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12TH BIENNIAL REUNION JULY 26 – AUG. 12, 1993 Family to Tour LDS and United States Historical Sites

Descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack are invited to tour historical sites, July 26 through August 12, 1993. Family tour participants will visit Devil's Gate, Independence Rock, Mt. Rushmore, Winter Quarters, Kirtland, Niagara Falls, Palmyra, the Sacred Grove, Hill Cumorah, Fayette, Sharon, the Mack Store, Lexington, Concord, Plymouth Rock, Boston, New York, Harmony, Colesville, Carthage, Nauvoo, Independence, Liberty, Far West, Adam-ondi-Ahman, and even take in a Broadway musical and the Sturgis, South Dakota, passion play.

Friday, August 6, through Sunday, August 8, family members who cannot participate in the national tour are invited to join their cousins at events planned for Carthage and Nauvoo, Illinois. Buddy Youngreen, longtime chief officer of the Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion Association, and Hyrum Mack Smith, chairman of the newly organized Joseph, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation, will be co-chairmen of the three day sojourn in Carthage and Nauvoo. The major events include a reception, banquet, tribute at Carthage, City of Joseph pageant, family devotional, and memorial service at the newly landscaped Smith Family Cemetery, financed by donations to the family foundation and owned and maintained by the R.L.D.S. Church.

This 12th biennial reunion year commemorates the 222nd birthday of Joseph Smith, Sr., and the 150th year, sesquicentennial remembrance, of the martyrdom of his three sons, Hyrum, Joseph, Jr., and Samuel Harrison. These three brothers died 149 years ago in the summer of 1844, at the hands of a cruel mob, for the cause of their religious beliefs.

Following the martyrdom of the Smith brothers, and the great exodus of 1846, the family became divided and did not hold reunions for 126 years. The first reunion in the 20th Century was held in 1972 at the city where the division occurred, Nauvoo, sometimes called "the City of Joseph." Reunions at various locations have continued on a biennial basis since that time.

Buddy Youngreen was adopted and commissioned by the family in 1972 to serve as their chief officer. He is continuing in that capacity, as well as serving as tour director for the 1993 trek across the United States. For over twenty years Buddy has been very successful directing the family reunion activities. He has a rich background in theatre and L.D.S. history from which he is able to draw elements that create significant and memorable family gatherings. His book about Emma Smith was published in 1982 and several of his articles about the Smith Family have been published in the Ensign Magazine, Brigham Young University Studies, and the Latter-day Digest.

The Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion Association and the Joseph, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation are separate entities, co-operating for the Carthage/Nauvoo portion of the 1993 family reunion. Checks for reunion dues should be made payable, as in the past, to the Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion Association. Any other optional contributions should be paid directly to the Joseph, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation.

In order to attend any of the 1993 reunion events, fill out and mail in the enclosed family reunion registration form by May 31.



PARTICIPANTS DURING THE 1991 REUNION TOUR AT SHARON, VERMONT

Family Stalwart, Martha Ann Smith Harris

Martha Ann Smith Harris (1841-1923), daughter of Hyrum Smith (1800-1844) and Mary Fielding (1801-1852), was born in Nauvoo, She was three years old in 1844 when her father was martyred at Carthage and eleven years old when her mother died in Salt Lake Valley in 1852.

What follows is an excerpt from a letter Martha Ann Smith Harris wrote to her children March 22, 1881, when she was thirty-nine years old. A second item, in the handwriting of her thirteen-year-old brother, Joseph F. Smith, records the vision eleven-year-old Martha Ann had when her mother passed away.

Martha Ann's Letter

I was born in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, May 14, 1841, the youngest daughter of Hyrum Smith, Patriarch, who was martyred in Carthage Jail.

I am only sister to Joseph Fielding Smith; we are the only two children of Mary Fielding, second wife of Hyrum Smith, my father. I was three years old when my dear father was taken from the bosom of his family and from his friends. When he bid them the last farewell, and gave them the last farewell kiss. I remember well the night that he was murdered. I had the measles, I had taken cold and it had settled on my lungs, I could not speak above my breath. I begged of my dear mother to lie down to rest, but she walked the floor all night. She never lay down to rest once. She would read the Bible awhile then walk again, until the day began to dawn. There was a knock on the door. Mother asked who was there, the answer was "George Grant." She opened the door and asked, "What is the news?" he gave answer that Joseph and Hyrum were both murdered.

