

PERSONAL HISTORY

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of

WILLIAM R. RIGGS JR.

This is a history of my father, William Reeves Riggs Jr. It was written by myself (Evelyn Westover) as my father told it to me. This was written February 1958 while Father was visiting our home in Concord, California. If there are any errors, it is unintentional and will be my fault in trying to write this history from the notes I took at the time of his visit.

On December 5, 1886 in the town of Panquitch, Utah, William Reeves Riggs Jr. was born to William Reeves Riggs Sr. and Priscilla Barnhurst. It was a cold and stormy night and snowed a foot during the course of the night at Panquitch. His Sister, Sarah Annie, was born in August 1887 in Cedar City, Utah.

They moved to Henrieville across the street from the Great Grandpa and Grandma Riggs (William Sears Riggs and Sarah Reeves). They lived in a one room house which Grandpa (William Reeves) quickly had another room built. He built it himself. Grandpa was away most of the time riding the range tending cattle. The cattle belonged to the Kanarra Co-op. (These were church tithing cattle.) At this time Dad was still wearing dresses! They had a big yellow ring-necked dog named "Ring". Grandpa would swing Dad in the air and let Ring jump at him until the dog was tired of it. Then Dad would ride him.

They had a mare named "Kate" and she was used for general purposes. Grandpa put Dad in the saddle and went into the house. The gate was open and the mare went up above the canal--nearly a mile. You can imagine the excitement this created. (Dad was still in dresses!)

By this time Grandma Riggs' (Priscilla) folks had moved to the town of Hatch. Dad's brother Samuel Barnhurst was born October 17, 1889. Grandmother Riggs went to Hatch to have the baby not only because she wanted to be with her mother, but because Great Grandmother Barnhurst (Anna Maria Jensen Barnhurst) was one of the finest mid-wives in the state of Utah.

At this time the family moved into a room of the house of Mary Ann Clove (Grandma's sister) until Great Grandma's house was completed. When it was completed, They moved into the log house where Great Grandma had lived while the new house was being built.

Grandpa decided to quit riding the range and had a chance to get some land. So he started to farm. Dad's brother Andrew Franklin was born here. Also his sister Priscilla Josephine, who died before she reached the age of two.

Grandpa acquired some land at the east end of the dam. A frame house was built here and the family moved in as soon as the roof was on. Here Dad's sisters Mary Emma and Vilate were born. Also his brother, John Sears, was born there. While they lived here, two different school teachers stayed and boarded with them. The first teacher who came to live with them was James B. Burrows. He was not a member of the church, but he did join the church later and became a bishop. After he left, the other teacher, named Adolph McClosky moved in. He was a Catholic but became converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Grandpa Riggs baptized him.

Dad's Aunt Mary Ann's husband was dead when she gave birth to a boy, whom she named Ivor. Later Aunt Mary Ann died of cancer. Grandpa was made guardian of the children. They included: "Naty", "Annie", "Mary", "Hanna", and "Ivor". All were Dad's cousins.

Dad started school when he was living at his Aunt Mary Ann's house (rock). He had been sick the year before while living at the shingle mill where Grandpa worked. It was located on the right hand fork of the Asay Creek. Grandma had papered the room with newspapers to keep it warmer. Dad started out by asking about the letters on this paper which he could see while laying in his bed sick. Soon he had the letters learned and started on words. Before the year was up he could read well.

When he started school he was given a second grade reader to start with because of his ability to read. As with all new students, Dad had to prove himself with the school bully. They fought every recess for several days--to the delight of the older students. Neither of them would give in. Finally one day the recess bell rang, Dad was pinned down---but he wouldn't give in! The other boy wouldn't give in either when he had the advantage. The teacher (Mrs. Jessie Wilson Sr.) came out and spanked the pair of them. After this they became the best of friends.

About this time the Hatchtown resevoir was started. Men subscribed for the stock and worked out their assessments on the dam. Grandma's health was failing so while Grandpa helped her. Dad, who was 14 years old, worked out the assessment. This meant working 10 hours a day and hauling ten (10) loads of rock. Many times he was so tired he cried but he always did his 10 loads.

At this time the town was moved to the present site where it now stands, because of the danger of floods. This was good foresight, for the dam went out twice. At the age of 16 years, Dad became the 2nd Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School to Abraham S. Workman. He held the position for about two years. When he became 18 years old, he went to school in Orderville. "Naty" lived there, and both Dad and Hannah went there to live because the school term was so short at Hatch. As long as they stayed in Hatch they were getting the same lessons over and over and could never complete the work and graduate because of the shortness of the term. That is the reason they went to Orderville.

From Orderville, Dad went to Murdock Acadamey where he completed the 8th grade and went into high school work. The first year at the acadamey, 1905, A.B. Anderson was president. The next year, J.E. Hickman was president and remained president which Dad was there for three years.

When Dad entered the acadamey, he weighed 129 lbs. F.C. Van Buren was his physical educational instructor--also his theology teacher. He was later made instructor (the first) of the Deseret Gym. He took a special interest in Dad. By the third year there, Dad weighed 154 Lbs. and was in excellent health. This year he ran the 100 yard dash--which he won, 220 yard dash he won, and the 440 which he won. He also took first in the shot put, third in the broadjump. On the pole vault all the competition quit, but Dad and two classmates, so they divided the points. In the relay, he was last man and had to make up about 50 feet. This he did. However, there was a mistake on the measurements and so no one received any points. After the meet, Dad went to the dance feeling really fine.

In theology Dad had for instructors: J.E. Hickman, Richard Maeser, John G. McQuarrie, and Alfred H. Durham. The last course Dad took was a missionary course. Brother Durham taught Dad vocal music. Brother Durham was Sunday School Superintendent of the Acadamey and Dad was 2nd assistant to him. During this third year Dad received his call to go on a mission to the Central States. The call was for May 1909 but the teachers at the acadamey wrote and asked that Dad be allowed to finish the school year. So President Joseph F. Smith made the call for July.

At the last dance given at the acadamey, all the proceeds were given to Dad for his mission. And this money paid his transportation into the field. He arrived at Independence, Missouri on the 24th of July. He was assigned to work in St. Joseph, Mo. He labored here for a month or two and then was transferred to Kelsey, Texas where they were building a chapel. He had finished the carpentry work in a couple of months. Then he thought he was ready to go out again but the painter asked for him and Dad spent two more months painting, etc. During this time he lived with Brother Andrew M. Thompson, who was nick-named "Jiminy Cricket" because of him using this expression frequently.

From there he went out into the country doing regular missionary work to such places as the town of Greenville, Ruskin County, and Collin County. Samuel Bennion was mission president at this time. There were six of the missionaries all working around Ft. Worth, where they received their mail. Two of the Elders had been arguing points of doctrine before the Saints and investigators, which was the worst thing they could have done. Unknown to anyone, President Bennion came down to visit. Now he was not told before hand of the bickering but he must have been inspired, because that Sunday he talked to the Elders for eight hours straight. And he really told those Elders what they had been doing and what it meant to the cause of the church.

On Monday after breakfast when the Elders were ready to go to work, he called to Dad and told him to go to Gilmer, Texas to take the state examination for school teachers. You can imagine how Dad felt. A 3rd year high school student. But the Lord helped him and he passed the examination and went to Enoch to teach school. Dad had been teaching about two weeks when President Bennion came again. He calmly announced that "The Branch Presidency was shot to hell" and that Dad was to be the new Branch President and to choose himself some counselors. He chose Landy Foster and Alex Pritchard (whom he lived and boarded with.) He stayed at Enoch for seven months. He baptised two people while there.....Sister Flannegan and Brother William Knight. These were converts of another missionary.

Dad had an especially hard job to do because the Elder there before him had not tended to business and had courted the girls. So there was quite a bit of animosity there. But when he finished his mission, President Bennion told him he was a "real man" when he released him. This was in April 1912.

Dad returned to Hatch where he found Grandpa's store pretty empty. Two different sawmill outfits owed Grandpa money. So Dad worked at it until he got the contract to build the school house at Hatch. The sawmill people gave Dad lumber to equal the bill at the store which they owed to Grandpa. Dad in turn gave Grandpa the money from the school. (I, Evelyn, went to first grade in that building.)

The spring before Dad built the school house, he went to commencement at Beavewr. Uncle Frank Riggs was on the athletic team and Dad went to be with him. When Dad went to the dance they thought he was Uncle Frank and offered him a free pass to the dance. It was at that dance that he met Mother. Mother was a wonderfully good dancer.

The fall after Dad had built the school house he went back to Murdock to finish his high school education. Before school was out Dad and Mother had become engaged and set the date for the wedding to be before school should start again. Dad graduated and went to work at the farm. Then he went to the sheep herd to earn enough money to get married on. Dad bought Mother's wedding clothes. They were married October 8, 1913 at the Manti Temple.

Dad drove a team the first day to Kingston. Then the next day they drove to Marysville and took the train to Manti. Grandpa and Grandma Snow were in Manti. They all went to the Temple. Dad and Mother came home with Mother's Uncle Frank Snow and they stayed with him in Sterling the first night they were married. They left the next morning on the train to Marysville. They stayed there that night and the next day they went to Kingston. The following day they went to Hatch---this was on Friday.

They had a big party and dance for them at Hatch. Great Grandpa Riggs who was 90 years old, dance alot at the party. He thought a great deal of Mother.

