

received further instructions, until the time was fully arrived when the plates were to be delivered into his hands; which took place on the 22d of September, 1827. He then, it is claimed, provided himself a home with his father-in-law in Northern Pennsylvania, and began the translation of the plates by the gift and power of God, through the means of the Urim and Thummim.

Joseph Smith was killed by a mob at Carthage, Ill., June 27, 1844; and Brigham Young succeeded him as president of "the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." He led the Mormons across the dreary wilderness of the Rocky Mountains, out of the United States, and settled by the Great Salt Lake in the Republic of Mexico. On the 24th of July, 1847, his advance guard entered the valley; and on the 31st of July, Salt Lake City was commenced. By the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, this territory was ceded to the United States.

Brigham Young was born in Whitingham, Vt., June 1, 1801. His father served under Washington in the Revolution. He was originally a Methodist; and in 1830 he first saw the "Book of Mormon," and became a firm believer, and was baptized into the Mormon Church two years later. He established a prosperous community, and died at Salt Lake City, Aug. 29,