

JOSEPH SMITH MIRACLE SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

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By: Frances Orton

Thursday, September 10, those from the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Committee who travelled to New Hampshire met at the Fireside Inn at 3:00 pm.



Sister Phyllis Lantz, Steve Orton, and Elder Michael Lantz visiting

Michael Lantz and his wife travelled at their own expense to take pictures and video of the scholarship events.



Don and Laura Blanchard reading while we waited.



Daniel Adams, LuAnn, with their daughter Micah and her two children.

Once Karl Anderson arrived with Dan and Rosemarie Larsen the full group met in the hotel's eating area. Here the committee discussed the printed material Karl provided about the various towns where the Smith's lived. This helped everyone plan where to film and do podcasts.



Michael Lantz, Julie Maddox, Daniel Adams, and Steve Orton



Daniel Larsen, Karl & Joyce Anderson



Don & Laura Blanchard, and Rosemarie Larsen

The group's first stop was the town square of Norwich. This was a quaint town.

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Dan Larsen, Daniel Adams, Karl Andersen, Michael Lentz, Rosemarie Larsen, Julie Maddox, and Joyce Andersen



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church of Norwich



A church in Norwich with Steve Orton, Micah Maddox, LuAnn Adams, and Julie Maddox



The Smith's rented this home in Norwich

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The home the Smith's rented in Norwich



39 Upper Turnpike Road, Norwich, VT 05055



The Smith's rented this home for about 3 years. It has been added on several times.



Upper Turn Pike Road sign by the former Smith home

Karl's notes on Norwich, Vermont:

- First settled in 1763 as wilderness was cleared and 1st hand-hewn log buildings erected.
- The Smiths moved to Norwich about 1816.
- Mother Smith said that they were "in quite low circumstances We were compelled to strain every energy to provide for our present necessities."
- They rented a farm from "Squire Moredock" [Constant Murdock] and went into "business."
- For at least the 1st year, Lucy learned to paint oilcloths, which were popular for floor coverings and tablecloths. Joseph Sr. might have peddled small items and hired out as a farmhand.
- Their crops failed the 1st year, so they lived on the sale of fruit from their orchard and took work in town.
- Their crops failed again the 2nd year.
- Joseph Sr. planted the third year, determining to move if they failed again. Again they failed. Lucy said, "This was enough: my husband was now altogether decided upon going to New York." New York seemed logical. Vermont papers

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advertised new land in the Genesee country (Palmyra area) for \$2 to \$3 an acre.

- In 1816, Joseph Sr. made arrangements to allow the family to go to New York. He then preceded them in order to get settled and then send word for them to come later. Lucy had the help of her mother and the older boys to collect provisions and clothing and pack the wagon. She had sewn woolen clothing for the children and "had on hand a great deal of diaper and pulled cloth in the web."
- In probably late in the Fall of 1816, word came from Joseph Sr. He arranged for Caleb Howard to come and get them with a team. Lucy said, "Snow covered the ground" when they started from Norwich with Lydia, Lucy's mother, and the children. (Lydia had lived with them for "some time" in Norwich.) They went first by sleigh to Royalton.
- Joseph Smith Sr., in compliance with "Poor Laws" was "warned out of town."
- Child Born in Norwich
- Don Carlos 1816

"The Year Without a Summer"

The year of the final crop failure was known as "the year without a summer." "Lucy spoke of an 'untimely frost.' Actually, on June 8 several inches of snow fell all across the highlands of Northern New York and New England, and ice formed on the ponds." The cause of the disastrous weather was a volcanic eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia. Tambora erupted in 1815 making it the largest eruption since AD 181. Tambora spewed Sulphur-rich gases that rose to a height of 28 miles and created a giant sun filter in the Northern Hemisphere that caused the spring and summer of 1816 to be extremely cold across Europe and North America. Snowfalls and frost occurred in June, July and August and all but the hardiest grains were destroyed.

Destruction of the corn crop caused farmers to slaughter their livestock. Soup kitchens were opened to feed the hungry. Sea ice formed in the Atlantic shipping lanes and glaciers advanced down mountain slopes to exceptionally low levels. Hundreds of thousands died of starvation as crops failed, touching off a wave of migration to the American South and Midwest. Farmers repeatedly tried to get a crop in the ground, but each time a killer frost withered the tender roots.

Corn and grain prices shot up to \$5 and \$10 per bushel and oats that had been 12 cents a bushel rose

to 92 cents. Riots erupted in Britain and France as starving citizens broke into grain warehouses and left them empty. Violence was even worse in Switzerland where the Government declared a national emergency and grain purchases from Russia were intercepted at the border and confiscated by hungry citizens. "Thousands of Vermonters left the state. Migration in 1816 and 1817 dealt a blow to the state's prospects from which it did not recover for a century."

The Smiths Financial Situation in 1816 - "The Smiths had woven themselves into the web of debts and credits that substituted for money in that period. All of the debts had to be paid, a point of honor with the Smiths. They would not run out on their creditors as others did. For over a decade, weather, crop failures, creditors, illness, and business failures had battered the Smith household economy. They were in desperate shape by the time they left Norwich, but not without resources. Stories of New York land available on long credit gave them hope. They were never forced to bind out their children, the ultimate admission of failure. The four boys and two girls were all potential workers. Family, as always, held their world together. Lucy assured Joseph Sr. of her ability to make the preparations and suggested that "he might get both his creditors and debtors together, and arrange matters between them in such a way as to give satisfaction to all parties concerned." That satisfactorily accomplished, Joseph Sr. felt free to go." (Bushman)

"Warned Out of Town"

Before the Smith family left Norwich, Joseph Smith, Sr., received an official notification by the local authorities of Norwich that he was to be "warned out of town." The constable was "required to summon Joseph Smith and family now residing in Norwich to depart said town hereof fail not..." It was signed by the selectmen of Norwich on 15 March 1816. On 27 March 1816, the constable signed the town record attesting to the fact he had served the warning to Joseph Smith. This was an early effort to get rid of poor families by having them move rather than face the possible need to support them with public or private funds. No doubt the official "warning" added insult to injury.

Note: The above is an outline compiled by Karl Ricks Anderson. It is extracted significantly from sources including, Lucy Mack Smith, Richard Bushman, Richard L. Anderson, Lavina Fielding Anderson & other sources.

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Friday, September 11, this day started early. The committee met at the Smith home in Norwich at 9:45. A tour had been arranged by Karl Anderson with the lady who was renting the home, Paula Thereby. It was nice to get inside and see where some of the early Smith ancestors walked.



