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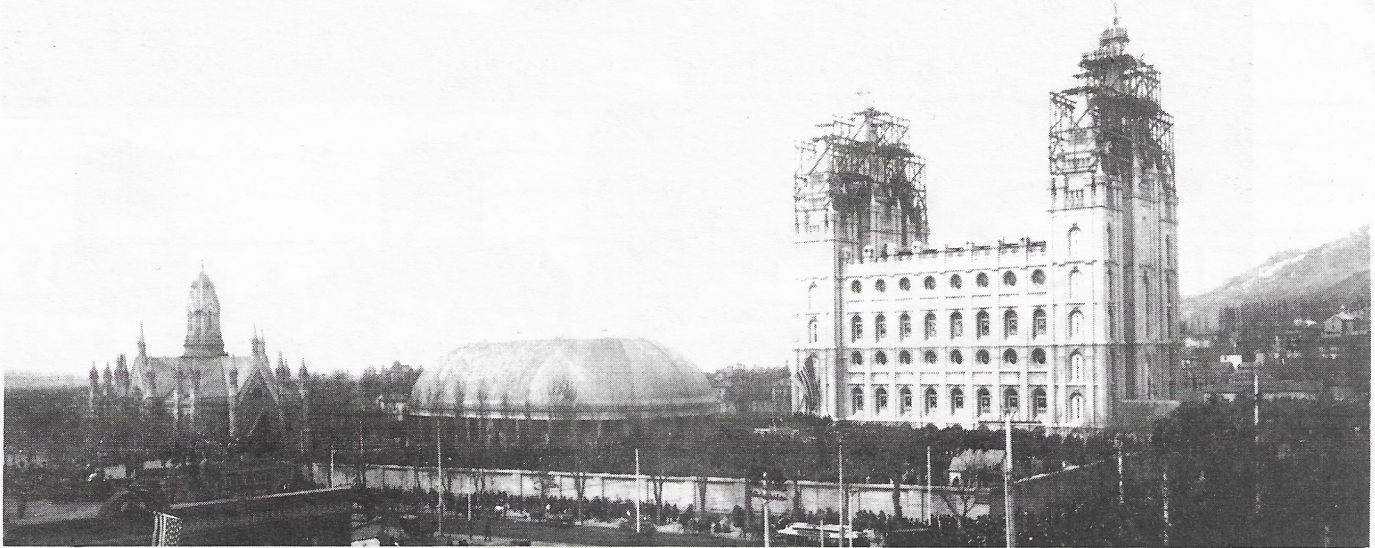
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10TH BIENNIAL REUNION IN SALT LAKE CITY AUGUST 3-6, 1989



TEMPLE SQUARE ASSEMBLY HALL, TABERNACLE AND TEMPLE, APRIL 6, 1893
[SITE OF AUGUST 3-6, 1989, JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION]

FELLOWSHIP, HISTORY, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SIGHTSEEING FEATURED

Once again hundreds of descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith will come together in the capacity of a family reunion. This tenth gathering since 1972 will take place on historic Temple Square in Salt Lake City, August 3-6. The last time the family met in Salt Lake was in 1975.

From 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, August 3, the reunion will officially get underway with registration finalization and a get-acquainted reception in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. Following the reception, reunion participants are invited to attend a rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the Tabernacle, adjacent to the Temple. The 375-voice choir will perform in front of the towering pipes of the Tabernacle Organ.

The next reunion session will be 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Friday, August 4, in the Assembly Hall. Welcoming speeches, announcements, and a special film on the life and accomplishments of family progenitor, John Lathrop, will be presented.

Friday afternoon the family will enjoy sightseeing and an old-fashioned picnic before returning to the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for a family talent show.

From 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, August 5, guest speakers will present topics of interest. Upon adjournment of this morning meeting, the family portrait will be taken in front of the Assembly Hall.

Saturday afternoon special interest tours will be made available for those wishing to see more of Temple Square, the Church Genealogical Library or Museum, Beehive House, Territorial Capitol and Utah State Capitol Buildings, and other points of interest.

Saturday evening a catered banquet will serve to cap the activities of the preceding days.

Reunion participants are also invited to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast on Sunday, August 6, from 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. A special memorial service honoring Joseph

Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith will follow and officially close the 10th biennial reunion.

