



POET BIOGRAPHIES

William Appleby

William, son of Jacob and Mary Appleby, was born on August 13, 1811, in New Egypt, New Jersey. He married Sarah B. Price in 1830. William worked as a schoolteacher and later a justice of the peace in Burlington County, New Jersey. In 1840, after listening to Orson Pratt preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, William was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. William served missions in New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, and in 1847 he became president of the Eastern States Mission. He moved to the Salt Lake area in 1849, where he served as a judge, as a librarian at the University of Deseret, and as a secretary in the Territory of Utah. William died on May 20, 1870.¹

1. William I. Appleby, journal, Church History Library.

Mary Ann Broomhead

Mary Ann was born in 1830 in Manchester, England. Her family was introduced to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1839 by Cyrus Hubbard Wheelock, whom she later married. Mary was baptized in 1841. In 1855 she was remarried to Henry Rattenberry.²

William Clayton

William, son of Thomas Clayton and Ann Critchlow, was born on July 17, 1814, in Lancashire, England. In 1836 he married Ruth Moon. In 1837 William was baptized a member of the Church and served a mission in England. After settling in Nauvoo, William became a clerk for Joseph Smith, a high councilor, and the city treasurer. In 1847 William journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley, where he worked as the treasurer of ZCMI before his death on December 4, 1879, in Salt Lake City.³

John G. Duff

Not much is known of John aside from his writing of the poem in this volume. However, he is mentioned in a letter by Elder James Kay published in the *Millennial Star* in 1845. Two years later in the *Star*, readers were warned against “the iniquitous conduct” of an Irishman named John G. Duff, “who, by borrowing money in different places, and defrauding and deceiving, has brought reproach upon the Church of Christ.”⁴

Matthew Field

Matthew was born in 1812 in London and immigrated with his family to the United States. He worked in theaters in New Orleans, St. Louis, and Montgomery until 1839 when

2. Mary Ann Broomhead, “Sacred to the Memory of Joseph and Hyrum Smith,” Church History Museum, Salt Lake City.

3. William Clayton, diaries, Church History Library.

4. “Notices,” *Millennial Star* 9, no. 14 (July 15, 1847).

his health began to fail. That summer he explored the Santa Fe Trail, which provided the subject matter for much of his poetry and journalism. He also wrote various poems under the pseudonym *Phazma*, such as the one published in this volume. He died in 1844 on a cruise from Boston to Mobile due to generally weak health. He left behind his wife, Cornelia Ludlow, and his young children.⁵

Warren Foote

Warren, son of David Foote and Irene Lane, was born on August 18, 1817, in Dryden, New York. As Warren grew to manhood, he regularly read the Bible. His father read the Book of Mormon in 1830 and was baptized in 1833. Before Warren joined the Church in 1842, he wrote in his journal, "For I most assuredly believe the Book of Mormon to be authentic, and that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God." In 1843 Warren married Artemisia Myers. Warren journeyed to the Rocky Mountains and settled in Salt Lake City, where he worked as a miller, farmer, teacher, and postmaster. He died on July 23, 1903, in Glendale, Utah.⁶

Evan Melbourne Greene

Evan, son of John P. Greene and Rhoda Young, was born on December 22, 1814, in Aurelius, New York. He was baptized a member of the Church in the early 1830s and served a mission to Maine in 1833. Evan met and married Susan Kent in 1835. He remained true to the Church in the Midwest and journeyed with the Saints to the Salt Lake Valley. He settled in Provo, where he served as mayor. He also served as a representative in

5. See John E. Sunder, ed., "Editor's Introduction," in *Matt Field on the Santa Fe Trail*, comp. Clyde and Mae Reed Porter (Normon: University of Oklahoma Press, 1995), xvii–xxix.

