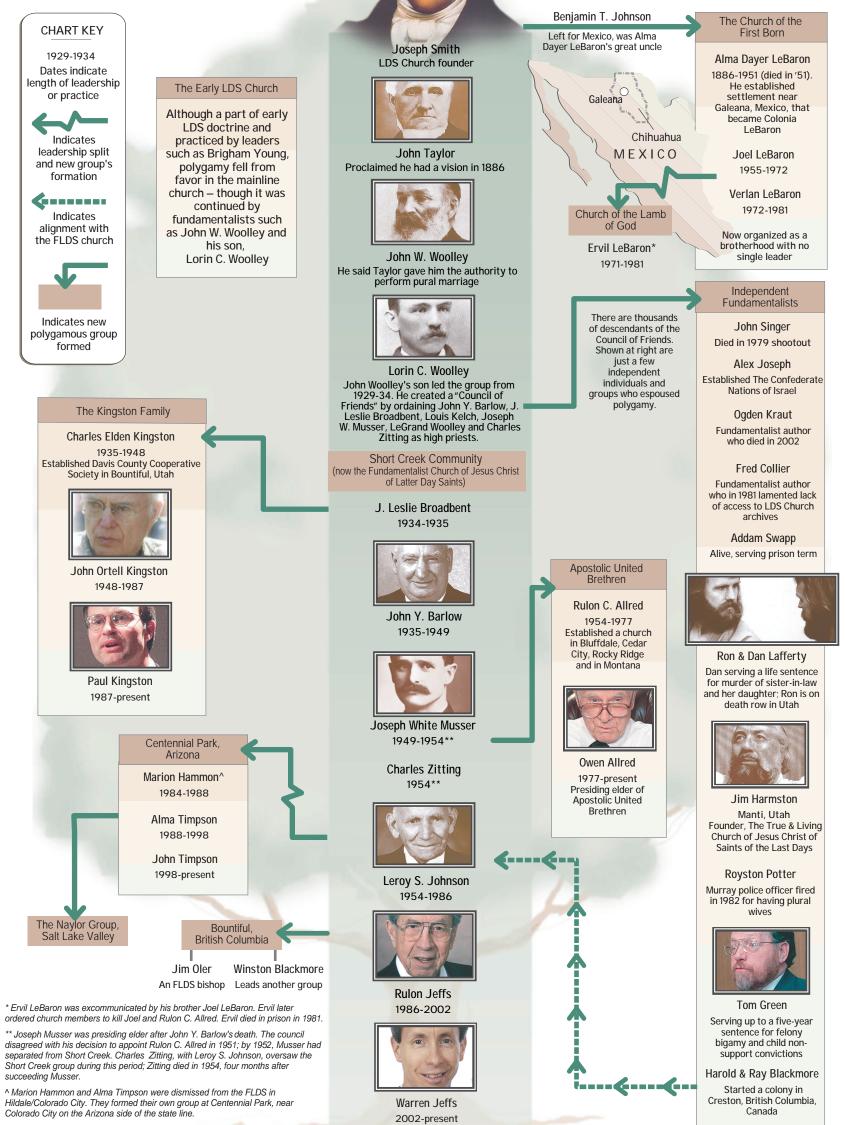
Polygamy leadership tree: Religious ideal grows, branches out

R ooted in the early ministry of LDS Church founder Joseph Smith (shown right), polygamy was later denounced by the church but embraced by fundamentalists, who now number in the thousands. About 10,000 claim membership in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The ranks of the Apostolic United Brethren number about 7,500. The Kingston family has approximately 1,200 members, and about 2,000 belong to the Centennial Park, Ariz., group.



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