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## Asael Smith Headstone to Be Preserved – July 28, 2012 Ceremony Funds Needed



The Joseph Smith Sr Family is spearheading the effort to preserve the Asael Smith headstone at the Union Cemetery in Stockholm, New York, and will re-set the headstone on July 28, 2012. Smith family members are invited to participate by donations and may attend the event if they desire.

Ben Pykles, LDS Church Historical Curator, visited friends who live on the Union Cemetery Road. When he saw the damaged headstone, he searched out family members

who might be able to preserve the stone. No recent family member with ownership could be located, and eventually contact was made with the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Organization.

The headstone is cracked, weathered, and fallen at the base. The stone cannot be removed from the cemetery, so it will be cleaned properly and then inserted into a newer stone that will hold it upright; James Long, a Smith cousin who works for Hallmark Stone, will oversee cleaning of the stone. The stone will then be set on top of a cement foundation that will be four feet deep which will enable it up to endure the harsh winter conditions of northern New York.

The family will engrave Asael's statement on the back of the stone, "It has been borne in upon my soul that one of my descendants will promulgate a work to revolutionize the world of religious faith."

Funds can be donated via mail to Joseph Smith Sr Family, c/o Frances Orton, 381 W 3800 N, Provo UT 84604 or online at [www.josephsmithsr.org](http://www.josephsmithsr.org).

Family will meet at the Union Cemetery in Stockholm, New York at 12 Noon on July 28, 2012. There will be a short family program about Asael.

## Kirtland 2011: Temple Dedication Reenactment and Lilac Plantings Connect Generations

Two hundred and four Smith descendants retraced family footprints through historic Kirtland, worshipped in the Kirtland temple, and participated in a family service project. Highlights were the Kirtland Temple Dedication Reenactment and the family service project.

### Kirtland Temple Dedication Reenactment

Karl Anderson told of the dedicatory proceedings. A choir performed music from the 1836 dedication, with the congregation joining the singing. Cousins sat in the benches where Smith family members would have been, and some read words from the Smith family records. Cousins treasured the powerful music and spirit of those we honored.

(See P 4 Stone Markers and Lilac Connections)

# Robert Smith and Mary French & Their 10 Children

By Paul Hokanson

One of my prized possessions includes fifty-two pages of Smith, Shurtleff and Lathrop family history, handwritten by Joseph Fielding Smith in 1902 during a visit to New England. The genealogical record includes information on the first three generations of the family of Robert Smith (1626-1693) and his wife, Mary French (1634-1719).

Robert and Mary were parents of ten children all born in Topsfield, Massachusetts, except the oldest who was born in Ipswich:

- Thomas (1657-1726) married Martha Knowlton; 8 children
- Mary (1658-1740) married John Towne; 10 children
- Phebe (1661-1741) married Jacob Towne, brother of John; 10 children
- Ephraim (1663-1732) married Mary Ramsdell; 8 children
- Samuel (1666-1748) married Rebecca Curtis; 9 children
- Amy (1668-1756) married Joseph Towne; 7 children
- Sarah (1670-1673)
- Nathaniel (1672- died in early youth)
- Jacob (1674-1748) married Rebecca Symonds; 7 children
- Mariah (1677-1738) married Peter Shumway; 10 children

Thomas, the oldest son of Robert and Mary, is my ancestor through his descendant, Addison Smith (1814-1879) who joined the Church in Vermont and moved to Nauvoo where his wife died in 1843. Their year old daughter, Louisa Catherine (1842-1866) was taken to Utah by adoptive parents. Another descendant of Thomas Smith was Sarah Ann Harrington (1794-1847) married to Ira Rice. They joined the Church and traveled to Nauvoo. Sarah died in Iowa on the way to Zion. Louisa Catherine and Sarah Ann have thousands of offspring in the church.



Site of Robert Smith home visited by Joseph Fielding Smith in 1902. Courtesy Gilbert Isom.

Mary Smith, oldest daughter of Robert and Mary Smith comes through a mother daughter line (this give us a maternal line for mtDNA study) to Lydia Clisbee (1793-1878) who married Edward Partridge (1793-1840) who was the first bishop in the early church. Included among their large posterity is Emily Dow Partridge (1824-1899) who married LDS President Brigham Young and whose offspring include Elder S. Dilworth Young (1897-1981) and Mary Ellen Elggren. Emily Dow's sister, Caroline Partridge (1827-1908) married Amasa Lyman and among their progeny is LDS President James E. Faust (1920-2007).

Samuel Smith, the fifth child and third son of Robert and Mary, had a son, Samuel (1714-1785) who was the father of Asael Smith (1744-1830) who was the grandfather of the Prophet Joseph Smith. (Continued Page 3)

## Aug 2013 Joseph Smith Sr Largest Reunion Ever! Salt Lake City, UT

### Let's Top the Guinness Book World Record!

The Lily Family at Flat Top, WV, holds the record for the largest family reunion, August 9, 2009 with 2,585 people. With your help, **we can top that record!** Here's what we request:

### Aug 2. Your Family Reunion.

Gather your families with your siblings and cousins for a reunion on Friday, August 2, 2013. This doesn't have to be costly or stressful. Meet in a park with pot luck or arrange for a fun activity. List on [www.josephsmithsr.org](http://www.josephsmithsr.org) by contacting [f.orton@digis.net](mailto:f.orton@digis.net).

