

21 September 1859 transcription:

the testimony of eight witnesses
to the book of mormon,

be it known unto all nations, kindreds,
tongues, and people, unto whom this work shall
come, that joseph smith, junior, the trAnslator of
this work, has shown 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
shown 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.

christian whitmer,
jacob whitmer,
peter whitmer, jr.,
john whitmer,
hiram page,
joseph smith, sen.,
hyrum smith,
samuel h. smith.

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With differences in red (ignoring small capitals,
and hyphenation for word wrapping).

THE TESTIMONY OF EIGHT WITNESSES

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That Joseph Smith, Jun., the translator of this
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Smith has translated, we did handle with our
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Peter Whitmer, <u>Jun</u>	Hyrum Smith
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