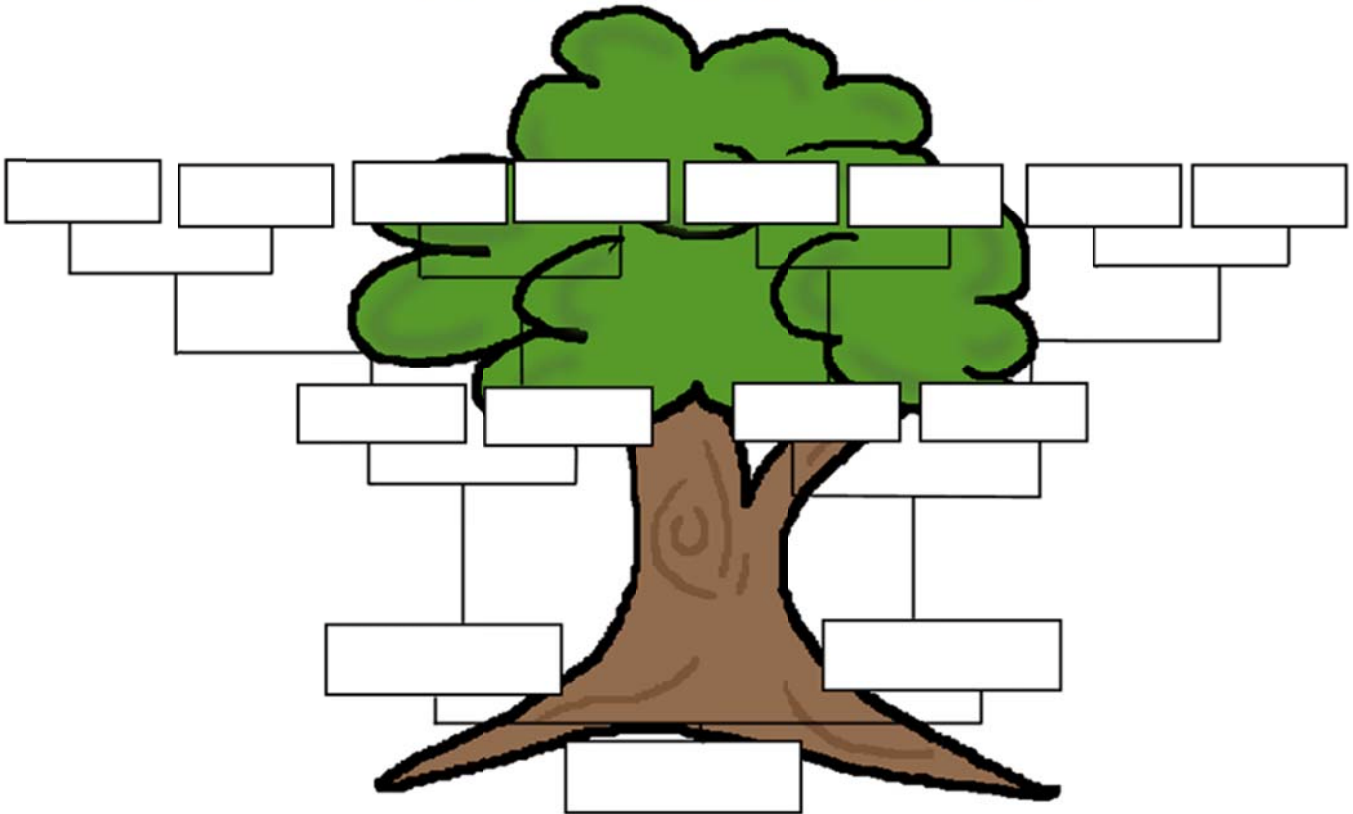


SMITH FAMILY REUNION



Kirtland, Ohio, 2011

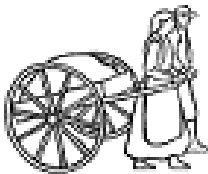
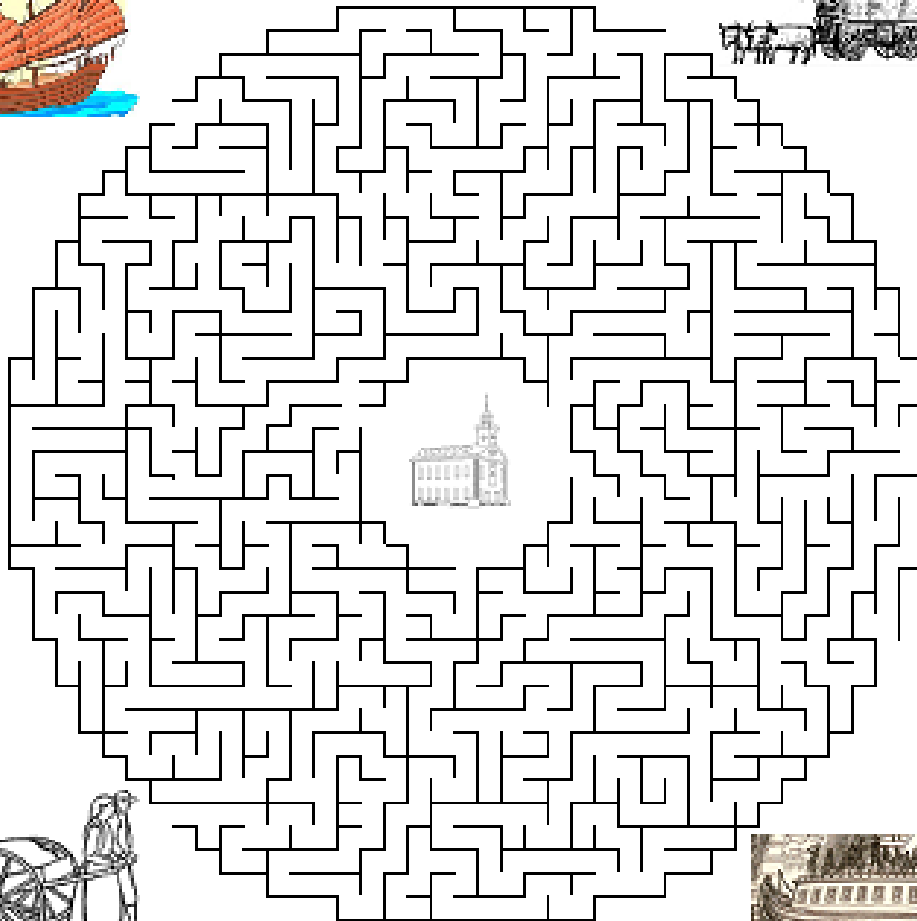
MY FAMILY TREE



It is important to know our ancestors. When we study about our ancestors we learn we can do hard things. We know it will all be alright. See how many of your ancestors you can name.

Journey to Kirtland, Ohio

As missionaries traveled to spread the news of the new church, many people they met were baptized and eagerly decided to join the Kirtland Saints. Travel in the 1830's was not easy. Many walked, traveled by wagons, and sailed by boat along Lake Erie to Fairport Harbor. Help these new converts find their way to Kirtland!



The Erie Canal: In the American folk song "The Erie Canal Song," we learn a lot about travel by canal, and a mule named Sal. Mules and horses were used to pull boats along the canal. Some of the early Saints traveled in packet boats by way of the Erie Canal, which opened in 1825, just six years before the Saints began to gather in Kirtland. Lucy Mack Smith, Joseph Smith's mother, led a group from New York to Ohio in 1831, traveling part of their journey on the Erie Canal.

Church members had to protect the temple from mobs trying to destroy it. Some men got very little sleep because they worked on building the temple during the day and then sat up guarding the temple with their guns at night. The mobs also threatened the lives of the Prophet and other Church leaders. Oliver Huntington, Joseph Smith's bodyguard, told about one incident:

“At a time when Joseph Smith was guarded day and night by his brethren from mob violence ... he was in a log house at night. Several brethren were with him and were making arrangements as to who should stand guard that night.

“Joseph was listening to the prayer of a little boy in the room adjoining. The boy prayed for the Prophet, that he might be secure and safe from his enemies, the mob, that night.

