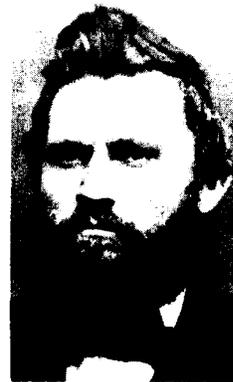


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HYRUM SMITH--A FAMILY 'PATRIARCH'

(This is the first of a series of sketches which will be published monthly in The Kinsman about the living sons and daughters of Jesse N. Smith, and the living sons and daughters-in-law. Our first subject is the eldest living son.)

The pioneer community of Snowflake, Ariz. was only four years old when the first child was born to Jesse N. Smith and Emma Larson, whom he took as his fifth wife a year earlier. In his journal for 1882 he recorded: "Dec. 15. (Fri.) My wife Emma Larson gave birth to my eighth son and twenty-sixth child at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 24. I blessed him and named him Hyrum." (J.N.S. Journal, p. 267)

Two years later Jesse N. was to take a difficult journey to Mexico at the direction of the Church apostles to help establish a settlement for brethren who were being prosecuted under federal anti-polygamy laws. With him he took his sons Silas D. and John Walter; Jesse N. Jr. and his family, and wife Emma L., small son Hyrum, and infant daughter Caroline. He returned to Snowflake after 10 months, leaving an adobe cabin he had built for the use of Jesse N. Jr.

Hyrum grew up in Snowflake, attending school in the winters and doing farm work in the summers. When grown he also drove freight teams hauling supplies from the railhead at Holbrook. After his father's death in 1906 he helped complete the building of the new brick home to be occupied by his mother's family and by Jesse N.'s first wife, Emma S. West Smith.

Planning to be a school teacher, Hyrum attended Northern Arizona Normal School and earned his diploma in 1908. On 10 June 1908 he married June Bushman, a daughter of Bishop John Bushman of Joseph City, in the Salt Lake Temple. He then taught in the Snowflake Stake Academy and she conducted a private kindergarten in Snowflake. In 1910, when he was 27 and his first child was less than a year old, he was called to be a patriarch in the Snowflake Stake and ordained by Francis M. Lyman of the Council of the Twelve. This began a lifetime of service in this capacity, which ultimately spanned 12 stakes in Arizona, Canada, and Utah.

After a year of study at Brigham Young University and a period of training at Davenport, Iowa, he completed a diploma in chiropractic and moved to Alberta, Canada. He first was a teacher at the Knight Academy in Raymond, and then set up an office in Lethbridge where he and his wife practiced chiropractic for 15 years. While there he served as Sunday School and MIA superintendent, as bishop of Lethbridge Ward, and as patriarch in Taylor and Lethbridge Stakes.

In 1930 the parents and seven children moved to Salt Lake City, where Hyrum served as a patriarch in Granite Stake under Hugh B. Brown, who had also been president of Lethbridge Stake. In 1934 they went to Palmyra, N.Y. where for four years the family were caretakers of some of the Church properties at Hill Cumorah, and assisted in the erection of the Angel Moroni monument and the beginning of the famous Cumorah Pageants.



Hyrum Smith

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LIFE SKETCH OF HYRUM SMITH (continued from preceding page)

The family returned to Provo for a short time while the children entered Brigham Young University. Then Hyrum and June and their youngest son went to Heber, Ariz. where Hyrum resumed teaching for three years. During the summers he completed his bachelor's degree at Arizona State Teachers College (now Northern Arizona University).

Returning to Salt Lake City in 1942, Hyrum served during the war years as a civil service personnel counselor at Hill Field, and afterward as a proofreader at the Deseret News Press for ten years. His wife died in 1950.

After retiring at the age of 73 he served 12 years as an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple until slowed up by illness in 1967. He makes his home with his eldest daughter and family in Salt Lake City.

For many years he had been the oldest patriarch in the Church in point of total service, and next spring will have completed 60 years in that office. An article in the Deseret News Church Section a decade ago referred to him as "dean of patriarchs in the Church" and "a great-great-grand nephew of the first patriarch, Joseph Smith, Senior."

