

# Family News

Smith Family Newsletter – September 19, 2015

## You Made It Happen

The Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association awarded a \$25,000 scholarship to the Geisel School of Medicine to honor the work of Dr. Nathan Smith and have Joseph's name known for good on Friday, September 11, 2015.



Richard C. Peck, Director of Gift Planning and G. Dino Koff, Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean of Student Services at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth accept the check from Dan Larsen, Trustee, Steve and Frances Orton, Chairs of the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Association and Trustee, and Karl Anderson, Trustee and Executive Secretary for the Association. Picture by Angela Hughes.

Smiths travelled from surrounding areas to join in the celebrations and participate in a fireside. Students from Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth joined the Smith Family to hear about the work of Dr. Nathan Smith and the surgery performed on young Joseph Smith.

Dr. Wirthlin is an expert on Joseph's leg surgery, Dr. Wirthlin explained that "the surgery was done in an unsterile environment, using unsterile instruments, and it worked."

To read more about this see the [Deseret News article](#) written by Smith descendant, Julie Maddox.

Check out the Valley News report, [Gift Honors Surgery That Saved Religious Leader's Leg](#).

The Geisel News Center issued a press release that explained, "*Descendants of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, have created a scholarship at the Geisel*

## Smith Family Night Podcast

Our first Smith Family Podcast, The Connecticut Covenant, is still in production. Daniel Adams tells us about the Smith Family living in the Connecticut River Valley.



Daniel Adams sharing some stories from the Smith family for the upcoming podcast.  
Picture from Michael Lantz.

He said, "In 1811, Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack moved to the Connecticut River Valley. They had all the world's goods they needed, a good home, business and money. Within five years, they had lost everything—all their worldly goods. But what they gained in return was priceless; the sure knowledge that God had heard their prayers and had delivered them. They had been purified in the fire of affliction, and they knew that wherever they would go, He would be leading them."

"And that is what a covenant really is. It is the price we pay to come to know our God. When we know with surety that He loves us, we are willing to do anything He requires, because suddenly the cares of this world are swallowed up in the hope and knowledge of a better one with Him. "

*School of Medicine to honor and give thanks for a pioneering surgery that Dartmouth's Dr. Nathan Smith performed on young Joseph." To read the full press release.*

"That is what the Smith family gained in the Connecticut River Valley—a covenant so great that it would sustain them through the greater trials they would shortly have to face."

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