“When the boy had done praying, Joseph turned to his brethren and told them all to go to bed and all sleep and rest themselves that night, for God had heard and would answer that boy's prayer. They all went to bed and slept safely until morning undisturbed” (quoted in Anderson, p. 165).



Liz Lemon Swindle



Kirtland Temple, Kirtland, Ohio USA



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Kirtland Temple

Hidden in the rolling hills of Ohio, the Kirtland Temple was the first temple built by members of the Community of Christ. Known as the “House of the Lord,” the temple was the center of community life in the 1830s. Church members gathered to the first floor of the temple for worship, climbed the stairs to the second floor for missionary training, and used the third floor as office space for church leaders. The third floor was also used as a high school for students of all ages.

Try painting the original colors on the temple. The outside walls were once sparkling blue, the roof was deep red, and the front doors were green.

Although the colors have changed over the years, much has remained the same. People continue to worship on the first floor, traveling congregations continue to hold classes on the second floor, and occasionally a worship service and class is held on the third floor.

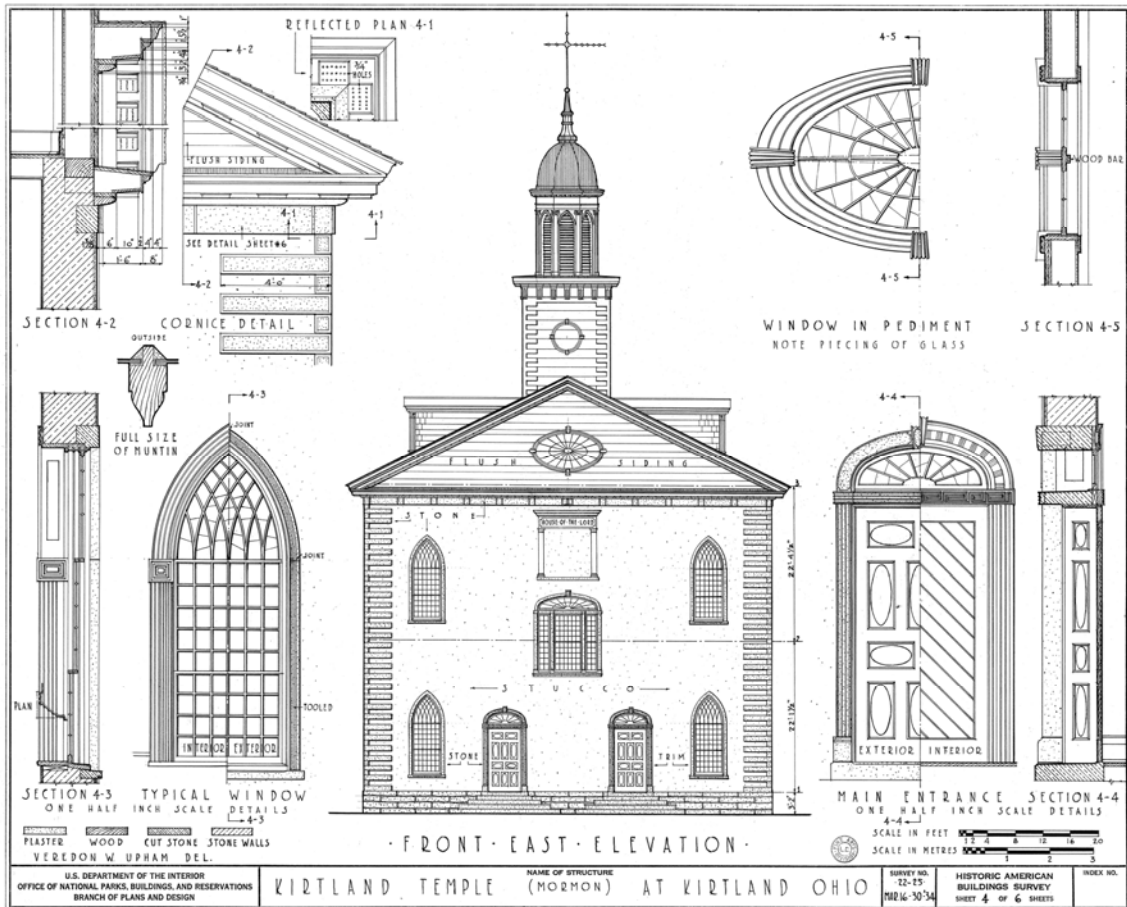
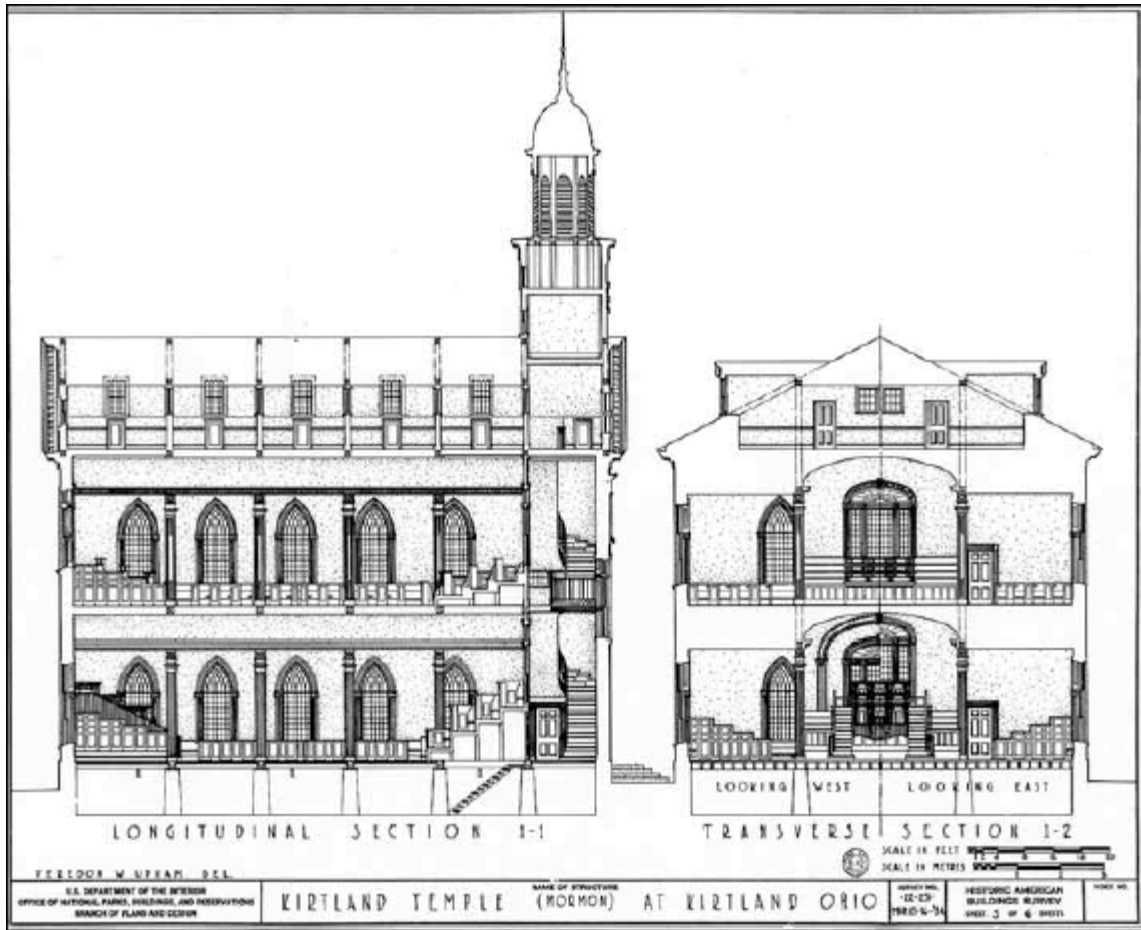


Joseph often wept for his people. He had especially tender feelings toward children. Heber C. Kimball relates the Prophet's reaction to an answered prayer of Heber's daughter:

My daughter broke a saucer; her mother promised her a whipping, when she returned from a visit on which she was just starting; she went out under an apple tree and prayed that her mother's heart might be softened, and when she returned she might not whip her; although her mother was very punctual when she made a promise to her children to fulfill it, yet when she returned she had no disposition to chastise her child. Afterwards the child told her mother that she had prayed to God that she might not whip her.