Paula Thereby being introduced by Karl Anderson



Daniel Larsen, Karl and Joyce Anderson, and Paula Thereby who has lived in this house in the summers for 18 years



The current decorative ceiling boards are from the original ceiling joists



Left to right: Michael Kennedy, Rosemarie Larsen, Daniel Adams, Daniel Larsen, Karl and Joyce Anderson.

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Corner cabinet would have been original with the house



Kitchen area



These are the original floor boards that the Smith's would have walked on



Steve and Frances in front of the home the Smith's rented in Norwich, Vermont



Daniel & LuAnn Adams, Steve & Frances Orton, Mary & LeRoy Wirthlin, Rosemarie & Daniel Larsen, Michael Kennedy, Joyce & Karl Anderson, Julie Maddox, and Laura & Don Blanchard

We left the home in Norwich and drove to Hanover Inn for the Scholarship presentation.



Hanover Inn

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Steve and Frances met a lady at the Hanover Inn and asked about the room the meeting was in. She was so helpful and directed them to a business office where they made a few copies before the meeting.



Karl Anderson, Rosemarie & Dan Larsen, Joyce Anderson, Laura & Don Blanchard, Daniel & LuAnn Adams, Frances Orton, Dan & Darlene Chapman, Bob Crosset, Julie Maddox, Sunya & George Osborn, and Michael Kennedy



Brian Hughes, Daniel & LuAnn Adams, Richard Peck, Dino Koff, Dan Larsen, Frances Orton, Karl Andersen, Steve Orton, Dan & Darlene Chapman, and Patty & Bob Crossett (Bishop)



G. Dino Koff - Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean of Student Services, Dan Larsen, Steve & Frances Orton, Karl Anderson, and sitting Dan Chapman

Karl Anderson, Trustee Officer & Executive Secretary, greeted everyone on behalf of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association and thank the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth for the great supporting relationship.

Frances Orton then introduced herself and explained, "I have the privilege of serving as Chair of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association. I get to work with wonderful and amazing people. Some of those committee members are here today and I would like to introduce them." Frances asked everyone to stand when she called their name:

Karl Anderson
Dan and Rosemarie Larsen
Steve Orton
Daniel and LuAnn Adams
Julie Maddox
Michael Kennedy
Don and Laura Blanchard

Frances gave the following details, "When my husband Steve thought of doing a scholarship as a gift of gratitude we were excited. As we discussed this as a committee the idea grew and grew. Holding Joseph's Miracle Run was an event that reminded us of our past and our blessings and it provided a way to reach out to our family and excite them about their heritage. We feel a special kinship with our family roots here in New Hampshire. We appreciate the professional manner of everyone we have worked with here at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. I want to offer a special thank you to Richard Peck and Jennifer Durgin who have this a pleasant experience."

G. Dino Koff - Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean of Student Services told us how this scholarship will do great things and grow.

Richard Peck - Director of Gift Planning explained he will have recipient students report back and share their stories with us. He expressed such positive

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thoughts about his experience working with our group.



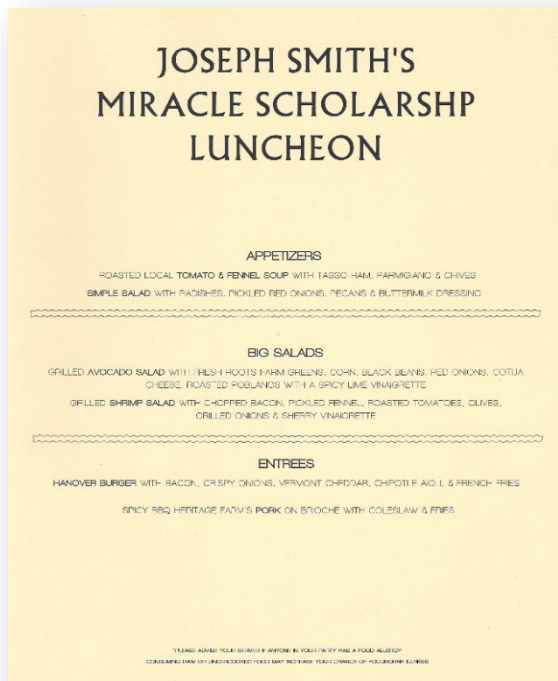
Richard Peck - Director of Gift Planning, G. Dino Koff - Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean of Student Services, Dan Larsen, Steve & Frances Orton, and Karl Anderson

Steve & Frances Orton
George & Sunya Osborn
Dr. LeRoy & Mary Wirthlin

Then Daniel Adams read the Smith Family Proclamation before it was presented to Dino Koff.



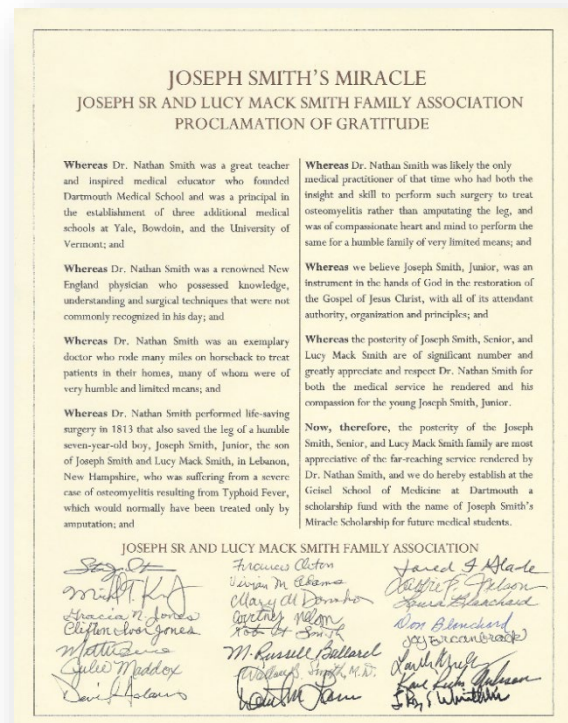
Daniel Adams reading the proclamation - Picture by Angela Hughes



Our menu at the Hanover Inn

Those who attended the luncheon:

Daniel & LuAnn Adams
Karl & Joyce Anderson
Don & Laura Blanchard
Dan & Darlene Chapman
Bob & Patti Crossett
Brian & Angela Hughes
G. Dino Koff
Michael & Phyllis Lantz
Dan & Rosemarie Larsen
Julie Maddox
Richard Peck



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Right side: Karl Anderson, Daniel & Rosemarie Larsen, can't see the rest. Left side starting with blue shirt – Julie Maddox, Sunya & George Osborn, Michael Kennedy, Mary & LeRoy Wirthlin.