On Monday they both taught school. Mother taught the primary grades (1-4), and Dad had the upper grades from 5-8. Dad was Principal. Dad was also YMMIA president that year. School let out in April and on May 26th, the resevoir broke. Mother was in Kingston waiting for Elma to be born. She was born July 13, 1914. As soon as she was old enough, they all went back to Hatch where Dad farmed. The following year Dad taught school again. He bought the Johnston Canyon place. Ten or twelve acres could be irrigated. The rest was dry farm. He taught again the next winter. Maurine was born at Kingston on May 29, 1916. Mother and Dad lived across the street from Grandpa and Grandma Snow at that time. When Grandpa and Grandma Snow decided to go to Beaver and have their boys attend Murdock Acadamey, Dad and Mother moved into their house and their farm. Dad also taught school that winter in Kingston. Bishop Devalson Allen asked Dad to be his 1st counselor in the Bishopric. Luris P. Allen was his son and my Seminary teacher in Gunnison. Uncle Charles Barlow (Aunt Flosses' 1st husband) got so bad with diabetes, he came back to Kingston and lived with Mother and Dad. He died while living here with Mother and Dad. After Uncle Charles died, Dad took a team of horses and wagon which belonged to Uncle Charles. With the team he hauled logs for the sawmill. Then he took the team to Marysvale where he hauled freight to Kanab. Then he went to work at the sawmill at Hatch. He paid some money to Porters for their home in Kingston and hauled lumber to them for the balance due on the home. The home was given to Aunt Floss in exchange for the team and wagon. Dad sent for Mother and they stayed in Hatch. That winter Dad worked in the sawmill. Dad was in the Bishopric with Bishop James B. Burrow as his first counselor. That spring Mother went back to Kingston where Reeves was born May 22, 1918. Dad was at the sawmill when Mother took sick in Kingston. She phoned Hatch and Uncle Ernest rode up to the sawmill on Uncle Sam's horse "Dave". It was 12 miles to the sawmill from Hatch. Uncle Ern stayed at the sawmill for Dad. Dad rode old "Dave" to Hatch, and then took his own hor "Freddy" to Kingston. It was 11 P.M. when Dad left the sawmill. He got to Kingston just as the sun was coming up. Reeves had won the race and was there before Dad could get there. When Reeves was about three weeks old, they went back to Hatch. Dad farmed and worked sawmill and also taught school.

The flu was raging at this time. Dad's brother John, died in Provo where he was attending B.Y.U. His death was from the flu. Grandpa Riggs also had the flu. He never fully recovered from it. Dad began feeling the flu come on at school. He hurried home to do chores. As he was bringing in the last load of wood, he started with chills. By morning, Mother and all the kids had the flu. Mother had a terrible congestion in her throat. She could barely whisper. It got so bad that it was shutting off her oxygen. Dad made a plaster of mustard and eggs and put on mother's chest and

throat. She began to cough and vomit. And she coughed up mucous as large as a hen's egg and nearly as hard as gristle. But then she seemed to get much better. The whole family finally recovered. Milda was born on June 22, 1920. Grandma Snow came up to be with Mother. The doctor was late in coming and Grandma delivered the baby. The doctor arrived soon after. He charged the usual fee. Dad worked outside doing roadwork, tending cattle, etc. that summer. Joe was born January 1922. He has born feet first and had water in his lungs. They finally got him to breathing. The doctor who was to come was the same one that didn't make it on time to deliver Milda. He was off hunting when Joe was born. Dad finally got a woman (Sister Duel) who had done some mid-wife work to come. But she was sick--and as soon as the baby was born, she kept blacking out. Sister Duel died a short time afterwards. Joe died at the age of 3 weeks with capillary bronchitis. He was the first of our family to die and was buried in Hatch.

Dad took the mail from Mt. Carmel to Gravel Springs. They lived at Mt. Carmel. Maurine and Elma rode the bus to Orderville to school. Maurine got St. Vitus Dance. She had to quit school for a while but after treatment from a doctor in Kanab, she overcame the disease.

Dad worked road after this. He graveled the road from River Bridge to Red Canyon. When Mama got pregnant again, they moved to Manti. Dad wanted a doctor to BE with Mother. He met Judge Albert H. Christensen and made a proposition to farm his place. Mama had Aldyth in Manti September 13, 1923, Dad had most of the family with him at the Christensen place. When Aldyth and Mama were strong enough, they came to the Christensen place, too. That year they farmed.

Bishop Josaeph H. Larsen's Dad, John Larsen, loaned Dad \$1000 on the purchase of land from Will Kearns. There were 5 acres and a house. Dad also ran the George Francis farm. I was born at the Kearns place. Minnie Taylor helped Mother when I was born. This was August 17, 1925. The next year Dad ran Ernest Swallberg's farm. It was while he was farming that he got the mail contract. He got the mail from the train at Christenberg and took it to Gunnison and Centerfield. There were two trips a day.

Dad was President of the Hamilton Ward YMMIA. He was up at Palisade Lake on an outing where he ran a race. While running this race, he stepped into a hole and broke all the tendons in his heel and his right foot.

Virginia was born in 1927 at Manti. She lived about a half an hour. She was a little pre-mature.

Brother John Larsen died. Dad gave his family the interest in the farm to pay back the \$1000 Brother Larsen had loaned him. So we moved to Gunnison and rented a house there. Later Dad bought the old creamery place for taxes. Employment was scarce so Dad went down to Mt. Carmel and worked on the road. We went to live at Hatch for a year. When we were loading our possessions we got word that Grandma Riggs had died.

We spent that year there and then returned to Gunnison. Dad built some rooms in the creamery building. This was the Depression time. Dad worked at various jobs---W.P.A. among them. Reeves got sick and contracted tuberculosis in 1933. He stayed home for two years isolated in a bedroom. Then he went to Salt Lake City to the General Hospital. He died in December 1941.

Dad was City Recorder of Gunnison for four years. The last year that Dad was City Recorder he went to work for Ira Overfelt raising turkeys. Dad bought the Ben Roper place and we moved there.

Pearson-Croft built a place of business across the street from our home. Dad went to work for them putting up machinery, etc. On May 19, 1951, Dad had a heart attack at work. He was very ill for eight weeks--and not strong for several months. Dad went back to work but just doing light janitor work. Then the Church offered Dad the job of Bookkeeper at the Welfare office. Mother's health continued to fail, but she never complained. She died December 11, 1957.

On January 8, 1958 Dad took his first airplane ride and came to California. He told me this history while we visited together. on February 6, 23 will go to Los Angeles and go to the Temple. My sister Aldyth will meet us there. Dad will go and spend some time with them at Yuma Arizona and try to go to the Temple at Mesa.



Journal of Elder William R. Riggs Jr.

Hatch, Utah

Covering a period of time from July 13, 1909 to Dec 5, 1910  
Writing began at Independence and was concluded at Bro. J.  
Waldrop's in Wood Co., Tex, near Alba.

- July 13: I left my home at Hatch to fulfill a mission in the Central States. This day I rode stage to Marysvale.
- July 14: This day took train for Manti. Bro. G. Bebe was on the same car going to Richfield. At Richfield, Bro. May, a former teacher of the M.A. (Murdock Academy) got on the train. I arrived at Manti shortly after noon. Here, I laid in the shade the rest of the day.
- July 15: Went through the Temple and recieved my endowments.
- July 16: Went through the Temple. This Day I met Bro. Hugh K. Fuller and Geo. Leavit both going to the Central States and from Arizona. We got through early and went on to Salt Lake City.
- July 17: Searched out my old school and class mates, John and Hazel Pendleton.
- July 18: Went to Church in the Tabernacle.
- July 19: I visited the school, University of Utah where I met some more of my old acquaintances.
- July 20: Went to the Pres. office and was set apart by Apostle Richards.
- July 21: Left Salt Lake on Denver and Rio Grande in company with 11 other Elders. To the Central States: Elder Hugh K. Fuller, Geo. W. Leavit, from Arizona; A.V. McIntosh from Mt. Pleasant, Ut.; and Elder A.O. Gardener. To the Northern States: T.F. Sevy from Panquitch, Ut., Christian Christianson from LeVan, Ut., and G.W. Etsworth, Pason, Ut. To the Western: Parley Bull from Hyde Park and E.G. Bagler from (?) To the Eastern States: C.A. Manden. To the Southern: H.C. Peterson.
- July 22: We passed through the mountains of Colorado and reached Denver late that evening, too late for our train, so we had to lay over until 1:40, next day.

- July 23: We started on, traveled all day over the plains of Colorado and Nebraska with nothing of interest happening.
- July 24: Pioneer day not much of celebration so far. We arrived at Kansas City about noon and took a street car for Independence. We soon arrived there only to find all the Saints gone to the fair grounds to celebrate. We sat on the office porch until a young Elder who had a sick baby came by and guessed who we were and directed us to the Saints. We soon arrived upon the grounds and engaged in the ballgame they began playing.
- July 25: We went to Sunday School and Meeting. After Sunday School, Bro. Zachariah Hartshome invited Elder Gardener and I home to dinner and we eat our first invited meal in Independence with Uncle Zach and Aunt Martha.
- July 26: We all went up to the office and were registered and gave up our money. Don't know what to do with us yet.
- July 27: Went to class this morning and haven't done much of anything except read the rest of the day. Rec'd a letter from M. today. Also saw some of the Heaton boys.
- July 28: Attended a cottage meeting last night and made my first attempt to speak in the Missionfield. Elder Butterfield told me a few minutes ago that I was to go to St. Joseph this afternoon at 4 o'clock.
- July 29: I am now in St. Joseph and it is very warm. Rained last night. Elder Leavit and I arrived here last night just in time to go out to South St. Joseph where we attended a cottage meeting. In this city we met the following Elders: McDonald, Harris, Helm, and Dangerfield.
- July 30: I went out tracting with Elder Harris this afternoon. He did all the talking except to one place where I tried it. I gave one tract away, but it was about the hardest work I ever done.
- July 31: This day being Sat., I have spent most of the time studying. Last night we visited Mr. and Mrs. Burlington and family. They were formerly Reorganists, but now seem to lean towards us. We had a fine supper and visit. We are to hold a streetmeeting tonight, another new experience to me.
- Aug. 1: We went downtown last night but did not hold meeting. I am now rooming with Elder Harris, 807 Roudibaux St., St. Joseph, Mo. and boarding house. Room rent cost me \$1.50 a month and I get 21 meals for \$2.00.

