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JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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DON MACK DALTON'S LAST PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

My dear Kinsman:

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I attended the first meeting of our officers for 1969 on December 10th, in Provo, at the home of cousin, Dr. Robert J. Smith, our Secretary, and his lovely wife, Lola. I was impressed that we have selected the right people to lead our great family into wider individual family acquaintance and to develop growth in our branches. President Harold H. Smith has the ability to magnify our purposes into reality. He was a Bishop for 13 years, (recently released) and knows how to get people united and to work together. Let us sustain our officers in every manner they desire and we will achieve many wonderful things.

It has been a joy the past two years to actively join with you to unite the descendants of Jesse N. Smith and his wonderful wives. I shall persist. They are wonderful people. We, their children, must "Grow Together" and establish peace among the fruit of their loins and bring them to a "Knowledge of their Fathers in the Latter Days." 2nd Nephi, 3:12. I find my purpose is confirmed by Mormon when he wrote nearly 1,000 years after Nephi, as follows: "Know ye that ye must come to the knowledge of your Fathers." Mormon 7:5.

Restoring the pioneer home of Jesse N. Smith, in Parowan, created confidence in each other and widened an interest by all. We enjoyed "The Glory of Achievement" as 6,000 cousins. We nearly doubled the subscription to The Kinsman; organized seven branches; found good branch leaders and learned that we can "Grow together and learn of our Fathers in the Latter Days." We have legal status as a Corporation and can collectively cooperate by use of The Kinsman, which for many months was sent to 750 families. We can therefore logically, "GROW TOGETHER."

I must say thanks for the confidence you have had in me as your President; for your wonderful response to our programs and for your many kind expressions of love and appreciation. But I must also join with you in saying thanks to those splendid officers who have worked and planned, side by side with me in all things. Without them, the work could not have been done.

I love and admire each of you. I sincerely hope you all have experienced some of the joy and happiness which your out-going officers have experienced the past two years. God bless us all that we will "GROW TOGETHER."

Sincerely,

Don Mack Dalton

The following is a list of the new officers for 1969.

Harold H. Smith, Heber City, Utah, President, with the following Vice Presidents:
 Nathaniel A. Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah
 J. Fish Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Jess R. Bushman, Provo, Utah
 Robert C. Rogers, Orem, Utah
 H. Smith Broadbent, Provo, Utah

Myrtle S. Blocker, Mesa, Arizona, was named the Recording Secretary and Robert J. Smith was retained as Executive Secretary along with M. W. Smith, Treasurer, both of Provo, Utah. Oliver Smith will add his professional touch as Editor of the Kinsman for 1969.

----- REPORT ON JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY REUNION, NOV. 30, 1968, IN MESA, ARIZONA

Joseph S. Jarvis presided and conducted. Opening Song, "Love at Home" led by S. Lorenzo Rogers, with Ida S. Church at the piano. Prayer was offered by Lafe S. Kartchner. A word of welcome and greeting by President of the family association, Don Mack Dalton, who had travelled from Pleasant Grove, Utah to be in attendance. The theme of his comments was that "We Need to Get Acquainted."

The program consisted of parts from the five different families. Darrell Smith's family gave a Christmas story of family cousins, using puppets. Nine members of the Malin Lewis Family sang three songs. Rey Kartchner and family in Hawaiian costume sang some numbers and also danced. A short talk was given by Aunt Esther. Pauline U. Perkinson gave a Scottish Recitation. Quince Shumway's daughter, Mauretta, sang "Oh, Holy Night." Jess Bushman, visiting from Provo, Utah, spoke briefly. Rex Jarvis (son of Rulon), played a trumpet solo. Great-grandchildren, Joan and Janet Jarvis played violin duet as well as Sandra and Kathleen Jarvis (four children of Rex Jarvis) gave readings. The children of Joel Smith sang a Christmas Song. Susie Bowers, (dau. Bernice S. Bowers) played a piano solo. The song, "America, the Beautiful" was sung by a group of great-grandchildren of Aunt Augusta, conducted by Ida S. Church. Janell Smith, (dau. of Ruderger), played a piano solo. Aunt Natalia S. Farr, (only living member of Aunt Augusta's children) gave a short talk. Song and Christmas story given by grandsons of Joseph S. Jarvis (sons of George). It was reported that Aunt Leah was unable to attend, due to illness (flu). Aunt Myrtle presented the slate of Officers, selected by the Nominating Committee, i.e., Myrtle S. Blocker, Chairman, S. Lorenzo Rogers, Edith S. Bushman, Margaret S. Sevey and A. Marion Smith. The new officers were unanimously accepted to serve for 1969.

