

# Daniel Denison Spaulding

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Daniel Denison Spaulding {LC - D,148,2}</b>			<b>Sex:</b>	M
<b>AKA:</b>					
<b>Birth Date:</b>	October 3, 1807	<b>Place:</b>	Oxford County, Connecticut		
<b>Chr. Date:</b>		<b>Place:</b>			
<b>Death Date:</b>	January 8, 1899	<b>Place:</b>	Conneaut Township, Crawford County, PA		
<b>Burial Date:</b>	January 1899	<b>Place:</b>	Linesville Cemetery, Linesville Borough, Crawford County, PA		
<b>Cause of Death:</b>					
<b>Events</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was employed. farmer</li> </ul>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migration: 1827, Connecticut. Came from Connecticut to Pennsylvania</li> </ul>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Data: 1850, Conneaut Township, Crawford County, PA. 309/320: Daniel D. Spalding, 44, male, farmer, born NY Althea Spalding, 37, female, born NY Eunice Spalding, 15, female, born PA Lemuel Spalding, 12, msle, born PA</li> </ul>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Data: 1860, Conneaut Township, Crawford County, PA. 166/166: Danl D. Spalding, 53, male, farmer, born Connecticut Altha Spalding, 47, female, born Rhode Island Elizabeth Whaley, 76, female, born Rhode Island John Thompson, 15, male, born NY Samuel D. Spalding, 23, male, farmer, born PA Eliza Spalding, 19, female, born PA Elenor Spalding, 1, female, born PA Elias Thompson, 12, male, born PA</li> </ul>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Data: 1870, Conneaut Township, Crawford County, PA. 320/322: D.D. Spaldwin, 62, white male, farmer, born Connecticut Alathea Spaldwin, 58, white female, keeping house, born NY Rachel Brooks, 45, white female, house work, born PA  321/323: L.D. Spaulding, 32, white male, farmer, born PA Eliza, 28, white female, keeping house, born PA Ada Spaulding, 9, white female, born PA Edna Spaulding, 5, white female, born PA Ida M. Spaulding, 1, white female, born PA</li> </ul>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Data: 1880, Conneaut Township, Crawford County, PA. 222/222: D.D. SPalding, white male, 74, farmer, chronic rheumatism, born NY, parents (left blank) Althear Spalding, white female, 68, wife, keeping house, born NY, father born NY, mother born RI Eunis A. Spalding, white female, 45, daughter, at home, born PA, parents born NY, single</li> </ul>					
<b>Father:</b>	John Spalding	<b>Mother:</b>	Martha Denison		
<b>Spouse:</b>	*Althea Whaley {LC - D,148,3}				
<b>Marr. Date:</b>	1832	<b>Place:</b>			
<b>Children:</b>	1 Eunice A. Spalding {LC - C,163,7}				
	2 Lemuel D. Spaulding {LC - H,198,7}				
	3 Deceased Child Spalding				
<b>General:</b>					
From www.lavazone2.com/dbroadhu/IA/sain1887.htm on July 13, 2003 (an article on Mormonism from The Saints' Herald of Lamoni, Iowa, December 22, 1888, volume 35, No. 51):					

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## General: (cont.)

### SOLOMON SPAULDING'S NEPHEW

We call attention to the account of an interview between Bro. G.T. Griffiths and Mr. D.D. Spaulding which appears in this issue of the Herald. As will be seen, the interview took place in Conneaut Township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, where the historic Conneaut Creek still winds its way as deviously as the story which so long lived a life of falsehood, the only available weapon in the hands of the clergy and others who sought to rebut the many and remarkable evidences of the divine origin of the Book of Mormon.

Mr. Spaulding speaks out frankly and openly concerning his uncle, Solomon Spaulding. He was personally acquainted with the author of the notorious "Manuscript Found," and from what he states it is clear that he does not spoil a true story for the sake of relationship. He certainly knows whereof he affirms, and it is evident that in addition to his personal acquaintance with his uncle, his position as a member of the Spaulding family enabled him to obtain a correct knowledge of the life, character and reputation of Solomon Spaulding. His estimate of him is that he was irreligious, crooked in his business transactions, and "lazy." One has but to read the "Manuscript Found" for a confirmation of the former and latter statements, while the moral tone of the document will support the idea expressed in the other. This interview will be of value to the elders as another and confirmatory link in the chain of evidence against the wicked plot of those who in an early day sought to bring to naught the great purposes of Israel's God in bringing to light the Book of Mormon.

We commend Elder Griffiths' effort in securing the interview. Mr. Beardsley in whose presence the interview took place, is personally known to us as a man of integrity and a lover of the truth. Read the account of it.

