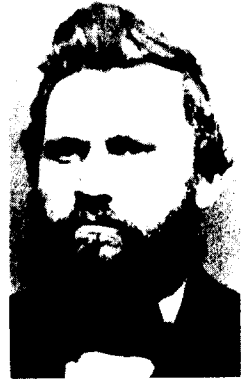


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'J.N.S. Journal' Sales Continue

Procedures for sale of the remaining copies of the current edition of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith were determined by officers of the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. at their meeting on July 28, 1971 at the home of J. Fish Smith in Salt Lake City. The book is subtitled Six Decades in the Early West.

Effective immediately, copies of the 556-page volume will be available for sale to the public, including libraries and institutions, for \$15 postpaid. Approval was given for Oliver R. Smith to circularize major university libraries in the U.S. to promote its sale as a significant history source book. He will receive their orders for it at the following address: Western Publications, Box 32 University Station, Provo, Utah 84601.

Members of the Jesse N. Smith family will be eligible to buy copies of the Journal at the rate of \$12.50 postpaid. (The previous price of \$10.50 per copy was offered to kinsmen who subscribed in advance to make the publication possible.) These orders should be sent to Robert J. Smith, 2465 N. 820 E., Provo, Utah, 84601. Those in the Mesa area may pick up copies at the same rate from Myrtle S. Blocker, 504 S. Forest Drive, Mesa, Ariz.

A limited number of copies of the 88-page paperback volume, The Family of Jesse N. Smith, are available at \$3 postpaid from Robert J. Smith. It includes the names of 5,243 descendants of Jesse N. Smith, by family groups, as compiled up to November 1970. This material appears as Appendix C in the Journal of Jesse N. Smith, but was made available as a separate volume for the benefit of family members who had copies of the 1953 edition of the Journal.

At the suggestion of Dr. S. George Ellsworth (h. Maria, Asahel), professor of history at Utah State University, review copies of the Journal are being sent to scholarly periodicals in the field of western history. These include Utah Historical Quarterly, Western Historical Quarterly, Arizona and the West, Journal of Arizona History, The American West, Brigham Young University Studies, and Dialogue. Family members who wish to suggest additional media for reviews of the book are invited to write to Oliver R. Smith.

In other business at their July meeting, the officers approved the presentation of a copy of the book to Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson of Brigham Young university, in recognition of his interest in the many Jesse N. Smith descendants currently or formerly students at BYU. He addressed the BYU student branch of the family at its meeting in April 1969 and afterward joined with the more than 100 present in a photograph which was published in the Church Section of the Deseret News and in the Kinsman. Of the book he said: "This is a very great contribution to the chronicle of the West. The moment I get relief from present pressures, I am going to read this book from cover to cover."

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BRUCE M. FLAKE, J.N.S. GRANDSON, DIES IN MESA

Funeral services were held May 14-15 in Mesa and Snowflake, Ariz. for Bruce M. Flake who died May 10 at his home in Mesa after an illness of several weeks. He was a prominent cattleman in northern Arizona and the first elected mayor of Snowflake, and recently moved to Mesa where he was an ordinance worker in the Temple. He was also a former bishop in Snowflake and a high councilman in the Snowflake Stake. He was 64.

He was born 27 Jan. 1907 in Snowflake, a son of James M. and Martha Smith Flake. He served a three-year mission for the church in Mexico, and later became a dealer in Mexican cattle. He married Irene Stratton on 11 Aug. 1930, and they were the parents of eight children.

He is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Rolf M., Gilbert, Ariz.; L. Rey, Sweetwater, New.; Gerry R., San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Keith M., Costa Mesa, Calif.; Mrs. Arnold P. (Nena Venice) Foster, Dongola, Ill.; Mrs. Max A. (Leona) Hayes, Gilbert, Ariz.; and Mrs. Jay M. (Lavona) Richardson, Tempe, Ariz. He had 27 grandchildren. Survivors include also six brothers and seven sisters. Burial was in the Snowflake Cemetery.

JOHN WALTER SMITH DESCENDANTS HOLD REUNION

The centennial of the birth of John Walter Smith, third son of Jesse N. and Emma West Smith, was celebrated by 85 of his family members at a reunion in Provo under the chairmanship of Justin M. Smith and family. Of the 265 descendants in the family, six are now in missionary service and four are serving missions for the Church, it was reported.

The family holds a similar gathering each year, and maintains communication between reunions by means of a newsletter, the Smith Breeze, edited by N. Pratt Smith, P.O. Box 246, Bountiful, Utah 84010.

