



WILLARD GILBERT SMITH

1827 - 1903

MORMON PIONEER

BORN 9 MAY 1827 IN AMHERST, OHIO, TO WARREN AND AMANDA BARNES SMITH

WORKED IN THE KIRTLAND TEMPLE IN OHIO AS A YOUNG BOY

A MEMBER OF THE KIRTLAND CAMP IN JULY 1838

SURVIVED THE HAIN'S MILL MASSACRE IN OCTOBER 1838 AT THE AGE OF ELEVEN

HELPED WITH THE BUILDING OF THE NAIWOO TEMPLE IN ILLINOIS

JOINED THE MORMON BATTALION AS A DRUMMER IN JULY 1846

AT THE AGE OF NINETEEN

SERVED A THREE YEAR MISSION TO ENGLAND FOR THE CHURCH OF

JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

ORDAINED A BISHOP AND SENT BY BRIGHAM YOUNG TO PRESIDE OVER THE RESIDENTS

OF LITTLETON AND ADJACENT SETTLEMENTS OF MORGAN COUNTY IN 1865

MARRIED HULDA CORDELIA THURSTON ON 15 APRIL 1865

BECAME PROBATE JUDGE OF MORGAN COUNTY THUS THE COUNTY SEAT

WAS MOVED TO LITTLETON IN 1866

FIRST STAKE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN, UTAH, FROM JULY 1877 UNTIL APRIL 1893

FATHER OF TWELVE CHILDREN

DIED 21 NOVEMBER 1903

In a short sketch of the life of Willard G. Smith, W. E. Criddle writes: "Brother Smith was a man who could ever smile through tears." This seems a fitting epitaph for a man who experienced much tribulation in his life, but overcame all in due to greatness.

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