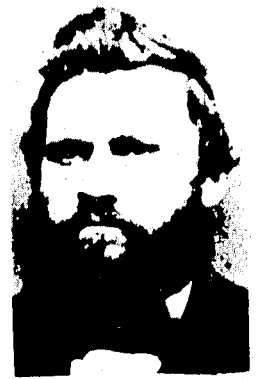


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MARY AIKENS SMITH -- PIONEER MOTHER

By Oliver R. Smith



Mary Aikens Smith
1797-1877

August 13, 1970 marks the 173rd anniversary of the birth of Mary Aikens Smith, mother of Jesse N. Smith and a noble pioneer teacher and community builder.

Mary was born in Barnard, Windsor County, Vermont--only a few miles from the birthplace of Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet. Her parents, Nathaniel Aikens and Mary Tupper, were of sturdy New England stock with roots in England and Scotland. Her father served in the Revolutionary War under Gen. George Washington.

After receiving her education in Vermont, Mary moved to the pioneer community of Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. to teach school. There she met Silas Smith, a younger brother of Joseph Smith Sr., whose wife had died in 1826 leaving four children. On March 4, 1828, she was married to Silas (then 48), and to them were born three sons: Silas Sanford, Oct. 26, 1830; John Aikens, July 6, 1832; and Jesse Nathaniel, Dec. 2, 1834. In their home she also took care of her husband's aged parents,

Asael and Mary Duty Smith. In the summer of 1830 the family was visited by Joseph Smith Sr. who taught them the gospel, and Silas was baptized by his nephew Hyrum in the summer of 1835.

The following spring Silas and Mary, along with Mary Duth Smith and others of the family, emigrated to join the Saints at Kirtland, Ohio. With them they took their three young boys and two sons of the first wife, Curtis and Stephen, but the latter soon returned to their former home. Silas' mother, aged 93, died on May 27 and was buried in a little plot near the Kirtland Temple. On July 18, 1837 Mary Aikens Smith was baptized by Hyrum Smith.

During the next ten years this family suffered many privations for the gospel's sake. Because of opposition to the Mormons in Ohio, they set out on April 13, 1838 to follow the Prophet to Missouri. Before reaching Far West, however, they were turned back by the infamous "exterminating order" of Gov. Lilburn Boggs, and spent a miserable winter on the west bank of the Mississippi River. There little John Aikens Smith died at the age of six. In February of 1839 Silas and other Mormon settlers crossed the river to Pittsfield, Ill., but there Silas was taken ill and died before he could take the family on to Nauvoo. Bro. Chandler Rogers came to the relief of Mary and her two boys, taking them to Nauvoo where they first stayed with the family of Hyrum Smith, and later with John Smith, youngest brother of Silas who became Patriarch to the Church after the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum. These kinfolk assisted Mary and her sons in their destitute circumstances, and made it possible for them to emigrate with the Saints to Winter Quarters in 1846 and to Utah in 1847.

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MARY AIKENS SMITH (continued from preceding page)

Of this widowed mother the following was written by her grandson, Hyrum, as a footnote to the first chapter of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith (1953):

"Mary was a courageous woman of unusual faith and strength of character. She struggled heroically to rear her two boys, Silas and Jesse, to manhood. She seemed to know intuitively that a great destiny awaited them. She taught them to read and write and gave them the incentive to continue to study and improve themselves throughout their lives. Through her teachings and her wonderful example she helped her sons to acquire, early in life, a firm testimony of the truthfulness of Mormonism. To Mary Aikens Smith and her sons the gospel of Jesus Christ was always the thing of greatest importance in their lives.

"She and her boys came to Salt Lake Valley in 1847 [in Parley Pratt's company]. In 1851 they were called by Brigham Young to help build the new settlement of Parowan on the southern frontier. They answered the call and there Mary spent the remaining 26 years of her useful and eventful life.

"With pride and satisfaction she watched her sons become prominent figures in the civic and religious activities of the community. They served with distinction in many fields: both filled foreign missions, served in the territorial legislature, in military and exploring expeditions, and both became capable stake presidents in Colorado and Arizona.

