

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

Provo, Utah  
August 2 – 5, 1981

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## JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION

May 19, 1981

Dear Family Member:

The July 7th food and housing registration deadline for all potential participants in the Sixth Biennial Family Reunion at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, August 6-9, is fast approaching. By means of this letter, you are being sent reunion food and housing information, a registration form, and a map of the Brigham Young University campus.

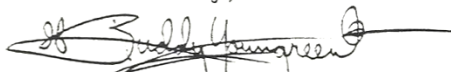
To insure proper preparation for everyone concerned, please read the enclosed information carefully. Fill out the registration form, sign it, and mail it to the address indicated, along with the required fees, as soon as possible. On Thursday, August 6th, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., all reunion participants are to check in at the Morris Center, located in the Deseret Towers on the BYU campus. (Please, temporarily, leave luggage in your vehicle.) At that time, registration can be completed with the payment of dues (\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family) and the issuing of registration packets, which will include a receipt for housing and food costs, room assignments, keys, meal tickets, name tags, agendas for adult and youth activities and baby-sitting information.

Warm days and cool nights characterize Provo during August so plan to dress accordingly. If you enjoy sports, bring your individual sports equipment. BYU and the community has golf, tennis, handball, swimming, bowling, basketball, and indoor track facilities. While the many campus attractions are made available to the family, all registrants are respectfully requested to maintain the standards of Brigham Young University.

Since increasingly rising printing costs and postage rates prohibit frequent communications, the family is reminded that all future biennial reunions will take place on odd-numbered years (1983, 1985, 1987, etc.), during the first Thursday through Sunday in August.

My happiness in serving you all increases each reunion. Thank you for your expressions of love and support. May the Lord watch between us while we are absent, one from the other, and may He inspire more and more of the family to share in the joy of being together.

Sincerely,



Buddy Younggreen  
Executive-Secretary

Enclosures

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August 6-9, 1981

Food and Housing Information:

Campus housing is available for the Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion guests. Bed linen and towels are provided. Sleeping rooms have two single beds and central bath facilities (rooms with private baths are not available). You may want to bring a bathrobe. Family accommodations will be in adjacent rooms in Deseret Towers and Helaman Halls. There will be limited housing in Heritage Halls.

The food and housing package begins with lodging on Thursday, August 6 and ends with a continental breakfast Sunday morning, August 9, 1981. Meals include a snack buffet Thursday evening, breakfast, lunch, dinner Friday and Saturday with a continental breakfast Sunday morning. The housing package includes lodging Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Additional nights may be arranged by contacting the office of General Services (801-378-3869). These additional nights will cost \$6.50 per person per night (shared room accommodations).

Food and Housing Packages:\*

Package #1 (Housing, luau, banquet, and cafeteria meals) . . . . . \$41.50  
Thursday, August 6 - Room, snack buffet  
Friday, August 7 - Breakfast, lunch, luau, room  
Saturday, August 8 - Breakfast, lunch, banquet, room  
Sunday, August 9 - Continental breakfast

Package #2 (Housing and all cafeteria meals) . . . . . \$35.00  
Thursday, August 6 - Room, snack buffet  
Friday, August 7 - Breakfast, lunch, dinner, room  
Saturday, August 8 - Breakfast, lunch, dinner, room  
Sunday, August 9 - Continental breakfast

Package #3 (Luau and banquet only) . . . . . \$17.00  
Friday, August 7 - Luau  
Saturday, August 8 - Banquet

Package #4 (Luau only) . . . . . \$ 8.50  
Friday, August 7 - Luau

Package #5 (Banquet only) . . . . . \$ 8.50  
Saturday, August 8 - Banquet

Package #6 (Housing only) . . . . . \$18.00  
Thursday, August 6 - Room  
Friday, August 7 - Room  
Saturday, August 8 - Room

Package #7 (Housing only) . . . . (7 years of age and under) . . . . \$13.00  
Thursday, August 6 - Room  
Friday, August 7 - Room  
Saturday, August 8 - Room

\*All packages except package #7 include administrative fees

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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP  
128 HAROLD R CLARK BLDG  
PROVO UT 84602

DEAR FAMILY, THOUGH MANY MILES SEPARATE US, WE ARE WITH YOU IN MIND  
AND SPIRIT AS YOU GATHER FOR OUR SIXTH FAMILY REUNION. THIS IS THE  
FIRST ONE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND, AND WE SHALL MISS SEEING  
EACH OF YOU. MAY THE LORDS RICHEST BLESSINGS BE TO EACH OF YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILIES. WE SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 1983 AT  
GRACELAND COLLEGE. IN FAMILY BONDS OF LOVE,

LYNN AND LORENE SMITH INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI (1513 WEST WALNUT  
INDEPENDENCE MO 64050)

1733 EST

A telegram from Lynn and Lorene Smith wishing everyone well and inviting all to meet them at Graceland College in 1983.



The Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion Group Photo – 1981

**August 6 – 9, 1981**  
**Provo, Utah**

Although the deadline for registration by mail has passed, Smith descendents can still participate in this year's reunion by registering in person at BYU's Morris Center in the Deseret Towers between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, August 6th. At that time they can choose from the seven different food and housing (Deseret Towers) packages available at the more-than-reasonable rates. On-campus baby sitting is provided during meetings, as well as a program of special activities for teenagers. Plenty of free time has been scheduled for campus tours and attractions.

According to Buddy Youngreen, the number of descendents of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith today exceeds the entire population of the city of Nauvoo at the time of the martyrdom of Joseph Smith (11,057). Mr. Youngreen expects about 600 descendents to attend this year's reunion, but since BYU facilities can house and feed 12,000, there's room for everyone with a Joseph Smith, Sr. heritage.

### Thursday, August 6, 1981 – Registration

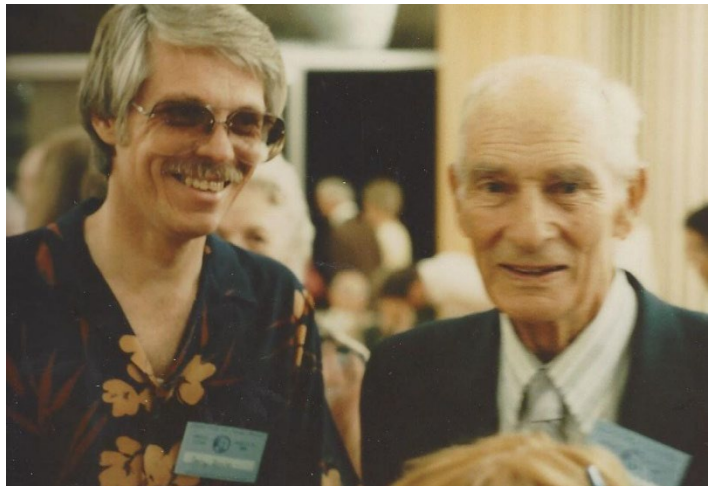




Many people helped with registration



David and Gracia Denning



Gary Smith on the left and Uncle David Smith



Dan Patrick, Virginia Musser, Sybil Palmer, Joseph F. Patrick at welcome reception



Sybil Palmer, who played Old Emma in Buddy's play, Yesterday and Forever, Jerry Johnson, and not identified



Ralph & Margaret Tinsey



l to r: Lynette Parkinson, Debra Broberg, lone Woodland, baby Mykell Smith now Saunders, Ronda Smith, Donna Lee Frogley, H. Ronald Frogley



First two in front, facing away from camera: Virginia Musser and not identified talking with Edith S. Patrick, Stacey Patrick, Dan Patrick in back, Joseph F. Patrick speaking with man not identified yet at welcome reception.



Kenny and Colleen Duke



Woman at left not identified yet with Marian Warner visiting at the family displays during the reunion





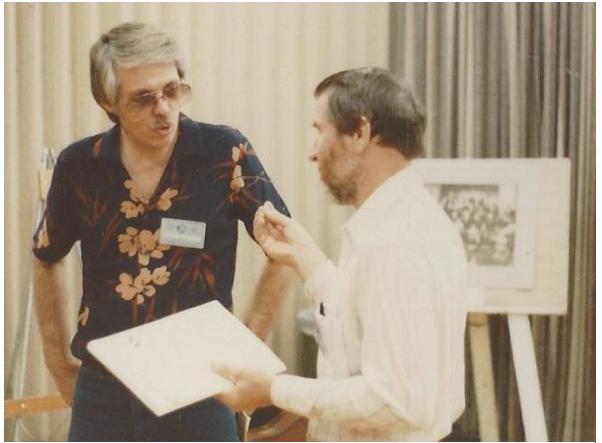
Hortense & Eldred G. Smith



Karen Woodruff, Geri Perkins, Lisa Perkins, Norma Broadhead, Renee Park, Robert Park, Darlene Lawrence



Toni Youngreen on left



Gary Smith and Kenny Duke



Get Acquainted Reception



Margo Wright singing and playing the guitar for the family



*Agenda*



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**JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION**

