



The Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Foundation Newsletter

Events --

- Eldred Smith honored at 100th birthday by church and family
- Samuel H. Smith – 200th birthday celebration

Inside --

Samuel Smith 2

Eldred Smith honored at 100th birthday 3

Please join us 3

Joseph Smith Sr. Reunion Pictures 4

Joseph Sr Reunion 2007

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion 2007: Bringing the Family Back Together

The descendants of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith celebrated their family in the 19th family reunion since 1972, with the theme, “**Bringing the Family Back Together.**”

Reunion highlights included—
*Viewing artifacts from Hyrum Smith,
*planting a tree for each of the 11 children of Joseph and Lucy Smith,
*a 100th birthday party for Eldred G. Smith, LDS church patriarch,
*guest speakers, children and youth activities, and
*attending the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Broadcast of Music and the Spoken Word in the newly refurbished and

retrofitted Tabernacle on Temple Square.

At the conclusion of the reunion, Steve & Frances Orton, reunion co-presidents, announced the **2009 Reunion in Nauvoo, Illinois, August 6-8**. For more information, contact Steve and Frances Orton, 381 West 3700 North, Provo, UT 84604. Telephone: (801) 226-6054. fax: (801) 225-9366. Email: f.orton@att.net.

Joseph Smith Jr. 2007 Reunion: Nauvoo & Independence

The Joseph Smith Jr. Family gathered in Independence and Nauvoo from June 6 to June 10, 2007. The theme, “**Joseph, Where are the rest of my children**” was chosen from Emma’s personal experience just before her death.

Mike Kennedy, the Joseph Smith Jr. Family Organization President said, “We wanted to show that Emma went through many trials of her own and shared her husband’s trials and could have

abandoned her husband, freeing herself from much grief if she just walked away. But she bore her trials not because of her faith in her husband, but because of her faith in Jesus Christ who she knew called her husband to the work he performed.” Descendants filled out family group sheets, participated in DNA testing, and enjoyed presentations on the Smith family as they toured historical settings. The family greatly appreciated the lectures by Paul Smith and Ken

Smith from the Utah LDS Church education system, and Bill Curtis, a local historian. Family visited the LDS Visitor’s center, the Community of Christ Auditorium and Temple, and the Temple lot. A gravesite ceremony concluded the Independence visit. In Missouri, the family visited Liberty jail and viewed the film “Joseph.” After the film, their whole countenances had changed. They later said they had never known these things about their ancestors. (continued p 3)

Samuel H Smith's 200th Birthday Celebration

**March 9, 2008 Salt Lake
Tabernacle at Temple
Square, 6:00 pm**

The Samuel H. Smith Foundation, in conjunction with the Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation, is pleased to announce a special event celebrating the 200th birthday of Samuel H. Smith. The theme is

"Faith of Our Fathers."

Invited guests include the descendants of Joseph Smith Sr., Brigham and Phineas Young, Heber C. Kimball, and John P. Green. Having these descendants and others makes this fireside exciting because it visually shows the impact of one young missionary's testimony and the Book of Mormon.

Speakers include Sister Ardeth Kapp, descendant of Rachel and John P. Green, and Elder Ballard, descendant of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. Music will be provided by the Orem Institute Choir. For more information, and to request tickets, please log on to www.samuelhsmith.org.

Family Celebrates Eldred G. Smith's 100th Birthday



After the LDS church celebrated Eldred G. Smith's 100th birthday, January 9, 2007 at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, the Joseph Smith Sr Family celebrated his birthday at the Joseph Smith Sr. Reunion, August 7, 2007. Youth joined adults in time to hear Eldred and Hortense speak in the morning. All attending had the opportunity to see church artifacts from Hyrum Smith--bullet marked clothing, a bullet pierced pocketwatch, and a wooden box from Alvin Smith that had been used to

hold the plates of the Book of Mormon.

That evening the family enjoyed a birthday party that included a poem from his wife Hortense--Gifted Hands--and a tribute by retired English professor Richard Cracroft.

The family enjoyed cake from cake decorator Karen Webber who had created 10 cakes, each cake representing one decade of Eldred's life.

The family concluded the evening by planting a tree for each of the 11 children of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. Portions of their patriarchal blessings were read for each of the living children; at each tree family members then placed a rock which had been engraved with the child's name, birth and death year .



Donations still needed for cemetery upkeep

Cemetery upkeep includes repairs to walkways, lighting fixtures and lamps that illuminate pathways, reseeding worn lawn areas, flowerbeds and

irrigation upgrades.

Tax deductible gifts for refurbishing the cemetery can be made to:

The Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Foundation.

Please mail your check to:

Craig Frogley
10763 S 2000 E
Sandy, UT 84092

Joseph Smith Jr. 2007 Reunion: Nauvoo & Independence (Continued)

They also saw a short film on Emma's life by Gary Cook (LDS Motion Picture Studio) and a powerpoint presentation by Paul Smith (CES). They joined in singing the chorus of "Mother, We are Here" a song by Emma's great, great granddaughter Lorena Normandeau. This song had a tremendous impact on the family and left few dry eyes. "Even today, a few weeks later" Mike and Darcy Kennedy say, "we receive email where descendants tell us they are always caught humming this song."

A highlight of the Nauvoo trip was the gravesite ceremony at Lamoni. Each descendant took flowers and a list of

progenitors to find. Finding their relatives became a real experience for our families, even the youth. Australians visiting these sites for the first time were beyond simple emotion as they found Alexander Hale's grave.

The family spent the rest of the trip touring the Old City, Nauvoo. Most of the family lodged at the Riverside Mansion, Emma's home. They called it "Gramma's home." This name still continues today. Emma Belle Kennedy performed a reenactment of her third great grandmother's experience seeing Emma for the last time. The family concluded the event at Joseph and Emma's gravesite. Ivor Jones

spoke of the love for family that must continue. Michael Kennedy spoke on the importance of the family gatherings and the need for Joseph and Emma's posterity to stand up and bear witness of who they were. As the world takes notice of Joseph, his children must stand up as the lion and bear witness of Joseph's divine calling and no longer hide in obscurity.

We invite you to join us!

Your \$15 donation helps

- Maintain the Nauvoo family cemetery
- Maintain and update our family database (www.josephsmithsr.com)
- Encourage and publicize grandfather reunions and other news
- Explore projects that teach about our ancestors.

Please send address corrections and donations to:

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Foundation
c/o Craig Frogley
10763 S 2000 E
Sandy, UT 84092

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Donation Amount Enclosed

\$ _____ (\$15 membership)

\$ _____ (other amount)

Please circle which grandchild of Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith you descend from:

Hyrum	Joseph	Samuel	William	Katherine	Lucy
Lovina John Jerusha Sarah Joseph F. Martha Ann	Joseph III Alexander David H.	Samuel	Thelia Hyrum W. William E. Edison DC Louie	Elizabeth Lucy Solomon Don Carlos	Florence Charles

Joseph Smith Sr Reunion Pictures -- to view more pictures, [click here](#).

