

THE EAST AND MIDWESTERN SMITH'S UNITE TO TOUR THE NEW TEMPLE

As the original Nauvoo Temple was abandoned in 1846, the Smith family was split. With the completion of the new Nauvoo Temple the family came together to tour the rebuilt temple and meet at the new headstones of Father and Mother Smith in the family cemetery. The family met at 7:00am on Saturday, June 22 to enjoy the beauty and peace of the temple. Entry brought us into the basement site of the baptismal font sitting on the backs of



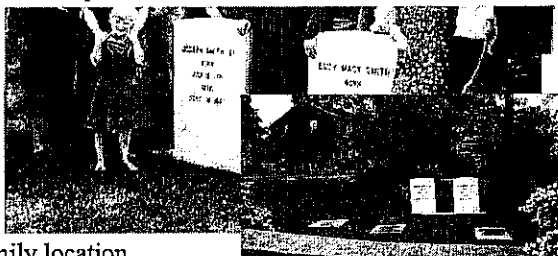
Karl Anderson, Dan Larsen, Wallace B. Smith & Family

twelve oxen. After spending so many years looking at

the hole in the ground that was the site of the original font the presence of the new font brought deep emotion to many of us. Though we couldn't all be together to share the beauty of spiral staircases, circular windows, muraled walls, ornate rooms all built as closely to the details revealed to our first Smiths, the breakfast gathering following the tours allowed us to meet and eat. Our own Robert Smith family (Samuel) and friends prepared waffles and fresh fruit. After sharing with many Smiths that we had never met before, we gathered at the family cemetery for pictures and conversation at the new headstones of Father and Mother Smith. Emma had requested that posterity care for and preserve the graves. Their location was, however, lost to living memory. Several individuals consequently, spent years of historical research and finally ground x-ray to determine the location of this new family gathering place. The foundation is now working to replace outdated signs and prepare the tour guides in Nauvoo to represent this sacred family location.



Hyrum, Joseph, Samuel, William and Catherine Descendants



time so long ago and feeling the same things.

The cemetery has been very well cared for, and those involved deserve special thanks for all their hard work. With the new head stones it really seems to be developing into a beautiful and special place. After this experience we plan to go back each year and spend some more time."

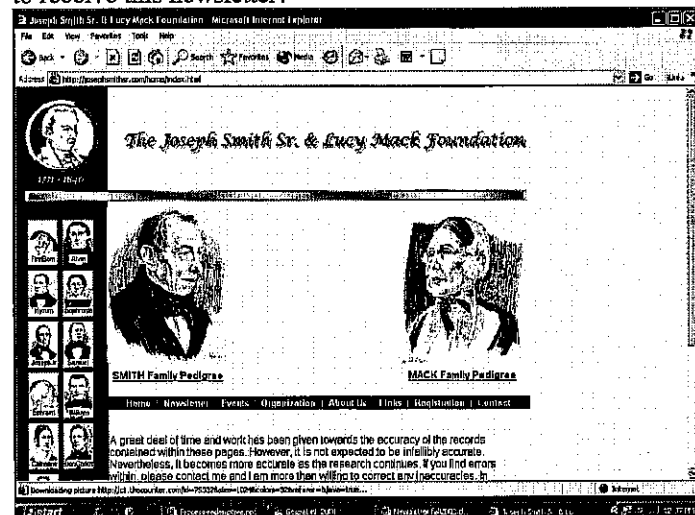
Sincerely, Peter and Mary Larsen

SUMMER 2003 FAMILY REUNION

On August 7-10, 2003, in Nauvoo, the family will once again gather to bond relationships, learn our family stories and bask in the spirit of location that resides in the places they walked. This reunion will again be under the direction of Buddy Youngren.

THE FAMILY WEB SITES

Would you like to have ready access to a Smith family genealogical line? Would you like to access a past newsletter? (The spring edition of this newsletter with articles detailing the temple tour and inviting the Midwestern and Eastern part of the family, can be found on this site) Would you like to know and contact your family representative to the Foundation? Would you like to register yourself or a family member with the Foundation so as to receive this newsletter?



www.josephsmithsr.com is the web site that will serve as a portal to the Foundation resources. If you have questions you want answered, the "contact" button allows you to send an email which then is directed to the appropriate family representative or Board of Trustees. If you wish to download a pedigree file for your family, or copy a photo of an ancestor, the site is your Santa Claus. If you have information to share: pictures, names of ancestors or interesting information about them, just email them with the proper source information using the contact button. *If sources are included and verifiable then we will be able to share them and credibility will grow.* We welcome and encourage your submissions as we share ideas and information.

Elijah Abel Monument Dedicated-Salt Lake City

On Saturday, 28 September 2002, Elder Russell M. Ballard of the LDS Council of the Twelve, and member of the Foundation Board, dedicated a monument in the Salt Lake City Cemetery to Elijah Abel, Black pioneer and missionary. Elijah

was a skilled carpenter, and worked on the Kirtland, Nauvoo, and Salt Lake Temples. The History of the Church lists Elijah as being among those who attempted to rescue Joseph Smith from his enemies in the Nauvoo persecutions. Elijah attests to the fact that he was at Father Smith's death bed, and prepared the body for burial. Elijah had a great love for the Smith family. Father Smith gave him a Patriarchal Blessing in which Elijah was told that he would be "made equal to [his] brethren."

