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Jesse N. Smith  
1834-1906

## J.N.S. 'Journal' to be Republished

A decision to publish a new edition of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith was made at a meeting of the Family Association officers held May 9 at the home of J. Fish Smith in Salt Lake City. Favorable responses to an announcement in the February issue of The Kinsman had indicated a substantial demand for new printing of the 510-page volume, which has been out of print for several years. These responses were based on an estimated cost of from \$10 to \$12 per copy.

Printing bids for a republication of the 1953 edition of the Journal by the photo-offset method on good quality paper showed that the book can be offered for \$10 per copy (\$10.50 postpaid) if a quantity of 500 is ordered. The new volume would include the following: Jesse N. Smith's account of his family background and early life from childhood in New York to his youth in Utah territory, 17 pages; his journal proper, covering his pioneering experiences in the West and missionary travels abroad from 1851 to 1906, 442 pages; tributes and eulogies, 6 pages; pedigree chart of Jesse N. Smith listing 19 generations back to King Edward I of England and some of the 99 generations back to Adam, 4 pages; and a detailed listing of his approximately 6,000 descendants, arranged by families, from 50 to 60 pages. The new edition will contain about 525 pages.

The seventeen chapters of the journal proper have been indexed by Newbern I. Butt, retired associate librarian and archivist of Brigham Young University. Hundreds of other pioneers and missionaries whom Jesse N. Smith met or worked with in Europe and the United States from 1851-1906 are mentioned in the pages of the journal, and it is regarded as a significant primary historical source for its span of half a century. It is particularly noteworthy for the objective comments and observations about his family members and associates, it was noted by Harold H. Smith, president of the J.N.S. Family Association.

The officers decided to launch the publication as soon as the following conditions are met: (1) receipt of approximately 200 paid orders; and (2) collection of the remainder of the genealogical data needed to revise the appendix listing of J.N.S. descendants. Order blanks to implement the first of these items are included on page 7 of this issue of The Kinsman; filling the second need is discussed below.

## Please Send in Genealogy Sheets!

In order to get this major publication project under way, the help of ALL J.N.S. family members is needed to gather current family group sheets from every married descendant and family. Parents with married children are requested to make sure that a sheet is submitted for each one of them. Families of Jesse N. Smith's sons and daughters who are deceased are requested to have a representative follow up to have sheets submitted by every grandson and granddaughter. (This has already been done by the family of Joseph W. Smith.) Mail the sheets to: M. W. Smith, 504 N. 4th East, Provo, Utah 84601.

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## REGIONAL CHAIRMAN APPOINTED FOR NEW SAN FRANCISCO BAY GROUP

Norman D. Smith, youngest son of L. Wickliffe Smith and a grandson of John Walter Smith (Emma W. family), was appointed this month as chairman of the newly-designated San Francisco Bay Area branch of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association. His address is 38435 Acacia, Fremont, Calif. 94536. All family descendants living in the Bay area are requested to send him their names and addresses so that plans may be made for the group to plan activities to become better acquainted and promote mutual interests.

## ROSTER OF CHAIRMEN OF REGIONAL BRANCHES

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Those living in these areas, or knowing of others who do, are invited to send their addresses to them. Organization of additional units is encouraged where sufficient family members are located. Those interested in getting such units together are invited to write to Nathaniel Aikens Smith, 2851 Loran Hts Drive, Salt Lake City, Ut. 84109.

## OFFICERS PLAN SUMMER MEETINGS

Harold H. Smith, president of the J.N.S. Family Association, is planning to be in Snowflake, Ariz. for the traditional Pioneer Day celebration there July 24 and hopes to meet the kinsmen of the northern Arizona area. Bess Rogers Ericksen is chairman of the Snowflake group and Pearl Jarvis Farr is chairman of the St. Johns group.

Members of the Salt Lake City group are planning to have a get-acquainted party at the home of Ellen Smith Haycock. The date of this gathering and others to be held in various areas should be sent to the Kinsman editor so that family members who may be visiting in the vicinity may be made aware of them.

The next meeting of the Family Association officers will be held on July 29 at the home of Harold H. Smith, in Heber City, Utah.

## CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

If you are going to have a new mailing address, please remember to send it in promptly to M. W. Smith, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, both the new and old address and ZIP codes so that future issues of The Kinsman will reach you without delay.

### J. FISH SMITH, 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

J. Fish Smith was born May 17, 1891 in Snowflake, Ariz., the second child and first son of Joseph W. and Della Fish Smith. His father, who was born in the Smith Memorial Home in Parowan, Utah, was one of the two children of Jesse N. and Margaret Fletcher West Smith.

After completing grade school and the three-year course at Snowflake Stake Academy, J. Fish saved money from farming and construction work to continue schooling at Brigham Young University, 1911-13, and University of Arizona, 1913-14. At Tucson he became the first manual training instructor at the Deaf and Dumb School then operated at the university. He entered Utah State Agricultural College in Logan in 1914, and received his B.S. degree in 1916. Then he returned to Snowflake to teach science and mathematics at the Academy, 1916-17.

In September, 1917 he entered the U.S. Army for service in World War I, and at Camp Funston, Kansas, he was made a non-commissioned officer. At the same camp later were his brother Albert and cousins H. Fred Bushman and Don Mac Dalton. After training in an engineering unit he was sent to France and served with the A.E.F. until the armistice of November 1918. He returned home with his unit in July 1919.

He returned to teaching as an instructor at St. Johns Academy, 1919-20, and in 1920-21 was the first teacher of Smith-Hughes vocational studies in Snowflake public schools. For the next seven years he was a teacher and superintendent at Marcus Consolidated School, St. David, Ariz., and in 1928-30 taught economics at Texas A&M College, where he also received the M.S. degree.

In 1930 he left his teaching career and bought a part interest in Everbest Products Inc., which had been started in Salt Lake City by H. Fred Bushman and Maeser Pack. In 1934 he left the corporation and formed the Cool Maid Co., later Fruzola, to market his own food confections. Factory headquarters were moved to St. Louis in 1952, and in 1961 the company name was changed to Sunline Inc.

In 1924 he married Lillian Fountain who was serving as a home economics teacher at St. David when he went there. She was born March 3, 1895 on a homestead near Alamosa, Colo. and received her B.S. degree from Colorado Agricultural College (now Colorado State University). They are the parents of five children: Anadel, wife of Dr. Karl L. Brown, nuclear physicist at Stanford University; Menlo F., president of Sunline Inc., St. Louis; Amy, wife of Dr. John E. Lawton, petroleum geologist in Denver; Erma, wife of Owen R. Smith, owner of Cascade Pools service firm in Castrol Valley, Calif.; and Shirley, wife of Carl V. Larson, electrical engineer with Varian Associates, Palo Alto, Calif. All five are university graduates. There are 17 grandchildren.

J. Fish has been active in the Salt Lake Kiwanis Club, the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the Utah Manufacturers Assn. At the 1968 convention of the National Candy Wholesalers Assn. in San Francisco he was honored as the Western Candy Pioneer of the Year.

Lillian also has been active in PTA, YWCA, and Presbyterian Church service at State and local levels for many years. In the past 15 years J. Fish and Lillian have taken a number of educational tours in various parts of the world.



J. FISH AND LILLIAN SMITH  
with "Western Candy Pioneer" trophy

ASAEI AND MARY DUTY SMITH (grandparents of Jesse N. Smith)

(Ed Note: The following is extracted from a 17-page history of Asael and Mary Duty Smith compiled by Luella Jones Downard in January 1969 for the Asael Smith Descendants organization. Details on additional material available from this group are given at the end of this item.)

Asael Smith, father of Silas Smith and paternal grandfather of Jesse N. Smith, was born on 7 March 1744 in Topsfield, Essex, Mass. He was the youngest child of Samuel Smith Jr. and Priscilla Gould, and had two sisters and two brothers. Asael was the common ancestor of four notable cousins, Jesse N. Smith, Joseph Smith the Mormon prophet, George A. Smith, and Elias Smith--all of whom were his grandsons.

