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Rose before 5.35 BATH. BREAKFAST WITH ELDER DUKE. 21 MEALS for \$3.00 and it is good food. Out about 5 MILES E of K. Sels and made a view of the Big Blue the Elders. Jowe & Duke along. Made the neg near THE M.P. & B. RR. 3 RR2 cross the stream here very muddy and sluggish. Centropolis a suburb of Kansas 1/4 mile north of where made the neg, met Elder Osborne Richm¹⁵ who got me special rate to Richmond, WITH Elder Duke & Thos. B. Lowe visited some friends Mrs. Chapman & daughter also Mrs and had dinner with them.

also at the stock yards which is across the yard Road. Elder Duke went with me to depot and assisted in getting things to depot. left about 6 length junction. Richmond about 9.35. Bed at Mrs Behrens

South side see photo sound whitmer head 1888 aged 20 years

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Monument of David Whitmer

West side has Bible & Bk of Mormon on top. The Record of the Jews and the Record of the nephites are one

Truth is Eternal Father & Mother

Whitmer

North side Julia a whitmer head Feb 25 1889 aged 17 1/2 YRS. 18 109

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Philander A. Page^{elder} who gave me the above signature said was present at the death bed of Oliver Cowdery and his Father^{Wm Page} was nurse, Oliver conversed with the Brethren and reaffirmed his testimony to the Book of Mormon and to be faithful to their testimony and to be faithful to their testimony he asked to be raised up, to bid fare well to his wife and daughter and now lay ^{say my head} down and let me breathe my last on Jesus Christ.

Was also present at the death bed of David Whitmer 3 or 4^{brother} Present Julia & David his children & his wife Schweich^{whitmer} Present and Grand Josephine VanCleave & Grandson Geo. Schweich, & his son, now school teacher sent for Dr Bucknara and ask if he was of sound mind as he wish to reaffirm his testimony of the Book of Mormon

The Dr. said he was perfectly Rational.

He reaffirmed his testimony to those Present and counseled them to be faithful to their ^{in Book of Mormon} testimony and the cause of Christ

+ to the witnesses testimony of the Book of Mormon,

Bro Page was also present at the Death Bed of the following 8. Witnesses + with John Whitmer during his last sickness, about a week, was firm to his testimony of the B. of M and it was frequently referred to during his last illness

John Whitmer sent for Bro Page & Elder John L. Whitmer & John Short he died at Far West Caldwell Co

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Jacob Whitmer 1 of the 8 Witnesses died at Richmond,

Was firm to his testimony See Picture of Monument in Old Cemetery

Hiram Page ^{about} died 15 miles west of Richmond at a place near that is now known as Excelsior Springs Father of Philander A. Page (he died in 1851)

Never faltered in his testimony about the plates and the characters often related to Philander when they had seen and passed thro men about David Whitmore, as related to me ^{B. P. A. Page} he closed his eyes in "at" death he opened his eyes and smiled as tho he met some one this was repeated 3 times made view of David Whitmer Tomb Stone see Page 26.

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Friday I rose early and found the directions to Ed. Whitmer's, son of John G. Whitmer who lives about 2 miles East of town. Anxious to get thro so went with out breakfast. Readily found the place or Whitmer said could not give me information I desired. Some things he did not believe that were taught and so he had taken no interest in them, not that he had anything against the people for my Father was one of the best men that ever lived. I don't think I want to preach over 2 or 3 times in my life. Recommended me to Francis M. Miller his neighbor who belonged to the church also Phulander H Page who he said were reliable and could no doubt tell me what I wished.

Mine. Coal on Ed Whitmer's Place.
Whitmer coal bed. shaft 40 feet deep.
coal 12" or 14" per ton, vein 24 in thick.
winning an entry so can come out on level. use gasoline engine to get out water. assist coal with horse, opened a yr. ago. 6 men at work. readily dispose of all they mine.
A number of mines in the neighborhood along the R.R. track.

Had a long chat with Francis M³⁷ Miller. See notes in book an address to all Believers in Christ he gave me. Mrs Miller was passing cards & preparing to entertain some children in the evening.

From Father Miller's went to Phulander H Page (about a 1/2 mile from Miller) son of Hiram Page 1 of 8. witnesses. see signature and notes on Pg 27

Father Page is really the head of the church of Christ, or first Elder, some times called the Whitmer des. See notes in some book with Francis M Miller ^{which I enjoyed very much in my breakfast} dinner with them and then went in horse back while I went in foot to Kentucky. see notes in this book & others. Mrs Page took me out home in buggy and I made neg of her & Father & Mother & home. and supper and bed at their request very kind. spent the evening until near 11 o'clock talking with Phulander Page. see notes.