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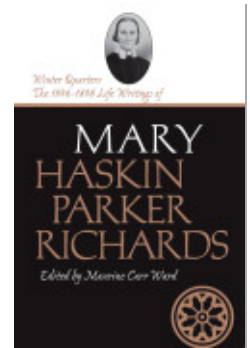
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## CHAPTER NINE

# As “a steam Boat hove in sight”

*Spring came, bringing with it a feeling of excitement, as the populace in Winter Quarters planned to leave the Missouri River. President Brigham Young and the first pioneers had settled the Great Salt Lake Valley, with many returning to gather their families. A letter from Samuel verified his departure from Liverpool in February. Mary continued sewing, quilting, and braiding. She watched for steamboat arrivals, and when one came in sight, she and Jane hastened to the landing, hoping Samuel and Franklin were on board. Mary’s journal ends with an unfinished sentence four days before Samuel’s arrival. After that, there was no reason to write more. Her beloved companion was in her arms again.<sup>1</sup>*

### Journal Six

Friday, March 31, 1848, to Tuesday, May 16, 1848  
Winter Quarters, Nebraska<sup>2</sup>

A Journal and Memorandum of Mary H Richards. commencing March  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1848

today the weather was pleasant. was Ironing and fixing my Cloths and packing them away. was not very well.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April first. weather windy AM’ PM pleasant. today I Cleaned up my Husbands Cloth’s and put them out to Air. and went in search of swifts to double of some Cotten Yarn. but was unsuccessful called to see Sister Rollings little sick Son and spent a short time there knitting Edging. then returned home and put away My husbands Cloths &C Eve was cutting out stars for Quilt and about 8 o'clock Bros Robert and Charls Burton came in from Mo the former spent a short time with us then went to Br Barlows. and Charls spent the Night with us. was much pleased to see them and hear from friends in Mo. Robert told me he had a little Daughter one Week Old [Theresa Hannah Burton].

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> a very windy day this morning Robert and Charls Burton took breakfast with us. let R read one of my letters. and had a good visit with him. AM was writing in my Journal PM I visited at Br Isreal Barlows' Where I saw Br Trueman Barlow' who had latley arrive in the City on a visit.

he met with a cruel misfortune one Year ago' wile blasting a Well and is Now entirely blind.

he seemed much pleased to hear my voice once more' and expressed a fevent wish (to all appearance) to see me.

we had quite a chatt about our old freinds' and the times we spent in Nauvoo. &C &C

I spent the Evening at home. Charls Burton spent the night with us.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> a windy day was sewing &C &C felt very lonely

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> the weather pleasant today ~~Ellen Wilding visited with us. and I had some ple~~ Mother and me' visited at Br Slaid's [George Washington Slade] and had an excellant visit. Sisters Hartwell & Fuller visited with us.

Eve Henry. & Robert Burton came there and desired me to go' and spend the Evening with them at Br Barlows. which I did. saw Ellen Rockwood there. We sung some, had some Music. and finely wound up our evening visit by a dance enjoyed my self tollerable well

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> a pleasant day to day Ellen Wilding made us a visit. with her babe. and I fitted the lining of a new dress to her. we had some plain talk together about some ~~the~~ things that she had told about my Husband and myself. in which she had betrayed Confydence but she seemed unwilling to acknowledge it however I told her just what I thought in regard to the matter and so satisfy'd my mind. (all done in good feelings) I went with her to see Br Barlows folks. and walked with her part way home. Eve the folks went to meeting and I was alone

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant to day we washed and Ironed after which I started to go to Sister Janes' Met with Sister Lennard who prevailed with me to Join her in a walk to Sister Bensons after which I spent the Night with Jane very agreeably' we lay awake and conversed till long past midnight

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> a pleasant day morn took breakfast with Jane then went to Br Woolleys to assist Ellen about making a dress. on my way there' I called to see Sisters Haven and Rockwood. and invited them for Sister Jane' to visit her the next day. I sowed for Ellen untill eve then called in to see Sister Noon and her family also Aunt Rhoda.

