



## Joseph Smith Sr. & Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion News



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Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion  
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# 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Reunion in Salt Lake City August 2 – 5, 2007



This 1897 print by Horace Swartley was obtained through the library of congress website. The Western History/Genealogy Department, Denver Public Library, which owns the print, wishes this notice. The image itself is public domain. The view is of Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah looking North West from the corner of Main and South Temple. The Three primary structures are, from left-to-right, the church-like Salt Lake Assembly Hall, the domed Tabernacle, and the Salt Lake Temple.

## “Bringing the Family Back Together”

Each reunion this prayer from Joseph Smith Jr. has been an underlying theme:

"O God let the residue of my fathers house ever come up in remembrance before thee 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 even as I have said, for Christ's sake, Amen"

– Joseph Smith Jr.

Once again hundreds of descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith will come together because of our family reunion. This gathering is the 19<sup>th</sup> since 1972.

We will begin on Thursday, August 2, at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Relief Society Room of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building for the registration and a get-acquainted reception. This will give us a chance to pick up our nametags, meal tickets, and the reunion program while visiting among family.

Activities and separate meetings will take place for the Youth and Primary Children on the tenth floor of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

Friday morning we hold registration for those who were unable to attend the night before. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. up in the balcony area out in front of the Chapel. The first reunion session will be from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building chapel. Welcoming speeches, announcements, and guest speakers will present topics of interest for the family.

We will be planting a tree in honor of each of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith's 11 children: two babies, Alvin, Hyrum, Sophronia, Joseph, Samuel, William, Katharine, Don Carlos, and Lucy. This ceremony will take place about 4:30 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. we will join each other again in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Eldred G. Smith during a Barbeque in Heber Valley at the Lucy Mack Smith Campground.

The Samuel Smith family is donating the food for the Friday night Barbeque. Their generosity brought costs down considerably.

Saturday, August 4, we will meet again at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. Our group

will divide into two groups to see the movie, *Joseph Smith The Prophet of the Restoration*. Each group will also hear from guest speakers. This session will end at noon.

The traditional family photo will be taken after this reunion session in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. To top off our day we will hold a family luncheon.

Time is available during the afternoon to tour Temple Square, the Church Genealogical Library or Museum, Beehive House, This is the Place Monument, and other points of interest.

Saturday night. Reservations will be made at various restaurants with different family's taking charge of meeting places for each dinner group.

Sunday, August 5, 2007 we will attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Broadcast of *Music and the Spoken Word* from the newly refurbished and retrofitted Tabernacle on Temple Square. Following their national broadcast the choir will perform a few numbers in honor of our family. After a short break our closing devotional and family farewell will be given in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square.

Family members willing to share musical numbers, please email Frances at [f.orton@att.net](mailto:f.orton@att.net).

Costs for the 2007 reunion have been kept at a minimum. We hope to provide housing for out of town cousins with family living in the Salt Lake area. Reunion fees if paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 are \$12.00 per individual and \$45.00 per family – meaning spouse and dependent children only. After June 30<sup>th</sup> there will be an additional \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 per family charge.

In order to attend the 2007 reunion, mail the posted registration form by June 30, 2007 to:

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

Refunds of registration fees will be made after the reunion as long as we are notified of the cancellation by Friday, July 27, 2007. A \$10.00 processing fee will apply for all registration cancellations.

Cancellations can be made by contacting Frances Orton at [f.orton@att.net](mailto:f.orton@att.net) or faxed to: 801-225-9366.



**Views of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building the site of the 19<sup>th</sup> Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion**

## Scenes from the 2005 Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion

August 11 in Kirtland, Ohio; August 13 in Palmyra, New York; August 15, in Sharon, Vermont



2005 family gathering after a reunion session in Kirtland, Ohio



The family held a session inside the Kirtland Temple

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Eldred G. Smith dedicates this statue of Joseph in Sharon, VT.



Buddy Youngreen in Sharon, VT



A group picture by the Susquehanna River, 2005

Larry C. Porter, "Joseph Smith's Susquehanna Years," *Ensign*, Feb 2001, 42

Events and activities of the Prophet Joseph Smith's years along the Susquehanna helped mold his life.

The years 1825 through 1831 on the land along the Susquehanna River near Harmony, Pennsylvania, proved to be a time of growth and chastisement as well as great joy and sorrow for the Prophet Joseph Smith. It was here in 1825 that 19-year-old Joseph worked, obtained some schooling, and met, courted, and married his future wife, Emma Hale, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Hale. Together they suffered the death of their first child. Here much of the Book of Mormon was translated, the Aaronic and the Melchizedek Priesthoods were restored, and 15 sections of the Doctrine and Covenants were received.