Sunya and George Osborn – Directors of Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, Michael Kennedy, Mary & LeRoy Wirthlin, in the right front corner, Joyce Andersen and Rosemarie Larsen.



Right to left: Andgela & Brian Hughes, LuAnn Adams, Frances, Dino Koff, Richard Peck, Dan & Darlene Chapman, Patty & Bob Crossett (Bishop), and Julie Maddox



Frances Orton, G. Dino Koff - Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean of Student Services, Richard Peck - Director of Gift Planning, Dan & Darlene Chapman – Darlene is Bob Smith's sister



Joyce Andersen, hotel help, Laura & Don Blanchard, Angela & Brian Hughes – Angela is the area Public Relations for New England, Steve standing, and Daniel Adams



Michael Kennedy, Karl Andersen, Steve Orton, Angela Hughes, and Frances Orton at Hanover Inn



Mark & LeRoy Wirthlin, Rosemarie Larsen, and Julie Maddox



Richard Peck, Steve & Frances Orton, and Dan & Rosemarie Larsen in front of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth's, Dean's Office

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After the luncheon meeting at the Hanover Inn the group walked over to the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth's, Dean's Office. It had been arranged by Richard Peck to get a group picture in the room there that holds the painting of Dr. Nathan Smith and Dr. Nathan Smith's saddle bag and medicines. This was an interesting shot as descendants of Joseph were there to honor the work of the man who began the medical school there. Dartmouth hired a photographer by the name of Jon Fox to get these picture shots.



By the portrait of Dr. Nathan Smith and his saddle bag, front row: Michael Kennedy, Dr. LeRoy Wirthlin, Frances Orton, Rosemarie Larsen, and Joyce Andersen. Back row: Daniel & LuAnn Adams, Julie Maddox, Don & Laura Blanchard, Dan Larsen, Karl Andersen, Mary Wirthlin, and Steve Orton



By the portrait of Dr. Nathan Smith, front row: Michael Kennedy, Dr. LeRoy & Mary Wirthlin, Rosemarie Larsen, and Joyce Andersen. Back row: Daniel & LuAnn Adams, Julie Maddox, Don & Laura Blanchard, Dan Larsen, Karl Andersen, and Frances & Steve Orton



By the saddlebags of items of Dr. Nathan Smith, front row: Julie Maddox, Frances Orton, and Rosemarie Larsen. Back row: Laura & Don Blanchard, Michael Kennedy, Steve Orton, Dan Larsen, and Daniel & LuAnn Adams

Then it was arranged to take some of the committee by a Dartmouth van to the Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial for more pictures.



Michael Kennedy, Laura & Don Blanchard, Micah Maddox, Daniel Adams, Mary Wirthlin, Steve & Frances Orton, sitting – LuAnn Adams, Julie Maddox with niece, Janie Maddox. Back row: Rosemarie & Dan Larsen, Joyce & Karl Andersen.

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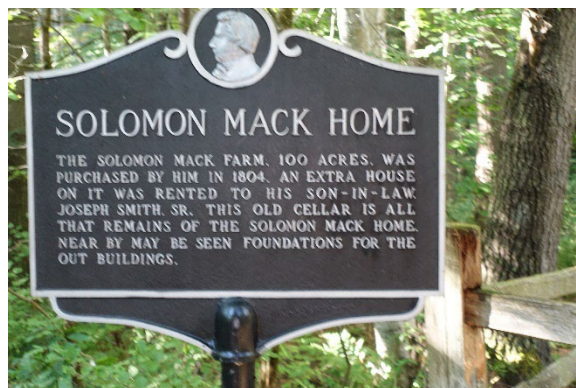


Frances & Steve Orton, Joyce & Karl Andersen, and Rosemarie & Dan Larsen



Photographer hired by Dartmouth, Jon Fox

Julie Maddox wanted to see the Solomon Mack home about a mile away but on the memorial property. Julie has to fly out early in the morning. Elder and Sister Osborn the Directors at the Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial had Julie stay and eat a dinner with them and then they drove her to the fireside.



Richard Peck drove the van with Michael Kennedy and Steve & Frances Orton to the building for the fireside/lecture. This building was hard to find. Even though directions to the building were printed and handed out to the group, many got lost.

Walking into the building Frances Orton could see Dartmouth's hired videographer (*Joseph "Jay" A. Beaudoin*) was already set up and finishing the final preparations for getting good sound. Then Bishop Jones approached her and mentioned there was a problem. He said that when the fireside was put in place, they were not aware that the meeting was being recorded. Explanations were given that Karl Anderson had the impression for this type of meeting it would be alright. Bishop Jones told me that the handbook clearly stated that no recordings should be made in the chapels. He had been speaking with the Stake President who wasn't sure what to do. The Stake President was leaving the decision up to both Bishops. So, Frances let them have their space and they discussed this issue for some time. They eventually decided that since it was not a meeting that involved any ordinances and it wasn't a Sunday meeting, they would make a "one time exception." It was a great relief as Jay Beaudoin, the Senior Producer from Media Production Group at Dartmouth had already taped microphones to the

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chapel mic and had travelled out to set up. He invested some time to help the Smith Family.

The main speakers for the night (Dr. LeRoy Wirthlin) and Karl Anderson were still not there at the designated time. A phone call came later that they had been lost but would arrive within 10 minutes so. Bishop Jones went ahead and began the meeting.

We juggled the program around and Steve and Frances Orton went first. Their message came with a PowerPoint Presentation and video.



Steve: *My name is Steve Orton and this is my wife Frances, who is the Committee Chair of the Joseph Smith Sr. Family Association. We are so grateful to be here. September 11th is a significant day that we hold dear to our hearts. All of us have been impacted by September 11th, but I just want you to be aware of a way that September 11th influenced me more profoundly. You see...about this same hour 36 years ago, I met Frances.*

Frances: *When Steve met me, that's when I met him. We are so excited to be here to celebrate September 11th as a day to do good things. We are grateful for medical technologies. Our 29-year-old son will have surgery tomorrow morning on his hip—a hip replacement. He had leg pains throughout his life. We went to Doctors who passed it off as growing pains. We are hopeful that the surgery will alleviate the pain he has suffered from Perthes Disease. We are grateful for medical advancements. Our youngest son is doing well and lives today because of 12 surgeries. He was born with velocardio-facial syndrome—a partial deletion of chromosome 22q11.2. My husband's life has been extended because of medical technology. He had malignant melanoma removed. They cut*

out part of the left side of his face. He now says, that he's "all right."