when I came to Janes house she was not there' so I went to her mothers where I found her and spent the eve. then went home with Jane and spent the Night

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant to day Jane said I must stay and visit with her and her company. which I did. about 10 oclock PM Sister Jane had the misfortune to Badly Scold her foot. was lifting the Tea kettle' when the Bail broke and the lid fell off' and turned the then boiling water onto her foot'

twas cruel to see her suffer with the pain this caused her. I then turned Cook' made some Pyes &C and got ready to receive the company. PM I enjoyed a sweet visit with Sisters Haven & Rockwood. and our Mother and Mother Snyder. got Supper &C eve Br Right came in and chatted a while with us. spent the Night with Jane

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> weather cold was with Jane all day. and did what ever needed to be done' PM Uncle Willard came on foot' was the farthest or longest walk he had taken for more than 3 Months. he lay down a while' after which I combed his hair for him. Amelia was here also til eve spent this night with Jane also

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant was with Jane until 4 PM then Lovisa came to stay with her' and I came home.

her foot appears to grow worse after I got home I wrote off some Verses for Trueman Barlow' to gratify a wish he made. and answer his request. after which I wrote a letter to my Father in St Louis.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant to day Br Rowe was in our house on a visit

I was very busy all day' helping about the wort [work]. and repairing the lining to a comforter &C &C

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant Morn Br Rowe made me a set of quilting Frames. AM I put a Comforter in the Frames to tie and finished tying it by 4 o'clock PM Br R helped me to put it in the fram's roal [roll] it' &C I had quite a high fever before & for some time after I finished it. to day Sister Orcer was here and made a visit. Evening I went to prayer meeting' with father & mother. was a good meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> pleasant weather to day we quilted a Scirt quilt for Mother. Sister Orcer came and helped us. I quilted two thirds of it myself. and we finished by 4 o'clock PM to day I learned some thing by talking to Sister O' that I had not learned before

this PM I had a high fever again and felt sick.

the room we quilted in' was one belonging to Br Woolley which is vacant. eve I bound my Comforter. Trueman Barlow spent eve with us

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> the weather changeable this morn Sisters Benson and Lennard sent us word that they were coming in the PM to make us a visit. so we went to work and cleaned the house &C and I made a couple of pyes they came at the appointed time' and we enjoyed their company much

Eve I wrote a letter to Elizabeth Fory to send by Trueman Barlow

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> weather moderate. to day I doubled a pound of Cotten Yarn' then went to Br. Robinsons and twisted about 1/2 of it. took supper there eve I was sewing

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant AM was at Meeting. Bro Young preached on various subjects relative to our going West. He said' it had been said by many' that it was not [ne]ssary to take so much provision this year' as last

but said he' I should not feel willing to start with one pound less provision this year then those who went last year for their Crops were destroyed last year through carelessness and altho they have got 2 thousand Achres plowed' they have got no Fences. and what know we but they will be destroyed. I tell you I have no confidance in them' that they will preserve their Crops. John Taylor himself would lay in bed and let his Cattle destroy his Crops.

and if they do watch' the Indians might ride through and destroy it. for we know not but there are thousands of them in the Neighborhood

he then said that a brother who had writon back from the Valley' said' they had not left all the Thives back in Winter Quarters. for some of them had found their way to the Valley. he then swore with up lifted hands. that a theif should not live in the Valley after he got there if he knew it' for he would cut off their heads or be the means of haveing it done as the Lord lived. for they had tormented this People long enough &C &C

he then called upon Br Mccord who had just returned from the Valley' to give some account of that place. which he did. said the Bre and Sisters were generaley well had not had more than 10 deaths since they had been there' and he thought they had Averiged 3 Births in a day. had gotten considerable wheat planted. and about 1500 Achres of land plowed &C after meeting I went I [to] sister Janes and spent the PM then called to see Sister Jenne. eve we had a pleasent shower of rain was writing in my journal

