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## JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION

*“We consecrate the wings of our being  
To the kingdoms of the air,  
That our families may live from the memory of time  
Into the vision of the sky, in the joy  
Of being together. . . .”*

*From the poetry-drama  
THE PROPHET  
By Clinton F. Larson*



# Program

Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion  
Nauvoo, Illinois, August 18 & 19, 1972

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 18th:

9:00 AM-11:00 AM  
REGISTRATION AND HOUSING ASSIGN-  
MENTS

11:00 AM-1:00 PM  
WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1:00 PM-3:00 PM  
LUNCH

3:00 PM-5:00 PM  
GUEST SPEAKERS

5:00 PM-7:00 PM  
DINNER

7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
GUEST SPEAKER AND SPECIAL MUSICAL  
PROGRAM



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th:

10:00 AM-11:00 AM  
GENERAL MEETING

11:00 AM-12:00 NOON  
GUEST SPEAKER

12:00 NOON-2:00 PM  
LUNCH

2:00 PM-4:00 PM  
GUEST SPEAKERS AND FAREWELL

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Jaynann M. Payne . . . . . Lucy Mack Smith  
Paul Edwards . . . . . Sons of Joseph Smith, Sr.  
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## JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION

April 6, 1972

Greetings SMITH FAMILY member!

On Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19, 1972, the many descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith are invited to attend a family reunion in historic Nauvoo, Illinois. This reunion is being planned by members of cooperating Smith Family organizations to whom Joseph Smith, Sr., is honored Patriarch and common ancestor.

The goals of the reunion are, in part, to compile a complete record of the descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith, to cultivate the type of relationships and interests necessary to have a successful family organization, and to maintain all family ties and associations.

The reunion will begin in the Nauvoo Visitors Center, Friday, August 18th at 9 A.M. It will officially end Saturday, August 19th at 6 P.M. Activities include a program entitled "Meet Our Family." Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith will be with us, in an enactment, to introduce their children — Alvin, Hyrum, Sophronia, Joseph, Samuel Harrison, William, Catherine, Don Carlos, and Lucy, who will tell us about themselves.

Entertainment, including live musical presentations and motion picture film features, will be provided for old and young alike during the two-day reunion.

Overnight accommodations include nearby hotel, motel, and private home facilities as well as campground and camper space in the Nauvoo State Park. Rates per room begin at \$9.00 and \$12.00 per night, while overnight campground space is \$2.00. The fee for the reunion, apart from board and room, is \$2.00 per adult (12 years old and older — children free). Each of the attending families will be responsible for its own board and room. The reunion committee will be glad to make housing reservations on behalf of those planning to attend. Nauvoo has several restaurants and food markets.

If you have interesting photographs or family heirlooms you would like to show the family, please bring them to display. If you have any interesting letters or journals, please bring them as Xerox copying facilities will be provided and significant interchange can be effectively carried out.

The reunion committee requests that discussions be confined to family matters and that religious and doctrinal matters be completely excluded.

You have a rich heritage. So please plan to come and enjoy new and renewed association, fellowship, and brotherhood with your family members. Please see that your side of the family is well represented. We're looking forward to seeing you in Nauvoo!

Sincerely, your kinsmen

*W. Wallace Smith*  
W. WALLACE SMITH  
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# Seeds of Greatness

By Buddy Youngreen

The lives of the Joseph Smith, Senior, family are closely interwoven with the stirring drama of the Restoration. Their faith, experiences, and testimonies inspire the honest in heart to faith, appreciation and courage. In addition to the life-record of the man himself, it is in the recollections of his wife, children, and grandchildren that we can know and love the patriarch of the Smith Family.

