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Lucy Mack Smith  
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## **Finding Our Family**

**The Joseph Sr & Lucy Mack Smith Family Seeks Volunteers**

Psychologists have shown that volunteers get a “helper’s high,” a mild sense of euphoria. Arthur C. Brooks, president of the American Enterprise Institute, explains that giving creates happier people and that “people who volunteer do better financially.”<sup>1</sup>

But Jennifer Bruggeman, data steward for the Lovina Smith Walker line, expresses the deepest sentiment of the Smith family volunteers. “I volunteer because I love this family. It is the least I can do for all that they have done for me. I also feel a sense of duty to unite all of my “Walker” cousins. There are thousands of us, who do not know each other, nor do they know their heritage. I intend to find and unite as many as I can.”

“To know our roots,” Gracia Jones explains, “is a vital means of knowing who we were, who we are, and who we can become.” Gracia has been involved with the family for 35 years and continues, “We really just laid a foundation for what is yet to come.”

Craig Frogley, a trustee for the Family Association, recalled, “Elder Ballard once said to me, ‘The day is drawing ever so near when I will stand face to face with Hyrum and Joseph and they will ask, “What have you done with our children?”’ I want to say that I have done everything I could. Craig I am calling you to find them!” Then I read, “For we without them cannot be made perfect; neither can they without us be made perfect. Neither can they nor we be made perfect without those who have died in the gospel also; for it is necessary in the ushering in of the dispensation of the fulness of times, which dispensation is now beginning to usher in, that a whole and complete and perfect union, and welding together of dispensations, and keys, and powers, and glories should take place, and be revealed from the days of Adam even to the present time.”

Michael Kennedy agrees that it takes a “great deal of time and effort. I had an  
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## **Temple Lot History**



*Cornerstones found in 1929*

In 1831, Bishop Edward Partridge purchased 63 acres in downtown Independence, MO for \$130. After the saints were driven out of Missouri, the land

was later purchased by the Church of Christ-Temple Lot (Hedrickites), RLDS, and LDS churches. Here are a few interesting facts:

- According to Samuel Wood, a Church of Christ Temple Lot Apostle, a plaque on the temple lot stated that Indians had marked the northeast corner of the lot with a small pile of rocks marking the land as a sacred spot to which Christ would return.
- Arthur Brackenbury and T W Chapburn from the RLDS Church told Samuel Wood the small pile of rocks were put into the Kansas street in front of the Old Stone Church. (Temple Lot P 3)

## Family Genealogist Paul Hokanson Spends 60 Years Researching Smith Ancestry

The Joseph Smith Sr Family Association is looking for volunteers to help research and document ancestral lines. Volunteers can contact Mary Donoho at [thomasj@pathstone.us](mailto:thomasj@pathstone.us).

To mark the 1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, LDS genealogist Archibald Bennett prepared a chart showing that the Queen and Joseph Smith descended on the same royal pedigree. Paul Hokanson, a teenager, saw his grandfather's Baskerville line and his grandmother's Smith line on the ancestral chart, and realized that he might be related to royalty and also to Joseph Smith.

This discovery triggered a lifelong interest in Smith genealogy.

After an LDS mission to Britain, Paul married Julina Hart, great-great-granddaughter of Hyrum Smith. Both Paul and Julina are descended through Robert Smith, Joseph Smith's first Smith ancestor who came to America in 1638.

Paul and Julina moved to Sydney, Australia in 1969 where he started the first Seminary and Institute for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were surprised to find descendants of Joseph and Emma Smith. Ina Inez, daughter of Alexander Hale Smith and Elizabeth Agnes Kendall, had married Sidney Garden Wright from Australia, and there she and Sidney raised 10 children, leaving numerous descendants in Australia. Hokanson found other Australians with ties to England and pedigrees claiming connection to Joseph Smith and to royalty.



*Severn End by Al Rounds, image courtesy of Al Rounds Studio*  
*Severn End, home of Joseph's fifth great-grandmother, Mary Scudamore, whose mother was a Lechmere, is located in Worcestershire, England, along the river Severn where it remains standing today.*

He began documenting royal lines for Joseph Smith and found discrepancies between the Smith line and royalty.

His quest has led to 14 trips to Great Britain, 6 trips to New England, and a trip around the world. Paul became the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Genealogist. He has visited Lord and Lady Scudamore, who proved to be a very distant branch of our Scudamore family and Lord and Lady Lechmere, who provided valuable information on our branch of Lechmeres. In the summer of 2013, the Hokansons met the present Lord and Lady Lechmere who reside at "Severn End" in Worcestershire, the ancestral home of the Lechmere family.

In Herefordshire, England, he found "Tedgewood," the home of Joseph Smith's fifth great grandparents, William and Marjorie Scudamore. By following the history and ownership

of "Tedgewood," Hokanson was able to find the correct Scudamore and Lechmere ancestors.

