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A Message from the Senior Member of the Family

Uncle Silas D. wrote us a long letter asking us to put in another appeal to all family members to keep their family records up to date and to pass on vital information to him. We cannot urge this too strongly and hope that all of you will take to heart his sincere plea.

He tells a little story his mother used to tell about some parents who were asked how old their son, Billy, was. The mother replied that it happened that he was born just a week after Jake killed the calf.

Most of us do not have calves to kill, and memory does not have something so momentous to aid it all of the time.

Here is a suggestion by an energetic record-keeper which Uncle Silas passes on to us. When a baby is born into the family, a baby book should be started, beginning with the date of birth, showing the hour, weight, color of eyes, general features, and other things of interest. As the years advance, information as to schooling, activities, ordinations, etc. could be added. Ordination certificates, diplomas, other papers, and perhaps even pictures, could be made a part of the record. If such a record were kept up honestly to the credit of the parents and the child, no one would ever need to question "when Jake killed the calf."

One mother with several boys kept all the certificates, etc. in one box together, but how much better would it have been had they been kept for each one in a separate book. This book, up to date, could be made a present to Tom or Jane when they were married--and what greater gift could be given. It is one that would or should be greatly prized.

In regard to getting records in to Uncle Silas D., he says he is sure no one is reckless about it--just a little thoughtless. No doubt, there are those who think they will send their records in,

Thoughts by our President

In this month of October come the birthdays of four of our lovely sisters and of one brother. We extend our love and congratulations to them and wish them joy and happiness in the years to come.

In order of seniority they are: Aunt Julia Ballard, born at Parowan, Utah, Oct. 20, 1875; Aunt Rebecca Rogers, born at Snowflake, Arizona, Oct. 23, 1886; Aunt Esther Shumway, born at Snowflake, Arizona, Oct. 26, 1887; Aunt Myrtle Blocker, born at Snowflake, Arizona, Oct. 25, 1901; M. Foss Smith born at Snowflake, Arizona, Oct. 1, 1905.

Our space is too limited to extol all their virtues but will name some accomplishment of each. Aunt Julia, modest, sweet-tempered and good natured, a model housekeeper, a wonderful mother, an ideal Relief Society President, always doing a good turn.

Aunt Rebecca, a poet in her own right, a successful teacher, an untiring worker. She has met life's problems courageously and given freely of her time and talents for the benefit and blessing of humanity.

Aunt Esther, that vivacious, bustling, energetic young lady of 63 summers whose lively spirit will never be dimmed by time nor circumstance. Her enthusiasm and cheerfulness brighten the day for everyone she meets.

Aunt Myrtle, a tall, young lady of dignified demeanor who goes quietly about her business and accomplishes things very efficiently. The late Nicholas G. Smith, under whom she served, said that she was the best mission secretary he had ever known.

Uncle Foss, the kid brother to a big group of brothers and sisters who could not spoil him with either their teasing, bullying or pampering. He is a tub that can stand on its own bottom anytime and anywhere. He is a capable and efficient teacher and a splendid M.I.A. Stake Superintendent.

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From Salt Lake City

It is impossible to give a complete list of family members in attendance at the October conference. Only a few will be named, not with a desire to slight or favor anyone, but due to the limited number our staff contacted there.

Seraphine S. and Clarence Frost from Monticello were there. They told an interesting story of the trip their sons, Kent and Alfred, took last month on the Colorado River. Kent was one of Norman Neville's main oarsmen, so is an experienced river runner. Since boyhood, Alfred and Kent have taken exploring trips. Hence Alfred decided to find out a little about the only part of Southern Utah he hasn't explored. Kent has a boat of his own, so Alfred thought this was his chance to be the first passenger and see that part--the Colorado River. About the time Kent and Alf were to reach Hyatt, Melvin flew his dad over to see if they could locate the wanderers. Sure enough they found them. A lot of waving to say all was okeh, let the fliers return with a sigh of relief.

Uncle George A., recently made 1st counselor in the bishopric of Snow Low Ward, Snowflake Stake, was at conference, but one almost had to be a bishop to see him. He spent his time in one place--his seat--during the meetings. This, with his rushing back for Monday school classes, made it difficult for anyone to see him.

Jess M. Dewey (son-in-law of Samuel F.--Emma's husband) was one of a group that flew up from Southern California to attend conference. A gathering of that group of Smiths was held at Bishop J. Lorenzo's with Harold H., J. Lorenzo, Robert J. with wives and part of their families, two of Alice's sons, Ross and Eugene, and Jess Dewey present for a visit.

Aunt Margaret has had her arm in a sling for two weeks or so, the result of a fall in her basement. There were no broken bones, but plenty of torn ligaments and bruises.

Uncle Don was in Salt Lake during the last part of September for more medical treatment.