Hear the words of his wife:

*When I, Lucy Mack Smith, was in my eighteenth year, during a visit to the home of my brother Stephen in Tunbridge, Vermont, I became acquainted with a young man by the name of Joseph Smith, to whom I was subsequently married.*

*My beloved husband and affectionate companion of forty-four years was as tender a father as ever blessed the confidence of a family.*

*My children and I stood by his death bed September 14, 1840, and heard those last words from his lips, "I shall live seven or eight minutes." We then witnessed his straightening himself and lying his hands together; after which he began to breathe shorter, and in about eight minutes his breath stopped without even a struggle or a sigh, and his spirit took its flight for the regions where the justified ones rest from their labors. He departed so calmly that for sometime we could not believe but that he would breathe again. After we had deposited his last remains in their narrow house . . . I returned to my desolate home; and I thought that the greatest grief which it was possible for me to feel had fallen upon me in the death of my beloved husband . . . my tender and affectionate companion.*

Joseph Smith, Junior, The Prophet, recorded the following concerning his father:

*He was six feet, two inches high, was very straight, and remarkably well-proportioned. His ordinary weight was about two hundred pounds, and he was very strong and active. In his younger days he was famed as a wrestler, and like Jacob, he never wrestled with but one man*

*whom he could not throw. He was one of the most benevolent of men; opening his house to all who were destitute. While at Quincy, Illinois, he fed hundreds of the poor Saints who were flying from the Missouri persecutions, although he had arrived there penniless himself.*

His son William, shortly before his death, gave evidence that his father was a religious God-fearing person:

*Yes, we always had family prayers since I can remember. I well remember Father used to carry his spectacles in his vest pocket and when us boys saw him feel for his specs, we knew that was a signal to get ready for prayer, and if we did not notice it mother would say, "William," or whoever was the negligent one, "get ready for prayer." After the prayer, we had a song we would sing. . . .*

Joseph F. Smith, a grandson of Father Smith, gives his impressions of his grandfather and parents of the Prophet Joseph Smith:

*Though poor, his parents were honest and good; they delighted in the truth, and it was their honest desire to live according to the best light within them. Love and good will to all found expressions in their hearts and acts; and their children were imbued with like sentiments. They were firm believers in God, and trusted in His watchful care over His children. They had frequently received manifestations of His loving kindness in dreams, visions, and inspirations; and God had healed their little ones in answer to prayer, when they were nigh unto death.*

Joseph Smith III, another grandson of Father Smith, tells of his remembrance of his grandfather:

*I remember grandfather well. I suppose that one of the reasons why I remember him so well is that when he died, I could not shed a tear, and did not. And when I was by Aunt Lucy she asked if I was not sorry he was dead, I said no. And when they berated me for it I finally grew indignant and said: "You have all said he is better off than he was here; why should I be sorry*



that he has gone?" I know that it was the feeling that he was a grand man. His example was worth following. In stature he had no superior in the family. Not one of his sons excelled him in physical appearance . . . not one to my memory.

Many were the significant occurrences in the life of Joseph Smith, Senior. On December 18th, 1833, in Kirtland, Ohio, Father Smith was ordained a Patriarch and President of the High Priesthood under the hands of his son Joseph, Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams. At this time Joseph Smith, Senior, was blessed by his son Joseph. His blessing was given by vision and the spirit of prophecy:

*Blessed of the Lord is my father for he shall stand in the midst of his posterity and shall be comforted by their blessings when he is old and bowed down with years, and shall be called a prince over them and shall be numbered among those who hold the right of patriarchal priesthood, even the keys of that ministry, for he shall assemble together his posterity like unto Adam; and the assembly which he called shall be an example for my father, for thus it is written of him: Three years previous to the death of Adam, he called Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch and Methuselah who were high priests, with the residue of his posterity who were righteous, into the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman, and there bestowed upon them his last blessing. And the Lord appeared unto them, and they rose up and blessed Adam, and called him Michael, the Prince, the Arch-angel. And the Lord administered comfort unto Adam, and said unto him, I have set thee to be at the head: a multitude of nations shall come of thee, and thou art a prince over them forever. So shall it be with my father: he shall be called a prince over his posterity; holding the keys of the patriarchal priesthood over the kingdom of God on earth, even the church of the Latter-day Saints, and he shall sit in the general assembly of patriarchs, even in council with the Ancient of Days, when he shall sit and all the patriarchs with him, and he shall enjoy his rights and authority under the direction of the Ancient of Days.*