He is the father of four sons and three daughters: Marvin E. Smith, and Mrs. Ellsworth M. (Dorothy) Clark, Salt Lake City; Oliver R., Provo; Don Hyrum (deceased), Salt Lake City; Mrs. George W. (Lois Emma) Whitaker, Amarillo, Tex.; Mrs. William M. (June Adele) Harker, Shelley, Ida.; and Virgil B., Youngstown, Ohio. The family includes 49 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

JOURNAL, POSTERITY LIST PUBLICATION AWAITS RECORD SHEETS

Typing has begun on the Jesse N. Smith posterity lists to be included in the new publication of the J.N.S. Journal, but is being held up because some of the family record sheets with needed information have not been sent in. Cooperation of all members will be appreciated in getting these in to M.W. Smith.

Orders for the books are still being received. Please use the order forms on page 5 of this issue of the Kinsman, and send remittances to M.W. Smith.



FAMILY OFFICERS REELECTED--Pictured at their October meeting in Provo are the 1969 officers of the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. who were reelected this month to serve during 1970. Left to right are: front row, Augusta Flake, Harold H. Smith, J. Fish Smith; second row, Jess R. Bushman, Robert J. Smith, H. Smith Broadbent, Robert C. Rogers; third row, Nathaniel Aikens Smith, M.W. Smith, Oliver R. Smith.

1969 ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MESA

Approximately 200 persons attended what is reported as a highly successful meeting of the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. in Mesa, Ariz. on Dec. 6, along with the traditional gathering of the Phoenix area branch of the family under direction of Darrel F. Smith, chairman. It was noteworthy for the attendance of all the living sons and daughters of Jesse N. Smith with the exception of Hyrum Smith of Salt Lake City. These were Esther Shumway, Leah Udall, Natalia Farr, Lorana Broadbent, Myrtle Blocker, and M. Foss C. Smith.

Margaret Shumway Sevey (d. Lucy) presented the report of the nominations committee that the present group of officers be reelected for another year, and it was adopted. Particular praise was given for the service of Harold H. Smith, president, who had travelled 6,100 miles during 1969 to visit every branch of the family. Recognition was given also for the extensive service of M. W. Smith, who for two years has served as treasurer and circulation director for the Kinsman, and who also is compiling the up-dated family record sheets being submitted for the J.N.S. posterity list and Journal republication.

Preceding the annual meeting 92 teenaged cousins enjoyed a hayride and chuckwagon supper arranged Nov. 22 by Waldo DeWitt on North Alma School Road. At the annual meeting in Mesa they also participated in recreational activities and an entertainment program. A successful pot-luck dinner preceded the business session.

FAMILY SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY PLANNED

At the 12th monthly meeting of the J.N.S. Family Assn. officers held at Provo Dec. 11 President Harold H. Smith reported that a comprehensive study of the family will be undertaken next year as a doctoral dissertation project at Brigham Young University. With material assistance from the family association and under guidance of the graduate faculty in sociology at the university, the scholarly study will be prepared by E. Craig Bramwell, grandson of Ernest Bramwell who taught school in Snowflake a number of years ago.

M.W. Smith reported the payment of \$40 for upkeep and grounds care of the Smith Memorial Home in Parowan during 1969. It has now been placed in safe condition for the winter. Visitors may obtain the key from either John H. Pendleton or the Phillips 66 station on Main Street.

A recommendation was received that a new branch of the family association be organized in the "Four Corners" region to serve family members in northwest New Mexico and adjacent areas of Utah, Colorado and Arizona. Foss and Cleona Smith live at 512 N. Wall Ave. in Farmington, N.M. 87401 and know many of those in the region.

NEWS OF JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY MEMBERS AROUND THE COUNTRY

ARIZONA--Dr. H. Smith Broadbent, professor of chemistry at Brigham Young University and 5th vice president of the J.N.S. Family, presented briefings last month on BYU research projects in chemistry to scientists at the following campuses: University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Eastern Arizona College, and Phoenix College.

PROVO, UTAH--At the 1969 Homecoming celebration at BYU a great-granddaughter of Jesse N. Smith was one of the former campus queens honored by students and alumni. She was Linda Smith Ollivier of Denver (d. Marvin E., Hyrum), Homecoming Queen in 1963.