A. Marion Smith told of his assignment to take charge of a Branch Organization of Mesa-Phoenix area, and presented the names of the following people and they were nominated and accepted by those present to serve for 1969. They are: Darrell F. Smith, President, and the following Vice Presidents: Tony Frederickson, Lenore Bushman Carpenter, Waldo DeWitt, Gus Farr and J. Norman Smith.

Short talks were given by Pres. Don Mack Dalton and Darrell Smith. It was acknowledged that Edith S. Bushman has been the Family Secretary for 12 years, and she wished to be released. Slides of the Parowan Home were shown to the group, by Melvin Frost. It was explained that Membership Dues and Kinsman subscription is \$5.00 per year, beginning Jan. 1st and ending December 31, 1969. Montez Burke gave a report on her Mother, Emma Hall. There were 135 people in attendance. Apples were passed as refreshments, and Wilford Rogers offered the Benediction.

MESSAGE FROM NEW PRESIDENT, HAROLD H. SMITH

Upon becoming President of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association, I am:

1. Highly honored--
2. Impressed at the determined effort and solid accomplishments of my immediate predecessor, Don Mack Dalton--
3. Pleased at the expressed devotion and real competence of the Vice Presidents--
4. Delighted and almost surprised that our new Editor, Oliver; our retiring Editor, Ruth; and our Treasurer, Moroni W., declined an offer to publish the Kinsman quarterly, and united solidly to continue the monthly publication.
5. Asking and expecting: A--Moral, B--Communicated, and C--Financial support from the family.
6. Determined to leave a record of service.

Harold H. Smith, President.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS, by my Mother

LEAH SMITH UDALL, 13th CHILD OF AUNT JANET.

In turning memories pages, I'm a little child again, carrying 13 precious eggs to Jones' store to buy Christmas gifts for the family. Mother had given us children each a day to gather eggs for our own. (Who says 13 is an unlucky number?) Sr. Jones allowed me 35¢ for the dozen eggs, and with the extra one, I bought myself stick of licorice candy (my favorite). Needless to say, the presents were rather meager, but lots of love was wrapped up in them.

We hadn't slept a wink Christmas eve, and were up at the peep of day Christmas morning, begging Ma to let us look in our stockings. There were nuts, candy, cookies, an orange and an apple. The most joyous present of all was a beautiful rag doll, all dressed in pink, in the top of my stocking that Ma and Julia had made. Lest I forget, I still have a Story Book dated December, 1900, which Santa brought me when I was nine years old. I called my doll "Connie" because of my love for Connie Decker. Even though she didn't wear square spectacles, I loved her more than Buffy could ever love Mrs. Beesley in "Family Affair!"

After our Christmas greetings to Pa and Ma, and thanks to Santa, we raced off to the neighbors to say "First Christmas gift to everyone," however, I don't believe anyone ever got ahead of Uncle Charley Ballard. I can still hear his jolly laughter.

One special event was when the Ward gave a Christmas party in the Old Stake House. Aunt Della Fish Smith had composed a song about Santa and taught it to all of us children. Here are the words:

DOWN THE FLUE, written by Aunt Della.

We're not Santa, don't you see, If we wanted, could not be,
 We've just come to show how he would do.
 He comes riding on his sleigh, Reindeer running all the way,
 And he comes for little children "Down the Flue."

He mounts the housetop on the breeze, Or if convenient, on the trees,
 You may believe that all I tell you now is true.
 On he hastens with his pack, Hung securely on his back.
 Up he goes, and down he tumbles "Through the Flue."