Asael's father, Samuel, beside being a gentleman like his father, Samuel Sr., was also a captain in the militia. Asael's great-grandfather was Robert Smith, the first member of the Smith line to emigrate to America, coming to Boston from England as a youth in the middle of the 17th century.

One year Samuel Jr. was a grand-juryman and another year supervisor of roads; for five years he served on the Committee of Public Safety and eight years as assessor and selectman; twice he was a delegate to the Provincial Congress at Concord. For eight years, although not consecutively, he represented the Topsfield District in what we would now call the House of Representatives.

Zaccheus Gould, Asael's maternal grandfather, was an outspoken man who insisted on his civil and religious rights at all hazards, and continued to "entertain Quakers" in the face of a prohibition by the authorities. He had extensive land holdings in Topsfield.

Asael's mother, Priscilla Gould, daughter of Zaccheus Gould and Elizabeth Curtis, died 25 Sep. 1744. Asael was reared by a stepmother, Priscilla, who was a daughter of Joseph Gould and Priscilla Perkins and thus a cousin to his mother. Samuel Jr. married the second Priscilla 8 Oct. 1745; she had no children of her own but reared the five who were left motherless the year before.

At the age of 22 Asael married Mary Duty on 12 Feb. 1767 in the home of her parents, Moses Duty and Mary Palmer, in Windham, N.H. He took her home in Topsfield where a pew in the church was assigned to him "in the southbound pew in the west gallery." (History of Topsfield by Geo. F. Dow) They lived in "a house built in 1690, within a few rods of a brook and near a sawmill." Here were born the first three of their eleven children.

The children and their birthdates were: Jesse, 1768; Priscilla, 1769; Joseph (Sr.), 1771; Asahel, 1773; Mary, 1775; Samuel, 1777; Silas, 1779; John, 1781; Susanna, 1783; Stephen; 1785; and Sarah, 1789.

Physically, Asael Smith is said to have been a powerfully-built man, capable of handling two men of average size with little difficulty. He was very positive in his views and his ways of expressing himself. Although he did not belong to any religious organization, he allowed some of his children to be baptized into the Congregational Society. He was religious by nature, however, with a learning to Universalism, a faith which was being preached effectively in New England towns by John Murray, an English divine, just before and after the Revolution. Asael's reason for keeping aloof from the churches, as quoted in the Topsfield record, was that he "could not reconcile the teachings of the denominations with scripture and reason".

Among his neighbors Asael was sometimes referred to as "crooked-necked Smith", because he walked with his head a little to one side. Early in life his neck was burned, and as a result the cords on one side had shrunk somewhat. This name was particularly applied by his detractors. Nehemiah Cleveland, speaking at the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Topsfield, said of Asael: "He was so free in his opinions of religious subjects that some regarded his sentiments as more distorted than his neck." (Topsfield Historical Collection, 1902) Fortunately, some of his writings have been preserved so that others may judge the worth of his opinions, regardless of whether they coincided with the popular views of his time.

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Asael was somewhat gifted with the pen and did considerable writing in his day. He was affable in manner and possessed a quaint and genial humor and a fund of anecdote. While living in Topsfield he thus expressed to the Selectmen the amount and nature of his taxable property:

"I have two polls, though one is poor, I have three cows and want five more; I have no horse, but fifteen sheep; no more than these this year I keep. Steers that's two years old, one pair; two calves I have, all over hair; Three heffers two years old, I own; one heffer calf that's poorly grone. My land is acres eight-two, which--search the Record--youle find true. And this is all I have in store; I'll thank you if youle tax no more."

In about the year 1772 Asael and Mary took up residence in the ancestral home of her parents at Windham, N.H. From there they moved to Dunbarton and later to Derryfield, now the city of Manchester, N.H. It was there that the five youngest children of the family, including Silas, was born.

Although Asael was not living in Topsfield when the celebrated "Boston Tea Party" occurred in the colony on 16 Dec. 1773, his father Samuel was chosen as one of three delegates from Topsfield (along with Enos Knight and John Gould) to attend a congress at Ipswich on 6 Sep. 1774 to support the action of Boston "in resisting the importation of tea with a tax on it."

