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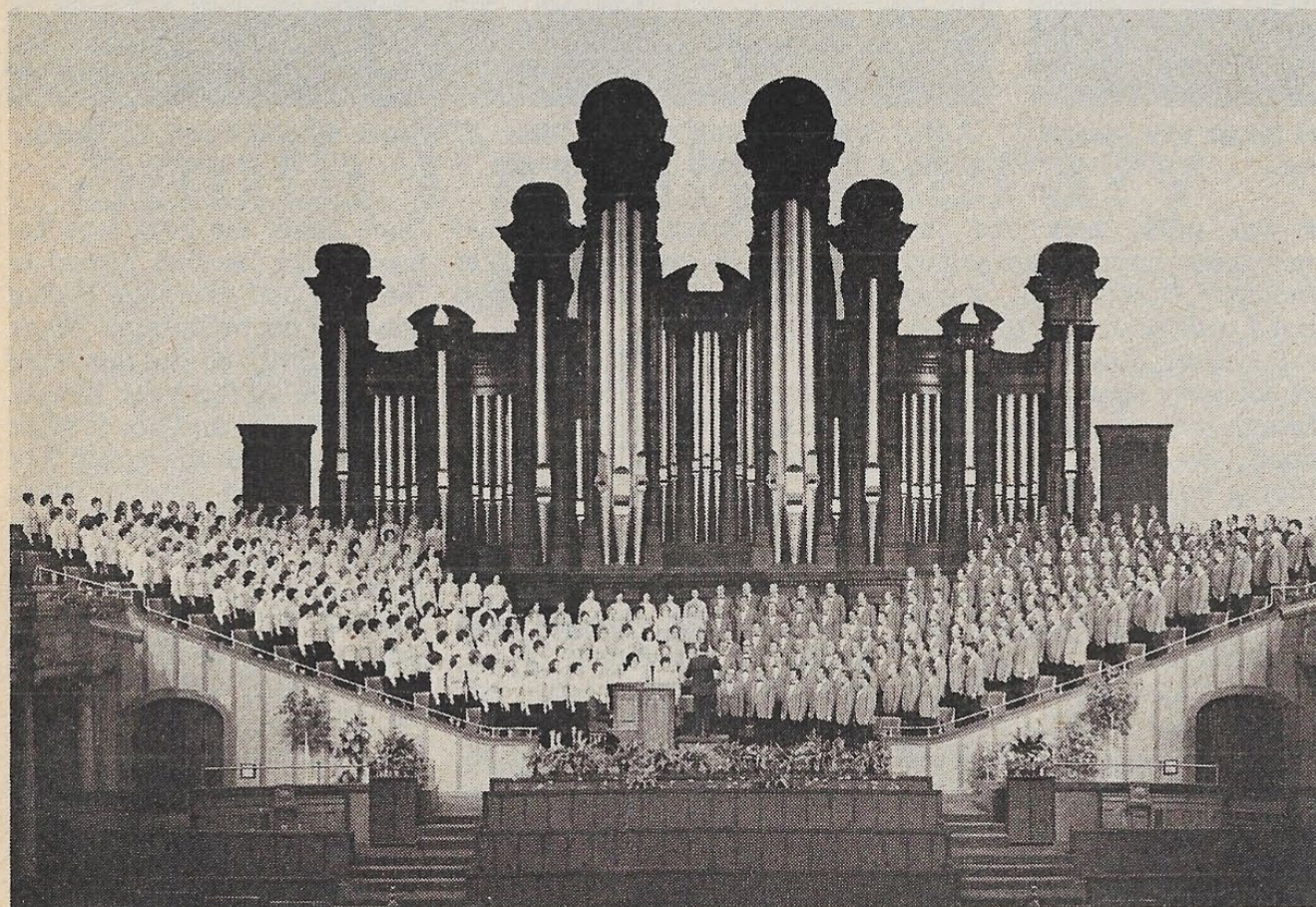
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1975 Reunion in Salt Lake City August 7, 8 & 9



World famous 375-voice Mormon Tabernacle Choir to perform

*Reception, Fellowship, Music, Film, Luncheon,
History, Banquet, Drama, & Sightseeing Featured*

The third biennial reunion of the descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith, will be held Thursday through Saturday, August 7, 8 & 9, on the 26th floor of the new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Office Building in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Church Office Building is the tallest building in Salt Lake City. The multi-purpose area on the 26th floor has a small stage, a spacious cultural hall for meetings, a kitchen, roof gardens and large picture windows that provide a spectacular view of the city, the surrounding mountains and the Great Salt Lake.

A get-acquainted reception is the first scheduled activity. This reception will be held Thursday, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., as family

members pick up registration packets and associate with kinsmen.

