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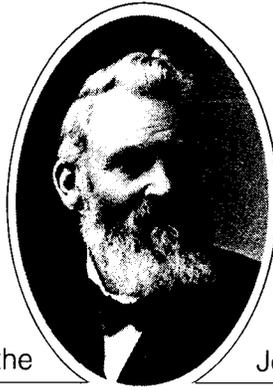
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Jesse Nathaniel Smith at age 44 while serving in the Utah Territorial Legislature in 1879. See story p. 2.

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Please take a few moments and fill out the survey on the following pages. Then pull the pages out and mail them in the enclosed envelope. Your first-class stamp will be repaid by Bonnie S. Merrell, daughter of Joel H. Smith.

Jesse N. Smith: A 'Man for All Seasons'

Editor's Note: This article is taken from the featured address given at the reunion of the Jesse N. Smith Family held at Snowflake, Arizona on July 23, 1984. The author is a former financial vice president of Brigham Young University, and in late 1984 was appointed comptroller of BYU's Jerusalem Center construction project in Israel. He served as treasurer of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association from 1971 to 1984.

by Robert J. Smith

This year we are honoring a man whose descendants, including their spouses, would fill the Salt Lake Tabernacle to overflowing or occupy a small university stadium if they were assembled in one place. It was on December 2, 1834—nearly 150 years ago—that Jesse Nathaniel Smith, the youngest son of Silas Smith and his second wife Mary Aikens Smith, was born at Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Obviously, there are many others whose lives are important to individuals in this group. Noble forebears with names like West, Johnson, Outzen, Larson, Decker, Bushman, Flake, Fish, Hansen, Hulet, Dalton, Jarvis, Shumway, and many others are entitled to our respect and honor. Their contribution is not minimized when we pay special tribute to Jesse N. Smith and his wives at this family reunion.

There are not many present today who are old enough to have known Jesse N. Smith personally since he passed from the mortal scene in 1906, but many of us knew his children or others who did know him and have spoken highly of our common ancestor.

His life and characteristics have direct input into thousands of us.

Human Characteristics

We have all seen photographs of this illustrious man. Something is added by a description penned by Nephi Jensen, a son-in-law and the editor of an abbreviated (1940) edition of the *Journal of Jesse N. Smith*.

Jesse Nathaniel Smith was, in his physical appearance, a real solid manly man. He was nearly six feet tall, broad of shoulders, and his feet were firm set upon the ground. The first impression that came to you as you looked at him was rather slow of movement, calm and unexcitable. In a word, he was a stately, majestic man.

In speech, he was deliberate, orderly and coherent. Even in tense moments of stress and excitement he did not give way to irritability or rashness. Maturity and soundness characterized all his utterances. The description of one of his sons is most apt. "He seems to have always been grown up."

The deep love and appreciation for his wives and children is evident in his personal letters still extant and in his journal.

In his writings he commented many times on his illnesses and those of others, the weather and its effects on individuals and even on his animals. From many things it is evident that he was a man subject to human failings, physical pain, and the ordinary feelings that you or I might

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HOW MUCH DOES OUR MEMORIAL HOME MEAN TO YOU?

One of the outstanding characteristics of the members of this great Smith Family is a fondness for this home that cannot be described. Deeply rooted within all of us is a love and affection not only for Jesse N. Smith, but for each of his five noble wives. From early in our youth we have been told the stories of our great Pioneer heritage; of the sacrifices that they made in order for us to enjoy the blessings that are so prevalent among us today. Within the walls of this home are stored the furniture, books, pictures, clothing, and many relics that remind us of these revered ancestors of ours.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in Snowflake took over this home on May 2, 1963. They have done a tremendous and outstanding job in finding and restoring the many valuable treasures that are found therein. Countless hundreds of hours were given by these faithful people in their task of preserving for many generations to come, these tangible reminders of our Smith Family Heritage. As an example, Uncle Don Smith and Clarence Frost took over the task of seeing that a new roof was installed on the home. Not only was the furniture donated, but the carpets,

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curtains, drapes, souvenirs, and mementos of many kinds and descriptions were contributed to make the rooms in this home so homelike and attractive. It would take many pages to list all of the acts of love that were given in this great endeavor.

A new and exciting venture is now being undertaken by the officers of the Smith Family Organization; the restoration of the structure of this magnificent home. Wind, rain and storm have beat against its walls for seventy-five years. The ravages of time have taken their toll, and the building is badly in need of a new and complete face-lifting if it is to be preserved for future generations to enjoy. We must move forward with the restoration of this home at once.

