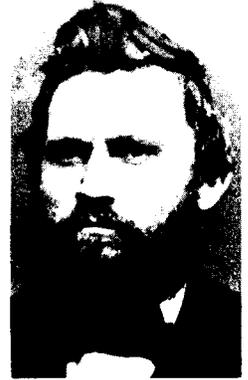


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JESSE N. SMITH FAMILY ASSOCIATION



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## INTRODUCING THE FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS--M.W. SMITH, TREASURER

(Editor's Note: This is a continuation of a series of features on officers of the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. The president and the five vice presidents were introduced in issues of the past year, and the following sketch presents our family treasurer. Sketches on the sons and daughters of Jesse N. Smith also will be published as they are received.)

Moroni West Smith was born 1 August 1894 in Colonia Pacheco, Chihuahua, Mexico, a son of Jesse N. Smith Jr. and Mary Ann Mitchell. His family later moved to Colonia Dublan, another of the Mormon settlements in northern Mexico, and M.W. attended Juarez Stake Academy as did his brothers and sisters. His father, who had served as a bishop, died 13 July 1912 during the trying period of the Mexican revolution which soon engulfed the country. There followed an exodus of the Mormons for haven in the U.S., and the family moved to Snowflake, Ariz. where M.W. continued school at the Academy for two years. His widowed mother then moved to Parowan, Utah with her unmarried children, and it was from there that M.W. enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1917, and served until the end of World War I.

Returning to Parowan, he chanced to read in the library an article telling of an opportunity to earn one's way through the Utah Agricultural College in Logan. He then turned over his savings to his mother and borrowed money from the local bank for tuition and entered college. He earned his expenses by milking cows, and graduated in 1922 with a major in agronomy and a minor in education. He began his teaching career at Monroe and Richfield high schools in Utah. On 5 Jan. 1925 he married Lena LaVerda Poole in the Manti Temple.



LENA AND M.W. SMITH

After five years of teaching in the public schools, M.W. became a teacher in the LDS Seminary system, serving nine years in Hyrum, nine in Richfield, and 14 in the Provo-Orem area, 1948-62.

M.W. and Lena reared a family of five children in whom was developed a rich measure of their parents' musical, literary, and business talents. They are: Ramona (wife of Dr. J. Dale Miller, professor of French at BYU); J. Robert and Renee, Salt Lake City; Diane (wife of Roy B. Beach) N. Holly-

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LIFE SKETCH OF M.W. SMITH (continued from preceding page)

wood, Calif.; and Sondra (wife of R. Dean Johnson) Salt Lake City. They have 12 grandchildren, and their Provo home is frequently the scene of spirited family reunions.

Some of the achievements of this couple were summarized in a tribute published in the Summer 1969 issue of Impact, quarterly magazine of the LDS Church Department of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion:

"Moroni W. Smith is active! Not only is he active in the broad exploration of the cultural and religious aspects of life, but in his ability to empathize with others. Students who knew him well realized that he participated vicariously in their activities; and those who have seen his life know that whether it was a play, an operetta, a song, or an athletic event, M.W. was "in the game" all the way. Those who had the privilege of sitting in his class sat at the feet of one who loved the scriptures and had the ability to tell scriptural events in a practical, down-to-earth way as if he had been an eyewitness and had felt and thought as the person did whose story he was telling.

"The things which interest M.W. most about the Church are its doctrines, its spirit of brotherhood, and the wholesome activities in which, from his earliest years, Moroni has participated. For 30 years he and his wife, Lena, were chorister and organist in the wards to which they belonged. They produced many operettas and sacred cantatas with ward choir members. They also produced nine group dramas in Richfield; the Mantl Temple Jubilee in 1939; the 1942 stake Relief Society pageant; and the Sevier County Centennial Pageant in 1947. \* \* \* Moroni's love for life and his conscientious dependability make him remembered fondly by those who have been privileged to learn in his classes."

