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1985 Reunion in Nostalgic Nauvoo Illinois Gathering August 1, 2, 3 and 4

Descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., will return to the city where their families separated from each other 139 years ago. During the great exodus of 1846, the families of Hyrum and Samuel journeyed to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake to be joined later by some of William's family. Joseph, Sophronia, Katherine, and Lucy remained in Illinois. The family of Don Carlos went to California.

Matriarch Lucy Mack clearly pointed out in her writings that her family possessed close family ties and had a divine destiny. Patriarch Joseph Sr., recognizing his wife to be "one of the most singular women in the world," told her, "You have brought up my children for me by the fireside, and when I was gone from home, you comforted them."

For over 100 years the Smith family had no one, not even each other, to comfort them—not until the historic first reunion of 1972. From that time on, the voluminous offspring of their honored parents have met and comforted each other on a biennial basis in such historic and meaningful settings as Kirtland, Ohio; Independence, Missouri; Salt Lake City, Utah; Lamoni, Iowa; and Provo, Utah.

This is the third such Smith reunion in

Nauvoo, the city where over 26 of the early family members are laid to rest near the banks of the Mississippi River.

As early as 1836, the prophet Joseph feared a division in the family. He prayed that the residue of his father's house would remain united and that the memory of his father, whom he characterized as a "great and good" man, might eternally live.

Shortly before his martyrdom, Joseph Jr. revealed his desire that when he died he wanted to be buried next to Joseph Sr. Then he added, "In the morning of the resurrection let me strike hands with my father." He described the vision of taking his family members by the hand, saying, "My father, my son, my mother, my daughter, my brother, my sister."

In 1863, Joseph III stated he could see "the dawning of a day when the sons of our fathers will stand shoulder to shoulder. . . as stood our fathers in bygone days."

The day has come when family members can stand shoulder to shoulder, when they can take each other by the hand, when they can be comforted, give comfort and return to the ancestral home of their common parents. This is the major objective of the 8th Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion. This is the chance for

numerous posterity to fulfill the vision of their progenitors.

Reunion Highlights

Thursday, August 1, the reunion officially begins with registration finalization at the Nauvoo Restoration Visitor's Center. Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., nametags, maps, agendas, souvenir programs, and banquet tickets will be distributed, followed by a get-acquainted reception from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Participants will enjoy conversation, fellowship, memorabilia, and craft displays.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, August 2 and 3, meetings will be held in the Nauvoo LDS Stake Center. Noted guest lecturers will present new and exciting information on family-related matters. Supplemental musical programs will also serve to enhance and enrich family knowledge and appreciation.

Afternoons on Friday and Saturday will be left open so that family members can take advantage of the various tours at the RLDS and LDS facilities located in historic Nauvoo.

Additional reunion highlights include a Friday night dramatic presentation and a Saturday evening banquet. Sunday morning,



Historic first Family Reunion in Nauvoo in 1972.

following a special memorial service for Joseph Smith, Sr., to be conducted in the Visitor's Center, the family will place a loving tribute—a memorial wreath—at the Smith Family Cemetery, located southwest of the old "Smith Homestead." Joseph Sr., Lucy Mack, Hyrum, Joseph Jr., Emma Hale, Samuel Harrison, and Don Carlos are among the many family members buried here.

Costs for the 8th Biennial Reunion are being kept at a bare minimum. Traditional family reunion fees of \$5 per person or \$15 per family (to include spouse and dependent children only) will be required. Banquet tickets and fees for reunion T-shirts will be optional.

Housing accommodations will need to be arranged directly by those planning to attend. Except for the Saturday night banquet, meals will also have to be arranged for on an individual basis. Kenny E. Duke has supplied us with a list of local housing, as well as camping and dining facilities. Those planning to attend the reunion via Bob Eliason's Heritage Bus Tour will have their housing taken care of, but they will have to provide their own meals.

Mail the enclosed reunion registration form by JUNE 30 to:

Buddy Youngreen, President
703 N. 945 W.
Orem, Ut. 84057

Make all checks payable to JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION. For registration confirmation prior to July 20, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Hope to see you all in Nauvoo in August!



LAMONI REUNION SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY FOR MANY FAMILY MEMBERS

As family members converged upon the little Iowa town of Lamoni, they came from north, south, east, and west. The bus from the West arrived late in the evening, and weary travelers were treated to a delicious supper of cold cuts and salads. Dormitories of Graceland College were filled with laughter, pranks, and none-to-serious confabbing. The 7th Biennial Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion was underway.

