

Joseph & Polly Knight 2022 Family Reunion

June 24-25

East Millcreek Stake Center
3103 E. Craig Dr. (3630 S.) SLC, UT



Friday, June 24, 2022

In-person

Check-in, registration, displays and get acquainted activities begin at 12:30 p.m. at the LDS Stake Center at 3103 East Craig Dr. (3600 South), Millcreek, Utah.

In addition to the speakers and classes, you will want to:

- Take time to view the huge family tree wall charts that trace the lines descending from each of the children Joseph and Polly Knight
- Pick up the Knight Reunion tee shirts you have ordered
- Consider purchasing a copy of the recently published Newel Knight Journal and the Pioneer Magazine Special Knight Edition, or the new Jesse Knight biography and get it signed by the author, or some other items for sale. Cash or check only, please.
- Participate in some fun get-to-know-your ancestor activities.
- Meet some new Knight cousins over lunch or dinner

Online

Please complete the free registration on eventbrite. Find the link to Eventbrite on the family website, <https://josephknightfamily.org>. You need to register even if you are only participating through zoom, so we have your name and email address where the zoom links can be sent 2-3 days prior to the reunion. During each class session there will be two class options available on zoom. There will be one link for all the speakers and classes in the chapel, and another link for all the classes taught in the Relief Society room, so you can choose which class to attend.

Opening session 1:15 p.m. in the Chapel

Welcome to the 2022 Knight Reunion by James Knight, Reunion chairman.

Speakers: Richard Bushman, Carl Davis and Richard Morrey

Richard Bushman is a historian and author of *Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling*, in an interview taped just for this reunion about the local culture in upstate New York in the 1820s and the relationship of Joseph Smith and Joseph Knight.

Carl Davis and Richard Morrey, board members of Colesville Restoration, Inc., the group who has helped restore, and now cares for the Joseph and Polly Knight home and Josiah Stowell home in Colesville, New York, speaking on their experiences in the Knight home.

Friday Class sessions:

Session 1 - 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. – #1 and #2 in person and on zoom,

1. **Chapel: Phil Ditmer - Stories of the early American ancestors of Joseph Knight and Polly Peck.** Both Joseph Knight, Sr., and his wife Polly Peck Knight had deep roots in American soil. Their families were in America more than 100 years before the Revolutionary War even began. Hear some of their stories.
2. **Relief Society Room: Liz Shellum – How to write a good obituary and why it matters.** Obituaries are a final statement about an individual's life, and an important genealogical resource and record. Liz shares tips on how to write an obituary that is personal, warm, and shares valuable details for family history purposes.
3. **Room 3 --A filmed Tour of the Joseph and Polly Knight home in Colesville, New York, by Edi Uloa and her family.**

If you are viewing the reunion online, you can see this tour on a Youtube link that will be sent to you with the zoom class links and schedule after you have registered.

Session 2 - 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. – #1 and #2 in person and on zoom, #3 only in person

1. **Chapel: Diane Mangum – The Complicated Life of Phebe Crosby Peck Knight, the second wife of Joseph Knight, Sr.** Two years after the death of Polly, Joseph Knight married Phebe, a young widow with four children, and together they went through the Missouri and Nauvoo years.
2. **Relief Society Room – Boyd Knight, Jesse Knight, the Vision to See and the Courage to Do.** Boyd has a newly published book on the life of Jesse Knight and his incredible number of mines and business ventures, including establishing Raymond, Canada.
3. **Room 3: Ken Wilcock – Joseph Knight Sr.'s last years in Mt. Pisgah with Anna and Freeborn DeMille.** Ken and his wife recently served a mission in the Mt. Pisgah area and gathered stories and photos of the places where Joseph Knight, Sr. lived after the exodus from Nauvoo.

Class session 3 - 4:45 to 5:30 – #1 and #2 in person and on zoom, #3 only in person

1. **Chapel: John Mangum – Current Events Joseph Knight read about in the newspapers of his day.** Even in Father Knight's lifetime, vaccines, war, racial tension and disagreements between states were in the news.
2. **Relief Society Room: Dan Bartholomew – Anna and Freeborn DeMille in Manti and their posterity.** Stories of the DeMille, Funk and Musig families.
3. **Room 3: Rod Andreasson - Joseph Knight Jr., Miracles and Ministering in the years after Nauvoo.** Joseph, Jr. and his young family were among the very last to leave Nauvoo, literally driven out by a mob. Joseph, Jr. saw sore trials and miracles. Joseph became a bishop in Winter Quarters, and served valiantly under hard circumstances.

