

Doctrine and Covenants Revelation Sites



Perrysburg (South Dayton), New York

Freemen Nickerson home site

Section 100

October 1833

Scripture

"Therefore, verily I say unto you, lift up your voices unto this people; speak the thoughts that I shall put into your hearts, and you shall not be confounded before men;

"For it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very moment, what ye shall say.

"And I give unto you this promise, that inasmuch as ye do this the Holy Ghost shall be shed forth in bearing record unto all things whatsoever ye shall say.

"Therefore, let your hearts be comforted; for all things shall work together for good to them that walk uprightly, and to the sanctification of the church."

"For I will raise up unto myself a pure people, that will serve me in righteousness;

"And all that call upon the name of the Lord, and keep his commandments, shall be saved. Even so. Amen."

Doctrine and Covenants 100:5-6, 8, 15-17

The Nickerson family welcomed missionaries traveling between Kirtland, Ohio and Upper Canada through western New York State.

Key Events

- Freeman Nickerson joined the Church in early 1833.
- Joseph and several missionary companions stopped here en route to Canada in late 1833. The Prophet received a revelation while in the home.
- That mission resulted in the baptism of many Nickerson family members and friends living in and around Mount Pleasant, Canada.



The Prophet's brief mission in late 1833 resulted in the conversion and baptism of at least 16 people in Canada.

Words of Joseph Smith

"The Lord continued to pour out upon us His Holy Spirit, and as often as we had need, He gave us in that moment what to say; so that although unlearned and inexperienced in religious controversies, yet we were able to confound those learned priests of the day; whilst at the same time we were enabled to convince the honest in heart that we had obtained, through the mercy of God, the true and ever lasting Gospel of Jesus Christ; and occasionally we administered the ordinance of baptism for the remission of sins to such as believed." (History of the Church 1:59)

"[We went to] Mount Pleasant, and preached to a large congregation the same evening, when Freeman A. Nickerson and his wife declared their belief in the work, and offered themselves for baptism. Great excitement prevailed in every place we visited . . . the people were very tender and inquiring. [I] preached to a large congregation at Mount Pleasant, after which I baptized twelve, and others were deeply impressed, and desired another meeting, which I appointed for the day following. In the evening, we broke bread, and laid on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and for confirmation, having baptized two more. The Spirit was given in great power to some, and peace to others." (History of the Church 1:422)