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Who are we?

Mission Statement

The Nathan Harris and Rhoda Lapham Family Organization is a non-profit ancestral family organization for all descendants of Nathan Harris and Rhoda Lapham, created to preserve, perpetuate, and promote family solidarity.

The primary purpose of the Organization is to unite all descendants of Nathan and Rhoda Harris. The Organization brings the branches of the Harris family together by collaborating to build a genealogical family tree of all descendants; appointing family representatives to represent each branch of the family; encouraging reunions and other special events honoring their descendants; informing and promoting the activities and accomplishments of family members; and coordinating the conducting and sharing of genealogical research. Working together for the benefit of the ancestral family, the Organization can accomplish things which have not been possible.

Want to join the
Harris Family Organization?
[Click Here To Join Our Email List](#)

Or join on our webpage at
<https://harrisfamilyhistory.org>

SAVE THE DATE



2024 HARRIS FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, June 29, 2024
Harrisville Ward Meetinghouse
435 West Harrisville Road
Harrisville, Utah

10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Program includes Special Speakers,
Family History Presentations & Light Refreshments

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Program for the 2024 Reunion

June 29, 2024

Conducting: Mark Taylor

9:30 – 10:00 am Registration

10:00 am Meet in chapel

Song:

Opening Prayer:

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome: Mark Taylor

Suzanne Russo Adams: Family Representatives

Randy Harris: History of the Harris Family

Brent Belnap: TBD

Special Musical Number to be announced

Tod Harris: Martin's legacy of the translation of the Book of Mormon and
where we are today with the translation of the Book of Mormon

11:30 Family Photo

12:00pm Snacks and Socializing

Reunion will be in the chapel, business dress recommended.

While you're in the vicinity for the reunion, we encourage you to check out the Harrisville City Historical Sites! [Click here for the map of Harrisville City Historical Sites.](#)

There will be a limited amount of the following books connected to the Harris family available at the reunion. If interested in either book, please email Teri Paice at paiceteri62@gmail.com to reserve a book at the reunion.

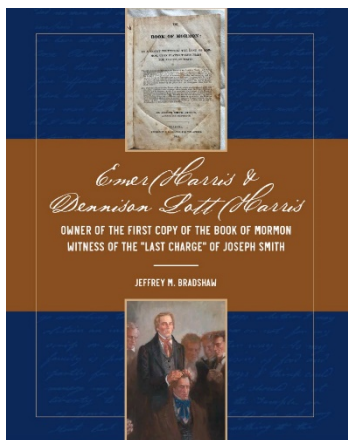
Harrisville Horizons Price: \$10.00

The collection of the material for this volume was a volunteer effort of the Harrisville Historical Committee over a period of approximately ten years. It has been prepared using personal accounts, journals, letters, biographies, and other written histories of the area. The authors interviewed long-time residents of Harrisville for insights into the community and its people from their perspective.

The book contains research into the early settlement of Harrisville and Farr West. It includes early troubles with Native Americans, the establishment of Bingham's Fort, and research on railroads through the area. It describes the education, trials with sickness and death, and persecution for polygamy in Harrisville, all documented by journals. It gives a verbal account of early farm life including agriculture in the area and the transition into a more urban lifestyle. Included is the land acquisition from Harrisville by the federal government to establish Defense Depot Ogden and the POW encampments as well as the effect the war years had on the area. The book is interwoven with stories and pictures to add interest.

Harrisville Horizons can also be found for purchase at the Harrisville City Office.

Emer Harris & Dennison Lott Harris: Owner of the First Copy of the Book of Mormon, Witness of the "Last Charge" of Joseph Smith, by Jeffrey M. Bradshaw Price: \$19.80



In this book, you will find the full story of two little known heroes of the Restoration: Emer and Dennison Lott Harris.

Emer said he received the first bound copy of the Book of Mormon from his brother Martin and recorded unique details of some of the events in its lost pages. But that is only the beginning. Emer's acceptance of the truths and covenants of the Gospel frequently left him and his family impoverished, in peril, and physically worn down. It was Emer's knowledge of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon and the divine call of the Prophet who brought it forth that enabled him to lay down his all for the Lord.

Referring to Emer's son Dennison Lott, Joseph Smith once said, "There's the boy I can trust." Dennison's personal narrative describes the harrowing events in 1844 when he risked his life to protect Joseph Smith from dissidents plotting against his life. Much less known is Dennison's role as the only independent witness to events surrounding Joseph

Smith's "Last Charge" to the Quorum of the Twelve as he prepared to "roll the kingdom off [his] shoulders" onto theirs. The encounters of Catholic scholars John M. Reiner and Stephen H. Webb with the restored Church of Jesus Christ highlight the importance of the keys received by the apostles, then and now.

You can also find the Emer Harris Book on Amazon linked here: [Emer Harris & Dennison Lott Harris: Owner of the First Copy of the Book of Mormon, Witness of the "Last Charge" of Joseph Smith](#)

For more information about our organization, visit our webpage!



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Future Reunions: 2026

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