

Family Newsletter Volume 8 Spring 2001

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THE STATE OF OUR SMITH FAMILY **ORGANIZATIONS**

What is happening in my branch of the Smith Family?? There are many branches to this family that are actively growing because there are members of that branch who are doing things. Some do a lot, some do a little but serve as a catalyst for other's participation. There is a committee that meets nearly monthly to correlate these branch organization activities and information. Some key members on this correlation committee are missing. The plan calls for one member for each child of Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. Other large and active branches especially at their grandchild level may also have a representative. Currently there is a need for either a branch member or other person willing to represent or help with the following branches: William Smith; Lucy Smith Miliken; Lovina Smith Walker; Catherine Smith Salisbury. Please contact the branch representative or crfrogley@josephsmithsr.org / 801-588-8421. Here is the state of each branch organization. Please get involved.

Catherine Smith Salisbury

By Marge Porter

Research continues as time rushes on to locate the descendants of Catherine Smith Salisbury, daughter of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. At the present time there is no family organization or unified family unit for Catherine. Early history books of the LDS and RLDS churches provide short glimpses of a select few episodes of her life and struggles with the early persecution of the members of the church generally. Combining these stories, a beautiful history of this courageous mother, daughter, and sister will be compiled. Contacts must be made to accomplish this effort. Those descendants of this noble ancestor may contact the family representative for Catherine: Marjorie Porter, 2360 West Old Highway Rd., Morgan, UT 84050. Phone: 801-876-3265 or email marge@catherinesmith.org.

Joseph Jr. and Emma Smith

By Michael Kennedy and Gracia Jones

The Joseph Smith Jr. Family Organization has worked hard during this past year making contacts, collecting photos, histories and building forgotten family relationships.

Three sons of Joseph Jr., have living posterity: Joseph Smith III - Many good contacts have been made and some genealogical data gathered, but at this time there is no specific organizational contact established for this

family line. It is hoped that in the coming year someone of this family will step forward and participate in the Joseph Smith, Jr. Family Organization and represent their family line.

Alexander Hale - Alexander's posterity is the most numerous of all of Joseph & Emma's children. Gracia Jones and her husband, Ivor, have spent most of the year with all of these descendants, except Fred A's line. Gracia and Ivor made personal contact with 32 families in Australia and one in Oregon; collecting of many histories, photos, and ongoing correspondence both by mail and email means. The Wright's held a reunion in Tuncurry, NSW, in October, which was well attended. They have a close-knit association between themselves with good outreach to their entire family. They keep us current with events and data as it transpires. Vida Smith (Yates) was visited via Ruth Derk, correspondence still ongoing. Gracia has plans to visit more of this line during the 2001 year. Emma Belle Smith Kennedy has ongoing correspondence with Jean Hancock. Eva Grace Smith Madison family was contacted through Judy Madison; here too, Gracia will visit this family later this year. Don Alvin Smith family was contacted through Genie Graham, daughter of Carlos, and Beth Selle, daughter of Beatrice Griffin. Very comprehensive genealogical data/photos and history gathered this year — very excellent organizational prospects. Joseph George Smith's family was met with granddaughters living in Independence plans to visit other members of this family in Washington/Oregon this year. Arthur Marion Smith's family contact has been made with all of his living children, several of his grandchildren and great grandchildren — Joseph F. Smith, and his daughter Kim Davis have done a wonderful job of gathering and preserving histories, photos, and stories. Kim Davis, in Branson, assisted by the Hughes Brothers and the Osmonds, who provided place, food, and program for the event, spearheaded a wonderful reunion last fall. Coral Smith Horner and two major mini-reunions were held for descendants this past year. One in Montana, attended by around 30, and one in Washington State, attended also by about 30.

David Hyrum Smith - At this time we have leads but no personal contacts with anyone in this family. Anyone who can assist in establishing a contact please notify us.

