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1775-1856

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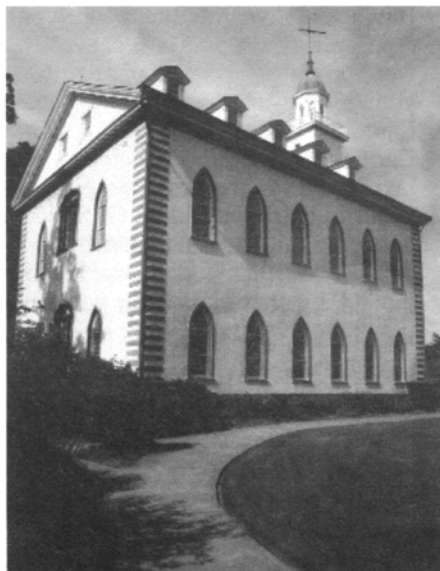
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Joseph Smith Sr.  
1771-1840

## 18TH BIENNIAL REUNION IN OHIO, NEW YORK & VERMONT

AUGUST 11, 13 & 15, 2005



Kirtland Temple - August 11

### 18th Biennial Reunion

August 11, 13, & 15, 2005

The 18th biennial reunion of the Joseph Smith Sr. Family will take place on three different days at three different locations, August 11, 13, and 15. These dates and locations have been selected to commemorate the Prophet Joseph Smith's 200th birthday. The planned activities will begin August 11 at 9:00 am in the Kirtland, Ohio LDS Stake Center, at 9:00 am August 13 in the Palmyra, New York LDS Stake Center, and August 15 at 1:00 pm in the Sharon, Vermont LDS Meetinghouse.

In addition to the three-day/three location reunion meetings, participants will have the opportunity to visit Fayette, New York, site of the formal organization of the Church, which the Prophet Joseph founded in 1830, as well as Colesville and South Bainbridge, New York. There will also



Sacred Grove - August 13

be time to explore Harmony, Pennsylvania, where most of the Book of Mormon was prepared for publication, and where Joseph and Emma Smith resided 1828-1830.

Many members of the family are planning to travel to the reunion sites on their own and participate in some or all of the activities. For the convenience of those who have requested chartered motor coach transportation, reunion chairman Buddy Youngreen will conduct a twelve-day/eleven night cross-country bus tour. Departure from Provo/Salt Lake City will take place Monday morning, August 8. The return arrival to Utah is scheduled for Friday afternoon, August 19. Some have requested to join the bus tour along the way via commercial airline service. By special arrangement, such passengers can be picked up Wednesday, August 10, from afternoon flights at the airport in Cleveland,



Joseph Smith Monument - Aug. 15

Ohio, and be dropped off for return flights Tuesday morning, August 16, at the airport in Albany, New York.

The cross-country bus tour includes all transportation and motel/hotel lodging. Most of the accommodations include continental breakfasts. The price of this tour is \$960 per person/double occupancy. Those wishing to connect with the tour in Cleveland and leave from Albany, may join this seven day/six night portion of the bus tour for \$840 per person/double occupancy.

To sign up for the tour, follow the instructions on the registration form included with this newsletter. For help securing special reunion airline connections, contact Filippo Magistro, MA, CTC, MCC, at Thomas Travel, Inc., 1099 So. Orem Blvd., Orem, Utah, 84058. Telephone (801) 226-7070 or fax (801) 226-1356. Email [filippo@networld.com](mailto:filippo@networld.com).

## THE PAST 2003 NAUVOO REUNION

One of the highlights of the August 7-10, 2003 reunion occurred when over 400 of the family had their picture taken on the front steps of the Nauvoo Temple. What incredible experiences transpired at that four-day gathering!

The check-in registration and a get-acquainted reception took place Thursday, August 7, from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm in the Nauvoo Room of the Joseph Smith Academy. The senior missionaries of the Nauvoo Mission staged Rendezvous in Old Nauvoo at the Cultural Hall, which delighted the family audience that evening, and at subsequent performances the following two nights. Each of the three evenings also gave the Smith clan an opportunity to see City of Joseph on the nearby pageant grounds. How could the audience have failed to be impressed with a cast of over 600 singing and dancing performers alongside the picturesque Mississippi River?