Formal meetings convened in the Shaw Center Main Auditorium the next morning. Greetings were expressed by Dan and Lenore Larsen and Buddy and Toni Youngreen, who organized the event. Each of the committee spoke briefly in welcome.

People at the registration tables were kept busy making nametags and answering questions. There were cries of delight and hugs and handshakes as old friends discovered each other and newcomers were introduced.

Elaine Nicholes set up a table for the records of the family to be shared and added to. She continues her effort to compile a complete record of the descendants of Joseph Sr. and Lucy.

Graceland College campus provided the relaxed atmosphere and convenient facilities. The food service was wonderful. Mealtimes were like a big family meal with lots of sociable mixing.

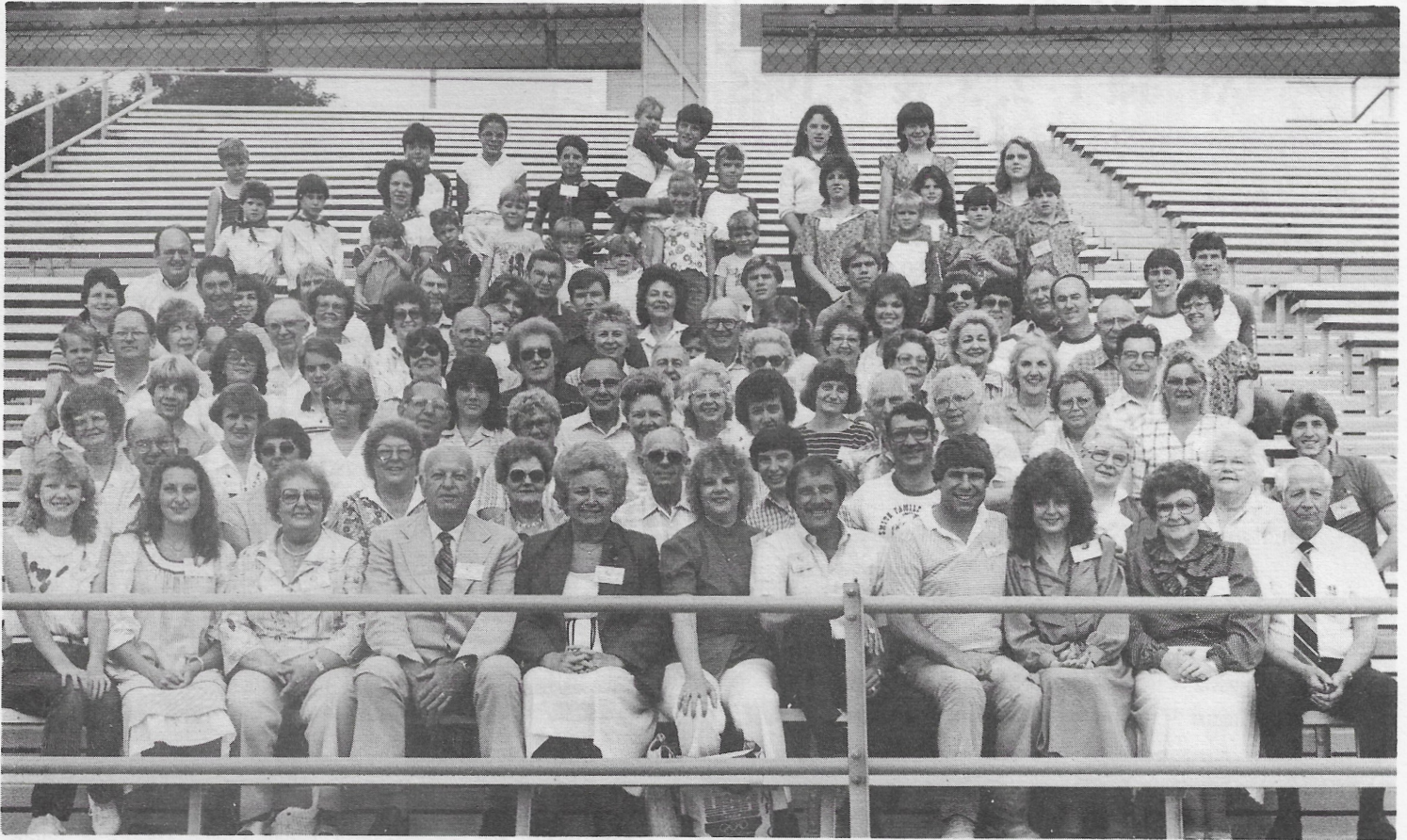
Gathering the family for a portrait was a notable event. A great deal of good-natured joshing and jostling preceded the big moment when the shutters clicked. This official gathering of the Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion was recorded on film.

