

# Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion August 4, 2011 – Kirtland Registration

By Frances Orton

Registration and check in opened at 6:00. The family had one hour in which to pick up the reunion program schedule, buy t-shirts, visit and have fun. This was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with long lost cousins and share family stories.



The reunion banner



Christy Burke and Carol Quinn help with registration



Vivan Adams, Troy and Amanda Oney checking out the reunion schedule



Vivian Adams and Joy Ercanbrack



Renee and Bob Park helping Joy Ercanbrack with t-shirts



Mary Lou Little and Daniel Patrick catching up on family



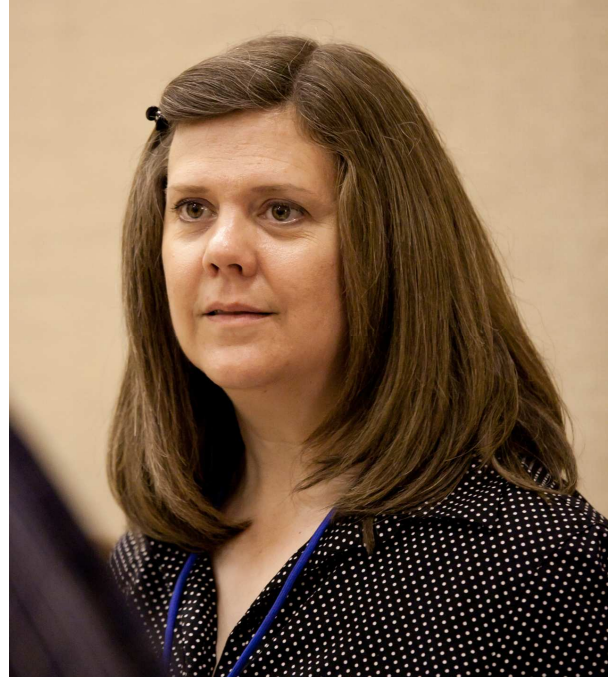
Dan Larsen



Steve Orton helping with registration



Sitting and cut off is John Huefner, Miriam & Ted Skeen. Standing in back: Karl Anderson, Joyce visiting with Ivor Jones, and Gilda Sundeen



Frances Orton helping with registration



Gilda Sundeen enjoying meeting new cousins



Even the youngest from North Carolina, Kaden and Matthew Alligood, had fun playing at registration

Once registration was finished the family held a “greet and meet” gathering in the Kirtland Stake Center Chapel. The group filled the room and heard reports from several of the different family organizations.

Steve and Frances began with a welcome and roll call. It is always fun to get a feel for where our family travelled from.

**2011 Reunion Attendance Numbers**  
**204 people attended**

- 26 Youth
- 29 Primary

Arizona	3
California	5
Canada	3
Idaho	2
Indiana	4
Massachusetts	6
Michigan	11
Missouri	11
Montana	4
North Carolina	4
Nebraska	26
Ohio	9
Utah	107
Virginia	7
Not listed	2

Michael Kennedy filled everyone in on the activities and events from the Joseph Smith Jr. and Emma Hale Smith Historical Society. He also showed a necklace given to their family during their July gathering in Independence, Missouri.



Michael Kennedy during registration



This 14k necklace was produced and given to the family. It holds a reproduced ring of Joseph's and the signature of Emma and Joseph. It is knit together representing each of the Joseph Jr. descendants. The wood box is made from Vermont sugar maple and from Pennsylvania black walnut. One representing the common tree on the Vermont mountain where Joseph was born. The other a familiar tree from the riverside of Emma's birthplace.



This painting by Julia Rogers was produced for the family and given to those in attendance at the reunion

(Utah) Bob Smith reported on the many activities the Samuel Family has been involved with. They are hoping to do more ground penetrating sonar on the grave site in Nauvoo to pinpoint where Samuel is buried.



Bob Smith (Utah)

A Senior Family Report was given by Daniel Adams who is heading the fundraising for the family foundation so that the Smith family might be able to maintain and provide perpetual care for the Smith family grave sites adjacent to the Nauvoo Smith Homestead in Nauvoo, Illinois. The family would also like to provide historical research and newsletters.



Daniel Adams