

Testimony of the Eight Witnesses

Explanation This chart is a photocopy of the first printed Testimony of the Eight Witnesses. The punctuation and spelling are slightly different from that of the 1981 edition, although the words themselves remain unchanged. As was true for the Testimony of Three Witnesses, these names were included at the end of the Book of Mormon to place this seal of testimony upon the published record. The Eight Witnesses were shown the plates by Joseph Smith. They handled the plates and saw the engravings. Despite hardships and difficulties, the Book of Mormon witnesses remained true to their testimonies of this book throughout their lives.

Source Joseph Smith Jr., appendix to the Book of Mormon, 1830 edition (Palmyra, N.Y.: E. B. Grandin, 1830).

**AND ALSO THE TESTIMONY OF EIGHT
WITNESSES.**

BE it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, unto whom this work shall come, that Joseph Smith, Jr. the Author and Proprietor of this work, has shewn unto us the plates of which hath been spoken, which have the appearance of gold; and as many of the leaves as the said Smith has translated, we did handle with our hands; and we also saw the engravings thereon, all of which has the appearance of ancient work, and of curious workmanship. And this we bear record, with words of soberness, that the said Smith has shewn unto us, for we have seen and hefted, and know of a surety, that the said Smith has got the plates of which we have spoken. And we give our names unto the world, to witness unto the world that which we have seen: and we lie not, God bearing witness of it.

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