My poor mother stepped back calmly exclaiming, "It cannot be." He gave answer, "Yes, it is true." She fell back against the cupboard and Brother Grant helped her to a chair. The news flew like wildfire through the house. Those cries of agony that went through the soul of everyone were terrible. The anguish and sorrow, that was felt can easier be felt than described. It will never be forgotten by those who were called to pass through it.

He [Father] was loving, kind, and affectionate, indulgent almost to a fault.

I remember one day mother had made him a pair of pants and he was very proud of them. I saw him walk back and forth with his hands in his pockets. It was seldom that he was cheerful, he always looked anxious and sober.

I can remember many little things of my beloved father's death. How sad and sorrowful my mother would look. She scarcely ever smiled. If we could get her to laugh we though we had accomplished quite a feat. I never saw her more than smile. Oh how I loved my mother; I feared to displease her. I would rather burn my hand than vex my mother.

I can see the sorrowful look now. Those years where the severe trial of my life. I felt that I did not care to live any longer; my heart seemed crushed. I was not old enough at the time of my father's death to fully realize it, as I did the loss of my mother. I felt the world was a blank after my mother's death. Many times I felt the keen want of a loving mother to comfort me in trials that I had to pass through. It was a sore bereavement which I felt that I could never wear out with time. I went with my mother every day for three weeks while she worked in the Nauvoo Temple. What joy that was to me. My mother to this very day is perfect in my mind's eye. God bless her memory.

I emigrated to Salt Lake City with my mother in 1848. We left our home, just as it was,



Martha Ann Smith Harris and her brother, Joseph F. Smith, Circa 1917

all the furniture, in fact everything we owned. The fruit trees were loaded with rosy peaches and apples.

We bade goodbye to the loved home that reminded us of our beloved father everywhere we turned. We crossed the Mississippi River on a skiff in the dusk of the evening. We bade goodbye to our dear old grandmother, Lucy Mack Smith. I can never forget the bitter tears she shed when she bade us goodbye for the last time. She knew it would be the last time she would ever see her son's family again in this life. We did not realize this so much at the time as we have since.

I was baptized in 1849 by Heber C. Kimball.

Through my father's death, caused by the massacre of 1844, mother was left sole guardian of a large family of children and dependents, for whom she provided the means of support, and the removal from Nauvoo to this peaceful valley of the mountains, after providing a home for the further wants here.

She was called from her family and numerous circles of kindred and friends to enjoy the society of her martyred husband and the Prophet and the Saints that had gone before, to another state of existence. Her last illness of about two months continuance she bore with unusual patience and fortitude. She only wished to live longer to do good to her family and those around her. She died the 21st of September, 1852. She has entered into rest and may the example she set during her life be not forgotten by those she left behind to follow in her footsteps.

I was then at the tender age of eleven years. I have felt when seeing children with parents to love and care for them my path was not a smooth one. But I am proud to be her daughter. She was truly a mother in Israel and her name shall be held in everlasting remembrance, . . .

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*William Jasper Harris and Martha Ann Smith Family, Cica 1889
Front Row (L-R): Mary, Martha, William Jasper, Martha Ann, Sarah, Zina
Back Row (L-R): William, Joseph, Mercy, Hyrum, Lucy, Frank, John*



HERITAGE BUS TOUR

Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion National Tour, July 26-Aug. 12, 1993

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Monday, July 26 Leave Provo 9:00 P.M.
Leave Salt Lake City 10:00 P.M. As in the past, we will travel on the bus the first night toward our first stop in Rapid City, SD.

Tuesday, July 27 Travel to Rock Springs, WY—change drivers. Visit Devil's Gate and Independence Rock, historic pioneer sites. Travel to Casper for breakfast and then on to the Black Hills. This afternoon we will visit a spot every American should see, Mt. Rushmore! Tonight we attend the famous Passion play in Sturgis, SD.

Wednesday, July 28 Leave Rapid City—travel through the wide open spaces of South Dakota and Nebraska on our way to Lincoln, NE, for our overnight stay. Entertainment and fun activities on the bus.

