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Don C. Smith
Celestial Glory, in the Spirit World
Kingdom of God

Dear Uncle Don:

I have addressed this letter to you as above, because I cannot think of any other appropriate place to find you. I'm taking the liberty of writing for us all.

Aunt Myrtle 'phoned that you had passed on to the future world an hour before. I take it that you are much better and now feeling well and strong, free from your aches and pains, and no worries but have hopes for our welfare here on earth.

Surely this is a marvelous feat and adventure in your life. We know you have expected to make this journey, sooner or later, and that you have prepared yourself for the highest reward, in advance and for 81 years. Good luck to you, Uncle Don.

You went all alone, but your good wife, wonderful children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters and many, many friends and relatives remain to suffer a great daily loss, because we can't be with you. We are all very sad, but expect to see you as our time on earth runs out. We rejoice to know that if you could have done so, you would have smiled and laughed with us, and kissed us all good-bye.

To be with you Uncle Don has been important to us all. You made everyone feel great and worth-while; that all had good in them, but that you expected dignity and honor in our lives. You made us feel like being as you wanted us to be--fine men and women.

Thanks for the inspiration of your wonderful life. We all love you. With all good wishes for a wonderful life there and love to all the folks you will see, I remain, sincerely your name sake

Don Mack Dalton
President, Jesse N. Smith Family
Association

DON CARLOS SMITH

The last earthly rites for Don C. Smith were concluded Wednesday November 1, 1967 in the Mesa Eleventh Ward Chapel. He passed away on his mother's wedding day October 28. It was also the same day that his brother Lehi was killed in World War I.

The funeral service was short, appropriate and acceptable as expressed by his son Don Alden who said, "Daddy doesn't want anything long or flowery". He was buried in the Mesa Cemetery.

Jesse M. Smith gave the history as recorded by Don revealing his wit and humor which was so much a part of him.

Silas L. Fish reminded us of his dedication to his fathers' family and the desire he fulfilled in carrying on the Tradition handed down from Asael Smith to keep in touch with family members at least once a year.

His immediate brothers and sisters remember him in their younger days as available with sound judgment and financial aid when needed.

And so passes an era in the history of the Jesse M. Smith family organization.

Myrtle S. Blocker---

TO UNCLE DON

by S. Lorenzo Rogers

As I remember Grandpa Smith, Uncle Don was like him. He looked, acted and talked like him, and to be with him, his congenial spirit was Grandpa Smith personified, if that is the way to say it.

Uncle Don was the last farmer of the family while Grandpa lived, and no one did a better job. He also supervised the building of the new home Grandpa commenced before his death, and we all know what a fine job he did - what he started he stayed with to the finish.

He was a most congenial host, as you visited with him at his work, in his home, riding with him or out home teaching. Wherever you found him, he was even tempered, but loved a good joke. In his dry wit, he often climaxed with the last word, which matched the best.

He told me of his coming down here to Mesa to build a home. He said, "I was broke, had worked myself out of a job, had only \$5.00 in my pocket. 'Told Aunt Nell, "I'm going to Mesa and build a home, and off I went.....I went up town to see what could be done, and they asked. Where did you say you wanted to build, a home by the temple? I got what I wanted and in no time Aunt Nell was here, and we built from scratch, this our home; for us and mother!" (Aunt Em came and lived in part of the house until she died.)

He kept building and he made his start. Many beautiful homes are here to his credit. During these times many went broke building, but he went steadily on and succeeded.

The home at Snowflake converted to "Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Home" is his monument, for he sponsored the idea and made it go. The Smith Memorial Home in Parowan is also his idea, and he rejoiced in its completion.

We will miss our Dear Uncle Don, just can't help thinking he is just over the way and he'll tell us just what we need to do and say. He knows the act from first to last, and no one had a better way, or could be a kinder friend to each of us.

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GREAT-GRANDPA, DON C. SMITH, was truly a "great" grandpa!

Everyone hears of the good deeds of a person such as the ones listed in the life history of Don C. Smith, my grandfather. There are other qualities that I think are important in making a person "great" in the eyes of others.