He has a toy for every child, which with pleasure sends them wild,
 And their Mammams really don't know what to do.
 But they like it just the same, As they join in songs and games,
 And they too, watch for Old Santa "Down the Flue."

In the performance, we stood behind a low curtain stretched across the stage with only our heads and shoulders showing. We all had stockings on our arms and when we'd sing "Down the Flue," we'd duck our heads, raising our arms high in the air. The effect was like stockings filled with goodies hung by the chimney.

When the program ended, I heard Santa call my name. I rushed toward the Christmas tree, as he handed me a lovely doll with flaxen hair and blue eyes. Now I had two dolls, and I named this one Rosie Nell. Incidentally, Esther got a little set of dishes on the tree, and Elias received some small carpenter tools.

Oh, the happy scenes of childhood! If only we could turn back the pages of time, and be with Pa and Ma and all the loved ones in those dear homes again--singing Christmas Carols and also to hear again the familiar story of Him for whom this special event is held in commemoration. The greatest character the world has ever known was He. The best laws and principles were those Christ taught, and the happiest and most blessed people are those who love Him and keep his commandments. May we be numbered among that group when "The Saints Come Marching In."

December is a very special month in our family. The Prophet Joseph Smith was born on the 23rd; our Father and Grandfather, Jesse N., on the 2nd; My Mother, Janet M. J. Smith the 17th; Asahel the 5th; Hyrum the 15th and Millie the 25th; also there are others in the clan whose birthdays come the last month of the year.

And now, I wish all you dear ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

With Love, Aunt Leah.

P.S. Another word. We are all so thankful that our dear Ruth is recovering from her serious operation and has been able to edit The Kinsman. What would we ever do without that welcome little Family Periodical?

Editor's note: Mother's abiding faith and prayers in my behalf have helped make it possible for me to continue on these past four months, plus my will and determination to complete the job I've started. She has always been a guiding light to her large family. I feel the greatness of our pioneer Mothers and Grandmothers was moulded from hardships and deprivations and we don't find their breed of women about us much these days. RUE

THE JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors held in Pleasant Grove, Utah, at home of Don Mack Dalton, November 12, 1968, 7:15 p.m.

Present: Don Mack Dalton, M. W. Smith, Harold H. Smith, Ruth U. Evans, Robert J. Smith.

Excused: J. Fish Smith, Virginia B. Peterson, Oliver R. Smith

Prayer: M. W. Smith

Minutes of the Meeting held October 7, 1968, were read and approved.

Items of business considered were:

1. The "purpose" paragraph of the Charter probably will have to be modified to qualify for contributions deductions. Don Mack Dalton was asked to continue to follow through on this, working with Jarrett Jarvis, inasmuch as the Charter is in the State of Arizona.
2. The question of payment of property taxes was raised. Don Mack Dalton indicated he would be going down to Parowan en route to California, and would try to get taxes abated. The decision was apparently made not to pay the taxes at present.
3. Robert J. Smith reported that he had written to Lawrence Smith and thanked him for the work done on the family plots in the Snowflake Cemetery.
4. Don Mack Dalton reported that the Sons of the Utah Pioneers had indicated (through J. Fish Smith) that they would pay for the plaque on the Parowan Home. The amount is approximately \$238.00.
5. Ruth U. Evans reported that Clarence Bushman, (son of Garland) President of the Cousins' Club, BYU, has been furnished names of students, with addresses where known, from the last two meetings of the Cousins' Club.
6. Bessie R. Erickson, L. Flake Rogers and Nathaniel A. Smith have accepted the position as Branch Leaders of Jesse N. Smith Family groups in Snowflake, Arizona; Provo, Utah; and Salt Lake City, Utah, respectively.
7. The financial report by M. W. Smith indicated that we have about \$200. in bank. The note balance is \$500. on Parowan Home with about \$16. interest also due. Most of the money in the bank will be needed to print and mail the November and December issues of The Kinsman. The balance, plus \$75.00 volunteered by Ruth U. Evans, Harold H. Smith and Robert J. Smith, in addition to the money from the Sons of the Utah Pioneers would be used to apply toward the Note. It was agreed with J. Fish Smith (via phone) that he would pay off the balance of the note at the bank, and would carry the balance until the family association could pay him.
8. Don Mack was asked to make an appointment with Governor Rampton at which he, Harold H. Smith and J. Fish Smith might take a deed to the Parowan Home to the governor and see if he would be willing to accept the property for the State of Utah.
9. Don Mack reported he had written to Aunt Myrtle Blocker, asking her to go ahead with plans for the Smith Family meeting in Mesa. Several indicated interest in attending the meeting there, but none were sure they could arrange to do so.

