

HERE IS THE LETTER FROM

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It was read at the family
reunion held September 6,
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September 3, 1975

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GIFFORD FAMILY

Dear Friends:

As one who is very grateful, may I express the gratitude of the Kimball family that your ancestor, Alpheus Gifford, was so responsible for bringing our ancestor into the Church.

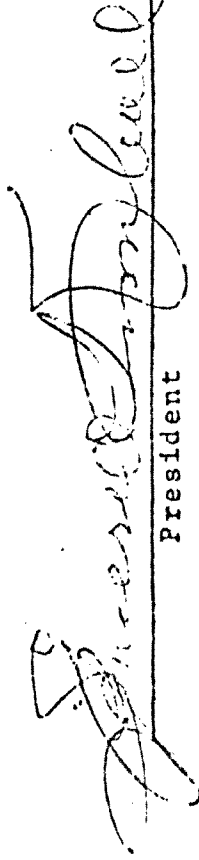
I believe in family reunions and believe that much good can be accomplished by the association of family members to recount the stories of the family and keep them fresh in the memory of the people of the family.

I hope also that the members of your family will keep records of their own lives and the lives of their family members. Such biographies and autobiographies become very precious as time goes on and generations succeed each other.

Please accept my best wishes, and may I express appreciation for the other members of the Kimball family and also for the Church for your faithfulness and devotion and loyalty.

With kindest wishes,

Faithfully yours,


President

Spencer W. Kimball

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This fall issue of the Gifford Informer represents a major step in a program begun several months ago. Included are genealogy sheets on Alpheus Gifford, the progenitor in our family who baptized Heber C. Kimball into the Church, and his son Samuel Kendall Gifford. Also included are sheets on members of Samuel Kendall Gifford's family.

The significance of this effort is that it will aid many of our family in the completion of their four-generation family group sheets. In some instances you will be able to put your father's and mother's names on a sheet, complete your own, and begin sheets for your own families. This could be the beginning of six or seven generations of family records.

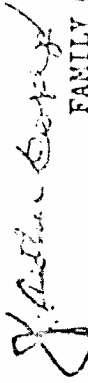
The other important item included in this issue of the Informer is a letter from President Spencer W. Kimball of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, thanking members of the Gifford Family for the influence of Alpheus Gifford in bringing his grandfather into the Church. The letter was read at the family reunion held in September in Zion Canyon and has been reproduced for inclusion in our publication.

We would like to suggest that family group sheets which are in your direct line can be extracted from the Informer and reproduced for members of your families. Also the letter might be of interest to more family members than those who subscribe to the organization news-letter. These items would make wonderful additions to any book of remembrance.

As we reflect on the benefits of our two reunions we are impressed that more than 200 persons attended the meetings. This is an important link in the family organization, keeping those interested in genealogy in communication one with another. During the year organization officers have met nearly every month to plan the reunions, assemble the Informer and collect news items which might be of interest to family members.

This reunion attendance of 200 is significant, frequently we have had 15 to 18 persons attending the executive meetings. But, we have noted another interesting happening which we would like to call to your attention. Several families have held reunions this year within their own intimate family groups. At these meetings as many as 25 to 35 or 40 persons have been in attendance, this usually included parents, sons and daughters and grandchildren. Sometimes there were great-grandchildren present as well.

If we consider the number of families who could begin these smaller reunions, we can envision dozens of reunions with hundreds and hundreds of family members becoming better acquainted. We would like to propose that you consider the possibility of your own family reunion during this coming year and let's see how many families we can bring closer together.



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HISTORY OF LIBERTY SMITH Sr.

our Mother's name is Mother

I was born in Springfield, Franklin Co., Mass. in Nov 18, 1804. When I was one year old my parents moved to Nelson, Madison Co., New York. When I was 7 years old my father died leaving a family of nine children. My mother being of no means of living had to send a number of her children from home to live. At the age of twelve years I was sent 12 miles to live with a stranger by the name of Dolphes Jddy. One year after there was a revival of religion and I joined the Baptist Church. I lived there till I was 14 years old when my mother and oldest brother wished me to come home. I therefore went home to live. One year after I took my pack on my back and went 160 miles to where I was born to the town of Ashfield, Mass. to live with Mr. King in order to learn the carpentry and joiners trade. There was a Presbyterian Church near by where I lived with a large bell in it that I could hear daily. It was five miles to the Baptist Church in the north east corner of town. Altho I was only 16 or 17 years old yet I was so zealous in the faith of the Baptist Church that I went there on foot and alone a good deal of my time to meeting. Perhaps one half and perhaps more were of my relatives, uncle and great uncles, cousins, and great cousins and my great uncle. My Grandfather Smith, most 80 years old was their preacher and had been perhaps for more than 35 years. After living there between 2 and 3 years I went with Bro. Alfred, who had lived there for a number of years. (Note: A corner of this page has been torn off; so the next four sentences will be incomplete) back to Nelson on a visit. My friends counsilled...back I staid and went to school that winter...board nite and morning in the spring...for a man by the name of Mr. very...by the month or by the job till I was 2....

The following winter the yr 1837 Father John Smith (Dr to Joseph Smith Sr., the Prophet's father) I sold him a span of horses for (I think) 100 dollars. I was to have land in Missouri for it. Before I got there he with all the rest of the Saints was driven from the state under an exterminate orders by Jogs the Governor. The following spring 1837 the whole Church, The Letter Day Saints, was driven from Kirtland. They went to Farwest, in the state of Missouri, being desirous to gether with the Saints. My father-in-law and myself took 12 acres of land to clear to get some means to help us to move to Missouri, the place of gathering of the saints.

The first of Oct. I started with a team in company with Vester Steadford and Isaac Cutereck. We had good weather good roads and good health to Richmond, Indiana. From there to Terre Haute I think it was the worst road that I had traveled. It rained and snowed most of the time which made it very disagreeable as we had to camp in our wagons. About this time we commenced to hear all manner of reports from Missouri. It being the same fall that the saints were driven from the State. We got to Indianapolis we heard that they had got Br. Joseph the Prophet in jail and a number of others of our leaders and that they had received their sentence to be hung and all the rest was to leave the State. It was common after that, when we met strangers, for us to receive the following salutations (they talking us to be Mormons) well friends you may as well take the back track for they have got old Jo and they are going to hang them. But these statements scared but idle tales to us. We continued our journey till we got to Rochester, Ill. 6 miles east of Springfield, Ill. We stopped over Sunday.

In the morning we left our teams and families and went to Springfield, there being a branch of the Church there. There we found out the truth that they had too. Prophet in jail and a number of others and that the governor had given orders to have the saints driven from the state by Apr. or have them all exterminated; which orders the mob called the Militia was determining to have carried out. Before I moved from there one of my oxen died by being choked. Br. Steadford moved to Springfield. My Br.-in-law and myself moved 3 miles north into a double log house, if you can imagine, without a door, a window or a chimney, but we soon made it quite comfortable. Here we found two families of Mormons, Mr. Arnold Stevens and Dr. Joseph Coons. Shortly after we got here Dr. Alford Woodruff came here with a small company from the State of Maine. Dr. Woodruff joined with me in making shingles and other work till spring. In the last of March Dr. Woodruff moved to Quincy, Ill.; when he left I bought him a five dollar hat and gave him 30 dollars for him to apply it where he thought it was the most needed as many of the Saints that was driven were in a suffering condition. Previous to this there had been a revelation given to this effect that at the Apr. Conference, Apr. 6th 1839, they should commence to build the temple and from that place start to go to nations of the earth to preach the gospel and etc. (They the twelve) and some others want to Missouri and Farwest and fulfilled the above revelation to the very letter by commencing the temple and laying the corner stone and then the master workman joined the work till a more convenient time.

I will give the name of Brothers and sisters with there husbands. My oldest sisters name is Deborah. She married Abraham Reed. My oldest brother is David. His

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wife's name is Susannah House (my cousin). My other third child name is Candace; she married Crestus Sherman. My next sisters name is Pricilla, she married Noble Henmon. The next is Alfred. His wife name is Rody Root (he died soon after they were married), Moses his wife name is Unice Ferner, Zaphranich his wife name I do not know. Jonina, the youngest, her husband's name is Eliot Mason.

Soon after I was 21, I went to Wyleston, N.Y. and bought 60 acres of land near where my Dr.-in-law, C. Sherman lived. The after I got married after four months and 11 days acquaintance. My wife name is Esther Dutcher. We were married May 11, 1826. She was born on 11 Jan 1811 in Cherry Valley, N.Y. We lived in Wyleston, Oswego, N.Y. 10 years in that time we had 3 children. Our first child was born Aug. 1, 1828. His name is Amariah. The next was born Jan 1832. Her name is Emily H. The next was born Dec 21st 1833 named Candace. Our 4th child was born in Nauvoo Hancock Co., Ill, in Sept. 21st 1844. His name is Joseph 5th and last by my first wife was born in Salt Lake City on my 9th 1849. Her name is Esther.

(Note: A corner of the page is torn off. The following few sentences are unfinished) Cold and very snowy one snow storm which...the snow fell 5 feet that perhaps will satisfy...of a new place it was not only cold and...but so cold and frosty summers that...not raise wheat and other crops very poor. The summer I lived in Helys settlement. I took up 10 acres of farming land on unbroken prairie and fenced it, broke it, and put it in in the fall. I got materials for a house 16 by 22 feet, not only the frames but the roofing, flooring, siding, window frames. Yes and the window sashes. This country at this time was very new. I think it was 16 or 20 miles to a sawmill. I took the wheel of it to the river ready to take it across as soon as the river froze over. In Sep. my wife was sick with the scarlet fever 3 weeks. The first of Jan 1841 I commenced to take over my house, the river being froze. My team was the first that crossed that winter when I got my frame (for it was framed) and all the materials across; I then moved my family across and moved in with my Dr.-in-law, Isaac Outorcork. This winter my wife had a serious time with the winter fever. I put my house and finished it sufficient to move in to it Apr. 6, 1841. On this day commenced the annual conference. The first day was laid the corner stone of the temple.

Dr. Joseph at this conference spoke on many things that was new to the saints. He spoke quite lengthly on the baptism for the dead and proved from the Bible that the saints in the days of the apostles not only believed in the doctrine, but they practiced the same as you will find in the first book of the ephis, 15 chapters. Acceptance for the remission of sins; and many other things that was comforting to the saints. In the summer of the same year Amariah was sick 7 or 8 months with the fever and ague. This year we got a charter for the city of Nauvoo and a charter for a military organization called the Nauvoo Legion. I belonged to the invincible company some times called the Red Coats or the Invincibles.

From the first of my living in Nauvoo till Sep 1842 I supported my family mostly by teaming. At that date I being called on with many others to go on a mission. I therefore sold my horse team for one I got a joke or even the other I sold for things to help my family. This call for a mission was made at a special conference. There was Elders appointed to most of the states and some in Canada. Dr. Joseph Arnold and myself were appointed to go to N. Y. Madison Co. and in that region. Accordingly so arranged as to make our families comfortable and was ready to start Sep 12, 1842.

On the above date we started with our valises under our arms without purse or script (tho I was quite unwell) and went that 18 miles to Carthage, the place where the Prophet and Hyrum were murdered. That week we went to Springfield. It being 133 miles. The next week we past thru Paris, crossed the Wabash River, staid over night at the Dr. Doc Haderset in Terre Haute and past thru Richmond the capitol of Indiana, it being 200 miles in 3 weeks.

On Sep 26, this week past thru Dayton, heard Mr. Clay make a speech to 100,000 people. Held meeting in the evening, stayed over Sunday in Richmond. Thru the week traveled 44 miles making to this date 477 miles.

Oct 10, the last two weeks we traveled over 200 miles, hold 3 meetings, wrote a letter to my wife, got to Paris Portage Co., in Ohio, arrived to where my wife's father (Thomas Dutcher) lived and made him a visit.

Sunday, the 16th the past week we traveled 90 miles, got my Uncles Zedec. Smith in Pennsylvania. I spent two days visiting him and my cousins in that place. They treated me kindly tho none of them could receive the gospel.

Oct 23, we got to my brother, Zephaniah's, in Sherrango Co., N.Y. While there I preached twice. I spent one day and evening with Uncle Solomon Smith and family. While conversing with my Uncle and his sons; they confessed that I taught the same doctrine that the Saviour and his Apostles taught as revealed in the Bible but says that this is not taught now. I told them that for that reason for not teaching his gospel, but teaching instead, there of the commands of God they were all rejected.

Nov. 7, the last 2 weeks traced 162 miles hold 3 meetings, got to my Dr.-in-law, Elliott Mason. He married my youngest sister Jennie. I preached 2 in there school house; was opposed by a man who professed to know old Joe Smith and the whole

family, knew him to be a false prophet and a deceiver. By being asked, said should think that he was between 60 and 70 yrs old. dark complexion and a very short, small man. Though the truth of the matter was that Bro. Joseph Smith was only 37 years old and very tall and heavy man, was at that time over 200 lbs. and light complexion; so he proved himself to be a liar, knowing nothing about them.

Nov. 14 (10th week) we held two meetings. We traveled 82 miles.

Nov. 21 (the 11th week) we spent a short time in a branch called the Post Branch. Br. Joseph Cammel presided. They helped us to a pair of boots each. We preached there 4 times.

Monday, Nov. 28th, it being 12 weeks since we left home and the last two weeks we came not far from 100 miles of making upwards of 1100 miles from Nauvoo to Nelson. At the above date I arrived at my Bro. Davids where I lived in my boyhood. I found him and his family most well.

Dec. 1st, 1842, Nelson, Madison Co., N.Y., I am now resting for a few days at my Bro. Davids where Mother lives. I found her very low most worn out with old age.

Davids oldest dau. Susanna, has been sick for two years most of the time confined to her bed. David was living with his second wife, a widow with 2 children. I could not get a chance to hold meetings in that neighborhood tho I did considerable preaching by there firesides this week. Bro. Arnold left me and went to visit a sister in west Coventry some 50 miles.

Mon. Dec. 5th. This week I went to Sandy Crick in Oswego Co. the distance 80 miles. I went to Bro.-in-law Onestus Sherman, found my sister Candance very low with consumption. In the evening I held a meeting.

Monday Dec. 12 to 26. As there had been no preaching in that neighborhood not by a Mormon Elder, and they being anxious to hear, I therefore preached a number of times in there schoolhouse to a crowded house. I was opposed by their Baptist Priest. He occupied most of his time in reading newspaper reports (which were all lies) and asking for signs and (etc). In my reply I showed him that it was a wicked and adulterous generation that sought after a signs and etc.

Jan. 1st, 1843. It is now most four months since I left home and by looking at my day book I find that I have traveled not less than 1443 miles and held about 30 meetings.

Jan. 2nd. Continued laboring in that neighborhood and in the vicinity preached when I had the opportunity but more frequent by the firesides of those that were my former friends. Visited a branch and some relatives in an adjacent town.

Jan. 3rd. I baptized Onestus Sherman and my sister Candace as she was very low with consumption she requested to be administered to and by the anointing and the laying on of hands in the name of Jesus Christ and the blessing of God thro faith she was made whole.

Jan. 9th. Went to Madison Co., met with Bro. Arnold and received a letter from my wife and a number of the Times and Seasons (a monthly religious paper). This was the first news that I had received from home since I had left. Also got 3 no. of the Vasp (a miscellaneous weekly newspaper). The letters as well as the papers stated that it was all peace in Nauvoo and a general time of health. This was good news as the newspapers was full of all kind of reports how that the City was all in an uproar and Old Jo (as the newspaper stated). had been tride for murder and was sentenced to be hung and c. Let me state here that the Prophet Joseph had been prosecuted upwards of 40 times but every instance he proved himself clear and innocent. These vexatious lawsuits cost thousands and I might say ten thousands of dollars. I wrote another letter to my wife.

Jan 31st. From the 9th to the last of the month I preached 14 times one place after meeting I proposed to leave for another appointment but was opposed by two men who said that it was dangerous to have such doctrine taught there but could not show where in I taught different from the Bible or where in I differed from the teachings of the Apostles. In the middle of January I went to hear a Millerite preach. His preaching reminded me of a saying of the old Prophets that God in the last days would sent them strong dilusions that they believe a lie that they may be damned and c.

Feb. 6th. This week was very stormy and blustering so that I could not fulfill all of my appointments. I preached but 3 times.

Feb. 20th. It is now six months since I left home. Bro. Arnold left me this week to go home. I stayed in that place (Co) after he left and preached a few times and baptized George Porter and his wife Harriet; and left many in the place believing.

Mar. 6th. Went back to Lebanon 25 miles and held 3 or 4 meetings and then went to Nelson. Held a meeting near my bro. Davids.

Mar. 13th. I left my bros. to go to Sandy Crick where I labored into the fall. There came a severe storm and blocked up the roads. When I got to Vienna at North Bay I had to stop. On inquiring I found that there had been no preaching by any Mormon in that place. They being anxious that I should reach I did so and tho it was very stormy there large schoolhouse was crowded. Stayed there 8 days and preached most all the time only when I was asleep. If it was not in public it was by fireside.

Mar. 27th. Went to Sandy Crick. My Bro.-in-law and my sister was gone to Nelson on a visit to mothers. When they got there they did not know her from when they last saw her they never expected to see her again alive for she was so poor and most dead with consumption. It was like one coming from the dead. I held a few meetings and baptized Alvin Wallace.

Apr. 10th. Preached there a few times more, went to Boyleston, where I once lived. Held a few meetings in that town. Spent most of that month preaching in that vicinity. Received a letter from my wife and some more papers. She wrote that they were all well. I wrote an answer. The last of the month I went back to Vienna North Bay.

May 8th. I left Vienna and went to my Mothers found her quite smart for her. My Bros. daughter Susan was still sick. By her request I administered to her and the doctor had told her that her sickness was such that she need not look for good health, but by the blessing of God she was made quite whole. As I had no chance to preach there I went where I had preached before. I held meetings and baptized 2 and then went to my sister Reads (her husband was dead) in Georgetown. Held a few meetings and then left on the 15th and went to Lebanon. Held a Conversation with Mr. Read there Baptist Priest at my bro-in-law. I went from there to Coventry held a few meetings and returned to Lebanon where I held more meetings. It was the same Church to which I belonged when young and lived with Dolphous Eddy. Before the meeting closed I asked the privilege of saying a few words and show the reason why I left the Baptist and joined the Latter-day Saints. As there was no one objected I took the liberty to preach a short discourse on the principles of the gospel (if I may so call it) in showing the difference between the Baptists and Mormons. I bore my testimony to the truth of the gospels taught by the Latter-day Saints and bore testimony that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, as soon as I mentioned of there being a prophet in the latter days there priest interrupted me which caused quite a stir in the meeting.

The first of June I left there and went to Vienna North Bay. I continued my labors in that place till July. I preached a good deal public and still more by there firesides. Baptized 3 and left many believing and organized them into a branch called the North Bay Branch. Ordained Bro. Powers a Priest, he was chosen to preside then names Elias Powers, Mary Powers, Israel Haden, Moses Haden, Sarah Grinnel, and Jane Marble.

July 1st. I left Vienna and went to my bro-in-laws as he was going to move to Nauvoo, I made arrangements to return with him.

July 5th. This morning I started for Nauvoo in company with Onetus and his family. The past Sephaniah (my bro) Uncle Solomon Smith and a number of my cousins Uncle Zodac Smith and my father-in-law Thomas Dutcher. Held meetings in some of the places and talked a good deal on the principles of the gospel. They treated me kindly but could not receive the gospel; We past also my younger sister Jemima Mason. There was nothing unusual transpired on our journey; we arrived in Nauvoo Aug. 22nd, 1843 so it took but 20 days of being on a year that I was gone. We arrived safe and sound and I found my family all well, and it was a general time of health and prosperity in Nauvoo.

