

The Joseph Smith Jr. & Emma Hale Smith Historical Society to Place Marker in August 2020

The Joseph Smith Jr. & Emma Hale Smith Historical Society will place a "Sons of the American Revolution" marker on the headstone of Isaac Hale, Emma Smith's father, just prior to the gathering of the Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith family.



At 17, Isaac and his Uncle David enlisted in Colonel Ebenezer Allen's command as they sought to prevent Canadian military raids into the Mohawk Valley.

Emma's father, Isaac Hale, died 11 January 1839. His tombstone bears this inscription, "The body of Isaac Hale, the hunter, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of their guilding, lies here, food for worms, yet the work itself shall not be lost, and it will appear once more in a new and beautiful edition, corrected and amended." The cemetery sits 75 yards east of the Priesthood Restoration Site.



Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion

July 30-August 1, 2020 Palmyra, New York

"Immerse yourself in the glorious light of the Restoration."
President Russell M. Nelson

*** Collecting eyeglasses to help Vision Cause of Palmyra Lions Club * Registration in Fayette, New York * Learn about Smith DNA * Go to the Grove 5K * Obstacle Course * Family Photo * Family Stories * Honoring all 14-year olds * Family Fun***

Smith Reunion

2020 VISION



The Height of Heresy

By Daniel Adams

It was the height of heresy—that a man in the early 1800s would reject the social and religious pressure of his day, reject the will of the minister as the word of God, the minister who barred Alvin from salvation's gate, because pure-hearted Alvin had not

been baptized! Heresy—to reject these clerics of dead doctrines that brought no comfort to the heart. Heresy to turn to the scriptures on his own, to suppose that he could interpret the word of God, or that God would deign to answer his prayers!

But it was this very rejection that caused Joseph Sr. to become a truly spiritual man. Nineteenth century religious practice dictated that man could not approach God, let alone pray for personal direction—that was the purview of the clergy! Yet Joseph turned to the Bible for guidance and gathered his family while he pleaded to God for protection. It was this providence that brought them from New Hampshire to Palmyra when they had no money, that gave them hope that they were seeking that course which served God best, and that gave them such

ponderous, marvelous dreams!

These were the circumstances of Joseph's birth and upbringing, and only a father's example and a mother's story of pleading in a grove of cherry trees could drive young Joseph to his own sacred grove—an experience which changed the course of religious history. Does God the Father really love us as His children? Is He as interested in us as He was in Joseph Sr, Lucy, or young Joseph Smith? Did Christ truly atone for our sins so that we can have joy in this crazy world, or is it less tumultuous today?

What value is Father and Mother Smith's life and Joseph's First Vision to you? If their account is true, its impact on our lives is priceless! But if it is as the world cries still today—heresy, then life truly has little meaning or purpose. Could James' injunction to ask of God for ourselves be even more relevant in our day?

What heresy!

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."
James 1:5

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Smith Family Gardens

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Camp Nauvoo Partnership

The prototype structures that are being built at camp Nauvoo will provide housing for students and volunteers of idigNauvoo projects.

Don Carlos Smith Home Reconstruction

(Times and Seasons Building)

This will be the home of the idigNauvoo artifacts that are currently in the basement of the Red Brick Store. The Don Carlos Smith home will have accessible entrance.



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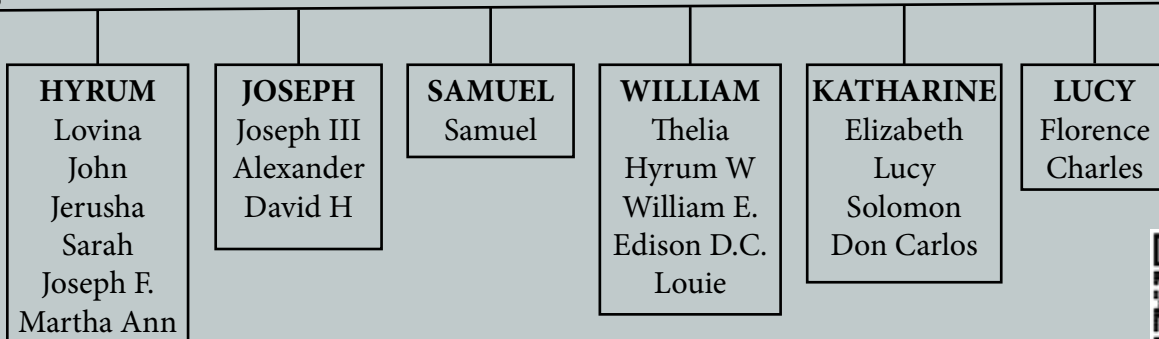
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Morning Events

May 2, 2020

This Is The Place Heritage Park

Go to the Grove 5K Speakers:

Obstacle Course Hank Smith

Escape Room John Bytheway

Family Mosaic and Ugo Perego

Evening Fireside

Assembly Hall at Temple Square

Speakers:

President M. Russell Ballard

John Bytheway

Hank Smith



At the reunion, you'll have the chance to join several world-renowned local artists in creating a collaborative painting of the First Vision. Your combined finished work will "go on tour" and be unveiled at the reunion in Palmyra. All participants will receive a printable PDF souvenir card and fine art print by email, featuring the completed collaboration, as it appears after its July unveiling in Palmyra.

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