Friday morning, August 8, the young

performing missionaries of the Nauvoo Mission were on hand to serenade everyone in the Joseph Smith Academy Auditorium. Mission President J. Samuel Park and Community of Christ representative Joyce Shireman spoke with regard to touring historic sites in Nauvoo and nearby Carthage. Additional speakers, Sharalyn Duffin, Michael Kennedy, and Ugo A. Perego, also spoke to the family about current research projects involving their progenitors. That afternoon, as well as the next afternoon, the young performing missionaries staged Nauvoo Adventure in the Nauvoo LDS Visitors' Center.

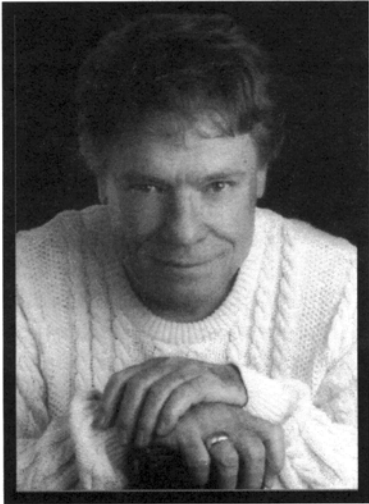
Saturday morning, August 9, a short band concert was presented by the young musicians of the Nauvoo Mission. S. Reed Murdock, Gracia N. Jones, Joseph F. Smith, and Kyle R. Walker then gave excellent oral presentations in the JSA Auditorium concerning family history and dynamics. Following the morning meeting, the tra-

ditional reunion photograph was taken on the front steps of the Nauvoo Temple. That afternoon, a wonderful family-style banquet was enjoyed at the nearby Hotel Nauvoo Restaurant. This banquet provided another precious opportunity for enjoyable fellowshiping.

Sunday morning, August 10, reunion participants gathered around the Smith Family monuments in the Legacy Garden southeast of the LDS Temple. The sculptor of the monuments, Dee Jay Bawden, delivered a fine address. Appropriate a cappella vocalizations were provided by a trio of talented young ladies from the Startup clan. Later, the family reconvened at the Carthage Jail Visitors' Center for wreath laying and farewell tributes. Ninety-six year old Patriarch Eldred G. Smith delivered the reunion benediction. Amidst hugs, kisses, and tearful adieus, the 2003 gathering became a sweet and poignant memory.



**Joseph Smith Sr. 2003 Family Portrait on the Nauvoo Temple Steps**



Buddy Youngreen, President  
Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion  
Organization — 1972 - 2005

Dear Family,

I start this letter with a truism, because you are all very “dear” to me. Since 1972 I have served as chief officer of the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion Organization. Thirty-three years ago, half of my lifetime, I also became an adopted Smith at our first reunion, which was held in Nauvoo, Illinois. It was then I received my commission by acclamation to direct the future gatherings of this great family, which up to that time had not met in a reunion capacity for one hundred twenty-six years. Since then, we have met biennially in Nauvoo, Carthage, Independence, Salt Lake City, Kirtland, Provo, Lamoni, Palmyra, Manchester, Fayette, Harmony, and Sharon. It has been my great joy to direct these reunions from 1972 through 2005.

This year marks the 18th biennial reunion. At its conclusion, I will be stepping down from the position of president. It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience, but the time for change has come. The family has grown, the workload has increased, and one person can no longer handle all the details of this organization. That is why I am so pleased that Steve and Frances Orton have agreed to be my successors.

## To the Joseph Smith Sr. Family from Buddy Youngreen

Frances is a third great-granddaughter of Joseph Smith Sr. Her late father, Joseph Fielding Patrick, was a stalwart support for the early reunions. Steve and Frances have assisted many times with registration and have always volunteered to help in countless other capacities.

