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“One Day Nearer Eternity”

May 5, 1884–July 26, 1886

[Editor's note: Journal 22 covers May 25, 1884, through January 4, 1885. It is $\frac{4}{8}$ by $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches with a burgundy cover, and is written in purple pencil. The dates of May 25 through May 29 also appear in Journal 21.]

[Inside front cover.]

Oct 4/84

recd on Act. Central Mills

\$20.00 of H B Scoville

At the dedication

H. L. Gowens of Tooele

Gave 10.00 two Temple wants

receipts

E. B. Wells } 5.00 }

L. M. Wells } 5.00 }

W. W. Cluff - Summit Stake 50.00

& some left with Council

See Farmers about Price & amt

Beef \$30000 worth more or less

[The following entries are written upside down on the inside cover.]

Wm. C. Spence

S. D. Redmall

Who owes note to Hanah Morgan

lives at Rexberg

[This page also has the signature of C. O. Card.]

[Fly leaf.]

Meadowville July 14, 1884

1 Speckled ox with only 1 horn

2 Black & Brown

1 Dark red ox raw Boned

1 light red ox drooped horn

1 white ox

1 dark red Roan face

1 red roan white faced

Sold Thursday to Wm Evan Crawford.

All oxen Branded thus 

Live near Woodruff address

E Vinston

S L 2 C

Sunday, May 25, 1884—I attended to Sunday School in the first & fourth wards in the basement of the Tabernacle at 10.30 A.M. & meeting at 2.30 P.M. when we were addressed by Apostle M Thatcher & Bp. Wm B. Preston and Pres. McCallaster of St George. I preached in the Fifth Ward Logan. Spoke upon the great importance of marriage even that of the Eternity of marriage.

Monday, May 26, 1884—I attended to Temple and Stake business.

Tuesday, May 27, 1884—I attended to the usual routine of public business preparatory to going to Salt Lake City.

Wednesday, May 28, 1884—I attended to Temple & stake business until noon & at 1:35 P.M. took train and went to Salt Lake City met with Apostle

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F. D. Richards & went to the Theatre & spent a very pleasant eve.

Thursday, May 29, 1884—This morning I took breakfast with Bro F. D. Richards after which Apostle F. D. Richards & myself had an interview with Pres. Taylor in regard to making some changes in regard to some changes or additions to the North extension of the Logan Temple Pres Taylor proposed to come up to Logan in a few days & decide. Presented the names of 3 brethren for Bps of the 6, 7 & Paradise wards which were approved.

An Indian came in that lived at the fort hall reservation Idaho & Pres Taylor gave him food & clothing also comforting words & let us go. Returned to Ogden & stayed all night with Bro. F A Brown and family who treated me kindly.

Friday May 30, 1884—At 11 O.C. I took train & went home & attended to temple business during the after part of the day.

Saturday, May 31, 1884—Attended to Temple Biz until 10 A.M. & went to the High Council & looked after the business until noon. Dined at 1 P.M. at which time I bade Elias Kimball adieu who was departing to the Southern States on a mission. Attended to Temple business during the after part of the day.

Sunday, June 1, 1884—Accompanied by Pres J. T. D McAlaster Bp D. H. Cannon went to Hyrum also Elder F. Turner. We visited 3 apartments of the S. school and addressed them briefly. At 2:30 PM & 8:30 PM we met with the Sts of Hyrum ward we all addressed them upon the principles of Officiating for for the dead & living in the Temple of the Lord. All the principles of Progress (Gospel) We spoke & cited very pointedly on the Eternity of Mariage. Purity of the thought & action. We remained here over night & were Kindly entertained.

Monday, June 2, 1884—By the kindness of the Brethren of this place we were conveyed to Wellsville & met with the Sts at 10 30 A.M. & were addressed upon by the principles of Plurality by Prest McAllaster Orson Smith and Bp. L. M. Molon. Met again in the After noon 2 30 and were addressed by Bp. D. H. Cannon¹ and myself upon various subjects at the same time testifying to the remarks of those that preceded us I spoke of the necessity of completing their canal & making homes for the poor Also sustaining missionaries both forreighn & Temple urged all to be pure in thought and act.

We accompanied Bp Hughes & Elders Willie to Mendon & put up with them for the night.

Tuesday, June 3, 1884—This morning finds us all well and ready for our Labors in Mendon. W[e] held meeting here at 10:30 AM, 230 P.M. We were addressed in the morning by Pres. McAlaster & Bp. D. H. Cannon who went home on the 1 PM train.

Pres Orson Smith & myself addressed the sts in the afternoon. I Advised the Sts to Enlarge the meeting house fence in the square & plant it in trees. After meeting I was conveyed home to Logan on a hand car by bro Charles Hughes & 3 others time 30 minutes.

Wednesday, June 4, 1884—Attended to Temple & stake business.

Thursday, June 5, 1884—I attended to the usual busy routine of stake & Temple business. In the evening at 8 O.C. Bro M. W. Merrill & myself met with Sts of the first ward & organized 2 more Wards called the Sixth & Seventh Wards. We ordained the following brethren to the following positions. Joseph E. Wilson to 2nd Counselor to Bp B. M. Lewis First Ward self mouth. Isaac Smith Bp of 7th Ward M. W. Merrill mouth. Elder Lederman 1st Counselor, Bro M Callaster mouth. Ephraim Mickleson 2nd counselor T. Roskelley mouth. A. L. Lohankry [Skanchy]² Bp of Sixth Ward Self mouth. After we

¹ David H. Cannon, the brother of George Q. Cannon, assisted his brother with respect to Church matters when they both lived in San Francisco. He also helped publish the *Deseret News* when George Q. Cannon purchased that newspaper. He lived for a time in St. George, Utah, where he worked as a temple officiator. He was in Logan to assist in instructing the new officiators in the temple following its dedication (see Bitton 1999, 537; Olsen 1978, 155).

² Isaac Smith, a salesman for ZCMI, also operated a produce and storage company in Logan. In 1890, after Card had gone to Canada, Smith was called as a member of the stake presidency

(see Somers 1993, 69, 82; Ricks and Cooley 1956, 280). John Ledderman, a coppersmith, lived between Walnut and West Streets in Logan (see Somers 1993, 64). Ephraim Mickleson was a Logan farmer (see Somers 1993, 66). Anthon L. Skanchy for many years presided over the Logan Sixth Ward, interspersed by missions to Scandinavia. In 1901 President Lorenzo Snow called him to serve his sixth mission to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. At the time of his call, April 2, 1901, he still served as the Sixth Ward's bishop. Skanchy was a rope maker who owned a shop on Logan's Main Street (see Somers 1993, 55).

instructed these brethren in their duties we dismissed.

Friday, June 6, 1884—I attended to the usual routine of temple business to day & attended relief meeting conference & talked to them.

