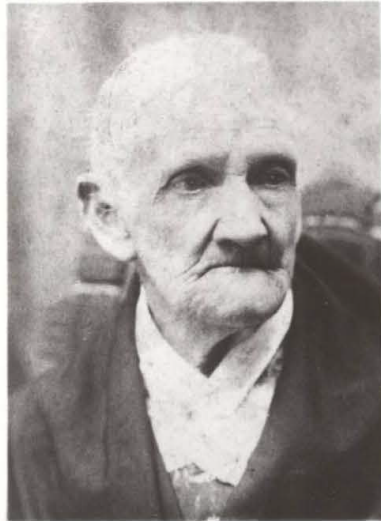


Aunt Katharine Smith Salisbury

In Loving Memory

200th Birthday



1813-1900

Despite poverty, persecution and tragedy, Katharine outlived all of her siblings, several of her children, and several grandchildren.

She is said to have had “a peaches and cream complexion”. She was a person of firm convictions. She was always very kind and loving, especially to her family.

Music, *Sweet Evening Dreams*, written by her granddaughters, Grace and Florence Salisbury, arranged and performed by Bryan Davis and Kimberly Jo Smith for Katharine’s 200th Birthday Celebration DVD

Happy 200th Birthday

Aunt Katharine Smith Salisbury

At this, the 22nd Joseph Smith Sr., & Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion, in Salt Lake City, August 2013, we delight in remembering the

200th Birthday of

KATHARINE SMITH SALISBURY

Born: 28 July 1813 Lebanon, Grafton, N.H.

Died: 2 February 1900, Fountain Green, Hancock, Illinois.

At seventeen, she married Wilkins Jenkins Salisbury, in Kirtland, Ohio, 8 January 1831. Pictured here: Katharine's family gathered to celebrate her birthday



(photo abt. 1896)—at her farm at Fountain Green, Hancock Co. IL/ l-r: Alexander H. Smith, Sibian W. Salisbury, Mary Salisbury Dean (Hancock), Don Carlos Salisbury, Emma Salisbury, (dog Fritz), Albert Salisbury, Grace Salisbury, Florence Salisbury, Herbert Salisbury, Katharine Smith Salisbury.

After the exodus of the Latter-day Saints to the west, the Salisburys remained in Hancock County. Jenkins died in 1850. Katharine and her family settled at Fountain Green where she had a small farm. In the politically charged atmosphere of Hancock County, they endured much persecution, but Katharine held onto her house and land, and even added to it, using money given her by Brigham Young, with whom she kept up a cordial correspondence up to the time Brigham died.

Five of her eight children grew to adulthood: Solomon, Alvin, Don Carlos, and Frederick. Katharine had 23 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren. Nearly every branch of her family has been well represented at the

Joseph Smith Sr., Family Reunions since the beginning, in 1972.

Verifying the Correct birthdate for Katharine:

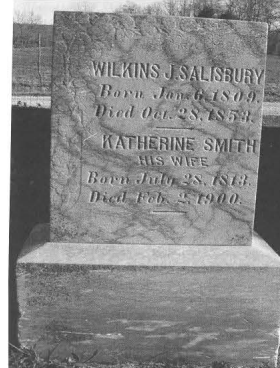
Over the past 113 years since Katharine died, her birthdate, and even the spelling of her name has been reported in various ways, even by very credible authors.

One family source published her birth date as 8 July, 1812, others picked that up, and thereafter others used it as well. Another used the date 8 July, 1813. Even the most recent publications about Katharine have repeated the incorrect date while several recognize her birth as being in 1813 rather than 1812.

As for the spelling of her name, she herself seems to have varied, from time to time; but most often, she signed Katharine rather than Catherine.

In an affidavit signed, "Katharine Salisbury," she stated, "I will be sixty Eight Years of age July 28, 1881." This affidavit was "duly sworn" and filed, in the State of Illinois, Kendall County, "on the 15th day of April, A.D. 1881." It was then published in *The Saints' Herald*, 1 June, 1881. (Community of Christ, formerly RLDS Church Archives).

This gravestone for Katharine Smith and Wilkins Jenkins Salisbury stands in the Webster Cemetery, in Hancock, Co., Illinois.



Note: Born 28 July 1813; her name with yet another spelling variation: Katherine

Happy 200th Birthday

If the affidavit is correct, Katharine was either not yet born, or was just a few months old when her brother Joseph suffered the terrible surgery. Think of his mother coping with the horrific ordeal of Joseph's leg operation when she was pregnant, or nursing a little baby! It is beyond anything most of us would want to think about.



Joseph's First Trial—painting by Ken Corbett

Katharine's older sister, Sophronia, and younger sister, Lucy adored their brothers, and honored their names to the end of their lives.



HYRUM AND JOSEPH SMITH
Killed by a mob June 27, 1844 at
Carthage Ill.

Katharine kept this picture of Joseph and Hyrum on her wall. She said this is how they looked the last time she saw them on June 23, 1844 the last time she heard them speak in Nauvoo.