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March 24th, 1844, Nauvoo This day I was married to Miss Frances Crosby, whom I have noticed on a foregoing page as belonging to our branch of the Church in New York. She came to this place in our Company in 1838. Her mother, previous to her last sickness, made a request of my mother that she, Frances, might have a home in our house and has most of the time since lived in our family. We were married by President Joseph Smith for time and eternity (a thing [then] uncommon) on Sunday morning before meeting and started across the prairie to LaHarpe to Uncle Edward T. Mumford's. He married my wife's sister Hannah and they had both taken very active measures in opposing our union. We did not tell them what had transpired, but at bedtime I asked Mrs. M. [Mumford] where we should sleep. [She] look[ed] at me for an instant to see if I was serious, then replied, in that bed, thinking I was in joke. We bundled off, they staring in perfect amazement and apparent confusion, not being invited to the wedding they were badly plagued. This was one method I had taken for revenge. My wife was the daughter of Joshua and Hannah Crosby, was born in the province of Nova Scotia, October 31st, 1817, being five years my senior. Their family were Hannah Eliza, John, Obed, Frances, and Jesse. They emigrated from their native land, 1823, to Chautauque County. Their family joined the Church with the exception of the father. He, at the time of their emigration to Nauvoo, remained on his old place and married again subsequent to the mother's death.