

**The
Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith
Family Reunion**

Kirtland, Ohio

August 4-7, 1977

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Kirtland Temple – picture taken by Buddy Youngreen



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JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION

Independence, Missouri
May 1977

To The Descendents of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith:

You and your family are cordially invited to attend the fourth bi-annual family reunion which will be held at Kirtland, Ohio, August 4 to 7, 1977. If you have attended any of the previous reunions or read the Family Newspaper, you know that it is an occasion to look forward to with great joy and anticipation.

Plans have been laid which will take you back to the days of your forefathers when they walked these same paths, built a thriving community dedicated to the principles of Zion, and worked faithfully together to build the beautiful Kirtland Temple, which has recently been designated as a United States National Historic Landmark by the Department of Interior of the United States Government.

The reunion activities begin with a reception Thursday, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Social Hall across from the Temple. During the next few days you will enjoy programs and activities where well-informed speakers and family members will bring the Kirtland era to life. You will see again Buddy Younggreen's original film, "Seeds of Greatness". You will have opportunity to visit with cousins while you view the family art, crafts, and historic items which will be on display. You will be able to share with other family members their talents in singing and instrumental music. You will have opportunity to visit various historic landmarks. Guided tours will be available to groups to see and hear the story of Kirtland in preparation for the tour of the Kirtland Temple itself. Many visitors have reported that to them this has been an inspiring experience. There will be swimming and other recreational activities for the youth. The registration form provides you with the opportunity for volunteering your services in this regard.

It is anticipated that one of the highlights of the experience will be the narrated re-enactment of the Kirtland Temple dedicatory service which is scheduled for the last day of the reunion, Sunday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Following this service we will say our farewell till we meet again, and then make our way to our own homes, taking with us a renewed awareness of our mutual heritage and shared love and concerns.

Yours in family bonds,

Lynn & Lorene Smith

Co-chairmen for the 1977 Reunion
for the Joseph Smith, Jr. Family



1977 Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion Group Photo

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Kirtland, Ohio



Bus Travel Memories



Joseph F. Patrick and Buddy Youngreen



Darcy and her grandmother, Lucille Major



Lorena Normandeau, Geneva Smith, and Joseph F. Patrick



Jared Youngreen and David Denning



Cleone Isom and Edith Smith Patrick



Buddy Youngreen's family



Hyrum Gee Smith and son,
Hyrum Engberg Smith



Bus driver and Smith family member, Bob
Eliason



Jared Youngreen and Edith Smith Patrick



A fun and lively group inside the bus

Reunion Agenda

LUCY MACK AND JOSEPH SMITH, SR. FAMILY REUNION

Kirtland, Ohio

August 4-7, 1977

Thursday, August 4:

6:00 to 9:00 pm: Reception at the Social Hall across from the Temple
Refreshments to be served by the R.L.D.S. Women.
Pick up your name tags, meal tickets, and complete
payment for registration and meal reservations.

Friday, August 5:

8:00 to 9:00 am: New Arrivals to Complete Reservations at This Time
9:00 to 10:15 am: Opening Session at the Social Hall
10:30 to 11:45 am: Address "The Kirtland Era" By Dr. Truman G. Madsen
In the Kirtland Temple (Proper Attire Is Requested)
12:00 to 1:00 pm: Luncheon Served In The Social Hall (Meal Ticket)
1:00 to 2:00 pm: Tour of Kirtland Temple (Group "A") (Proper Attire)
Meet in the Guide Service Building South of Temple.
2:00 to 3:15 pm. Address "The Restoration of the Kirtland Temple"
By Kenneth Byrns, Bishop of the R.L.D.S. Kirtland Stake
3:15 to 4:15 pm: Tour of Kirtland Temple (Group "B") (Proper Attire)
Others may want to visit, relax or view historic sites.
Parents are to supervise the swimming at the motel.
6:00 to 8:30 pm: Banquet at the Social Hall (Use your banquet ticket)
Special Music and Entertainment by the Frogley Family
Vignettes of Members of the Smith Family
8:40 to 9:40 pm: Rehearsal for the Musicians and Participants in the
Saturday Night Talent Show (In the Social Hall)

Saturday, August 6:

8:00 to 9:00 am: Set Up the Arts & Craft Show and Artifact Display
9:00 to 10:15 am: Address "The Role of the Women in the Kirtland Era"
By Gracia Denning
10:30 to 11:45 am: Dramatization "Joseph Smith, Jr. The Man - The Prophet"
By Bryce Chamberlain
12:00 to 1:00 pm. Luncheon in the Social Hall (Meal Tickets)
1:00 to 2:00 pm: Tour of Kirtland Temple (Group "C") (Proper Attire)
1:15 to 4:00 pm: Arts and Craft Show and Visiting (In the Social Hall)
4:00 to 5:00 pm: Tour of Kirtland Temple (Group "D") (Proper Attire)
5:00 pm - Dinner - Committee
7:00 to 8:00 pm: Talent Show (In the Social Hall)
8:00 to 9:00 pm: Film and Sound Presentation "Seeds of Greatness"
By Buddy Younggreen (In the Social Hall)
9:00 to 9:45 pm "The Temple Drama"

Sunday, August 7:

8:40 to 8:55 am: Assemble Quietly in the Kirtland Temple
(Proper Attire is Requested)
9:00 to 10:00 am: Historic Re-enactment With Narration
Of the Kirtland Dedication Service

(May the Lord Watch Over You On Your Journey Home.)

Registration



Handling Registration: Lenore and Dan Larsen, Josephine Ebeling, Lynn & Lorene Smith, and Barbara Martin

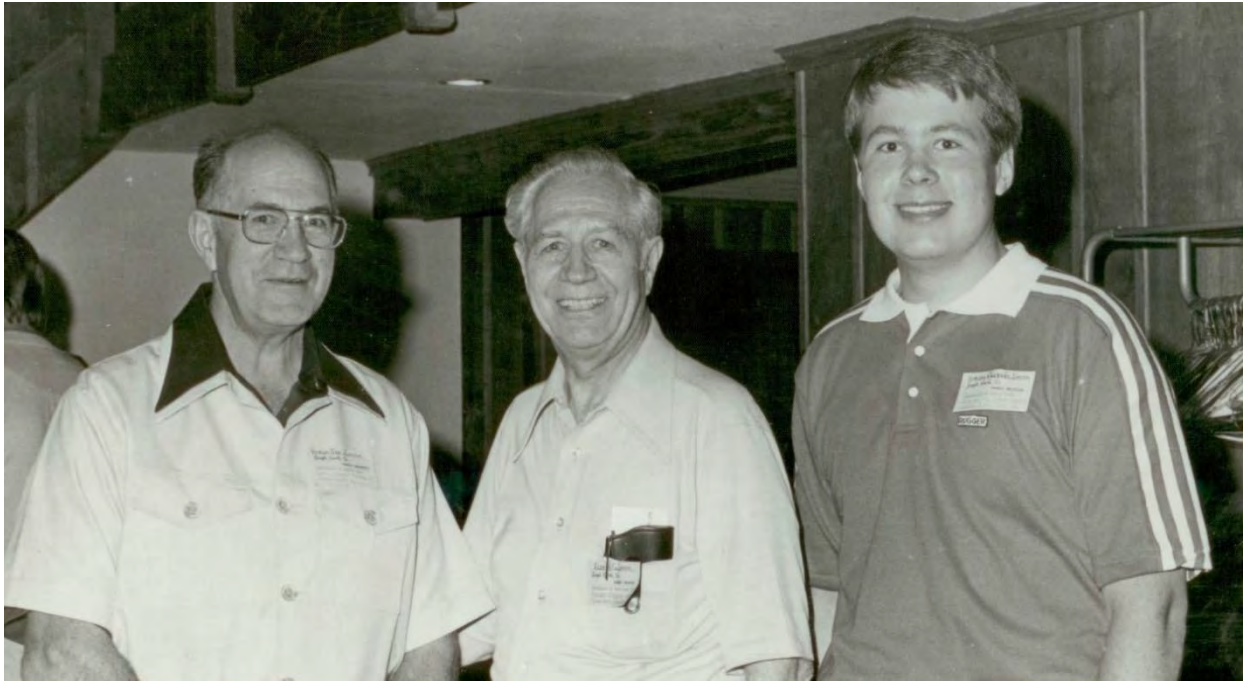


Geneva Smith and Josephine Ebeling looking through memorabilia

Banquet and Luncheons – were held at the Social Hall across from the Kirtland Temple