I will state a few things concerning my mission. I preached upwards of one hundred times, baptized 14, organized a small branch where there had been no preaching before, and traveled most four thousand (4000) miles. I failed not to bare my testimony to the Gospel as taught by the Latter Day Saints and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the Lord, and tho I was often opposed in my meetings I was never disturbed. I will mention one case as an illustration. One place where I was going to preach there Baptist Priest said that he was going to go and use up the Mormon Elder (as I learnt afterwards). The one address said I hope that you wont abuse him. No he replied but the way that I will abuse his doctrine is a caution. He attended 2 or 3 times the first meeting when I got thro I have gave liberty as usual for any one to speak or ask questions. He got up and said that he should like to ask a few questions. The first question that he asked (tho I have forgotten it)

was neatly answered by the savior that all I had to do was to repeat the words of Jesus said to the Jews which so confused him that he stood a minute or more and then sat down. That was all that he abused me or my doctrine, I might mention many more similar cases but that will suffice. I will say as I tried to live humble and prayerfull and put my whole dependence in the Lord that I was blessed exceedingly and when I administered to the sick they did recover. I will relate one circumstance. There was a woman that lived about 4 miles from a branch of the Church that had a cancer in her breast so long that the doctors and most everyone pronounced it incurable, and she had been administered to many times by the elders in that branch to no purpose. Yet her faith was that if she could be administered to by an Elder from Nauvoo that she would be healed. As I happened to pass thro the Branch a Bro. took us (Bro. Arnold and myself) on a sleigh and took us there in the night and back in the rain and mud. We arrived at there home at 9 in the evening. After a little conversation and prayer I anointed her breast with consecrated oil (I dare not state the largness of her breast for fear I should not believe) but I will say that it weakened my faith for a few minutes. But when we were thro anointing we placed our hands upon her head and the Lord pored out his spirit upon me and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of the Lord Jesus I rebuked the cancer and the destroyer and every pain and was moved upon to promise her in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that she would suffer no more from the cancer and from that very hour it would commence to depart and in a reasonable length of time it should entirely remove. We soon left, They moved soon to Laharp (20 miles from Nauvoo) and her testimony was that she suffered no more pain from that time from her cancer and that she enjoys good health, I could mention other similar cases but that is sufficient to show that the Saints in these parts meet with the same opposition and that they enjoy the same blessings that they enjoyed in the days of the Apostles and that will suffice concerning my mission.

Aug. 22. As I have stated I arrived home on that day and found the Temple was going ahead as rapidly and the city building up and everything looked prosperous, but I found myself without a team. One of my oxen got drowned and the other they killed for ~~xxx~~. I therefore had to work by the day to support my family,

March 1st, 1844. There was nothing transpired thro the winter of any great importance. This spring myself and family had the measles. I was coming I had to cross the Mississippi river and as I returned after dark the ice being rotten, I broke thro and got wet from head to foot and when I got home my clothes were all frozen stiff. I remained sick two months. This was an eventful year especially to the saints a few things I will mention but a few things the summer previous to this there was a number that apostatized there was two Fosters, two young men named Higleys and two influential men by the name of Laws. They tried every plan to bring trouble upon Joseph the Prophet and the whole city. The laws being wealthy they started a paper called it the Expositor. In it they published the most barefaced lies that they could invent against Joseph and the City. The City Council pronounced it a nuisance and ordered it abated which was done in a quiet manner. This caused the cry of treason, treason. They tried to take Bro. Joseph and his Bro. Hiram and some others upon the governor pledging the honor of the State that they should be protected. They delivered themselves up and went to Cartridge to be tried the sequence is known to the whole world the Governor withdrew his troops and left them in the hands of the mob and they were murdered, yes, on the 27th day of June, 1844. Two as good men as ever lived on earth was mortered for there religion by between (100 and 200) one and two hundred mob.

Oh what a gloom it cast over Nauvoo. Bro. Taylor was wounded at the same time. Most all the Twelve was gone at that time. There were those amongst the apostates that tried to palm themselves on the church as there leaders, but as soon as the Twelve returned the Saints soon gained a testimony who was chosen of God to lead the Church,

For 3 or 4 months there was but little done in Nauvoo after the death of Joseph and Hiram save to protect ourselves and our families from the mob. As soon as peace was restored the work on the Temple went ahead faster than even before. I will here state that I worked on the Temple every tenth day from the time it commenced till it was or rather till we moved away (except the year that I was gone on a mission.)

In the fall there was eight Quorums of Seventies organized, I was placed in the (4) fourth Quorum, This fall the Seventies built a hall called the Seventies Hall. The dedication commenced the twenty fifth (25) of Dec. it continued till the first of January, 1845.

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The trial of November 1846.
The first of the witnesses was the wife of the man who was born Sept. 21, 1844.
Jan. 9th my wife and myself went to father John Smith in the evening on a visit.
While we were there he blesses Joseph our young son, who was born Sept. 21, 1844.
The following contains the substance:

Joseph Albert, I lay my hands upon thy head by the request of thy parents to bless thee and I ask my heavenly Father to bless thee and let a double portion of the spirit of Joseph of old rest on thee that thou mayest live and become a mighty man on earth. Angels shall have charge of thee from this very hour and thou shalt behold them and converse with them and thou shalt enjoy the gift of tongues and the interpretations of tongues and the discerning of the spirits and the spirit of revelations. Yea, thou shalt become a prophet seer and Revelator. Thy name shall be had in honorable remembrance for thou shalt do a great work on the earth. Thou shalt yield the sword in the defense of the innocent blood which has been shed by wicked hands. Thou shalt live till thou become old and see the end of wickedness of this generation and behold the coming of the Son of man. All this blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, even so, amen.

This winter I helped to get out wagon timber on an island 4 or 5 miles from home in the spring of 1845 I went with others up the Mississippi River 20 miles on an island getting out timber for the Nauvoo House and rafted the same down the river. About the first of June I was taken down with the fever and ague. I was sick all summer. By fall I was so low that I could neither keep medicine nor nourishment on my stomach and I believe that I should have died if Joseph the Prophet had not come (while I was asleep) and told me what to take with a promise that if I took it I should get well. 'Twas very simple medicine, only tar pills. I commenced taking them and commenced from that very hour to get well and I was soon about.

This fall the mob began again to harrass the saints by burning there houses that was scattered throughout the County and some whole settlements in other Co. threatening to exterminate us if we did not leave the State. For a number of months we did but little else but to protect ourselves from their fury.

Finely the mob stopped there rage and went to their homes by our people agreeing to leave the State in the spring. As strange as it may appear, in order to not all be exterminated we had to agree to leave our homes and the United States and suffer ourselves to become exiles. Yes, this we had to do and that for our religion.

By the first of Dec. the Temple was so near completed that they commenced to give the Saints their endowments and continue till some time in February, 1846. My wife and myself received our washings and anointings in the Temple in Feb.

The mob about this time carried their threats so far that the Temple had to be locked up and the Saints commenced to move by crossing the River though the ice was frozen over most of the time, yet it took over three (3) weeks to cross. We went 4 nights and camped on a small crick and organized as we were daily threatened it became necessary to have a strong guard. By request I went as one of the front guard.

Feb. 27th, 1846, was the day I think that we broke up camp and started for the Rocky Mountains (or the great American desert as it was called). It is not my intentions to enter into particulars. I shall only state some of the most important events as to myself and those things that concern me. When we started it seemed as the evil one controlled the elements for it rained for three months most of the time which made the roads terrible muddy which the guard waded thro days and stood guard at night which most used me up for in April I was taken down with the pluralisy. By the laying on of the hands and the prayer of faith I was restored to my health so that I continued my journey with the camp by being continually exposed I was taken down the second time and I was sicker than I was before but was restored as before.

About the middle of April the camp of (the name of the camp was not legible but our Church History mentions a Camp of Israel at that time) arrived at Garden Grove, called so on account of the Camp stopping and fencing 300 acres of land and putting it into gardenseed and some corn and potatoes and etc. I put in one acre myself.

May 15th, 1846. Previous to this the guard disbanded. Being no more need not knowing that my family would come till I returned, I thought it best for me to go back. I therefore went back as far as DeMoines. I found the roads full of Saints from Nauvoo. Then I got to Lebbines I found that my family was on the road and had gone up the other side of the river 50 or 60 miles to cross. I crossed the river and followed up the river found them on the other side 4 miles with Bro. Danes. We persued our journey till we got to Pisga. When we got there, was a large company just left for Council Bluff. It was near the 15th of June, 1846. My Bro.-in-law and myself went to work and we soon had each of us a snug log house and notwithstanding the lateness of the season we put together most of an acre in corn, potatoes and garden seed.

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got snowed in and most all perished. There bones were laying scattered over the ground.

The next night we met Captain Brown. He was going to California to draw the pay for the company that stopped at Santa Fe and went to Pueblo for the winter. He had to go there to get their pay. He had a number of letters for the boys of the Battalion and one from Brigham Young to the camping that was coming thro to Salt Lake. He counceled all that had no families to stay and work one year in California as there was but a small company thro to Salt Lakt that fall and it would be impossible for them to have any provisions for to spare. As they had to fetch 18 months provisions and there household furniture there farming utinsials and C. That caused quite a lot of the company to return as there was a large number of young men. Azariah was one of that company that went back to Sutters Fort where they found plenty of work and it was that company that found the gold mines of California.

Here we reorganized part of the company had mules and wished (at this point there are six pages missing from the journal)....before I found there track and followed them 18 miles to the next camping grounds I started back with them, the camp, about half way I got to my wagon about sunset and started and went to where the company was 18 miles.

As I had spent most of my time in trying to raise a crop, I had done but little towards building a house tho I had done something towards it. I had cut and put up a stack of hay. I had a small shanty where I put in a crop into which I moved till I put me up a adobe house. The house that I put up had two rooms a fireplace in each room. We moved into my house in November. As previously stated Azariah stayed in California and was working on the millrace when the first gold piece was found. He came home in a few days after we got here on account of sickness and bad luck he fetched but little gold dust with him.

When Bro. Brigham Young arrived in the valley the first thing that was done was to lay out the city. It was layed out in blocks and each block was divided into 8 lots containing 1/4 one and a quarter of an acre each and the blocks was laid out into wards 9 blocks to each ward making 19 wards. There has been one added since which makes 20 wards in Salt Lake City.

It was but a short time before every family had a lot to build on and in a few weeks houses was going up all over the city and before it was cold weather or winter set in most all had a house to shelter them from the winter storms. One of my rooms was used this winter for a chair shop. Bro Harmon and myself made chairs.

The winter passed of very pleastntly with very little sickness. There was but little grain put in this fall the farming land was not laid out in lots and roads for time for it put in tho there was a good deal of land plowed ready for spring.

Apr 10th, 1849. Early this spring there were preparations made for putting in an early crop, altho there were fears as the crops was most all destroyed the year previous by the crickets and they being as thick this spring as they were then it looked very discourging. President Young addressed the saints told the Brethern not to be discouraged, but put in all the grain they could for they would not be hurt by the crickets, but, we should have an abundant harvest. You might ask did not the crickets destroy the crop. No for they destroyed and ate up themselves. The circumstance I shall never forget. I put in 10 acres which was all I had and all the brethern put in all they could altho the ground was covered with crickets, When I thot it time for it to be coming up I went to see it.

My farming land was 8 miles from the city. I had heard that the Sea Gulls had been seen in the field. The field was 8 miles long and 5 miles wide. When I got in sight of my grain I saw that it was covered with Sea Gulls. I stopped till they flew to another part of the field. What was my joy and surprise when I went to the place and found every cricket destroyed. There was not one single one alive. to be found while dead ones laid in heaps where the gulls had thrown them up on the ground they would fill themselves again and so continue to do. The Indians said that they were new birds that they had never saw them before. I raised a large crop for 10 acres. I might mention a great many interpretations of our behalf without which we might have all perished. I will mention one more. As I said it looked rather glomy not only in raising a crop but how we were to live. till a crop could grow. In a public meeting President Kimball in his remarks propheside that provisions and clothing would sell in the streets of Salt Lake within six months cheaper than in the city of St. Louis. It looked to some as it did to a Lord in Israel if the Lord would open the window of heaven and let them rain down then such a thing might be. But it all took place and was fulfilled and that on natural principles. As previous stated the gold mines was found the year previous in California and early in the spring the teams started from the states for the mines and when they got here they found it impossible to go thro with there loads. They were heavily loaded with flour clothing and all kinds of farming and mechanic

in summer in hunting in the mountains and in the winter much of there time on the Sevier river, there being a large valley that they claimed. and but little snow that winter. This band, Walkers band, came and pitched there lodges close to where we had stopped and stayed there all winter and they lived on the cattle that we lost. They became very friendly and attended our meetings. Three years later there was a great number of them baptized.

1850. This winter and spring we had to grind our wheat and corn in hand mills and used some without grinding. 16th apr. Was the first that I commenced to plow on account of the snow did not go off and the ground got settled to commence summer. Let me state here that there has not been half as hard a winter since I do not think that we have had more than 10 inches of snow on the ground at once not since and very often we can commence the first of March to put in crops and most always by the last.

On account of the lack of seed and other reasons we put in but a small crop the first spring. Some of the Brethern was fearful that the grain would not grow and mature for they thought the Salt Hall soil was to poor, some of them moved back in the Spring to Salt Lake. Our crops the first spring was good but late.

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being 18 by 20 and one and a half story high to the Gentiles it perhaps may look very curious that the Saints should dance especially that we should have dancing schools. The truth of the matter is we had been driven about by the mobs so long that we had no time to dance nor time to learn. We had come so far and settled in the vallies of the mountains where we thought the mob could not find us and we had raised our bread and built our houses and got to be quite comfortable and we felt like rendering our thanks to our Father in Heaven in a dance and we had to learn first for we did not know how. This winter we built our Council House. Most of the Brethern worked on it from the time it was commenced till the capstone was laid, it went up like a mushroom, we were not over 3 weeks about it.

April 1st. There was a good deal of grain put in this spring. How much I put in I do not know, but for one alone I put in a large field of wheat I think that I put in, I now remember I put in 55 acres. I was not alone that spring, Sevenus Taylor, my son-in-law, died the fall before and his widow, my daughter Emily, she lived with me and her husbands brother, a boy perhaps 14 years old name of Torson. With his help I put in 55 acres. Father Billings got a big cheese made for Pres. Kimball weighed 100 lbs. Myself and wife thought we would get one made for President Young and one for President Dr. Richards. We done it altho we had to go around and gather part of the milk. They each weighed more than the other. They were put in my chamber and I turned them and tended to them till fall. When the spring work was done. Sorranus & myself started to go to Salt Lake with a horses team, we camped in Salt Crick over night, early in the morning we drove to Nephi. Shortly after there came an express from Spanish Fork stating that Indians had killed one of the brethern. Sevenus and myself was sent back with an express to Kanti. We started between 10 and 11 and got there with time enough for the stock of all kind to be gathered in. One man left a yoke of oxen behind the stone quarry thinking that they would be safe. In the morning they were gone. That was the first of the Indian War.

At this time Walker was dead and his Bro. Erpene was the head chief. The cause of the difficulty was as I understood it, the chief got mad at some of the brethern and sought revenge by killing a man. We found it advisable to move in to a fort which we had to create as our little stone fort was too small to answer the purpose. There was a whole block laid off for the purpose of staking off to each one what they wanted, and then we moved our log houses into a fort, and walled up the open spaces with rocks or adobes and in two or three days we were inclosed in a fort. We were to weak or not sufficient in number to protect ourselves and to do our harvest. There was therefore fifty soldiers sent to our assistance which we hired to help protect and do our harvesting. I had to hire one I think a month tho I could have done my harvest alone if unmolested.

There was a small band of Sanpete Indians that said that they wanted to be good friends. They came and went as they pleased for a long time, the first of Sept. I think it was, it was ascertained that they were stealing and surmised that they were spies or that they were acting falsely, let that be as it may. There was a council held and at the same time there was light Indians in the camp with there wives and the decisions of the Council was to kill the Indians and imprison the squaws. The Indian were persuaded to go with some soldiers outside of the limits of the town and started for that purpose, when in front of my house they mistrusted something I suppose for they started to run, the firing commenced. At that they all broke and run but all were killed. I have no comment to make but will only say that it was a sad afare as the sequell will show. Shortly after there was a company of 20 wagons with horse teams started for Salt Lake. The night previous there was 3 teams started loaded with wheat and contrary to council when they got to the head of the valley they camped and went to bed. When we come up the next day we found them all waylaid, some were killed in there bed badly hacked up and there left, others started

to run and were killed while others were found buried in the wheat in the wagons, there was four killed, we put them in one of our wagons and took them to Nephi and there they were buried. When we got to Salt Creek or Nephi we found that there was a band of Indians that were friendly and had been in town that day (Saturday) and they looked for them the next day, Sunday. Just at dusk the Bro that rode with me came into the wagon where I was and told me that the Bro there at Nephi and the Bro with us from Manti had counselled together and had come to the conclusion to kill on the morrow all the Indians that came to town. I replied that it was the worst move that they could make and counceled him to stay in the wagon with me. I need not say that there council was carried into excitation. We pursued our journey to Salt Lake. Sevenus Taylor and myself was with the company and had the two big cheesees in our wagon. One we presented to President Young and the other to Dr. Richards who received them very thankfully.

We was there to October Conference the 6th of Oct. I think that we were there 4 days and done our business and then returned to Manti. When we got there we learned the sad news that two of our four Brethern were killed. The same day that we learned the sad news we left Bro Jarner and Bro Miles. They went likewise contrary to council up in the mouth of the canyon to get some wood and was waylaid, and both killed. We labored under great disadvantage by being obliged to go in large company for wood or anything else.

In the winter I had my cows and oxen taken out of my yard, but I got them all again, while Bro. Whiting had his taken out and drove off and he got none back.

About January 10th, 1854 peace was restored. The fact of the case they got starved out and two of there braves came in and wanted to be friends and fetched in the rest of the tribe which was not far off but was up in the hills amongst the cedars and we would fix them something to eat. They went and fetched them in, not only their warriors but their women and children. We carried in to one place bread meat and anything we had that was established and gave them quite a feast and smoked the pipe of peace together. That ended the Indian war at that time.

This winter there was a theatrical society formed as there was no good place for them to meet for to practice and attend to there recitals. By there request they occupied one of my rooms and by there request my wife and myself took a part in a play called Deubeous or Hole in the Wall. I played the part of Mr. Dubious and my wife the part of Mrs. Dubious and it was the first theatrical play that was played in Manti.

May 20th, 1854. There is peace yet between us and the Indians. As yet they get their living by begging as they always have except when they was at war with us. There was a good deal of land put into grain this year. I put in I think twas 3 acres and all the help was Joseph he being 10 years old. I had stout grain. Sevenus Taylor died this fall because he was quite sick when I went to Salt Lake. When I returned he was most gone. He died before morning. I thrashed my grain and his with cattle and had every winter previous. This fall there was legions of grasshoppers came so early as to injure our crops a little and filled the ground with their eggs.

May 10, 1855. This spring I put in 50 acres to wheat and oats. When Serenus died Emily (my daughter) came home to live. Orson Taylor, her husband's bro was living with them when Serenus died, and he continued living with her. I think that he was thirteen years old. Having his help and there land and team inabled me to put in an extra crop but it was wrong year, for as I stated the land was filled last fall with grasskopper eggs. The result was the spring about the time the grain was coming up the ground was black with little hoppers and they destroyed it as fast as it came up and not withstanding I used every effort to save part of my crop but twas all in vain for I had not one acre no not one rod to harvest. Being that I was not going to raise any grain I put in 1½ acres of potatoes as I had plenty of seed. I had 300 bushels of potatoes, July 4th, 1855. We had some big doing as we had nothing else to do for our grain needing no watering. I cut more grass than usually knowing that I should have no straw or chaff to feed.

By sowing much grain in the spring and having a large family eleven in number (in the winter Emily had twins a boy and a girl) she named them after her parents Albert and Esther and not being saving with my grain as I ought to have been in the fall my grannery was empty and but little flour in my flour chest.

Sept 1st. We heard that there was a good crop raised up north of Ogden where two of my Bro in laws lived Isaac Oricark and Orilin Polvin. I saw no alternative. For me only to go there and get some grain, yet I had nothing to buy with so I had to go and get it by faith. I hooked my 2 yoke of oxen to my wagon, took plenty of sacks and Emily with her two babies and Almon her oldest child a lad of six years old and started for Ogden for wheat.

We had good luck going there and we found our friends all well. Near by one of my bro in laws there was a large field where there was good chances for to glean.

June 30th. Thomas Dutcher (My wife's Bro.) who went ahead with P. P. Pratt to Council Bluff, came back bringing word for all that could come from here to headquarters to Council Bluffs for to do so and leave there houses and crops or what they had in (let me state here that before we left Nauvoo we entered into covenant to assist one another till all the Saints got out of that place) and leave there houses and c. for those that should come later for to occupy. The way opened so that I and Isaac Cutercark (my Bro.-in-law) started Mon morning. I went with Bro. Wilford Woodruff. We got there the 8th of July, 1846. When we got there we found most of the twelve there with a large company of Saints most all well and in good spirits. Before we got half way there we met Bro. Brigham Young and some others going back as far as Pissa for to hurry up all that could come to headquarters at Council Bluffs. The reason I will state in short.

