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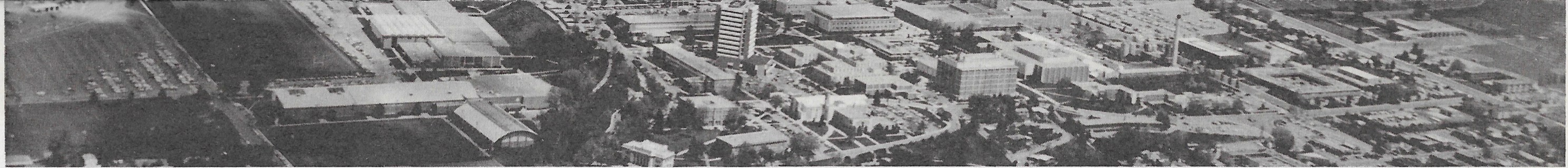


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Brigham Young University is August 6-9 Location Site



JOSEPH SMITH MEMORIAL BUILDING

August 6, 7, 8 & 9, 1981, are the dates scheduled for the sixth biennial reunion of the several thousand descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack. All family members are cordially invited to attend according to Buddy Youngreen, Executive - Secretary of the Joseph Smith, Sr. family organization.

The four-day activity will take place at Brigham Young University. B.Y.U. is located in Provo, Utah, nestled at the base of the towering Wasatch Mountains and overlooking beautiful Utah Lake. Brigham Young is the nations largest private university with an enrolment of 26,000 students.

The reunion officially begins Thursday, August 6th with registration finalization at the Joseph F. Smith Family Living Center. Housing assignments, meal-tickets, agendas, maps, nametags and souvenir programs will be distributed between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. that day followed by a get-acquainted reception from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants will enjoy conversation, fellowship, refreshments, entertainment, memorabilia and craft displays.

On Friday and Saturday, August 7th and 8th, meetings will be held in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, which houses the College of Religious Instruction. Noted guest lecturers speaking on family related matters will present new and exciting information. Supplemental audio-visual programs will also serve to enhance and enrich family knowledge and appreciation.

Additional reunion highlights include a Friday Night poolside luau, a Saturday evening banquet and a Sunday morning memorial tribute to

the children of Lucy Mack and Joseph Smith, Sr. The memorial tribute will serve as the final reunion meeting, August 9th, and it will be held in the Samuel H. Smith Building at the Missionary Training Center.

A committee of the younger generation, ages 12 through 19, are planning concurrent activities for themselves and other members of their age group which should broaden the appeal and participation factors of this years' family gathering.

