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I will here give the names of my Brothers & Sisters with thare wives & Thar Husban[d]s my oldest Sisters name is Beborah [Deborah] She married Abraham Read. my oldest Brother [h]is name is David [H]is Wife['s] name is Susanah House (my Cosen) my Mothers third Childs name is Candace She married Onestus Shermon. my nex[t] Sis[ter's] name is Pri[s]cilla She married Noble Harmon the nex[t] [h]is name is Alfred [h]is wifes name is Rody Hood. (he died soon after he was married)

Moses & [h]is Wifes name is Unice Parmer

Zephaniah [h]is wifes nam[e] I do not know

Jenimes the youngest hir [her] husben[d]s name is Ellet Mason.

Soon after I was 21 I went to Boylston & bou[gh]t 50 Acr[e]s of land near ware my Brother in law O Shermon lived.

The year after I got married after four months & 11 days acquaintens my wifes name is Esther Dutcher. we was married May the 11th 1826 She was borned in Jen [January] 11 the 1811 in Cherry Vall[e]y N Y We lived in Boyl[e]ston Oswego Co N Y 10 ye[a]rs in that time we had 3 Children our first was born Aug 1 the 1828 [H]is name is Azariah. the nex[t] was born in Jan 26 the 1832 hir name is Em[i]ly H. the nex[t] was born in Dec 21 the 1833. hir name is Candace. our 4[th] childs was born in Nauvoo hancock [page torn] Illinoys [Illinois] in the Sept 21 the 1844 [H]is name is Joseph A [page torn] (& last one by my first wife) was born in Salt Lake [page torn] in May 9 the 1849 hir name is Esther [page torn] & vary Snowry one Snow storm which [page torn] the Snow fell 5 feet that prehaps will Satisfi [page torn] A Snowy place. it was knot onely cold & [page torn] but so cold & frosty Sommers that [page torn] not raise w[h]eat & other crops vary poor

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the following winter the 1837 Father John Smith (Br to Joseph Smith Sen. the Prophets Father) I sold him A span of horses for (I think) for 100 Dollars. (I was to have land in Missouri for it [but] before I got there he with all the rest of the Saints was driven from the State under an exterminate orders by Lylben [Lilburn] Bog[g]s the Governor)

the fol[low]ing Spring 1837 the [w]hole Church [of] the Lat[t]er day Saints was driven from Curtland [Kirtland] they went to Farwest in the State of Missouri being desir[o]us to gether with the Saints my Father in law & my Self took 12 Acr[e]s of land to clea[r] to git me[a]ns to help us to move to Missouri the place of geathering of the Saints. the first of Oct I started with an ox team in company with Vester Steardiford & Isaac Outercork we had good weather good roads & good health [to] Richmond in Indiana from there to Tarre [Terre] H[a]lut[e] I think it was the worst road that I ever Sean traveled it rained & snowed most of the time w[h]ich made it vary disagre[e]able as we had to camp out in our wagons About this time we commenced to hear all man[n]er of reports from Miss[o]uri it being the same fal[l] that the Saints was driven from the State we got to Indiaoplas [Indianapolis] whe[re] [we] heard that they had got Br Joseph the Prophet in jail & A number of others of our leaders & that they had had the received there Sentence to be hung & all the rest was to le[a]ve the State. & it was common after that when we met Strangers for us to receive the following salutation (they taking us to be mormans) wal friendes you may as well take the back track for they have got old Jo[e] & they are going to hang him. Some times twould be they have got your leaders & they are goin[g] to hang them.

but thos[e] statements seem[ed] but idle tales to us.

we continued our journey till we got to Rogester [Rochester] 6