When we got there we found Capt. Allen from Fort Leavenworth with orders from the government to raise from the Mormon people five hundred (500) soldiers to march to California and assist in the Mexican war. For government to make such a demand when we were driven from our homes and possessions and were scattered upon the plains from Nauvoo to the Missouri River was more cruel than the grave. Yes, more cruel than the mob in driving us from our homes for to take 500 of our best able-bodied men from there families and in Indian Country is an act that parallel is not to be found on History record.

The Battalion of 500 men was raised and mustered on into service July 16th, 1846. Being called I enlisted and my son Azariah. We joined the Company B. There were four companys called A. B. C. and D., 100 men in Co. (Ed. Note: Co. E. would have made up 500 men) The names of the officers of the Company to which I belong was as follows: Capt. Jesse Hunter, 1st Lt. Edem Ludington, 2nd Lt. Ruel Barrows, the 3 sgt. P. Marrils, Wm. Hory, Orderly Sgr. Wm. Hude the 2 srg. myself the third and Bro. Green 4 D. Rany the first Corp. Bro. Chase and the 2 O. Bro. Whitlock the 3rd.

We went to the Missouri River and camped there 4 days in order to get ready for our long march. July 11th Sunday morning having a furlow, I went home to my family (5 miles) found my family all well. Stayed till monday morning, I then took my leave from them after committing them to my Father in Heaven praying for his blessings upon them till I returned not knowing when that would be it being not far from five thousand miles (5,000) to where we were going and back.

July 21st. We started this morning for Fort Leavenworth it being 160 miles. We were 10 days going there. There was a great deal of sickness in the Battalion. We were organized in mess of 6 and had a tent to every 6.

Azariah is 18 years old today, Aug. 1, 1846. While driving our outfits here or our equipment which consisted of a gun and barnet sheath and belt cartridge box and belt with 24 rounds of cartridges, napsack, haversack and a dinner bag, one gallon canteen, pint cup and c. besides our blanket and clothing to last us a yr.

A heavy load for a mule all of this load we should have to carry if we had not out of our own means, provided away, for Uncle Sam did not. Each company had about a four mule team then we had to carry our gun and barnet cartridge box, haversack, cup and canteen.

Aug. 5th. We borrowed today 40 dollars each for our years clothing.

Aug. 6th. Today Bro. P. P. Pratt, Bro. John Taylor, Bro. Orson Hyde, and Bro. Little were here. Some of them were on there way to Europe. We each of us gave them 1 dollar to help them on there mission. I wrote a letter to my wife and sent 40 dollars to her.

Aug. 13th. It took till now to get ready to start getting our wagons, outfits, mules and c. We started today at 10 O'clock. Our Col. we left sick under the care of a doctor. The wagon that hauled our provisions broke down when we got 1 mile. The Co. was ahead I being with the wagon I went ahead and overtook them. They were camped 5 miles from there. I read with a Deleware Missionary with whom I had a very interesting conversation. About sunset I started back with a team. The road being bad and the mules wild and it being very dark we was compelled to stay till morning and our company had to go without there supper. Early in the morning we went to camp.

Aug. 14th. Started at one O'clock. Traveled 5 days without any very serious accident. We crossed Comes River. One wagon tipped over in the river loaded with cooking utensils and 3 or 4 sick and as many women aboard. They got wet thro, but not much hurt.

Aug 17th. As we stopped and struck our tents there came a heavy wind, I might say a hurricane. It blew over our tents and scattered everything hither and thither and some of our wagons run away with the wind. One wagon went over 20 miles with a woman in it. and the rain poured in torrents and we were drenched thro to our skin tho there was no very serious damage done.

Mar 18th. San Diego is but a small place. It lies on the shore of the Pacific Ocean. The inhabitants are mostly Spaniards. There was a man of war lying at anchor with 500 men. Some of them was guarding a fort and some was quartered in the town. The name of the ship was Congress. A few days after we came all the Marines and sailors went aboard. While she lay there at anchor Azariah and myself and a few others went aboard and was shown all over the ship even the magazines and how they manage in loading there guns in time of engagement which in number and size looked like enough to sink the ship. In a month she sailed for the States.

We was stationed here $3\frac{1}{2}$ three and a half months that was to the first of July. While we layed here we tended roll call morning and evening drilled 2 or 3 times a week and helped guard which was the extent of our military services. Bro Samuel Rogers and myself took a job of one by the name of Cap. Pitch an Englishman, to make doxies and to lay them into a corral. It came to forty dollars. We spent some time in fishing and in various ways.

Capt Hunters wife died here. She died in June, Jun 20th. We heard that we were to go to Pueblo to be mustered out of the service on the 16th of July. We therefore commenced to get ready by buying wild horses. They cost 15 five dollars each. Most of us bought one a piece.

Today June 20th, there was a band of wild horses or rather wild mares. I should think that there was 2 or 300 fetched here and coraled for us to buy. Azariah and myself bought us one a piece for 15 dollars each. I broke my mare myself. Azariah went with it to get some wild oats and it got away from him with saddle hackamore and a lariott. I hunter 3 days in succession but could not find it. I might state that the Spaniards are all Roman Catholics. I went to one of there meetings but could not understand what was said.

It being now the last of June our attention was called and our time occupied in making preparation for to return or rather to go to the valley of the Great Salt Lake, the place that we were told to go when we got discharged. All of the companies except ours were at Pueblo not far from 150 miles north from here. As stated we received word to go there to be mustered out of service the 16th of July, 1847. We started the 6th and got there the 14th. The second day after we started Azariah was thrown from his mare by her jumping stiff legged. He fell on his head on the hard pavement. He suffered from the hurt all but death. Two years he had most of the time a terrible headache then it terminated in fits. The physician agreed that the hurt of his head was the cause of it; the fits continued with him 15 years. I let him ride my horse (I had a gentle riding horse that I gave 10 dollars for) and I rode his.

July 16th, 1847. We were mustered out of the service on the day. There was 100 enlisted for six months more and was to go back to San Diego. Most of the rest of the Battalion went in afternoon between 3 or 4 miles in order to organize to get ready to start to go to the Valley of Salt Lake. We chose a capt of 10 and Captains of 100 and Levi Hancock to preside over the whole while we was at San Diego. Azariah and myself made 50 lbs of flour into crackers which proved to be the most excellent on the road.

July 19th. We got ready and started on this day for the Valley of Salt Lake. From here by Butters Fort by upper California were as we could ascertain is 2000 miles. The other route called South Pass was 2 or 3 hundred miles neared but there was a large desert to cross where there was no water and we had no guide. So we concluded to go by Butters Fort and by Fort Hall which is called the North route.

July 22nd. Here is a large ranch we stopped one day and bought 40 head of beef cattle. They cost 2 dollars each. Our intention was to drive them and kill as we needed, but they being so wild we had to kill them, then jerk the meat or dry it over the fire and pack it on our pack animals. Before we got to Butters Fort we past a number of tribes of Indians. Some of the tribes were naked men, women and children and carry wild. From Pueblo to upper California to Butters Fort we found to be a long and tedious route having to search out and make our own roads which led across many streams some of them so large that we had to make rafts to take us across. We found good camping places where there was grass and water. Then we got to the vicinity of Butters Fort we found some American families the first we had seen for more than a year. We found it necessary to replenish our stock of provisions. I bought 3 pecks of seed wheat, 2 of peas and four quarts of corn seed.

Our course instead of north is from here most east. We now started to cross the Sierra Mountains. These mountains are mostly covered with heavy timber. The timber is mostly whitewood. Some grows to enormous size. Curiosity led me to measure around one which proved to be 21 steps around it which was not much short of (20) twenty feet in diameter. The part snowdrifts on the top of some high mountains that had laid there for years indeed no one knows how long. As we past over the dividing ridge where the waters came east and emptied into the Great Basin. At the foot of an high mountain we past a log house where a large company of emigrants

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While here we drew our back pay. I drew 16 dollars a month. That made 33 dollars that was then due. I drew that amount and sent it to my family. From Santa Fe to Kanesville is 1000 miles then called Winter Quarters. Santa Fe is not a large city but it is thickly settled the streets only one and a half rods wide. There grist mill was very simple. They have no bolt. They grind there grain of all kinds to meal and it is very poor at that.

A Spanish lady tried to get into a conversation with me but we could not understand one another. Capt Brow of Comp C and Lt. Lullington of Company B was detailed to go to Fort Pueblo with the sick and a few others. They started 2 days ago. There being a number of battalion sick and as a number of well ones had to go with them it took one fifth that is one company out of the five.

Each company has three wagons and four span of mules to each wagon. Besides each company had baggage wagon as previous stated with four mules to each and a few wagons owned by individuals the whole amounting to twenty three (23) wagons. There being some extra mules it made not far from one hundred and forty mules in the Battalion and 60 days rations.

The colonel appointed a quartermaster to each company to take charge of the wagons and provision and to deal out rations to there company. I was appointed quartermaster in Company B to attend to those things. The companies was reorganized instead of 6 there was put 10 in each mess so there was but one tent to every team.

Oct 19th. Monday morning. We started at 10 o'clock this morning and went 5 miles and camped on a beautiful crick in a small valley. We were glad to get out of Santa Fe.

Tues the 20th. We went 15 miles today. At roll call there was an order read reducing our rations one third, our flour from 18 ounces to 12 ounces and all other provisions accordingly. This to us looked very strange that the pilots (there was 3 of them) should so soon after starting find out that it would take 90 or 100 days rations instead of 60 the second day after starting but so it was.

Nov 3rd Thurs. This morning for the first time I had to deal out one half rations 9 ounces of flour and everything else accordingly. This was still stranger for it had been but 15 days since we started. The roads being so bad and we got along so slow that we found that we had to do it or before we could get thro we should starve to death.

We past many Spanish towns and villages some. One of the provision wagon exoltre (singletree) broke which caused us much trouble in order to get repaired.

Nov. 6th. We stayed tonight where Gen Carny left his wagons and packed his mules and crossed the mountain his company was all on mules being cavalry.

Nov 10th. We did not travel today there being so many sick that we sent back 60 to join the company that went to Pueblo. The same time I wrote a letter to my wife.

We found the roads which we made so sandy and mountainous that we could not go more than 10 to 15 miles a day. About these days very disagreeable weather, it being cold, rainy and windy. The roads is so bad and the teams so worn out that we have to push the wagons up the hills and on half rations at that.

Nov 14th. We stayed last night where the water was in a long basin or reservoir and to get to the water our mules we had to climb up over 25 feet and throw it over the rocks and down into another basin.

Mon Nov 16th. Last night I stood guard for Azariah his eyes being very sore. We camped where there had been an old vineyard. Some of the company went and got some grapes. We followed down the river Rio Grande I think nearly 300 miles then struck west over the mountains.

Tues Nov 17th. We camped near a road that led from Sonory to a copper mine up north in the mountains. We stayed here two days waiting for pilots. They had been three days ahead. They returned bringing word that there was no water to be found ahead. The pilots counilled the Col to go around thre Sonory it being inhabited by Spaniards then our enemies. That looked a little like treachery the pilots being all Spaniards. As Col Cock concluded to do so, the whole Battalion offered our prayers to God praying him to change the mind of our colonel for we had rather trusted ourselves in Gods hands in the mountains than of the Spaniards that was then our enemies that the U. S. was fighting.

Nov 18th. We started early this morning came to the old copper mine road followed it perhaps 100 rods when orders came for a halt. The Col Cock looking west said that he started to go over those mountains he being rather ruff, swore in Gods name that he should do it or die in the attempt, or words to that effect. He turned a short corner, turned west. We traveled all day and about sunset we came to a good camping place plenty of wood, water and grass. We have now three

was some went ahead with pick and shovels in hand and digging wells in low places so that we did not quite perish. We left most of the wagons on the desert. What little flour we had left we had to pack on the mules. We were 5 days crossing the desert. The last day we started about midnight and got to water some of us at 10 O'clock but all did not get in camp till sundown.

Jan 16th. Some would parished if there comrads had not went back with water and met them. Here the pilots returned (for they had been ahead to Warners ranch) with 12 mules and 12 beef cattle. The pilots brought back word that Gen Carry had had a battle and had 20 men killed and as many more wounded.

Jan 17th. We started this morning early and was 5 days going to what is called Warners Ranch. These last days we suffered much from hunger as we had but little beef and that very poor and only 2½ oz of flour per day and as I had my last 2 days rations of flour stolen I could eat beef tripe most raw. Friday Jan 22. After resting a day we started to Purbulo. Jan 25th. Today we got word from Gen. Carry to go to San Diego Mission. We had traveled 40 miles out of our way. We had good deal of rain it being there'spring rain. We turned our course and got there Jan. 29th.

When we got here we found ourselves very destitute for the want of clothing and shoes. Here we found a company of cavalry as destitute as ourselves. This place 70 years ago and perhaps much longer must have been quite a place by appearances tho now there is not much left but there chapel or meetinghouse. That building tho built of adobes and has stood possibly over 100 years yet it is almost like a rock building.

Mon Feb 1st, 1847. We expected to stay here for awhile but we had to start this morning at 7 O'clock for San Luis Rey. We past today where Gen Carry had a battle with the Spaniards and he was hemmed in there for 17 or 18 days and had to live on mule meat. After three days travel we got there. San Luis Rey is a beautiful place. It is built like a fort four square perhaps 30 to 40 rods square. In the southeast corner of the fort there is a large chapel with 6 bells and any amount of images.

Thurs Feb 4th. Today we cleaned up rubbish inside and outside the fort. We commenced to draw full rations of flour the first flour that we drew for 5 weeks and the first full rations that we drew from Oct 15th at roll call the following order was read:

Order No. 1 A. D. 1847, Mission of San Diego. The Lt Col Commanding congratulations to the Battalion on there safe arrival on the shores of the Pacific Ocean and the conclusion of the march of over 2 tho sand miles. History may be searched in vain for an equal march of infantry. Nine tenths of it has been thro wilderness where nothing but savages and wild beasts is found or deserts where for the want of water there is no living thing to be found. With almost hopeless labor we have dug deep wells which future traveler will enjoy without a guide who had traveled them. We have ventured into trackless praries where water was not found for a number of days march. With our crowbar, pick and ax in hand we have worked our way over mountains which seemed to defy anything save the wild goat and hued a passage through a chasum of living rock more narrow than our wagons to bring these the first wagons to the Pacific. We have preserved the strength of our mules by herding them over large track which we have laboricus guarded with outloss. The garrison of 40 residents of Sonory concentrated within the wall of Tucson gave us no admittance. We drove them out with there artillery but our intercourse with the citizens was not marked by one single act of injustice. This marching half fed and half clothes and living upon animals and that without salt. We have discovered and made a road of great value to our country, arrived at the first settlement of California. After a single days rest you cheerfully turned off from the road to this point of promised repose to winter upon a campaign and meet as we believe the approach of an enemy and this to without salt to season your whole subsistance of fresh meat. Lt A. Smith and George Stoneman of the first Dragoons have shared and given there valuable aid in all labors, volunteers, you have exhibited some high and essentials, qualifications of volunteers, but much remains undone. Soon you will turn your strict attention to the drill to system and order to forms which are all necessary to the soldier. By orders of Lt Col Cook.

E.C. Merrels Adjutant.

Tues Feb 11th. Today Azariah and myself and some others went to the ocean, it is 4 miles there. While we was traveling up and down the shores we seen a bone of a whale. Four of us could not turn it over it was allowed to weigh one ton. We traveled up and down the beach saw many curiosities and returned at night tired out; this place is a pleasant place.

In thd places there is a number of vineyards, a large orchard of olive and pepper trees and some other kind of pepper trees had ripe peppers on and a green crop on and they hung full of blossoms. (I think he means oranges). Our mess gathered a number of lbs of ripe peppers. We had little to do while we were here. Most of the time we drilled twice a day. We remained here over 6 weeks. We had meetings every Sabbath day.

hundred miles to go it being over the dividing ridge of mountains that separates the waters that runs into the Atlantic and the waters of the Pacific. None of our guides has never traveled it and knows no more about it than we do.

Sat Nov 28th. Since we came from last named place we have had good camping places, good grass and water and today we came about 10 O'clock and camped by the last water that runs into the Atlantic Ocean. From here we had to pack everything about 7 miles over the dividing ridge.

Sun 29th. All the mules was packed about 100 in all went over the other side and unloaded in a beautiful valley by a small stream that runs into the Pacific Ocean and the mules returned at night.

Mon Nov 30th. This morning we started at 10 O'clock. Got to camp without accident tho we had to take the wagons apart and let them down over the rocks with ropes. Some places we had to let them 40 to 50 feet all most perpendicular. When we got to camp we found ourselves in a beautiful valley.

Dec 3rd. Thurs. We find ourselves in a valley full of wild cattle. We thought it advisable to weigh all the flour in the whole battalion. We found much more in some of the companys than what was in others. We found there was some over 2000 lbs to each company.

Dec 7th. There has been a number of wild cattle killed and divided out for rations. The Colonel bought a number of mules from the Indians that came in camp. We remained among wild cattle for a number of days, killed more or less every day which lengthened out our rations. We draw 10 ounces of flour each day.

Wed Dec 9th. At 10 O'clock today we came to the River called San Pedro south branch of the Gila River.

Dec 11th. I was troubled last night in my dreams. I dreamed that a number of the Battalion boys got badly hurt which was a warning of what took place the next day.

About 10 or 11 O'clock as we were passing over a ridge there was a number of bulls that was wounded came up from the river bottoms and we being in the way of their retreat. The hunters that went out that morning had wounded a number and scared a number of them from the bottoms and as I was saying we being in there way as they came up from the bottoms on the rear I being a little behind there was one chased me and as he came up threw me worrying and run over me and tho there was no bones broken, yet I was hurt seriously. There was a number others hurt, some very bad. Others to get out of there way sprang on the top of the wagon (for the wagons were all in the rear) and so escaped being hurt. One wounded Bull came up on the left side of a team and threw the mule over the high dead mule. There was two more mules killed. That is what is called the bull fight.

Dec 13th. Sunday morning. One of the pilots came in camp and reported that he and the other 2 pilots entered the town of Tucson and inquired if the Battalion could peacable go thro there town. They said that we could not and they took one of the three a prisoner and the others got away. One fled to the mountains and the other came in camp. He reported that there was a Spanish Fort with 200 beggars and from 400 to 500 inhabitants.

Dec. 14th. We started early and left the river went 22 miles and camped by a still where they distilled what they called muscat whiskey. There was some soldiers came into camp and said that no armed force would be suffered to go thro the town. Three of them were taken as spies and as hostage for the return of Foster our pilot. We are 10 miles from the garrison or there town.

Wed Dec 16th. The Colonel is determined to go thro the town, we were all ordered to load our guns and fix our bayonets and prepare for a fight if necessary. We started early past the town between 10 or 11 O'clock. We met with no opposition. The soldiers had all fled to another small fort 4 miles off. We passed thro the town and camped. As foster our pilot came into camp the soldiers was all released.

Fri Dec 18th. This morning we left Tucson very early having 40 miles of barren deserts to cross where there was no wood, grass nor water. We suffered much for the want of water. The second day we came to the Gila River little after 12 and camped. Found but little food for the mules. We followed down the river for 21 days. We past a number of Indian Villages that was scattered along the river for 20 miles. Christmas morning we bought a watermelon of the Indians and some beans.

The Indians are very friendly. They own lots of sheep and the wool they work up into blankets. Some places on the Gila River is the most barren and destitute of everything that we traveled over. On the 9th of Jan 1847 came to the Colorado River.

Jan 11th. All of our provisions and luggage was taken across the River today in boats made of the wagonbeds. The wagons and mules forded the river. We now entered on a 90 mile desert or sand plain where there was no water nor nothing else. There

I Improved every minute of my time that I could for 16 days, gathered it together and thrashed it, cleaned and put it in to sacks and when it was done I had 22 twenty two bushels of wheat. Emily got 8 ot 10 bushels which made me as big a load as I could haul with 2 yoke of oxen. We returned in safety the distance of 190 miles. We found our family all well, so much for work and faith.

That 32 bushels of wheat with the potatoes and few bushels of corn served us for bread the year (12 instead of 11) in my family without any suffering altho I had to the Indians not much less than one bushel of potatoes for 40 or 50 days.

April 15th, 1856. At this date I was putting in wheat with a drill. Seed being scarce I went to work and made me a drill. With it I could put in 3 acres a day with an ox and one peck an acre. I had 6 acres in one piece, on which I put 1½ bushels. It was called the stoutest wheat in Manti. Twas cut with a reaper, that was the first reaper that was fetched to Manti.

7 Sept. 1856. On this day my first wife (Esther Dutcher) was called away from this earth by the hand of death. She had considerable sickness in Winter quarters. After we came to this valley she was not able to do but little two years before she died. She was confined to her bed for a long time. She recovered so to be about but I think she did not enjoy good health after. In the 1st of Aug., I think it was, she was taken down and confined to her bed from which she did not recover.

