



## HYRUM TURNS 200 – HUGE CELEBRATION

By Eldred G. and Hortense Smith

### VIDEO AVAILABLE

On February 15, 2000 an historical and significant gathering took place in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. More than 3,000 descendants of the great Patriarch Hyrum Smith came to praise and pay tribute in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of his February 9, 1800 birth. This in itself was historic, but also it was the largest gathering of Smith descendants in the history of the family. It was the first time Hyrum's children have met together as a family in this Century.

Those entering the Assembly Hall or watching in the Tabernacle overflow were greeted with a huge screen projection of Hyrum and a display of precious articles belonging to him and the family, that were brought across the plains in the family wagons in 1848. The program followed:



CONDUCTING: Craig R. Frogley..... 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson  
Trustee of the JS Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Foundation

PRAYER: Michael Nebeker ..... 5<sup>th</sup> great grandson

MUSICAL PORTRAYAL..... Love is the Master Key  
by Lorena Normandeau ..... Grand Daughter of JS Jr.  
Father Smith: Hulbert Keddington 2<sup>nd</sup> ggrndson-in-law  
Hyrum Smith: Scott Frogley ..... 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson  
Joseph Smith Jr: Jason Woodland.. 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson  
William Smith: Aaron David Lowe 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson  
Accompanied by: Jenny Frogley ..4<sup>th</sup> ggdaughter-in-law

### HYRUM REMEMBERS

Portrayal by: Matthew D. Maddox 3<sup>rd</sup> ggrndson-in-law  
Script by Vivian Adams ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> ggrand daughter

### HYRUM'S CHARGE TO HIS POSTERITY:

Eldred G. Smith, President, Hyrum Smith Association  
POSTERITY'S RESPONSE

LOVINA: Ronda Thompson 4<sup>th</sup> great granddaughter  
JOHN: E. Gary Smith ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandson  
JERUSHA: Pamela Alligood 3<sup>rd</sup> great granddaughter  
SARAH: Cherise Clayton .... 4<sup>th</sup> great granddaughter  
JOSEPH F: Russel Smith Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandson  
MARTHA ANN: Carole King 2<sup>nd</sup> ggranddaughter

### I LOVE HIM original music and words

by Noni Sorensen ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> great granddaughter  
Sung by: Kent Sorensen ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandson  
Accompanied by: Lindsay Sorensen ... 4<sup>th</sup> ggdaughter

SPEAKER: M. Russell Ballard..... 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandson  
Trustee of the JS Sr & LM Smith Foundation

SURPRISE TRIBUTE: President Gordon B. Hinckley-Prophet

THE LIGHT WILL NOT GO OUT original music-words

by Noni Sorensen ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> great granddaughter  
Sung by: Dan Sorensen..... 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandson  
Accompanied by: Lindsay Sorensen... 3<sup>rd</sup> ggdaughter

PRAYER: LaRene Gaunt ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> great granddaughter

Patriarch Eldred G. Smith reminded the descendants of the promise given Hyrum's patriarchal blessing -"that his name would not be blotted out, for his children would rise up after him to preserve his memory." Elder Smith issued a charge to the children to fulfill that promise by being a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ as Hyrum was.

Elder Russell M. Ballard of the Council of the Twelve charged the family using the words of Joseph F. Smith in a letter to one of his children: "...We are their children and they love us as we love one another. We should seek to honor them and follow in their footsteps. May the Lord bless us that we may bear the name of Hyrum Smith as his sons and daughters... with the same strength and courage in carrying forth this great work."

President Gordon B. Hinckley honored the family with his attendance and said, "I am not a Smith, but I'm a great admirer and one who loves the name of Hyrum, the martyred brother of the Prophet Joseph." He closed with this charge, "May we of this generation walk in the light of his strength and power and capacity." His verbal charge was followed by a musical response, a stirring song 'The Light Will Not Go Out' that committed us as a family to keep the light burning.

Excitement, love and warmth permeated the atmosphere as a costumed family member presented a moving monologue portraying Hyrum. Many felt that he carried the appearance of the projected picture – as if he had come to life. The descendant responses were filled with moving accounts, deeply touching stories and powerful history of the lives of Hyrum and his children.

Members of the Hyrum Smith family left this great gathering with renewed appreciation and love for their progenitor, and a charge to respond with increased devotion and dedication to the truths espoused by him.

### VIDEO AVAILABLE

**All of this plus the cemetery wreath ceremony was captured on video and will be reproduced for the benefit of generations to come.**

**The video can be obtained for a short time only for \$10.00. Please fill out the order-registration card. You may include your dues payment of \$15.00 with the video order. Please use the envelope and form to order. You may purchase as many as you would like for family gifts including those yet unborn.**

**ROLE OF THE FOUNDATION**

There are many Joseph Smith Sr.-Lucy Mack Smith family organizations with desires and wishes but without the resources to carry them out. As with this great celebration, the Foundation stands ready and anxious to serve by facilitating, consulting, and lending resources to find and unite the family as per our mission statement on the website at [www.JosephSmithSr.com](http://www.JosephSmithSr.com).

**GENTLE REMINDER!!!!!!!!!!**

This is just a last note to remind all to please send your annual dues. Our newsletter and research to find all the living descendents depend on you. All family members that we know receive the newsletter because we are family. **Please become a dues paying member so that we can continue the work to find and unite the family. The Board of Trustees has recommended and approved a modest increase in our dues. Family Biographies will be finished and sent to all dues payers as we all renew. These are special personal sketches prepared by our Foundation historian, Mark**

**McConkie.** If you aren't certain when you last paid **the \$15.00**, NOTE THE MAILING LABEL for the date of your last payment. Please use the enclosed envelope and card. If you know of living Smiths descendants that don't receive the newsletter please send their addresses by copying the card and sending them to the return address on the newsletter or emailing to [c.frogley@m.cc.utah.edu](mailto:c.frogley@m.cc.utah.edu). Thank you.

Here are some corrections to the living descendent numbers and a repeat of the committee member assigned to your family branch.

**IS YOUR FAMILY BRANCH REPRESENTED?**

The Family Organization Coordinating Committee meets each month to review status, progress, and research on each of the lines from the Children of Joseph Sr. and Lucy. Representatives include:

HYRUM-			LIVING
-Lovina:	Roger Anderson	435-846-3301 .....	4,484
-John	Wilburta Moore	801-595-8131 .....	ukwn
-Joseph F.	Mary Donoho	801-546-4707 .....	15,000
-Jerusha	Ben Donoho	801-546-4707 .....	ukwn
-Sarah	LaRene Gaunt	801-572-0169 .....	ukwn
-Martha Ann	Carole King	435-876-3273 .....	2,530

JOSEPH Jr-	Michael Kennedy	801-756-1091 .....	800
SAMUEL	Robert Smith	801-489-7589 .....	450
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CATHERINE	Marjorie Porter	801-876-3265 .....	ukwn
LUCY		.....	ukwn

Since this is continual work in progress we will update this data frequently with the invitation to please help by registering all known family members with your own family organization or through one of the committee.

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