Following the reception, reunion members are invited to attend a rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the century-old Tabernacle, adjacent to the Assembly Hall and Temple, at nearby Temple Square. The 375-voice choir will perform in front of the towering pipes of the Tabernacle Organ.

The next reunion session will be Friday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Welcoming speeches, announcements and a special slide-film presentation concerning the family, produced by Buddy Youngreen, will highlight this meeting.

After a catered luncheon, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., reunion members will

reconvene for a special program.

At 6:30 p.m., Friday evening, the family will enjoy a banquet. Special entertainment will be presented during the dinner.

The banquet will conclude by 8:30 p.m., allowing reunion participants time to travel two blocks to the newly restored and refurbished Promised Valley Playhouse where they will be guests of honor at the evening performance of the musical-comedy "Promised Valley."

Chartered buses will take members of the Smith Family on a special interest tour of Salt Lake City beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Scheduled stops include the Beehive House, Territorial

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What the Past Reunions Have Meant to Me

By Gracia N. Denning

(Gracia is a great-great-granddaughter of Joseph Smith, Jr. She is married to Kay Denning and they have eight children. They reside in Whitefish, Montana.)

Little can we dream how much posterity we each may count in a hundred years? . . . so it must have been a little over 100 years ago with our

esteemed ancestor, Joseph Smith, Sr.

Could he have known that his posterity would number over 12,000? Could he have suspected the distances to which they would scatter in the course of time? . . . some as far away as Australia and Europe.

Would it have been within the realm of his imagination to suspect that within a few

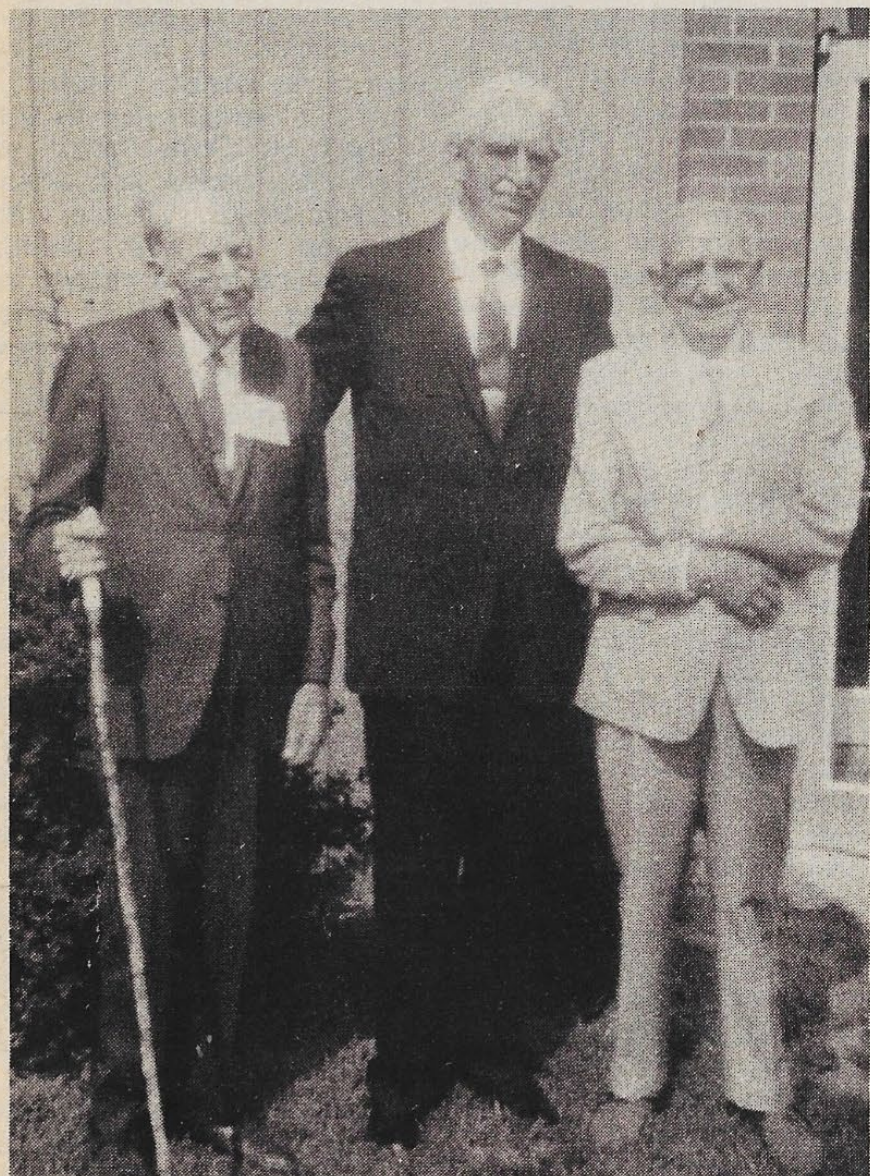
years after his death, bitterness and strife would sever the branches of his family, one from the other? Had he known these things, surely he would have urged that charity be practiced and the filial ties be mended. And, were it possible, even at this late date, would he not gather his kindred together to receive his council and affectionate advice? Knowing this to have been his nature in life, and believing as we do in the eternal existence of the soul, I fancy that the reunions thus accomplished, have been looked upon, by our progenitor, with benevolence and that the future gatherings will continue with his blessings, even from his vantage point beyond the veil.

