



Lucy Mack Smith  
1775 - 1856

# Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion News

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Joseph Smith Sr.  
1771 - 1840

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## 15TH BIENNIAL REUNION IN NAUVOO, AUGUST 5-8, 1999

*Bus Tour, Entertainment, Guest Speakers, Pageant, Banquet, and Kids' Activities*

**H**istoric Nauvoo, Illinois, is the location for the August 5-8, 1999, gathering of descendants of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith when the fifteenth biennial reunion of this organization takes place. This reunion marks the sixth time Nauvoo has been selected as a meeting place for the family since 1972. Prior to the first reunion at Nauvoo in 1972, the family had not met together in one hundred and twenty-six years.

The reunion will officially begin Thursday, August 5, from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM with registration finalization in the lobby of the LDS Nauvoo Visitors' Center. Packets with reunion programs, nametags, housing assignments, pageant, entertainment, and banquet tickets will be distributed at that time. Participants may choose to arrive earlier in the day to enjoy the sights and sounds of this Williamsburg of the Midwest.

On Friday, August 6, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, family members will gather in the Nauvoo LDS Stake Center for welcoming speeches, informative presentations, and announcements. Following the morning meeting, the family will be free all afternoon to tour this city where their progenitors lived. The RLDS Visitors' Center, as well as the LDS Visitors' Center, will serve as a gateway to more historical sites and information regarding old Nauvoo than

is possible to properly digest during our brief sojourn in Illinois' once largest city.

As the sun sets over the Mississippi River Friday evening, the family will attend the annual outdoor pageant, CITY OF JOSEPH. This musical extravaganza is presented on a spectacular five level stage over 300 feet in length. The cast and crew are composed of 350-400 persons, and each summer this delightful production is presented free of charge to 40,000-50,000 guests.

Saturday, August 7, family members will assemble once again in the LDS Nauvoo Stake Center from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM for more presentations and announcements. Most of the afternoon has been left open for continued site seeing, and in the late afternoon/early evening the traditional banquet will be catered at Hotel Nauvoo, near the Nauvoo Temple site. Following the meal, family members will attend a musical drama about old Nauvoo in the restored LDS Cultural Hall.

Sunday morning at 9:00 AM a memorial service and wreath placing ceremony will take place at the Smith Family Cemetery where Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith are buried. Other notable family members buried there include Hyrum Smith, Joseph Smith Jr., Emma Hale Smith, Samuel Harrison Smith, and Don Carlos Smith. When this devotional

has concluded, reunion participants will travel twenty-four miles southeast of Nauvoo to the LDS Carthage Visitors' Center, Restored Jail, and Memorial Gardens for a special program presented by Utah Actor Ted Gibbons, portraying Willard Richards, giving his perspective of the Martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith which took place there in 1844. A tour of the premises afterwards will bring an official close to the 1999 Smith Family Reunion.

Once again, costs for the reunion are being held to a minimum. Registration is \$20.00 per person or \$60.00 per family, spouse and dependent children only. Banquet tickets and reunion T-shirts are optional expenses, but anyone attending any of the reunion activities must be registered.

With the exception of those participating in the reunion bus tour, as outlined in this newsletter, all reunion participants will need to arrange their own housing. Family members may choose to have reservations for housing made in their behalf by indicating their needs on the enclosed registration form. Additional information regarding housing and/or meals can be obtained from the Nauvoo Chamber of Commerce, (217) 453-6648.

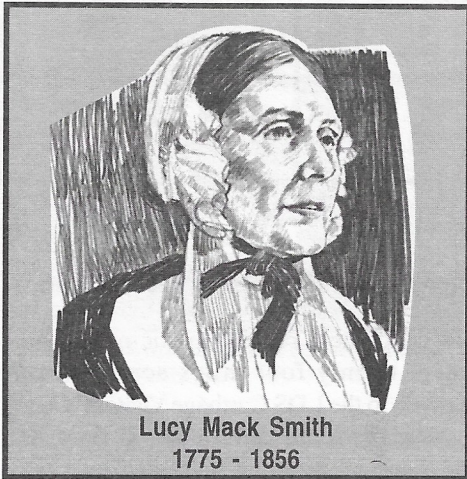
In order to attend the 1999 reunion, mail off the enclosed registration form and fees by July 1, 1999. **SEE YOU IN NAUVOO!**



1997 Family Reunion Participants at the Kirtland Temple in Ohio

# Smith Family Chronicles

## Latter-day Israel in Nauvoo



**Lucy Mack Smith**  
1775 - 1856

While residing in Nauvoo, Illinois, July 18, 1845, widow Lucy Mack Smith applied for the copyright on her book about famous son, Joseph Smith, Jr. She described that work as:

"...containing an account of the many persecutions, trials and afflictions which I and my family have endured in bringing forth the Book of Mormon and establishing the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints."

