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accounts. He was  
talking with G. W. Clark  
born of Independence

By Postoffice box 4  
is an <sup>of (Postoffice)</sup> ~~Postoffice~~ about  
2 1/2 miles from the  
City limit.

I also met J. W. Brock  
inbury and several  
others who gave me in-  
formation

At 6.48 P.M. I took  
the train for Sington  
and put up at the  
Larch Hotel

Thursday

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Took stage for Sing-  
ton Junction paying  
75 Cents for four miles  
then took train to  
Richmond and

after leaving my  
baggage at the Hotel  
near the depot went  
to the home of David  
Whitmer. I was met  
at the door by his son  
David John a man  
I should say of 45 years  
of age. I inquired  
if Father Whitmer  
was within and he  
in answer in the  
affirmative asked  
when I could see  
him, and was an-  
swered that it would  
be as convenient  
then as at any time.  
I was invited in  
and seated and he

Calling the old gentleman  
Mr. J. J. was informed  
that I could not be  
satisfied with a light  
talk upon the question  
of his testimony <sup>and the</sup>  
history of the transla-  
tion. Church history  
as the calls upon  
him were too numer-  
ous and taxing upon  
his intellectual condi-  
tion physically to  
admit of this.

The old gentleman  
was then called in  
and arising I in-  
troduced myself  
stating that I had  
come from Kansas  
City to see the man

who has been so favored  
of God as to have been  
visited by an angel <sup>and</sup>  
to have handled the golden  
plates (My recollection  
was at the time that his  
son said he did handle  
them)

After an exchange of  
friendly greetings <sup>and</sup>  
a few words about his  
physical health in which  
his son said (and he, I  
think assented) that the  
reporter of the Chi. Ex. Co.  
Seberum was not ad-  
mitted to his room  
nor did he have the  
interview reported in  
the Seberum. (He said  
the reporter was in town  
and had talked with  
members of the family

less that he was not  
admitted to the sick  
man's room as al-  
leged and that the report  
was in other respects  
inaccurate but his  
father did not wish to  
be always contradicting  
such reports and (to  
let the boss) I asked  
him if the table, which  
the Angel brought, and  
upon which the plates  
lay when he viewed them  
was a tangle and  
he said he did not touch  
it. It has the semblance  
of a table. He then ex-  
plained that he saw the  
plates and with his  
natural eyes but he

how to be prepared for  
it that he and the other  
witnesses were over-  
shadowed by the power  
of God and a halo of  
brightness in description

I then asked him if  
he ever handled the plates  
and he said he did not  
at any time. I refer-  
red to his going down  
after Joseph and Air-  
ma to bring the plates  
and then to Mr. Jochens and  
he said the plates were  
not in the wagon nor  
did he see them there  
at all during the years  
lot was in the hands of  
and Emma and Joseph and I saw the  
them to him and he described them and described  
Nephtali in the possession of  
of the angel during this  
time

The Manuscript, by re-  
quest, said to be the origi-  
nal Manuscript in the  
hand writing of Oliver  
Emma and Christian  
Whitman was brought  
out and articles being  
wrapped in a sheet of  
brown wrapping paper  
(or between a board and a  
buff the wrapper was)  
and being laid upon  
the table I examined the  
sheet as many as I chose  
also the paper of fo-  
per containing the  
Characters which were  
submitted by Martin  
Harris to Prof Aachen  
and the Custodian of  
the Clerk of the <sup>US</sup> District

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in the case of my ...

Southern

Course of the District  
of New York showing  
that Joseph had deposited  
the title to the book with  
him Clancy to be the  
author. The Clerk's name  
was R R Lansing

He affirmed his  
testimony as given  
to the board of Mormon  
both that he knew  
the plates and that  
the record was true  
according to the tes-  
timony of the Angel  
and I was under the  
impression as he told me  
that he had at some time  
claimed to have handled  
the plates, but I thought  
that possibly I might  
have been mistaken



and as he exhibits  
evidences of much de-  
bility I do not call  
his allegations to it

I had a pleasant chat  
of perhaps half an hour  
in which the old gentle  
man related the circum-  
stances of a very fine <sup>took</sup>  
in a man whose name was  
Adams, and who  
thinks he said came from  
Denver. Calling on  
him and in a very plain  
and way representing  
that he was Father  
and: that he also was  
Jesus and the Prophet  
Joseph: That he had  
been before the court  
several times in charge

several times in  
appears Cherokee

Had the Manuscript  
and records were his  
and he had come to get  
them and Commander  
John Whitman to let him  
have them

Mr Whitman said he  
did not recognize him  
as Joseph nor did he  
see any print of the nails  
nor wounds in his side  
(to which I subjected  
the man whether they  
might not have healed)  
and he said the man  
also appeared to have  
blood in his veins  
whereas Christ was sup-  
posed to have been spelt,  
and he therefore concluded  
that he was an impostor

In fact he said the man  
was then and there  
and he considered him  
an emissary of the  
devil

The man persisted in  
his demand and in his  
assurance that he was  
Adam Jackson and  
Joseph and so that  
the masses sent them  
finally in as del. col. &  
man as they could  
request him to with-  
draw or gave him to  
understand that his  
presence was not a-  
pproprate

Young Dowie said that  
preachers and many of  
the noble men of the south

the moon when of the rock

how viewed the M.S.S. and

that they represent themselves  
as feeling a reverence  
and upon the occasion

I subsequently  
had a lengthy Chat with  
David John upon his  
father's relation to the  
Church &c and upon  
the M.S.S. and His  
statement is that they  
were in Q. Cowley's  
possession and at  
his death were turned  
over to his father for  
safe keeping and have  
never since been in his  
possession. In the  
evening I took the Cars  
for Kansas City and put  
up at the Lindell Hotel