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## REUNION SIDELIGHTS

There are quite a number of

and meeting others we had known only indirectly or not at all. We were especially grateful for the response of the original family members and their spouses at the meeting Sunday afternoon. We appreciate also the enthusiasm and support of those who expressed themselves in regard to the Kinsman and the work of our staff.

Among those that came quite a distance to attend the family reunion were Uncle Silas D. and Aunt Ellen Smith from Mesa, Paul Updike from Phoenix, Aunt Rebecca and Uncle Andrew Rogers from Snowflake and Della S. Miller and family from Albuquerque.

Perhaps the trend started by grandfather toward a preponderance of girls has carried on. At any rate we pass on to you a petition received by Moroni at the Saturday evening program and dance:

"We, the undersigned, desire more boys our age at reunions or no dances!

Ara Jean Avery  
Sue Avery  
Shirley Smith  
Diane Smith  
Norene Miller  
Lennea Smith  
Dorine Smith  
Sheila Miller  
Sondra Smith  
Linda Smith  
Erma Smith  
Amy Smith  
Emily Ann Parker  
Karen Marie Anderson  
Eileen Anderson"

Pay family dues to treasurer!

Send vital statistics to historian!

Keep The Kinsman circulating!

## REUNION NOTES by Hyrum Smith

At our reunion July 22 and 23 there was a total attendance of 194 (including all the babies). Some of the total number were present at only one meeting. The register shows the following numbers of each of the five mothers' descendants:

Emma S. Smith family . . . . .	55
Margaret W. Smith family . . . . .	12
Janet M. Smith family . . . . .	52
Augusta M. Smith family . . . . .	32
Emma L. Smith family . . . . .	32
Total	183

From Uncle Silas Sanford Smith's family there were present cousin Don Samuel Smith and family adding 11 more to the 183 above. There were seven of the 20 living children at the reunion: Silas D., Hyrum, Foss, Priscilla, Margaret, Rebecca, and Sophronia.

A fine spirit of love, unity and good fellowship prevailed. We are grateful for the presence of all who attended and to everyone who contributed to the success of the reunion. Our special thanks go to Aunt Margaret for the splendid picnic dinner up the canyon. She planned it, made the allotments to different ones, and all responded to her assignments. Our thanks also to J. Fish Smith for securing the amphitheatre and picnic grounds, getting the watermelons and hauling them up the canyon, and providing the punch Saturday evening. Our thanks to Moroni W. Smith for the excellent musical program Saturday evening, for providing the music for dancing and for the dispatch and orderliness with which he carried out the evening program. Our thanks to Fred Bushman for the fine job he did in arranging our conducted tour of the Temple Block, the Church Office Building, the trip to Bingham and Sunset Beach, and for our lunch at the Capitol Cafe. Thanks to Smith Broadbent for getting out the invitations. We also thank Ruth Benson and Virgil Smith for getting the names and addresses of all who were present.

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During the last two months we have received new subscriptions from the following:

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### Bits from Provo

According to a brief article from a local paper of last month, Don Mack Dalton of Pleasant Grove went by plane on a business trip to South America. He was to make quite extensive travels there, in company with his son, Gerald, on a mission there. After meeting in Buenos Aires, they were to visit Inca and Mayan ruins in several countries and were to return about July 15th.

Congratulations seem to be in order for Karl N. Butler, husband of Carol (Wm. C.) who was called to act as ward clerk of Pleasant Grove 2nd Ward, Timpanogos Stake.

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We enjoyed very much the sentiments expressed in a letter from Florence B. Zobell. She was very thrilled to see so many of the family at the reunion at Salt Lake, but missed seeing many of the original 44 children who are usually at the reunions.

She mentioned the love that her mother, Aunt Sariah, had for all of her brothers and sisters, and how all of her family had been taught to respect and love their kinsmen. She also felt that the world would be much better if there were more honor given to parents by their children and more respect for kinsmen.

Tribute was paid to the fine type of posterity of Grandfather and to the many talents they possess. Of special interest was her tribute to her mother. Many of the younger generation did not know her as she has now been dead for over 30 years. She understood and lived the gospel, knew literature very well, and had great faith. When she was paralyzed Elder James E. Talmadge of the Council of Twelve administered to her; she was restored. Later Elder Talmadge wrote that he had never before in his ministry found such great faith. She considered the care of her children as a divine calling.

