Thomas Sasson Smith Obituary

SMITH: Thomas S. Smith was born in the State of New York, April 3, 1818 and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1844. He moved to Nauvoo in 1845 and shared in the exodus of the Saints from that place in 1846. He came to Utah in 1848 and located in Farmington, Davis County in 1849. In 1850 he was sent to Iron County to help found settlements in Southern Utah. In 1855 he was sent to the Salmon River Idaho in charge of that Indian Mission. In 1865 he was called to go to south east part of Nevada to locate settlements on the Muddy. He returned from that place in 1868 on account of ill health. In 1871 he was sent to the north western states on a mission. In 1885 he went to Snake river, Idaho, and founded the settlement of Wilford, 40 miles north east from Eagle Rock, and was appointed Bishop of that place in 1886. He was ordained a Patriarch in the Bannock stake of Zion in 1888.

He died at his residence in Wilford on July 1st, 1890. His body arrived in Farmington, July 3rd, and the funeral services were held in the Ward meeting house on July 6th. The first speaker was President L. W. Shurtliff of Weber Stake, who spoke feelingly of the faithfulness and integrity of the deceased. President W. R. Smith and J. W. Hess and Elder Jacob Miller spoke of the many good and noble qualities possessed by the deceased. A long procession followed the remains to the cemetery where they were laid to rest after a long, active and busy life.-.COM

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