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Born Dec 25 1828 Eaton Bray Bedfordshire England  
 Father Name George Smith Mother Maiden Name <sup>Fatience</sup> Simpson  
 Baptise March 28 1847 by John Mead conferer by Benjamin <sup>Johnson</sup>  
 Ordain a Deacon by Benjamin Johnson Priest of the B. U. S.  
 Acted in that calling untill I started to utah set sail  
 from Liverpool on the ship Falcon 28th day of March 1853  
 Arrived at New Orleans little over seven weeks on this sea  
 traveled up the Mississippi River landed at Nacocks staid  
 on camp ground for five weeks then we started on  
 our journey to salt Lake with a yoke of Oxen and two  
 cows in Appalton Harmoned Company traveled some two  
 Hundred Miles then had to lay over my wife was confined  
 on the 4th of July 1853 on the Priary all alone but one  
 wagon the company left us there. Next morning the Captain  
 came after us and we traveled 18 Miles then we had to  
 stop again untill another company caught up the we  
 traveled with Captain Brown untill we reach the Mesury  
 River caught our own company at that place and all  
 went of well untill we reach Salt Lake City safe  
 but my wife was very sick for about six weeks then she  
 began to get better then we began to look around for work  
 we felt that we where strangers in a strange land  
 but the Lord was with us and the next thing was to look  
 after work and make a living and I soon got some and  
 soon had a place with Docter Willard Richards and work  
 with <sup>him</sup> untill he died then went up to Farmington  
 took charge of his grist Mill and Saw Mill and labored  
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in the fortieth Quorum then I left Farmington for Cache Valley  
and in the year of ~~1847~~ when the grass hoppers <sup>were</sup> on us  
I was there and tried fight them but all in vain the Lord  
permitted them to come and he had to send them away  
but before this the great Utah war become on and we  
had to go out and face the army of the united States  
with what implements of war but most of them were

I was called to Preside over the 64 Quorum of Seventies  
in the city of Logan the city was divided up into four  
wards I was called to Preside in the fourth Ward and  
acted in that capacity for fourtine years then in 1846  
was Ordain High Priest and Bishop at the same time  
under the Hands of Preset Brigham young Arson Pratt  
and George D Cannon G D Cannon being mouth  
I been three times a Member of the city Council labored

to go on a Mission in 1880 to England Labor in Nottingham  
conference three Months then was called to be President  
of the Manchester conference and while there word came  
that my wife had died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1880 that  
left a large family to be cared for was Released to return  
home in 81 my family No 22 6 of them dead 4 Boys and  
12 girls now living one wife dead and two living  
Another Jeresen I have not kept a diary of my labors and  
travels so you must Excuse me for not writing more I Expect  
you have got some life of me in some of writings there is  
another thing that I forgot to mention that is I went to Canada  
with Priest C O Gurd & Priest Tho' E. Hicks and started the  
first Plowing in Alberta with our People and this  
was the time that we were under ground this is about  
all I can think of at present Please Excuse my blunders  
I am no scholar may the Lord Bless you in your  
labors is the desire of my heart yours Brother  
in the gospel

Thomas X. Smith Prop of  
the fourth Ward of Logan City  
P.S. I told your son that I was not able to  
pay now but you must wait some time  
T. X. S.