Kathleen, daughter-in-law of Alvin and Mabel Decker, is leaving for a mission to the Southern States. Kathleen is from Georgia,

Snowflake Area News

The entire town of Snowflake was saddened by the death of its Mayor, Andrew O. Smith, after his long illness and stay in the Phoenix hospital. He is the son of Uncle Asahel and Aunt Pauline, and was about 38 years of age at the time of his passing about September 22nd. It is reported that his funeral was one of the largest ever held in Snowflake, which speaks well for him and his family. We all wish to extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Edna, his family, and to Aunt Pauline.

Eva O. Decker wrote us a nice letter in which she informed us that she was made Stake Primary President at the Stake Conference there. Venola Decker Lancaster (d. Edwin) is her secretary. It is interesting to note that Aunt Seraphine Decker was the first Primary President in the Snowflake Stake.

Loral A. Decker (s. Silas and Eva) has been to the National Convention of the F.F.A. in Kansas City. He is vice-president of the Snowflake chapter.

We had a lovely letter from Aunt Natalia from St. Johns, renewing her Kinsman subscription, and containing a little news. She is campaigning for re-election as Apache County Recorder. Naturally we all wish her success. We are looking forward to her promised letter later telling us all about her family so that we can pass on more of this news to our readers.

By sheer oversight we omitted the name of Wm. C. Smith from the list in the September Kinsman of those who have paid family dues. To this list we also add the name of Ruth Benson whose dues were forwarded by us to Uncle Don C. during the month.

Salt Lake News (con.)

so she will be happy to labor in that mission. She will be released about the same time as her husband, Marshall, who is laboring in the West German mission. In a way, it is too bad for Mabel that her doctor son is away now. She is having trouble with her legs--poor circulation--and hasn't been feeling well for some time. We hope she will get much better soon.

Bits from Provo

J. Robert Smith, son of Moroni, returned September 23rd from his mission to the Central Pacific (Hawaii) Mission. He left there on Sept. 13th. Besides speaking in his home ward, Provo 9th, he has spoken at the 13th, and spent a day at the Sharon Stake Seminary giving experiences and entertaining.

Robert C. Rogers, (s. Aunt Rebecca) was one of the men from the Provo unit of the National Guard to be called up. He left with his company over a month ago for Ft. Hood, Texas. His address is:

Cpl. Robert C. Rogers, 28922394
Hdqtrs. & Hdqtrs. Battery
145th Field Artillery Battalion
Ft. Hood, Texas

Some who were in this area for October conference were Aunt Pauline U. Smith, Aunt Ernestine Smith, and Uncle H. and Aunt Leah Udall.

Chester and Dora Fae Rogers (s. S. Lorenzo) have moved to Salt Lake from Rexburg, Idaho. He is employed at Southeast Furniture Company. They have two little girls. Chester sings in the Tabernacle Choir and took part in the October Conference sessions in that capacity.

Lee and LaRue Rogers (another s. S. Lorenzo) and their five children are living in Delta, where Lee is Assistant County Agent of Millard County. Lee graduated last year from the U.S. A.C. at Logan.

Inez and Mark Gardner (d. S. Lorenzo) are in Tucson, Arizona. We learned from their folks (and also from the Church Section) that Mark has recently been made 1st counselor in the bishopric of the Tucson 2nd Ward.

Earl L. Smith, son of Jesse M. of Snowflake, and Miss Jane Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Brown of Pleasant Grove, Utah, are to be married October 25th in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception is to be held in their honor that evening at the Manila Ward meetinghouse. The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Salt Lake General Hospital School of Nursing, and has filled a mission to the Central Pacific States. Earl graduated from the B. Y. U. after he had fulfilled a Hawaiian Mission.

President's Message (con.)

We are all proud of these fine people and are glad that we are related to them.

Sincerely yours,
Uncle Hyrum

Silas D.'s Message (con.)

but by the time they get around to it the urge is gone. His records are missing many important dates that go back for years. Many records are incomplete since 1935 and nearly all of them incomplete since 1940.

ARE YOUR RECORDS UP TO DATE?

In suggesting that our paper, The Kinsman, could help in this cause, especially with a copy going to every family, he sent us the following poem:

Therefore, all ye Kinsmen,
Subscribe for the Kinsman;
Read and preserve the Kinsman,
Whichever generation ye are,

Kinsmen,
Preserve your family records for
your Kinsmen.
Children and children's children
are Kinsmen--

There is no end to children; there
is no end to Kinsmen.

I am for the Kinsman.
You must maintain the Kinsman.
We must unite every effort to be
Kinsmen.

That was and is the effort and
faith of our parents for
their Kinsmen.

Provo News (con.)

Among the new students this year at the B. Y. U. from the JHS family are those listed below. If anyone has been omitted from the list we would be glad to have them let us know about it so we can correct the oversight as well as get acquainted with them.