One month after, I married Roddy Cifford, that to a gentile may look strange, but twas contemplated before my wife died. To a Gentile it probably looks strange yet our faith is to well understood to need any explaining. This fall and winter there was a revival of religion or in other words, the saints saw that they were not living their religion as they should. They confessed their sins and repented of them and drew nearer to God and was blessed in abundance.

Feb. 1st, 1857. This month there was upwards of twenty teams went to Salt Lake with loads of tithing grain and to attend to orchances in the endowment house.

Last fall Sophia Peterson with 4 small children emigrated from Copenhagen with a number of 4 hundred of others and crossed the plains with a hand cart co., and came to Manti. As she had no acquaintance here, I took her in, and being councciled and we both being agreed went down with the rest and she received her endowments and we were married for time and eternity, 16th.

We had a very snowy and blistering while going there. Twas pleasant while there and pleasant coming home overhead but very muddy underfoot.

There was some that became most crazy. Harry Marble became crazy and had remained so ever since. This spring March or April John Patten took Emily (my daughter one that was Serenus Taylors wife) down to Salt Lake and was married to her. I had good crops this fall and a large one considering what help I had. Joseph my son in his 13th year and Peter my wifes oldest son 10 years old. They were all the help that I had.

Dec. 4th, 1857. Albertina was born.

May 16th, 1858. Last fall we learnt for the first time that there was a large army under Gen. Johnson I think over 8,000 soldiers with the avered intention to hang some of our leaders and actually had a hangmans rope for that purpose. Let that be as it may. It was certain that they was coming as our enemies. They came so unexpected we were not prepared for them, so our leaders told them to stop and they stopped. They did not go and say stopped, but they said it by sending a posse that stopped them and they wintered at Fort Bridger.

In the winter the Government concluded to send in and search to the reports and they found that they had been wrongly informed and that what they had heard was all lies and falsehood and no need for any army at all. They compromised with our people and agreed to come in peaceable. On there agreeing to do so they were permitted to pass through Salt Lake to Rush Valley.

So in this month of May or June Jim Johnson with his big army was permitted to pass through the City to Rush Valley where they built a large Fort and Barracks. Let me state here that by me marrying two poor widows one with 3 and the other with 4 children with my one it swelled my family to 14 in all. My Danish woman coming from Denmark herself and four small children and paying for there passage and paying dollars for fetching a large bundle or trunk and c. which she never got. She used all the means she had and when they came to my house they were all destitute. And my other wife was as completely destitute and Johnson's army edges up the way so that there could now be goods of any kind be fetched to the territory from the states for two years. You may well ask how did your wives keep there children and the rest of you clothed decent and comfortable. As I had no sheep and could raise no flocks (I tried a number of times) I will tell you by patching and putting patch upon patch. Patch upon patch so you ask how they got those patches. I do not know, but I do know.

that they kept our clothes whole, neat and clean, and we never stayed from meetings nor from a party for want of decent clothes. By the bye the rest was about as bad off as we were. Now I will show the kind providence of God. The government sent the Army here to destroy, we and the priesthood from the earth and God overruled it for the best good of the saints, for they furnished labor for all that wished to labor and at the highest prices, as they had to hire there Fort, Barracks, stone house and stables and c. build it and furnished it, ready market for all our grain and we had any amount. For our labor and grain we got everything we needed, clothing of all kinds and all kind of groceries, plows, chains, yokes, wagons and oxen and c. (etc.) I bought a number of yoke of oxen for 75 bushels of wheat, number 1 wagon for 3 yoke of oxen for 30 bushels of oats and a splendid log cabin for 1 dollar and etc.

As I raised a good deal of grain I traded while the army remained at Camp Floyd (which was between 243 acres) Not less than 13 or 1400 dollars, which made my family quite comfortable for clothing and other things that they needed and myself with wagons teams, plows, and etc. In short, all the Saints thro out the whole territory was inabled to supply themselves with most everything they needed so we did not suffer till the railroad was built so that the goods was fetched cheaper and more plentiful.

May 20th, 1859. This spring I put in all the land I had that was fit to put in very early and so there was some going out to Gunnison on the Sevier to take up more land and put in grain. I thought that I would do the same. I got ready and started the 20th of May. Went and took up 15 acres, put it in helped to make the ditches and built the dams. Sept 16th Luisa was born. Her mother (my Danish woman) about a week after was taken dangerously sick caused by catching a violent cold. For a number of days she was out of her head. For a number of days she was given up to die by most of the neighbors but by the blessings of God and faith she was restored to health.

My grain crop was very heavy. I think that I had not far from 1000 bushels of oats and wheat. I raised from 150 to 300 bushels of potatoes every year, also I had 3 yoke of cattle and two wagons.

Jan. 1st, 1860. This winter I bought a span of horses, harness and a light wagon, I thrashed my grain with oxen which I have done for 4 or 5 years. This spring I put in 10 acres out to Gunnison. Twas very light. My crop at home was better.

April 11th, 1861. Albert was born. Joseph A. left me more than a year ago he went to live with John Patten. I should have stated that Albert died Sept 1859. He was born in 1858, being 11 months old, he was my 2nd wifes child he died while my 3rd wife Sophia was so sick. I gave up my land at Gunnison and contended myself by putting in what I could at home. As Joseph was gone and I had no help but Peter 14 and Emery Allen 8 ot 9 Except Azariah who was sick a good deal of his time caused by fits and when he was the wellest his mind was so impaired and his body so weak that he could do but little. I thrashed and hauled my grain as usual with oxen.

The last of Sep. or 1st of Oct I started with a load of oats for Camp Floyd, Sophia (my Danish woman) her oldest son Peter to help me drive the team (I think I had 3 yoke of oxen) and Azariah (as I could not leave him home for Rody my other wife was afraid of him as he had spells and hollowing. John Patten was in company with another team. We camped at night at Willow Crick Juab Co. I had him unwell for two days and in the night I was attacked suddenly and powerfull cholera morbus before morning seemed everything had past thro me and had the cramp inward and was reduced so low that I was perfectly helpless, and just at break of day I was taken in a sheet (or blanket) and about half a mile to a house. May God bless that woman in time and in eternity, for she got from her bed and I was placed in it and she being a good nurse as well as my wife. Thro both of there efforts they saved my life. When my team came back from Camp Floyd I was well enough to be taken home. Surcumstances was such that I was obliged to go to Camp Floyd again the same fall.

Sept 1862. This fall Bro Everet and Bro Faxton being called to move south and desiring to sell, there were good large corrals, good log house and a doby house with two chimneys the walls most laid and sixty acres of land.

One portion of my family (Rody my second wife) being anxious to have my buy it so that her family could move there, it being 1 1/2 miles, that and a number of other reasons, I bought it price 600 dollars.

Dec 1st, 1862. Sophia my 3rd wife, being anxious to move in her house I fixed it and put on a temporary roof and moved into it the last of this month.

Apr 1863. Twas about this time that our Bishop Warren Snow and Bro Peacock were appointed to go on a mission to England and there was a new Bishop appointed, Bro Andrew J. Koffett. Last fall President Young his Council of Twelve or part of them with some others paid hanti a visit and in his teachings Bro Young told the Brethern of hanti to go to and build a meeting house and appointed a committee for

that purpose. The people of Manti went to work that fall and winter and quarried the rocks, hauled them and burnt a lime kiln, burnt and hauled the same and sand and etc. By this time spring come and we stopped to put in our grain, with intention as soon as grain was in, to go and lay up the walls. But our new bishop in a public meeting just before we got ready to commence made a statement to this effect that he did not want another stroke of work done on that meeting house till that house (meaning the Council house) was done. I need not say that it was never built. But in 8 years all of the materials had disappeared. Neithered I say that he never finished the Council House tho he was Bishop 13 years. Let me state right here that last fall, 1875 there was a new Bishop. I think he came here in Aug, but not settled till Sept. He went to and has got it finished at the cost of a number of hundreds of dollars, and our old tithing house that was built a number of years before Bishop Moffet came that was never finished so to be of much use. Our new Bishop has finished that also which cost as much as 3 or 400 dollars. It is now a useful and a beautiful building. I have more to write about our new Bishop when I ketch up on my journal.

I might refer to a great many things to show why Manti is not a beautiful city. I will mention a few things more. I have stated about the Indian troubles in the year 1853 that lasted only 9 months, Since then we have had trouble with them year after year and a great many lives were lost and we had to guard our city both by night and day and had to guard our stock on the range with a strong force by day and had to fetch them in and guard them at night. In addition to this we thought it advisable to build a stone wall or fort enclosing nearly 100 acres in the center of the city. Since then we have had to make a stone wall around the Center block of our city. These and a great many things has been a great draw back on the people of Manti.

May 1st, 1863. I shall write about a little what transpired this year. I put in part of my crops on my farm I have about 100 acres of land enclosed in fields. I put in a large crop so to finish paying for my farm which I was able to do in the fall. I have previous mentioned that Rody (my 2 wife) was anxious for me to by that place so that she could move there in the spring but when spring came through her mother lived with her she could not be prevailed on to move there. One reason the Indians commenced to be troublesome in the fall. As they could not agree and bring council by the Bishop, I hired a house for Rody and moved her and her children and her mother into it. It was not because she did not have plenty of room for she had two rooms 18 by 16 inside and a good cellar and ceiling 14 feet each way (unclear what is meant).

March 1st, 1864. Early this spring I bought a city lot and house for Rody and moved her into it for which I paid one hundred dollars. In 1865 Roddy expressed from time to time a wish to be divorced and this spring desiring the same I told her that if that was the desire of her heart that she should have her request and her saying that it was I took measures to bring it about.

Sept 20th, 1865. About this time Azariah burnt his arm very bad and burnt himself otherwise. To do justice to myself and family I feel duty bound to give a short sketch of his life. As he lived with most of the time till he was most 40 years old. In his childhood he enjoyed poor health and was very feeble and sickly when 18 which was his age when he went in the Mormon Battalion he enjoyed middling health and being willing to go and as they were bothered to get 500 I consented to let him go. Before were were discharged he was thrown from his horse and hurt his head most severely. He came to the Valley of Salt Lake in the fall of 1848. He got married next spring in the fall we were called to come to Manti. The morning that we started as I got up I heard him in his wagon (he slept in his wagon). I hurried in and found him in a fit. Tho I thought he was dying let me here state that from the time that he got hurt till he was taken down with fits he suffered continually with a terrible distress in his head but from that time he was never free from that distressing pain from that time he continued to have fits.

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PART II

HISTORY OF ALBERT SMITH, SR.

Through the winter he was able to work some. He helped me split some logs with a whip saw and helped me saw some boards for a floor. In the spring I built or put it up a stone chimney and finished it and then let him move into it. Through the first summer he was able to do but little. As his fits increased but his mental faculty was impaired so that by the next summer he was not able to do anything so when I got the privilege to move onto our city lots that he was not able to help me move the house and I moved it alone. From that time till his Mother died he was not able to do anything to mention. His Mother thought that work hindered him and I supported his family the same as my own. As to his property when he moved here he had a wagon and a yoke of oxen, two cows and his household furniture. He and his wife went to the City and traded his oxen off for two yoke of steers which he lost in the time of the grasshopper famine. His wagon not being used was traded off for 14 bushels of corn and a few bushels of oats. And when his wife left she had one cow and most all the furniture. All that he had left was one cow and part of a bed. About the time that his mother died there was a revival as it was called and as I previously stated some went crazy. He came very near it for he would have spells and start hollering and would strike any one that went near him. And my women folks became afraid of him and I was obliged to take him with me wherever I went. Although some times when I was after wood and when I was going to the field he would be taken home, but those hollering spells gradually wore off and when he was well he was able to do a little. I bought some shoemakers tools and in the fall he would fix up our shoes not for profit but to occupy his mind and keep him from studying all the time, which I found to be very injurious. I might mention many things such as him smashing three of my doors and striking Sophiah's face causing the blood to flow, striking the children and they being afraid of him and etc.

I have not written this short sketch to attach any blame to him. Under the same circumstances perhaps I should do no better, but only to show that those things caused me a great (as well as my wife and family) deal of labor, care and anxiety and sorrow.

As I previous stated in Sept. 1865 Arzeriah burnt her terribly by falling in the fire. His right arm was burnt the worst although his leg house stood close to my house, we found that he needed care and attention that it was necessary to move him in a spare room of ours. He was confined there all winter. His arm was burned from his shoulder to his wrist and had to be done up every day although it swelt so disagreeable when it was done up that we could but just stay in the room. Caused by his disease which run from his arm for his fits grew fever and lighter till spring when they left him for good so that it is now 10 years and he has had none since.

As soon as he was rid of his fits he commenced to gain strength both of body and mind and soon expressed an anxiety to live by himself and as his strength of body and mind increased, and when he got well, I was just about used up, so lame and feeble that I could scarcely get about. Yet, that being his desire, I assisted him to get his halt a block. As he has said that he paid for it himself. I say again that he would not get one foot of that lot if I was not for it. One lot he paid for in sheep that he had of me. As I was saying, I helped him to a lot and then helped him to move his leg house onto it. I gave him a cow, six sheep, and clothing, cooking ware in a sort I let him have so that he could keep house. He then wanted some land, I had 15 acres the other side of Sangute then but thought then to be as good a land as any in the county. And as it was hardest to him of any I had and as I thought that I had this side as much as I could attend too, I therefore gave him that 15 acres. And let me now say considering my circumstance and his, I thought that I had done all that was required of me and I think the same yet.

I feel it my duty in justice to say a word or two about my Danish wife for there has many things been said that should never have been said. When I married Sophiah, I had another woman and she (Sophiah) thought it the duty of my first womans place (Rody) to take care of him. (And so others thought) but almost as soon as she came she (Rody) threw him on Sophiah and although she thought in all justice it did not belong to her, yet for my sake and his sake, she did no alternative only for her to round up her back and to do it. And from the first till he got over his fits and left she was a Mother to Asoriah. She kept his clothes neat and clean and watched over him both by night and by day though I fear that he might fall into the fire or go somewhere and get hurt.

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1867. This summer very good crops, but in the fall the grasshoppers deposited their eggs in the ground by the millions. They came so early they hurt late crops considerable. I went to Salt Lake this fall twice and to Provo for a barrel of molasses. This fall I had a squabble with a soldier. He was partly drunk. He came into my front room and led his horse in after him. I was in my opposite room, my children being in that room got badly frightened. They got out and came running to me. In short I went and kindly invited him out with his horse at which he swore that he would shoot me and at the same time drew his pistol. But I was too quick for him. Before he knew I had hold of the pistol and wrenched it out of his hand and threw it across the room and others secured it. I was hurt but I soon got over it.

March 1, 1868. This Spring I put in a decent crop but had fears as to my having any grain to harvest. For I knew the gourd was full of eggs. I suppose that they would hatch out grasshoppers and I knew what they would do. As I had heard that they would not eat green peas I put in three acres.

June 25, 1868. On this day, Peter, my Danish wife's oldest son was drowned. For a number of years the brethren from different settlements sent teams to the Missouri River with teamsters to fetch the poor immigrants from there to Utah. We sent from Manti six and Peter went for one teamster. All that went amounted to 500 teams with a driver to each team and a horseman to every ten yoke to each wagon. When the camp got to the Green River it was very high and the water very cold and it was a cold and windy day. They tried all day to swim their cattle across at night the Manti boys with a boat load of cattle and lots of others started in a ferry boat. The boat was forced across with rope and pulleys. The boat was too heavily loaded and the cattle surged to one side of the boat and caused it to tip over and Peter and five others were drowned. There were five of that number belonged in Sanjate County and two in Manti. When the news was telegraphed to this place of their sudden death, it cast a gloom over Manti and especially over the families of those who were drowned.

Sept. 1868. Twas in the spring of this year that Joseph, my first wife's youngest son, went to Nevada. One year after he got married out there.

Sept. 4, 1868. This fall after Peter left I found it necessary for us to go and work on the Railroad, my crop being most an entire failure. I had 91 bushels of peas which was about all that I raised that the grasshoppers took the rest of mostly, though I saved my potatoes and a few things in my garden. At this, the President Young had contracted with Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company to build 100 miles of railroad from Ogden running 100 miles east. Not knowing how I could get my bread otherwise, I therefore concluded to take my team and go and work a few weeks. As grain was dearer up north than here, I bought twenty odd bushels of oats and at 2 dollars per bushel. I started for the railroad the last of August in Ogden. Asariah went with me on his own hook. As to saying he is enjoying much better health than myself. Ard Ott then 14 years old went. We had good luck going to the railroad. We hired out to Anson Calliel Co. We had a large job 2 miles up Weber Canyon. I worked there about 30 days. I think I had 5 dollars a day and my board. I furnished my horse feed. At the fall conference October 6, 1868, it was proposed and talked over finally too for the saints to go into Cooperation. After due consideration, the motion was put and unanimously voted on for the Saints to enter into Cooperation and to commence by all the towns and settlements starting a Cooperative mercantile institution. That is to stop trading with the merchants in our midst that was fooling the people by their exhorbant prices, and for the saints to start in all the settlements a Coop store and for all to put in 10 dollars each or more. (For there is none but what could put in ten) then trace out of their one store and to start a parent company Mercantile Institute at Salt Lake on the same principle and to supply all the rest of the stores throughout the territory. The parent store was to be a wholesale as well as a retail store. There was a parent store started that same winter and through all of the settlements as fast as they could be put into it and bring it about. There was one started in Manti the first of January. Myself and family put 4 shares for 40 dollars. The plan has saved the people thousands and tens of thousands of dollars yearly by keeping the same out of the hands of speculators.

May 1, 1869. Last fall grasshoppers laid their eggs and filled the ground and as soon as the crop was up they hatched and was ready to devour the same. I raised a good crop of peas and that was about all there was. Some raised here and quite a crop in Ephraim for they went and got a load of soil and carried it to Fort Ephraim and got a small load of wheat to take home. Last winter there was what was called the School of the Prophets organized through the territory.

June 28, 1869. About this time I made arrangements to homestead a quarter of the north half section of Section 31 Township 17 South of range 3 East. I moved a log house onto it and went to considerable expense in order to get a homestead claim. Just as I was going to start to Salt Lake to get it entered, six of my children were taken down sick almost at once. They were all very sick even night on to death. Two were taken away by the arms of death, the oldest, her name was Louisa. She was in her 11th year. The other one was David. His age was 5 years old. This occupied my mind and time for three or four weeks. To my astonishment when my family got so that I could leave home, I found that Bishop Yoifat had gone to the land office and had got it entered to him. I was more astonished for he counseled me to put a house on it and make a homestead claim. The house being needed and being a little next, I moved the house. Next spring he told me that he would give a writing to relinquish his claim (for he found that he could not hold it.) which he did. And I went the next spring and secured by homestead claim to considerable more expense as I had to build a house on it first that covered all my farming land.

May 1, 1871. This spring my crops were again about all destroyed by the grasshoppers. One reason why they destroy my crops so bad is because there is over 100 acres of land just above me unoccupied. Just before haying I bought a share in a moving machine and went to Salt Lake and got it. It cost 121 dollars. There was six of us that bought it. It cut all our hay. This fall there was no eggs laid in Sanpete County.

May 1, 1872. As I had new help but Albert, (he is only 11 years) I let David Hamilton help me farm it this summer. (He married this Spring my wife's youngest daughter.) We that owned the mower this spring bought a reaper (for the mower was a mower and reaper combined) but the reaper we did not buy till this Spring. It cost 50 dollars. We raised this year not much less than 1000 bushels of wheat, oats and peas. This fall I bought the whole of the mower and reaper. I paid 125 dollars. We found that there was too many owners to it.

May 1, 1873. I should have mentioned that in August 1872. I and my wife was called to the City to attend to some ordinances in the Endowment House and so we got to the City and drove in the tithing yard, one of my horses layed down and died. As I had no acquaintances there that felt disposed to assist me and as I had no money with me, I was at a loss to know how I should get a horse or how I was to get home. But I found a friend in Brigham Young Jr. Though an entire stranger, but hearing of my misfortune sent me word if I needed help to come to him. I went to him and he told me if I could find a horse that suited me that he would pay for it. I found a young horse not broke that I could have for 50 dollars as I could find no other (that I would buy) I took it and Brother Brigham paid for it and waited for his pay till I went home and got the money and sent it to him. The horse answered me first rate and made a valuable horse. To me the old saying proved true, a friend in need is a friend indeed.