"Mary felt rewarded for her years of struggle and sacrifice by having her sons become respected leaders in affairs of both church and state. She helped them with their families; taught the older children the three "R's" and gave them many valuable lessons on good habits and proper behavior which they always remembered."

Mary died in Parowan April 27, 1877 at the age of 79 years, eight months, and was buried in Parowan cemetery. The following tribute is engraved on the bronze tablet affixed to the Jesse N. Smith Memorial Home in Parowan: "Dedicated to the memory of Mary Aikens Smith and her sons, Jesse Nathaniel and Silas Sanford, and to the memory of all the pioneer settlers who founded Parowan in 1851."

MEMORIES OF THE FAMILY CIRCLE

By Edith S. Bushman (d. Joseph W.) (Reprinted from June 1951 Kinsman)

When I recall the memories of my childhood, I am thrilled with the wholesome security it held and its peace, shelter, and love. Worry of harm or injury, or a question of any living being possessing a better birthright than I, were foreign to me. The net result of spiritual and material security was my portion, and I accepted it as a matter of course.

As echoes come back, those memories are eloquent testimonies of happy marriages, unselfish love, and faith in a supreme power. As I pause and quietly open the door of those happy by-gone days, I realize how they have patterned my life and will forever temper my actions.

My home life, like all other of my Smith relatives, was limited in modern conveniences, good clothing and expensive foodstuff. It was isolated to culture or higher learning, but so rich in parental love, religious security and contentment of mind. It was devoid of bad companions and evil temptations.

Snowflake and my home were ideal in my childish vision of life. How I would like to ride on Father's back again, recite a verse of scripture for him at the breakfast table, help him dig potatoes, be permitted to jump on the plowed ground from Prince's (horse) back, arise at 5:00 a.m. to secure his help in preparing a high school oration, or consult him to properly keep accounts. And then Mother! --oh, for an understanding heartfelt moment of peace and quiet with her. Her love knew no bounds, from binding a stubbed toe, teaching me to pray, advising me on social contacts and friends, or rejoicing over my new-born babe--her love and tenderness were so lovely and dear.

What I have expressed of myself, each of my cousins could say of their own parents. The Smith family in Snowflake was not confined to their own immediate what not. Oh the fun, the patience, the long-suffering of that dear aunt, but she tolerated us over and over.

Can you remember Grandfather's birthday celebrations? December second was one of the grand holidays of the year. All the absent aunts and uncles and their families came for the reunion. We learned poems (usually original), songs and skits for the event. Smith kin, as a rule, left school for the big family dinner, program, and long sentimental evening meeting, where everybody spoke and expressed their love and loyalty for the family. Then Grandfather counseled and advised the group, blessed the babies, and offered a family prayer.

Could any child have any more guided light, more precious joy, or more devotion administered to him than we, the grandchildren and kinsfolk of our beloved Jesse N. Smith? Has not his strength of character and good influence gone with us since our childhood? They are our everlasting heritage.

BOOK PUBLISHED BY SILAS D. SMITH FAMILY

"Early Life Memories of a Mormon Pioneer," the life story of Silas Derryfield Smith, has been published by his families and may be ordered for \$2.45 postpaid from Ethel S. Randall, 44 S. Udall, Mesa, Az. 85304, or Seraphine S. Frost, Box 277 Monticello, Utah 84535. The 104-page volume includes a foreword by Seraphine and Ethel and a preface by Derryfield N. Smith, and a rich treasure of writings by Silas D. Smith, who lived 1867-1956. It also contains several appendixes of useful compilations of data regarding his family and achievements. We have examined this book and can recommend it highly to all of our kinsmen.--Ed.

REMINDER ON ADDRESS CHANGES: If you, or others of your family, are going to move, please send word in advance if possible to the J.N.S. Family treasurer. Give both old and new addresses and Zip codes. This will help keep the Kinsman coming.

RICHARD SMITH APPOINTED WATER ENGINEER

Richard Aikens Smith, youngest son of Asahel Henry and Pauline Udall Smith, has been appointed chief engineer and general manager of the 214,000-acre United Water Conservation District in Ventura County, Calif. He previously served in the same capacity with the Fallbrook Public Utility District, and since 1968 was assistant engineer in Ventura County.