A HISTORIAN VIEWS THE JOURNAL OF JESSE N. SMITH

By Charles S. Peterson, Former Director
Utah Division of State History

Ed. Note: The following was written in October 1970 as the foreword to the new edition of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith. The author is himself a descendant of pioneers of Utah and northern Arizona, and has done much research and publication in the field of western history.

Many personal diaries of the Mormon pioneer experience have been published during recent years. Few of these provide insight into the processes of early Mormon society or possess human interest equal to the Journal of Jesse N. Smith.

Of all the Latter-day Saint causes of Smith's time none were more important than those of the gathering to Zion and the extension of the physical bounds of the Kingdom. Like many Mormons, Jesse N. Smith devoted his life to these causes, but, more than most of his contemporaries, he played roles which cut across the full fabric of the Mormon experience. He was in the truest sense a church leader--one who may be classified accurately as a field commander. Directing the preaching and convert migration of a proselyting mission abroad and directing the water development and homebuilding of long-term colonizing missions in the West, he at once shared the attitudes and experiences of the church's top hierarchs, yet worked, aspired, and sacrificed with rank-and-file pioneers in opening new frontiers.

Sitting thus astride the social divide between the leaders and the led, he had an extraordinarily broad range of vision. With straightforward and even curt integrity he recounts the events of his life. Without assuming the tones of promotion, his is a positive record. Although he accepted the values of the church without question, he was much too concerned with the functions of life to spend much time in apology or defense. He had a true sense for the significant, and wrote in the fullest detail of these periods during which his efforts counted most. As evidence see his accounts of the Scandinavian migration and of the protracted struggles over political control and land claims in northern Arizona.

Smith's record is also revealing in more intimate and personal ways. In it are reflected the quiet cooperation and mutual accomplishment, as well as the conflict and animosities, of people pioneering one of America's least inviting frontiers. He emerges as responsible, energetic, and faithful. He is a family man of great tenderness and devotion, yet one who was often unavailable and occasionally sternly inflexible. Fortunately the record of polygamy is included--usually with frank and easy candor. In the context of his life it was workable though certainly not without moments of personal embarrassment and inconvenience for his people. His restrained treatment of "a letter from a young woman at Cedar City asking the privilege to become a member of my family" must be regarded as a classic in the annals of a polygamous society. His journal would have been much poorer without it and other details of a family living successfully in plural marriage.

The Journal of Jesse N. Smith has appeared in two earlier editions. The first, published in 1940, was in an abbreviated form. The second, printed in 1953, contained the complete journal with a few unimportant exceptions. The current edition has been supplemented with a number of important letters. Together with the diary they comprise an authentic, useful, and highly interesting record. In making this new edition available the Smith family has not only rendered a signal service for its own members, but for all those interested in Utah and Mormon history.

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES AND SERVICEMEN

Effie S. Tillman (Robert) returned to her home in Holbrook in June after serving 21 months in the Southern States Mission. She writes: "It was a great experience but it's wonderful to be back. The old desert looks good!" (Box 114, Holbrook, AZ. 86025)

Lynn R. Smith (Robert J., Samuel F.) returned to Provo in July after serving in the Taiwan Mission for two years. His parents, Robert J. and Lola Smith of Provo, met him halfway across the Pacific and enjoyed a vacation tour in Hawaii. Lynnette, his twin sister, is serving her mission in Germany and is expected home next April.

Steven Farr Broadbent (Jesse M., Lorana) returned this summer from the Uruguay-Paraguay Mission and has been working in Snowflake while awaiting the opening of the fall semester at Brigham Young University.

Jeffery A. Bushman (Elwin E., Edith S., Joseph W.) has completed his mission in the Eastern States, part of his service being at the mission headquarters in New York City. His parents, who live in Joseph City, Ariz., met their son and drove him to Provo where he entered BYU.

Beatrice Evelyn Lawrence (Evelyn S., Walter F., John Walter) returned from her mission to France and is now working as a receptionist in Salt Lake City. Her brother, Corporal David R. Lawrence, is serving on Okinawa with the 7th Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

Shauna Smith (Marvin, Hyrum) is enjoying her assignment in the northeast part of the Washington Mission. (309 S. Jefferson, Colville, WA 99114) Her brother, Lt. Stewart E. Smith of the Army reserve, has been on active duty in the summer to attend a training course at Ft. MacArthur, Calif.

Gary Luke (William S., Emma, Silas D.) has returned home after completing service in the New England Mission.

