

Mack Family Plot Dedication

By Daniel Adams on September 16, 2023

Our Most Gracious Father In Heaven, who according to Thy foreknowledge, hath watched over and guided the restoration of the gospel and Thy Kingdom on this earth, and especially over the pre-eminent families of that restoration, among whom the Smiths and the Macks played a prominent role, we thank Thee today for the opportunity to honor the Mack family, our ancestors, and stalwart supporters of the Smith family and that restoration.

Father, we are grateful for their courage and examples, their fortitude and endurance through great hardships, for their overcoming the adversary, and for their diffusing the love of civil and religious liberty into the souls of their posterity. We thank thee especially for the life and example of Solomon Mack, who loved freedom and fought in the French and Indian War, and later he and his sons Jason and Steven in the Revolutionary War. We acknowledge Thy hand in miraculously preserving Solomon and his sons in those battles, and the many times later that his life was spared, and he was healed.

Father, we recognize that Solomon was taken from his parents as a small child and was deprived of a religious upbringing. Therefore, we are the more grateful for Solomons' repentance later in life, his conversion, and his covenants with Thee. We are comforted by the redeeming love he felt in return. We thank Thee for the visions of light Thou gavest him, and the profound effect they had on him and his family—especially those that portended the coming light of the restored gospel.

Father, we are also grateful for the efforts of those who have identified and preserved these gravesites, and for those who maintain this beautiful spot. Please bless them, and bless those whose continuing efforts may help to identify additional members of this family, we are truly grateful.

Now Father, by the authority of the Melchizedek priesthood, I dedicate this family burial plot as the resting place for the bodies of the Mack family:

1. Solomon Mack
2. His son, Capt. Solomon Mack II
3. Captain Mack's first wife, Esther Hayward Mack
4. Captain Solomon Mack II sons Dennis and Amos, and daughter Esther
5. Captain Mack's third wife, Betsey Way Alexander Mack
5. and Captain Solomon Mack II's stepson, Chauncy Alexander, son of Betsey.

I consecrate this burial plot as a sacred and hallowed place, where the spirit of peace of our Savior may abide; that it may be protected from the elements, and the ravages of the world, and that it may be a haven to all who come to remember their ancestors and to honor these noble men and women. I consecrate this spot as a place of testimony where those who visit this place, may feel the sweet confirming witness from Thee, O Heavenly Father, of the truthfulness of this work and the role they played in supporting and establishing Thy kingdom on this earth. I consecrate this plot to be a sacred garden spot, until the morning of the resurrection, when we shall all strike hands and embrace each other as Thy sons and daughters, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.