

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion August 6, 2011

By Frances Orton

Saturday, August 6, today many of the family spent the morning touring the John Johnson Home and Farm before the family picture. The rest of the group saw this after the service project



Stan and Chris Rasmussen in front of the John Johnson Home



John Johnson Home



John Johnson Home

Karl Anderson's notes on the significance of John Johnson Farm:

- Home of Joseph Smith from September 1831 to September 1832.
- Church leadership conference site (about eight conducted here).
- Mob of about 50 men tarred and feathered Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon.
- Joseph Murdock Smith died and was perhaps buried here in 1832 at age eleven months.
- Joseph Smith's Translation of the Bible was worked on here.
- Vision of Father and Son and eternal worlds. (D&C 76)
- Home of the prominent John and Alice Johnson family. Children Luke and Lyman became members of the Quorum of the Twelve.
- Their daughter Marinda Nancy married Orson Hyde, another member of the Twelve.
- Decision to print the revelations (Book of Commandments, forerunner of the Doctrine and Covenants) to the Church was made here.
- Sixteen Revelations received. D&C sections 1, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77 (no CofC), 79 (78), 80 (79), 81 (80), 99 (96), 133 (108).



2011 John Johnson Home – Joseph Smith Sr Family Reunion Picture



The John Johnson Farm



Jessica, Jonathan, Alyssa Burke, and Mary Quinn on the large rock outside the John Johnson Home



Left to right: AnnaLisa Maddox, Danielle Maddox, Jeannine Maddox Withers, Sam Maddox, Chalice Maddox



Some of the family walked down to the Pioneer Trail Girl's Campground behind the John Johnson Farm, while others drove to the event

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family

Pioneer Trail Girl's Camp Service Project – August 6, 2011



Steve Orton turning the mike over to James Long for instructions



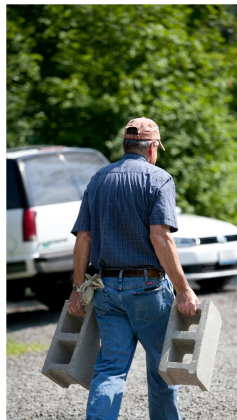
James Long showing a marker



James showing Steven Eyre and the family how to glue the stone together



Laura & Gene Davis



Larry Eyre



Lewis Bjork



Sam Bjork



Mike Abbott



Steven Eyre



David Huefner, Larry Eyre



Bryan Orton, Edward Glade



David & Matthew Alligood,
Don Blanchard

This was a wonderful opportunity to remember seven women who lived in the Hiram, Ohio area. These women made contributions that helped make the world around them better. Markers were placed for:

Emma, Julia, Jerusha, and Lucy Mack Smith. Other Campsite Markers the Smith family placed were for: Eliza R Snow and her mother Rosetta Pettibone Snow, Elsa Johnson, and Marinda Johnson Hyde.



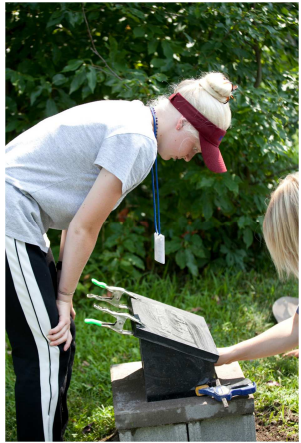
Rosemary Isom



Daniel Adams, with Carol and Mary Quinn



Lois Shopland



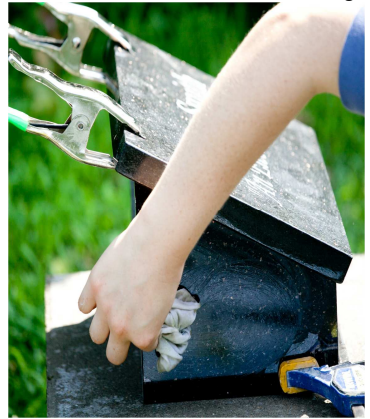
Sarah Bjork



Anna and Melanie Bjork,
Mary Lou Little in the back



Back: Laura Blanchard, Annette Pierce, David Pack (Camp Director), and
James Long



While the markers were being glued together and placed at each campsite location, some of the family helped plant the Smith Family lilacs under the direction of Gilda Sundeen. Lilac bushes have been a meaningful plant for the Smith Family: Lucy Mack Smith, Emma Smith, Jerusha Barden Smith, Mary Fielding Smith, among others. The lilacs

planted here are those nurtured by Smith Family descendants for many decades, brought from the Smith Family cemetery in Nauvoo, Illinois; and "This is the Place Monument," in Salt Lake City, Utah. These lilacs were planted as part of the 2011 Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion to honor the family members who have gone before.

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Pioneer Trail Girl's Camp Service Project Markers



Julia (Murdock) Smith –
Beloved Adopted Daughter



Jerusha Smith – “Woman Whom Everyone Loved”
Lucy Mack Smith gave this tribute in her book.



