

How *The Book of Mormon* Came to Pass  
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March 5--Died in Friendship, at 2:00 O'clock A. M. Saturday February 27  
1886. Mrs. Sidney Rigdon aged 86 years. Deceased was the wife of the late  
Sidney Rigdon, credited with being the author of John Smith's Mormon bible.  
At the time of her death she was stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel  
Spears. In Friendship she was widely known, and will be mourned by a vast  
number of friends. Funeral services were held at the residence Sunday after-  
noon and the remains were laid to rest in Maple Grove cemetery.

**Figure 37.** A snippet from the typed field notes of Arlene Hess.