

History of Dixie State University's copy of the first edition (1830) Book of Mormon

Sometimes, it is great fun to be a librarian. One night in Spring 2016, Douglas Alder, former President of Dixie College, was showing members of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers some of the archival materials we hold in Special Collections at Dixie State University. Among them was the Dixie State University's copy of a first edition Book of Mormon, donated to us by Ronald M. McDonald via the LDS Church Historical Archives and Ron Watt, back in 1992. Ronald at first wanted to donate his first edition copy of the Book of Mormon to the main archive in Salt Lake City, but Ron Watt suggested to him (since the LDS Church Historical Archives already had eight of the first edition) it would be great to donate it to a regional archive. Ronald agreed, and Ron contacted Douglas Alder, then President of the College, to see if he would be interested in having it in the Dixie College archives. Of course, Doug agreed, and within a few short weeks, Ronald M. McDonald brought it up the road from Las Vegas to Doug's house. Dixie College was now the proud owner of a first edition Book of Mormon (Alder).

Placed into the Book of Mormon was an undated essay written by Orpha F. Hunt entitled *How the St George Tabernacle Got The Glass For The Windows*. More on this important essay later in the paper, as it is a major clue to its history.

The book has been kept guarded in a gun safe that was donated by the Val A. Browning family when we built the addition to the old Dixie College Library back in 1992, and which was placed upstairs just outside the Special Collections doors in the Southeast corner of the new wing. It stayed there until the Holland Centennial Commons was completed in 2012, and the Book of Mormon was moved with all the other library materials to its new home.

Not much was known about this copy of the Book of Mormon, other than it is definitely a first edition print. When Doug showed the book to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers group that evening, I became curious about the inscription written in it, one that I had read before, but had not given much attention, until that evening. Suddenly, my librarian curiosity got the better of me. I had to know if I could find out something more about the book.

The inscription written inside of Dixie State University's first edition (1830) Book of Mormon, on the pre-title page, is as follows:

Mrs. S Redfield Lodi

Given by her son D H R

Lodi Cateraugus [Cattaraugus]

NY March 4

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My first query was to find out what Lodi meant, since it is written twice. I first thought it might be a surname, but it proved to be a geographical location.

Lodi, while it is a very uncommon surname in several languages, is actually the name of two separate villages in New York. In Cattaraugus County, the village was originally called Aldrich's Mills, later changed to Lodi, but it was confused with the same named village of Lodi in Seneca County, New York. To further confuse things, the local post office in Cattaraugus County retained the name Persia during all this time. The name of the village in Cattaraugus County was officially changed to Gowanda in 1848. Therefore, Lodi is the former name of the village Gowanda, Cattaraugus County, New York.

My next query was to identify S. Redfield, since the location was now identified. I went to various United States Census records to see if I could identify the family. I was eventually able to identify the author of the inscription as David Harvey Redfield, written to his mother, Sarah Gould Redfield, wife of Samuel Russell Redfield.

Using the *FamilySearch* database, I found the following Redfield families in Cattaraugus County, New York, United States.

1810 US Census, Redfield families in New York related to David Harvey Redfield:

Samuel R Redfield [father]	Herkimer, Herkimer, New York, United States
Samuel Redfield, [grandfather]	Fairfield, Herkimer, New York, United States

1820 US Census, Redfield families in New York related to David Harvey Redfield:

Samuel R Redfield [father]	Verona, Oneida, New York, United States
Samuel Redfield [grandfather]	Fairfield, Herkimer, New York, United States
Frederick A Redfield [uncle]	Perrysburg, Cattaraugus, New York, United States

1830 US Census, Redfield families in New York related to David Harvey Redfield:

Samuel R Redfield [father]	Rome, Oneida, New York, United States
Samuel Redfield [grandfather]	Perrysburg, Cattaraugus, New York, United States
Bela H Redfield [uncle]	Perrysburg, Cattaraugus, New York, United States
Frederick A Redfield [uncle]	Perrysburg, Cattaraugus, New York, United States