Special focus was directed to the history of Alexander Hale Smith in an address presented by a great granddaughter, Gracia Jones. Pioneer, Patriarch, missionary and one-time president of Graceland College, Alexander lived a life exemplifying many fine qualities

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The City of Joseph hosts the fifth Smith gathering in 1979.



Cousins assemble at Lamoni, Iowa, in 1983.

and object lessons of value to today's family members.

Grandson of David Hyrum Smith, Lynn E. Smith and his wife, Lorene, presented an outstanding visual and musical program encompassing artwork, poetry, and music of David Hyrum Smith. They were ably assisted in this by their son, Eric, and his wife, Linda, with vocal music by Farland Tickemyer, accompanied on the piano by his wife, Hazel. Linda read some of David's poetry and Eric presented a special tribute to his father. This was a deeply moving as well as educational event.

A memorable discourse by historian and friend, Alma Blair, set the stage for a tour to "Liberty Hall," the Lamoni home of Joseph III. Here family members heard the story of the restoration of the building and anecdotes about the family who once lived there. The polished stairway banister was of particular interest to some who recalled their mother describing her childhood days when she slid down that banister and ran boisterously through those narrow halls. Joseph may have held a lofty church title, but to the family he was Papa, or "Uncle Joseph."

Bus driver Bob Eliason accommodated Elizabeth Hahn and Lorena Normandeau by taking them to their birthplace—Davis City,

Iowa. They even managed to locate their former farm and Elizabeth found an old friend who remembered her by her childhood nickname, "Pickles."

A visit to Rose Hill Cemetery brought thoughtful reflections of those buried there... a grim reminder that we can't live forever... but as long as "family" remembers, we shan't be forgotten.

The family talent show is always a delight, but this one moderated by talent scout Lorena Normandeau, topped them all. From the big-headed dancers (the Perkin's family from Nevada) to the Frogley family's arias, from contemporary skits to the Broadhead clan's family chorus, a spirit of pure family pride prevailed. Surely all hearts were touched by the children's chorus singing "Families Can Be Together Forever" and "I Am a Child of God."

Highlight of the banquet was a recital of the history of Joseph Smith, Jr., and his wife, Emma, by Buddy Youngreen. There were not many dry eyes when he finished.

Josephine Ebeling (our own Sophie Tucker) entertained us royally. Following her performance, a count was taken to determine which family had the largest percentage in attendance. The honor went to David Hyrum's family with 90% present.

The hardest part is always the parting. As the family gathered for their last meeting, many expressed feelings of appreciation. Lynn E. Smith voiced the emotions of each of us as he spoke extemporaneously, expressing the importance of what was taking place in these family gatherings. The turning of the hearts of the children to remember the values and spirit of the fathers, and the hope of the fathers is made manifest in the children. He pled with us and with the Lord that these gatherings might never cease but might continue for many years to come. With this benediction we went to our rooms. Next morning the dormitory emptied with surprising dispatch... a quick hug, promises to write... a wave... Good-bye! Good-bye! SEE YOU IN NAUVOO IN '85.



Emma Hale Smith, Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith Return to Nauvoo

Jody Renstrom, talented writer and actress, has prepared a special treat for the Smith Family, Friday, August 2. At 8 p.m. in the Nauvoo LDS Stake Center, she will present her one-woman play, "Portrait of Emma" to the vast assembly of the Elect Lady's extended family.

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Heritage Bus Tour

August 1, 2, 3, & 4, 1985

Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion, Nauvoo, Illinois

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Tuesday, July 30	Leave Provo (Leave SLC at 7:00 p.m.)	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, July 31	Arrive Cheyenne Eat breakfast and change drivers	5:00 A.M.
	Leave Cheyenne	6:30 A.M.
	Arrive Omaha	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 1	Leave Omaha Hotel Tour Winter Quarters Cemetery Travel Mormon Trail on route to Nauvoo	8:00 A.M.
	Arrive Nauvoo, Ill. Check into motels—Register for reunion and reception	5:00 P.M.
Friday, August 2	Reunion Meetings	
Saturday, August 3	Reunion Meetings	