*And again blessed is my father, for the hands*

*of the Lord shall be over him and he shall be full of the Holy Ghost, for he shall predict whatsoever shall befall his posterity unto the latest generation and shall see the affliction of his children pass away, and their enemies under their feet; and when his head is fully ripe he shall behold himself as an olive tree whose branches are bowed down with much fruit. Behold the blessings of Joseph by the hand of his progenitor, shall come upon the head of my father and his seed after him, to the uttermost; even he shall be a fruitful bough, he shall be as a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well whose branches run over the wall, and his seed shall abide in strength, and the arms of their hands shall be made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob, and the God of his fathers: even the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob, shall help him; even the Almighty shall bless him with blessings of heaven above and his seed after him and the blessings of the deep that lieth under; and his seed shall rise up and call him blessed. He shall be as the vine of the choice grapes when her clusters are fully ripe; and he shall also possess a mansion on high even in the celestial kingdom. His counsel shall be sought for by the thousands, and he shall have place in the house of the Lord; for he shall be mighty in the council of the elders, and his days shall yet be lengthened out: and when he shall go hence he shall go in peace, and his rest shall be glorious, and his name shall be had in remembrance to the end.*

*And blessed also is my mother, for she is a mother in Israel, and shall be a partaker with my father in all his patriarchal blessings. Blessed is my mother, for her soul is ever filled with benevolence and philanthropy; and notwithstanding her age, she shall yet receive strength and be comforted in the midst of her house: and thus saith the Lord, she shall have eternal life.*

Joseph Smith, Senior, Patriarch to the Church of Jesus Christ and father of the Prophet Joseph Smith, was born July 12, 1771, in Topsfield, Essex County, Massachusetts; he was the second son of Asael Smith and Mary Duty. He married Lucy, daughter of Solomon and Lydia Mack, Janaury 24, 1796, by whom he had eleven children: a son who did not survive his birth about



1797; Alvin, born February 11, 1798; Hyrum, born February 9, 1800; Sophronia, born May 16, 1803; Joseph, born December 23, 1805; Samuel Harrison, born March 13, 1808; Ephraim, born March 13, 1810; William, born March 13, 1811; Katherine, born July 28, 1813; Don Carlos, born March 25, 1816; and Lucy, born July 18, 1821.

In addition to farming, Joseph Smith, Senior, engaged in the merchantile business and school teaching. His unsuccessful venture in selling ginseng, along with three successive crop failures on his farm, caused him to move to Palmyra, New York, in 1816, where he renewed his attempt at farming. For the next 14 years, with the aid of his family, he struggled to maintain and support a decent and respectable family and home. No one thought otherwise of his home and family until his son Joseph revealed his experience of the first vision of the Father and Son and the visit of the angel, Moroni. From this time on the reputation of the Smith family was for good and ill.

Father Smith lent his support and encouragement to the divine mission of his son and served as one of the eight witnesses to the Book of Mormon record. He became a devout member of the Church and spent time on a mission to his father's family in Northern New York.

Joseph Smith Senior's life was drastically changed as a result of his son's work in the Restoration. Persecution was thrust upon the Smith Family and eventually caused them to move away to Ohio.