Norman Smith
Sue Whiting
Gerhardina Hulet
Frances Bushman
Helen Bushman
Miles Shumway
Ross D. Hansen
Garth Rogers
Sam Udall
Idolla Udall

Alton Rogers (s. Aunt Rebecca) has gone back to Snowflake after being employed for some time in Provo.

Paula Whiting, a descendent of Aunt Susie, and her husband, DeLos Fotheringham, are the parents of a new baby born about three weeks ago.

We have received new subscriptions from the following people since publication of the last Kinsman:

Virginia B. Acheson
3440 Florida St.
San Diego, California

Bart W. Dalton
13309 San Antonio Drive
Norwalk, California

We are happy to add these names to our list, but on the other hand we are concerned about the number of subscriptions that have recently expired that have not been renewed. If the Kinsman does not live up to your expectations, we would welcome your suggestions and criticisms.

Bart W. Dalton sent in a Kinsman subscription and said he was interested in obtaining a copy of Grandfather's Journal up to date. We could not supply him the material published before January of this year -- Uncle George informed us that he had attempted at first to preserve the stencils, but that it was impossible to do so in the Southern Arizona heat.

We are wondering how many there are who would be interested in getting the material previously published, and whether the demand would justify re-printing the Journal to date for a nominal cost.

Perhaps some of you are getting the chance to give the Sunday School lesson about Grandfather Smith. Some of us in the Provo area are having that opportunity, and Virginia Bushman Acheson writes from San Diego that she had been asked to give

the lesson there on October 15th. We suggest as helpful material the article "Pioncing Families of Joseph Smith's Uncles" in the March, 1950, Improvement Era, the Kinsman (especially the Journal part) and the group picture prepared by Augusta Flake.

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1883 Sat. Dec. 8. (con.) The Savior was a stumbling block to the Jews and Joseph Smith has been a stumbling block to this generation. Shall we falter because laws are passed against us? I say no. I would like my daughters to marry good men.

I said I was instructed by Bro. E. Snow to settle the brethren who came out here and to preach the Gospel. We will continue to preach the Gospel and where we cannot go ourselves we will send our home missionaries. The time will come when it will be hard to find the word of God in some parts of the earth. Always feel well in laboring among people who thirst after righteousness. We have among us quite a number of half-hearted Mormons who drag along with us. There are many goats in the flock, and some of the sheep follow them. At the Priesthood meeting I recommended that capable men give public lectures for the instruction of the young, and let the dancing fall off. It is bad to tell a lie and still worse to print one. The world believe lies in relation to the Latter-day Saints. It is a misfortune that there was ever a lie printed but as such is the case we must select our reading. If we can get the youth to have a taste for good reading matter it will be a start in the right direction. We want something attractive for the young. Our meetings often have a great sameness to them. We should originate something. The young cannot be blamed for associating with outsiders so much as older persons. In nine cases out of ten where our girls marry outsiders the parents are to blame. It is bad for our boys to work for outsiders but far worse for our girls to do so. We labor to bring souls to Zion and then many go to serve outsiders. Are their souls of no value? It is better that we go short in our living than subject our children to these risks. With regard to brethren who owe us -- do not collect debts by law. It is better to lose the amount and not trust in the future. With regard to persons who drink with the drunken -- Pres. Taylor says he will not fellowship them -- neither will I. If the Bishops fellowship them they must do so on their own responsibility. Where the head of the house does not interest himself to get their ward recommends let the wife and children see to it. Do not wish to send unworthy persons to the

temple. If they must marry would rather they married there, but think it strange that any of our young women should marry such poor sticks. Some ask forgiveness so many times that it becomes a habit with them.

Pres. L. H. Hatch said a person cuts himself off by going in opposition to counsel. A man can destroy in a few hours what it has taken a life time to build up. When a man gets drunk he forfeits his right to the Priesthood. Whoever hinders an honest person from becoming a Saint the Lord will require it at his hands. A fund should be raised for our protection, inasmuch as the heads of the nation have trampled upon our rights.

Sun. Dec. 9. I reported the amicable settlement of the water question between the Taylor and Snowflake Wards by a committee of arbitration, composed of Lot Smith, M. P. Romney and Andrew B. Gibbons. A stake house was commenced at Snowflake 35 x 65 feet, ceiling 21 ft. high; all were invited to contribute for the erection of the building.

Pres. Hatch said we by our foolish acts give our enemies advantages over us, and these are all the advantages they will ever have over us. The only power that our enemies have over us is that which some of our own number give them. Let us see to it that we be not traitors. If we do not become traitors our enemies will never triumph over us.