6. Warren Foote, journal, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

the Utah Territorial Legislature from 1852 to 1856. Evan lived in a number of locations in Utah and Idaho before his death on May 2, 1882, in Clover Flat, Utah. Evan was the father of Lula Greene Richards, a prolific Mormon poet and editor of the *Woman's Exponent*.⁷

Levi Ward Hancock

Levi, son of Thomas Hancock III and Amy Ward, was born on April 7, 1803, in Springfield, Massachusetts. Levi was baptized into the Church on November 1, 1830, at Kirtland, Ohio. He married Clarissa Reed five months later. Levi served missions to Ohio, Missouri, and Virginia before marching with Zion's Camp to Missouri. He was also a president of the Quorum of the Seventy. Upon migrating to the Salt Lake Valley, he served for three terms in the Utah Territorial Legislature. Levi died in 1882 in Washington County, Utah.⁸

John Hardy

In 1841 John was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1842 he published *Hypocrisy Exposed*, a pamphlet refuting anti-Mormon claims. The following year John presided over a small Latter-day Saint congregation in Boston. In 1844 he was excommunicated for speaking against the concupiscent behavior of George J. Adams and William Smith. John described the details of his excommunication in *Trials of Elder John Hardy* (1844). John later followed the leadership of Sidney Rigdon and James J. Strang.⁹

7. "Evan Melbourne Greene," Joseph Smith Collection, Church History Library.

8. Levi Hancock, journal, Church History Library.

9. Crawley, *A Descriptive Bibliography of the Mormon Church, Volume One, 1830–1847*, 197.

Sylvester Hulet

Sylvester, son of Sylvannas Hulet and Mary Lewis, was born on March 1, 1800, in Lee, Massachusetts. Sylvester learned about the LDS Church from Oliver Cowdery and Parley P. Pratt. After his baptism, Sylvester and his family resided in Far West, Missouri, before settling in Nauvoo. Sylvester enlisted in the Mormon Battalion. He resided in Utah from 1847 until his death in 1883 in Manti.¹⁰

Lucretia Hupper

Lucretia, daughter of William Loud Hupper and Margaret Craig, was born on September 15, 1818, in Port Clyde, Maine. Lucretia was reared on a farm and educated by her mother. In 1839 she joined the Baptist Church. At twenty-three, she learned about the Church of Jesus Christ from William Hyde, was baptized, and moved to Nauvoo. As she traveled west with the Saints to the Salt Lake Valley, she met Henry Mower in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Lucretia and Henry married and eventually had six children. In 1851 Lucretia arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. She and her family settled in Springville, Utah. Lucretia died on July 28, 1915, in Utah.¹¹

William Hyde

William was born on September 11, 1818, in New York. William's family neighbored near Oliver Cowdery's brother, Warren, who told them about the Book of Mormon. William was baptized on April 7, 1834, and marched with Zion's Camp. By February 1836, he had settled in Kirtland. William resided in Far West, Missouri, before moving to Quincy and later to Nauvoo, Illinois. William served missions in Maine, Illinois,

10. Adelia B. Sidwell and Euphrasia Cox Day, "Sylvester Hulet" (Salt Lake City: Utah Historical Society, n.d.).

11. Cragun, *Lucretia Hupper Personal Diary*.

Indiana, Michigan, and the southern states. He marched with the Mormon Battalion before settling in Utah Territory. William served as a bishop in Hyde Park, Utah, where he died on March 2, 1874.¹²

George Washington Johnson

George, son of Ezekiel Johnson and Julia Hills, was born on February 19, 1823, in Pomfret, New York. At age thirteen, George joined the Church. He attended a Hebrew school in Kirtland. He journeyed to Missouri with the Kirtland Poor Camp. From 1839 to 1846, George lived in Nauvoo, Illinois, where he married Maria Jane Johnson. George and Maria fled from persecution in Nauvoo to Iowa, where George practiced medicine before journeying on to the Salt Lake Valley. By September 1851, George had settled in Springville, Utah. He was an Indian interpreter, postmaster, and bishop. George died on January 22, 1900, in Moab, Utah.¹³

Joel Hills Johnson

Joel, son of Ezekiel Johnson and Julia Hills, was born on March 23, 1802, in Grafton, Massachusetts. Joel was reared in a strict Presbyterian home. He became a Free-Will Baptist at age twenty-three. In June 1831, he became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ in Ohio. He journeyed to Missouri with the Kirtland Poor Camp. After residing in Nauvoo, Illinois, Joel journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley, where he served as a bishop of the Mill Creek Ward and as a justice of the peace. Joel died on September 24, 1882, in Kane County, Utah.¹⁴

12. William Hyde, journal, Church History Library.

13. George W. Johnson, autobiography, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

14. Joel Hills Johnson, autobiography, Church History Library; Joel H. Johnson, *A Voice from the Mountains: My Early Life: Being a Testimony of the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as Revealed by the Lord to Joseph Smith, Jr.* (Salt Lake City: Juvenile Instructor, 1881), 3-4, 12-16.