**August 6, 7, 8, & 9, 1981**

**Brigham Young University**

**Provo, Utah**

Chairman: Buddy Youngreen, Provo, Utah

**Thursday, August 6th:**

**4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. .... Lobby, George Q. Morris Center  
Deseret Towers Residence Halls**

Check-in, Registration and Room Assignments

**8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. .... Stepdown Lounge, Joseph F. Smith  
Family Living Center**

Get-acquainted Reception hosted by the Joseph F. Smith Family

Snack Buffet

Special Music by the Happy Valley Wire Choir and Margo Wright

**Friday, August 7th:**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. .... Cafeteria, George Q. Morris Center  
Breakfast Deseret Towers Res. Halls**

**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. .... Auditorium, Joseph Smith Memorial Building**

Welcome and Announcements by Buddy Youngreen, Executive Secretary

Treasurer Report by E. Gary Smith

Oral Presentation "Joseph Smith, Sr. and His Family"

by Eldred G. Smith

Film "Seeds of Greatness" produced by Buddy Youngreen

Family Portrait

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. .... Cafeteria, Ernest L. Wilkinson Center**

Lunch

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. . . . . Auditorium, Joseph Smith Memorial Building**  
 Oral Presentation “ Joseph Smith and Religious Zionism”  
 by Truman G. Madsen  
 Special Music by Percy Kalt, violinist, and Nancy Brownlee, pianist  
 Oral Presentation “ Lucy Mack Smith; A Mother in Israel”  
 by Jaynann M. Payne

**4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. . . . . Auditorium, Joseph Smith Memorial Building  
 or Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum**  
 Tours of B.Y.U. Campus and Life Science Museum

**6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. . . . . Pool and Patio  
 Helaman Residence Halls**  
 Luau and Pool Party  
 Entertainment by the Aloha Islanders

**Saturday, August 8th:**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. . . . . Cafeteria, George Q. Morris Center,  
 Breakfast Deseret Towers Res. Halls**

**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. . . . . Auditorium, Joseph Smith Memorial Building**  
 Oral Presentation “ Samuel H. Smith: Humility, Spirituality and Testimony”  
 by Richard L. Anderson  
 Special Music by Marion Catherine Smith, soprano, Gregory J. Griffiths,  
 tenor and Debbie Griffiths, piano accompanist  
 Oral Presentation “ Joseph Smith and the Bible” by Robert J. Matthews

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. . . . . Cafeteria, Ernest L. Wilkinson Center  
 Lunch**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. . . . . Joseph Smith Memorial Building**  
 Entertainment by Jim and Liz Roehr  
 Oral Presentation “Emma Hale Smith; the Elect Lady”  
 by Lynn E. Smith  
 Special Music by the Ralph Woodward Choral  
 Dramatic Presentation “ Portrait of Emma” by Jody Renstrom

**4:14 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. . . . . Auditorium, Joseph Smith Memorial Building or  
 Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum**  
 Tours of B.Y.U. Campus and Life Science Museum

**6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. . . . . Main Ballroom, Ernest L. Wilkinson Center**  
 Banquet  
 Special Music by Gayle Smith, cellist, and Kalleen Tracy, pianist  
 Oral Presentation “The World of Joseph Smith” by Hugh Nibley  
 Entertainment by the B.Y.U. International Folk Dancers

**Sunday, August 9th:**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. .... Cafeteria, Missionary Training Center**  
Continental Breakfast hosted by the Samuel H. Smith Family

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m..... Auditorium, Missionary Training Center**  
Oral Presentation " The Prophet Joseph Smith " by Mark E. Peterson  
Special Music by Gregory J. Griffiths, tenor, Debbie Griffiths, piano acc.

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. .... Samuel Harrison Smith Building**  
Tour **Missionary Training Center**

**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. .... Lobby, George Q. Morris Center**  
Check-out **Deseret Towers Residence Halls**



We wish to express appreciation to the following, who served on the reunion committee of 1981.

**Eldred G. and Hortense Smith**  
**Joseph F. and Ethel C. Patrick**  
**Marian N. Warner**  
**Earl H. Peirce**  
**Edna Mae Hedquist**  
**Lynn E. and Lorene Smith**  
**Daniel M. and Lenore Larsen**  
**Gracia N. Denning**

**Lorena Normandeau**  
**Joseph Byron Smith**  
**Marion Catherine Smith**  
**Esther Smith**  
**Virginia Musser**  
**Dorothy Dean**  
**Kenny E. and Colleen Duke**  
**Bruce and Kathleen Dyson**  
**Buddy and Toni Youngreen**

We also wish to express appreciation to the departments of Conferences and Workshops and General Services, Brigham Young University.

