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JOSEPH SMITH, SR., FAMILY REUNION

IN THE NEWS

You'll not want to miss any of this.

Plan Smith family reunion

The second annual Smith family reunion will be held in Independence August 16-18, bringing together the families of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith.

The initial family reunion was held last year in Nauvoo, Illinois, and this year's assembly will mark the first Independence reunion of the families since the early members of the Saints church left Independence in 1833.

The 3-day reunion will begin with a reception and registration 7-10:00 p.m., August 16, at the Saints RLDS Stone Church, 1012 W. Lexington. Mrs. Earlena Reneau will be chairman of the reception.

The activities of August 17 will begin 9:30 a.m. at the Ridgewood-Pleasant Heights Church, 4341 Blue Ridge, with welcoming speeches by Reginald A. Smith, son of Joseph Smith III, Kenneth J. Smith, grandson of Alexander Smith, and Lynn E. Smith, grandson of David H. Smith.

The film "Seeds of Greatness", produced by Buddy Youngreen of the Mormon Church, will be shown. This

film tells the story of the descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith.

Pearl Wilcox, local author of a book about Latter Day Saints in Independence titled "With The Latter Day Saints on the Missouri Frontier", will be interviewed by Mrs. Anena Mackay. Mrs. Mackay is the grand-daughter of Frederick Madison Smith, past president of the Saints Church.

Following a luncheon served by the women of the Ridgewood-Pleasant Heights Church, the family members will hear Dr. Leonard Arrington, Mormon historian, speak on "Joseph F. Smith, son of Hyrum Smith", and Alma Blair, Graceland College history instructor, speak on "Joseph Smith III, son of Joseph Smith, Jr.". Special instrumental music will be provided by Beatrice Mengel, pianist, with the accompaniment of her sons, Dana, violinist, and Leslie, cellist.

A 6:30 p.m. banquet at the Auditorium Laurel Club will conclude Friday's activities. Music will be provided by the Hampton Family Singers and

a soliloquy on Emma Smith will be presented by Mrs. Grechen Booz.

Saturday's activities will begin with historic tours of Independence, including the Mormon Information Center and the Saints Auditorium. The afternoon program will include responses to the previous day's speeches, by family representatives of Joseph Smith III and Joseph F. Smith.

The reunion will conclude at 4:00 p.m. with the showing of a film entitled "Joseph and Emma", also produced by Buddy Youngreen.

Local members of the reunion planning committee include Patriarch and Mrs. Lynn E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Smith, Dr. Wallace B. Smith, Josephine Smith Ebling, Donna Smith, Mrs. Winsome MacDonald, Mrs. Edward J. Larsen, Glenna Kennedy Henderson, and Mrs. Tony Mackay.

Members of the out-of-town planning committee included Buddy Youngreen, Joseph F. Patrick, Ralph G. Smith, and Gracia Demming.

Limited number of reservations available until Aug. 10th

Fri. Evening Banquet \$4.00
Fri. Lunch \$1.50

Sat. Lunch \$2.50
Sat. a.m. Tour \$1.00

Let us hear from you soon!

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