

The Joseph F. Smith Family Newsletter for 2005

The Family Reunion Committee

A note about serving on the Family Reunion Committee. This is Carter and my last year on the committee and we want to express our appreciation for the opportunity. We recommend it to anyone who wants to participate in the family organization. A member from each wife serves on the committee for a rotation of five years. Each year the committee meets as required and then once to plan the reunion. Each member has a different assignment at the reunion which rotates each of the five years they are on the committee.

Other members of the committee meet special requirements that are ongoing. These members have served the family through the years and should receive special commendation. They are:

Mary Donoho who has served faithfully as the Family Records Chair. She knows as much as anyone about the family, their whereabouts, and the demographics of both Joseph F.'s family and some of the other Smith Lines.

Jared Glade who has served faithfully as the Family Web Guru. Jared has a great memory and keeps track of the Family Web Site, old photos, and other situations that the Reunion Committee never even hears about. He has been a great asset in helping the Smiths stay together and informed.

Andrew Smith has served and the Family Treasurer for many years. He keeps track of the financial donations that the family accumulates and sees that they are spent wisely.

Vivian Adams and Mary Summerhayes serve as the Educational Out Reach programs for the family.

If you see any of these people at the reunion, take a moment and thank them. They spend a lot of time and energy on behalf of the family. We on the committee are grateful for their support. If you would like to volunteer some time or represent your grandmother on the committee please contact Mary Donoho at *thomas@pathstone.us*

Family Donations

Monies that are collected from the individual family members are used to support various family endeavors including: The support of other lines of the Smith family for special projects, family homes and memorials, educational projects, family history, family web site, the family reunion, records and displays, etc. Any money that is spent is carefully discussed among the Family Committee members and appropriate expenditures are dispersed as required.

Joseph F. Smith BYU Building Dedication

This past month, several members of the family were invited by the brethren to attend the dedication of the new Joseph F. Smith building on the BYU campus. This is a beautiful facility and a tribute to papa. We recommend that any of you that can, drop in and tour the building. The architect, Frank Fergeson, designed an efficient structure in a large square with a great center court yard. This allowed great views through an abundance of windows and will house over 400 faculty.

A Note About the Current Reunion Program Speaker

Richard Holzapfel Ph.D. is a veteran on the BYU history scene. He will be addressing the life and times of Joseph F. Smith's wives. You may have noticed during the last four years, the reunion announcement programs included new and younger pictures of our grandmas. This happened because of Jared Glade who thought it was time to remove the oldies and let us see the real women papa married. Dr. Holzapfel will talk about each of the women in Joseph F.'s life and it may be a chance for each of us to find out what our grandma was really like.