May 1, 1873. David worked my farm this summer, the ground not being in as good order, the crops were rather light. There is a number of new buildings going up this summer, Judge peacock is fixing up the old stone courthouse. I bought me a harness for 45 dollars in the fall, also we got a sewing machine. David bought a City in this fall and built a house on it and moved into it.

April 1, 1874. This summer Albert and myself commenced to put in our crop alone. But I let David put in 5 acres on my land with my team and he paid me in work and Otto came home and helped me through the haying and harvesting. Last February I was thrown out of a sleigh and hurt my hip and side and my back so that I was confined to my bed three or four weeks and could not turn from my back for 10 or 11 days. I have taken the Deseret News from the first winter. I take the Juvenile Instructor. I just stated that I hurt my leg and was laid up with it, Was my right leg and the same leg that I have suffered with for years with the Rheumatism for three or four years so that I have just been able to be about and I have had poor health and a poor appetite besides.

March 1, 1875. This spring, Albert, my youngest boy, 14 years old, and myself put in 10 acres of wheat and 7 of oats and 1 1/2 of peas and 1 1/2 of potatoes and not only did we put it in but we prepared the water ditches, tended to watering and harvesting it, hauled and stacked it and then got it thrashed with a little help. I have stated how that I bought a mower and reaper combined and when the time came to cut our hay, Albert and myself fixed up our mower and went to the hayfield though neither of us had tried to use it, but we soon found that we could cut our own grass without any trouble. And though I am lame yet we did all of our haying ourselves and we cut over not less than 12 acres. Put when we came to cut our grain we changed work.

August 24, 1875. About this time President Young, his Counselors, President Wells and most of the Twelve and some others came to this County and held meetings in a number of places and held a two day meeting in Fort Ephraim. I and my wife went both days. I will stop here and say that the principles of "what is called the United Order" and rules of agreements and regulations was drawn up more than 2 years ago but us as a people we had been sick to receive them. Their preaching therefore was mostly on that subject, the principles of the United Order or in other words the principles of union proving from the Bible that it was an eternal principle, a principle by which the heavens and earth were made and by which they are sustained and said that Jesus taught the same principle. The principle of union, for he prayed that they might become as He and the Father was one and says Jesus, "except you are one you are none of mine and etc." and they said that all the Saints in the whole territory were given the privilege of renewing their covenants by being baptized for the remission of sins and renewal of their covenants to the observance of the rules of the United Order. And they said that they were going to commence right there. As soon as the meeting was dismissed, there had been a convenient place prepared for the purpose not more than 25 rods from the meeting house to where we prepared. Pro. Pres. Wells, all the Twelve that were there and a number of others went forth and was rebaptized.

A few Sabbaths after Brother Erastus Snow, one of the Twelve, came to Manti and preached the same principles and gave opportunity for all that was ready to renew their covenants by baptism, could have the privilege soon after meeting and there was quite a number that went forth and renewed their covenants. My wife and myself amongst the number. At that same meeting Andrew J. Moffet resigned his office as a bishop. There was a Brother appointed that lived at Salt Lake City by the name of J. E. Yaiben. I think it was in September before he got settled so as to commence his labors. So far he has give entire satisfaction as previous stated he has been a very busy finishing of our Council house and tore down our old stone tithing house or nearly so and has built it over again and has made a beautiful building of it. As the prospect was that there would be more or less that would desire baptism this winter and as there is a warm spring with healing qualities $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles he had a house built there with three rooms, in the center room there is a baptismal font, the rooms each side are for dressing rooms.

There is many in Manti that is trying to live their religion and are trying to observe the principles which God has revealed to his people through his prophets for their salvation and exaltation, while there are those that are finding fault with the revelations of God.

Jan. 1, 1876. There has been a large company of families called to go to Arizona. They are selected from all of the settlements according to the number of their inhabitation. There were five families called from here to go. They have been fitted out and going. They are all young men and all but one is married.

Feb. 22, 1876. I read last night of their finding and opening of mines. If half is true there will be too many mining camps in this whole territory. It has not been mentioned concerning mineral productions of this territory. It has not been more than 6 years since the mines have been opened worth mentioning. Since then there has new ones been found and opened. One after another till it has become one of the best mining territory or state there is in all the West. Those last named is in Dixie in the South. The place is called Tropicville. The place where David Hamilton, my son in law, and Otto have gone there to work. We have received no letter from them yet.

The railroads is increasing very fast. The Northern P.B. running North of Ogden. It is finished over 100 miles running into the adjoining territory, and another called the Central P.B. from Salt Lake to Ogden. The Southern R. R. from Salt Lake to the Colorado is finished 70 miles. Besides these main roads there are a number of branches. There is one running west, one to Bingham Canyon and another up Cottonwood, and there is another running up American Fork Canyon and Salt Lake City is getting full of street, R.R. and there is a Branch R.R. from Nephi up Salt Creek Canyon up into Sanpete County and etc.

March 2, Thurs. Today I wrote a letter to Joseph in reply to a letter that I received from him. Wed 7th I wrote a letter to David and Otto in reply to a letter that was received that day.

Tues. 14th. Today Charles Patten started south to Kane County Tropicville where David and Otto are to work. I sent 46 lbs of Flour to Otto. There is quite a snow storm.

Wed. 15th. This morning is clear and pleasant.

Apr. 16. I have put in twelve acres of wheat 5 1/2 oats and 2 acres of peas.

May 10th. I have planted 1 acre of potatoes and my garden (1 acre), sowed a pack of lucerne and a pack of wheat and oats and planted corn, potatoes, beans, squashes, cucumbers, watermelons and etc. It has been cold backward this spring.

May 20, 1875. I am plowing (or Albert is) my summer fellow for next summers crop (7 acres) I have got it almost plowed.

May 31st Wed. I have just got through watering all of my grain the first time and started this day for Salt Lake.

June 5th Mon. Returned from Salt Lake and York, went in the cars. It was my first railroad ride. June 6th, Tues. Otto came home today. June 16, Thurs. I just finished watering the second time.

Sept. 24th. There is many things I should set down that I have neglected. I will now set down a few things. When I went to the City May 31st it was to get a patent deed for my homestead. I did not get it. I went again in July and got it (or the written for it). I raised this summer a good crop. I have four hundred bushels of wheat, 174 of oats and 44 of peas. I paid thirty three bushels of wheat for help to harvest and seventy seven bushels of oats it cost me to get it thrashed. My wife, that is Albert and myself, we done alone. We had 21 loads of hay, 26 of wheat, 7 of oats and 6 of peas. I received a letter from Susan M. Mathan, my Brother David's daughter. It informed me of my brother David's death. We received a telegram Sept. 4th stating the death of David M. Hamilton our son in law from Toquerville Kane County. I and my wife think of starting in 4 or 5 days to drive to see Hannah, our daughter. For some cause or other I feel very much surprised in my mind.

Oct 30th, Sun. My wife and Albert and myself started for Coquerville, Kane Co. We left on Sept. 28th and have a very good journey there, with there in 7 days a distance 220 miles. found Hannah and the rest of our friends all well. It being only 24 miles from St. George we went there to see the Temple. I shall not describe the building. I will only say that it was finished outside and all of the rooms in the lower stories. The outside is as white as the driven snow. It was worth going some way to see. All the places that I saw in Kane Co. in their cities or towns were very delightful places with their large vineyards and all kinds of fruit trees but the country around looked very forbidding.

We were 12 days coming home. It rained a good deal of the time. We got home safe and well today (Sun.) I went to meeting which I do when I am well enough, but let me say it is discouraging as I could understand but very little because of deafness.

Nov. 18, 1876. Today is my birthday. I am 72 years old. I have been helping Albert haul wood for a few days past and hurt my side very bad. I find my deafness does increase my lameness. I think that it is no worse than it has been for years, otherwise my health is very good. We have very fine weather since we got home.

Dec. 15th, Sat. I have just received my patent deed from Washington, D.D. (80) eighty acres. I have got over my hurt in my side. It continues pleasant weather. I have got up my winters wood and I intend to do but little this winter except chores. I forgot to state that Joseph moved from Nevada to this place. He arrived here, he, his wife and two children. His wife's mother, His wife's sister and her brother all well, the distance (700) seven hundred miles. They got here the last of November. Otto left a few days before for the south.

Dec. 28th. There is prospect of there being plenty of snow. It has snowed most of the time since Christmas and it is still snowing. We have received a letter from Otto. He said he was going to get married January 13th. The 9th I received a letter from my niece Mary Reed of Fenner, Madison, County, Mo. Her husband's name is Wm. C. Reed. She gave me the Post Office address of Priscilla and of Moses, the address of my sister. Priscilla is Henman Spurto Center, Michigan, in care of Larson Bradford. My brothers is Post Office address is Snagebury, Shawnee, County, Mich.

Today, Jan. 13th. I received a letter from my nephew Sylvester S. Mason. His address is Shelby County, Michigan. I heard yesterday that Otto was married.

Jan. 1, 1877. Mon. I forgot to say that New Years passed very pleasantly. My wife and I took a sleigh ride into town with my one sleigh and horses and had a good dinner. The dividend of our Coop store for six months past was (\$1.60) one dollar and sixty cents a share at 10 dollars a share.

Feb. 10th. I have just received the first number of the Semi-weekly Deseret News. I have taken the Deseret News since it was a weekly paper till within five years since 1850.

Mon. Feb. 24th. I commenced to put in my grain and put in all the wheat. I have sent a number of the Deseret News, one to Moses, one to Priscilla, one to Mary Reed, one to Sylvester Mason, and one to Susan Mather. Mar. 4th Sun. I have sent one number of the Deseret News to Mary Reed. It snowed last night.

Mar. 2nd. On account of my age (going on 73) and find my health and strength failing and the circumstance under which my family is placed, I deem it necessary to make my will. Therefore, I made my Will Mar. 10th. Today Mon. 12th I moved Hannah up to Otto's house. They are to work on the meeting house and have been for 2 or 3 weeks.

Mar. 22nd Thurs. Yesterday I finished putting in my oats. We have put in 10 acres of wheat and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of peas, 5 of oats, in all 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. We went today all of us to Hannah's and plowed her garden and sat out a lot of trees and dug up a lot of rocks. Otto moved from Virgan City (where he got married) to this place. He moved in with Hannah. Sat. Mar 31st. Otto moved in my North Room. Thurs. there was quite a snow storm night before last. I have just sent two Deseret News east one to Wm. Feed and one to Susan Mather.

April 8th Sun. I have sent today another Deseret News to -- There is a snow storm today. April 25th Wed. Yesterday Pres. Young, Bro Wells and Company come here from St. George and held meetings in the evening. Bro. Wells preached in the afternoon. They selected the spot for the Temple and had the place staked off and surveyed. Today there was a meeting at 10 o'clock at 12 o'clock they repaired to the place and had the place dedicated. Pres. Young offered the dedicational prayer and made some remarks. Next Monday we are to commence to build the Temple. We have had a severe snowstorm. It remains cold and frosty at night.

Monday May 28th. For the last four days there has been between 58 and 75 hands to work preparing the foundation for the Temple. There is a number of masons laying up the walls of the meeting house. It is progressing finely. I received a few days ago a letter from my oldest sister's (Deborah) daughter, Mary Reed. Today I sent her a letter and a paper and one paper to Susan Mather. Last week with the help of my family, that is Albertine, Albert and Charlotte, I weeded my wheat. My grain looks fine. I am watering it.

May 29th. Today I am not very well and have not been for a number of days. There is a fine shower this evening. June 4th Monday. I went to meeting yesterday. Bro. Hyce preached in the afternoon. I sent a paper to Sylvester S. Nash.

July 14th Sat. July 4th there was a priesthood meeting at Fort Ephraim which I attended. Pres. Young and a number of the Twelve was there. The object of the meeting was to organize a stake of Zion in Sanpete Co. Bishop Peterson of Fort Ephraim was appointed President of the Stake and Bro. Beal his first counselor of Fort Ephraim and Bishop Maiben of Manti his second counselor. Bro. Walter Cox was appointed President of the High Priest Quorum. Bro. Warren Snow, his First Counselor. Instead of one Bishop there were two bishops appointed in Manti. Bro Read was appointed Bishop in the North or 1st Ward. Bro. Pearson, his First Counselor. In the South or Second Ward. Bro. Hans Hanson, Bishop and Bro. Christofferson, First Counselor, and Bro. James Crawford is second Counselor and there was a High Council appointed in the Stake.

Sat. and Sun. 7th and 8th. There was a two day meeting in Manti. We had most excellent instructions from Pres. Young, George Q. Cannon, Erastus Snow and others. There was a number of brethren out from the Church. (Ill in all.)

Nov. 18, 1877. Today is my birthday. I am 73. Albert came home last night horseback. He had to leave the wagon and one horse 40 miles back. The horse got lame.

Doctor Davis and wife were thrown out of his carriage yesterday. He was hurt very bad, but his wife was not hurt very bad. Yesterday and today there is a

Quartly Conference of this Stake held at Ephraim. My team not being at home and being so deaf I did not go.

Nov. 25th Thurs. the 22nd Albert went back with two horses to get the wagon and the other horse. Friday night he came back with the wagon and the lame horse, Billy. He is still very lame. Today (25) I wrote a letter to Otto. I went to meeting today and evening. Mon. Nov. 26th. When I settled and paid my debts and my hired help wages, being so high and grain so low (wheat 60 cents a bushel) that it took most half I raised.

Dec. 4th. Today Albertine is 20 years old. There is Quartly Conference held at Fort Ephraim (17 and 18) of last Nov. of this Stake of Zion and Mon. 19th there was a big blast of the Temple block. 15 kegs of powder was in it. Dec. 15th. There was another with 20 kegs.

Dec. 18th Thurs. I wrote a letter to Zepnanish and yesterday I wrote one to David Smith. Dec. 20th Sunday. Dec. 25th passed very pleasantly especially by the young who were treated with presents from Santa Claus. The tree that was loaded with in our meetinghouse. They worked on the walls of our meetinghouse and on the walls of the Temple till Christmas. It is so cold since that they had to quit.

Jan 1. 1878. I thought I would set down the dimensions of the Temple in Manti City, Sanpete County. The Temple stands on the Spier of the Mountain, come down to the northeast of the city and is 168 feet long and 95 feet wide and 82 feet high. There is to be two towers the one on the east end is to be 179 feet the west tower 169 feet. The Temple stands 63 feet above the street grade. The main room will be 80 by 104 feet in the clear. The middle chamber will be twenty feet high, the upper chamber is 28 feet in the clear and 88 feet by 104 between wall with self supporting roof without columns. There is 4 walls, one above the other 17 feet each and 60 rods long. The upper wall comes up to the level of the Temple grade. The walls form three terraces. The lower one is 43 feet wide, the second 40 feet wide, the third 35 feet wide. The steps in front are 16 feet wide and there are one hundred and twenty six steps (126). Last summer there was from 150 to 200 hands to work they put in 15 kegs of powder in one blast which lifted at least 2500 yards of rocks and debris weighing at least 2500 tons. On the north side an ell is attached running north 115 feet. At the north end there is a 60 horse power boiler used for to heat the rooms and the water in the baptismal font. There is two more boilers or one in the mountain and saws all the lumber for the temple. The other is 25 horse power and is by the machine shop and compals 11 different machines.

Jan 7. 1878. It has been very cold and freezing weather last week, but no snow. This place tis very healthy. Jan. 22. It is mild and open winter. There has been very little snow. It now looks very much like a snowstorm.

A few days ago I sent \$15 to Pro Cummings Jr. living at Salt Lake who is going east to get the genealogy for the brethren that wishes to send by him. Anxious to procure all the names that I can, I have employed him to get all the names he can for me in the state of Massachusetts. George Fench's wife died last night (Monday evening.) There is over 100 to work on the Temple. Some are quarrying rock, some laying the foundation of the (2) terrace while there is 20 teams or more hauling dirt and rock leveling the top for the foundation of the Temple.

Feb. 3rd. Sun. Last Sunday I went to meeting but was not able to hear what was said because of my deafness. Today I stayed to home and read. It is beautiful weather at present.

March 12th Tues. Today I commenced to put in my wheat. Last week Albert worked on the Temple with the team. For two or three weeks there has been 120 hands and 30 teams to work.

April 6. 1878 Sat. Today is the first day of the Annual Conference. It is a beautiful day. Albert finished today putting in my grain 10 acres of wheat and 5 of oats and one and a half (1½) of peas. April 27th. Today I received a letter from my sister Priscilla Herman.

May 19th Sun. I have not been going to meeting I am so deaf that I hear but little of what is said that is of but little use. I went last Sunday and there was a preacher and I understood only one. Today I thought I would stay home.

Kanti City, May 19, 1878. On account of my deafness I have stayed to home from meeting and I thought that I would write a little in my journal. I see that I have written only 9 pages for the last 2 years. There has many things transpired that I should have noted that I have not. I shall try to be more particular for two years to come. Yesterday and today there is a quarterly conference held at Mount Pleasant. President Taylor and some others of the Twelve are in attendance. The progress on the Temple is rather slow and the third wall is not yet finished. Friday evening there was a snowstorm and rather cold and stormy since though there has been no frost to hurt the fruit in the place.

There is a Presbyterian School been established here ever since last fall. They have I understand a very large attendance, not only a school but they have a church with quite a number of members.

My wife has just come from meeting. They had a good meeting. Bro. Brown preached for a foundation of his remarks he read the 17th Chapter of St. John and there was a number that bore their testimony to the truth of Mormonism or rather to the Gospel of the Son of God and one bore a strong testimony in the gift of tongues and another interpreted it.

May 31st. My wife and myself returned last night from York the end of the Southern railroad to get my wife's brother and his wife. We have had good luck all but breaking a spring to the carriage.

June 10th Mon. Today I finished watering my grain for the first time. For a few days it has been very warm. Albert has gone after Julius Clown, my wife's brother. He is very dissatisfied and after staying with us 10 days, he and his wife went away, it being June 10th. June 9th Solomon came to work on the Temple, June 12th. I have got a grist 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels just ground today. I have no special news to write.

July 3rd. Last Sat. June 29th there was eleven (11) persons drowned in Purks Lake caused by a sudden and terrible wind. The work on the meeting house progresses very slow and likewise on the Temple for the last few days has been very warm. Crops look promising though there is some cut worms in some gardens. In some territory the Locust or Grasshopper and worms are doing a great deal of damage entirely destroying some fields both grain and grass. Today Albert is finishing my plowing the land for the next years crops consisting of 20 acres.

July 13th Sat. Today I made a sweep to my well down on the farm. I hired it dug, was finished today. It is 12 feet deep. July 17th Thurs. I commenced haying today. Albert went with my mowing machine alone and cut one lot. This is very hot weather.

Erastus Snow one of the Twelve Apostles was here and preached to us last Sunday. Last Monday, 15th, my wife sold Albert's mare for 25 dollars. Let me make a short statement concerning Joseph. In the fall of 1868 Joseph got in trouble which caused a law suit and was fined 100 dollars and the cost was 60 dollars and he was to pay 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars every 3 months from one year making fifty dollars. I became his security for the whole amount. In the Spring in April, Joseph went to Nevada. Previous to his going, I had settled up and paid the cost and the 100 dollar fine and the first payment (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars) to the amount of 172 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars. In the morning before he left we settled and he gave me his note for the sum of 122 dollars, as he helped me a little I threw off 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars. I will state further when he left my wife helped him for which he promised to send her 10 dollars as soon as possible and he promised to send me pay for the note as soon as he could earn it. Being well satisfied with our settlement. I will say further that the 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars that remained of the 50 dollar, when he left I thought that I should not have to pay which I had to pay, part in grain, part in money and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars John Patten paid. The money that I had to pay as the grasshoppers had destroyed my grain, I had to go to work on the railroad to get money and to buy back wheat for which I had to pay three dollars a bushel. Now I will say that I have never received one cent from him, the whole amount being 147 dollars to me and 10 dollars to my wife which is justly rightly and honorable. My dues saying nothing of the interest for over ten years.

Since he came from Nevada I have tried to talk with him about it and would for trifle relinquish the whole. He has said repeatedly that he would not pay one cent and has told others that if we held a note against him it was a danger one. They are sore of the reasons why I have put it in black and white.

Aug. 5, 1878, Mon. Today I commenced harvesting. I had only one hand to help me and Albert, that was Solomon Robison. He helped out all of my grain and helped to haul it and helped some in haying. Aug. 29th. Solomon Robison and Albertina with my team started today for St. George to get married.

Sept. 12th. Today I had my grain thrashed. I had of wheat 210 bushels, oats 140, 40 bushels of peas! Sept 29th. This evening Bro. George Peacock, my near neighbor and who had been Probate Judge for many years was taken away very sudden by the hand of death. There is quite a number of deaths in Manti this fall.

