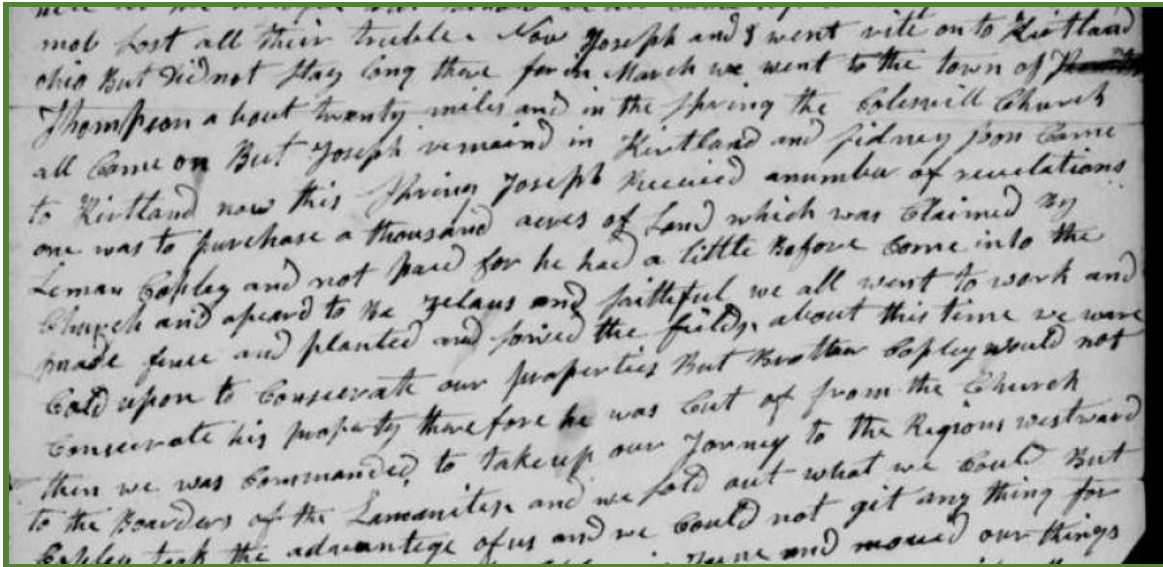


Doctrine and Covenants Section 42



Joseph Knight's wrote about consecration and moving to Lemman Copley's land.

The comments of Joseph Knight, Sr., Joseph Knight, Jr., and Newel Knight about their experiences with consecration in Thompson, Ohio.

Joseph Knight, Sr.:

After describing how he left Colesville in a sleigh and went "rite on to Kirtland" in January, Joseph Knight wrote:

(Joseph's original spelling and punctuation maintained. Paragraph breaks added.)

But did not stay long there [Kirtland] for in March we went on to the town of Thompson about twenty miles and in the spring the Colesvill Church all Came on But Joseph remained in Kirtland and Sidney soon came to Kirtland

now this spring Joseph received a number of revelations one was to purchase a thousand acres of Land which was claimed by Lemman Copley and not paid for he had a little Before come into the Church and appeared to be zealous and faithful we all went to work and made fence and planted and sowed to the fields. about this time we ware cald upon to consecrate our properties

But Brother Copley would not consecrate his property therefore he was cut off from the Church then we was called to take up our Journey to the Regions westward to the Borders of the Lamanites and we sold out what we could But Copley took the advantage of us and we could not get anything for what we had done.¹

¹ Joseph Knight, Sr., *Reminiscences of Early Church History*, undated handwritten manuscript found in the LDS Church Archives, MS3270, p.9

Joseph Knight, Jr.:

In the fall of 1830, we had a revelation to go to the state of Ohio, the persecution was so great that my Father and Joseph [Smith] started in the winter, with my sleigh, which cost me fifty dollars. The rest of us staid til spring and sold what property we could. Hyrum was with us.

The 1st of April I started out on foot and alone to tell some of the brethren on the road who had joined through the fall and winter. In 1831 we met at Ithaca and came to Buffalo together and stopt there on account of the ice. I and a few others started on foot to prepare a place in Ohio. We travelled 40 miles, went on board a Steamboat, landed at Fairport near the mouth of Grand River.

We went to Kirtland, Ohio, and commenced preparing houses on a bother's land who had a thousand acres. My folks came on, they were called the Coleville Church. We planted and sowed a great deal. The man was turned out of the church for bad conduct; his name was Lemon [Leman] Copley, he then began to persecute us and we had to leave his farm and pay sixty dollars for getting up his houses and planting his ground.²

Newel Knight:

On our arrival it was advised that the Colesville Branch remain together and go to a neighboring town called Thompson, as a man by the name of Copley had a considerable tract of land there which he offered to let the brethren occupy. Consequently a contract was agreed upon, and we commenced to work it in all good faith, think to earn our livelihood by the sweat of our brows. But in a short time Copley broke the engagement, and I went to Kirtland to see bro. Joseph and to attend conference which had been appointed to be held on the sixth of June 1831.³

² William G. Hartley, *They are my friends, a History of the Joseph Knight Family 1825-1850*, Grandin Book Company, 1986, p.215.

³ Newel Knight Journal, Allen typescript p.13.