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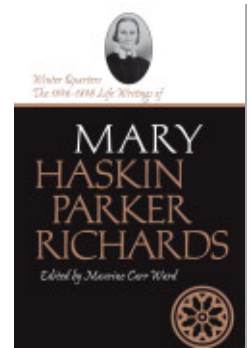
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“These Hills are the Works of thy hands”

Mary’s ongoing illnesses became more frequent. She received various herbal treatments along with the spiritual treatment of laying on of hands. Despite her discouragement, her religious faith remained constant, as she continued to offer thankfulness to the Lord for his guidance, care, and protection. Her awareness of her own physical weaknesses gave her more understanding and concern when she heard that Samuel had smallpox, and Mary anguished that she was not there to watch by his bedside. Being able to appreciate beauty was solace during her trying times. Taking a walk on the bluffs with friends, Mary wrote of the “beauty full” gardens and extensive fields. The range of “projecting bluffs” towering almost “perpendicular” overhead, created a “romantic” scene as she rode to visit at Keg Creek, twenty miles from Winter Quarters. As a solemn awe overcame her at the beauty surrounding her, she uttered, “O God . . . these Hills are the Works of thy hands.”

Journal Four

Thursday, May 20, 1847, to Tuesday, November 2, 1847
Winter Quarters, Nebraska¹

Journal & Memorandon of Mary H Richards Commencing Thursday May 20th this Morning it rained and seemed very Gloomy and my feelings were about as Gloomey as the weather. My head Ached and I felt sick after breakfast I lay down a little while. then got up and cut out a night dress and presented it to Mother. I then learned that Bro [Joseph A.] Stratton was going to preach Bro [Isaac] Davis Funeral Sermon so I got ready and went. Sister [Sarah DeArmon Pea] Rich called and went with me. just as I got seated Sister Jane came to the door & beckond me to come out she then went into the house and gave me a letter that Bro Hyde had brought me from My Husband. She told me that Bro H said that my Husband was very

Sick with the small Pox when he left England. had sent for Franklin to come and take care of him. but while he [Orson Hyde] was in New York he got a letter from F stating that he was getting better and was able to be arround. I then read my letter and found it was but 2 weeks latter date than my last. there was nothing in it about his sickness. he was then well and prospering. Oh! I was glad to receive this letter. but to hear that he was sick made me feel very very sorrowfull I wished oh! -how much I wished-that I could fly to his assistance. to watch by his bed and comfort him in the hour of his affliction Oh My Father in Heaven do thou look down upon him I but Intreat thee. in the Multitude of thy Mercy and forgive whatsoever thou mayest have seen amiss in him. and oh let it please thee to spare his life and permit him to return to me in safety. may he be one Whom thou wilt delight to honner and bless. and may he stand as a mighty Pillar in thy Kingdom. and may he be one that shall help spred it forth unto the ends of the Earth and may we both be blessed with the desire of our hearts in as much as our desires are in Rightousness before thee. hear and answer the prayer of thy handmaid I humbly ask thee in the Name of Jeses My redeemer Amen after I had read my letter I returned to the funral and heard bro Stratton preach his discourse was very interesting after I got home I reread my letter took dinner and in the PM went with Sister Mattison and made a visit at Bro [Edward] Hunters the ladys were sociable we had a very pleasent visit and an excellant Supper. & stayed till 8 oclock in the eve. when I got home the family had retired. and I bowed down and besought the Lord to spare the life of and bless my dear companion with every needfull blessing. &C &C

Friday 21st the weather pleasent AM was sewing. PM went to make a visit at Bro Abbotts. but before I went in I went to the Store and bought me some Calico for Aprons. Cotton Cloth to line my dresses Candle weaking thread &C. called to see Sisters Smiths Douglass & Maria. While at Bro Abbotts in the PM I got acquainted with Sister Marthe [Monks] Pratt who had just arrived from England. eve I went into Bro P P Pratts and saw all his ladys and received a very pressing invetation to make them a visit. Marthe said I do love you Sister Richards because you came from My Country Abegill and myself then went into Bro Van Cotts and spent the evening I read them an extract from my letter. I then spent the night with Abegill we talked till 1 AM

Saturday 22nd the weather fine ~~in~~ took breakfast and spent the AM at Bro Abbotts and after eating dinner Abegill went into Bro Van Cotts with me. I told Bro VC that I would make a hat for him if he would wear it. he told me he should be very Glad ~~of~~ to have a good strong hat but he could not wear such as we made because the[y] would not stand the Wind. but said he ~~ba~~ thanked me just as much as if he received one. for my kindness &C &C I had a very pleasent Visit with them for about one hour & ½ then Henry came and told me that Aunt Amelia and Jane had come to make us

a Visit and desired me to come home so I obeyed him. when I got home found that Jane had presented Mother with a new dress and A and her was making it. little Rhoda Ann [Jennetta Richards] was with them also. I visited with and waited upon them in the PM got Supper & C. I enjoyed their company much although I ha had a very hard head ache. eve walked with them to Bro Redfields where I called and got 2 letters one from Rebecca Jones. and the other from Eliza Ann Haven. also some other things which I left behind me at father Burtons. which they sent by Bro Redfield. from there I went to Janes were I found H and whom I helped to carry home a peice of meat. after I got home I read my letters and felt glad to hear from my freinds

Tuesday 23th the weather seemed to threatton rain all day but it kept off till the evening. AM I went to meeting. it was one of Buisness. Bro Pratt reported to the Meeting that Bros [David] Boss & Sescians [Sessions] had withheld their Cattle from the plow field. that the former had 8 Yoke and the latter 5 he then told them of their Covnant the Sabath before. and requested them to make known their reasons for keeping back their Cattle. Bro Taylor then arose and stated that Bro Boss according to his agreement had payed a Man for herding the Cattle. said as far as he had done right he should have Credit for it. Bro Boss then arose and told his reasons for not letting the Cattle work. said they were poor and he wanted them to get strenth so that he could go on West & C & C. Bro Pratt then said that no one should leave this City to go West untill they had got a certificut from those who were apointed to Manage the affairs of the same. Sa stating that they had done their plowing Picketing and every thing they had covnanted to do. said if any went without this they would have to go under the name of the Anti Plowing & Picketing Company Bro Taylor then asked the Congregation Why it was that they had to talk so much when you Covnant to do a thing said he why dont you do it. and act honorable like Men what need is there of so much talk day after day and sabath after Sabath. go to work and do as father Morley shall direct. Work together in unity as Brethren. for in unity there is Strenth. let evry Man do his duty and walk uprightly these and many other remarks were made after wich the meeting was dismissed. I then went to Bro Rockwoods and told them I had heard from father Havens folks. and enguired if they had heard any thing from Sisters [Elizabeth Haven] Barlow & [Mary Ellen Haven] Palmer & C called to see Sister [Clarissa Aurilla Terry] Scofield were I met with Bro Jesse Haven and had an intersting visit with him. We talked of by gone days when we were in the House of the Lord. and rejoiced in the remembrance of what we then enjoyed. from there I went to Bro C Richs to enquire of him about Wm Burtons folk. he having just returned from Nauvoo. I there took supper and had a pleasent talk with his ladys after which I returned home and received a call from Sisters Lennard & Moses I then wrote a letter to Rebecca Jones and retired

Monday 24th a very rainy day was sewing most of the day and wrote a little in my journal. had the head Ache and felt very gloomy all day

Thursday 25th the weather pleasant felt quite unwell in the morning got Breakfast after which Sister [Hulda] Barnes came to help me wash. we washed 2 weeks washing 3 large comforters & a bed Tick our work was very heavy today and made me feel very tired I also received a visit from Mrs Henryett Douglass

Wednesday 26th the weather pleasant AM Mother went to Marias to make a visit and I did a large Ironing. PM was sewing. &c &c

Thursday 27th the weather very warm I Ironed a very large Ironing of fine Cloths &C which I had Washed 2 weeks before. I felt very ill all day. Lovice & Olive Jenne came and made me a visit eve Sister Mattson came and sat a While with me.

Friday 28th the weather very heavy & and warm. was so hoarse with a cold that I ~~oul~~ could scarcely speak aloud. felt quite unwell through the day. AM did my work as usual and was sewing PM Cut & fitted a dress for Olive Jenne. wrote a little in my journal &C then took my sewing and went and sat about 2 hours with Sisters Wilder & Matson they being our new neighbors. had an interesting ~~visit~~ talk with them about the Principals of the Gospil after which I came home got supper Molded some Candles &C to night Mother returned from her visit having been gone since Wednesday

Saturday 29th the weather louring and heavy. Scoured my Tins boxes &C and cleaned the house wrote some in my journal was sewing &C &C

Sunday 30th the weather windy ~~AM went to Meeting was addressed by Bro Hyde~~ and in the Morning it rained. after doing my mornings Work Washing the floor &C. Bro O Hyde called & spent about one hour with us. he told me my Husband was very sick with the Small Pox when he left Eng. and had sent for Franklin to come and take care of him but said he received a letter from F while in New York. stating that Samuel was Getting better and was able to be arround. this last intelligence gave me ~~me~~ much comfort. father then asked him if he thought the Boys were Competant to fill the Stations they were placed in. Bro Hunter then came in and interrupted the conversation for a few minutes after which Br H spake as follows. in regard to the question you was asking me Bro Richards Said he I was very much disappointed in the Boys I always thought they were good Boys-but the fact is I found them to be far better than I ever expected. he then told me how much they were respected & beloved by the Saints said many things about them which were very comforting to me. said he considered them the most competant of any that was in the Old Country. to fill the place or Station in which the[y] were now placed. said there was some feeling amongst some of the Brethren about their being put there but he told them that the Wisperings of the Spirit to him was that they were the Ones to be put there. and in order that they might have no feelings about Bro Samuel he being

One of the Seventys I ordained him a high Priest he then asked me if I knew what the Twelve had writon to Eng. before their departure I told him that Uncle W told me that he had writon for Samuel and F to come home this fall. that he had Councilled with Brigham about it and they had decided that it was Wisdom for them to do so &C said he I promised the Brethren in Eng. that I would write to them after I got to the Camp and I wanted to know What the 12 had writon so that I need not write any thing differant from them. after he went away. I went to Sister Douglass to see her Child he having been very sick. I then called to see Maria and she walked with me to the Meeting. were we were address by Bro Hyde on differant Subjects which were very interesting. in the course of his sermon he said. Brethren the question is often asked when shall we rest from our labours. I will tell you it will be with you as with a labouring Man. Who comes home at Night weary and tired and lays down upon his bed to sleep. he rests from the labours of the day. awakes in the Morn refreshed but can scarcely realize that the Night is gone. so will you lay down in the Grave and rest from all your labours. and awake in the Morn of the Resurrection refreshed and full of vigure. and the time that you will sleep will appear to you as the sleep of the Night to the Weary Man. &C &C after Meeting I had a long talk with Sister Carter. then called to see Jane a few Minutes after which I returned home and ~~wrote~~ a spent the eve at Bro [John] Welchs

Monday 31st fine Weather AM washed a considerable large washing. PM braided 4 Yards. eve foulded up My Cloths &C

Tuesday June first a pleasent day AM did My Ironing PM Braided 5 Yards

Wednesday 2nd a very rainey day did my Work as usual and Braided 6 Yards about 2 oclock PM Bro Robert Burton called to see us having just arrived with his Wife Sister & Eliza Ann Haven from Mo to visit our City. he said the Girls were all very anxious to see me. I invited him to bring them all down and make me a visit he Promised to do so the next day. about 5 PM the rain seaced and I went up to sister Janes to see Rebecca & her Child stayed a little while with them then returned home. the Street was very Muddy.