Oct. 6, 1878. Solomon and my daughter returned from St. George. Oct. 18th. Albert and Solomon are getting up our winters wood. The work progresses very slow on the Temple. If hands do not turn out more liberal than what they have for 3 or 4 weeks past will be a long while before there is a Temple in Manti. Oct 21st Mon. Solomon and Albert started this morning for Dixie or to Leeds Kane Co. with a load of salt and to work there for a few days! Nov. 2nd Sat. It has been pleasant for a number of days. Nov. 10th Mon. It has been very cloudy for a number of days but no rain here till Sat. night. Last night and today tis clear and pleasant.

Nov. 18, 1878. Today is my birthday. I am 74 years old. How many more birth-days I shall live to see I do not know. Sometimes I feel as though it mattered not if I am only prepared to go and then I feel anxious to live till the Manti Temple is finished and I have an opportunity to enter there in and attend to the ordinances for my Father's House, those that died without having an opportunity of hearing the Gospel. O my Father in Heaven. I ask thee in the name of Thy Son to spare my life if it is consistent to Thy will till the Temple in Manti is finished and I have an opportunity to enter therein and attend to the ordinances for my friends that died without having an opportunity to attend to themselves. Even those ordinances that were ordained before the world was made for the salvation and exaltation of all the sons and daughters of Father Adam except the sons of perdition, even those that sinned against the Holy Ghost that have no forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come. And O my Father, help me to so live that I may be found worthy of that privilege and may thy holy spirit inspire the saints to go with their might and labor diligently till the House of the Lord is completed.

Sat. and Sun. Nov. 16th and 17th. This Santepe Stake held their Quarterly Conference at Fort Ephraim. Bro. Taylor, Bro. Pratt, and Bro. E. Snow of the Quorum of the Twelve were there. Bro. Orson Pratt preached Saturday on the history of the Church.

Dec. 3, 1878. Bro. Orson Hyde died Nov. 27th in Spring City. He was buried Sunday Dec. 1st. Bro. W. Woodruff preached his funeral sermon and was here Monday and preached in the evening.

Jan. 2, 1879, Thurs. I went to the fast meeting. There was a good many there. We had a good meeting. Jan 13th. Last night Bro. W. Woodruff preached here in this place to a crowded house. He read the 11 Chapter of Hebrew and showed what mighty things had been done by faith in former days and what had been accomplished by faith since this church had been organized. Urged the saints to so live that we could have more faith that we could be prepared to accomplish the great work that is to be done in these last days and urged the Saints to build the Temple in Manti.

Fri. Jan 24, 1879. Two weeks past it has been good sleighing and most of the time tery cold. It is warmer today and the snow is melting very fast. I am lamer this winter than what I have been ever before. I can only get around. I paid my herd bill today. I think I am out of debt.

Feb. 28th Mon. 24th. I commenced to put in wheat or Albart has. It has been good weather all this week. Mar. 8th. Thurs. Mar 6th. We finished putting in our wheat, 14 acres, yesterday the 7th I put in 1/3 acres of peas. Solomon Robison plowed them in. Today it snow some and looks like a real snow storm.

Apr. 13th Sun. Last week we had a severe storm which has soaked up the grain nice which makes vegetation smile. My folks are going to meeting. There is to be some of the Twelve there. I was not able to go. I have been troubled with the salt rume for a number of weeks. The worst kind from head to foot and nothing to help me. Tomorrow they are to lay the corner stone to the Temple. There was of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, President John Taylor, Erastus Snow, Lorenzo Snow, C.C. Rich, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Albert Carrington, Joseph F. Smith, and Moses Thatcher and the Presiding Bishop Edwin Hunter and his two counselors and a number other leading men of the church and a large crowd of people, the most I ever saw together in Manti at any one time. It was laid between twelve and one o'clock. I was not able to be there.

April 19th. It is warm and pleasant weather. Albert has gone up the canyon to the upper mill to get a load of slabs. I am no better of my complaint. I slept only 15 minutes last night.

May 8th Thurs. Last Tuesday Albert started south with a load of freight (oats and flour) in order to raise means to pay for a wagon. Mon. May 5th. There was a mass meeting held under the bowery. I will just state that Efo. Miller was prosecuted before the Third District Court for polygamy and in the trial Councilor Wells was called to give testimony in the case and being asked what kind of apron and what kind of moccasins they wore in the Endowment House the question having no bearing on the case and being under strict covenant not to reveal what transpired in the Endowment House he refused to answer the question, where upon the court fined him one hundred dollars and two days in prison. The mass meeting was for the people to express their feelings and pass resolutions.

May 26th Mon. I have been watering four days. Finished this morning. Watered 23 acres. I forgot to state that last Sat. and Sun. May 17th and 18th there was a quarterly Conference of this Stake held in Nanti under the Bowery. There was a large conference.

May 29. 1879. Isearl Shumaker died Thurs. He was 63 years old. He was buried June 1st Sun. Albert returned today from his trip south and fetched home 63 dollars, and Otto came after his wife who has been here on a visit. June 2, 1879, Mon. Walter Cox got unloading logs at his sawmill the 5th. He died and was buried on the 7th. June 11th there was a young man buried that was to work on the Temple. He was from Orderville.

July 1. 1879. Today I returned from Salt Lake City. My wife and Albert was with me. We was gone but 7 days. There is about 100 stone cutters employed in cutting stone. Every stone in the building is cut and numbered and has it one place in the building. To occupy they hoist the rock by steer shovel. I have sold a strip the north end of my garden (82) eighty two feet wide for one hundred dollars to help pay for a wagon so to save my grain.

July 11th. 3 days ago I went over my field of grain. It was for want of water and I cannot have water for one week. I shall nearly loose my crop this is on account of a number going above and making large ditches and taking out a large quantity of water that they had no right.

Aug. 29th. Since I have written I watered my grain and it revived it and it turned out much better than I thought it would. I have got through my haying and harvesting and just finished thrashing. I got only about one half as much hay as common. I had only about half the amount of grain for the want of water. I had 186 bushels of wheat. 125 bushels of oats and 40 bushels of peas making in all 351 bushels. I paid out for help to harvest 25 bushels of wheat, for help to thrash 12 weeks horse feed 5 and tole wheat 13 bushels and oats 9 bushels. Total of all I paid out in 50 of wheat and 15 of oats. They held our quarterly conference the 16th and 17th of August at Fort Ephraim. two of the twelve was there.

Sept 7. 1876 (?) (I think he means 1879) It continues dry. There was a light shower in the middle of Aug. and I think that is all the rain we have had here since Spring. Feed is dried up. One month ago Solomon Robison moved up to Hannah.

Nov. 15th Fri. Bro John Taylor and Orson Pratt and others from Salt Lake was here and held meeting in the evening. The Sampete Quarterly Conference was held the 16th and 17th at Fort Ephraim, four of the Twelve was there. There has been considerable snow and very cold for a week back, tho it thawed yesterday and today.

Dec. 28th. It has been some time since I have written but there has nothing incoming transpired since the above date. Nov. 18th I was 75 years old.

Jan. 2. 1880. Yesterday was New Years. It being Thursday it was fast day. I have lived in Nanti over 30 years. There has been nothing most every firm Thursday in the month. I have been most of the time and there has never been so large attendance as there was yesterday.

Feb. 22, 1880 (Mon.) There has been more snow and more cold weather the last six weeks than what I have seen since the first winter. the first winter we had more snow but not so cold.

April 6, 1880. Today is the fiftyth year since the Church of Jesus Christ was organized so this Conference which convenes today is the Jubilee conference being the fiftyth annual conference. April 9th. It was very stormy the fore part of the conference. It is beautiful weather now. Otto moved here Apr. 1st Thurs. Sat. the 3rd he and Solomon started for Peoch.

Apr. 12th Mon. I commenced to put in my wheat. I have put in ten acres and all layed off but 3 acres. Tues. night it snowed 2 inches as it did Weds. night and it has snowed most all of the forenoon Sat. The weather looks very discouraging to farmers.

May 7th Fri. Albert finished putting in my spring crop, 10 acres of wheat 5 of oats, 2 1/2 of peas and 3/4 of potatoes. 16 acres in all.

May 11th Tues. Yesterday and today I have been putting in my garden corn, beans and vines and etc. As to the weather it has been cold and very backward. The fruit is not yet killed, the trees just begin to blossom.

May 20th. Today is very warm and pleasant. Last Sat and Sun. there was Sanpete Quarterly Conference at Fort Ephraim. Three of the Twelve was there. Bro W. Woodruff Bro L. Snow, and Bro B. Young. They held meeting here in Marti Mon. at 2 o'clock and in the evening.

May 30th Sun. Last Monday Otto came back from Peoch. He bought him a new wagon. He went Weds. with a Mr. R. Shereley over the river to prospect for a silver mine. Fri. they came back. They found a silver mine as they think that will be work so they secured it. Yesterday (Sat.) they went over to work on it. Thursday Albert commenced the summer plowing for next year.

June 21st Mon. Otto's silver mine proved to be good for nothing. Mr. R. Shereley left in a few days. Otto concluded to go to Castle Valley. He left this morning. He took Albert with him. He, Albert, left 7 acres not plowed. I fired Bro. Dennison's son to plow it. He has commenced and has plowed one half. June 28th Sun. Bro. Dennison's son finished my plowing Weds. Mon. 6 o'clock in the evening I took the water and got through watering Thursday evening.

July 13th Tues. The 4th of July was celebrated on Mon. 5th in the evening there was displayed of fireworks on Temple Hill. Thurs. I commence to water the third time, finished Sun. the 11th.

I have neglected writing so long I hardly know but with what to write. Albert came home on July 22rd. We commenced haying July 26th. It was very late we raised this year 160 bushels of wheat. I had in 8 acres of oats but raised none. The grasshoppers destroyed the whole crop. We had 35 bushels of peas. Our potatoes crop entirely failed. I planted 3/4 acre. We had over 50 bushels of apples but no garden except twelve or fourteen bushels of potatoes. That is the amount of what we have raised this summer and it will have to sustain our family for one year, perhaps longer. As the grasshoppers has deposited their eggs in my land as full as it can be.

They are going ahead on the Temple as fast as can be expected. They had Nov. 6, 1880 a splendid time at their Conference. There was a first president quorum organized. There had been none since the death of Brigham Young. Bro. John Taylor was unanimously sustained by their raising to their feet and lifting their right hand as our President, Prophet, Seer and Revelator. They voted in Quorum (they being organized) and then in the vast congregation. Bro. George C. Cannon (they being Joseph F. Smith his counselors and Bro. Wilford Woodruff the President of the Twelve Apostles. I have been very sick for more than a week. Am not yet well, will quit and go and lay down.

Oct. 29, 1880. Last Sunday my wife and myself went to Emma Cox, to a wedding supper. She is my Danish wife's daughter. She was married to Charles Clawson so her name is now Emma Clawson.

The walls on the Temple is 30 feet high all around. Nov. 1st. We are having one of the most pleasant falls that I remember of having here in the mountains. I have got as well as common but am so lame and deaf that I do not go to meeting very often for when I do go I hear but little. I take great pleasure in reading the Deseret News, especially the sermons for we get a sermon most every week from some of the Twelve.

Nov. 21st (Sunday Morning) Yesterday and today there is held our Quarterly Conference. My wife and Albert and Charlotte had gone and took Baby and her man so I

am left alone. It has been unusually cold for 6 or 7 days. It is more milder today. We have had no rain nor snow to mention this fall. I will send Albertina to see Leseret News.

Dec. 2nd. Today was Fast Day. I went we had a very good meeting. There was twelve bore their testimony to the truth of the latter days work.

Jan. 29, 1881. Sat. There has most two months since I have written. There has nothing unusual transpired. Christmas and New Years past off as usually. It has been very cold this winter most of the time.

Jan. 26, 1881. Charles Clawson and Albert went to work on the railroad up Salina Canyon. How they made out we have not heard. There is between 70 or 80 to work on the Temple most every day this winter.

Feb. 3, 1881. Today I received a letter from Daniel Tyler, a form with it for me to send to the Commission of Pension at Washington, D.C.

Feb. 4, 1881. It rained last night and all day so far. The last day of Jan. we received a letter from Albert. He and Charley had hired out to Mr. Burgess for 30 dollars a month and are with a surveying Company.

Albert returned home in 3 or 4 weeks. He worked home part of the summer, put in a small crop which done very well.

I see that I have not written since Feb. 4th. There is a reason for my not writing more. For one it is hard work for me to write and another is there is nothing new and uncommon took place. I can see that the Saints are more and more united, whilst the wicked has increasing in wickedness. Solomon Robison moved here the first of April and have lived here in one of my rooms ever since. Albert went on the 26th of this month in company with 4 or 5 others to work on the railroad.

Oct. 14th Monday. I have just written a letter to Albert. Solomon Robison went last Tuesday 8th to work on the railroad. The Presbyterians church has built a very nice meeting house with a good size bell and yesterday and today they are dedicating it.

Oct 1, 1882. Sunday noon I took my Journal (I am so deaf that I did not go to meeting) and I see tis almost a year since I have written and I thought I would try to write a few things perhaps it may be locked at when I am gone, hence as to what has past the last year is of but little consequence to me. I mean as to my worldly matters. I am 78 years old lacking but a few days. Something whispers to me that I am most sore with my sufferings here and I want to bare my testimony to my children and their children and to all the world that this is the Kingdom of God and that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God.

March 30, 1883. I have written but little the last two years. One great reason is I am such a poor speller and writer that I do not know as it can be read, for I can scarcely read it. I have added a few leaves and I shall try to write some. About 4 years ago I paid Bro. E. F. Cummings 15 dollars to obtain the genealogy of my forefathers. For various good reasons he did not arrange them so as to send them to me until a few days ago. He wrote me soon after he returned that he had procured several hundred names of my forefathers and would be pleased with them when he got them so arranged that he could send them to me. Surely I am pleased with them there being upwards of 400 from my Great Grandfather whose name is Rev. Henry Smith who was the first Baptist Minister in the place he lived in England. He came over 16 years after the landing of the Mayflower. Two of my Grandfathers brothers and his father and a good many others were Baptist Ministers and they so arranged the 400 that I can tell each one what relations they are to me. Albert is going to work my farm this summer. He has put in all of the grain which comes to 12 acres of wheat, 5½ of oats, 1 of peas. Today he is hunting. He has bought Solomon Robison's city lot.

April 6, 1883. Today is the first day of the Annual Conference in Salt Lake. I have just come from the Temple. I went to the top where they are at work. They have got all the arches done over all the windows except the west end. The galleries to our meeting house is most done. It will hold (500) five hundred people that is the whole building.

May 4, 1883. Yesterday I was to Fast meeting. There were 12 babies blessed and 14 confirmed. 10 was children. One month ago I attended Fast meeting and spoke on the principles of baptism for the dead. One week previous I received 400 names in addition to 100 I previous had (March 23rd) of my forefathers. It caused me to reflect on that subject a few nights previous to that meeting. As I was meditating on the principles of baptism for the dead, it seems as tho I was surrounded with the spirits

of my forefathers opening the principles to my mind, giving me understanding that they was looking to me and my children to attend to those ordinances for them that they cannot attend to themselves. Not only did they open the principles in my mind but they showed me the necessity of my stirring up my children to faithfulness and to so live that we might be prepared when the Temple is finished to go there as well as the brethren and sisters and attend to those ordinances for which the Temple is built. Suffice it to say that I did not sleep more all night for it seemed as tho they was with me till day light opening my mind to many things. I have enjoyed my mind better and I pray the Lord to steel me with his spirit and enable me to discharge my duty to my children and to my neighbors.

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Sept. 31, 1883. Sunday 5 o'clock, Bro. Sidwell died a few days ago, death caused by sawing off his leg. He was buried last Sunday. I am not well and did not go to meeting, thought I would write a few lines but it is hard work. We have dug the potatoes had 80 bushels, and peas. Friday Albert commenced to haul wood. I paid 8 bushels of wheat, 6 bushels of oats, 7 bushels of potatoes and 8 bushels of apples for tithing.

Oct. 21st. Sunday. Albert went last monday hunting and has not got back yet. Oct 22nd Monday. Albert returned today from hunting. There was 6 of them. They killed 25 deers in all. Albert killed 7 of the 25.

Nov. 2nd. I have written a letter to a niece Susan Mather. Nov. 4th Sunday. My wife has gone to meeting. I am not well and did not go. It snowing now and it looks as if there would be a heavy storm.

Dec. 6th Thursday. I have been to the Fast Meeting. There was 8 children blessed. I came home and wrote a letter to Albertina Dec. 7th.

Jan. 9th Weds. Christmas and New Years past off very pleasantly. Last Thursday I went to the Fast Meeting. I enjoyed myself first rate. I spoke on the signs of the times and showed that according to the Propheets that there was great events to take place within ten years. It is cold but pleasant winter, been but little snow in the valley but plenty in the mountains.

Jan. 23, 1884. I having nothing special to write. I have been looking over the letters that I have received from my brothers and sisters and their children. Some of them date back a number of years. My brothers and sisters have passed away. I am most eighty which reminds me that I must soon follow. I have this to say of my brothers and sisters that none of them opposed mormonism. They were not able to comprehend and embrace mormonism tho they answered my letters in a kind and brotherly manner but seemed to regret that I should be deceived. I remember writing to them 20, yes, more than 30 years, that the time would come when they would be glad that they had a brother that did belong to the Church of Latter-day Saints. Let me here state that I am anxious to live till the Temple is finished so that I can attend to their ordinances for the living and for the dead, for I have (500) five hundred names of forefathers that never heard the Gospel.

Feb. 17th Sunday. There was Quarterly Conference held in the meeting house yesterday and today. I went yesterday. I was not well enough to go today. Three of the Twelve was present, the house was crowded. There was good and important teachings showing the need of being prepared for the great events which is close at the door.

Mar. 11th 1864. I have not been well most of the time since I last written, They have commenced laying rock on the towers of the Temple.

Mar. 30th 1884. Sunday Morning. Last Tuesday Charlotte went to Salt Lake. She has not written to us. I pray the Lord to protect her while she remains from home that no harm may befall her. Albert has put in 14 acres of wheat, 2 for himself and 12 on shares. One half is his and one half is mine.

April 1st. We have just got 2 letters, one from Albertina and one from Charlotte. They was well. I shall try to answer both letters. April 4th. The weather is more favorable this morning. I put in my ears, what is called ear drums. It will take time to tell whether they will help my hearing or not. Today the conference commences at Salt Lake. O Lord bless the Saints, especially the leaders of Thy people, but confound the enemies of the saints and may the work on the Temple which we Thy people are building to Our Father in Heaven move forth rapidly till completed and accepted of our Father in Heaven.

April 28, 1884. The last three weeks it has been very wet and rainy for I have been very lame in my right arm. I think it was Precipias. Yesterday we received a

letter from Charlotte and I wrote one to her.

July 20th. Last Monday and Tuesday I put the roof on the room that I have just built where I tore one down. Weds. and Thurs. I cleaned up the rubbish from the house.

May 18th. 1884. I have just written to Charlotte for her to come home as her health is poor. For two weeks past I have been taking down my north room and building a smaller room. There was to be conference here yesterday and today, but was adjourned till the 31st as the Logan Temple was to be dedicated yesterday.

June 11th. Sunday. I have been alone today my wife is gone to Esquirein to Conference. I have got my new scuss (16 feet each way) ready for the roof. There is nothing new the Congress is trying hard to take away all of our religious and political rights. They have dicfranchised 12,000 twelve thousand of our leading brethren and sisters for their religion. Not satisfied with that, they are trying to disfranchise every Latter Day Saint for their religion. I believe that the God of Israel will protect his Saints.

June 20th. I received a letter from Sylvester. Have written to Charlotte in Salt Lake City. June 22nd. My wife went last Tuesday to Salt Lake no other business but to get Charlotte, so for the last week I have been alone.

July 20th. I wrote on the other page what I done Mon. Tues. Weds. and Thurs. Friday morning Albertina knocked at the door. She has come from Huntington, Castle Valley with her children on a visit. Today (Sun.) I have started home. I fixed to go to meeting but did not feel able to go.

Albert raised this year 270 bushels of oats, 455 of wheat. My share is 100 of oats and 204 of wheat leaving him 170 of oats and 255 of wheat. The total for thrashing the whole came to 50 bushels.

Nov. 10. 1824. On this day I was 80 years old. My children and grandchildren gave me and family a surprise party. They soon filled the tables with edibles and that of the best kind of which about 30 partook. The rest of the evening was spent in sociable chat and dancing. I occupied a short time. I reviewed the history of the Church in short and showed how marvelous we have been preserved by the power of God. Exorted them to live up to their profession and give testimony to the truth of the Gospel and etc.

