

Authentic Jesse N. Smith Items in the Church History Library

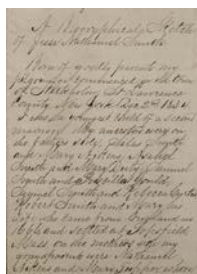
Sources from the Past



1. Portrait of Jesse N. Smith, c. 1864

[PH 1700 943](#) | https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE4237662 [\[view\]](#)

Taken by Hermann Ohm, most likely in Copenhagen, Denmark, while Smith served as president of the Scandinavian Mission. For additional information about his missionary service, see <https://history.lds.org/missionary/individual/jesse-n-smith-1834>.

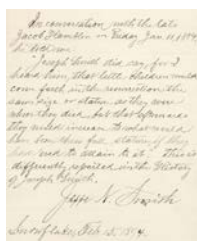


2. Jesse N. Smith, Autobiographical Sketch, c. 1884

[MS 16798](#) | https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE7741578 [\[view\]](#)

Handwritten, 20 pages. Includes information about Smith's grandparents, parents, experiences in Nauvoo, immigration west in 1847, settlement in Parowan, Church and civic activities in Iron County, militia duties during Indian wars, missions to Scandinavia, and settlement in Arizona. Does not mention the Book of Mormon story.

[Published in Andrew Jenson, *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia*, vol. 1 (1941), pp. 316-322; [view online via BYU](#)].



3. Jesse N. Smith, Statement, 15 February 1894

[MS 2958](#) | https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE8102553 [\[view\]](#)

Handwritten, 1 page. Account of a conversation with Jacob Hamblin in 1884, wherein Hamblin told of hearing Joseph Smith's teaching concerning the resurrection of children.



4. Jesse N. Smith, Journal, 1904-1906

[MS 26765](#) | https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE9416902 [\[view\]](#)

Handwritten, 36 pages. Contains a daily account of Smith's travels as president of the Snowflake Arizona Stake. Recounts his ordination as a patriarch, and some of the legal troubles he faced in regards to plural marriage. [Page 19](#) mentions his speaking at General Conference and the tribute by Joseph F. Smith. Also includes a few entries recorded in 1941 by descendent Edith S. Bushman.



5. Jesse N. Smith, General Conference Address, April 1905, pp. 50-52

<https://archive.org/stream/ConferenceReports1900s/Conference%20Reports%201900-1909#page/n969/mode/2up> [\[view\]](#)

Relates experiences with his father, the Book of Mormon, and hearing Brigham Young speak. Joseph F. Smith follows with a tribute to Jesse as "a modern Nathaniel—a man in whom there is no guile." Contains the fullest telling of the Book of Mormon story.

The L. Tom Perry Special Collections in BYU's Harold B. Lee Library contains a small collection of Jesse Smith's correspondence, genealogies, certificates, and blessings. A description and list of items can be found online at <http://files.lib.byu.edu/ead/XML/MSS503.xml>.

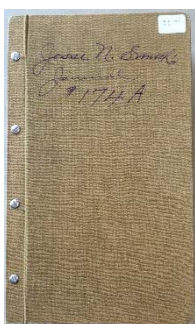
Publishing the Sources from the Past



6. Jesse N. Smith, Autobiography and Journal, 1855-1906 [transcript]

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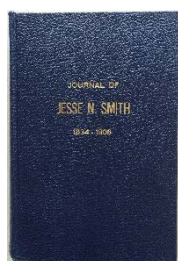
A handwritten transcription of an undated autobiographical sketch and Smith's journals from October 1855 to June 1906. Contains the brief Book of Mormon story on pages 8-9. Alice M. Rich, a clerk in the Historian's Office, initialed many of the pages. She began her work in 1933.



7. Jesse N. Smith, Autobiography and Journal, 1855-1906 [typescript]

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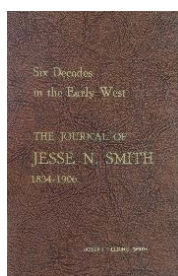
A typescript copy of the handwritten transcription. Contains the brief Book of Mormon story on page 9.



8. Journal of Jesse Nathaniel Smith: The Life Story of a Mormon Pioneer (1953)

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A second printed edition of Smith's autobiography and journal (items 6-7 above). Contains the brief Book of Mormon story on page 7.



9. *Six Decades in the Early West: The Journal of Jesse N. Smith*, 3d ed. (1970)

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The most recent published edition of Smith's autobiography and journal (items 6-7 above). Contains the brief Book of Mormon story on page 7. The Church History Library copy is inscribed to Joseph Fielding Smith.