1840 US Census, Redfield families in New York related to David Harvey Redfield:

Samuel Readfield [father]	Persia, Cattaraugus, New York, United States
Frederick Readfield [uncle]	Dayton, Cattaraugus, New York, United States
Ebenezer G Readfield [brother]	Persia, Cattaraugus, New York, United States
Bela H Redfield [uncle]	Manlius, Onondaga, New York, United States

When I found the names from the 1820 and 1830 US Census records, I knew I was on to something. I then did a Google search for "Samuel Redfield" New York, and I was led to the *Genealogical History of the Redfield Family in the United States: Being a Revision and Extension of the Genealogical Tables Compiled in 1839, by William Charles Redfield*, found online in a Google book. Contained therein was a treasure trove of information:

404. Samuel Russell Redfield, eldest son of Dr. Samuel (129), son of Dr. John (35), son of Daniel (11), is a farmer. He resided for many years in Lodi, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., but removed thence to Gowanda, in the same county, where he still resides. He married, Feb. 14, 1803, Sarah Gould, daughter of Ebenezer Gould, who was the son of Rev. Ebenezer Gould, for many years a Congregational clergyman in Middlefield parish, Middletown, Conn.

Children.

- 1091. 1. Juliet Emily Redfield, b. Oct. 1, 1803.
- 1092. 2. Caroline Nancy Redfield, b. April 6, 1806.
- 1093. 3. **David Harvey Redfield**, b. Aug. 31, 1807.
- 1094. 4. Ebenezer Gould Redfield, b. June 20, 1810.
- 1095. 5. Sarah Emeline Redfield, b. Feb. 14, 1812.
- 1096. 6. **Orpha Maria Redfield**, b. March 25, 1814.
- 1097. 7. Lucy Gould Redfield, b. Feb. 12, 1816.
- 1098. 8. Mary Jane Redfield, b. Aug. 1, 1818; d. Aug. 9, 1820.
- 1099. 9. Mary Jane Redfield, b. Sept. 12, 1820.
- 1100. 10. Russell Edwin Redfield, b. March 2, 1824.
- 1101. 11. Samuel Russell Redfield, b. Nov. 19, 1826.

(J. H. Redfield 144-45).

Also:

1093. **David Harvey Redfield**, eldest son of Samuel R. (404), son of Dr. Samuel (129), son of Dr. John (35), son of Daniel (11), married, Oct. 27, 1837, Frances Arthington of Kirkland, Ohio; removed to Quincy, Ill., afterwards to Nauvoo, thence to Salt Lake City, thence to California.

Children.

- 1573. 1. Samuel H. Redfield, b. at Quincy, Ill., March 15, 1839.
- 1573. 2. Frances E. Redfield, b. at Nauvoo, Ill., April 4, 1842; d. at Central Springs, Coast Range, Cal., Oct. 10, 1859.
- 1575. 3. Sarah Gould Redfield, b. at Nauvoo, Ill., Oct. 10, 1844; d. Aug. 27, 1845.
- 1576. 4. Elizabeth M. Redfield, b. in Iowa, Nov. 15, 1847.
- 1577. 5. Frances Priscilla Redfield, b. at Salt Lake, Jan. 18, 1850.
- 1578. 6. David Russell Redfield, b. in California, April 27, 1852.
- 1579. 7. Beulah Ann Redfield, b. at Nicolaus, Cal., 1855.

(J. H. Redfield 242).

Just to confirm that David Harvey Redfield is the only D H R who lived in Lodi, and had a mother with a first name starting with an S, I checked the entire index of the cited family history. He is the only D H Redfield with a mother's name that starts with S listed in the book.

My last query on the inscription was to identify when it was written. Please note I could not positively identify the last number in the year on the inscription, which was either a 0, 2, or 9. After completing some research, I concluded:

The Samuel Russell Redfield family was not living in Lodi in 1830, so the last digit is probably not a zero; David Harvey Redfield was living in Quincy, Illinois in 1839, so unlikely it was a nine. It is most likely 1832, while David was still single and his family had recently moved to Lodi, Cattaraugus County, New York.

