

# The Original Quorum of the Twelve Part II

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8. William Smith - The brother of Joseph Smith. He is faithful through the Kirtland Safety Society. When he was a child he had a fault that he never corrects- a bad temper. Several times he beats up Joseph. When they were younger he was able to use this to run mobbers out of their house. The most famous incident of him beating up Joseph was in Nauvoo over the issue of plural marriage. He was one of the few in the quorum of the twelve that wasn't invited to live plural marriage, and he was one of the few who wanted to. Joseph was beaten so badly that he couldn't walk for days. William falls after the death of his brothers Joseph & Hyrum. He falls when giving patriarchal blessings, he introduces a new doctrine into patriarchal blessings called "spiritual wifery", announces in their blessing that different women will be blessed to be married to him in the next life. This was not a true doctrine. Brigham calls William in and tells him to repent. William's response is "What is a Young telling a Smith what to do?" Ultimately he loses his membership and forms a break-off church in Kentucky. Brigham Young's opinion of William's church was that he was "president, quorum of the twelve etc." He said that he was leader pro-temp and would then have Joseph Smith III lead the church, this became the Community of Christ. William has several unsuccessful marriages and dies outside the faith.
9. Orson Pratt - he doesn't fall apart during the KSS era, he makes it all the way to Nauvoo. Called on a mission to England. Puts a renter named John C. Bennett in his house as a renter in the Pratt home while he's on his mission. When he comes home his wife isn't overjoyed to see him, and she has connived with John C. Bennett that she will say that she's had issues with Joseph Smith. Orson goes to Joseph and asks to have his name off the records of the church. Orson will not listen to Joseph. Orson comes home and realizes that his wife's issue was not Joseph but John C. Bennett. Orson decides that he is going to commit suicide by drowning in the Mississippi River because he feels so bad about what he's done. As he goes down to do so he tells his wife. She cannot dissuade him. She goes to Joseph and tells him what has happened, interrupts a meeting and sends everyone to find Orson. He is rebaptized and put back in the quorum of the twelve. He serves 16 missions in the British Isles. In the end he is passed up for being the prophet because Wilford Woodruff had served more years of continual faithfulness. Orson and his wife divorced. Whenever he set apart missionaries in the Midwest he asked them to find his wife and children and they never found him.
10. The Johnson Brothers - Luke Johnson & Lyman Johnson (12) - The night of the tarring and feathering Father Johnson and his sons sell out of Hyrum, Ohio and go to Kirtland and put all of their money into the KSS. They were the biggest investors in the KSS and had always been very well to do. Their father overnight seems to lose his health. They decide that when they get their money back THEN they will go and find the church, as the church moves to Missouri. Luke stays out of the church for 8 years, sees both of his parents die and never gets his money back. Finally goes to Nauvoo and meets with Brigham Young and his comment is "Have you eaten corn husks long enough?" (allusion to the Prodigal Son). One of the original part of the pioneers. Brigham Young sent him to Tooele. Luke Johnson was the sheriff there and the people loved him so much that they set up a place called St. Johns. He is never considered to fill a position in the quorum of the twelve. Lyman also leaves the church, stays in Kirtland and becomes very bitter towards Joseph Smith and all of Mormonism. When his brother goes to Nauvoo, he goes to Iowa and becomes a judge. He would make life miserable for any of the saints that came before him. Goes up to Lake Michigan and goes tobogganing, the ice cracks, everyone gets out except for Lyman that drowns.
11. John F. Boynton - He is the only one in the quorum of the twelve that had graduated from college at Columbia. Joins the church in Ohio. Faithful member of the church until KSS. Didn't have much money in the bank but he had a dream that it would be successful. Left the church and joined the church that owned the Kirtland Temple. Whips Brigham Young out of the temple and chases him for 100 miles. Then finally stops and says he will quit religion forever because it's not bringing out the best in him. Decides instead to turn to science. He is an amazing scientist. He has 37 patents. He is the inventor of the fire extinguisher, soda fountain, father of the torpedo, sent by the US government to San Francisco to invent a levy system that got a sunken ship out of the harbor, invented a tar for roofs. Married his second wife in a hot air balloon over NYC. He formed one of the first family history societies in America.

Sent the names to Orson Pratt and said they could use them in the temple. Brigham sends missionaries to find John F. Boynton, who agrees to come to SLC at Brigham's expense, and wanted to bring his inventions with him. When Brigham hears that John would come he sends word up and down and tells the members of the church to come and help him come back to the church. Finally after the end of the three weeks Brigham asks him to stay, and says that if he left he would go home to die. By the time he got home he had a shooting pain. Finally he writes in his will and demands an autopsy. He died of appendicitis. All of his posterity are still out of the church.

The question is : would we have fallen? The ones who fell in this day were the leaders, not the regular members of the church.

Jane Manning- not in the church during the KSS. She was African-American, never a slave but always a servant. One day some LDS missionaries stop by the home where she was serving. The missionaries give the family a book of mormon, but they were not interested. They wouldn't give her a book because they could only give it to someone who could learn how to read, but she had learned to read. She read the Book of Mormon and shared it with her family. They decide to go to Nauvoo on barges but are turned down by the barge masters on account of their race. They decide that if they have to walk all the way to Nauvoo they'll do it. They ended up walking barefoot walking hundreds of miles. When they get close Joseph has heard of them and demands that the family is brought to him. He gathers his friends to hear her story. When she finishes he turns to John Burnheisel and asks "have you ever seen such faith in all the house of israel" Asks the people to take parts of the family into their homes. Jane stays with the prophet. She stays long enough that Emma offers that she can stay in Nauvoo, but Jane decides to go to SLC to be with the saints. Jane pays her tithing by giving one day in ten working on the temple. Finally she came to the conclusion that since many of her friends were receiving her endowments and she goes to Brigham and asks for her endowment. Brigham becomes very emotional and says, "the time is not yet." She gets angry and says she will outlive him, but continues to build the temple. When Brigham Young dies she goes to see John Taylor, she had been one of the people to nurse him back to health. John said that he owed her his life, but the time was still not right, and she said she would outlive him as well. In the meantime she goes to Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow. She is one of the very last people alive who knew Joseph Smith. She goes to Joseph Fielding Smith, they knelt together and Joseph received a revelation personal for Jane, that the time was not right, but when the time was right she would be one of the first. She tells Joseph that she cannot outlive him, and she doesn't. In 1978 Sister Black was able to go through the temple for Jane Manning.