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> a very Windy & cold day. AM I was sewing PM I visited at sister Obanks Eve Uncle Levi and Aunt Sarah visited with us. and I think I never saw them appear so interesting before

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> weather moderate to day I put a bed quilt in the frames and commenced quilting it. eve was sewing' and felt very unwell

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> weather pleasent was quilting PM Sister Orcer came on purpose she said to talk with me. she helped me quilt a little a-little

eve I went to the prayer meeting

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> A pleasent day Morn I sent for Sister Lennard who came & helped me quilt all day eve I went home with her and spent the night. she read to me all the eve. I enjoyed myself well.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> weather pleasent came home this morn and quilted all day. just at eve sister Lennard s[t]oped in to see me. at the same moment Br Camball rode up to the door with a letter from Samuel and F dated feb 20<sup>th</sup> in Liverpool. they were then expecting to sail in about 3 hours thanks be unto the Lord for this prospect. and may he bless him with prosperous and speedy passage home. his lines were very short. but the[y] were truely sweet. eve I wrote a letter to Elizabeth Fory in Davenport Iowa

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> weather pleasent til eve then windy. to day I finished quilting my quilt and felt very tired. eve was sewing.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> a very windy day' went to see Sister Jenne who was very sick having gotten a little son yesterday. stayed with her a while' then went to mother Snyders were I dictated part of a letter for Lovisa Jenne soon after I got there Jane' and Melinda Wood came in. and we all stayed and took supper. after which we all turned our Cups and got Melinda to tell our fortunes eve br Chester Snyder waited upon me home.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> weather somewhat windy. was helping about the work and sewing' PM Br Robins visited with us. and took supper and bro Chester Snyder came and invited me to his weding and told me Miss Melinda Wood was his intended bride this somewhat soprized me for altho I spent last eve with both of them' I never once thought this would ever take place. he wanted I should go and help his mother which I did as soon as I could get ready. Br Robins walk'd up St with me. when I got there I found them waiting for me to make the Cake Cake Cake so I went to work and ~~made~~ made it. also some Cookeys. after which I went up to Sister Janes' with her' Phenihas Young and Henry. here the Weding party assembled. and soon this worthy Couple were made husband and Wife by Elder Joseph Young O may they live a life of peace Of love' of truth' of Righteousness

after this Cake and sling were passed around. several toasts were drank to the new Marrid pair and jou [joy] seemed to beam upon every countenance. Br Jacobs now arrived with his Violin. and I with some others joined the Bride and Groom in the dance.

I enjoyed myself much this evening and after the party were dismissed I and Jane waited upon the Bride to her bed. and bid her sweet repose. I slept with Jane

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> weather pleasent morn took Breakfast with the Groom & Bride at Sister Janes PM Jane made a visit with me at Br Davis. Sisters Woolley & Mellen visited there also. Sister D entertained us with reading hers and her Husbands blessings showing us her numerous presents and so forth. we had a good Supper' and a pleasent visit. on our way home we called to see Sister Haven and Uncle Willards folks. eve Br Grant and his Ladys were at Janes. they sung several songs. I spent the night with Jane

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> a pleasent day took breakfast with Jane. then came home and made me a Garment. PM went into sister Mellens house and sat a while with her eve I was sewing.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> weather Cloudy. had had some rain. AM I assisted about the work as usual and was sewing. PM I attended a sewing bee at Br Barlows. with Sisters Rockwood' Haven' Palmer. and Burnham. and enjoyed my visit. eve was sewing.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> weather windy AM was sewing. PM helped Mother Mother tie a Comforter. and Sister Davis visited with us. I got Supper & C was much pleased with her Company. eve was very tired

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> weather changeable helped clean the house. wrote in my Journal. Sewed &C &C