- Aug. 2: On this day I began my work taking every other house while we were tracting. I sold one book in the forenoon. In the afternoon went out with Elder Helm. Did not sell any books but met people who wouldn't talk to us.
- Aug. 3: Spent this day visiting among the people and distributing literature. I sold two small books.
- Aug. 4: Another very warm day nearly gone. It rained last night. I have been out visiting. Again today experienced having the door shut in my face also met a man who belonged to what they call Bible students, some call them Milenial Dawn people. They have many views the same as we do but do not have an organization. He talked to us nearly two hours. We are to have a cottage meeting tonight.
- Aug. 5: It rained last night and most of the forenoon today so no visits. We held a cottage meeting down to Bro Weaber's.
- Aug. 6: Spent about 5 hours tracting today and sold 2 books. I felt quite encouraged met so many pleasant people today. A good time coming as we are going down to Burlington's tonight.
- Aug. 7: We moved today. Come up where the other Elders were. Our address is now 644 N. 9th St. and our room cost us \$2.50 a week.
- Aug. 8: Sunday and nothing except study to do until 6:45 this evening, then we are to have Sunday School and Meeting. We had a fine time last night with our land lady and her family, eat watermellon and sang song until after 11 o'clock. At the meeting I was called upon to speak. There was in attendance 4 besides the Elders.
- Aug. 9: Instead of tracting this morning, Elder Harris attended the Printers Convention. This afternoon we were only out about 2 hours and left all our tracts. We visited some business houses. Also met an old lady who claimed that the Mormons stole girls here when they went thru, also potatoes. As proof that they stole girls she said one lady told her she never did any washing in our life until she started to Utah.
- Aug. 10: Worked four hours and distributed more plans than any day before but haven't been able to sell a book. We met an infidel today who said religion was all humbug and he wouldn't even read a book.

- Aug. 11: It was so hot last night we couldn't hardly live and it isn't much better today. Nothing unusual happened as yet today. We have just finished our usual visiting work.
- Aug. 12: Today there was a circus in town and nearly everybody was to that so we didn't go out to work. In the forenoon we went and seen the street Parade. It was fine. This also was mail day and I received a letter from Home. One from I. and one from M. Also card from M.O. We also held a cottage meeting on this date at Bro Weber's.
- Aug. 13: Just got up and it is quite late too. Just a month today since I left home. Just been down to the Nadatoreum and am feeling fine as we had a good swim there.
- Aug. 14: I have spent most of today studying. I made one revisit that I had sold a book, but it was given back to me.
- Aug. 15: It seems warmer than ever today and that is certainly warm. Elder Leavitt & McDonald arrived from where I don't know. At Sunday School and Meeting we had a few more than last time.
- Aug. 16: This is the warmest day I ever experienced. I didn't feel very well so didn't go out in the afternoon.
- Aug. 17: Another extremely warm day. We only went out in the forenoon but visited Bro. Cooks and family in the afternoon.
- Aug. 18: It is a little cooler today but still warm. I eat too manny prunes last night and have had to pay for them today. We met a colored Seven Day Advantist today who was too much for us on a Sunday argument.
- Aug. 19: I have spent most of the day in study. I rec'd a letter from home and from M. and postcard from H.C. We have just been down to Bro Weber's in South St. Joe where we held cottage meeting. It is the first one I have had charge of.
- Aug. 20: We met some ReOrganists this morning. One of them scored us on Polygamy until Elder Harris shut her up on it. Otherwise they treated us fine. We had a fine time down to Bro. Burling- ton's tonight as is our custom.
- Aug. 21: Spent most of the day in study and at night held a street meeting. We could get listeners while we sang but they left when speaking began.

- Aug. 22: Sunday again and another day of study. At night we held our regular Sunday School and Meeting. We were alone at S.S. and had only 3 to meeting.
- Aug. 23: Spent most of the day tracting, visited Sister Frank as we went out to work, found her sick. Attended a theater entitled "Dare Devil Dan". It was a wild west show. According to it the west has changed considerable since I left.
- Aug. 24: Just a month today since I landed in Independence. Sold two books today and had my first experience in administering to the sick. Sister Frank called us in as we were going out to work. We spent the evening with our landlady.
- Aug. 25: Nothing unusual happened today.
- Aug. 26: Some of Elders went to Kansas to hear Bryan lecture. I remained at home and wrote letters.
- Aug. 27: Broke my record today-got rid of 5 small books today. Also made our usual trip to Burlington's Elder Peters just came up from Independence today.
- Aug. 28: Spent most of the day studying. In the evening we held a street meeting and I had my first experience speaking on the street.
- Aug. 29: The weather is some cooler this morning. I have just made my first monthly report. We held the largest attended meeting today we have had since I have been in St. Joe. Have enjoyed our work fine today only made few visits this forenoon and this afternoon we visited Sister Frank and Carrie. Elder Helm and I have been working together. We eat supper with Sister F. and had a very pleasant talk.
- Aug. 30: Went out with Elder Dangerfield this morning. We met a Catholic lady who spoke quite sharp at first but before we left she begged our pardon.
- Aug. 31: Nothing unusual happening.
- Sept. 1: Weather much cooler. Visited a good many colored people this afternoon. Rec'd letters from Home, M., & Joe.
- Sept. 2: It rained for some time this morning making very pleasant. We held our usual cottage meeting at Bro. Weaber's tonight.

- Sept. 3: Elder Dangerfield and I worked together as Elder Helm was sick. We had an interesting time almost sold a B. of M. and also had an argument with a Catholic woman.
- Sept. 4: It rained during the night. Made one revisit today and left a V. of W. in place of a C.T. It is quite stormy tonight. Don't know whether we'll be able to hold St. meeting or not.
- Sept. 5: Sunday again and we received a visit from Elder Butterfield from the Mission House. He said they were going to send me to Texas. We had our regular Sunday School and Meeting. One of our investigators said she was ready to be baptised any time now. Her name is Carrie Murry. She is just a young woman.
- Sept. 6: Raining this morning and is Labor Day. We are going down to Burlington's to spend the day.
- Sept. 7: Still Stormy. In forenoon we (Elder Helm & I) visited 10 families apace and in afternoon we made two revisits.
- Sept. 8: It has been raining nearly all morning.
- Sept. 9:
- Sept. 10: Wild west show in town so we didn't canvas any. Visited Bro. & Sister Noal. Also had cottage meeting at Brother Weaber's.
- Sept. 11: Rec'd a letter from office stating "we need you in Kelsy, Texas". Am now in the office just arrived. In the evening went to Kansas City to St. meeting.
- Sept. 12: Went S.S. in morning and R.Q. meeting in afternoon, S. Meeting at night.
- Sept. 13: Two months today I left home. Am now on my way to Texas writing as I am riding in the train. It is also storming.
- Sept. 14: I am now in Texarcana and will have to wait for a train (2 hours or about that length of time). I rode all night last night and had our train been on time I'd been on my way to Gilmer now. It is quite warm this morn.
- Sept. 15: I am now sitting on the sleepers of the Kelsey meeting house. I have just been here a few minutes after having walked from Gilmer where I arrived 1:30 this morning. I had to stay all day in Texarcana. It is a little cooler now.

- Sept. 16: Weather is still cool and I have been working on the Kelsey meeting house today.
- Sept. 17: Weather still cool or cooler. We have been working on the Church building again today. I am staying at Bro. Thomson's. The Elders I am working with are as follows. Pres. Crane, Bro. Frame, two Bro. Jones and Elder Jacobson. Kelsey is very dry at present.
- Sept. 18: Worked again on the Church building. Weather some warmer.
- Sept. 19: Went to Sunday School and S. Meeting and singing practice. Was called on to speak in meeting.
- Sept. 20: Worked again on the building. It rained some this afternoon but was very warm this morning.
- Sept. 21: I have been wheeling brick today and am quite tired tonight and am also restless for some unaccountable cause. Met Pres. Bennion today.
- Sept. 22: Have been mixing mud today and am very tired. Weather warmer today.
- Sept. 23: We have been building scaffoles. It is a little cooler today.
- Sept. 24: Two month since I registered at Independence. Still working on the building but Pres Crane said I could go in the country before long. Weather cooler.
- Sept. 25: We labored again most of the day on the Church building. Another cool day.
- Sept. 26: Attended S.S. and Meeting and in the evening went to Pres. Cox's and hear Elder Frame sing.
- Sept. 27: Labored again on the Church building. Weather still cool.
- Sept. 28: Ditto.
- Sept. 29: " "
- Sept. 30: " "
- Oct. 1: I spent most of the day up on the top of the house putting up rafters. Weather warm.
- Oct. 2: Worked again today. Rec'd two letter from Home. Weather still warm.
- Oct. 3: Attended S.S. & Meeting. Weather still warm.

- Oct. 4: Worked on Church building. Weather still warm.
- Oct. 5: Worked again on the church. Weather warmer.
- Oct. 6: Today we began nailing sheeting on the Church building. Weather still warm.
- Oct. 7: Labored again on the building. This evening Elder Knudson and I were called on to administer to a little boy. Weather still warm.
- Oct. 8: Worked a short time in forenoon and most of the afternoon. It rained today.
- Oct. 9: Worked forenoon and started home and sprained my ankle. Couldn't work in afternoon.
- Oct. 10: Sunday and I am still layed up with my ankle. I have just finished reading "In His Step" by Sheldon. Clear and windy today.
- Oct. 11: Still layed up with my ankle. Can use it a little today. Weather cool.
- Oct. 12: Still layed up with lameness, can almost bear my weight on my foot tonight. Weather cooler.
- Oct. 13: Haven't been able to do much work yet. Weather warmer.
- Oct. 14,15,16: Still layed up with lame ankle.
- Oct. 17: Sunday. I just finished an 8 page letter to M. nearly all religious.
- Oct. 18: Ankle better. Helped Bro Thompson haul corn.
- Oct. 19: Worked on building.
- Oct. 20: Worked on Church house.
- Oct. 21: Worked on Church house. Had our pictures taken. Weather very warm.
- Oct. 22: Helped Bro Thompson gather corn. Other Elders all went to Dallas.
- Oct. 23: Gathered corn again.
- Oct. 24: Sunday attended S.S. and Meeting and M.I.A. Took dinner at Bailies and supper at McElrath's.



