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Scholar to Survey J.N.S. Family

A comprehensive demographic study of the descendants of Jesse N. Smith is near the launching stage, it was reported in April to the officers of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association. The study is being undertaken by Mrs. Shirley Brockbank Paxman, a master's degree candidate in the Department of Child Development and Family Relations at Brigham Young University. Faculty adviser for the study is Dr. J. Joel Moss, chairman of the department.

Several revisions of a mail questionnaire have been made and tested by Mrs. Paxman preparatory to printing a final draft for use in obtaining data needed for the study. Assistance in this work has been given also by three of the Association's officers who have had professional experience in survey work: Dr. Robert J. Smith, business; Dr. Virgil B. Smith, sociology; and Dr. Oliver R. Smith, journalism.

When ready, the question sheets will be mailed to all heads of families for whom addresses are known. For deceased heads of families, the information will be sought from others who can assist, such as children or brothers and sisters. The objective will be to gather a complete record of the more than 5,000 members of the Jesse N. Smith family, with the exception of unmarried children living at home. Necessary explanations will be furnished with the questionnaires.

Information to be gathered includes occupation(s), place of residence, family size, education, and service in civic, church, and military capacities. For living family heads, additional responses will be asked regarding family activities and attitudes, and also personal value systems. All of the information will be confidential insofar as individual respondents are concerned, and only the over-all summaries of data will be used by the researcher in the report of the study.

The general idea of the study was suggested three years ago by J. Fish Smith, former vice president in the family association. An earlier study of a more limited scope had been made by Harold H. Smith, former association president, and the family officers believed a new survey would be of much significance. Two years ago they voted to provide some financial assistance to support a study, and after several consultations with university officials Mrs. Paxman was recommended as the best scholar for the work.

A native of Provo and herself a descendant from several lines of Utah pioneers, Mrs. Paxman is the wife of Monroe J. Paxman, a former Utah juvenile court judge. They are parents of seven children and now live in Reno, Nev. Mrs. Paxman is a former president of the Provo City Board of Education, and with her husband has authored books on family activities and relationships. One of her grandfathers, John Edge Booth, came to Utah from England in 1857 and later was a district court judge and a member of the first board of trustees of Brigham Young Academy which was established in Provo in 1875.



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GOAL FOR 1972: TEN REGIONAL REUNIONS FOR 1,000 KINSMEN!

A challenge to hold at least ten gatherings of Jesse N. Smith descendants throughout the West was presented to officers of the J.N.S. Family Association at their meeting on April 5 by N. Pratt Smith, coordinator of regional branches. The meeting was held in Provo to precede the semi-annual reunion of the Provo and BYU branches which is reported elsewhere in this issue.

In addition to the Northern California group gathering in January reported in the previous issue of the Kinsman, Pratt announced the following future reunions which are planned:

April 29--Oregon-Washington area: 10 a.m. at Portland Stake House. (See page 4.)
 May 20--Northern California group at Gridley, John V. Bushman, chairman, Rt 2 Box 42.
 July--Northern Arizona group at Snowflake
 August 12--Parowan, Utah, all descendants of Jesse N. Smith and Silas S. Smith
 August 19--Salt Lake City area, John Dawain Smith, chairman.
 August (date to be announced)--Los Angeles area at Glendale Stake House.
 October--Provo and Brigham Young University groups.
 November or December--Phoenix-Mesa area.
 Fall--Northern California group in the Bay Area, Q. Marion Hansen, Jr., chairman.
 To be announced--San Diego area; Northern New Mexico-Four Corners area.

With the potential of an average of 100 kinsmen attending each gathering, it should be possible for at least 1,000 of our family members to meet together and add to their circle of acquaintances this year, Pratt said. He plans to attend the Portland gathering and as many of the others as possible.

The officers also recommended that photographs of Jesse N. Smith and his wives be prepared in a size large enough for display at future gatherings. Oliver R. Smith was asked to investigate this proposal.

The next meeting of the association officers will be held June 3 at the home of N. Pratt Smith in Bountiful.

FIRST GATHERING SCHEDULED IN NORTHWEST

Have you felt the thrill of finding a new kinsman and getting to know him or her better? That's the exhilarating experience shared by two Smith "cousins" in Portland who started virtually from "scratch" and found enough Jesse N. Smith descendants in Oregon and Washington to hold what is believed to be the first general reunion of the family in that area on April 29.

Myreel L. Linton (Myreel S., L. Wickliffe, J. Walter) and Nancy Hammond (Edith Done, Jesse N., Jr.) have got in touch with the following JNS kinfolk: Ben & Vera Ballard, Corvallis, Ore.; Al & Ann Barton, Portland; Dean N. & Carolyn Bushman, Auburn, Wash.; Martin D. Bushman, Jr. & Lucille, Quincy, Wash.; Eldon & Ruth Greaves, Salem, Ore.; Kenneth A. & Barbara Jarvis, Auburn, Wash.; Kent & Mary Ann Clark Koski, Portland; Smith U. & Emily Rencher, Springfield, Ore.; and Lawrence A. Smith, Vancouver, Wash.