Vilate Murray Kimball

Vilate, daughter of Roswell Murray and Susannah Fitch, was born on June 1, 1806, in Florida, New York. In 1822 she married Heber Chase Kimball. Vilate and Heber were living in Mendon, New York, when they first learned of the Church. Heber and Vilate were baptized in 1832. Heber became a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and a counselor in the First Presidency of the Church. Vilate died on October 22, 1867, in Salt Lake City.¹⁵

William Law

William, son of Richard Law and Mary Wilson, was born on September 8, 1809, in Tyrone, North Ireland. He and his family voyaged to America in 1820 and settled in Upper Canada, where William married Jane Silverthorn in 1834. John Taylor introduced William to the Church. William was baptized in 1836. Three years later, he joined the Saints in Nauvoo, where he served in the First Presidency of the Church from 1841 to 1844. After his excommunication, William published the *Nauvoo Expositor*. By fall of 1844, William had moved to Hampton, Illinois, where he worked as a merchant and a physician. William died on January 12, 1892, in Skullsburg, Wisconsin.¹⁶

Wilson Law

Wilson, son of Richard Law and Mary Wilson, was born in 1806 in Ireland. By 1820 Wilson had migrated to the United States and was living in Pennsylvania. In 1839, he moved to Nauvoo, Illinois, where he served on the Nauvoo City Council and as a brigadier general and later general of the Nauvoo Legion. Following his marriage to Elizabeth F. Sikes on December 25,

15. Stanley B. Kimball, "Heber C. Kimball and Family, the Nauvoo Years," *BYU Studies* 15, no. 4 (Summer 1975): 447-79.

16. Lyndon W. Cook, "William Law, Nauvoo Dissenter," *BYU Studies* 22, no. 1 (Winter 1982): 47-72.

1842, Wilson was a missionary to Ohio. On April 18, 1844, he was excommunicated from the Church. He was an owner and proprietor of the *Nauvoo Expositor*. After the death of Joseph Smith, Wilson resided in Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin. He died in 1876 in Skullsburg, Wisconsin.¹⁷

Catherine Lewis

Catherine, daughter of William Ramsdal and Sally Richards, was born on March 17, 1799, in Lynn, Massachusetts. Catherine married Nathaniel Parrot in 1817 and Joseph Lewis in 1831. In 1841, shortly after the death of Joseph Lewis, she was baptized a member of the Church. Catherine moved to Nauvoo in 1845 and received her endowment in the Nauvoo Temple on December 22, 1845. Sometime later, Catherine left the Church and moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where she wrote a book exposing the temple ceremony. Catherine died of cancer on April 30, 1884, in Lynn, Massachusetts.¹⁸

Lyman Omer Littlefield

Lyman, son of Waldo Littlefield and Mary Higgins, was born on November 21, 1819, in Verona, New York. He joined the Church in 1834 and marched with Zion's Camp to Missouri. Lyman resided in Far West, Missouri, before moving to Nauvoo, Illinois. In 1847 Lyman served a mission to Great Britain. Lyman died on September 1, 1893, in Smithfield, Utah.¹⁹

17. "Wilson Law," Joseph Smith Collection, Church History Library.

18. Catherine Lewis, *Narrative of Some of the Proceedings of the Mormons* (Lynn, MA: Catherine Lewis, 1848); Connell O'Donovan, *Mormons of Essex County, Massachusetts* (Connell O'Donovan, 2011), 70–84.