While living in Ohio, from 1831 to 1838, he was called to be Patriarch to the Church. Father Smith pronounced Patriarchal blessings on his family assembled at the Kirtland, Ohio, home of his son Joseph on the ninth day of December, 1834, at a feast prepared for that purpose. The Patriarch's family was arranged according to their ages and he made some remarks in substance as follows:

*My children, I am now old, and my head is white: I have seen many years compared to those enjoyed by many: I am now in my sixty-third year, and my frame is feeble because of the many trials and fatigues which I have endured in*

*this life. I have not attained to the age of my fathers, neither do I now know that I shall, but I desire, and for a long time have, to bless my children before I go home. It is a source of grief to me that I have not been more faithful to the Lord, in days which are passed than I have; I have not always set that example before my family that I ought: I have not been diligent in teaching them the commandments of the Lord, but have rather manifested a light and trifling mind; but in all this I have never denied the Lord. Notwithstanding all this my folly, which has been a cause of grief to my family, the Lord has often visited me in visions and in dreams, and has brought me, with my family, through many afflictions, and I this day thank his holy name. I look round upon you before me, and I behold a lack; three seats are, as it were, empty. The Lord, in his just providence has taken from me at an untimely birth, a son: this has been a matter of affliction; but the Lord's ways are just. My next son, Alvin, as you are all aware,*



*was taken from us in the vigor of life, in the bloom of youth: my heart often mourns his loss, but I have no disposition to complain against the Lord, another has been taken also, in his infancy. I pray that my loss may be abundantly supplied, and made up in additional blessings and that his grace may attend me, and his Holy Spirit be shed abroad in my heart, that I may pronounce such blessings upon your heads, as will be fulfilled.*

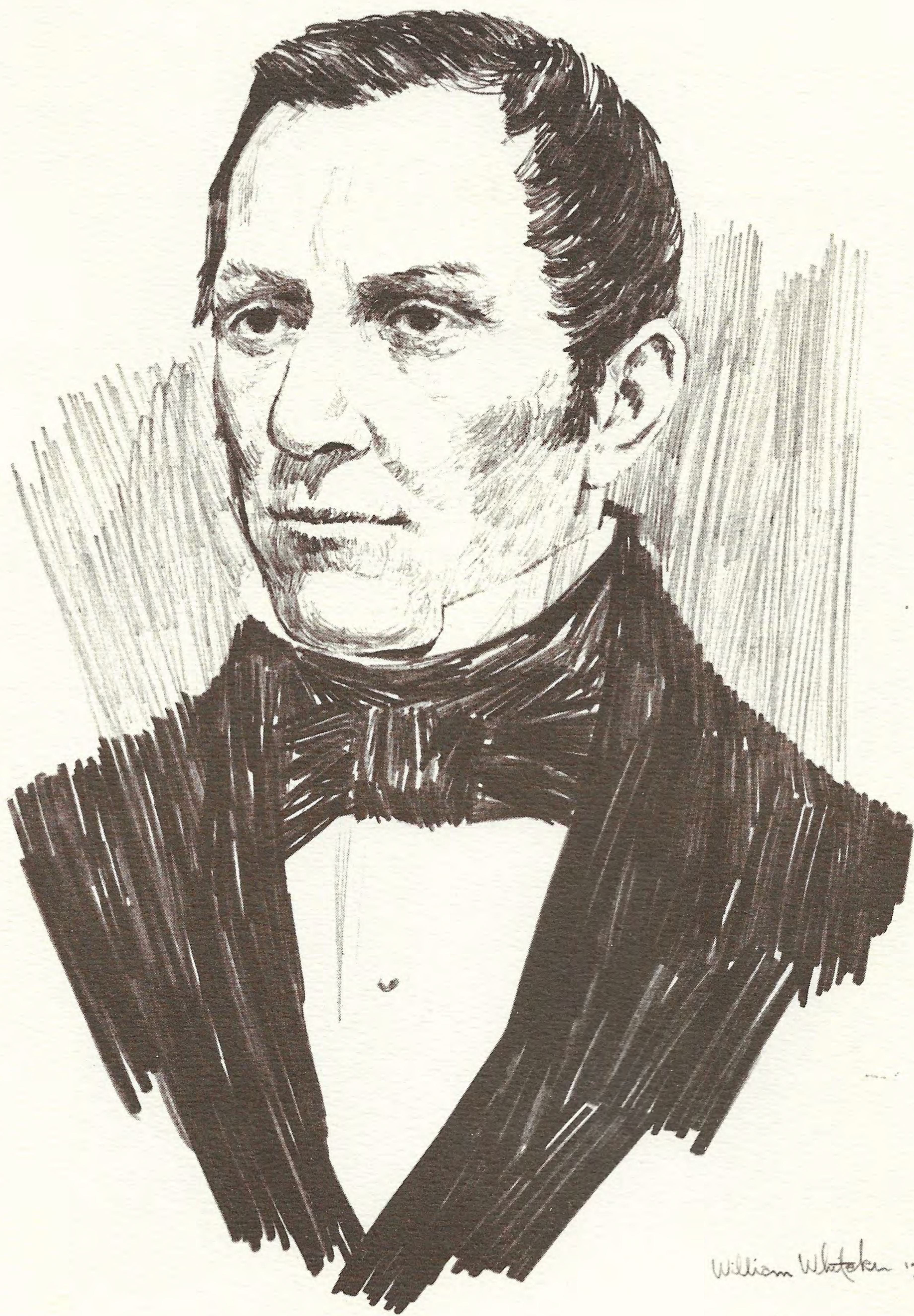
The following are parts of these blessings:



