

2022 Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion in Nauvoo, Illinois 50th Anniversary

By Frances Orton

Thursday, August 4th – Registration



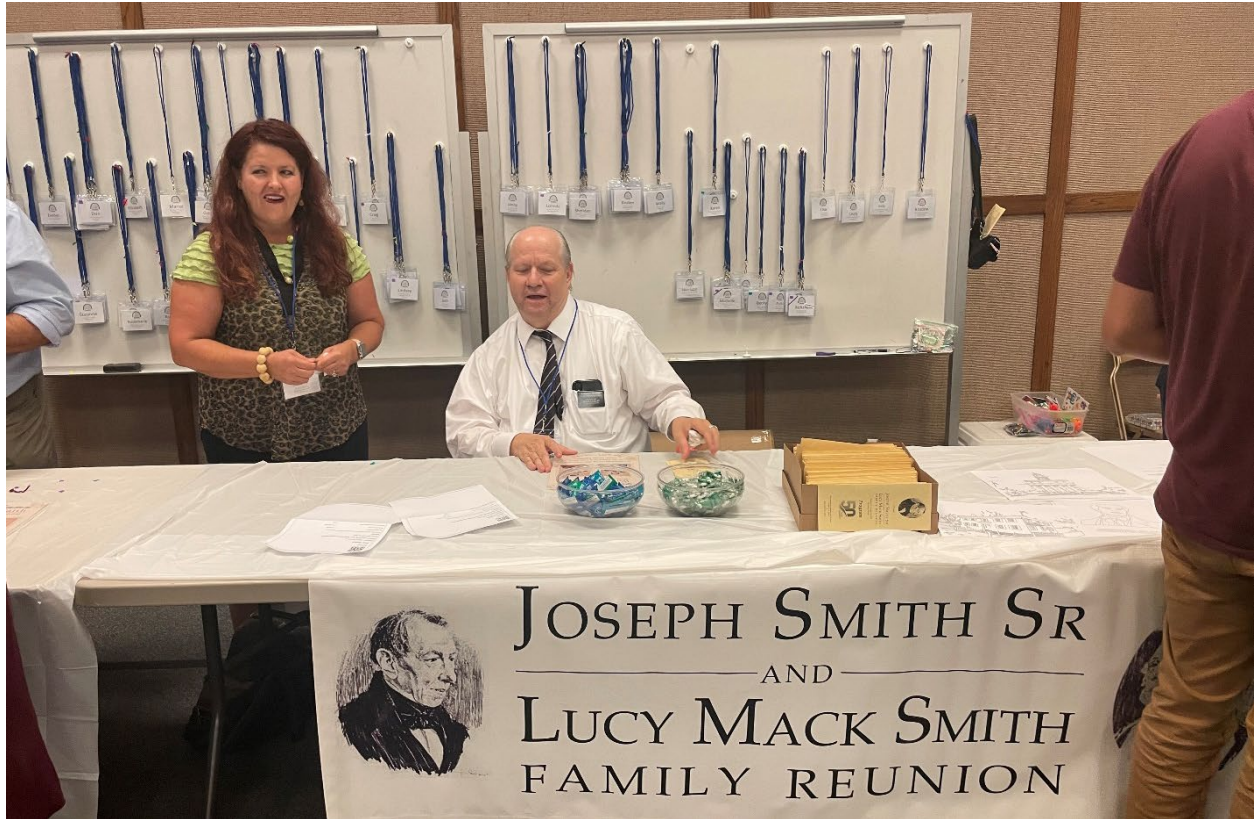
Daniel Patrick handling registration with help from Ugo Perego (Smith Family DNA Specialist), Elder Steven Peterson. and Kris Patrick



Sitting is Elder Steven Paterson, Kris Patrick, and Carole Quinn taking care of registration



Johnathan Hyrum Benware with his father, Matthew filling out surprise thank you cards at the registration desk