Saturday, June 7, 1884—I attended to Temple business until 10 A.M. when my self & counselors went to the mutual conference at 10 A.M. & reorganized it after honorably releasing Sister H. A. Preston who is about to move to Salt Lake City with her husband who has been called to be presiding Bp. Carrie M Smith Presiden self mouth Miss I. I. Cook 1st Counselor Pres Merrill mouth. Itta Thatcher 2nd counselor Pres O. Smith mouth.³

At 11 AM. we went in to the basement story & attended a priesthood meeting after which I attended the Primary conference & addressed them. Thence to paradise & stayed all night with a Brother Nelson Pres M & Bp C accompanied also my daughter accompanied.

Sunday, June 8, 1884—This beautiful morning finds me at my post in Paradise 13 miles south of Logan by pass wagon road. At 10 A.M. attended S.S. which was conducted with a lively interest. After the exercises Pres M. Bp C & self addressed them Briefly.

2 P.M. We met with the Sts Singing by the Choir pray by H. P. Hanson. Singing and Sacrament after which we placed in nomination the Bp. and counselors for Sunday School Supt. & also 2 counselors who were set apart with the hands of Prests C. O. Card O. Smith, J. E. Mickelson Bp D. H. Cannon S. Oldham Bp C O Card Mouth. C. O. Card 1st [The rest of the page is smudged and difficult to read. It appears to be a continued listing of people who were set apart at the meeting.] Robt Pearce [Pearce] Supt. Orson Smith Mouth. Jerome E. Remington 1st Asst J. T. D. McAlaster Mouth. John L. Price 2nd Asst D. H. Cannon Mouth. After

which I instructed the Brethren we had set apart in their duties & addressed the Sts for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

Pres MCallester addressed the Sts next upon the importance of keeping the commands of God. Spoke of Eternity of mariages. Spoke $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour or nearly so very spiritedly on this subject. Choir sang Benediction by Bishop Samuel Oldham.⁴

8 P.M. We met again choir sang. Prayer by counselor Gideon Olson Singing. Bp. D. H. Cannon arose & spoke of the faithful Daniel the 3 hebrew children showing forth the power of God in behalf of his Servts Spoke of the Law of Celestial marriage & declared that God would open the way. We had spirited meetings here & I sayed the past 2 nights at Johnathon Nelson.

Monday, June 9, 1884—We returned home today and and met with the High Council at 10 A.M. until 2 PM. Thence to the Temple & attended to temple business ballance of the day.

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 10 & 11, 1884—I attended to Temple & stake business preparing to meet Pres Taylor & brethren.

Thursday, June 12, 1884—Attended to Temple Business until noon & went & met Pres Taylor & Co. at 2 P.M. & conveyed part of them by assistance of others to Pres Prestons, Thatchers & my house & went to The Temple with them at 4 P.M. All seemed pleased with their visit to the Temple while there was told to hold a High council investigation to ascertain whether Thomas Andrews Dead was worthy of Mary E. Glifford of Prov. or not being the first investigation of the kind by a High Council in the church.

Friday, June 13, 1884—I passed most of my time at the Temple in witnessing the Holy & Sacred ordinances being administered for the living & dead Mostly the Latter. At 7:30 met with the High council & considered the subject or worthiness of Thomas Andrews (Dead) found he had not observed the Lawes of God farther than baptism had

³In 1881 a Cache Stake Mutual Improvement Association was organized, and Harriet A. Preston, wife of William B. Preston and sister of Apostle Moses Thatcher, was called as the initial president. Her counselors were Ida Ione Cook and Kennie B. Caine. Carrie M. C. Smith succeeded Sister Preston, and her counselors were Ida Ione Cook and Ida Thatcher Langton (see Gates 1911, 358).

⁴Samuel Oldham, one of the early settlers of Paradise, was the son of John and Maria Heap Oldham. He later became the superintendent of Cache County schools. Oldham had been serving as the superintendent of the Paradise Sunday School. Robert Pearce was chosen to replace Oldham, and his assistants were Jerome E. Remington and John L. Price (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 324; Deseret Sunday School Union 1900, 136).

not prayed not Blessed his food nor paid his tithing & declined to go & get his endowments at the instance of his wife. We decided to give the woman her choice to have the dead husband or the living Since Hiram & exhorted them to attend at the work he (Andrews) had left undone.

Saturday, June 14, 1884—Attended to Temple business until noon also some Stake business. At 2 P.M. met with The Presidents Taylor Cannon Apostles F. D. Richards M Thatcher Bps. Preston D. H. Cannon Pres F. D. MCalaster M. W. Merrill & Elder J. A. Leishman & Self. Pres Taylor spoke of the Temple indebtedness at ZCMI being paid also of the Amt CO Card had assumed to pay with the property on Hand. Referred to the temple Laborers being sent to St George to learn to officiate & it was his mind that the Temple Laborers be conducted as missionary men & wives operate as missionaries. Thought the Prests of High Priests might take hold of these things & have them operated in a way that none would be oppressed We want to decid who shall be sustained by the Church & who by the Temple district &c Gave us much good instruction. After which the following brethren were mad[e] allowances to sustain themselves & families while Laboring in the Temple. Pres. M. W. Merrill \$1800 per annum recorder L. Roskelly \$1500 asst recorder J A Leishman 1300 per annum John Crowther Engineer \$900 Janitor Wm MCNiel \$720 Night Guard Chas Jones \$720 per annum.⁵ All to be paid out of the Tithing Office. Assistant Pres allowance not named. We had most a pleasant Interview the President home filled with the power of God, we had a great feast.

Sunday, June 15, 1884—Another beautiful cool morn & all will thank the Lord I went to the Tabernacle & attended the S.S. union and witnessed the excellent Exercises which wer very intelligent. Pres Geo Q. Cannon addressed the Sts & children upon the principle of Self denial Word of wisdom & truthfulness. Pres Taylor related to the children & parents the martyrdom of the prophet Josep & Hyrum &c his own wounds recd and felt to acknowledge the hand of God in all things. God is ever pleased with such a good man.

2:30 P.M. Choir sang Prayer By Pres J. T. D. MCalaster Singing.

Apostle F. D. Richards Spoke while the Sacrament was being Passed of the necessity of the proper example before our children & the proper training while home. Thought if the proper influence was kept around the little ones they would not be so apt to depart from it. Then How easy it would be for them to grow into their duties. Our schools should be such as are purifying. It is in this life that we wish to preserve that purity. Prayed that blessings & refreshing influence of the Lords house rest bountifully down upon us in the name of Jesus Amen.

Apostle M. Thatcher next stood before the sts & asked the faith of the sts. to Speak such things that will be of profit Our hope is upon our children in the future. Deprecated the Idea of the Sts trusting the training of their children to strangers. Referred to the deterioration of the puritan stock in mass as presented by Dr. Elis Prayed that we may grow & increase until we fill these Mts &c and live to the age of a tree which may God grant in the name of Jesus Amen.

