

Introducing: The Smith Family Cemetery Perpetual Fund

The symbol of our family

In a remarkable achievement,
the descendants of Joseph and Lucy Mack Smith
came together and restored the Nauvoo family cemetery.
For the Smith family, the cemetery has become a symbol
of restored trust, love and faith.
It reminds us that families endure,
and of our obligation to continue to reach out
and support each other.

A great need and opportunity

Our funds have slowly depleted over the past 20 years,
and Elder Ballard and Wallace Smith have asked us
to create a self-sustaining fund that will provide
for the cemetery's perpetual maintenance.
This large endowment will require
a sacrifice from all of us.
But it allows us to support our family
as our forefathers have.

This is our obligation and our opportunity;
because no one else can do what family can.

We invite you to reach out and support
the Smith Family Cemetery.

Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith
FAMILY FOUNDATION



November, 2011

My Dear Cousins,

I want to express my deep love for each of you and thank all of you for what you are doing in honoring the names of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith. The cemetery is a credit to all of the family members that have participated in helping to maintain and beautify the sacred spot where the Prophet Joseph Smith and those dearest to him are buried: Emma, Mother and Father Smith, Hyrum, Samuel, and others of the family. We must never ever lose the sense of appreciation and gratitude for those who have laid the foundation for this great work and have given us so much.

All of us should consider it an honor to support the work of the family, and so I encourage each of you to be as generous as you possibly can in providing financial support so that the work can move forward year after year, touching the lives of more of our family members.

I suppose that there will not be anything that will be more thrilling for anyone of us than to eventually be embraced by Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack and by our other forefathers and loved ones, and have them say to us, "Thank you, thank you, for keeping the cemetery beautiful. Thank you for seeking out the family members and building unity and love and strength within our family."

We are on the Lord's errand. There is a great family work that we must accomplish in His holy name. May we be blessed to do so is the prayer of my heart.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M. Russell Ballard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elder M. Russell Ballard