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Rebuilt home of Joseph and Emma Smith, Harmony, PA. Photo (2018) by Kenneth Mays.
<https://ensignpeakfoundation.org/joseph-and-emma-smith-harmony-pa-home-site/>

Joseph Knight, Sr. took lined paper and food to Joseph and Emma Smith in Harmony so translation work could continue.

From Joseph Knight Sr., *Recollections of Early Church History*, pages 5 and 6, with original spelling, punctuation and capitalization. Paragraph breaks were inserted to make reading easier.

Page 5, tenth line down:

Now he [Joseph Smith] could not translate But little Being poor and nobody to write for him But his wife, and she could not do much and take care of her house and he Being poor and no means to Live but work his wife's father and family were all against him and would not help him he and his wife came up to see me the first of the winter 1828, and told me his case But I was not in easy circumstances and I did not know what it mite amount to and my wife and family all against me about helping him But I Let him have some little provisions and some few things out of the store¹a pair of shoes and three Dollars in money to help him a little

¹ The "store" was probably the Knight family personal home storage

In January his father and Samuel came from Manchester to my house when I was Busey a drawing Lumber I told him they had traveled far enough. I would go down with my Slay and take them down tomorrow² I went down and found them well, and they were glad to see us we conversed about many things, in the morning I gave the old man a half a dollar and Joseph a little money to buy paper to translate, I having but little with me. the old gentleman told me to come and see him once in a while as I could.

I went home followed teaming til the last of March , the slaying Being good. I told my wife I must go down and see Joseph again

why Do go so soon for said she.

Says I come go and see and she went with me next morning we went down and found them well and were glad to see us Joseph talked with us about his translating and some revelations he had received and from that time my wife Began to believe and Continued a full Believer until she died, and that was the 7 day of August 1831

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In the spring of 1829 Oliver Cowdery, a young man from Palmyry went to see old Mr. Smith about the Book that Joseph had found and he told him about it and advised him to go down to Pennsylvany and see for him self and to write for Joseph he went down and Received a Revelation concerning the work and he was Convinced of the truth of the work and he agreed to write for him till it was done

Now Joseph and Oliver came up to see me if I could help him to some provisions they having no way to Buy any But I was to Catskill But when I came home my folks told me what Joseph wanted But I had ingaged to go to Catskill again the next day and I Bought a Barrel of mackerel and some lined paper for writing and when I came home I Bought some nine or ten Bushels of grain and five or six bushel taters and a pound of tea and I went down to see him and they were in want. Joseph and Oliver were gone to see if they could find a place to work for provisions But found none they returned home and found me there with provisions and they were glad, for they were out.

their family Consisted of four, Joseph and wife Oliver and Joseph's brother Samuel then they went to work and had provisions enough to last till the translation was done then he agreed with Martin Harris to print they therefore agreed with E Grandin to print five Thousand coppies which was Printed and Bound at Palmiry, in the spring of 1830."

Diane L. Mangum, October 2024

² Down to Harmony to see Joseph and Emma Smith