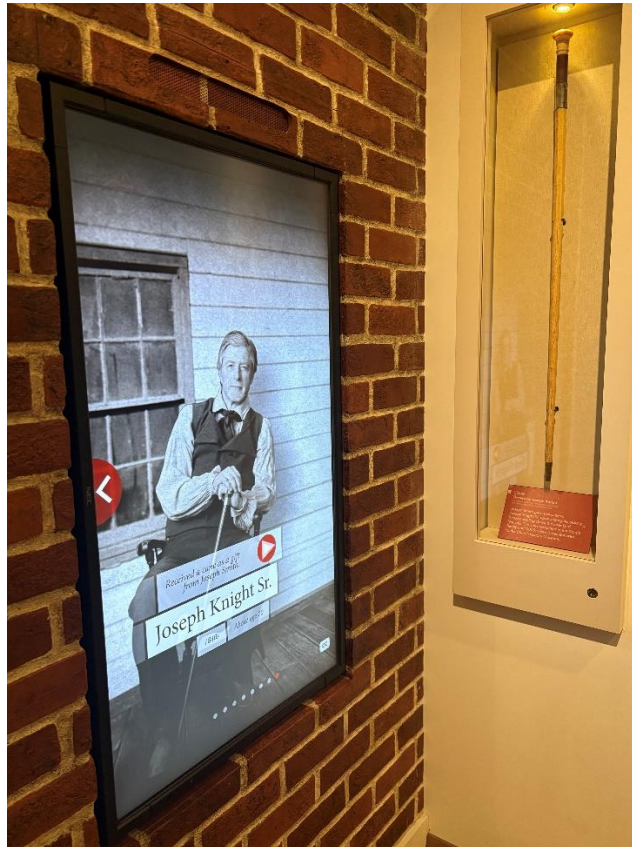


Knight Family Connections to Come Follow Me 2025

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The cane Joseph Smith gave to his old friend Joseph Knight, Sr. in Nauvoo is on display in the Church History Museum in Salt Lake City

Joseph Knight's gift from an old friend in Nauvoo

From William G. Hartley's book, *Stand By My Servant Joseph*, comes this story about Joseph Smith's gift of a cane to Joseph Knight, Sr.

Joseph Smith's Esteem for the Knights

"Father Knight, who turned 70 while living in Nauvoo, was a respected citizen there. The Prophet admired him and said so. . . One day Joseph Smith spotted Father Joseph Knight hobbling down a Nauvoo Street. Joseph stepped up to his dear friend, put his arm around him, and pressed the man's gnarled fingers around the top of a cane. "Brother Knight, you need this cane more than I do," he said. Then according to the family tradition, he told Father Knight to

keep the cane as long as he needed it but then to pass it on to a Knight descendant named Joseph and have him do the same. Later on Joseph Knight, Jr. received the cane, and it passed from generation to generation in the family to a Knight descendant named Joseph to the present day.”¹

Presented to the Museum

“Joseph Knight, Sr.’s cane was presented to the Church History Library on May 29, 2009. Elder Marlin K. Jensen of the Seventy (former Church Historian and Recorder) received the cane from Jim Knight of Arizona, a spokesman for the Knight family descendants. Nearly 100 Knight descendants were in attendance.”²



*Knight descendants who inherited the cane from left to right:
Joseph Robert Knight, Joseph Adair Knight, Joseph Byron Knight and Joseph Knight, III.*

Joseph Knight, the man holding the cane, was the son of Joseph Knight, Jr., the son of Joseph Knight, Sr. This photo was probably taken about 1951, before he passed away in 1952.

To read more about the remarks given by Jim Knight when the cane was presented to the library go to the Knight family website, www.josephknightfamily.org and look on the page for Joseph and Polly and their posterity, and the tab for articles about Joseph Knight, Sr.

¹ William G. Hartley, *Stand By My Servant, Joseph*, Deseret Book, 2003, p. 343.

² *Pioneer*, 2014, Vol. 61. Number 2, magazine published by the Sons of Utah Pioneers, p.9.