Emma Smith – “An Elect Lady”



Lucy Mack Smith –
“Mother of prophets and patriarchs”



Marinda Johnson Hyde –
“Women’s Advocate & Apostle’s Wife”



Elsa Johnson – “Mother of Apostles”



Eliza R Snow – “Daughter of Light” ***



Rosetta Pettibone Snow – “Faithful Pioneer Mother”



*** When Eliza was baptized, she said, "I saw a beautiful candle with an unusual long, bright blaze directly over my feet. I sought to know the interpretation, and received the following, "The lamp of intelligence shall be lighted over your path."

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion Barbeque

Some family members also helped shuck corn and get things ready for the barbeque, sponsored by the Samuel Smith Family. Bob Smith (Utah) brought many supplies from home and directed everyone.

He took charge of this wonderful lunch and prepared meal of pulled pork sandwiches, yummy salads, and corn on the cob. Jordan Smith was the right hand man and local produce and equipment was brought by Bob Berryhill.



Anna Bjork



Bob Berryhill and Jordan Smith



Chris Rasmussen offered the blessing on the food



The family begins to gather inside the Lucy Mack Smith Dining Hall



Picture 1 - LtoR: Laura Davis, Betty & Charlie Briggs, Vivian & Carolos Adams, Sarah & Rachel & Jill Harris, and Bob Smith (Omaha).

Picture 2 – LtoR: Charity Williams and Chris Rasmussen help serve the meat to Annette Pierce, Margaret Penfield, and Tia Orton facing camera.

Picture 3 – Mike Kennedy putting butter on his corn cob.

Smith Super Hero's Program and Puppet Show

Matthew and Julie Maddox put together a puppet show to teach the group about being a Smith Super Hero. They shared stories of our ancestors and how they over

came difficult things. This was a wonderful program at the Pioneer Trail Girl's Camp Amphitheater.



Steve introducing Julie Maddox and Chalice Maddox



Julie Maddox



Matthew Maddox and Julie holding the microphone



Jeannine Maddox Withers, AnnaLisa Maddox, and Matthew Maddox



Smith Family Heros



The Family enjoying the music, jokes, and family stories at the Pioneer Trail Girl's Camp Amphitheater

Smith Family Saturday Snapshots



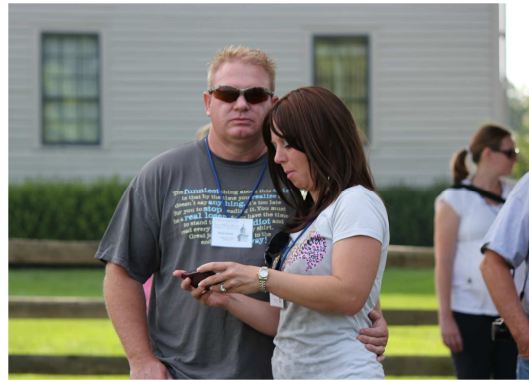
Cousins having fun together



Tia Orton lifting a 45 pound replica of the gold plates



Vivian Adams and granddaughter Micah Adams



Gene and Laura Davis at the John Johnson Home



John and Gwen Smith in front of N K Whitney Store



Family on a tour of the N K Whitney Store



A family Banquet was held at the Mayfield Church Building



A wonderful chicken and rice dinner was topped off with shortcake

Family Tours – N. K. Whitney Store



Karl Anderson explained:

“Church life in Kirtland revolved around the Newel K. Whitney and Company store from 1831-1834. Whitney, a successful merchant and postmaster, began operation of his first store in Kirtland about seven years before the Church moved to Kirtland. A few years later, his partner in the mercantile business, A. Sidney Gilbert, moved to Missouri in 1831.

The LDS Church restored this store and furnished it as when it operated in 1831.”



Karl told about the significance of this area by pointing out:

- Church meeting and administration headquarters.
- First Presidency of the Church organized here.
- Appearance of the Father and Son.
- School of the Prophets first held here 1832-1833.
- Joseph Smith’s Translation of the Bible was “completed” here in 1833.
- United Order included the Whitney store. The store served as the Bishops Storehouse.
- Joseph Smith’s residence 1832-1834.
- Joseph Smith III born here in NW upstairs bedroom, Nov. 6, 1832.
- Revelations received: D&C 78 (77), 84 (83), 85 (no Cof C), 86, (84), 87 (no Cof C), 88 (85), 89 (86), 90 (87), 91 (88), 92 (89), 93 (90), 94



Saturday night the family gathered at the Mayfield Church Building for a banquet and program. The meal was wonderful and the company grand.



The evening’s program began with a welcome and history of Kirtland Temple by Dan Larsen. We heard some selected musical numbers by some of the cast members of “This Is Kirtland.” Joy Ercanbrack shared some family hero stories and then offered recognition to some who helped make the reunion a success.