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JESSE N. SMITH HOME IN PAROWAN

OFFERED TO STATE OF UTAH

A formal offer to the state of Utah of title to the restored home of Jesse N. Smith of Parowan was made on Dec. 16 by officers of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association in a meeting with Governor Calvin L. Rampton.

In accordance with authorization voted in meetings of the officers on Nov. 12 and Dec. 10, former president Don Mack Dalton offered the Governor the deed to the property and presented him with a portfolio containing a biographical sketch of Jesse N. Smith and a brief history of the landmark home.



The Governor responded that he would be pleased to present the matter to the appropriate agency of the state to make determination of the proper action to be taken. Reports of the meeting appeared in the Deseret News and KSL-TV news broadcasts in Salt Lake City.

Others at the meeting were Harold H. Smith, 1969 president; M. W. Smith, treasurer; and Oliver R. Smith, 1967-68 vice president.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Elsewhere in The Kinsman is the account of the effort being made to have the Jesse N. Smith home in Parowan accepted by the State of Utah for preservation and maintenance as a historic site. Very real efforts are being continued to identify for the state the significance of this property and its importance in Utah history.

Your officers also are studying a program to have the name of Jesse N. Smith, and possibly his wives also, included in memorial plates to be attached to seats in the Pioneer Memorial Theater in Salt Lake City. This is a matter involving some expense to the family but it has some very real merit.

The desire of many members of the family to have additional copies of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith--of which the first edition is long since exhausted--plus the need to update the genealogical information in the volume is requiring the attention and careful study of your officers. There is also an increasing demand for copies of the book in major libraries of the country.

Your president will welcome your letters of comment and ideas relative to spending and funding.

HAROLD H. SMITH, President

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LETTER PRESENTING OFFER OF SMITH HOME TO THE STATE OF UTAH

Hon. Calvin L. Rampton, Governor of Utah
State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah

December 16, 1968

Dear Governor Rampton:

The Jesse N. Smith Family Association desires to present to you, for the State of Utah, a gift of the restored 111-year-old adobe home of Jesse N. Smith for preservation as a pioneer landmark of this state.

The home was built during 1856 and 1857 by Jesse N. Smith in Parowan, Iron County, Utah Territory. He had made the overland journey from Illinois to Utah in 1847, and in 1851 had joined the band of settlers who founded Parowan. As a young man not yet 23 he served there as County Clerk, captain of militia in the Indian war, and representative in the territorial legislature. To provide a home for his young family he quarried rock for a foundation, made adobes for walls, cut logs to make the roof beams, and erected the structure himself. His house had two rooms on the main floor, two upstairs, and a basement. Later he added four more rooms, making a total of eight with six fireplaces.

In 1967 his descendants restored the building in order to preserve it for future generations so that many could see what was done by young men in early days to make homes for their families. It is believed to be the oldest original adobe home in Utah south of Salt Lake City.

Behind the bronze commemorative plaque on its front walls is deposited a box containing historical items pertaining to the home and its builder. Among these is a letter, dated July 1967, in which you as Governor of the state commended the descendants of the builder for their efforts to protect and preserve such an historic pioneer home.

We express to you our appreciation for your interest and encouragement of this project. We believe it is desirable for this structure to be preserved as part of Utah's pioneer heritage for the benefit of her future citizens, and now are pleased to offer it as a significant landmark to be included in the State Parks System of Utah.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Don Mack Dalton, 1967-68 President
Jesse N. Smith Family Association

MESSAGE FROM THE SALT LAKE CITY BRANCH LEADER

Surprised is the least one could say to describe my election as a vice president of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association and my appointment to head the Salt Lake City branch of the organization. As one that has been away from the warmth of the family circle for so many years, I feel almost a stranger among you, especially the younger generation.

The formula designed to activate and bring together the family members is working effectively--for me, at least--and it will work for all of us. President Harold Smith counseled the officers at our first meeting that "the little bit of Jesse N. Smith that we have in each of us is of no value if not used for the cause." So I hope you will bear with me in the task before us.

The admonition of Don Mack Dalton that we must come to a knowledge of our fathers must have been in the mind of grandfather Jesse N. Smith, also. When I was eight years old my mother, Lois Bushman Smith, became very ill. My father, John Walter Smith, called on Grandfather to administer to her. While he was at our home he gave me also a blessing and my name, which was also the name of his own grandfather. He asked my parents to call me by that full name--Nathaniel Aikens--and so it was until my little brothers came along and the nicknames, which are many, soon replaced the long name with which Grandfather christened me.