Because of the significance of this research Hokanson commissioned Al Rounds to do paintings of "Severn End" and "Tedgewood."

Paul is also searching for Robert Smith's correct ancestry. He

has worked with Ugo Perego, who has done DNA testing with Smiths in Lincolnshire. These tests have found no matches. George A Smith said that Joseph Smith said he was related to Captain John Smith, born in Lincolnshire, but his Smith line is from Cheshire. Paul wants further DNA tests to be done, but testing is costly.

Paul Hokanson and his wife Julina have 8 children and 30 grandchildren and are currently serving in Australia as missionaries in the Australia Sydney North Mission. They are renewing acquaintances, finding new Smith kin, and correcting and extending pedigrees. They believe that missionary work and family history go hand in hand. Of this work, the Prophet Joseph said, "No unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing ...till the purposes of God shall be accomplished and the great Jehovah shall say: the work is done."



## Finding Our Family

(From p 1) experience many years ago,” he said, “and received a testimony that the work we do for this family will be on display at the council in Adam Ondi Ahman. We will probably never be there, but our work will.”

Steve and Frances Orton, co-presidents of the Joseph Sr. Reunion, believe that “the family has the opportunity to do great things and make a difference in this world. We want our young family members to develop an inner strength and conviction that will honor and magnify all our ancestors gave us.”

Years ago, Mary Donoho, master data steward for the Joseph F. Smith family, began typing information into a computer to help her mother organize family information. “It became a daily part-time job. At some point I became aware that I

was being helped by those that had gone on before. As I approach the age at which I took over for my mother I recognize that there must be those who are willing to take over from me when it is my turn to depart this life.”

“We need more young people of the family,” Gracia says, “to become involved in the marvelous scope for contacting and bonding through the internet: facebook, email, skype, etc. And it is certainly true that we old folks need to have replacements.”

Whether you are younger or older, whether you want to do better financially, be happier, or you just love this family, we are looking for your help. We need fundraisers, genealogists and those who can reach out through social media. Please contact [ortonfrances@gmail.com](mailto:ortonfrances@gmail.com).  
[1speeches.byu.edu/?act=viewitem&id=1826](http://1speeches.byu.edu/?act=viewitem&id=1826)

## Temple Lot (cont. from Page 1)

- Joseph Smith dedicated the land on Aug 3, 1831 and marked cornerstones for a temple.
- In 1864, 29,000 civil war soldiers fought in the battle of Westport here.
- In 1929, Hedrickites excavated 2 stones from the 1831 dedication, one marked SECT 1831, meaning south east cornerstone, and one marked 40 W 1831, meaning 40 feet west of the northeast cornerstone. The location of these stones identify the 1831 outlines for a temple.

## Joseph Smith Sr Family 501(c)(3) Status

In close consultation with its legal counsel, the Association is seeking approval of its application for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The IRS has recently notified us that family reunions and certain other functions are not considered tax-exempt activities. Accordingly, we are now funding such activities through a fully taxable account, but we are still seeking a tax exemption for the portion of our activities that meet the requirements for a 501(c)(3) organization. At the IRS's request, we have submitted additional fees and paperwork in support of that effort. We are now waiting to hear back on whether our 501(c)(3) application will receive final approval.

(Matthew Ballard is serving as legal counsel for the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Association.)

## We invite you to join us!

### Your \$25 donation helps

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

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# The Great Meeting at Adam-ondi-Ahman Be Early!

## Joseph Sr & Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion 2014 Independence, Missouri

July 31 - Aug 3 Family Reunion  
"Putting Ourselves in Their Shoes"

### Bus Tour - July 28 to Aug 5 (from SLC, UT)

July 30 Branson, MO	Afternoon Show, Shopping, Dining
July 31 Independence, MO	Sacred Sites Tour
Aug 1 Independence, MO	Service Projects
Aug 2 Independence, MO	Banquet
Aug 3 Independence, MO	Family Memorial and Farewell
Aug 3 Council Bluffs, IA	Winter Quarters Music Fireside

Missouri is the site of the Garden of Eden and Adam-ondi-Ahman, where Adam gathered his posterity for a final blessing, where the saints in Joseph's day started to build Zion but were violently driven out, and where the Lord will return again to a New Jerusalem. (See D&C 107:53-47; D&C 57:2-3; D&C 116; A of F 1:10).

**REGISTER NOW at <http://reunion.JosephSmithSr.org/?p=207>**

### From our History: Looking Toward Zion, The Promised Land

Joseph, Emma, and Bishops Whitney and Partridge sat at supper discussing Missouri. Bishop Whitney "observed that in about one year ... they might be seated together around a table on the land of Zion." Emma hoped, and all agreed that "it might be the case, that not only they, but the rest of the company present, might be seated around her table on that land of promise." Joseph said "my heart responded, Amen. God grant it, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ." (History of the Church 2:294)

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