During his tenure in Fallbrook his district reached a settlement with the federal government over the Santa Margarita water rights--a dispute which involved the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base. His new district is a responsibility for lands with assessed valuation over \$400 million.

Richard is a native of Snowflake, and studied business management at Arizona State University, Tempe. He received his degree in engineering from University of California, Berkeley. In 1948 he married Doris Mae Barber, and they have six children: Cindy, 20; Doug, 18; Jeff, 14½; twins Julie and Jacque, 8; and Stanley, 3. Cindy was married in June to Bryant Rose of Alamosa, Colo.

NEWS OF JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD

NEW ZEALAND-- Robert S. Clark (s. Dorothy, Hyrum) accompanied by his wife Evelyn and baby daughter, has begun a four-year appointment at the Church College of New Zealand. He formerly taught at the LDS Institute at Nevada Southern University in Las Vegas.

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--Dr. H. Smith Broadbent (s. Lorana), professor of chemistry at Brigham Young University, will spend 1970-71 while on sabbatical leave as a research chemist in the Eastman Kodak Research Center. He was released last month as bishop of the Oak Hills 2nd Ward in Provo. His wife Katherine and family will accompany him here at the end of August. (618 Hard Rd, Webster, N.Y. 14580)

SALT LAKE CITY--Dr. Obed C. Haycock (h. Ellen S., Silas D.) is listed in Who's Who in the West as well as World's Who's Who in Science. He retired last year from the faculty of University of Utah. Ellen is the J.N.S. regional chairman.

KEARNS, Utah--Wilbur K. Flake (Joseph M., Martha S.) has been sustained as financial clerk in his ward. He operates a photographic business, 3581 W. 4850 S.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--"As you won't know me unless I introduce myself, I'm the 13th child of Heber and Susan Smith Jarvis, and at present am visiting my daughter Janette Kasl whose husband, Capt. Dennis L. Kasl, is attending officers' school here at Maxwell Air Force Base. We owe a big thanks to those who publish the Kinsman to help keep us in touch with our great family. I'm truly proud to be one of Jesse N. Smith and Janet Mauretta Smith's descendants. Thanks also to those who use their time and efforts on the new genealogy sheets. --Margaret J. Black, 1143 E. Coronado Rd., Phoenix, Az 85006.

NAUVOO, Ill.--A tourist guide at the Nauvoo Restoration Project here has special interest in the background of this historic center. She is Joyce Pearson (d. Winifred, J. Walter) from Clearfield, Utah. Her mother's two grandfathers, Jesse N. Smith and John Bushman, lived here as boys during the 1840's.

DENVER, Colo.--Helen Campbell Monson (w. Kenneth L., Mary, Joseph W.) was announced in July as co-winner of the \$100 first prize in the 2nd annual Relief Society song contest with a hymn, "Song of the Righteous." She wrote the words and Audrey Dotson Beck of Lettleton, Colo. wrote the music. The Monsons have 11 children, 6 of whom are married. They live at 25 Wadsworth Blvd., Denver 80226.

KEEP SENDING IN THOSE ADDITIONS TO THE POSTERITY LIST!

Information on births, marriages, and deaths should be sent in as soon as these occur so that they may be included in the new Jesse N. Smith posterity list while it is in the editing and printing process. Orders for the new Journal and list are still being taken, also. Write M. W. Smith, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, Utah 84601.

1970 COLLEGE GRADUATION ROLL CALL (continued from the June issue)

University of Illinois:

Joann Hoagland (Ethel Mangum, Bathsheba S. Rencher) Master's, Botany

Sacramento State College:

Val Kowallis Flake (Joseph, Martha), A.B., Speech

Brigham Young University:

Alan L. Miller (Della, Joseph W.) Master of Business Administration

Lina Flake (Joseph, Martha) B.S. cum laude, Family Relations

Orkell Smith Mortimer (Melvin L., Elias) B.S., Elementary Education

Lori Dawn Smith (Don Hyrum, Hyrum) A.B., Child Development & Family Relations

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES AND SERVICEMEN

Effie S. Tillman (Robert C.) has just been transferred from Albany to Valdosta, Ga. in the Southern States Mission. (P.O. Box 441, Valdosta, 31606)

Rodney Bushman (John, Daphne, Seraphine) has been appointed missionary district leader in the area of West Yellowstone, Mont.