Thursday 3rd the weather pleasent morning I stewed some Apples. picked over some Goose Berrys and made a cupple of Pyes a Cracker Pudding &C AM R Burton and his Wife & Sister and EA Haven came and made me a visit. they talked Much about My dear Husband. & Wished Maney times that he was with us. I shewed them some of the Presents that My Husband sent me. read them some of his letters. & gave them Parleys love letter to his Wife² to read. they seemed to enjoy their visit Much. They took dinner with us. after which I went & visited with them at Bro William Kimballs. on our way there called to see Sisters Everit [Sarah Ann Everett] & [Catherine Walker] Fuller who were about to start on their journey to the

West. we had a pleasant visit good supper and enjoyed ourselves Much. called in to see Sister Kimball and spend a few Minutes with them. also called to see bro Smithes folks. eve Rebecca came home with me and staid all night W K [William Kimball] and R B [Robert Burton] accompanied us home

Friday 4th the weather very warm after getting Breakfast and doing up my work in the Morn I took my sewing and went with Rebecca to Sister Marias to make a visit. R[obert] M[aria] & E[liza] A[nn] soon joined us. and we enjoyed our selves Much. PM we went into Store & traded. afterwards we went to the Mill and the Miller took & shewed us through every department of the same. it was then in Motion. we were well pleased with our visit there. we then went up on the West line and saw Sister Rice. after this Maria W[ilcox] Eliza A and Myself went down to the River & found the Ferry Boat about ready to start. Bro W[illiam] Young. invited us to take a sale across. Bro Wolter being on the other side we accepted the invetation and went. found Robert B there who returned with us to Sister Marias. Eliza Ann then went home with me and spent the night

Saturday 5th the weather pleasant AM cleaned the house and Eliza made the scirt of my dress for me. PM she visited at W Kimballs and I went with Mother to the Store to trade off some hats which she did today I bought a tea bottle and a Water Pail from the store & went to Bro [Abel] Lambs and bought me a wash Board. from there returned to Wolters and received from him 5 dollers Worth of Groceries and Goods that he had brought me from St Louis. Henry carried them home for me. I then went to Bro Smithes and made a short visit eve called at the W Ks for Rebecca who came home with me and spent the night. on our way we called at Wolters and he accompanied us home. after we retired Rebecca & myself spent about 2 hours talking about our absent Companions oh May the Lord ever bless them and return them again to us in safty. tonight I received my Cloak that I thought was lost

Sunday 6th the weather quite Windy after doing my Mornings Work I went with Rebecca to Bro Rockwoods were she dressed herself & child and we returned to meeting. were we were addressed by Bro Taylor in a very able and interesting Maner. he exorted the Saints to be deligant in doing their duty. and in keeping there sacred Covnants and walking uprightly before God. and keeping all his Righteous Commandments after Meeting I returned with R to Bro Rockwoods were we took dinner in company with Robert. Maria. & Eliza Ann. after dinner they bid us good bye and went down to the River expecting to start for home. after parting with them I called to see Sister Robings. and she accompanyed me to the Meeting were we were address by a Universalian Minister. he sang a hymn then Preached us quite a lenthly Sermon took his text in the 15th Chap of Mark 15th & 16th Vers after he got through Bro [Benjamin L.] Clap Answered to him in a very able maner. he then spoke again in Answer to Br C & Bro C in answer to him. the meeting was very interesting as it gave us oppertunity of judging

~~betwea~~ between light and darkness and stirred up our Pure Minds by way of remembrance. after Meeting I called to see Jane a few Minutes. then returned home. found Rebecca there she having been disappointed about crossing the River she stayed with us all night. to night father received a letter from my Husband

Monday 7th it rained in the Morn and was very Muddy. after breakfast I accompanied Rebecca to Bro Meeks were they waited for the Wind to cease in order that they might cross the River. here I bid them good bye and went to Bro Smithes and made a visit Mrs. Smith. Robings [Robbins]. & Miss Noon visited with me I Cut fitted and made the Waist of a dress for Mary Smithes. we had a very Pleasent visit. evening I called in the Store with Mrs. Robings. and from there I proceded home

Tuesday 8th the weather heavy and dull was writing in my journal sewing &C &C

Wednesday 9th the weather very unsettled I commenced writing a letter to My Husband. eve was sewing

Thursday 10th the weather pleasent AM was cleaning. sewing. &C PM ~~was writing on my letter~~ I visited at Sister Janes with Mrs Davis and Sophia Whitecar [Sophia Whitaker Taylor]. had a very Pleasent visit. also called and bid Sister Taylor good bye

Friday 11th weather comfortable ~~was writing in my letter sewing~~ I took Breakfast with Jane. and about 2 oclock went to see Bro Smithes folks and bid them good bye they being about to start to the West. May the Lord bless them and bring them to the end of there journey in Peace and safty. I also called to see Bro Cains folks and bid them good bye. I then stoped a few minutes with Sister Jane and read some letters that Bro Cain had received from our Husbands. while there Amelia came, and after spending a few short time talking with her I returned home. and spent the rest of the day sewing had the head Ache very bad

Saturday 12th the weather lowry & wet AM I cleaned the house &C &C PM I was writing in my letter. eve sewing

Sunday 13th the weather pleasent AM I went to meeting it was one of buisness, after which I went to Bro Woollys and took dinner. while there Miss Susan One [Susanna Wann Hunter] called in and after staying a short time then she and myself started on our way home together. I called with her at the Post Office she then called with Me to see Sister Pratt who had just arrived from Nauvoo. had a short Pleasent talk with her. then called to see Sister Jane and spent a short time with her. after which we came to Samuels Woollys who is one of our nearest Neighbors and took Supper in company with Sister [Ann Stanley] Hunter. Sister H and Susan then came home with me and spent the eve

Monday 14th the weather comfortable I did my work as usual and wrote a letter to My Father and Brother

Tuesday 15th pleasant weather attended to my work as usual and wrote a scrap to put in my letter to my Husband also some in my letter. today I did not feel well.

Wednesday 16th the weather pleasant I felt quite unwell all day was sewing writing &C

Thursday 17th pleasant weather AM was braiding. today Wolter & Maria came to bid us good bye intending to start in the Morn for MO. where they intend to spend the Sommer and probably the Winter. I finished and sealed My letter in hast. got Maria to put on the address and sent it by them to MO. the Lord bless and prosper them. & speed my letter to my dear Companion. Oh! may he be blessed with health and every good and be permitted to return to Me soon and in safty to day I felt very unwell

Friday 18th today it rained and was very stormey. I was braiding most of the day helped Mother about the Work. though I still felt quite ill.

Saturday 19th the weather pleasant AM Cleaned the house Scoured the Tinware &C &C PM was braiding. still felt ill.

Sunday 20th a pleasant day after doing up my work in the Morn I went to Meeting. Where we were address by Bro O Hyde. on varyous subjects. he spoke of the absence of the twelve and how he was now the only one left of his [*blank space*] to instruct and teach the Saints both on this & the other side of the River and now Brethren said he if I am to be your teacher & instructor. I want my word to be Law and an end of his [*blank space*] on all matters, and when I say to a Bro restore that Ox to its right owner I want that Bro should do it. &C and now said he if you would rather have any other one to lead you' you may appoint who ever you please (but I will be very sure to lead that man) and my word will have to be law to him.) It was then voted and carryed' that we accept Bro Hyde as our instructor and that his word be the law &C. he then stated that he was going to preach some strong Doctring. said there was a Man in the Congregation who had 40 dollars of Bogus Gold in his Pockit and who made his living by making it &C. now said he if that Man will come to me after the Close of the metting. and give me that Gold' and then go with me down to the River' and see me throw it just as far as I can into the River. and then promis that he will never handle the acorsed thing again his name shall not be exposed and he shall be forgiven. but if he does not do this his Priesthood shall be taken a way from him and he shall be Cut off from the Church. he then spoke of some of the Brethren who had been induced to join the Bogus makers. and had found themselves under Covnants not to expose them &C it was then Motioned and Carrid. that all such be released from these Covnants and from this time forth have full liberty to go and tell Bro Hyde the Peticulars of all such Secrets. He then spoke in regard to the Children of the Saints' being allowed to Profane the Name of the Most High in the Streets. he also said there was men who had held the Priesthood and who had Covnanted

in the House of the Lord not to ~~take~~ take his Holy name in vain. who were heard to use Profane language. he then requested the High Council to see to this matter. and when ever they heard a Bro Profane the name of Deiaty to take away his Priesthood and disfellowship him from the Church. said had aught to be Coursed and they would be Corsed. he then advised the Saints to have Scools' and send all their Children there to. and let them learn how to behave themselves. and if their parents could not learn them behaviour let them make it known to the Council. and let the[m] devise ways wereby they may be brought into Subjection &C &C his descourse was very interesting & much to the purpose. after meeting I called to Bro Millers & spent a few minutes then came Home felt very unwell and lay down. eve Sister Woolly came in and sat a while with us

Monday 21st the weather Pleasent in the Morn I felt very sick got up and Lay down again before breakfast. after breakfast I went to washing' thinking perhaps I could work off my illness' but this I failed to accomplish. PM I went to Bro Lennards and carryed home a hat that we had been making for him. staid and took supper with them. and sent for some cotten batten by them to Mo. eve returned home and was sick through the night

Tuesday 22nd the weather very warm in the morning I was very much distressed with pain' and had not happitite to Eat. AM Sister O Banks Came and gave me an Emetic. before I took it I went into a Steam. also after my Emetic had opperated. also took 2 Injections. after I got through and rested a while I sat up and Braided One Yard. and Eat some supper. I then felt very tired and retired to bed. was along time before I could Get to Sleep it was so very warm and the bed bugs trubled me considerable. night rested tollarable

Wednesday 23rd weather very warm in the morn I was very Sick and suffering under severe pain. about 7 oclock I got father to call in the Elders and administer to me. which he did. Bro Covey anointed me' Bro Snyder. father and himself then laid hands upon' and prayed for me after which I felt some better. although was very sick through the day. and kept my bed most of the time. having little or no appetite for food I drank considerable Composision Ginger³ &C to day Jane came and spent the PM with us night was very restless

Thursday 24th the weather Still very warm this morning. I was in Pain much the same as yesterday morn. and continued the Same until about noon when I began to feel a little more easy continued to drink Composision and take such things as I thought would be good for me Uncle Levi called in each day when going to. and coming from his work. I told him the nature of my desease and asked him what cour[s]e I should persue. he then asked me what I had taken. I told him. he then told [me] to take some Salerates water' and continue to take Composision Ginger &C which I did. night I exchanged beds with Henry rested some better

Friday 25th a very warm day continued about the same. and felt very lonely. to day Sister Jenne came and made us a visit

Saturday 26th AM. very warm PM it rained. I still continued about the same having a steady Pain all the time through my bowels and and the lower part of my Back. Oh how Much through these days of suffering did I miss the kindly look. and Sympathizing words of my beloved Companion. true I had a kind Mother who seemed willing to do all she could for me. but she needed to be waited upon' rather than to attend upon me. and the thought that she had so much to do' rather added to' than deminished my Suffering. but thanks be to the Lord who still continues to bless me with Patiance. & Strenth to endure all my trials. and oh! that I may ever continue to find favor in his sight.