M.W. has for many years been an active supporter of his family organizations. In December 1968 he was appointed treasurer of the J.N.S. Family Assn., and except for periods when he serves on the staff of the Utah Legislature while it is in session, he devotes full time to the work of keeping family records, addressing and mailing the Kinsman to family members, and husbanding the funds of the association. Among other projects, this period saw the liquidation of the obligations

remaining on the restoration of the Smith Memorial Home in Parowan, and the launching of the republication of the Jesse N. Smith Journal and a new compilation of his posterity. All of us owe him a great debt of gratitude for this service. -- O.R.S.

"VALLEY OF THE SUN" COUSINS' CLUB (special report by Lenore B. Carpenter)

Approximately 200 Jesse N. Smith Cousins enjoyed the successful reunion Dec. 6 in Mesa, Ariz. under the capable leadership of Darrell F. Smith. A delicious pot-luck dinner was served in the 3rd-23rd Ward cultural hall on long tables festively decorated for the Christmas season. All the living children of Jesse N. Smith were present except Hyrum Smith of Salt Lake City. Each Aunt was presented with a Christmas corsage, and Uncle Foss was given a bottle of cologne.

After the dinner the guests divided into three groups. The younger set viewed the Walt Disney film, "So Dear to My Heart." The teen-agers organized themselves for the next year's activities. The adults met in the Relief Society room for a business session. Then all reassembled for games and a program.

A highlight of the evening was the report to the family by Pres. Harold H. Smith of the past accomplishments, present financial status, and future projects of the family association. His ready wit and knowledgeable statements were especially enjoyed and appreciated. The entertainment included two familiar family readings. "The Bolster", a favorite of Joseph W., was recited by Van M. Smith, a grandson; and "Sunday Britches," one often given by George A., was repeated by George H. Smith, a son. Rudger M. Smith told of his grandfather's courtship and marriage to his grandmother, Augusta Maria Outzen of Denmark, just 100 years ago. A lot of fun and excitement was created with an open-book examination from the J.N.S. Journal when the group was divided into twelve teams according to their birthday months. The first generation members served as judges in deciding which team could most quickly submit written answers to the questions given.

The 1969 activities committee working with Darrell Smith included Tony Hendrickson, Lenore B. Carpenter, Waldo DeWitt, Gus Farr, and Norman Smith. They extend their thanks to all who helped and especially to the following:

1. L. Wickliffe and Blanche Smith, co-chairman of the temple sessions. With their encouragement 98 endowments were performed by family members on Dec. 2, and more than 200 during the week of Dec. 1-6 in the Arizona Temple.
2. Aunt Myrtle and Uncle John Blocker for printing, mailing and financing the invitations to the reunion.
3. Chad Avery for compiling the addresses of members in the Valley area.
4. Mrs. Gus (Nelda) Farr for decorating the tables and supervising the dinner.
5. Mrs. Darrell F. (Marjorie H.) Smith for preparing the punch, doing shopping, and generally assisting the chairman.
6. Dorothy L. Brown for registration. She designated each of the five wives by a color, with the name of each printed in the center of giant "snowflakes" displayed on the walls of the hall. As guests arrived, each was asked to register according to his grandmother's line and to wear a name tag of appropriate color. The final count of those registered was: Emma West, 40; Margaret West, 35; Janet Johnson, 44; Augusta Outzen, 53; Emma Larson, 27; total, 199.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR PHOENIX-MESA AREA

A chairman and vice presidents representing the five family branches were elected to lead the Valley of the Sun Cousins Club for 1970. They are:

- Chairman--Ray B. Kartchner (s. Alice, gs. Joseph W. Smith)  
 VP, Emma West--Mel Frost (Seraphine S. Frost, Silas D. Smith)  
 VP, Margaret West--Alice Rhoton (Roxie S. Shelley, Joseph W. Smith)  
 VP, Janet Johnson--Pauli (Pauline) U. Parkinson (d. Leah S. Udall)  
 VP, Augusta Outzen--Chad Avery (Sadie, Augusta Gerhardine S. Hulet)  
 VP, Emma Larson--Don Alden Smith (s. Don C. Smith)

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NEWS OF J.N.S. KINSMEN AND FAMILY GROUPS

