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13TH BIENNIAL REUNION IN SALT LAKE CITY AUGUST 3-6, 1995 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 thirteenth gathering since 1972 will take place at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building and historic Temple Square in Salt Lake City, August 3-6. The last time the family met in Utah was in 1989.

From 5 p.m.-7p.m. Thursday, August 3, the reunion will officially get underway with registration finalization and a get-acquainted reception in the main lobby of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, formerly the Hotel Utah, just east of Temple Square. Following the reception, reunion participants are invited to attend a rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the historic Tabernacle on Temple Square. The 375-voice choir will perform in front of the towering pipes of the world famous Tabernacle Organ.

The next reunion session will be 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Friday, August 4, in the chapel of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. Welcoming speeches, announcements, and a special film entitled THE SONS OF THE MARTYRS will be presented.

Friday afternoon the family will enjoy sightseeing and at 5 p.m. an old-fashioned picnic on the grounds of the L.D.S. Branch

Meetinghouse at Brighton, located in Big Cottonwood Canyon in the nearby Wasatch Mountains. At 7 p.m. Garcia N. Jones will present a special musical program featuring the compositions of her mother, Lorena H. Normandeau. This tribute to the extended family of Joseph Smith, Jr. and Emma Hale Smith will be presented in the nearby redecorated and refurbished Brighton Meetinghouse Cultural Hall.

From 9a.m.-11a.m. Saturday, August 5, guest speakers will present topics of interest back at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building Chapel. Before adjournment of this morning meeting, the family portrait will be taken.

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, Utah State Capital Buildings, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum, and other points of interest.

Saturday evening at 7 p.m. a catered banquet will be held in the nearby 26th Floor Reception Center, high atop the Church Office Building, 50 East North Temple. The view from the dining area incorporates the entire Salt Lake Valley, surrounding mountain ranges, and the Great

Salt Lake to the west.

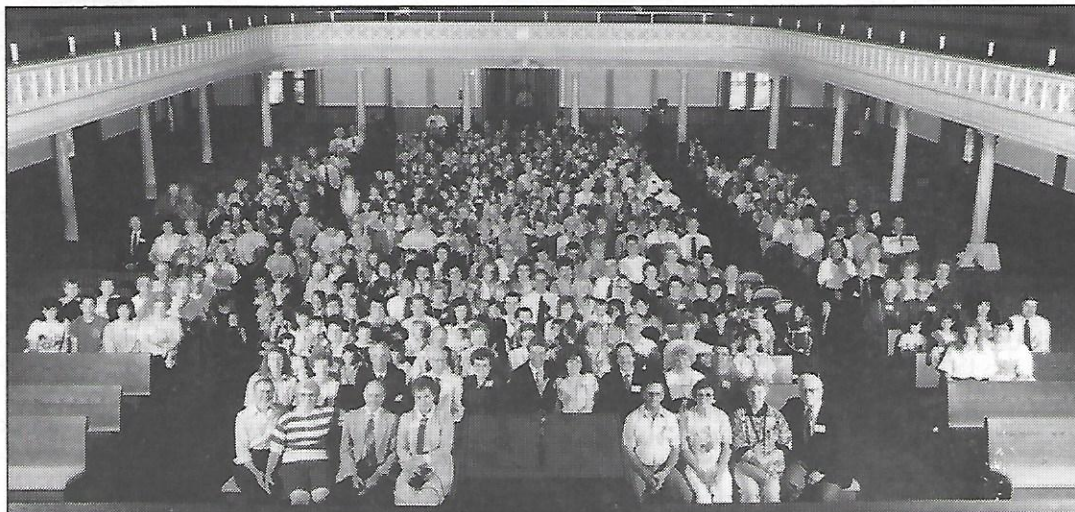
Reunion participants are also invited to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast on Sunday, August 6, from 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. A special memorial service honoring Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith will follow in the Assembly Hall just south of the Tabernacle on Temple Square. This service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at noon, serving to bring the 13th biennial reunion to a close.

Costs for the 1995 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 \$15.00 per person or \$45.00 per family; family meaning spouse and dependent children only. Picnic lunch donations, banquet tickets, and reunion T-shirt costs will be optional.