Our gratitude is especially extended to Glen McClure, Terry Petersen, Carol Roberts, Doug Selin, Dorothy Wilson and Pamela Echols of those departments.

**Friday, August 7, 1981 – Luau**



Lorena Normandeau, Jen Cohen, Gracia Denning, and David Denning



Dan Larsen and Sybil Palmer



Darlene Lawrence, Renee Park, Robert Park, and Norma Broadhead



Lorena Normandeau (Joseph descendant) and Ruth Derk (Kathrine descendant)



Virginia Musser holding a young one



William descendants: Bruce & Kathleen Dyson



BYU Helaman Residence Halls – Dinner gathering



BYU Helaman Residence Halls – Dinner gathering







Melissa & Craig Ballard, with Barbara and Elder Ballard



Standing not identified, Eldred G. Smith, Earl Pierce and his wife, and Hortense Smith

Saturday, August 8, 1981 – Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Auditorium



Cleone Isom, Geneva Smith, Eldred G. & Hortense Smith



Third from left is Virginia Musser

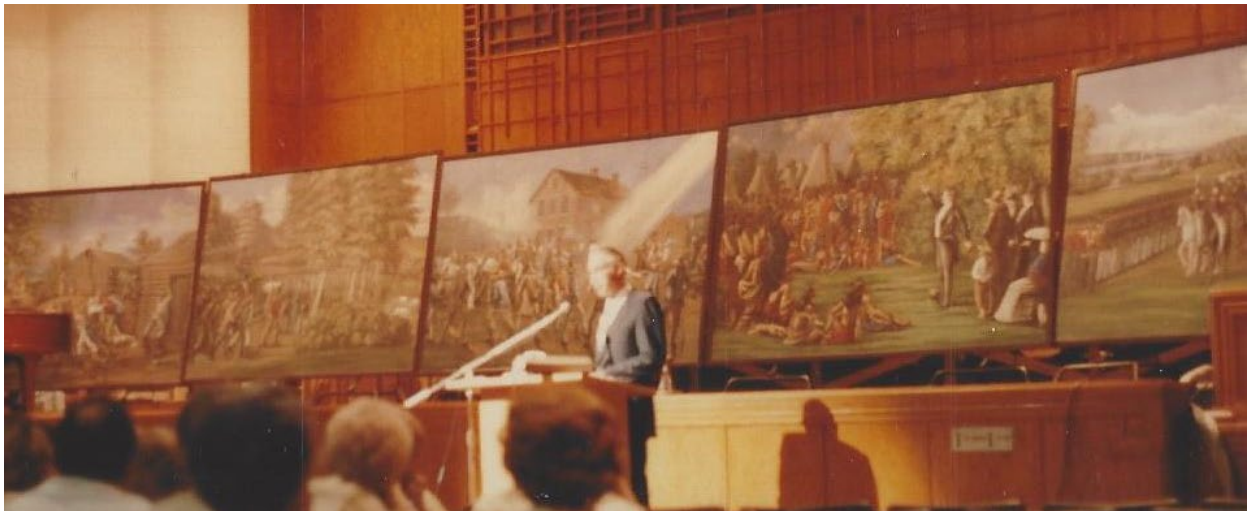




Sybil Palmer



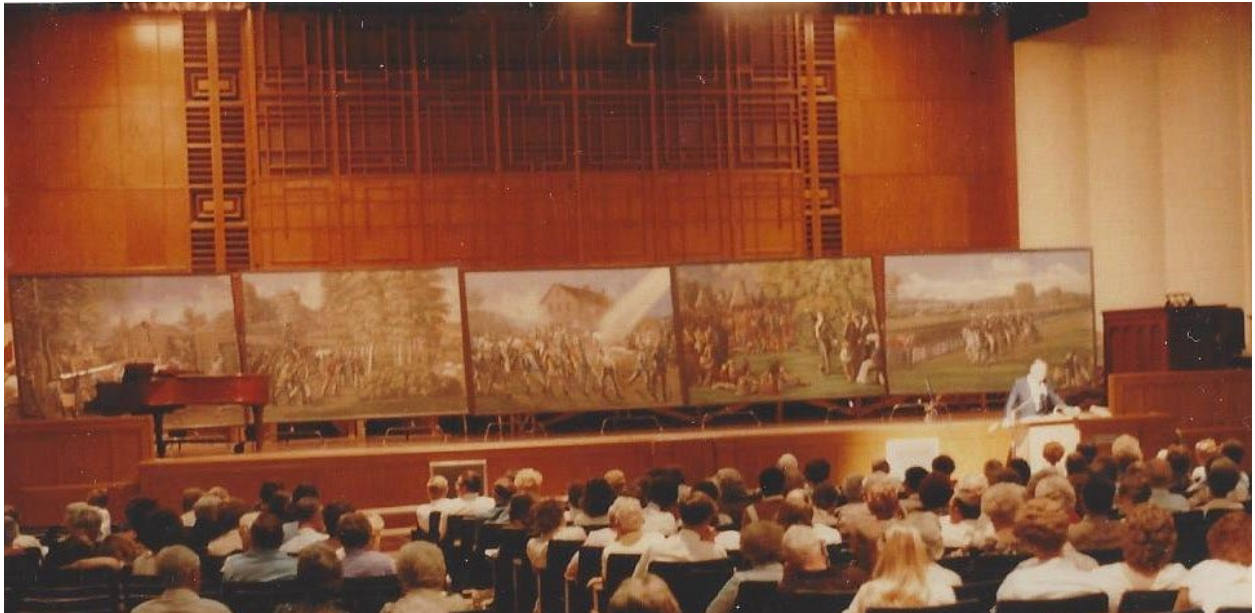
Richard L. Anderson



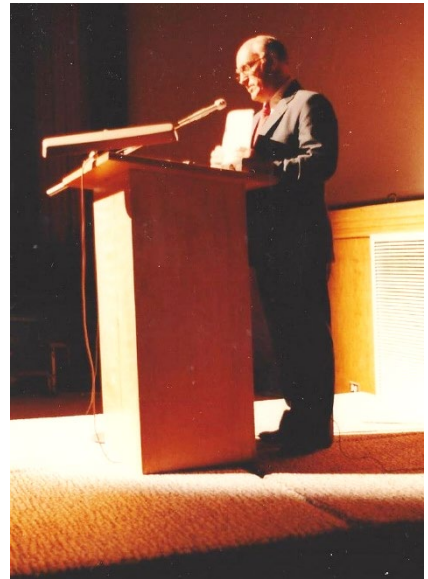
Richard L. Anderson spoke about "Samuel H. Smith: Humility, Spirituality and Testimony."



Ralph Woodward Choral



Edith S. Patrick



Robert J. Matthews, Ancient Scripture and Religious Education at BYU



Jody Renstrom performing, *Portrait of Emma*

**Portrait of Emma**  
**Life of Emma Hale Smith**  
**one-woman show**  
**by**  
**Jody Renstrom**

By following a personal admonition to study the lives of faithful LDS women and because of her love for the arts, Mrs. Renstrom has written and directed her one-woman show *Portrait of Emma*.

Mrs. Renstrom is co-owner with her husband, Keith, of a family-oriented community theatre located in Provo, Utah. The Valley Centre Theatre has been in operation for the past four years.