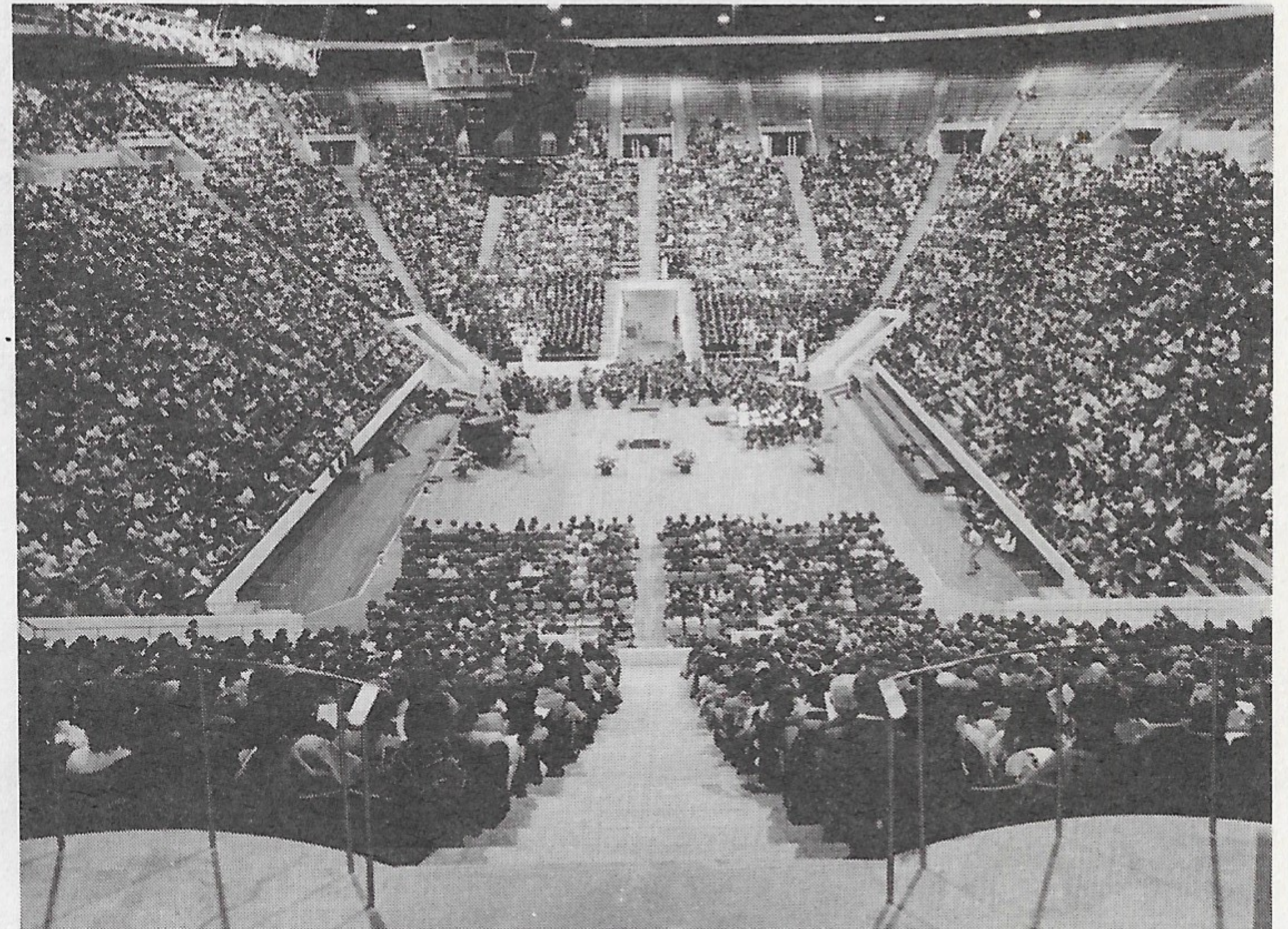
A baby sitting-service at the campus nursery facility will be provided for the many out-of-town guests who might want to take advantage of it. This service will be staffed by members of local community L.D.S. Church auxiliaries.

Plenty of free time has been scheduled to allow those in attendance to tour the campus and see some of the attractions which include the Monte Bean Wildlife Museum, the Harris Fine Arts Center, the rare book and manuscript Collection in the Harold B. Lee Library, the Carillon Bell Tower, the Marriott Center, the dinosaur remains in the Eyring Science Center, the Hansen Planetarium and the Wilkinson Center.

