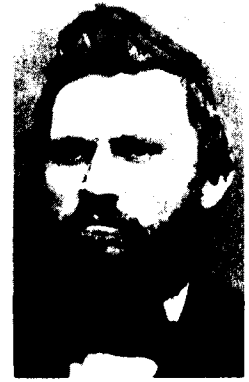


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MORONI W. SMITH, FAMILY OFFICER, DIES AT 76

M. W. Smith, treasurer of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association for the past three and one-half years, died May 14 in Provo of a circulatory ailment. He had just returned home after a trip to California with his wife and a daughter, and on the way had stopped in Parowan to attend to the needs of the Smith Memorial home. He previously had been in good health.

He was born 1 August 1894 in Colonia Pacheco, Chihuahua, Mexico, a son of Jesse N. Smith Jr. and Mary Ann Mitchell. He attended Juarez Stake Academy until the Mormon exodus of 1912, and afterward attended Snowflake Stake Academy two years. He moved to Parowan with his widowed mother and in 1917 enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served until the end of World War I. He afterward attended Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, graduating in 1922, and then taught in Monroe and Richfield High Schools in Utah. On 5 January, 1925 he married Lena L. Poole in the Manti Temple, and they reared a family of five children.

He later earned a master's degree in religious education at Brigham Young University and became a teacher in the LDS Seminary system. He taught nine years in Hyrum, nine in Richfield, and 14 in the Provo area (1948-62). With his wife he served as music director in wards of the Church where they lived, and with local choir members conducted many operettas and sacred cantatas. He wrote and produced several pageants, including those for the Sevier County Centennial, the Manti Temple Golden Jubilee, and the Relief Society Centennial. When his oldest children reached college age, he entered the grocery business in Provo to facilitate their attendance at BYU, and later rejoined the seminary system.

He is survived by his widow and five children. They are: Mrs. J. Dale (Ramona) Miller, Provo; Renee, J. Robert, and Mrs. R. Dean (Sondra) Johnson, Salt Lake City; and Mrs. Roy B. (Diane) Beach, N. Hollywood, California. He had 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 17 in the Provo 19th Ward. Speakers were Harold H. Smith, president of the Family Assn., and Provo associates Harold S. Hintze, Albert L. Payne, and Bishop Harold Bailey. Prayers were given by Oliver R. Smith and J. Dale Miller and dedication of the grave in Provo Cemetery by Roy B. Beach.

Family officers paid tribute to M. W. for his efficient and devoted service as family treasurer during the period when the indebtedness on the Memorial Home in Parowan was paid off and the new edition of the Jesse N. Smith Journal was published. His careful collection and maintenance of the family genealogy records made possible the 1970 posterity list publication.



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OFFICERS' FUNCTIONS REVISED

Following the funeral of cousin M. W. Smith in mid-May, the following temporary arrangements were made for carrying on the functions formerly served by him: Robert J. Smith will handle the duties of treasurer in receiving Family Association dues and maintaining the Kinsman mailing list; Ruth Udali Evans will assist with the addressing of the Kinsman; and Harold H. Smith will maintain the genealogical records of the family at his home in Heber, Utah. (Please send additional entries to him.)

At a meeting in Provo on May 5, the association officers received a report that provision had been made for the watering and care of the grounds at the Memorial Home in Parowan for the summer period. It was reported also that curtains should be provided in the home. Ruth U. Evans and Venice Rogers (w. Robert C.) made visits to determine whether period furniture could be obtained to furnish the home in a style appropriate to the time when the Smith family lived there, 1858-78.

Approval was given for the removal of the outhouse from the lot, and for the weatherstripping of the three outside doors to the house.

In the previous meeting of the Association officers in April, Robert J. Smith reported that the federal Internal Revenue Service had granted tax-exempt status to the Jesse N. Smith Family Association as a religious organization and that contributions to it would therefore be tax-deductible.

SORRY FOR THE MISSING ISSUES, FOLKS!

Your editor offers his humble apology for failure to publish the May and June issues of the Kinsman on schedule, and hopes to make up the gaps by a better output in the future. We hope to have the August issue out soon after the family gathering at Parowan.

Plans for fall and winter issues include some more illustrative material and features on additional members of the original family not previously covered in these pages. Thanks for your patience and support.

SUMMER REUNION READIED AT PAROWAN AUGUST 14

As announced in the Kinsman last April, all members of the family are invited to a general reunion at the Smith Memorial Home in Parowan, Utah on Saturday, August 14th. Those who wish to come earlier or stay later are invited to extend their visit in the peaceful surroundings of the town which is known as "the mother of Mormon settlements" in the southern Utah area. (Aug. 13 is the 174th birthday of Mary Aikens Smith, mother of Jesse N. and Silas S. Smith.)