Interest is growing for more frequent family gatherings Joseph and Emma have approximately 1000 living descendants. The Joseph Smith Jr. Family organization would like all of Joseph and Emma's posterity meet in small mini-reunions within their

community or nearby communities and become reacquainted with their rich heritage. If you have interest in doing this please visit our web site at www.josephsmithsr.com.

This web site is maturing and provides the research we gather to all descendents of Joseph and Lucy Mack. See if you are there.

THE HYRUM SMITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION

By Eldred and Hortense Smith

The Hyrum Smith Family Association was organized and activated on Dec 29, 1980 mainly for the purpose of raising funds to purchase the Hyrum Smith home in Kirtland, Ohio to save it from destruction. The project was successful and the home was purchased.

The board consists of representatives of each of Hyrum's children as follows:

CHILDREPRESENTATIVELavina Smith WalkerRex Campbell (now deceased)John SmithEldred G. SmithJerusha SmithEarl H. PeirceSarah SmithRae Jean DavisJoseph F. SmithJoseph Patrick (now deceased)Martha Ann Smith Harris Carole King

The passing of these two stalwart family and board members, Rex Campbell and Joseph Patrick, saddens us. We express sincere gratitude for their services.

It has been proposed by the board that there be two representatives of each child on the board. It is therefore, requested that the families make Recommendations for not only filling the vacancies but to add an additional board member for each family. These suggestions may be submitted to Eldred G. Smith, who is the President of the board. His address is 2942 Devonshire Circle, SLC, UT 84108; (801)582-9610. We have been engaged in some significant activities:

- An effort, which began as far back as 1939, to memorialize, with a monument in the Kirtland cemetery, the burial spots for Hyrum's wife, Jerusha Barden Smith; Mary (the little daughter of Hyrum and Jerusha); as well as Mary Duty Smith (the grandmother of Hyrum, Joseph and the other children), will finally have it's day as arrangements are now reaching finality.
- 2. A work is underway to publish a biography of Jerusha. .
- 3. A wonderful achievement has been the restoring of the surface and lettering on the large granite monument to Hyrum Smith that stands in the Salt Lake City cemetery. It now looks like new with the lettering very readable
- 4. The wonderful memorial celebration of Hyrum's 200th birthday last year, as reported in the last newsletter, was a high point. The many thousands, who participated and grew to love their progenitor even more, enjoy its memory and the video (still available).

- 5. The family association participated in the placing of the heroic statue of Hyrum Smith in the City Center of Hyrum, Utah-which bears his name.
- 6. In Hyrum's memory the association placed a bust statue of him in the home in Kirtland, Ohio.
- We have launched our <u>www.HyrumSmith.Com</u> website with the help of Jared Glade. It is accessible either directly or as a link from the Foundation website or the Joseph F. Smith website, as they are also accessible from ours. Please visit us.

Joseph F. Smith

By Mary Donoho

Have you had a chance to visit the Joseph F. Smith website yet? Just go to <u>www.josephfsmith.org</u> and browse around, you'll be pleasantly surprised by all the great information that you can access there. Jared Glade is the website coordinator and has done a fantastic job of making information available.

We have also added downloadable files for all the descendants of Joseph F. Smith. After you have downloaded the information check to make sure **you** are included. Then check to see if there are any inaccuracies in our data. If you have any additions or corrections to make write to me and we will get it entered properly. We know we are missing some of you and want to make it complete. My email address is <<u>thomasj@quwest.net</u>> and my home address is Mary Donoho, 1090 Raymond Road, Fruit Heights, Utah 84037-2250. I would love to hear from you!

At the Joseph F. Smith reunion this year we had a most informative and delightful presentation by Richard Holzapfel, who showed us many slides of Joseph F. Smith that have never been published before. His book: Joseph F. Smith: Portrait of a Prophet by Richard Neitzel Holzapfel co-written with R. Q. Shup is available at Deseret Book.