Being part of Don C. Smith's family and having five of his great-grandchildren, I was fortunate to have benefited from a rare quality which he possessed. This quality was thoughtfulness of others!

I could pick up the phone anytime of the day or night and he would offer himself, car, money or whatever he thought would help. And it wouldn't be more than a few minutes and he would be in my driveway, never complaining. This wasn't limited to just me or the adult members of the family. I have a nine year old daughter that could call and say she was lonely and he would drop what he was doing, thinking of her rather than himself. Is it any wonder that this little girl felt it more a treat to go visit him and make cookies with him or just visit with him, than to go play with her best girl friend.

I am sure many others could relate similar incidents of him.

He loved his family and their wish was his wish. He always considered the other person's feelings no matter if they were only little children. How could any of us help but love him dearly and also his "better half", Nellie Smith. I can't help but pay tribute to Grandma also because they were as one in their love and generosity to their family.

Thanks to their example I hope to make myself more thoughtful to others. I hope that my children may remember his good qualities also and put them into their lives.

A FAITH PROMOTING INCIDENT IN DON'S LIFE: - "I received a call to serve on a two year mission in the Eastern States Mission with headquarters in New York City and left June 16, 1909. I reported to President Ben E. Rich at 33 West 126th Street and was assigned to work in the Vermont Conference with Elder L. A. Clements. We worked in Orange County without purse or script. To have to ask for something to eat, and a place to stay was a new experience for me.

We had walked about 17 miles, distributing some tracts along the way, when evening came. We had asked at eleven homes for something to eat and a place to stay for the night, and only at one place received a small hand out so we stopped at the side of the road and spent the night in a hay field.

Word had a way of going out over the grapevine that twelve Mormon Elders were in the state, and were preaching old Joe Smith and polygamy. So by the time we came along their answers were all "No". We walked all over Orange County, Vermont and did not find a place where we could hold a meeting. We got so hungry one time that we went to the side of the road, and kneeling in the grass, we prayed for something to eat. When we raised up, there beside us lay two loaves of bread wrapped in a dish towel. We ate the bread with thanks."

I recognized the dish towel as belonging to my mother and in checking with her, she had missed the towel and the bread."

An Officers meeting was held in the home of Willie Barton in Mesa October 31, 1967. Those present were President Don Mack Dalton, Jarrett Jarvis, Evans Heywood, Marion Smith, Joseph Jarvis and Willie Barton.

A prayer was offered by Evans Heywood. Pres. Dalton expressed appreciation to all for the support and help given to him in the family project of restoring the Jesse N. Smith home in Parowan.

Through the efforts of Jarrett Jarvis our family organization is now set up as a non-profit corporation and members can give money or make bequests in wills for the benefit of the organization, which can own and use property. The title to the home has been transferred to the JNS family organization which has a certificate of authorization to do business in both Arizona and Utah.

All present expressed thanks and appreciation to President Dalton for the great amount of work and worry he has put into the home restoring project.

Discussion followed regarding the financial condition and indebtedness and much lamentation was evident because of the more than \$4000 deficit which occurred despite concern, good intentions and promises. The improvements have cost over \$12000 instead of the \$8000 ceiling agreed upon. They want to apologize to the Family for the exorbitant cost, but inflation and the project being far removed from the center of operations, also being too trusting things got out of hand.

President Dalton was authorized to borrow the amount \$4000, the loan to be secured by a mortgage on the home with payments to be made on an annual basis until paid off.

Love and appreciation was expressed for Uncle Don in his determination to see the old home restored and for his contribution of \$1350 for the project.

The annual Reunion will be held Saturday, December 2, 1967 at 7 p.m. in the Mesa 11th & 13th Ward House at 316 South Le Sueur.

All members of the Family are urged to attend Temple sessions on that day.

The nominating committee chosen includes Joseph S. Jarvis, Chairman, Norman Farr, Ida Hendrickson, Alden Smith and Lenora Rogers.

Program Chairman, Julia S. Rogers.

Berniece Bowers, Chairman of Refreshments and clean up crew.

Henry L. Smith in charge of arrangements for building, etc.

YOU ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED.

