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## Family Returns to Kirtland in 1987 Ohio Reunion July 30, 31 & August 1, 2

Kirtland is a significant chapter in family and Church history. It was here that family member, Joseph, Jr., revealed and implemented the basic organization of the Church. The first temple was constructed, lands for the Missouri temple were purchased, and it was a time of rapid growth and development. It was also the period more heavenly manifestations were recorded by

Kirtland RLDS Meeting House. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nametags, maps, agenda, souvenir programs, and banquet tickets will be distributed. From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. we will meet at a family reception.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, July 31 and August 1, meetings are scheduled in Kirtland and nearby Hiram. 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 in and around historic Kirtland.

Additional reunion highlights include a

Friday night dramatic presentation, a Saturday evening banquet, a Sunday morning service in the temple, and the placing of a family wreath in the Smith plot of the Kirtland Cemetery.

Costs for the 9th Biennial Reunion are being kept at a minimum. Traditional family reunion fees of \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family (to include spouse and dependent children only) will be required. Banquet tickets and fees for reunion T-shirts will be optional.

You will need to arrange your housing accommodations. Except for the Saturday night banquet, meals will have to be arranged for on an individual basis. Those planning to attend the reunion via Bob Eliason's Heritage Bus Tour will have your housing taken care of, but you will have to provide your own



Smith Family Graves near Temple

family and other Church members than any other time.

While the Church was headquartered in Kirtland, 1831-1838, Joseph's brother, Hyrum, predicted abandonment of the city. In 1841 Joseph prophesied that Kirtland would once again be built up. Both brothers seemed to know that many years would pass away before the city could be polished and refined.

July and August reunion participants will spend four days in the "built up," "polished and refined" city of Kirtland. Our sojourn in the area will occur 150 years after the family moved away.

### 9th Biennial Reunion Highlights

Thursday, July 30, the reunion officially begins with registration finalization at the



Historic Temple in Kirtland, Ohio

meals.

In order for you to attend mail the enclosed reunion registration form by JUNE 30 to:

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

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

Spread the word, make your plans now, promote and attend the 1987 family reunion July 30, 31 & August 1, 2, in Kirtland, Ohio!

### THIRD NAUVOO REUNION IS A CHARM OF A MEMORY

August 1-4, 1985, the 8th biennial gathering of the family took place in Nauvoo, Illinois. The reunion in the City of Joseph was the third held there in recent years.

The Nauvoo Restoration Visitors Center, Thursday evening August 1, was the scene of dozens of cousins checking in, registering and participating in a get-acquainted reception.

The next morning Buddy Youngreen conducted the opening meeting. Michael

Kennedy offered the opening prayer. Welcoming speeches were given by Elvin Duke, Kenneth Duke, Lenore Larsen, and Daniel Larsen. Responses were delivered by Virginia Musser, Hortense Smith, Joseph Patrick, and Toni Youngreen. Gayle Miller led the family in singing "Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning" and "Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies." Ronda Smith furnished the piano accompaniment. Elaine Nichols told of the family genealogical project, and Douglas Smith gave the closing prayer.

The 1985 family portrait was taken following the morning meeting. The family posed on the little hill just south of the Visitors Center for their picture.

In the evening, at the LDS stake center, "Portrait of Emma," a sensitive theatrical interpretation of Emma Hale Smith, was performed by Jody Renstrom. Opening prayer was given by Clifford Conklin, and Lorena Normandeau offered the closing prayer.

Saturday morning, August 3, the family reconvened in the LDS stake center. Hyrum G. Smith delivered the opening prayer. Jeannine Gilligan sang the "Prayer Perfect." Gracia Jones and Buddy Youngreen took turns speaking and Marian Warner gave the closing prayer.

That evening a scrumptious banquet was provided to the family by the members of the Nauvoo Stake. Bob Eliason offered the opening prayer and Ronda Smith entertained with vocal solos. Helen Wells was the guest speaker and her presentation was followed with a dramatic enactment of Joseph, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith which was beautifully presented by Nathan and Ruth Hale. Closing prayer was provided by Burnett Ferguson.

Sunday morning, August 4, a devotional was conducted in the Nauvoo Restoration Visitors Center Theater. The invocation was offered by Ronald Frogley. Impromptu remarks, and information provided by Dorothy Dean, were presented by Dorothy Moore and Barbara Brooks. Robert E. Wells was the guest speaker. His talk was entitled "Latter-day Smiths and Christianity." Eldred G. Smith pronounced the benediction.

Kenneth Duke made all the arrangements for a wreath to be placed at the Smith Family Cemetery in Nauvoo. In this beautiful riverside location many of the family are buried, including Joseph, Sr., Lucy Mack, Joseph, Jr., Emma, Hyrum, Samuel, Don Carlos, and others. The family sang "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet" and "God be with You" before Buddy Youngreen dismissed the 1985 reunion with prayer.