Florence, in closing, said she would like to get acquainted with the younger generation better so invites them "to seek her out." (5924 S. Jordan Canal Road, Murray)

### From Salt Lake City

Uncle Silas D. and Aunt Ellen Smith stayed in Salt Lake City with their daughter, Ellen S. Lyon, for a week or so after the reunion, having further opportunity to do more visiting. Then Alfred Frost, their grandson, took them to Monticello, where they will stay for a few weeks visiting with their children, Seraphine S. Frost and Mons L. Smith, and their families. They have grand-, great grand-, and great, great grandchildren there.

Alfred Frost (s. Seraphine and Clarence) is the proud father of a daughter born August 7 at the L. D. S. hospital in Salt Lake. He and his wife, the former Maxine Redd, now have a family of two girls and a boy.

Mary S. Monson and family were absent from the reunion because of a trip they made to Cardston, Canada, to get her son who was just released from his mission. Bob gave his homecoming talk in Edgehill Ward on the 30th of July, the day after his return.

Kenneth, Mary's oldest son, came with his wife and family of 8 from Denver. His wife and children stayed in Idaho, and he accompanied his mother and sisters on the trip to Canada. To add to this travel, Mary and children, Bob, Genieve, and LaJauna, have just returned from a trip to Los Angeles to see her son, Harry, and his wife. They also went to San Diego and to Mesa.

As an additional reunion feature after the canyon affair, there was a special ladies' sleeping party for visiting relatives held at Aunt Margaret's. A midnight snack was served to help keep all of them awake and talking longer. Those present were: Aunt Priscilla, her daughter, Bessie S. Anderson from Spring City, Utah, Della S. Miller from Albuquerque, N. Mexico, Aunt Rebecca S. Rogers from Snowflake, Aunt Ellen Smith from Mesa, and Sadie Greaves from Salt Lake. It is reported that Aunt Ellen was the life of the party and that her 82 years didn't seem to keep her from thinking up jokes. The party was like a farewell to the big home of Aunt Margaret, who is now busy packing to move to her new address--2147 Kensington Ave.

We congratulate J. Lorenzo Smith (s. Samuel F.) upon his recent call to serve as bishop of the North Second Ward in the Liberty Stake in Salt Lake City. He has been serving as a counselor.

### Reunion Notes (con.)

There was not a jarring note throughout our whole performance; all seemed to enjoy the companionship and fellowship of the group. Personally I was proud to be numbered with this large family of cultured, well-behaved people.

We sent an invitation to Pres. George Albert Smith, and along with it the suggestion that we would be pleased to have him say a word to us as we passed through the Church Office Building. It so happened that he was ill and confined to his home that day but he sent us greetings by his secretary, Bro. Haycock, and also sent us the following letter:

Salt Lake City, Utah  
July 22, 1950

To the Descendants of Jesse N.  
Smith and Silas S. Smith:

My dear Kinfolk:

I regret exceedingly that my physical condition is such that I cannot be with you on this occasion, but I commend you most heartily for meeting together and honoring your forebears.

Nobody ever had better blood in their veins than you have in yours. It is well as the years go by that the men who helped pioneer this western land and helped make it a desirable heritage for the children of our Heavenly Father be honored by their descendants.

It will not be long before we all finish our work here on earth and go to the other side. These men who did so much for their families will meet you, and if you have honored the name you bear and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, you will receive a royal welcome and will receive an inheritance in the celestial kingdom, right here on this earth where you will be permitted to live together throughout the ages of eternity.

Hoping that this will find everyone of you rejoicing in the favor of our Heavenly Father, and wishing you every blessing that you can desire, I am

Affectionately your kinsman,  
(Signed) George Albert Smith

We are all sincerely grateful to President Smith for this fine message. Let us one and all resolve that we will never dishonor the name we bear; that we will prove true to the teachings and follow the noble examples of our worthy parents. Someone has wisely said, "No matter how tall your grandfather was, you still have to do your own growing up."

The following are the duly elected officers of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association for the year 1951:

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President, George A. Smith  
Show Low, Arizona  
Vice Pres., Edith S. Bushman,  
Joseph City, Arizona  
Vice Pres., Silas Decker  
Snowflake, Arizona  
Vice Pres., Ruth S. Shumway,  
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All of you who have not already given your family history to Silas D. Smith please mail it to him now at his address in Mesa. Also send in your membership dues to Don C. Smith in Mesa.

There are more of the group pictures available and they can be had by sending your order and \$1.00 to Augusta Flake, Snowflake, Arizona.

