

The Making of a Mormon Miracle:

Deconstructing the Transfiguration of Brigham Young

THE EVENT:
AUGUST 8, 1844



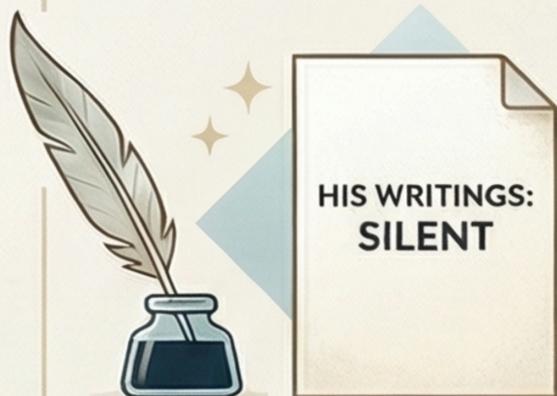
A Complete Lack of Contemporary Evidence

Not a single journal, letter, or newspaper from the day mentions any miraculous transfiguration.



Key Leaders Were Silent

Wilford Woodruff wrote seven pages about the event with no mention of a miracle.



Brigham Young Never Wrote About It

The person who supposedly experienced the transfiguration never recorded it in his own writings.

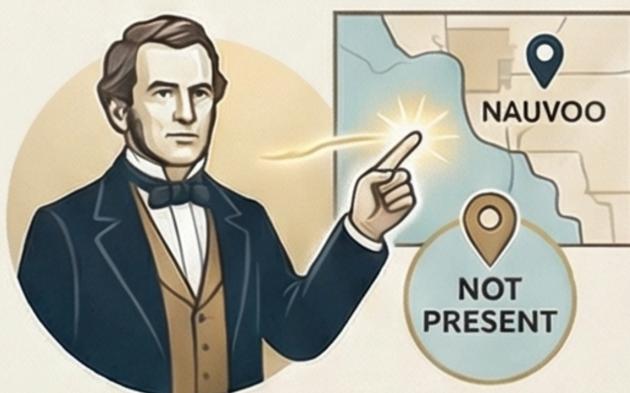
THE MYTH EVOLVES:
7+ YEARS LATER



1844 1851

The Story First Appears After 7 Years

The first known written accounts begin to surface in personal journals around 1851.



An Apostle's False Eyewitness Account

Apostle Orson Hyde later testified to seeing the miracle, but records confirm he was not in Nauvoo that day.



A Diary Was Retroactively Edited

A diary used as "proof" was found to be a copy rewritten years later to include the story.