Nancy Payne James and Elder Steven Peterson helping at the registration desk



Nametags for 2022

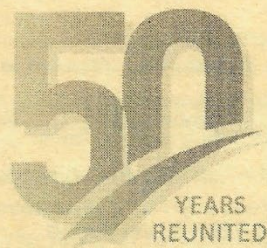


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JOSEPH SMITH SR
—AND—
LUCY MACK SMITH
FAMILY REUNION

August 4—August 6, 2022
Nauvoo, Illinois

Program



The next family reunion will be held
August 1-3, 2024
in
Salt Lake City, Utah



Dan and Kris Patrick made cute 50th Anniversary items to give out at their own expense to add fun. They created labels and put them on handheld paper bamboo fans, ChapStick, notebooks and cello packets of crayons, and several other items. They gave the children fun gadgets and fidget toys to brighten the sitting time. Included were stretchy bendable men for stress and anxiety relief, , monster sticker sheets, Rubix cubes, bright printed mini puzzle cubes, trendy dinosaur maze puzzles, and rubber ducks in many varieties. All of the “awards” were given for doing various activities like coloring pages, crossword puzzles, and wordsearches.



Thursday, August 4th – Greeting Meeting



Irene Tukuafu and Kim Smith visit before the family meeting began



Bryan Davis recorded all the events. Here is grandfather, Joseph Frederick Smith is teasing Bryan. Sitting on the front row to the right is Anne & Bryan Orton with their one-year-old standing down by their knees.

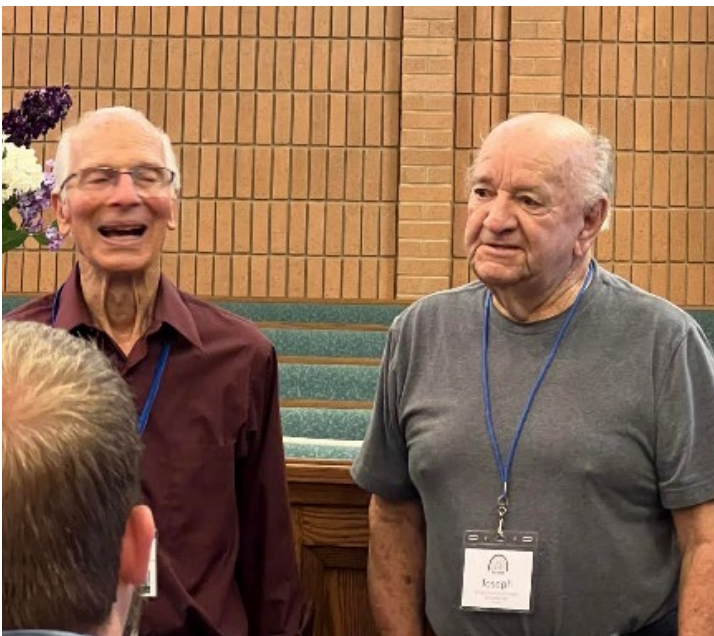




A Welcome greeting was offered by a video tape from President M. Russell Ballard to begin the celebrations



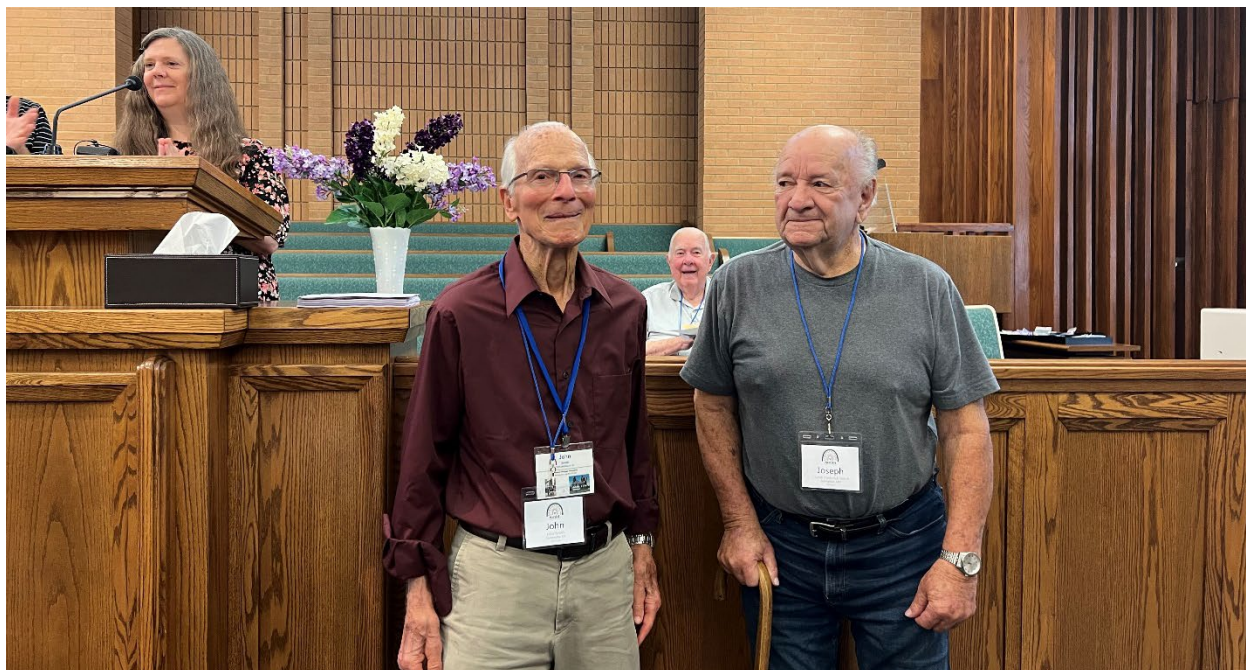
Steve and Frances Orton discussing the reunion logo and explaining this the 50 Year Golden Anniversary of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion



Two great great grandchildren of Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith – John W Smith, great grandson of Hyrum and 89 years old, and Joseph F. Smith, great-grandson of Joseph and 87 years old was in attendance.



John and Joseph came from different sides of the chapel to stand in the center front. Joseph asked John, "How old are you?" After they spoke their ages out loud for everyone to hear, Joseph boldly said with good volume, "You are older than me. Bless you." Joseph then grabbed John in a firm hug and said, "Bless you." Then they hugged each other. This was a very touching moment.



Steve and Frances introducing the oldest great-great grandchildren of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith



Those who attended the first reunion in 1972 being honored by Debbie and Courtney Nelson with lilac memento jewelry: Nancy Payne, Gary Smith, Buddy Younggreen, Benjamin Payne, Steven Duke, Jaynann Payne, Dan Larsen, Eric Larsen, Lisa Duke Denney, Gracia Jones, Stacy Tanner, Bob Smith, Daniel Patrick, Tina Nichols Mueller, Frances Patrick Orton.



One of the necklaces created by Debbie and Courtney Nelson and given in recognition to those who attended the 1972 Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Reunion



Because this was the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Reunion's Golden Anniversary—foil gold coins were handed out by the youth to each attendee who wanted some

Frances Orton welcomed everyone, “Welcome to the 2022 Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion. This historic event marks fifty years since the first reunion right here in Nauvoo, Illinois in 1972 which I attended as an eleven-year-old.

I want to thank all of you. I believe these reunions are supposed to happen. I know it hasn't been easy for many of you to arrange schedules and budgets to be here. I know miracles or blessings have made it possible that we are all here. Beautiful memories are a gift that only you can give to your family members.

This is our 50-year anniversary. Father and Mother Smith had a heart of gold. This year's reunion logo was designed by Joy Ercanbrack. The heart at the center represents Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith's love for their family. There are eleven lilac blooms representing each child. There are seven bands representing the seven children who have living posterity. We are excited to report that the logo was modified at the discovery of living descendants of Don Carlos. We hope that they can attend our next reunion.

What do we find at the end of a rainbow – treasure—a treasure of gold. At this, the fiftieth anniversary we celebrate with coins of gold for each of you. We know you are worth your weight in gold.

It was decided after the struggles in getting a medallion that it would be fun to go with chocolate. Instead of wearing a medal around your neck we have a treat that can be part of you.

Our reunion has a golden rule to be kind and respect the views of each other. Whether it is COVID or something else, we don't all have to agree.



Steve presented the reunion theme "By Small and Simple Things."



Bob Smith went through some background on iDig and gave award to Rick and Sherry MacGregor