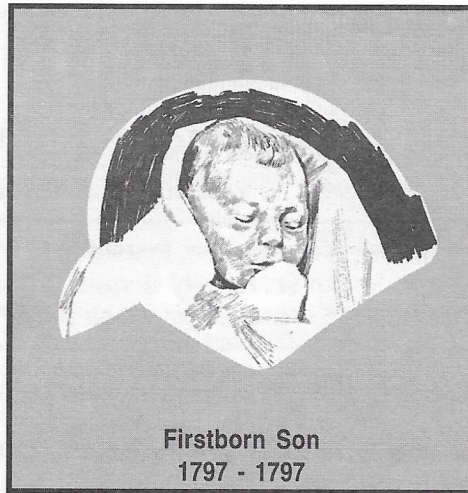
There is little question Lucy saw her family in the same light which many of her contemporaries viewed the family of Old Testament Jacob. They understood Jacob's name was changed by God to Israel, and his descendants became known as the Children of Israel. Lucy went on to acknowledge a belief that her descendants were actually Latter-day Israel.



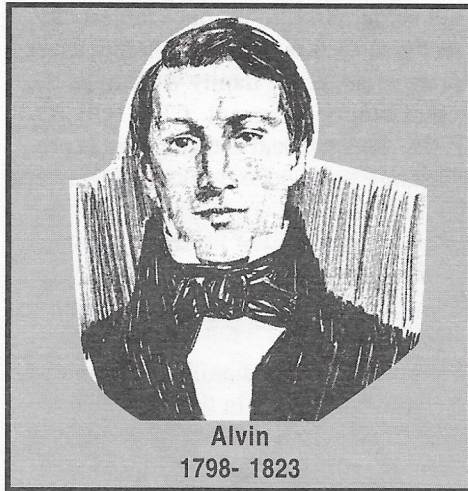
**Joseph Smith Sr.**  
1771 - 1840

Nearly eleven years earlier in Ohio, December 9, 1834, Lucy's husband and recently designated Church Patriarch, Joseph Smith Sr., called their family together to receive the first formally recorded Patriarchal Blessings in the new Church. He said, "I desire, and for a long time have, to bless my children..." He followed the example of his predecessor, Jacob, in blessing his progeny and recorded his sense of familial purpose. Among other things he said

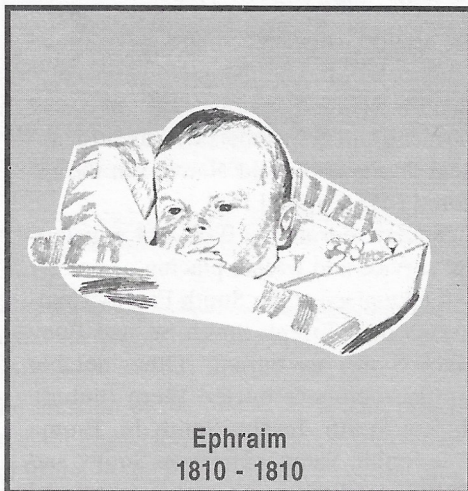
"I have not always set that example before my family that I ought..Notwithstanding all this my folly, which has been a cause of grief to my family, the Lord has often visited me in vi sions and in dreams, and has brought me, with my family, through many afflictions..."