Left to right: not identified, DeAnn Startup, Buddy Youngreen, Diane Startup, and not identified



Eldred's brother, Hyrum Gee Smith, Eldred G. Smith, and Hyrum's son, Hyrum Engberg Smith during the talent show



Ann & Truman G. Madsen - speaker



Lorena Normandeau and Arthur G. Smith

BC-Reunion, 24th

KIRTLAND, Ohio (AP) - About 400 descendants of the founder of the Church of Latter-day Saints ~~had~~ had an old-fashioned "Smith" family reunion this weekend at the Kirtland Temple.

"I've got a headache from figuring who is whose cousin three times removed," said Mrs. Lynn Smith of Independence, Mo., one of the sponsors of the non-denominational reunion.

The "Smiths" who showed up for a banquet and temple ceremonies are related to Joseph Smith Jr., the founder of both the Mormon Church, which has headquarters in Salt Lake City, and the Reorganized Church of Latter-Day Saints in Independence.

The Smiths put their religious differences aside, however, for festivities recalling the days when their ancestors lived in Kirtland between 1831 and 1838. Both sects view the Kirtland Temple as a shrine.

Ceremonies included the laying of a wreath on the grave of Mary Duty Smith, grandmother of the church's founder, who is buried in the temple cemetery.

"We sent out 2,500 letters to Smith descendants," Mrs. Smith said. "And we only scratched the surface."

She said color-coded tags were devised to keep the different Smiths who showed up from being totally confused.

Many women wore costumes from the 1830s during the banquet. "There must be five or six generations here," Mrs. Smith said. "The youngest is three months old and the oldest is well up into the 90s."

Color Coded Nametags

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF CATHERINE SMITH

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF DON CARLOS SMITH

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF LUCY SMITH

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF UNCLE JOHN

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF HYRUM SMITH

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF JOSEPH SMITH, JR.

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF SOPHONIA SMITH

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF SAMUEL SMITH

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
GUEST

Joseph Smith, Sr.
FAMILY REUNION
DESCENDANT OF WILLIAM SMITH

SMITH FAMILY REUNION SONG SHEET - 1977

KIRTLAND, OHIO

1. THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER

The more we get together,
together, together,
The more we get together,
the happier we'll be.
For your kin is my kin
and my kin is your kin
The more we get together
The happier we'll be!

2. RECONCILIATION by Elbert A. Smith

When we learn to walk in kindness,
Wear the smile, forget the frown,
When we gladly shall forgive men
full and free.
Every small and bitter envy,
every malice trampled down,
What a strong and happy people
we shall be!

Chorus:

What a hap-py, hap-py,
What a strong and happy people
we shall be.
What a hap-py, hap-py,
What a strong and happy people
we shall be!

3. FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith
We will be true to thee till death.

4. NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

No man is an island
No man stands alone;
Each man's joy is joy to me.
Each man's grief is my own.
We need one another,
So I will defend
Each man as my brother,
Each man as my friend.

Solo

I saw the people gather
I heard the music start
The song that they were singing
Is ringing in my heart.

Repeat verse

5. WE'RE ON THE UPWARD TRAIL

We're on the upward trail,
we're on the upward trail,
Singing as we go,
Zion bound.

We're on the upward trail,
we're on the upward trail,
Singing, singing, everybody singing,
Zion bound.

(Can be sung as a round)

6. KUM BA YAH

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!
Oh Lord, Kum ba yah!

2. Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
3. Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!
4. Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!

