

Journal of John Smith (not Joseph Smith, Jr.'s uncle); father of Eden Smith
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Preliminary Transcription
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[on lined paper]

[1:]

I do hereby Certify that I do
 believe this to be a true Reco
 rd having personal knowledg[e]
 of a considerable part & I also
 Believe that the Authur has
 Efected various cures by the
 laying on of hands in th[e]
 Name of the Lord which is not
 named in this Book, August 23^d.
 A.D. 1832. Gipson Gates Teacher
 of the Church
 of Christ in
 Northhampton.

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 Church History by A J

[2; on backside of page 1:]

This not to be recorded as correct
 because Smiths Eldership was taken from
 him

[3:]

I John Smith was Baptized May th[e] 16- 1831 in Fort hanpton Portage Co ohio By Lyman
 Wight an Elder of the Church of Christ and was ordained an Elder of the Church of Christ on
 th[e] 17 under the hands of Lyman
 may th[e] 29 Went to Boston & Baptized Isaac & salonia Chapman then returned home & went
 to labour for the support of my self & family
 friday June th[e] 3 went to Kirtland to attend Conference but did not reach there till sat th[e] 4 &
 Conference was over & I Continued their untill th[e] 6 & after the Commandments had Come
 Forth for the Elders to go to the

[4:]

Massura [Missouri] I Returned & reached my home in Northampton on tus th[e] 7 & went to labour as before

sun th[e] 19 preached at George Boosingers in Talmage in the fore & afternoon then r[e]turned home & labourd as before

June th[e] <tus> 23 Baptized Micah B Welton at Northampton

th[e] 28 left home to go to Kirtland on th[e] 28 & reached br Josephs senn the same day

th[e] 30 attended meeting with the Bretheren

fr July th[e] 1 went to Shardon & held meting with the Brethren

sat th[e] 2 went to Menter to viset a Brother & 2 sisters by request & held

[5:]

a Pray[e]r meeting

Sun th[e] 3 returned to Kirtland & attended a meeting with the Bretheren

mon th[e] 4 returned home & loboured as before

sat th[e] 9 went to union town Stark Co

sun th[e] 10 Preached to a large & well beha[v]ed Congregation & then returned home & labourd as before

sun th[e] 17 preached at my own house & Baptized Rebecca Welton

sun th[e] 24 preached at Portag<e> then returned home & labore as before

th[e] 31 <sun I> went to Boston & preached then returned home & labourd as before

sun August the 6 preached at my own house

[6:]

tu th[e] 9 Br Porter Denhan business to attend for some of the shard on Bretheren & also for some of the elders who had gone on a mition [mission] to Mazury [Missouri] Came to house in poor he[a]lth & sore feet & he told me the shardon Church was to be at Wellsville in the evening of

thurs the 11 & if he did not get there within that [-] time [-] he thought they would have to go & leave him as the[y] was on their way moving to Zion & this evening I John Baptized Elizabeth Smith Wife of Eden &

wed th[e] 10 I took [-] a horse & started for

[7:]

Wellsville in Com[pany] with Br Porter & assisted him in geting to the place within the apointed time & when we came to te place the Church had not yet arived

ff th[e] 12 I left Br Porter at Wellsville journeyed towards home but not by the same way as I went & I proclaimed the Gospel to famileys & indeividuels as I journeyed

sat th[e] 13 I found some relations in Harrisson Co with [-] whome I taried till mon but had no opertunity of public preaching

mon th[e] 15 again journeyed and <came> into the Co of Gurnsey and Came to

[8:]

to the house of a widdow woman which had been the wife of my Br Jacob

tus th[e] 16 an appointment was made for me to preach on wed th[e] 17 & I preached to a small

Congregation

turs th[e] 18 I again journeyed & arrived at home on the evening of fr th[e] 19
 sun th[e] 21 I preached at my own house & Baptized my son Azel Smith & again went
 to labour for support ~~held meting journey on [—] on sun th [—] I again laboured [sun Sep th—]~~
 sun th[e] 28 preached again in union town Stark Co
 sun Sep th[e] 4

[9:]

Preached at Gipson Geats

wed th[e] 7 sat out for Kirtland to get br Joseph Smith S'r to go with on short tower [tour] of
 preaching and arrived at the house of br Joseph the Same day & I attended mee[t]ing with the
 Church on thurs th[e] 8
 fr th[e] 9 Brs Joseph & Coe left Kirtlan<d> in Company with me for nor thampton & we arived
 thear [there]in the morning of Sat th[e] 10 & met with Br Magerncos hley & apointed preaching
 at at my house & preached in the afternoon ~~sun th 11 this Day brs Coe & Mager[—]~~ & Baptize
 Adaline R[?] Welton

[10:]