# Hyrum

*The Lord has called thee by that name, and by that name he has blessed thee. Thou hast borne the burden and heat of the day; thou hast toiled hard and labored much for the good of thy father's family: Thou hast been a stay many times to them and by thy diligence they have often been sustained. Thou hast loved thy father's family with a pure love, and has greatly desired their salvation. Thou hast always stood by thy father and reached forth the helping hand to lift him up when he was in affliction. . . . Thou hast never forsaken him, nor laughed him to scorn. For all these kindnesses the Lord my God will bless thee. I now ask my heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, to bless thee with the same blessing with which Jacob blessed his son Joseph; for thou art his true descendant and thy posterity shall be numbered with the house of Ephraim. . . . Thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this earth in rich abundance: The Lord will multiply his choice blessings upon thee and thy seed after thee, and thou, with them, shalt have an inheritance in Zion. And they shall possess it from generation to generation, and thy name shall never be blotted out from among the just, for the righteous shall rise up, and also thy children after thee, and say thy memory is just, that thou wert a just man and perfect in thy day. Thy name is written in heaven and thy salvation sealed on high.*





William Whatekin 1970



# *Sophronia*

*My daughter, The Lord has seen fit in his providence to afflict you with much sickness and much sorrow. . . . I pronounce the blessings of thy father Jacob upon thee, and thou shalt have a name and a place in thy father's family, because of thy tears and prayers, for thou has prevailed unto the obtaining of this blessing: Thou shalt yet be comforted for the days of thy tribulation shall have an end, and thou shalt be blessed with an abundance of the good things of this life; and the time of thy rejoicing shall come: Thou art blessed and shall be blessed, and saved in the kingdom of heaven.*





William Wotekin 1970



# Joseph

*My son, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to confirm upon thee a father's blessing. The Lord thy God has called thee by name out of the heavens: Thou hast heard his voice from on high from time to time, even in thy youth. The hand of the angel of his presence has been extended toward thee by which thou hast been lifted up and sustained. . . . Thou hast sought to know his ways and from thy childhood thou hast meditated much upon the great things of his law. Thou hast suffered much in thy youth, and the poverty and affliction of thy father's family have been a grief to thy soul. Thou hast desired to see them delivered from bondage, for thou hast loved them with a perfect love. Thou hast stood by thy father, and like Shem, would have covered his nakedness rather than see him exposed to shame. . . . Thou hast been an obedient son: The commands of thy father and the reproofs of thy mother, thou hast respected and obeyed – for all these things the Lord my God will bless thee. Thou hast been called, even in thy youth, to the great work of the Lord; to do a work in this generation which no other man would do as thyself. . . . A marvelous work and a wonder has the Lord wrought by thy hand. . . . I bless thee with the blessings of thy fathers Abraham, Issac and Jacob, and even the blessings of thy father Joseph, the son of Jacob. . . . Thou shalt hold the keys of this ministry, even the presidency of this church, both in time and in eternity. . . . At thy word the lame shall walk, the deaf shall hear, and the blind shall see . . . thy name and the names of thy posterity shall be recorded in the book of the Lord, even in the book of blessings and genealogies, for their joy and benefit forever. . . . Thousands and tens of thousands shall come to a knowledge of the truth through thy ministry and thou shall rejoice with them in the celestial kingdom.*