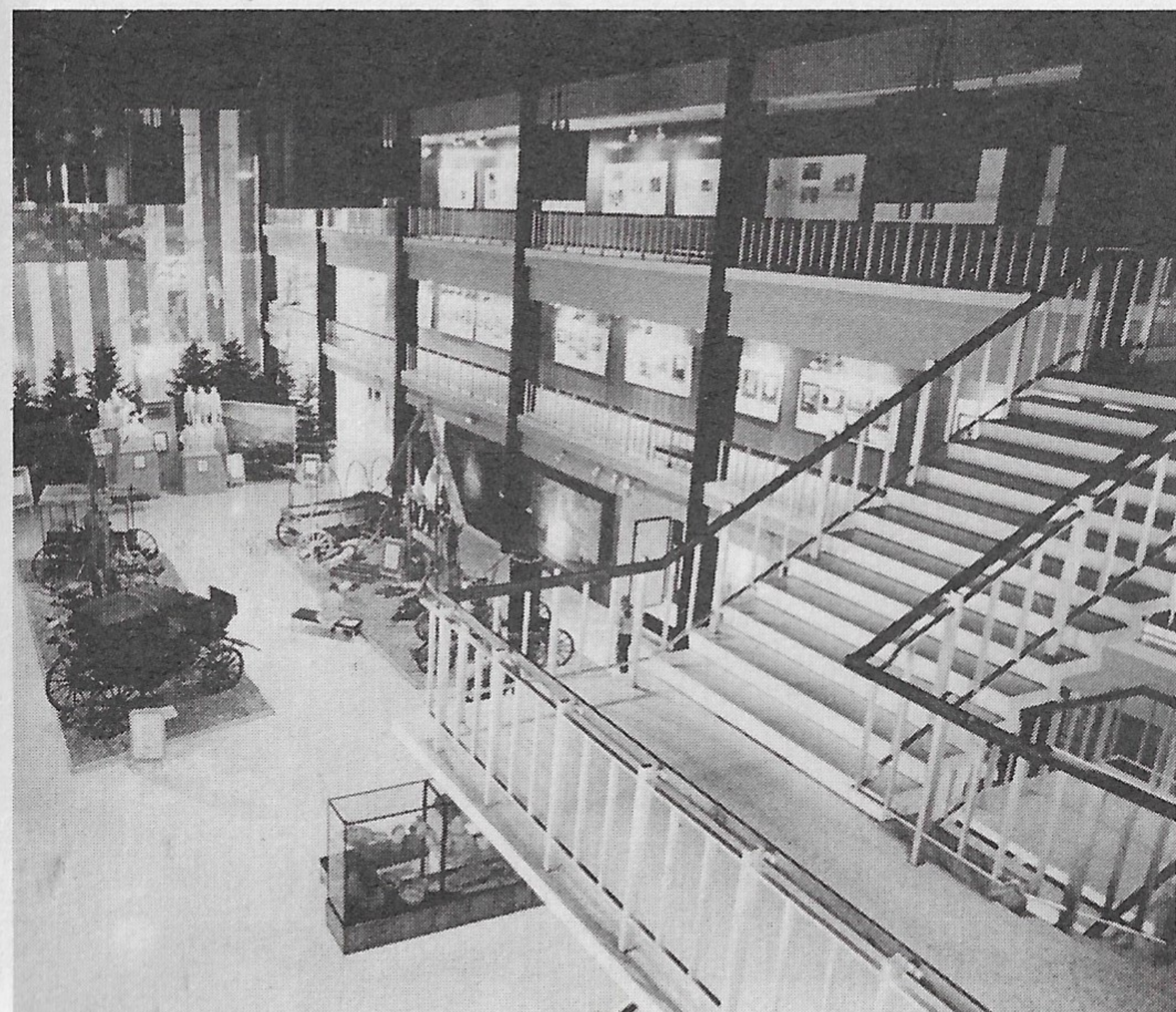
Private rooms with two student beds per room sleeping accommodations, have been reserved for members of the family in the campus high-rise dormitories, the Deseret Towers. Meals will be catered at the Deseret Towers cafeteria.

During these times when everyone is feeling the financial pinch, costs for the 6th biennial reunion are being held to a bare minimum. Campus board and room charges will run approximately \$10.70 per day per person (8 years old and over),

