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OLIVER BOARDMAN HUNTINGTON

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at

Watertown, Jefferson Co., New York

Son of

William and Zina Baker Huntington

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HISTORY OF THE LIFE OF OLIVER B. HUNTINGTON ALSO HIS TRAVELS AND TROUBLES
WRITTEN BY HIMSELF.

I was born in Watertown, Jepperson County, N. Y. October 14th, 1825. I was brought up very strictly to keep the Sabath, also be moral, and honest, and deal justly with all my fellow-beings.

In the year of our Lord 1835 my father mother on brother and one sister joined the Normens, in the year 1836 he sold his farm and moved to Kirtland in Ohio. We started October 1, lay in Sackets harbour windbound three days and when we did go we had a dreadful storm until we got to Richester, there we took the canal for Buffalow, at Buffalow a steamer for Fairport 12 miles from Kirtland arrived in Kirtland 4 days from the time we started. My father there bought a small farm for \$5000 and paid the money down, finally lost it all in that farm and became a poor man. Stayed there 2 winters, in the which time I went to school the best part. As a people or family we were respected although I say it. My father was first an elder then an highpriest and then an high councillor. About the first of May 1838 we started for Mo. Had a long and tedious journey arrived at Farwest Mo. July 18th, 1838; we stayed there a few weeks and then moved 25 miles to Adamondeshman; there we lived through all the wars. I saw one man whom the mob killed and dug his eyes out with sticks, also many others that had been wounded. In the time of the fuss my father was commissary for that place. After we laid down our arms and moved to Farwest he was committymen to see to getting some property out of Davis Co. in the spring of 1839 we left the state being nearly the last family to leave. Landed at Quincy on the Mississippi River in Ill. Stayed there 2 or 3 weeks and then moved 60 miles up the River to an old city plot called Commerce 1839 then, but soon called Nauvoo by the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to which I belonged having joined a few days after we reached Kirtland that same summer July 8th 1839 my mother died. I suppose from or on account of the persecutions of Missouri, at the same time I was so sick I could not attend the funeral.

I was sick until the next spring on the 6th of April following the church was organized by a general conference held at Nauvoo 1840. My father was again put in high councillor. 1841 the next spring having obtained a charter organized ourselves into a city called Nauvoo two of my brothers Dimick and William were put in city constables. Was also city sexton besides constable. That year a military force was organized; father was made captain of a company called the selvergrays. He also had four sons who belonged to the band one of which was the captain, the writer of this the courierbearer.

February 3, 1842 I went to learn the carpenters trade; worked six months and left. Soon after I went 30 miles to see my brother-in-law. He wanting to go to N. Y. Rented his steam grist mill and carding machine to myself and another youngster about my age; done well and quit in the fall when or in a few weeks after he got to me. I then went to Nauvoo and went to school the rest of the winter.