We mourn the passing of Elaine Nichols in July of this past year. She has, without a doubt, done more for gaining genealogical information and keeping records of the Smith Family then any other person. She is greatly missed. We are grateful for the heritage she has left us.

The Mary Fielding and John Smith home and Joseph F. Memorial Grove at the "This is The Place" State Park were finished and stand beautifully overlooking the Salt Lake valley. Several family members completed these wonderful historic monuments with donations from the family and much work: Thank you!!!

<u>Martha Ann</u>

Martha Ann Smith Harris Descendants by Carole Call King

What a marvelous challenge it has been for me to search for the descendants of Martha Ann Smith Harris! Forty or more Harris cousins I have contacted have been of great help in gathering names of their families. With their help my data base is increasing every day. Today--27 February 2001-in my Martha Ann Smith and William Jasper Harris file I have entered names and data regarding birth dates/places, marriage dates/places, and death dates/places, if necessary, of 3,420 people. This includes 2,561 families, of which 2,376 people are the direct descendants of Martha Ann and William Jasper. These are not all living descendants, of course. So far I have 537 family names and current addresses on my mailing list. I hope to add telephone numbers and email addresses to each of these. There are many I do not yet have and I need your help in this huge project.

In the process of finding these names it has been wonderful to get acquainted with many Harris cousins I didn't know before. I have corresponded by telephone, mail, and email with cousins in Utah, Nevada, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas, Missouri, and Virginia. Email is a fantastic tool in this work! Many of our cousins have become closer to their extended families as they search out information to fill in family group sheets. Some have their own websites. Some have held reunions and tried to organize on a grandfather level. Such family reunions are highly encouraged.

Carol Nixon and Fred Willoughby are planning a reunion for all the descendants of Martha Ann Smith and William Jasper Harris in connection with the August 2001 Joseph Smith Sr. Family Reunion in Salt Lake! Our grandmother, Martha Ann, loved reunions and so did my grandmother, Sarah Harris Passey. They worked so hard to keep the family close to each other. Please make your plans to come together in Salt Lake City in August. You'll hear more about it from Carol and Fred.

WILLIAM JASPER - MARTHA ANN SMITH HARRIS FAMILY REUNION 2 AUGUST 2001 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

More good news! One of our great Harris cousins--Douglas Paulson of San Antonio, Texas--has agreed to be webmaster for our Marthaann.org website! Doug just began working on this site the end of November with help from Jared Glade, who is the webmaster for the Joseph F. Smith website, and a member of our Father/Mother Smith group. I am so grateful to Doug for taking on this huge task. It is exciting to think of the possibilities a Martha Ann website offers. We will be able to share pictures, letters, and family stories, as well as family information to add to and keep current the Harris database. There are several old photographs I have from the collection of my Grandmother Sarah Harris Passey which are not labeled and I don't know who they are. These photos can be scanned and put on the website to see if any of you recognize the people in the pictures. Perhaps others have the same problem with old photographs. Really, the possibilities are endless. I especially hope the website will

help us find other cousins to be counted. I know there are thousands of cousins I don't have listed in my computer. Click on to: <u>www.marthaann.org</u>, keep watching and help it grow! Carole King 608 Davis St. Morgan, UT 84050; <u>ccking@xmission.com</u>

Sarah Smith Griffin

By LaRene Gaunt

Our big news is the registration of

<u>www.SarahSmithGriffin.com</u> as a web site. We are in the beginning stages of gathering information to put up on the site. We hope that the site will become a focal point for Sarah's descendants. LaRene Gaunt welcomes contact from all Sarah descendants at

www.gauntlr@josephsmithsr.org. LaRene's home address is 10122 Buttercup Dr., Sandy UT 84092. We have a partial list of Sarah descendants on the JosephSmithSr.org web site. We are continuing to add families who are descended from Sarah Smith and Charles Emerson Griffin. We are also building an address list for these families so that they can receive the newletter. For those who don't know, Jerry Roundy of Escalante, Utah, has written a book on Escalante. As you know, all of Sarah's descendants were raised in Escalante and many of her descendants still live there or have family ties there. You can get a copy of Jerry's book for \$28 (includes shipping). Write to Jerry Roundy, Escalante, 1605 North Pine Creek Rd, Utah 84726. If you have photographs or stories or family history, let's get them up on the Web site.

