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Dear Smith Cousins,

Greetings from Lansing, Michigan. We are the family of William B. Smith. We know you will have a wonderful time at this year's reunion. We have so many spectacular memories of reunions gone by. Steve and Frances put their hearts and souls into planning these events. I am convinced that spirit counts and our spirits are with you.

In the past, we have met many of you and have pictures to remind us of you. We have memories of Kirtland, Nauvoo and Salt Lake City.

We have memories of the sweet smell in the air, as we drove into Kirtland. The temple experience, the bookstore, the N.K. Whitney Store, the cemetery, the quarry, the Johnson Farm, the Isaac and Lucy Morley Farm, the camp grounds, the people, and of course spending time with Karl Ricks Anderson, come to mind. We took my daughter Laura and her two daughters Brenda and Crystal, to Kirtland for one reunion. The experiences are priceless and revealed family history.

Laura came with us on one of our trips to Nauvoo. The beautiful scenery, the old community of Nauvoo will always stay in our minds. To be where the Smith family lived and some died was so enriching. We saw The Homestead, the Smith Family Cemetery, many landmarks and homes. Lily pads lined the river. We enjoyed the barbeque put on by the Robert Smith family, and listened to Vivian Adams' stories of the past. We rode in a horse drawn wagon, we watched outstanding entertainment, put on by the Community of Christ. We took a side trip to David's Chamber and to several other places with Gracia and Ivor Jones, that will always be remembered.

The reunion in Salt Lake City was wonderful. We attended Eldred Gee Smith's 100th birthday party, on the mountain. The Smith family was treated to music, sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. We have a family group picture in our hallway that was taken as we crowded in the choir loft of the Tabernacle. The Parks family treated us all to an ice cream social. We walked to cemeteries of famous LDS leaders. We met people that we never would have met otherwise.

We wish you a very happy reunion. We know that you will never forget it.

With love and very best wishes to everyone.

Gilda and David Sundeen.