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JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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## 'Let's Find Out Who We Are'

The theme of this number of The Kinsman and the current need of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association may be summarized as: "Let us find out who we are." There seems to be a lack of communication, not between generations as such, but between members of the same generations and of the same age groups.

Under the able and dedicated guidance of M.W. Smith and others mentioned below, the family association is engaged in updating the vital statistics of the family on a scale not equalled in the past 16 years. This is important for the republication of the Jesse N. Smith Journal and also to provide another look at the family as a whole and a new look by family members at each other.

This effort will open the way through identifying hundreds of young relatives 16 years of age and under (who were not included in the 1953 listing) to give significant information about who we are. Every family and every person who will compile, record, and send in this vital information will find a new pride in themselves and a new interest in their family identity.

We have appointed a representative of each of the five branches of the J.N.S. family to coordinate the collection of the up-to-date genealogical information so that it will be complete. All parents and married couples are requested to respond promptly so that the names and dates needed may be accurately tabulated before the printer's deadline in September. As we noted last month, this has already been done by the families of Joseph W. Smith, and we trust that all of the other family groups will push ahead rapidly to complete their collection of family group sheets as well.

Group sheets may be mailed either to one of the chairmen listed below, or to M.W. Smith, 504 N. 4th East, Provo, Utah, who is assembling the combined posterity list.

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## 'Journal' Orders Needed Now

At the same time that genealogical information is being gathered for the republication of the Jesse N. Smith Journal and Posterity List, advance orders are being received so that contracts may be made to print the numbers needed. All those who answered the survey in February to indicate they desired copies are requested now to send their remittances. Prices are \$10.50 for the 550-page Journal including the Posterity List, and \$3.00 for the Posterity List alone, postpaid. (An order form was supplied in the May Kinsman.) Checks should be sent to M.W. Smith, payable to Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. Except for those in the Salt Lake area who wish to pick up their books in person, or those elsewhere ordering 10 or more, we recommend making orders postpaid.

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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.

HISTORIAN APPOINTED

In accordance with the pattern of organization of the J.N.S. Family Association, Augusta Flake of Snowflake has been appointed family historian. She is the eldest daughter of Martha Amelia (Mattie) Flake, and a granddaughter of Jesse N. Smith and Augusta Maria Outzen. She has long served the community of Snowflake and the J.N.S. family as well in assembling and preserving historical materials.

VISITING THE SMITH MEMORIAL HOMES IN PAROWAN AND SNOWFLAKE

Family members are invited to visit the restored pioneer home of Jesse N. Smith in Parowan when traveling in Utah. The key may be obtained from John H. Pendleton, 310 W. 1st North, a grandson of Dr. C.C. Pendleton, close friend of Jesse N. Smith who partook of the first meal in the home on 1 Jan. 1858. The home is located one-half block west of Parowan's Main Street, facing north toward the town square which contains the pioneer rock meeting house that was erected in 1866.