To bring together the many factions of the family almost seemed like foolishness -- a pipe dream. It had been discussed at times by individuals within the family. Uncle J. Winter Smith, Uncle Willard R. Smith, Cousin Ralph G. Smith and Cousin Joseph Byron Smith, had all made attempts to bring such a reunion about. As the years passed, it seemed to be an unattainable dream.

The general opinion was well expressed by my Uncle Jim Horner when he heard of the idea. He looked startled and declared, "There's no place on earth big enough" . . . meaning the impracticality of bringing together such diverse and opposing ideologies as those existing among the Smith descendants.

Who it was that actually gave birth to the idea is in-

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(Left - right) J. Winter Smith, W. Wallace Smith and Willard R. Smith at first reunion in Nauvoo, Illinois, August of 1972



31-story L. D. S. Church Office Building is location for reunion activities

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Recreation specialist, Alma Heaton, will take charge of children this year

Activities for Young People Planned for 1975 Smith Reunion

Something new will be offered to the youngsters attending this year's Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion in Salt Lake City. Recreation specialist, Alma Heaton, is planning activities that are geared especially for children. These special activities will offer young people a chance for getting acquainted, on their own level, while they

engage in carefully planned recreational programs that coincide with all adult meetings.

Mr. Heaton is currently an Assistant Professor of Recreation at Brigham Young University. He has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe teaching and conducting recreation and dance

workshops. Professor Heaton has also been Vice President of the Utah Recreation Association.

According to Mr. Heaton, this year's agenda for the kids includes experiencing acrobatic maneuvers on an amazing elastic rope, creative games of skill and concentration, and even a treasure hunt.

Smith Family Library

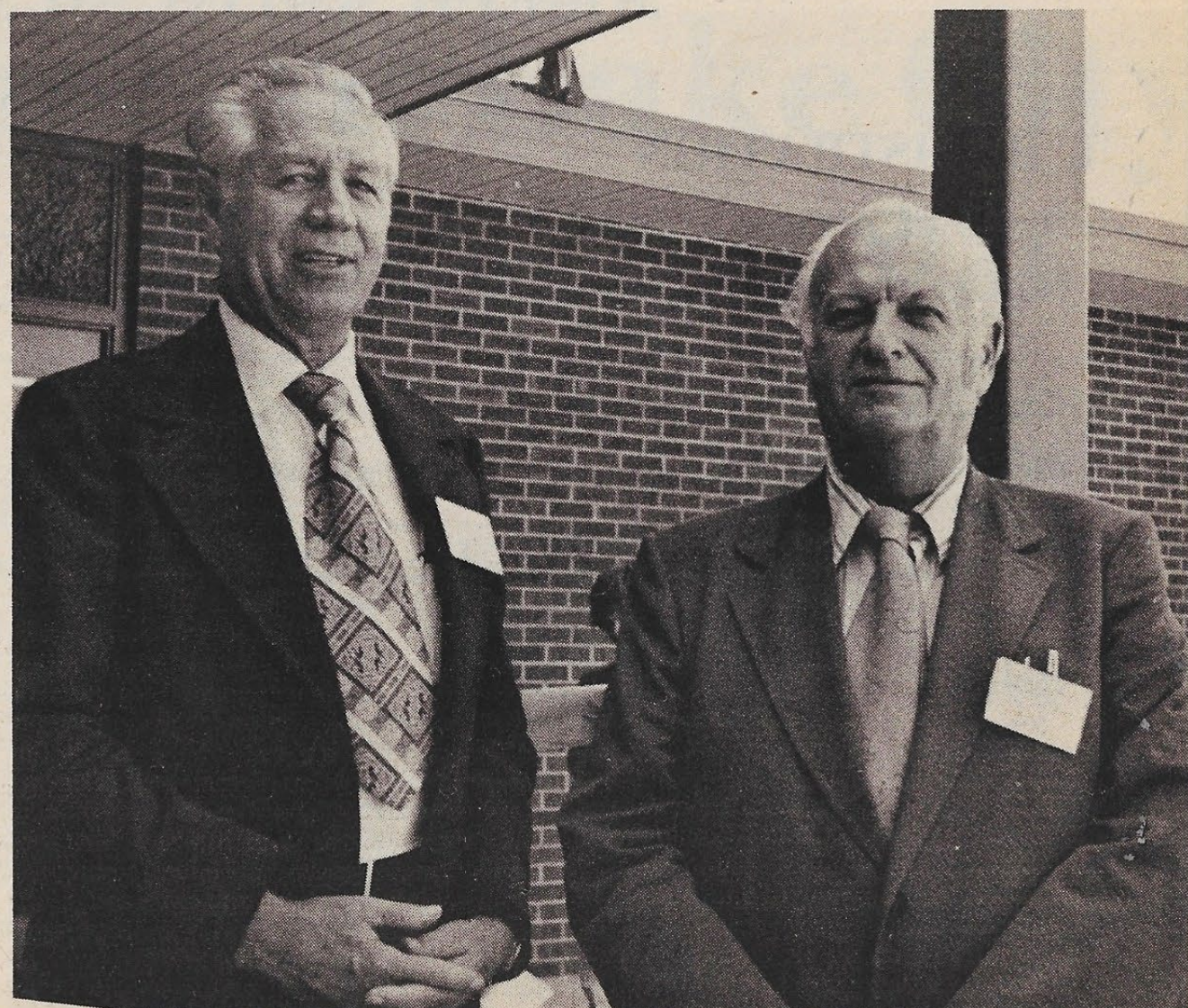
Following the 1973 reunion in Independence, Missouri, a committee was organized to establish, and maintain, a Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Library. The library will be housed in two locations; one at the Graceland College Library in Lamon, Iowa, and the other at the Brigham Young University Library in Provo, Utah.