Phase I, the installation of over a thousand feet of steel rods through strategic locations in the building to prevent further cracking of the outside walls, has just been completed at a cost of \$2500.

Phase II will include securing the footings of the building to prevent further deterioration of the huge sandstone slabs upon which the building rests. While this is being done, new water, gas and sewer lines will be installed, along with a sprinkler system for the lawns, at an estimated cost of \$3500.

Phase III will include the repair or replacement of the exterior woodwork including the windows, lentils, doors, thresholds, porches, and roof fascia at an estimated cost of \$5000.

Phase IV will include the installation of a new electrical system, a furnace, and new piping for the plumbing fixtures in the home, with an estimated cost of \$5600.

Phase V will include the repair and replacement of damaged bricks, filling the exterior cracks in the building with a special mortar, repairing of the roof, painting, and other needed repairs at an estimated cost of \$6000.

Phase VI will include the refinishing, repairing, repapering, and painting the interior of the home at an estimated cost of \$5800.

Phase VII will include the purchase and placement of a Mobile Home on the property where the caretakers of the home may live at a cost of about \$14,000.

Phase VIII will include the placement of a six foot wrought iron fence around the property at a cost of around \$7,000.

We need to raise \$50,000 for the Restoration Project.

The names of all contributors will appear in a memorial book to be published at the conclusion of the restoration. They will be divided into the following categories: Donor, will cover gifts of \$19 - \$49; Sponsor, \$50 - \$99; Builder, \$100-\$499; Patron, \$500-\$999; Benefactor, \$1,000 or more. Cousin Oliver Smith has offered to edit the book, adding photos and a history of the home.

If you would like to come to Snowflake this summer to help with the restoration project, indicate your work skills. (We need carpenters, electricians, and cement workers.) Write to Leland Smith, Drawer S, Snowflake, AZ 85937; or to Bess Erickson, Box 280, Snowflake, AZ 85937, and indicate when you can be there. They will then get in touch with you.

Please send us the names and addresses of your family members and relatives as soon as possible. We are in desperate need of updating the Kinsman mailing list, and would like for all members of the family to receive the Kinsman.

We want you to know what a joy and a blessing it is for us to be of service to our great Family in this undertaking. We ask that each one of you give and give generously in order that you, too, may receive this blessing.

We send our love and best wishes to all our Kinsmen everywhere.

Your Jesse N. Smith Family Officers

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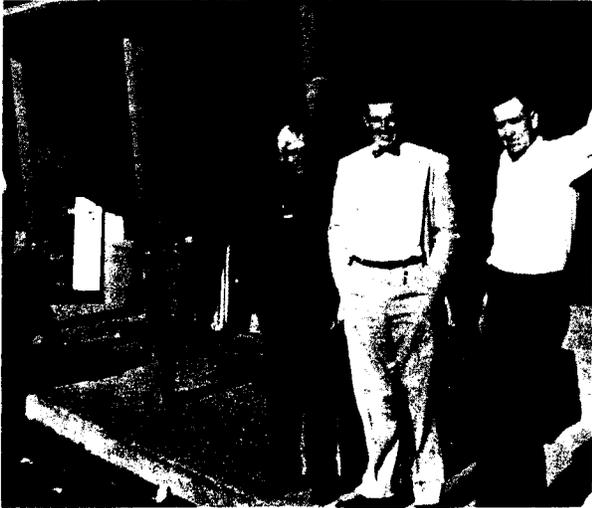
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Snowflake's Centennial History

From Indian Trails — To Jet Trails

by Albert J. Levine

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Ab Flake, Russell Colbath and owner Ren Kay stand in front of Kay's Restaurant.

successful was the Southside Garage located on the south side of the old Willis Brothers Store, which began July 1929 operated by Charles Ballard and Frank Willard. Soon Willard withdrew and Hal Ballard became associated with his brother. This later developed into Ballard Brothers Garage and the location was moved to its present site across from the L.D.S. Church. After Hal's death it was acquired by Charles' sons Leslie and Cleon, and it is still operated by them.

operated by Warren and Merk Newton.

Two other restaurants are located at opposite ends of the town, Edd's Steak House on the north operated by Edd and Beverly Hunt and the El Rancho Cafe on the south. Several short-order establishments exist. Fernie's Dairy Freeze, the Lobo



Silas L. Fish served as teacher and Principal of the Elementary School prior to serving as Academy Principal in 1920 and continu-



Fernie's Dairy Freeze at the south end of town.