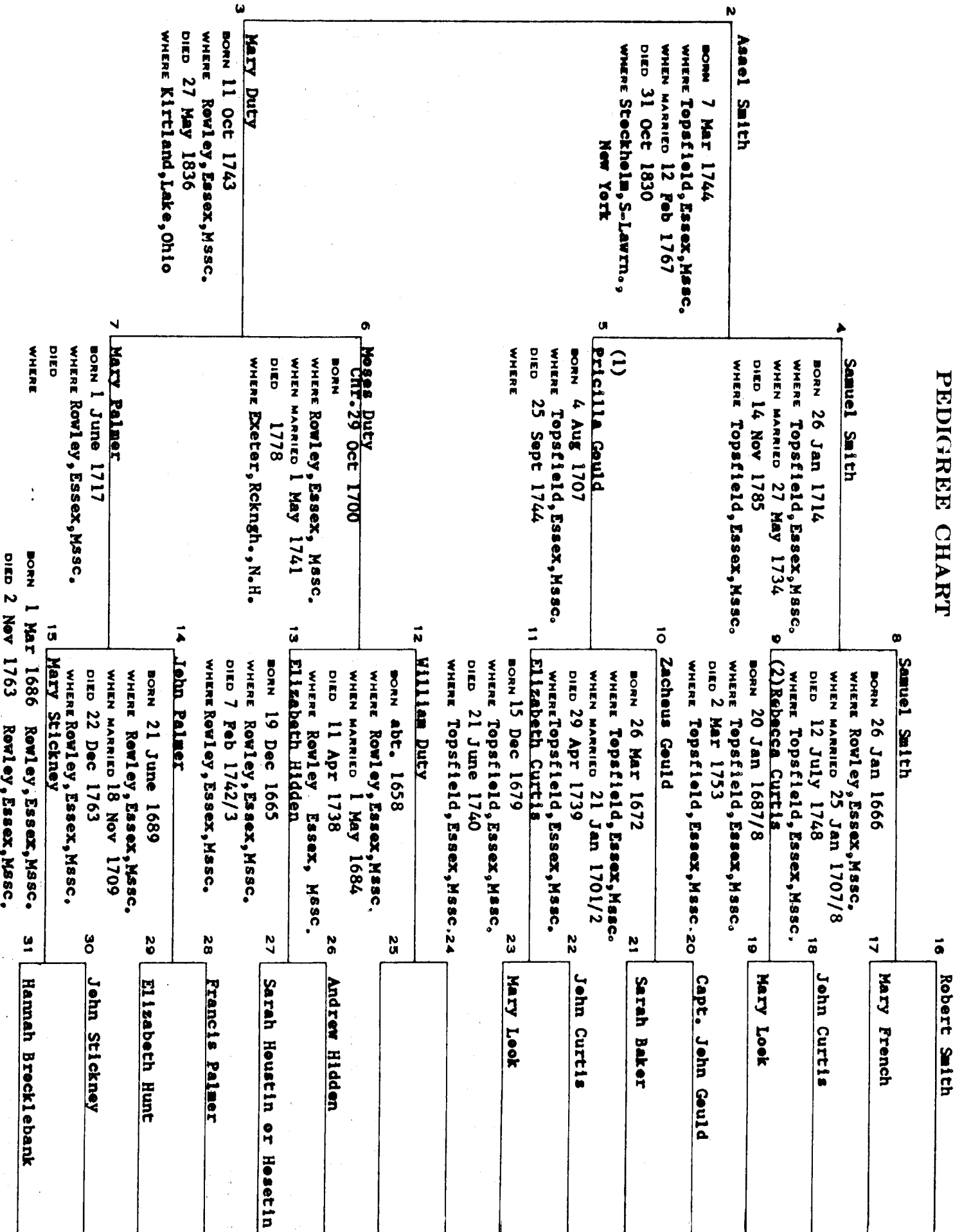
A similar invitation is extended to all to visit the restored brick home of the family founder in Snowflake, Ariz., where guide service is provided by members of the Snowflake Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers. This home is notable for its interesting collection of period furniture, clothing, fancy handwork, pictures, and other historical items. Aunt Lorana, who lives next door, is one of the charming hostesses for the DUP.

SMITH FAMILY CHARTS REPRINTED

On page 3 of this issue is reproduced a chart of the pedigree of Silas Smith, father of Jesse N. Smith. (As he was a younger brother of Joseph Smith Sr. this chart also represents the paternal pedigree of Joseph Smith the prophet.) On page 4 is reproduced the listing of wives and children of Jesse N. Smith prepared last year by M. W. Smith, family treasurer. He will be an official representative of the family at the World Conference on Records and Genealogy Seminar Aug. 5-8.

ANCESTRY OF SILAS SMITH (I) (father of Jesse N. Smith) b. 1 Oct 1779, Derryfield, N.H.