**Firstborn Son**  
1797 - 1797



**Alvin**  
1798- 1823

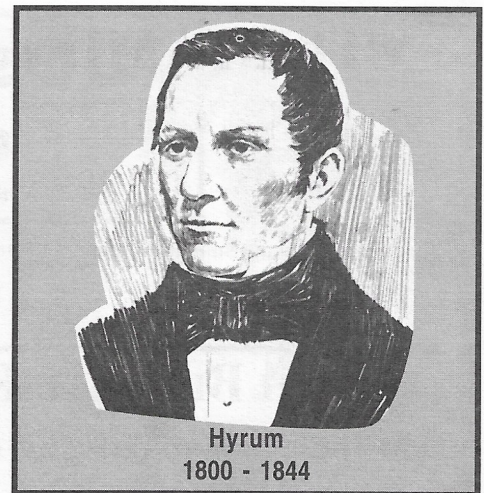


**Ephraim**  
1810 - 1810

Poignantly, while blessing his family, the Patriarch noted:

"...three seats are, as it were, empty. The Lord in his just providence has taken from me at an untimely birth, a son, this has been a matter of affliction, but the Lord's ways are just. My next son, Alvin, as you are all aware, was taken from us in the vigor of life...another has been taken also, in his infancy..."

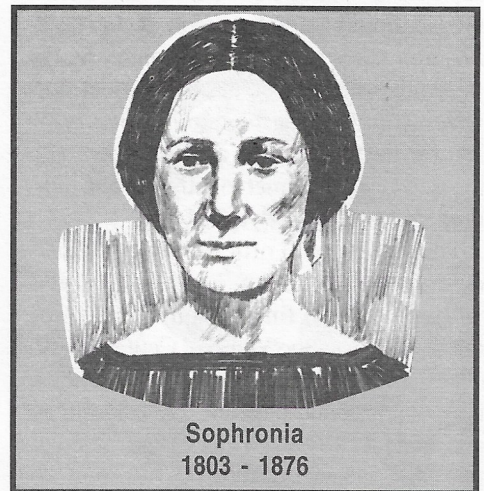
Almost six years later, just prior to the passing of Joseph Sr. in Nauvoo, September 14, 1840, Lucy and all their surviving children received the Patriarch's final benediction.



**Hyrum**  
1800 - 1844

To Hyrum oldest surviving son he said:

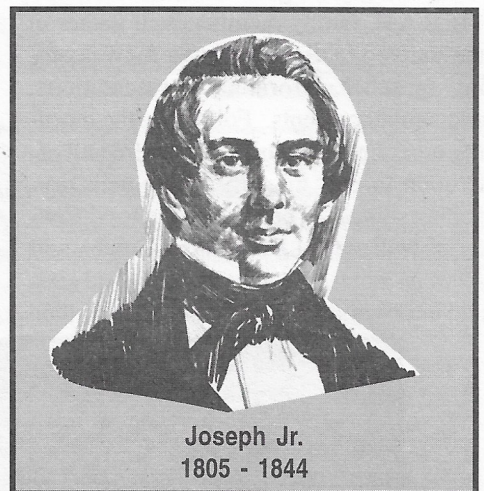
"I seal upon your head the patriarchal power, and you shall bless the people."



**Sophonria**  
1803 - 1876

To oldest daughter Sophronia, Joseph Sr. said:

"...the blessing of the Lord will rest upon you and upon your family."



**Joseph Jr.**  
1805 - 1844

To his prophetic son, Joseph Jr., he prophesied:

"...you will be blessed, and your family shall be blessed, and your children after you."

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# SMITH FAMILY BUS TOUR

August 1-11, 1999



# LDS History Smith Reunion & Branson Tour

Begin Sunday August 1st,  
9:00 AM in Salt Lake City  
10:00 AM in Provo,, Utah

End Wednesday August 11th,  
7:00 PM in Provo  
8:00 PM in SLC  
11 days - 10 nights

**Cost: \$1,295.00 per person  
double occupancy**

**Limited Availability  
BOOK NOW!**

**TOUR DIRECTOR:  
Buddy Youngreen  
Telephone & Fax 801-226-6561**

### *Historic Sites:*

**Independence, Liberty, Richmond, Far West, Adam-ondi-Ahman & Hannibal, Missouri, Nauvoo & Carthage, Illinois. Lastly, some great relaxation and entertainment in delightful & popular Branson, Missouri.**

### *See:*

**Two live Branson productions, Liberty Jail, Three Witnesses Monument, Crooked River, Far West Temple Site, Valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman, Zion's Camp Monument, William McLellin's Grave, Independence Temple Lot, RLDS Temple, Auditorium & Stone Church, Hedrickite Church, LDS Visitors' Center, Mark Twain Country, Nauvoo Temple Site, historic old Nauvoo, LDS Visitors' Center, RLDS Visitors' Center, Joseph Smith Homestead, Mansion House, and Red Brick Store, Joseph, Emma, and Hyrum Smith Burial Site Monument, Pioneer Burial Grounds, David's Chamber, Carthage LDS Visitors' Center, Carthage Jail, and much more.**

