

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion Registration and Greeting – August 1, 2013

By Frances Orton



The University of Utah Institute Building in Salt Lake City was where registration was held

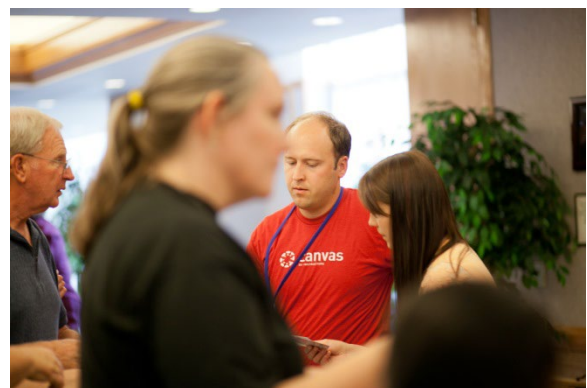
August 1, the Smith family check-in and registration began at the University of Utah's Institute Building in the East Multi-Purpose Gym from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.



Dan and Rosemarie Larsen in the center of this picture during registration



Diana Diehl in purple helping to hand out the t-shirts



Rob & Tia Orton help at the registration desk



With all the people who attended we had tables full of nametags and registration materials



Sam Isom in the middle of the photo



Frances, Tia, Rob, and Steve Orton handing out some of the nametags during Thursday night's registration



Renee Park approaches Carol Quinn who was helping at registration tables



Cousins spending time together



The family enjoyed a Greeting Meeting with a welcome from Steven and Frances Orton. They began with the traditional announcements, instructions, and the family roll call. The roll call allows each family line to stand and see how they fit and where their cousins are.



Frances and Steve asking family groups to stand



Daniel Adams expressed great gratitude for the work of Dr. Nathan Smith and shared the many miracles in play for Joseph's leg to be saved



Here family from Katherine's line stand to introduce themselves: Austin – his mom and dad – Lisa and Mark Denney, and his grandfather – Kenny Duke came from Iowa

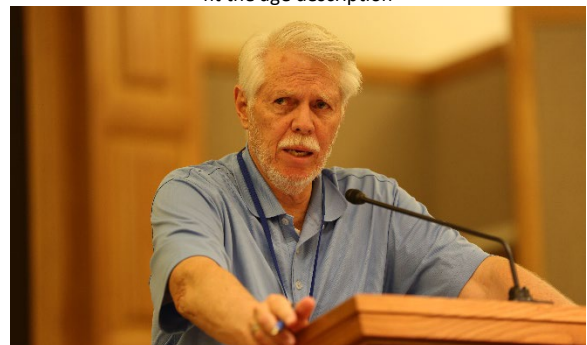


Daniel Adams asked for someone the age of Joseph at the time of his surgery - Nelson Abbott brought up his daughter Maggie who fit the age description

Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion – 2013 Attendance Numbers

**1017 people attended and participated at
some point during the four days of
events**

The family group come from the following states to take part in the reunion and/or the race: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Family also came from Canada and as far away as Romania.



E. Gary Smith gave a report from the Hyrum Smith Family



Craig Frogley helped facilitate a Joseph Jr. Family report by Michael Kennedy using technology during the opening night of the Joseph Jr Reunion that was held at the Snydermill Lodge, below the Olympic Park in the Wasatch Mountains.



Debbie and Courtney Nelson talked about their experience with iDig Nauvoo



Ron Saltmarsh, Jason Deere, Nathan Osmond



Bob was making food arrangements and his dear mother had just passed away causing a small delay in his arrival



Kim Smith sang the song, Never Had an Ordinary Day, with Ron Saltmarsh accompanying on the guitar

One of the miracles that happened was for several people to be in the right place at the right time. Kim Smith and Bryan Davis were finishing up a tour and talked with some band members of the Nashville Tribute Band about coming to our reunion. At the same time, Joy Ercanbrack and her sister spoke with some other band members and even took up a collection to help sponsor some of the costs from their family. Arrangements were then made and Nashville Tribute Band added a fun and an exciting time for everyone who attended.



Utah cousin, Joy Ercanbrack and family, found and sponsored a Utah treat, Granny B's Original Pink Cookies, to share with everyone after the National Tribute Band Concert.