Prayer: Don Mack Dalton. Refreshments of hot chocolate and pie were served by Geneve Dalton, and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION RECEIVES AWARD

The Jesse N. Smith Family Association has been voted a Certificate of Commendation by the American Association for State and Local History for the restoration of a landmark pioneer home in Southern Utah.

Awards chairman, A. J. Wall, Jr., Old Sturbridge Village Director in Massachusetts, announced that the certificate was conferred on the Utah (and Arizona) Organization "For undertaking the restoration of a century-old building in a state where few such efforts are made."

Believed to be the oldest original home standing south of Salt Lake City, the structure was built of sun-dried adobes in Parowan in 1856-57. Its builder was 22 year old Jesse N. Smith, a Utah pioneer of 1847 and youngest cousin of Joseph Smith, the first Prophet of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The restoration project was undertaken in 1967 by the pioneer settler's descendants, headed by Don Mack Dalton, of Pleasant Grove, Utah. Finding the eight-room home in danger of collapse, they donated \$11,500 to brace its east wall, repair the roof, and restore to original condition its interior woodwork and five fireplaces. Dr. Everett L. Cooley of the Utah State Historical Society is the State Chairman for the American Association, which each year searches out for recognition, state and local projects, agencies, and publications which show high quality achievement within their geographical regions. The Utah group was the only one to win a citation this year in the mountain-west area.

LIST OF ITEMS IN MEMORY BOOK PLACED IN WALL (UNDER PLAQUE) IN PAROWAN HOME.

1. History of Silas Sanford Smith, 2. Picture of Jesse N. and Emma West Smith,
3. Picture of Jesse N. Smith, his four wives, Emma West, Janet Johnson, Augusta Outzen and Emma Larson and 42 of his children, 4. Names of Pioneers who settled in Parowan, January 13, 1851 and subsequently during year, 1851, 5. Picture of Joseph W. Smith Family and the four wives of Grandfather and many of his children,
6. Picture of 13 sons of Jesse N. Smith, excepting Don C. Smith, who was on Mission,
7. Picture of family of Joseph W. Smith, 1913, 8. Picture of Jesse N. Smith and four wives, 9. Picture of Jesse N. Smith, 10. Picture of the family of Janet Johnson Smith, 11. Picture of John C. and Hannah Daphne Smith Dalton, 12. Copy of "Pretty is as Pretty Does," 13. Journal of Jesse N. Smith, 14. History of Parowan, by Luella Adams Dalton, 15. Program of the Dedication Ceremonies of the restored home of Jesse N. Smith, 16. Iron County Brochure of 1851-1951, 17. Copy of the settling of Parowan by Joseph Fish, 18. Copy of names and addresses of the descendants of Jesse N. Smith, 19. Letter from Don S. Smith, grandson of Silas Sanford Smith, living in Kamas, 20. Letter from Marvin E. Smith, & Commanding Officers of the modern day Mormon Battalion, 21. Letter from the Mayor of Parowan, 22. Letter from Governor Calvin L. Rampton of the State of Utah, 23. Letter from President David O. McKay, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 24. Copy of Iron County Recorder, dated August 10, 1967, 25. Square headed nail from building, 26. Signed letter of children of Jesse N. Smith, 1967, 27. 1856 Newspaper segment, 28. List of those descendants who contributed to the restoration of the Parowan Home.

The following excerpts are written in Grandfather Smith's handwriting. Although they are not complete, one can determine the conscientious, methodical man he was. Also the Telegram from Wilford Woodruff to members of the Church in Arizona is sobering in thought, and it certainly could be applicable today.

