

Book of Mormon Census Project

A0091, 1830 Book of Mormon

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University at Buffalo, State University of NY

1830 Book of Mormon, University at Buffalo, with Newspaper Clippings

Provenance:

Bookplate sticker listing Petr A. Porter

Exhibit label listing Julian Park (college dean) then called University of Buffalo.

Features and Notes:

Spine: Seven sets gold ribbing visible. Worn piece missing at upper right corner.

Spine Lettering and Label: Black ribbon present. Gold lettering visible but fading. Small piece missing from black ribbon at lower right corner.

Cover: Distinct marbling throughout cover with larger darker spot in upper right section. Wear on outer corners.

Binding: Spine/cover hinging intact with front endpaper. Front pastedown: Book plate sticker listing Peter A. Porter with picture of Niagara Falls. Another bookplate sticker listing Lockwood memorial library, University of Buffalo.

Title Page: Present. Triangular cockling upper right and left and lower left corners. Various discoloring and foxing.

Text: Full text block. Various Foxing. Water staining throughout volume near gutter edging.

Inscription: Front Endpaper: unknown (Enis?, Jms?) Johnson in pencil. Front Endpaper verso:

Book seller inscription with \$125.00 and "The very rare original Edition"

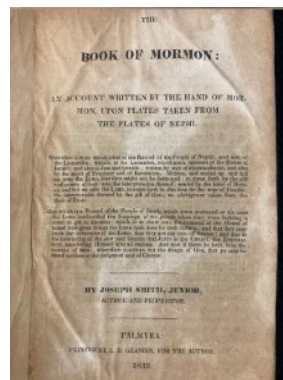
Notes: Back Pastedown contains several newspaper clippings of printed mormon bible and obituary of John Gilbert (typesetter), an typed excerpt page of Fawn Brodie's "No Man knows my History".

Preface page "IV". P25 line 9 "chid". P39 line 11 "daghter". P113 Line 14 "to-mrrow". P144, line 10 "diligence", line 36 proper "about", line 43 "feading". Proper page #212. P382 Title "Ghapter". P414 line 1 "Gadianton the nobler" P426 line 10 "Samnel" line 23 "bacaused". P521 line 8/9 "rum-derers". P556, line 34 "opon". P582 line 41 proper "meekness". Three Witnesses page line 10 proper "seen"

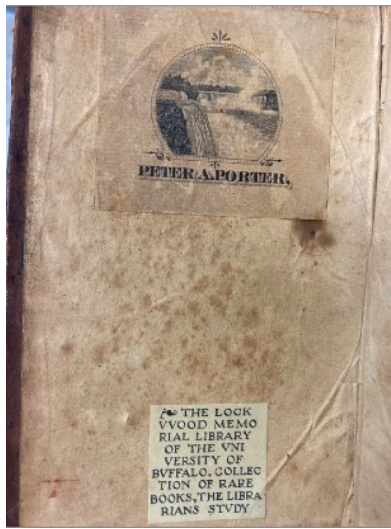
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THE FIRST BOOK OF NEPHI
AND HIS BROTHERS
CHAPTER I

An account of Lehi and his wife Sariah, and his four sons, being called (beginning at the olden time, Lehi, Sariah, and Nephi. The Lord spake unto Lehi in a dream, and he departed out of Jerusalem, because he prophesied unto the people concerning their iniquity; and they took to destroy his life. He took three days' journey into the wilderness with his family. Nephi took his brethren and returned to his father. They take the daughters of Ishmael the head of Jerusalem after the receipt of the Lord. The account of their journey. They take the daughters of Ishmael. They cross the large water into the promised land, &c. This is according to the account of Nephi; or, in other words, I might state this record.

I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, therefore I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father; and having seen many afflictions in the course of my days—because, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days; yet having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the promises of God, therefore I made a record of my proceedings in my days; yea, I make a record in the language of my father, which consisteth of the learning of the Jews and the language of the Egyptians. And I know that the record which I make to-day, and I make it with mine own hand; and I make it according to my knowledge.

For it came to pass, in the commencement of the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, my father Lehi came down to Jerusalem in all his days; and in that same year there came great judgments upon the people; that they were vexed, with famine, and with pestilence must be destroyed.

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commandments. I have given unto them this holy land of the covenant; and I curse it not, save it be for the cause of iniquity; wherefore, I will visit my brethren, according to their sins; and their transgressions will I bring down upon their heads. And also that I, from that time forth, have proved unto him with many long strugglings for my brethren.

And it came to pass, that after I had wept, and labored with all diligence, the Lord said unto me, I will grant unto thee according to thy desires, because of thy faith. And now behold, this was the desire which I desired of him. That if it were possible, that my name, the Nephites, should not be destroyed, and that my name should not be destroyed, and that the Land of Promise should not be destroyed, that the Lord God would preserve a record of my people, the Nephites, even if it were possible, that at some future day, that it might be brought forth, by the power of the holy one, that it might be brought forth, at some future day, into the Land of Promise, that I might be brought into possession; for at the present, our struggles were vain, in making them to acknowledge faith. And they were in their hearts, that if it were possible, they would destroy our records and us; yea, also, all the emblem of our fathers.

