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Nathaniel H Felt lived an abundant and fruitful life of service to his family, church and community. Although he is not a "famous" figure in the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he is a fine example of someone willing to sacrifice almost everything for the causes he loved most. Born at Salem, Massachusetts in 1816 he got a liberal start in an environment that seemed to groom him for a prosperous future. Mr. Felt was one of Brigham Young's closest associates, and was entrusted with Young's daughter Vilate in 1844 (Vilate was sent to Salem for educational opportunities). From his service as pastor of London, a defender of Nauvoo, as an active emigration agent in the United States and Europe, as Conference President in St. Louis, to his calling as Assistant Presiding Bishop and many other assignments, Nathaniel Felt made his mark on the Restoration. Now his many descendants dedicate this website to his memory and legacy.



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Annual Felt Memorial Day in June -- Salt Lake 27th Ward Chapel Adjacent to Cemetery

Why: Felts meet at the Cemetery, because Nathaniel Felt wanted us to meet there each year to remember "mother" (mother referred to his first wife Eliza Ann Preston Felt). He actually promised to be in attendance even if he had already passed to the other side. We don't know if he ever kept his promise after 1887 (when he died), but eventually the cemetery became the place to meet, and to

Reader Comments

I was thrilled to find the Felt website. My uncle gave me the web site address. I have very little by way of historical data and photos from my grandmother Vera. She is the daughter of David Pile Felt who is the son of Nathaniel H. Felt and Mary Louisa Pile. Thank you for providing so much information on your web site. I wish I had something I could contribute, but at this time I'm afraid I will be on the receiving end. D. Pugmire -- Snohomish, WA, 19 June 2003

During the course of searching for some sheet music for a local library patron, I found the lyrics to the song that you have on your home page, with the first line, "I tell you they have not died..." Since you note that Kelsey Chatfield couldn't recall who the composer was, I thought you might like to know. The actual title of the song is "There is no death"; the

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announce where the family reunion was to be held. Traditionally the eldest living descendant was responsible for giving the closing prayer. Most of us living today are not aware of this tradition that dates back to 1876, but it seems like a good one to follow. By 2003 the family has grown too large for the Cemetery, and we have arranged to meet in the 27th Ward building on 4th Avenue and P Street. Read more about the original event by [clicking here](#).

Where: Salt Lake 27th Ward Chapel on 4th Avenue and P Street.

When: Sunday, June 22, 2003 at 6:00 PM (5:00 PM is for early birds who want to share histories and visit longer)

What: Short

lyrics were written by Gordon Johnstone, and the music by Geoffrey O'Hara, copyright 1919 by Chappell & Co., Inc. If you'd like a copy of the sheet music, I'd be happy to mail it to you. -- C. Sylvia c/o San Francisco Public Library, 17 June 2003

Hi Jonathan Nice to get your e mail address. I'm interested in what you might have on the NHF Sr. lines on your Web site...It's great to be able to do it now on the internet... It would great to be younger and have the computer know how. Your cousin M Gail Nielsen -- Provo, UT, 2 June 2003

We went as children often to the Family Reunion Planning sessions in the Cemetery and Helen and I played among the tombstones. We didn't think much of meeting there and, as teenagers, asked why we needed to go? Our Mother insisted we do so. Then, I noticed that a wonderful Aunt and devoted member of the Church, Etta

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Links Highly Relevant to N H Felt



- [Peabody Essex Museum](#)
- [Salem Women's Heritage Trail](#)
- [LDS.ORG History of Church in MA](#)
- [Journal of American History](#)

Other Recommended Links

- [BYU Overland Trails Diaries](#)
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devotional with music
 Professional musical family members of the late Richard N Felt will perform the music, and Professor Fred Woods from BYU will speak. At 7:00 PM the family will go to the gravesite for the closing hymn and prayer. This year twins Roger B and Rodney W Felt will give the opening and closing prayers respectively.

Toronto, our Mother's older sister, never came. I asked her why not, and she said she thought it was not a good place to meet. I told my Mother that if Aunt Etta didn't go, I didn't think I needed to...and she agreed, saying she, too, would rather not. So, we had a chuckle all around. I don't know how long they continued the practice, but I see it is happening once again. Good luck. And best wishes. -- Joan from Indiana, 16 May 2003

Cemetery Song Revealed!

On Saturday, May 10, 2003 the webmaster had the privilege of speaking with Kelsey Chatfield who actually sang "There Is No Death" as a solo at the cemetery many years ago. Today, June 17, 2003 a Ms. Catherine Sylvia emailed me from the San Francisco Public Library with the answer. Hooray for librarians! Before today we really weren't sure how to get the sheet music, and now Ms. Sylvia has offered to send it.