In order to attend this 1995 reunion, mail the enclosed registration form by July 10 to:

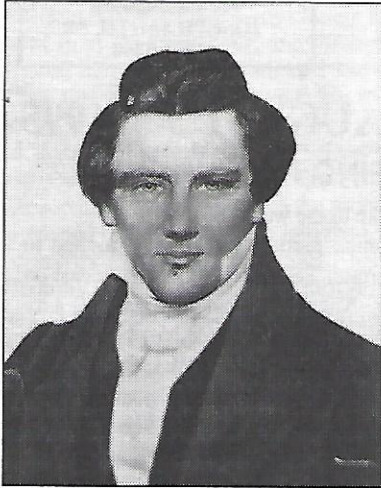
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Make all checks payable to Joseph Smith, Sr., Family Reunion. For registration confirmation and housing information enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.



1989 FAMILY REUNION PORTRAIT IN THE TEMPLE SQUARE ASSEMBLY HALL

SMITH FAMILY CHRONICLES



JOSEPH SMITH, JR.
1805-1844

PRECIOUS PROMISE

The prophet Joseph Smith declared—and he never taught more comforting doctrine—than the eternal sealing of faithful parents and the divine promises made to them for valiant service in the Cause of Truth, would save not only themselves but likewise their posterity. Though some of the sheep may wander, the eye of the Shepherd is upon them, and sooner or later they will feel the tentacles of Divine Providence reaching out after them, and drawing them back to the fold. Either in this life or in the life to come, they will return. They will have to pay their debt to justice; they will suffer for their sins; and may tread a thorny path, but if it leads them at last, like the penitent prodigal, to a loving and forgiving Father's heart and home, the painful experience will not have been in vain. Pray for your careless and disobedient children; hold on to them with your faith. Hope on, trust on, till you see the salvation of God.

Who are these straying sheep—these wayward sons and daughters? They are the children of the Covenant, heirs to the promise, and have received, if baptized, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, which makes manifest the things of God. Could all that go for naught?

(Orson F. Whitney, Conference Report of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, April 1919, p. 118)

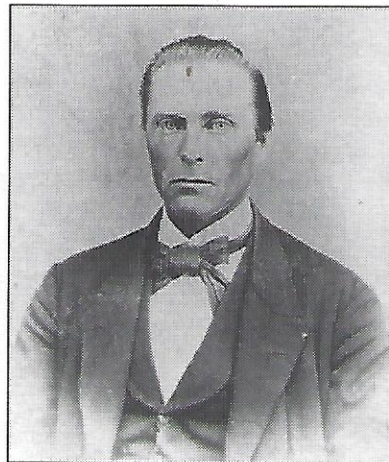


JOSEPH F. SMITH
1838-1918

SACRED DREAM

"... last night I had a most glorious dream. I saw Uncle Joseph, Father, Brigham, Heber and the Twelve, all dressed in their Robes of White, and they seemed to have an additional Robe of pure white without a seam, coming down to their feet, and around the edge was a broad strip of pure white fur, like down, dotted here and there with beautiful spots, which gave a richness to them beyond description. Uncle Joseph scolded me for being late, but I had been to bathe and felt I was clean, and his every word was life and joy, tho spoken in reproof. Uncle and Father blessed a child. Taking it in their arms, I took the child from Uncle Joseph to return it to its mother, and the backs of my hands touched his bosom, which sent a thrill to my very heart that I cannot describe nor ever shall forget. The perfect order, the extreme joy and happiness that I saw and felt, is past my power of expression. I can only write the words. The joy and bliss can only be felt."

(Joseph F. Smith, Mission Journal entry, Chesterfield, England, Monday, January 13th, 1862)



JOHN SMITH
1832-1911

EARLY MEMORIES

I John Smith, son of Hyrum and Jerusha Barden Smith, was born in Kirtland, Geauga, now Lake County, Ohio, September 22nd, 1832.

I am the second oldest living of our race, Silas Sanford Smith is the oldest by two years, less 28 days.

I left Ohio in the spring of 1838 and remember much of the travel on the journey to Far West, Missouri, and also the trouble in Far West. [I] remember that the liberty pole was struck with lightning on the 4th of July. I remember some of the suffering on our way to Quincy, Illinois. [I] remember seeing my Father when he came home from Liberty Jail. He had a full beard. His hair was long and he was riding a small Bay Horse.

I remember of seeing the Prophet and my Father on parade in full uniform. Also of seeing the Prophet and Aunt Emma on horseback together, Uncle Joseph riding old Joe Duncan, a chestnut sorrel pacing horse, and Aunt Emma riding old Charley, a jet black trotting horse. [I] have heard my Father and Uncle Joseph preach many times. I chased ball for Uncle Joseph many times. This was a sport or recreation which he was very fond of.

