

FIFTIETH YEAR.

# MARTYRDOM OF JOSEPH SMITH.

## Fifty-fifth Anniversary of His Assassination and That of His Brother Hyrum.

The Tragedy Enacted at Carthage, Illinois, June 27, 1844.

It is now five years since the half-century mark since Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and his brother Hyrum, were assassinated at Carthage, Illinois. The fifty-fifth anniversary of that terrible deed occurred on June 27th and though most of those who were contemporaries with the Prophet have passed away, and two generations of "Mormons" have succeeded them, the history remains as vividly impressed upon the minds of all believers in the "doctrine" taught by Joseph Smith, as though they had been witnesses in the tragedy. To thousands of people, here and elsewhere, however, the killing story will be unfamiliar, and it

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Carthage Jail, Illinois, where Joseph and Hyrum Smith were killed.



JOSEPH SMITH.

Two Nauvoo artists, William W. Maule, now afterwards died in Utah and another named Manning, executed oil paintings of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. Over three years prior to their martyrdom. A very few of those artists now remain: one of Hyrum is in the possession of Mr. Patterson, John Smith, President of the Church, and the other is in the possession of Mr. Manning, who is now in the possession of Mr. Manning.

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HYRUM SMITH.

The brother of Joseph, and the first Patriarch of the Church, was born in Treadwell, Orange county, Vt., on February 5, 1806. He was the father of President Joseph F. Smith and Patriarch John Smith, though they were the sons of different mothers. Hyrum's mother was the second wife of his father, and she was named Sarah.

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