PEDIGREE CHART



JESSE NATHANIEL SMITH, his wives, their 44 children, and spouses

<u>EMMA SERAPHINE WEST</u>	<u>MARGARET FLETCHER WEST</u>	<u>JANET MAURETTA JOHNSON</u>	<u>AUGUSTA MARIA OUTZEN</u>	<u>EMMA LARSON</u>
1 Zechariah B. Decker Emma Seraphine	1 Joseph Fish Adelaide Margaret	1 Heber Jarvis Susan Janet	1 Wm David Rencher Georganna Bathsheba	1 Hyrum June A. Bushman
2 John R. Hulet Mary Josephine	2 *Ellen Mauretta Homer Bushman	2 *Ellen Mauretta Homer Bushman	2 John R. Hulet Augusta Gerhardina	2 Norman Brimhall Caroline
3 John C. Dalton Hannah Daphne	3 Sarah Anna *Agnes Maud	3 Sarah Anna *Agnes Maud	3 Robert Christian Sarah Jane Tenney	3 Don Carlos Nellie J. Hansen
4 Smith D. Rogers Eliza Snow	4 Charles H. Ballard Julia Johnson	4 Charles H. Ballard Julia Johnson	4 James M. Flake Martha Amelia	4 Hyrum Broadbent Lorana
5 Jesse Nathaniel Jr. Mary Ann Mitchell Nancy Ann Freeman	5 Jesse Moroni Smith Priscilla	5 Jesse Moroni Smith Priscilla	5 Asahel Henry Pauline Udall	5 Lehi Larson Drucilla McKay
6 John R. Hulet Sarah Elizabeth	6 James H. Frost Editha	6 James H. Frost Editha	6 Preston A. Bushman Anna	6 George Albert Phosia Humphries
7 Silas Derryfield Ellen Johanna Larson Maria Elizabeth Bushman	7 Wm Howard Shumway Lucy	7 Wm Howard Shumway Lucy	7 Andrew L. Rogers Jr. Rebecca	7 Aikens Margaret DeWitt Emma May Hansen
8 John Walter Lois Evelyn Bushman	8 Nephi Jensen Margaret Fife	8 Nephi Jensen Margaret Fife	8 Melvin J. Benson Jr. Rachel	8 John R. Blocker Myrtle
9 Samuel Francis Lulu Jane Hatch	9 Wilson A. Shumway Ruth	9 Wilson A. Shumway Ruth	9 *Sophronia David Ernest Farr Natalia	9 M. Foss Cowley Cleona Olsen
	10 Clarence Shumway Esther	10 Clarence Shumway Esther	10 David Ernest Farr Natalia	
	11 Elias Ernestine Hansen	11 Elias Ernestine Hansen	11 *Millie	
	12 John H. Udall Leah	12 John H. Udall Leah		
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NOTES: Those marked with asterisk (\*) died in infancy or before marriage. Those underlined are living.

HOW THE GOSPEL REACHED THE FAMILY OF ASAEI AND MARY DUTY SMITH

Ed. Note: The following is a sequel to our feature last month on the lives of Asael and Mary Duth Smith, paternal grandparents of Jesse N. Smith.

When Joseph Smith Jr. completed the translation of the Book of Mormon in 1829 and organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints a year later, some of the first to hear the message of the restored gospel were his kinfolk in the family of his paternal grandparents, Asael and Mary Duty Smith. Their acceptance of it, however, was delayed for a time and for some of them thwarted by the strong opposition of Jesse Smith, Asael's eldest son. Descendants of four other sons of Asael, however--including those of Joseph Smith Sr.--cast their lot with the Latter-day Saints and in succeeding decades were to make significant contributions to its leadership.

Asael and Mary Smith reared a family of seven sons and four daughters, born between 1768 and 1789 in Topsfield, Mass. and Windham and Derryfield, N.H. With Biblical names which reflected their parents' Puritan background, the sons were Jesse, Joseph Sr., Asael Jr., Samuel, Silas, John, and Stephen; and the daughters Priscilla, Mary, Susanna, and Sarah. In 1796 they moved to a pioneer settlement in Vermont, and there most of the sons and daughters married and began their own families. In 1809, however, when he was 65, Asael took his wife, one unmarried daughter, and five sons and their families to another frontier area along the St. Lawrence River in northern New York. Joseph Sr. and his family left Vermont some five years later and settled near Palmyra, N.Y., nearly 200 miles to the southwest.