Pres L. John Mitall [Nuttall] felt extremely satisfied in attending the services this day. Was pleased with the improvement of the young & if the young would continue to commit their exercises they would be useful when grown. Invoked the blessings of God upon us in the name of Jesus Amen. Pres Geo Q. Cannon said the instruction we receive ought to make us the best people on the face of the earth. The Sts can not plead that did not have Knowledge & were not taught. The Sts have to be lifted out of the ruts of their traditions. Referred to the infidelity of man & their unbelief in heavenly messengers. No man inherits right or position once above another among this people.

There is a difference in the capacities of men to acquire knowledge & if there is any distinction we make it ourselves. The attributes that we have we have inherited from God. If we are restrained by good earthly parents How much more should we be restrained by the Kindness of our heavenly father. The rev of truth is for the purpose to lift us up. Spoke of the visible growth of our children. We have heard some most excellent instructions in regard to our children today. They are greatly improved to what they were. Every child should be taught his duty in the Gospel & this Labor Revolves upon us

⁵ Charles B. Jones, while the temple was under construction, had been in charge of the lime, sand, and mortar that went into

the building (see Olsen 1978, 157).

individually. Each one Should live for themselves. I have got the benefit of blessings it will be by our own aspirations God help us to do Amen.

Pres Taylor arose & all was quiet. There are certain circumstances in life that causes us to reflect refered to the faithfulness required to be recommended to go to the house of the Lord. Referred to the rev. on the new & everlasting cov. of marriage which we had to obey in order to pass by the angels & the Gods. Spoke of a woman who had raised by a man a large family the man was not faithful & died in that condition. If a woman was expecting a man to exalt her he will have to be prepared to pass by the Angels & the Gods. Spoke of those that are not worthy to come forth in the first reserection. Spoke of those that are doing as they please & they wake up without wives & children. We are here to build up His Kingdom & expects us to do it.

It is well for us to know how we stand with God & his holy Priesthood. It is expect we will move on a higher plane & live our religion. We cannot rob the dead they must have their rights. Bps & teachers & Press have been negligent. All men who are set to watch over the fold must do their duty & not want until men get behind the veil. Purify the church then we will not have to rake up the records of the dead. Expect all men to walk in obedience to the Laws of God. Purge our selves of our iniquities That we may feel we are devoted to our God. Those that break their covenants should be dealt with & if they repent not cut them off the church. No unclean thing can enter into the Kingdom of God. It is for all Israel to put them Selves to do so (live arright). Invoked the blessings of God upon us through our faithfulness. Truly we have had another feast today.

Choir sang Benediction by [...].

At 8 P.M. I attended a meeting in the 2nd ward of Logan. Listened to a discourse from Elder Gill of Salt Lake who deliberated upon the necessities of the accumulation of Education and the observance of the Celestial Law of Mariage.

I addressed them Briefly upon the necessity of training their children to Labor also spoke a short time upon the Eternity of mariage showing the Sts we were all dependent upon one another & that a

man taking a 2nd wife it placed all upon a higher platform than before which was caused by the last edition.

Monday, June 16, 1884—I attended to Temple & stake business during the day. Met in the High council Monday night which Lasted until nearly 12 midnight.

* **Tuesday, June 17, 1884**—I attended to Temple business during the day except in the fore noon I was with Prests Taylor Cannon Apostles F. D. Richards & M Thatcher. We recd much good instruction from Pres John Taylor who was greatly inspired while in Logan Temple Saying if the Sts would serve God we need not fear the U.S. or any other nation. The Lord was with us by his Spirit. I accompanied Pres Taylor & party as far as mendon & returned after giving them the parting hand & bidding them God speed. I returned directly to the Temple between the hours of 3 & 4 P.M. & met in prayer circle with with Prests M. W. Merrill J. T. D. Mcallister Bp D. H. Cannon Thos X. Smith & W. C. Ed lifson [Edlefsen] O C. Dunn⁶ & a few others of the workers & we prayed the Lord would frustrate the designs of our enemies in Legislating against us Especially a bill now pending & championed by Hoar to bring the Sts under the bondage of a Legislative Commission In offering our petition to the Lord a good free spirit prevailed * About 5 P.M. Sister Zina Young Williams was sealed to me for time. Thus we move in keeping the Lawes of God & I pray in the name of Jesus that this may prove a blessing to both parties & their children for in it I wish nothing but salvation. I wish during my life to do nothing but what I can conscienciously ask the blessings of God upon.⁷

Wednesday, June 18, 1884—I attended to Temple & stake business today. Sent appointments to Hyde Park Smithfield Richmond Coveville Newton and Clarkston. My days are busy in a public way & I hope profitable to the Sts, attended to my temple and stake duties during the bal. of the day.

⁶Niels and Mary Edlefsen and Charles O. and Letitia Dunn, who resided in Brigham City, were among the group that had been sent to St. George to learn the work of officiators in the temple. Dunn helped confirm the first fifty-one baptisms for the dead (see Olsen 1978, 136, 155).

⁷Zina Presendia Young Williams Card and Charles Ora Card

were married on June 17, 1884. Card also adopted Sterling Williams, Zina's son from her first marriage to Thomas Williams, who had passed away in 1874. Zina was the daughter of Brigham Young and Zina D. H. Young (see D. Godfrey 1997, 107–27; see also Bradley and Woodward 2000, 246–312).



*Zina Young Williams Card,
Charles O. Card's third wife
Courtesy: Donald G. Godfrey*

Thursday, June 19, 1884—I attended to Temple and stake business during the ball this day. Visited my upper farm to day & engaged my a water master for the Logan and Smithfield Canal Co. Administered to my little sons George about x. time to day he being sick with fever.

Friday, June 20, 1884—I attended to my stake and Temple business until 6:30 P.M. when Prests J. T. D. McAllister O Smith Bp D. H. Cannon & myself drove to H. Park and held a meeting at 8 30 P.M.

Pres. McAllister addressed the Sts upon the principle of cooperation Said we should sustain our own & our institutions should do as well as others. Spoke encouragingly of the young. Was severe on the adulterer and fornicater. Spoke of the evil influence upon the young men when abroad among the mines Spoke of the Labors for our dead in the Temple refered to the Settlement of the southern Utah. God bless you Amen.

Bp David H. Cannon next spoke Desired the faith of the Sts. Spoke of the wonderful workings of the Spirit of the Lord upon the Sts. Exhorted the sts. to do their work in the Temple the adoption of the children that are born out of the covenant We should comply with all the revelations required of us. Spoke quite Spiritedly upon the works of the

dead. Spoke of the evils of divorce. Invited the Sts to forsake their sins & turn to God. God Bless you Amen.

I Bore my testimony told the sts to pray do their work in the Temple. God would preserve us if he will do his will God bless you Amen.

Pres Orson ~~dismissed~~ Smith⁸ dismissed the meeting & I drove home while the brethren remained.