Oct. 25: Worked on the Building again.

Oct. 26: Worked on the Building.

Oct. 27,28,29: Worked on the Building.

Oct. 30: Worked on the building.

Oct. 31: Sunday and I attended S.S. and afternoon meeting rained in the evening so I didn't go to mutual.

Nov. 1,2: Labored on the Church building.

Nov.3: Another day on the building. Elder's Pitcher & Hansen came in today.

Nov. 4,5: Worked on C. Building.

Nov. 6: " "

Nov.7: Attended S.S. Fast Meeting and conjoint mutual. Helped sing a quartette in mutual.

Nov. 8: Labored on Church building.

Nov. 9,10,11,12,13: Still laboring on the Church building.

Nov. 14: Attended S.S. and Meeting and Mutual. Took dinner at Bailey's.

Nov. 15: Labored on building. Elder Frame & Crane gone to La. to Conference.

Nov. 16: Labored on the building. Took dinner at L.A. Perry's.

Nov. 17: Labored on the building. Elder's Frame and Crane have returned.

Nov. 18: Labored on the Church building at Kelsey, Texas.

Nov. 19: Ditto.

Nov.20: Elder Jacobson had the nosebleed this morning. Worked on the House with Bro. A. Harris today also Bro. Oscar Bodine.

- Nov. 21: Attended S.S. and Meeting and Mutual.
- Nov. 22,23,24,25,26: Labored on the Church building.
- Nov. 27: Ditto.
- Nov. 28: Went to S.S. Had a part of lesson to give at meeting. Was called on to speak and at night I attended mutual and was given a recitation for next meeting.
- Nov. 29: Helped Bro. Gilisby on window frame.
- Nov. 30: Put some frames together today alone.
- Dec. 1,2,3,4: Worked on the Church with nothing unusual happening. On 4th Elder LeBaren arrived and began painting.
- Dec. 5: Sunday and very cold. Spent part of day at Bro. McElrath with Elders Green and Jacobson. Had a reading for Mutual.
- Dec. 6: Still very cold. Helped Elder LeBaren paint today.
- Dec. 7: Elder LeBaren went to Gilmer and worked at woodwork until he returned in the afternoon.
- Dec. 8,9,10,11: Worked on the outside painting.
- Dec. 12: Attended S.S. and Meeting and Mutual. In S.S. and M.I.A I was called on to take charge of classes.
- Dec. 13,14,15,16: Still on the painting job.
- Dec.17: Went 7 miles out into the country to administer to a baby. Also blessed and named it which was a new experience to me.
- Dec. 18: Painted ceiling close by the stove today.
- Dec. 19: Attended S.S. Meeting and M.E.A. At meeting was called upon to speak.
- Dec. 20: Labored on the Church.
- Dec. 21: " " " " " " and in the evening moved Sister Lovet's (or Tovet's ?) bed down to Widow Townsley's.

- Dec. 22,23,24: Labored on the building.
- Dec. 25: Attended work as usual.
- Dec. 26: Went to S.S. Meeting and M.I.A.
- Dec. 27,28,29,30,31: Labored on the Church building.
- Jan. 1, 1910: Labored on the Church building.
- Jan. 2: Attended S.S., M., & M.I.A.
- Jan. 3,4,5,6,7,8: Varnished seats at Church.
- Jan. 9: Attended S.S., Meeting, and attended the wedding of Troy Gooing and Estell Cox.
- Jan. 10,11,12,13,14: Labored on the building.
- Jan. 15: Attended conference. Met all the North Texas Elders.
- Jan. 16: Conference again today.
- Jan. 17: Arranged to go to Cherokee Co. with Elder Eliga Gregory.
- Jan. 18: Walked over to Bro. John Edgar's and stayed all night.
- Jan. 19: Left Edgar's about 9 o'clock and walked to Big Sandy eat dinner at a Restaurant and then walked to Winona On the way visited several houses but could not get entertainment until we came to a regular boarding house which cost us a \$1.00 and a Book of Mormon.
- Jan. 20: Walked to Tyler. Eat at a restaurant then walk- ed out about 2 miles into country to Bro. Cards and found Elders Humphreys and Passey. Sang, talked and played games until 12 o'clock.
- Jan. 21: Took the train and came to Jacksonville. Stopped at City Hotel. W.B. Stitch, Proprietor.
- Jan. 22: Read, made reports, and wrote letters. Received letters from home and also from C.
- Jan. 23: Read Liahona and went to Methodist Church today.
- Jan. 24: Stayed in Jacksonville until 2 P.M. Then went into the country east. Made my first attempt at asking for entertainment. Man said he was crowd- ed but if next place wouldn't keep for us to come back and we came back. Other man had no room for L.D.S. in his house. Saw comet last night and again tonight.

- Jan. 25: Walked on through the country to Lone Star. Visited a good many families but sold no books. It was after dark when we found place that would take us in. It was a fair place.
- Jan. 26: Walked through a Negro district, met some fine people. In the evening stayed with a Mr. Mitchel held a cottage meeting with him.
- Jan. 27: Still in a timbered country. Visited several families, got our first dinner for this week with a Mr. Bidgood. We were treated fine. Spent the night with a Mr. Wilkinson who treated us excellent. He was a Methodist and invited us to call on him again. The wind blew very hard during the night.
- Jan. 28: Walked to Troupe and there met Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ who had just lost his wife. From there went to Jacksonville. Stayed at City Hotel.
- Jan. 29: Went to Payner and met Elder's Humpherys and Passey. Held meeting that night. Stayed with Bro. S.L. Smith and wife and old and very nice couple.
- Jan. 30: Held two meetings. In First I tryed 26 minutes to explain early rise of Church and divinity of Jos. Smith.
- Jan. 31: Came over to C.W. Tailors and spent the afternoon and night.
- Feb. 1: Spent the day at Bro. Tailor's studying, talk- ing, and singing with the Elders.
- Feb. 2: Rained and stayed another day with Bro. Tailor.
- Feb. 3: Returned to Jacksonville. Weather was very cold so stayed at City Hotel.
- Feb. 4: Out in the Country. Just about out of tracks. No dinner today. Weather is moderating some, but is still cold. Spent the night with Pestus(?) Amwine, son of one of our members.
- Feb. 5: Returned to City Hotel Jacksonville. Received our mail and spent most of the day answering letters.
- Feb. 6: Fast Sunday and we arose very late. During the afternoon, Landlady invited us in the parlor where we sang them some of the songs of Zion.

- Feb. 7: Started into the country northward. Received an invitation to eat dinner with a Mr. A.O.W. Fredrick near Reynolds. In afternoon canvassed Reynolds which is a small RR town and then held meeting with them. Our first hall meeting to-gather. Mr. Wm. Ross invited us to spend night with him.
- Feb. 8: Walked all day without dinner, finding very few people until afternoon. Spent the night with C.I. Skillem near Griffin.
- Feb. 9: Canvased Griffin, eat dinner with Mr. Frank Fitch. Walked on to Troupe, seen Bro Worley and stayed at Hill Hotel.
- Feb. 10: Again back into the country. Took dinner with Mr. T.R. Huggins and stayed at night with Mr. Brawley. The finest place in the town.
- Feb. 11: Traveled on towards Jacksonville. Eat dinner with a Mr. Wallace and spent the night with John Waite.
- Feb. 12: Came on into Jacksonville and got our mail.
- Feb. 13: Attended Baptist Church at night and heard for the first time a man call for mourners.
- Feb. 14: Close I sent for did not come so we remained in Jacksonville another day.
- Feb. 15: Received looked for mail and went out in country north of Jacksonville. Spent the night with a poor man by the name of Morris.
- Feb. 16: Weather quite cold, so found men at home. Explained B. of M. several times but sold no book. Had to talk hard to get to stay with Mr. Burns. Weather was very cold and being turned down two times before I kept talking until he finally permitted us to stay.
- Feb. 17: Snowed in night, blowed through the crack and was over the bed and close. Wind was still blowing hard and cold and snow was about 3 inches deep so we made for Jacksonville arriving there about 1:30 that afternoon having walked about 12 miles.
- Feb. 18: Still cold so we stayed at Hotel.
- Feb. 19: Recieved mail and sent off reports.
- Feb. 20: Attended the opening meeting at a Prespeterian Church. Seemed more like a Bid Lestun(?) or theater than a worship assembly to me.

- Feb. 21: Seen Parade of a show in forenoon and left town in afternoon. I sold three little books to one man. First I had sold a set.
- Feb. 22: Canvassed M. Selman. Tryed get permission to hold meeting but could not so we went into the country. Walked until about 7:30 before we found a place to stay. Then we found a Mr. J.J. Smith. Very nice young man who took us in. Elder Gregory left him a set of books.
- Feb. 23: Weather very cold and rainy. Stopped for the night with a Mr. Burns origanally from East Kansas.
- Feb. 24: Weather still cold. Spent most of forenoon talking to one man. His wife said our songs were the prettiest she had ever heard. Visited Larissia and stopped for the night with a Mr. Gibson, a Danish man.
- Feb. 25: Walked nearly all day. Passed through Reynold and went down to Bro. Waite's. They had company but kept us anyway.
- Feb. 26: Came on into Jacksonville. It is very rainy.
- Feb. 27: Received mail, answered letter and studied during the day.
- Feb. 28: Walked out east of Jacksonville. Took dinner at Amwines then continued East until night.
- Mar. 1: Continued to canvass in neighborhood east of Jacksonville. Met a man who had no room for Mormons. Said he had never lost anything by not entertaining them. Walked until nearly 8 o'clock when we got in Mr. J. Bown's place.
- Mar. 2: Returned to Amwine where we met Sister Amwine. She is hard of hearing but is a fine woman. Elder Gregory pressed my coat while talked to her.
- Mar. 3: Began our trip for Nac\_\_\_\_ where we are to meet Elder Degraw and com(pany).
- Mar. 4: Stayed with Mr. Sauders last night. Held a cottage meeting with them. Passed through Recklaw and followed along the RR towards Nacadoches.