William Whatekin 1972



# Samuel

*My son, thou art loved of the Lord. Thy faithfulness and truth have come up before Him with acceptance and thy name is recorded on high. Thou hast been faithful in all thy days and ministered comfort to thy father's family. Thy soul has been moved for their good. . . . Thou hast labored much and toiled hard, and thou hast had a pure desire for the good of thy kindred – This was just, and thou shalt have thy reward, for it shall be recorded in the book of the blessed, and the just shall rise up and call thee a perfect man. . . . Thou shalt be equal with thy brethren, and thine inheritance shall be like theirs; even the blessings of thy fathers shall rest upon thee. . . . Thy seed shall be blessed, and thy seed's seed after thee 'till the last generation, upon a land flowing with milk and honey. . . . The testimony which thou hast borne and shall bear, shall be received by thousands and thou shalt magnify thy calling and do honor to the holy priesthood. . . . Thou shalt hold communion with the heavenly hosts. Thy voice shall ascend up on high, and thy supplication shall have place in the ears of the Lord of the Sabaoth . . . . Thou shalt see the heavens open; in vision and in dreams. thy mind shall be matured, and thou shalt stand up in the congregation of the Saints and teach them the law of the Lord. Thy soul shall be satisfied with good things. . . . Thou shalt be like the fruitful vine, filled with the choice grape. . . . In the name of Jesus Christ, I seal these blessings upon thee and thy seed after thee.*





William Whetken 1970



# *William*

*My son, I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, and confirm upon thee a father's blessing for thee and thy children after thee, and even thy children's children, down to the end of time, for thou art the fruit of my loins and I am a descendant of Joseph. Therefore, I pronounce the blessings of my fathers upon thee and thou shalt be numbered in the covenant seed. Thou hast seen afflictions, my son, and the hand of the Lord has been upon thee that thou might be chastened, even in thy youth, that thou mayest learn to be obedient to his commandments and faithful to his precepts. Thou hast greatly desired to see thy father's family redeemed from trouble and from the power and domination of those who oppressed them. Verily, this was a good desire, but thou hast not altogether desired this thing in meekness, because thou hast not always known the Lord. Now, my son, thou hast received the ministry and hast been called to preach the gospel . . . settle it in thy mind, and remember when thou art far away, upon the barren wastes of the desert, that in thy youth the Lord gave thee this promise, if thou wert faithful, that thou shouldest return to the society of thy friends and to the embraces of thy family. The Lord thy God will make thee like a very fruitful garden, whose plants grow by the side of pure waters. . . . Thou shalt be blessed with many children. . . . Thou shalt be made equal with thy brethren, and thy seed, with their seed. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, and thy children after thee.*







# *Katherine*

*My daughter, thy care and thy anxiety for thy parents from thy youth are not forgotten: They are fresh in my mind. . . . Thou shalt see many days of joy and consolation, for the days of prosperity shall come. Thou shalt have an inheritance with my family in the land of Zion, and thy seed after thee shall remain to the end, because of thy diligence and faithfulness before the Lord. I seal upon thee a father's blessing and promise that thy name shall be had in remembrance among the pure in heart for thou shalt live to a good old age, and depart to rest with thy Redeemer when thou art satisfied with this life; but before thou shalt go hence, even when thy judgement is perfected, thou shalt teach the young of thy sex, virtue, and sobriety, and those things which are duties of wives and mothers.*