Friday evening Dinner 5:45 to 6:45

Dinners must be pre-purchased when you register. Individuals are welcome to bring their own meal or pick up fast food in the area to bring back to the reunion building to eat. Apple Spice caterers will serve BBQ chicken, with lots of side choices for \$15.50.

Friday Night Fireside 7-8:15 p.m. in the Chapel

Speaker: Dan Debenham, host and co-creator of BYUtv's Relative Race, just wrapping up its 8th season, has been working in the television industry for 30 years creating, producing, and hosting family friendly and sports related television programming. Dan is a great speaker and has a passion for families.

Saturday, June 25, 2022

In-person

Registration and check-in for those who did not attend on Friday begins at 8:30 a.m.

Online

The Zoom link for the opening speaker will go live at 9:15 a.m. You can stay on that same link for classes in the chapel, or switch to view classes held in the Relief Society room. Both links will be in the information sent to those who register.

Welcome and Saturday briefing 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Saturday Class sessions:

Session 1 – 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. – #1 and #2 in person and on zoom, #3 only in person

- 1. Chapel: Ken Wilcock – Joseph Knight Sr.'s last years in Mt. Pisgah with Anna and Freeborn DeMille.** Ken and his wife recently served a mission in the Mt. Pisgah area and gathered stories and photos of the places where Joseph Knight, Sr. lived after the exodus from Nauvoo.
- 2. Relief Society Room: Liz Shellum – Family Heirloom Show and Tell - Textiles.** You are invited to bring quilts, clothing, samplers and other textile family treasures to show the class and to tell the story of the item. Please sign up on the registration form to let Liz know you are bringing an item. Each participant showing a treasure will have about 4 minutes to tell of its significance or story. It does not need to be a Knight family treasure, just something interesting from someone in your family. Even if you don't have something to bring, you are welcome to come and listen and see all the fun things. Liz will share tips on how to preserve old textile items.
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Session 2 – 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. – #1 and #2 in person and on zoom, #3 only in person

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- 2. Relief Society Room: Liz Shellum – Family Heirloom Show and Tell – Photos, Documents and objects.** You are invited to bring interesting documents, photos and objects to show the class and to tell the story of the item. Please sign up on the registration form to let Liz know you are bringing an item. Each participant showing a treasure will have about 4 minutes to tell of its significance or story. It does not need to be a Knight family treasure, just something interesting from someone in your family. Even if you don't have something to bring, you are welcome to come and listen and see cool stuff. Liz will share tips on how to preserve old photos and documents.
- 3. Room 3: John Mangum – Current Events Joseph Knight read about in the newspapers of his day.** Even in Father Knight's lifetime, vaccines, war, racial tension and disagreements between states were in the news.

Saturday Session 3 – 11:30 – 12:15 – #1, #2, #3 in person, or youtube

- 1. Chapel: Diane Mangum – How to Fact Check Old Family Stories.** If grandma always told the story it must be true, right? Well, maybe not. Learn some ways to fact check those old stories and see if they really are too good to be true.
- 2. Relief Society Room: Carl Davis – The lives of Molly Knight Slade and her daughter Anna, both Colesville Saints and stalwart pioneers.** Molly was a sister to Joseph Knight, Sr. who joined the church in Colesville, and left for Kirtland and then Missouri with the others, even though her husband did not.
- 3. Room 3 --A filmed Tour of the Joseph and Polly Knight home in Colesville, New York, by Edi Uloa and her family.**
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Lunch – 12: 15 to 1:15 p.m.

Lunches must be pre-purchased when you register. Individuals are welcome to bring their own meal or pick up fast food in the area to bring back to the reunion building to eat. Apple Spice caterers offering box lunch with choice of roast beef, turkey, ham or vegetarian sandwich with pickle, chips and cookie, \$11.50

Closing session 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Speaker – Daniel Peterson, BYU Professor of Islamic Studies, passionate Church and Ancient History scholar, co-producer of the recent film “Witnesses of the Book of Mormon,” and one of your Knight cousins!