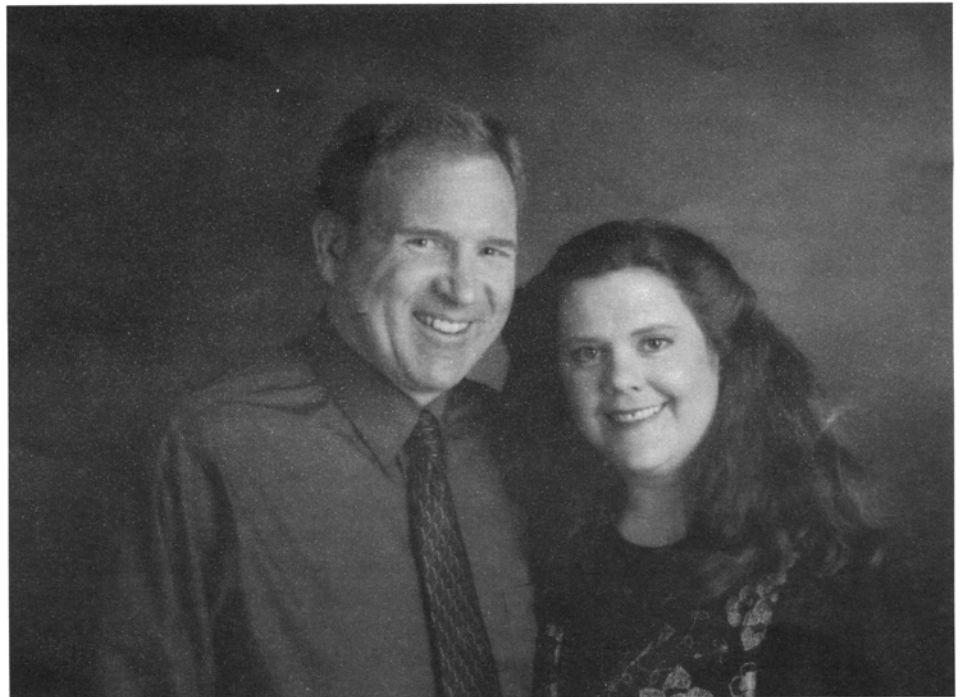
Joseph Smith Jr. said change was the keyword of the dispensation and those who couldn't change didn't belong in it. Difficult as this transition will be for me, I will continue to help and assist the family and the Ortons in the years ahead.

Please remember, after so many years, it was change that brought us all together in the first place. It will also be change that will enable the family to continue to grow and to seek out its roots. I know you all join with me in

pledging support to the Ortons and to the objectives of these reunions. As family friend and poet Clinton F. Larson wrote:

**We consecrate the wings of our being  
To the Kingdoms of the air,  
That our families may live from the  
memory of time  
Into the vision of the sky, in the joy  
Of being together.**

Those wishing to help with or learn more of the August 2-5, 2007 reunion in Salt Lake City, contact Steve and Frances Orton, 381 West 3700 North, Provo, UT 84604. Telephone: (801) 226-6054. fax: (801) 225-9366. Email: f.orton@att.net.



Steve and Frances Orton — Co-presidents  
Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion Organization  
Beginning 2006

## Smith Family Bus Tour Aug. 8-19, 2005

Begin Monday August 8th,  
9:00 AM in Provo  
10:00 AM in SLC, Utah

End Wednesday August 19th,  
5:00 PM in SLC  
6:00 PM in Provo  
11 days - 10 nights

**Regular Tour Cost:**  
**\$ 960.00 per person**  
**double Occupancy**

**Mini-Tour Cost:**  
**\$ 840.00 per person**  
**(Aug. 10-16, Cleveland to Albany)**  
**double Occupancy**

Limited Availability  
Book Now!

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Telephone & FAX  
801-226-6561

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Kirtland and Hiram,  
Ohio  
Palmyra, Manchester, Fayette,  
Colesville and South Bainbridge,  
New York  
Harmony, Pennsylvania, Sharon  
Turnbridge and Whitingham,  
Vermont

### Tour Price Includes:

- SLC & Provo, Utah pick-up and drop-off.
- Airport pick-up and drop-off.
- Modern motorcoach touring, complete with video/DVD monitors and restroom.
- Comfortable Motel & Hotel accommodations.
- Continental Breakfasts (most places).
- Experienced guide and driver.



### Itinerary

**Day 1 . . .** Monday, August 8th. Leave Provo from the BYU Marriott Center parking lot at 9:00am. Leave SLC from the west side of Temple Square at 10:00am. Get acquainted as we travel I-80 through Utah, Wyoming, and into Nebraska. Stay overnight in Ogallala tonight.