Jesse N. writes concerning the cost of some land purchase in the amount of \$4,515.84. Quote: "Of this amount, I have on hand \$2,065.84, leaving \$2,450.00 that I cannot raise. The Brethren feel well about the purchase and nearly all of them have paid in something--about one-fifth of them have failed to pay anything; this I attribute to lack of means, and not lack of good will on their part.

Hay has been the only kind of produce that would command money here and that only to a limited extent. What money has been raised has been mostly by freighting, and all would have been paid if the freighting had been sufficient. One of the brethren who could only raise one-third his quota told me that he paid me every cent in money he received during the past six months.

Mr. Bunch, the local attorney here for the Aztec Land and Cattle Company, (the Company we bought of), told Bro. Fish that a Syndicate had been formed in Flagstaff, in our neighboring County, with a view to overbid us, and buy the land from under us. They had offered the Company we bought of, \$10.50 per acre for the land we bought, thinking the Company would break their Contract with us. We paid \$4.50 per acre.

I cannot complain of the people, for they have brought forward about all the money they possessed. There is nobody here with money to lend, and if there were--we have no security to offer, as we will have no title to the land until after final payment is made." Unquote. One might wonder if this letter were addressed to the "Brethren in Salt Lake," or it could have been written to his brother, Silas. It appears that the first and last pages of the letter are missing. Ruth

Here is another page, with first and last missing, written while on his second mission wherein, quote, "he had been compelled to apologize and cover up the foolish doing of my predecessor, and some others, who did not seek very diligently to feed the flock of Christ.

I have not said a great deal about these things, because it would not avail to change the past, but now with the prospect of my return, there comes a grateful feeling over my spirit, and I feel to thank God for the little good I have been able to accomplish in the past for His honor and glory. I have sought to so labor as to "lay up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust does not corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal." I can say that this has been and is my chief desire during the time I have lived and for the time I shall live upon the earth.

The life of an upright Missionary is a very agreeable one, as his calling lifts him above the grosser things of the world and he is not perplexed with cankering care. A careworn Missionary would scarcely be able to fulfill his duties. Witness the exhortation of the Savior to the Missionaries around him, "Behold the lillies of the field--they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

This is a telegram sent by the United States Signal Service, March 21, 1893 to Pres. Jesse N. Smith in Snowflake, Arizona. ---"The Saints generally are instructed to observe Saturday, March 25th, as a special fast day to hold prayer meetings in every Ward, heal up differences created by political and every other cause, confess shortcomings and freely forgive one another divesting ourselves of all harsh and unkind feelings, being governed by charity, meekness and forbearance that our hearts may be found free from guile, our consciences void of offense, love prevail, be prepared to enter Temple of God and our prayers granted that the Lord will accept it as a Holy House, circulate this widely as possible, also notify D. K. Udall in St. Johns."

Wilford Woodruff.

Here is a complete short letter, written to President Woodruff and Counselors on March 14, 1890, which clarifies the partial letter at the top of page 7.

Dear Brethren:

The condition of the Snowflake and Taylor land purchase is as follows:

The first of the four notes (I gave each for \$4,032.00), will be due on the 2nd of April next; with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, the interest being payable semi-annually upon the whole amount. I sent in the interest for October 2, amounting to \$483.84, and also paid \$100.00 in taxes which were unjustly laid upon this purchase. The principal and interest due the land will easily be worth three times the cost of purchase, but the trouble is, it is now in the hands of poor people. I have kept an accurate account with everyone, of the land they hold and amounts paid.

\$1,280.00--will have to be paid on the Woodruff purchase on the 3rd of May next. The people there will probably do as well as they have done here.

Please send bill of exchange for \$2,450.00, in favor of Joseph Fish, in care of A.C.M.I., Holbrook, Apache County, Arizona, to arrive not later than the 25th instant, so that payment can reach New York by April 2.

With kindest regards, your brother, Jesse N. Smith

 This little slip of paper, written by a perfect penman in Great Salt Lake City, April 13, 1853, gives a brief genealogical rundown of our direct Smith ancestors.