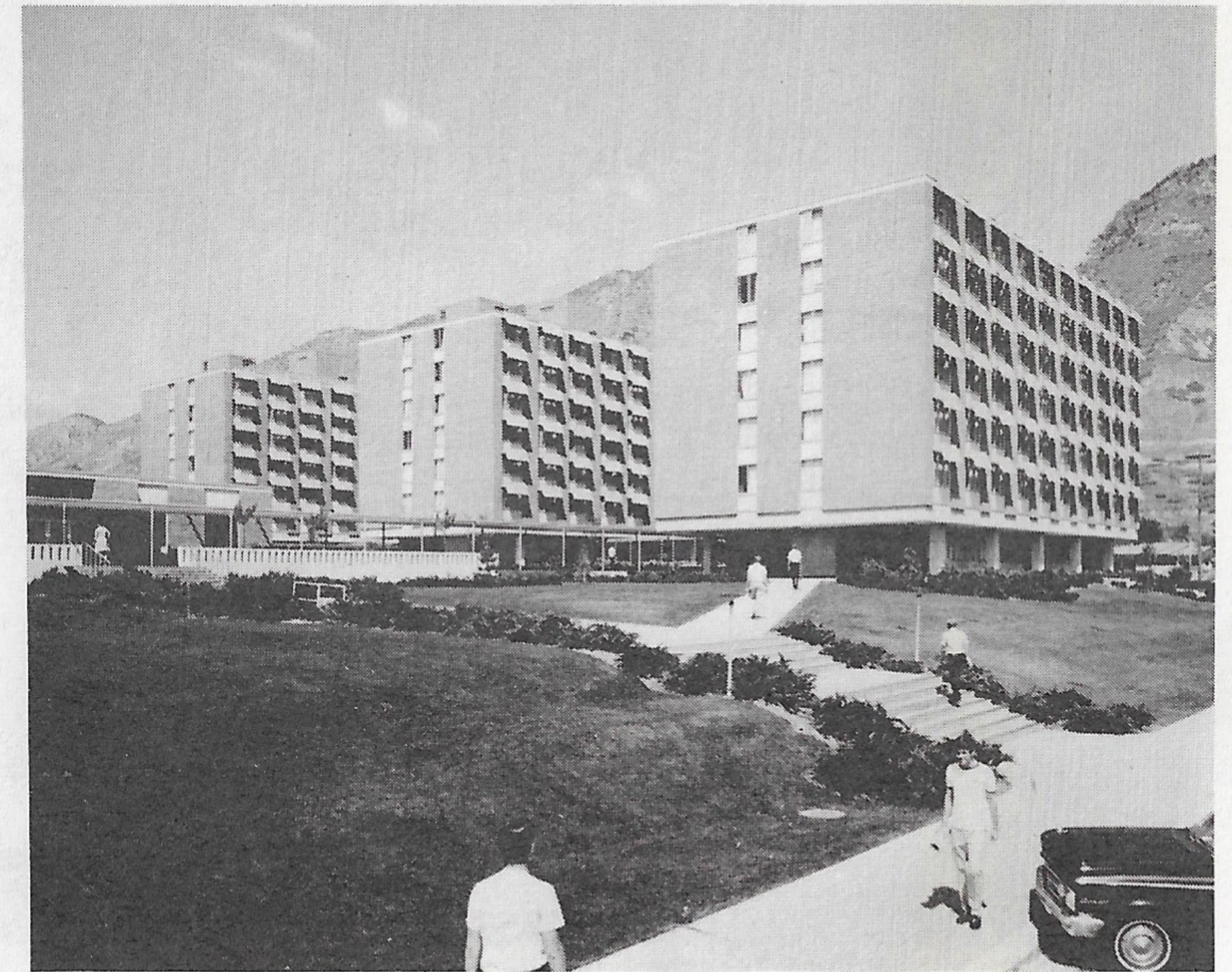
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The 1979 Joseph Smith Sr., Family Reunion, held August 2 - 5 in Nauvoo, Ill., was a tremendous success. About seventy-five families were represented and hundreds of descendants of Hyrum Smith, Joseph Smith, Jr., Samuel H. Smith, William Smith, Katherine Smith Salisbury and Lucy Smith Millikin were in attendance.

A group of sixty-five people chartered two buses to travel to Nauvoo. We left Salt Lake City on Tuesday morning, July 31st and drove through the night, arriving the next morning in Omaha, Nebraska. We visited the little cemetery at Winter Quarters in Florence, Nebraska. Many of the bus passengers were deeply touched with the memorial marker tributes honoring the many pioneers who perished between Nauvoo and Salt Lake City. We also visited the Mormon Bridge and pioneer grist mill adjacent to the cemetery.

After a nights rest in a motel at Omaha, we reboarded the buses and were conveyed across Iowa toward our Illinois destination. We stopped in Lamoni,

Last Nauvoo Gathering - 5th in Recent Years

of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Here we visited Liberty Hall the former residence of Joseph Smith III. Alma Blair, a member of the local Graceland College faculty, conducted us on a tour of the building. Afterwards some of us visited the Smith Family Plot at the adjacent Rose Hill Cemetery.

Following our delightful Iowa sojourn, we finally arrived at the Nauvoo Restoration Visitors Center, about 5 p.m. Thursday, August 2nd, Buddy and Toni Youngreen kept busy registering family reunion participants, and introducing them to each other, from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. We were assisted by Daniel and Lenore Larsen, Lorena Normandeau, Gracia Denning and Helen Schlie. Among those to register at this time were Patriarch and Mrs. Eldred G. Smith, President Emeritus W. Wallace Smith & President Wallace B. Smith.