& Rachel Smith

sun th[e] 11 Brs Coe & Mager went to stou[] to preach & Br Joseph & myself preached at in
 house in Northampton this evening the brs Coe & Mager returned & we breake bread &
 Confirmed the 2 girels [girls] that was Baptized yeasterday & laid hands on 5 Children & Eden
 was ordained a Priest
 mon th[e] 12 Mager returned home & Brs Joseph & Coe & I Jone went to Talmage & preached
 in the afternoon & in the evening of mon th[e] 12 [th—]
 tues th[e] 1[] [13] this morning Baptized Br George Boosinger

[11:]

then went to uniontown Stark Co & preached in the evening

wed th[e] 14 returned to Northamton

Thursday th[e] 15 Br Joseph is not in good <h[e]alth> & br Coe & I John went into Medina Co
 & preached in the house of John Ares

fr th[e] 16 we journeyed 5 or 6 miles further toward the west & preached in the evening in the
 house of Jana Turner

sat <th[e] 17> we returned to northampton & I John was much afflicked with pain in my head
 & teeth which Continued painful for [—] a lighth [length] of time

sun th[e] 18

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Brs Joseph & Coe went into Stow to preach & returned in the evening & breake bread & laid
 hands on 3 Children

mon th[e] 19 B[rs] Joseph & Coe returnd home to Kirtland

thurs th[e] 29 I John preached again in medina at the house of Rugels

thurs october th[e] 6 went in Company with my son Eden into <Boston> & pr[e]ached in the
 evening to a small Congregation sun the 9 held with the Church then laboured for support

Sun th[e] 23 went again to Boston in Com[pany] with brs samuel & Wm Smith & the Brs

[13:]

preached

mon th[e] 24 went to Conference in arrang in Com[pany] with the brs Smiths & my sons Eden & Micah & G Geats

tus th[e] 25 attended in Conference

wed th[e] 26 returned home & on the same evening breake bread and ordained br Gipson a Teacher

Sun th[e] 30 preached at my own house

Sun November th[e] 6 went br Gipsons in Com[pany] with Eden & M[i]cah & preached then retuened home & laburd [labored]

wed the 16 this evening I preached at Gipsons & when I returned home thear [there]

[14:]

met Brs Ranals[?] David & Lyman

thurs 17 I went with the Brs to br Gipsons & apointed meeting for the next evening then I returned home

fr th[e] 18 this evening I attended meeting at br Gipsons & after meeting Closed I returned home

sat th[e] 19 this I went to br George to let him know those Elders had Come & returned home a distance of 10 or 12 miles this evening meeting is held at my house & we breake b[r]ead Sealed up the Church & ordained

[15:]

Eden & Micah Elders

sun th[e] 20 went with the bretheren to br Gipsons & after meeting was Closed I John returned & labored

sun Dec th[e] 11 held meting at my own house

Sun the 18 held prayr meeting at my own house

wed th[e] 21 this evening held prayr meting left Northampton Portage Co ohio on the 22 of December in Com[pany] with Br Gipson to go <to> the <uouth [south]> & on the Same day we cam<e> to the Church in Chipaway Wayne Co & preached on fr ev[en]ing th[e] 23 alSo preached in the evening of Sat th[e] 24

[16:]

Sun 25 preached again

mon th[e] 26 we journeyed sout<h>ward to paintvill & put up at an inn for the night

tu th[e] 27 we again journeyed to Co Shocton Co & put up at an inn in the village of bed ford for the night

wed th[e] 28 we journeyed 8 miles to George Smiths wheare [where] we taried till evening & preached to a larg[e] Congregation

thurs <th[e]> 29 we journeyed to the town of monroe & put up for the night

fr th[e] 30 we journey<d> to Muskingum Co washinton town and put up

[17:]

for the night at my Brother Joseph Smiths

sat th[e] 31 we journeyed <to> Pery Co pike townsh[i]p & put up for the night at my Brothers Samuels

Sunday January th[e] 1 – 1832 we again journeyed to the South of Sunday creek and preached in the evening to a large Congregation
 mon the 2 preached again at the Same place
 tus th[e] 3 we turned to pike & preached at br samuels on thurs th[e] 5
 fr th[e] 6 we again journeyed 3 meils [miles] East of Jam[e]sville

[18:]

Sat th[e] 7 this br Gipson returned to go to his <home> & I John preached at my br Josephs
 Sun th[e] 8 this day I preache<d> at the Same place to a Large Congregation
 mon th[e] 9 this evening I preached at Joseph Glafords 1 mile & [] from my brs
 tus th[e] 10 this morning I Baptized Isaac Jones
 wed th[e] 11 I again journeyed towards the South this day I journeyed about 15 miles & put up for the night
 thurs th[e] 12 I persued my journey about 5 mil[e]s & preached in the Evening in the house of