I have always been proud of that name, and especially its connection with him and my great great grandfather. Since now I am to serve as an officer in his great family, I would like to honor his request and be known among you as Nathaniel Aikens Smith.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Aikens Smith

CREATING MORE INTEREST BY THE YOUNGER GENERATION

IN THE JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY

by Jess R. Bushman, 3rd Vice President

There appears to be a natural tendency that the further one is removed from the center of any thing the less one is motivated or affected by it. Do we have a "generation gap" problem in the Jesse N. Smith Family? Gradually, as those who knew Jesse N. Smith personally or who have been motivated by those who did know him pass away, will the interest in the family organization decline also?

A reunion is an occasion where you meet again with those with whom you share meaningful memories of past associations and happy experiences. We probably need to place more emphasis in our reunions on activities for the young folks so that they will look forward to subsequent gatherings as opportunities in which they, themselves, will meet once more with cousins with whom they have had previous happy associations.

JOURNAL COPIES NEEDED FOR LIBRARIES

The Harvard University Library has sent an urgent request for the family association for a copy of the 1953 edition of Journal of Jesse N. Smith. Other request also have been received for this volume. If you have an extra copy which can be spared--or know of a kinsman who does--please notify Dr. Jess R. Bushman, 2075 North Oak Lane, Provo, Utah 84601.

As noted in the message of Harold H. Smith on page 1, the association officers are studying the possibility of printing a supplementary edition.

INTRODUCING THE NEW VICE PRESIDENTS

1st Vice President (Emma Seraphine West Family)

Nathaniel Aikens Smith was born 14 Sep. 1900 in Snowflake, Ariz., the fifth child and fourth son of John Walter and Lois Evelyn Bushman Smith. His father was the eighth child and third son of Jesse N. Smith and Emma S. West, and had been born in 1871 in the family home in Parowan, Utah. His mother was the fifth child and second daughter of Bishop John Bushman and Lois Angeline Smith. She was born in Lehi, Utah in 1872 but moved with her family when a young girl to Joseph City, Arizona.

Nathaniel Aikens attended Dixie College, St. George, 1922-3, and LDS College, Salt Lake City, 1923-4. He entered the retail food business and soon owned and operated his own stores in Salt Lake City, and served as president of the Progressive Grocers' Assn., 1935-36, and director of Associated Food Stores, 1941-43. He later engaged in the real estate and insurance business in the Salt Lake area.

He served a mission to the Southern States, 1924-26, including duties as district president. He has served in the Church as ward MIA president, Sunday School teacher, stake missionary, elders' quorum president, seventies quorum president, bishop, and high councilman.

On 14 June 1928 he married Lydia Heiniger, a native of Switzerland and a talented singer and instrumentalist. They are parents of four children: Mrs. John P. (Geraldine) Sanders, Lompoc, Calif.; Mrs. James O. (Marie) Mason, Gordon Nathaniel, and Frederick Aikens, Salt Lake City.

3rd Vice President (Janet M. Johnson Family)

Jess Richard Bushman was born 12 May 1921 in American Fork, Utah, the second son of Homer Fredrick Bushman Jr. and Jessie E. Green. His father was a son of Homer F. Bushman, eldest son of Bishop John Bushman, and Sariah Ann Smith, third daughter of Jesse N. Smith and Janet Mauretta Johnson. Sariah had been born in the old home in Parowan in 1873.

After attending schools in Salt Lake City, Jess completed undergraduate studies at University of Utah and Brigham Young University, and later earned the Ph.D. degree at Princeton University. Over a period of ten years he did petroleum geology research in Venezuela, including work for the government of that country in 1959-60. He was appointed to the BYU faculty in 1955, where he currently is associate professor of geology.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army, seeing action in the Battle of the Bulge on the western front and serving also in the occupation forces in Germany. After returning to the BYU campus he became one of the first groups of Jesse N. Smith descendants to hold regular reunions as students in Provo.

He served in the Spanish-American Mission and in various other Church capacities, and is now secretary of the East Sharon Stake Mission.

On 18 June 1951 he married in the Salt Lake Temple Mildred Price, daughter of Alvin Erastus Price and Lola Arvilla Post of Tucson, Arizona. They have five children: J. Russell, Douglas C., Derek, Robin Lyn, and David.