Sunday 27th the weather very pleasent and I felt a little better AM the family all went to Meeting' and I remained alone. Sister [Catherine Elizabeth Mehring] Woolly came in and sat a while with me. Sisters Noon Smith Coalflesh [Harriet Wollerton Dillworth Colflesh]and Ellen W[ilding Woolley] then called to see me. they all gave me very pressing invetations to go and see then as soon as I recoverd. PM there were several others called in to see me and Mother

Monday 28th spent the PM with Sister Woolly

Tuesday 29th the weather pleasent felt myself recovering though very Slowly spent the PM with Sisters Dillworth & Coalflesh sewing on my dress

Wednesday 30th the weather quite warm I continued to amend and to day Braided 2 Yards

Thursday July first the weather very warm I felt better though very weak. I braided 4 yards. to day Mother went to prayer meeting' and to see Jane who had been very Sick with teeth ache

Friday 2nd the weather very warm to day I commenced writing a letter to my Husband-wrote one Page' braided 2 Yards. and helped Mother about the Work. felt Comfortable

Saturday 3rd the weather pleasent helped Mother clean the House. wrote some in my letter. cut out Peices for my quilt &C &C

Sunday 4th the weather very warm AM went to Meeting. was adrest by Bro Morley and Magor [William W. Major] on various subjects. stayed till I got very tired then went to see Sister Jane. found her some better she was writing to Franklin stayed a short time with her. then called to see Sister Jenne who was very sick & spent a few Minutes with her. I then called to see Br Millers folks were I was obliged to stay most of the PM as the Rain desended in torents. I took supper with them had Roast Veal Black Berrys and Goose Berrys &C &C. spent the PM very pleasently Bro Miller then tried to get a horse & Buggy to bring me home but was disapointed of the former. he and his wife then prevailed upon me to get into the Buggy and permit Br Miller to draw me across the St it being very muddy this he did

and conducted me most home. and thus I spent the day of Independence. My Health still improving

Monday 5th the weather comfortable was writing in my letter. and braided 3 yards.

Tuesday 6th the weather pleasant to day I finished my letter and sent to St Josephs by Samuel Snyder. helped mother a little about the work. and braided 2 yards &C &C

Wednesday 7th the weather quite warm I took my bed & bedding out of doors. Scalded the bedstead and the logs around my bed' and washed the floor. on account of having previously been very much troubled with bed Bugs. I sewed several Blocks of Calico and in the eve replaced my bed. and felt very tired

Thursday 8th the weather pleasant AM washed. after which I felt very tired. PM was in Mrs. Coalflehs a while reading News papers. the rest of the time was sewing

Friday 9th the weather pleasant Morn I Ironed' then went to Uncle Willards on a visit. on my way called on Jane expecting ~~her~~ she would accompany me. but found her indisposed. was kindly received by the family had string Beans for dinner the first I had seen for 2 years. went into Uncle Levis and had a good Chatt with Aunt Rhoda. after which Amelia Ellen & myself took a walk on to the Bluff where we gazed with delight upon our City of 8 months groweth its beauty full Gardins and extensive Fields' Clothed with the fast growing Corn and vegetables of every description' above all things pleasing to the Eyes of an Exile in the Wilderness of our afflictions we then returned and on our way home called at Sister Bullocks were we spent the eve and had a first rate sing. night I could not sleep for the bed bugs

Saturday 10th the weather pleasant morn took breakfast with Uncle Levis folks. after which I drest Aunt Sarahs Hair and had quite a leanthy conversation with her spent the AM with them and took dinner. PM Amelia went with me to Bro Joseph Youngs saw Melinda Wood & Jennette Bleasdale and had a pleasant talk with them. as also with Br & Sister Young. Just as we were about [to] leave Bro O Hyde came in. he seemed much pleased to see us asked me several questions about my Husband myself the family &C after leaving there we went to Bro Pearts and spent a short time with them. then returned to Uncle Ws and took Supper. eve Amelia myself and several of the family went to Sister Bullocks and had a singing School. enjoyed ourselfs much. after which Br Camball accompanid Amelia and I to Sister Janes where we spent the night

Sunday 11th a pleasant day took breakfast with Jane. then returned home to dress for meeting. called to see Sister Matson who treated me with some Custerd. Jelley. & lemonade atended meeting and was address by bro Hyde whose descourse was very interesting after meeting I called and took dinner with Sister Mace and spent the PM very agreeably. about 5 in o'clock

returned home & received a call from Bro & Sister Haven [Jesse and Martha] I had not seen the latter for more than a Year and was much rejoiced to see her now' as also her Husband. enjoyed their call much after they had gone Mr Parsons his wife & daughter called to see us. and after them Br Miller and 4 of his lay ladys came and spent the eve

Monday 2 12th the weather pleasant AM washed. PM was sewing felt very tired Eve went to Br Lennards and got some cotten batton that I had sent for by her to Mo. bought 40 weight of Flower of him

Tuesday 13th the weather very warm this morning I paid out 3 dollars for Meal and Flower. and 36 cents for herding. AM I Ironed and about 10 oclock Sisters Stanley. Barns and [Henrietta Wheeler] Douglass came and made us a visit. got dinner for them. and in the PM Amelia came to spend a couple of days with us. PM was Braiding and got Supper for our company. eve Amelia and I took a walk down by the line

Wednesday 14th very warm and much trubled by the flys PM Amelia Jane and myself made a visit at Bro Barrows had a very good Supper and a good visit eve Amelia returned home with Jane

Thursday 15th the weather very warm to day Mother was quite sick. I attended upon her and did the Work and wrote in my journal

Friday 16th the weather quite warm attended to Mother and my domestic affairs

Saturday 17th weather as usual did my work as usual. to day Amelia came and gave Mother an Emetic Steam & C did well

Sunday 18th morn it rained but soon cleared away. to day I stayed at home waited on Mother. did the work. and wrote a letter to my father. felt quite unwell all day

Monday 19th the weather Pleasant Mother alittle better. baked. Churned & C & C

Tuesday 20th weather Pleasant a little before day I awoke and felt very sick was relieved by vomiting 3 times. took some salleratus & Composition. AM felt some better. went into Mrs Coallesh's and read a while in her Scrap Book. PM was writing in my journal

Wednesday 21st the weather Pleasant I did my work as usual. PM visited at Bro [Henry Alonson] Clevelands. to day Braided 6 yards. Mother better

Thursday 22nd weather very warm to day I washed. PM was sewing. spent the eve with Miss Boaley [Mary Ann Boley]. at Bro [Alonson] Ripely's. fouled the clothes & C

Friday 23rd the weather very warm AM I Ironed. and did the work braided 2 yards.

Saturday 24th weather quite hot churned. Cleaned the house. baked and braided 1 yard.

Sunday 25th very warm night it rained AM I went to Meeting. Bros Clap Morley & Mager [Major] spoke at some lenth and instructed the Saints to

be faithfull in fullfilling their Covnants, and discharging the dutys required of them also to refrain from every evil habit & taking the Name of the Lord in vain. after meeting I went to see Mother Snyder who was very sick. eat some bread and butter with Sister Jenne. had an Interaduction to Sister Henmand [Aurelia Lewis Hinman]. Called to see Bro [William] Carmichals folks who had just arrived in the City, and had a short pleasent visit with them. then came home eve sat awhile with Sis Coalfflesh reading

Monday 26th the weather pleasent in the morn I wrote a Scrap for my Husband to be inclosed in a letter that father was writing to him then washed got my Cloths dry and foulded them

Tuesday 27th weather very warm AM I ironed. PM braided 3 yards. sat awile with Sister [Grace Jane Ramsden] Mellen.

Wednesday 28th the weather as usual AM Churned. & braided 3 yards. PM went to the Store & bought me some cotten Cloth. Called to see Aunts Rhoda & Sarah [Griffith Richards] & Amelia. also Sisters Haven. Lamb. & Fielding received several invitations to visit them.

Thursday 29th a pleasent day commenced to sew together my quilt sewed most of the day

Friday 30th the weather pleasent helped about the work and sewed on my guilt

Saturday 31st very warm weather eve it rained I cleaned the house, baked and sewed on my quilt

Sunday August first The weather warm 'twas fast day. drest early and went to Singing Scool. on my way thither met Bro [Richard] Bentley from Bro [Orson] Hydes Camp who invited me very perticularly to call and see his wife [Elizabeth Price Bentley] & Sister in law M^{rs} [Mary Ann Price] Hyde who were ~~then~~ on a visit at his sisters. which I did and was very kindly received by them. spent a short time with them. then went to the Council room was rather early for scool and called to see Jane a few minutes then returned to scool had a very good Sing then Marched to Meeting. we sung 2 twice. they then commenced to bless Children and continued to do so for about 3 hours. while this was going on I took a walk with Amelia to see Sisters Snyder & Jenne. and returned to meeting. after which I came home and ~~commenced to write a letter the father~~ did not feel well

Monday 2nd the weather warm to day I was sewing on my quilt and Baked

Tuesday 3rd the weather pleasent to day I finished peicing my quilt. and helped about the work.

Wednesday 4th the weather pleasent AM was helping about the work. PM make a visit to Sister Robins with Jane and Amelia. called to see Bro Fieldings folks and found them Mourning the loss of their Infant Son [Hyrum Thomas Fielding] who had died that Morning. had a very pleasent visit and returned home in the eve. Jane & Amelia accompaned me most home

Thursday 5th weather very warm AM did a large washing. and PM took my sewing and visited at Sister Boaleys our near neighbor. eat some new potatoes the first I have tasted for 2 years. eve foulded the Cloths I had washed to day.

Friday 6th weather still very warm AM I Ironed &C. PM was sewing

Saturday 7th weather very warm was Cleaning house Baking. sewing & writing in my journal

Sunday 8th weather pleasent in the morn I went to see Jane and spent a short time with her then went to meeting. where we received some good Instructions from Bros Joseph Young. Magor. & Clapp. after meeting I returned home and commenced writing a letter to my Father received a call from Sisters Fielding & Greenalch with 4 children. also Bro & Sis Davis [Elisha Hildebrand and Mary Ann Mitchell Davis] and Bro Neph

Monday 9th the weather pleasent Morning finished my letter to father & sent it to St Louis by Bro Covey. AM did our washing. eve was sewing and writing in my Journal.

This day 23 years ago, My Husband dear was born

Oh! May he live with Joy to hail.