I now knew who wrote the inscription, to whom, when, and where. Next question, why?

David Harvey Redfield was a very early member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and his life reflects almost the entire early history of the church. Like many other new converts of the church, the first persons they contact about their new faith are their family members. That is probably why he gave this Book of Mormon to his mother. She did not become a member of the LDS church, but later, her daughter, David's sister, Orpha Maria Redfield did. More information will be given on her later.

This is a summary of David Harvey Redfield life and residences:

David Harvey Redfield. Teamster, farmer, merchant, coroner. Born 31 August 1807 at Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York ("David"). Baptized into LDS church, by Fall, 1831. Lived in or near Painesville, Geauga County, Ohio, by October 1831, managing the property of Lucy Partridge, wife of Edward Partridge ("Emily"). Ordained a Priest by Sidney Rigdon, 11 November 1831, at Hiram, Portage County, Ohio ("Minutes"). Lived in Missouri at the time the Mormons were expelled from Jackson County, Missouri, 1833 (Johnson). Moved to Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, by November 1836 (D. H. Redfield). Married Frances (Fanny) Atherton (McAtherton), 26 October 1837, at Kirtland, Ohio ("Hymeneal"). Migrated from Ohio to Missouri with Kirtland Camp, 1838, while serving as a Captain of Ten (Hill). Moved to Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, circa 1839 (J. Redfield, 242). Moved to Commerce (later Nauvoo), Hancock County, Illinois, also circa 1839. Served in the Nauvoo Legion as a Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Brevet Captain, and Brigadier Inspector, from 1841 to 1845 (Bennett, Black, and Cannon 370-71). Ordained a High Priest, by 1845 (Temple Records Index Bureau of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). Received LDS temple endowment 15 December 1845, Nauvoo Temple (old) ("David"). Sealed to spouse 6 February 1846, Nauvoo Temple (old) ("David"). Traveled with Brigham Young Company (1848) as a Captain of Ten, going as far as the Sweetwater River on 30 August, then returning to Winter Quarters with a herd of cattle ("David Harvey"). Migrated with his family to Salt Lake Valley, 1849 with the Samuel Gully/Orson Spencer Company, serving as a Captain of Ten ("David Harvey Redfield"). In winter 1851, settled at Nicolaus, Sutter County, California ("Sudden"). Died 27 December 1878, at his residence near Nicolaus ("Sudden").

Resided:

1803, August 31	Herkimer, Herkimer, New York, United States
1810	Herkimer, Herkimer, New York, United States – one of two boys under age 10

1820	Verona, Oneida, New York, United States – one of two boys age 10-16
1830	Rome, Oneida, New York, United States – one of two marked as boys age 15-19, mismarked, actually two men age 20-24
1831, October	In or near Painesville, Geauga, Ohio, United States
1831, November 11	Hiram, Portage, Ohio, United States
1833	Missouri, United States
1836, November	Kirtland, Geauga, Ohio, United States
1837, October 26	Kirtland, Geauga, Ohio, United States. Married Frances (Fanny) Atherton
1838, Spring	Kirtland, Geauga, Ohio, United States
1838, July 6 – 1838, October 4	Traveling with Kirtland Camp to Missouri, United States
1839, March 15	Quincy, Adams, Illinois, United States. Birth of child Samuel Harvey Redfield
1839	Commerce, later Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1842, April 4	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States. Birth of child Frances E. Redfield
1844, October 10	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States. Birth of child Sarah Gould Redfield
1845, August 27	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States. Death of child Sarah Gould Redfield
1847, November 15	Iowa, United States. Birth of child Mary Elizabeth Redfield
1850, January 18	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Frances Priscilla Redfield
1851, Winter	Nicolaus Township, Sutter, California, United States
1852, April 27	Nicolaus Township, Sutter, California, United States. Birth of child David Russell Redfield
1855	Nicolaus Township, Sutter, California, United States. Birth of child Beulah Ann Redfield
1859, October 10	Central Springs, Coast Range, California, United States. Death of child Frances E. Redfield
1860	Nicolaus Township, Sutter, California, United States
1870, March 8	Nicolaus Township, Sutter, California, United States. Death of child Beulah Ann Redfield
1870	Nicolaus Township, Sutter, California, United States
1878, December 27	Redfield residence, Nicolaus Township, Sutter, California, United States

