

INTERESTING EVENTS OF THE ELKANAH & ASENATH HURLBUT SHERMAN FAMILY

LYMON ROYAL SHERMAN

Son, Lyman Royal was converted and baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ in January of 1832 at Pomfret, Chautauqua, New York, by Joseph B. Brackenbury and Edmund Durfee. Brackenbury died later that year supposedly from “the effects of poison secretly administered to him” by opposers. Durfee was murdered by a mob at Green Plains, Illinois, 15 November 1845. Lyman and his mother-in-law, Julia Hills were the first of the family to be baptized. He was a member of the famous 1834 Zion’s Camp, which went from Kirtland, Ohio, to help the persecuted Saints in Far West, Missouri and vicinity. After returning to Kirtland he was named or called as one of the Presidents of the First Quorum of Seventies on 28 February 1835. At his home in Kirtland on 9 April 1835 Joseph Smith Sr. first Patriarch to the Church, met with the family and gave Patriarchal Blessings to Lyman Royal, his mother Asenath, his brother Almon Worthy, his sister Cornelia and his wife Delcena Didamia Johnson Sherman. On the same date his sister Electa was married to John Alexander Whitesides. On 6 April 1837 he was ordained a High Priest at Kirtland. He served on the High Council at Kirtland and at Far West. Section 108 of the Doctrine and Covenants is addressed to him. On 16 January 1839 while Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon and Hyrum Smith were in Liberty Jail the Prophet wrote to Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball and told them to ordain Lyman Royal Sherman as an Apostle to take the place of Orson Hyde. This did not take place, as Lyman was very ill at the time as a result of cold and exposure and other hardships endured at Far West and a recent trip to Liberty Jail to see the Prophet and died at Far West, Missouri, 27 January 1839.

ALMON WORTH SHERMAN

Son, Almon Worth was converted and baptized between 2-6 May 1832 by Sylvester Smith and Gideon Carter also at Pomfret, Chautauqua, New York as were his parents, Elkanah and Asenath Hurlbut Sherman and his sisters Electa and Cornelia, according to the Journal of Gideon Carter in the Church Archives, Church Historical Department. On 7 March 1835 Almon was blessed for his work on the Kirtland Temple. He too was a member of 1834 Zion’s Camp and in August of 1834 signed a statement refuting charges of Sylvester Smith and others concerning so called misconduct of the Prophet during Zion’s Camp. Almon Worth along with Alexander Whitesides husband of his sister Electa and Edmond Fisher husband of his sister Cornelia were ordained in February of 1835 as members of the First Quorum of Seventy. Alexander Whitesides and Edmund Fisher were also members of Zion’s Camp from which the first Quorum of Twelve Apostles and First Presidents and Quorum of Seventy were chosen.