

Book of Mormon Census Project

A0094, 1839 Book of Mormon

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1830 Book of Mormon, Mary Chissom, John Chissom

Provenance:

Bookplate sticker of front pastedown used in the 1960's, signifying that this was acquired by the University prior to this date.

Inscriptions listing John Chissom. Additional inscriptions listing Mary Chissom from 1831 and 1841.

Features and Notes:

Spine: Gold ribbing visible. slight wear on top edge. Few vertical cracks. Small discolored spot in panel below title ribbon.

Spine Lettering and Label: Title ribbon present with gold ribbing visible. Gold text block with smaller font format. lettering offset from center and more to right of spine. Noticeable rotation of letters "F and first "MO"

Cover: Attached. Marble lines on upper right edge. Small oval discoloration/mark at center left near gutter.

Binding: spine/cover hinging attached. Front and back endpapers present

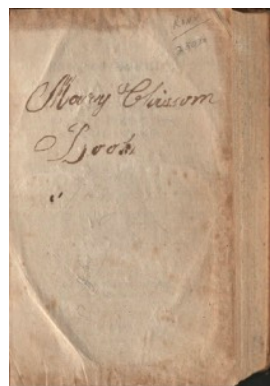
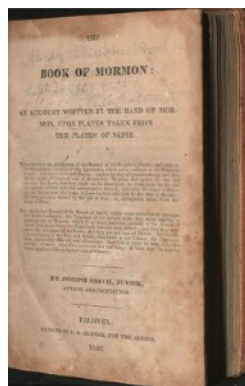
Title Page: Attached. Triangular cockling on upper right and lower left corners. "Mary Chissom Book" in pencil above title and "Sept 26, 1841 (illegible W??) by (Illegible, AA, CI CI?) Baldwin

Text: Full text, no recorded annotations

Inscription: Front pastedown, several inscriptions of John Chissom in pencil. Front End paper recto "Mary Chissom Book" in Ink. Title page, inscription of Mary Chissom Book, Sept 26, 1841, illegible "Baldwin". Back end paper verso, Mary Chissom in pencil. 2nd end paper verso, inscriptions of Marry Chissom Book, July 1,1831(?), Mary Chissom.

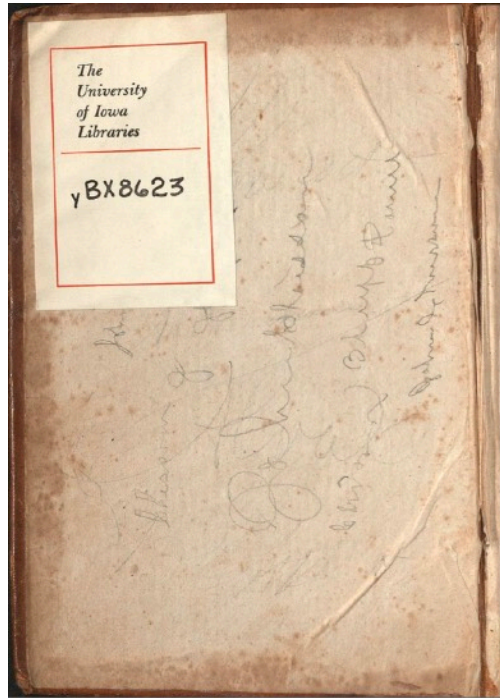
Notes: It is likely that this volume belonged to Mary Baldwin Chissom (1783-1877) as she had siblings Capt Asa Baldwin, and Caleb Baldwin. Caleb Baldwin (1791-1849) was an early convert to the church and personal friends with Parley Pratt and Joseph Smith and was in Liberty Jail with Joseph. Mary also had a son, John Chissom (1850-1840).

Additional pictures taken, including:

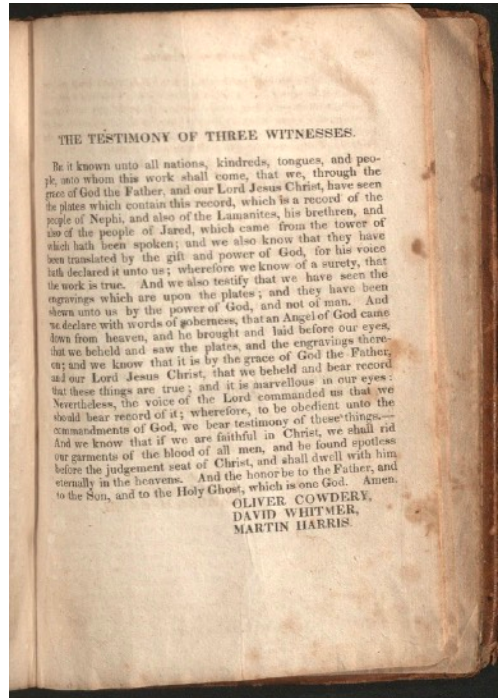


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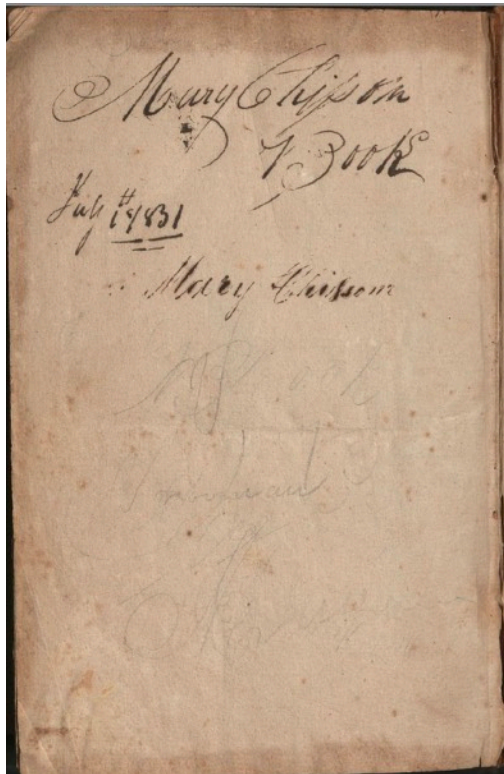
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THE TESTIMONY OF THREE WITNESSES.

Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, who whom this work shall come, that we, through the power of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, have seen the plates which contain this record, which is a record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites, his brethren, and also of the people of Jared, which came from the tower of which hath been spoken; and we also know that they have been translated by the gift and power of God, for his voice hath declared it unto us; wherefore we know of a surety, that the work is true. And we also testify that we have seen the engravings which are upon the plates; and they have been shown unto us by the power of God, and not of man. And we declare with words of soberness, that an Angel of God came down from heaven, and he brought and laid before our eyes, that we beheld and saw the plates, and the engravings thereon; and we know that it is by the grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, that we beheld and bear record, and that these things are true; and it is marvellous in our eyes: Nevertheless, the voice of the Lord commanded us that we should bear record of it; wherefore, to be obedient unto the commandments of God, we bear testimony of these things.— And we know that if we are faithful in Christ, we shall rid our garments of the blood of all men, and be found spotless before the judgement seat of Christ, and shall dwell with him eternally in the heavens. And the honor be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, which is one God. Amen.

OLIVER COWDERY,
DAVID WHITMER,
MARTIN HARRIS.



Mary Chipson
Book
July 4 1831
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