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they moved to Le Grange, Harden Co.
Kentucky, and there I was born Feb.
25. 1826. When I was 5 years old they
moved to Medina, Co. Ohio and when

I was seven years old they joined the Latter Day Saints. They were baptised by Parley P. Pratt one of the twelve apostles of the Church of Latter Day Saints. After 5 years they moved to Hancock Co. Ill. and in 1845 they moved to Nauvoo Ill. and the next spring, on Feb 5th, I was sent by my father to drive a team for Heber C. Kimball (who was next in power to Brigham Young) I knew not where. We crossed the Mississippi River on the ice and camped on Sugar Creek five miles west of the River and remained till Apr. 15 and then we moved slowly untill we reached the Missouri River, June 25, 1846. We remained there untill the 10th of July and then we had flat boats built

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We will send you one of our pictures which was taken just before our Golden wedding. If there is any farther information which you desire and which I can supply I will gladly give it. Be sure to answer if you receive this. Yours Truly a Pioneer.

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