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Our Missionary Heritage

The Jesse N. Smith Family has long been proud of its outstanding missionary zeal. We have had missionaries serve on every continent, and in every clime upon the face of the earth.

The Memorial Home in Snowflake has been an important missionary tool used by our family for many years. Of the hundreds of people who have visited the home, nearly all have been greatly impressed by such a remarkable family. For the first time in their lives they have been exposed to the principle of polygamy as our Father in Heaven intended that it should be lived.

We now need to enlarge upon this great missionary program by giving our wholehearted support to the Restoration of our cherished home in Snowflake.

Please indicate your desire and willingness to be included with us in this great Restoration Project by completing this form and returning it as soon as possible.

_____ Yes, I will support the restoration of the Smith Memorial Home.

I am sending \$_____ now.

I will pledge \$_____ on _____ and \$_____ on _____.

_____ I will help raise funds as follows:

1. Contact relatives and Kinsmen in my area. Please send me _____ additional copies of this letter.
2. I will conduct a fund raising project in my area. The nature of this project will be:

Make all checks payable to:

Jesse N. Smith Family Assn.
c/o Chad Avery, Treasurer
2336 N. 81st Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

NOTE: All contributions are tax deductible.

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have. He nearly died in his early youth in Pittsfield, Illinois at the time of his father's death. As a young man, during the first hard year in Utah, he commented on the problem of chronic hunger.

I was just at an age when my appetite was very keen, but there was no help for it. We voluntarily put ourselves upon rations; we had about a half a pound of flour per day for each person without any vegetables, and but a little meat, sometimes none, but we had a little milk from one cow which was farrow. . . . I was exceedingly hungry. For months my desire for food was not satisfied. (*Journal*, p. 13)

The sight in his right eye was nearly destroyed as a result of a firearm accident while serving in the militia in the summer of 1853. Although he traveled extensively on the ocean, he was frequently seasick and seemed not to overcome that tendency. He suffered from ingrown toenails and was a candidate for the use of Preparation H had it been available in his lifetime.

He was, then, a man subject to the same trials, temptations, and ailments as others. We should not forget this as we learn of his many achievements. We otherwise may tend to think of him as a sort of superhuman. The passage of decades may lend an aura of immortality which could cause us to forget his humanness and that he was not different from others in his generation or from us as he met life's problems and trials.

Pioneer and Colonizer

We have already noted that Jesse N. Smith was born in New York. When he was about 1½ years of age, his family moved to Kirtland, Ohio and two years later endeavored to resettle at Far West, Missouri but turned back because of the extermination order of Governor Boggs. His six-year-old brother John Aikens died at a temporary stop in Missouri. Continuing their retreat out of Missouri, the family settled in Pittsfield, Illinois where his father died. His mother, with her two remaining sons, later moved to Nauvoo and adjacent areas in Iowa. Jesse, still as a very young man less than 13 years of age, drove his Uncle John Smith's wagon and his brother, Silas Sanford, drove their mother's wagon across the plains to Salt Lake City, where they arrived September 25, 1847. He witnessed the miracle of the seagulls solving the cricket plague. The family farmed in the Salt Lake Valley and later in areas where Farmington and Centerville are now located and in the fall of 1851 was asked to help colonize Iron County in southern Utah. After years of struggle and relative success in Parowan and the surrounding communities, he was asked in 1878 to accompany Elder Erastus Snow to visit settlements in Arizona. During the trip he was informed of a call to move to Arizona to preside over the "upper settlements." He served on a number of expedition parties to locate other communities in southern Utah

and in Arizona and even went with a party into Old Mexico to find some locations for Mormon settlements there. He spent ten months there in 1885-86. He learned, as did most people in his era, enough of a number of trades to cope with numerous kinds of problems—harness and wagon repair, home construction and repair, maintenance of farm equipment, and surveying. He was indeed a colonizer and a pioneer, and even by the time of his death, life was not easy in the communities of northern Arizona.