While living in Windham or a neighboring town, Asael gave service in the Revolutionary War, enlisting in July 1776 under Capt. John Nesmith in Col. Joshua Wingate's regiment of New Hampshire troops. They were mustered for Canadian border service, and marched to join the northern armies under Thornton and Bartlett. (New Hampshire Revolutionary Rolls, 1:342, 349)

Asael's name appeared later in the tax lists of Derryfield, N.H. In September 1779 he was elected town clerk there and served for over six years. It was on 1 Oct. 1779 that Silas, their sixth child, was born to Asael and Mary in Derryfield, Willsborough County.

After the death of his father at the age of 71 on 14 Nov. 1785, Asael returned to Topsfield to make his home on the paternal estate. He lived in the old home about one mile north of the town, but eventually was forced to sell the farm in order to pay off his father's debts and provide for his aged stepmother. He then rented a dairy farm in Ipswich and moved his family there in the spring of 1791. After setting the farm in order and "giving his boys to understand what they must do," he took a journey with his eldest son, Jesse, into the new state of Vermont to seek a place to locate his family.

In Vermont he bought 183 acres of land at \$1 per acre, of which he gave 50 acres to Jesse, who was about to be married, and returned to Ipswich. Jesse and Joseph, the next oldest son, returned to Vermont to clear some of the land for farming and to prepare for the family to move there the next spring. Asael's move was delayed until October, however, and the journey of 140 miles over bad roads required 14 days. They settled in a little cabin on their land some distance from Tunbridge, Vt.

As the sons and daughters married during the 1790s, many of them settled close to their parents. Jesse, the eldest, was nearby, and Joseph took his bride, Lucy Mack, to Royalton and later to Sharon. Young Asael lived at Royalton.

Still another pioneering try took Asael and Mary into new country in a final move in 1809. With their sons Jesse, Asahel, Silas and their families they moved to the tiny settlement of Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., 12 miles northeast of Potsdam where the youngest married son, John, made his home. This area joined the St. Lawrence River, which divided the state from Canada. Here the young families were reared under many difficult times, which included threatened attack from Indians and British troops during the war of 1812-14.

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## NEWS OF KINSFOLK HERE AND THERE

Robert B. Anderson (s. Bessie S. and Owen B.) was awarded the Silver Beaver for outstanding service to youth in a recent awards ceremony by the Utah National Parks Council, Boy Scouts of America. Robert and his wife, Fern, live in Pleasant Grove, Utah and have six children.

Own and Bessie Anderson, who live in Spring City, are ordained workers at the Manti Temple on Thursday and Friday evenings and enjoy meeting family members there.

Kenneth L. Monson (s. Mary S. Monson, gs. Joseph W. Smith) writes from Denver: "I always enjoy the news of the family. For those such as I who have very little contact with family members The Kinsman serves a doubly important purpose. I have one suggestion--publish dates of reunions or other gatherings as far in advance as possible so that some of us can better plan our affairs to be in attendance. Reunions are very good for getting acquainted. As a great-grandson there are many whom I do not know but with whom I would like to become acquainted." (25 Wadsworth Blvd., 80226)

One of the fine groups in the J.N.S. ranks is the family of Harry G. and Sarah (Sadie) Greaves of Salt Lake City. Sadie is the eldest daughter of John Walter Smith, son of Jesse N. and Emma West Smith. Cleah, their eldest daughter, is married to Parker Chipman, a teacher at Kearns High School, and they have ten children. George Greaves was a pilot in World War II and lost his life ferrying aircraft to Alaska. Ann, who teaches at Farnsworth Elementary school in the Salt Lake area, is married to Don Snow, basketball coach at Granger High. They have five children.

Theodore and his wife May live in the same ward as his parents, and he teaches at Olympus Jr. High. Lois lives at home and the youngest son, Eldon, and wife, Ruth live in Salem, Ore.