**Day 2 . . .** Tuesday, August 9th. After breakfast we board our bus and continue east on I-80 through Nebraska and Iowa. We will have dinner and a welcome night's rest in Davenport.

**Day 3 . . .** Wednesday, August 10th. Following another breakfast, we continue east on I-80 and I-90 to Kirtland. We will cross Illinois, Indiana, and pick up cousins at the Cleveland airport for a two night stay in Ohio.

**Day 4 . . .** Thursday, August 11th. After enjoying breakfast by the motel pool, we see the Kirtland area today. The reunion meeting begins at 9:00 am in the nearby Kirtland LDS Stake Center. We will then visit the Kirtland Temple, LDS Visitors' Center, Newell K. Whitney Home and Store, the Gristmill, Sawmill, Ashery, Schoolhouse, Isaac Morley Farm, Joseph Smith Home, Hyrum Smith Home, Sidney Rigdon Home, Kirtland Cemetery, Temple Stone Quarry, John Johnson Inn, and the John Johnson Farmhouse in nearby Hiram.

**Day 5 . . .** Friday, August 12th. We enjoy another poolside breakfast before proceeding east on I-90 through Ohio, Pennsylvania, and arriving for our next two-night stay in the Palmyra area of New York. Our relaxing drive and an early dinner will rest us up for another full day tomorrow.

**Day 6 . . .** Saturday, August 13th. We go to the Palmyra LDS Stake Center for our second 9:00 am reunion meeting. Afterwards, we will visit the Palmyra Temple, Smith Family Homes, Sacred Grove, Hill Cumorah, Egbert B. Grandin Printing Office, Alvin Smith's grave, and the Martin Harris Farm.

**Day 7 . . .** Sunday, August 14th. On our way to Albany for another two-night stay, we attend a sacrament meeting at Fayette to commemorate the 175th year of the formal organization of the Church. We will go from there to Harmony, Pennsylvania, and

## Reunion Sites in Ohio, New York and Vermont

then travel through Colesville and South Bainbridge, New York.

**Day 8 . . .** Monday, August 15th. We will get an early start to Vermont. Our activities will be in celebration of the 200th birthday of the Prophet Joseph. The third reunion meeting starts at 1:00 pm at the Sharon LDS Ward Meetinghouse, adjacent to where he was born. In nearby Tunbridge, we will stop at the store where Lucy Mack and Joseph Sr. first met. During our return to Albany, there will be time to visit Brigham Young's birthplace in Whitingham.

**Day 9 . . .** Tuesday, August 16th. It's another early start today as we head west. We will drop our mini-tour cousins off at the Albany airport before we continue on to Toledo, Ohio, via New York and Pennsylvania.

**Day 10 . . .** Wednesday, August 17th. Our destination today is Des Moines, Iowa. Following along I-80, we will cross Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois before stopping for a much anticipated evening of rest and relaxation.

**Day 11 . . .** Thursday, August 18th. This is the third day of our return trip. We will cross Iowa and Nebraska before one final night of comfortable lodging in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**Day 12 . . .** Friday, August 19th. A leisurely drive west today will take us across Wyoming into Utah. Our SLC Passengers will arrive back at Temple Square by 5:00 pm. Provo passengers will be dropped off at the Marriott Center Parking Lot by 6:00 pm.

**Deposit:** \$480 of each individual's fee must be paid immediately upon booking. The balance for each individual is due July 1, 2005. Make all checks payable to Joseph Smith Family Tours and mail to tour director Buddy Youngreen, 703 North 945 West, Orem, UT 84057-3698. We are not able to offer non-medical emergency refunds due to pre-booking of motorcoach & lodging.