A thousand Anniversary Morns

Live to thy praise Oh Heavenly King

Upright and pure without a Stain.

To do the work which thou designs

And in thy presense favour find

O may he as a Husband e'er

In love and kindness act his part

The failings of his Mary bear

For true he clings arround my heart

Tuesday 10th weather pleasent to day I ironed. Baked. and scalded my bed stead. sewed &C

Wednesday 11th weather pleasent morn got Breakfast and did up the work Mother went to Janes to visit. to day I commenced writing a letter to my Brothers & Sisters and wrote 2 pages

Thursday 12th weather pleasent I helped about the work & was writing in my letter

Friday 13th weather very pleasent AM Cleaned up the house. made a sweet Cake. & stewed some dried Apples. PM Sisters Elisha [Mary Ann Mitchell Davis] & Edeth Davis came and made me a visit. I enjoyed it much got Supper and did some sewing

Saturday 14th the weather pleasent to day I finished my letter to Brothers &C and wrote a scrap to my Husband and enclosed it also wrote in my journal

Sunday 15th weather very warm Morn called to see Robings & sent my letter to St Louis by a Sister Potter. also called to see Sister Jane and spent about an hour with her then attended meeting was address by Bros Joseph Young, Clapp Magor and others. they gave much good instructions to Parents in regard to bringing up the Children in the way they should go &C after Meeting I went to Bro W Millers and took dinner. at 4 oclock I went with him and his ladys to another meeting at the Stand. composed of Seventys and their wives. heard a very interesting descourse delivered by Pres J Young after which a Bro from Bro Brigham farm arose and told in a most touching manner of the afflictions of the Saints in that Place. who were maney of them sick. and suffering for want of the necessasary Comforts of life. he appealed to the Sympathys of the Brethren here to let them have such things as they now needed and when their Crops were ripe he said they should have their pay. he said allready 5 had been laid under the Sod and others must soon follow if some thing was [not] done soon for their rescue. many tears were shed in the Congregation and some money was donated for their relieve. after meeting I called to see Bro Carmichials family. then returned home

Monday 16th weather pleasent felt very ill all day. in the morn got y up but was obliged to lay down again. AM helped Mother a little about washing. got dinner. did up the work. and baked a sweet Cake and some Cukes [cookies] expecting to morrow to have a guilting was very sick all night

Tuesday 17th weather very warm to day Jane came and aassisted mother to give me an Emetic and Steam which operated well. night rested tollerable well.

Wednesday 18th the weather pleasent to day I felt worse and suffered much pain took some Composition pepper &C put a draft of horse redish leaves on my Stomick⁴ from which I found reliefe night slept but little

Thursday 19th the weather very warm was very sick all day had the Elders come and lay hands on' and pray for me. spent restless night

Friday 20th the weather pleasent

Saturday 21st continued much about the same sent for Uncle Levi who came to see me he asked me what I had done I told him. he said I must continue to do as I had done and send to him and he would send me some pills which he did I took them and beleve they did me good

Sunday 22nd the weather pleasent was alone most of the day as the folks all went to meeting. I felt a little better. had quite number of Sisters call to see me. got very tired

Monday 23rd ~~the~~ comfortable weather

also Tuesday 24th felt my health improving tho very slowly. my Appetite a little better to day I received a letter from my husband by Br [David] Candland

Wednesday 25th the weather pleasent

Thursday 26 my head [] gaining slowly began to sew a little and read continued to take warm drinks every day

Friday 27th the weather pleasant to day I visited with Ellen and Sisters [Nancy Marinda Johnson] Hyde and Browit [Martha Rebecca Browett Hyde]

Saturday 28th I still continue to grow better to day Jane came to see me and I walked down to Bro [Stephen] Farnsworths with her it being but a short distance felt quite low spirited. Mothers health had now been quite poor for several day[s] and still no better to day I wrote a ½ page in a letter to Samuel

Sunday 29th the weather pleasant I went to meeting after that to see Jane

Monday 30th the weather pleasant I put my bed quilt into the Frames on the AM and PM quilted had it out in the back Room.

Tuesday 31st the weather pleasant was quilting most of the day. PM Miss Noon came and made me a visit and helped me quilt eve washed out few garments

Wednesday September first a pleasant day AM baked some pyes and a sweet Cake & C&C and Cleaned the house. to day I had a quilting. had Sisters Jane. Amelia. Robings. Lennard. and Hardy had a very pleasant time indeed. and my company all seemed to enjoy them selves very much

Thursday 2nd weather very pleasant AM was cooking Cleaning & C PM had another quilting had Sisters Coalfflesh. [Lucinda Almeda Merritt] Hartwell. and [blank space] invited Miss [Edith] Davis. and Miss [Mary Ann] Boaley but they did not attend⁵ to day my company seemed to enjoy them selves well and we had a very agreeable visit together evening it rained and I was obliged to bring my quilt into the house eve was reading

Friday 3rd a rainy day. was quilting in the house PM Mother and Miss Hardy helped me eve was reading

Saturday 4th very muddy and the weather very lourey. AM was quilting mother helped me and Henry and I had some plain talk he having been very cross and snapish with me of late' and I having born it as long as I could. and not being willing to retain such unpleasant feelings I considered it best to talk it over and so have and end put to them. just as we got through talking a Bro [John Griggs] White from keg Creek came in and brought me 2 letters. one from Rebecca Jones. and the other from Mary [Hannah Burton] White. I had quite a good long talk with him as I had not seen him for 2 Years. I invited him to fetch his Wife [Lucy Maranda Bailey White] (She being in Town) and come and take dinner with us which he did. I got my quilt finished (or rather finished quilting about ½ past 11 oclock. got dinner and cleaned the house Bro and Sister White gave me an invitation to accompany them home the next day said Sister Mary White had sent for me. she also wrote for me to come back with them. eve I was sewing

Sunday 5th the weather pleasant about 8 o'clock Bro White made his appearance and desired to know if I had concluded to go with them I told him I had he then wished me to make haste as they intended to start forthwith. I did so and about 9 o'clock took my departure from home we called at Bro [James] Davenport's where we were joined by his Wife [Lucy Bailey White] and their Son Joel. we then crossed the River which was very calm and pleasant and on the opposite side found his horses and Carriage in waiting. we then rode about 3 miles across the flats and here came to a Road that ran or lay beneath a Range of projecting Bluffs here the scene was quite Romantic on our right hand the majestic Bluffs stood towering almost Perpendicular above our heads. on the left it seems as level as a becalmed Ocean we pursued this road to where it turns on to the Prairies. past several flourishing Farms and 2 or 3 Villages all of which had been built by our Brethren within one Year about 4 o'clock we arrived at Bro Whites farm 20 Miles from Winter Quarters took supper with the Old people. and spent the night with his son Samuel [Dennis White] and family very agreeably we not having seen one another since my Marriage. though lived neighbors before I was Married. today I enjoyed my ride very much and my company was very scorable

Monday 6th the weather pleasant to day I visited with Bro Samuels folks and enjoyed myself much was sewing. reading. Nursing their little Babe [Mary Elizabeth White] which was 9 months old and a very interesting little one and my namesake &C &C

Tuesday 7th the weather cold and windy in the morning Mother W sent for me to come and take Breakfast with them' which I did spent a short time with them then return to his Sons were I spent the rest of the day (they lived near neighbors

Wednesday 8th the weather pleasant AM father W[hite] came and invited me to take a ride with him over to the Village where He was going to take a sick woman out to ride for her health. I accepted the invitation and went found several there with whom I was acquainted the Vill[age] was composed of from 14 to 18 houses built on a very rough hilly piece of land but near a beautiful spring of Water. Bro W brought the sick lady home with him where she spent the night Her name was Whitaker a Widow I took dinner with Father W's folks and spent the remainder of the day with Sister Mary W and thus I celebrated the Anniversary of my Birth day

Thursday 9th the weather very windy I spent the day with Mary W very agreeably sewing. reading. &C &C PM went Pluming & got half a bushel

Friday 10th the weather cold & rather windy visited with the 2 families was sewing reading and cut up about a Peck of Plums and put them out to dry Today Bro W went down into Mo.

Saturday 11th the weather pleasant took breakfast with father W's folks after which I took a ride with the afore said Gentleman to another Village

which was a very pretty location about 2 Miles from Bro Ws farm called at the house of a Bro Chenne [Elijah Cheney] and spent ½ an hour talking about the things of the Kingdom we then returned back had a very pleasant ride I spent the remainder of the day with Sister Mary W sewing reading playing with the baby &C

Sunday 12th the weather very pleasant rode with Father w and his folks to meeting at the Grove or rather the Village we visited yesterday. 'twas fast day was quite a number at the meeting. but we had rather a dull time. when we returned home sister P Dunn rode with us' and gave me a very special invitation to visit them before I returned home which I promised to do. I spent the rest of the day with Sister Mary W talking of by gone days and reading by turn in the History of the U. S.

Monday 13th the weather somewhat windy was with Sister Mary all day sewing reading &C received a call from father [James] Dunn he came to talk with me about his Son [Crandall Dunn] who is in Eng he urged me very much to go and make a visit. today Mrs Smith made Sister W a visit. She has been about six Months' and is now but 43 years of Age and is very small of her Age.

Tuesday 14th the weather pleasant AM I went out with Mother White and Joel and gathered Elderberys after I got home I tied them in bunches and put them out to dry I spent the remainder of the day with Sister Mary and helped her make a dress for her little Girl. eve I was reading in the History of the U S

Wednesday 15th the weather rather windy today I helped Sister Mary quilt a Cradle quilt and enjoyed ourselves much talking about the things of the Kingdom of our God, &C &C

Thursday 16th the [weather] pleasant AM I went with Mother W together Hops the distance of about a ½ Mile through a Corn field here we came to Bro [Merlin] Plums' and Sister P [Elizabeth Cleopatra Bellows Plumb] accompanied us to a place were there was a number of Plum Trees all loaded with with unripe Plums except one or 2 from them I gathered my Apron full and eat all I wished to. Mrs P then went & got a Muskmellon and treated us with that. we then returned home & I took dinner Mother W. PM Sister Mary and I went to Father Dunns and made a visit. we enjoyed ourselves much talking about our absent freinds. and the ~~Princial~~ Principles of the Gospil. about 4 oclock, the wind began to blow a perfect hurricane and the rain pored down in torents untill about 5 when it ceased. then having had an excellent supper we left for home. the distance was about a quarter of a mile which we had to walk through the wet our freinds regretted much that we had to walk but their horses being out on the Praira it seemed imposible to obtain them however we got home much better than we could have e[x]pected. we found the Children crying with impatiance for our return no fire and the floor all wet with the rain that had beat through the roof. but we soon had a good fire & all things put to right and spent the eve reading