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Uncle Silas D. writes from Monticello; where he will be for some weeks. He is very anxious to get cooperation from family members in compiling vital statistics. Everyone should be made to feel the importance of forwarding, for central recording, every important item, such as births, deaths, marriages, divorces (fortunately few) and other things of importance.

Information as to grandsons and other generations serving in World War II--ranks, theatres of service, those wounded and killed--has been imperfect. Will each one please accept the responsibility of passing on any helpful information to Uncle Silas D., including inductions into the present struggle.

He reports that by careful enumeration of the records he has available, combined with estimates from different sources (from memory) that there are 1483 descendants of Jesse N. Smith, not counting in-laws.

J. Alvin Decker tells us that his son, Dr. Marshall Smith Decker, after completing his stay with the army in fulfilling his obligation to the government in regard to the matter of his medical training, elected to go on the mission he has wanted and didn't get before, rather than to go into private practice. He has spent six months in the West German Mission and has been assigned as Supervising Elder of his district. His wife, Kathleen, is now almost ready to leave on a mission in the United States. That will give both of them the opportunity of missions for the Church with the joys and blessings that go therewith.

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Aunt Sarah T. Smith wrote an interesting letter of encouragement and news. She was expecting a visit from her granddaughters, Sally and Deanna Dory, about the 20th of July; they were to stay a week or ten days.

She reported the serious illness of Andrew Smith. He visited two different clinics--one in Phoenix and one in Albuquerque--but was unable to learn the exact cause of his ailment. He was, at the time she wrote and at a later report, in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix. He is suffering very much from a heart ailment; then to add to his discomfort he contracted scarlet fever and was put in isolation. We sincerely hope that the Lord will bless him and that he will soon return to full health.

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Since the last issue was published, appreciated letters were also received from Effie Tillman, Holbrook, Ariz. and Mary B. Gilchrist, Ontario, Ore. We just received also an interesting copy of "The Knapper" from Della S. Miller containing family news and a story of their trip to Utah. Thanks, Della.

#### THE KINSMAN

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1883 Sat. Sept. 29 (con.) Pres. L. H. Hatch said the Lord had told us that it was our duty to go forth and teach, and not to be taught. It is our duty to check evil even if we are not teachers or High Priests. We have made covenants not to speak against the Lord's anointed. The Priesthood has as much right to regulate a man's conduct in public as in private. It is not a man's right to throw open his doors and allow anything that is forbidden. Spoke of the good results in wards where round dancing had been entirely excluded. Those who have obeyed the law of Celestial marriage should rule in Israel. We must stand by Pres. Smith and our brethren and have the spirit of our calling. I said it was the duty of parents to see that their children were at home at nights. Do not wish to force the people into heaven but wish to enlighten them, and then let them act on their own judgment. Wished the brethren to see after their schools and such as could obtain a certificate to teach school should do so. They can thus do as much good as they would preaching the Gospel. Teachers and herd boys should be paid punctually. We should understand things correctly and study while at our work. We should not labor until we have no sense left. We should none of us consider ourselves too old to learn. Many games such as card playing were a waste of time. It is not safe to read Gentile books unless we read them with a prayerful heart. True ambition seeks for merit.

Sun. Sept. 30. Jacob Hamblin said the commandments of God vary according to the different circumstances of the people to whom they are given. Joseph Smith said the Bible as it now exists is not like it was when first written, but was still perfect enough to damn this generation through their disobedience to it. This people are now among the Rocky Mountains in fulfillment of prophecy.

W. D. Kartchner said, "I heard the Prophet Joseph Smith say to the sisters in Nauvoo that if they would contribute the money to buy the glass for the temple that they should receive their endowments even if they received them in the valleys of the Rocky Mountains."

William C. Allen said if we run away from our homes to seek new ones we thereby set a pattern

for our children to do likewise.

Pres. Lot Smith referred to the uneasy spirit among the people. In this age when it is so unpopular to have children, it is fortunate for us to have been born at all. We should consult the Lord upon the subject of getting married. We cannot do as do those in the world and be counted guiltless.

Pres. L. H. Hatch said we could not uphold anyone in disposing of his landed property to unbelievers. Encouraged the Saints to take the "Deseret News" and other Church publications.

I remarked that we are expected to hold our real estate forever or else transfer it according to the consent and advice of the authorities of the Church.

In the evening the High Council met. The five new members drew their numbers by lot. I stated the revelation of last October requires us to see that we have no ill feelings against each other. Wished to know if any ill feeling existed in the council. All expressed themselves as being in accord with each other.