If you know of other family members living in Oregon or Washington, please send their names and addresses to Myreel. These folks have a lot of enthusiasm and will share their good spirit with all they meet. (Address: 2804 S.E. Salmon, Portland, Ore.)

SEMI-ANNUAL GATHERING OF COUSINS HELD IN PROVO

A message from Aunt Lorana S. Broadbent, daughter of Jesse N. Smith, and greetings from officers of the Family Association featured the semi-annual reunion of the BYU and Provo area branches of the family held April 5 at Brigham Young University. The session was conducted by Robert J. Smith (Samuel F.). Singing was led by his wife Lola, with Sadie H. Avery (Dena) as accompanist.

Entertainment numbers presented were: vocal solo by Dale Heaton (Esther, Elias); flute solo, LaRae Smith (Robert J., Samuel); and reading, Pamela Smith (Philip, Asahel) "I'm My Own Grandpa."

Greetings were given by the association president, Oliver R. Smith, and the 1st vice president, N. Pratt Smith, who told the students present of the branch reunions they could participate in while in their home areas during the summer months.

Steven Jesse Smith (Don H., Hyrum) of Salt Lake City was elected president of the BYU student group, succeeding Eric John Smith (Rudger, Asahel) from Phoenix.

Each family present was introduced, and the tally showed a total of 95 persons who represented the family branches as follows: Emma W. Smith, 21; Margaret W. Smith, 15; Janet J. Smith, 19; Augusta O. Smith, 11; Emma L. Smith, 29.

ED. NOTE: A summary of the remarks of Lorana Broadbent is given on page 4.

PICTURE BOOKLETS TO BE MAILED IN MAY

Because the bulk mailing arranged for the booklet, "Jesse N. Smith Family in Pictures," requires all of the copies to be mailed at one time, distribution of this item to members of the Jesse N. Smith Family Assn. was delayed from its expected schedule in March in order to include those whose membership fees were still coming in. The secretary-treasurer reported 263 received as of early April, and the booklets will be sent out to those whose memberships are in by the first week in May, if the booklet supply holds out.

FAMILY ANCESTRY FEATURE NEXT ISSUE

In response to the excellent suggestion of Claire Gilchrist (Mary B., Sariah) of Arlington, Mass., we will print in our next issue the pedigree chart of Mary Aikens Smith, mother of Jesse N. Smith. The ancestry of Silas Smith, father of Jesse N., was printed in our January-February issue.

FAMILY HOME EVENING FEATURE: YOUR FAMILY HERITAGE

(From remarks of Lorana S. Broadbent, daughter of Jesse N. and Emma Larson Smith, at Provo and BYU Branch reunion, April 5, 1972)

As far back as I can remember--and that goes back nearly 80 years--all of Father's children and grandchildren who could do so would come together on his birthday, Dec. 2. Each family group would present some entertainment numbers, and it was a grand event with the presence of Jesse N. Smith. He was both gentle and wise.

Joseph W., the oldest son, would give readings such as "The Yankee in Love" and "The Bolster," which we all enjoyed, and Samuel F. would entertain us with the verse "My Mother-in-Law." Aunt Eliza Rogers, one of the older daughters, would sing for us, and often would sing words written by Della Fish Smith, the talented wife of Joseph W. Frequently our family gathering would be combined with a banquet for the Snowflake Stake presidency, clerks, and bishops. Those from out of town would come by team and wagon and stay overnight.

Father was never privileged to attend college, but he loved reading. When he was a boy of ten in Nauvoo, after his father Silas had died, his uncle John Smith gave him a blessing which spoke of this. (Uncle John was then Patriarch to the Church, following the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith at Carthage.) In this blessing the Patriarch said, in part: "And if thou wilt seek after knowledge and be sober-minded, thou shalt be like Mormon of old, and shall be a mighty man in the ministry and a warrior." (Jesse N. Smith Journal, p. 9) In my view he achieved both of these qualities.

At the age of 16 Jesse received a second blessing under the hands of his Uncle John Smith in Salt Lake City, Oct. 7, 1851. This was just before his departure with his mother and brother to settle in Parowan with the "Iron Mission" of the saints. Again the Patriarch said: "Thou shalt excel in learning; and thou shalt comprehend the deep things of the Most High." (Jesse N. Smith Journal, p. 17) Some ten years later, when Jesse was in Liverpool on his way to his first mission in Denmark, he was conversing with a group of missionaries when a bystander, impressed by his manner of speech, said to him, "At what university did you receive your education?" Jesse replied, truthfully, "Only at the University of Hard Knocks." At a still later time a writer in the Deseret News in Salt Lake City said that Jesse N. Smith was the best informed man in the Church. These were tributes to what he achieved by applying himself in study.