After Joseph Jr. received his visions and began the translation of the Book of Mormon, his father wrote to Asael with the startling news of these religious experiences. The grandfather, then 84, said "he always knew that God was going to raise up some branch of his family to be a great benefit to mankind." (Memoirs of George A. Smith)

In August, 1830, Joseph Sr. and his youngest son, Don Carlos, made a journey to visit their kinsmen in northern New York and to take them some copies of the newly-published Book of Mormon. Their first stop was at Potsdam at the home of John, who at 49 was then the youngest of the five living sons of Asael. The following account of the visits is from the journal of John Smith as quoted in Lucy Mack Smith's History of Joseph Smith, pp. 172-176:

"The next morning after brother Joseph arrived, we set out together for Stockholm to see our father. He was living at that place with our brother Silas. We arrived about dark at the house of my brother Jesse, who was absent with his wife. The children informed us that their parents were with our father, who was supposed to be dying. We hastened without delay to the house of brother Silas, and upon arriving there were told that father was just recovering from a severe fit, and as it was not considered advisable to let him or Mother know that Joseph was there, we went to spend the night with brother Jesse.

"As soon as we were settled, brothers Jesse and Joseph entered into conversation respecting their families. Joseph briefly related the history of his family, the death of Alvin (his second son), etc. He then began to speak of the discovery and translation of the Book of Mormon. At this Jesse grew very angry, and exclaimed, 'If you say another word about that Book of Mormon, you shall not stay a minute longer in my house, and if I can't get you out any other way, I will hew you down with my broadaxe!'

"We had always been accustomed to being treated with much harshness by our brother, but he had never carried it to so great an extent before. However, we spent the night with him, and the next morning visited our aged parents. They were overjoyed to see Joseph, for he had been absent from them so long that they had been fearful of never beholding his face in the flesh. After the usual salutations, inquiries, and explanations, the subject of the Book of Mormon was introduced. Father received with gladness that which Joseph communicated, and remarked that he always expected that something

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would appear to make known the true gospel.

"In a few moments brother Jesse came in, and on hearing that the subject of our conversation was the Book of Mormon, his wrath rose as high as it did the night before. 'My father's mind,' said Jesse, 'is weak; and I will not have it corrupted with such blasphemous stuff, so just shut your head.'

"Brother Joseph reasoned mildly with him, but to no purpose. Brother Silas then said, 'Jesse, our brother has come to make us a visit, and I am glad to see him, and am willing he should talk as he pleases in my house.' Jesse replied in so insulting a manner, and continued to talk so abusively, that Silas was under necessity of requesting him to leave the house. After this, brother Joseph proceeded in conversation, and father seemed to be pleased with every word which he said. But I must confess that I was too pious at that time to believe one word of it.

"I returned home next day, leaving Joseph with my father, soon after which Jesse came to my house and informed me that all my brothers were coming to make me a visit. 'And as true as you live,' he said, 'they all believe that cursed Mormon book, every word of it, and they are setting a trap for you to make you believe it.'

"I thanked him for taking so much trouble upon himself to inform me that my brothers were coming to see me, but told him that I considered myself amply able to judge for myself in matters of religion. 'I know,' he replied, 'that you are a pretty good judge of such things, but I tell you that they are as wily as the devil. And I want you to go with me and see our sister Susan and sister-in-law Fanny (widow of Samuel who had died six months before) and we will bar their minds against Joseph's influence.'

"We accordingly visited them and conversed upon the subject as we thought proper, and requested them to be at my house the next day.

"My brothers arrived according to previous arrangement, and Jesse, who came also, was very careful to hear every word which passed among us, and would not allow one word to be said about the Book of Mormon in his presence. They (Joseph Sr., Asael Jr., and Silas) agreed that night to visit our sisters the following day, and as we were about leaving, brother Asael took me aside and said, "No, John, I want you to have some conversation with Joseph, but if you do you must cheat it out of Jesse. And if you wish, I can work the card for you.' I told him that I would be glad to have a talk with Joseph alone if I could get an opportunity.

