

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.*

Tied Together with Love

Kirtland, Ohio – July 30 to August 1, 2026



By Joy Ercanbrack

There is sweet symbolism in our reunion logo, which I would like to write in more detail, but here are my initial thoughts.

1. ROPE Joseph Smith Sr. saw in vision a rope running along a path to a beautiful tree featuring white fruit. Gathering his family at the tree he wrote, "we were exceedingly happy, insomuch that our joy could not be easily expressed."

We have used the rope to represent our reunion tagline of tied together in love. The rope is a visual representation of how we are bound eternally through our relationship to Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack. Several scriptures use this imagery too.

Mosiah 18:21 (Book of Mormon): Commands that people should have their hearts knit together in unity and love one towards another.

Colossians 2:2 (NKJV/KJV/NASB): "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding... woven into a tapestry of love".

2. HEART SHAPE KNOT love, affection, or friendship, it represents is eternal.

3. Lilacs are a beloved family flower. There are four blossoms from tiny to large representing four generations. The family structure from baby/child, parent, grandparent, and great-grandparent signifies a deep family history, and long-term legacy.

Four lilacs represent the four states Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack lived after the restoration of the gospel: New York, Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois.

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Reunion Agenda

Thursday, July 30

5:00 pm—6:30 pm Pick up nametags and packets



Kirtland Ward
8751 Kirtland Rd.

6:00 pm—7:00 pm Check-in, Registration

6:00 pm—7:00 pm Service Project
The Smith Family service project “Tied Together with Love”
Donations and Making hats to give to Veterans and the homeless

We want to follow Joseph Smith's counsel to “look to the poor and the needy, and administer to their relief...”

7:00 pm—8:00 pm Meet & Greet

Welcome and Roll Call Steve & Frances Orton

Friday, July 31
Family Photo



*On corner where Conley Drive meets Chillicothe Road
between Kirtland North Cemetery and Joseph Jr. 's Home*

9:00 am—10:00 amFamily Photo

Tour Day

Our family will be divided into groups of 25. We will try to keep you with your requested smaller groups as much as possible.

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself” is a quote attributed to Henry Ford. Some consider it a motivational quote that celebrates teamwork. Ford is also known for saying, “Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success”. However, some attribute this quote to American author, poet, and Unitarian minister Edward Everett Hale (1822–1909).

Friday Night, July 31
Family Dinner

6:00 pm—7:30 pmBBQ Pig Dinner



Kirtland Ward
8751 Kirtland Rd.

Our wonderful dinner is
*Under the direction of Samuel Smith Family,
Doug Smith, and Bob Smith*

Saturday, August 1

10:00 amMeet at Quarry

Chapin Forest Reservation (Quarry)
10090 Chillicothe Road (Rt. 306)
Kirtland, OH
GPS Lon: 81° 20' 54.117" W • Lat: 41° 35' 49.877" N



Family StoriesUnder the Pavilion by the Quarry



Hands OnUse Star Drill Bit to experience how they harvested stone

Hands OnPlaster on tiles

Saturday Tour Time – Until Family Gathers at the Temple

Saturday Night, August 1 Kirtland Temple

7:30 pmSmith Family Testimonies

Speaker Elder Nathan L. Johnson
Area Seventy

Celebrating 190 Years Since Dedication

Dress in Sunday Best

Sunday, August 2 Farewell Memorial

8:15 amGraveside Wreath Memorial

Kirtland Cemetery

Family Remarks Daniel Adams

Family Members Memorialized in Kirtland Cemetery

Mary Duty (1743-1836)

Jerusha Barden Smith (1805-1837)

Mary Smith, Hyrum and Jerusha's Daughter (1829-1832)

Infant twins of Joseph and Emma (Born and died 1831)



9:00 am Church

Kirtland Ward

8751 Kirtland Rd.

(For those whose schedules allow.)

“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.*