[I] was present when the Prophet preached to the Indians on the lot of the residence across the road south from the Mansion House. [I] was also present when Uncle Joseph made his last speech on the frame opposite the Mansion. [I] saw my Father take his watch and chain off and hang it up and take an old watch (which was mashed by the ball which passed through the body and I have the pieces now) as he was starting for Carthage. Father rode his large white horse, Sam. I remember well seeing the lifeless bodies lying in the dining room in the Mansion House.

(John Smith's handwritten statement, February 5th, 1909)



Alexander Hale Smith
1838-1909

EMMA'S VISION

I used to think there was no young man on earth that thought any more of his mother than I thought of mine. I could not bear to think that she should die, that she would be taken away from us. And on my way home from the General Conference held at Plano, Illinois, passing within thirty-five miles of my mother's home I was impressed, "You go home and visit your mother."



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June 22 — July 9, 1995

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TOUR DIRECTOR: Buddy Youngreen (telephone 801 226-6561)

VISIT: Independence, Liberty Jail, Far West, Adam-Ondi-Ahman, Nauvoo, Kirtland Temple, Amish settlements, Niagara Falls, Palmyra, Hill Cumorah, Sacred Grove, Sharon, Vt., Boston, Plymouth Rock, New York City and a Broadway play, Harmony, Pa., Winter Quarters, and much, much more as we travel this beautiful Country or ours!!

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- * Round trip air conditioned bus transportation.
- * 17 nights, clean and comfortable hotel accommodations.
- * 10 meals paid by the tour
- * All entrance fees, which includes the Broadway play.
- * Guidebook/Journal
- * Services of experienced guides and drivers.

ITINERARY

Thursday, June 22-Day 1 Leave Salt Lake 9:00 A.M. Travel through Wyoming visiting Devil's Gate and Independence Rock, historic pioneer sites. Travel to Casper for our overnight stay.

Friday, June 23-Day 2 Leave Casper and travel to the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. This afternoon we will visit a spot every American should see, Mt. Rushmore! Tonight we will return here for a special presentation on the mountain.

Saturday, June 24-Day 3 Travel through the wide open spaces of South Dakota and Nebraska on our way to Omaha, Ne. for our overnight stay. Entertainment and fun activities on the bus.

Sunday, June 25-Day 4 Mostly a travel day as we move across Iowa, Illinois, and part of Indiana to our overnight stay in Elkhart, In. Buddy will be teaching you about many aspects of Church History through this part of the country.

Monday, June 26-Day 5 Today we travel to Kirtland, Oh. and will visit the Kirtland Temple, Whitney Store, plus the other sites of this inspiring place.

Tuesday, June 27-Day 6 This morning we will visit the Johnson Farm in Hiram, Oh. After this special event we will visit an Amish area in Middlefield, Oh., and enjoy lunch at Mary Yoder's—great Amish cooking! This afternoon we will be sightseeing in beautiful Niagara Falls, Canada. Our hotel is in Buffalo, NY.

Wednesday, June 28-Day 7 Travel to Palmyra, NY. Visit the Hill Cumorah, Sacred Grove, and other sites.

Thursday, June 29-Day 8 Today we travel to Sharon, Vt., birthplace of the Prophet Joseph Smith. We will also visit Tunbridge and the old Mack Store. If you have never been to Vermont, you will simply love it!

Friday, June 30-Day 9 This morning we travel to the Boston area to visit Lexington, Concord, Plymouth Rock, and other sites as time and traffic permit. Our overnight stay is in Middleboro, Ma., close by Plymouth Rock.

Saturday, July 1-Day 10 We leave Middleboro early this morning to give us the time we need in the Big Apple! We will visit the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, shop Macey's—attend a Broadway Play tonight.

Sunday, July 2-Day 11 Leave New York City and travel through beautiful Pennsylvania on our way to Harmony, to the home of Joseph and Emma and where much of the Book of Mormon was translated. Also at this spot we will see the site of the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. We then stay in Harrisburg, Pa. tonight.

Monday, July 3-Day 12 Today may be a long day for you. We are close to Gettysburg and should not pass this opportunity to visit this hallowed place. We will have a 2 hour tour of the battleground and visit the spot of the Gettysburg address of President Lincoln. Then we are off to Dayton, Oh., to spend the night.