David Harvey Redfield was a stalwart member of the LDS church through 1849, serving in several capacities as previously noted. One incident in particular bears this out. Taken from The Joseph Smith Papers, the entry for 17 December 1838 states:

This day Elder <David H[arvey]> Redfield, arrived at Jefferson City and on <17.> Monday 17. Presented the petition of the brethren to<General>D[avid] R. Atchison and others, who were [p. 873]<December 17 Petition presented to Legislature> very anxious to hear from Caldwell, as there were many reports in circulation, such as “the Mormons kept up the Danite System”, “were going to build the Lord’s House,” and “more blood would be spilled, before they left the State” &c. which created a hardness in the minds of the people—In the P.M. Mr. Redfield had an interview with Governor [Lilburn W.] Boggs, who enquired about our people and property with as much apparent interest as though his whole soul was engaged for our welfare, and said he had heard that the Citizens were committing depredations on the Mormons and driving off their Stock &c. Mr. Redfield informed him that armed forces came in the place, and abused men women and children, stole horses, drove off cattle, plundered houses of every thing that pleased their fancy. Governor Boggs said that he would write Judge [Austin A.] King and Colonel [Sterling] Price to Far West, and put down every hostile appearance, he also stated that the Stipulations

entered into by the Mormons to leave the State, and sign the deed of trust, were unconstitutional, and not valid— Mr. Redfield replied we want the Legislature to pass a law to that effect showing that the stipulations and deeds of trust are not valid and are unconstitutional—and unless you do pass such a law, we shall not consider ourselves safe in the state. You say there has been a stain upon the character of the State, and now is the time to pass some law to that effect, and unless you do, farewell to the virtue of the State; farewell to her honor and good name, farewell to her Christian virtue, until she shall be peopled by a different race of men; farewell to every name that binds man to man; farewell to a fine soil and a glorious home, they are gone, they are rent from us by a lawless banditti.

But sometimes, people change. While migrating to Salt Lake City in 1849, he traveled with a Captain Blodgett who was at the head of a company of emigrants bound for the gold mines in California and who was not a member of the LDS church (Miller). The Redfields stayed in Salt Lake City during the winter of 1849-1850, because they were expecting their fifth child, Frances Priscilla Redfield, born 18 January 1850 (J. H. Redfield 242). For one reason or another, either sent by the LDS church in one of the last official companies sent to California, or traveling independently, David took his family to California in 1850, and settled permanently south of Nicolaus, Sutter County, California, during the winter of 1851 (“Sudden”). He could have been influenced by Sam Brannon, as the land he settled was on the east bank of the Feather River, across from Sam Brannon’s White House and Ranch on the west bank of the Feather River (Ryan map between 9 and 10 ; “Local”). No mention of his being a member of the LDS church or of the Mormon faith can be found after 1850.

Text of David Harvey Redfield’s obituary printed in the *Weekly Sutter Banner* 3 January 1879:

Sudden Death.