Saturday, June 21, 1884—This morning I left Logan about 7:45 drove for to Hyde Park & picked up the brethren & Thence to Smithfield. (I returned to Logan Last night about 11:30)]. * Met with the Sts at 10:30 & were addressed by Bp Cannon Pres. Orson Smith & my self upon good practical subjects.

2 P.M. We met the Sts here & were first address by Pres McAllister upon the word of Wisdom and Celestial marriage & its results.

I addressed the Sts. upon the great importance of cultivating the peacable principles of the Gospel avoid difficulties & if they occur Settle among ourselves without taking befor Bps. Courts or High Councils as the Lord had instructed which would please Him. After meeting Went to richmond Stayed with Prest Merrill.

Sunday, June 22, 1884—We divided our company this morning & Prests Merrill & McAllister & Bp Cannon remained in Richmond & Prest Smith & myself came to Coveville & met with the Sunday S. at 10:30 A.M. There were about 60 Shollars & instructors who seemed to take a lively interest in it.

Met with the Sts at 2 P.M. & preached to them on Eternity of marriage faith priest hood & doing unto others as you wish them to do to you. We returned to Pres. M. W. Merrill & took supper Thence to Logan.

Monday, June 23, 1884—This morning Prests McAllister O. Smith & Bp. Cannon went to Newton & held meeting at 10:30 A.M. I remained and let the saw mill belonging to The Temple to P. Lindsay & attended to same Stake business until 12:30 P.M. when I went to newton & joined the brethren in their meeting at 2 P.M. A good Spirit prevailed all the brethren spoke & taught the Gospel to the Sts with Freedom After meeting we were

⁸When Charles O. Card moved to Canada, Orson Smith replaced him as stake president (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 280).

conveyed by Bp Jardine & Ole Anderson to Clarkston & stayed all night with Bp Jardine.

Tuesday, June 24, 1884—At 10 A.M. we met with the Sts of this place & the Sts were addressed by Prest. O. Smith and Bp. D. H. Cannon who spoke with great freedom.

2 P.M. We met again and were treated by most excellent singing⁹ which is worthy of note after meeting was opened Prest. McAllister addressed the Sts in a very intelligent manner. Spoke of the blessing plural marriage & spoke at some length upon this noble principle.

I addressed the Sts upon their general duties & advised the Sts to settle their own difficulties at home.

After meeting we were conveyed to Bear River by Bp. Jardines son Thence home by our own conveyance.

Wednesday, June 25, 1884—We Set upon a high council trial in the evening from Weston Samuel Preston an appeal from Bp A. A. Allens court. We set upon it until midnight attended to Temple & stake business through the day.

Thursday, June 26, 1884—Worked at the decision from 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. Being assisted by Apostle M. Thatcher & Pres. O Smith rendered the decision & went to dinner at 2 P.M. Passed the ballance of the day attending to Brother duties of Public & private nature.

Friday, June 27, 1884—To day besides attending to my duties of a public nature Witnessed my Father Mother & his other wife Emma Booth receive their 2nd anointings after which my father had his children adopted to him myself with the rest.

Attend

Saturday, June 28, 1884—I attended to public Bus. during the day & at 5 P.M. left for Lewiston accompanied by Pres O Smith my daughter Jennie &

Niece Olive Steele drove to Richmond & Stayed all night with Sister Mira Merrill.¹⁰

Sunday, June 29, 1884—This morning accompanied by Pres. Merrill drove to Lewiston & met with the Sts in their new meeting house at 10:30 A.M. Pres. Merrill offered the dedicatory prayer & Spoke to the Sts also did Prest. O. Smith & W. D. Hendrick. In the After noon we were addressed by Prests Geo C Parkenson M. W. M. & my self. After meeting we returned to Logan.

Monday, June 30, 1884—I attended to my public bus in the fore noon & High council in the after noon & nearly all night. We Labored with cases from Smithfield of Land difficulties. We all Labored hard to reconcile our brethren & succeeded in part.

Tuesday, July 1, 1884—I attended to my public duties during the fore noon administered to Sister Cummings wife of B. F. C. who was being confined & thought instruments would have to be used & the child destroyed but by the power of God she was delvd Bp. David H. Cannon & O. C. Ormsby accompanied me in administering to Sister C.

In the After noon I accompanied Prests J. T. D. McAllister & Bp. D. H. Cannon to Salt Lake City. Stayed all night with Bp Wm B. Preston at Sister Bathsheba Smiths.

Wednesday, July 2, 1884—I met Prest Taylor on Temple & other business which was to build an addition to the north Extension to cook in that is Kitchen and dining room also storage for coal. Which was approved I attended to business here in behalf of Temple & stake.

Thursday, July 3, 1884—At 7:30 A.M. I acompanied Bp. Preston & Apostle M. Thatcher to the depot & bade them God speed home & I remained to attend to some Temple Accts which I did by the request of Pres. John Taylor. After looking into the accts to the satisfaction of Pres. Taylor took train for home at 3:55 P.M. Where I arrived about 1 AM.

⁹Michael Joseph Clark, the leader of the Clarkston Choir, had received musical training in Providence, Rhode Island, where he learned to play the piano and organ. He was a member of the Providence Union Band, and he had also served as organist and musical director of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Clark led the choir at the dedication service of the Logan Temple. At the time Card wrote, Joseph Myler was director of the choir, and it was said that he was a natural-born musician. Myler directed music in

Clarkston from 1880 until 1908, and the community, as Card suggests, was noted for his fine singers (see Ravsten and Ravsten 1966, 136–37).

¹⁰Almira Jane Bainbridge Merrill was born August 27, 1849, in Salt Lake City and came to Richmond on April 1, 1865. When she was sixteen years old, she became the third wife of Marriner W. Merrill. She was the mother of twelve children (see Flake 1974, 422).

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Friday, July 4, 1884—Passed the most of the day in celebrating the 4th of July & resting. Not neglecting my public duties. Passed the day very pleasantly.

Saturday, July 5, 1884—I attended to temple & other duties until 11 AM when I attended Priesthood meeting Which was interesting & instructive. We were addressed by Apostle M. Thatcher Pres Merrill & C. O. Card. Attended to stake & Private Business during the bal of the day.

Sunday, July 6, 1884—Prest Orson Smith Bp Wm Hyde & myself acompanied by Apostle M. Thatcher to Millville where we met with the Sts at 10 A.M. We were addressed by Bp Wm Hyde Pres O Smith & apostle M. Thatcher. All spoke in a very kind manner in relation to the settlement of difficulties. Which was to the effect that we should settle them among our selves and under the guidance of the spirit of God. Pres Thatcher Spoke of a meeting held here as against the millers of the Co or stake & the harsh expressions made at said meeting. Bp Pitkin said the way laid down by Bro Thatcher was the only right way & if he had have taken the Book of cov. for my guide I would not have made this mistake & wherein I have erred I ask forgiveness.

