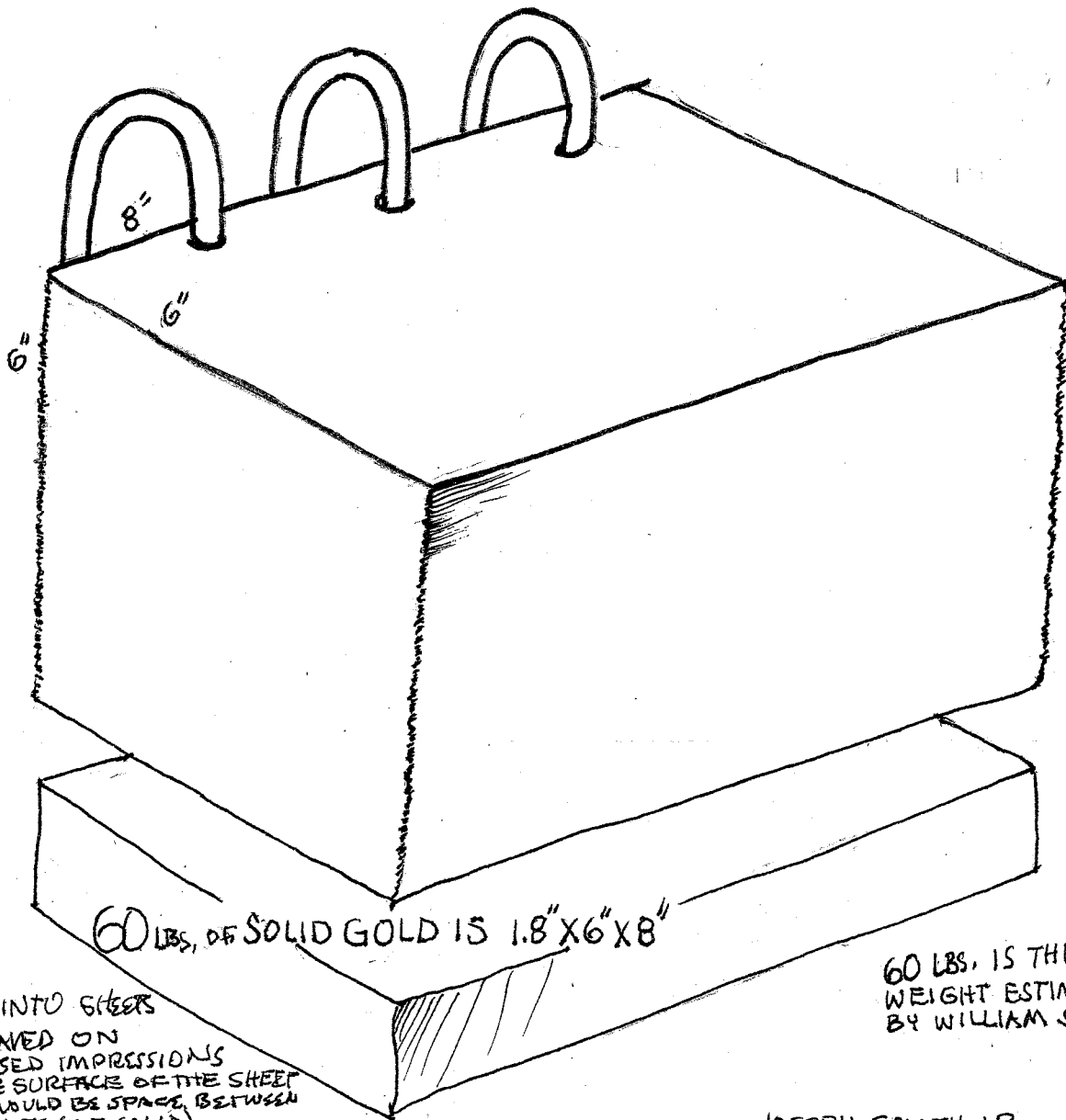


HARMONIZING THE WEIGHT AND THE SIZE OF THE PLATES



1. MADE INTO SHEETS
2. ENGRAVED ON PRESSED IMPRESSIONS ON THE SURFACE OF THE SHEET THERE WOULD BE SPACE BETWEEN THE SHEETS (NOT SOLID) THE SHEETS WOULDN'T LAY PERFECTLY FLAT:

1/8" AND THINNER, ALL DONE BY HAND.
 BEATEN BETWEEN "GOLD BEATERS SKIN" MADE OF THE INTESTIN OF AN OX. (WORLD BOOK)
 THE EGYPTIANS COULD POUND GOLD MUCH THINNER.

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 A CROSS SECTION VIEW

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60 LBS. IS THE WEIGHT ESTIMATED BY WILLIAM SMITH.

JOSEPH SMITH JR EXCAPED CARRYING THE PLATES IN A SACK. CRITICS OF THE RESTORATION SAID THAT SIZE OF GOLD WOULD BE TOO HEAVY.

SOME WITNESSES SAID THEY HAD THE APPEARANCE OF GOLD. THERE IS A RECORD IN THE BOOK OF MORMON OF 24 PLATES OF PURE GOLD. WHY GOLD FOR SACRED RECORDS? IT DOES NOT TARNISH.