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March 7 [1835].—This day a meeting of the Church of Latter-day Saints was called for the purpose of blessing, in the name of the Lord, those who have heretofore assisted in building, by their labor and other means, the House of the Lord in this place.

The morning was occupied by President Joseph Smith, Jun., in teaching the Church the propriety and necessity of purifying itself. In the afternoon, the names of those who had assisted to build the house were taken, and further instructions received from President Smith. He said that those who had distinguished themselves thus far by consecrating to the upbuilding of the House of the Lord, as well as laboring thereon, were to be remembered; that those who build it should own it, and have the control of it.

After further remarks, those who performed the labor on the building voted unanimously that they would continue to labor thereon, till the house should be completed.

President Sidney Rigdon was appointed to lay on hands and bestow blessings in the name of the Lord.

The Presidents were blessed; and Reynolds Cahoon, Hyrum Smith, and Jared Carter, the building committee, though the last two were not present, yet their rights in the house were preserved.

The following are the names of those who were blessed in consequence of their labor on the house of the Lord in Kirtland, and those who consecrated to its upbuilding:

Sidney Rigdon,
Joseph Smith, Jun.,
F. G. Williams,
Joseph Smith, Sen.,
Oliver Cowdery,
Newel K. Whitney,
Reynolds Cahoon,
Hyrum Smith

Jared Carter,
Jacob Bump,
Artemus Millet,
Alpheus Cutler,
Asa Lyman,
Josiah Butterfield,
Noah Packard,
James Putnam,

Isaac Hill,
 Maleum C. Davis,
 Jaman Aldrich,
 John Young, Sen.,
 Ezra Strong,
 Joel McWithy,
 Matthew Foy,
 James Randall,
 John P. Greene,
 Aaron E. Lyon,
 Thomas Burdick,
 Truman Wait,
 Edmund Bosley,
 William Bosley,
 William Perry,
 Don Carlos Smith,
 Shadrach Roundy,
 Joel Johnson,
 Edmund Durfee, Sen.,
 Edmund Durfee, Jun.,
 Gideon Ormsby,
 Albert Miner,
 Ira Ames,
 Salmon Gee,
 Peter Shirts,
 Isaac Hubbard,
 Horace Burgess,
 Dexter Stillman,
 Amos F. Herrick,
 Mayhew Hillman,
 William Carter,
 William Burgess,
 Giles Cook,
 Almon Sherman,
 Warren Smith,
 Moses Bailey,
 Sebe Ives,
 Andrew H. Aldrich,
 Ebenezar Jennings,
 Oliver Granger,
 Orson Johnson,
 James Lake,
 William Redfield,

Cyrus Lake,
 Harvey Smith,
 Isaac Cleveland,
 William Barker,
 Samuel S. Brannan,
 John Wheeler,
 Henry Baker,
 William Fisk,
 Henry Wilcox,
 George Gee,
 Lorenzo D. Young,
 David Clough,
 James Durfee,
 Joseph Coe,
 Thomas Gates,
 Loren Babbitt,
 Blake Baldwin,
 Oliver Higley,
 Evan M. Greene,
 Levi Osgood,
 Alpheus Harmon,
 Joseph C. Kingsbury,
 Ira Bond,
 Z. H. Brewster,
 Samuel Thomson,
 John Ormsby,
 Luman Carter,
 John Smith,
 Samuel H. Smith,
 Thomas Fisher,
 Starry Fisk,
 Amos R. Orton,
 Gad Yale,
 John Johnson,
 John Tanner,
 Henry G. Sherwood,
 Sidney Tanner,
 Joseph Tippits,
 Robert Quigley,
 Erastus Babbitt,
 Samuel Canfield,
 Phineas H. Young,
 Samuel Rolfe,

Calvin W. Stoddard,
 Josiah Fuller,
 Erastus Rudd,
 Isaac G. Bishop,
 Roswell Murray,
 Benjamin Wells,
 Nehemiah Harman,
 Oliver Wetherby,
 Thomas Hancock,

Josuah Grant,
 William Draper,
 Ransom Van Leuven,
 Tunis Rappellee,
 John Reed,
 Samuel Wilcox,
 Benjamin Johnson,
 Joseph B. Bosworth.

The blessings and ordinations of particular individuals of the foregoing were as follows:—Reynolds Cahoon, Jacob Bump, and Artemus Millet, were blessed with the blessings of heaven and a right in the house of the Lord in Kirtland, agreeable to the labor they had performed thereon, and the means they had contributed.

Alpheus Cutler, Asa Lyman, Josiah Butterfield, Noah Packard, Jonas Putnam, and Isaac Hill received the same blessing. The blessing referred to was according to each man's labor or donation.

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