Wherefore, knowing that the Lord God was able to preserve our records, I used unto him continually; for he had said unto me, Whatsoever things ye shall ask in faith, believe; that ye shall receive in the name of Christ, at all times. And I had faith, and I did cry unto God that he would preserve the records; and he preserved them, that they would bring them forth unto the Lamanites, in his own due time. And I, these things would be according to the commandment which he had made; wherefore, ye shall see now. And the Lord said unto me, Thy fathers have also required of me this thing; and it shall be done unto them according to their faith; for the Lord was their God.

And now it came to pass that I, Nephi, went about among the people of Nephi, preaching of large matters, and reviving of writings which had been hid. And I discovered that the people of Nephi did not diligently observe the commandments which the Lord had given them. But ye shall see now, that they became wild, and rebellious, and a lawless people; full of iniquity, and full of wickedness; breaking upon the heart of the

THE BOOK OF NEPHI, OR AN ACCOUNT OF LEHI AND HIS WIFE SARIAH, AND HIS FOUR SONS, BEING CALLED (BEGINNING AT THE OLDEN TIME, LEHI, SARIAH, AND NEPHI. THE LORD SPAKE UNTO LEHI IN A DREAM, AND HE DEPARTED OUT OF JERUSALEM, BECAUSE HE PROPHESIED UNTO THE PEOPLE CONCERNING THEIR INIQUITY; AND THEY TOOK TO DESTROY HIS LIFE. HE TOOK THREE DAYS' JOURNEY INTO THE WILDERNESS WITH HIS FAMILY. NEPHI TOOK HIS BROTHERS AND RETURNED TO HIS FATHER. THEY TAKE THE DAUGHTERS OF ISHMAEL THE HEAD OF JERUSALEM AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE LORD. THE ACCOUNT OF THEIR JOURNEY. THEY TAKE THE DAUGHTERS OF ISHMAEL. THEY CROSS THE LARGE WATER INTO THE PROMISED LAND, &c. THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNT OF NEPHI; OR, IN OTHER WORDS, I MIGHT STATE THIS RECORD.

I, NEPHI, HAVING BEEN BORN OF GOODLY PARENTS, THEREFORE I WAS TAUGHT SOMETHAT IN ALL THE LEARNING OF MY FATHER; AND HAVING SEEN MANY AFFLICTIONS IN THE COURSE OF MY DAYS—BECAUSE, HAVING BEEN HIGHLY FAVORED OF THE LORD IN ALL MY DAYS; YET HAVING HAD A GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOODNESS AND THE PROMISES OF GOD, THEREFORE I MADE A RECORD OF MY PROCEEDINGS IN MY DAYS; YEA, I MAKE A RECORD IN THE LANGUAGE OF MY FATHER, WHICH CONSISTETH OF THE LEARNING OF THE JEWS AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE EGYPTIANS. AND I KNOW THAT THE RECORD WHICH I MAKE TO-DAY, AND I MAKE IT WITH MINE OWN HAND; AND I MAKE IT ACCORDING TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

FOR IT CAME TO PASS, IN THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE REIGN OF ZEDEKIAH, KING OF JUDAH, MY FATHER LEHI CAME DOWN TO JERUSALEM IN ALL HIS DAYS; AND IN THAT SAME YEAR THERE CAME GREAT JUDGMENTS UPON THE PEOPLE; THAT THEY WERE VEXED, WITH FAMINE, AND WITH PESTILENCE MUST BE DESTROYED.

PRINTED MORMON BIBLE.

DEATH OF MAJ. JOHN GILBERT, AGED 83, AT HIS HOME IN PALMYRA—JUDGE YAPLE OF CINCINNATI DEAD.

Palmyra, Jan. 28.—Maj. John Gilbert died this evening, aged 83. Maj. Gilbert was known from one end of the United States to the other as the man who set up and corrected the proofs of the first Mormon Bible. Maj. John Gilbert was born in Columbia County in 1832, and when a lad of about 16 years removed from that place to Seneca, learning the trade of a compositor on the old Repository, and remained there until about 1837, when he came to Palmyra and went to work in the Sentinel office and aided in printing the Mormon Bible, he doing most of the composing and all of the presswork on that book.

Prominent Mormons from Utah have made trips here to interview Mr. Gilbert and visit what is called Mormon Hill, where Joseph Smith alleged he dug up the golden plates from which the Bible was printed.

Mr. Gilbert was until recently the possessor of the first Mormon Bible, disposing of it a short time ago to Pilly T. Sexton of this place.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 29.—Judge Alfred Yaple, one of the most noted jurists and authors of law-books in Ohio, died today, aged 65.



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