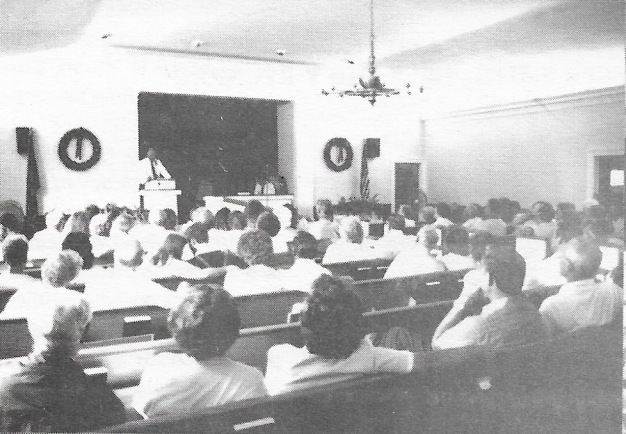
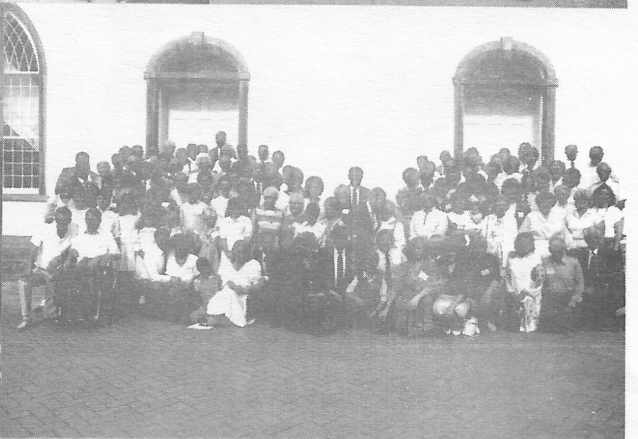
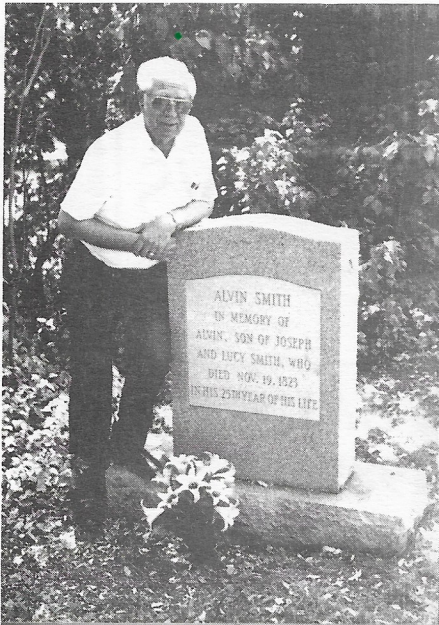
Costs for the 1989 reunion are being kept at a minimum. Housing will be provided to out of town cousins by their kinsmen living in the Salt Lake area. Reunion fees are \$10.00 per person or \$30.00 per family; family meaning spouse and dependent children only. Banquet tickets and fees for reunion T-shirts will be optional.