Civil Servant

Although it is not easy to recount all of the positions he served, a sampling will show that he was involved in the civil affairs of his day. Before he was 26 he had served as city clerk, city councilman, mayor, and city magistrate in Parowan. He served in many campaigns of the militia in exploration and Indian wars. He was a captain before age 26 and later appointed as major of cavalry and as Colonel in the Nauvoo Legion of Territorial Militia commanding the Piute Military District. He later served as probate judge in both Utah and Arizona and served in the territorial legislatures of both those territories. His duties in these various activities involved much travel in a period when travel was difficult and slow. He served in two national irrigation congresses, one meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the other in Phoenix, Arizona. He helped organize cooperative community projects—cattle herds, mercantile, bank, and other business ventures including the ACMI (Arizona Cooperative Mercantile Institution). He was an agent in purchasing and securing townsites and land and water rights for communities in northern Arizona from the Aztec Land and Cattle Company. He also participated with others in contracting the building of the grades for the Santa Fe railroad tracks in New Mexico. All of this was done with very limited formal education, but with wide travel and wide reading he was a well educated man, conversant in five languages.

A Family Man

The family life of Jesse N. Smith and his families must have been exemplary. There seems to have been a minimum of jealousy among his wives, and his children were always devoted to one another without distinction as to whether they had the same or a different mother. If the principle of plural marriage ever worked effectively in this life, it did so in the families of Jesse N. Smith. The strong women selected to enter the principle of plural marriage are undoubtedly due a lot of the credit for the happiness and progress of a truly unusual family.

Jesse Nathaniel Smith married Emma Seraphine West on May 13, 1852. At that time she was 16 years and 4 months of age, and he was 17 years 6 months of age. This union was blessed with nine children, four boys and five girls.

Somewhat less than four years after his first marriage Jesse N. entered into the principle of plural marriage, selecting Margaret Fletcher West, a sister of his first wife, to be his second wife. She at that time was 17 years and 8 months of age, and he was 21 years and 1 month. Margaret had two children, one boy and one girl, prior to her death February 1, 1864, apparently of acute appendicitis. At the time of her death her husband was serving a mission in Scandinavia. Her older sister took her two children

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and reared them as though they were her own.

Before Jesse N. was called on a second mission to Scandinavia, he married Janet Mauretta Johnson on October 9, 1866. She was 18 years and 10 months of age, and he was then 31 years and 10 months old. Their marriage was blessed with 13 children, all of whom were boys but 12.

When Jesse N. Smith was set apart for his second term as president of the Scandinavian Mission, President Brigham Young strongly counseled him to find a good woman and take another wife while serving in Scandinavia. Obedient to the counsel, he married Augusta Maria Outzen on June 3, 1869. She was a mature young lady of 15 years and 5 months, and her husband was 34 years and 6 months of age at the time of their marriage. I leave it to your imagination to understand the situation when she accompanied her husband to Salt Lake City at the close of his mission and met her husband's first wife there—strangers to each other, speaking different languages, but having the same husband. The situation was further complicated by the imminence of the birth of Augusta's first child which occurred a few days after their arrival in Salt Lake City. Augusta was accepted both in Salt Lake City and by all other family members in southern Utah. This fourth wife of Jesse N. Smith bore him eleven children—two boys and nine girls.

The fifth wife of Jesse N. (the fourth concurrent wife) was

Emma Larson, to whom he was married on October 28, 1881. He was then 46 years 11 months of age, and she was 18 years 7 months. Emma's husband had seven children older than she, and seven children who were already married. She brought nine children into the world, three girls and six boys. Thus, 44 children—14 sons and 30 daughters—made up the happy family of our illustrious forebear and his unusual wives. His two Emmas lived in the same house, and "Aunt" Augusta and "Aunt" Janet lived in homes within a block of them.

Truly Jesse Nathaniel Smith was a man for all seasons. His life spanned Church history from its early beginnings to a widespread Church empire in the West. He traveled widely by foot, ox team, horse, carriage, ship, and train. He knew and met many great men—Church leaders, governmental authorities of territories, states and nations. He bore witness of the Restoration of the Gospel frequently and in widely diverse places. He is the forebear of a huge posterity proud to have him as a progenitor. His character was unimpeachable. His relative, President Joseph F. Smith, then president of the Church, introduced him in General Conference as a "modern Nathaniel in whom there was no guile."

Such was and is the one we honor today. I look forward to the time I may meet him and thank him for his life of courage, of example, and unswerving devotion to truth and service to fellowman.

It's Up to All of Us

The Smith Home restoration project is something all JNS descendants can be proud of. And it's something that future generations will be proud of, too. The JNS Family Association officers have done a tremendous job getting the work under way. But it's up to each of us to make sure the restoration is successfully completed. The officers can't do it alone.