At 2 P.M. we met with the Sts of Millville and we voted to sustain the Presidency of the stake & Bp. Pitkin as representatives to meet with Similar ones from each ward of this Temple disct. Elder M. Cowley then took the stand & addressed the Sts on the topics of the Gospel.¹¹ Referred to the Liberties of the Gospel to search for knowledge from all good Books. I spoke about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour upon the Law of celestial marriage & other principles. After meeting I returned home was rained on the way home.

¹¹ Matthias Foss Cowley and Abbie Hyde were married in the Logan Temple on May 2, 1884, the day it opened for ordinance work. Matthias later served in the Oneida Stake presidency and on October 7, 1897, was called to serve in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. He was disfellowshipped May 11, 1911, but was restored to full fellowship April 3, 1936, and served a mission in England. He died June 16, 1940 (see Flake 1974, 237–38).

¹² On July 2, 1884, President John Taylor sent a letter asking the Saints living in the Logan Temple district to organize “yourselves according to the laws of the land, to make Logan Temple a house of learning as it is also a House of God.” This was done because there was confiscatory legislation pending in congress to prevent the Church from holding legal title to its property. From July 5 to 7, meetings were held in various wards and stakes to select delegates. On July 9 these delegates met with general Church

Monday, July 7, 1884—I attended to my public duties until 10 A.M. when I went to the High Council and Labored on a Land line case for 5½ hours U.O. Steam mill burnt to night about dark.

Tuesday, July 8, 1884—I attended to my public duties to day preparatory to meeting Pres Taylor and Company at 11:45 P.M. which I did & Brought home with me Pres G. Q. Cannon & Apostles F. D. Richards.

Wednesday, July 9, 1884—This morning in company with Pres. Cannon & Apostle F. D. Richards called upon Pres. John Taylor thence to Temple & return to Pres. Taylor at Bro. M. Thatcher where I remained until 1 P.M. Thence to dinner. Attended a meeting at 4 P.M. of representatives from the various wards in this Temple disct for the purpose of Organization of a Corporation to hold the Legal title of the Logan Temple lots & aporinances to be known as the Logan Temple Association for Scientific Social and Educational purposes.¹² This meeting lasted until 2 and was Spent a pleasant evening in chatting with the brethren. Thus ended another very busy day of my life but Woe be unto them that are at ease in Zion.

Thursday, July 10, 1884—I first went to the Temple & Then returned to a meeting at 10 A.M. which was an adjournment from yesterday which lasted until 12:30 Thence I went to the Temple & took diner & remained until 4 PM when we returned to the Tabernacle & completed our Corporation.

Pres. Taylor said the Temple belonged to the Lord as well as ourselves Gave us good advice & Blessed all the Priesthood present and asked God to Sustain us in retaining our Temple & doing right. We want to do everything with God in good faith.

authorities in the tabernacle and formed and adopted articles of incorporation. Officers were Marriner W. Merrill, president; Niels C. Edlefsen, vice president; James A. Leishman, secretary; and George W. Thatcher, treasurer; with seven directors: Lorenzo Snow, Charles O. Card, William D. Hendricks, William B. Preston, William H. Maughan, Angus M. Cannon, and William Budge. On July 11, the Logan Temple Association officers met and organized the School of Science with the following instructors: James Z. Steward, theology; Moses Thatcher, civil government; William H. Apperley, languages; James A. Leishman, history; Charles W. Nibley, domestic and political economy; and John E. Carlisle, natural philosophy. James A. Leishman was appointed librarian for the school (see Olsen 1978, 160–61).

We are on the side of God. Pres Geo Q Cannon congratulated all upon what we have effected this day. Referred to a prayer meeting the Presidency & others were at prayer was made manifest to him in relation to the preservation of these Temples. It is necessary that we preserve the Temple without defilement We must not defile it. Felt that the thousands of the Children of the L.D. Sts. would go in & receive their blessings when at prayer in the Circle prayed that God would not allow Congress to do anything with the Hoar & Edmunds Bill which was the case that with the release of Nellie White was planning our congressional friends envy us & legislate against us & try to enact measures to rob us. When we ask a fish they give us a serpent for Bread they give us a stone. They have not kept faith with us. We will go long in the blessings of the Lord. M. Thatcher announced this Corporation was prepared to receive contributions.

Friday, July 11, 1884—I attended to my public duties until 10:45 AM & conveyed Pres Cannon & Richards to the train where I gave Pres Taylor & party the parting hand and in the afternoon I prepared to go to Bear Lake on the morrow to arrange to start the Temple Mill.

Saturday, July 12, 1884—At 8 A.M. I was on the road to bear Lake accompanied accompanied by Sister Zina Y. W. _____ my daughter Jennie & Chloe Birdno & arrived in Meadowville at 8 P.M. & put up with Bp. Jos. Kimball. We had quite a pleasant day although the roads were quite rough. The girls sang & all joked which gladdened our hearts & our journey was anything but monotonous & wearisome.

Sunday, July 13, 1884—I attended Sunday School with Bp. Kimball where I found about 40 intelligent looking pupils but deficient in teachers & Books Nothing should engage our attention more than our children on whom future responsibilities will rest. At 2 PM attended a meeting of a few of the Sts of this place which were addressed by Bp Joseph Kimball & myself. I spoke on the necessity of observing & practicing all the principles of the Gospel. I remained again over night with Bp Kimball again.

Monday, July 14, 1884—At 9 AM I started for Paris dined at Bloomington Went to Paris about 4 P.M. attended to business until 7 P.M. Thence to

Bloomington took supper with & remained with Bro James E. herd [Hart].

Tuesday, July 15, 1884—Went to Paris again & spent the day doing business to the preparing to run the Temple Mill for the church. In connexion with Pres Wm Budge sold the tithing Oats & about 700 Bus. Wheat. Returned stayed over night with Bro. James E. Hart who with his wife mother & father spared no pains to make us comfortable & happy.

Wednesday, July 16, 1884—Left Jennie and Cloe with Bro & sister J. E. Hart & Went to Meadowville accompanied by Zina & her son Sterling where I arrived about 3 P.M. and were kindly received by the Bps most astimable wife with whom we remained over night.

Thursday, July 17, 1884—To day accompanied by Zina I went to the Temple Mill, had some hard work cutting out trees & repairing road but joined the point of destination about 2 P.M. where we rested an hour & a half & dined my wife getting dinner. After dinner she remained & rested while I went down to the river nearly 4 miles to see & instruct the men that were preparing the roads which I did & returned to the mill about 5 P.M. Thence to Meadowville at 8 P.M. & stayed over night again with Bp Kimball & family.