By the way, Kelsey is a great grandson of Nathaniel and Eliza Felt and son of Naomi Spencer Felt. Naomi is the daughter of Charles Brigham and Georgina Spencer Felt. Kelsey is a retired teacher of math, seminary and music. Most of his career took place in Riverside, CA, but he now lives in Utah County. He remembers the Felt Memorial Day very well. He couldn't recall the composer, but I found the words ([click here to see a related story](#))

We noticed New York City listed under the nhfelt.org title on your website. Did NHF live in NYC, and if so, where? We like your website. What a lot of work! -- Anonymous in New York, NY, 22 April 2003

The information is very interesting. Also, the web site construction is very good. I think you have done a great job of making it very interesting, hence, I will return to that site many times -- K. Pedersen, Salt Lake City, UT, 22

There Is No Death

I tell you they have not died,
 They live and breath with you,
 They walk now--here at your side,
 They tell you things are true.

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Why dream of popped sod
When you can feel their breath;
When flowers and soul and God
Know there is no death?

I tell you they have not died,
Their hands clasp yours and mine,
They are now but glorified,
They have become divine.
They live, they know, they see,
They shout with every breath,
"All is Eternal Life,
There is no death.

Lyrics by: Gordon Johnstone
Music by: Geoffrey O'Hara
Copyright 1919 by Chappell and Company, Inc.

[Download a recording of this song for your RealPlayer sung by Sue and Dana Talley](#)

April 2003

Your site looks great! My father served in Korea (Marines), with Paul Felt who until the last few years lived on South Temple. -- S. Kenney, American Fork, UT, 22 April 2003

Your new web site looks really cool. I hope that it helps you to keep your family communications flowing. As always, may God continue to bless you, your family, and your ministry. Ah, what sweet fruit... In Christ, S Fritsche, San Marcos, CA, 22 April 2003

I think you have done a good job revising the website. I have faith that there will one day be a Family History Center and a Nathaniel H Felt Museum in Salem, MA. Thought for the day: D&C 64:33-34 -- Fred S Woods, Provo, UT, 22 April 2003

A word of thanks to Jonathan Felt for his tireless efforts to learn about NH Felt and to give his

Current Projects

Nathaniel H Felt Home and Salem Family History Center

The Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA owns and operates the house where NHF and family once lived. From 1843 to 1844 many leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were



welcome guests there including Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff and Erastus Snow. The house was located at #10 Liberty Street, but was moved at great expense to #26 Charter Street by the museum and is undergoing significant preservation type repairs. [For more information click here for the article found in LDS Church News](#)

A Family History Center is one proposed use for the property, but no plan has been approved or funded by any organization yet. However, a well-known foundation is seriously considering the project along with the Salem museum mentioned above. I have personally been in contact with both. As a family organization we can help too. Nathaniel Felt has approximately 300 living great grandchildren and nearly 1,000 great great



grandchildren. More later.

N H Felt Descendants Census

If you haven't heard from me lately, I promise you will soon. I am actively seeking information about the adult members of the family. It's important to know the number of minor children, but no personal information about the children will be solicited.

Nathaniel H Felt - "Thou shalt have a numerous posterity; they shall grow up and be very healthy and they shall continually increase so that they cannot be numbered." Patriarchal Blessing - June 30, 1845 - Note: At the time, Nathaniel Felt and Eliza Ann Preston Felt had exactly 1 living child. Today his descendants number more than 4,000.

6/11/2003 Census Estimates

- Children = 17 (4.35 children per descendant)
- Grandchildren = 74 (2.5 children per descendant)
- Great Grandchildren = 185 (178 are now identified by name; 3.5 children per descendant)
- II Great Grandchildren = 647 (428 are now identified by name; I will guess 2.5 children per descendant)
- III Great Grandchildren = 1,617 (448 are now identified by name; I will guess 2.0 children per descendant; There are still 15% of this generation unborn)
- IV Great Grandchildren = 3,234 (only 25% of this generation is now on earth)
- Total = 5,774

What's New

Come back to the website often to learn about the Felt Family.