ASAEL AND MARY DUTY SMITH (continued from page 5)

Meanwhile Joseph Smith Sr. and his family had moved from Vermont to the vicinity of Palmyra, N.Y., and in the fall of 1828 Asael received a letter from his son which stated that Joseph Smith Jr. had received some remarkable visions. In August, 1830, Joseph Sr. and his youngest son, Don Carlos, went to Stockholm to visit his father and brothers and sisters living in the area, and to take them some copies of the Book of Mormon which had just been published. In spite of the opposition of Jesse, his elder brother, Joseph visited Asael at the home of Silas with whom he was then living, and gave him the message of the restored gospel. Asael received it with gladness, and after his son's departure read much of the Book of Mormon which was left in the home. He died 31 Oct. 1830 at the age of 86.

Asael's son John and family embraced the gospel and migrated to Ohio in 1833. Two years later Asahel Jr. and Silas were baptized into the church by their newpew, Hyrum, and in the spring of 1836 they took their families and aged mother and moved also to Kirtland to join the main body of the Latter-day Saints.

Mary Smith expressed a desire to be baptized, but because of her infirmity this was not done. She died in Kirtland 27 May 1836, and was buried in a little graveyard adjoining the Kirtland Temple (which had been dedicated two months earlier) at the age of 92.

## NOTE:

An invitation to join the Asael Smith Descendants is extended to all J.N.S. members by David H. Horne, President, 2229 Laird Way, Salt Lake City, Ut 84108. Annual dues of \$5 will be accepted by Agnes Howard, Secretary, 9 E. 4th North, Salt Lake City 84103, and include copies of the 18-page research report from which the foregoing material on the life of Asael Smith was drawn. --M. W. Smith

NEXT HISTORICAL FEATURE

Additional material on the life of Silas Smith, father of Jesse N. Smith, and on the lives of the other sons of Asael Smith will be published in forthcoming issues on The Kinsman.

JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSN. ENROLLMENT FORM  
(Please disregard if you have already enrolled for 1969)

M.W. Smith, Treasurer: Enclosed is \$5 for which please enroll the following in the J.N.S. Family Assn. and send the Kinsman each month during 1969.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ J.N.S. son/dau. from whom descended:  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

NEWLY-WEDS' ENROLLMENT FORM (for those married since 1 July 1968)

M.W. Smith: Please enter a 1969 gift membership in the JNS Family Assn. for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Grandparent \_\_\_\_\_  
Where married \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please attach Family Group Sheet for this couple.

J.N.S. JOURNAL ORDER FORM

To: M.W. Smith, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, Ut 84601

I enclose the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the new clothbound edition of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith, including pedigree chart and updated posterity list. (Price \$10 each; \$10.50 postpaid; for delivery upon completion of printing & binding.)

I enclose the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the paperbound edition of the updated Posterity of Jesse N. Smith, approx. 50 pages. (Price \$2.75; \$3.00 postpaid.)

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THANKS FOR WRITING, FOLKS!

M.W. Smith, family treasurer, expresses appreciation for the notes and letters sent with their membership renewals from the following who have not been acknowledged previously in these pages:

Virginia B. Acheson, San Diego; Merl Farr, Holbrook, Ariz.; Augusta Flake, San Carlos, Ariz.; Gerda H. Flake and Walt and Arzella Gylling, Mesa, Ariz.; Rudger G. Smith, Phoenix; Ralph and Beth Smith Stewart, Los Angeles; Wilbur D. and Ara Jean Avery Hiatt, Mt. Airy, N.C.; (others too!) Marguerite B. Babcock, Pocatello, Ida.; Max & Norene Miller Macfarlane, Boise, Ida. (Others, too!)

REMEMBER THE NEWLYWEDS!

Parents of young people getting married are reminded to fill out one of the forms on the reverse side of this sheet and send it to M.W. Smith so that the Association can provide a gift of a year's membership, including a subscription to The Kinsman. We are asking that a new family group sheet, listing the newly-wed and spouse, be sent along also to get them entered properly in our family records. (This will insure that they are included in the updated posterity list to be published in connection with the Journal of Jesse N. Smith republication as described on the first page of this issue.

Come to think of it, a copy of the new edition of the Journal would be a most appropriate gift for every young couple which does not have one. These can be ordered by using the slips on the reverse side.

We'll publish next month another list of newlyweds whose names have come in since the April issue.

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