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Joseph Smith Sr.
Reunion
Kirtland, Ohio
Aug 4-7, 2011

Joseph Smith Jr.
Reunion
Independence, MO
July 7-10, 2011

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Mary Duty Smith,
Mother of Joseph
Smith Sr.

Joseph Smith Jr
2011 Reunion

Please join us!

In the next newsletter:

Biographies of Robert
and Mary Smith's ten
children and some of
their posterity.

Joseph Sr & Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion Kirtland, Ohio: Celebrating 175 years

Aug 4-7, 2011
(Bus Tour Aug 1-10)

Dear Cousins,

This August we have a once in a lifetime opportunity—a Smith family celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Kirtland Temple Dedication and the 175th Anniversary of the First Smith Family Reunion.

We will experience an abbreviated reenactment of the Temple Dedication within the Temple walls and hear from Karl Anderson, who "has gained fame as 'Mr. Kirtland' from his devotion and love for the Kirtland area and by his tireless efforts to restore it." We will listen to a family choir singing historic music from the four corners of the temple.

We will feel the star bit drill pound in our hands as we carve stone in the temple quarry, the way our stone cutter fathers did and breathe in that dust—their dust; run our hands along their sweat-stained rubble

stone walls; and see the monumental task of erecting that great edifice to the Lord, and learn what it meant to give your all.

We will recognize our ancestors' sacrifices by providing service at a girl's camp near the John Johnson Home that will bear the names of Lucy Mack Smith and Emma among the campsites. This August, our children can feel the fire of the spirit that gave our pioneer ancestors the strength to do great things. This is one reunion not to be missed.

For more information or to register, go to:
www.josephsmithsr.org/?q=node/75.

We can't wait to see you!

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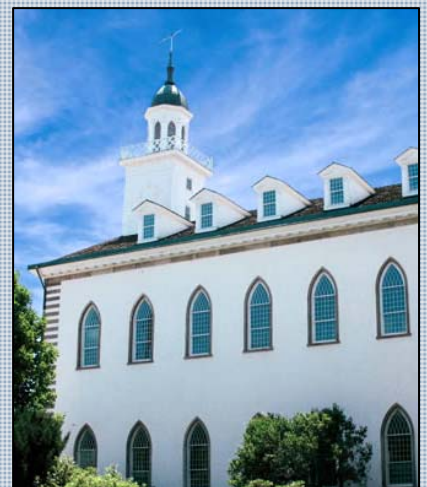
Looking Toward Kirtland

by Joy Ercanbrack

Whenever I read Smith histories, I'm intrigued by the smallest conversations or bit of details. As I look for stories that show family connections, I think this one is rather sweet.

While crossing through the wetlands of the Mississippi River during the swift move to Commerce, Illinois (July 1839), many Saints including members of the Smith family became ill. Hyrum's oldest daughter, Lovina, who was just eleven, had a most severe case. Uncle William volunteered to take his niece to Plymouth, hoping the ride would aid her recovery. When she

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Mary Duty Smith: Mother of Joseph Smith Sr.

In Kirtland, Ohio 1836

Rejoined Family in Kirtland, Ohio in 1836

By Julie Maddox

This August we celebrate a significant milestone--the 175th Anniversary of the First Smith Family Reunion. In May of 1836, Mary Duty Smith, almost 93 years old, traveled 500 miles from Stockholm, New York to Kirtland, Ohio for "she had asked the Lord that she might live to see her children and grandchildren once more."

The Prophet Joseph noted that his grandmother was overjoyed at meeting her children and grandchildren, "knew all of us she had ever seen [and] . . . was much pleased at being introduced to her great grandchildren." Joseph wrote, "It was a happy day."

Mary was born on Oct. 11, 1743 in Rowley, Massachusetts, to Moses and Mary Palmer Duty. On Feb. 12, 1767, she married Asael Smith of Topsfield. Mary bore eleven children. Eight children survived to adulthood. In 1772 Mary and Asael moved to New Hampshire and began farming. After Asael's father died in 1785, Asael and Mary moved back to Topsfield to settle his father's estate. Mary's son John remembered her as a "first rate dairy" woman, and Asael wrote of her tenderly and sought her comfort.

Mary and Asael sought earnestly to follow their personal convictions. They were Congregationalists and according to the church minutes of March 8, 1772 "owned the cove-



This was a little bag that Mary Duty wore around her waist. It is like a purse. It opens up part way down the front and looped through apron strings or a belt. She did not have lots of money and had pieced this together with scraps of material. Joseph F. Smith was given this after his father was martyred. This belongs to Eleanor Smith Patrick Richards of Sandy, Utah, a great-great-great granddaughter to Mary Duty.

nant."

In 1830, Joseph Smith Sr. and his son Don Carlos traveled to Stockholm, NY to share the restored gospel with their relatives. Although Mary's oldest son Jesse opposed the message, Mary, Asael and 5 of their children embraced the truth that they brought.

July 7-10, 2011 Joseph Smith Junior Reunion: Independence, MO

Grandma Emma's Birthday



Alice Frederika Smith, the only child of Frederick G. Williams Smith and Anna Marie Jones.

The Joseph Smith Jr. family will be gathering for their fourth time this July 7th and ending on Emma Hale Smith's birthday the 10th of July. Over 200 family members are expected to arrive in Independence, Missouri, many from as far away as Australia where almost 1/3 of Alexander's posterity live. There are so many fun games and activities planned for the children that a van has to drive the contents for the games to Independence from Salt Lake

Thursday night is registration, pizza, lots of visiting, and the film at the LDS visitor's center "Prophet of the Restoration." Friday morning we will hear from our Australian families and then everyone has the choice throughout the day of sitting back and visiting or choosing from several activities: LDS Visitor's Center, Independ-

ence Walking Tour, Community of Christ Temple and Museum tour, The Temple Lot, Jessie James Museum, Harry S Truman Museum and Library, or family fun activities. In the middle of the day we will be laying a special marker for Joseph and Emma's granddaughter Alice Fredericka, the only child of Frederick G. Williams and Anna Marie Jones Smith. Friday ends with a Luau, a variety of family talent and a spotlight on David Hyrum's family.