The new monument replaced the deteriorating gravestones, and added the names of their children, along with a listing of Elijah's accomplishments. Elder Ballard expressed appreciation for the faithful service of this good man, and to the Genesis Group and the Missouri Mormon Frontier Foundation who sponsored the Monument and dedication.

Finding William's Grave

by Gracia and Ivor Jones

When we set out, in November 2001, to find the grave of William Smith, we first had to find the tiny northeastern Iowa town of Osterdock in Clayton Co. We discovered that pinpointing Osterdock on a map was far easier than finding our way through the maze of country roads to the actual location. Once we arrived, we found it consisted of a small community of scattered homes and one bar/grill type café. We could not see a cemetery anywhere in the area so we went into the café to ask if anyone could give us directions.

Nobody there had ever heard of William Smith. However, one person remembered that there was an old cemetery at Bethel Church, about three miles south of town. Somewhat skeptically, we drove across a small bridge and took the road that wound through the hilly countryside. Fall colors were rampant on the trees which grew in thick clumps along the gullies which cut into the rather steep hillsides. When we felt almost sure we were heading nowhere, suddenly the ground leveled off, and we found ourselves approaching a picturesque little white church surrounded with gravestones.

There was not a soul around. After wandering among the graveyard for some time, we almost gave up finding

door and found it was unlocked. Inside, on one wall there was a large map of the graveyard. We searched through the layout. At last we found not only the name of William Smith, but also other names we recognized as belonging to members of his family. It was easy, once we located the spot on the map, to go outside and find William's gravestone.

To those who may wonder about the initial "B" in William's name: We find that when William joined the military during the Civil War, there were so many William Smiths, he added the initial to distinguish him from the others.

The stone is fairly new, having been placed there several years ago by Buddy Youngreen and some other members of the Smith family. It is a pretty stone of red and gray granite. It is engraved with this inscription:

WILLIAM B. SMITH

Brother of the
Prophet Joseph Smith
Born at Royalton, NY
MARCH 13, 1811

DIED AT OSTERDOCK ON
NOVEMBER 13, 1893



We went from Bethel Church on over more winding, hilly roads to Elkader, where we met Vernon Shaw, a great-great grandson of William and Eliza Sanborn Smith. Vernon made us welcome. We stayed with him for two nights at his farm house near Volga, Iowa. He took us all around Clayton County showing us the location of



many
family
graves.

William has
a large
posterity,
and they are
scattered far
and wide
across the



9. William Smith,



10. William Smith,

country. Finding William's grave site was an achievement for us. But even more satisfying was meeting his living descendant and learning more about this branch of the family who have been out of touch for too long. We hope to see more of this family at future Joseph Smith Sr., Lucy Mack Smith family gatherings.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We would very much like to receive contact from those living descendants of William. If you know of any please send us their contact information, or you can pass this newsletter to any of them.

Samuel Smith Family Fundraiser

"He carried a knapsack with him that he filled with as many copies of this book as he could carry. He probably even carried one in his hand", wrote Elder Worthlin without knowledge that are now available for purchase with the proceeds going to the actual monument.



William Smith's stone. A bit nervous that we were trespassing, we tried the church members of the Samuel Smith family had just met to approve the design of sculpture, D.J. Baldwin for the Monument of Samuel Smith. Family members are pleased to announce that fund with pledges having already been accepted. Miniature Statues



For information contact Bob Smith at Bob_Smith@byu.edu or call him at (801)489-7589 or Susan or Cary Smith at CARY_SMITH@CARY@wtp.net. We already have raised half of the money necessary to start the large Sculpture. A "mix the Clay party" at the sculpture studio is planned. If your family would

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like to participate mixing the clay and placing it on the metal frame for the full size sculpture, please contact us so we can let you know when that will happen.

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_____, which grandchild you descend from

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Communicating Family Values Across the Generation Gap

The Foundation's Correlation committee is working on an Educational Outreach program to promote understanding of the role the Smith family has played in the Restoration. They are currently working on a KBYU /BYU-TV series called Joseph Smith: The Last Years. The cost of these productions must come from private donations since it will be aired on public television. At present, an experienced television crew has agreed to donate much of their time to the project. The series will consist of short segments that will be valuable to the family and potentially millions who would view the taping over satellite TV. They will help us communicate the family values so well modeled by the Smiths across the generation gap by sharing stories, many yet hardly known. We need help getting this work started. Tax deductible donations may be made to The Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Foundation % Spence Nilson, 180 E. 2100 S. #202; SLC, UT 84115

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recent discoveries in genetics. DNA samples are now taken with a simple mouth wash. "Dr. Scott R. Woodward, professor of Molecular Biology at Brigham Young University, and his research assistant Ugo A. Perego, MS have been working on a Smith Family DNA Study for the past three years. The main goal of this project is to collect and correlate genetic and genealogical data from living descendants of the Asael Smith family, through his son Joseph Smith Sr. and through some of his other children. This information will then be used to reconstruct and extend the genealogical data available about this particular family group. A presentation about the current status of this work will be given at the upcoming Joseph Smith Sr. reunion in Nauvoo, IL. Those interested in becoming a participant in this study or that would like to obtain more information can contact Ugo Perego at ugo@smgf.org, or at (801) 461-9775. Participation is free, voluntary and confidential."



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Genetic Genealogy: DNA to the Rescue

Tracing our Smith genealogy has been difficult due to a lack of source data on some of our May Flower ancestors. A couple of scientists are willing to help us through some