Friday, July 18, 1884—About 7:30 we bade our hosts adieu by extending the parting hand with a hearty shake went as far as rock creek in the head of Black Smiths Fork Kanyon & nooned & dined Zina accompanying me Thence to Logan where we arrived about 9:30 P.M. both feeling better & happier for our pleasant Journey of nearly 200 miles.

Saturday, July 19, 1884—To day I resumed my local business being busy with business that accumulated in my absence.

Sunday, July 20, 1884—This morning I accompanied Apostle M Thatcher to Providence where we were joined by Pres. Orson Smith Met with the Sts at 10:30 meeting opened by Singing prayer by Bro & Mathewes singing Pres Orson Smith myself and apostle M Thatcher We spoke of the principles of purity & the great sin of adultery denouncing it in severe terms. Invited all to be faithful in all their covenants Pres Thatcher stated we had brot with us Bro Robt. Latham of Wellsville to set him apart as Bp. if

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the Sts here would sustain him Singing Benediccion by Bro F. Theurer.

2 P.M. After singing prayer & sacrament. Bp R. Davidson of Logan 3rd Ward addressed the Sts followed by Apostle M Thatcher after delivering a very elaborate discourse upon the necessity of chastity purity of body & mind he presented the matter of giving them a Bp in Lieu of Bp M. M. Hammond who was absent & expected to be on his own acct of a yr or more. Thought important to have a spiritual head & leader for the people of Prov. All voted to honorably release M M. Hammond as as Bp. of Providence. After which Elder Robt. Latham was unanimously sustained as Bp of Providence Ward & set apart under the hands of Apostle M Thatcher Prest C O. Card & Orson Smith Bro Thatcher mouth.¹³ This ended a very profitable meeting of Providenc & the Sts here. Thence we went home.

Monday, July 21, 1884—I attended to Temple Business during the fore noon & met the Brigham Young College in the after noon making a busy day.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, July 22, 23, 24, & 25, 1884—I attended to Temple & Stake business very busy all the Time.

Thursday evening Prests Merrill & myself Invited Elder James Quayle & Bp. Robt. Davidson & his counselors and tryed to reconcile Bro Quayle with the authorities of the 3rd Ward of Logan¹⁴ While Bp. D. & Counselors exhibited a good kind spirit Bro Quayle was stiff and unyielding thought his affairs would have to come before the High council. Pres M. & myself advised otherwise & told Bro Q. to be humble & prayerful & try to settle his difficulties at home learn to be kind & Labor for Zion & Peace.

Saturday, July 26, 1884—Today I attended to business until 11 AM. When I attende Priesthood meeting where we enjoyed a good teachable Spirit pervaded the Bosom of those present. Meeting lasted 2 hours. Both before meeting and after I was quite busy until late counseling and advising with brethren who came to me for private counsel.

Sunday, July 27, 1884—Accompanied By Bp T. X Smith Pres O. Smith & my wife Sarah J. to Benson at 10³⁰ Met with the S.S. which numbered 49 after Brief exercises we were addressed by Bp. T X Smith upon the principle of Punctuality & the observance of the Sabbath day. God is watching our acts & heavenly take cognizance of us.

Encouraging remarks were made by Prest Orson Smith & my self to the school.

At 2 P.M. We met with the Sts of Benson Ward and all addressed them upon the necessity of being faithful & doing right by observing all the principles of the Gospel ever Laboring in the spirit of peace. After meeting we drove to Logan on arriving in the town we call at Bro. Downs in the 4th Ward & administered to to his son who was afflicted with fever and very very low¹⁵ I attended the meeting in the 2nd ward this evening and addressed them touching upon the Law of Eternity of marriage.

Monday, July 28, 1884—To day I was very busy attending to Local temple biz in the forenoon & went to Hyrum & Bought 2 yoke of oxen ofor V. Pugmire Attended a meeting of the Board in the evening of the B.Y. College which Lasted until 11 P.M.

Tuesday, July 29, 1884—I attended to Temple business until 10 A.M. when I attended the funeral of John Down to whom I had administered on Sunday eve. I addressed the Sts in connexion with Bps T. X. Smith Wm Hyde B. M. Lewis & Elder John Carlisle. I attended to public & Private business preparatory to going to Meadowville via of the Temple Mill.

Wednesday, July 30, 1884—This morning accompanied by Sister Ann Smith went to the mill on our way following an Indian trail across the Hills for several miles in consequence of the Bridges & some of the road being gone in Logan Kanyon. Got to the Mill about 5 P.M. very tired & weary from our rough journey.

Thursday, July 31, 1884—After arranging my business at the Mill went to Meadowville acompanied by my son Ora who drove the 2 yoke oxen I had

¹³ Robert Leatham, his family, and at least seventeen other families arrived in Wellsville on April 23, 1859, and began establishing homes and cultivating farms (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 38).

¹⁴ James Quayle was a carpenter and builder who lived on Johnson Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets in Logan. From

1889 to 1890 he served a one-year term as mayor of Logan. As mentioned before, he also served as master carpenter on the temple and was very prominent in its construction (see Somers 1993, 68, 124; Olsen 1978, 31).

¹⁵ John R. Downs was a farmer who lived on the corner of Sixth and Main Streets in Logan (see Somers 1993, 59).

purchased After dining with the Bp. of this place (Jos Kimball) I went to Laketown for some camp supplies for the Mill returned & stayed with Bp. K.

Friday, August 1, 1884—I returned to day via of Blacksmith fork Kanyon & trailed a one horse buggy behind the 2 horse buggy I rode in Arrived in Logan about 8 P.M. after traveling about 50 miles over very rough roads which made me very weary.

Saturday, August 2, 1884—I attended to temple and other stake business to day.

Sunday, August 3, 1884—I attended Sunday School in the Logan 2nd Ward and meeting at 2:30 P.M. & addressed the Sts as also did Apostle M Thatcher & Elder John L. Smith of St Geo met with the Sts in the 2nd Ward in the Eve.¹⁶

Monday-Saturday, August 4-9, 1884—I attended to business for the Temple & stake to day & until Sat Aug 9 When I started for Paris Bear Lake Co. Idaho Went as far as Meadowville & stayed at Bp. Kimballs P. Lindsay accompanied me from the Mill to Paris his home.

Sunday, August 10, 1884—This morning at 5 A.M. I started for Paris and arrived at 10 AM & attended the meeting & listened to remarks from Apostles George Teasdale & E. Snow Who spoke principlly upon the Lawes of Life & plural marriage. At 2 P.M. We were addressed by Prests Cannon & Taylor The Latter spoke of it being our duty to take care of the widows provide for them & mary them Which would prove a blessing to both the Living & dead men & women. They both gave us the words of life.

Monday, August 11, 1884—I attended to business here until 5 P.M. Thence to Meadowville at 10 P.M.

Tuesday, August 12, 1884—Today I came to the Mill & dined Thence to Logan by 7 P.M. It rained

on me about 12 miles in the Kanyon & I got wet some what about the arms & shoulders & breast.