Our county has been bereft by death of one of its oldest citizens, in the person of D. H. Redfield, who died at his residence, near Nicolaus, on Friday last. Mr. Redfield settled at Nicolaus in the winter of 1851, immediately upon his arrival in the State. He had started to California in 1849, but stopped over one winter in Salt Lake. He first engaged in teaming from Nicolaus, next going to farming, then to merchandising, and finally back to the farm, which business he was following when death overtook him. In early times he took quite a prominent part in politics. He leaves two sons and a daughter, his wife having died some years ago. His daughter is married to Mr. Grant, and lives at Sacramento. One son, David, resides on the farm, and the other, S. H., in Placeuto, Tehama Co. Mr. Redfield’s death was very sudden, coming after a sickness of about four days, and was a surprise to all his neighbors. He was in Yuba City the Friday before, and called on the BANNER office, appearing then in excellent health. While here he had a conversation with C. E. Wilcoxon, in the course of which he remarked that Cale, was looking under the weather, and adding that as for himself, he was good for twenty years yet (3).

The final query was how did the Book of Mormon come to be in the possession of Ronald M. McDonald of Las Vegas, Nevada? To start, we go back to David Harvey Redfield’s family and his sister Orpha Maria Redfield.

Upon further inspection of the Book of Mormon, a signature was found on the Title Page:

Orpha M R Everett

My investigation had already identified Orpha Maria Redfield as David Harvey Redfield's sister; now we could connect her to the Everett family of St. George, Washington County, Utah, United States.

This is a summary of Orpha Maria Redfield Everett's life and residences:

Orpha Maria Redfield, born 25 March 1814, either at Herkimer, Herkimer, New York, United States, or Verona, Oneida, New York, United States (J. Redfield 145 ; "Orpha"). A schoolteacher who knew Latin and Hebrew (*Addison* ; "Happy"). Married Addison Everett (early St. George, Utah pioneer) 18 February 1838, probably at Lodi (Gowanda), Cattaraugus, New York, United States ("Orpha"). Baptized a member of the LDS Church 4 July 1838 ("Orpha"). First child Mary Davis Everett born 10 May 1843 (J. Redfield, 243). Second child Orpha Maria Everett born 7 March 1845 ("Orpha"). LDS endowment 19 December 1845, Nauvoo Temple (old) ("Orpha"). Sealed to spouse 21 January 1846, Nauvoo Temple (old) ("Orpha"). Traveled west with her child and stepchildren to Salt Lake, with Jedediah Grant – Willard Snow Company, arrived 4 October 1847 ("Orpha Maria"). Addison Everett migrated Salt Lake with the Brigham Young Company (1847), serving as a Captain of Fifty ("Addison"). Moved to St. George, Washington, Utah Territory in 1861 ("Everett"). Served with husband in St. George Temple, completing temple work for ancestors until her death in 1891 (*Addison*).

The first edition (1830) Book of Mormon signed by David Harvey Redfield and given to his mother Sarah Gould Redfield was probably given to Orpha Maria Redfield Everett, because her descendants have specific links to the book itself, to be noted under other members the family.

Resided:

1814, March 25	Herkimer, Herkimer, New York, United States, or Verona, Oneida, New York, United States
1820	Verona, Oneida, New York, United States – one of two girls under age 10
1830	Rome, Oneida, New York, United States – one of two girls age 15-19
1838, February 18	Lodi, Cattaraugus, New York, United States. Marriage to Addison Everett.
1841, April 15	New York City, New York County, New York, United States – husband set apart as counsellor of New York City Branch of the LDS Church.
1842, September	Little Falls, and Mead's Basin (now Mountain View), New Jersey, United States – husband made President of the church in these areas.
1842 to late 1843	Little Falls, and Mead's Basin (now Mountain View), New Jersey, United States
1843, May 10	Manhattan, New York City, New York County, New York, United States. Birth of child Mary Davis Everett.
1843, late	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1845, March 7	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States. Birth of child Orpha Maria Everett.
1845, September 22	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States. Death of child Orpha Maria Everett.
1847, June 19	left Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1847, October 4	arrived Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States
1850	Great Salt Lake, Great Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, United States
1853	Fort Supply, Green River, Wyoming Territory, United States
1855	Possibly Fort Lemhi, Salmon River area, Idaho Territory, United States

1860	8 th Ward, Great Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States
1861	St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States – husband called to the Dixie Mission.
1870	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States
1880	St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States
1891, April 3	St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States

Children:

- 1) Mary Davis Everett, born 10 May 1843, Manhattan, New York City, New York County, New York, United States. Married Revilo Hunter 7 January 1865, St. George, Washington County, Utah Territory, United States [LDS Church Membership]. Died 6 October 1915, St. George, Washington County, Utah, United States.
- 2) Orpha Maria Everett, born 7 March 1845, Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, United States. Died 22 September 1845, Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, United States.