### *Tour Price Includes:*

- **Branson Shows: Shoji Tabuchi Show and Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise.**
- **S.L.C. & Provo, Utah pick-up and drop-off.**
- **Modern motorcoach touring, complete with video monitors and restroom.**
- **Comfortable accommodations.**
- **Experienced guide and driver.**
- **Handouts and group photographs.**

### **ITINERARY:**

**Day 1...Sunday August 1st...**Leave S.L.C. at 9:00 AM. Leave Provo at 10:00 AM. Get acquainted as we travel through Utah and Colorado. Stay in Denver overnight.

**Day 2...Monday August 2nd...**Travel through Kansas to Missouri. Arrive late afternoon at Liberty Jail where the Prophet Joseph Smith was imprisoned, 1838-1839, and where important sections of the Doctrine and Covenants were received. After a guided tour at this LDS visitors' facility, we will eat at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Liberty before proceeding to Independence for the first of three overnight stays there.

**Day 3...Tuesday August 3rd...**Today we visit Richmond and see David Whitmer's Grave, Oliver Cowdery's Grave, and the Three Witnesses Monument. We will continue on to Crooked River where Apostle David W. Patten was martyred, Far West where Joseph Smith received at least seven revelations, and Gallatin where Mormons were beaten while attempting to vote in 1838. Our last stop today will be at Adam-ondi-Ahman where the "Ancient of Days" shall sit, as spoken of by the Prophet Daniel.

**Day 4...Wednesday August 4th...**In the morning, after a stop at William McLellin's Grave and the Victorian Vaile Mansion, we will see the Mound Grove Cemetery and a new monument dedicated in remembrance of 15 Latter-day Saint members of Zion's Camp who died of cholera in 1834. The afternoon agenda includes touring the RLDS Temple, Auditorium, and old Stone Church, the LDS Visitors' Center, and the Hedrickite Temple Site which Joseph Smith designated and dedicated.

**Day 5...Thursday August 5th...**Our destination today is Nauvoo, Illinois. We will motorcoach across central Missouri, stopping along the way at Hannibal to view the birthplace of Mark Twain and the "Unsinkable Molly Brown." From Hannibal we will continue along the Mississippi River to what was once the largest city in Illinois. Many sites and activities await

us in old Nauvoo, "The Williamsburg of the Midwest."

**Day 6 - 7...Friday & Saturday August 6th & 7th...**Both days have been reserved for the many activities associated with the Smith Family Reunion.

**Day 8...Sunday August 8th...**Today is the Smith Reunion conclusion, and we drive Southeast to Branson, Missouri. Before leaving Illinois, we will stop at the Carthage Jail and Visitors' Center. It was here where Joseph and Hyrum Smith were martyred by a mob in 1844. We will spend the next two evenings in picturesque Branson.

**Day 9...Monday August 9th...**Continental breakfast at our motel, site-seeing in and around Branson, and we have set aside time to purchase postcards and souvenirs. At 4:30 PM we board the Showboat Branson Belle for their Dinner Cruise on Table Rock Lake. In the evening, at 8:00 PM, we will experience the fabulous Shoji Tabuchi Show. It's all right to linger afterwards since this theater is conveniently located next to our motel.

**Day 10...Tuesday August 10th...**Enjoy another continental breakfast at our motel before boarding our motorcoach and bidding adieu to Branson. We might even have time to see the Precious Moments Chapel in the beautiful meadows of the Ozarks before traveling to our overnight accommodations in Denver.

**Day 11...Wednesday August 11th...**Enjoy the last part of our trip driving back to Utah.

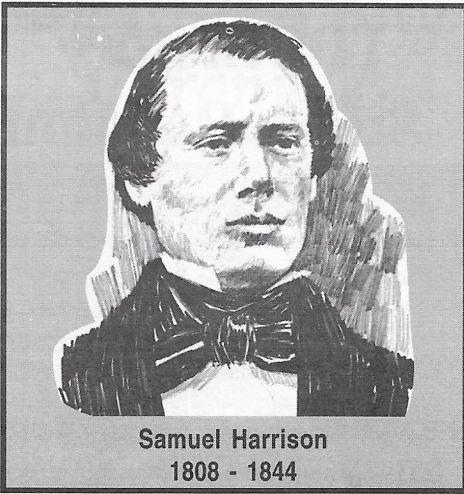
**Deposit:** 50% of each individual's \$1,295.00 fee must be paid immediately upon booking. The balance for each individual is due July 1, 1999. Make all checks payable to Joseph Smith Family Tours and mail to tour director Buddy Youngreen, 703 North 945 West, Orem, Utah 84057. We are not able to offer refunds due to pre-booking of lodging & shows.

