

January 8th 1845

At a meeting of the Young and Richards family convened in the Seventies Hall this day at 10 A. M. Present Brigham Young, Willard Richards, Levi Richards, Phinehas Richards, Joseph Young, Lorenzo Young, Heber C. Kimball, John Taylor, A. P. Rockwood, Israel Barlow, John Haven, Joseph Palmer, William Hyde, Joel Bullard, Edmund Ellsworth, Evan Green, Isaac Decker, and families, Mother Smith, John Smith, Rhoda Richards, Franklin Richards, Samuël Richards, and many others. (p. 1)

Mother Smith -- Brothers and Sisters in the Church, I have looked around me this day with a thankfulness and prayer to God that every soul may be faithful, and that we may all enjoy the cause -- I feel as solemn as the tongue cannot express, nor pen write -- I look back on the progress of the Church and see it just as clear as when the Church was organized -- the next Wednesday was baptised- and can see the rising persecution -- it has been in our hearts to fetch forth this Kingdom that it may roll forth -- it seems as if preserved by Spirits and that all the devils in hell seem to be trying to put down, but the Lord will roll on his work, and my desire is that Brother Phinehas may be blessed -- and that all the blessings of heaven may rest upon you -- I want all your prayers in my trouble in my trouble -- when I look at the family, how they have been persecuted day and night, but still they are comforted. I feel desirous, pretty much the same as when the Church was first organized, that the Nephites rejoiced over us, at the Church just arising, as they had lain and slumbered and angels fluttered over us -- if you remain faithful the Nephites will be Brothers and Sisters and will give us intelligence -- and may the blessing of heaven be with you all --

Prest. Brigham Young enquired if any thng has been said to hurt her feelings -- Mother Smith replied -- No, nothing has been said to hurt my feelings.

Prest. Brigham Young then dismissed with a benediction --

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