Biography of Edwin Spencer Felt, 6/18/2003

Another valuable biography was added today for Edwin S. Felt (Ted) by his daughter Susan Dowell. We thank her for taking the time to put the information down on paper. We encourage all to do the same. [Click here for the biography](#)

descendants a chance to know each other. He is providing us with a great opportunity. The get-together on June 22nd could be quite an event and I hope to meet lots of our family there. -- Renetta Felt West, Layton, UT, 21 April 2003

Nathaniel (H Felt) is pretty high-tech for being born in 1816, with his own website and all. -- A L Brooks, Escondido, CA, 21 April 2003

Good site..Nice Legacy. -- G Yoder, San Jose, CA, 21 April 2003

Congratulations, and thank you for including me (in the new version announcement) -- B Smith, Salem, MA, 21 April 2003

One of these days we're going to buy you some sports shirts, so you won't be tied to white shirts and ties, although when reading about Robert L Simpson's funeral they mentioned that he always wore the uniform (tongue in check Mormon uniform) to the

Family Census Estimate Updated, 6/11/2003

New estimates reduce my earlier projections (See above)

Biography of Naomi Felt Chatfield, 5/26/2003

This is a good example of a biography. It has details, and it was done when family members could still remember them. A biography at the time of a funeral is an appropriate tribute. [Click here for the biography](#)

Actual Cemetery Song Clue, 5/10/2003

While doing the Felt Family Census, I happened to find Kelsey Chatfield who is a great grandson of Nathaniel Felt and Eliza Felt and grand son of Charles Brigham and Georgina Spencer Felt. He told me about a song he sang at the Cemetery many years ago. Kelsey enjoys Felt Family genealogy.

Cemetery Song Rediscovered?, 4/29/2003

The Felts of Manti on page 96, the author of this website discovered the adapted lyrics for a once-a-year Sunday meeting of Felt families. Could this be the Sunday Cemetery song? [Click here for details](#)

80 New Entries Added, 4/25/2003

The Nathaniel H. Felt Resources document is the best way for you to understand the life of NHF and his family today. It is a detailed timeline and bibliography of sources. The guide is 48 pages of facts and useful information including valuable Felt Family genealogy facts. [Click here to access the document.](#)

New Website Launched 4/20/2003, Easter

The goal is to get more Felts communicating with one another, and to promote the legacy of Nathaniel H Felt and his many descendants. Do you have something special to share, and would you like your website linked to this one? [Click here to send a message to the webmaster about your project.](#)

Dodger games in case he met a member (LDS member) there. -- G Kuhle, San Diego, CA, 21 April 2003

Impressive work--- It is obvious that a great deal of work polished by inspiration went into your work. -- J W Weipert, San Diego, CA, 21 April 2003

The site looks really well done. -- L L Burton, San Diego, CA, 21 April 2003

Great website! -- J L Fulton, St Petersburg, FL, 21 April 2003

Happy Easter Sunday. Thank you for your note, and for your efforts on the NHFelt.org site, and for your nice comments about me (including some inflated descriptions of my capacities). See [Rodney's web log](#) -- R C Felt, Salt Lake City, UT, 20 April 2003

Hi, Jonathan, Good to hear from you. I appreciate your work and the info you make available to us. Hope your

plans are progressing. How are you and your family enjoying being in Utah again? Much love, -
- Helen Bitner
Wilcox, 21 Feb
2003

Just letting you know I visited your website. It's a noble undertaking, and I wish you well. --
William (Bill) Henry
Felt, 26 Dec 2002

Thank you. We are all grateful for what you are doing. Merry Christmas to you and your family. LaVar
Christensen, 24
Dec 2002

Thanks for the information. I'm always pleased to learn more about why I'm the way I am. The web site looks good. I just called my mother (Eris Felt Kirby) and mentioned your idea of resuming the Felt reunion. She was quite pleased. --
Robert Kirby, 23
Dec 2002

... my impressions of NHF's progeny is that we seem to be a hard-working potpourri of people ... in broad strokes unremarkable, but

contributors to society nonetheless. I appreciate NHF for his willingness to serve as he was called. And I'm sure that he must have possessed inherent talents for organization and positive influence over people to have received the callings he did. -- Renetta Felt West, 12 Dec 2002

Yes, I would be pleased to be included in the NHFelt.org website as a contributing member. Things that I would like to see on the site are: Some nice quotes by NHF, More photos of NHF, Sound bites of NHF, Bits of history about his wives...what happened to them, bits of history about NHF sons and daughters so that we can track our own connections; perhaps your explanation about why any of the NHF descendants care about, or should care about any of this stuff; Finally; What is it that drives you in all of this? You have sufficient personal and family pressures without

adding nhfelt.org to
the list. -- Rodney
Clark Felt, 12 Dec
2002

I'll take some time
to look at the site. If
you want feedback
on everything, I'll
gladly review all the
text and provide
comment (edits).
Talk with you soon,
and thanks for
building an NHF
Web site! --
Elizabeth Wilcox, 9
Dec 2002