Jerusha Smith Peirce

By Ben Donoho

Are you a descendant of Jerusha Smith Peirce and is your name shown as her descendant on the hyrumsmith.org web site? If so, you are one of about 650 others found there. How about checking to see if the descendant information is correct?

And if you could add to the information, all the better. We can thank cousins Earl Peirce, Arvid Webster, and others for their cumulative effort and for sharing what we know about the 650.

We realize the 650 is the tip of the iceberg. How about submitting to us any information you might have about your relatives who we have not yet been identified? And don't forget: please include any corrections. No doubt some are needed.

We are also interested in becoming aware of reunions or other organized family activities that may have occurred among Jerusha's descendants. The details of who, where, what, and when would be useful to know about. For example, you may be interested to know that Earl Peirce published a limited edition of an interesting volume called *Biography and History, Jerusha Barden Smith, Patriarch John Smith.* It is based on earlier work done by Jerry C. Roundy and Ralph Gibbs Smith.

SAMUEL SMITH FAMILY

By Robert Smith

The Samuel H Smith Family has come along way in identifying the descendants of Samuel H Smith and Mary Bailey. Currently we have asked 5 individuals to help with research with the different branches of the Family. Samuel had four children that lived past infancy, of those children only Samuel Harrison Bailey Smith had children. Samuel H. B. Smith had four wives Mary Catherine Smith, Julia Winter, Clara Tuttle and Rachel Tuttle. Hyrum and Raymond Smith Great grandson of Samuel H. Smith have been asked to help identify descendants of Samuel H. B. Smith and Mary Catherine Smith. The biggest areas to identify are the descendants of Samuel B. Smith and Cumorah Smith Burns. Julia Winter Family has been assigned to Nola Smith a great great grand daughter of Samuel H. The area where there is the least known is the descendants of Grace Levira Smith Kerr one of the daughters Samuel H.B. and Julia Winter. Rex Smith a great Grandson identified Clara Tuttle descendants, and since his passing Boyd Smith Rex's brother has been asked to update their Family information. Rachel Tuttle and Samuel H. B. Smith had only one Son Heman Tuttle Smith, yet from that one son came a large Family that still meets together as a Family organization. Melvin Smith a great Grandson has provided the information for that branch of the Family.

We have purchased the license for SamuelHSmith.com and org. on the Internet and asked David Lee Smith to be the Web Master. The sight currently links directly to www.Josephsmithsr.com. If you have any pictures or information that you feel should be on our Family web site please contact me at Bob_Smith@byu.edu

Buddy Youngreen has asked if the Samuel Family descendants would help with the dinner at Brighton during the Family Reunion in August This will be on Friday Aug 3 at 5:00 PM at the Brighton LDS chapel. If you would like to help Please email me at Bob_Smith@byu.edu or call me at (801) 489-7589

IS YOUR FAMILY BRANCH REPRESENTED?