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

**Food:** Participants pay for their own meals, except the motel continental breakfasts.

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

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

# 2005 Registration Form



## Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion August 11, 13 & 15 Ohio, New York & Vermont

To secure reservations, **this completed form must be received by Friday, July 1, 2005.** Make checks payable to JOSEPH SMITH SR. FAMILY REUNION for registration fees and t-shirts. Make bus tour deposits out to JOSEPH SMITH FAMILY TOURS. Mail checks with reservation form 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

### REUNION FEES

Individual .....\$20.00 .....x .....Number \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Family .....\$60.00 .....x .....Number \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parents with dependent children only)

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

XXX Large \$18.00	x _____ = _____	Small \$15.00	x _____ = _____
XX Large \$18.00	x _____ = _____	14-16 (Child) \$12.00	x _____ = _____
X Large \$15.00	x _____ = _____	10-12 (Child) \$12.00	x _____ = _____
Large \$15.00	x _____ = _____	6-8 (Child) \$12.00	x _____ = _____
Medium \$15.00	x _____ = _____		

T-Shirts Total \_\_\_\_\_

### BUS TOUR (Itinerary on the back of this newsletter.)

Names \_\_\_\_\_

\$480.00 deposit per person (Use separate check from registration fees)

Balance Due July 1, 2005.

Grand Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CANCELLED CHECKS WILL SERVE AS REGISTRATION AND BUS TOUR 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*



Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack

# Smith

## Family Newsletter

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## Commemorating Joseph's 200th Birthday Smiths share on the web

Lucy's teapot and Joseph Jr.'s sleigh bell are two fun items family members can see and read about on the Foundation web site.

"Online sharing is a great way to celebrate Joseph Smith Jr.'s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday," says Mary Summerhays, Foundation committee member.

Mary has also added other photos, including

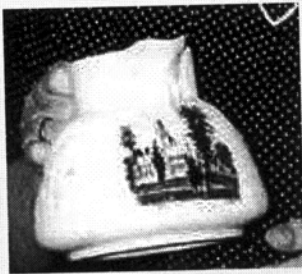
one of Alvin's wooden box that held the Gold Plates.

"Smith Share" on the Foundation web site is a virtual gathering place for family members to upload pictures of artifacts and publish stories from the lives of our ancestors.

"Children and adults alike will find this web site a fascinating place

to learn about the lives and values of their ancestors," says Craig Frogley, Foundation committee chair.

To share pictures of ancestors or artifacts, genealogical, historical, or fun information, submit them to our family web page at [www.josephsmithsr.com](http://www.josephsmithsr.com).



Lucy's teapot, page 2

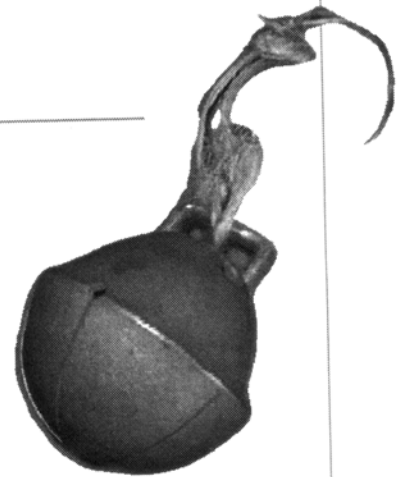
## Have you seen the bells?

"Across the snow of many states [the bells] had jingled their sweet melody. [Joseph Smith] had buckled them on to his restless horses, and with his wife and children tucked warm in the sleigh had gone joyfully or with heavy heart to the sound of those bells.

"We shook each one alone, from the tiniest one with its lisping, high-toned tongue, to the deep voiced soft-toned bass so large and round near the center of the chimes. What a variety of cadence and what quality of sound

tones lay asleep in the old leathern belt! "Together they made a full-toned, rich-throated, harmonious music. Alone there was sweetness and clearness, but 'twas heart-breaking, lonely, unfinished. Not one of them would command attention and move hearts to tender loving as had the whole in one collective movement.

"Old bells, you ring to us a lesson. Together, all together, in harmonious accord if we would make perfect our work, Each bell in its place, and each



place necessary, all moved upon by one great power to one great end."<sup>1</sup>

We don't know if others bells exist. This one was found in the treasures passed from Coral Smith Horner to her daughter Lorena and then to me,

(See "Bells" on page 4)

## Lucy's Teapot

In the year 2000, one hundred and seventy years after Joseph and Lucy Mack Smith moved from Manchester, NY in 1830, their 3rd great granddaughter, Gracia Jones, had the opportunity to hold a small white china pitcher belonging to Lucy.