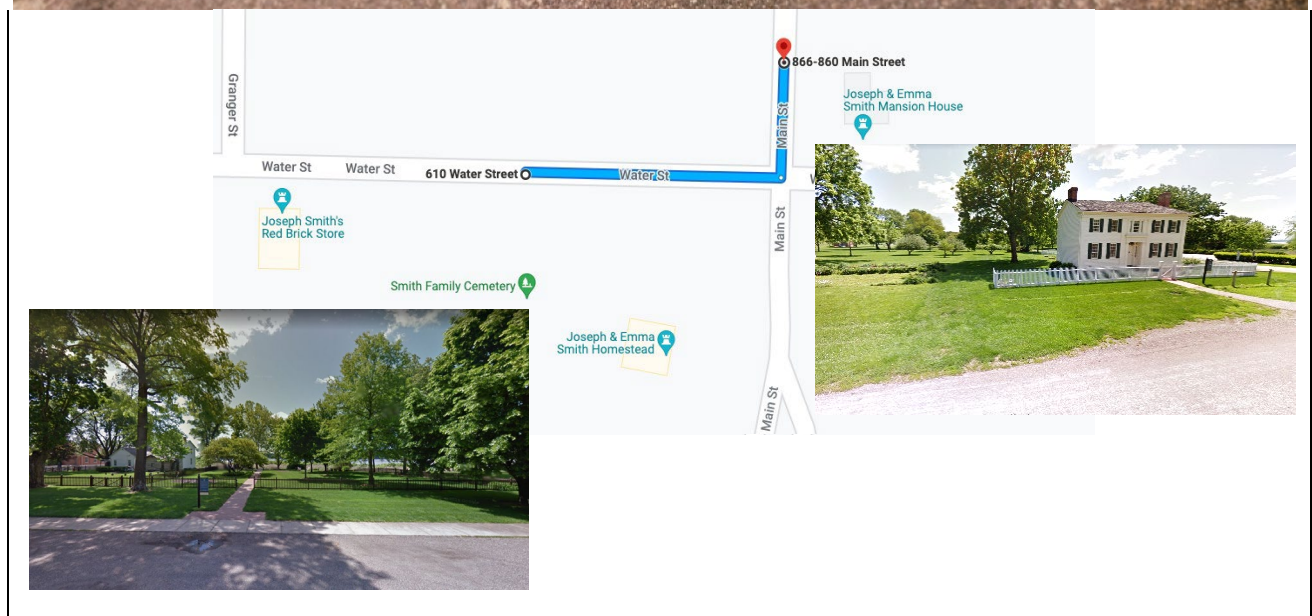
						
Basil Easy to grow. Wonderful herb with great taste. Edible leaves.	Carnation Symbol of love, beautiful flowers in various colors. Edible petals.	Chia Makes a healthy tea using the purple fresh/ dried leaves. Bee friendly.	Daisy Symbol of purity, joyful flowers, drought resistant. Edible flowers.	Forget me not Symbol of love and friendship. Blue, edible flowers.	Sage Easy to grow aromatic herb. Flavor enhancer. Bee friendly.	Thyme Easy to grow herb. Edible leaves and flowers for both sweet and savory dishes. Bee friendly.
						

Each color represented a family line with living descendants



The pencils everyone received

Steve Orton explained that this year the family will participate in the world's first and largest .005K. It is by small and simple things that great things are brought about. The route was explained and everyone prepared to invest of themselves in this life race to further a good cause.

