

JOSEPH SMITH SR
—AND—
LUCY MACK SMITH
FAMILY REUNION

“Wherefore, my dear children, I pray, beseech, and adjure you by all the relations and dearness that hath ever been betwixt us and by the heartrending pangs of dying father whose soul hath been ever bound in the bundle of life with yours, that you know one another. Visit as you may each one another... if possible, once every year...or if you cannot meet, send to and hear from each other yearly and oftener if you can; and when you have neither father nor mother left be so many fathers and mothers to each other, so you shall understand the blessings mentioned in the [133 Psalm](#).”

*— Asael Smith,
Father of Joseph Smith, Sr.*

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You can read about this family image by going to this link:
[So Much To Be Grateful For.](#)

Smith Family Virtual Run

This year we are holding a Smith Family Virtual Run:
[Go to the Grove – Garden Edition.](#)

The focus with “Go to the Grove” is a reminder that Joseph went into the grove by himself to ask a question of God. The answer changed the world. This year the run will go toward the creation of the Smith Family Gardens by the Mansion House in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Wednesday, August 3 – Saturday, August 6

iDig Nauvoo

8:30 am—5:00 pm*Register and schedule a time:*
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iDigNauvoo



Rebecca Armstrong, Anson Patrick, and Josh Orton sifting through the dirt material in their area



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50-Year Celebration Agenda

Thursday, August 4

4:00 pm—5:45 pm Pick up nametags and packets



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Nauvoo Stake Center Cultural Hall
380 N Durphy St, Nauvoo, IL 62354

6:00 pm—8:00 pm Greeting Meeting
Welcome & Roll Call.....Frances Orton
Video Message..... [President M. Russell Ballard](#)
Reunion Theme..... Steven Orton
Samuel Smith & iDig Nauvoo Report Bob Smith
Senior Family Report & Scholarship Daniel Adams
Smith Family Foundation Report.....[Karl Anderson](#)
Speaker[Buddy Youngreen](#)

**Friday, August 5,
Smith Family Gardens Service Project**

7:30 am—9:30 am Work on pathways and split rail fences
By the Mansion House

Smith Family Gardens Project Direction Bob Smith
Mansion House
890 Main St Nauvoo IL 62354



The Smith Family gathered in between the split rail fence and the fence stained in the gardens area by the Mansion House

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Family Gathering

10:00 am—11:00 am..... Program

Nauvoo House at the Tents
[890 Main St., Nauvoo, IL 62354](#)



The family gathered under the tents set up outside the Nauvoo House



Kim Smith and her son, Bryan Davis sing, The Old, Old Path, written by Smith Family Member – Vida E. Smith in 1903. Vida wrote this song after being inspired by a sermon given at the Old Brick Church in Lamoni, Iowa.



The Nauvoo House

Gathering Program

WelcomeFrances Orton

Introductions Steven Orton

Message [Gracia N. Jones](#) and [Jaynann Payne](#)



Gracia Jones and Jaynann Payne speaking at the reunion

Joseph Sr. & Lucy Tribute Gary and Elizabeth Smith



Gary & Elizabeth Smith addressed the family as Joseph Sr and Lucy Mack Smith

Family Wreath Placement..... Youth

Father and Mother Smith's Graves
Smith Family Cemetery



Eleven-Year-Old Twins and granddaughters of Anina Luff and daughters of Libby Mackay
– Zoey and Chloe Mackay de Riordan



Lach Mackay shared some history about the graves in the Smith Family Cemetery

Lunch

12:00 —12:30 pmFamily Lunch

Nauvoo House at the Tents
[890 Main St., Nauvoo, IL 62354](#)

Family Tour Time

1:00 pm—5:00 pm **FREE TIME**

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Picnic Dinner

5:30 pm —7:00 pm **BBQ**

Nauvoo House at the Tents
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*Food Arranged through Doug Smith, Bob Smith, and the
Samuel H. Smith Family Foundation*



Jan Abney and Lee Costantino enjoying lunch

Saturday, August 6,

iDig Nauvoo

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Family Photo

9:00 am—9:30 am Traditional Family Photo
[*Grassy lawn across the street*](#)
[*Mansion House*](#)
[*610 Water St, Nauvoo, IL 62354*](#)



Family Tour Time

9:30 am—12:00 pm **FREE TIME**

Lunch

12:00 —12:45 pm Family Lunch
[*Nauvoo House at the Tents*](#)
[*890 Main St., Nauvoo, IL 62354*](#)

