

Book of Mormon Census Project

H0013, 1854 Book of Mormon

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Private Collection

1854 Book of Mormon, Guerne Hirst from H. B. Clawson

Provenance:

Inscription listing this a gift to Guerne Hirst from H. B. Clawson, dated Aug 13, 1866
Accompanying Letter to Guerne from her Nephew A.A. Hirst, dated Aug 13, 1866
In private collection, once processed through Tschanz Rare books

Features and Notes:

Spine: Black Leather with five panel sections. Four sets gold ribbing to separate the panels.
Title block in second from top panel. Other panels with diagonal grid work.

Spine Lettering and Label: Gold block letters imprinted into spine.

Cover: Decorative cover embossed into front cover with gold perimeter.

Binding: Cover/Spine hinges intact. Decorative inside pastedown and end papers separated.

Title Page: Present and intact. Brittle right edge. Printing date listed

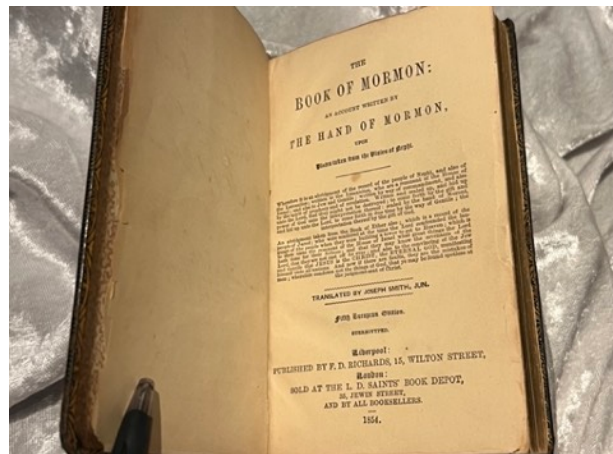
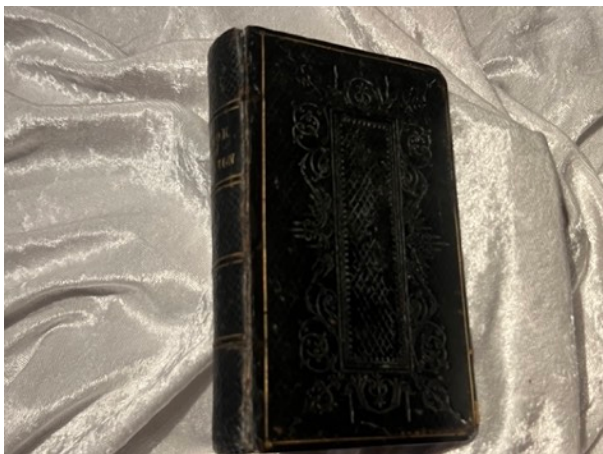
Text: Full text block. Versing listing on major paragraphs. Gold edging

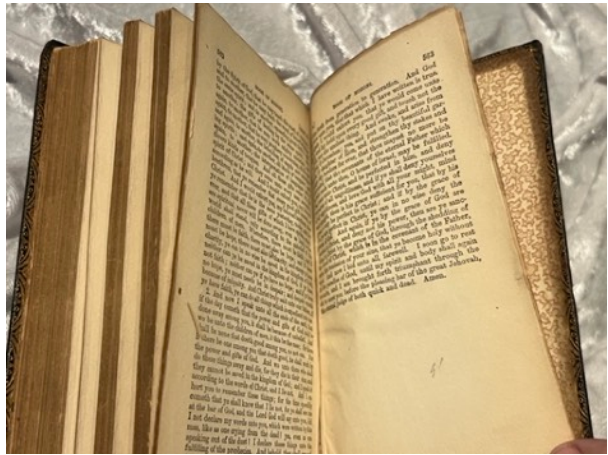
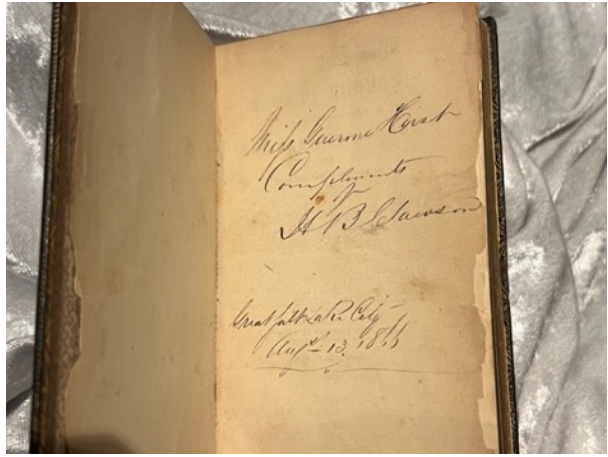
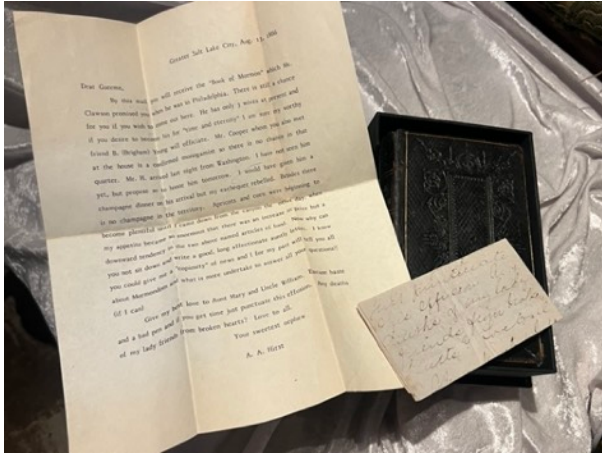
Inscription: Second front endpaper: "Mis(SP) Guerne Hirst, Compliments H. B. Clawson
Great Salt Lake City Aug 13, 1866."

Notes: Accompanying letter from Guerne's nephew A.A. Hirst explaining this book given to her by H.B Clawson from a meeting he had with her in Philadelphia. A.A. offers her to be a plural wife to Clawson and describes the details of the area. Hand written letter is folded and fold edges are becoming separated. Additional typed letter with copied text included.

Tschanz archive states that this is a satirical letter in jest as A.A. Hirst was a Catholic Bishop from Philadelphia, and that "I would have given him a champagne dinner on his arrival, but my exchequer rebelled, Besides there is no champagne in the territory".

Additional pictures taken, including:





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