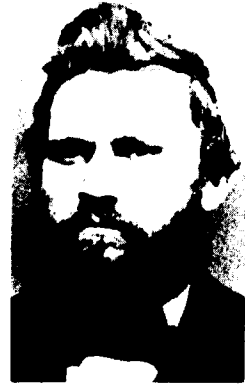


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THOUGHTS ON THE "GENERATION GAP" By Harold H. Smith

Nearly the whole of my adult life has been spent with young people and in developing plans and programs for and with them. Now I have become aware that my age makes me more than just "mature", and aware that hundreds of members of the Jesse N. Smith Family--including my own four children--have newer, broader, and more enlightened backgrounds and experiences than mine. Accordingly we can hardly be expected to think alike, and certainly we cannot act alike.

It is not surprising that with the better schools we have been blessed to provide, with the better means of travel and communication which are here, and with the ever better programs for development and training in the Church, our children are better people than their parents. The fact is that every parent I know in the Smith family, and nearly every parent I know anywhere, has dedicated his life to making greater opportunities for his children, and thereby developing a greater generation. We'd all be sadly disappointed if there had been no success.

The history of Jesse N. Smith, as the history of his ancestors and of his descendants, has been filled with experiences of change--often very great change--in physical, emotional, and spiritual environment. He and they have generally survived the changes and have come through them bigger and better.

Although very different in nature, the changes which face the younger generation today could hardly be more startling than those wrought through the restoration of the Gospel and the resulting experiences and problems that came to our progenitors. I sincerely believe that our young people can grow despite even the violence of our changing world, and I honestly expect them to be and to produce a posterity which is better and better and better.



Harold H. Smith

SCHEDULE OF JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS IN MESA

- Nov. 22 5 p.m. Hayride and chuckwagon supper prepared by Waldo DeWitt for young kinsmen. Location: DeWitt Station, North Alma School Road at river bottom.
- Dec. 2 Evening chapel service honoring 135th birthday anniversary of Jesse N. Smith. Family members are invited to attend sessions at the Arizona Temple or other temples in their home areas.
- Dec. 6 Annual Meeting, Mesa 3rd-23rd Ward, 234 W. 10th Ave.
 - 5 p.m. Committee meetings
 - 6 p.m. Pot-luck dinner for all
 - 7 p.m. Business meeting for adults; games and cartoon movies for youth and children
 - 8 p.m. Entertainment program

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FAMILY SEEKS PRESERVATION OF THE PAPERS OF JESSE N. SMITH

At a meeting held on Nov. 3 at the home of M.W. Smith in Provo, officers of the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. unanimously endorsed a suggestion that efforts be made to gather together all available papers of Jesse N. Smith for deposit as a historical collection in an appropriate library. The papers would include such material as letters, business records, church certificates, diaries, and other printed or written material pertaining to his career.

When papers of this kind become scattered among descendants, it was pointed out, they tend to become forgotten or inaccessible to many members of the family. They also may be subject to accidental loss or damage or to destruction by fire.

When collected and deposited in a library, however, the records are safeguarded from loss and can be preserved for future generations in an accessible location. They are available for reference by historical scholars, and facsimile copies can also be obtained to be retained by family members who desire them.

Harold H. Smith, president, and other officers of the association hope to confer in the near future with Uncle Hyrum Smith, Aunt Lorana Broadbent, Aunt Natalia Farr, and other members of the family in order to seek their counsel and assistance with regard to this significant undertaking. All family members are invited to express themselves on the project by writing to one of the officers whose addresses are listed above.

This month a special collection of diaries dealing with the early settlements on the Little Colorado River in Arizona were deposited at the Brigham Young University Library by the family of Frihoff G. Nielson, a pioneer of 1876 at Sunset. In its Newsletter announcing the event the library called the collection "a historian's dream."

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