Tours



Newel K. Whitney Store: Klis Hale, Ellis Craig, Kay & Gracia Denning, Toni with Jared and Clinton Youngreen, Ann & Truman Madsen, and Bryce Chamberlain



Newel K. Whitney Store: Klis Hale, Kay & Gracia Denning with son, David, Toni & Buddy Youngreen, Ann & Truman Madsen, Jared Youngreen, and Bryce Chamberlain



Eldred G. Smith and Buddy Youngreen



Eldred G. Smith at the John Johnson Farm – Hiram, Ohio



Ruth & Harold Derk at the John Johnson Farm – Hiram, Ohio

Wreath Placed in Honor of Mary Duty Smith – Kirtland Cemetery



Eldred G. Smith and Buddy Youngreen



Eldred G. Smith honoring Mary Duty Smith in Kirtland, Ohio



Eldred G. Smith and Ralph Smith participating in short program at a memorial headstone for Mary Duty Smith



Bud Fredrick's niece, JoAnn, and Donna Frogley by wreath at Mary Duty Smith's memorial



The Smith Family gathered to pay tribute to Mary Duty Smith



The Smith Family at the Kirtland Cemetery



Looking down from the wreath into the gathered family - front left is Lorene Smith and Edith Smith Patrick and on the front right is Jeanine Rabe and Janet Nilson



The family gathered during one of the meetings



Great-great granddaughter of William Smith, Kathleen & Bruce Dyson speaking with Ellis Craig



Left to right: Ethel & Joseph Patrick, and Lorene & Lynn Smith



Edith S. Patrick, Cleone Isom, and Hyrum Gee Smith



Eldred G. Smith, his siter, Cleone S. Isom, Klis Hale, Alice Cannon, Josephine Ebeling, Lucille Smith

Kirtland Temple Dedication Reenactment



Eldred G. Smith on the steps of the Kirtland Temple



Lynn Smith welcoming the family at the Kirtland Temple





Klis Hale, Toni & Buddy Younggreen, Lorene & Lynn Smith, Ann & Truman Madsen
after the reenactment of the Kirtland Temple Dedication



Buddy & Toni Younggreen, Eldred G. Smith, Ann & Truman Madsen, and Klis Hale outside the Kirtland Temple



Kay & Gracia Denning, Lorena Normandeau, Lori Denning, Alice Denning, and David Denning



Lynn & Lorene Smith with Bryce Chamberlain



Geneva Smith, Buddy & Toni Youngreen, Eldred G. Smith, and Ann & Truman Madsen at the Kirtland Temple



Rhonda Frogley, Hyrum Engberg Smith, and Renae Startup



David Smith, grandson of Samuel Smith



Buddy Youngreen speaking with Bryce Chamberlain, a faculty member at Brigham Young University, portrayed the Prophet Joseph Smith for the family in Kirtland



Bryce Chamberlain gave the family a portrayal of the Prophet Joseph Smith



Lorene & Lynn Smith speaking to the bus group



Travelers: Jared Younggreen and David Denning



Lucille Major and Gracia Denning



Hyrum Engberg Smith and Hyrum Gee Smith



Left to right: Naomi, Lucille Major, Cleone Isom, Geneva Smith, Janet Nilson, and Edith Patrick



Eldred's uncle, Ralph and Geneva Smith



Buddy Younggreen singing on the bus



Kay Denning, Bob Eliason, and Joseph F. Patrick





Back row: Andrea Patrick, Alice Denning, Frances Patrick, Mariann Rabe, Kay Denning, not identified, Ann Cannon, and Hyrum Gee Smith. Front: Jared and Toni Younggreen, Gracia Denning, and Jeanine Rabe



Back row: Hyrum Gee Smith, Ralph Smith, Lucille Major, and Hyrum Engberg Smith, Asenath Smith, and Alice Smith. Middle: Janet Nilson, Geneva Smith, Cleone Isom, Edith Patrick. Front: Jeanine Rabe, Julie Nichols, not identified, and Joseph Patrick



Back row: Hyrum Engberg Smith, Asenath Smith, Alice Smith, not identified, not identified, Darlene ?, Emily Covert, Lorena Normandeau, not identified. Front: Edith Patrick, Joseph Patrick, Aunt Lucille, not identified, and Alice Cannon.



Lorena Normandeau and Gracia Denning



Cleone Isom and Edith Patrick



Back row left to right: Darlene Smith, Marianne Rabe, Jeannie Rabe, not identified, Stacey Patrick, Frances Patrick, Andrea Patrick, Lori Denning, Darcy Major, and Alice Denning. Front row: not identified, Jared Younggreen, Clinton Younggreen, and David Denning.



Ralph Smith relaxing at one of the bus stops