Thursday, July 29 Leave Lincoln. Visit Winter Quarters in Florence, NE. Travel day. Entertainment and activities on the bus. Destination: Elkhart, IN.

Friday, July 30 Leave Elkhart, IN at 7:30 A.M. Travel to Kirtland, OH. Visit Kirtland Temple, Whitney Store, and attend Reunion Meeting.

Saturday, July 31 Leave Kirtland 7:30 A.M. Visit Amish Settlement, Hiram, OH. Afternoon and evening sightseeing in beautiful Niagara Falls, Canada.

Sunday, August 1 Leave Niagara Falls 7:30 A.M. Travel to Palmyra, N.Y. Visit Hill Cumorah, Sacred Grove, and other sites. Attend Reunion Meeting.

Monday, August 2 Leave Palmyra area 7:00 A.M. Travel to Sharon, VT, visit birthplace of Prophet Joseph Smith, Mack Store, attend Reunion Meeting.

Tuesday, August 3 Leave Sharon, VT 7:00 A.M. Travel to Boston, MA. Visit Lexington, Concord, and Plymouth Rock. Stay in Middleboro, MA.

Wednesday, August 4 Leave Middleboro at 7:00 A.M. Travel to New York City. Visit Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, shop Macey's—attend a Broadway play tonight. (Hopefully Phantom of the Opera!)

Thursday, August 5 Leave New York City 7:30 A.M. Travel day through beautiful Pennsylvania. Visit home site of Emma and Joseph in Harmony, PA. Visit site of restoration of Aaronic Priesthood. travel on to Erie, PA.

Friday, August 6 Leave Erie at 7:30 A.M. Travel day to Springfield, IL. Visit home and tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

Saturday, August 7 Leave Springfield 7:30 A.M. Travel to Nauvoo, visiting Carthage Jail. Attend Reunion Banquet tonight in Nauvoo.

Sunday, August 8 Spend all day attending our Sunday meetings, touring, and special reunion functions.

Monday, August 9 Leave Nauvoo 8:00 A.M. Travel to Independence, MO, visiting Hannibal, Independence Visitor Centers, and Liberty Jail. Tonight attend Kansas City Royals baseball game.

Tuesday, August 10 Leave Independence 7:30 A.M. Travel to Omaha visiting Richmond MO, Far West, and Adam-on-di-Ahman.

Wednesday, August 11 Leave Omaha 7:30 A.M. Travel to Cheyenne, WY, where we will have our farewell dinner party at the beautiful Little America Hotel. This dinner is provided by the tour.

Thursday, August 12 Leave Cheyenne 8:30 A.M. Buffet breakfast provided by the Tour. Arrive in Salt Lake City at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Total Price for the tour is as follows:

Two Persons (Adults) Occupancy	\$1085.00/person
Four Persons (Adults) Occupancy	\$890.00/person
Child under 12 yrs accompanied by two or more adults	\$585.00/person

This price is based on 40 people. The cost of the tour pays for 16 nights accommodations and transportation to all the sites and return. The only meals provided by the tour are the farewell party and the buffet breakfast the morning of the last day.

Again we have tried to keep the cost of the tour as low as possible. Two years ago the cost was \$965.00. Hotels continue to raise their prices and the bus companies raise their prices every year. we sincerely hope that these costs will not be too prohibitive for some of you. We realize they might be so for some. But again this is a great opportunity that is being planned for us and we hope that you can join with the Family for this occasion.

Please send \$50.00 deposit by May 15 for each seat desired (first come/first served) and indicate roommate/roommates for the National tour.

**Heritage Tours
633 Durham Ln., Apt. E.
Ventura, California 93004**

Please try to be with us.

**Bob Eliason
Tour Host, Heritage Tours.
Telephone (805) 647-0523**

Balance of tour fee due by June 15.



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Martha Ann's Vision

I saw my father and mother sitting the white horse my father used to ride, dressed in white robes with veils over their faces. The horse [was] also clothed in white. Their hands were transparent. Their feet [were] covered with their robes. The horse's feet looked beautiful standing on a pavement of gold, smooth like glass.

