

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 12:00 p.m. at the LDS Stake Center at 3103 East Craig Dr. (3600 South), Millcreek, Utah.

Online

The zoom link will go live at 12:30 p.m. for the opening session.

For all sessions held in the chapel use this zoom address:

<https://zoom.us/j/94708029039?pwd=cDBHd29UbnRIS3lmT01leThEQk5VUT09>

For all classes held in the Relief Society room connect using this zoom address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81983216289?pwd=ZUd5OVNnOEhpaTAxM3pLd0F3Y1BUZz09>

Displays, family trees and items to purchase: Throughout the reunion you are welcome to wander the cultural hall and view the huge family tree posters, sit at a table and chat, or look over the items on display, or for sale. Copies of the SUP Pioneer Magazine Knight family special edition will be available for purchase, as well as copies of Boyd Knight's new book about the life of Jesse Knight.

Opening session 1:00 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*. He will participate in a pre-recorded 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, will speak on their experiences in the Knight home. An introduction of a new Colesville Restoration board President and treasurer will be made. Also, the addition of associates will be explained. A discussion will be shared about how miracles and tender mercies have and, continue to influence the opportunity for visitors to experience the Knight and Stowell homes.

Friday Class sessions:

All classes in the Chapel and Relief Society room will also be available on zoom

Session 1 - 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Upstairs East Room: A filmed tour of the Joseph and Polly Knight home in Colesville, New York, by Edi Ulloa and her family.** Online reunion participants will be sent a YouTube link to view the movie.

Session 2 - 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

- **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.
- **Relief Society Room – Boyd Knight, Jesse Knight, the Vision to See and the Courage to Do.** Boyd is the author of a newly published book on the life of Jesse Knight. Boyd will share stories about Jesse's philanthropy, mines and business ventures, including establishing Raymond, Canada.
- **Upstairs East Room: 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 p.m.

- **Chapel: John Mangum – Current events and the news during the life of Joseph Knight, Sr.** Even in Father Knight's lifetime, vaccines, war, racial tension, strange natural occurrences, and disagreements between states were in the news, at a time Americans were hungry for news and newspapers were in every town.
- **Relief Society Room: Dan Bartholomew – Anna and Freeborn DeMille in Manti and their posterity.** Stories of the DeMille, Funk and Musig families.
- **Upstairs East Room: Rod Andreasson - Joseph Knight Jr., Miracles and Ministering in Nauvoo.** Joseph, Jr. and his young family were among the very last to leave Nauvoo, Joseph, Jr. literally driven out by a mob. He saw both sore trials and miracles.

Friday evening Dinner 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Meals that were purchased with your registration will be served in the cultural hall. If you have a picnic dinner, or fast food, please join us in the cultural hall as well.

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

Speaker: Dan Debenham

Host and co-creator of BYUtv's *Relative Race*, which just wrapped up its 8th season. Dan 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.

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

Saturday Class sessions

All class sessions in the chapel and Relief Society Room will also be available on zoom.

Session 1 – 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

- **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.
- **Relief Society Room: Liz Shellum – Family Heirloom Show and Tell and Tips on How to preserve and store old family documents, quilts, clothing, and photos.** Learn more about what to do with those treasures to both protect and to share them in meaningful ways with your family, including documenting their origins.
- **East Room: 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 American more than 100 years before the Revolutionary War even began. Hear some of their stories.

Session 2 – 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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Saturday Session 3 – 11:30 – 12:15

- **Chapel: Diane Mangum – How to Fact Check Old Family Stories.** Just because Grandma loved to tell the story it doesn't make it true! Learn some ways to fact check those old stories and find out what the real story is.
- **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. Also, how the Colesville Saints' exodus created a division of the Slade family of ten children with numerous extended family members.
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Lunch – 12: 15 to 1:15 p.m.

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At 1 p.m. in the Cultural Hall there will be a live Knight Family Jeopardy Game!

We will be looking for contestants!

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

Speaker – Dr. 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!