19. Lyman Omer Littlefield, *Reminiscences of Latter-day Saints* (Logan, UT: The Utah Journal Co., 1888).

Reuben McBride

Reuben, son of Daniel McBride and Abigail Mead, was born on January 16, 1803, in New York. He married Mary Ann Anderson in September 1830. Reuben was baptized in June 1833 in Villanova, New York. In 1834 he participated in Zion's Camp. Reuben resided in Nauvoo, Illinois, before journeying to the Salt Lake Valley. He worked as a carpenter and served missions in England before his death on February 26, 1891, in Fillmore, Utah.²⁰

Robert Andrew Hope McCorkle

Robert was born on March 23, 1807, in Rowan County, North Carolina. He married Tirzah Scott on December 4, 1828, in Gibson County, Tennessee. The naming of two sons in the McCorkle family—Joseph Smith McCorkle and Parley P. McCorkle—suggests Robert's interest in Mormonism. Later correspondence also suggests that he propagated Mormon principles. There is no record, however, of him gathering to Nauvoo or joining the westward Mormon trek. In 1847 Robert was a founding member and first deacon of the Lemalsamac Church in Wood Scott's schoolhouse near Churchton, Tennessee. In 1850 Robert was residing in Dyer County, Tennessee, and in 1860 in Gibson County, Tennessee. Robert died on September 26, 1873, in Yorkville, Tennessee.²¹

20. Reuben McBride, diary, Church History Library; *The Journal of Reuben McBride, 1857, Including His Genealogical Notes*, transcribed by Stephen D. Robinson; manuscript provided courtesy of the Church History Library (Raleigh, NC: printed privately, 1990).

21. US Federal Census, 1850, 1860; R. A. H. McCorkle to Robert Quincy Roach, September 5, 1845, Verdant Grove, Dyer County, Tennessee; Robert A. H. McCorkle to Joseph Smith, May 10, 1844, in "Received Letters," MS 155, box 3, folder 7, Joseph Smith Collection, Church History Library.

James Mulholland

James was born in 1804 in Ireland. He joined the Church and migrated to the United States. He married Sarah Scott on February 8, 1838, in Far West, Missouri. James served as a scribe and clerk for Joseph Smith until his death in 1839 in Commerce, Illinois.²²

Joseph Stacy Murdock

Joseph, son of Joseph Murdock and Sarah Stacy, was born on June 26, 1822, in Hamilton, New York. He joined the Church on April 16, 1836. By 1841 Joseph was residing in Nauvoo, Illinois, where he was ordained a Seventy. In 1847 he migrated to the Salt Lake Valley. Joseph served as a bishop in the Wasatch Stake. He died on February 14, 1899, in Heber City, Utah.²³

Alexander Neibaur

Alexander, son of Nathan Neibaur and Rebecca Peretz Samuel, was born on January 8, 1808, in Prussia. Alexander was reared in a Jewish home. He married Ellen Breakell in 1833 and became the father of fourteen children. Alexander converted to the Church of Jesus Christ in 1838 in Preston, England. He migrated to America in 1841. He was a surgeon, dentist, linguist, matchmaker, and composer. Alexander instructed Joseph Smith in Hebrew and German. He journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. Alexander died on December 14, 1876, in Salt Lake City.²⁴

William Wines Phelps

William, son of Enon Phelps and Mehitabel Goldsmith, was born on February 17, 1792, in Morris County, New Jersey.

22. "James Mulholland," Joseph Smith Collection, Church History Library.

23. Joseph Stacy Murdock's Journal; George Thompson, *The Life and Times of Joseph Stacy Murdock* (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1986).