**Insurance:** Participants are covered by the carrier's insurance while aboard the motorcoach.

**Food:** Participants pay for their own meals, except the continental breakfasts in Branson and the Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise.

**Luggage:** One large suitcase and overnightcase is allowed each person and will be their responsibility to load and unload from the motorcoach.

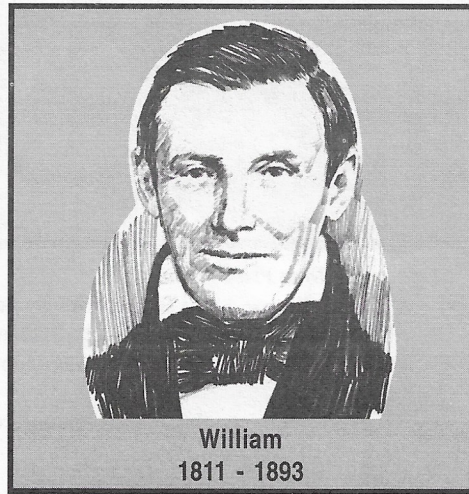
**Seating:** Seating is rotated clockwise each day.



**Samuel Harrison**  
1808 - 1844

To the Church's first missionary, Samuel Harrison, Joseph Sr. remarked:

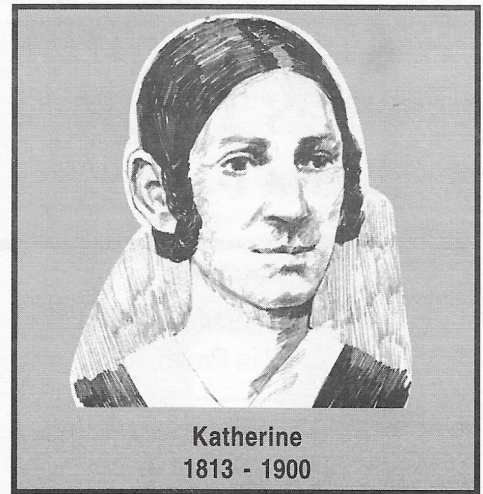
"...there is a crown laid up for you which shall grow brighter and brighter."



**William**  
1811 - 1893

To Quorum of the Twelve member, William he declared:

"...I will bless thee and thy children after thee."



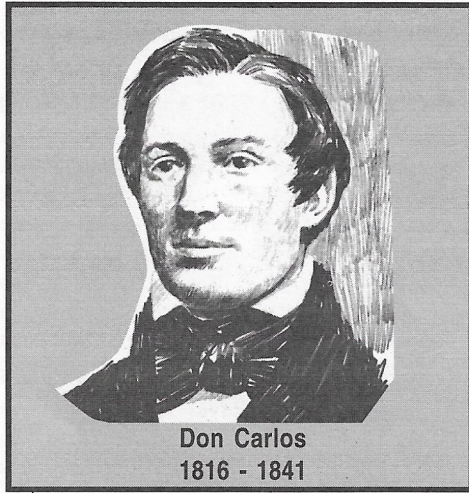
**Katherine**  
1813 - 1900

The Patriarch promised Katherine:

"...she shall live to raise up her family and have houses and land and things around her to make her heart glad."

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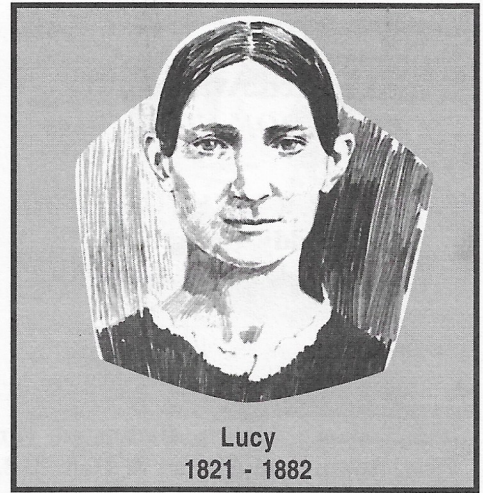
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**Don Carlos**  
1816 - 1841

To youngest son, Don Carlos, he predicted:

"...you shall be blessed. Your wife and your children shall also be blessed."



