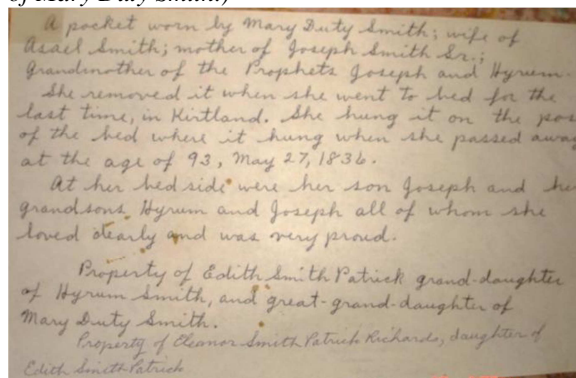


Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion

Mary Duty Smith's Pocket

By Frances Orton

This following history was written in Edith Smith Patrick's handwriting. (*Edith Smith Patrick, Granddaughter of Hyrum Smith and great-grand-daughter of Mary Duty Smith.*)



Transcription:

"A pocket worn by Mary Duty Smith: wife of Asael Smith; grandmother of Joseph and Hyrum.

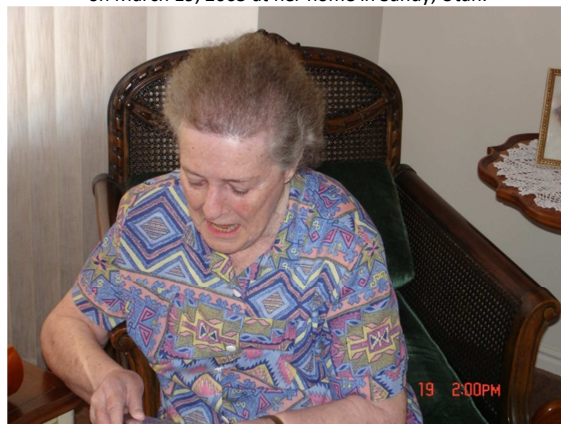
She removed it when she went to bed for the last time, in Kirtland. She hung it on the post of the bed where it hung when she passed away at the age of 93, May 27, 1836. At her bed side were her son Joseph and her grandson's Hyrum and Joseph all of whom she loved dearly and was very proud."



This was a little bag that Mary Duty Smith wore around her waist. It is like a purse. It opens up part way down the front and looped through apron strings or a belt. She did not have lots of money and had pieced this together with scraps of material. Joseph F. Smith was given this after his father was martyred.



Eleanor Patrick Richards was showing how this pocket was made on March 19, 2005 at her home in Sandy, Utah.



Eleanor Patrick Richards at her home in Sandy, Utah showing the pocket and reading the written history about the bag



The back is a very worn piece of fabric. A hole is torn through the right side. There is a dark red stain in the lower right hand corner.



Bag made by Wynlee Sue Call

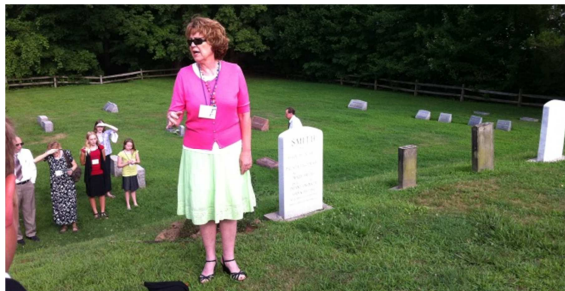


Elaine Smith put together this reproduced version

Before the 2011 reunion Wynlee Sue Call asked Frances Orton for the dimensions of the bag to recreate one to use at the family reunion. Joy Ercanbrack used the bag made by Wynlee Sue Call in the picture on the right. Joy Ercanbrack showing items pulled from the reproduced bag patterned after Mary Duty Smith's.



On Sunday, August 7, the family held a memorial in honor of all the family represented in the Kirtland Cemetery. More of this story on the next three pages.

