temple to request that temple ordinances be performed in their behalf. (President Woodruff also reported that “prominent women” had appeared with the same request.)

I recently discovered that one of those *other eminent men* was in fact the prime instrument in the hands of the Lord in bringing the freedom of Piedmont to pass—and therefore, in allowing the presence of Elder Snow.

He was **Camillo de Cavour, Count of Cavour**. Born in Torino in 1810, when the area was under Napoleonic rule and many of his relatives were French Protestants. Repulsed by the injustices of the 1831 return to former ways in Piedmont, including closure of the schools, he worked tirelessly for the reunification of Italy, starting with freedom for Piedmont. It was he who, with the support of his friends and leading men of Torino, early in 1848 made a presentation to the Duke, assuring him that the result would be a constitutional monarchy. That directly led to the Duke’s proclamation of liberty—the very act permitted Elder Snow and his companions being able to preach among the Waldensians.

The constitutional groundwork laid by Cavour in Piedmont later led to the reunification of Italy—and Cavour was appointed the first Prime Minister. But his tireless efforts to bring freedom to Italy led to his early death in 1861, at age only 51. As with the other “eminent men” who appeared to President Wilford Woodruff, he had been faithful to what God had entrusted him to do. The effects on our families have been incalculable.

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The Ancestry of Marie Pavarin

By Judy Melton

Marie Pavarin, who was born about 1608 of Prarostino, married our direct-line ancestor Phillipe Rivorie about 1628. She is identified as the daughter of Daniel Pavarin (mother unknown at this point), and her line is extended below:

Husband: **Daniel PAVARIN**, b abt 1583. Notarial records seem to indicate that he was “of” both Villar Pellice and “of” Prarostino. He most likely was born in Villar Pellice, and possibly married a girl from Prarostino; md abt 1607; d between 1645 and 1655; son of Francois and Jeanne Pavarin.

Wife: **Mrs. Daniel PAVARIN**, b abt 1587 prob of Prarostino.

CHILDREN:

1. **Marie**, b abt 1608 of Prarostino, md abt 1628 **Phillipe RIVOIRE**.
2. Paul, b abt 1610 of Prarostino, d in 1662; md abt 1635 Anne PASQUET, dau of Jacob PASQUET-MAGNAUD,
3. Jean, b abt 1612 of Prarostino; md abt 1637 (1) Mrs. Jean PAVARIN; md (2) abt 1640 Mrs. Marie PAVARIN.

SOURCES: San Secondo vol 120:156 & 157; 121:40 & 425; 121:331; 122:680; 123:570; Villar Pellice vol 186, bk 2: 201R.

Husband: **Francois PAVARIN**, b abt 1545 of Villar Pellice; md abt 1569; dec by 1612.

Wife: **Mrs. Jeanne PAVARIN**, b abt 1549 of Bobbio, d by 1615.

CHILDREN:

1. Catherine, b abt 1570 of Villar Pellice, md abt 1589 Jean CHARLIN-VITTON, son of Francois CHARLIN-VITTON.
2. Jacques b abt 1574 of Villar Pellice, d by 1638; md abt 1600 Madeleine REYNAUDIN, dau of Antony REYNAUDIN.
3. Jean b abt 1578 of Villar Pellice; md 26 Mar 1601 (1) Catherine FORNERON, dau of Bartholomeo and Vigliermine FORNERON of Bobbio; md (2) abt 1619 Suzanne CHARBONNIER-PECHIT, dau of Jaques CHARBONNIER-PECHIT, of Villar Pellice.
4. Marguerite, b abt 1581 of Villar Pellice, md abt 1601 Joseph PAVARIN, son of Jacque PAVARIN of Bobbio.
5. **Daniel**, b abt 1583, d 1645 or 1655 (one source shows 1645, the other shows 1655); md abt 1607 **Mrs. Daniel PAVARIN**.
6. Marie, b abt 1586 of Villar Pellice, md abt 1607 Phillipe MEILLE of Villar Pellice, d by 1659.
7. Suzanne, b abt 1589 of Villar Pellice, md abt 1611 Pierre CHARBONNIER of Villar Pellice.

SOURCES: San Secondo vol 120:91R; Villar Pellice vol 177:95R & 97; 181:1, 1R, 15 & 27; 184, bk1: 203, 204, & 205R; 185, bk1: 130; 186, bk1: 83; 185, bk2: 36; **186, bk2: 201R (will)**; 186, bk2: 62R; 187, bk1: 52; 191:157, 158, & 159R; 195, bk1: 141; Bobbio vol 108:119 (1613; 110:19 (1615); 109:136R (1616); 113 bk 1:51 & 53R (1622); 114: 142R (1625).

The Beus GARDIOL Ancestry

by Edwin H. Beus

Our Beus ancestor **Jean Gardiol** was born in 1697 at Prarostino. [New FamilySearch now officially lists the areas of our Waldensian ancestors as Prarostino [or other community], Torino, Piedmont, Italy.]

Jean was the great-grandfather of **Marianne Combe**, wife of **Michael Beus** or Beux who joined the Church in Pramollo and immigrated in the first handcart company.

The known ancestry of **Jean Gardiol**, followed by the known ancestry of his wife Maria PASQUET, is as follows (from the notarial records):

Husband: **Paul GARDIOL**, b. abt 1662, Prarostino

Wife: **Maria PASQUET (PASCHETTO)** b. abt 1664 Prarostino

Children: Jacques; **Jean, b 1697 (above), great-grandfather of Marianne COMBE**; Paul

Husband: **Giacomo GARDIOL**, b.abt 1638, Prarostino

Wife: **Mrs. Giacomo GARDIOL**, b abt 1642, of Prarostino

Child: **Paul, b abt 1662 (above), md Maria PASCHETTO**

Husband: **Gioanni PASCHETTO**, b. abt 1635, Prarostino

Wife: **Maria MORATO** b. abt 1633 Prarostino

Children: **Maria, b abt 1664 (above), md Paul GARDIOL**; Michelle; Anna; Madalena; Susanna

Husband: **Michelle PASCHETTO**, b. abt 1613, Prarostino

Wife: **Anna -**, b abt 1615 Prarostino

Children: Pietro; **Gioanni (above, md Maria MORATO)**; Gioanna

Husband: **Giacob PASCHETTO** b. abt 1590, Prarostino

Wife: **Anna -** b. 1592, Prarostino

Children: **Michelle (above) md Anna -**; Gioanni; Daniel; Maria; Margarita; Giacob

Husband: **Paijretto PASCHETTO**, b. abt 1562

Wife: **Catterina PASCHETTO** b. abt 1564, Prarostino

Children: **Giacob (above), md Anna -**; Marc'arello; Mattea' Michelle; Maria

Husband: **Matteo MORATO** b. abt 1600, of Prarostino

Wife: **Maria DONATO** b. abt 1602, of Prarostino

Child: **Maria b abt 1633 (above); md Gioanni PASCHETTO**