William Whitaker 1972



# Carlos

*Thou art my youngest son, and the joy of my heart: Thou hast been faithful, and shall be blessed with all the blessings of thy father's family, for thou hast been diligent to learn the truth, and hast kept the commandments as far as they have been taught thee, from thy childhood. Thou shalt be made mighty in word and in deed in thy day and generation. Thou shalt have the ministering of holy angels and be taught from on high. . . . Thou shalt be powerful in proclaiming the gospel, and have all the blessings bestowed upon man. Thou shalt have communion with angels and the spirits of just men made perfect; and be able to teach this generation righteousness. Thou shalt teach thy children the way of righteousness, in the name of the Lord, perfectly, and they shall grow up without sin unto salvation, and never be afflicted with sickness nor be crippled, but shall grow up under thy teachings and be mighty instruments in the hands of God in bringing souls unto salvation; yea, even of bringing the word of salvation to the children of men.*





William Whiteaker 1972



# Lucy

*My child, even my youngest child, the child of my old age: Thou hast been a comfort to my heart and I have besought the Lord for blessings for thee in much prayer and fasting, for thou art a child, even a youth, surrounded with the follies and vanities of the Gentiles; therefore thou needest those to watch over thee who are experienced and wise. And now, this is the blessing which I have obtained thee. Thou shalt . . . rise up to call thy father beloved and so shall thy children bless thee. Thou shalt be blessed with my other children with an inheritance in the land of Zion for thee and thy seed after thee. Thou shalt have the desires of thy heart in righteousness. Thou shalt be of worth among thy sex after thou hast had experience. Thou shalt be taught much wisdom and learning. Thou shalt have dreams and visions; the holy angels shall minister unto thee. My child, I seal a father's blessing upon thee: Thou art the fruit of my loins, even in my old age, and thou art numbered among the chosen seed.*





William Whiteaker 1972



During these Ohio years Joseph Smith, Senior, served faithfully as Patriarch and President of the High Priesthood. In addition, he performed missionary work, aided in the construction of the Kirtland Temple, and conducted prayer and fast meetings in the Temple in spite of the opposition that existed around him.

Persecution was so great that when he arrived with his family in Missouri in 1838 their stay was brief. During the winter of 1839 they were forced to leave Missouri and to flee to Illinois for safety.

Due to these trying circumstances and exposure to inclement weather, Father Smith contracted a sickness that eventually caused his death on September 14, 1840.

Following the death of Joseph Smith, Senior, his son, the Prophet Joseph bore his testimony of his father:

*I have thought of my father who is dead, who died by disease which was brought upon him through suffering by the hands of ruthless mobs. He was a great and a good man. The envy of knaves and fools was heaped upon him, and this was his lot and portion all the days of his life.*

*He was of noble stature and possessed a high, and holy, and exalted, and virtuous mind. His soul soared above all those mean and groveling principles that are so congenial to the human heart. (To my knowledge, he never did a mean act in his life.) I love my father and his memory; and the memory of his noble deeds rests with ponderous weight upon my mind, and many of his kind and parental words to me are written on the tablet of my heart.*

*Sacred to me are the thoughts which I cherish of the history of his life, that have rolled through my mind, and have been implanted there by my own observation, since I was born. Sacred to me is his dust, and the spot where he is laid. Sacred to me is the tomb I have made to encircle o'er his head. Let the memory of my father eternally live. Let his soul, or the spirit, my follies forgive. With him may I reign one day in the mansions above, and tune up the lyre of anthems, of the eternal Jove. May the God that I love look down from above and save me from my enemies here, and take me by the hand that on Mount Zion I may stand, and with my father crown me eternally there.*



FIRSTBORN SON



EPHRAIM

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O God, let the residue of my father's house . . . ever come up in remembrance before thee and stand virtuous and pure in thy presence, that thou mayest save them from the hand of the oppressor, and establish their feet upon the rock of ages, that they may have place in thy house and be saved in thy kingdom, even where God, and Christ is, and let all these things be as I have said, for Christ's sake, Amen.

... Joseph A. Smith