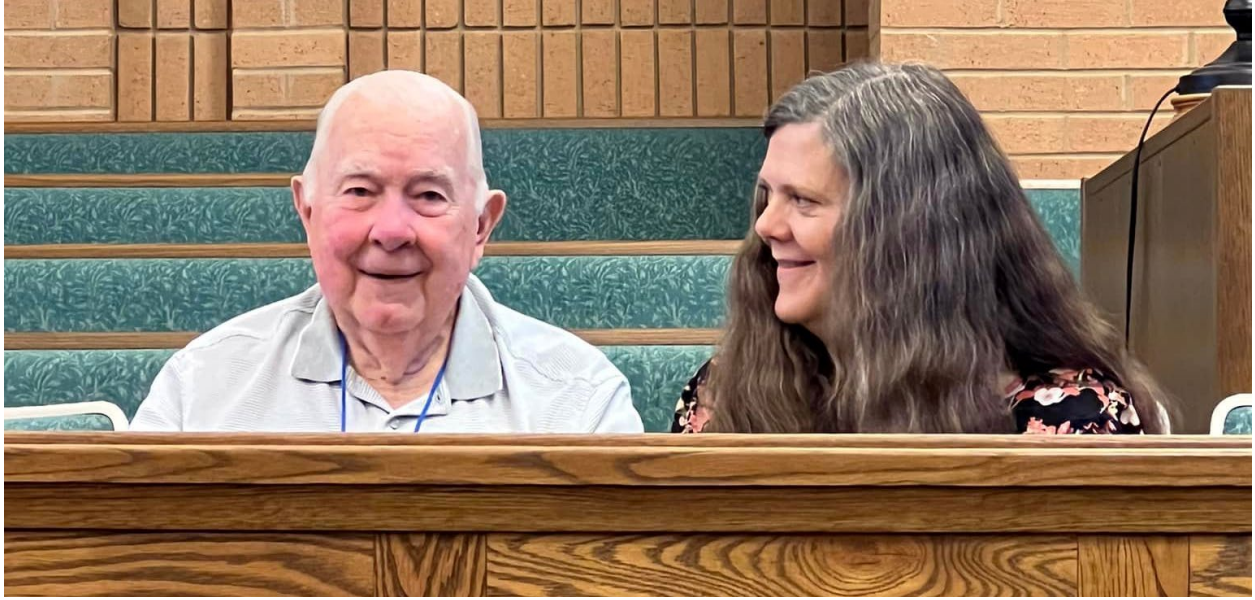


Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith 2022 Scholarship Winners



	<p>3rd</p> <p>Luke Deibel Saginaw, MI</p> <p>Families Are Forever Wood Artwork</p>	
	<p>2nd</p> <p>Samantha Lowe Woodland Hills, UT</p> <p>Emma Smith Barn Quilt Artwork</p>	
	<p>1st</p> <p>Laura Nelson Brookline, NH</p> <p>The Smith Family: Lives of Gratitude, Video Essay</p>	

Daniel Adams drew excitement sharing some sort stories from our family histories. He then announced this year's Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Scholarship Winners: First place – Laura Nelson, Second Place – Samantha Lowe, and Third Place – Luke Deibel.



Karl Anderson and Frances Orton before the program began – photo by Lee Costantino



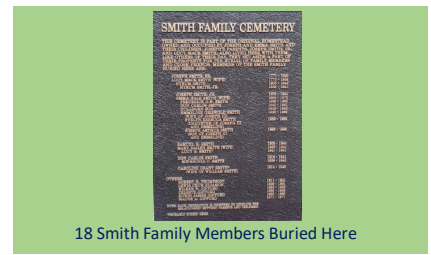
Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation Board Members were asked to stand by Karl Anderson. Dan Larsen is standing on the left and Kenny Brady was standing on the right



Karl Anderson shared the Family Foundation projects



Karl showing the history of the cemetery - photo by Lee Costantino



Karl spoke about the beginning of the Smith Family Cemetery project.



Karl also reviewed the cemetery project in Topsfield before moving on to the Mack graves project in Gilsum, New Hampshire



Gilsum New Hampshire Centennial Cemetery



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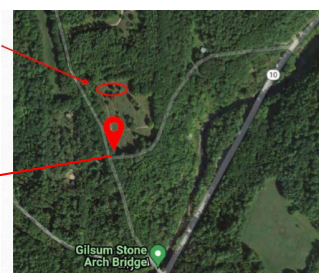
Mack Family Headstones in order:
Solomon I, Esther, Amos, Dennis, Esther,
Solomon II, Betsy, Chauncey Alexander



Solomon Mack 1732-1820 [Lucy's Father]
Solomon Mack II 1773-1851 [Lucy's Brother]
Esther Mack [Wife of Solomon II]
Amos Mack [Son of Solomon II, Nephew to Lucy]
Betsey A Mack [Wife of Amos Mack]
Esther Mack [Daughter of Solomon II, Niece to Lucy]
Dennis Mack [Son of Solomon II, Nephew to Lucy]

Mack
Burial
Row

Lucy Mack
Smith
Birthplace



- Chauncey Alexander monument will be rotated to face the other direction
- Betsey Mack monument will be rotated to face the other direction
- Solomon Mack monument will be taken to the shop for repair and then reset
- Esther, Dennis and Amos monuments were turned and just need to be reset
- Other Esther monument next to Solomon needs to be reset (base examined)
- The Solomon monument will be rotated and a new inscription will be etched into the granite on the blank side. The previous quartz stone will remain on what will become the reverse side. We will provide new wording to be inscribed.

The Family Foundation is also interested in the application of D2 compound and pressure washing of the stones.



Buddy Youngreen gave a history of the beginnings of the reunion and reviewed his screen play of Joseph and Emma's love story