Friday 17th the weather very pleasant took breakfast with Sister Mary made the necessary preparations to return home today. knowing my anxiety to return to my folks. father White said he would take his horses and Carriage and conduct me home in person accordingly about 9 o'clock I took leave of my friends here who embraced and wished me many good wishes poured their blessings upon my head we returned back the same way we had come crossed a beautiful roaring Prairie which extended as far as the Eye could penetrate and although Autumn's Chilling Blasts had begun to make its depredations among the Trees that appeared at intervals yet the Prairie seemed decked in a rich livery of flowers and presented to the Eye a scene truly pleasing and interesting. about 12 o'clock we came to the Bluffs whose towering Summits as I have before described presented a very Romantic appearance. a solemn awe came over my feelings as I gazed upon these majestic Piles. and my Soul exclaimed Oh! how wonderful are thy works O God' and how unsearchable is thy Wisdom & knowledge and thy ways are past finding out. for thou didst lay the foundations of the Earth and these Hills are the Works of thy hands. Oh that I may ever have thy Spirit to enable me to give unto Thee the Praises that is due ~~th~~ to thy most Holy name. about 3 O'clock we came to the Ferry opposite WQ found the River so low that on this side apart of the Stream was separated from the main Channel by means of a sand bar. this we had to cross in a Canoo which was very muddy and no place for us to sit down came very near being capsized got my cloths quite muddy. we then walked across the Sand bar. and crossed the River in a Sciff. had a pleasant Sail. and arrived home about 4 o'clock. found the family all well and met with a warm reception. after Eating Supper I went with Father White to see Sister Jane he having been acquainted with her brother Robert [Snyder] he now wished to become acquainted with her also we found Amelia there spent the evening very pleasantly and about 9 o'clock returned home. father W spent the night with us

Saturday 18th the weather pleasant Bro White took breakfast with us in the morning and then returned home. to day I cleaned the house and took all my clothes out of my Chest and aired them did some sewing & C spent the evening and night with Sister Jane and enjoyed myself much talking with her

Sunday 19th the weather pleasant AM Jane and I went to singing School and from thence to Meeting where we were addressd by Bros Cutler. Magor, and President J Young. on different Subjects. which were very good and interesting. went home and took dinner with Jane and spent the PM with her. then returned home and went to see Sister Barrows her children 3 in number being all sick stayed with her about an hour and returned home

Monday 20th the weather comfortable helped Mother about the work. borrowed a pair set of quilting frames and put on a skirt and quilted in the back room & C & C

Tuesday 21st the weather pleasant to day Miss Hardy came and washed for Mother to pay her for cleaning her Bonnet. I assisted Mother about the work and quilted a little

Wednesday 22nd the weather pleasant AM was cooking cleaning &C PM Sister Williams and Sister Jane came and made us a visit and helped me quilt were very sociable and we had an interesting time eve was sewing

Thursday 23rd the weather pleasant AM I Ironed. PM I washed me & Mother some dresses &C Mother went to Janes and made a visit

Friday 24th the weather lousy & cold did the housework and made my quilt to day sister Jane came to see us. eve I was sewing

Saturday 25th the weather pleasant today I was at Sister Janes helping help her sew Amelia was there a part of the day. I had a first rate visit with Jane and spent the night with her and we take much comfort together

Sunday 26th the weather comfortable was reading &C until 10 oclock. then Jane and myself went to meeting. was adrest by Bros B Clapp. Cutler. & J. Young. who gave us some good instructions. very appropriate to our present circumstances the[y] desired the Saints to walk in union one with another to leave off evil speaking Swearing Stealing and all maner of wickedness. they also reminded them of the Covnants they had made in the Temple of the Lord and entreated them to be faithfull in fullfilling all their covnants and agreements &C &C after meeting I went home and took dinner with Jane' after which I went with her to Bro Cutlers to get a letter from Philo her adopted Son. which she did. we then called to see Sis Scovil who was sick with the quincy. while there Bro Candland came along and said he was going to Janes to see the Star. so we went with him. he then invited us to go with him to the Seventys School. which invitation we accepted. and called and got Sister Robings who went with us. met Amelia took her with us also. the principals to be discused this eve was humility. first. Self Government 2nd and the Government of familys 3rd. each subject was discussed by 3 differant persons. it was desided that humility consisted in a persons being in perfect submission to the will of heaven' and to all the powers that be, &C &C that self government consisted in a Man's having perfect Cont[r]ole over all his Passions both mentel. Morel. & Physical. and over all his happytites &C &C. that the government of the familys consisted in a man ruling over his family in meekness. love. and forbearance that to be fulley competant to do this he must possess self government in its fullness. these were allustrated by figures and made plain to the understanding. and were indeed instructive and interesting. Bro Hyde who had been a very attentive observer tho mostly unobserved now made his appearance in our midst and exprest his approbation of the preseedings of the meeting' in a very feeling and interesting manner' blessed the assembly and advised them to continue their meetings. said it would be the means of prepairing their minds for the great work of God in which they were to be instrumental in bearing to the

ends of the Earth. &C Pres J Young then spoke in continuation of the same subject and was filled with the Spirit of the Lord. yea and the whole house was filled with a Spirit also. never have I enjoyed such a meeting since I was in the House of the Lord. every countenance beamed with delight and oh how good it was to be there. my soul longs for another such a feast. I spent the night with Jane. and my sleep was sweet and peacefull

Monday 27th the weather pleasant took breakfast with Jane. and about 9 oclock returned home and commenced writing a letter to my brother Rodger. helped Mother about the work and evening was sewing & reading

Tuesday 28th the weather pleasant today I finished writing my letter. received an invitation from Bro [Joseph] Knight to attend a dance at the Council House that was got up for the benefit of the poor. evening. Henry and I went and took Sister Jane with us. when we got there the latter and myself got seated in an obscure part of the room and took all comfort we could annimadverting⁶ upon everything that we saw fit. I danced one figure with the martial. about 12 oclock we returned home

Wednesday 29th the weather comfortable AM helped about the work did some sewing PM went to Bro Jesse Havens and made a visit. we talked over the sceens of by gone days and enjoyed ourselves much. had a good vegetables Supper and spent the eve. Bro Haven then accompanied me home. he made me a present of a pair of tomatos

Thursday 30th the weather pleasant helped mother about the work and did some sewing

friday October first the weather pleasant I scalded our Bedsteads. cleaned the house and sewed on my quilt

Saturday 2nd the weather pleasant to day mother went to Sister Greens and made a visit. I colored my 2 quilt linings and washed them out. also cooked meat & pumkins and cleaned the house. eve was sewing

Sunday 3rd the weather pleasant rather windy AM went to Singing Scool. called to see Uncle Willards folks. Amelia went with me to meeting Bro Phinehas Young who arrived to day from the Pioneers came upon the Stand and gave us a description of his travils during his absense. the Country he had visited what he had seen s&C &C he had not visited the Valey' but brought a very favorable report of the Country. his discourse was very interesting. after meeting I went to Sister Jane's but she was not at home. the dust having blowed much during meeting I washed my self. and returned to wards home. called at Sister Jennes' where I found Jane. who accompanied me home. after eating dinner I went with her to Bro Barrow's were we each received a cupple of green Apples. after returning home we learned that Bro Scovil had arrived home. and being anxious to hear from our beloved Husbands we (Jane and myself) went to see him and received each 2 letters from them. and had an interesting conversation with him. about them and the affairs in the Old Country. we then returned to Janes to

read our letters' was overtaken by Sister Melinda Wood who came and spent the eve with us. after her departure Father Mother and Henry came and spent the evening with us 'to hear our letters &C 'twas a time of rejoicing. yea, and I am sure that no one' unless like us they are deprived of the society of their companions' can know how we prize a line from the dear absent ones. it is Indeed a scourse of comfort that is indescrible I spent the night with sister Jane

Monday 4th the weather pleasent took breakfast with Jane. then went to Bro Scovils and received from his hands 3 Soverigns pounds which my husband had sent to me by him. also got a parsel which my Sister in Law [Ellen Briggs Douglass Parker] sent by him to her daughter in Law [Henrietta Wheeler Douglass] and a letter. went and carryed it to her' and read the letter. after which I returned home and commenced writing a letter to my Brothers & Sisters in Eng. &C &C

Tuesday 5th the weather pleasent got breakfast. AM put my quilt into the frames and Mother and I received an invetation to attend a quilting at Sister G Williams [Hannah Maria Andrews Williams] in the PM which we did. 2 of O Spencers Daughters [Aurelia Reed and Ellen Curtis] was there. M^{rs} [Henrietta Rushton] Bullock and a young lady whose name I don't remember. we had a very pleasent viset and a good Supper and returned home in the eve. expected to have some music but was disapointed. Sister Jane came down expecting to hear. I went home with her and helped Lovica quilt a Skirt and stayed all night

Wednesday 6th the weather pleasent AM I made some pyes &C &C PM 2 Miss Spencers visited me and helped me quilt. eve I went to Janes and spent the night

Thursday 7th the weather pleasent AM I cleaned the house and quilted on my quilt. PM Sisters Haven. Rockwood. and Jane viseted with me. spent the afternoon very agreeably. was sewing and got supper. eve was sewing & reading

Friday 8th the weather pleasent AM was cooking &C. PM had a quilting. had 2 Sister Welches [Eliza Billington Welch and Elizabeth Briggs Welch]. Sisters [Ann Welch] Crookston and Hmma Wayley [Emma Whaley Scovil] just from Eng. Had a very pleasaent time. they spent the eve and had some singing. this eve Sister Jane sent for me to attend a party at her house. so after my company were gone I went and took Miss Wayley with me. they danced until about 12 oclock then dispersed but Miss W and myself spent the night

Saturday 9th the weather pleasent AM I finished quilting my quilt. PM and eve I cleaned the house and was sewing & reading

Sunday 10th the weather pleasent AM went to meeting was address by Bro Scovil who gave us an account of his mission to Eng how he left all the Brethren who were there on missions where they were stationed &C &C his discourse was quite interesting. after meeting I went to Sister Janes and took

dinner. spent part of the PM and returned home Lovica & Olive Jenne walked down home with me. on our way we called at Br Elsworths and got some tomatos when we got home we found Jane and Amelia there' having just brought Mother a letter from Maria was glad to hear that she was well. eve I spent in Bro Welches.

Monday 11th to day it rained and Mother was quite unwell. I did the work. and finished writing my letter to Brothers & Sisters.

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th the weather windey and unpleasent. Mother quite sick did the work and attended upon her. sewed a little &C

Thursday 14th the weather windy to day Sister Rollins came and did our washing I did the work and helped her alittle. eve was sewing

Friday 15 the weather more pleasent in the morn got breakfast. then wroung out all the Clothes out of the Renching [rinsing] water and put them out to dry. this morn Bro Joseph Young called to see us. I did my work as usual. and did some sewing. foulded the Clothes &C was boiling down Molasses

Saturday 16th the weather pleasent did a large Ironing cleaned the house did the cooking &C PM went to see Bro Barrows folks and took Supper with them. eve Sister Jane sent for me to go and see her as she was going to start for Mo in the morn. so I went. and spent the night with her. we stayed up until nearly one oclock and I cut out peices for a quilt for her. and had a very agreeable viset with her.

