

Nauvoo, Illinois  
August 6,7,8, 1993

Dear Family Members:

We are delighted you are here in Nauvoo to join with our many family members in our two-year reunion. The next four or five reunions, or within the next ten years, will be a most critical period.

With the extended Smith family organization, we hope to reach all living descendants of the children of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith--really an awesome task! We know that each year we could lose 3-5 percent of our family members over 60 years old. These relatives will take with them treasured family experiences and histories. We must make a concerted effort toward reaching our young family members and encouraging them to preserve the histories and family stories in their noble heritage.

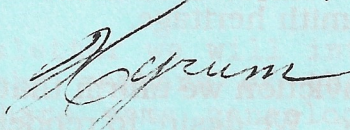
The Smith family organization must be dedicated in working together and developing committment to accomplish this task. We know that Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack will be forever grateful to us for looking after, and gathering together, their precious family posterity.

We would encourage each of the descendants of the children of Father and Mother Smith to organize, and hold their own family reunions in the intervening years between the total-family reunions. The gathering of the descendants will grow and bond together as the royal family that it is. We are aware that this has already begun in some branches of the family, and hope it will be an inspiration and incentive to all branches.

The extended Smith family committees now organized and functioning are committed to the gathering process. These committees will be expanded after this reunion, and we hope many of you who desire to work on a committee will let it be known to appropriate committee chairmen.

We are searching for an appropriate title by which the extended Smith family organization will be known. We hope this reunion will be a memorable one, and that peace, unity, and love for each other will prevail.

With love to all,



Hyrum Mack Smith  
Family Functions Committee



**The LIAISON COMMITTEE** for the Joseph Smith Sr., Foundation should function to help build stronger family ties among the descendants of Lucy Mack and Joseph Smith Sr.

Experience and Commitment:

Gracia has worked with the Joseph Smith Sr., Family Reunion Association for 22 years and Ivor has been involved for ten years. We have met with and correspond with family members in the U.S., Canada and Australia. We feel unconditional love for all. We believe there are only two kinds of people in the family--those we love and those we haven't met.

Philosophy:

We believe that the individual human spirit and family relationships endure beyond the grave. Therefore, we feel assured that our ancestors, whom we seek to honor through this effort, are aware of our efforts. Joseph Sr.,'s father, Asael Smith admonished his family to meet together yearly if possible and to sent to and hear from each other often, and "be so many fathers and mothers to each other, so you shall understand the blessing mentioned in the 133 Psalm." The Bible also suggests that before "the Sun of Righteousness shall arise" the hearts of the fathers must be turned to the children and the hearts of the children must be turned to the fathers. (Malachi 4:2)

We believe the Smith family should set an example in family gathering.

Goals and Hopes:

There is a need to make one-on-one contact with some descendants in order to dispel misunderstanding concerning their Smith heritage. This is the tried and true method that made the reunions possible in the beginning. Members of the liaison committee could be effective instruments in building bridges where none have formerly existed.

One of the goals we would like to see accomplished through this committee, would be to build up a support system of families or individuals, from among each of the family groups, who would make the effort to find and make personal contact with relatives living in their area.

Many of the family are unable to afford trips to far off places for the big reunions. In order to bring the spirit of gathering and the experience of gathering to family members who have been isolated due to distance, we would like to encourage mini-reunions, in various localities.

Since communication is vital, we hope the Newsletter will become a familiar in every descendant's home. We would like to encourage the development of visual aids such as video presentations, which would broaden the family's awareness of their Smith heritage.

With heartfelt conviction we affirm that the work of gathering this family is of utmost importance. We desire to render any service we can to help promote the reunions and bring peace and unity to the family.

Anyone wishing to be involved in the work of this committee should contact:

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JOSEPH SMITH, SR. AND LUCY MACK SMITH FAMILY FOUNDATION

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Genealogy Committee has been busy identifying ancestors and descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. We are anxious to work and share with anyone interested in research on the Smith Family. We plan to make written and computer disk records of pedigrees and biographies of ancestors and descendants available so we can get to know one another and learn about our heritage. We also want to help you with your personal Smith Family research problems and extend lines of descent of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith.

There have been many outstanding genealogists in the Smith family. Lucy Mack Smith identified seven generations of the Smith Family and four generations of her Mack Family.