1983 Iowa bound bus tour group.

Sunday, August 4	Attend Morning Devotional Leave Nauvoo	11:00 A.M.
	Arrive Adam-Ondi-Ahman Tour Far West, Richmond, and Liberty Jail	3:00 P.M.
	Arrive Independence, Mo. Overnight in Independence	7:00 P.M.
Monday, August 5	Leave Motel Tour Independence	8:00 A.M.
	Leave Independence	11:00 A.M.
	Arrive Denver, Colo. Change Drivers	11:00 P.M.
Tuesday, August 6	Arrive Salt Lake City	12:00 Noon

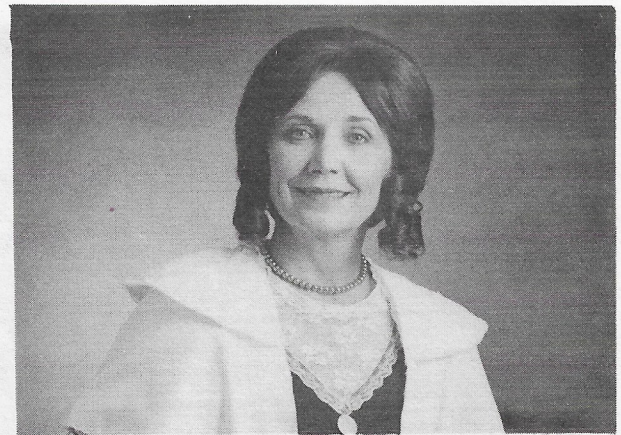
TOUR COST: \$225.

This cost is based on 40 people per bus. This cost includes all transportation and five nights of housing accommodations. Cost for children 11 years old and younger will be \$125.

Please send \$25 deposit for each seat desired, for the Nauvoo trip, to:

Heritage Tours
30 North 350 East
American Fork, Utah 84003

Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for detailed itinerary. Balance of tour fee due by June 30.



Jody Renstrom will portray Emma Hale Smith.

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With her husband, Keith, this mother of six children owned and operated the Valley Centre Theatre in Provo, Utah, for five years. Currently in the process of opening a new community theatre in Orem, Utah, they hope the entire family will continue to be involved in every aspect of theatrical production.

Her production of "Portrait of Emma" has been performed over 200 times throughout the United States. One critic stated, "Jody Renstrom gave as fine a performance as you are ever likely to see. She was gracious, beautiful and caught the spirit of this great woman."

Following the family banquet Saturday evening, August 3, Nathan and Ruth Hale will enact a mini-drama featuring the beloved progenitors of this family organization—Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack.

The Hales are well-known theatre people. For the past 36 years they have owned and operated the Glendale Center Theatre in Southern California. They have also opened a branch of this theatre in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nathan and Ruth have written over fifty 3-act plays, most of which have been published and produced. They have also appeared in motion pictures.

In 1980 the Hales took a year-and-a-half off to work as guides in the old cultural hall of Nauvoo. Drawing on their love of the theatre, they started putting on plays and short vignettes of early Nauvoo history.



Nathan and Ruth Hale to enact Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith.

ATTEND THE 9TH BIENNIAL JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION AUGUST 6-9, 1987, KIRTLAND, OHIO

1985 REGISTRATION FORM



1771-1840

JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION
AUGUST 1, 2, 3 & 4, 1985
NAUVOO, ILLINOIS

Name of Family Member Related to Joseph Smith, Sr.: _____

Blood Lineage of Family Member Traced Back to Joseph Smith, Sr.: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City)
(State) (Zip) (Phone Number)

REUNION FEES SUMMARY

INDIVIDUAL \$5.00 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____

FAMILY (Parents and dependent children only) \$15.00 per family × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

BANQUET TICKETS (optional)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 7 p.m./\$10.00 Per Plate $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

REUNION T-SHIRTS (optional)

EXTRA LARGE \$3.50 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____ 14-16 (CHILD) \$3.00 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____

LARGE \$3.50 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____ 10-12 (CHILD) \$3.00 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____

MEDIUM \$3.50 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____ 6-8 (CHILD) \$3.00 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____

SMALL \$3.50 × $\frac{\text{NUMBER}}{\text{TOTAL}}$ = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

TO SECURE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH THE REQUIRED FEES BY SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1985, TO:

Buddy Youngreen, President
 703 No. 945 West
 Orem, Utah 84057

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION. FOR REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION AND/OR HOUSING INFORMATION PRIOR TO JULY 20, 1985, ENCLOSE A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.