

**Joseph Johnson Smith Family
2005 Family Reunion
July 30, 2005 Wines Park, Lehi, Utah**

April 20, 2005

Dear Descendant of Joseph Johnson Smith:

Let me introduce myself. I am Jay M. Smith, Jr, grandson of Frank Smith, the 9th child of Joseph Johnson Smith and Ann Coleman. Since my retirement from BYU's School of Business, I have spent many weeks working on the family of our great grandfather: his ancestors, siblings, and descendants. In 1996 and again in 2002, I compiled a summary of the work I had done and made it available to many of you. During this time I also worked on my mother's history and in 2003 the Cooley Family Association published a wonderful book on the family of my Cooley great grandfather. It included histories of his 20 children who lived to maturity accompanied by pictures and memories. The 320 page, 500 photograph book has become a treasure for his descendants. I would like to see us do the same for Joseph Johnson Smith.

Joseph Johnson Smith had three wives and had 12 children who lived to maturity and married. The family has grown to several thousand descendants, and histories, pictures, memories are quickly dimming. I am enclosing an outline of the book we are proposing to publish, hopefully by the end of this year. In January of this year, thirty descendants met together in the Lehi Hotel built by Joseph Johnson Smith for his third wife, Sarah Liddiard, and organized our efforts for this project. The proposed outline indicates the names of those who are primarily assigned to gather the material and pictures for each chapter. Perhaps you have been contacted by your representative for input. Feel free to contact them if you have something you would like to see in the book. We do not plan to bring each line down to the current generation, but will be focusing on Joseph Johnson Smith, his ancestors, siblings, wives and children.

To my knowledge, the Smith Family has not had a Reunion that includes all of the children and their descendants. I know there have been reunions of the individual children's descendants such as Jo Billy, Hyrum and Samuel. Because this project involves all families, the committee meeting in January recommended that we have a Reunion this summer where we can display some of the chapters that have been completed and allow you to pre-order your copies of the book so we can estimate the number of copies to print.

We have selected Saturday, July 30 as the day for the 2005 Joseph Johnson Smith Reunion. It will be held in Wines Park in Lehi, Utah on 5th North and 1st East. We have reserved the SE pavilion for the reunion. The time of the Reunion will be 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. We invite you to bring a personal main dish for your family, and a salad or dessert dish for ten that can be shared with other family members. Please bring your own utensils and blankets should we overfill the pavilion. This will be a time to meet cousins you haven't seen for many years, if ever. We are blessed to have a rich heritage from our Smith ancestors, and the Reunion will provide a way to

learn more about the Smiths. Ron Smith, descendant of Samuel agreed to serve as the Reunion coordinator. If you have any questions about the Reunion, you may contact him at RVSmith1234@msn.com. We are sending letters primarily to the great grandchildren and encourage you to share this information with your descendants. We hope most of the family learns of the Reunion and of the book plans. Several chapters are already in draft form, and photographs are being scanned and prepared for insertion into the chapters.

We are enclosing a pre-order form for you to use. We anticipate this book will be between 350-400 pages long, 8 x 10 full book size in spiral binding. We estimate at least 500 photographs will be included. Based upon my experience with the Cooley book, we have established a pre-order price of \$30 per book plus \$3 shipping. The price after initial publication will undoubtedly increase as we evaluate our final production costs.

I would welcome receiving word of your plans to come to the Reunion, and your interest in pre-ordering the book. My address is 1825 Oak Lane, Provo, Utah 84604 Telephone, 801-377-4002 email, jaymyrven@hotmail.com. I look forward to meeting many of my Smith cousins during this year.

Sincerely,

Jay M. Smith, Jr



Joseph Johnson Smith



Lehi Dry Creek Home- 1883 Ann (2nd wife) and Joseph on porch



Smith Main Street Home -Sarah(3rd wife) and Florence (1883) Used for school and lodging (Lehi House)