Steve: *We have six children thanks to a cervical cerclage procedure with each pregnancy. We are grateful for medical technology. On Saturday, March 12, 2011, I woke up at 5:00 AM and couldn't get back to sleep. I became determined to complete an ebook assignment for work. I connected with Provo Public Library where I was disappointed with the small ebook collection. I tried several times to checkout a book on my iPhone, my wife's iPad, and my computer. I wasn't having any success and I was quite frustrated. I then connected with the library at Brigham Young University and starting looking for items. I was thinking about Joseph Smith and found some interesting research by Dr. LeRoy Wirthlin, a surgeon at Harvard who wrote about the miracle of the surgery performed on Joseph Smith's leg. Joseph was seven-years-old at the time of his surgery. The practice with that disease was amputation to save his life. I believe that Nathan Smith was the only one who had the knowledge and skills to attempt the experimental surgery to avoid amputation.*

Steve: *In 1813, Nathan Smith, the founder of Dartmouth Medical School, Yale Medical School (and two other medical schools) performed an experimental leg-saving surgery on Joseph Smith Jr. who is revered by our family and millions as a Prophet of the restored church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At the time Lucy Mack Smith wrote that the Smith family was destitute. We don't know how much the family paid for that surgery or if the family was destitute because of the medical bills. That morning I came up with the idea that we as a family could provide a gift of gratitude to Dartmouth Medical School in honor of Dr. Nathan Smith. I sent an email to Richard Peck at Dartmouth Medical School, who said, "Yes, we can use some more money." He actually wrote: We are honored that you would consider making a noteworthy contribution to Dartmouth Medical*

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School in honor of Nathan Smith and Joseph Smith, Jr.

Frances: Steve presented his idea to the family association. Steve said, we should pay Dartmouth the same amount that it would cost for a surgery in today's terms. He implied that perhaps the Smiths did not fully pay for the surgery and was duly reprimanded by a family member that they did pay their bills. Either way, we are excited to give this gift of gratitude.

Steve: Two family members suggested that we hold a race to raise the funds. Our group expanded with additional family members who knew how to manage a 5k. We felt that it was appropriate to honor the leg surgery by having a race. A race also parallels the instruction of practicing good health. In 1833, Joseph Smith received a revelation that we refer to as the Word of Wisdom, where we are instructed to refrain from wine, strong drinks, and tobacco. At the end there's a promise:

*18 And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones;
19 And shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures;
20 And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint.*

Frances: A family committee member put us in contact with Gary Cook. Gary had written and co-directed a film, Joseph Smith: Prophet of the Restoration. The second scene in the movie was about the leg surgery in 1813. He was authorized to use any of the outtakes of the movie. Gary did his magic and put together this video:

VIDEO Gary Cook's Clip of Joseph's Miracle Run



Steve: One of the most exciting outcomes of this Miracle Run for me is that I met a Nathan Smith descendent, David Longcope. David is recognized as one of the top doctors in the Denver Metro. We have become good friends. I had opportunities to meet with him as my work took me Denver many times. Dr Longcope and his family traveled to Salt Lake City for the race. He actually met his wife Stephanie at a race in Denver. They have two children, a daughter named, Grace, and a son named, Nathan.

Frances: We are grateful that we were able to hold the race at This Is the Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City. Some runners claim that although the race started and ended at the same place the run was 80% uphill. The race was held in conjunction with our family reunion.

Ruth White and her 10-year-old son, Nathaniel, are among the thousands of descendants who live in Utah. Ruth said, "It struck a chord with me because the doctor that had operated on Joseph Smith and saved his leg, and possibly his life, had also co-founded Yale Medical School, where Nathaniel was born and where his life was saved," she said.

Nathaniel was born with a rare condition called arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, which causes joint contractures and muscle atrophy. He needed a ventilator, then a trach tube when he was born. Surgery to lower his jaw followed. Doctors used a new technique to save his life.

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Steve: *The fourth place-winner, Joseph Harris, was a big tribute for the race and an echo of Joseph Smith himself. Joseph Harris, like Joseph Smith, suffered from osteomyelitis and the after-effects that followed.*

In the summer of 2010, he went to a football camp in eastern Utah, where he began to have a swelling in his left calf, the same leg that troubled Joseph Smith. He thought it was a sprain, but when they opened up his leg, it was filled with infection. The doctors bored a hole in his leg, the size of a grape (better yet, the size of a large peanut M&M) and drained it.

After his surgery, Joseph Harris's left leg broke four times. He has had 6 biopsies and 10 operations, with the last one in March of 2013.

Frances: *We were honored to have the support of Elder M. Russell Ballard who is a descendant of Joseph's brother, Hyrum and a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has said, "Occasionally I hear people say, 'I am living righteously, but things are not working out for me. I am losing patience and I wonder, where are all my blessings?'*

To any of you who feel this way, I would encourage you to change your perspective. We are eternal spirits! We must live our lives with the end in mind – not the middle. We must trust in the Lord."

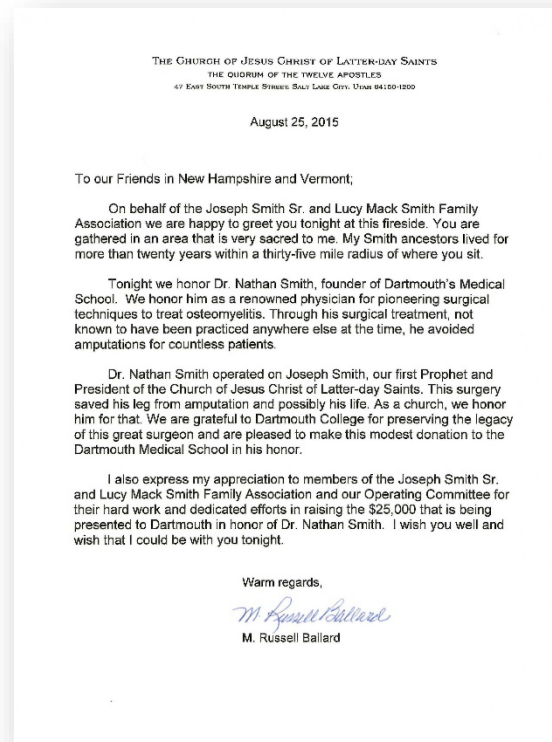
Frances: *We all know we are each going to face hard times. I want you all to know how grateful I am for people who invest their time and money in medical practices so they can help improve the health and well-being of others. My family was blessed in Joseph Smith's time and today by medical advances. The Joseph Smith Sr Family Association is honored and wishes to express our gratitude for dedicated medical professionals. I know that Heavenly Father leads people to be*

in places where their talents and abilities can change lives for the better. I know He allowed Dr. Nathan Smith to help in time of need. I know that Heavenly Father loves each of us and wants us to do good.