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, August 13, 14, & 15, 1884—I have attended busily to stake & Temple business trying by the help of the Lord to fill my calling. May God bless my efforts & continue His Aid.

Saturday, August 16, 1884—I attend to Temple & stake business during the day prepared in the eve to go to Clarkston on the morrow to attend the Sunday School Union.

Sunday, August 17, 1884—At 7 A.M. accompanied by Elder C. W. Nibley and Wm H. Apperley went to Clarkston where we met in the S.S. Union and listened to the interesting & instructive exercises. Elders Apperley F. Turner & Bp. H. Fink [Funk].

Met again at 2 P.M. and continued our services After the Exercises were completed I addressed the sts & gave the Ward a Mission to build a School house¹⁷ by contribution that they might have the privilege of teaching the principles of the Gospel there in without interference there in Bp. John Jardine was unanimously sustained as a committee of one to superintend the work.

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, August 18, 19, & 20, 1884—I attended to Temple & stake business during the Last 3 days & was very busy indeed.

Thursday, August 21, 1884—I attended to stake & Temple Business until 2 P.M. When accompanied by my 2nd counselor Orson Smith drove to Franklin & joined Pres Taylor & company. Stayed over night with Brother Wm L. Webster.

Friday, August 22, 1884—Accompanied Pres Taylor & Co. to Lewiston Where we held meetings at 10 A.M. Thence to Richmond where we held meetings 3 P.M. The Pres. & Co stayed here over night & Bro Smith and myself returned to Logan to meet

¹⁶ John Lyman Smith, the son of John Smith, was the brother of Apostle George A. Smith. John Lyman Smith continued to live in St. George, and in 1908 Apostle George Albert Smith, a grand-nephew, spent the night at his home (see Dunford 1970, 109; Pusey 1981, 246).

¹⁷ The first school in Clarkston was conducted in the home of

Israel J. Clark. His wife, Betsy T. Clark, was the initial teacher. A little log school was constructed and was used until Card issued his challenge to the people of the community. They took his counsel seriously and by 1886 had completed a large redbrick schoolhouse. It was used until 1897, when another brick schoolhouse was completed (see Ravsten and Ravsten 1966, 64–65).

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the body of Elder John H Gibbs who was martyred for the word of God in Tennessee.¹⁸ The body was met at the depot by a large torch light procession at 11:45. Procession headed by the Logan & Paradise Brass Band. We escorted the body up Main street & south to the brow of the hill then counter marched and allowed the Paradise Procession proceed south to Paradise.

Saturday, August 23, 1884—I returned & met Pres Taylor & Co in Smithfield at 10 A.M. where they held meeting thence to Hyde Park at 3 P.M. Thence to Logan & stayed all night.

Sunday, August 24, 1884—I accompanied Prests Taylor & Cannon & Apostle M. Thatcher to Paradise. Where we went to attend the Funeral of Elder Gibbs (martyred) at 2 P.M. All the brethren Spoke with a good Kind feeling that done credit to the occasion. Thence to Logan.

Monday, August 25, 1884—At 10:45 this A.M. we gave the parting hand to Pres: Taylor & Co who proceeded to Malad & I attended to stake & other business during the day.

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 26 & 27, 1884—During these 2 days I arranged my public & private business to accompany my Children Jennie & Ora and mother also niece Alice Steele to provo to arrange to have mother care for them while they attended the B.Y. Academy.

Thursday, August 28, 1884—At 3 A.M. this morning we took train & landed in Provo about 7 P.M. & and quartered in the house of Sister Zina Y. Williams as we had arranged to care for her son Sterling during the school year also.

Friday, August 29, 1884—Today I passed in laying in supplies & fixing up thing to make Mother & the children for the next 40 weeks. I met my wife Zina here and we had a pleasant time together.

Saturday, August 30, 1884—This fore noon I attended the Utah stake conference & addressed the sts.

In the afternoon I drove out to the Cemetery with Sister Zina & made a few other calls which passed the time very pleasantly.

Sunday, August 31, 1884—I attended the conference again to day at 10 A.M. & 2 P.M. and listened good teachings from Apostles F. M. Lyman Prest A. M. Cannon Smoot & others.

Monday, September 1, 1884—I finished fitting up mother & the children today & stayed with them over night. All felt comfortable none any more than the host of the house Sister Zina.

Tuesday, September 2, 1884—At 7 A.M. I gave all the parting hand & Kiss and at 7:30 took train & went to salt Lake and attended to public & private Business.

Wednesday, September 3, 1884—This morning found me sick and during the fore noon I was very sick vomiting & purging Apostle Richards & Bro Wm E. Besset & Bro Burrell assisted me much with medisine for my ailments. I remained in bed until 5 P.M. Thence I went to the depot & met Sister Zina _____ & accompanied her to Sister Prescinda Kimball where I stayed all night

Stayed the night before with Bp Preston at the hous of sister B. Smith.

Thursday, September 4, 1884—To day I attended to the sale of a Cer of flour to I. Lears & in the afternoon met Pres. Taylor on Temple business being to late for the train I tayed all night again with Sister Kimball.

Friday, September 5, 1884—At 7 P.M. I bad mine host adieu & accompanied sister Zina to the southern train & bede her adieu & took the northern train & both trains moved out of the depot at the same time. I arrived home at 4 P.M. tired weak rested until morning.

Saturday, September 6, 1884—Attended to stake business & attended Priesthood meeting also busy all day very [...].

¹⁸ Elder John H. Gibbs, a Paradise resident, was killed on August 10, 1884, in what is called the Cane Creek Massacre in Tennessee. Twelve or fourteen men, dressed in Ku Klux Klan garb, entered the home of James Condor just as Sunday services were about to begin and killed Elder Gibbs and Elder William S. Berry

and wounded Rachel Condor. One of the mob, David Hinson, was also killed. Acting mission president Brigham Henry Roberts, at some risk, retrieved the bodies of Gibbs and Berry and brought them back to Utah for burial (see B. Madsen 1980, 244–47).

Sunday, September 7, 1884—I attended meeting at 230 P.M. in the Tabernacle & listened Elders F. Cope John T. Came [Caine] (our delegate) & Patriarch John Smith¹⁹ Met with 2nd ward at 730 addressed the sts here.

Monday, September 8, 1884—I attended to Temple & stake business to day & High Council in the eve.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 9 & 10, 1884—I attended to my duties public & private the past 2 days.

Thursday, September 11, 1884—I went to the Temple Mill accompanied by Elder John E. Carlisle held meeting with the hands employed there.

Friday, September 12, 1884—We returned to Logan again this fore noon tired but not so much st so but what I attended to my public affairs.

Saturday, September 13, 1884—To day finds me at my post attending to Temple stake & Brigham College affairs.

Sunday, September 14, 1884—I accompanied Apostle M Thatcher to Mendon where we were joined by my Counselor Orson Smith & visited the Sunday School the Exercises were quite intelligent & interesting Bros M Thatcher & O Smith Spoke to the Schools.