Last Sat. and Sunday there was Conference held in Fort Esquirein. In the evening Pres. Taylor, Pres. Cannon, and Pres. Woodruff and others were here and held meetings. My health has been good this summer and fall. I have just finished my north room that I built this summer. The room is 16 feet square with the help of my wife and daughter we done all the work (except plastering over head) from the foundation plastering and putting a hard finish on the outside and putting a hard finish on the outside of my main building. I finished yes painting the whole building.

At the need of this page I said my children and grandchildren gave me a surprise party but forgot to state that my youngest son, Albert, who night previous gave me a birthday surprise party and was a surprise. I was reading in the bible when Albert patted me on the shoulder and requested me to just step into the big room. As I ored the door the fiddle struck up a tune and a cationid being formed they came dancing. They was his young friends. They had a splendid support and filled 2 tables 3 times. I thanked them for their kind feelings.

April 26. 1885. I see it has been over 5 months since I have written. (The reason I need not state.) Last Friday, 4th of April, there was a newspaper started in Kanti called the Home Sentinel, the first paper printed in Kanti.

Since February we have and still taking care of Sister Hamilton (an old lady) between 70 and 80 years old) we have 10 dollars a month for the same. A week ago there was a severe snow storm. It has been cold and stormy more of the time since it is Sunday. My wife has gone to meeting. As I am so deaf and not very well I have stayed to home.

June 24. 1885. Last May 28th Sister Hamilton (the old lady that was living with us) was taken away by death.

Albert has not got any grain all wintered the first time. The others is through the second time. The work on the Temple is progressing nicely. It has been told that if every family in this district would each donate this year 25 dollars that it could be dedicated one year from now or one year from next Oct.

Sept. 1st I was to a funeral camp, a brother 80 years old and an aged sister.

Oct. 3, 1865. Yesterday Albert had our grain thrashed. He raised in all, 600 bushels. There was 280 of wheat, one half belongs to me, 140. My share of oats 128 Albert had 103 bushels of wheat and 50 of oats. (That he had.)

My part wheat 140

Albert had in all:

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| wheat | 245 | 268 |
| oats | 153 | 401 |
| | <u>401</u> | <u>669</u> |

128 in all

Aug. 10th. Yesterday Albertina and Solomon Robinson with their children came on a visit. Solomon was very sick with Colicorhush. He is getting over it. It is very warm and we get no rain.

Sept. 1st (Tues.) Today Solomon and Albertina and their children returned home. We let them have 5 sacks of apples, 14 bushels in each sack and a small sack of dried apples. Sept. 19th (Sun.) My wife went to meeting. I was not able to go.

Nov. 19th. Yesterday was my birthday. I was 82 years old. Today and I worked at one thing and another most all day and this forenoon my wife and I went and seen the Temple inside.

Dec. 12, 1866. (Sun.) Last Monday Dec. 6th I went with Asariah to the Temple. We spent 3 hours or more viewing all the rooms. We went to the top of the west tower. I will not try to describe the beauty of some of the rooms but leave it to those that are permitted to go there to contemplate on the beauty and use of various rooms.

Yesterday Dec. 20th I saw a notice in the Deseret News from Thomas P. Dorrance of Company B, requesting their address having something of importance to communicate having his address. It is in Portland, Iowa County, Miss. It is sold might be 21, each and pleasant days.

Jan. 2, 1867. Sunday 10 o'clock in the forenoon I went to the High Priest meeting. I occupied part of the time. I reviewed the dealings of God with the Saints. Showed how the mobbing and the driving and the persecutions that the saints have passed through, how they had been overruled for the best good for the saints, and that the present raid against the Saints the Lord would overrule for the best. Exorted the brethren of the High Priest Quorum (we being fathers in Israel) to so live that we would be examples for the other quorums. Showed the necessity of our strictly observing the word of wisdom and keeping all of God's commandments so that when the Temple is finished we may be prepared to go and attend to the ordinances for the dead and etc. I answered the notice in the Deseret News and the 24 I received a long letter. I fear that Thomas is a Josephite.

Jan. 11th (Tues.) I have just received a letter from my youngest sister's daughter, Helen F. Burden. They live in Birdsall, Allegany Pa. Jan. 20th. Thurs. I was up to the Temple. They were putting the iron railings around the Font and the steps to go up into the Font.

Feb. 1st. Azariah received a letter from Thomas Dutcher (my brother-in-law) last Friday. I received one on Sun. Jan 30th. Feb. 3rd in the forenoon (it being Thursday) I went to Fast Meeting and this afternoon I will try to finish a letter to Thomas Dutcher, my brother-in-law. Feb. 20th Sunday. The Sanpete Quarterly Conference was held in Yanti yesterday and today. I went yesterday. I was not well enough to go today. Last Sunday (13th) in the morning I received a letter from Sylvester Mason, Charlotte and myself both answered it. There is 7 or 8 inches of snow, more coming.

Mar. 2nd. Three of us, Bro. Buccannan, Azariah and myself had to fill more blanks to send to Washington. Today I paid a twenty (20) dollar gold piece into the Temple. Ten (10) dollars two different times within one year.

May 8, 1867. (Sun.) My wife has gone to meeting. I am alone and I am quite unwell. I was to Fast Meeting last Thurs. There was a good meeting.

May 15th. Our quarterly conference is held yesterday and today at Fort Ephraim. My wife and Charlotte are both gone. As I could not hear it I stayed home and I have written a letter to Albertina.

May 31st 1867. Monday The South Ward Sunday School went to Funks Lake. I went too.

June 7th, Sunday. I went to the High Priest meeting. Today I finished hoeing my garden the first time. June 8th. I have just wrote a letter to my Bro. Moses Smith.

June 14, 1887. 6 or 10 days ago I received a letter from my brother in law Thomas Litcher and I answered it last week. Tuesday . . . Huntington, Emery Co. to her sisters to stay a while. I have just finished a letter George K. Reed. They have just finished the east tower to the temple and are taking down the staging.

Sept 6th. (Tues.) About the 12th of August I received 23 dollars, the first pension money I received from being a soldier in the Mexican War. According to an agreement with myself I used it in going to visit my children in Springville, Deborah and Anna. Deborah's husband's name is Walter Clegg. Anna's husband's is Charles Brailsford. Deborah has 5 living children and one dead. The oldest was 11 years. the youngest was 3 months when I was there. Anna had 4, the oldest was 9, the youngest arriving at Anna's 5 o'clock in the evening, made them a good visit and arrived home in the evening Aug. 29th. Gone 11 days.

Sept. 24th 1887. Two days ago I wrote two letters one to Deborah and one to Anna, both living in Springville. Yesterday I spent in visiting (No matter who.) Today at 6 o'clock he left for a town in Colorado. The name of the town is Mancos. My daughter Charlotte went with him. They have gone on a mission. My health has been very poor for a number of days.

Oct. 1st 1887. Saturday 10 o'clock. Albert has just left for where Otto is living. The distance is 360 miles with a wagon and three horses. Vergen Papen has gone with him. He has one horse.

Oct. 4th. Today I received a letter from Orlin F. Colvin and wrote to him. Oct. 5th. My wife and myself went and was shown through the Temple. Thurs. the 5th I went to fast meeting. Oct 7th. Last night it stormed. It snowed on the mountains and today I wrote to Albertine. Oct. 9th. My wife is going to meeting and I have written a letter to George F. Reed. Oct. 17th (Mon.) This morning we received a letter from Charlotte Colvin. Oct. 23rd. Sunday. Yesterday I wrote a letter to George W. Reed. Today I have written one to Frank and Charlotte Colvin. Oct. 26th Thursday. Today we sent some medicine and some paper and a hymn book to Charlotte and a letter. Yesterday I wrote a letter to Deborah and Anna.

Nov. 1st. Today I received 2 letters, 1 from Albertine and one from Mary Reed. Nov. 8th. Sunday. Last week I wrote 2 letters, 1 to Albertine and 1 to Charlotte. Nov. 16th. Today I sent some papers to Charlotte.

Nov. 18th 1887. Today is my birthday. I am 83 years old today. I wrote a letter to Albertine. Sister Hougard invited me and my wife over to take dinner with them, it being my birthday. Nov. 21st. (Mon.) We have just received 2 letters from Frank and Charlotte written Nov. 12. I answered them both. Nov. 27th. Yesterday the quarterly Conference commenced in Manti. I went in the forenoon as I could not hear today. Sunday. I stayed home and answered 2 letters that I received from my 2 daughters in Springville, Utah.

Dec. 1st. (Thurs.) Today was Fast day. I went yesterday and got a letter from Charlotte. Dec. 6th. We received another letter from Charlotte. I answered it. Dec. 11th. I received another letter from Charlotte. I answered it. Dec. 19th. (Mon.) I wrote a letter to Albertine. Dec. 20th. Tues. I received 2 letters, one from Albertine and one from Albert and I wrote a letter to Charlotte and one to Albertine Robison the next day (Wed.) I received a letter from Charlotte. Dec. 23rd. Today I wrote a letter to Albert Jr. Dec. 24th. I wrote a letter to Deborah and one to Anna.

Jan. 1st 1888. Sunday I went to the High Priest meeting. Jan. 3rd. Yesterday we received a letter from Charlotte. I answered it today. Jan. 5th Thurs. Today is Fast Day. My wife and I went. There was 10 that spoke and 1 child blessed. There was a good meeting. I occupied a portion of the time. Yesterday it snowed. Last night it snowed. Today it is cold. Jan 11th (Wed.) This week has been a cold week. (That is from Jan. 5th to 11th) that I have ever experienced. Weds. the 4th I was to Esthers all day and wrote a letter to Joseph, Jan. 21, 1888. Sat. It has commenced to be warmer, it thaws. We received a letter last evening from Charlotte. Jan. 22nd. My wife has gone to meeting. Jan. 25th (Wed.) This evening there was a bundle of newspapers and a letter inside. It was from Albert written to Charlotte. I wrote to Charlotte and put that in. Jan, 26th. Last evening I got a letter from Albert and wrote one to him today.

Feb. 5th. I went to the High Priest meeting at 10 o'clock. My wife has gone to meeting this afternoon. Yesterday I wrote a letter to Albertine Robison.

Feb. 12th (Sun) Last Thursday and Friday I was to Azariahs and wrote 2 letters, one to Thomas Fletcher and one to Leboan and Anna. It has been quite warm for a number of days. The snow is almost gone in the valley. Feb. 16th (Thurs.) Today I wrote a letter to Orlin and Charlotte in answer to a letter I received from them on the 5th and receive one from Albertine. Feb. 20th. (Mon.) It stormed most all day. I wrote a letter to Albert. Feb. 21st. I have just written a letter to Orlin and Charlotte. Feb. 22nd. I gave just received a letter from Albert and Caroline. Feb. 26th. Last evening I received a letter from Albertine. Answered it today.

Mar. 2nd. Last evening I received a letter from Orlin. Mar. 7th. I have just finished a letter to Orlin and Charlotte in answer to the one I received on the 5th. Last night before last, and sent one to my brother Moses Smith. Mar. 15th (Thurs.) Last Saturday. 10th. I received a letter from Albertine. Today I helped Walter Hall put manure on my inserte. We have just received a short letter from Albertine. Mar. 19th (Mon.) I received 24 dollars pension money. The same day I bought 18 bushels of wheat for 57 cents a buchel. It came to \$10.26. The same day I bought 50 lbs. of white sugar for 2 flower sacks for 50 cents. 5 odd. Mar. 20th. (Tues.) I took my wheat to the mill. The whole came to \$15.75. Mar. 23rd (Friday) I received a letter from Charlotte and answered it today. 25th.

April 8. 1858. (Sunday) Last night I received a letter from Charlotte. April the 6th I had my garden plowed, the 7th I planted potatoes. April 16th. Yesterday and today I wrote a long letter to my children in Yancoos in answer to a letter I received from Albertine and Charlotte. April 22nd (Sun.) Yesterday evening I received a letter from Albertine. I answered it today.

May 2nd I wrote a letter yesterday to Albert and in the evening received 6 letters all in one envelope. It was from Deborah, Fabelle and day before, and last I received a letter from Deborah and Anna. May 8th. I have just finished a letter to all of my children in Yancoos. I answered it. May 8th. I have just written to Deborah and Anna in answer to a letter from them.

May 21st 1858. (Mon.) Today is the day appointed for the dedication of the Temple. Come yesterday and day before, Saturday and Sunday. 19th and 20th, there was confereute in our Tabernacle. There was so many here that not one nail could get in! There was excellent preaching by the Twelve and others. None of this Sanpete Stake can go in today. It is now 20 minutes after 11 o'clock. I can stand in my door and see crowds of people in front of the Temple that cannot get in. The service commenced at 10 o'clock.

May 28th (Monday) I retired to empty chamber and wrote to Albert. Tues. 29th in the same place I wrote a letter to Charlotte. Weds. 30th. In the forenoon I wrote letters, one to Albertine and one to Caroline. Received a letter from Deborah. Talked with Albert and Emily concerning our getting recommends so that we can commence attending to the ordinance in the Temple for the dead. May 31st 1858. Today I commenced hoeing in my garden and got my recommend to go in the Temple. Friday June 1st finished hoeing.

June 2nd 1858. Saturday. Watered my garden. Last week, Thurs., I received 3 letters, one from Albert or one from Albertine and one from Charlotte. A few days before, one from Deborah. The 3 first I answered. Sunday 17th. Last Monday the 11th I went to the Temple to commence ordinances for the dead. I had 20 names set down for to be baptized for and 45 for Emily my daughter. Tues. the 12th I was baptized for 20 and 15 for Emily. This week, Tues. 19th, Azariah was baptized for 20. Last week I received endowments for Henry Smith, for his wife, Azariah for Samuel Smith, our great grandparents. This week we three have been through twice each. Thursday I received endowments for David Smith, my father and Emily for my mother.

June 26th Thurs. Yesterday I went to the Temple and gave 22 names for myself and 37 for Esther Braithwaite. Mon. 27th. Azariah received endowments for my brother Alfred and today the 28th Emily for his wife, Mary Food Smith, and Azariah for my Uncle Zedec Smith. I am not well. I have a severe pain in my breast and side. Up to date, June 28th, there has just been 115 baptized for my forefathers. July 2nd Monday. This forenoon I went to the Temple and gave 60 names for Azariah and 60 for Esther Braithwaite to be baptized for on the 3rd Tues. (endowments for 17) July and Sunday up there has been upwards of 200 been baptized for. Friday, July 6th. I wrote a letter to Deborah. July 12th (Thurs.) Yesterday I and my wife, Azariah and Emily was to the Temple. I went through for my wife's father and my wife for her mother and they were sealed. John Tuttle for my father and Emily for a girl and they were sealed. Today I am watering my garden.

July 15th Sunday. I pursued the record that contained hundreds of names of my forefathers on my father's side. July 19th. I have just written a letter to Albert. July 20th. I just written a letter to Joseph. July 23rd Mon. We got a letter from Charlotte and Frank. July 30th Monday. We got a letter from Frank and Charlotte. July 31st. Today I was baptized 44 times for my relatives that are dead and Lenora Patten 25 and Izenna Anderson 20, in all 89.

Aug. 3rd 1888. I have written to Frank and Charlotte in answer to a letter I received from them. I got a letter from Deborah. Aug. 8th Weds. Yesterday I was baptized 40 times and Azariah 40 times, Lenora was 80 times. Today I finished watering my lucerne. Azariah and Emily has gone to give endowments for Azariah and wife Holberry. Last night I received 2 letters, 1 from Albertine and 1 from Caroline.

August 10th. I have written 3 letters today, 1 to Anderson, 1 to Hannah and 1 to Wats. Aug. 12th Sunday. I have written 2 letters, 1 to Anna and 1 to Deborah. Aug. 14th Tues. I have been baptized 40 times and Esther Braithworth 40 times. Aug. 15th. I am alone today. My wife has gone to the Temple. I got 3 letters, 1 from Albert, 1 from Caroline and 1 from Deborah. Aug. 16th and 17th. Both days my wife went to the Temple and I wrote to Albert and Albertine.

August 21st. Tues. I was to the Temple and was baptized 87 times. We received a letter from Frank and Charlotte. Aug. 24th Friday. Yesterday and today my wife went to the Temple. Aug. 26th Sunday. Yesterday I wrote Frank and Charlotte. I put in the office today. Aug. 28th Tues. I was baptized for 60 and Lenora Patten for 47.

Sept. 4th. Azariah and Izenna Anderson was baptized for 40 each. Sept. 6th Thurs. I went to Fast Meeting, received a letter from Joseph. Sept. 8th Sat. I wrote to Joseph, the 9th, Sunday, I went to meeting, could not hear what was said. Sept. 11th. Today I was baptized for 71 and Esther Braithworth for 70. Sept. 13th Thurs. I wrote 3 letters in answer to those Monday the 10th. Sept. 16th. I am alone, my wife has gone to meeting. I would go every Sunday if I could hear.

Sept. 19th Weds. Yesterday myself and Izenna Anderson was baptized for not far from 150 which is the last of 1300 names that I have got on my two record books. Today Weds. 19th I wrote 2 letters, 1 to Mary Reed and 1 to Susan Nether. Azariah, Emily and myself was to the Temple. Sept. 14th and received endowments. Emily and I was sealed for three, Abraham Reed, my wife's brother in law, Solomon Smith, my uncle, and John Dutcher, my wife's uncle. Sept. 27th Thurs. My wife and I went to the Temple. My wife went Friday. Sept 30th Sunday. Last week I dug my potatoes and cut my lucerne.

Oct. 3rd Weds. I received a letter from Albert and Caroline. Oct 5th. Azariah, Emily, Esther Anderson and I received endowments. Azariah for my brother David and Esther Anderson for his wife, and I received endowments for Josiah Kellogg and Emily for his wife. Emily and I was sealed for them and 2 others. Mark Hows and Barnabus Alden, Emily for his wife, Pricilla Smith. Oct 11th Thurs. Yesterday I was to the Temple. Went through for Noble Hermon. My wife is gone today. Last Tues. the 9th I received 4 letters, 1 from Deborah, 1 from Frank and 1 from Charlotte. Oct. 16th. Yesterday I went was baptized, washed, anointed, and administered to for my health. Sunday 16th I wrote 3 letters to my children. Oct. 20th Sat. Yesterday Azariah, Emily, Esther and myself was to the Temple and attended to the ordinance of adoption. Emily and I received endowments for Grandfather and Grandmother Allen and had them sealed. Thomas Dutcher Common A. Cist, he is my brother in law. Oct. 21st Sunday Evening. Albert and Caroline came to stay here this winter. Weds. Oct. 24th. I received a letter from Orlin and Charlotte. I answered it the next day. Oct. 31st. Albert and Caroline was at the Temple.

Nov. 1st 1888. Thurs. Yesterday I received another letter from Orlin and Charlotte. Nov. 6th Tues. Last Fri. Albert, I and my wife and Emily was sealed for Uncle Moses Smith and his wife. Two women was sealed to me, my wife acted as proxy. My wife, Sophia, was adopted to Father Smith, the Patriarch, and all her children born out of the covenant was adopted to her. I finished a letter yesterday to Albertine. Today is election day, Nov. 15th Thurs. Tuesday the 13th Esther Anderson and I was to the Temple and was baptized for 8 a piece. I received a letter from Albertine Weds. 14th. Nov 20th Weds. The other day there was a book put in my hand that contained the record of John Alden who came in the Mayflower and the first one that stepped on Plymouth Rock and the last one that died of that crew. I think he was my mother's 3rd great grandfather. Last week, Tues. 20th myself and children an 2 grand children was baptized for 330. This week there was probably as many more than we did last week. Endowments for 8 and Emily and I was sealed for 63 couples.

Dec. 1st 1888 Sat. Yesterday I and Azariah, Albert Jr. and his wife was to the Temple to give endowments. Albert and his wife was sealed for Otis Mason. Dec. 4th. Yesterday, Tues. I and Lenora Patten was baptized for most 200. Dec. 5th Thurs. Yesterday and today Albert Jr. and I gave endowments for my wife's relations. Azariah and Caroline for the Smiths and my wife. Today I was with Albert and wa was sealed for them. Dec. 9th Fri. (the 7th) Albert went for 2 of my wife's relations. Dec. 17th Tues. I have just written a letter to Albertine and I to Charlotte. Dec. 22nd Sat. Today I got a letter from Frank and Charlotte. I was to the Temple 2 days this week to give endowments. Dec. 28th, yesterday and today, Fri. My wife and I was to the Temple. Dec. 30th. Sunday. Bro. Lyman preached 10 o'clock. I wrote a letter to Charlotte.