Joseph wept like a child on hearing this simple narrative and its application.[History of Brigham Young," Millennial Star, 26 (3 September 1864): 568.]







Discover the six differences between the original image taken by C. Ed Miller in 1920 and the altered modern image. Answers are on the reverse side



Answer Sheet

Removed a hanging light

Removed the speaker stand at the base of the pulpits

Shortened the hymnal rack located in the sixth pew (from the front) on the left

Removed the chandelier hook on the ceiling

Smoke ring on the ceiling was enlarged

Removed the end of the banister along the pulpits



Lorenzo Snow was impressed by this love which also manifest itself in a "deep feeling of kindness towards animals." He learned it was "very strong." One example was later related:

There was a steep hill in Kirtland which was being leveled, and quite a number of workmen were engaged. President Smith was there and I met him with his first counselor, Sidney Rigdon. The Prophet was overseeing the work. One of the brethren came up to the Prophet, carrying a nest full of young mice. He showed them to Joseph, who after looking at them, seemingly with great interest, said to the workman: "Pretty little innocent things, take them back and put them where their mother can find them. [Lorenzo Snow, "Reminiscences of the Prophet Joseph Smith," Deseret Evening News 50 (23 December 1899): 17.]





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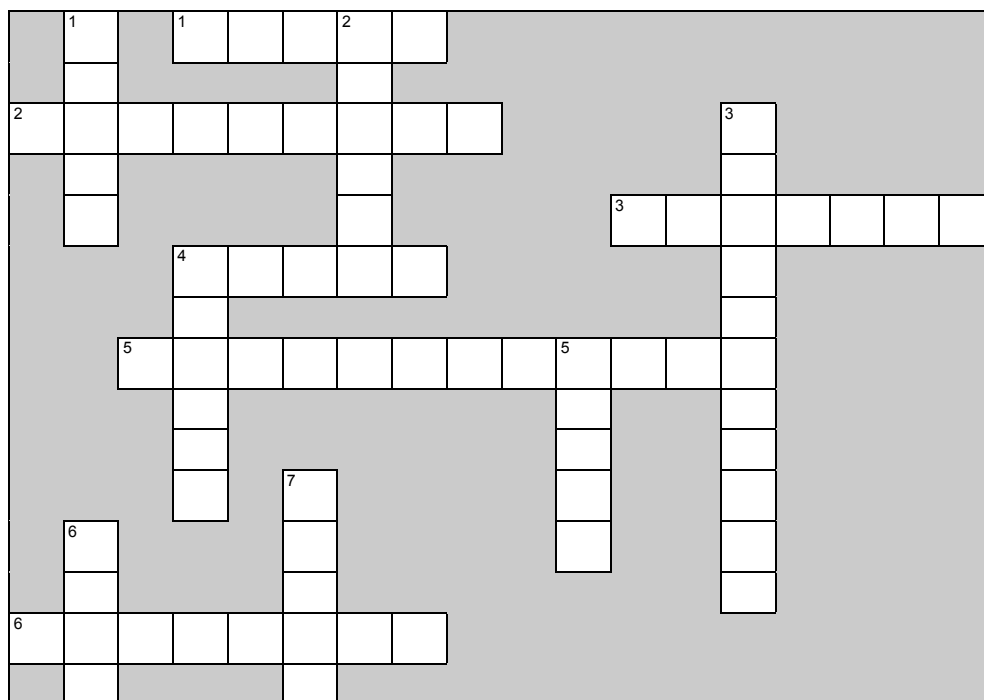
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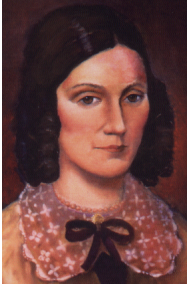
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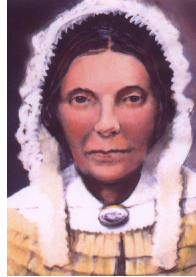
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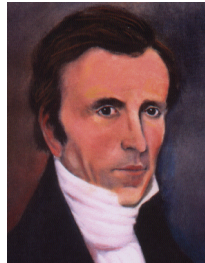
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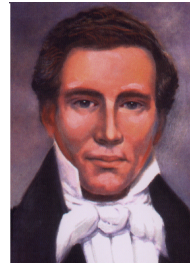
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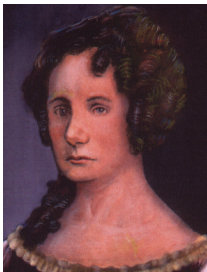
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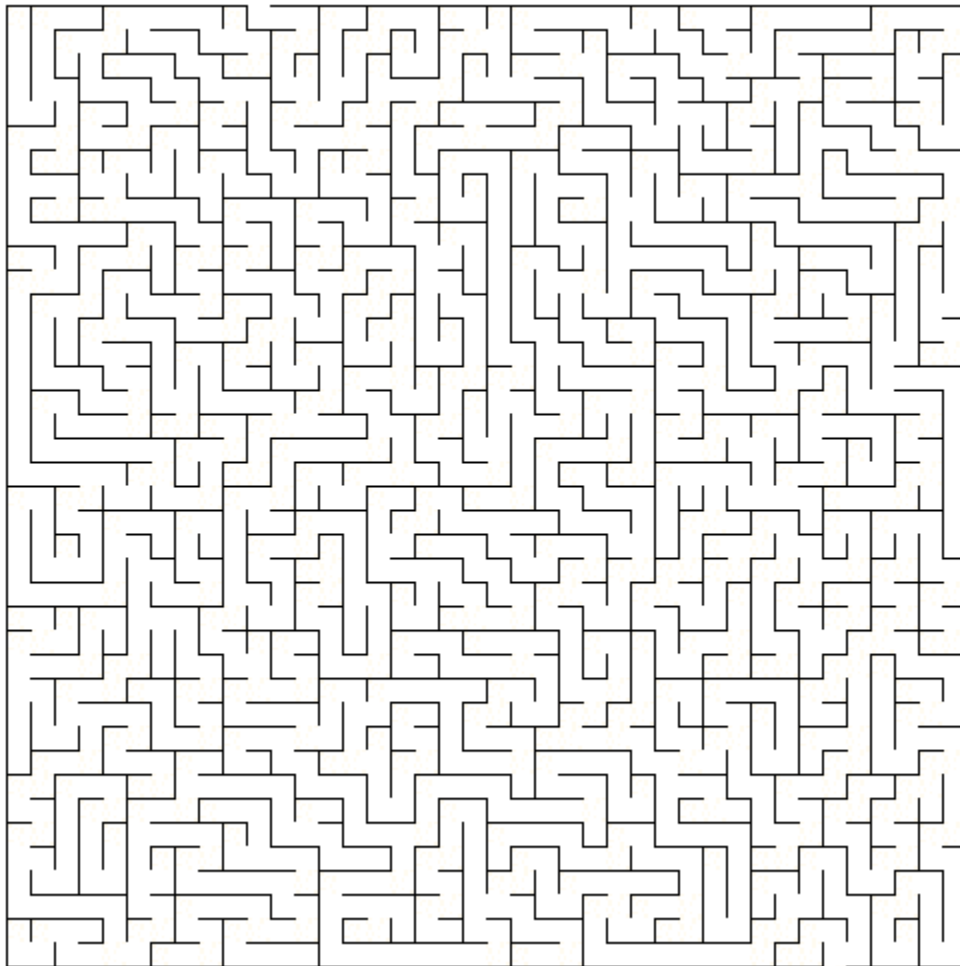
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Walking to the Kirtland High School



Students of all ages were encouraged to attend school on the third floor of the Temple. Here they learned reading, writing and math skills. Many of the students walked to school. Some lived close to the Temple, while others travelled quite a distance. Help guide the children through the maze to get to school on time!