The Family Organization Coordinating Committee meets each month to review status, progress, and research on each of the lines from the Children of Joseph Sr. and Lucy. Representatives include:

HYRUM-		LI	VING
-Lovina:	John Walker Org.	.801-484-6017	4,484
-John	Sam Isolm	801-771-6911	2,000
-Joseph F.	Mary Donoho	801-546-4707	5,000
-Jerusha	Ben Donoho	801-546-4707	
-Martha Ann	Carole King	435-876-3273	2,376
-Sarah	LaRene Gaunt	801-572-0169	1,000
JOSEPH Jr-	Michael Kennedy	801-756-1091	800
SAMUEL	Robert Smith	801-489-7589	450
WILLIAM	Gracia Jones	435-673-2165	ukwn
CATHERINE	Marge Porter-Piepe	er801-876-3265	ukwn
LUCY	Wilburta Moore	801-595-8131	ukwn
Since this is a	continual work	in progress we	will update
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HISTORIANS CORNER

[Editor's Note: This letter, written by Joseph Smith III to his cousin, John Smith, reveals something of the affection which ought to exist between cousins. It is a simple recall of childhood memories, and a plea that the affections which made childhood so wonderful might continue throughout life. It also tells of family news, of a recent visit to Nauvoo, and of the changes that city had undergone since their youth. These two cousins had been separated by strong religious differences, by hundreds of miles, and by decades of association. Still, their affections for one another overcame the years. Joseph Smith III was born Nov. 6, 1832, in Kirtland, Ohio; he died Dec. 10, 1914. He was the son of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his wife, Emma. John Smith, his cousin, was born Sept. 22, 1832, also at Kirtland, Ohio, the son of Hyrum Smith and his wife, Jerusha Barden. John Smith died on his cousin's birthday, Nov. 6, 1911.]

Excerpts from a letter...

Dear Cousin John: Dec. 20, 1909 ... I know what a task it is for you to write, but I would be pleased indeed if you would sometime take the pains to write me, or have someone write for you, and tell me about Loren Walker, whether he is living or dead, and the members of his family, who they are and where they are. I seem to remember meeting her at Ogden once, and when she and her family were on the road to Star Valley. Since then I have heard nothing about them. I understood that Sarah died many years ago. I met your half-sister Martha, the last time I was at Provo, but I have heard nothing about them or their children and really do not know how many children they have or what they are doing. I met one of them at Provo, I think in 1889, and he was then clerking for the cooperative store at Provo under the management of Bishop Smoot, and I have heard noting of him since, except incidentally I heard that he had gone into business for himself.

I know that I am asking considerable of you, but when I remember that you are some six weeks ahead of me in the race of life, and that we are both rapidly passing to the great beyond, to join the hosts that have gone before, I am reminded of the far off past when you and I used to ride through the streets of Nauvoo, you on the white horse and I on the black, the two most noted boys in the city. Some of those days come back like a flood to my memory, and I wonder how much of the past you may recall. Not many are left, Cousin John, of the band that we knew then. The Snyder boys, Edgerton, and John, the Haws boys (Alpheus and Albert), the Marks boys (William and Louellen), Jared Carter's boys, the Turney children, Sydney Rigdon's children (Sydney and Wycliff), the last named being at Salt Lake City now as I understand, the Laws (Richard and William), Edward Partridge, the Billings boys, the Decker boys, the Hancock's, Joseph Clapp, James and Henry Lawrence, the Lytles, the Phelps (James and Henry), Loren's brothers, (James and Henry), Allreads and others, most of which have gone on before, leaving but few of the little circle whom we knew, all admonished

us that the places we occupy will soon be vacated for others now younger and stronger, who will take up with vigor the things we leave undone.

Please, cousin John, write me as fully as you can, or have some one do it for you, as I am having my letters written to you.

...Cousin Don and his wife, and daughters, Mary Deam, Emma Peterson, Dr. of medicine at Ottuma, Iowa, and Grace, the unmarried daughter, made a visit to Nauvoo with wife and myself and our youngest boy, and had a picnic dinner on the banks of the river at the foot of Main St., which you will doubtless well remember. The stone to which I used to tie my boat still lies on the shore, the ring bolt is broken off, but its rusted end still remains in the hole drilled to receive it. The river still runs by the town, but the streets are grass grown, and nothing remains to mark where you folks used to live but the barn standing on the site where your barn stood, and the well in front of where the house used to stand. It would make your heart ache to see the desolation into which all the lower part of the flat is fallen.