Jan. 4th. I have just written to my children in Springville. Albert and Caroline is to the Temple. They were there yesterday. Jan. 13th Sunday. Last week my wife and I were to the Temple. also Weds. Thurs. and Fri. Jan. 19th 1889 Sat. Weds. and Thurs. Azariah, myself, Albert Jr., my wife and Caroline was to the Temple. Yesterday and last night there fell as much as 10 inches of snow. Today is pleasant. Jan. 27th Sunday. Last Weds., Thurs., and Friday my wife and I was to the Temple. there were 10 woman sealed with their husbands. Jan. 28th. I have written to my children in Mancos, Colo. and Lotte.

Feb. 3. 1889, Sunday. Last Weds. I was not well. Thurs. and Fri. I and my wife was to the Temple. So was Albert and Caroline and Azariah and Emily. Today I was to the High Priest meeting. Feb. 4th Mon. I have written to Charlotte in answer to a letter I got last Tues. Feb. 6th Weds. Thurs. and Fri. I was to the Temple. Feb. 18th Mon. Last Weds. Thurs. and Fri. I and my wife went to the Temple. Peter and Esther Anderson was there Fri. for me. Feb. 22nd Fri. Weds. I was to the Temple and Emily and I was sealed for 2. I have not been able to go since I fell and spraint my wrist. It has been very painful.

Mar. 2rd. Sun. I have written two letters, 1 to Albertine and 1 to Charlotte. Mar. 7th. Last Tues. there was 2000 baptized in the Temple. I have not been able to go to the Temple since I hurt me by a fall. Mar. 12th, I have written 3 letters, 1 to Orlin, 1 to Charlotte and 1 to Albertine. Mar. 21st, Sunday. I and my wife was to the Temple the last week each working day. A number of the sisters went although for us. I have just written 2 letters, 1 to Charlotte and 1 to Albertine. Azariah, Emily was to the Temple. Sis. Furman and Sis. I a day each.

April 7th. 1889. Azariah and I, my wife and Esther Anderson was to the Temple 1 day each. April 12th. Yesterday I and Azariah was to the Temple. Today at 10 o'clock Caroline Nelson Smith passed away leaving a baby 21 days old. April 13th I received a letter from Charlotte and Orlin. Apr. 21st. Mon. I have just written to Charlotte and Frank. Last Weds. and Fri. I and my wife was to the Temple. Apr. 28th. Sun. I received last Tues. a letter from Albertine. My wife and I was to the Temple 3 days last week.

May 12th. Sun. 4 days last week and 2 days week before, I and my wife was to the Temple. Azariah, 2 days last week. I wrote a letter today to Joseph. May 24th. 3 days I and my wife was to the Temple. Today, Fri. we was sealed for 4 couples and Peter Anderson and his wife for one and received endowments for one.

June 8th. Sat. This week 12 endowments given, 7 for women and 5 for men and 13 women sealed to different men. 3 was sealed to Sereus Euler. Last night I got a letter, Colvin and Charlotte Colvin. June 9th. Sun. I have written 2 letters, 1 to Albertine, 1 to Charlotte. June 15th. Sat. This week my wife and I have been as usual to the Temple. There has been this week, 10 going through for 6 women and 4 men and 5 couples sealed. I was sealed to me. June 12th. Weds. This evening I wrote a letter to Albert.

June 20rd. Sun. Myself and wife went last week for 3 each. They was sealed. Azariah was there but he went for others and got pay. June 23rd. Fri. The 25th I got a letter from Solomon Robison. I and my wife was to the Temple this week 3 times. Sister Edwards and Esther Anderson was there today for me. I have just written a letter to Orlin and Charlotte.

July 22nd. Last night I got a letter from Orlin and Albertine which informed us of Charlotte's death (I have just written to Orlin Colvin.) She died June 24th. July 6th Sat. I and my wife was to the Temple 3 times and Esther Anderson and another sister was there. There was 3 sealed to me. E. A. went on the session and another July 7th. Sun. I have just finished two letters, 1 to Laborn and 1 to Mrs. July 19th. Sat. I and my wife was to the Temple this week as usual and 33 of my children was there part of the time. As my record book will show all of our labors

in the Temple. July 16th., Tues. I have just written a letter to Mary Reed. July 17th. Last night I got a letter from Deborah and Walter. July 21st, 1869, Sun. I was last week to the Temple 3 times with my wife. Fri. night I was taken with Colic-morbus, better today. The Temple closed last night for 5 weeks. July 30th., Tues. Last Sat. Solomon and Albertine Robinson with their children and Orlin F. Collin arrived here with 2 boxes safe and all well. (I am going to Fast meeting.)

Aug. 1st, 1869, Thurs. Yesterday I and my wife went with Orlin F. Collin, his wife, Solomon and Albertine, his wife to the Temple, and was taken all through the building. This morning Orlin left to go to their home in Egan and took Charlotte's little baby Frances C. Culvin. Aug. 10th Sat. This morning Solomon left to go hunting. Aug. 22nd. Last Sat. Solomon returned. He left for Moab this afternoon with his wife and children. I was quite sick yesterday but better today. Aug. 31st, Sat. Last Mon. they commenced labor in the Temple. I and Azariah was there 3 days and Emily was 1. Today I wrote a letter to Albertine.

Sept. 6th, 1869, Sat. Azariah and myself was to the Temple this. Sept. 13th Fri. I and Emily today and 2 days previous was to the Temple and went thru for 3 each and had them sealed.

Oct. 3rd., Thurs. Last week I and my wife and others done Temple work and this week, the Temple is closed tomorrow. Oct. 14th., Sun. As usual I and my wife was to the Temple 3. Azariah and Esther Anderson and Isabella L. There was 5 couples sealed. I with help gave endowments for 11, for 4 men and for 7 women, sealed for 7 couples. My wife is to Provo.

Nov. 4th., Mon. My wife returned from Provo Saturday evening. Albert started this morning for Huntington with Alvin and David. Nov. 5th., Sat. I was to the Temple 3 times as usual. My wife 2. Nov. 23rd., Sat. Last Mon. 10th was my birthday 85 years and the 40 anniversary of our settling in Yanti. Mado. I received 2 letters 1 from Albert and 1 from John Patten, Jr. This week, Weds. Thurs. and Fri. some of the sisters of the Relief Society went thru the Temple and received endowments for my dead relatives (for women that were single) and they were all, with 6 others (that of wife, Emily and Esther went for) sealed to me (20 in all).

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And I want to say further that this entire nation present and people and have united in getting Congress to pass laws to deprive us as a people of our Constitutional rights and to have made laws depriving a large portion of the Latter Day Saints from holding any office and depriving them from voting and also my Constaters fought and helped to gain our independence, yet for my religious belief I am deprived of the right to vote or to hold office. Yes and our enemies are yet trying to deprive every Latter Day Saint from voting or holding any office or settling on a jury so that (our proud enemies) even dominate over us. But our enemies with all those that fight against union was destroyed for the Lord has so decreed it and which will triumph. Nov. 24th. I wrote one letter yesterday and 2 today.

Dec. 2, 1869. Last week I and my wife went to the Temple. Dec. 7th., Sat. we continue to visit the Temple. Dec. 14th., Sat. Thurs. the 10th I received a letter from Albertine and Albert. This week we was to the Temple as usual. Dec. 16th I wrote a letter to Albert.

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Dec. 20st. This week I have written 5 letters, 1 to David, Mon. 1 to Priscilla Kemar, Tues. 1 to Zephaniah, Fri. Dec. 21st 1 to Mary Reed and 1 to Susan Mather. Dec. 30, Sun. Yesterday I wrote a letter to Bro. Moses Smith. Today I wrote 1 to Sylvester S. Mason to his father Elliot Mason.

Jan. 7th, 1878. Today I wrote a letter to Lebanon, Madison Co. Jan 31st. I wrote today I wrote a letter to Alvin Horari, Morris, Madison Co. N.Y.

Feb. 1st. 1 letter to Allen Smith of Morris, Madison Co. N.Y. 1 to Samuel Smith in Georgetown, Madison Co. Feb 24th. I wrote a letter to my brother David's widow.

Mar. 1st. I wrote a letter to Mr. Sylvester S. Mason (my daughter's son) wrote 2 letters to Mary Reed and Deborah Clapp. Mar. 10th. I wrote a letter to John Colvin. Apr. 17th. to my wife's brother. 20th I to Bro. Daniel Tyler and May 10th I to Daniel Tyler. I to my wife's brother. Answered Priscilla Mather's letter. May 2nd I wrote her another. wrote to Otto June 2nd. I wrote another to Daniel Tyler.

Dec. 1st. I wrote a letter to Otto and today Jan. 7th 1878 another. I wrote to Mary Reed Jan. 19th. I wrote to Sylvester Mason, I wrote to Brother Lodge. May 8th to Otto. 1860 I wrote to Albertine.

Albert Smith Sr. continued his Journal in a second book

Albert Smith Sr. His book, Mantle, City, January 1, 1890

Nov. 18th, 1889. I was 85 years. I wish to say notwithstanding my advanced age I enjoy very good health altho I am so lame and having very little strength it is difficult to get around and then I am very deaf. My other book being full I get this so to continue to set down a few things that transpire. (tho my hand trembles so and other reasons I have to write with a lead pencil.

Dec. 25th, 1889. Today is Christmas. It past off as usual giving presents to Children. Dec. 29th was set apart by the first presidency for fasting and praying to be observed by all the Saints. It was strictly observed in Mantle.

Jan. 1st, 1890. There was a public meeting on account of my deafness and lameness I spent Christmas and New Years at home. Jan. 3rd I was to the Temple yesterday and today and for a number of months every day they gave endowments. Jan. 10th, myself and Azariah and Emily was to the Temple 3 days each. Jan. 15th. It commenced snowing Fri. evening and snowed every day till now there is over 12 inches. Jan. 17th Fri. It has been very cold for a number of days. I have been 3 days to the Temple this week. My wife has not been since Christmas. She has not been well enough to go.

Jan. 26th, Sun. evening. Last week I and my wife was to the Temple 3 days each. Esther Amerson and her eldest girls 1 day each and 1 of them 2 days. There was 15 women received their endowments. All sealed to their husbands. Feb. 9th Sun. It has been warm and pleasant all this week. They have been putting in grain all this week. I have had help so there has been 6 couples have had ordinances done for them and they sealed. My wife has just come from meeting. Feb. 10th. I have been writing a letter to G. Colvin. Feb. 10th Sun. I and my wife was at the Temple as usual. There was conference at Fort Ephraim yesterday and today. I have just written a letter to my children Deborah and Anna in Springville. Feb. 24th. Last week I was to the Temple 3 days. Azariah & Esther I and 40 were sealed for 4 couples.

Mar. 2nd. I received a letter yesterday from Albert. I have just wrote to him. Mar. 5th. I continue to enjoy good health and have wish wife to go to the Temple with my wife the 3 days. Feb. 14th. Grace Per. 1st to the with I and my wife

con-endowments for 16. Mar. 15th Sat. I and my wife was to the Temple this week 3 times as usual. Some others went for us. They were all sealed. Mar. 24th Fri. My wife and I with the help of others gave dove endowments for 11 and they were all sealed. Azariah, Emily, Esther and girls has been torn for the 3 weeks this week.

April 12th, Sat. This week there has been endowments for 3 men and 14 women. They were all sealed. The Temple was closed last with Apr. 18th, Sun. This week endowments has been done for 6 women and 8 men. Yesterday my wife had her eyes operated on to remove a cataract. I received a letter from G. Colvin. April 14th, Mon. I wrote to him Sat. I had endowments done for 6. 3 for men and 3 women. They were all sealed. Esther Amerson acted as proxy with me. My wife not being well. Apr. 30th, Tues. I received 2 letters, 1 from G. Colvin and 1 from Walter Clapp.

May 3rd, Fri. I was to the Temple 3 times. May 12, Sat. Sun. Yesterday I watered my garden. 3 days previous I was to the Temple. I have written to Albert May 11 th. May 14th, Tues. I wrote a letter to Walter and his Mother. Today at 3 times and my wife and he was sealed for 2 couples. May 16th, 1890. I was to the Temple and 15th. There was conference held in our back yard. 2 of the Twelve was there. Yesterday I watered my whole garden. May 25th. Last week I was to the Temple 3 times. My wife 2. She last was sealed. My wife has gone to meeting.

June 1st, 1890 Sun. Last week, Thur. and Fri. my wife and I was to the Temple, was sealed for 2 couples that we dove ordinances for. June 5th. Last week I went but once to the Temple on account of a lame back. My wife was there twice. I wrote a letter to Albert in answer to 1 I received Fri. the 5th. June 10th, Tues. I have just read a piece in the Young Women's Journal. Vol. 3 April 7. Page 211. A prayer headed a string of beads

June 12th. I and my wife was to the Temple 3 times this week. Some endowments for 3 couples and had them sealed. I have just wrote a letter to Albert via Solomon in answer to a letter I got from them last night which informed us of the death of Albertine. June 20th, Sat. I have been to the Temple 3 times this week. I got a letter from Solomon last evening and 1 from Albert 3 evenings before. June 23rd, Mon. Today Albert moved from Huntington to Mantle. He comes on with me. Three of Albertine's children came with him. June 25th, Weds. Albert cut my throat. June 28th, Sat. I was to the Temple 3 times. My wife once. There was 3 couples sealed. June 29th. I have written a letter to Solomon.

July 9th., Sat. It has been very warm tho I have been to the Temple as usual. My wife is compelled to stay at home to take care of the children that is at present with us. I feel in distress in my bowels and I must lay down. July 14th. I have to Solomon Robison. July 19th. I received a letter from Orlin last night and have sat down to answer it. I was to the Temple this week 3 times. Emily and Esther and others went for 7 women. The Temple closed last evening and will open on Aug. 20th. July 19th. I did not finish my letter to Orlin. Solomon came after his children and I stopped at 4 o'clock. There was a flood Tues. 22rd. Solomon went to Huntington with his children. July 25rd. Weds. I was taken Colomorus and with it the cramps. July 27th. I finished my letter to Orlin. July 28th., Mon. I recieved a letter from Jane S. Peterson. July

Aug. 26th. I have just written a letter to Jane M. Peterson. I was to the Temple 3 times this week. I received a letter last night from Orlin Colvin.

Sept. 1st. I have just wrote to Orlin. Sept. 5th. I have been to the Temple today and two days previous. Sept. 8th. I have just written to Solomon. Albert fetched me a load of coal. Sept. 20th. I received a letter from Orlin Colvin. He has been called to go on a mission to England. Last week and this week I was to the Temple as usual. My wife was there twice this week. She went on the Alter with me and was sealed for 7 women. Just got my pension for 3 months pay. Sept. 27th. I wrote a letter to Bro. Sn . . . in arswer to a letter I received from him. I and my wife was to the Temple 3 times and was sealed for 4 couples. I made out papers and sent them to Washington for my pension.

Oct. 1st. 1890. Today we put in the flour chest 500 lbs of flour. Oct. 11th. Sat. I was to the Temple as usual. Oct. 21st. Sat. I have not been to the Temple this week. I received a letter from O. Colvin and I from Sylvester Mason. My wife is going to Salina to see Hannah and children.

Nov. 2nd. I have written to O. Colvin. Nov. 18th. Today I am 86 years old. Nov. 20 I received a letter from Sis. Jane Colvin. I and my wife was to the Temple. Nov. 21st. I have written to Sylvester S. Mason. My wife is going to the Temple. Nov. 22rd. I have written to Jane Ellen Colvin.

Dec. 3rd. My wife has gone to the Temple. I was not able to go. I have written to Deborah. Dec. 16th. I received a letter from Deborah. My wife was to the Temple last week. Dec. 26th., Fri. Yesterday was Christmas. They had doings in Creers Hall. They had two Christmas trees. I went. My wife was to the Temple last week and this week each day they give endowments. I have not been but lately not being well. It is beautiful weather. Dec. 29th. I have just finished a letter from Orlin Colvin. He is on a mission to Scotland.

Jan. 1st., 1891. Thurs. Today is Fri. as well as New Years. There was a meeting in the Tabernacle. I was not able to go. Jan. 22nd., 1891. It has been cold this month so far, but little snow. My health has been rather poor and I have not been able to go to the Temple.

Feb. 1st., Sun. There was a High Priest Meeting. I was not well enough to go. Feb. 5th. I received a letter from Orlin last evening. Feb. 9th. I not being well enough, Albert wrote a long letter for his Mother and me to Orlin Colvin. Feb. 11th. My wife and I received a letter from and his wife Jane. Albert answered it for us. Feb. 15th. Yesterday and today there was quarterly conference at Ephraim. It has been quite warm but it is now snowing big flakes. Feb. 16th. I have just written 2 letters, 1 to Vergel and 1 to John. Feb. 17th. I received a letter from Orlin Colvin's brothers and have just written to Orlin Colvin in Scotland. Feb. 18th. I have written to James Colvin. Feb. 22rd. Albert left with his children. Feb. 25th., I weds. Today Albert all of his things and has left for good.

Mar. 2nd. I have just received a letter from Solomon Robison. Mar. 3rd. I have just written to Solomon. Mar. 7th. I received weds. a letter from Vergel. Mar. 21st. I received a letter from Solomon. Mar. 24th. I got a letter from John Patten.

Apr. 8th. Yesterday I went to Azariah and to the depot last night there fell 4 inches of snow.

May 1st. 1891. Mon. Last weds. Thurs. and Fri. I and my wife done endowments for 8 couples and had them sealed. First Temple work I have done since last fall. not being well. I know not when I will be able to go again for I have got at present a very lame back. I received a letter from Solomon the other day and today I got 1 from Bro. Moses daughter. It state that my brother Moses was yet alive and very feeble. He is 88 years old. It brought the news of the death of my brother Zebanish. He died last January. May 5th. I have just written to Bro. Moses. May 16th. I

have written to Orlin F. Colvin in answer to a letter I received from him. There is a conference today and tomorrow. May 31st 1891, Sun. I was well enough to go to the Temple 3 times and my wife 2 last week. I had 3 couples sealed.

June 7th, Sun. I went to the Temple 3 times, went thru for a bro. My wife was there 2 days, went thru for another. I went to a High Priest meeting. I have written to Mother.

Aug. 12th. I received a letter from Orlin the 9th. I went to the Fair and saw Hannah and her children, found them well. I have just wrote to Orlin Colvin.

Nov. 27th. I see that the last I written was Aug. 12th. The reason is in so hard for me to write and not being well there is no special news to write. I will only state what work I have done and others has done for me in the temple since.

Aug. 17th. I have gave endowments with the help of Azariah for I think 36 men and 30 women. I have had endowments done for 30 men and wives and was sealed. Emily Patten and Esther Anderson acted as proxy with me.

Dec. 4th. Fri. I have given endowments for 3 and been sealed for 4 couples. Dec. 14th. I have just written a letter to Albert in answer to 2 letters I received last thurs. Dec. 17th, Albert and Wavy Ann was to the Temple in answer to 2 letters I received last Thurs. Dec. 16th. Mon. 28th Bro. Harrowd and his wife also a feast for the old folks in the North ward. There was 13 over 70. The oldest was 97 and that one was myself. They surrounded a table loaded with the best of eatables.

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Mar. 2nd. I have written to Albert yesterday I received a letter from Orlin F. Colvin. March 15th. I have just finished writing a letter to E. also written in an 10 o'clock and a P.M. 10 o'clock. It being 30 years since it was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith.

April 11th. I have written to Orlin F. Colvin.

May 9th. I have written to Solomon Robinson. May 14th. I have written to John Patten in N.Y. May 22nd. I have just finished writing a letter to E. also written in answer to C. May 23rd. Today I wrote to Albert.

June 6th. Last week I and my wife and the week before was to the Temple and with the help of others we attended to ordinances for 13 couples and we sealed for them. June 15th. We received a letter from Albert last evening and have answered it. My wife has gone to the Temple. June 18th. My wife has gone to the Temple. I am alone. June 17th. Today I went to the Temple with my wife but was not able to go thru and give endowments, but was sealed for 7 couples.

July 1st. The last I wrote I see was June 17th. I have not been able to go to the Temple since I find my health and strength is failing me. My wife's health is very poor. She is so lame in her left leg that she can just get around. Last night our dog had a calf.

Aug. 20th. My wife is going to Salina to see Hannah. I am yet very feeble.
Sept. 1st. I went to Fast Meeting. It took me most I hear to go there.
Sept. 3rd. I wrote a letter to Orlin F. Colvin.

He died Sept. 1892

*He is
My Mother's
Alice W. Brailford
My Grandfather*

Fathers

Adelma Nash ~~Smith~~ Brailford

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