**Lucy**  
1821 - 1882

He finished these last blessings telling youngest daughter Lucy:

"...You shall receive a reward in heaven and you shall live long and be blessed."

Finally, Joseph Sr. addressed his beloved companion of forty-four years and said: "Mother! do you not know that you are one of the most singular women in the world?" When she replied, "No, I do not," he went on to explain, "You have brought up all my children and could always comfort them." Then, among his last words. Joseph Sr. spoke of their elder son lost in 1823. "I see Alvin."

Like Jacob of old, Joseph Sr. blessed his family throughout his lifetime and just prior to his peaceful death. Lucy Mack lingered another fifteen and a half years in Nauvoo and remained true to her vision of being a Mother in Latter-day Israel. She was buried alongside her husband May 15, 1856. Their final resting place came to be desig-

nated the Smith Family Cemetery in old Nauvoo.

The location of the graves of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith was identified and published in the RLDS Saints's Herald, November 6, 1950, to be about four feet East of the grave of Emmeline Griswold, first wife of Joseph Smith III. The site of Emmeline's burial vault has remained a constant point of reference to locate the burial site of the Smith Family parents since her interment in 1869.

A headstone should be erected for Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith before this century runs out. The time has finally come to fulfill the wish of Joseph Jr.'s widow, Emma Hale Smith, as she expressed it in a December 2, 1867, letter to son, Joseph III:

"I think we can ask our Smith relations to help mark Father's and Mother's graves..." A suitable monument to honor the memory of Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack has already been proposed by their descendants to be placed in the Smith Family Cemetery.

Pending approval of this project by the cemetery overseers' foundation board, this two century spanning desire will become a reality by the 1999 summer reunion.

What better way for the greater Smith Family to usher in the Twenty-first Century than to place a permanent marker at Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith's graves? It will help all visiting descendants of Latter-day Israel to remember and honor these progenitors for their role in the Restoration.

# 1999 REGISTRATION FORM



1771-1840

## JOSEPH SMITH SR. FAMILY REUNION

August 5-8, 1999

NAUVOO, ILLINOIS

To secure reservations, *please remit this form by Thursday, July 1, 1999.* Include a check made out to JOSEPH SMITH SR. FAMILY REUNION for fees and options. Mail to:

Buddy Youngreen, President  
703 North 945 West  
Orem, Utah 84057-3698

### LINEAGE

Name of Family Member Related to Joseph Smith Sr.: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Lineage of Family Member Traced Back to Joseph Smith Sr.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### REUNION FEES

INDIVIDUAL	\$20.00	X	_____	=	_____
			NO.		TOTAL
FAMILY (Parents and dependent children only)	\$60.00	X	_____	=	_____
			NO.		TOTAL

### HOUSING

The Family Association has reserved housing accommodations and will be pleased to arrange your reservations on a first come..first serve basis. Accomodations are at the Nauvoo Family Motel, Hotel Nauvoo & Motel, and Keokuk Fairfield Inn. Double occupancy rooms range from \$45.00 to \$65.00 per night, tax not included. Accomodations must be booked on a three night basis; August 5, 6 & 7. Reunion participants will be responsible to pay for their own lodging. Hotel/motel reservations must be made by credit card. Your reservations will be confirmed in your stamped self-addressed envelope.

Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### BANQUET TICKETS (Optional)

Saturday, August 7, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

\$15.00 per plate (adults)	_____	=	_____
	#		TOTAL
\$ 7.50 per plate (children 10 years old and younger)	_____	=	_____
	#		TOTAL

### REUNION T-SHIRTS (Optional) add \$3.50 shipping/handling fee per shirt if shirts are not to be picked up during reunion.

EXTRA LARGE	\$15.00 X _____ = _____	14-16 (Child)....\$12.00 X _____ = _____
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LARGE	\$15.00 X _____ = _____	10-12 (Child)....\$12.00 X _____ = _____
		#
MEDIUM	\$15.00 X _____ = _____	6-8 (Child)....\$12.00 X _____ = _____
		#
SMALL	\$15.00 X _____ = _____	

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for registration confirmation!**

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 Smith