Tues. & Wed, July 4 & 5-Day 13 & 14 Another travel day on our way to Nauvoo. We will spend the next two nights here, enjoying the history of our early pioneers. You will have ample time to visit the various restored homes as well as a trip to Carthage Jail, site of the Martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum.

Thursday, July 6-Day 15 We travel today through Missouri, visiting Hannibal, home of Mark Twain— then to Independence (Jackson County) to the site of the New Jerusalem. The RLDS Temple and Auditorium are on the agenda along with the LDS Visitors Center. There are many other things that Buddy will show and teach you as we visit this sacred ground.

Friday, July 7-Day 16 After a great breakfast this morning, we will visit the important sites of Far West and Adam-Ondi-Ahman. Both of these spots have a special spirit about them and you will be thrilled as you step on this sacred ground. We then drive on to Omaha and Winter Quarters for another inspiring experience as we visit the Pioneer Cemetery where over 600 saints are buried. You will be touched by our experiences today.

Saturday, July 8-Day 17 Travel to Cheyenne, Wy., where we will have our farewell dinner party. This dinner is provided by the tour but you have to supply the entertainment and fun. This is a time to share the memories of this great trip by your poems, songs, and written words of the last 17 days!

Sunday, July 9-Day 18 After a great breakfast this morning, we board the bus for our journey to Salt Lake City. We hope that your heart is filled with gratitude and pride in the heritage of our Church and Nation. Breakfast this morning is paid by the tour.

Make Your Reservations Early: A \$100.00 deposit will hold your reservation until June 1, when the tour must be paid for in full (unless special advance arrangements have been made).

\$50.00 of the \$100.00 per person deposit is non-refundable because Broadway play tickets must be purchased far in advance of the tour. Broadway play tickets are purchased on a no refund basis.

This tour is a package deal. There will be on discounts in the event any participate opts to miss an event or accept other overnight accomadations along the way with friends, etc.

No regular refunds will be given after June 1. Verifiable emergency refunds will be given until June 20. No refunds whatsoever after June 20.

Luggage: One large suitcase will be allowed each person. A small overnight case is allowed, but it will be your responsibility to take care of it.

Insurance: You are covered by the carrier's insurance while aboard the bus.

Seating on the Bus: Our seating is rotated in fairness to everyone, moving clockwise each day. Our trips are planned in the best interest of our passengers and it is our aim to give the best to our patrons.

Responsibility: HERITAGE TOURS and/or its agents act only as agents for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by bus, motor car, or boat, and assume no responsibility for acts of the carrier or third persons. We cannot accept responsibility for sickness, weather, or other causes. We reserve the right to make such alterations in the itinerary as we deem necessary and desirable.

The right is reserved to decline, accept, or retain any person as a member of our tour, or to cancel our tour if circumstances require it.

DETACH THIS RESERVATION FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR DEPOSIT TO:
BUDDY YOUNGREN, H.T. TOUR DIRECTOR, 703 N. 945 West, Orem, UT 84057.

NAME(S) : _____

ADDRESS (street): _____

(city): _____ (state): _____ (zip): _____

PHONE: _____ NUMBER IN PARTY: _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (due to health or other): _____

DEPOSIT AMOUNT PAID (make checks out to HERITAGE TOURS): _____

Signature: _____ DATE: _____

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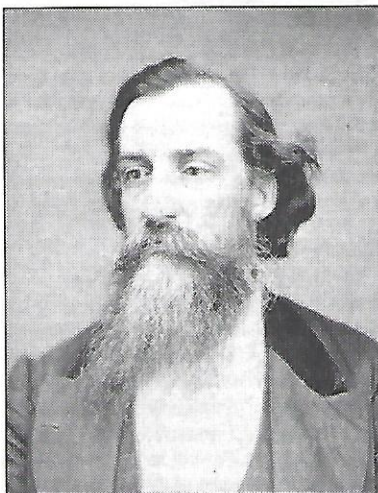
SMITH FAMILY CHRONICLES