Her only surviving child, Mary Davis Everett Fuller, is the next in line of descendants.

Mary Davis Everett, born 10 May 1843, Manhattan, New York City, New York County, New York, United States, to Addison Everett and Orpha Maria Redfield ("Mary"). Traveled west to Salt Lake, with Jedediah Grant – Willard Snow Company, arrived 4 October 1847 ("Mary Davis"). Baptized into LDS Church 22 October 1848 ("Mary"). Addison helped to build the Fort Supply on the pioneer trail at the Green River in the Wyoming Territory in 1853 ("Happy"). Helped settle Salmon River area of Idaho Territory, possibly Fort Lemhi, in 1855 (*Addison*). Received LDS temple endowment 18 July 1860, Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States ("Mary"). Married Revilo Fuller 7 January 1865, St. George, Washington County, Utah Territory, United States ("Mary"). Sealed to Spouse Revilo Fuller 22 November 1869, Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States ("Mary"). Sealed to Parents 23 October 1891, St. George Utah Temple ("Mary"). Died 6 October 1915, St. George, Washington County, Utah, United States ("Mary").

Resided:

1843, May 10	Manhattan, New York City, New York County, New York, United States. Birth of Mary Davis Everett.
1843, late	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1845, March 7	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States. Birth of sister Orpha Maria Everett.
1845, September 22	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States. Death of sister Orpha Maria Everett.
1847, June 19	left Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1847, October 4	arrived Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States
1850	Great Salt Lake, Great Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, United States
1853	Fort Supply, Green River, Wyoming Territory, United States
1855	Possibly Fort Lemhi, Salmon River area, Idaho Territory, United States
1860	8 th Ward, Great Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States
1861	St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States – father called to the Dixie Mission.
1865, January 7	Married Revilo Fuller, St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States

1865, October 13	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Revilo Fuller, Junior.
1865, November 1	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States. Death of child Revilo Fuller, Junior.
1866, August 31	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child William Redfield Fuller.
1868, September 11	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Orpha Maria Fuller.
1869, November 22	Sealed to Revilo Fuller, Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States
1870, April 28	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Adelaide Fuller.
1870	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States
1872, May 30	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Addison Everett Ross Fuller.
1874, January 9	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Oliver Loomis Fuller.
1875, September 18	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Edward Schuyler Fuller.
1877, June 8	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Samuel Russell Fuller.
1879, April 21	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States. Birth of child Edmund Fuller.
1880	St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States
1881, March 27	East Verde, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States. Birth of child Isabelle Celest Fuller.
1883, April 12	Pine, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States. Birth of child Harry Fuller.
1885, April 12	Pine, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States. Birth of child Hugh Kenneth Fuller.
1888, December 10	Pine, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States. Birth and death of child Mary Fuller.
1900	Payson Precinct, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States
1910	Pine, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States
1915, December 6	St. George, Washington, Utah, United States

The next person of interest is Mary Davis Everett Fuller's daughter, Orpha Maria Fuller Hunt.

Orpha Maria Fuller. Born 11 September 1868 in Harrisburg, Washington County, Utah Territory, United States ("Orpha Maria Fuller"). Moved to Arizona with family before 1880. Married George Holmes Hunt about 1886 ("Orpha Maria Fuller"). They did not have any children. Moved back to St. George, Washington County, Utah, United States by 1910 ("Orpha Maria Fuller"). Died 8 August 1944 in Ivins, Washington County, Utah, United States ("Orpha Maria Fuller").

