

Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion

Reunion Activities – August 4, 2013

Music and the Spoken Word

By Frances Orton

Music and the Spoken Word was a highlight for the family. Over 700 Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith descendants gathered to share this experience.

Before the program began, Kent Nortin read a message to welcome honored guests. The Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family and Dr. David Longcope and his family were among those guests. This message was prepared by Elder Richard and Sister Hinckley and read by Kent Nortin. This was the beautiful welcome:

“We are delighted to have some very special guests with us this morning. They are members of the Joseph Smith, Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association, and hail from various parts of the country. Some are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, while others are not. We welcome each and every one of them. With them is a distinguished couple representing the posterity of Dr. Nathan Smith, not related to the Joseph Smith family. They are David and Stephanie Longcope from Denver, Colorado. It was exactly 200 years ago that their forbear, Dr. Nathan Smith, performed miraculous and life-saving experimental surgery on 7-year old Joseph Smith that saved Joseph's life and enabled him to carry out the work which resulted in the founding of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 23 years later. Dr. Smith's unique surgery was not accepted as common medical practice for another 100 years. It could be argued that none of us

would be here today-neither the Choir, nor the Orchestra, nor beautiful Temple Square, nor Salt Lake City as we know it-but for Dr. Smith's inspired and courageous actions. Would the descendants of both Smith families please stand and be recognized, and would the descendants of Dr. Nathan Smith please raise their hands and wave!”

The message shared by the Tabernacle Choir and Music and the Spoken word is included below and was titled:

From Rivals to Friends - August 04, 2013

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While Seward, Chase, and Bates grumbled about the outcome and envied the new president, Lincoln shocked the political community by appointing his three rivals to positions in his cabinet. The editor of the Chicago Tribune asked President Lincoln why he had made the surprising appointments of men who coveted his position and who might overshadow him with their political experience. "We needed the strongest men of the party in the cabinet," Lincoln replied. "These were the very strongest men. Then I had no right to deprive the country of their services."

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Our decisions may not determine the destiny of nations, but they can influence, for good or ill, our cherished relationships. How many relationships have been saved when a good soul chooses to be happy—rather than envious—about a neighbor's success? Interestingly, Lincoln's surprising cabinet appointments not only blessed the country but also turned political rivalries into warm and respectful friendships.

Like Lincoln, we can stand above the fray and applaud the successes of others; we can see the good they have to offer and embrace their contributions. As we do, we will find ourselves and our relationships stronger as a result.

During the reunion planning when the committee learned a descendant of Dr. Nathan Smith would be able to attend, a brilliant idea came from Mary Donoho. She suggested family genealogy books be given as a gift of thanks. Mary undertook this huge assignment and put these histories together.



Picture by Craig Frogley

The Smith family filled over 700 seats on Sunday morning



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Karl Anderson, Dan and Rosemarie Larsen, and Joyce Anderson before Music and the Spoken Word

After the Music and Spoken Word program went off the air, it was arranged for the family to make a special presentation to Dr. David and Stephanie Longcope. Mary Donoho became sick and Saturday night arranged for Steve and Frances to present her hard work to the Longcope family.



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Craig Jessop, Elder Richard Hinckley, and Frances & Steve Orton



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Grace & David Longcope after Music and the Spoken Word



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Steve Orton introducing David Longcope