[19:]

Jerimiah Wize fr th[e] 13 I again went into <pike> to br Samuels
 Sat th[e] 14 word was gave out preaching would be at his house the next day
 Sun th[e] 15 this day I preached to a Large & well behaved Congregation
 mon th[e] 16 this <day> I went again to my soninlaws in monroe
 tus th[e] 17 this day it rained & raised the watters so that a Congregation Could not get together Conveniently
 wed th[e] 18 this I Baptized Elenor & William Shreve & ordained William a Priest
 thur this <day> I tarry here alSo & my he[a]lth is not very good

[20:]

fr th[e] 20 [unclear word] <day> I left this place & went again to br Samuls in pike & Continued till mon th[e] 23 this day I Baptized Jane MakimSon & Mary Ann Smith
 tus th[e] 24 this day I preached at new Lexinton & went again to br Samuels
 wed th[e] 25 day I went again into Muskingum Co th[e] 26 fr 27 Sat th[e] 28 these 3 days I Proclaimed from house to house
 Sun th[e] 29 this day I preached in the house of Joseph Glassford to a Large & well behaved Congregation
 mon th[e] 30 I left this place

[21:]

& Steered my Cource northward towards home & journeyed 21 m & put up for the night
 tus th[e] 31 this day I journeyed 20 m & put up for the night
 Feb th[e] 1 this day I journeyed 25 <m> & put up for the night
 thurs th[e] [-] 2 this day I journey 23 m & put up for the night
 fr th[e] 3 this day I journeyed 25 m & put up for the night
 Sat th[e] 4 this I journeyed 4 m & Arrived at home I preached to no public Congregations on my way home on this journey but whear [where] I put up of nights or Called to get refreshment

[22:]

I proclaimed as much as appertunety would admit held meeting at my own hous[e] in

Northampton on sun th[e] 5
 fr th[e] 10 left <home> in Com[pany] with my Son Eden to go into wayne Co went into norton
 & put up for the night at Mr Homes
 Sat th[e] 11 went 5 m to the Church in Chipaway & took breakfast then journeyed 14 m further to
 br Hougs in Wayne Co & town
 Sun th[e] 12 this day we preached in the house of br Hough & this evening we preached in

[23:]

the house of John Swarts by Request of his his son this evening we returned again to br hough
 mon th[e] 13 we returned again to
 wed the 15 this day we preached in Chipaway & also preached in the evening & attended to
 Some Church business & ordained John Reed an Elder & ordained Christopher JohnSon Senior a
 deacon
 turs th[e] 16 preached in the house of mr Homes in Norton
 fr th[e] 17 this day we returned home
 Sun th[e] 19 held meeting at my own then labored through the week f[o]r suport

[24:]

Sun th[e] 26 held meeting again at home then labourd as before
 Sun March th[e] 4 held again at home then laboured as before
 fr th[e] 9 this day I received a letter from the south whear [where] I had been preaching in the
 winter a distanc[e] of 100 & 35 m which gave an acount of 2 Sisters being deganged which I had
 Baptized
 Sun th[e] 11 held meeting again at my own house
 mon th[e] 12 this day I left Northapton to go to Kirtland to get an Elder to go with me <to> the
 South

[25:]

whear [where] the above m[] named Sisters are living & Br Hiram Smith went to See Br Marsh
 and brought me word Br Marsh Would leave Kirtland to go to my house in Northapton on Sat
 th[e] 17
 wed th[e] 14 went to Hiram to See Br Joseph
 thurs th[e] 15 rturned home
 Sun th[e] 18 held meeting with the Church at my own house
 mon th[e] 19 [—] I taried at waiting for Br Marsh but he did not Come
 tus th[e] 20 I left Northampton for the South this day I arrived in Chipaway
 wed th[e] [-] 21 I preached in Chipaway

[26:]

& Br Stephen Burnet Came to this place this evening
 thurs th[e] 22 this day I left Chipaway & journeyed toward the south in Com[pany] with Br
 Stepphen this day we traveled about 18 m & put up at an inn in the village of paint ville &
 preached to a well beh[a]ved Congr[e]gation
 fr th[e] 23 we persued our journey 19 m & put up for the nightin bedford & preached to a Small
 Congregation this is in Coshocton Co
 Sat th[e] 24 again we journeyed 22 m to plain field & put up for the night

[27:]

Sun th[e] 25 we again journey<ed> & as we journeyed we tried to get a Congregation to preach to but we Could not this day we traviled 18 m & put up for the night

mon th[e] 26 we again journeyed 7 m in Muskingum Co Washinton township & preached in the evening at br Isaac Jones

tus th[e] 27 we journeyed 3 ½ m to Zeansville[?] & preached to a large & disorderly Congregation & again journeyed 4 m & put at an inn for the night

wed 28 we a gain journeyed 19 m into pery Co pike town to the house of br Samul whar [where] thoSe Sisters

