Mary Elizabeth Rollins

Was Born in the Town of Lima, Livingston County State of New York April 9th 1818 - My Father John P. Rollins Came from one of the New England States, I think it was Vermont My Mother Keziah Keturah van Benthuysen was Born in Albany State of New York in May 16th 1796 She Married My Father in 1814 on 1815 three Children were the fruit of this Marriage, James Henry - Myself and Sister Caroline the Youngest. When she was Six Month Old, My Father was Shiprecked on Lake Ontario during a terrible Storm, Only One Person was saved out of all the Passengers, and crew - When I was ten years old, we moved to Kirtland Ohio, and lived in a House belonging to Algernon Sidney Gilbert, Mothers Sisters Husband - we remained there two Years, when we heard of the Book of Mormon, or Golden Bible being found by Joseph Smith Soon the news was Confirmed, by the appearance of Olliver Cowdry, Peter Whitmer, and Ziba Peterson with the Glorious newe of the Restoration of the Gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith - They bore a powerful testimony by the Holy Spirit of the truth of the great work they had engaged in; and which they were Commissioned by the Father to preach to all the World - Quite a number went forward for Baptism, Mother and Myself also, in the Month of October 1830. A Branch of the Church was organised, and Father Morley was Ordained an Elder to preside over it. He owned a large Farm, about a Mile from Kirtland, and some three, or four Families went there to live, and Meetings were held there. So, it was called the Morley Settlement a good spirit, and one of union prevailed among Brethren for some time. After Olliver Cowdry, and his Brethren left there for to go to Missouri to find a place for the Center Stake of Zion, a wrong spirit crept into our midst and some were led away by them. [illegible] this [illegible]

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