

D E P O S I T I O N .

I, John Welch, being of mature years desire to leave to my friends and descendants the following statement:

I was born January 6th, 1823, at Derbyshire, England, and I served as an apprentice at the cutlery trade at Sheffield until I reached the age of majority. I was bapitized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the year 1841; emigrated to Nauvoo, Ill., in 1843 and to Salt Lake City in the year 1854. I was well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and heard him speak both in public and in private many times. I was present at the meeting in the grove at Nauvoo August 8th, 1844, when Sidney Rigdon made the claim that it was his right to assume the leadership and presidency of the church. I saw Brigham Young, then the President of the Twelve Apostles, stand up to speak to the people and he spoke with the voice of Joseph Smith; and I further declare and testify that he, Brigham Young, had the appearance of the Prophet Joseph Smith while he, Young, was talking; that I was convinced then, and have never doubted in all the intervening years from that time up to the present, that Brigham Young was the right man and the man chosen of God to lead the Church. And I further testify that all his successors down to Joseph F. Smith, who at present stands at the head and presides over the Church, were called, chosen and ordained of God so to do.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Logan City in the County of Cache and State of Utah, this

5th day of July A.D. 1902.

John Welch (SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July A.D. 1902.