Silas Smith was born October 1, 1779

Asahel Smith was born 1744

Smauel Smith was born 1714

Samuel Smith was born (Senior) 1666

Robert Smith, who came from Old England about the year 1666, date of his birth unknown. His first son, Samuel was born in Topsfield, Mass., which must have been his early residence in this country.

 THIS STORY, WRITTEN BY AUNT SUSAN S. JARVIS, OLDEST CHILD OF AUNT JANET, COMPLETES THE SERIES OF ARTICLES WRITTEN BY VARIOUS CHILDREN OF JESSE N. SMITH, WHICH WERE RECEIVED IN JANUARY, 1968.

We were gathered in the basement of the meeting house in Parowan, on Father's 44th birthday, December 2, 1878. The whole town had turned out to a farewell honoring Jesse N. Smith and family who were leaving for Arizona. He had been called by President John Taylor to preside over one of the Stakes of Zion there.

A banquet was served in honor of the occasion, and during the meal, President Dame said, "We had all better stand and make room for more. We may never have this privilege again, as these folks are leaving us, and going to live so far away."

After the banquet was served, everyone joined in merrymaking and dancing. It was quite a sight to see Jesse N. dancing with his three wives, Emma, Janet and Augusta. They looked so pretty in their beautiful green dresses, all made alike, and he in his swallow tailed dress suit. Then came the farewells to our numerous friends and neighbors, who we had loved all those many years. It was a sad parting.

The following day we gathered all our possessions and loaded them into one wagon. We had to do a lot of scheming and planning to get everything packed in.

It had been decided that Janet was the most adapted to pioneer life, so Mother and Father, with my four little sisters, Sariah, Julia, Priscilla, Editha and myself were the first to break away from our Parowan home, friends and loved ones. All of us children had whooping cough, and little Maude had just died. It was so hard for our parents to leave the graves of little Ellen and Maude and Grandma Mary Aikens Smith and others of our loved ones.

The first stop was at Uncle Silas' in Paragoonah, where there were more farewells. There had always been such a tie of love and devotion between those two brothers and their families.

In our group were Joseph and Adelaide Fish and small son, Horace Nathaniel. Also John R. and Josephine Hulet, and Smith D. and Eliza Rogers and their children, Eliza R. and Smith D., Jr., who also had whooping cough. Aunt Emma's mother, Grandma West, and several other families travelled with us. We had one wagon, two horses, two mules and two cows. In the entire group, there were 10 wagons, with 2,000 lb. loads on each wagon, plus a number of loose cattle and horses. The long trek to Arizona had begun!

I well remember when we came to the Colorado River--it was such a tremendous stream. I was frightened and got back into the wagon and covered my head. Then Father called me to come and hold the bronco team! When he spoke, we obeyed, so I had to forget about being frightened. At Sunset (now Winslow) President Lot Smith asked Father and his family to eat dinner at the big table and we enjoyed his kindness and hospitality.

The weather was bitter cold and there was a fierce wind blowing, and little Smith Rogers died, but we had to drive on to get feed for the horses and other stock our company was taking to exchange for land in the new country. We laid over a day to hold the funeral for the dear little baby. This was the first sad experience of our journey. It was a real hardship for poor Eliza to leave her darling baby by the wayside.

The next day we reached Snowflake and Father and Brother Fish took the wagon boxes off and fastened strong tarps over the top, reaching from one wagon to the other, and the space between was our kitchen. That's the way we lived while they took the running gears to the mountains for logs to build a house.

Finally the logs were all hauled, and at last we had a home which was quite a contrast to the way we had lived for so long out in the open on the prairie.

Father was called back to Utah to the Legislature, leaving the house unfinished. The kitchen did not even have the chinking in, but Mother, in her usual courageous manner, said, "Well Susie, brace up--we will have to do this ourselves."

Father had seen about getting water out on the lots, so we were able to have gardens. Mother always took such pride in her early vegetable garden, and also her beautiful flower garden.