Reunion activities the next day, August 3rd, began at 9:00 a.m. in the Nauvoo Ward Chapel. An opening prayer was given by E. Gary Smith. Welcoming speeches were delivered by Joseph F. Patrick, W. Wallace Smith, Wallace B. Smith, Lynn E. and Lorene Smith, Gracia Denning, Joseph Byron and Erna Smith, Kenneth E. Dulse, David W. Smith and Esther Smith Brown. The featured morning speaker was Patriarch Eldred G. Smith and the title of his address was "The Patriarchal Family". A closing prayer was offered by Elvin Duke.

Following the morning meeting, the family adjourned to have their official 1979 photo-



Lynn E. Smith (far left) conducts memorial service at the family cemetery in Nauvoo.

of the Nauvoo Restoration Visitors Center.

Two oral presentations were given at the afternoon meeting, when the family reconvened in the Nauvoo Ward Chapel. The first talk by Kenneth E. Stobaugh was entitled "The Nauvoo Smith Family Cemetery." The assembly was presented with a list of twenty-three family members who were buried in the little riverside burial plot that had belonged to the Prophet Joseph Smith. The list included Joseph Smith, Sr., Lucy Mack Smith, Hyrum Smith, Joseph Smith, Jr., Emma Hale Smith, Samuel H. Smith and Don Carlos Smith. The second talk was entitled "Joseph Smith, Jr., - Man and Martyr." It was presented by Richard L. Anderson, Professor of Religion at Brigham Young University.

The late afternoon and early evening of August 3rd was left free for touring the Joseph

ious Nauvoo Restoration sites.

Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. a dramatic presentation "Dear Joseph - Dear Emma", was put on in the Visitors Center by Richard L. and Carma De Jong Anderson. Carma Anderson became an authentic visual reproduction of Emma Hale Smith, as she appears in the R.L.D.S.-owned painting. Dramatic readings of the letters exchanged by the Prophet Joseph and his wife Emma proved entertaining and inspiring to all.

At 9:00 a.m. on August 4th the Nauvoo Ward once again contained dozens of cousins. Earl Pearce gave an opening prayer. Norell S. Manley gave a report on Martha Ann Smith Harris. Lynn E. Smith followed with his presentation entitled "The Testimonies of the Fathers." A closing prayer was offered by Tony Mackbay.

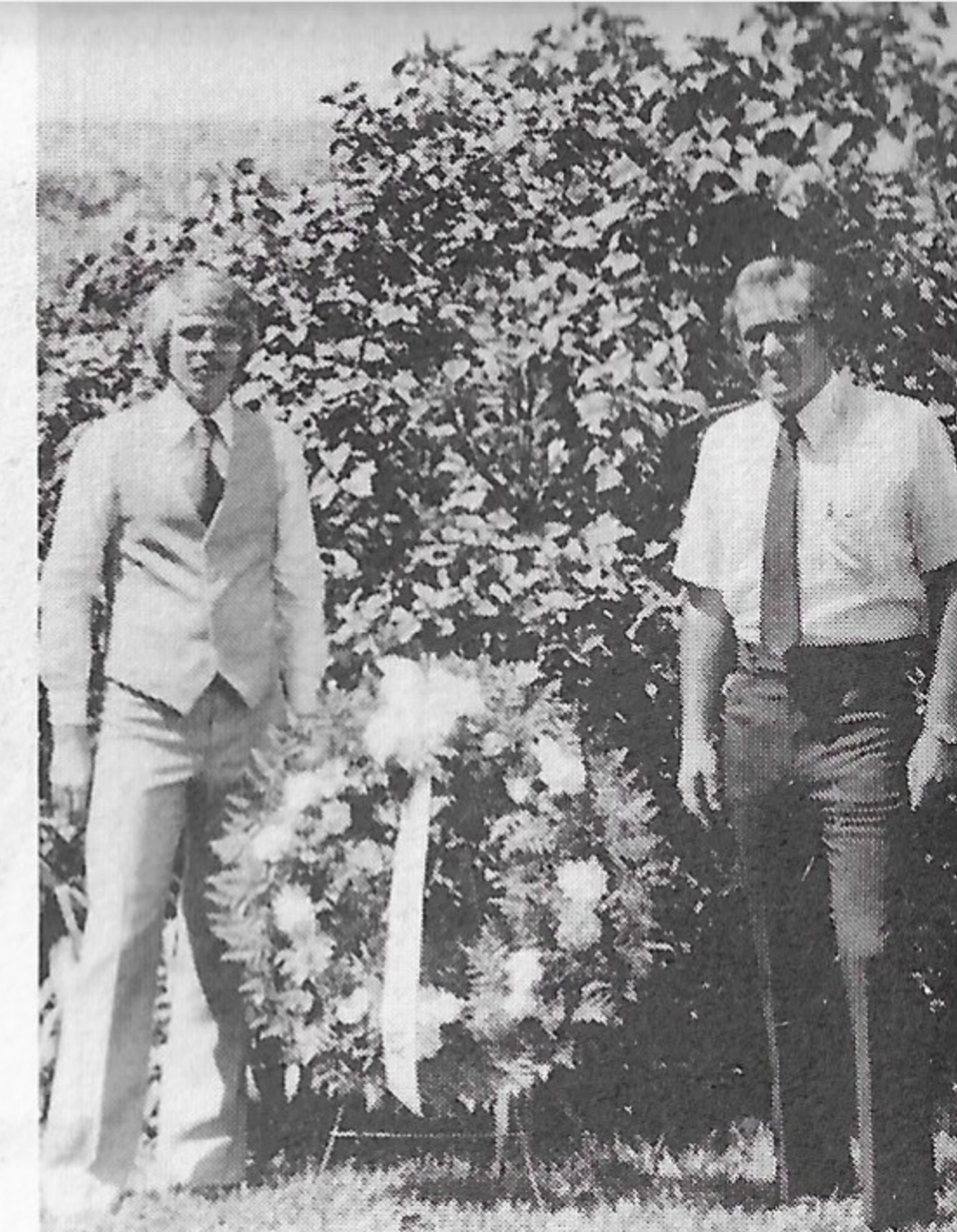
Saturday afternoon was left free for reunion participants to