(Additional officers will be introduced in subsequent issues. --Ed.)

FAMILY HONORS LORANA S. BROADBENT ON 80th BIRTHDAY

Children, grandchildren, and other members of the J.N.S. family paid special honor to Aunt Lorana Smith Broadbent at a gathering in Snowflake on Nov. 29 in observance of her 80th birthday. Her posterity includes the children of three sons and two daughters born to her and the late Hyrum Broadbent: H. Smith, Francis E., Jesse Mons, Karna Petusky, and Emma B. Dexter.

The Journal of Jesse N. Smith records that it was a few moments before 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, 1888 that his fifth wife, Emma Larson, gave birth to his 24th daughter and 33rd child in the log home in Snowflake. On Dec. 7 he added: "Blessed Emma L.'s infant daughter, naming her Lorana." Lorana was the fourth child and second daughter of this family. She is one of the eight sons and daughters of Jesse N. Smith now surviving, and with them shares the respect and affection of the many hundreds of nieces and nephews in this great family.

Aunt Leah S. Udall is reported recovering in Mesa after an attack of the Hong Kong flu. She was visited during the Christmas holidays by her daughter, Ruth U. Evans, and grandson Paul and his wife Theone, who drove down from Provo.

New Additions to the J.N.S. Family

E. Herman Smith, eldest son of Uncle Elias, may have set a record in his family when he became a father for the first time at the age of 52 with the birth of a son on Oct. 29 to his wife, Irene. The child has been named Terrence Owens Smith.

J. Norman and Colleen Smith of Scottsdale, Arizona became parents of a new daughter, Laurel Dorene, on November 2. Norman is the eldest son of M. Foss C. Smith, youngest son of Jesse N. Smith, and Cleona Olsen, who live at Farmington, N.M.

Dr. L. Flake Rogers Honored (Provo Daily Herald, Jan. 1)

L. Flake Rogers (s. of S. Lorenzo Rogers and Anna Belle Flake) of Provo has been presented with a certificate of appreciation for his aid to students at the California College of Podiatric Medicine in Los Angeles. The citations noted his aid to many LDS students now in training at the college, who represent one-fifth of its total enrollment.

Flake who is practicing podiatry in Provo, is president of the East Provo Stake and also head of the Provo Branch of the J.N.S. Family.

Thanks to a Faithful Editor

With the changing of assignments at the start of 1969 we wish to pay tribute to Ruth Udall Evans, who served so faithfully as editor of the Kinsman during the past year. She carried on cheerfully and energetically in addition to her many duties as wife to Dr. Woodrow E. Evans and mother to eight children, plus work in the MIA and preparing to move into a new home under construction. Even when major surgery caused a trip to the hospital during the fall, she didn't miss a single issue. With this kind of interest and concern for her kinsmen, her counsel and aid in the future will be a great boon to the family.

--Oliver R. Smith

1969 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

Under provisions of the by-laws adopted in 1967, annual dues of \$5 are now payable from each married descendant of Jesse N. Smith. This membership provides a subscription to the Kinsman during the calendar year, in addition to supporting other significant projects. Membership payments have already been received from more than 50 families for 1969. All others are invited to send theirs promptly to the association treasurer: M. W. Smith, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, Utah 84601.

Please include with your remittance the following information: name; complete address with ZIP; and the name of the son or daughter of Jesse N. Smith from whom you are descended.

We're happy to acknowledge remittances from the following additional family members since Jan. 1:

"We wish you the best in 1969. You're all doing a fine job."--Della (d. of Joseph W.) and Pat Miller, 2219 Matthew Ave. N.W., Albuquerque, N.M. 87104.

"I have enclosed my check for \$15--\$5 for the annual family dues, and \$10 to be used for the restoration of the Parowan Home, or whatever the need may be."--Irene V. Decker, P.O. Box 1041, Garrison, N.D. 58540 (widow of John Decker, son of Zach Decker).

"Please express my appreciation to our good officers who voted to continue The Kinsman monthly. I know it means a lot of extra work for them and probably many sacrifices. I enjoy it so much and I feel that its influence will accomplish much good even though it may not be evident at present." Mrs. Effie Tillman (d. of Robert), Box 114 Holbrook, Ariz. 86025.

"Find enclosed \$5 for family dues and The Kinsman." Mrs. Edward B. (Marjorie, d. of Don C. Smith) Tenney, 1209 W. Elna Rae, Tempe, Ariz., 85281.

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