- Mar. 5: Spent the night at boarding house at Caro. Had no supper and only a bowl of soup for dinner. Only had to pay 25 cents for both of us a bed. Landlady very preudice, so we didn't eat any breakfast until we came to the next little town. Walked on to Nacagdoches where we meet Elder Hatch, Robinson, DeGraw and Simkins. Held meet- ing on the street in afternoon. Elder Hatch, I, and Elder Gregory talked. At night we held again, the other three doing the talking. Stayed at the Hardy Boarding house.
- Mar. 6: Walked out to Shadie (Shadu?) Grove about ten or twelve miles to fill an appointment only to find nobody there so we walked back leaving Elder Simkins and DeGraw.
- Mar. 7: Returned to Cherokee Co. Road back to Recklaw and went north from there. Walked until nearly 8 o'clock when a man by the name of Boatman took us in.
- Mar. 8: Traveled north and west today not finding many people took dinner with a Mr. Perkins had a fine dinner and went on until night.
- Mar. 9: Stay last night with Mr. Brown. They were the poorest people I believe I ever saw, also dirty. Was glad to get away. Bed bugs nearly eat Elder Gregory up. Took dinner with John Wallace. He treated us quite cool. Went on into the wood to a small creek where we took a bath.
- Mar. 10: Stayed last night with Mr. Pearman. It was a fine place and they treated us fine. I gave him a Book of Mormon in the morning. We are now in the woods of Rusk Co. It rained last night and is very cold today.
- Mar. 11: Last night we stopped with a Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, a carpenter and painter. The weather is fine. We took dinner with Mr. McQuirter and then went on into Henderson where we met Pres. Harris and Elder Mather. We held street meeting that af- afternoon. Elder Mather and Gregory doing the talking. We stopped at the Hotel.
- Mar. 12: Elders Hatch, Robinson, Andrus, and Tinsley came in this morning. We held two more street meet- ings. I had a chance to speak in the last one. Moved down to Boggess boarding house today.
- Mar. 13: Spent most of the day studying and talking with the Elders. Held a Priesthood meeting and I was assigned to travel with Elder Andrus.

- Mar. 14: We all left Henderson today. Elder Andrus and I going south. We ask several places for dinner with no success when we came to a little store. the owner of which was an old gentleman. elder Andrus told how we were traveling and he gave us some crackers and a couple of cans of sardines.
- Mar. 15: Spent last night with a family who represented three different religions. That was all that was represented in the town. Passed through a colored settlement.
- Mar. 16: Traveled on in southern part of Rusk Co.
- Mar. 17: Came to Timpson and walked out and seen the Saints. Met Bro. and Sister Black, Brothers Solomon and wife all of whom are members of the Church. Also met some friends among who was Mr. and Mrs. Whistenaut, Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Hooper. Also found there Elders Harris, Mather, Robison, and White.
- Mar. 29: Stayed at O.O. Hopper's with Elder Robison. They are very nice people I think will sometime become Church members. Went to Timpson and held a street meeting. Elder Robison and Andrus doing the speaking. It was my first time to hear Elder Robison. He is a splendid talker.
- Mar. 20: Stayed last night with Bro. and Sister D.B. Black. They are very nice old people. We also held two meetings, 1st a Priesthood meeting after which Elder Harris and Robison left to visit some other Saints after which Elder Robison will return home. The other meeting was presided over by Elder Lee. Elder Dee Graw, Clement, and Lee doing the talking. That night the preacher did not come so we held another meeting. Elder Mather and I doing the talking.
- Mar. 21: Left the Saints just after dinner and went into the country.
- Mar. 22,23,24,25: We traveled through the woods and country road and settlement until we reached Rusk, Cherokee Co. Wed. night we remained with man by the name of Baston.
- Mar. 26: Elder Clement and Simkins, Gregory and Robinson Came in that afternoon and night. We held three meeting in the last one I made the biggest failure in my experience. We also visited the Penitentiary and saw conditions there for my first time.



- Mar. 27: We visited together and held priesthood meeting.
- Mar. 28: Left the city and began our journey towards Tatum. Traveled until 8:0'clock in search of a place. There we found a Mr. Perins who had given Elder Gregory and I dinner some time ago.
- Mar. 29: Walked and passed through Lone Star and New Salem. Ask several times for dinner and several times was refused so coming to a Negro settlement we failed to get any dinner. We walked until late again, this time going to bed without supper.
- Mar. 30: Again on our way having stayed with a Mr. Hudson last night. We are going to Henderson this morning if all goes well. We ask several places for dinner and the women weren't able to take care of us. Finally we found a place where the woman was doing her work in a wheel chair and there it was we were furnished dinner.
- Mar. 31: Stayed last night with a Mr. Strong, some very good friends in the family.
- Apr. 1: Stayed last night with a Baptist man. They treated us fine but had no use for our message. We passed thru Tatum and came east.
- Apr. 2: Stayed last night with some friend and this morning came up to Bro. Kelley's and met Elder's Hatch and Tinsley.
- Apr.3: I was called on to speak last night and today we held two other meetings. I took charge of the last one. At every meeting we had a fairly good crowd and they listened with intense interest. Yesterday got the mail and E. sent me her picture.
- Apr. 4: Rained last night and today so we stayed with Bro. kelley and studied during the day.
- Apr. 5: Today we went fishing and put out a trout line. While going to the river the dogs treed a squirrel which they afterward caught. This was new to me. Elder Andrus and I run the line twice during the day and caught eleven catfish weighing from about two pounds on down.
- Apr. 6: Left for Kilgore. We passed through Flanigan which was a sawmill village, then through Chalk Hill, a small settlement in the woods.
- Apr. 17: Stayed last night with Bro. Wright. They treated us fine and we sure enjoyed our stay with them.

- Apr. 8: Went to Kilgore and stayed with Dr. Buffum.
- Apr. 9: Went down to Sister Falkeners six miles south of Kilgore. Picked up a little tortoise on the road. Spent the day studying and held a well attended cottage meeting that night.
- Apr. 10: Elder Andrus Baptised and I confirmed Sister Falkner's son and then returned to Kilgore.
- Apr. 11: Elder Andrus had his toenails taken off and we stayed the rest of day and night with Dr.
- Apr. 12: Took train, went to Longview, waited about two or three hours and got a train to Big Sandy arriving there about 5:30 o'clock where we remained until 2 something when we wnet to Gilmer.
- Apr. 13: Stay from about 4:30 or 5 o'clock this morning with Bro Prichrett ;until about ten when we went over to Bro. James Edgar's.
- Apr. 14: Stayed last night with Bro. Tailor Lee. Sun. Pres Harris this nmorning also met many old friends. Went up to Bro Thompson's eat dinner and went to Bro Denton's and stayed all night.
- Apr. 15: Spent the day visiting and studying.
- Apr. 16: Stayed last night with Elder Greer at Bro. Thompsons. Also attended a debate by Kelsey school.
- Apr. 17: Attended Sunday School and Meeting. Elder Andrus and I being called upon to do the talking. Left for Timpson traveled from Gilmer to Lufkin. Laid over there four hours and came to Timpson arriving about 4:15 in the morning. From there I went to Bro. Black. Got there about daybreak.
- Apr. 18: Stay at Bro. Black until about noon and then came to Timpson and took train of Tatum. Had to lay in Carthage about four hours and then come on to Tatum arriving there about 9:19 and then I walked about 5 or 6 miles out to Bro Kelley.
- Apr. 19: Spent most of the day sleeping. Expected to find Elders Lee and DeGraw here but was dissapointed.
- Apr. 20: Still at Bro. Kelley's. If Elder Lee and DeGraw don't show up today will have to go to Marshall tomorrow. They didn't come.
- Apr. 21: Walked to Marshall and after looking around all day I met Elders Lee, White, and Mather.

- Apr. 23: Elder Lee left for Naccodoches to meet Elder J.R. Robinson and companion. Went tracting this forenoon.
- Apr. 24: Sunday so we spent most of our time studying. At night we attended a Catholic service and it appeared almost like idolatry.
- Apr. 25: Spent the day tracting and studying. Didn't find many people and received a very cool reception when I did find anyone.
- Apr. 26: President Harris found us this morning. We had good visit together.
- Apr. 27: Pres Harris went back to Kelsey and we resumed our regular tracting work.
- Apr. 28,29: Uninteresting tracting.
- Apr. 30: Made out reports and studied during day.
- May 1,2,3,4,5: Done usual work tracting Marshall.
- May 6: Rec'd mail from Home I. and Millie. Bought me a straw hat 98 cents.
- May 7: Tracted and met a Melenial Dawn man.
- May 8: Read and wrote nearly all day.
- May 9: Tracted in forenoon and finished the city. Went up town to see a fire and while there see a woman doing blacksmith work.
- May 10: Left Marshall on the RR and rode to Graceton. From there we walked to Gilmer where we stayed at Bell Hotel until next day. Met there Elder Johnson and Bishop of Arkansa Conference.
- May 11: We left Gilmer after dinner. Elder Bishop going with me. We stayed that night with Bro James Edgar where we met Elders Hatch and Tinsley. That night we went over to Bro. Prichetts and met Elder Knudson, Arrington, Passey, Smith, Brown, and Robenson. The Two latter From Arkansa.
- May 12: Went on to Kelsey. Met Pres. Harris. Stayed that night with Bro. J.D. Bailey.