Father, having finished his legal matters in Utah, returned and brought the balance of the family. Mother had the front room of the house for her bedroom and Aunts Emmy and Augusta had tents for their bedrooms, and Mother gave up her kitchen for a dining room for the use of the whole family where we all met together for family prayers, meals and devotion.

Thus was the beginning of the Jesse N. Smith Family life in Arizona.

FINANCIAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY M. W. SMITH, TREASURER.

We started this calendar year of 1968 with a note of \$3,700 on the Parowan Home. During the year we incurred \$159 interest on this note. In addition to that, we paid \$288 on the Snowflake plaque. Of these three items, we owe just \$120. This amount is held by J. Fish Smith until such time as the family can reimburse him.

We lately have received a tax notice from Iron County for \$62.38. Parowan City, not to be outdone, sent us a statement for \$175 for sewer connection.

Liabilities:	\$120.00
	62.38
	<u>175.00</u>
Total:	\$357.38

Our present bank balance is \$102.60.

We congratulate and thank all of you who have contributed so generously this year. The amounts given have varied from \$1 by students to as high as \$110. Four members of the family have given \$100 or more. It has been a pleasurable eye-opener to be your score-keeper!

The prospects for the Jesse N. Smith Family Organization look bright indeed, for 1969. We have already received the annual family enrollment fee of \$5 from Rex M. Bushman, Mitchell S. Bushman, Almon & Ione R. Owens, M. W. Smith, John D. Smith, Mack E. Smith, Timothy K. Smith, M. Pratt Smith, Dr. Bruce N. Smith, Frank & Carolyn McNeil, Douglas & Laurel Barnes, E. Jay & Janet S. Pearce, Silas L. Fish, Helen L. Coplan, Thomas B. Jarvis, Zech & Pearl J. Farr, Martin D. Bushman, Sr., Georganna Spurlock, Virginia B. Peterson and Myrtle S. Blocker. Blessings on them and all of you.

Best wishes to our new Board of Directors. With our family expanding so rapidly, genealogically and geographically, the 1969 motto might well be: "Keep us Together."

Love, M. W. Smith, Family Treasurer.

TID-BITS OF NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE.

Paraphrasing the well known saying, "Truth is truth where e'er 'tis found, in heathen land or Christian ground," Ruth Evans says, "News is news where news is found, I've gleaned and searched with my nose to the ground." Thanks to those of you who have communicated with me, for reports on missionaries, servicemen, new positions, graduates, births of babies, marriages, etc., help to make up a good family newspaper. Please support Oliver in the job he has ahead of him. It has been suggested that the Branch Presidents either serve as reporters, or appoint someone in your area to keep us posted on events throughout the family. Oliver Smith's address: 970 North 1200 East, Provo, Utah 84601.

The correspondence has become minimal the past two months, but I want to acknowledge letters from relations who have seen fit to write.

Irene Decker (wife of John F.), thanks for sending your current address, since you have moved from St. Paul, Nebraska, to P. O. Box 1041, Garrison, North Dakota. M. W. assured me he would send you the September and October issues, of which you were in arrears. We are happy you want to continue on as a subscriber, and appreciate that your late husband enjoyed our publication. A family newspaper can serve as the link that ties us all together. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be with you.

Rudger Smith, we want to thank you for your generous contribution to help defray the final costs on our project of the past two years. Your father, Uncle Asahel was such a generous man--always ready and willing to help his neighbor. He truly epitomized one who lived by "The Golden Rule." Also Effie Tillman for your second offering. Your father, Uncle Rob, was a "tall man" in so many ways. Aunt Augusta's two sons were handsome, fine specimens of manhood.

Gladys Larsen Millett (daughter of Margaret, granddaughter of Uncle Joseph W.), we're glad you liked the political touch in November issue. Since you desired to correspond with Virginia B. Peterson, M. W. informed me he forwarded her address on to you. Isn't it great in a land of freedom, we can have diversified opinions on political views--so long as we don't become extremists. That's when the "danger signal" turns on. I read of a Cuban who had such regrets that revolutionists were permitted to move in and indoctrinate their principles in his country, for now he is totally ousted from the land he once loved so dearly, and it is lost to Communism.