My father asked me if we were all well. He then asked me if John could do as Mother had and said he would soon come and talk with him and the rest of the children. Mother then said she would like to go with him but [she] asked, ". . . how can I leave the children?" He answered, "The children will be taken care of" and that he would be with them, and watch over them as he had watched over them and her till now.

[My father] then told [my mother] she had done well by them and he was perfectly satisfied and he would be with them from this time henceforth and forever.

Mother asked me if I thought Aunt Thompson could take care of me. I said I guess so and she said that would be right and that all things would turn out for the best. [My mother] then said, "Father is going and I must go along." She then said, "Father, let her hear." [Father] then commenced playing a beautiful musical instrument of pure gold [and] so delightful that [I] cannot describe it, during which they embraced each other and she said it was the happiest day she ever saw.

I asked my mother if she would be with her body. She said I shall never forsake it or you. [I then] asked her if we [had] done right with her body. She said yes she could not have asked anything more.

I asked my father if I had been faithful. He said, "yes, thus far." He then told mother he had labored and got a mansion and wanted her to prepare things in it. She said, "I will go and do all I can." I asked if they would show me that mansion. [Mother] said I could not see much. She then directed me to a round ball which appeared to be composed of the same kind of fire or glory, as the circle which surrounded [my father and mother]. The ball moved towards the mansion which they said I should see at some future time. They [also] said I must stay and take care of Joseph and talk to him and tell him to be a good boy and tell all the children to be good and they should soon be together again.

Father told me to tell the children to keep together. He said, "Tell John, Jerusha [&] Sarah to stay in that house for the present; to be submissive and mind what is said to them and where the home of the heads of the Church is, there let their home be and not ramble about. I asked father to talk to John. He said he had not time now.

Mother asked me if Sister Grennels tried to get Joseph to read. I said yes. She said she was glad and she thought the world of her for that and she would like him to go to school if it [were possible]. She gave some other directions but seemed to be in great haste saying they must go. I asked mother why they wore veils. She said if they should remove them I could not look upon them. I kissed them both through their veils. Their breath smelled like sweet ointment. Their voices sounded like sweet music. She said she had seen her mother & that they had a joyful time; that they all dwelt in the same mansion.

[Mother] said ". . . be kind to Aunt Thompson, she will soon come to us." She then told me to teach John to be kind to her [horse] Fanny, that she should want her soon but she was going to have one of her mother's horses for the present.



1991 FAMILY REUNION TOUR AT CARTHAGE ILLINOIS
A visualization evidencing
"... the blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the church."

1993 REGISTRATION FORM



1771-1840

JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION
JULY 26-AUGUST 12, 1993
NATIONAL TOUR
(Carthage/Nauvoo Portion, Aug. 6-8)

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	\$10.00	X	_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL
FAMILY (Parents and dependent children only)	\$30.00 per family	X	_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL
			TOTAL \$ _____

BANQUET TICKETS (Nauvoo, Illinois)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th, 5 pm./\$10.00 Per Plate

	_____ = _____
	NUMBER TOTAL

REUNION T-SHIRTS (add \$2.50 shipping and handling fee per average order if shirts are not to be picked up during reunion)

EXTRA LARGE ...\$10.00	X	_____ = _____	14-16 (CHILD) ...\$9.00	X	_____ = _____
		NUMBER TOTAL			NUMBER TOTAL
LARGE\$10.00	X	_____ = _____	10-12 (CHILD) ...\$9.00	X	_____ = _____
		NUMBER TOTAL			NUMBER TOTAL
MEDIUM\$10.00	X	_____ = _____	6- 8 (CHILD) ...\$9.00	X	_____ = _____
		NUMBER TOTAL			NUMBER TOTAL
SMALL\$10.00	X	_____ = _____			
		NUMBER TOTAL			
					TOTAL \$ _____
					GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

TO SECURE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH THE REQUIRED FEES BY FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1993, TO:

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION. FOR REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION, ENCLOSE A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

O God, let the residue of my father's house . . . ever come up in remembrance before thee and stand virtuous and pure in thy presence, that thou mayest save them from the hand of the oppressor, and establish their feet upon the rock of ages, that they may have place in thy house and be saved in thy kingdom, even where God, and Christ is, and let all these things be as I have said, for Christ's sake, Amen.

Joseph A. Smith