**Aug 3-4. Join the Largest Reunion Ever at This is the Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City, UT. Mark your calendars now for 2013!**

Next year, 2013, marks 200 years since the surgery on Joseph Smith's leg. Look for more information on these events:

- **5K Race.** In honor of the miraculous event, for our service project we will raise money to offer a gift of gratitude from the Smith Family to the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, which was started by Nathan Smith who performed the surgery on Joseph's leg. See: <http://www.lds.org/liahona/1978/11/joseph-smiths-surgeon?lang=eng>
- **"On His Shoulders" Fun Run.**
- **Host a Family** from outside the area. We have several families that are interested in participating but could use some travel and lodging assistance. If you are willing to help please let us know.
- **Volunteers Needed.** Contact [f.orton@digis.net](mailto:f.orton@digis.net).

Send us any ideas that you may have to make this reunion large and successful. Encourage all your siblings and cousins to attend with you.

## Robert & Mary Smith

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Beside the prophet's father, Joseph Smith Sr. (1771-1840), were Uncle Asael Smith (1773-1845), Uncle Silas Smith (1776-1839) and Uncle John Smith (1781-1854). Each of these four sons out of eleven siblings has posterity in the LDS Church numbering in the tens of thousands.

Mariah Smith, youngest child of Robert and Mary, married Peter Shumway (1806-1898). One descendant, Charles Shumway was the first to leave Nauvoo and cross the Mississippi River for the west on February 4, 1846.

Robert and Mary Smith's descendants could now number in the millions and are spread throughout the world, contributing in numerous ways to their communities. Many of the lines of their descendants intertwine. For example, LDS Patriarch Eldred G. Smith (1907-) is descended from Joseph Smith Sr. and his brother, Asael. President George Albert Smith (1870-1951) comes through Uncle John Smith, and his wife, Lucy Emily Woodruff is a descendant of Uncle Asael.

Now do you know some more of your Smith cousins, and are you a cousin to yourself?

## Eternally Bound: Joseph Smith Jr 2011 Reunion



Mike Kennedy, James Long, Lach MacKay, Frances Orton. Stone provided by Hallmark Stone.

Cousins from as far away as Australia gathered for an incredible Joseph Smith Jr Family Reunion in Independence, MO, July 7-10, 2011. Cousins took walking tours, visiting historical sites, the museum of the famous outlaw Jesse James, the Truman Library, and family history sites; they took a family picture at the old home of Joseph Smith III, built in 1905 and then traveled to the Mound Grove

Cemetery to visit family grave sites. The family placed a marker at the grave of Alice Fredericka, whose grave had never been marked and held a simple dedicatory service. Angeline Kennedy remarked, "I had an incredible experience being there. The spirit was so strong we all felt a closeness with those that went on before us. It's a feeling that I could never forget."

Family enjoyed a presentation on Smith ancestral history by Paul Hokanson. Gracia Jones spoke about David Hyrum Smith, youngest son of Joseph and Emma. The family met Nancy Smith, great granddaughter of David Hyrum and enjoyed music composed by David Hyrum.

Cousins enjoyed the traditional stick pull and tug-o-war and wonderful feasts. They visited Liberty Jail and the Kansas City Temple. Matthew Brown explained the purpose and nature of temple building and worship by ancient Israelites. Andrew Ehat spoke on the eternal nature of the human spirit, as taught by Joseph Smith, and the (See [www.josephsmithsr.org/node/216](http://www.josephsmithsr.org/node/216)).

### 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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Please send address corrections and donations

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



# Joseph Smith Sr. Birthday Celebration

July 14, 2012

11 AM - 4:30 PM

Lucy Mack Smith Pavillion

Heber Valley Camp

Heber City, Utah

## For The Entire Family

- ▶ BBQ Picnic Lunch
- ▶ Tree Planting
- ▶ Time Capsule
- ▶ Commemorative Program
- ▶ Activities For All Ages

## Fundraising Event

- ▶ To honor Joseph Sr. and Lucy's legacy.
- ▶ To Replace damaged trees planted in 2007
- ▶ Support the Nauvoo Smith Family Cemetery

Limited Seating. Register ASAP at

[www.JosephSmithSr.org](http://www.JosephSmithSr.org)

### Stone Markers and Lilac Connections (continued from page 1)

At the girls' camp near the John Johnson home in Hiram, OH, the Smith family provided beautiful stone markers identifying significant women who lived in Hiram in the 1800s, including Emma, her daughter Julia, and Jerusha Barden Smith. Cousins also planted lilacs that descend from original Smith lilac bushes in the 1800s. A lilac bush grew at the home of Hyrum and Jerusha in Kirtland, OH. Lilacs were taken to Kirtland, Missouri, and Nauvoo. Mary Bailey Smith wrote "Joseph, Hyrum, and Samuel put the lilac bush that Father Smith loved so well at the head of his grave." Samuel and Mary Bailey Smith graves were placed at the two smaller lilac bushes. Also, Mary Fielding Smith took lilac cuttings to the Salt Lake Valley. To read the full article, please visit <http://www.josephsmithsr.org/node/170>.

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