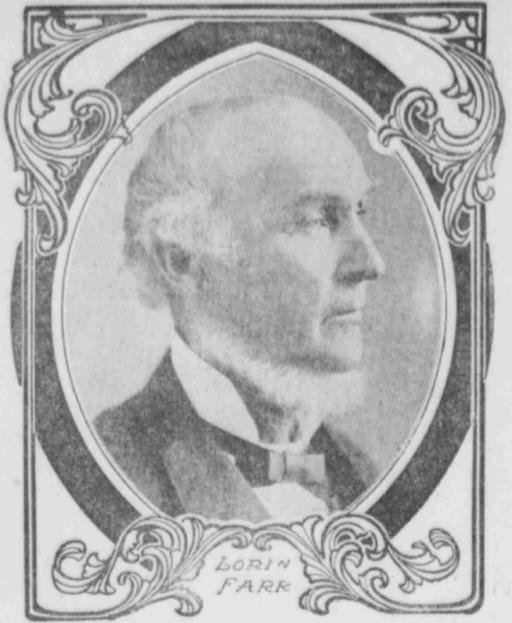


By Lorin Farr—An Intimate Friend



LORIN FARR

Martyred Prophet Joseph Smith As Veterans Recall Him.

TWO years more than one hundred ago on the 23d of the current month the babe of Sharon, Windsor county, Vermont, was ushered into the world, and now hundreds of thousands of his followers, in all parts of the world, look upon him as a man commencing with God and bringing a message to the world, akin to the messages of Isaiah, John the Baptist and others, preparing the way for the second coming of the Saviour.

Templeton block at work on proofs for the Woman's Exponent. "There is one thing," she said to the interviewer, "that few people realize about the prophet. This was the gentler side of his nature, and the poetical side. He was a great lover of poetry, and on several occasions he wrote long poems. One of these has been republished in the Exponent.

BATHSHEBA W. SMITH. "The prophet always called me 'Cousin George A.'" said Mrs. Bathsheba W. Smith when asked to recall her reminiscences of Joseph. "He and Emma came at times to our home to dinner, and we often dined at his. My wedding dress was bought at the store which he kept in Nauvoo, and I was seated to my family in the Little Masonic lodge room over the store."

Saw Prophet Joseph Leave Nauvoo



JANE RICHARDS

MRS. JANE RICHARDS, mother of Franklin S. Richards, and well known in Utah through her connection with the early Relief society work, is one of the very few who recall the Prophet Joseph with the certainty of minds already matured when he was martyred. "Did I know him?" repeated Mrs. Richards when interviewed while sitting comfortably near a parlor fire in her Ogden home. "I knew him and loved him well. I have listened to his advice many, many times, and have heard him preach to the people on important occasions."

OF ALL the men who knew intimately the Prophet Joseph, probably none now alive knew him so well as Lorin Farr, who shares with Nathan Tanner the honor of being the oldest members of the Church, dating from the date of their joining. Lorin Farr became a member of the Church in the spring of 1832, when he was 6 years of age. "And I want to add," he declared, in giving this information to the interviewer, "that while there is probably no one now alive who joined the Church so long ago as I, unless it is Nathan Tanner, there is also no one who could have held a more faithful and constant belief in the gospel. I have never for a moment doubted my first testimony, and I am proud of the way the Church has grown from the days when I stood in the outskirts of Far West with six bullets in my mouth and my pockets full, and a splendid long range rifle in my hands, waiting for the word of command to drop a group of officers I had picked out of those commanding the army then approaching."



MODEL FOR A STATUE OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH

"I have seen the ministers of justice, clothed in majestic robes, and criminals arraigned them, while life was suspended on a breath in the courts of England; I have witnessed a congress in solemn session to give laws to nations; I have tried to conceive of kings, of royal courts, of thrones, and crowns; and of emperors assembled to decide the fate of kingdoms; but dignity and majesty have I seen but once, as it stood in chains at midnight, in a dungeon in an obscure village of Missouri."

Memories of Aged Colored Servants



ISAAC MANNING and SISTER

CARRYING the weight of more than 80 years, "Uncle" Isaac Manning, formerly a servant in the household of the Prophet Joseph Smith, lives in complete happiness with his sister, Jane E. James, herself two years older than her brother. She, too, was a servant in the home of the founder of the Church. Both remember him well and declare that "there never was another such man as the prophet."

religious principles he advocated, and of these few a number who were available have been asked by the "News" to contribute for this page, their reminiscences of the prophet. The results of the interviews are given below. The full length status shown herewith is a clay model just completed by Mahonri M. Young.



EMMELINE B. WELLS

did not know it was him, I was convinced of the fact by his general appearance. The handshake he gave me thrilled me as none other ever has. After that I did not want a formal introduction, and never had one. The first house I went into to stay, was one at which the prophet called regularly, and I soon came to know him much better than those who merely heard his sermons. Of his last meetings with the saints I think I attended nearly all, and I was present when the last sermon in the streets was preached preceding his martyrdom."



SAMUEL RICHARDS

father and mother and a number of relatives at our home in West Virginia. In those days it was a rare thing for a property owner to sell out. Our farm was well stocked, and we were very well to do. A brother-in-law sold his place and I felt a keen desire to go with them to the west, but they had only one wagon, and when my sister told me I could not go it made me feel very bad.



L. W. SHURTLIFF

He Was Baptized by the Prophet



C. F. MIDDLETON

CHARLES F. MIDDLETON, an active one who has lived long and faithfully and followed one course honestly, is now living in a comfortable manner after a long period of activity in pioneering. Mr. Middleton is one of the stake presidency of Weber stake, and like his friend and co-laborer in the presidency, L. W. Shurtliff, he remembers the Prophet Joseph and came in personal contact with him on several occasions.