SHELLEY, IDAHO--Melvin and Phyllis Smith (s. Elias) and family were hosts to a gathering of Smith Cousins at their home Jan. 2. Present were Marguerite and Lowell Babcock and son Alfred, Pocatello; Madge Frost Hope and family, Idaho Falls; June S. and William M. Harker and family, Shelley; Elder Rodney Bushman (missionary son of John V. Bushman, Gridley, Calif.) and his companion Roger Blaine. After a program and games Melvin told the children the story of Jesse N. as a lad receiving a copy of the first edition of the Book of Mormon from the Prophet Joseph Smith in Nauvoo, and of the prophet's kindness to the widow Mary Aikens Smith and her two young sons. A total of 27 were present.

CHANDLER, ARIZ.--Ninety members of the Joseph W. Smith family group met for a holiday reunion on Dec. 29 at the home of J. Buren and Lenore B. Carpenter. Young people over 12 were included for the first time in what has become almost a traditional family gathering in the large rumpus room of the Carpenters'. Honored guests were: Margaret S. Larson, Leonora S. Rogers, Edith S. Bushman, Jesse M. Smith, Alice S. Kartchner, Roxie S. Shelley, and Marie S. Heywood. Out-of-town visitors included Bishop Dean N. Bushman and wife and family of Auburn, Wash.; Mayola Miltenberger of Salt Lake City; Earl L. Smith and daughter of Orem, Utah; Leland Smith, Willis and Bess Erickson and family of Snowflake; and David and Lilla Seegmiller of Thatcher. Sister Miltenberger, general secretary of the Relief Society, gave an interesting report of her recent trip with President Belle S. Spafford to New York City to attend meetings of the National Council of Women. After four days there Mayola flew on to London to join another general board member to hold regional meetings with Relief Society leaders throughout England and Scandinavia.

PHOENIX--Silas L. Fish, eldest living grandson and descendant of Jesse N. Smith, was honored at an open house in a ward cultural hall here on Jan. 17 on the occasion of his 90th birthday. He was born 17 Jan. 1880, the second son of Joseph Fish and Adelaide Margaret Smith, who was the first daughter of Jesse N. and Margaret West.

Jean Bushman Spencer (d. H. Fred Bushman, Sarlah) and husband Alan and six children from Quincy, Wash. visited relatives in the Valley of the Sun during the Christmas holidays while testing Arizona's dry climate as a possible health benefit for Alan. His condition was so much improved during their stay they decided to return home and sell their 56-acre farm and then come back to Arizona in February to fill a contract for custom harvesting of 900 acres of hay at Hyder, west of Phoenix. When this work is completed they hope to decide where to settle permanently, and look forward to being near so many relatives.

PROVO, UTAH--The family of the late Asahel Henry and Pauline Udall Smith is well represented among the 100-plus J.N.S. descendants and spouses at Brigham Young University. Their six grandchildren here include: Eric (s. Rudge); Elaine (d. Ida Church) and husband Michael D. Carter; David, Jennifer, and Susan (A. Marlon) and Susan's husband, Wayne LeSueur; and Douglas (Richard). Elaine completed her master's degree last summer and is teaching school.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.--The pursuit of education at the University of Tennessee is a family affair with four members of the Bob Werner family. The scholars include two sons, Ronald and Duncan, undergraduates; father Bob and mother Janet (d. Lois S. Meldrum, Silas D.), working on doctor's degrees in education.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.--Dr. Jordan G. Smith (Walter F., John Walter) has accepted a new position with General Electric Co. and has moved his family here from Sacramento. New address: 626 Cambridge Drive, 93105.

Committee members elected by the teens to plan activities for the coming year are: Wendy Smith (Darrel), Douglas Avery (Chad), Roy Brown (Dorothy L.), Dantzelle Lewis (Myreel S.), Vonnie Sevey (Margaret S.), Jamle Smith (Van M.), and Shannon Smith (George H.). They plan to choose a chairman at their first meeting.

## ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF JESSE N. SMITH'S EARLY TRIP TO MEXICO

By Ethel S. Randall (daughter of Silas D. Smith)

In the December Kinsman (article on Hyrum Smith) I have a correction about the trip to Mexico. The following I quote from a sketch of the life of Emma L. Smith, Hyrum's mother, written by Ellen L. Smith, Emma's sister and wife of Silas D. Smith:

"Her husband, Jesse N. Smith, with some of the apostles and other leading men went ahead to arrange with the Mexican government for leasing or buying land on which the refugees could locate. Emma and her two babies (Hyrum and Caroline) and Julia Fish with her husband's 16-year-old son John, and Jesse N.'s 14-year-old son (John) Walter as teamster started with a company of others."

(Neither Silas D. nor Jesse N. Jr. were in this party.) Before they reached Round Valley a cold snowstorm almost froze them. Heber Jarvis, Jesse N.'s son-in-law, came out to meet them and brought them to Round Valley. When they unbundled the children at John Eagar's home, little Hyrum's feet were frozen. They rubbed them with snow water which drew out the frost. (He was two years old.)

"Next day the sun came out bright and they traveled on to Nutrioso where her husband was waiting to travel with them to Bush Valley or Luna." (Jesse N. Smith Journal, Feb. 13, 1885, records: "My team arrived bringing my wife Emma L. with her two children and my son Walter. They had suffered considerably with cold. My son Jesse N. also came with all his family, some of Bro. Fish's folks, and a number of others. Feb. 14. Reached Bush Valley. Very deep snow and some mud crossing spring streams. Camped in the school house. Feb. 15. Off for Luna Valley. The road simply awful with snow and mud.")

Ellen's account continues: "There (Luna) a telegram came (brought by Bishop John Hunt from Snowflake) advising that Jesse N. and Lot Smith push on ahead and procure the consent of the Mexican officials to secure a location for the refugees. The place was called Ascencion."

According to the J.N.S. Journal entry of Nov. 28, he with his family and his son Jesse N. Jr.'s family started on the return trip from Mexico. (On Dec. 2 they arrived at Smithville where they met Jesse N.'s wife Emma S., who had come from Snowflake with others, presumably including her son Silas D.) They stopped to visit in the Gila Valley, where Emma L.'s parents were living. (On Dec. 5 the party started for Snowflake, including Jesse N., Emma S. and sons Silas and Walter, Emma L. and two small children, and 11 others, but Jesse N. Jr. remained. Jesse N. Jr. "concluded to try and pass examination as a school teacher by the county board of Solomonville." Those bound for Snowflake arrived on Dec. 10.)

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 THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSES, FOLKS!

In addition to the large number of members who earlier had sent in their 1970 dues to the Jesse N. Smith Family Association, over one hundred \$5 fees were mailed to the family treasurer following the request for renewals which was published in the December issue of the Kinsman. With others coming in daily, we look forward to a new record number of active memberships for this year.

So that you may know whether your 1970 membership has been received, M.W. Smith has placed the figure "70" on the mailing label of each Kinsman going to paid-up members. (A dot has been placed on mailing labels of those going to newlyweds who have received complimentary memberships through 1970.) If your membership is not current, please send your remittance to M.W. Smith, 504 N. 4th East, Provo, Utah, 84601. Your prompt action will help to bring our list in order and simplify the monthly mailing of the Kinsman to family members. (If your label is not marked "70" and you have sent a remittance before Jan. 15, please send us a note and we'll recheck our records.)

We commend the many parents who also have sent in gift memberships for their married sons and daughters, and also those who have similarly remembered brothers, sisters, and other loved ones. Let's keep the family ties strong!

BURTON R. SMITH PASSES

The family was saddened by the death last month of Burton R. Smith, 76, a grandson of Lot Smith and husband of Jessie Ballard, eldest daughter of Julia Johnson Smith Ballard and a granddaughter of Jesse N. Smith and Janet Johnson. He was a long-time resident of Winslow, Ariz., where he served as chief special officer for the Albuquerque Division of the Santa Fe Railroad. He was active in community and church leadership positions, and was the first president of the Flagstaff LDS Stake. After his retirement he moved to the Mesa area, and served as an ordained temple worker for the past three years. Funeral was held in the Alma Ward chapel with a large number of relatives and friends in attendance.

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