As the Orton's were finishing their message, Karl Anderson, Dan Larsen, and Dr. Wirthlin arrived.



Karl went next and he read a letter from Elder Ballard:



Then Karl read a letter from Nathan Smith Descendant, Dr. David Longcope:

I was more than honored when asked by the Joseph Sr and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association if I would participate in the celebration and fundraiser to honor the

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surgery on Joseph Smith Jr by Dr. Nathan Smith, my great-great-great-great grandfather, 200 years prior. It was with great excitement that my family and I, including my son Nathan, named after Dr. Nathan Smith, headed to Salt Lake City. It was quite clear upon our arrival that there was incredible passion surrounding the upcoming festivities. It was reminiscent of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Dartmouth Medical School, at which my father and I were honored guests. The outpouring of gratitude for Dr. Smith's operation was unforgettable. The charitable run, followed by a lecture about Dr. Smith and the operation, were exceptional. I cannot think of a better way to use the money raised, than for the Joseph Smith's Miracle Scholarship. My family and I were proud to represent, in some small way, the family of Dr. Nathan Smith.

*Sincerely,
David Longcope, MD*

Karl introduced Richard Peck, the Dartmouth fundraising director. Richard held up the large printed check and said the \$25,000 current use scholarship “will be put to great use helping the students of today become the leaders of tomorrow. We are very appreciative of all the efforts making this possible.”



Dr. LeRoy S. Wirthlin, MD, retired Harvard vascular surgeon, gave a lecture titled, “A Miracle Explained: The Joseph Smith Surgery by Dr. Nathan Smith, Founder of Dartmouth Medical School.”

Dr. Wirthlin explained that “the surgery was done in an unsterile environment, using unsterile instruments, and it worked.”

It was experimental because Dr. Smith had developed the technique. It was not widely used until World War I. Wirthlin also said that Nathan Smith had better results than the 1930 treatment reviews.

Wirthlin was unsure that Nathan Smith would feel it was a miracle because, said he, “if one followed the proper procedure and cared for the wound properly, it would be right.” Smith was the most widely renowned surgeon in the Northeast and had been recruited by Yale.

The surgery to most members of the Church seems miraculous because Dr. Smith was there with the right skills, and in the right place, to do this surgery, and the Smith family firmly believes today that he saved Joseph's leg and possibly his life.



Joseph Smith descendant Daniel M. Larsen, a recent convert to the LDS Church, gave tribute to Dr. Smith and then shared his testimony and story of his recent conversion to the Church. Dan said, “Because of Nathan Smith and Joseph Smith, I am here today.”

The meeting ended with Bishop Jonathan D. Jones of the Lebanon Ward, Concord New Hampshire Stake, concluded, “I hope the recipients will have the opportunity to hear this story and remember that God is the healer and those who serve Him in the medical profession will remember they are instruments in God's hands.”

The clips below are after the fireside and taken from the recorded video from Michael Lantz.



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Phyllis Lantz and Dr. LeRoy Wirthlin visiting after the meeting



After the meeting we had a chance to give out the leftover medals from the race and meet the people who attended the fireside.

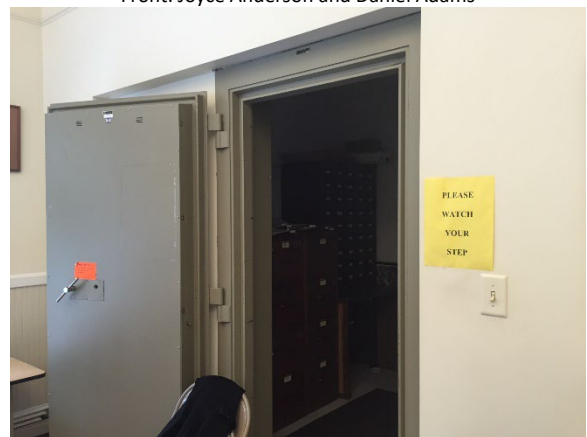
Saturday, September 12, we began early today. Karl Anderson arranged for us to meet in Tunbridge at 8:45 in the morning. Wendy McCullough the Town Clerk of Tunbridge, Vermont since 2000, opened the doors to the Courthouse. She got out the books that has Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith's signatures and family information in them and let us look and take pictures. All the books have been microfilmed now and she was happy to let us get pictures.



Wendy McCullough the Town Clerk and Frances Orton at the Courthouse in Tunbridge, Vermont



Back: Michael Lantz, Karl Anderson, and Daniel Larsen
Front: Joyce Anderson and Daniel Adams



The vault that the historical records are kept inside



Some of the information inside the vault are in these files

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One wall inside the vault housed many old records



Michael Lantz and Dan Larsen checking out the signatures of Joseph Smith Sr.



Close up view of marriage record



Karl Anderson, Don Blanchard, Laura Blanchard reaching for the top of the book, Rosemarie Larsen, Dan Larsen and Frances Orton inspecting the record more closely, LuAnn Adams, and Steve Orton



The next page is written the history and how the town of Tunbridge was created on September 3, 1761 by way of a royal charter which King George III of England issued to Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire.

The name Tunbridge was chosen by Wentworth and most likely in honor of (or to gain favor with), the English noble William Henry Nassau de Zuylestein (1717-1781), fourth Earl of Rochford, Viscount Tunbridge, Baron Enfield and Colchester. De Zuylstein's secondary title is derived from the old "royal borough" of Tunbridge Wells (sometimes Royal Tunbridge Wells) in England.



Steve and Frances Orton viewing a historical record of Joseph Smith Sr. Marriage entry in 1896

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Back row: Daniel & LuAnn Adams, Karl Anderson, Michael Kennedy

Front row: Laura & Don Blanchard, Rosemarie & Daniel Larsen, Joyce Anderson, Frances Orton, Janine & Micah, & Michael Maddox

Tunbridge Town Hall viewing a historical record of Joseph Smith Sr. Marriage entry in 1896



Tunbridge Town Hall



After looking at the documents the group walked to the nearby covered bridge which would have been on some of the Mack property.