Family Tour Time

1:00 pm—3:00 pm **FREE TIME**

Saturday, Family Gathering

3:30 pm—5:00 pm Presentations

[Nauvoo Stake Center Chapel](#)
[380 N Durphy St, Nauvoo, IL 62354](#)

Introductions Steven & Frances Orton

Speaker [Jenny Reeder](#)



Jenny Reeder spoke about the strength and loyalty Lucy Mack Smith and Emma Hale Smith displayed

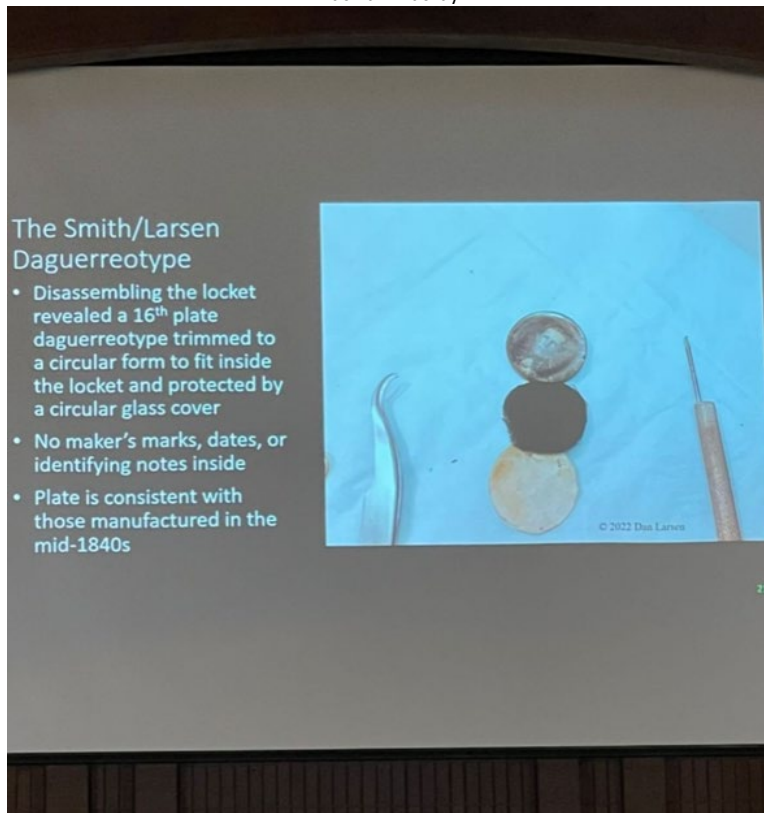
Spotlight on Joseph Smith's Posterity [Daniel Larsen](#) and
[Lach Mackay](#), Community of Christ Apostle



Dan Larsen



Lachlan Mackay



Learning about the recently discovered photo of Joseph was very interesting



Traditional Closing Song # 152
"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Family Banquet

5:30 pm—7:00 pm Dinner

[Nauvoo Stake Center Cultural Hall](#)
[380 N Durphy St, Nauvoo, IL 62354](#)



Steve Duke was presented a framed copy of painting by Elspeth Young by Frances Orton
- All the family received a small print of Katharine Smith with her little son, Solomon