24. Alexander Neibaur, diary, Church History Library.

On April 9, 1830, William purchased a Book of Mormon from Parley P. Pratt. He stayed up all night comparing the Bible with the Book of Mormon and by morning proclaimed, "I am going to join that church; I am convinced that it is true." William was baptized, ordained an elder, and commanded to be "a printer unto the church." In March 1839 he was excommunicated. William confessed his wrongs and wrote a letter to Joseph Smith, stating, "I am as the prodigal son. . . . The beam is in my own eye. I have not walked along with my friends according to my holy anointing." Joseph wrote to William, "Come on, dear brother, since war is past, For friends at first, are friends again at last." William served as a secretary to Joseph Smith. He journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley and was a regent of the University of Deseret and the speaker of the Utah House of Representatives. William died on March 6, 1872, in Salt Lake City.²⁵

Abigail Pitkin

Abigail, daughter of Paul Pitkin and Abigail Lathrop, was born on July 17, 1797, in Hartford, Vermont. In 1819 Abigail and her family moved to Hiram, Ohio, where she was baptized in May 1831. She became a polygamous wife of Heber C. Kimball about a year before her death on March 14, 1847.²⁶

Stephen Post

Stephen, son of Samuel Post and Mary Prague, was born on January 3, 1810, in Greenwich, New York. In 1835 Stephen joined the Church and moved to Kirtland, Ohio, where he served in the Second Quorum of the Seventy. He served a mission to Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New York. After the martyrdom of Joseph Smith, Stephen followed the teachings of

25. Walter Dean Bowen, "The Versatile W. W. Phelps—Mormon Writer, Educator, Pioneer" (master's thesis, Brigham Young University, 1958).

26. Colleen Helquist, *George White Pitkin and Amanda Eggleston* (2009), Church History Library.

James Strang and Sidney Rigdon. Stephen died in 1879 in West Lynn, Manitoba, Canada.²⁷

Parley Parker Pratt

Parley, son of Jared Pratt and Charity Dickinson, was born on April 12, 1807, in Burlington, New York. At age eighteen, Parley joined the Baptist Church. By age twenty, he had married Thankful Halsey. A Baptist deacon in New York first introduced Parley to the Book of Mormon. Parley was baptized in September 1830. He served missions in Ohio, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New York, New England, Canada, and England, before Joseph Smith's martyrdom. Parley was a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. He journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley, where he served as a regent of the University of Deseret and as a senator in the Utah Territorial Legislature. While serving a mission in the southern states, Parley was killed on May 13, 1857, in Van Buren, Arkansas.²⁸

Samuel Whitney Richards

Samuel, son of Phineas Richards and Wealthy Dewey, was born on August 8, 1824, in Richmond, Massachusetts. At age fourteen, Samuel joined the Church. He served missions in New York, Connecticut, Vermont, and Great Britain. By 1843 he was residing in Nauvoo, Illinois, and had been ordained a Seventy. By 1846 Samuel married Mary Haskins Parker. In 1849 Samuel journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley, where he was a regent of the University of Deseret. He served as president of the European Mission from 1857 to 1858. Samuel died on November 26, 1909, in Salt Lake City.²⁹

27. Stephen Post, diaries, Church History Library.

28. Scot Facer Proctor and Maurine Jensen Proctor, *Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt, Revised and Enhanced Edition* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2000).

29. Samuel Whitney Richards, diary, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

Willard Richards

Willard, son of Joseph Richards and Rhoda Rowe, was born on June 24, 1804, in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Willard became a teacher and later a doctor. In 1836 he was baptized a member of the Church in Kirtland, Ohio, by Brigham Young. He served missions to England and the eastern states. In 1841 he moved to Nauvoo, Illinois, where he served as Joseph Smith's secretary and as Church Historian. Willard was with Joseph and Hyrum Smith in Carthage Jail when they were attacked by a mob on June 27, 1844. Willard served as a counselor in the First Presidency of the Church, secretary of the Territory of Utah, and editor of the *Deseret News*. He died on March 11, 1854, in Salt Lake City.³⁰

Charles Addison Rogers

Charles, son of David Rogers and Martha Collins, was born on July 18, 1816, in Ontario, Canada. He joined the Church in 1837. He married Rebecca Keene in 1844 and served a mission to New York in 1845. Charles trekked with the Saints to Iowa and then on to the Rocky Mountains. He resided in Utah for a time before returning to the eastern states. Charles died in 1890 in Virginia.³¹

Joseph Smith Jr.