Mrs. Renstrom is the mother of six children and is an active member of the LDS Church. Her oldest son is presently serving a mission in Ventura, California.

*Portrait of Emma* has traveled throughout the states of Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. The show will be traveling extensively in the future.

**Special Appreciation to:**

Eugene Kovalenko for his rendition of  
vocal solos written by David H. Smith,  
Sandra Mangum—accompanist,  
Audra Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laycock,  
Mrs. Renstrom's husband Keith,  
Her Mother & Father—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Berg

**Portrait of Emma**  
725 South 500 East  
Orem, Utah 84057  
(801) 225-5253

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## Saturday Night Banquet – Main Ballroom



## Sunday, August 9, 1981



Speaker: Lethe Coleman Tatge (from "The Mailbox") testifying of Joseph Smith to a group of children. She recounts what her great-grandfather told her of his firsthand experiences with the Prophet and links the children to the prophet by a chain of hands that have touched. You can view her story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPK9zLanTGU>



Buddy thanking Lethe Coleman Tatge after the program



Missionary Training Center Auditorium



Buddy asking the great grandchildren to stand as he introduced them



Buddy Youngreen standing on the left and Mark E. Petersen at the podium



Kenny Duke, not identified, Dan Larsen, Gracia Denning, Gary Smith, and Buddy Youngreen speaking



Buddy Younggreen, Eldred G. Smith, and not identified



Hortense & Eldred G. Smith, not identified, Elder Mark E. Petersen, Elbert Startup, and Gracia Denning



Buddy Younggreen, Hortense & Eldred G. Smith, not identified assistant, Elder Mark E. Petersen, and Elbert Startup