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William Snow was born at St. Johnsbury, Caledonia county, Vermont, on December 14, 1806, the son of Levi and Lucine Streeter Snow. He stayed there until he was about twenty-one years of age when he went to Orleans county, Vermont and bought a farm. It was here that he first heard the gospel when Orson Pratt and Lyman E. Johnson came there as missionaries. He embraced the gospel with joy and was baptised in May 1832. It seemed so plain to him that he thought he could convince everyone. He was ordained a Priest in Sept. 1832 and went as a missionary to the vicinity of his old home. Here he soon found out that others could not see the right as he did though he succeeded in converting all of his father's family with the exception of the father and two sons.

Once while at his sister, Lucine's home in Newport, her infant child was in severe convulsions as the result of an overdose of paragonic and the doctor said there was no hope for the child, but William laid hands on and administered to it. The child was almost instantly healed. When he went home his brother, Charles, had cut his foot severely and had not been able to put it to the floor but after William administered to him he immediately walked, to the surprise of all present. These are only two instances of his remarkable faith and gift of healing which he possessed to a marked degree.

He was first married in 1832 and gathered with the saints in Missouri; suffered all the mobbing and privations of those times; was one of the favored few who had their endowments in the Nauvoo

Temple. He came with the rest to Council Bluffs, Iowa and stayed there assisting others to come to the valley of the Mountains. His first wife died from exposure in Missouri and he afterward obeyed the principle of plural marriages. In 1852 he came to Salt Lake where he assisted Judge Elias Smith and Albert Carrington in framing the first laws of Utah. He was Justice of the Peace in Salt Lake and was active in all religious and civil matters. He was one of the men left to burn Salt Lake when the army came.

Later William Snow moved to Lehi where he built homes for his families. He was made Probate Judge of Utah County, and was elected to the Legislature when the state capital was at Fillmore. In 1865 he was called to help colonize in Dixie. Although he was just getting comfortably situated he obeyed the call, and in November 1865 left Lehi, coming through snow most of the way, being six weeks on the journey, and arriving in Pine Valley on Christmas Eve. Here he found a two roomed house belong to his brother, Erastus, which he thankfully moved in to for the rest of the winter.

He was appointed Bishop of the little ward very soon after this and held the position until his death in 1879. During this time the people moved to a new townsite where they built a new meeting and school house first, and later on built a larger one which was very good for those days and is still very good and still is being used (1931) Snow was again elected to the Legislature from Washington County in 1869. At this time the capitol had been moved to Salt Lake City. For several years he was Probate Judge of Washington County. He was always interested in his fellowmen and was ever ready to help those in need. He married six wives and was the father of 26 children, 23 of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. He was ordained a patriarch. He died at the age of 72, May 19, 1879.