Joseph Fielding Smith, a grandson of Hyrum and Mary Fielding Smith, was an ardent genealogist. Among his very first writings was Asahel Smith of Topsfield, Massachusetts written for the Topsfield Historical Society in 1902. His contributions to Smith genealogy continued for many years.

In 1929 Mary Audentia Smith Anderson, a granddaughter of Joseph and Emma Hale Smith, published her landmark Ancestry and Posterity of Joseph Smith and Emma Hale.

Since 1985 Michael A. Kennedy has been making pedigrees and computer records available to cousins and relatives about his ancestors, Joseph Smith, Jr. and Emma Hale Smith.

Elaine Cannon Nichols has written a book on The Descendants of Joseph F. Smith. A descendant of Joseph F. Smith, Elaine has contributed much research including genealogy published in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register.

In the next Family Newsletter we will introduce you to some other genealogists and to the members of the Smith Genealogy Committee. We will also share some genealogy with you at the reunion.

Paul and Julina Hokanson



## JOSEPH SMITH, SR., AND LUCY MACK SMITH FAMILY FOUNDATION

FROM: Paul M. Edwards  
RE: Report of the History Committee

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Since the family last gathered, the Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation has been organized and various committees assigned and members selected. Paul M. Edwards (Joseph Smith Jr. Family) of the Temple School Division of the RLDS Church, was asked to serve as Chairperson. The committee, still being filled., now consists of Paul and Julina Hokanson, Alan L. Smith, Craig and Irene Peery, Wilma Blanchard Schmerer, David F. Smith, and Alice Blanchard.

We have received permission for the temporary housing of Foundation materials with the RLDS Library and Archives in Independence, under the direction of Archivist Ron Romig.

The History Committee's responsibilities are as follows:

1. To collect, identify, and inventory existing photographs, letters, historical sketches, histories, etc. on Smith family ancestors. The first job will be to collect and house, the second to inventory and identify.
2. To publish a list of histories, archives, and resources available.
3. Develop a means for the duplication and purchase of bibliographical materials.
4. Compile historical sketches, including general historical data, for Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith, their children and their children's children. These should be circulated among existing family members for clarification and expansion.
5. Preserve historical and archival materials (newsletters, reunion programs, etc.) published by the family.
6. Establish a repository for historical and archival materials.

As you can see, we have already started on this list, and look forward to completing our organization and addressing our assignment.



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It is the decision of the Board of Trustees that we not work on a project requiring funding for this year. It will be important to work with the membership committee to search out the names of the descendents not on record. Both of us will be happy to help in any way. That project is of major importance.

Some of the ideas we have listed are:

Headstones for the Pioneer Women, Jerusha Barden and Mary Duty, names listed, in Kirtland, Ohio.

Check into Asael Smith's gravesite, if any needs.

Cathrine's gravesite.

We wish to receive any suggestions, opinions, and recommendations from any of the family members.

The Hyrum Smith Family has mentioned the repair of the pylon in Salt Lake City. This may be accomplished by the family organization.

## PROJECTS CO-CHAIRMAN

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## REUNION COMMITTEE

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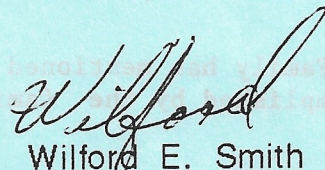


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**NEWSLETTER REPORT**

Putting out the first family letter has been quite a challenge, costly, and time consuming. Getting some 2,900 letters mailed involved much running around, much editing and cross editing, difficult processing of names and addresses, and the expenditure of more than \$2,000.00. For future letters we shall need more help with name and address labels; we shall need more stories about our relatives; we shall need much help with folding, stamping, etc.; and we shall need every good idea that members can come up with. If any of you would like to help, we want your participation. Without such help the task will be impossible.

We hope soon to have things well enough organized to put out a good letter at least each six months, but it can be done only if several people will help. If any of you have ideas or suggestions, please let me have them. There is more than enough news about family members to make the letter worth while. Each major branch of the family should appoint one member to be its news representative. Such representatives, along with volunteers who will help put things together, will make up the Newsletter Committee. Without such a committee, the task is too big. If we do it right, we shall find out that we have some pretty good relatives, and we shall all be drawn closer together.



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