Mon. Oct. 1. The committee appointed to determine the question as to the rights of water for irrigation on Silver Creek heard the case and made the following report:

"Snowflake, Arizona  
October 1, 1883

We your brethren respectfully submit the following decision, to wit: That in order to make suitable reservoirs and water ditches Snowflake shall pay at the rate of three dollars per acre and Taylor at the rate of five dollars per acre for all their farming land and city lots watered or that may hereafter be watered out of the waters of Silver Creek; or at least in that proportion until a sufficient amount of means is raised, such as the following named committee shall deem necessary for the aforesaid purpose. These reservoirs and ditches to be such as are necessary for the aforesaid purposes for the general use of both Snowflake and Taylor Wards. The committee shall locate all reservoirs and ditches as in their wisdom may be necessary for the welfare of both Wards. All the farming land shall have an equal right to the water of Silver Creek. The committee shall consist of the following named brethren and their successors in

office, to wit: Presidents Jesse N. Smith, L. H. Hatch and Oscar Mann, and Bishops John Hunt and John H. Standifird.

Lot Smith, Chairman,  
A. S. Gibbons,  
M. P. Romney,  
Arbitrators."

Sat. Oct. 20. Baptized and confirmed my daughter Julia Johnson.

Sun. Oct. 21. Snowflake. Bishop J. H. Standifird said, "When I obeyed the Gospel the spirit of gathering fell upon me. This is common with Saints in all the earth and is a testimony of the divine calling of Joseph Smith. If the Lord wants any of us to do anything He will send us. Those who pay tithing in full do not grumble; those grumble who pay only in part. We may deceive all the authorities but the Lord, but we cannot deceive Him."

Pres. L. H. Hatch said, "Without the Holy Spirit we cannot benefit anybody. If we live with an eye single to the glory of God our whole bodies will be filled with light. Agree with thine adversary quickly, therefore pay your debts, though full of hope yet we should not run in debt. The law of tithing is as old as Abraham. He paid a tenth of the spoil to Melchizedek. Ancient Israel stumbled over baptism for the dead, and the sealing power. Joseph Smith said we must receive them before we could go any further. We could not receive them in his day. Can we receive them now? There was treachery then among the brethren, Joseph laid down his life for his friends. Others who accepted the sealing power and ordinances expected to lay down theirs for the same. Baptism for the dead was not entered into anciently because the sealing power is always associated therewith. Is there not a spirit of fear among the Saints with regard to these principles? Lehi saw them walk through the mists of darkness holding onto the iron rod until they reached the tree of life. The wealthy in the great building mocked them and some turned away after partaking of the fruit. Who can have this love like those who lay down their lives for the sake of principle? Can our young people afford to ignore these great principles and sealing powers? How do we feel when others obey these higher laws? Will not they have

the finger of scorn pointed at them? Yes! And by those who know better than to do so but are soured. Those to whom it is given must obey the law of Sarah. This law must be understood and fully fulfilled. The world cannot have this law. Those who marry outside this Church cannot possess it and cannot redeem their kindred. Ancient Israel would not receive these things but stumbled over them. Solomon built a house, but only a few were officiated for. The chain must be completed back to Adam through Abraham who paid his tithing. Will you obey these things or will you point the finger of scorn? William Law commenced to administer secret oaths asking men to lay their hands on the Bible and swear that they would kill Joseph Smith. Bands of robbers commenced at that time and will continue until the Savior comes. Keep away from gamblers. You cannot reclaim apostates especially after they have been into the house of the Lord. When a man is determined to go to hell I will help him, said Joseph."

Sun. Oct. 28. Taylor. I said have signed a petition to have Judge French reappointed Chief Justice of the Territory. Think he is as good a man as we could get from the Gentiles, but I will not be responsible for any blunders he may make in the future. A man to preach the Gospel should be a prayerful man. Some men are filled with pride and take praise to themselves for their success. A man should be humble and thankful. A poor man can well afford to be thankful, but a rich man is apt to attribute his success to his own abilities and management. The poor man thanking the Lord for his loaf of bread is happier than the rich man with his thousands. Poor missionaries are very willing to perform their duties. Recommended the rearing of sheep; home made warm winter clothing and thick shoes as much to be preferred to finery and tight-houses, the last named being unhealthy.

Sun. Nov. 4. Apostles B. Young and H. J. Grant arrived in Woodruff and held meeting at 1 p.m., also at 7 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 5. They reached Snowflake.

Wed. Nov. 7. I accompanied them to Wilford, Bro. Amos Rogers taking us with his team.

Thurs. Nov. 8. Meeting at Wilford.