Program of Events

- 10 to 11:30 a.m. Family Heritage meeting in the Memorial Home
 Presiding--Harold H. Smith
 Sketches of the wives of Jesse N. Smith by family members,
 arranged by Ruth Udall Evans
 (Outdoor recreation activities for children will be held
 at the same time in the park across the street.)
- 11:30 to 12:30 Visit to Parowan Cemetery
 It is only a short drive to the attractive Parowan cemetery
 to view the graves of Mary Aikens Smith and two infant
 daughters of Jesse N. Smith--Ellen Mauretta and Agnes Maud.
- 1 to 2:00 p.m. Picnic Lunch in the Parowan Civic Park (bring your own)
 The committee will provide watermelons!
- All Afternoon Historic or scenic tours of your choice. The committee
 will provide suggestions on points of interest, including
 the Daughters of Utah Pioneers museum in the century-old
 Parowan meeting house across the street from the Smith
 Memorial Home.

Ruth U. Evans, reunion chairman, says this is a wonderful occasion to bring all your family members and gain new appreciation of your heritage. For those with children, it's a "super" family outing. For overnight stays, you may bring campers or trailers, or pitch a tent on the back lot at the Home. If you prefer, just unroll your sleeping bags on the lawn!

Those who desire motel accommodations may obtain them at Ace Motel or Belair Motel in Parowan, or at numerous facilities in Cedar City, 20 miles to the south.

Don't miss this chance to enjoy the beautifully-restored Jesse N. Smith home, built by him over 113 years ago, at the same time that you can renew acquaintance with some wonderful cousins and meet others you'd like to know!

PLAQUE TO DESIGNATE J.N.S. HOME ON 'CENTURY REGISTER'

The Utah Division of State History has advised the Family Association that handsome plaques of anodized aluminum are being prepared for placement on homes that have been placed on the Century Register of historic sites. Suitable wording is being prepared by Melvin T. Smith, Utah Preservation Officer, and completion of the plaque is expected in the near future. Mr. Smith is a great-grandson of Samuel H. Smith, younger brother of the Prophet Joseph Smith and a cousin of Jesse N. Smith. Samuel H. Smith died shortly after the martyrdom of his brothers at Carthage, Ill., and his orphaned son came west with his Smith kinsmen to Utah.

HISTORIC HOMES IN SNOWFLAKE NOMINATED FOR REGISTER

Following several months of effort by the Snowflake Historical Society, the State Parks Board of Arizona has advised that its proposal of the Smith Memorial Home and James M. Flake Home for nomination to the National Register of Historic sites had been endorsed by the State Advisory Commission.

The monthly newsletter of the State Parks office stated: "The State Liaison Officer, Dennis McCarthy, announces the nomination of two Arizona structures to the National Register. The historic nominees, both located within the community of Snowflake, are the Pioneer Memorial Home (Emma Larson Smith Home) and the James Madison Flake Home. If accepted to the National Register, the two houses will enjoy federal protection and national prestige."

Bess S. Ericksen (Leonora, Joseph W.) of the Snowflake Historical Society reports further: "Robert Fink, the Historic Sites Preservation Officer, met with our group to help us with our next project--to make Snowflake a State Historical District. In order to do this we are gathering the history of some 20 to 30 pioneer homes that are still standing here in Snowflake. Mr. Fink stated that he felt the two homes above stated had a very fine chance of making the National Register. This will be a real wonderful thing for Snowflake as well as the Smith family."

The Smith Memorial Home, maintained as a museum by the Snowflake Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, was the last of the homes erected by Jesse N. Smith. It was partially complete at the time of his death in 1906, and after completion was occupied by Emma West Smith, his first wife, and Emma Larson Smith, his fifth wife, and her family. In later years it was occupied by the family of Hyrum and Lorana Smith Broadbent. Lorana now serves as hostess at the historic home during the summers.

James Madison Flake (1859-1946) was one of the original settlers who founded Snowflake in 1878 along with his father, William Jordan Flake. The town's name came from the combination of the family name and that of Erastus Snow, the apostle who supervised the organization of the settlement. On 8 October 1896, James M. Flake married Martha A. Smith, fourth child of Jesse N. Smith and Augusta M. Outzen.

The Smith Memorial Home in Snowflake is pictured in the new edition of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith (Six Decades in the Early West) along with three other Smith homes erected in Snowflake and his home in Parowan.