GARDENA, CALIF.--The Daniel Stages (June S., Silas D.) are making Cub Scout activities hum in their ward. Dan is Pack Cubmaster, his wife is a Den Mother, and son Matt is a Cub along with a new foster son, James Taucheene from Tuba City, Ariz.

QUANTICO, VA.--Robert Luke (William S., Emma S., Silas D.) has reported for the U.S. Marine Corps officer training course at the center here.

FLORA VISTA, N.M.--Jeanette Millett (Gladys L., Margaret S. Larson, Joseph W.) and her new husband, Pvt. Wm. Claude Dunaway, have gone overseas in a military assignment. New address: 97th Gen. Hospital Box 4, A.P.O. New York, N.Y. 90757.

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTERS, FOLKS! KEEP 'EM COMING!

PHOENIX--Thanks for you and my dear cousin Ruth U. Evans for sending the Kinsman to us. I do think you are doing a great and necessary job. Please reserve for me five Journals and five additional posterity lists, \$67.50. Apply the rest of the \$100 enclosed to my membership for the coming year and the rest for the Parowan home or other projects. Love you all.--Priscilla Richins (d. Priscilla)

SAN CARLOS, ARIZ.--I report the visit of a troupe of lively BYU students in our community Nov. 28--not all Jesse N. Smith family members, but the family was well represented among those eleven performers! Our disappointment was certainly not in the "International Express" performance. It was in our own failure to stir this Apache population to come out. Of foremost value in the BYU performance was one part by Vickie Washburn from Apache, Okla., one of the 600 Lamanite students at BYU.--Joseph M. Flake, Box 235, 85550. (Ed. Note: The cast included Lina Flake, youngest daughter of J.M., and Lynette Andersen, daughter of H. Verlan and Shirley Hoyt Andersen, formerly of Phoenix and Snowflake.)

PLEASANT GROVE, UTAH--Your fine efforts are very commendable and your heart and soul are devoted to helping the whole family. I hope we can get many branches going with activity, so that our kindred can become acquainted and love each other. --Don Mack Dalton, 1395 N. 1st E., 84062 (J.N.S. Family Assn. President, 1967 and 1968)

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD J.N.S. KIN TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS

All memberships in the Jesse N. Smith Family Association expire at the end of the calendar year, so everyone is invited to start off 1970 by sending in a renewal-- unless this has been done already. Your promptness at this time will save much labor for our family treasurer and the circulation assistants for The Kinsman, which is sent out each month. We express a warm thanks to those who have already sent in the \$5 fee for 1970, and commend the parents who have sent in memberships for their married children.

As announced last month in The Kinsman, we'll be happy to send a gift card to each recipient of a gift membership, if you'll please let us know. You may use the order blanks below or in the November issue.

 JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSN. PERSONAL ENROLLMENT FORM
 (Please disregard if you have already enrolled for 1970)

M.W. Smith, Treasurer: Enclosed is \$5 for which please enroll me 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 _____ Donor, if any _____

 NEWLY-WEDS' ENROLLMENT FORM (For those married since 1 July 1969)

M.W. Smith: Please enter a complimentary 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.)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ (Payable to J.N. Smith Family Assn.)

Name, Address, Zip (please print) _____

CRADLE ROLL (Please send in data on new members as they arrive.)

- 13 Oct. 1969 Scott Edwin Flake, born in Phoenix, Ariz. to Sherman K. and Karen Smith
Flake (Joseph M., Martha)
- 26 Oct. 1969 Todd Robert Smith, born in El Segundo, Calif. to Robert M. and Joan S.
Smith (Marvin E., Hyrum)

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GETTING ALONG (Contributed by Wilbur K. Flake, Salt Lake City)

(These thoughts aren't original, and the author is unknown to us, but hardly anyone will say they are not good rules to follow. Read the list thoughtfully.)

1. Keep skid chains on your tongue. Always say less than you think.
2. Make promises sparingly, and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs you.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about someone.
4. Be interested in others, their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as one of importance.
5. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up.
6. Keep an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but don't argue.
7. If you have virtues, let them speak for themselves. Refuse to talk of another's vices.
8. Be careful and considerate of another's feelings.
9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about yourself. So live that nobody will believe them.
10. Do your work, be patient, keep your disposition even, forget self, and you will be greatly rewarded.

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