[28:]

live & we found one restored to her right mind & Strong in the Faith her name is Jane Makimson but we found Mary i bad Condition & we believed her to be under the power of Satin [Satan]

thurs th[e] 29 th[-] we Prayed & laid hands on her in the Name of Jesus Christ Command the devil to Come out of her nut no visable Change was discover<d> this afternoon we was much

engaged in prayr to God that he would Cast out the evil Spirit but no Change apeared

fr th[e] 30 this day we also

[29:]

[—] as much ingaged in pray[e]r to God that he would Cast the evil spirit out of the woman

or make known to us the cause why it was not effected & while we was yet engaged in in

pray[e]r Br Stepehn [Stephen] reciev<d> [received] a witness in the Sp[i]rit that I John Should tell her plainly She was poss[ess]ed of a devil so I ~~alone~~ delivered the mes[s]age but Still no Change ap[p]eared

Sun April th[e] 1 we Preached at br Samuels [—] to a large Congregation mon th[e] 2 no change yet ap[p]ears in the woman & again we journeyed 10 m

[30:]

to William <Shreve> in monroe town

tus th <tus> 3 this day we preached to a Considerable number of people

wed th[e] 4 this we journeyed & towards the west to salt lick town to the house of Wm Hazelton & preached to a Congregation

thurs th[e] 5 this day we journey 10 m into Jackson tow[n] to the house of Martin Polan & preached in the evening to a Congregation

fr th[e] 6 we again journeyd to the north weSt 12 m & put up for the night in the town of richland & Co of Fairfield Sat th[e] 7 we concluded to tar[r]y here this day & preach in the evening & on the

[31:]

morrow this evening we preached to a Congregation

Sun th[e] 8 this day we preached at the Same place to a large & well behaved Congregation this evening we preached in a school house in Perry Co thorn town to a large & well behaved Congregation except a Methodist preacher

mon th[e] 9 we again journeyed toward the norhh [north] 24 m & put up for the night

tus th[e] 10 we again journeyed 23 m & put at an inn for the night

wed th[e] 11 we again journeyed 28 m & put up for the night

the <thurs> 12 we again journeyd 25 m & Came to the Church in in Chipawaw [Chipaway] & we gave a word

[32:]

of ex[h]ortation to the Curch

fr th[e] 13 we again journeyed 23 m & I John arrived at home in Northampton on this journey we Proclained [Proclained] the GoSpel to famileys & indeviduls [individuals] whear [where] ever we had opertunity but Could get no Congregation to gather now with Standing we tried every day from the time we left Pery Co wear [where] we preached in the School house on Sun evening on th[e] 8

th[e] 14 this day Br Stephen left Northampton for his home in orange mon th[e] 16 I began to labour for the Support of my Self & familey

[33:]

Sun the 29 I preached at br Isaac Chapmans

mon th[e] 30 I I again labourd at home but my he[a]lth is not very good may

Sun th[e] 13 <May> I preached in the house of Br Benjamin Johnson Madina Co Richfield town & I there met with brs Baldwin & Green elders & we held meeting & Breake bread & ordained br Joseph Johnson a PrieSt & Confirmed his wife Sarah by the laying of hands laid hands on 4 Children

mon th[e] 14 returned home

tus th[e] 15 went to labour

Sat June th[e] 9 went again to br Benjamins in richfield

[34:]

& preached to a large Congreg[a]tion on Sun th[e] 10

mon th[e] 11 I returned home & laboured as before

Sun th[e] 17 preached at Br Gipsons & Baptized Margret German & breake bread & Confirmed Margret I am now not in very good he[a]lth

fr th[e] 29 I sold my farm & am about setting up my business & preparing to go to Zion

July th[e] 2 this day I went to Shalersville to thake [take] home a wagon & horse which sis<ter> walldo had borrowed to Carri [Carry] her to Chipaway on her way to Zion th[e] 18 I gave possession of my farm & went to

[35:]

Chipway and attended meetings with he Church

sun th[e] 22 I was Baptized & I preached once in Madina Co montville & my he[a]lth is Still not very good bu[t] I have [-] laboured Some for suport

fr AugeSt the 17 I went in Company with Br A[a]ron Smith into Michigan a distanc[e] of 70 m

Sun th[e] 19 Baptized Moses Smith mon retur<n>ed & reatched [reached] home on tus eve[n]ing of th[e] 21

wed the 22

[36:]

home for Kirtland in Com[pany] with my son Eden

1832

Augt. 21st John Smith

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