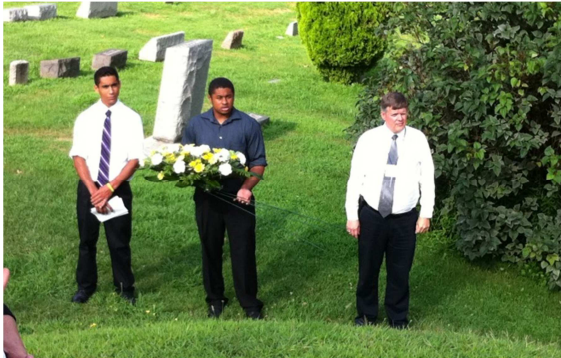


Margaret Penfield led the family in a musical number as everyone began to gather for the Graveside Wreath Memorial

Family Members Memorialized in Kirtland Cemetery

Mary Duty Smith (1743-1836)
 Jerusha Barden Smith, Hyrum's wife (1805-1837)
 Mary Smith, Hyrum and Jerusha's daughter
 (1829-1832)
 Infant twins of Joseph and Emma
 (Born and died 1831)

Graveside Wreath Memorial at the Kirtland Cemetery



Anson, Austin, and Daniel C. Patrick prepare for the memorial at the cemetery. Daniel and Kris Patrick provided the flowers.



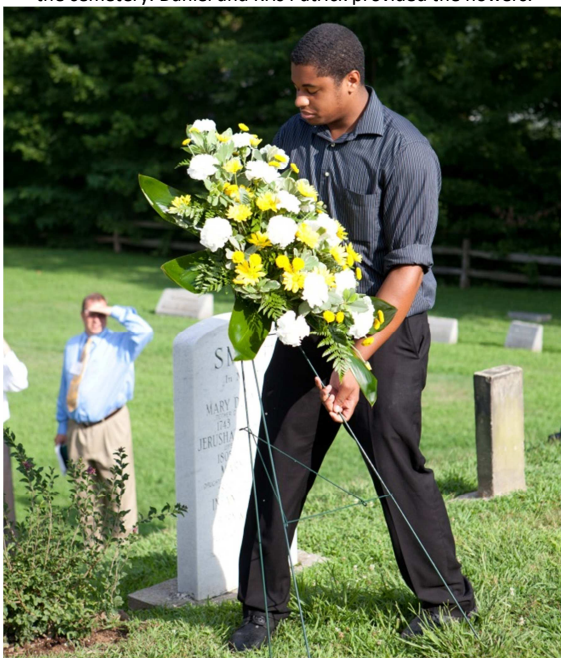
Daniel C. Patrick's talk:

“My Father, Joseph Fielding Patrick and my Grandmother, Edith Eleanor Smith Patrick (Teedie) brought my Sister Frances and I to the first reunion in 1972. We traveled across the country by bus. The trip was comfortable enough although if the air-conditioning went then people complained a bit. Teedie lived to be 94 years old. Keep in mind that today the average life expectancy is 78.3 years. What does that have to do with Mary Duty Smith?”

Mary Duty was born on October 11, 1743, in Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts, to Moses and Mary Palmer Duty. She married Asael Smith on February 12, 1767 and they were the parents of eleven children included Joseph Smith Sr.

Soon after her husband's death, 92 year old Mary Duty Smith moved to Kirtland, Ohio, 500 miles from eastern Massachusetts. She wanted to be with some of her children and meet grandchildren and great grandchildren. For our reunions we travel in comfort, but Mary Duty Smith did not have any of those comforts. She traveled by water whenever possible to make the trip as comfortable as possible. Family was very important to Mary. So important that she was willing to brave the rough travel to be with them.

She arrived at Fairport, Ohio on May 16, 1836 at about 5 p.m. Joseph Smith Sr. and his sons heard that she was coming and went to meet her. The weather was rainy and forbidding so the family made arrangements for Mary to stay in Fairport until the following day when her “boys” returned to take her to Kirtland.



Austin Patrick placing the wreath



Daniel C Patrick delivering his message to the family

Mary wanted to be with her family and be baptized by her grandson, Joseph Smith Jr. Unfortunately, after a short 11 days with her family she became ill and passed away.

If being with family was so important to Mary when travel was rough then how much more important should it be for us. We can build and maintain relationships in relative comfort.

I testify that this family is special and blessed. If we will keep making the effort, we will be able to establish the kind of forever family that Mary Duty Smith wanted for her family."



David Adams read the lilac sign and placed it in the ground by the family marker



Wayne & Annette Pierce, Mary Quinn, Jessica and Alyssa Burke



The family as they begin to gather at the cemetery





Don Lee after the memorial and as the group began walking back to the Kirtland Temple for the closing meeting



The family files back inside the Kirtland Temple