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Looking past Mill Bridge



Steve and Frances Orton by Mill Bridge in Tunbridge, Vermont



Tunbridge, Vermont

- Tunbridge created on September 3, 1761 by a royal charter by King George III.
- Last major New England Revolutionary War raid in 1780. British soldiers led 300 Indians.
- Asael Smith, (Joseph Sr.'s father from Topsfield) first acquired land in Tunbridge in 1791.
- Joseph Sr. Moved to Tunbridge with Jesse, his brother, in 1791 to clear land for Asael.

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- Stephen Mack, Lucy's brother, came in 1793 from Gilsum NH & thrived as a merchant.
- In 1794, Lucy Mack visited her brother, Stephen Mack, from her home in Gilsum, NH.
- She returned one year later for a longer visit that resulted in her marriage.
- Lucy spoke of the Smiths as "a worthy, respectable, amiable, and intelligent family."
- Joseph & Lucy Mack are married in 1796 in Tunbridge.
- Asael provided Joseph with part ownership of a "handsome" four-year-old farm and Stephen Mack and his partner John Mudget gave Lucy \$1,000.
- In the next 23 years, the Smith family would move more than 10 times before leaving for Palmyra in 1816.

Children Born in Tunbridge

- First son died in childbirth 1797
- Alvin 1798
- Hyrum 1800
- Sophronia 1803
- Samuel Harrison 1808
- Smith Religious Activity
- Asael & his 2 oldest sons, Jesse and Joseph Sr. organized a Universalist society in Tunbridge
- In 1797, 17 members of the Tunbridge Universalist Society asked to be exempted from ecclesiastical taxes. Asael was group moderator and Joseph and Jesse were among the 17.
- Lucy attended Methodist meetings in Tunbridge, and Joseph Sr. obligingly accompanied her. The news of this angered Asael and Jesse, who pressed Joseph to stop.²
- Asael Smith wrote an address to his family in 1799. In it, he wrote, "The soul is immortal Do all to God in a serious manner. When you think of him, speak of him, pray to him, or in any way make your addresses to his great majesty, be in good earnest. ... And as to religion, study the nature of religion, and see whether it consists in outward formalities, or in the hidden man of the heart "Sure I am my Savior, Christ, is perfect, and never will fail in one circumstance. To him I commit your souls, bodies, estates, names, characters, lives, deaths and all-and myself, waiting

when he shall change my vile body and make it like his own glorious body."

Smith Political Activity - "Beginning in 1793, Asael was frequently elected one of three selectmen to manage town affairs; he occasionally served as moderator and highway surveyor. His son Jesse was chosen trustee of the school district when it opened in the southern portion of the town near the Smith farms and later was elected selectman and town clerk." (Bushman)

1. Lucy bought her household furnishings with other resources and laid away the \$1,000 as a cash reserve
2. Lucy reported that one day Asael came to the door "and threw Tom Paine's age of reason into the house and angrily bade him read that until he believed it." While the details are somewhat out of character for Asael (Lucy told the story only in her draft manuscript), it is not surprising that Asael should oppose Joseph Sr.'s association with an evangelical church. Universalists thought evangelical belief slandered a loving heavenly father. If grace could save one, it could save all. There was no need for the anxiety, humiliation, and depression of rebirth. Asael was understandably disgusted with Joseph for listening to Methodists, who preached little else but conversion. Asael may have thrown Paine at his son to startle him into reconsideration. (Bushman)

Land Transactions - "Asael purchased 83 acres of uncleared land in Tunbridge in 1891. He sent his 2 oldest sons, Jesse and Joseph' ages twenty-three and twenty, to clear the Tunbridge land before the family's arrival the next spring In November 1891, the Smiths crowded into the fourteen-by-ten foot hut built by Jesse and Joseph and prepared for the Vermont winter." In 1803, Joseph Sr. & Lucy Mack sold their farm, which was worth about \$1500, for \$800. Lucy said, "My husband sold for \$800 in order to make a speedy payment on the Boston debt; and, as I had not used the check of one thousand dollars, which my brother and Mr. Mudget gave me, I added it to the eight hundred dollars obtained for the farm, and by this means the debt was liquidated." By 1802, the Smiths had a compound of adjoining farms totaling between 300 and 400 acres.

Moves Involving Tunbridge

- Joseph Sr. & Lucy Mack live in Tunbridge from 1896 to 1802.

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- In 1802, the Smiths leave Tunbridge and rent out their Tunbridge house and land and move to Randolph, a village seven miles to the west.
- In spring 1803, the Smiths return from Randolph to their Tunbridge farm.
- In 1803, the Smiths move to Royalton for a few months after they sell the farm in Tunbridge.
- By March 13, 1808, the Smiths return to Tunbridge. (Samuel Harrison is born here in 1808.)
- By March 13, 1810 the Smiths move back to Royalton.

Asael and Mary Duty family leave Tunbridge - Between 1811 and 1820, Asael and Mary and at least seven of the eleven children moved from Tunbridge. Six of the seven settled around their parents in Stockholm and Potsdam in St. Lawrence County, New York. Lucy Mack Smith Pursues Religious Leanings in Tunbridge & Has Dream

"While we were living in the town of Tunbridge I commenced attending Methodist meetings, and in order to oblige me, my husband accompanied me; but when this came to the ears of his oldest brother, he was so displeased and said so much in regard to the matter that my husband thought it best to desist.

He said that he considered it hardly worth our while to attend the meetings any longer as it would prove of but little advantage to us; besides this, it gave our friends such disagreeable feelings. I was considerably hurt by this, yet I made no reply. I retired to a grove not far distant, where I prayed to the Lord in behalf of my husband--that the true gospel might be presented to him and that his heart might be softened so as to receive it, or, that he might become more religiously inclined. After praying some time in this manner, I returned to the house much depressed in spirit, which state of feeling continued until I retired to my bed. I soon fell asleep and had (a dream). In it she saw a meadow with two trees. "one of them was surrounded with a bright belt, that shone like burnished gold." The other one "was not surrounded with the belt of light as the former, and it stood erect and fixed as a pillar of marble."

When winds came, the one was rigid, but the other flexible. She said the conclusion given her was that, "these personated my husband and his oldest brother, Jesse Smith; that the stubborn and unyielding tree was like Jesse; that the other, more pliant and flexible, was like Joseph, my husband; that the breath

of heaven, which passed over them, was the pure and undefiled gospel of the Son of God, which gospel Jesse would always resist, but which Joseph, when he was more advanced in life, would hear and receive with his whole heart, and rejoice therein; and unto him would be added intelligence, happiness, glory, and everlasting life."