The purpose of the library project is to preserve, in duplicate, the records of the Joseph Smith, Sr., Family. These records will include books, diaries, journals, booklets, newspaper and magazine articles, genealogical data, and related materials.

Lynn E. Smith of Independence, Missouri, a great-grandson of Joseph Smith, Jr., and a Patriarch in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will co-chairman this activity in connection with Eldred G. Smith of Salt Lake City, Utah, a great-great-grandson of Hyrum Smith, and the Presiding Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Paul M. Edwards, Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Graceland College, will serve as the liaison for the library project at Lamon while Truman G. Madsen, Director of the Institute of Mormon Studies at B. Y. U., will func-

tion in the same capacity at the Provo Campus. Buddy Youngreen, Executive Secretary of the Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion Organization and Ellis E. Craig, the new library project's Ways and Means Director, will function as acquisition coordinators for the library repositories.

Members of the family, and friends, who possess materials pertaining to the descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., are encouraged to contact the library liaisons, Paul M. Edwards or Truman G. Madsen, in care of their respective campuses and arrange for the preserving, or copying, of these materials.



Patriarchs Eldred G. Smith and Lynn E. Smith at 1973 reunion in Independence, Missouri



The first reunion of the Smith Family in 126 years took place in historic Nauvoo, Illinois, during August of 1972



Biennial reunions started with the second family gathering in Independence, Missouri, during August of 1973

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JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION

August 7, 8 & 9, 1975 - Salt Lake City, Utah

I. REGISTRATION

Name of person or family: _____

Names and ages of individual family members: _____

Address: (street) _____ (city) _____

(state) _____ (zip code) _____ (telephone) _____

Full name of family member related to Joseph Smith, Sr.: (first) _____

(middle or maiden) _____ (last) _____

Relationship traced: _____

II. FEES

Registration Fee:

(Adults \$4.00, Children, 12 and under, free)

Amount: _____

Friday Luncheon:

Friday Banquet:

(Adults \$4.00, Children, 12 and under, \$2.00)

Amount: _____

Saturday Picnic:

No Charge

Bus Tour of Salt Lake City:

No Charge

TOTAL: _____

PAID: _____

BAL. DUE: _____

Make checks payable to Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion.

III. HOUSING

Costs are high and while commercial accommodations are available, the western Smiths would like very much to share their homes with you who must travel to attend. We want to put you in touch with specific families and they will communicate with you in advance of your coming. In this way new friendships can be established and old acquaintances renewed and strengthened. If you prefer, we will also be happy to make reservations for you at a hotel or motel.

Our family prefers the following housing accommodations: _____

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Mail this reunion registration, together with fees, to *Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion, Box 151127, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115*

Signature of family member submitting reunion registration:

(Date) _____

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