

Bro. George by request I will write a few more lines to you. mother is very sick something like lung feaver. She says she is thankful that God has spared her life until she can correct the falsehoods that is being circulated concerning her testimony. She received a letter from Elder Lewis of Michigan stating that he was an Elder of our Church. He sent the copy of the certificate from the Strangite pamphlet with the signatures of Wm. B. Smith Seer own and Arthur and Lucy Millikin, Lucy Smith Mother of the Prophet Joseph. She replied to the Elder stating that the whole thing was forgery, also that her Mother was present at the counsel when the present Joseph Smith was ordained and set a part to lead the Church by his Father the week before he was killed at Carthage. She says you can see the inconsistency of signing such a document. She says her nor any of her people ever signed such a paper in support of Strang or any other false leader as they all looked forth to Joseph taking his Father's place.

/s/ Yours for truth  
Josephine Salisbury

Fountain Green, Illinois  
February 10, 1898

George Lambert,

Dear Sir:

Your letter received last night and was read and in reply will say I never signed any paper certifying to the calling of any man to take my brother's place as leader of the church, but Joseph the Son we all understood would take his father's place. The statement herein written I give to you and to whom it may concern that my nephew Joseph Smith is the proper successor of his father as leader of the Church.

Salisbury

Fred Salisbury, Witness.