- May 13: Played basket and base ball with Kelsey. We Elders beat them in both games. Stayed at A.M. Thompson's. Attended the Graduating exercises of the Kelsey school. There was four Graduating namely: Joseph Yarbrow, Shirley baily, Margie Thompson, and Effie Buckley. The entertainment was excellent.
- May 14: Conference commenced. We had three meetings, two general and one Priesthood. Night at Bro. Thompson's.
- May 15: Held five meetings, two Priesthood and three general. Stayed at Bro. J.D. Bailey's.
- May 16: Met in Priesthood meeting for general instructions and assignments. At Bro Ray's for night.
- May 17: Left Kelsey and went out to kBro. John Edgar's, Elder Spencer being my companion and just out a short time from the West.
- May 18: Came out to Pine Mills feeding on berries along the road. Met Brother Shealds and family of Reorganized Church and Bro. Linley and wife of our belief.
- May 19: Still at Pine Mills. Went squirrel hunting.
- May 21: Stay with Linley's nothing noteworthy happening.
- May 22: Sunday and in the forenoon Elder Spencer and I held meeting at Sister Linley's and then went to Bro. Stepp about 3 or 4 miles west. There we found Elder Passey and White holding an open air meeting after which we went to the banks of a hole where Bro. Hall was baptised after a short service there. Again that night we held an open air meeting in front of Bro. Stepps' house where I had a chance to talk for the third time today. We are going to spend the night with Mr. Hall a Brother to the one Baptized.
- May 23: Studdied and visited with Elder and Sister Stepps.
- May 24: We again took our journey west walking to mineola where we eat dinner at a restaurant having been refused it out on the road.
- May 25: Stayed last night with a Mr. Cooper who had been out among our people he didn't appear to care for religion but treated us fine. We walked on up to Alba and from there out to Bro Newton's where we spent the remainder of the day.

- May 26: Met Elders Hatch and Tinsley. Decided to hold meeting at a Mr. Charles Creel's home. Elder Spencer and I went down and took supper at Bro. Waldrop's and came back for meeting when we met Elders Passey and White. They had letter from Pres. Harris stating that Elder White would travel with me and Spencer with Passey.
- May 27: Held meeting last night not many out but had a good meeting. Elder Knudson arrived today with a new Elder by the name of Dalton and again things were changed. Elder Knudson taking Elder White and leaving me Elder Dalton. We held another meeting this night.
- May 28: Elder C. LeRoy Dalton and I left Elders and came to Emory where we met Elder Hatch and Tinsley just eating dinner. We held street meeting that afternoon and had a large crowd of men but sold no book to them.
- May 29: Sunday and rested and studied most all day and at night attended a Baptist Church. Minister said Judas was a Devil and always had been and always would be.
- May 30: Prepared and took our departure from Emory. While there we met a Mr. \_\_\_\_ who spent lots of time talking to us. He was a very peculiar man. We traveled a few miles with Elders Hatch and Tinsley and then separated and began an unsuccessful hunt for dinner. Met one very pessimistic man who showed us the way of his place. Then we went until night when we met a Mr. Allred who took us in for the night.
- May 31: Wind is blowing some this morning. We held a cottage meeting last night and left our friends thinking about Mormonism this morning.
- June 1: Yesterday we had quite a long walk and took dinner with an infidel who treated fine. We almost wished we could find another before we got in for the night as we had ask something 12 times. We are now in the Depot at Quinlan and it is only 6:30. Today we met a Mr. Hale and family whose son is a Mormon. They treated us fine.
- June 2: Last night we were until 9 o'clock again getting in and received a very cool reception and was on the road at 5:30 this morning. We are now at Royse City and don't know just what we will do. Stayed nearly all day and all night at the Commercial Hotel.
- June 3: Walked out to Bro. Weatherly's and met Elders Hatch and Tinsley. Sister Weatherly seemed very cool. Elder Hatch was quite sick. Read and answered mail.

- June 4: Still at Weatherly's and Eklder Hatch is Quite sick. Went and seen Dr. and got some medicine for him.
- June 5: Elder Hatch some better. It rained yesterday. We fasted for breakfast and didn't get any supper.
- June 6: Left Bro. Weatherly's walked to Royse City. Elder Hatch very weak so got a levery rig and Elder Tinsley took him and our grips and went to Bro. J.D. Kanes where we, Elder Dalton and I, wa lked to tracting as we came.
- June 7: Elder Hatch some better so Elder Dalton and I went into the country and began work. Call at a R.R. came where men were laid off on account of coal strike. Sold them some books and eat dinner with them. This afternoon we called at a house and a young lady sat in the door sewing. Upon seeing us she went out of the back door. Soon an older lady came and talked with us refusing to take a tract and as we started out on the road we saw the young lady up the field about a quarter of a mile going to where the men were at work. She must have run most of the way and what for? Oh inconsistency.
- June 8: Stayed last night with Mr. Templeton. He had taken in the elders before. 1st Elder Johnson and Reed and then Picther and Mather. They treated us fairly well.
- June 9: Wind blew all day yesterday and is taking an early start this morning. We made a faint effort to get a house and hold meeting. People so busy and trustie so backward we gave it up and had to get out of the town to get a place to stay. Milburn is the name of the place.
- June 10: Run out of tracts and went back to Bro Kanes. Elder Hatch still on the improve.
- June 11: Went with Elder Tinsley to Garland after his and Elder Hatch's mail. Station or ticket agent sold us return tickey on \_\_ ?\_\_. Got mail and returned about 8:30 in evening to Bro. Kanes. Elder Dalton went with Bro Kane to Farmersville and got our mail and we held street meeting on streets of Josephine Sat. afternoon.
- June12: Held meeting at the home of Bro Kane and had a fair crowd who listened well.
- June 13: Took bath and prepared to leave in forenoon in afternoon began our regular tracting going southwest.
- June 14: Walked until dark last night and stayed with some poor people by the name of Even's. They played some music on the violin and guitar which reminded me of home.

- June 15: walked again until quite late before getting in. We stayed with Mr. Miller near the little of Dump. During the night the bed fell down on my side. We got up, put the quilts on the floor for the remainder of the night. We are travel- ing northward this morning.
- June 16: Held meeting last night in the Roadiwoin(?) School house. Had a fair crowd and was invited home with Mr. Walter Rolfe. Our tracts are getting low so we are making for farmersville. I guess we will go in tomorrow.
- June 17: Ask several times last night for entertainment before finding a good Christian. We stayed at Mr. Clive's and he got us up about 4:30 this morning. Came on in to Farmersville and got our mail and then came down to Bro. Kanes.
- June 18: S\_?\_\_ of mail and spent most of the day sleeping and talking with Saints.
- June 19: Sunday and we rested and studied and talked nearly all day. Weather very warm.
- June 20: It rained a little and looked quite stormy, so we stayed with Brother Kane today.
- June 21: We began our usual work going westward. Near Nevada we met some very bitter people. One man when we ask for dinner said we would not find any hospitality in that country but happily all of the people were not like him and after asking a few more places we were invited in to dinner. Also met another man whom we stayed and talked with two or three hours--knew Elder Sessions.
- June 22: Stayed last night with a Mr. Parvin. We had to ask about 9 or 10 times before getting in. Today we met some very finatical people. They would not have a tract and were very radical sanctified people. We are going to hold a meet- ing tonight in the Clear Lake school house. Elders held conference here some 10 or 11 years ago.
- June 23: Held a meeting but had a very small crowd. After meeting we stayed with Mr. Cooke and dur- ing the night the bed bugs, sand fleas, etc marshalled their forces and made an attact upon us resulting in their driving us from the bed and forcing us to remain on the floor with just a pillow most the night.
- June 24: Held our meeting last night and had a good crowd, mostly young folks. Mr Cooke invited us home with him and we enjoyed a good night rest and sleep. It rained some yesterday afternoon and the roads are quite sticky yet this morning.

- June 25: Came to Sister Mckees yesterday afternoon and stayed over night with them and then went into Farmersville and got our mail. We started for Bro. Kane's and was caught in the rain and experienced our first traveling in the black mud proper and we were hard lookers when we arrived at our destination.
- June 26: Spent the day at Bro. Kane's reading, answering letter, etc.
- June 27: Still rainy so we spent another day with Bro Kane. Pitched horseshoes with them part of the time.
- June 28,29,30: Ditto. And Pres Harris and Elder Knudson came this evening. We had a good visit, singing songs and exchanging experiences. Eld. D. stiffneck.
- July 1: Made our way nearer to Leonard stayed with Mr. Jackson about 5 mile of the city.
- July 2: We went on into the City and met the Elders and held a street meeting in the forenoon. Tinsley and I doing the preaching. Pres. Harris and Knudson came and we held another street meeting Elder Clement and Knudson doing the talking. At the close of the meeting a man got up and said he denounced everything we said and demanded a sign. We afterwards learned he was a murderer. Then Elder Knudson and a Cambelite preacher began to argue and an old Holiness man gave us a free display of their performances.
- July 3: We left for Sherman, leaving Elder White and Tinsley who were going down to Henderson Co. We left Pres Harris and Elder Knudson at Deurinton(?) to visit a Saint while Elders Clement, Hatch, gregory, Spencer, Dalton and I went on to Sherman where we held another meeting Elder Hatch and I doing the talking.
- July 4: We went to Woodlake and seen the sights. Elder Gregory and I left for Sherman about four o' clock where we spent the rest of the day together attending a theatre at night.
- July 5: Had a Photo taken and got ready to leave. Held another street meeting. Pres. Harris and Gregory doing the talking.
- July 6: We left and began tracting. I didn't ask for dinner and walked quite late before getting in at night.



- July 7: Went on south about eleven o'clock. A man invited us to his house to talk with him. We talked until about two o'clock. Didn't get any dinner. It rained about the time we got to the next house. We stayed with that man until it quit raining then went on. It was very rainy and muddy and the second house we came to I ask to stay all night. He took us in and treated us fine.
- July 8: We walked on down to Van Alstine and took the Inter\_\_?\_\_ for McKinney where got our mail and held street meeting and then walked out twelve miles to Sister McKee's.
- July 9: Spent most of the day laying around and felt pretty tough.
- July 10: Feeling fine this morning and have about gotten my writing done.
- July 11: Left Sister McKee's this morning and went in to the country northward. Met some very stiff primitive baptists who hold those who are chosen as being saved whether they want to be or not. Passed through Princeton.
- July 12: Stayed last night with Mr. Mase. He was small in stature but quite large in heart. We held a good cottage meeting with him. Come on north passed through Altoga. Weather very hot.
- July 13: One year ago about now I was bidding my friends and Relatives good bye for just how long I knew not. And altho I have thought of them and wished I could see them time has passed very rapidly away. During this year the Lord has blessed me wonderfully. I haven't been what you may call sick a day and have been fairly well contented all the while. I trust the next twelve months be as happy and successful.
- July 14: Spent last night scratching chiggers and fighting bed bugs but got up very early being on the road at 20 minutes to six. We are now taking a little rest.
- July 15: Walked all day yesterday and until about 9:30 when we met a man who didn't believe in us at all but after about half hour he relented enough to let us sleep on his porch and altho he said he was too poor to give a man something to eat for nothing or without being paid for it he finally gave us a bit of supper but sent us on our way this morning without breakfast. We started towards Malissa when an old gentleman came along in a buggy and gave us a ride. we have just eat breakfast in a restaurant and are going towards McKinney now.