I congratulate those Smith descendants who are studying at our schools and universities. They would make a host if they could all gather together. And that is my prayer for you also, that you may excel in learning.

PUBLICATION OF EMMA W. SMITH JOURNAL SUGGESTED

Ethel S. Randall (Silas D.) of Mesa has the manuscript journal of Emma West Smith, first wife of Jesse N. Smith, and along with other descendants would like to determine whether there is sufficient interest to warrant publication of it. Those who would like to support a publication project are requested to write to Robert J. Smith, 2465 N. 820 East, Provo, Utah 84601

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NEWS OF SMITH FAMILY MEMBERS FROM HERE AND THERE

REXBURG, IDAHO--How many descendants of Jesse H. Smith are students at Ricks College this year? Here are six counted thus far, and if there are others, please write us and give us the information:

Rodney & Jeffery Bushman (John V. & Gwen Bushman), Gridley, Calif.
 Dantzelle Lewis (d. Malin & Myreel S. Lewis), Phoenix, Ariz.
 Cathy Sanders (d. John & Cherry S. Sanders, d. N.A. Smith).
 Faun Beth Harker (d. June S. & Bill Harker), Shelley, Idaho.
 Melauna Smith (d. Melvin L. & Phyllis Smith), Shelley, Idaho.

VALLEY FORGE, PA.--Recipients of the George Washington Honor Medal in the 1971 Freedoms Foundations awards program included Oliver R. Smith, Provo, Utah, and Don D. Durkee (h. Lori Dawn Smith, Don H., Hyrum), Salt Lake City. Their awards, accompanied by \$100 prizes, were for letters on the subject "What is an American" in the military reserve forces category.

MEXICO CITY--This was the site of a family togetherness trip recently for Dr. and Mrs. Obed C. Haycock of Salt Lake City, and daughter Bonnie Lyon Kaufman. Ellen Haycock is a daughter of Silas D. Smith.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH--Dr. Boyer Jarvis (Joseph S., Susan), associate vice president for academic affairs at the University of Utah, was one of a number of prominent university and community figures who played roles in a recent production of "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial." He previously appeared in plays at the University of Arizona when he was a student, and also in presentations at Dartmouth College and Northwestern University. In addition to other duties at University of Utah, he was for two years business administrator of the University Theater.

PROVO, UTAH--Two children of Ellen Rencher Rands (George A., Georgeanna) recently were honored as two of the 160 students in the U.S. to receive the Superior rating in the junior festival conducted by the National Federation of Piano Teachers. They are Barton, 10, and Elizabeth, 7.

FAMILY POWER (Reprinted from the Church News)

WHAT CAN become one of our mightiest factors in solving today's complex problems? It is "family power."

What can best eliminate divorce and broken homes? Family power.

What can most quickly eliminate immorality and other forms of human degradation? Family power.

What can re-establish respect for law and order? Family power.

What can stamp out the drug menace? Family power.

What can most effectively build good character and counteract juvenile crime? Family power.

WHAT IS BASIC to success in nearly

every worthwhile pursuit in life? Family power.

And what is family power?

It is the united effort of parents and children who seek a common goal in mutual happiness and well being.

And what puts "power" into family life? Love at home!

BUT IT MUST be true love within the family, a pure affection which rests upon obedience to the first and second great commandments.

As we keep the first, let us remember that God gave us the Golden Rule, to live and obey.

And as we keep the second one, let us remember that our closest neighbors are the members of our own families.

MARK ARDATH DALTON, J.N.S. GRANDSON, DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Funeral services were held Nov. 14, 1971 in Long Beach, Calif. for Dr. Mark A. Dalton who died Nov. 10 at his home there after a long illness. He was 74. Burial was Nov. 15 in the Lehi, Utah cemetery.

Dr. Dalton was born April 26, 1897 in Manassa, Colo., the youngest son of John C. Dalton and Daphne Smith Dalton. He attended the University of Utah and graduated from the Columbia Medical School. He practiced with a specialty in roentgenology. During World War II he served in the Naval Medical Corps, and held the rank of commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Earlier he served in the LDS Northern States Mission.

He married Arema Goodwin on June 6, 1928 and they are parents of five children: Mrs. Arlo L. (Gloria D.) Treon, Mrs. Richard (Donna M.) Burns, Mrs. Roger E. (Thelma) Dalrymple, Mrs. Jerry (Carol) Edgmon, and Mark Ardath Dalton II, all of Long Beach.

In addition to his widow and children, he is survived by 12 grandchildren and one brother, Don Mack Dalton, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Ed. Note: News of newlyweds in the Smith family will be carried in the next issue of The Kinsman. Please send information to us by May 15 to be included.

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