

*“I have a
LOVE
to all”*

Remembering Solomon Mack

“I have a love to all rich and poor, kings and nobles, black and white, come all to Jesus my friends, come to Jesus, and he will in no wise cast you off.”

Although he came from a long line of preachers, Solomon Mack, father of Lucy Mack Smith, ridiculed religion. At age 4, he and his siblings were indentured as servants to other families, where he was not taught to read or write and knew nothing of God. Freed

at age 21, Solomon set out on his own. He sought and obtained property, but “by misfortunes, time after time I lost it.” He faced numerous life-threatening accidents and illness.

Undeterred, he pushed forward, privateering, starting businesses, selling supplies, sailing vessels, and fighting in the French and Indian War and the Revolution. When his wrists were broken, he earned a dollar per day by traveling from town to town, teaching them to make saltpeter (gunpowder).

He married Lydia Gates, who taught their children to read, write,
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Kindred Cousins

In the past year, the Smith family lost Wallace B. Smith (1929-2023), Prophet Emeritus of Community of Christ and M. Russell Ballard (1928-2023), President of the Council of the Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1990, these two, with a small handful of cousins, were involved in establishing the Joseph and Hyrum Smith Family Foundation, which later became the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation. They worked to renovate the Smith Family Cemetery in Nauvoo, IL, and then to fund an endowment for its perpetual care.

President Smith said that the cemetery renovation created “an increased feeling of unity and fellowship between the branches of the family....I think



Photo courtesy of Karl Anderson

Wallace B. Smith & M. Russell Ballard
1991 Dedication Nauvoo Smith Family Cemetery

this certainly brought about a greater degree of love.”* In 1991, the Smith Family dedicated the cemetery, with President Wallace B. Smith giving the dedicatory prayer. Elder Ballard said he felt “a kindred cousinship that has developed between the two of us that is very precious and important.”

*Cemetery Project Increases Fellowship, Unity. Deseret News, Aug. 10, 1991

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Excerpts from

“Related”

“Cricket”
Chloe Isom

Now, when you look at me, you don't see “Smith,”

And when people look at me, they don't see “Smith,”

And when I look into the mirror, I don't see “Smith.”

And when they ask how I'm related, they seem all awkward,

And when I explain how I'm related, I feel all awkward,

...

But, wait a second...this stuff is relatable!

Losing loved ones to the grave...that's relatable.

Hearing unjust accusations, that's relatable.

Facing foes who once were friends, that's relatable.

Trials make us human and being human is relatable.

I've been so caught up in how I am related

I've missed opportunities to hear what they're relating...

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In Loving Memory

Wallace B. Smith is the great-grandson of Joseph and Emma Smith. A doctor by profession, Wallace B. Smith entered leadership in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, now Community of Christ, from 1975-1996. During his 18-year tenure, significant changes included changing the church's name, "a temple dedicated to peace, welcoming women into the priesthood, opening communion to all Christians, and expanding eligibility for the role of [church] president beyond the Smith family."



Vivian served with the Smith Family Association for 27 years. We will miss her keen insights and historical presentations.

M. Russell Ballard is the great-great-grandson of Hyrum Smith. He treasured his ancestors and their sacrifices, and told his children, "You have the blood of prophets in your veins." He was at heart a dedicated missionary and witness of Christ. He became a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy in 1976 and a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1985. He made "epic efforts to overcome divisions and honor pioneers of all faiths," a fellow quorum member stated. President Ballard invited all to "give service to and build faith in Jesus Christ."



Photo courtesy of Julie Smith

He cared for God, family, and church, and sought to alleviate hunger and world poverty.



Vivian McConkie Adams, Family Historical, Educational Outreach.

Moroni Day Tour

To mark the 200th anniversary of Moroni's first visit and to dedicate newly restored Mack family tombstones, Smith family members toured significant family sites from Palmyra, NY, to Harmony, PA, to Sharon, VT, in September 2023.



Photo courtesy of Dan Adams
Richard Nelson & newly placed signage, Centennial Cemetery, Gilsum, NH

"The Smith Family is the core family of the restoration," Frances Orton, Smith Family Reunion President explains. "The Prophet Joseph's work could never have been done by him alone. It became a family responsibility. Each family member believed Joseph's work was of God."

The family held a Moroni Day Fireside in Palmyra on the Hebrew Festival Day of the Trumpets. Family members read testimonies from each of Joseph Sr. and Lucy's children.