### TESTIMONY OF SPAULDING'S NEPHEW

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 16th, 1888

Bros. Smith and Blair:

Enclosed please find an account of a short interview that I had with Mr. Daniel D. Spaulding. I am inclined to believe the statement he made, that his uncle was not a minister nor a member of any church, from the tenor of the manuscripts he wrote. D.D. Spaulding is one of those frank, outspoken men. He is very much opposed to religion of any kind, and that seems to be a characteristic of the entire family. However, he treated the writer with a marked degree of respect. When I informed him of the nature of my visit he said he would tell me all he knew about the matter. But I soon learned that he was very ignorant as to Mormonism, notwithstanding he and his son have told the people, time and again, that they knew all about it and have thereby caused a great deal of prejudice to exist in Conneaut township, which I had to allay before I could get the truth before the people.

I am thankful to be able to state that we now have a branch of twenty members there and that many more are on the verge of coming in. I had the pleasure of baptizing three during my stay there. Several are investigating the work who were so bitterly opposed that they would not come out to hear the preaching when I first went there. The Saints are contemplating building a chapel this coming spring. I am confident that a good work can be done there in the near future.

In gospel bonds, G.T. Griffiths.

An interview between Elder G.T. Griffiths(sic) and Mr. Daniel D. Spaulding, nephew of Solomon Spaulding, which took place on the 28th of November, 1888, in the township of Conneaut, Pennsylvania, in the presence of Mr. Jerome Beardsley, a prominent citizen of that township. After being duly introduced the following questions were propounded by the writer:

Q - What is your given name, Mr. Spaulding?

A. Daniel D. Spaulding

Q - How old are you?

A. I am eighty-two years old.

Q - How long have you lived in this vicinity?

A. About sixty years

Q - How closely were you related to Solomon Spaulding?

A. He was my father's brother

Q - How old were you (sic) the last time you saw your Uncle?

A. Between ten and eleven years of age.

Q - Then you remember him well?

A. Oh yes. He was a very sickly man, and the last time I saw him was at Conneaut Creek, just before he went to Pittsburg, where he died shortly afterwards.

Q - What did your uncle do for a living?

A. He was a land agent, and my father said he was a scoundrel and used to cheat the people out of their money and property.

Q - Was he much of a scholar?

A. No. He had some natural talent, but he was not very smart; but very lazy. Then he wrote the manuscript that the Mormons call the Book of Mormon to make money out of it.

Q - How did the Mormons get the manuscripts?

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A. I don't know. (Here his daughter, a lady of about fifty years, replied, "His widow gave them to Joseph Smith, jun.")

Q - Is there not a story afloat that Sidney Rigdon stole them?

A. I had not heard that before.

Q - Mr. Spaulding, did you ever see the manuscripts? or the Book of Mormon?

A. No.

Q - What did Mr. Spaulding write about?

A. I heard my father say it was a story about the Indians.

Q - Was your uncle a minister?

A. He was not; neither did he belong to any church.

Q - Then you do now know whether the Book of Mormon and the manuscript are the same or not?

A. No. Only what I have heard people say; have not seen either.

Note 1: Daniel Denison Spaulding (1807-1892?) was the son of Solomon Spaulding's younger brother John Spaulding (1774-1857) and his wife, Martha Denison Spaulding (1779-1864). In 1810 he moved with his father's family from Connecticut to the Ohio-Pennsylvania border, just south of the shore of Lake Erie. In about 1842 John Spaulding and his family moved to Illinois, leaving behind in Crawford Co., Pennsylvania only Daniel D. Spaulding, his wife and three children. The following entry is found on p. 837 in the 1885 History of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, Vol II. (not copied).

Note 2: The most questionable part of Daniel's statement is the part where he says he last saw his uncle, Solomon Spaulding, when Daniel was "Between ten and eleven years of age." This would have been in 1817. However, Solomon Spaulding died in 1816. More reasonable is Daniel's saying that the last time he saw his uncle was "just before he went to Pittsburg." This was in the fall of 1812, when Daniel was barely five years old. Thus, Daniel's recollections of his uncle Solomon would have been those of a young child. At that time, Solomon Spaulding was indeed a "land agent," and his sales promotions may have involved more "sharp Yankee trading" than the trustworthy dealings of an honest clergyman. In fact, Solomon Spaulding probably never admitted to being in the clergy after he was removed from his position s Headmaster of the Cherry Valley Academy just prior to the year 1800. The licenses for unordained Congregational and Presbyterian preachers expired in time, and Spaulding probably never took the trouble to renew his. All in all, Daniel D. Spaulding's statement furnishes practically no useful information about Solomon Spaulding and his writings.

## Medical:

Per the Paul Henry Scrapbook at the Linesville Historical Society, page 19, column 3:

"Daniel Spaulding, in the 91st year of his age, died at the residence of his son, Mr. L.D. Spaulding, Conneaut township, Jan. 8th. He was one of the first settlers and lived in the neighborhood, in which he did more than any other man to clear of the forest, since early manhood. Funeral held to-day at 2 p.m., Rev. H.D. Lowing officiating. His aged wife, son and daughter, Mrs. Dr. Rogers, are left to mourn his loss."

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