Resided:

1868, September 11	Harrisburg, Washington County, Utah Territory, United States
1870	Harrisburg, Washington County, Utah Territory, United States
1880	Pine Creek, Yavapai, Arizona Territory, United States

1900	Snowflake, Navajo County, Arizona Territory, United States
1910	St George, Washington County, Utah, United States
1920	St George, Washington County, Utah, United States
1930	St George, Washington County, Utah, United States
1940	Supervisory District 3, Yavapai, Arizona, United States
1944, August 8	Ivins, Washington County, Utah, United States

The following is an undated essay by Orpha F. Hunt, written on three pieces of yellow lined paper found inside the first edition (1830) Book of Mormon donated to Dixie State University. Original manuscript owned by DSU and kept in Special Collections:

How the St George Tabernacle Got the Glass For The Windows

One Monday afternoon a few years ago my Father and I were crossing the Public Square going on the south side of the Tabernacle when something caught his eye and he exclaimed "What has happened here? I told him that the day before the old cords that supported a section of the window had given way & the sash fell out. He suggested that we walk over and take a look at it, which we did.

He walked around it as it lay on the ground, and asked if I know how & where the glass came from, then proceeded to tell me this story.

"When we first came to Dixie supplies were very hard to get, so everything which we did not produce was hauled by mule teams from the Mississippi River on the East or from Los Angeles on the West, most of that on the West being shipped from New York around the Horn in the old sailing vessels.

Freighting in those days was not a pleasure excursion, as the roads were merely rough trails, Indians were bad & caused no end of trouble by stealing our mules, bridles, ropes, lines and cutting the straps off the harness, to say nothing of stealing clothing, knives, forks & spoons.

We had three long desert drives with no water on the way, & no feed for the mules except the scanty vegetation which grew by the way.

Your Grandfather Elijah K. Fuller & Uncle Wid. & myself with many others made many a trip to Cal; However on the trip when we brought the glass, Father & Wid's team were driven by Jim & Tom Pearce, We hired an Indian boy whom we called "Josh" to go along as night herd for the teams, taking a saddle horse for him to ride.

He would take the mules out to where the grazing was as good as the country afforded & at the first peep of day he would bring them back to camp. That was one trip that everything went well as far as molestation by Indians was concerned.

On our arrival at the Wilmington Docks, the ship was unloading her cargo. The boxes containing glass were dumped on the dock like so many stones, & I refused to accept one single box until they were opened & all broken glass thrown out. This made quite a delay but we had no broken glass to start out with.

We loaded the boxes with the edge of the glass down so as to avoid brakage & it came through very well.

We used to drive with one line for six or eight mules, training one of the lead mules as a "jerk mule" & it would obey the jerk to turn the team "Gee" or "Haw" as the driver desired. I tried to learn Josh how to drive, but he was scared to even touch that jerk line."

You would hardly think that those little window panes cost seventy-five cents a piece, would you? & at the present time you can buy all you want for ten.

And this is how we got the window glass as told me by my Father Revilo Fuller.

Orpha F. Hunt

Persons identified in the essay were probably:

Grandfather:	Elijah Knapp Fuller
Father:	Revilo Fuller
Uncle:	Wyllys Darwin Fuller

It appears the First edition Book of Mormon might have been passed down from mother to oldest daughter, from Sarah Gould Redfield to Orpha Maria Redfield Everett to Mary Davis Everett Fuller to Orpha Maria Fuller Hunt. Because she did not have any children, Orpha Maria Fuller Hunt probably gave it to her next oldest sister, Adelaide Fuller McDonald, who probably gave it to her son Revilo Fuller McDonald ("Revilo"), with whom Aunt Orpha M Hunt was living in 1940 ("Orpha Maria Fuller"). Revilo Fuller McDonald had a son, Ronald M. McDonald ("Ronald"), who Douglas Alder stated was the name of the person who originally asked to donate the Book of Mormon to the LDS Church Archives in 1992. Ron Watt asked Doug if Dixie College would like to have the Book of Mormon, and he, of course, said yes. Doug was given the name of the donor and contact information. He called the man Ronald M. McDonald in Las Vegas and told him Dixie would love to have the book. Ronald said he would bring it to Dixie in a few weeks. Doug thought he might never see it, but the man did arrive and placed the book in Doug's hands. Doug then deposited it in the Val A. Browning Library Special Collections, where it has resided ever since (Alder).