Dan Adams, Smith Family Podcaster and Moroni Day Celebration Speaker, explained the magnitude of Moroni's mission. From the beginning of time, the Lord ordained that a record should be kept of His miraculous

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But I've learned how to walk with integrity for miles,

That pain and hardship forms disciples,

That purpose will be given to our trials.

And if nothing else, I've learned I'm not all on my own.

If all we have in common are our trials unknown, then

What we have in common is: we're not trying alone.

Trials make us human; trying is how character is grown.



1ST PLACE

Chloe "Cricket" Isom

"Related"

(Slam Poem)



2ND PLACE

David Pinegar Jr.

"A Medley of Hymns"

(Orchestral Arrangement)



3RD PLACE

Jeannette Baird

"Service Through Music"

(Musical Service Project)

promises to gather His people. That record of His covenants, the marvelous work and wonder, is the Book of Mormon. It was prophesied in Enoch's day and culminated with Moroni's visit to young Joseph Smith. This book is the tool the Lord is using to gather His family for the last time, and our obligation is to recognize that we are prophesied in this book to gather all children back to their loving Heavenly Father before that great and terrible day of the Lord.



Mack Dedication

...Love continued

On the Moroni Day Tour, the Smith Family also stopped at the Centennial Cemetery in Gilsum, NH, and saw the newly placed metal plaque honoring Lucy Mack Smith, mother of the Prophet Joseph. Kathy Schillemat, Administrative Assistant of the Historical Society of Cheshire County, regaled the Smith family with stories of the Mack family's grit and courage, encounters with bear and moose, the French and Indian War, Tories and Patriots, their unending resilience and enduring faith in Christ.

The family then dedicated newly restored Mack

Family graves. The event affirms our witness that we look to the day when our forefathers, Solomon and Lucy Mack Smith, and others will rise on the morning of the resurrection, strike hands, and embrace each other.



Photo courtesy of Dan Adams

To watch the Moroni Day Fireside, Smith Family testimonies, and tributes to Solomon Mack and the Mack family, see www.JosephSmithSr.org

and walk uprightly before God. At age 76, suffering from rheumatism, these words came to him, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He pondered these words repeatedly.

"One evening by the fire," Solomon records, "I prayed to the Lord, if he was with me that I might

know it by this token—that my pains might all be eased for that night; and blessed be the Lord, I was entirely free from pain that night, and I rejoiced in the God of my salvation, and found Christ's promises verified."

His personal narrative closes with the quote on page 1.



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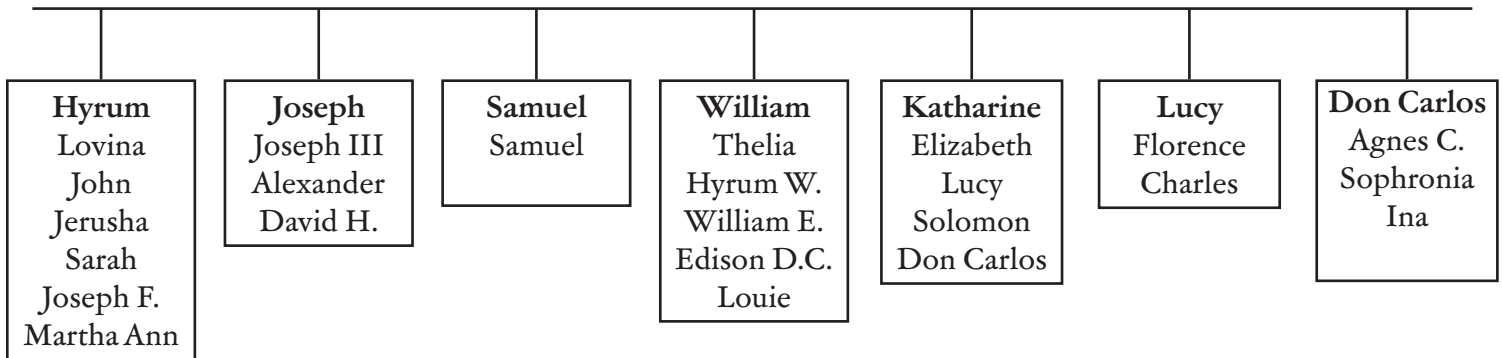
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