Smith Family Reunion in Kirtland a decade ago, August 4-7, 1977

## List of Rates of Some Motels in the Kirtland, Ohio, Area

MOTELS	# PERSONS	RATES						
		ONE BED		TWO BEDS			SUITES	
		1	2	1	2	3	4	
COUNTRY INN—State Rt. 2 at S.R. 306, 7701 Reynolds Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060 (216) 951-7333. Has restaurant and pool and is surrounded by restaurants. Three miles north of Temple.		28.00	34.00	28.00	34.00	—	44.00	73.00
DELUXE MOTEL—9260 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. (216) 255-3456. Restaurant & pool. 6.5 Miles N. & E. of Temple.		27.00	29.00	—	32.00	34.00	36.00	—
KNIGHTS INN—I-90 (exit 193) at S.R. 306, Mentor, Ohio 44060. (216) 953-8835. Pool & McDonalds. 1 mile N. of Temple. Senior Citizens Discount.		25.00	30.50	26.00	31.50	34.50	37.50	—
RED ROOF INN—I-90 (exit 193) at S.R., 306 Willoughby, Ohio 44094. (216) 946-9872 Restaurants nearby. 1 mile N. of Temple.		23.95	28.95	25.95	30.95	—	32.95	—
HARLEY HOTEL (motel)—On S.R. 91. 1/4 mile N. of I-90. Willoughby, Ohio 44094. (216) 944-4300. Restaurants & pool with restaurants nearby. Easy 7 miles West of Temple.		38.00	42.00	—	—	46.00	50.00	—
SKYLIGHT INN—On S.R. #91. 1/4 mile N. of I-90, Willoughby, Ohio 44094. (216) 585-1900 or 1-800-321-6336. Nearby restaurants. Easy 7 miles W. of Temple.		29.00	34.00	30.00	35.00	38.00	41.00	—

NOTE: All rates subject to 8.5% Tax.

DISCOUNT RATES available at most Motels for large groups and some weekend specials.

CAMPGROUNDS—rates vary, check by mail or phone:

FUNDERSON STATE PARK—P.O. Box 178, Newburg, Ohio 44105. (216) 564-2279. Trailer facilities. Located 28 miles S.E. of Temple.

GENEVA KOA CAMPGROUNDS—R.D. #2 (S.R. #306) Geneva, Ohio 44041. (216) 466-4909. Trailer facilities. Located 35 miles E. of Temple.

YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE PARK—3392 State Route #82, Mantua, Ohio 44255. (216) 562-6500. Located 30 Miles S. & E. of Temple. Has facilities for trailer.



# HERITAGE BUS TOUR

## Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion

### Kirtland, Ohio, July 30-Aug. 2, 1987

#### ITINERARY

Friday, July 24	Leave Provo	8:00 P.M.
	Leave Salt Lake City	9:00 P.M.
Saturday, July 25	Arrive Cheyenne, Wyo.	6:00 A.M.
	Eat breakfast and change drivers.	
	Leave Cheyenne	7:30 A.M.
	Arrive Omaha, Neb.	7:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 26	Leave Omaha	8:00 A.M.
	Tour Winter Quarters Cemetery and hold our Church services on the bus.	
	Arrive Chicago area	7:00 P.M.
Monday, July 27	Leave Chicago	8:00 A.M.
	Travel through beautiful Indiana and Ohio.	
	Arrive Erie, Pa.	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, July 28	Leave Erie, Pa.	9:00 A.M.
	Arrive Niagara Falls	12:00 P.M.
	Check into Hotel—tour Niagara Falls sites—free time in the evening.	
Wednesday, July 29	Leave Niagara Falls	9:00 A.M.
	Arrive Palmyra, NY	11:00 A.M.
	Tour all historic sites in Palmyra—attend the historic Hill Cumorah Pageant at night—overnight stay in Rochester.	
Thursday, July 30	Leave Rochester	9:00 A.M.
	Arrive Kirtland, Ohio	5:00 P.M.
	Check into Motel—register for Reunion and attend reception with our "Smith Cousins"	
Friday, July 31	Reunion Meetings	
Saturday, Aug. 1	Reunion Meetings	
	This day will be spent in the Hiram, Ohio area touring important Church History sites.	
Sunday, Aug. 2	Attend Morning Devotional in the Kirtland Temple.	
	Leave Kirtland	12:00 P.M.
	Arrive South Bend, Ind.	7:00 P.M.
Monday, Aug. 3	Leave South Bend	8:00 A.M.
	Arrive Lincoln, Neb.	8:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Aug. 4	Leave Lincoln	8:00 A.M.
	Arrive Cheyenne, Wyo.	5:00 P.M.
	Tour provides a Farewell dinner—enjoy a great	

night together—Tour provides a buffet breakfast in the morning.

Wednesday, Aug. 5  
 Leave Cheyenne 9:00 A.M.  
 Arrive Salt Lake City 6:00 P.M.

#### Total price for the tour is as follows:

Two Persons (Adults) Occupancy	.....	\$535.00 Per Person
Four Persons (Adults) Occupancy	.....	\$415.00 Per Person
Child under 12 years old	.....	\$280.00 Per Person

This price is based on 40 people. The cost of the tour pays for 11 nights accommodations and transportation to Palmyra, New York, Kirtland, Ohio, and return.

This year as in the past—Heritage Tours has tried to keep the cost of the tour as low as possible. This year an effort has been made to provide that "once in a lifetime" experience for some who have not been to the Hill Cumorah Pageant. As compared to 1985, we will be going much farther and will stay in twice as many motels—hence the cost of this 1987 tour will be more.

Please send \$25.00 deposit for each seat desired for the Palmyra/Kirtland trip to:

Heritage Tours  
 P.O. Box 177  
 American Fork, Utah 84003

We sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us.

Bob Eliason  
 Tour Director, Heritage Tours  
 Telephone (801) 756-3489

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