Whether you're a grandchild, great-grandchild, great-great-grandchild, or even a great-great-great-grandchild of Jesse N. Smith, your contribution can make a difference. Right now, there are more than 10,000 descendants of Jesse N. Smith. (This figure does not include spouses.) If we unite our financial strength, we can easily come up with the necessary funds for the restoration. To date, approximately \$4,600 has been donated.

Here's how we can raise the \$50,000:

Get 10,000 JNS descendants to donate \$5 each; or
Get 5,000 JNS descendants to donate \$10 each; or
Get 2,500 JNS descendants to donate \$20 each; or
Get 1,000 JNS descendants to donate \$50 each; or
Get 500 JNS descendants to donate \$100 each; or
Get 100 JNS descendants to donate \$500 each; or
Get 50 JNS descendants to donate \$1000 each.

Surely \$5 or \$10 isn't too much to ask in order to preserve part of our family heritage. (Remember, all donations are tax deductible!)

So spread the word to your cousins and let's all participate. Send your checks TODAY to:

Jesse N. Smith Family Association
c/o Chad Avery, Treasurer
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If you don't have extra money but you do have time and skill, you can still help with the restoration project. Carpenters, electricians, and cement workers are needed. Write to Leland Smith, Drawer S, Snowflake, AZ 85937; or to Bess Erickson, Box 280, Snowflake, AZ 85937.

—Grace Whitaker
Editor

ADDRESS CHANGE IN YOUR FAMILY?

If you, or a member of your family is having a change of address, please send us a letter or postcard so that we may keep *The Kinsman* coming. Be sure to list both the old and new addresses, including Zip code, to help us keep in touch with each couple and adult member.

NEW KINSMAN EDITOR NEEDS YOUR HELP

I need your help to keep The Kinsman going. Here are three things you, as a family member and Kinsman reader, can do:

1. Make sure your address is correct. The postal service charges us a substantial fee to return incorrectly addressed newsletters. Then we must pay additional postage to remail them with the correct address. You can save us money by sending address corrections to J.N. Smith Family Association, 1360 W. 1st Place, Mesa, AZ 85201. (Be sure to include the old address with the new address.)
2. Pay your \$5 membership dues. Your \$5 keeps the Association going and pays for your Kinsman subscription. Although we would like to reach every family member with this Newsletter, we cannot afford to send the Kinsman to those who don't subscribe. You might consider giving a subscription to your children and grandchildren, too. It makes a great wedding present!
3. Send me news about your family. If you or your parents have your own family newsletter, please put me on your circulation list and send a copy to: Grace Whitaker, P.O. Box 1364, Orem, UT 84057. I would also like to receive details about family members who have done any of the following since June 1984:

- married
- joined the armed services
- graduated from college
- received a mission call
- celebrated their 50th (or higher) wedding anniversary
- died
- received a calling to stake or regional leadership
- been elected to a city, county, state, or national office
- received local, state, or national awards

Jesse N. Smith has a family to be proud of. So let's brag a little about each other in The Kinsman! I want to have family news from all branches of the family as a regular feature in The Kinsman, but I need your input. If you don't have time to write your news, please call me at (801)373-8457.

Thank you for your help! Look for a bigger and "newsier" issue of the Kinsman later this year.

—Grace Whitaker, Editor

Jesse N. Smith's 'Great' Grandchildren

J. Lorenzo Smith

J. Lorenzo Smith (son of Samuel F. Smith) is the new first counselor in the presidency of the Arizona Temple. He was set apart by President Gordon B. Hinckley on June 2 as first counselor to Temple President LeRoy Layton.

Oliver R. Smith

Oliver R. Smith (son of Hyrum Smith) was the guest speaker at the commemoration service for the 50th anniversary of the Hill Cumorah monument in Palmyra, N.Y. on July 28. He helped organize the program and presented a slide show about the history of the monument.

H. Smith Broadbent

H. Smith Broadbent (son of Lorana S. Broadbent) recently retired from the faculty of Brigham Young University after teaching chemistry for 39 years. He was honored at a reception on July 5 in the Alumni House on campus. He served as Chemistry Department chairman from 1955 to 1958 and has received the Karl G. Maeser Award for Teaching Excellence, the Karl G. Maeser Research Award, and the Sigma Xi annual lectureship. He has published more than 35 papers in leading organic chemistry journals.

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