*Riddles were a popular way to pass time while children walked to school. See if you can figure out this one: "Never still for a month, but mostly seen at night. What am I?"



The Prophet possessed a natural fondness and love for children. Louisa Littlefield was baptized in 1834, at age fourteen, in Kirtland. Her memory of the Prophet seeking out children as they came to meetings was indelibly etched in her memory as she later related:

In Kirtland, when wagon loads of grown people and children came in from the country to meeting, Joseph would make his way to as many of the wagons as he could and cordially shake the hand of each person. Every child and young babe in the company were especially noticed by him and tenderly taken by the hand, with his kind words and blessings. He loved innocence and purity, and he seemed to find it in the greatest perfection with the prattling child. [Juvenile Instructor, 27 (1 January 1892): 24.]



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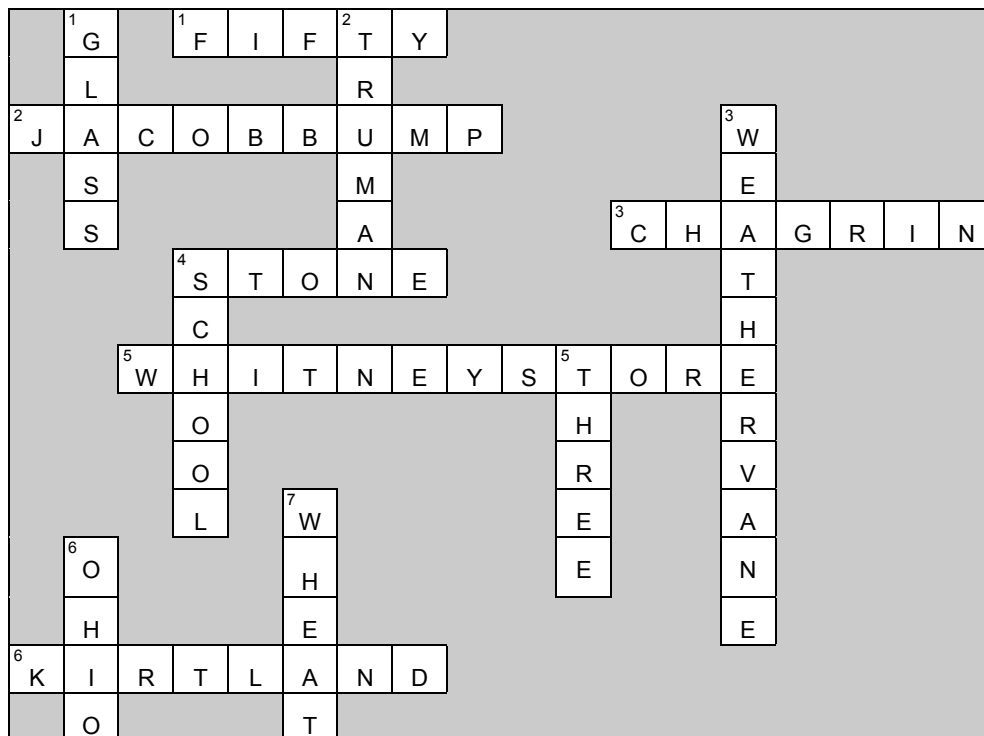
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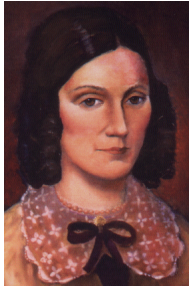
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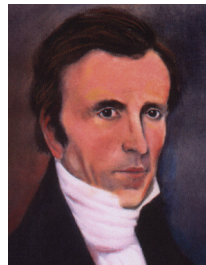
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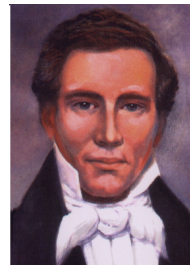
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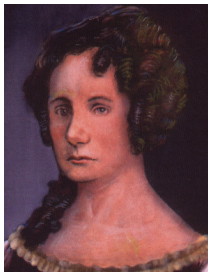
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