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# Joseph Smith Sr. Reunion 2009 Schedule

## Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion Aug 6-9, 2009

### Thursday, August 6

Gather at 7:00 PM to meet cousins at registration and enjoy an informal evening of visiting and a delicious ice cream social.

### Friday, August 7

Travel to Carthage, Illinois where Joseph and his brother Hyrum were martyred. We will tour the visitors' center and walk through the beautiful gardens.

We will take photos by the life-size statue of Joseph and Hyrum. We return to Nauvoo to spend the afternoon visiting the homes and sites of old Nauvoo. The family will enjoy dinner and a program in the evening.

### Saturday, August 8

In the morning we will meet at the homestead for a service project on the Smith Cemetery where nearly 20 family ancestors are buried. While many of the family will repair and paint the fence, others will work on simple projects and serve refreshments. There will be fun

activities for the children that will teach them about our ancestors' day. That afternoon, the Samuel Smith family will prepare a delicious Midwest barbecue meal for the family.

### Sunday, August 9

The family will gather once again at the gravesite to admire the service project and to pay tribute to the ancestors buried in the cemetery. We will present a wreath and hold a short program.

For more information see  
[www.JosephSmithSr.org](http://www.JosephSmithSr.org).

## Board Members ask for Family Support: \$25 yearly dues

### Board Members M. Russell Ballard & Wallace B. Smith ask for yearly dues.

The work of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation continues to move forward. The Family Cemetery in Nauvoo, where our progenitors are buried is beautiful and well maintained.

About 800,000 visitors have found it to be a place of peace and contemplation. Through efforts of Foundation committees we have identified over 25,000 descendants of Joseph Smith Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith. About 10,000 visitors access

our family web sites monthly.

Our Smith Family Values are increasingly being shared through Foundation promoted activities such as family gatherings, expanded internet coverage and finding and organizing descendants of all children of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. These activities have enabled us to provide extensive genealogical data, family events and our family history including photos, book reviews, newsletters, etc.

In order to continue the important work of the Family Foundation, we need the monetary support of as many family members as possible.

In the past we have funded most of our work through earnings on the Foundation's investments. With interest rates at historic lows, however, we need to supplement this source through the generous contributions of Smith family descendants. To those who have helped fund these efforts over the years please accept our deepest appreciation.

Since our work has been primarily funded by a small part of the family, we urge all of you to send in your 2009 family dues now so that we can carry on the work of our Family Foundation.

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# Samuel H Smith: Final Resting Place Sought

## Finding Burial Sites for Samuel and Don Carlos

The Samuel H. Smith Foundation has embarked on the major project of finding the final resting place of Samuel H. Smith and Don Carlos Smith. To accomplish this, the Samuel H. Smith Foundation has utilized valuable historical documentation, gravesite scan information and site drawings.

Our ancestors were very careful of protecting the final remains of the 19 family members believed to be buried in the cemetery. What remains is a puzzle of scattered information.



North flower beds in the Smith Family Cemetery. Lach McKay of the Community of Christ Church and Bob Smith of the Samuel Smith Family are working to locate and mark family graves. (Photo: Lachlan McKay)

However, there have been some significant findings thanks to the help of the Community of Christ Church archives and the LDS Church Historical Department. Because of these findings the Samuel H. Smith Foundation has commissioned a survey of the cemetery, another ground penetrating radar scan, which will be completed this month.

Hopefully, an exciting announcement will be made during our August reunion. The goal is to have all Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith's children graves finally marked. If we are able to locate Samuel's and Don Carlos' graves without disturbing their remains then all of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack's children will have their graves marked with the exception of their first still born son.

Special thanks goes to Lach McKay who has given valuable information for this project. Lach has also been responsible in correlating this project with the Community of Christ Church and the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Foundation.

In addition, the Samuel H. Smith Foundation is sponsoring the family picnic and service project on August 8, 2009. As before, the Samuel H. Smith Foundation is donating the food for the picnic and the proceeds from the picnic will be donated to an appropriate family project.

This year, the service project will bring us all a special memory. Just as Huck Finn painted fences on the banks on the Mississippi we will be painting fences also. Only this fence is pretty special because it is the fence around the family cemetery. All paint and tools that you will need will be provided. The only thing you'll need to bring is your desire to work and do a great job!

## Smith Family Cemetery Update

By Lachlan McKay

Work started last fall to prepare the Smith Family Cemetery for the coming season. Located in Nauvoo, Illinois, on the east bank of the Mississippi River, the cemetery is the final resting place for four generations of family members.

Among those buried here are Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith, Joseph Smith Jr. and Emma Hale Smith, Hyrum Smith, Don Carlos Smith and Samuel Smith.

As many as 100,000 people a year visit the cemetery. This traffic, in combination with the challenging Nauvoo weather conditions, had caused the gravel parking area in front of the cemetery to deteriorate through the years.

Thanks to your generous

donations, the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Foundation was able to partner with the Joseph Smith Historic Site to fund the paving of the parking spaces. In order to harmonize the parking area with the historic setting of the cemetery, a tar and chip surface was installed. The result is a much needed and very attractive improvement to greet visitors to the cemetery.

In addition to funding improvements like the new parking area, your contributions help purchase flowers for planting in mid-May and cover various expenses related to lawn care, such as fertilizer, mulch, and mowing.

Whenever possible, volunteer labor is used to keep expenses to a minimum. In August, family members will have an opportunity to contribute

their time and talent to re-stain the cemetery fence as part of a service project during the upcoming family reunion.

During this time of economic uncertainty, your contributions

are more important than ever. Please consider making a donation to the foundation to help in our continuing efforts to honor those who have gone before.



Impatiens thrived in the shaded area around the monument during the summer of 2008

(Photo: Lachlan McKay)

## Board Members ask for Family Support (Continued from page 1)

We suggest that each family contribute dues of \$25 each year. We would appreciate more than \$25 if you are able. Please contribute as much as you can.

We are confident that our forebears would be pleased at our efforts to find and unite their descendants and honor their lives and values.

Thank you,

M. Russell Ballard  
Wallace B. Smith

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy  
Mack Smith Family Founda-  
tion



The grass is greening up and the flower beds have been prepared for planting.  
(Photo: Lachlan McKay)

**We invite you to join us!**

**Your \$25 donation helps**

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

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