

Book of Mormon Census Project

D0001, 1841 Book of Mormon

December 8, 2023

Adam's Presidential Library, Quincy MA

1841 Book of Mormon, Emma Smith's Copy with Joseph Smith's Signature

Provenance:

Given to Charles Francis Adams by Joseph Smith in May 1844 while Charles and Josiah Quincy Jr were visiting the Smith home, while touring the country.

The copy was originally intended/owned by Emma Smith, of which her name is embossed on the spine.

Features and Notes:

Spine: Dark Leather with five panels, four decorated and one for title. Name of Emma Smith embossed in gold lettering at bottom edge.

Spine Lettering and Label: Title in second from top panel on spine. Gold block lettering visible.

Cover: Dark Leather with gold decoration. Embossed lined perimeter. Two faint scratch marks at bottom edge near lower right corner.

Binding: Signs of wear at spine/cover hinging. Cream color inside pastedown and front end paper. Additional front end paper. Bookplate sticker on inside front cover pastedown listing Charles Francis Adams. "BA:B12" written in pencil on top left edge of bookplate.

Title Page: Present and intact. "ADAM 8763" written on bottom edge.

Text: Full text block, no recorded markings.

Inscription: Front end paper: "Joseph Smith" in pencil. "15 May 1844 at Nauvoo" in pencil (CF Adams' hand writing) , "The above is the autograph of the Chief of the Mormons who gave me this book at Nauvoo in Illinois on the 15th of May 1844. C.F Adams" in ink.

Notes: May 15, 1844 was a Wednesday, six weeks prior to the Martyrdom of Joseph Smith

Additional details found at:

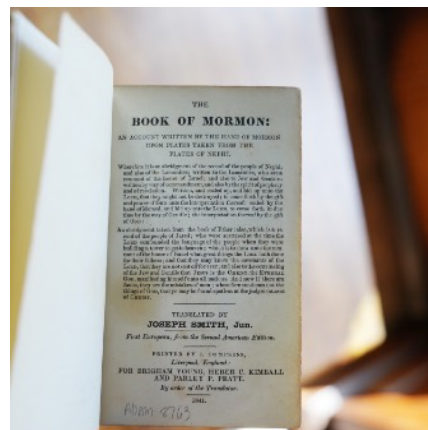
<https://www.nps.gov/adam/learn/historyculture/book-of-mormon.htm>

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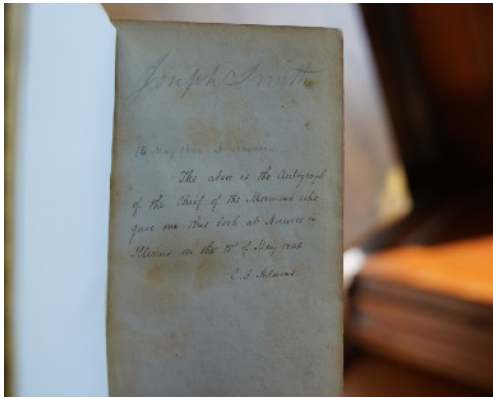
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