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From Tunbridge everyone drove to Randolph where Karl Anderson discussed more of the Smith history.



The group in front of the Randolph Train Depot. Front left to right: Michael Kennedy, Rosemarie & Dan Larsen, Karl & Joyce Anderson, Steve & Frances Orton, and Laura Blanchard. Back: LuAnn & Daniel Adams, and Don Blanchard.

Randolph, Vermont

- The town was first settled about 1778 and granted a charter in 1781.
- Joseph & Lucy rent the Tunbridge farm & move in 1802 to Randolph 7 miles west.
- Joseph Sr. opened a Randolph store with goods purchased on credit from Boston.
- Joseph also went into the business of Ginseng. He collected and crystallized it.
- The store enterprise failed because of \$2,000 in bad debts & Joseph Sr. was cheated out of the proceeds of his Ginseng sent to China.
- Joseph & Lucy move back to Tunbridge in 1803.
- Lucy contracts tuberculosis almost dies. She is spared by a prayer & "solemn covenant

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with God" to "serve Him" & comfort Joseph Sr. & bring up her children.

- Lucy Mack Smith records that she submitted to baptism but didn't join a protestant denomination.

The Ginseng Story - "Joseph turned his thoughts to ginseng, a wild root prized in China for its supposed capacity to prolong life and restore virility. The Empress a/China, the first American ship to reach Canton after the Revolution, carried forty tons of ginseng. The next year the Americans shipped over twice that amount without lowering the price. Joseph collected the root, probably from local farmers, and crystalized it. A merchant named Stevens from Royalton, a few miles south of Randolph, offered him \$3,000 for the lot, but Joseph refused, preferring to handle it himself for the full price. It was a fateful turning point in the Smith family fortunes. Joseph took the ginseng to New York and contracted for shipment on consignment. He stood to make as much as \$4,500 by circumventing the middlemen, but he also assumed the whole burden of risk. And he lost. Stevens's son sailed for China on the same ship as Joseph's cargo. On his return, he reported the sad news that the venture had failed, and presented Joseph with a chest of tea as the only compensation. The venture was, in fact, a failure, but not because of a poor market. According to Lucy Smith, Stephen Mack suspected foul play when the young Stevens opened works for crystalizing ginseng and hired eight or ten men. Catching Stevens in his cups, Mack deftly extracted the information that the ginseng had brought a chest full of money. Joseph had been cheated of his just returns. Stevens fled for Canada, and though

Joseph set out after him, the pursuit was in vain. Joseph returned from the chase disheartened, perhaps wiser, and financially ruined." (Bushman)

Joseph Smith Sr. Store Debt - "The debt for the original inventory of store goods was due. With his shelves empty, Joseph found he had \$2,000 in bad debts from his customers and nothing to pay the \$1,800 owed in Boston. Forced to the wall, he took the step that blighted the Smith family fortunes for thirty years: he sold the farm. Lucy contributed her \$1,000 wedding gift, and the farm went for \$800. Lucy said they sacrificed to avoid the "embarrassment of debt," but they soon knew the 'embarrassment of poverty.' They crossed the boundary dividing independent ownership from tenancy and day labor." (Bushman)

Lucy Mack Smith's Almost Fatal Illness & Her Covenant with The Lord - We had lived in Randolph but six months when I took a heavy cold, which caused a severe cough. To relieve this, every possible exertion was made, but it was all in vain. A hectic fever set in, which threatened to prove fatal, and the physician pronounced my case to be confirmed consumption. During this sickness my mother watched over me with much anxiety, sparing herself no pains in administering to my comfort, yet I continued to grow weaker and weaker, until I could scarcely endure even a footfall upon the floor, except in stocking-foot, and no one was allowed to speak in the room above a whisper I did not consider myself ready [to die] ... inasmuch as I knew not the ways of Christ; besides, there appeared to be a dark and lonesome chasm, between myself and the Saviour, which I dared not attempt to pass. I thought I strained my eyes, and by doing so I could discern a faint glimmer of the light that was beyond the gloom which lay immediately before me. When I was meditating upon death, in this manner my husband came to my bed, and took me by the hand, and said, "Oh, Lucy! my wife! my wife The doctors have given you up; and all say you cannot live." I then looked to the Lord, and begged and pleaded with him to spare my life, in order that I might bring up my children, and be a comfort to my husband. My mind was much agitated during the whole night. Sometimes I contemplated heaven and heavenly things; then my thoughts would turn upon those of earth-my babes and my companion. During this night I made a solemn covenant with God, that, if he would let me live, I would endeavour to serve him according to the best of my abilities. Shortly after this, I heard a voice say to me, "Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Let your heart be comforted; ye believe in God, believe also in me." In a few moments my mother came in, and, looking upon me, she said, "Lucy, you are better." I replied, as my speech returned just at that instant, "Yes, mother, the Lord will let me live, if I am faithful to the promise which I made to him, to be a comfort to my mother, my husband, and my children I continued to gain strength until I became quite well as to my bodily health, but my mind was considerably disquieted. It was wholly occupied upon the subject of religion. As soon as I was able I made all diligence in endeavoring to find someone who was capable of instructing me more perfectly in the way of life and salvation."

Lucy Mack Smith's Eventual Baptism - "From my anxiety of mind to abide the covenant which I had made with the Lord, I went from place to place for

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the purpose of getting information and finding, if it were possible, some congenial spirit who could ... assist me in carrying out my resolutions This course I pursued a number of years. At length I considered it my duty to be baptized and, finding a minister who was willing to baptize me and leave me free in regard to joining any religious denomination, I stepped forward and yielded obedience to this ordinance, after which I continued to read the Bible as formerly until my eldest son had attained his twenty-second year." (Although Lucy Mack Smith records this story in sequence of Randolph, it probably occurred much later.)

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Daniel Adams and Michael Lantz working on the podcast at Solomon Mack home

While in Sharon, Vermont and some committee members had the chance to work on a podcast at the Solomon Mack Home. While the guys were taping, Elder George Osborn drove part of the group up the mountain to the top of Patriarch Hill in the “gator.” We got to hear about Junius Wells clearing the top of this hill so that there was a clear view of the monument at the memorial.

From an article in, *The Herald of Randolph*, on 10/15/15 called, Mormon Site Quietly Marks 110 Years. [<https://www.ourherald.com/articles/mormon-site-quietly-marks-110-years/>]

In July, 1905, a Utah-born Mormon named Junius B. Wells discovered the location of the Joseph Smith birthplace by perusing town records. He

bought the land and proposed a commemorative memorial at the site.

