History of Joseph Holdbrook

Written by his son, Horace.

Joseph Holdbrook was born in Fowlersville Township, Greene Co., N.Y., on Jan. 16, 1806, son of John Holdbrook and Elizabeth. He was married on Feb. 25, 1831, and went to live with his grandfather and grandmother in Maple, where he was a schoolmaster in the school for a number of years, and was afterwards a teacher in the town of New York.

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p. 57: "About the 16th of April, 1844, he was invited to a meeting at John P. Bate's in New York. I went and found many of the brethren present whom I knew. Brother James Ensell (an) then arose and said he did know (an) that some of the brethren might be disappointed for he was going on a mission which did (not) know of Brother Joseph and of Henry Smith and he wanted to know if all present would be willing to go on his return if they were needed as he wished to take their names so it would be kept a secret outside of this meeting as it was arranged that the return of the meeting be the beginning of Ensell's (an) leading off a company into the wilderness."

p. 57: On May 28, 1844, he left on a mission to Kentucky, with John Ensell, to canvass for Joseph Smith, for the presidency. They returned after reaching in a safe, on July 12th, of the death of Joseph.

p. 58: Of 21, 1844, "went to Kentucky in company with about one hundred fifty of the brethren to attend court; in case we should be needed, stayed three days and nothing occurred."

p. 59: About the fall of 1844, he was made clerk of the High Priesthood of the Church. He gave a list of the members of the government in explanation and said: "The forego..."
Mills Nat. Register (cont.)
that he would cross the river on a
steamer for the night of the
24th, probably headed for Canandaigua.
of the resignation of Orr Smith,
Deputy Marshal for the 13th circuit in
favor of John Taylor.
Vol. 63, p. 159 - Rpt. that Orr Smith
had finally surrendered and been discharged on the want
for his return to Missouri.
Vol. 63, p. 170 (Feb. 18, 1843) - Says
no leader of the Murrays who
reports the arrival of 300 Murrays from England. "Elder
Orr Smith had returned from
his pilgrimage to Jerusalem
and was now occupied in
translating Mormon books, etc.
into the German language.

It is stated that Smith has
sent out a number of handbills
to preach his doctrine
and convert men into the
Saints."

Mills Nat. Register (cont.)
Vol. 64, p. 64 (Feb. 25, 1843) - Rpt. of arrest of
O. P. Rockwell for shooting of Page.
Vol. 64, p. 320 (July 15, 1843) - Rpt. of arrest of
Orr Smith for extradition to Missouri.
Says 116 Mormon went to the regents,
"What the result was is not yet ascer-
tained except that the Prophet is
again at Nauvoo, at large." 
Vol. 64, p. 336 (July 20, 1843) - Story planned
and release of Orr Smith. "This is the
matter undetected. Meaning of the
plan is not known. garments of the
Mormons which were
sent to the citizens of Missouri were
but they have refused them to ob-
tain so strong a foothold that
Niles Nat. Register (Cont.)

VOL. 67, P. 3 (SEPT. 7, 1844) - Rpt. of the death of Jupe at Nauvoo.

The death of Jupe at Nauvoo is reported. He died after a long illness, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a member of the church and was actively engaged in its work. He was a kind and prudent man, and his death is greatly felt by his friends.

Niles Nat. Register (Cont.)

VOL. 67, P. 6 (SEPT. 28, 1844) - Rpt. of the excommunication of J. B. Bigg, and the deposition of E. B. Young, with about 200 followers, in the woods of Wisconsin. The deposition was made by the church, which was held by the late husband of the complainant. The report is that she has purchased property at Nauvoo, and has purchased property at Nauvoo, and has purchased property at Nauvoo.
Viles Mat. Registry (cont.)

187 (Nov. 25, 1845) - Lucy Smith, New York, NY, a letter dated Oct. 17, 1875, telling of a visit to the Temple, the writer heard Jesus preach in the Temple, presenting his case. "They have one thing they preach, the finest clock, perhaps ever made; together, and another thing they practice, that as the chosen, or illustrious men, or with a thing bird, not possibly exist."

77 (Dec. 28, 1845, Jan. 3, 1846) - from the New York Sun - Emma Smith, 7v, 7r, 7t, 29, 1845, letters to the editor, inspired by letters of Arlington Bennett, urging the Mormons to go west. "They do not affect to the Twelve, that great work, for they will mean the suffering, as the Mormons, or the Hudson family, no matter if they go!

"I must now say that I never for a moment believed in..."