This is indeed a very special first edition (1830) Book of Mormon, with historical ties to Utah's Dixie. It has traveled through New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Illinois, and on the Mormon Trail to Utah. It has been north to Idaho and east to Wyoming. More importantly, it was brought to St. George, resided in Harrisburg, Utah, taken to Arizona, then back to Ivins, Utah. It may have made its way to California, and was definitely in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was probably a highly prized possession of a schoolteacher,

one of the few books Orpha Maria Redfield Everett brought with her, not only for religious purposes, but also as a tool of learning for her child and stepchildren. Dixie State University is very grateful to have it in our library's collection.

Addendum

Where the DSU first edition (1830) Book of Mormon has probably been:

1830, March	Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, United States – Published
1832, March 4	Lodi, Cattaraugus, New York, United States. Given to Sarah Gould Redfield by David Harvey Redfield
1838, February 18	Lodi, Cattaraugus, New York, United States – Marriage of Addison Everett and Orpha Maria Redfield
1838, July 4	Unknown, probably New York, United States. Baptism of Orpha Maria Redfield Everett – by this time, the Book of Mormon was probably given to Orpha
1841, April 15	New York City, New York County, New York, United States
1842, September to late 1843	Little Falls, and Mead's Basin (now Mountain View), New Jersey, United States
1843, May 10	Manhattan, New York City, New York County, New York, United States
1843, late	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1845, March 7	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1845, September 22	Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1847, June 19	Left Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois, United States
1847, October 4	Arrived Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States
1850	Great Salt Lake, Great Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, United States
1853	Fort Supply, Green River area, Wyoming Territory, United States
1855	Possibly Fort Lemhi, Salmon River area, Idaho Territory, United States
1860	8 th Ward, Great Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory, United States
1861	Traveled to St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States
1870	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah Territory, United States
1880	St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States
1891, April 3	St. George, Washington, Utah Territory, United States – Death of Orpha Maria Redfield Everett
1900	Payson Precinct, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States – by this time, the Book of Mormon was probably given to Mary Davis Everett Fuller
1910	Pine, Gila, Arizona Territory, United States
1915, December 6	St. George, Washington, Utah, United States – Death of Mary Davis Everett Fuller
1920	St George, Washington County, Utah, United States – by this time, the Book of Mormon was probably given to Orpha Maria Fuller Hunt
1930	St George, Washington County, Utah, United States
1940	Supervisory District 3, Yavapai, Arizona, United States
1944, August 8	Ivins, Washington County, Utah, United States – Death of Orpha Maria Fuller Hunt

1945	Yavapai County, Arizona, United States – at this time, the Book of Mormon was probably given to Adelaide Fuller McDonald, Orpha’s sister
1951, 29 May	Yavapai County, Arizona, United States – Death of Adelaide Fuller McDonald
1952	Possibly Pine, Gila County, Arizona, United States – last known residence of Revilo Fuller McDonald, who was probably given the Book of Mormon
1957, July 3	Possibly Los Angeles County, California, United States. – Death of Revilo Fuller McDonald, buried in Cottonwood Cemetery, Cottonwood, Yavapai County, Arizona, United States
ca. 1958	Unknown – at this time, the Book of Mormon was probably given to Ronald M. McDonald
1992	Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, United States – Book of Mormon and Orpha Hunt’s essay in possession of Ronald M. McDonald
1992	St. George, Washington County, Utah, United States. Book of Mormon and Orpha Hunt’s essay donated to LDS Church Archives by Ronald M. McDonald, then to Dixie College, where it resides to this day.

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