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant AM was at the meeting. and heard an Interesting discourse delivered by Erastus Snow. who had Just returned in company with Br Benson and others' from the East' where they had been gathering donations for the Church. they brought a good account of the feelings of the Eastren people towards the people of this Church. Br Bullock then read an Epistle from the Saints in the Valley to the Saints in this place which brought some good news from the Saints in that quarter. said health prevailed. and they were putting in large Crops. After Meeting I walked up to Sister Janes were I saw Amelia. PM I attended Meeting with them and Melinda. Br Benson preached. after Meeting I went to see Uncle Willard who was very Sick (Sister Bullock went with with me.) found him blind with the sore Eyes.<sup>3</sup> I sat on his bed side' and talked with him about an hour mostly about Samuel. he expressed a good deal of anxiety for the well fare and prosperity of both Samuel and Franklin. and a hope that they would not do as some other had done. but come home as they had left. only better wiser and more experinced. &C &C

on my way home I called to see Sis Jenne. Eve I was writing in my journal

Monday May First. weather pleasant AM Mother and I washed and Uncle Willard came to our door in a Carrige and brought Jane Hall to stay a few days with us she being sick and blind with the sore Eyes. I was very tired after my washing I did some sewing &C &C

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> weather pleasant tied some Yarn and sent it to Mother Snyders to be Coller'd [colored]. folded the Cloth's and commenced making me a new dress.

to day Uncle Willard came and took Mother Jane and myself out riding in the Carrige. we had a pleasant ride. but he was very sick.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> weather pleasant Ironed my clothes. helped about the work &C &C just as we were eating dinner Uncle W and Br Benson came again in the Carrige and invited us all to take a ride so we left our dinner half eat and went. we had a very pleasant ride indeed. Uncle W being much better was able to converse' which made it far more agreeable. PM & eve I was sewing.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> weather windy till eve. to day Jane was quite sick waited upon her' helped about the work sewed &C &C Eve Sister S Woolley and I went and spent the eve with Miss Walker. one of Br A A Liman's [Amasa Lyman] family. who for a pass time told us our fortunes. we enjoyed oursefs much. this night I slept with Sister Woolley in her Waggon

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant helped about the work as usual. PM Jane being bette[r] we visited at Br Woolleys and had a pleasant visit and spent the Eve. I sleep'd with Sister W again

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> weather windy to day Jane went home. and I finished making my dress.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> the weather pleasant AM I attended meeting Br O Pratt delivered a very interesting fare well address' he expressed great love and respect for this People and said it was with them he wished to live and die. he said his prayer should ever be in behalf' and for the wellfare and prosperity of this People. and he asked our prayers in his behalf and a promise was given him of the same. many tears were shed during his discourse

at the intermission I went and took dinner with Br & Sister Wareham enjoyed my self much and attended meeting with them in the PM when we were addressed by President Young on various subjects. he appointed a guard to protect the Cattle & City both day and night as long as we stay here. William Cuttler and James Comings were appointed Captains each to take their ten men every other day and place them on the most prominent points of land to guard their Cattle from the Indians while feeding. &C &C he said he was troubled all the time with folks coming to be Sealed and he wished the Saints to understand that all these things would have to be done over again and that he could tend to sealing no more till he got to the Valley and after I am gone said he let no one else try to seal any one ~~when I am gone.~~ if they do the[y] will burn their fingers. try it if you want to &C &C &C

after Meeting I went to Sister Janes and found her sick with the teeth ache got supper for her and in the eve went down to Uncle Willards in her stead to plead the cause of Sister Jenne whose husband was trying to get her' to go down into MO against her will' her desires being to go west. from there I returned to Janes and spent the night with her

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant to day Mother and I washed after which I walked up to Sister Janes. was very tired when I got there. I lay down and had a sweet Nap. Eve I walked down to Uncle Ws with Jane who wanted to see him about Sister Jennes case. but did not. we then called to see Br Young but he was not at home. we then went home. and a few minutes went down to see Br Bullock on the same buisness. after which I spent the night with Jane.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> weather pleasant this morn I helped Jane get breakfast' and did up the work then helped put a bed Quilt into the frams. Uncle Levi came in while we were doing this' and Nailed it for us. we had quite a pleasant chat with him. I never saw him more sociable