"'Well,' replied Asael, 'I will take a certain number in my carriage, and Silas will take the rest, and you may bring a horse for Joseph to ride, but when we are out of sight take the horse back to the stable again and keep Joseph overnight.' I did as Asael advised and that evening Joseph explained to me the principles of Mormonism, the truth of which I have never since denied.

"The next morning we (Joseph and I) went to our sisters, where we met our brothers. Jesse censured me very sharply for keeping Joseph overnight. In the evening, when we were about to separate, I agreed to take Joseph in my wagon twenty miles on his journey the next day. Jesse rode home with me that evening, leaving Joseph with our sisters. As Joseph did not expect to see Jesse again, when we were about starting Joseph gave Jesse his hand in a pleasant, affectionate manner, and said, 'Farewell, brother Jesse.' 'Farewell, Joe, forever,' replied Jesse in a surly manner. 'I am afraid,' returned Joseph, in a kind but solemn manner, 'it will be forever, unless you repent.'

"This was too much for even Jesse's obdurate heart. He melted into tears; however he made no reply, nor ever mentioned the circumstance afterwards.

"I took my brother twenty miles on his journey the next day, as I had agreed. Before he left me, he requested me to promise him that I would read a Book of Mormon, which he had given me, and even should I not believe it, that I would not condemn it. "For," said he, 'if you do not condemn it you shall have a testimony of its truth.' I fulfilled my promise, and thus proved his testimony to be true."

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ADDITIONAL FEATURE NEXT ISSUE

A further account of the conversion of Silas Smith, his brothers, and their families and their experiences with the Latter-day Saints in Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois will be presented in the July issue. --O.R.S.

## NEWS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD

CALIFORNIA--Francis E. Broadbent (s. Lorana) and wife Pauline and family left this month for the Philippines where he will spend the next year directing research on rice culture for the Rockefeller Foundation. He will be on leave from his post as professor of agronomy at University of California at Davis.

WASHINGTON--Ethel S. Randall and Seraphine S. Frost (daughters of Silas D.) planned June visits in the northwest with their brother-in-law and sister, Al and Mae S. Pilon at Lopez Is., Wn., and niece Bonnie Lyon Kaufman (d. of Ellen) and husband Derek at Seattle. At Portland, Ore. they'll visit Al and Ann Barton (s. Floyd and Willa, gs. Seraphine). Earlier they visited their youngest sister, Ellen S. Haycock, and husband Obed in Salt Lake City, and Ethel's granddaughter, Ethel Lynn Barker (d. Harry Randall).

SALT LAKE CITY--Obed C. Haycock (h. Ellen S.) will retire July 1 after 43 years on the faculty of engineering at University of Utah, and 21 years as the director of research on the upper atmosphere. His laboratory has participated in the launching of 149 rockets and 21 satellites to investigate such phenomena as the aurora borealis, polar blackout of radio waves, the ionosphere's effects on solar eclipses and atomic explosions.

SYRACUSE, N.Y.--John Green and Karen Broadbent (d. H. Smith) are parents of a daughter, Erin, born here on 9 June. She is the first grandchild for Smith and Katherine Broadbent, and the grandmother is visiting to help care for the new arrival. John is a graduate assistant in humanities studying for his Ph.D.

MESA, ARIZ.--Melvin D. Rogers, director of the LDS Institute of Religion at Mesa College, was the baccalaureate speaker at Mesa High School on June 1. He is a son of Noble and Louie Flake Rogers, and grandson of Eliza S. and Smith D. Rogers.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA--Elder Melvin Reuel Smith is serving here in the Central American Mission (address: Apartado 1241). He is a son of Melvin Smith, 245 W. Maple, Shelley, Ida., and a grandson of Elias.

KIRTLAND, N.M.--Fern S. Mason (d. Esther S. Shumway) writes: "Here are the the family group sheets for all my family members. Here in the San Juan Basin we are quite isolated but there are descendants from four of the five grandmothers in the J.N.S. family. It's always good to see them and to exchange greetings. The Kinsman is always welcome--like a bit of home."

