Joseph Smith's Descendants

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CORRECTIONS.

COIN, IOWA, OCTOBER 30, 1908.

In THE ANNALS of October last I notice on page 239, regarding the
death of Hon. P. M. C. Logan, that he is credited with being the founder
of the town of Logan, county seat of Harrison county, Iowa.

This is a mistake. The town of Logan was laid out in July, 1867, on
land owned by a pioneer named Henry Reel. Mr. Reel named the town
"Logan" in honor of Gen. John A. Logan, of Illinois, for whom he held
the highest regard.

Hon. P. M. C. Logan was never prominently identified with the town
of Logan. He was engaged in the grain business there for several years
but afterward sold out and located on a farm southeast of the town. He
represented the county of Harrison in the legislature and was a useful
man but he was not the founder of the town of Logan nor was it named
in his honor. For verification see J. H. Smith's history of Harrison
County, page 374.

This matter may not be of importance but I want Mr. Reel to have
the honor due him. Recently I have seen a number of newspaper items
about Hon. P. M. C. Logan, crediting him with being the founder of
Logan, Iowa. This being erroneous it should be corrected as far as pos-
sible.

Yours respectfully,

W. E. ADAIR,
Editor of The Gazette.

JOSEPH SMITH'S DESCENDANTS.

Editor Burlington Hawk-Eye:

Will you please give room to this correction of a misstatement that
crept into The Sunday Hawk-Eye? It was stated that the Utah Mormons
had purchased the old Carthage jail and that they and the "children and
grandchildren" of Joseph Smith would use it as a monument to his mem-
ory. Now the truth is that none of the descendants of Joseph Smith have
anything to do with the affair, because none of them have anything to do
with the people who have bought the property. The descendants of
Joseph Smith are connected with the non-polygamous re-organized Latter
Day Saint Church, with headquarters at Lamoni, Iowa. None of his
children or grandchildren are connected with the Mormon Church, none
of them have ever been, and none of them ever wish to be connected with
that church. From the oldest to the youngest they have always opposed
it. As one of the members of the family I wish to see this mistake,
probably no fault of The Hawk-Eye, corrected.

ELBERT A. SMITH.

In the notice of the death of Col. John Scott on page 237 of this vol-
ume of The ANNALS the statement was made that he was born in 1811.
This is an error. He was born April 14, 1824.