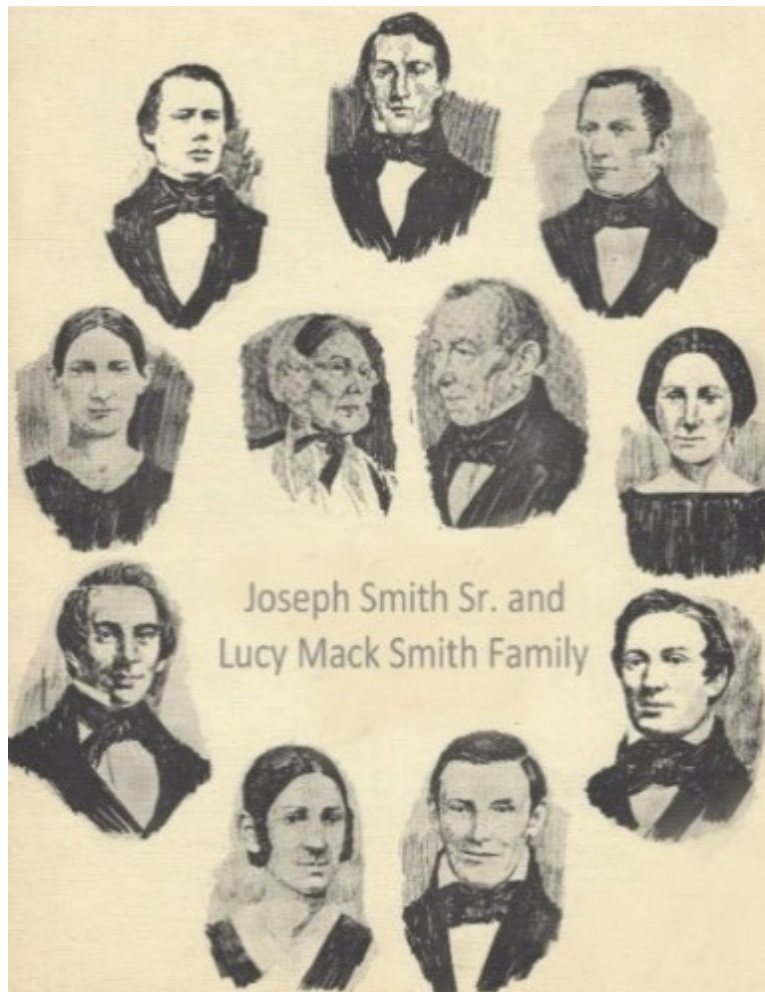
1771-1840



1775-1856

Reunion Committee:

Steven & Frances Orton	Joseph Smith Sr. Reunion Co-Presidents
Karl Anderson	Speaker, Support & Logistics
Lach Mackay	Speaker, Support & Logistics
Daniel Larsen	Speaker, Support & Logistics
Daniel Adams	Podcast Writer
Dan & Kris Patrick	Registration, Nametags, Printing
Bryan & Charlene Davis	Video Recording
Kim Smith	Music
David Adams	History and Educational Outreach
Vivian Adams	History and Educational Outreach
Matthew Ballard	Legal Counsel
Matthew Benware	Martha Ann Smith Harris Data Steward
Don & Laura Blanchard	Lovina Smith Walker Data Stewards
Joy Ercanbrack	Reunion Logo and Support
Jared Glade	Website and Online Registration
Ivor & Gracia Jones	William & Lucy Data Stewards and Speaker
Mike & Darcy Kennedy	Joseph Jr. And Emma Hale Historical Society
Michael Jr. & Meagan Kennedy	Joseph Jr. Data Stewards
Julie Maddox	Newsletter Editor
Danielle Maddox	Newsletter Layout
Michael Nebeker	Fundraising
Courtney Nelson	Special Projects
Debbie Nelson	Special Projects
Robert (Bob) Smith	Samuel Smith Projects, Speaker, Food Arrangements
Ralph & Elizabeth Smith	Special Projects
Bethany Maddox Crowther	Social Media
Jeannine Maddox Withers	Social Media



Special Thanks To:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Facilities
Community of Christ.....	Facilities
City of Nauvoo.....	City Services
President M. Russell Ballard	Speaker
Daniel Larsen	Speaker
Lachlan M. Mackay	Historical Direction/Speaker
Jenny Reeder	Speaker
Buddy Younggreen	Speaker
Gracia N. Jones	Speaker
Jaynann Payne	Speaker and Reunion Support
Anina Luff	Flowers
Bob & Becky Smith Family	Food Planning and iDig Nauvoo
Doug & Linette Smith Family.....	Picnic Dinner & Trailer
Samuel H. Smith Foundation	Family Picnic Trailer, pig, supplies
Boyd & Christine Nebeker	Pit Master
Kathy & Boyce Black	iDig Archeologists
Tom & Synthia DBarthe	iDig Data & Artifact Preservationists
Rebecca Armstrong (3 different individuals, all the same name) and Mary Armstrong.....	Mater Gardeners
Debbie and Courtney Nelson	Lilac Recognition Gifts
Doug Boyd	Audio Visual Presentation Work
Kim Smith and Bryan Davis	Musical Direction and Reunion Recording/Broadcasting
Jaynann Payne and Gracia N. Jones	Lucy & Emma Booklet
Julie Maddox.....	Newsletter Editor
Danielle Maddox.....	Newsletter Layout
Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Tribute to Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith
Ugo Perego	Reunion Support and Family DNA Work
Maria Childers	Chorister
Karen Anderson	Reunion Support and Piano
Lindsey Orton	Reunion Photographer
Bryan Orton	Drone Smith Family Photo
Irene Tukuafu.....	Banquet Harp Music
Jordan Bodily.....	Support
Darlene Chapman.....	iDig Website Design and Staff Writer
Family Association.....	Family Data Lists

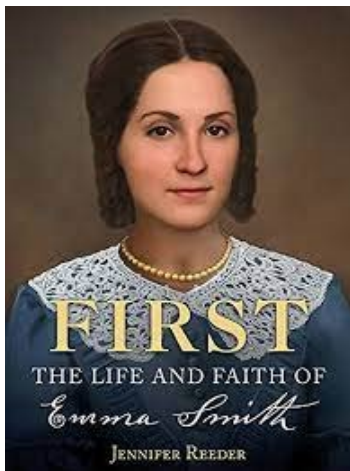
Speaker Biographies



President M. Russell Ballard will present a video message. He is Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has served as an Apostle for over 32 years. Elder Ballard serves as the Co-Chairman of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation and the Family Association.



