

Some Highlights of the Life of **Uriah Smith** (1832-1903) (www.APLib.org)

See "A Spiritual Giant," *Lest We Forget*, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 4-6

<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>
1832/05/02	0	Born
Grew up in West Wilton, New Hampshire. His mother was a devout Christian, and an Advent believer.		
1844	12	The Great Disappointment
As Uriah entered his teen years, he lost interest in the Advent message, and became absorbed in education.		
1845	13	Leg infected and then amputated; attended the academy at Hancock, New Hampshire, through 1846
1848	16	Attended Phillips Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire, through 1851
1851	19	His sister, Annie, joined the <i>Review</i> staff in Saratoga Springs, New York
1852	20	April: <i>Review</i> moved to Rochester, New York; August: first issue of <i>The Youth's Instructor</i> had woodcut by Uriah; in the fall he attended Bible Conference in Washington, New Hampshire, hearing of sanctuary and Sabbath; studied the doctrines for 3 months; December 1 his father died; soon observed first Sabbath
1853	21	<i>Review</i> from March 17 to August 11 published his poem "The Warning Voice of Time and Prophecy," then as book (over 100 pages); May 3 began employment at the <i>Review</i>
1855	23	Office of the <i>Review</i> moved to Battle Creek, Michigan; Smith listed as "Resident Editor"
1857/07/06	25	Married Harriet N. Stevens (would have five children)
1857/10/08	25	EGW letter to Uriah and Harriet

I did not see that God was displeased by your marriage; by consecrating all to God, seeking the Spirit and power of God, your united efforts could better glorify God than you could separately. But there is danger of your living to each other; and if there is not an entire interest and an entire care for the paper, the Lord will remove you and have some one whose whole interest is swallowed up in the work. God wants that the only paper in the land bearing his solemn truth should come out right. A lack of the Spirit of God, or interest, is felt in the paper. If the salvation of God is with the one that writes for the paper, the same spirit will be felt by the reader. A piece written in the Spirit of God angels approbate, and impress the same upon the readers. But a piece written when the writer is not living wholly for the glory of God, not wholly devoted to him, angels feel the lack in sadness. They turn away and do not impress the reader with it because God and his Spirit are not in it. The words are good but it lacks the warm influence of the Spirit of God. {PH016 29.1}

1860/06	28	EGW letter to Harriet about problems
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It seemed to be a chain of connection, with dissatisfied feelings, and watching James and me with jealousy and suspicion. Uriah and James were shown me a distance apart from each other, not united. Darkness was in the Office. The angels of God were grieved, and had but little to do with the work there. There was a secret dissatisfaction, all carried on in darkness, concealed from us. {PH016 5.2}

There has been two spirits in the Office at Rochester, and two spirits in the Office at Battle Creek, and the Lord has shown that the spirit of reproof should never die out of the Office. It will live there just as long as the Office exists. If Uriah and James are connected in that Office, their interests are one, and the barrier that has been placed between them must be broken down, and they be in perfect union, having confidence in each other, or not labor in connection at all. I saw that you have cruelly wronged James without a cause. God has given him a position to occupy, and you have been at war with it. Two years ago was the reproof given for Uriah and yourself. Read it all over and see if it has been heeded. I saw that the Lord's providence has sustained James, but your feelings have been to tear him down. Harriet, may the Lord give you a full sense of the part you have been acting. Your selfish feelings would lead you to tear Uriah from the Office that you might enjoy his company more exclusively yourself, but it would be a fearful step for you both. {PH016 21.1}

1861	29	Treasurer of the SDA Publishing Association
1863	31	First secretary of the General Conference of SDA (to 1876; was to serve five non-consecutive terms totaling 20 years); wrote detailed article in May 26 <i>Review</i> issue describing the organization of the conference; began public speaking; July

		28 patented an articulated artificial limb
1864	32	President of the Michigan Conference of SDA
1865	33	<i>Thoughts on the Revelation</i> published
1866	34	Ordained to the ministry; soon began to travel to conferences and camp meetings in the USA and abroad
1871	39	His mother published poems of Annie, and one section had Uriah's poems
1873	41	<i>Thoughts on Daniel</i> published; removed from office for 6 months, reason unclear ¹
1875/05/25	43	Patented a school desk with a seat folding up from the rear
1876	44	Treasurer of the General Conference of SDA (to 1877)
1877/04	45	Held a Biblical Institute with James White in Oakland, California, April 1-17; see book <i>The Biblical Institute</i> (1878)
1880	48	<i>Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation</i> published
1882/06/20	50	EGW letter the Battle Creek church (she had sent a letter to him to be read to the church, but he had withheld it, thinking it was just her opinion)

I saw that the frown of God was upon his people for their assimilation to the world. I saw that the children of Bro. Smith have been a snare to him. Their ideas and opinions, their feelings and statements, had an influence upon his mind, and blinded his judgment. These youth are strongly inclined to infidelity. The mother's want of faith and trust in God has been given as an inheritance to her children. Her devotion to them is greater than her devotion to God. The father has neglected his duty. The result of their wrong course is revealed in their children. {PH117 44.2}

1884	52	Updated <i>The Biblical Institute</i> and published <i>Synopsis of the Present Truth--A Brief Exposition of the Views of S. D. Adventists</i>
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Donated royalties of all of his translated books to missions advance.

1891/01/06	59	Made confession of opposing Ellen White in regard to the message of 1888
1892/09/19	60	EGW letter to him regarding his continuing danger

But the first position you took in regard to the message and the messenger, has been a continual snare to you and a stumbling block. {1888 1052.2}

The many and confused ideas in regard to Christ's righteousness and justification by faith are the result of the position you have taken toward the man and the message sent of God. But oh, Jesus longs to bestow upon you the richest blessings, and [to] make you a mouthpiece for Himself, that you may declare concerning the grace that dwelleth in you. Jesus has looked upon you with sorrow, because you have not answered His expectations. "Watchman, what of the night?" This is the question that has been asked and will continue to be asked and answered. What will you answer, my brother? {1888 1053.3}

My heart is drawn out in love toward you, and my desire is that you shall triumph with the third angel's message.--Letter 24, 1892. {1888 1054.1}

1896/06/06	64	EGW letter to him regarding Satan's success since Minneapolis
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"The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." In this scripture, the Holy Spirit through the apostle is speaking especially of the moral law. The law reveals sin to us, and causes us to feel our need of Christ, and to flee unto him for pardon and peace by exercising repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. {1888 1575.1}

An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord's message through Brethren Waggoner and Jones. By exciting that opposition, Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special power of the Holy Spirit that God longed to impart to them. The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying the truth to the world, as the apostles proclaimed it after the day of Pentecost. The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world. {1888 1575.2}

1902/12/30	70	Review and Herald Publishing House burned
1903/03/06	71	Death after stroke

Footnote:

1. Durand, Eugene, *Yours in the Blessed Hope*, pp. 274-277