

## Newel Knight's Testimony

December 1830

The year 1830 is closing upon us. Great things have transpired, too great for pen to paint.

To reflect that the closing year has been one to which all future generations will date the rise and organization of the church of God upon the earth, no more to be thrown down, and to know that I have witnessed the important events with my natural eyes and to know a surety that the heavens have been opened to my view, that I have beheld the Majesty on High, and heard the voice of my Redeemer which has spoken words of comfort and instruction to me, fill my whole being with gratitude to my Heavenly Father while I write these things which are verily true. And I write them that my posterity and future generations may know of them, and that I may leave a faithful testimony of the thing which I do know to be verily true. And may the Lord bless me with a wise and understanding heart, that I may ever do his will and help establish his great purpose upon the face of the earth is the greatest desire of my heart.

Newel added on New Year's Day:

A new year dawned upon us, with everything around us bright and cheerful, and the prospects ahead such as give us joy. In the midst of persecution we rejoiced knowing our God was with us, and his great work would roll on, and man could not stop its progress. Tomorrow is the third Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ will be held in Fayette and the glorious future looms up before us, bright in the anticipation of the blessings which our Heavenly Father will bestow upon us.