LOGAN, UTAH--Dr. George Ellsworth (h. Maria S.) has been appointed associate editor of the Western Historical Quarterly, professional journal in the field of western history. In view of his new post he has been relieved of duties as head of the department of history at Utah State University.

SNOWFLAKE, ARIZ.--Eight descendants of the J.N.S. family were in the graduating class from Snowflake Union High School this month. They and their parents and grandparents are: Lanee Flake--Glen, Eugene, Martha; Martha Pace--Tessie, Retta, Emma, Eliza; Elynn Peterson--Imogene, Eugene Flake, Martha; Stanley Rogers--Spencer, Rebecca; Dany Seymour--Buena, Ione, Eliza; Anell Smith--Theodore, Elias; Edson Webb--Varena, Silas L. Fish, Adelaide; Janet Webb--Luella Ballard, Julia.

PROVO, UTAH--J.N.S. descendants received six bachelors's and one master's degree at Brigham Young University spring commencement:

Robert W. Bushman (s. Garland, gs. Anna) Albuquerque, N.M.

James Willis Ericksen (s. Bessie, gs. Leonora, ggs. Joseph W.) Snowflake, Az.

Gordon Keith Gilchrist (s. Mary B., gs. Sariah) Quincy, Wash.

Sara Nancy Hiatt (d. Ara Jean, gd. Sadie Avery, ggd. Dena) Mt. Airy, N.C.

Sally Broadbent Palmer (d. Francis, gd. Lorana) Davis, Calif.

Robert M. Smith (s. Marvin E., gs. Hyrum) Salt Lake City, Utah

(M.S.) Joseph F. Boone (s. Ruth, ggs. Martha S. Flake) Jacksonville, Fla.

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.

## WEDDING CONGRATUALTIONS!

The following marriages of family members since 1 July 1968 have been reported since the April issue. Each has been awarded a 1969 membership in the family association, including regular mailing of The Kinsman. Together with the 17 reported earlier, this brings to 25 the total reported for the past 12 months.

- 20 Aug 68--Reed C. Swain (s. Felice K. Swain, gs. Alice S. Kartchner, ggs. Joseph W.) and Carolyn Ross; 80 S. 900 E., Provo, Utah 84601
- 14 Sep 68--W. Flake Fairbourn (s. Fern F., gs. Martha S. Flake) and Ann Bronson; (parents at Ft. Collins, Colo. 80521)
- 27 Dec 68--George Flake Boone (s. Ruth F. Boone, gs. Martha S. Flake) and Connie Lee Rupp; 860 Columbia Lane, Provo, Utah 84601
- 3 Feb 69--Janice Solomon (d. Gertrude S., gd. Ruth S. Shumway) and Lin Lester; 7157 Stewart & Gray Rd, # 12, Downey, Calif. 90241
- 31 May 69--Bonnie June Harker (d. June S., gd. Hyrum) and Daryl J. Duffin; 125 N. 8th W., Provo, Utah 84601 (parents at Rt. 1, Shelley, Ida.)
- 9 June 69--Jeanette Avery (d. Chadwick F., gd. Sadie H. Avery, ggd. Gerhardina S. Hulet) and Jack O. Marsh; Salt Lake City, Utah
- 18 Jun 69--Steven Lynn Webb (s. Luella B., gs. Julia S. Ballard) and Rita Julander; (parents at P.O. Box 157, Snowflake, Ariz. 85937)
- 27 June 69--Hyrum Flake Boone (s. Ruth F., gs. Martha S. Flake) and Sherry Lynn Rupp (sister of Connie Lee); 860 Columbia Lane, Provo, Ut 84601

NEWLYWEDS: Please tell us promptly of any address changes so that the Kinsman may continue to reach you. Also please send in a new Family Group Sheet on yourselves.

PARENTS AND OTHERS: If you know of any other J.N.S. descendants who have married in the past year but have not been listed, please send full information to M.W. Smith. Those married after June 30, 1969 will receive membership for 1969 and 1970.

CORRECTION NOTE: On page 3 of the May Kinsman the birthplace of Joseph W. Smith, father of J. Fish Smith, should be listed as Minersville instead of Parowan. --Ed.

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