

A LABOR OF LOVE

GRACIA JONES

"I have spent my life finding, visiting, and gathering the Posterity of Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith."

When I heard from Buddy Youngreen about the first Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Reunion, I was excited to help, but I was woefully uninformed about my Smith Ancestry. It's one thing to have genealogy family group sheets and pedigree charts, where we see names and dates of our ancestors. It's quite another to gather with descendants of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith in a setting where the presentations, stories, histories, and videos revealed their amazing unity as parents, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. In August 1972, at Nauvoo, Illinois, we came to "Rejoice in the Joy of Being Together."

My son Paul and I went from Montana to Salt Lake City by

airplane, then joined with other family members traveling by bus to that first reunion. Walking in the streets of Nauvoo, seeing the places our ancestors once lived, and entering their old homes brought me a sense of belonging I could never have anticipated.

We went into the old log cabin, and the "Mansion House" where Joseph and Emma lived. I remember seeing the quilt, made by Emma, hanging at the foot of the bed in the upstairs bedroom of the Mansion House. We have searched for the pattern with experienced quilters without success; we believe Emma designed it herself. It was said to have been made from Joseph and Hyrum's clothing; judging by the...*Love p. 3*

GENEALOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH

Earliest Smith Ancestor in America Traced to Great-Great Grandfather Vincent Smith in Ireland

The Joseph Smith Jr. Family Organization has announced a genealogical breakthrough on the Joseph Smith Sr. family line, tracing Robert Smith, our earliest Smith ancestor in America, to his great-great grandfather Vincent Smith in Ireland in the 1500s.

Key achievements that paved the way:

- Audentia Smith Anderson, granddaughter of Joseph and Emma Hale Smith, researches and documents Joseph and Emma Smith's ancestral history in America.
- Microfilming of the Kirton on Holland Parish records near Boston England 1948, now online.
- DNA research by Ugo Perego and the Sorenson Molecular Genealogical Foundation.

Kristin Cannon, an Asael Smith descendant, began studying genealogy and the Smith line in 2012, beginning with the Kirton in Holland Parish Register, now online, and found Robert Smith Sr.'s...birth and the birth of his father Edward (1570–1632). After hitting a dead end, Kristin recalled information about Ugo Perego's DNA research...*Breakthrough p. 3*

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EMMA'S QUILT



Gracia Jones was given Emma's Quilt (a replica of that on the bed at the Mansion House in Nauvoo). Gracia believes Emma designed the pattern after the Sunstone; the circles represent gathering family from the four quarters of the earth.

IN LOVING MEMORY

With tenderness we note the passing of MARY E. DONOHO who served on the Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association since 1996. She was a loving supporter and untiring in her accurate record keeping.

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Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith
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MEMORIES FROM THE FIRST REUNION

STEVE DUKE I was only 8 years old at the time. My dad showed me the lineage tree and how we were all direct descendants of Joseph Smith Sr. I remember then being very proud of Joseph and Lucy being my distant grandparents and Joseph and Emma being my Uncle & Aunt.



From left to right: Warren L. Van Dine, a great-grandson of Katherine Smith Salisbury; J. Winter Smith, grandson of Samuel H. Smith; Lynn E. Smith, a great-grandson of Joseph Smith Jr.; Willard R. Smith, a grandson of Hyrum Smith; and Joseph Byron Smith, a great-grandson of Samuel H. Smith.

TINA NICHOLS MUELLER Staying at the Nauvoo House with my own cousins and so many others was enchanting. I had the privilege of bunking with Sister Cleone Isom! She was then the age I am now! She insisted I help hoist her to the top bunk. We enjoyed a good laugh ever after that when I saw her at the other reunions.

I was a year out of high school. I had a burning desire to attend the first JSSR Reunion. Gratefully, my parents were willing to help support that desire. I was thrilled to meet people like Uncle J and hear his tales. But I was young enough to obnoxiously teach all the younger kids the song, "The Cat Came Back." I'm grateful the others on the bus were so enthralled with their conversations that we weren't thrown off!

STACEY BARFUSS I was seven years old at the time. I got the chance to ride the bus back. It was interesting as a little kid getting acquainted with

With tenderness we note the passing of **FREDERICK NIELS LARSEN & MARY LOU MALOTT LARSEN**. Fred is the great-grandson of Joseph Smith Jr. In April 2002, Fred was chosen to become the President of the High Priesthood of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He passed away in June 2019. His beloved wife, Mary Lou Malott, passed away in September 2019. Mary Lou Malott Larsen touched many lives around the world and at home.

this bus of cousins. I did not realize there were differences. In my mind's eye we were just all family. Still friends with many! Love my Smith Cousins.

BOB SMITH I was 15 at the time. I had just gotten my driver's permit, and my family allowed me to drive all the way from Salt Lake to Nauvoo. I got to meet a bunch of grandchildren of Joseph Smith, like Wallace W. Smith. I knew who my grandpa, Samuel H. B. Smith, was and realized their grandpa was Joseph ...*Memories p. 3*

SMITH FAMILY GARDENS PHASE I ANNOUNCED

The Joseph Smith Historic Site, in conjunction with IdigNauvoo, and the Samuel H. Smith Foundation, will begin the Smith Family Gardens this spring, 2022. The first phase includes two flower gardens and a small herb garden around the Mansion House.

