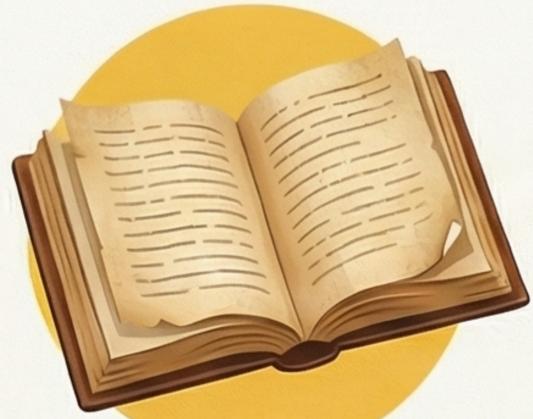


# Questionable Testimonies: The 'Other' Witnesses of the Golden Plates

Beyond the official witnesses, other accounts reveal significant inconsistencies, contradictions, and late-appearing narratives.

## Inconsistent Physical Accounts



Emma Smith described plates as "pliable like thick paper."

She claimed they rustled with a metallic sound when thumbed like a book.



Josiah Stole saw a corner resembling a "stone of a greenish cast."

This description of color and material contradicts all other witness accounts.



Orson Pratt later added a detail of "black hard stain" on the engravings.

No other witness, including Joseph Smith, ever mentioned this detail.



## Late & Contradictory Stories



49 YEARS



Mary Whitmer's story first appeared 49 years after the event.

It was recorded 20 years after her death and foisted by her relatives.



118 YEARS



Katherine Smith's account was recorded 118 years later.

Told by her grandson, the story exists in multiple, conflicting versions.



The Church website lists these "other witnesses" to bolster credibility.

It presents their claims without mentioning the problematic nature of their testimonies.