Joseph, son of Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack, was born on December 23, 1805, in Sharon, Vermont. In 1820, in response to an inquiry about which church to join, Joseph received a divine answer in a heavenly vision. On September 21, 1823, the angel Moroni appeared to him and showed him gold plates on which were recorded the writings of former inhabitants of the

30. Willard Richards, diary, Church History Library.

31. Naida R. Williamson, "David White Rogers of New York," *BYU Studies* 35, no. 2 (1995): 73-90.

Americas. Joseph translated the ancient writings now known as the Book of Mormon. Joseph was President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from its organizational meeting on April 6, 1830, in Fayette, New York, to his death on June 27, 1844, in Carthage, Illinois.³²

Margaret Thompson Smoot

Margaret, daughter of Anthony McMeans and Esther Hunter, was born on April 16, 1809, in Chester, South Carolina. After divorcing her first husband, Margaret left South Carolina and moved to Paris, Tennessee. In 1834 Margaret joined the Church in Henry County, Tennessee. In 1838 she married Abraham Owen Smoot. They resided in Nauvoo until persecution drove them from the city. Margaret journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley, arriving in September 1847. In 1868 she moved to Provo, Utah, where she served as a Relief Society president. Margaret died on September 1, 1884, in Provo.³³

Eliza Roxcy Snow

Eliza, daughter of Oliver Snow and Rosetta L. Pettibone, was born on January 21, 1804, in Becket, Massachusetts. Eliza joined the Church on April 5, 1835, and gathered with the Saints to Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois. She was secretary of the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo before joining the Mormon exodus to Iowa and then to the Salt Lake Valley. Eliza served as general president of the Relief Society from 1880 until her death on December 5, 1887, in Salt Lake City.³⁴

32. Richard L. Bushman and Dean C. Jessee, "Smith, Joseph: The Prophet," in *The Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, ed. Daniel H. Ludlow (New York: Macmillan, 1992).

33. Margaret Smoot, autobiography, Church History Library.

34. Jill Mulvay Derr and Karen Lynn Davidson, *Eliza R. Snow: The Complete Poetry* (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 2009).

John Taylor

John, son of James and Agnes Taylor, was born on November 1, 1808, in Milnthorpe, England. He migrated to America and settled in Upper Canada. John married Leonora Cannon. John was taught the gospel of Jesus Christ by Parley P. Pratt and baptized in 1836. He later became a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. He served a mission to Great Britain and was a newspaper editor in Nauvoo, Illinois. While visiting with Joseph and Hyrum Smith in Carthage Jail on June 27, 1844, John was shot four times. He survived the ordeal and in 1847 helped lead Latter-day Saints across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley. In 1880 John was sustained as the third President of the Church. He died on July 25, 1887, in Salt Lake City.³⁵

Charles Wesley Wandell

Charles, son of Jacob and Miriam Wandell, was born on April 12, 1819, in Cortland, New York. He joined the Church on January 5, 1837, in New York City. In 1844 he served a mission to New York. While working with Church records in Nauvoo, Charles had a disagreement with Church leaders. The disagreement led him to leave Nauvoo and journey to St. Louis, where he found work as a steamboat officer. Charles was rebaptized on July 20, 1851, in California. He served a mission to Australia before settling in Utah in 1857. In 1873 Charles joined the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He served a mission for the RLDS Church in Australia. Charles died on March 14, 1875, in Sidney, Australia.³⁶

35. Mary Jane Woodger, ed., *John Taylor: Champion of Liberty* (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2009).

36. Charles Wesley Wandell, diary, Church History Library.

Edward Milo Webb

Edward, son of James and Hannah Webb, was born on August 17, 1815, in Hanover, New York. On August 26, 1834, Edward joined the Church. He attended the Kirtland Temple dedication. In December 1839 Edward married Caroline Amelia Owens. Edward was a missionary in Michigan, where he “baptized 24, and organized them into a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which we called the Kalamazoo branch.” Edward received his endowment on January 21, 1846, in the Nauvoo Temple. Six years later, he died crossing the plains on July 31, 1852, near the Platte River.³⁷

37. Irene Adell Webb Merrell, “Edward Milo Webb: His Ancestors and Descendants,” 1948, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University.