I said a brother who was wondering what good thing he could do finally concluded that he could quit using tobacco; that would be something in the way of progress. By living temperate lives we can please God, which would be a good preparation for the storm that is coming on, for we have been commended to keep the Word of Wisdom. Will the Lord allow us to be broken up? Not if we keep His commandments. Peter was ordered not to preach in the name of Jesus. The issue was which should he fear, God or man. The issue is the same now. Our forefathers were prominent in establishing this republic, and we have not forfeited any of our civil rights. We are just as worthy as they were. Then why should we be set aside and our rights be denied us. The Saints are preparing themselves to be like Jesus when He comes. Whosoever has truly repented can testify of Jesus. We need not fear foes from without but from within. Let us not shel-

ter ourselves in the camps of our enemies while the storm is beating upon the brethren.

1884

Fri. Jan. 4. In company with Presidents L. H. Hatch and Oscar Mann left Snowflake to visit the settlements and also expecting to proceed to Silver City, New Mexico, in response to an invitation from one Joseph N. Laferre to speak upon subjects connected with our religion. Bro. Levi M. Shumway provided a team and went himself. Reached Erastus and were joined by Elder Smith D. Rogers. A meeting was held in which each spoke and all partook of the Bishop's hospitality.

Sat. Jan. 5. Parting with Bro. Rogers, we reached Omer and stayed with Bishop Christofferson. He resigned and his resignation was accepted, chiefly owing to some public remarks by Apostle B. Young in Snowflake. Bro. Christofferson felt to blame Bro. Young for said remarks, he, Christofferson, having no chance to reply.

Sun. Jan. 6. Held forenoon meeting in Amity. Administered to two sick children by the laying on of hands. Held meeting at Omer at 2 p.m. The people sanctioned the acceptance of Bishop Christofferson's resignation. I nominated John T. Eagar for Bishop of the Omer Ward, unanimously sustained. Bishop Eagar was then ordained by the stake presidency, I being mouth. Wrote letters to Bros. Woodruff and Young. Meeting in the evening. Ernest L. Taylor and James L. Robinson were sustained as first and second counselors to Bishop Eagar and set apart by the presidency, Bros. Hatch and Mann officiating.

Mon. Jan. 7. Bro. Mann returned home with Bro. Shumway. Bro. E. L. Taylor sent his brother Alphonso with a team to take us on the way. Took dinner at Bishop Noble's in Nutrioso. At Alpine stayed with Bishop E. A. Noble. Held evening meeting.

Tues. Jan. 8. Bishop Noble with team took us to Luna Valley. Held evening meeting; organized a Relief Society. Elizabeth Swapp was sustained and set apart as president and Martha Williams and Martha Swapp as counselors of the Relief Society. Sister Diana J. Allen was sustained and set apart as president of the Young Ladies M. I. Association. Two sick persons were administered to.

Wed. Jan. 9. Our party increased by the addition of Bishop George C. Williams, his daughter

Martha and Samuel B. Tenney who took us with his team. Started for Pleasanton by the Milligan cutoff over the Baca mountains. Camped for the night a little west of Baca plaza where we were joined by Bro. William who came on horseback from Luna Valley. Traveled 40 miles.

Thurs. Jan. 10. Off early. Traveled down the Silice; reached Pleasanton late; 50 miles. Very cold and windy.

Fri. Jan. 11. In conversation Jacob Hamblin. Joseph Smith did say, for I heard him, "that little children would come forth in the resurrection the same size or stature they were when they died, but that afterwards they would increase to what would have been their full stature if they had lived to attain to it." This was differently reported in the history of Joseph Smith.

Sat. Jan. 12. Visited the Saints. Held evening meeting. The Word of Wisdom was spoken upon. Blest an infant.

Sun. Jan. 13. Three meetings, a.m., p.m., and evening. Subjects treated on Tithing, First Principles of the Gospel and the divinity of the Scriptures. Blest an infant.

Mon. Jan. 14. Started for Silver City. Jacob Hamblin, W. B. Maxwell and John Maxwell joined the party. Martha Williams stayed with her relatives. Camped for the night south of the Gila 35 miles. At the campfire the brethren sang several hymns. In the night Jacob Hamblin was sick, so was Bro. Hatch. Administered to them by the laying on of hands. I dreamed a dream. I seemed to be wading and swimming in a lake which was the shape of the map of North America, for I could see the whole surface. I was at about the point corresponding with my home in Snowflake and was moving south, sometimes feeling the mud under my feet and sometimes only the water. I carried on my head a vase of great whiteness of elegant form and exquisite finish which contained a liquid, white in color, of which I occasionally sipped a very little. The effect seemed to be a renewal of my spiritual and also my physical strength. The water seemed of a dark and disagreeable color, but so exhilarating was the effect of the liquid in the vase that I was extremely happy and joyous. I perceived a boat near me proceeding in the same direction with me. Joseph F. Smith was in the boat. He called me and I got into the boat.