Cousin Don Mack has written recently, saying he visited with my mother while in Mesa, and though she was sick, "she looked so sweet and is so good." He sent an enclosure that contained two recipes--one for "Composition Tea" and the other "A Rule for Making No. SIX." These recipes were sent to Aunt Daphne in Manassa, by his grandmother, Aunt Emmy, so the little Dalton children would stay well. Mack suggests that maybe our kinsman would like to know how to make the medicine! Here it is!

"The rule for making Composition Tea: 2 lbs. Baberry, 1 lb. Ginger, 1 lb. Hemlock bark, 2 ounces Gloves, 2 ounces Cayenne."

"A Rule for Making No. Six": 1 gallon of good Brandy or one-fourth proof Brandy, 1 lb. gummon?, 1 ounce Cayenne pepper. Boil it in a stone jug in a kettle of water and boil for three hours." At this season of the year, we today could possibly call it "Christmas Cheer."

It is with pleasure that we have received a good letter from Pearl J. Farr (daughter Aunt Susie), saying the kinsmen in Apache County have organized a Branch. The Smith cousins gathered on December 7, 1968, at the Sanders Ward Chapel. Georganna Spurlock initiated the idea, and there were 22 people present. Sam Udall (son of Aunt Leah) was chosen as President. Pearl estimated that there are approximately 90 JNS descendants in that area. She felt under better weather conditions, more relations will turn out in the early Spring when a meeting is set in St. Johns. \$47.00 was collected by the group and sent to Family Treasurer. This is an example of what can be done, by lighting the fire of enthusiasm in various geographical locations. Good Work!

Thanks to Esther Heaton (daughter of Uncle Elias), Ruth F. Boone (daughter of Aunt Mattie) and Martin D. Bushman, Sr. (son of Aunt Sariah) for their membership subscriptions.

Virginia B. Peterson (daughter Aunt Rachel) has sent a letter wishing all her kinsmen the best of everything at this season, and hopes we will all be good people and always appreciate our fine heritage. She hopes we will always have an interest in each other. Thanks for your devoted support to me this past year, Virginia. You are so faithful.

It's nice to present the names of newcomers into our family group! RuLea Heaton (granddaughter of Uncle Elias) and Victor Brooksby are the happy parents of a wee baby girl, whose name will be Vikilee. She was born December 11, 1968, and weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. The proud Grandmother, Esther Heaton, has spent the past week in Provo welcoming little Vikilee.

I've been tardy in reporting that my brother, Jesse and Ann Udall and children are living in Flagstaff this winter while he works toward a Specialist Degree in Education Administration. With a young family of five children, this takes a lot of effort and you're to be commended, Jess.

Junola Smith (oldest daughter of Robert J. & Lola) has been called on a mission to Brazil. She arrived in San Paulo on Thanksgiving Day, and is laboring there now. Her parents say they have received one letter, and Junola reports she is happy and enjoying her work.

Aunt Myrtle wrote saying she hoped that the area organizations can make Temple excursions one of their projects for the coming year, especially where kinsmen have easy access to Temples. This also was discussed at our December Board Meeting.

For those who desire extra issues of The Kinsman for 1968, they are available except for the July Issue, which climaxed our gratis copies for seven months to over 300 people.

And now, my final paragraph and "Swan Song" as your Editor for 1968! For a person who has had only one year of high school journalism, I was presumptuous in thinking I could fulfill this assignment, but thank goodness for challenges in our lives or many of us would be content to be "bumps on a log." As I've sat here the past two days typing this December issue with a sprained right thumb (the result of sliding into a snowbank and spinning the steering wheel with great force against my hand), I have concluded this has been a year to remember or forget, I can't decide which! Seriously, I have made certain evaluations that could not have come any other way than through the experiences I've endured through my illness. I appreciate more than ever my family (and that's you) and friends, and hope the spirit of Jesus Christ will be felt among all of us at this wonderful winter season. My New Year's present will be a new home and the address is 1900 N. Oakridge Lane (1400 East), Provo, Utah. Please come at any time (day or night) and visit us and stay a while.

Love, Ruth Udall Evans

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