Crismon S. Lewis (Myreel, L. Wickliffe, J. Walter) has returned to BYU after being released from the Peruvian Mission. He left Peru just one week before the recent earthquake which devastated part of that country.

Ronald M. Smith (Oliver, Hyrum) has been appointed secretary to the president of the Arizona Mission. (830 E. 2nd Ave., Mesa 85204)

Ross Alma Bartholomew (Catharine D., Louis Decker, Emma Seraphine) joined the National Guard June 16 and is receiving training at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and Ft. Sill, Okla., before returning to BYU in November. He returned in 1969 from the Central British Mission.

Sgt. Darrell Bushman (Elwin, Edith, Joseph W.) is back at BYU after completing service in the Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam where he was wounded in action and hospitalized for a time.

Steven L. Smith (Maurine Luke, Emma, Silas D.) enlisted in the Marine Corps in July at San Diego.

Steven Chipman (Cleah G., Sadie Greaves, J. Walter) entered the Army May 27.

JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSN. PERSONAL ENROLLMENT FORM (Disregard if already enrolled for 1970.)

M.W. Smith, Treasurer: Enclosed is \$5 for which please enroll me in the J.N.S. Family Assn. and send the Kinsman each month.

Name _____ Name of my parent _____

Address _____ J.N.S. son/dau. from whom descended: _____

City, State, Zip _____

NEWLY-WEDS' ENROLLMENT FORM (Note: Attach Family Record Sheet for this couple.)

M.W. Smith: Please enter a complimentary membership in the JNS Family Assn. for:

Name _____ Spouse _____

Parent _____ Grandparent _____

Where married _____ Date _____

Mailing address _____

Zip _____

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE YOUNG KINSMEN! Complimentary memberships in the J.N.S. Family Assn. for the next year go to these couples. Please send us a Family Record Sheet on yourselves, and keep us informed of future address changes.

- 9 June 70 Cindy Smith (Richard A., Asahel) and Bryant Rose
 12 June 70 Clinton Howard Randall Jr. (Clinton Howard, Ethel S., Silas D.) and Marilou Ballard; 710 N. 5th W., Provo, Utah 84601.
 12 June 70 Gerald Walter Smith (Gerald, Wickliffe, Walter) and Linda Eastmond
 25 June 70 Steven Luke Smith (June Maurine, Emma, Silas D.) and Lou Ann Ames
 7 Aug. 70 David Hyrum Smith (Don Hyrum, Hyrum) and Marilyn Loreen Lippmann; 1186 Pacific Ave., Salt Lake City 84104.

J.N.S. FAMILY CRADLE ROLL (Please send us word on others not yet listed!)

- 31 May 70 Stacey Hill (F): Franklin Howard Hill (LaPriel Randall, Ethel, Silas D.) and Edda Susanna Hamilton, Provo, Utah
 30 June 70 Edward Smith Jones: Norbert Jones and Lucile (Lawrence N., Joseph W.)
 10 July 70 Eric Wade Bushman: Arthur (Elwin, Edith, Joseph W.) and Gene D. Wade, 2A-58 Wymount Terrace, Provo, Utah 84601
 18 July 70 Lisa Ollivier: Joseph and Linda Smith Ollivier (Marvin E., Hyrum); 8202 Adams Way, Denver, Colo. 80221.

COMING NEXT MONTH!

As a special supplement to the Kinsman we will publish the names and addresses of all who are currently paid-up members of the Family Assn., including newly-weds reported as eligible for complimentary memberships for 1970. This will be a valuable mailing list for family correspondence. To be sure it includes all who should be on it, use the forms on the other side of this page by Sep. 1!

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