STUDENTS, PROVOANS HOLD GATHERING

The spacious home and garden of Dr. Woodrow E. and Ruth U. Evans was the scene of a gathering held July 17 in Provo for Smith kinsmen attending summer school at Brigham Young University and for other relatives in the area. After a pot-luck supper was enjoyed the evening was spent in getting acquainted with new family members. Special guests from out of town included Edith S. Bushman (Joseph W.) of Mesa, visiting with son Morris S. Bushman and family, and Howard B. and Ida S. Church (d. Asahel) and daughters Donna and Deborah. They were visiting their daughter Elaine whose husband Michael D. Carter attends BYU. Eric J. Smith (Rudger, Asahel) is chairman of the student group, which plans its next get-together at the time of the church's general conference in October.

KINSMEN HONOR 80TH BIRTHDAY OF J. FISH SMITH

The 80th birthday of J. Fish Smith, eldest son of Joseph W. and Della Fish Smith, was celebrated by his family on May 16 with an open house at his home in Salt Lake City. Scores of visitors were greeted by J. Fish, his wife Lillian, and his children. A sketch of his life appeared in the May 1969 Kinsman.

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 Joseph West Nellie Marsden Della Fish	2 *Ellen Mauretta Homer Bushman	2 John R. Hulet Augusta Gerhardina	2 Norman Brimhall Caroline
3 John C. Dalton Hannah Daphne	3 Sariah Anna	3 Sariah Anna	3 Robert Christian Sarah Jane Tenney	3 Don Carlos Nellie J. Hansen
4 Smith D. Rogers Eliza Snow	4 *Agnes Maud	4 *Agnes Maud	4 James M. Flake Martha Amelia	4 Hyrum Broadbent Lorana
5 Jesse Nathaniel Jr. Mary Ann Mitchell Nancy Ann. Freeman	5 Charles H. Ballard Julia Johnson	5 Julia Johnson	5 Asahel Henry Pauline Udall	5 Lehi Larson Drucilla McKay
6 John R. Hulet Sarah Elizabeth	6 Jesse Moroni Smith Priscilla	6 Priscilla	6 Preston A. Bushman Anna	6 George Albert Phosia Humphries
7 Silas Derryfield Ellen Johanna Larson Maria Elizabeth Bushman	7 James H. Frost Editha	7 Editha	7 Andrew L. Rogers Jr. Rebecca	7 Aikens Margaret Dewitt Emma May Hansen
8 John Walter Lois Evelyn Bushman	8 Wm Howard Shumway Lucy	8 Lucy	8 Melvin J. Benson Jr. Rachel	8 John R. Blocker Myrtle
9 Samuel Francis Lulu Jane Hatch	9 Nephi Jensen Margaret Fife	9 Margaret Fife	9 *Sophronia	9 M. Foss Cowley Cleona Olsen
	10 Wilson A. Shumway Ruth	10 Ruth	10 David Ernest Farr Natalia	
	11 Clarence Shumway Esther	11 Esther	11 *Millie	
	12 Elias Ernestine Hansen	12 Elias Ernestine Hansen		
	13 John H. Udall Leah	13 John H. Udall Leah		

NOTES: Those marked with asterisk (*) died in infancy or before marriage. Those underlined are living.

OWEN B. ANDERSONS HONORED ON GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The 50th wedding anniversary of Owen B. and Elizabeth S. Anderson (d. Priscilla) was celebrated with receptions on June 5 in Spring City and on June 6 at the home of Margaret and David Adams in Layton, Utah. Elizabeth (Bessie) is the eldest daughter of Priscilla Smith and Jesse Moroni Smith. She and Owen were married 1 June 1921. One of the highlights of their busy life was living for a number of years at one of the Church farms near Palmyra, N.Y. where they assisted in missionary activities and helped in the early pageants at Hill Cumorah, 1939-41.

Children of the Andersons who hosted the events are: Bob and Fern Anderson, Ernest and Anne Anderson, David and Margaret Adams, Elden and Esther Kimball, Stanley and Barbara Anderson, Stephen and Peggy Anderson, Vergil and Eileen Peterson, and Karen and David Howard.

SMITH FAMILY DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY OUTLINED

Mrs. Shirley Paxman, a graduate student in the department of Child Development and Family Relations at Brigham Young University, conferred last month with two of the family association officers with a view to setting up a master's degree research project on the demographic characteristics of the family of Jesse N. Smith. The proposal would involve the gathering of information on education, occupation, and other background material by use of a questionnaire mailed out to family members. Mrs. Paxman of the Utah Juvenile Court, are authors of a book on family activities and togetherness.

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