The obelisk was the largest single piece of quarried granite in North America at the time, standing 38.5 feet tall—one foot for each year of Smith’s life. It was bought from Rock of Ages in Barre, transported by train to Royalton and by wagon to the bottom of Dairy Hill Road.

It was transported up Dairy Hill Road with 26 horses, several teams of oxen, and a sophisticated pulley system. But after months of logistics, it was erected on Dec 23, exactly 100 years after Smith’s birth.



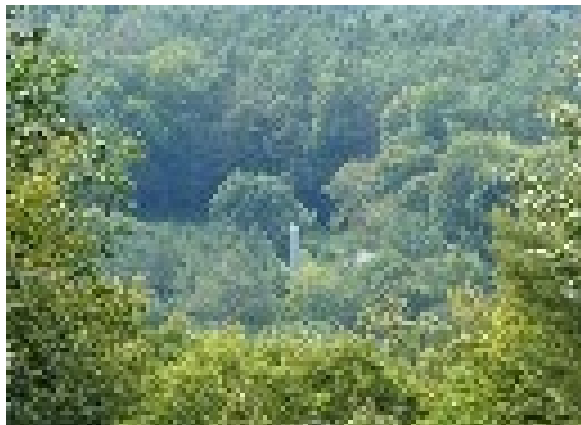
A view of the granite obelisk from the top of Patriarch Hill



A closer view

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A closer look at the granite obelisk Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial

Up here at the top of the hill, committee members got to see the Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial's oldest tree. It is a Maple Tree dating around the year 1776.

Sharon, Vermont

- Sharon was created on August 17, 1761, by King George III.
- Sharon was home to the Mack family, Lucy's parents and siblings.
- Solomon Mack purchased 100 acres straddling the Sharon-Royalton line in August 1804.
- The Smiths lived in Sharon for "a few years" from about 1803 to probably 1807.
- The Smiths rent a farm from Solomon Mack on the Sharon - Royalton town line.
- Joseph taught school in Sharon in the winter and farmed in the summer for a few years.
- Lucy said, "Our circumstances gradually improved until we found ourselves quite comfortable again.
- Joseph Sr. has a dream and he essentially concludes that no religion on earth represented God.
- The Smiths move back to Tunbridge from Sharon before March of 1808.
- Child Born in Sharon
- Joseph 1810

Joseph Smith Sr. First Dream About This Time in His Life - Lucy said, "About this time my husband's mind became much excited upon the subject of religion; yet he would not subscribe to any particular system of faith, but contended for the ancient order, as established by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His Apostles. One night my husband retired to

his bed in a very thoughtful state of mind, contemplating the situation of the Christian religion, or the confusion and discord that were extant. He soon fell into a sleep, and before waking had ... [a] vision." He was "traveling in an open, barren field, and as I was traveling, I ... could see nothing save dead, fallen timber. Not a vestige of life, either animal or vegetable, could be seen I was alone in this gloomy desert, with the exception of an attendant spirit, who kept constantly by my side. Of him I inquired the meaning of what I saw, and why I was thus traveling in such a dismal place. He answered thus: 'This field is the world, which now lieth inanimate and dumb, in regard to the true religion, or plan of salvation; but travel on, and by the wayside you will find on a certain log a box, the contents of which, if you eat thereof, will make you wise, and give unto you wisdom and understanding From this forward, my husband seemed more confirmed than ever in the opinion that there was no order or class of religionists that knew any more concerning the Kingdom of God than those of the world, or such as made no profession of religion whatever.'"

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Later in the day, Elder Osborn drove Steve and Frances Orton in his car and Dan & LuAnn Adams followed in their car to Asael Smith's property. When this group got there some people were gathered around a couple of cars. Elder Osborn asked for permission to look around and was told to leave. They looked suspicious and so Elder Osborn and the others left.

That didn't stop the committee members from pulling off the road and taking pictures of Asael Smith's prior owned property.

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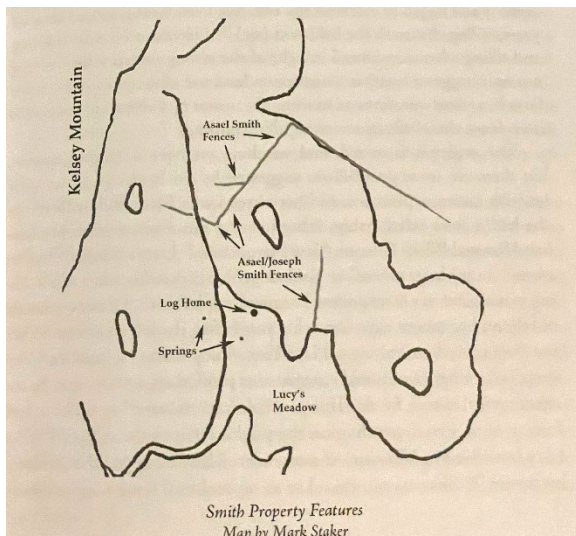
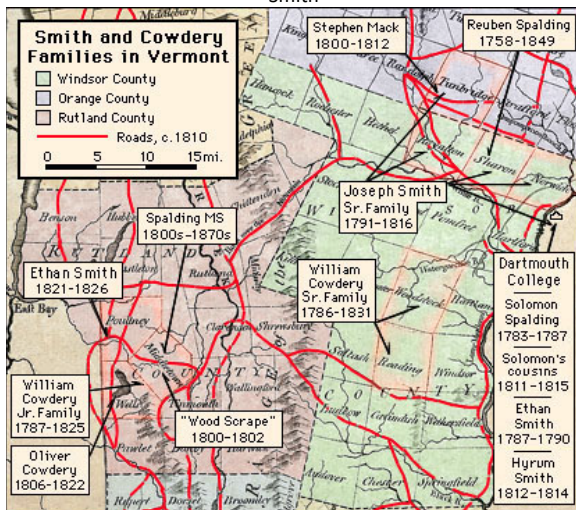
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This is a picture of the property that was once owned by Asael Smith



Another view of the property that was once owned by Asael Smith



Map from Joseph and Lucy Smith's Tunbridge Farm: An Archaeology and Landscape Study, by Mark Staker

Elder Osborn also took us to a couple of graveyards. One we visited the grave of John Mudget who donated \$500 to Lucy when she got married. He died June 21, 1801.



John Mudget Headstone



Daniel and LuAnn Adams and Micah Maddox inspecting the headstone for John Mudget