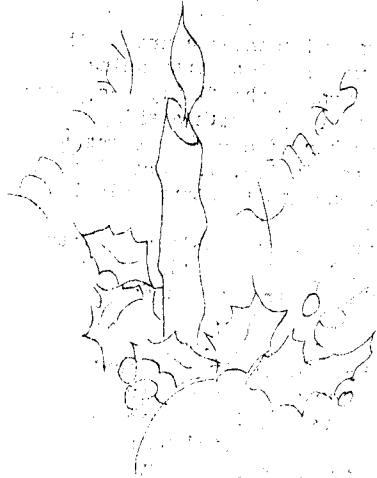


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The 115th anniversary of Jesse N. Smith's birth was fittingly observed at Mesa by approximately fifty members of his family doing ordinance work in the Arizona Temple on Dec. 2. In the evening the group met at the Don C. Smith apartments and enjoyed an old time family social. Highlights of the evening's program were pioneer stories and experiences related by Silas D. and Susie Jarvis, eldest living son and daughter. Other members who contributed to the evenings entertainment were Samuel F. and Lula J. Smith, Julia Ballard, Hyrum and June B. Smith, Ruth and Esther Shumway, Lorana and Hyrum Broadbent, Rebecca and Andrew Rogers, Alonzo Bushman, Don C. and Nellie H. Smith, Myrtle and John Blocker, Nathaniel and Louis Decker. A fine spirit of love, unity and good fellowship prevailed. The evening's program was conducted by Don C., president of the family association. Don has done an outstanding job during his term of office. He will be succeeded as president on Jan. 1, 1950 by Hyrum Smith.

Holding family reunions, parties or get to-gethers on December 2 to honor Jesse N. Smith began many years ago when the big family was younger and few in number.

Grandmother Smith attended those early "home evening's" in Parowan, she honored her son. She had taught her boys to be upright and honest in their dealings with other people. Grandmother loved the gospel and so did Silas and Jesse Nathaniel; they honored the call of authority, no matter how great the sacrifice.

One of the greatest contributing factors that has held the family together was the firm testimony of the gospel which Jesse N. and his wives had, their lives showed they loved the gospel.

On December 2 celebrations Jesse N. would bear his testimony to his family and told of the blessings gained through living faithful to the Church and the call of authority; the children were inspired by knowing their parents would give their all for the gospel.

The parents one by one have gone to the better world and left us to carry on. We still honor our noble father and each year, not for his sake but for ours, we remember and discuss his life, in doing this we lift our own ideals to the standard he set which helps us to live better and more useful lives. Is it then worthwhile to meet and recount worthy deeds of a good man? These reunions bring us closer together and unites us in a common purpose.

Toquerville, Utah
Dec. 16, 1949

Mr. George A. Smith--Editor
The Kinsman

Dear Brother Smith,

Enclosed is \$1.00 to pay for a subscription for the paper, The Kinsman. I was talking with Sister Eleanor S. Smith, and she let me take one or two of these publications and read them. I am a great-grandson of Jesse N. Smith. My mother is Lorana Rogers Fish, who is a daughter of Smith D. Rogers., so I am very desirous in obtaining this paper.

Thanking you kindly,
Sincerely

Howard L. Fish

Susan Janet Jarvis, the oldest living daughter of Jesse N. Smith was born in Parowan September 15 1868. When a small girl one of her chores was to carry wood and chips for Grandma Mary Aikens Smith who lived in a small adobe house. At the age of 8 years she remembers going with others to be baptized in a pond by the tannery. She and Sadie in long play dresses waded in the lucern patch one day on the lot across from the family home. They had been previously warned not to do this, but it was such fun to see their long skirts trail on top of the lucern they could not resist, and since they had just been baptized, they could not tell a fib so they confessed.

Susie was 10 when the family was called to Arizona. Her duty was to help drive the cows and help with the horses on the trip, since there were no boys in her Mother's family. When crossing the Colorado River on a flat boat at Lee's ferry Pa had her hold the bits of the lead horses. She was so frightened that she still trembles to think of it. After arriving in Snowflake the wagon box was set off for the family to live in while Pa with others took the teams and running gears to the forest for logs to build a new home. When the log house was complete with shingle roof, white wash walls of plaster paris and a woven rag carpet, the family were overjoyed to move into it. It was the only house in town at that time with a shingle roof. Besides carrying shingles to be put on the roof another of her chores was to help grind wheat on a coffee mill to make the bread for the family. The grinding process was so slow that as soon as a meal was over some one had to start grinding in order to have enough to make bread for the next meal.

After Susie grew to be a young lady she met a young man from Salt Lake City by the name of Heber Jarvis. She thought he was quite nice and in due time they were married and became the parents of 15 children, making their home in Eagar, St. Johns and Mesa, Arizona, where they now reside.

While living in St. Johns Uncle Heber was Justice of the Peace. He relates a story of when Candelaria was JP at Concho. A man was brought in to his court charged with disturbing the peace and was tried before a jury. After the trial the Jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. For some reason Justice Candelaria did not like the decision of the jury and said, "I know damn well he is guilty" then sentenced him to a fine \$10.00 with a proviso that he leave town before sun down. Later Candelaria with four of his "Omigo's" were charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace and being tried before Justice Heber Jarvis were found guilty and fined \$40.00 each. Candelaria protested saying, "I have been Justice of the Peace for 13 years and here you set a fine on me like this." He had to pay the fine.

Uncle Heber and Aunt Susie have done Ordinance work in the Arizona Temple for 12 years and have now settled down to a serene and quiet life. On December 12 they observed their 67th wedding anniversary.

The following is a financial statement of funds submitted by Don C. Smith.

Cash in Bank	12/31/48	\$385.97	12/31/49	\$306.96
Dues paid for 1949		73.36		
Interest		3.60	Reunion, etc	155.97
		<u>\$462.93</u>		<u>\$462.93</u>

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