But perhaps this will not interest you, cousin, but I have been trying to think up the things of those days for the purpose of writing a book of memories, and some of them come quite clear to my memory. You will probably remember, William and Leuellen Marks, who lived next door east [of] you folks. They went into business in Mendota, Ill., were for a time engaged in the manufacture of the western cottage organ. William died at Sandwich, Illinois, leaving a small family, and Louellyn died at Mendota, not many years after William's death. What family he left and in what condition, I do not know. William gave me his father's book, as he said he neither cared for them nor the religion. Neither of them never paid any attention whatever to me, and so far as I know never engaged in any religious work at all. You will also remember John Brackenbury, I presume. He died at Riverside, California, but he has quite a family, most of whom are living here at Independence. I would like it if you could visit me this next Summer, should I be living, and we will talk those old days over. I am, dear cousin, Yours in the hope of life, Joseph Smith.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FOUNDATION EQUITY - CASH BASIS

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J	anuary 31,	August 31,
Assets	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Cash		
Checking account	\$ 898	\$ 993
Savings account	13,320	14,169
Broker account	2,535	
	16,753	15,162
Investments - at cost		
US Treasury bonds	30, 463	30, 463
AT&T Corporation bond	10, 221	10,221
US West Communications bond	5,429	5,429
Bell South Telecommunications bonds New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.	21,120	21,120
bond	20,500	20,500
(FMV at 1/31/01 \$93,748)	87,733	<u>87,733</u>
	<u>\$ 104,486</u>	<u>\$ 102,895</u>
Foundation Equity		
Foundation Equity	\$ <u>104,486</u>	<u>\$ 102,895</u>

STATEMENTS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Fir		onths Ended January 31, 2001		ar Ended Jugust 31, <u>2000</u>
Interest income-Investments	\$	2,958	\$	6,518
Cemetery utilities, lawn				
and garden maintenance	(1,946)	(2,864)
		1,012		3,654
Family and other contributions		580		9,460
Interest income-other		120		176
Printing, postage, mailing,				
etc,/newsletters and contribution	n			
receipts	(66)	(3,639)
Hyrum Smith video			(1,804)
Check printing and bank charges	(50)	(45)
Annual report	(5)		
Repayment of advance			(1,000)
		<u>579</u>	_	3,148
Net cash increase	\$	1,591		6,802
() means expense or negative amo	ount			

Joseph Sr./Lucy Mack Smith Reunion:

Information and registration are included in the enclosed Reunion News. **YOU MAY REGISTER ON LINE**- <u>www.josephsmithsr.com</u> This year from 10:00-11:00am on both Fri. and Sat we will add, breakout sessions for children over 5, including youth(12&up) and young adult(18&up) with fun and powerful speakers who will focus on our family heritage and heroes. Sharing family values across the ever-dangerous generation gap is what family organizations are all about. We want to make certain that our children catch the fire that unites us in this great family!

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Sarah	David Hyrum		Edison DC	Alvin	Julia		
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GENTLE REMINDER !

This is just a last note to remind all to please send your annual dues. Our newsletter outreach in search of all the family members depends on you. For those who haven't received them, Family Biographies have been finished and will be sent upon request as dues are paid. These are special personal sketches prepared by our Foundation historian, Mark McConkie. If you aren't certain when you last paid the \$15.00, please note your mailing label for the date. Please use the enclosed envelope and cut-out form section or send to Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Foundation % Spence Nilson 180 E. 2100 S. # 202 SLC, UT 84115 (please do not send dues to the newsletter return address)

If you know of living Smith descendants that don't receive the newsletter please send their addresses by copying the form from the section of the newsletter and sending them to the return address on the newsletter or emailing to <u>crfrogley@josephsmithsr.org</u>, or, **now you can go to the web page and enter information in yourself:** <u>www.josephsmithsr.com</u>. Thank you

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