Saturday we go to Liberty where Joseph was imprisoned for 6 months, and will then visit the construction of the building of the temple in Kansas City. We have special guests Andy Ehat and Matthew Brown on the busses to share why Joseph had Temples built. We will

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Joseph wrote "My grandfather, Asael Smith, long ago predicted that there would be a prophet raised up in his family, and my grandmother was fully satisfied that it was fulfilled in me. My grandfather Asael died in East Stockholm, St Lawrence County, NY, after having received the Book of Mormon, and read it nearly through; and he declared that I was the very prophet that he had long known would come in his family."

When Mary arrived in Kirtland, she told Lucy "I am going to have your Joseph baptize me but I will have

my blessing from My Joseph." Mary greatly enjoyed visiting with family in Kirtland, but her health began failing. Before she could be baptized, she became too ill. After a visit of just 10 days in Kirtland, Joseph wrote that on May 27, 1836, she "fell asleep without sickness, pain or regret. She breathed her last about sunset, and was buried in the burial ground near the temple, after a funeral address had been delivered by Sidney Rigdon."

Of his grandmother Mary Duty Smith, the Prophet Joseph said, "she was the most honored woman on earth". ❖

Joseph Smith Jr. Reunion (continued from page 2)

return midday for everyone to build up an appetite with the Stick Pull championships, tug of war and other games. That evening we will have special presentations and a birthday cake celebrating Grandma Emma's birthday along with special gifts to the children and to every family that is there.

We end with a Sunday morning devotional and lots of hugs and farewells.

For more information, please see www.josephsmithjr.com. ❖

Looking Toward Kirtland (cont. from page 1)



Lovina Smith Walker

became increasingly weak, William sent for Hyrum. However, Hyrum was too sick to go himself, so Grandma Lucy and sister Lucy went instead. By the time they arrived in Plymouth, Lovina, under Uncle William's care, had improved and continued from that point to regain her health.

I wonder if he made her chicken soup or how many hours he sat by her

bedside? What is evident is the continual concern given among Smith family members. We hold all of our Smith cousins dear in this same way.

As we look forward to our reunion in Kirtland, I feel certain our family is rejoicing in Heaven. I see the Kirtland Temple as a great symbol of the unity among the Smith family. Grandma Lucy said, "There was but one main spring to all our thoughts and actions, and that was, the building of the Lord's house." They finished the temple in 1836 and now a modern-day group of Smiths will gather at this beautiful building 175 years later. I can't wait! I'm so thankful to call you family. ❖

We invite you to join us!

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- Encourage and publicize grandfather reunions and other news
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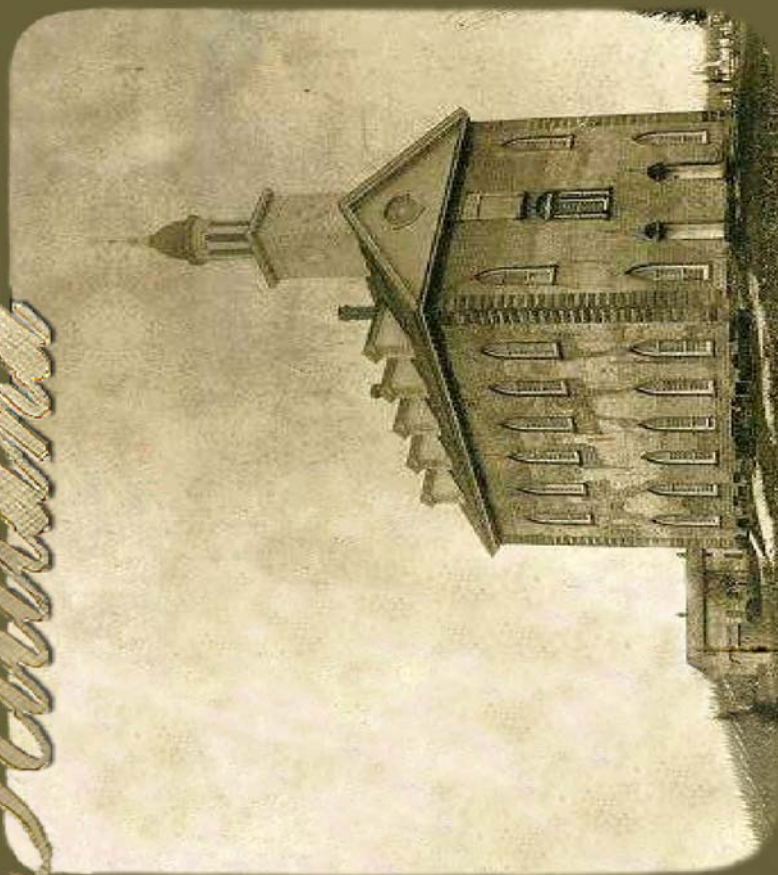
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Kirtland Ohio



**JOSEPH SR. AND LUCY MACK SMITH
FAMILY REUNION**

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

AUG 4-7, 2011

BUS TOUR FROM SLC AUG 1-10, 2011

Highlights:

- Temple Dedication Reenactment
- Drill Your Own Stone at the Quarry
- BBQ by the Samuel Smith Family
- Family Choir in the Kirtland Temple
- John Johnson Farm Service Project
- Closing Meeting in Kirtland Temple

See www.josephsmithsr.org for more exciting details!

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