Lach Mackay a great, great-great-grandson of Joseph and Emma Smith, Lachlan Mackay, is a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles in Community of Christ. He also serves on the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation Board. Lach is a church historian with a vast knowledge of the Latter Day Saint restoration movement.



Jenny Reeder is a nineteenth-century women's history specialist at the LDS Church History Department. She has a PhD in American history from George Mason University, with an emphasis in women's history, religious history, memory, and material culture. Her dissertation, "Doing Something Extraordinary: Mormon Women and the Creation of a Usable Past" explores the material culture used to commemorate the first fifty years of Relief Society and is pending publication. Her master's degree is from New York University in history, archival management, and documentary editing. She has worked with the Roy Rozenzweig Center for History and New Media at GMU, the Center for American Jewish History, the Gilder Lehrman Collection at the New-York Historical Society, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the New York Universalist-Unitarian church, and the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for LDS History. She serves on the awards committee for the Mormon History Association. Reeder also works on the editorial board of Mormon Historical Studies.



Buddy Youngreen is a producer, director, actor, playwright, historian and author. He has studied the life of Joseph and Emma Smith for over 50 years and organized the first Joseph Smith Sr. Family reunion between the different philosophical factions in 1972. During that reunion he was unofficially adopted into the Smith family (50 years ago). Buddy served as chief officer of the reunions for the first 33 years, to be succeeded by Frances and Steve Orton in 2005



Karl Ricks Anderson is a Latter-day Saint historian whose specialty is the Kirtland period in the history of the Latter-day Saints. He has authored a number of books and articles. Karl has served for 30 years as Secretary and Executive Secretary of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation and the Family Association.



Daniel M. Larsen served as the Executive Director of the cemetery restoration project. He is a member of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association.



Gracia N. Jones has degrees in family science, history and biblical studies. She is serving on the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association Committee. She enjoys traveling, as well as genealogical and historical research.



Jaynann M Payne is the mother of 12 children, and many grandchildren. They are her greatest joys.

Her husband Dean was a fine attorney and passed 15 years ago. They loved attending the 1st Smith Family Reunion in 1972 where Jaynann spoke about Lucy Mack. Jaynann is an Author, Speaker, Playwright, and taught BYU Education Weeks for 20 years. She and her husband served 2 missions in the Philippines and in Salt Lake City.



Steve & Frances Orton have served as Co-Presidents of the Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunions for the last 17 years. They have both served as Co-Chairs of the Family Association Committee since 2010.



Bob Smith is the Chairman of the ANS Legacy Foundation, DBA iDigNauvoo, President of the Samuel H. Smith Foundation, Director of Operations for iDigNauvoo, and Co-founder of the iDigNauvoo project. Bob is a retired employee of Brigham Young University, and now spends much of his retirement working on the iDigNauvoo project.

He and his lovely wife, Becky Smith, a crew chief, work together on the project every summer.



Dan Adams has served the Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association over the past decade as a spokesperson, and producer of the Smith Family podcasts and vlogs that detail the Smith family's amazing heritage and journeyings across the United States. He is a co-founder and science officer of a medical device company specializing in Parkinson's Disease.



Bryan Davis and Kim Smith

The Smith Family includes Kimberly Jo Smith and her son, Bryan Davis. Music has been in their family for generations. Deeply influenced by their Appalachian heritage, the Smiths have performed Bluegrass/gospel music that embraces family and the gospel throughout the United States since 2000. Their first CD, *The Journey*, tells the story of their ancestors, Joseph and Emma Smith.

“O God, let the residue of my
father’s house...ever come up in
remembrance before thee and stand
virtuous and pure in thy presence, that
thou mayest save them from the hand
of the oppressor, and establish their feet
upon the rock of ages, that they may
have place in thy house and be saved in
thy kingdom, even where God, and
Christ is, and let all these things be as I
have said,
for Christ’s sake, Amen.”

- *Joseph Smith Jr.*