I then went to the store and bought some thread and we went to quilting. Mother came and helped us. PM Lovisa and Miss Allen came and quilted. about 4 oclock a steam Boat hove in sight. which caused hearts to rejoice for a faint hope lingered in our bosoms that our husbands might possibly be there. our Work felt itself neglected for our Eyes were turned from it to the long desired Object. e'er Sundown we saw it land and as soon as it was down



we all rode down to the Boat to get all the information we could. as soon as we got there a Br who came aboard invited us to go on which we did. he kindly conducted us to the midst of the pasengers. and were we wished to go and back to to our waggon. we saw a sister Roper just from England who gave us some information concerning our husbands &C &C after we returned home' went to Uncles Willards. were we saw Bro Hyde and conversed with him and had a long chatt with Amelia. we then returned home went to bed' and talked about two thirds of the night.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> morn had a pleasent shower of rain. after which the weather was pleasent. to day I helped Jane Quilt and do her work. PM I went down to Sisters Jennes in her stead' to converse with her on the subject of her husbands going down into MO' their going West<sup>4</sup> &C &C had a long chatt with her' and helped her make a Waggon Cover' and left her satisfied in my own mind that she would do about right. I then went to Mother Snyders and got some Yarn she had been colloring for me. saw Jane' bid her good night and returned home. found Br Rowe in from MO' and learned that Br Parker and Mrs Willson' from New Orleans, were now boarding with us.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> weather pleasent helped Mother about the work and repair'd a quilt for myself. eve I went with Henry and Jane to a party on the boat. found quite a number of Sisters there whom I was acquainted with' and enjoyed myself tollerable well. danced with Henry. G Spencer. N Daniels. and one or 2 others of the brethren got home about 2 o'clock Morning

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> weather Moderate helped mother about the work as usual. and wrote in my Journal.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> weather pleasent helped clean the house. Scouer'd the tin ware, knives, Shelves, &C &C then took my sewing and went an[d] sat a while with Sister Willson then came home and Cut out a dress for Mother. which I had bought her' and part made it eve was sewing. and enjoyed a good wash

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> weather. windy AM I went to Meeting. Br Woodruff preached his fare well sermond is going on a mission to the East he instructed the Saints to be faithfull and do their duty and increase in all good works. desired an intrest in their prayers and said we should ever be rememberd by him &C &C bro Benson then made a few remarks. after which bro Brigham arose' and [made] some pointed and appropriate remarks. he called upon the Lord to bless this place for the good of the saints. and curse every Jentile who should attempt to settle here' with sickness, rotenness, and death also to course the Land of Missouri that it might sease to bring forth Grain or fruit of any kind to its inhabitance' and that they Might be cursed [with] Sickness, rotenness and death. that their flesh might consume away on their bones' and their blood be turned into Maggots. and that their torments never

sease, but increase until they leave the Land' and it be blessed for the possessions of the Saints. he also cursed Mr. Miller the Indian Agent who came upon the Boat and said if there was any Lickur unloaded here he would spill it Br Young dared him to do it. and said if he had done it' he would have taped his vains for him. if he had died the next moment for doing so. for he had no right to come here and interfere with that which was none of his business. for his place was among the Indians.

he upbraided the Gard for neglecting their duty and exposing their Cattle to the Indians &C &C

after Meeting I went to see Uncles Willards and Levis folks. found uncle W sating up and being shaved. the rest about as usual. saw and [talked] with Brs G A Smith & Woodruff. I then called to see Sister Jane and Stayed till eve then called to see Sister Snyder and took [talk] with her' saw Mrs Cathrine Snyder just returned from the East. Philo and Lovisa then accompanied me home. on our way we enquired of the Miss Spencers who had just [received] letters from England if they had heard any thing from our husbands or S & F. but. there was not a word concerning them. night it rained. and I was obliged to leave my bed

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> a rainey morn but a pleasent day. to day I finished making Mothers bed dress. dried my bed and beding. and cleaned all arround it. &C &C.

eve I took a walk to see Mrs Willson after which I was writing in my Journal. to day Br Rowe left us for his home

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> the weather

