

Smith

Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith
FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Smith Family Reunion

Aug. 2-5, 2018

To register visit www.JosephSmithSr.org/Reunion

Spring 2018 Newsletter

Reunion Service Project

Join with your Smith Cousins in Salt Lake City
August 2 - 5, 2018!

On August 2-5 we will gather to celebrate our heritage and help current refugees that have been driven from their homes and lost all of their worldly possessions. We will be building bunk beds for refugee children and their families. We are working with Sleep In Heavenly Peace for our summer's service project. Their mission is to ensure that no child in their town ever has to sleep on the floor. We would like to give each refugee family a history of the Smith Family so they might know that God is aware of them and that our family understands to some degree what it means to be refugees. With this gift, perhaps they too can dream of a heavenly home.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace was featured on a program called *Returning The Favor* in February 2018. Join host Mike Rowe (Discovery Channel Series *Dirty Jobs*) and see why their team stopped into Twin Falls, Idaho, to meet SHP founder Luke Mickelson.

facebook.com/ReturningtheFavor/videos/2020109721593621/

Lucy's Shawl: Wrapped in Her Love

Sarah Milikin owned 3 shawls originally belonging to her grandmother, Lucy Mack Smith. Upon Sarah's death, the three shawls were found and later given to dear friends and relatives. The first went to her daughter-in-law Jennie Peterson, who eventually donated it to the LDS Church History Museum.

The second went to Jennie's niece, Kathryn. When Kathryn became very ill, the shawl was given to her youngest

sister Helen. Helen sent the shawl to the LDS Church History Museum via some friends.

The third shawl was given to Helen. Before her death she asked her son to safeguard it. Faithful to his promise, in 2005, he returned the shawl to the Joseph Smith Jr. Family.

Large enough to cover a bed, this shawl helped inspire our wish to cover the "Build a Bed" bunk beds with an embroidered coverlet.

Budd Porter (recently deceased) and Debbie Porter Nelson wrap themselves in Lucy's shawl and feel her love around them.





Children's Coloring Contest

Father and Mother Smith haven't had time to plant or decorate their new cabin. Enter our coloring contest to decorate their cabin and win up to \$25. To enter, see JosephSmithSr.org.

We are a Visionary House

By David Adams

Sometime between the fall of 1829 and March 26, 1830, while the Book of Mormon was being printed, a curious visitor came to the Smith home in Palmyra.

Solomon Chamberlain set out from home carrying copies of a tract with information about his own visions. He started out to go to Canada, but when his boat stopped in Palmyra he had a distinct impression to get off the boat. The Spirit directed him to travel south, which he did for some three miles until evening where again the Spirit directed that he stop at a farmhouse for shelter.

In the morning the family was talking about a gold Bible. Solomon said,

“When they said Gold Bible, there was a power like electricity went from the top of my head to the end of my toes. This was the first time I ever heard of the Gold Bible. I was now within half a mile of the Smith family where Joseph lived. From the time I left the boat until now, I was wholly led by the Spirit I said to myself, ‘I shall soon find why I have been led in this singular manner.’”

At the time the Smiths were accustomed to intruders of various kinds, arriving unannounced and seeking to stop the translation and publication of the Book of Mormon.

When Solomon Chamberlain arrived, he found Hyrum pacing the floor. Solomon entered with the greeting, “Peace be to this house.”

“I hope it will be peace,” Hyrum replied, astonished.

“Is there anyone here that believes in visions or revelations?” Solomon asked.

Hyrum responded, “Yes, we are a visionary house.”

“Then I will give you one of my pamphlets, which was visionary, and of my own experience,” Solomon said.

Hyrum, Father Smith, and some of the Whitmer boys gathered and took turns reading from Solomon's pamphlet.