When I got to Burlington, Iowa, I changed cars, ran down the river to Montrose, and crossed the river to Nauvoo. I went into the house as a boy. I felt like a boy coming home. I went in at the front door, and through the hall, and into the kitchen, where I knew my mother was usually to be found. My mother was not there. Another woman was there. I said to her, "Where is mother?" "Don't you know that you mother is sick? She is in the other room." I turned to go into the room, and as I opened the door and went into the room I saw my mother on the bed, and I had the testimony from God that my mother was dying. That night I went into the orchard; I knelt down beneath an apple tree and I tried to pray. I tried with all my heart to ask God to spare my mother, to let her remain with her children. I could not pray, I could not find words; I could not find voice; I could not find thought to pray. All was dark around me, and I labored in that agony for some time. Pretty soon the still, small voice of the Spirit said, "If your mother dies she will be with her companion, Joseph; if she lives she cannot but live a few short years at most, of pain and anguish." And then the flood gates were let loose and I said in my heart, "Father, it is enough, I will not murmur."

... I sent a telegram to my brother, Joseph, saying, "Joseph, if you expect to see mother alive, come quick." In twenty-six hours my brother was by her bedside.

I asked him if he was surprised. "No," he said, "I have been sleeping, as it were, with one foot out of bed, waiting for that summons." I asked him how he knew, and why he was waiting for it. He said, "I had a

vision. I saw my mother. She said to me, 'Come, Joseph, I will show you my home;' and I went with her. She took me into a beautiful mansion; she showed me all through the mansion, all of its beauty and arrangement; one of the most beautiful mansions that one could conceive. And I noticed too, Alexander, that that careworn look that we always saw on our mother's face after father's death, was gone, and she looked young and fresh, and as though she was happy and glad. She said to me, 'Joseph, this is my home.' And he said he knew that the Father would call her soon.



Joseph Smith, III
1832-1914

We waited upon my mother while she was sick. Just before she passed away she called, "Joseph, Joseph." I thought she meant my brother. He was in the room, and I spoke to him, and said, "Joseph, mother wants you." I was at the head of the bed. My mother raised right up, lifted her left hand as high as she could raise it, and called, "Joseph." I put my left arm under her shoulders, took her hand in mine, saying, "Mother, what is it," laid her hand on her bosom, and she was dead; she had passed away.

... a short time before she died she had a vision which she related... father came to her and said to her, "Emma, come with me, it is time for you to come with me." And as she related it she said, "I put on my bonnet and my shawl and went with him; I did not think it was anything unusual. I went with him into a mansion, a beautiful mansion, and he showed me through the different apartments of that



Emma Hale Smith
1804-1879

beautiful mansion. And one room was the nursery. In that nursery was a babe in the cradle." She said, "I knew my babe, my Don Carlos that was taken away from me." She sprang forward, caught the child up in her arms, and wept with joy over the child. When she recovered herself sufficient she turned to Joseph and said, "Joseph, where are the rest of my children?" He said to her, "Emma, be patient, and you shall have all of your children." Then she saw standing by his side a personage of light, even the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Alexander Hale Smith sermon report, R.L.D.S. Zion's Advocate, December 31, 1903.)



1993 Family Reunion Portrait at Carthage, Illinois
further evidencing"...the blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the church."

1995 REGISTRATION FORM



1771-1840

JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION
August 3-6, 1995
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

LINEAGE

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)

HOUSING

We would would not (mark choice) like to stay with family members during the reunion. Our family will consist of: _____

REUNION FEES SUMMARY

INDIVIDUAL	\$15.00	X	_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL
FAMILY (Parents and dependent children only)	\$45.00 per family	X	_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL
			TOTAL \$ _____

PICNIC DONATION (optional)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 5 p.m.	\$3.00 per plate	X	_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL
			TOTAL \$ _____

BANQUET TICKETS (optional)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 7 pm./\$15.00 Per Plate			_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL

REUNION T-SHIRTS (add \$3.00 shipping and handling fee per average order if shirts are not to be picked up during reunion)

EXTRA LARGE	\$15.00	X	_____ = _____	14-16 (CHILD)	\$12.00	X	_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL				NUMBER TOTAL
LARGE	\$15.00	X	_____ = _____	10-12 (CHILD)	\$12.00	X	_____ = _____
			NUMBER TOTAL				NUMBER TOTAL
MEDIUM	\$15.00	X	_____ = _____	6- 8 (CHILD)	\$12.00	X	_____ = _____
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SMALL	\$15.00	X	_____ = _____				
			NUMBER TOTAL				TOTAL \$ _____
							GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

To secure reservations, please send this registration form with the required fees by **Monday, JULY 10, 1995**, to:

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

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