Sunday 17th the weather pleasent Mother still unwell. AM Jane came to see us and took dinner. I wrote a scrap to Samuel for her to put in her letter to Franklin. I then walked up to Sister Jennes with her and there bid her good bye. and returned home. there found a pair of mits that she had left which I knew she would need on her journey and carryed them in hast to her house. was joust in time to see her go I felt sorry to part with her for so short a period as 5 weeks. returned home and received a call from Bro Barrows & Bro Crookston his wife and Miss Waley. read them some Poetry that my husband composed on Bro Joseph's death. spent part of the eve in Bro Welches. the rest at home reading

Monday 18th the weather pleasent did the house work as usual. was making molasses. sewing. &C

Tuesday 19th the weather pleasent AM did the work. PM I viseted at Bro Crookstons with Sisters Waley & Turner we had an excellent Supper. & some first rate Singing. in short we had a good viset eve Bro C Sisters W & T came home with me to hear some music as we had 3 fiddlers viz Bros Macantire. McGray. & D Cahoon. had some good music and treated them with Cake and mellons &C &C

Wednesday 20th the weather pleasent did the work. and PM went to Bro [Jacob] Pearts & bought me a P Bake kettle & lid and some Tallow eve Henry and I fetched them home. I did some sewing &C

Thursday 21st the weather comfortable

Friday 22nd I did the work. tended to boiling down Molasses. sewed. read & C & C had a hard cold

Saturday 23rd the weather pleasant AM I cleaned the house did the cooking & C PM I went to the Store and bought some Sugar Tea Cotton batton and some little notions. saw Bro [Truman Root] Barlow just from Farmington with the corps of Mother Barton. in his wagon. called to see Uncles Willards and Levis folks. and took Supper with the latter. had a good visit with Aunt Rhoda Amelia then accompaneyed me on my way home as far as Sister Jennes. after I got home father and mother went out to spend the evening I felt very cold and sore and had considerable Pain in my limbs. about 9 oclock I had a la Chill' got me some composition and bathed my feet. went to bed and had a raging Fevor through the night

Sunday 24th the weather windy and cold AM went to meeting. was address by Bro [John] Pack who had just returned from the Pioneers. he gave us a description of the valey and the sorounding Country. and numerous objects that he had seen the hot warm and cold Springs. the Salt Lake & C his discourse was quite interesting. during the meeting I sufferd much pain in my back and limbs. as soon as he got through Preaching I left and came to Bro Millers. and spent a few minutes with them. then went into Bro Maces across the St from them and spent the PM and took Supper with them. and had a very interesting viset with them. it being the first time I had seen Bro M since I left Nauvoo. eve I returned home and spent about 2 hours in Bro Welches

Monday 25th the weather cold and windy morning helped mother get Breakfast and do up the work and about 10 oclock AM went to bed with a Chill. after which I had a very high fevor and felt very Sick all day. told Father if he could spare time to attend to me I should be glad to take an Emetic. he said he would try to do so in the evening. but was absent. Mother though weary undertook the task. and gave me a steam. and waited upon me with hot Breaks [bricks] in the bed. hot drinks & C. but just as she was about to give me the Lobelia' Uncle Levi came and orderd her to give me Boneset which she did twice over but was unable to keep it down anytime. after this I took the Lobelia which opperated pretty well. I then changed my garment and lay down was very weary. and soon sunk into a sleep rested tollerable well

Tuesday 26th the weather moderate for a short time in the morn I though[t] I was better but soon my fever came on and spoiled it all. was very sick all day. eve got Father to call in Bros Crookston & Welch and pray for me. I told them I had prepared myself by works and desired to try what virtue there was in faith father anointed and prayed for me. after which I felt some better for which blessing I felt to give God the Glory. I rested tollerable well to night.

Wednesday 27th the weather cold and windy this morn felt somewhat comfortable but at noon had a hard Chill after which I had a high fever the remainder of the day and felt very Ill. sufferd much pain in my head, Back and Limbs. night was very restless. and my bed seemed like a prison it being so narrow and hard

Thursday 28th the weather moderate this morn as soon as father and mother left their bed I got onto it. and was very Sick all day. had a chill and a raging fever and sufferd much pain. eve got father & Bro [John] Welsh to pray for me after which I got up and had the bed made for me. to night I laid in Mothers bed and past a restless night

Friday 29th the weather cold and windy past a very sick day had a very high fever and felt very weak. having had no appetite to Eat since I was first taken. past a weary some night

Saturday 30th the weather more pleasent I sent for Olive Jenne who came and Combed my hair for me. it not having been combed before since Sunday. after this I had a very hard Chill and a high fever. PM Sister Waley & Turner came to see me and spent about an hour. after them Ellen Wilding called to see me. I talked with them till I was very tired eve sent and got some quinine and about 10 oclock my fever having abated I took some Pills, but past a very restless night

Sunday 31st tollerable weather was very sick all day. eve took quinine. today Uncle Willard & the Twelve arrived home from the west. was much rejoiced to hear of it Uncle W sent me words to be comforted and I should soon be well &C &C

Monday November first windy weather AM Uncle W sent Bro Camball to invite us all to go and spend the day with him so father mother & Henry all went and Lovisa Jenne came and staid with me. PM a young Man named John Riston [John Price Clifford/Wriston] who took care of Brother Joseph when sick & helped bury him' called to see us and took supper with whom I had an interesting conversation and learned much about Joseph. I missed my Chill today' and felt a little more comfortable

Tuesday 2nd weather cold & windy AM bro [Robert Lang] Camball came again and invited our family to attend a family meeting at Uncle Ws in the evening. he told me that Uncle W said he should expect to see me there among the rest' and he (C) knew that he W was in earnest from the maner in Which he spoke. I told him' if Uncle W only knew that I had not left my bed for more than a week' I thought he would have no such expectations. he said Uncle W had heard how sick I was. I then asked him in a joke if he would come and fetch me in a Wheelbarrow he said he would do anything I wished if I would only go. I then told him I would go if he would come for me with a waggon &C Mother was much surprized that I should think of such a thing' and asked me if I would dare go out, after being confined so long' I told her if Uncle W said I could go there' I was willing

to try. so about 3 oclock PM I got up' and by exerting myself all I could endure I got ready by Six. at which time Bro Camball came with a Waggon & Oxen and carrid us up to Uncle Ws. he carrid me in his arms from the Waggon into the house were there was quite a number assembled' Uncle W them received me from him and led me into his bed room & made me lay down on his bed. he then kneeled down beside me and talke[d] awhile. blessed me. and kissed twice. once he said was for Samuel. and asked if 'twas not as good as if from him &C &C we had an excellent meeting. Uncle W father & Uncle Levi laid hands on me. the first offerd up a beautifull Prayer for me and my husban[d].

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Being very sick on the night of the 27th and being alone on my bed. I composed the following lines

So on a hart⁷ and narrow bed
 Alone and sleepless hear I lay
 No freind to ease my pillow for my head
 Or moist my lips which now are parched and dry

Oh! Samuel dear 'twas not so
 When thou was by my side
 For thou didst seek my wants to know
 And hasten to suply

Thy words how comforting were the[y].
 Thy Smiles would chase my tears away,
 My pain was ease'y to endure
 When thou My dearest Love was near.

But now my love thou't far away
 Yet still me thinks thou prays for me
 Our God I trust the same will hear
 And I shall live thy face to see

Letters to Samuel Richards, June to August 1847

Camp of Isreal, Winter Quarters. Omehas Nation⁸

June 8th 1847

My Dear Samuel or dearly beloved Husband it is with a degree of pleasure and satisfaction that I sit down this morning to write a few lines to you. and I sincerely pray that they may greet you' injoying as I do this day' the blessings of health and strength. together with evry other needfull blessing. I received your kind & Interesting letter by Bro Hyde on the 20th of May. This would have been a great Comfort to me. had I not received with it the Painfull Inteligence of your Sickness' with that most disagreeable of all sickness the Small Pox. it is in vain my dear for me to undertake to describe my feelings at the reception of this unexpected inteligence. for my heart was grieved' and the yearnings of my Soul was & is Oh! that I could have been with you in that hour of pain and affliction. to have watched over you through the dreary watches of the Nights and to have pored out my Soul in prayer to our Heavenly Father in your behalf for your speedy recovery & C & C Many and various have been the thoughts that have passed through my mind since hearing the above' for I knew not when to hope for another letter from you. for if I should judge from those that you have writon I should be led to beleve that you looked upon us as being behond the reach of letters. but to releve me from this sospence' father received your almost unexpected but most wellcome letter bearing date March 16th which gave us all great joy to hear from you. and it was indeed a great satisfaction to read from your own Pen an account of your Sickness and recovery. I ~~was~~ am glad it was so that Franklin could be with you. but am sory to hear his health is so poor. I trust that long e'er this you are both enjoying good health. I pray the Lord may bless all my brethren and Sisters who have administerd to you. and reward them for their kindness. my prayers shall ever be for the wellfare of those who show kindness to my dear Husband especialy when he is far from me. please remember me kindly to Mother Kerr and Sister Catharine Kennedy. tell them they have my thanks and blessing and a remembrance in my Prayers (dear Samuel did you ever wish to see me when sick) Oh! I long for the time to come when I shall again be permitted to see and enjoy your sweet sociaty. had I the Wings of the morning I would fly to your arms. and enjoy a repose upon that beloved bosem. but it cannot be now Mother is making Henry a pair of pants. her health is pretty good excepting that she has a little truble with her feet. the black leg or Scurvy so called has left them weak. fathers health is pretty good also. he seems to have plenty of buisness. but I must leave him to tell you what it is when he writes. Henry enjoys first

rate health. Maria looks some what poorer than she used to but enjoys tollerable health Wolter has just returned from St Joseph where he has been to get a load of provisions &C. that he left there on his way from St Louis. his health has not been very good this winter but he is now well. little Syntha grows finely' she is a sweet pretty Child has Eyes just like Uncle Samuel. Melinda has not yet fully recoverd her health but is much better and the is She will soon be well. Aunts Rhoda and Amelia were here last friday and made us a visit they are well as is also Uncle Levi and family. and Uncle Willards family. they all wish me to write you their love and remembrance and say you have their blessing.