“I began to preach to them,” Solomon said, “in the words that the angel had made known to me in the vision, that all churches and denominations on the earth had become corrupt, and [there was] no church of God on the earth, but that he would shortly raise up a church that would never be confounded nor brought down and be like unto the Apostolic Church. They wondered greatly who had been telling me these things, for said they we have the same things [written] down in our house, taken from the Gold record, that you are preaching to us. I said, ‘The Lord told me these things a number of years ago.... If you are a visionary house, I wish you would make known some of your discoveries, for I think I can bear them.’ They then made known to me that they had obtained a gold record, and just finished translating it here. Now, the Lord revealed to me by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost that this was the work I had been looking for.”

Solomon took pages of the Book of Mormon, continued on his journey, and preached to all who would listen. He joined with the saints and traveled from Kirtland to Missouri to Nauvoo and then west with the saints.

Solomon Chamberlain's life demonstrates the value and relevance of personal visions and spiritual experiences. So did the lives of Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith and their children. It is good to seek for and find the hand of God in our lives. That's what Smiths do. We are a visionary house.

- Read full article at avisionaryhouse.blogspot.com

We are looking for musical numbers for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at our Reunion.

If you have a musical number you would like to perform that would work with our theme (Dreaming of a Heavenly Home), please contact

Frances Orton at ortonfrances@gmail.com.

Dreaming of a Heavenly Home

By Daniel Adams

Father and Mother Smith knew as well as anyone what it meant to be refugees. But their trials had also allowed them to glimpse eternity. They saw their heavenly home and what their family could be, and this knowledge, like that of the saints before, gave them the strength to endure, to continue to dream of their heavenly home.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Father and Mother Smith being driven from their home, and having to rebuild once again, in a tiny log cabin in Palmyra, New York. Here they would find a short refuge until they would be forced again to leave. Here Father and Mother Smith read the Bible to their children and plead for divine protection. Here, Joseph Sr. told his children of his remarkable dreams of the restoration. Here Lucy would tell her children how God answered her desperate prayers in a grove of trees. Here Joseph would read the invitation of the Apostle James and determine to ask of God what he should do. Here the heavens

would rend and the Angel Moroni would descend to reveal a mighty work and a wonder. Here, the family gathered nightly to hear Joseph recount his remarkable visions of the ancient inhabitants of this continent. Here the Smith boys and girls grew strong in faith and work, believing that God was watching over their family. This place, more than any other, symbolized what can be ours - no matter the coming persecution, trials and difficulties - when we dream of our heavenly home.

On this 200th anniversary, the Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith descendants have the opportunity to gather in Salt Lake and help current refugees who have been driven from their homes and lost their worldly possessions. We will be building bunk beds for refugee children and their families. We would like them to know that God is aware of them, that our family understands to some degree what it means to be refugees, and now with this gift, perhaps they too can dream of a heavenly home.

2018 Reunion Highlights

- Registration and Meet & Greet at the LDS Church Office Building Lobby and Auditorium.
- Showing of the Youth Media Scholarship Competition in the Conference Center Little Theater.
- Dinner in the lobby of the Conference Center.
- Saturday Service Project and events at This Is The Place Heritage Park.
 - Building bunk beds.
 - Wreath placing at Mary Fielding Smith cottage.
 - Big family photo.
 - Picnic lunch.
 - Individual family time.
- Family devotional at Temple Square Assembly Hall.
- Music and the Spoken Word Sunday morning.

Help Us Reach Our Cousins!

Your \$25 donation helps--

- Encourage and publicize events and other news.
- Explore projects that teach about our ancestors.
- Maintain and update our family database (www.JosephSmithSr.org).

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

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

Young Adult Video Scholarship Contest

July 1, 2018 Deadline

See JosephSmithSr.org for rules and submission info

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Youth Meme Contest

JOSEPH SMITH, SR
BORN
JULY 12, 1771
DIED
SEPT. 14, 1840

LUCY MACK SMITH
BORN
JULY 8, 1775
DIED
MAY 14, 1856

Aug 4, 2018 Deadline

See JosephSmithSr.org for rules and submission info

Find a Piece of History
May 14-June 15, 2018



2018 Projects: Hyrum Smith office, Samuel H. Smith home
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