2nd Lt. Kenneth M. Smith (Oliver, Hyrum) began four years of active duty with the Air Force auditor general division this month at Kelly Field after graduation from ROTC at BYU. (1310 Springvale #604M, San Antonio TX 78227)

AUNT LORANA MOVING TO UTAH

With mixed emotions about leaving her birthplace but looking forward to being closer to her children, Aunt Lorana Smith Broadbent plans to move at the end of the summer from Snowflake to Salt Lake City. She will stay with her daughter Emma B. Dexter and family, 1739 Fieldcrest Lane, 84117.

With the expected return of her eldest son, H. Smith Broadbent, from New York to Provo in September, all of her family except Francis E. Broadbent will be in Utah. (He is a professor at University of California, Davis.) Her third son, Jesse M., has moved from Snowflake to Provo and has entered the real estate business. His family will occupy their newly-built home later this month at 3168 Navajo Lane. Karna B. Petuskey and family live in Salt Lake City, 4471 W. 5135 S., 84118.

For a number of years Aunt Lorana has been hostess to visitors at the Smith Memorial Home in Snowflake, the last of the Jesse N. Smith homes constructed there.

MORE FAMILY MEMBERS IN TEACHING RANKS

Two sons of George A. and Phosia H. Smith should be added to the rosters published in the January and March 1971 issues of The Kinsman listing college and university staff members in the family. Dr. George H. Smith, the first son, is an educational consultant working with Arizona State University, Arizona State Hospital, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the national council of Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Lehi T. Smith, the second son, is professor of mathematics at Arizona State University and chairman of the Southwestern Section of the Mathematical Assn. of America.

The other two children in the family, Phosia S. Chastain and Caroline (Karlle) Morris, are teachers in elementary schools as were both of their parents. George A. died in 1965 and Phosia S., now retired from teaching, lives at 101 N. 38th St. #69, Mesa, Ariz. 85205.

Dr. C. Richard Shumway Jr. (C. Richard, Lucy) has been appointed to teach at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. after two years with the U.S. Army.

Dr. Francis E. Broadbent (Lorana) is a professor at University of California--Davis. He returned last year from an agricultural mission to the Philippines.

NEWS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AROUND THE COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Virginia W. Bushman (w. Silas A., Sariah) is moving here from Salt Lake City to do research at the National Archives. Since the death of her husband she had worked at the Utah State Capitol. She is glad to be near her daughters, Kay B. Nelson and Virginia B. Hunt.

SAN PEDRO, Calif.--Donald C. Flake (Martha) and his wife Dorothy returned here recently after a year spent traveling in Europe. She speaks four languages and had been to Europe twice before, which added to the enjoyment of the stay. (1427 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro 90731)

ORLAND, Calif.--C. Richard Shumway (Lucy) was married June 19 in the Oakland Temple to Mildred Stilley, a widow. She has a son and two daughters who live near them. C. Richard and his first wife, Gladus, who died last year, were parents of two sons, Frank R. of Orland and C. Richard Jr.

SALT LAKE CITY--Marvin E. Smith (Hyrum) with his wife Irene and sons Scott and Hugh spent part of June and July in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland as part of a tour Marvin arranged for the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

 NEWLY-WEDS' ENROLLMENT FORM

R. J. 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 a Family Group Sheet for this couple.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG KINSMEN

Complimentary memberships in the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. for 1971 and 1972 go to these young couples. We ask each to send us a family record sheet, and also to keep us informed of any changes in address.

- Jan 71 Gordon K. Gilchrist (Mary, Bushman, Sariah) and Leta Downing; Phoenix, Ariz.
- 3 Apr 71 Linda Jean Miller (Pauline Bushman, Edith, Joseph W.) and William Arthur Hartman; 17015 San Bernardino Ave., #30, Fontana, CA 92335
- 28 May 71 M. Reuel Smith (Melvin, Elias) and Lynet Thomas
- 3 Jun 71 Charles W. Whitaker (Lois S., Hyrum) and Marie Egan, Salt Lake City; 479 N. 500 East, Provo, Utah 84601
- 11 Jun 71 Naome Gail Spencer (Jeane Bushman, H. Fred, Sariah) and Robert Dinsmore Lynes; Hyder, Ariz.
- 30 Jun 71 Jennifer Smith (A. Marion, Asahel) and Charles Reid Adair; 5159 E. Calle del Norte, Phoenix, Ariz. 85018
- 15 Jul 71 Tawna Elaine Dewey (Emma S., Samuel F.) and Ralph Chun; Oxnard, Calif. ←
- 24 Jul 71 Francis Lee (Frank) Knapp (Agnes, Joseph W.) and Vicki Lynn Butler

Note to Family Members: If you know of additional marriages in this or preceding months which we have not listed, please give us the information in a letter or use the form on page 5. We also need addresses for some of those listed above. We'd like to welcome every new couple into the great family circle.

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