Wednesday morn Jun 9th yesterday PM sister Elisha Davis from London came and made me a visit they live nearby us. she seems to be a pretty little woman. I will now tell you something about our situation on friday the last of April we moved with our Tent from the West to the South Line of the City w[h]ere we are now living in a House that father bought of a bro William Patton. and paid for with one of Bro Josephs Coats and one dollar in money it has a good Punsion floor in it Brick hearth and fire place. has a good Roof & floor over head. we have a well close by the door have good neighbors. and in short we are well pleased with our home for the present. our room is not very large. but there is sofficient space between the back of [t]he house and the Pickets to build another room as large. it can be done with very little truble. as the Pickets will serve for one wall. father has got the rafters on and as soon as he gets through planting intends to finish it. we have got but little planting done yet excepting our gardian. father has got land were he intends [to] plant Corn and saw [sow] buck weat. Bro William Clark is plowing for us to day his wife died about 2 weeks ago. there is a noble large field plowed and part planted. and the brethren are plowing and planting every day when the weather will admit. they have covnanted not to make short furroughs. or furrows in order for every man to plough his own piese of land. but to commence on one side of the fild and plough through to the other. no matter wither it be their own land or their Bretherens for we ar all one family. those who are gone and going West have had to plough all they posably could before going. as much so as if they were going to stay here. and none are permitted to go until they have done so. and received a letter of commendation & permission from their respective Bishops to show that they have done so. and also a part of the Pickiting had you my dear been deprived of Vegetables as we have for the last year you would no doubt be better able to judge. how pleasing the prospect of again enjoying those blessings appears to us. I expect itis necessary that we should sometimes be deprived of the fruits of the Earth in order that we may know how to prize their worth. I never enjoyed the prospect of fields and gardens and the fruts of the Earth as much as I do this year. for it itis truly Cheering and reviving I expect when you come home in the fall. you will find us enjoying those things which

we now hope for. I want you to write as soon as you receive this and let me know how soon you intend to start. and weather you intend to ~~come~~ come by New York or New Orleans. My dear as you now see that letters can come direct to us. do please write often. I have sent 2 letters to you by mail which I sopose you have never received. & have also sent 2 letters by Bro Littlefield which I trust will safely reach you. if he dilivers what I gave him to give to you. please receive it as from me and forgive all imprudence on my part. please give my kind respects to him and tel him he is not forgotten in my prayers. Oh Samuel if the affection of a fond wife is any addition to the happyness of a man. me thinks you enjoy one comfort that Br Littlefield does not. he left this City on the 11th of May.

June 10th it is a lovely Morn. all is Calm and sorene Nature is dedcted in the beauty of Spring and nothing is lacking but your presence to make all things appear pleasing and delightfull. yesterday PM Sisters Jane Ellen & Permelia Hatch were here and made us a visit they are all well. since last Saturday Bros P P Pratt. J Taylor. Van Cott. & a large number of others with their familys have left this City for the far West. and a large number of others are prepairing and intend to start this week. Jane has bought Bro VanCotts House & mooved into it last Monday' itis about as good a house as there is in the City. has a good floor. Chamber. Sellor & a well near by the door. I think Frankln will be well pleased with the situation when he returns. Bro Pratt says he told the brethren before leaving England to come home if the Climate did not agree with them no matter wither they were sent for or not. for he did not want the Brethren to stay there and die. if Bro Franklins health is still poor' I hope he will receive this adminision as to him self' and bear it in mind. please remember me kindly to him. and tell him his Jane is well and smarter and prettyer than I ever saw her. I get a good sweet Kiss from her every once and again' but she says she would ten times rather Kiss him than me but she dont gain any thing by that for I tell her that I would rather have one Kiss from you' than one 100 from her. you must alow us to have our Jokes for the greatest comfort that is left to us is to talk about you and F and hope and pray' that we may all live to meet again and our God and preserver shall have the Glory forever more. for he is Worthy. Bro Hunter⁹ will leave for the west tomorrow. and Bro Hyde has got his house and is going to live in it this Summer. itis on the South line and but a few steps from us. he called to [see] us on the 30 of last month and we had a good visit with him. he talked much about you and F. and said. he was very much disapointed in you both. Said he had always thought you were good Boys' but the fact was he found you were better than he ever expected. &C &C he told me he was going to write to the Brethren in England and Asked me if I knew what had been writton I told that Uncle Willard told me. that he had writon for you and F to come home this fall that he had been talking with Brigham about it and they had concluded that it was for the best &C &C he

said he did not like the Idea of changing so much at the head of affairs. but he wanted [to] know what his Brethren had writon so that he need not do any thing different from what they had writon or Counciled. I do not know what Bro Hyde has writon' but in Compliance to what Brø Uncle W said I shall look for you home this Fall. for he said you would be here then.

June 12th last Thursday PM I visited at Sister Janes with Sisters Elisha Davis and Sophia Whitaker and had a pleasant visit. Bro & Sis D desire a remembrance to you. Bro Cain his wife [Elizabeth Whitaker Cain] & the sister Ws [Sophia Whitaker Taylor and Harriet Whitaker] started yesterday on their journey to the West. they send their respects love & blessing to you. Miss Walker [Diontia Walker Lyman] & Monks [Martha Monks Pratt]. have gone in Parlys family. Sophia W in Taylors family

[page 3] Bro Van Cott and family wished very perticularly to be rememberd. to you & F say they hope that in little more than one year you and I will be out there and made me promis that we would go and make them a good visit. he has lost quite a number of his Cattle since being here had one yoke drowned & others died & C he has been Compelled through nessesity' to take the Cattle and waggons he loaned lent to us & Uncle Levis folks. so you will see we are left without either. the old Cow died last winter. and our little heiffer is all the Cow we now possess but she gives a fine mess of milk and is doing firstrate. I would like much to go on next Season. if we could conveniently but I feel very contented about it. for I expect the means will have to come through my Samuel and I know he will do the best he can. at any rate I shall be Satisfide to be were he is. wither it be here or the Land of promis. but here is one thing my dear I could not feel satisfide with. and that is to think that we must always live with fathers folks. that is in the same house. for although they are' and doubtless would be kind to me. yet I could not feel as happy as I should to live in a house by our selfs. I know itwill be their desires that we should live with them but shall we not. my dear' after being seperated so long. live were we can enjoy ourself the most. for if I should look upon the time past since our marrige as a tipical of our years in future. I should be led to conclude that there was not any to much happyness laid up for me in this life' let me enjoy it the best way I could but enough of this last week on thursday Robert Burton his wife. Rebecca & Eliza A. Hav[en] arrived from Mo on a visit. they all took dinner with us that day & PM I visited with them at W Kimballs. next day at Wolters and Sunday Rebecca stayed with me 3 nights Eliza Ann one. we enjoyed ourselfs much together. talked about you most of the time. they all express a hope that they would next fall have the pleasure of eating with you and Mary they all wished me to give their kind respects to you R said I might tell you he was staying to rais Corn & C for me and for you also when you return says he feels himself under some obligation to take care of your Wife when you are doing just as he had aught to do I told him I sposed he thought that was

sofisiant excuse. but said I[t] 'twill be Samuels turn next to stay and plant Corn. and you will have to go and perhaps plough the Oacen as he has done & so he will be that far ahead of you & C & C Rebecca has got a fine little girl the Image [of] Nathan[iel]. we hear that the Mormon Battanion have arrived in California. but we hear nothing from our friends who are with them of late. it seem as though I can scarcely endure to think about them since Joseph is ~~gone~~ no more. father says I may tel you he intends to begin to write you in about one Week. I think you may epect a line from Mother also. they wrote you one letter by Bro Littlefield. Henry says I may give you his [re]spects or his love if that will sute me any better. says he will try to be good enough to merit a piece of Sugar Candy against you[r] return I have no news to write you at present. that would be interesting. only that Nauvoo and other parts of the US there is a Merchant here from St Louis who has brought up a large quantity of dry Good Groceris & C & C and opend a store in the Council House' they sell very resonable. Winter Quarters has quite the appearance of a City. and I never saw the Ladys dress half so well in Nauvoo as they do here. we have a firstrate Mill here and in fact it is quite a buisness City.

Forget thee-Samuel can it be-
 Such words-did emminate from thee-
 Say does one thought e'er cross thy mind
 that Mary is to thee unkind
 For Til Fishes live upon dry land
 And Birds shall cease to scim the Air
 Til the rolling Ocean cease to Move
 And Blooming Springs return no More
Til then. and not Til then So grief forego. can I Forget thee no
love No

[page 4] the last letter I received from Fathers folks was dated Feb 15th they were then all enjoying good health except Ellen [Briggs Douglass Parker] her health had been poor all Winter but she was then able to do her work. I shall write to them tomorrow if the Lord permit. am now expecting a letter from them. they are expecting to come here this fall. I am glad to hear that father enjoys such good health I sopose you have not visited the friends in Eng but once since your arrival I wonder why they never write to me or fathers folks I should be glad to have a letter from them. I have intended to write a letter to them for some time been to busy. I shall write to you again in about 3 three Weeks which will be the last I sopose that can possibly reach you before you return. after that I shall write to them. please remember me kindly to them. and tel them they are ever rememberd by me. I should like much to hear from Ann please give a porsion of my love to her. her Husband and family espacialy Ellen. I cannot see what there is

[in] Eng to enduce those who are in the Church to remain there so long. would they were all here

[*upside down at the bottom of the page*] I spent yesterday PM with Bro Smithes folks they are all well excepting Ann she has not enjoyed very good health for some time but the prospect is she will be better before many weeks. they will start to day' for the Rocky Mountains they send their love to all their friends and in a perticular maner to Cousin Magdelene they wished oh how much that she was with them. and I feel to join them sincerely. they are good people I have enjoyed myself in their sociaty this Winter. please tell Edward and William. C[orbridge] that sister Ann [Corbridge] Slater and her family are all well. Richard is in the Army. Ann wishes very much to have her folks send her some little presents by Edward when he comes as a token of remembrance. I have writton this by her request. Elizebeth Corbridge is marrid to Bro Walker and is doing well. George Rhodes & Child are living in Br Kimballs family and is doing firstrate they all wish to be rememberd to their freinds. My sheet is about full and I must draw it to a close I pray it may soon and safely reach you. the Lord bless you my dear Companion and preserve you spotlass unto the day of his appearing and may we soon be permitted to meet again is the desire of my heart wich may the Lord ever grant may be our lot. good bye my dear for the present. this from your Wife Mary H Richards

[*left margin of page 1*] Bros Sheets Willy have sold their houses which were very Comfortable for 5 dollars each. I told the former if I had known before he sold his house that he was going to sell it. I would have bought it of him. he said he wished he had known that I wanted to bye one and I should have had it I had a good long talk with him one day [*left margin of page 2*] would you have been displeased if I had paid out 5 dollers and got a good house for it it would save you the truble of building one if we should need one. Oh how I should love to keep house for you. it is you know some thing love I have never done. but hope to e'er long [*left margin of page 3*] Oh my dear Samuel how long the time seems since I saw you. I wonder if it seems as long to you why do you always appear so cold and distant to me. when I see you in my dreams. is it because you feel so or do dreams sometimes go by contary my dear. you always seem as though you was in great hast[e] and I can scarce get a chance to speak to you. I expect this is because you you have so much to do is it not my love. good bye for the present write soon as you can & let me enjoy the pleasure of hearing from you

Mary

[*upside down on page 3*] I have received all the money you sent me by Benson Taylor Hyde. if I except one Pound which it cost to pay the expences of the things you sent me by Bro Cain. I have given father 5 dollars out of it Mother one Henry a ½ dol[lar] Maria a ½ Sovring. and the Rest I have used as we have needed for provisions. and other things for our comfort. all

excepting about Six dollars and I expect there will soon be call for that. one thing is certian and that is that my Purse will be the topic so long as there is any thing in it.

