

Table 3.F Beginning text of The Book of Omni

The printer's manuscript diction and spelling¹

line numbers added

11	The Book of Omni Chapter first ----- Behold it came to pass that I Om
12	-ni being commanded by my father Jarom that I should write somewhat upon these
13	plates to preserve our genealogy wherefore in my days I would that ye should know that
14	I fought much with the sword to preserve my People the Nephites from falling into the hands
15	of their enemies the Lamanites but behold I of myself am a wicked man & I have not ke
16	-pt the statutes & the commandments of the Lord as I ought to have done & it came
17	to pass that two hundred & seventy & six years had passed away & we had many seasons of pea
18	-ce & we had many seasons of serious war & bloodshed yea & in fine twohundred & eight & two

The 1830 printed edition diction, spelling and punctuation²

THE BOOK OF OMNI.

CHAPTER I.

Behold, it came to pass that I, Omni, being commanded by my father Jarom, that I should write somewhat upon these plates, to preserve our genealogy; wherefore, in my days, I would that ye should know that I fought much with the sword, to preserve my people, the Nephites, from falling into the hands of their enemies, the Lamanites. But behold, I, of myself, am a wicked man; and I have not kept the statutes and the commandments of the Lord, as I ought to have done.

And it came to pass that two hundred and seventy and six years had passed away, and we had many seasons of peace; And we had many seasons of serious war and bloodshed.—

¹ Skousen, ed., *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, Part One*, 276 (manuscript page 113).

² Smith, *The Book of Mormon* (1830), 148.

Printer's manuscript analysis

Title: The Book of Omni

Title appositive:

Chapter designation: Chapter first

Introductory declaration:

Content synopsis

being commanded by my father Jarom that I should write somewhat upon these plates to preserve our genealogy

Contextual statement of chronology

my days

two hundred & seventy & six years had passed away

Societal description

I fought much with the sword to preserve my People the Nephites from falling into the hands of their enemies the Lamanites

we had many seasons of peace & we had many seasons of serious war & bloodshed

Verification

I Omni

I fought much with the sword to preserve my People the Nephites

I have not kept the statutes & the commandments of the Lord as I ought to have done