- July 16: Came into McKinney last night and started out and then came back and stayed at a boarding house during rest of yesterday and last night. This morning we went on the road towards Bro. and Sister McKee's. Took dinner with W.B. Kindle and then came on arriving here in the middle of the afternoon.
- July 17: Sunday and we had a day of rest.
- July 18: Went out to Culleoka and canvassed the town and surrounding country returning again to McKees.
- July 19: Held a meeting last night.
- July 20: Elder Dalton wasn't feeling very well so we remained over a day.
- July 21: Canvassed toward Josephine through the Mesquite district. Met a man who said the early Saints were thieves, liars, etc.
- July 22: Came to Bro Kane's last night as there wasn't any people in the country to speak of. Most of them were to Farmersville to picnic and to a revival.
- July 23: Went to the revival and hear a lady preacher talk.
- July 24: Sunday and my mission birthday. Had a splendid time with Bro. and Sister Kane.
- July 25: Left Bro Kane's at 2 o'clock P.M. and went northward to F.V. and from there we began tracking in a northeastern direction.
- July 26: Spent last night with a Mr. Clifton who treated us fine and invited us back to see him if ever we were in the country again.
- July 27: Walked hard and until 9:30 last night before getting a place to stay. Ask 16 times and finally met a man who had kept Elder Johnson and Andrus for dinner some time ago. He had also purchased a set of books from them. His name is Slafford. Elder Dalton very tired and foot sore. He isn't feeling the best anyway. We still go north this morning.
- July 28: Last night we stayed with a Mr. J.E. Schrimsher who was a Primitive Baptist. He was very well versed and a debater and although he could best us in argument, we could see plainly the fallacy of his position and when we would point it to him he would say words didn't mean what they say. We passed the Pike this morning and have now turned west. We will soon turn south and go back towards Farmersville.

- July 29: We took dinner today with Mr. D.D. Callas who had entertained the Elders before. He is a fine old gentleman. We made effort to get school house but there was a burial going on and we couldn't get to find teacher and then the people wouldn't have time after funeral services to return home and get back to meeting so we passed on.
- July 30: Spent the night last night with M. McDonald, a fine young man. Came on to Farmersville, got our mail. Came on down to Bro. Kane's.
- July 31: Sunday and last day of July, hot and sultry. Spent the day talking with Bro. Kane and studying.
- Aug. 1: We rode over to Josephine with Bro. Kane. Got some small checks cashed and canvassed a little strip of country between Josephine and Nevada and returned Bro. Kane's for the night. Very hot.
- Aug. 2: Went to Mesquite and held meeting in evening. Stayed all night with Mr. Akin while Elder Dalton went home with Bro. Kane.
- Aug. 3: Held another meeting on this date and then returned to Bro. J.O. Kane's.
- Aug. 4,5: Just stayed at Bro. Kane's house studied and talked and spent the time other ways as best we could.
- Aug. 6: Came to Greenville. Met Elders Spencer and Passey. Went and Spent the night at our home..
- Aug. 7: We went to Cellog and held meeting at night and afternoon and stayed in that community.
- Aug. 8: Came back to Greenville. Met Bro. Kane had a watermelon and then came to Commerce.
- Aug. 9: Landed in Commerce yesterday. Eat dinner at the restaurant. Elder Passey and Dalton got boarding place and we got located today. We began tracting and met some very good people at least didn't get any turndown.
- Aug. 10,11,12,13: Regular tracting and street meeting.
- Aug. 14: Sunday we rested and read.
- Aug. 15: Regular tracting and street meeting.
- Aug. 16,17,18: Regular tracting nothing of interest happening.
- Aug. 19,20: Regular tracting and street meetings.

- Aug. 21: Sunday
- Aug 22: Tracked a few houses and held street meeting then came to Greenville got board at 4:00 at Central Hotel. In afternoon went up to Depot and met Pres. Harris and Eldewr Knudson who were going to Commerce to see us.
- Aug 23: Held Priesthood meeting in forenoon and street meeting in afternoon.
- Aug. 24: Began tracting.
- Aug. 25,26,27: Did regular tracting work and on Sat held two street meetings, one Friday.
- Aug. 28: Sunday nothing much done just lay around and read.
- Aug. 29: Saw fire uptown this morning. Took washings of and shaved and did other things except tract. Elders Passey and Dalton went into country to hold some meetings this week.
- Aug. 30: Did regular tracting work. Had a lady throw a tract at me today. Another big fire today. Burned two houses up.
- Aug. 31: Regular tracting work nothing unusual happening.
- Sept. 1: Regular tracting.
- Sept. 2: Met Murtle B. at the station. Went to theatre last night and saw Thelma played.
- Sept. 3: Elder Spencer and I held a street meeting had a very poor crowd. In afternoon two women preachers got ahead of us so we only got one meeting today.
- Sept. 4: Windy today and dusty too. Sunday seems lone- some without Elders Passey and Dalton. Greenville is a hard place to get interested in the Gospel.
- Sept. 5: Elders Passey and Dalton came and with them Bro. Kane. We held street meeting in afternoon Elder Passey doing the talking.
- Sept. 6: Visited with Bro. Kane this morning and Elder Dalton eat one dozen of the largest bananas I ever saw. Held street meeting this afternoon. I was called to do the talking.
- Sept. 7: Did regular tracting work. also presented the Carnigue(?) Library with a Book of Mormon.

- Sept. 8: Did regular tracting.
- Sept. 9: This evening Pres Harris and Elder DeGraw when Elder Dalton came in the house Elder DeGraw thought he smelled banana's "I wonder why?"
- Sept. 10: Held a good street meeting this morning but could not get any listeners in afternoon so we dismissed after singing four songs. Our company had a picture taken today, side view.
- Sept 11: Sunday again. Weather warm and nothing except reading to do.
- Sept. 12,13,14,15,16,17: Did regular tracting in City of Greenville.
- Sept. 18: Sunday again.
- Sept. 19: Went down to Mr. Edmond and helped him make brooms. Elder Passey and I began to work on songs Elder Gregory sent me.
- Sept. 20: Still at Edmonds same program.
- Sept. 21: Mr. Edmonds took us to Greenville and we went from there to Josephine on train and then walked out to Bro. Kanes.
- Sept. 22: Helped Sister Kane with washings in forenoon and picked cotton in the afternoon.
- Sept. 23: Picked cotton again. Picked 77 lbs. today and didn't work only part of afternoon.
- Sept. 24: Pressed our close.
- Sept. 25: Sunday and we held a meeting at Bro Kane's house and at night we went to a Presbyterian meeting. The Preacher said Brigham Young had 75 women and got killed over here somewhere and was a false prophet which was evidence that he needed to read up on Mormonism. After meeting I went to try to find out where he collected his material from but as came near he turned his back and had business in another direction.
- Sept. 26: Left Bro Kane's in afternoon and came to Farmersville. We are now in \_?\_ house where we will spend the night.
- Sept. 27: Tracked north from F.V. took dinner with Mr. Glass. Tried to get Boggy school to hold meeting but could only find one trustee and he said we would have to see the other so we went on.

- Sept. 28: Spent Last night with a family by the name of Spusk they were quite cool and not much interested in our message. Traveled north to Blue Ridge and then turned west.
- Sept. 29: Took supper with a Mr. Helm and then came on and found Bro. Wm. Ashford and family where we spent the night talking. I don't know just what will do today. Spent the day visiting and studying.
- Sept. 30: Stayed last night with Mr. Hammond who seems to be a very fair minded man.
- Oct. 1: Went to Blue Ridge and got our mail received a letter from Pres. Bennion. Held a meeting in front yard of Mr. Brown Combest, will also spend the night with him.
- Oct. 2: Sunday and a fine day. We spent most of it talking with our friends and writing. We also held a meeting at Mr. Combest's place in the afternoon.
- Oct. 3: We made preparations in forenoon and left our friends in the afternoon. Came east to Blue Ridge and then went northward towards Whiteright.
- Oct. 4: Stay last night with Bruce Hestand near Mooreland and this morning we have seen the trustees and intend holding a meeting tonight if we can get any crowd. damp and foggy this morning for awhile but is some clearer now. times are very busy nearly everybody is picking cotton.
- Oct. 5: Still very damp and cloudy. We held meeting and had a fair crowd out. Stayed last night with Mr. Russel formerly from Kentucky. We will hold another meeting tonight if we have any come to listen.
- Oct. 6: Stayed last night with a sectarian Preacher who treated us fine. we had some discussion on Baptism. Our meeting was smaller last night but we had a good one and sold a Book of Mormon. A very cool northerner came up last night and is very cool this morning. Again we go northward.
- Oct. 7: Traveled all day yesterday. Must have went more than 20 miles. Stayed last night with Mr. Bradshaw, a poor man. He treated us well but didn't seem to want to talk with us. He wanted to go to work early so as a result we are on our road westward about four miles and it is now only 7:20 o'clock. We will soon turn south again. It was very cold last night and the north breeze is quite cool this morning.