[*addressed to*]

Mr. Samuel W. Richards
6 Goree Piazza
Liverpool Eng.
Care of Franklin D. Richards
received Aug 21st 1847

[*addition to the previous letter*]¹⁰

I will here agreeable to your request' write you a list of such things as will be most usefull and nessary for you to bring with you when you return and will leave you my love to use your own judgement wither you bring them or not. do not feel that you are obliged to bring them because I write them. for if you return to me as destetude as you went from me. you will be just as welcome as though you brought you weight in Gold but I wish for your sake it may be other wise.

one Spider and lid a meal Siv

one puding Cettle and one Tin Cettle to boil Cloths in. I have got a Tea Cettle a set of Kives & Forks

a cuple of German Silver Table Spoons and some Iron ones

a Candle Stick

a Coffee Boiler that will be good to make herbe tea in when we keep the word Wisdom

a Pair of small Shears or large Scissors

a pair of Tongs and Shoal and a small pair Bellows these things will be usefull were ever we go.

Cotten Cloth will be the most usefull for the family

I should be glad to have you bring me a pair of Slippers. No 3 Mother I expect would be glad of a pair also. She needs a Cap to wear you know when father says if Franklin and you will bring him a lining for his Cloak he will be much pleased if it should be so that you can get Cloth for Pants I expect 'twould be very acceptable to father. you know what would be most usefull for them I would be glad if you would bring me a few pounds Cotten batten for Quilts a Bottle of Ink & some Pens I have been very much trubled to get either. I was disapointed about getting Thread from the sister Witcars.¹¹ they said they had not got enough for their own use. if you can I should be much pleased to have you bring me & Mother a sopply of differant kinds also some needles. the things you sent me by Bro Cain were just such things as I needed. I think you are good at gessing. I sopose you will remember my Parasole. and the Vail & Crivatte or small Silk handkercheif to wear on my neck that you Promised to bring me before you went away. I would also

like a pair of black Worsted Stockings. I do not expect you will bring all these from Eng if you bring them at all for I beleve you know just as well about that matter and doubtless a little better. a pair of Blankits would be very acceptable to me and also a cheap Counter Pain¹² or Cover lid I do not know what you would call it. I will leave you my dear now to bring just what else you please you have done well so far and I can trust to your judgement

[*upside down on front page*] if my sisters wish to send or bring a present to me I would be Glad to have them bring me some lace or Edging and ribon to trim a Cap. for they are become quite fasonable here. tell our neice Alice Cottom I want her to sent me a pepper Box or Caster and I will keep it for her sake if any of the rest of my neices wish to send me a keepsake they will be just as kindly received or my nephews either please give Aunt Marys respects to them all and my love to my dear Samuel

[*page 2*] Amelia has lately received a letter from her mother the freind[s] were all well. it brings tidings of Edwins [cousin Edwin Dwight Peirson] Marrige to a Young Lady in North Adams by the name of Clamanze U Wells I think they are intending to move and settle in Michagan the freind there most always send love to me

Monday 14th yesterday I saw and talked [with] Sister Simeon Carter [Lydia Kenyon Carter] if you should see or can send to her husband please tell him she is Well. but wants to see him very much she would be glad to have him come home this fall if he can consistantly for she has no home of her own except with another family. Sister Jacobs is here & is well Sister Scovil is allso. I think Bro Martins Wife [Julia Priscilla Smith Martin] is not yet arrived but expected dayly his Sisters are well. Bro Spencers family are well they live not far from us. Bro Danial Ss family are gone to the west. you will consider Hyrums family as being with them. for D has marrid the Widdow & C Antenette. I got the letter you sent by Sister Baylis but she is back at or near Farmington. I wrote you that the Cloak you sent me was lost. but am happy to inform you that itis now found. it had got ~~along~~ amongst Sister Jacobs things it is only one week since I received it I beleve I have got every thing now that you sent me Sister P P P arrived here last friday from Nauvoo I saw her yesterday She has been very sick before coming out here. and her health is still poor. I think she is a very unhappy Woman and a very good one also. if you can read all my scriblings without having your patiance tried I shall think you have pretty patiance. and' as you have studied the Science of. Phonography I am in hopes you will be able to understand all my Spelling Wolter Maria & the babe will I expect start to morrow for Westren Missouri. were they expect to spend the Summer. I shall send this to St Joseph by them. June 16th Walter & Maria are here now will start in the morn they wish me to give their love & Respects to you and tel you they often think of you they are going ~~to~~ with the intent to try to fit themself out. for the Mountains and go on next Spring. father Mother and all the family

join me in love to you we are all well. I pray these few lines may safely reach you and find you in the enjoyment of every good I must now bid good bye and seal up my letter please excuse all mistakes and accept my Sincere wishes for your welfare & prosperity and believe me to be forever your affectionate Wife for fare thee Well My love and God Bless thee

Mary H Richards

Camp of Isreal. Winter Quarters¹³

Thursday August 12th 1847

My dear Samuel I have taken up my Pen to write a few lines to you although I have not much Idea that you will ever get them. as you will I hope have left Eng. before they can get there. but should circumstances detain you longer than we could hope' I do not feel willing that you should be obliged to remain there with out any intelligence from us. for I cannot help but feel vain enough to think that you will be pleased to hear from me as well as all the rest of the family. but should you be in America when this arrives in Eng I shall have no objections. for I want to see you. how is your health My love (would I knew) I pray that you may ever enjoy good health' and be blessed abundantly with Heavens choicest blessings and oh that the ~~lord~~ Lord may ever preserve you as in the hollow of his hand. from every danger & deliver you from every temptation and trial though which you may be called to Pass. during the Spring my health was very poor as I have writton to you in former letters. but thanks be to my Heavenly father it is now very good and has been for about 3 weeks. father had a Chill on Tuesday. has had another to day but is now up and around. Mothers health is pretty good at present though she is [t]ruble at times with the Palpatation of the heart. Henry enjoys first rate health. Wolter & Maria are down in Mo to work have not heard from them for some time. Jane's health is not very good though she does her work and keeps around Mother was there yesterday and spent the day with her I spent last Saturday night with her. and dreamed that you returned home and I was so glad to see you' but I awoke in the morn and found 'twas but a dream. Oh how long will it be before I awake & find it so in reality Jane wrote a letter to Franklin last Sunday (but did not tell me she was going to. so I thought to be even with her I would write one to you now and not tell her of it ~~after~~ all in good part) she is a good girl. pleas remember me to Bro Franklin. Bro [Thomas] Bullock who has gone with the Twelve or Pioneers. has sent back to his wife a journal of their travils from this City to Fort Laramy on the Sweet Waters. which was read last T[~~hole~~]day at the meeting it was very interesting. they have seen a great many Buffalow and Deer had all the meat they wanted to eat. were about 500 & 50 miles from this City all well and in first rate Spirits. they were here met by our Brethren of the Army who had winter'd at Perbelour [Pueblo] (where Joseph died) and who has all joined them as Pioneers with the exception of 5 who have returned to this

City. & who met the last Company that went out (the first of July) on the North Fork of the Platt about 362 miles from this Place. they had met with no misfortune except the loss of some Cattle from Br Grants Co but not so fisient to detain them as their places were filled out of other Companys. I had a letter from Miss [Abigail] Abbott¹⁴ which says that Bro VanCott and family are or were all well. the Camp were in firstrate spirits and generaly in good health. the health of the Camp is not so good as it has been. there has been several deaths of late. Many Children but I know of none among Persons of years. Uncles Willards & Levis folks are about as well as is comon for them. you know Aunts Rhoda & Sarahs healths are not very good at the Best and Amelia has been somewhat complaining of late. our Crops look exceeding well and we now begin to realize the good of our gardins we have had some green Corn that was brought us from da[l]tons farm and tomorrow expect to have some of our own. wish you were here to share with us' Samuel I hope you will let no unnessecessary thing detain you from coming home as soon as sircumstances will admit. for although I am willing' that you should remain as long as 'tis the Lords will that you should. yet I am none the less willing' that you should come home. as soon as his Servants gives you permission to do so. and for my own part I think 'tis all right that you should if 'twas' not me thinks Uncle W would be the last one to say so. the Sun has gone down my dear and I must bid you good night & sweet rest

Saturday 14th good morn my dear. one more line before I close my letter. Bro W[illiam] Huntington is here from St Louis and I hear is about to return to thither. so I thought I would not let so good oppertunity pass unimproved as I expect he will be willing to take it I do not know when he will start but I though[t] I would have it ready. I shall seal up this Scrap and enclose it in a letter that I have writon to my Bros & Sisters and request them to send it to you as soon as possable. if you are yet there if not to destroy it. at the same time telling them that what I write to you' I write for you alone am willing they should take the hint that I was not any to well Pleased' that they took the liberty to open the one I directed to their charge. I can think of no more news to write you at present' that will be likely to interest you only that mother [*at the top of page 2*] Bleasdale has got a little Son 5 Months old that weighs 12 Pounds. you may be Anxious to know how we get along in family matters' I would say for your comfort that we have not yet lact'd or wanted for food' and also that I do not entertain any fears that we are going to. although at times the prospect looks rather dull. but you know it is said that the darkest hour is just before the day breaks. yet a continual dropping tis said will wear away stone. father sent you 2 letters by one Mail about 3 weeks ago I think he is very kind to you & F. now when he thinks you are about ready to start for home (no matter about the long intervail which Silence has rained) you are about to come home now. [*illegible*] you' want you to bring a little honey with you. 'twill all be very acceptable. there is always Policy

in War. 'tis all right I sopose. father has got another Chill to day but 'tis not so hard as his other 2 was I gave him money to get him some of Richardsons Bitters. he thinks they will have the desired affect. and I hope they will. he dont seem to have much fever keeps arround about all the time and eats pretty well I hear there are several that have Ague in the Camp. I was in hopes we should have left it behind.

[*at the bottom of page 2*] the Place were we now are is not very healthy. I pray we may not have to remain here long. I long to go to a place were the Air is pure' and the Climate healthy but I desire to remain here til you come to go with me. for I never want to travil again in your absence. † Oh I wish you were here there are so many things I have got to tell you. and so many questions I wish to Ask you. I sometimes wish you could come home and stay a week without any one knowing it for I know just as quick as 'tis known you have come the house will be crouded from morn until night. and I do wish they would have maners enough to keep away til I have had a chance to speak with you. (I think I had aught to have that Privelige after so long an absence dont you think I had) please look over my folley. and dont judge me harshly. for I try to be patient' and do the best I can. but my Scrap is getting full and I must bring it to a close. accept my dearest love my sincere and unceasing wishes for your Wellfare. Prosperity and safe Return and beleve me to be as ever your affectionate Wife

Mary H Richards

[*margin of page 2*] Sister Elicha Davis and her sister in law were here yesterday and made me a visit. Sister Davis is a very frendly agreeable Woman. I have been peicing me a quilt' and next Tuesday am going to have a quilting. would be much pleased to have you for my right hand man at the Table. Sister Scovil has had a letter from her husband that stated that Bro Candlen started for home about the first of June and that he himself intended to start in a month after wards by them I am expecting letters from you. shall my expecations be realized. I think the[y] will. for I cannot think that my Samuel would be so unkind as to neglect to write to me' when so favorable opportunity of sending letters presented itself to him. I read a Star that Br Spencer sent to his family Published May 15th from which I learned that you was able to attend a Conferance and speek. this gave me reason to beleve you was well. was much pleased to hear so much. the Lord ~~you~~ bless you fœr for ever more

from your Mary

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