Rose Biedel, Gracia's neighbor, invited Gracia to her home to see the pitcher and told the following story:

"This pitcher was given to me by Mrs. Rachel Bridgeman Durbin of San Diego, CA where I was serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rachel's former Sunday School and Elementary School

teacher in Cotter, Arkansas gave this pitcher to Rachel for a wedding present in 1924.

"Rachel's teacher was the daughter of E. J. Loop, president of the bank in Cotter, Arkansas, whose family had moved there from New York State in 1904."

"In N.Y. their farm adjoined the Joseph Smith Sr. family home; and when the Smith family moved, they sold their possessions to the Loop family which included this pitcher and other household goods. Rachel told me that she saw tables and chairs which looked to be hand made."

"She wanted me to have the pitcher from Joseph Smith's home because she knew I believed Joseph Smith to be a prophet of God."

"Rachel listened to our lessons but did not choose to join with us. When I was leaving the area to go home and went back to say goodbye, she brought out the pitcher and said she wanted me to have it and told me the story of how she got the pitcher."

To read more about Gracia's opportunity to hold this pitcher, click on "Events," at [www.josephsmithsr.com](http://www.josephsmithsr.com).

### Check out the Joseph Smith Sr. Family website for:

- Family genealogy
- Celebration information
- Excerpts from Kyle Walker's thesis on the Smith Family values
- Kid's coloring page
- Links to purchase family history books
- Past newsletters
- Birthday recipes
- Links to educational tools

Just go to [www.josephsmithsr.com](http://www.josephsmithsr.com).

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Gracia Jones holds a teapot that once belonged to Lucy Mack Smith.





# Joseph Smith Jr. Family Celebration August 5-7

Joseph and Emma Smith's posterity will gather August 5-7 from all parts of the globe in Salt Lake City, UT to commemorate Joseph Smith's 200th birthday.

Michael Kennedy, a 3rd great-grandson of Joseph Smith, through Alexander Hale Smith, and president of the Joseph Smith Jr. Family Organization, has sent nearly 600 invitations to Smith relatives.

Why the celebration? Mike Kennedy quotes Josiah Quincy, mayor of Boston, Massachusetts in 1844. "It is by no means improbable that some future textbook ... will contain a question something like this: What historical American of the nineteenth century has exerted the most powerful influence upon the destinies of his countrymen? And it is by no means impossible that the answer" to that question will be: Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet.

Born in the lowest ranks of poverty," continues Quincy, "he had, without book learning, made himself at the age of 39 a power upon the earth. If the reader does not know what to make of Joseph Smith, I cannot help him out of the difficulty since I myself stand helpless before the puzzle."

"Today," Mike explains, "200 years from Joseph Smith's birth, we, Joseph's descendants, gather to celebrate his contribution to American History and to our lives."

The celebration will include entertainment, gifts, and family bonding. Descendants can learn more or register at the web site for the Prophet Joseph Smith's family organization:

[www.josephsmithjr.com](http://www.josephsmithjr.com)

(note the "jr" in the address differentiates it from the Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith family site)

## We invite you to join us! Your \$15 donation helps

- Maintain the Nauvoo family cemetery
- Maintain and update our family database ([www.josephsmithsr.com](http://www.josephsmithsr.com))
- Encourage and publicize grandfather reunions and other news
- Explore projects that teach about our ancestors.

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**Donation Amount Enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 membership)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other amount)

Please circle which grandchild of Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith you descend from:

Hyrum	Joseph	Samuel	William	Katherine	Lucy
Lovina	Joseph III	Samuel	Thelia	Elizabeth	Florence
John	Alexander		Hyrum W.	Lucy	Charles
Jerusha	David H.		William E.	Solomon	
Sarah			Edison DC	Don Carlos	
Joseph F.			Louie		
Martha Ann					

**Clip and mail your donation today**

## Bells (continued from page 1)

Gracia Jones. If anyone out there has other bells, perhaps we can get them all together for one melodious moment of bell-song at a reunion?

This story and a color picture are available on the foundation web site:  
[www.josephsmithsr.com](http://www.josephsmithsr.com).

<sup>1</sup> Source: Vida E. Smith, Autumn Leaves Vol. 33, #1, January 1930, Herald House, Independence, Missouri.

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