- Oct. 8: Took dinner at Anna Restaurant yesterday after asking several times in country and being refused. Today we got our mail at Melissa and came over to Valdasta where we spent the remainder of the day.
- Oct. 9: Nothing much doing this morning. People do not seem interested and can't get up a meeting for today but hope to get one tonight.
- Oct. 10: Stayed over and had our clothese washed today.
- Oct. 11: Began our journey westward arrived at Melissa aboutnoon and got us some to eat there and then came on. Met a man today who use to live in Ill. when Saints were driven out. He acknowle dged to being prejudice butt said the L.D.S. stole corn, animals, etc which brought on persecution.
- Oct. 12: Stay with Mr Anderson who treated us fine. rained last night which makes it muddy walking this morning.
- Oct. 13: Stayed last night with Mr. Stagley they were fine people. His daughter had passed through S.L. City and she surely treated us fine. She was about the finest girl I have met in Texas. Yesterday we saw a minsteral show. Two young colored ladies and a young man were going along the road in rickety old buggy hitched to an old white horse. Just after they passed us their buggy box broke and the performance began. It would have been a fine scene for moving picture show. We go west a short ways this morning the right about face and take another road for McKinney. 15 month from home this morn.
- Oct. 14: Stayed last night with Mr. Talkington. Walked most of the day and would have had to go without dinner but we found a little country store almost two o'clock and bought us some. Had a poligamy argument last night with an old gentleman. elder Spencer is somewhat disabled and I guess we will go into McKinney and see if we have any mail.
- Oct. 15: Came in and got part of our mail yesterday and the rest today. Saw the Gentry Bor. Parade. Stayed at the Blenton house last night. We are going out again today. Weather extremely warm.
- Oct. 16: and Sunday. We are at Mr. and Sister McKee's for the day having came here from McKinney yesterday. Today Sister McKee's daughter, Mrs McFaden came. She is also a member of the Church.
- Oct. 17: Held a meeting last night and stayed until noon today and now for the country again.

- Oct. 18: Stayed last night with Mr. Geo. Walker who treated us very well and this morning we have traveled northward and are now resting in a school house while we get up our reports.
- Oct. 19: Had a long walk yesterday passed thru McKinney and came westward. Stayed with Mr. J.G. Crutcher who treated us fine. This morning we have seen trustees and received permission to hold meeting in the school house. Quite cloudy today looks like it might rain.
- Oct. 20: Turned cold last night. We stayed with Mr. Abbot who treated us very well. Today is very cold. We met a rich man who invited us in to warm. We spent 2 or three hours with them. Eat dinner with Mr. Provene (Provenc?) a very tall man.
- Oct. 21: Stayed last night with an old couple by the name of Howard. they are now Progressive Christians. The northwind has subsided and it is quite pleasant only a little muddy from the shower night before last. Our tracts are just about all gone so I suppose will go to McKinney today.
- Oct. 21: Came in for our mail and stayed again with Mr. Bluston. Received a good letter from home and a post card from Eld. LeBarren. Feel quite encouraged.
- Oct. 22: All well this morning and rec'd rest of our mail. We will go into the country this afternoon.
- Oct. 23: Held meeting last night and went home with Mr. Cunningham and eat breakfast at Mr. Frees this morning as Mr. Cunningham was a widower and we received invitations to Frees. Almost thought for a short time we would have to stay in schoolhouse. then the above arrangements were made. took dinner with G.W. Cooper
- Oct. 24: Held a meeting yesterday afternoon and last night spent the night with Mr. Cooper. They are nice people. Treated us the best they knew how. Small crowds to all the meetings but all gave splendid attention. Will begin our journey south and west across the country again today. Weather fine.



- Oct. 25: Walked hard yesterday and met too very harsh men one about noon. Mr Hudon who told us where the road was and told us not to stop at the house as we passed. the other was after dark. When we introduced ourselves he turned into the house with an oath saying he thought we were someone hunting work. His name was Fox and he was about 6 feet six or eight inches tall. We couldn't get in out in the country so went in little town of Frisco and got a bed which cost us 75 cents. Today we are going south. Very warm.
- Oct. 26: Stayed last night with Mr. Whitmore who treated us very well. We are on the road early and haven't more than enough tracts to last tomorrow if we meet many people.
- Oct. 27: Stayed last night with Mr. \_\_\_\_ who treated us very well. Held prayer services with him. Weather cool.
- Oct. 28: Came to McKinney yesterday and saw circus parade. Out of tracts so put up at Hotel.
- Oct. 29: Got part of our mail and left for Bro. Kane's having rec'd word from Pres. Harris that Elders Pierce and Sparks were there waiting for us. Both new Elders.
- Oct. 30: Walked as far as McKees and stayed last night. kCame on this morning. My feet very sore, can hardly walk.
- Oct. 31: Elder Spencer and Pierce just left for country work. Elder Sparks and I will wait a day or two for my feet to get better.
- Nov. 1: Feet some better. Went with Bro Kane for load of corn.
- Nov. 2: Spent day reading and cleaning clothes.
- Nov. 3: Yesterday Bro Kane gave me a coat. We left his place this morning enroute for Melissa arriving at McKees about noon. We stayed the rest of the day there.
- Nov. 4: Spent today with McKee's.
- Nov. 5: Very cold wind blowing and we are at Bro Ashford's having come thru McKinney and Melissa. Got our mail at the last named place.
- Nov. 6: Spent today resting and visiting friends. Ask Mr. Faggly for Meth. meetinghouse but was denied. Attended Holiness S.S. and Prayer Meeting at the latter gave out notice we would hold meeting next night.
- Nov. 7: Stayed last night at Mr. Brown Combest's place. This morning we tried to get Holiness house but they too refused us.

- Nov. 8: Held cottage meeting at B. Combest's last night and had a fair crowd. Gave out notice for a meeting at Bro. Ashford's house.
- Nov. 9: At our meeting last night we had a large crowd and sold two small book. Also rec'd invitation to hold meeting at Mr. Walls place tonight. We were goint to do some tracting today.
- Nov. 10: Held cottage meeting last night with Mr. N.D. Wall and family they treated us the very best kind and are dryland Mormons and haven't met the Elders before. Finished up on tracting yesterday and are ready to start to McKinney tomorrow.
- Nov. 11: Came to McKinney this afternoon. Tracted from Melissa here: took dinner with some nice people by the name of Orendoff. They treated us fine. We rec'd most of our mail today.
- Nov. 12: Met elder Spencer and Pierce and went down to McKee's.
- Nov. 13: Sunday and we spent the day with McKee's holding meeting in the evening.
- Nov. 14: Walked over to Bro. Kanes.
- Nov. 15: Stayed at Bro Kane's picked cotton in the afternoon--46 lbs.
- Nov.16: Bro. Kane took Elder Sparks and I down to Royse City and from there we walked out to Bro. Wea- therly's.
- Nov. 17: Spent the day at Bro. W.
- Nov. 18: Walked to Terrel about 18 miles getting no dinner on the way. Found Elder Spencer and Pierce there also our mail.
- Nov. 19: Came out to Elmo in search of some Saints by the name of Slaton. At Elmo we were referred to Cobbs switch and from there south about 5 or 6 miles. At last we found S.L. Slaton whose wife is a member. They treated us fine.
- Nov. 20: Sunday and we spent the day reading and conversing with the Saints and are to hold a meeting at their place.
- Nov. 21: We held a fine attended meeting last night and began our journey eastward to Wills Point. Just after we started, Bro. Slayton overtook us and gave us a dollar. He isn't a member but a good dry land Mormon.

- Nov. 22: Came to Wills Point yesterday and took train for Hawkins and from there we went north east about 5 1/2 miles to S.T. Blackstone. Today we went to Hawkins and came back and stayed all night again with Blackstone.
- Nov. 23: We again took our journey northward and came through the woods to Latche and started on past there when we met Bro. Willard Lindsay who ask to go back and stay with him. We have just had dinner and will spend the remainder of the afternoon in studying and writing.
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving and we have just came over to Bro. Bamburghs and began our work sleaning our close. We will go to Kelsey in the morning.
- Nov. 25: Came into Kelsey and met many of the Elders and Saints. Played baseball with Kelsey boys and we were victorious.
- Nov. 26: Conference convened this morning per announcement made last night in the entertainment given by the school which was fine. Four meetings were held this day and I certainly enjoyed every one of them.
- Nov. 27: Sunday and again we held four meetings in one of them I was allowed 10 minutes. There was in attendance 56 traveling Elders. Pres. John Henry Smith, Pres. Hennict(?) Pres. Bennion. No releases.
- Nov. 28: Remained in Kelsey to attend a party given by the Primary association.
- Nov. 29: Came over to Bro. Blackburn's. Stayed all night.
- Nov. 30: Came on over to Pine Mills and found Bro. Hall some improved but quite sick still.
- Dec. 1: Went to the town to get a house to hold meeting but couldn't get it.
- Dec. 2: Stayed Sister Linley's and helped them keep fire. We ather very cold.
- Dec. 3: Went up to C.M. Linley.
- Dec. 4: Ditto with 2nd except at C.M. Linley instead of Sister Linley's. Elder Spark and Simpkins went yesterday to meet mail at Mineola and it came to us here at Pine Mills today.
- Dec. 4: Still at Linley's. Elder Spencer almost sick with a cold.

Dec.5: Elder Spencer came to Mineola today. The wind was very high and the sand very dry so we had very pleasant time when we got in out of it at mineola where we found Elders Sparks and Simpkins feeling mighty glum to think the mail had come out to us. The mail brought me a long looked for picture of C\_\_\_. It is fine. This being my birthday and my book being nearly full it is quite appropriate that I should close this book and begin on a new page on this the beginning of another year of my Life.

---Elder Wm. R. Riggs Jr.

Those who read this book  
Will please its errors overlook  
As in it you will trace  
The *writer* walked from place to place  
And it was certainly a sight  
His position when sometimes he did write  
Yet it brings to memory, visionary  
His life as a Missionary  
Down in the warm southern land  
Among that hospitable band  
Who have been so very kind  
That I shall every bear in mind  
The many good and kind deeds  
Given to supply my wants and needs  
May they live happy and long  
In God's work become strong  
And may God's blessing attend  
Those who assistance did lend  
To one of the least of His  
Engaged in His saving Biz

This poem was written on the last page of the Mission Journal of  
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