ic sites in the area. Two busloads of family visited the Carthage Jail and Hannibal, Missouri.

At 7:00 p.m. that evening a banquet was held in the north wing of the L.D.S. Ward. Nearly two hundred tour-weary cousins all sat down together and enjoyed a delicious catered meal. Following the banquet, the guests adjourned to the chapel for a family talent show. The program was directed by Lorena Normandeau. Not only was the talent show well done, it served as the final ice-breaker among the mirthful audience. Truly it may be said that during this evening of fellowship the full joy of being together was realized.

On Sunday morning, August 5th beginning at 9:00 a.m., a memorial service for Joseph Smith, Sr., was conducted in the chapel. Francis L. Urry recorded a splendid version of Robert B. Thompson's funeral eulogy for Patriarch Joseph Smith, Sr. The eulogy was originally delivered in September of 1840 but via the medium of a recording the family was transported back in time when their common progenitor was laid to his final rest on the banks of the Mississippi River. Patriarch Eldred G. Smith offered the closing prayer which brought the reunion to an official end.

A procession of Smith descendants traveled to the Smith Cemetery, following the reunion for the purpose of placing a wreath to honor the memory of Joseph Smith, Sr., & the other twenty-two members of the family buried there. The wreath was placed by E. Gary Smith & Daniel M. Larsen. Lynn E. Smith offered a graveside pray-



E. Gary Smith (left) and Daniel M. Larsen (right) place wreath at family burial site.

"The Unknown grave", a hymn written by the Prophet Joseph Smith's last born son, David Hyrum Smith. Hasty goodbyes, exchanges of addresses, and farewell embraces brought the 1979 proceedings to a close.

Our two-bus touring party visited Adam-Ondi-Ahman, Far West, Liberty Jail, and the L.D.S., R.L.D.S. and Church of Christ visitors Centers in Independence Missouri, during our westward return trek. Overnight stops in Wichita, Kansas, and Denver, Colo., spared everyone exhaustive strain of too much bus travel.

In general it may be said that the 1979 reunion, the fifth of such gatherings, was one of the most successful of the family reunions, in terms of outpouring of spirit and individual rededication to the concept of gathering as a family.

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which includes three meals and bedding. An additional one-time only fee of \$5.00 will also be charged each person (8 years old and over) who plans to attend.

Further information and registration forms are available by writing Buddy Youngreen, 1564 No. Moonriver Dr. #9, Provo, Utah 84601, and enclosing a self addressed stamped



Official family portrait, taken Friday, August 3, 1979, at Nauvoo, Illinois
John Gorham, Photographer