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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM PRES. DON MACK DALTON:

David Horne - President of the Asael Smith Descendants Organization says they are having Sealing Sessions at the Salt Lake Temple on November 20 and 28 at 5:30. Any members of the Jesse N. Smith Family are invited to help if they would like to.

Those who would like to participate in the November 20 session, please contact David Horne by November 17 and those who would like to participate November 28 contact him by November 24.

The phone number is 467 - 4601, he is at home after 5 p.m. His address is David Horne, 1997 South 2100 East, Salt Lake, 84408

We think this would be a fine opportunity to meet other descendants of Asael Smith and urge you UTAH KINSMEN to avail yourselves of this privilege if at all possible.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON - J. Lorenzo Smith became New Jersey Stake's new stake president, Oct. 15. During the past 21 years he has held supervisory and accountant positions with the Mountain States and American Tel & Tel companies in New York, Colorado and Utah. He and his wife Lyle, are the parents of two daughters.

C O P Y

Oct. 17, 1967

Mr. Don Mack Dalton
1395 No. 1st East
Pleasant Grove, Utah

Dear Mack:

It is hard to tell from the Kinsman just what is to become of the house in Parowan. It seems you intend to turn it over to someone but that is not perfectly clear. Either the State of Utah or the Sons of the Utah Pioneers would be O.K., but I am very much opposed to our trying to keep it. There may be others in the family who could do as much as Uncle Don C. has done but I just think there is no one who would. We should not let the house run down now as we have spent so much money on it. Uncle Don has contributed slightly over 1/9 of the money that has been contributed to date for the house and I have no idea how much other money or work he has put in.

I am sure the job of putting out the Kinsman runs into thousands of dollars in time. I suppose we are indebted for most of that to Myrtle and John. I hope everyone appreciates what they have done. We are going to have a hard time to find anybody who will do the job as they have done it.

It looks as though the debts amount to more than 50% of the money already received and it is likely going to take a little pushing to get that money in but I hope you can manage.

Best of luck,

J. Fish Smith

Esther Shumway Honored on Her 80th Birthday

by Norma Shumway

Since I'm a daughter-in-law and didn't have the responsibility of planning the party, I don't have to be modest. My compliments to Fern and Beula for a lovely, well planned birthday party for their mother, and to all the rest of the family for their whole hearted participation, for the wonderful spirit of love and devotion shown for their mother and for each other.

October 26th. Mother Shumway turned 80 years old, the following Saturday all of her children, 6 sons and 2 daughters and many other members of her family gathered in Mesa for this special occasion.

Since Mom has lovingly devoted many years of service at the Temple, nothing could have made the day richer and more complete than to have her family attend the early morning session with her. Twenty of her family attended.

At noon a turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served at Pioneer Park. The afternoon was spent in visiting and reminiscing.

The day was climaxed with an open house in the evening. A delicious cake, decorated in autumn colors was served with an iced fruit drink to many friends and relatives, who came to pay their respects.

The family presented Mom with a lovely stereo and the grandchildren joined in by presenting her with favorite records.

I'm sure Mom will have many happy memories of her 80th birthday as we all will. May this coming year be rich for her, blessing her with good health and the love and devotion of her wonderful family.

John C. Dalton, son of Bart W. and Stella Crowther Dalton and grandson of John C. and Hannah Daphne Dalton was recently appointed a Regional Representative from California. He lives in Fullerton and was a member of the Priesthood Home Teaching Committee and is past president of East Long Beach and Orange Stakes, is a lawyer and Rotarian. His second wife is Maxine Jensen, they have six children. His first wife, deceased, was Miriam Smith, a daughter of the former Patriarch Hyrum Smith, who bore him one daughter.

David E. Heywood, a grand-son-in-law, husband of Marie Smith was appointed a Regional Representative from Arizona. Dave is past president of Phoenix Stake, is a realtor and influential in affairs of church and state in this area.

R. C. Spurlock, Cattleman from Navajo, dies at 73

Services for Rans were held in Holbrook Monday Nov. 6, 1967 and burial was in the Joseph City Cemetery.

He is the husband of Georganna Bushman, granddaughter of Aunt Augusta. They have five daughters and two sons and 28 grandchildren.

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