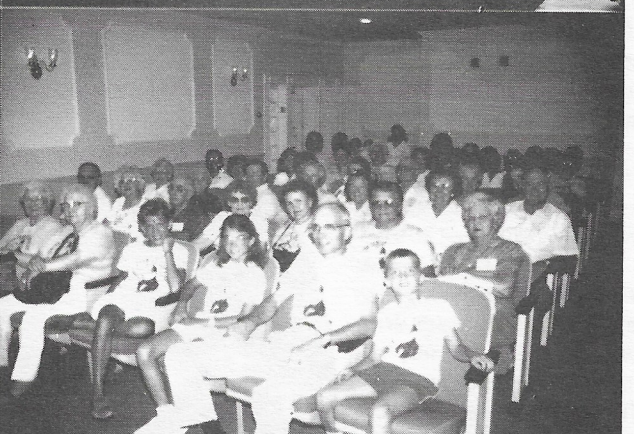
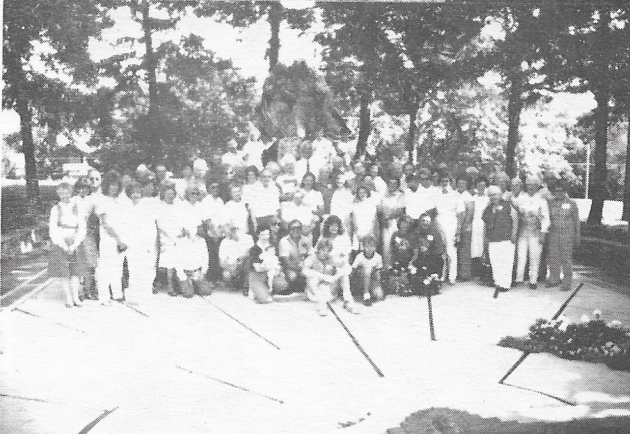
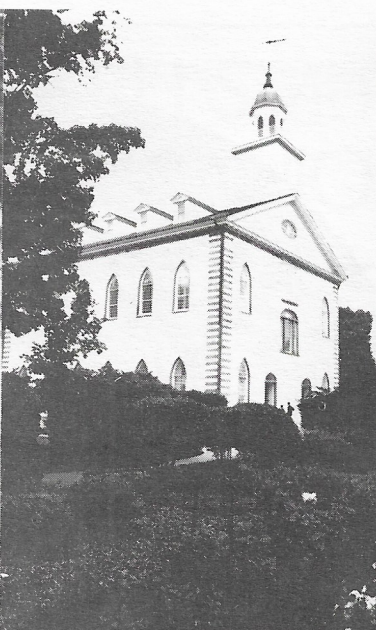
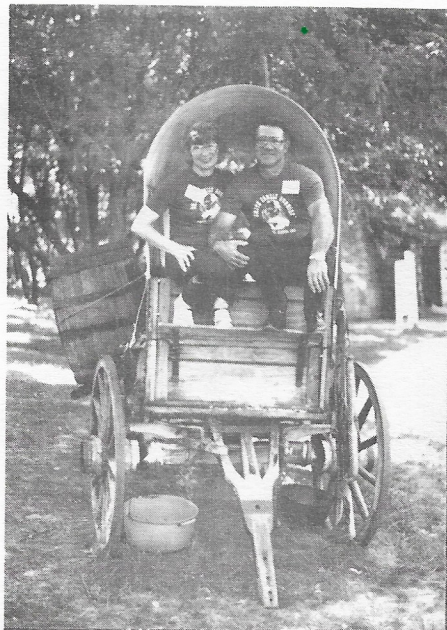
In order to attend the 1989 reunion, mail the enclosed registration form by June 30 to:

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Make all checks payable to JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION. For registration confirmation and housing information enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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Spread the word. Make your plans now. Promote and attend the 1989 Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion, August 3-6, in Salt Lake City.

HOUSING FOR OUT OF TOWN COUSINS PROVIDED BY AREA FAMILIES

In order to keep reunion expenses as low as possible for those traveling long distances, a cousin to cousin housing project is being chaired by Joseph F. Patrick. Family members in the Salt Lake area will be hosting their out of town relatives during the 10th biennial reunion, August 3-6.

If you are planning to attend this year's reunion in Salt Lake City, and would enjoy staying with the family of a kinsman, please indicate that desire on the registration form or write directly to:

Joseph F. Patrick, Housing Chairman
3002 So. 300 West
Bountiful, Utah 84010

THE DEATH DATE OF LUCY MACK SMITH: 8 JULY 1775-14 MAY 1856

Buddy Youngreen

Several competent historians record the death date of Lucy Mack Smith as having occurred in May of 1855. That date must stand corrected in the light of three historical documents. The first source to challenge the 1855 death date is the journal of John Lyman Smith. In recording a visit with his Aunt Lucy on Monday, 2 July 1855, he writes, "Aunt Lucy has been confined to the bed for 10 months unable to walk with the rheumatism."¹ The second source is a letter verifying the sale of Egyptian papyri, dated 26 May 1856 and signed by L. C. Bidamon, Emma Bidamon (former wife of Joseph Smith, Jr.), and Joseph Smith (son of Joseph Smith, Jr.). The letter mentions that Lucy's death "... occurred on the fourteenth day of May last this month."² The third document, which establishes the year, day, and hour of Lucy's death, is a letter of Joseph Smith III's to Miss Emma Knight, dated (Friday) 16 May 1856, "Last Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock Grandmother died and yesterday we buried her."³

¹John Lyman Smith, Journal, Entry for Monday, 2 July 1855 (Original and microfilm copy in Special Collections, BYU Library).

²A photograph of the original letter is reproduced in *Brigham Young University Studies*, VIII (2):180 (Winter 1968).

³Xerox copy of original letter on file in the Utah State Historical Society.