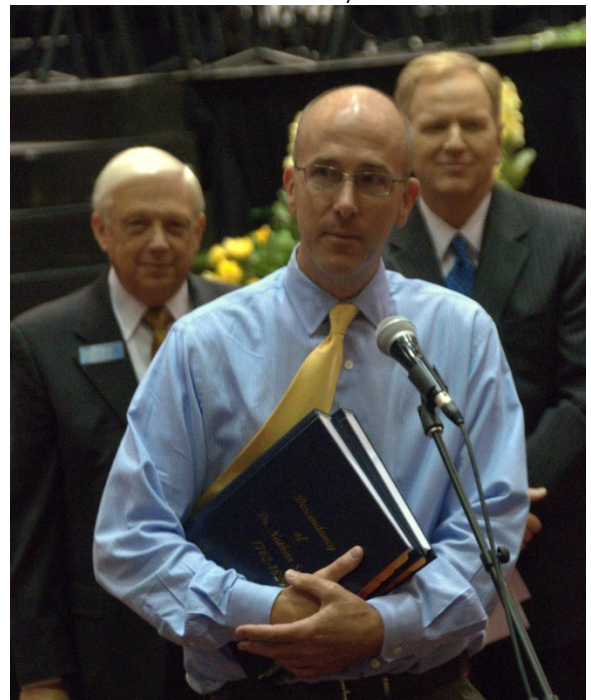
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On behalf of the Smith family, Frances Orton presents the genealogy of Nathan Smith to descendant, Dr. David Longcope



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Stephanie, little Nathan, Grace, and David Longcope thanking the Smith Family



Picture by Michael Kennedy

Craig Jessop who directed the choir, David Longcope (Nathan Smith Descendent) expressing his gratitude at the microphone, and Lloyd Newell voice of Music and the Spoken Word.



The first broadcast of *Music and the Spoken Word* was on a hot summer afternoon in the Tabernacle on Temple Square, July 15, 1929. The announcer climbed a ladder to speak into the radio station's one and only microphone, suspended from the ceiling. He stayed perched on the ladder throughout the half-hour program. An audio engineer was alerted by telegraph when to start. Hand signals cued the announcer. He began, "From the crossroads of the West, we welcome you to a program of inspirational music and spoken word."

Those words, first spoken eight decades ago, still open the program. Today *Music and the Spoken Word* is the world's longest continuing network broadcast, carried on more than 2,000 radio and television stations and

cable systems. It has been broadcast from locations across the country and around the world. Through all the ups and downs, twists and turns of four generations, this broadcast has lifted spirits, comforted souls, and brought millions closer to the Divine. Every week since 1929, listeners young and old have tuned in to a familiar station and found a trusted friend—the Choir's broadcast of *Music and the Spoken Word*.

While the times and technologies have changed, the essence of this broadcast remains the same. In a world so noisy and full of distraction, *Music and the Spoken Word* continues as a welcome reprieve, fulfilling through word and song our hope expressed every Sunday: "May peace be with you, this day and always."

Rehearsals of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for *Music and the Spoken Word* are held most Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle or Conference Center (for details, check www.mormontabernaclechoir.org). Admission is free, and photography is permitted.

For a free tour of historic Temple Square, talk to one of the missionaries. The North and South Visitors' Centers feature interactive displays about the gospel of Jesus Christ, strengthening families, and the building of the Salt Lake Temple. In the

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Joseph Smith Memorial Building you can view the film *Joseph Smith The Prophet of the Restoration* (69 minutes; admission free) or visit the FamilySearch™ Center. Free tours of the Conference Center are also available. Temple Square hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If you would like to receive a free copy of the Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ and learn more about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, please talk to a missionary on Temple Square, call 1-800-547-2727, or visit www.mormon.org.



MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR ORCHESTRA AT TEMPLE SQUARE

CONDUCTOR: Mack Wilberg
ORGANIST: Bonnie Goodliffe

I THINK THE WORLD IS GLORIOUS
music by Alexander Schreiner
words by Anna Johnson
arranged by Mack Wilberg

LOOK AT THE WORLD
by John Rutter

HOW WONDROUS AND GREAT
attributed to Johann Michael Haydn
arranged by James C. Kasen

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM
from *Man of La Mancha*
music by Mitch Leigh
words by Joe Darion
arranged by Arthur Harris

THERE IS SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL TODAY
music by John R. Sweney
words by Eliza E. Hewitt
arranged by Mack Wilberg

ON GREAT LONE HILLS
music by Jean Sibelius (from *Finlandia*)
words by Amy Sherman Bridgman



"FROM RIVALS TO FRIENDS"
given by Lloyd D. Newell
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