Gardeners actually were working on Community of Christ properties such as Camp Nauvoo. Then, as IdigNauvoo staff (which included local master gardeners) were helping beautify Camp Nauvoo, they talked about beautifying the area. They began researching plants and trees from the

1840s. The Armstrongs, Idig master gardeners, proposed creating a time period garden.

Bob Smith (Samuel H. Smith family president) took their proposal and an expanded Smith family garden plan to Lachlan and Kristin McKay. Kristin suggested placing gardens north of the mansion house and suggested it demonstrate how the people in Nauvoo lived.

Bob took the challenge to Greg Jolley of BYU, and his landscape design class took it to the next level. The students looked at old recipes in Nauvoo, and from those ingredients

came up with a plant list that would represent the typical family garden. Heirloom vegetables used for spices and medicinal needs would include summer savory, garlic basil, rosemary, dill, thyme and sage. Herbs also had medicinal qualities, etc.

They will also create a rainflower bed next to the Community of Christ (Visitors' Center), one block from the Mansion House, on Water Street.

If you would like to be involved, please see idignauvoo.legacyshare.org for intern opportunities.

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color, some pieces may be from Joseph's Nauvoo Legion uniform.

The turning of the hearts of the children to the fathers was an actual sentence that was brought out by one of the speakers. Buddy showed a slide presentation, "The Seeds of Greatness," with pictures

of Joseph and Lucy's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Excerpts were read from the patriarchal blessings.

I remember the spirit just overwhelmed us all as we saw and heard those things. I remember that first reunion as one of the most life-changing experiences

of my entire life. It caused my heart to turn to my 'fathers and mothers,' and the heritage that is ours to claim through this great family lineage. It opened a lifetime 'labor of love' for me. Ever since I married Ivor Jones, in 1983, we have spent much of our 39 years together traveling

across the USA, Canada, and Australia, finding and gathering the scattered posterity. It has been a labor of love for us both.

It was a great blessing for me to have been part of that first reunion, and I know it will be a great blessing for all who are able to attend the reunion in 2022.

Memories continued...

Smith Jr. It brought a connection. I put my contact lenses in a cup and my sister drank out of the cup and broke one of my contacts, so I wasn't able to drive back.

DANIEL C. PATRICK
I was 12. *Highlight?* the family meeting on Saturday. That was when I saw the most progress in building trust. *The most memorable person?* J Winters Smith. He was the oldest family

member there and he had a spark that is impossible to forget. *Most treasured memory?* The sense of "pride" I felt for my Smith family heritage. That reunion kindled the Smith family genes. I have never been the same since.

See ya Later
Daniel Patrick 12

Breakthrough continued...

that connects Joseph Smith Jr. to Irish warlord Niall of the Nine Hostages. "I was elated to find the article and subsequently found a website entitled 'England's Immigrants 1330 – 1500.'"

Kristin searched 64,000 names and said "Vincent Smith, who immigrated from Ireland in 1524, was the only possibility...Further research brought to light Vincent's will, which was translated for me by Family History Department missionary Todd

Noall. Seven of Vincent's children were named in his will,...thus documenting the Smith line further back than it has ever been known before."

Michael Kennedy, president of the Joseph Smith Jr. Family Organization, who also works for Family Search, has talked with Kristin Cannon and says he "believes the information to be genealogically supported and DNA validated."

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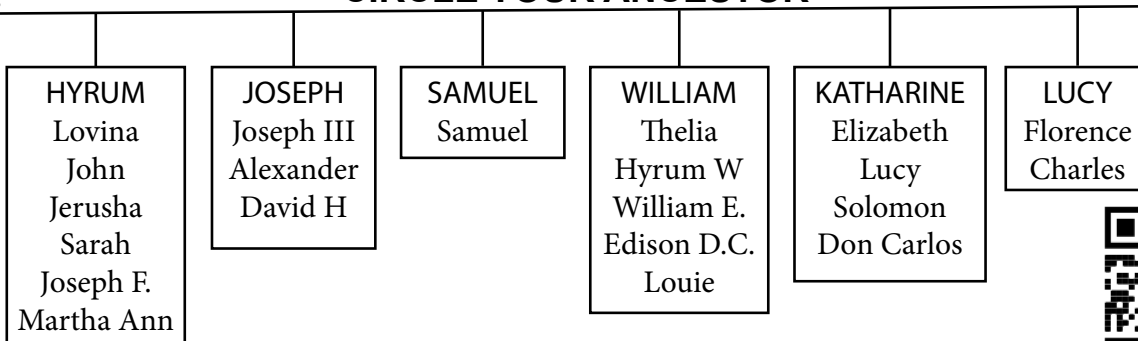
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