2 P.M. Met with sts & Bro M. T. & myself addressed the Sts also Bro O Smith a good spirit prevailed & the Teachings were excellent. We returned home via of Wellsville.

Monday & Tuesday, September 14 & 16, 1884—I attended to my puplic business & but little private business. The Lord has blessed me exceedingly.

Wednesday, September 17, 1884—I attended to my puplic business mostly Early & late I find myself employed.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 18, 19 & 20, 1884—During the last 3 days I have been engaged looking after my duties.

Sunday, September 21, 1884—I attended meeting in Logan at 230 P.M. & in connexion with other elders addressed the sts upon their duties towards one another the Priesthood & their God. In the eve, I met with the sts of Logan Third Ward & addressed them also as well as Elders Hugh Adams Robt Henderson & J. A. Leishman.²⁰

Monday, September 22, 1884—I attended to my duties & enjoyed the Society of my Ogden friends Rose Canfield & her mother & H. C. Brown & son & daughter who came to Labor in the Temple.

Tuesday, September 23, 1884—I attended to my duties about the temple as well as stake. At 10 P.M. went to the depot & met Mrs. Zina Y. Williams I _____ & took her home we were pleased to greet each other.

Wednesday–Saturday, September 24–27, 1884—I attended strictly to stake & Temple duties as much as my strength would permit which was to the effect of putting in long days.

Sunday, September 28, 1884—I went to Wellsville & attended the S.S. union at 1030 & 230 I was accompanied by Elders C. W. Nibley & B. F. Cummings. only addressed the Schools Briefly as did several others. The Union exercises was a credit to the schools.

Monday, September 29, 1884—Attended to stake & other duties today.

Tuesday, September 30, 1884—After attending to public & private business until 11 A.M. I went to the Temple Mill up Logan Cannon 24 miles from Logan Main st. accompanied by Zina Y.

Wednesday, October 1, 1884—Returned to Logan about 11:30 A.M. & attended to public & private duties the ballance of the day.

¹⁹ John Smith, son of Hyrum Smith and Jerusha Barden, became Church Patriarch on February 18, 1855, and held that position until his death on November 6, 1911. During the fifty-six years he held the office of Patriarch, he gave nearly twenty thousand blessings (see Flake 1974, 315–16).

²⁰ Hugh Adams was a member of Logan’s band and was also

one of the masons who worked on the temple. Robert Henderson was a Logan farmer. James A. Leishman was a land attorney and accountant who lived on Main and Third Streets in Logan. He was one of the speakers at the cornerstone laying ceremonies for the Utah State Agricultural College on July 27, 1889 (see Olsen 1978, 16, 100; Somers 1993, 62, 64).

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Thursday, October 2, 1884—I was very busy preparing to start for Conference on the morrow. Very stormy today.

Friday, October 3, 1884—At 4 A.M. took train for Salt Lake & arrived there about 10 A.M. Rested at Bro James L. Brown until 4 P.M. Thence to Provo Accompanied by my wife Sarah & Babe (Pearl).

We arrived here about 6:30 P.M. Mother Jennie Ora & Ollie as well as Sterling were pleased to meet us & make us welcome.

Saturday, October 4, 1884—At 8 A.M. I took train back to Salt Lake City where I arrived about 10:30 found Pres. Taylor addressing the Conference in his usual encouraging Style. Was at meeting at 2 P.M. & the instructions from the Apostles were in keeping with the spirit of the Gospel & times.

Attended the Mutual Improvement conference at 7 P.M. Which was very instructive and instructive.

Sunday, October 5, 1885 [1884]—Last night I Stayed at the house of Sister Priscinda Kimball. Took breakfast with Bro. Wm. Spence & congenial wife. Attended conference at 10 A.M. Pres Geo. Q. Cannon preached a powerful discourse. Showing the necessity of unity & purity among the sts. Said those who committed adultery who had rec'd their endowments could not be received into the Church again by baptism.²¹ Which I think will have a tendency to curtail the sin of Adultery & kindred vices & promote a higher Standard of morality. We had a good meeting in the afternoon the subject being the temporal interests of the Kingdom, Sustaining of home manufactures &c.

Met with the Priesthood Meeting at 7 P.M. which was mostly occupied by Pres. Taylor on Priesthood which was delivered in power. Dined with Bro. Spence & took supper at my lodging place with Bp. Joseph Kimball of our own providing. We lodged at their place.

Monday, October 6, 1884—This morning finds me at Brother Spence to breakfast.

Met with the conference again at 10 A.M. Statistical consumed about an hour. Apostle F. M. Lyman addressed the sts upon the care of their children & their early teachings of the Gospel principles

which had been mentioned by Apostle Richards & etc. It was important that we teach these noble & precious spirits the Gospel the first eight yrs as well as after yrs. Referred to Mission Schools that were established among us were to turn our children away from the truth. We as a people do not believe in shielding the evil doers nor decide against the Strangeness in favor of the St. The adulterer forfeits not only his own standing but their right to wives & children.

Apostle Geo Teasdale Spoke on the authority to preach all our teaching from the Presidency & Apostles were deeply imbued with the spirit of God which is truth & power.

2 P.M. Met again in Conference Missionaries were called & then Pres Taylor Spoke on the Organization of the Priesthood & the manner in which it should be wielded. Decreed we would serve the Lord. Some think that we Polyamists are indebted to the Monogomists. The Lord save the Mark! We all are dependent on the Lord. God rules the nations. Ask your old Polygamists to assist you to get out of your difficulties.

Read notes which asserted that the administration had so perverted it that they sustain Prostitution he gave us much good advice in the spirit of truth which makes a servt of God bold.

At 7 P.M. met with the S.S. Union where we heard a report read which was a Synopsis of the growth of the S.S. from 1867 to /80. Pres Cannon reviewed the same. The great increase of attendance is due to the visitations of missionaries on Sunday morning.

Pres Cannon gave much good instruction & blessed all that were engaged in the S.S. Labors.

Apostle Erastus Snow offered Some encouraging remarks.

Pres. W. Woodruff also felt to encourage the S.S. Union & felt to bless the the S.S. & those that Labored therein.

Elder John Morgan also felt to encourage the S.S.

Pres. Cannon made a remark or so. S.S. Teachers should not be taken from the schools as home as home missionaries. The fore noon was given the Schools & the Sacrament administered other meetings should not be held on the same hour the Logan

²¹ Today Church policy allows those who have committed adultery and repented to again become members of the Church

even if the adultery took place after they had been through the temple.

Choir sang. The S.S. were first organized in the 13th Ward S.L. City on Nov. 4, 1867.²²

Stayed all night with Bp. Kimball at res. of his mother.

Tuesday, October 7, 1884—This morning finds me at breakfast at Bro. Jos Eldredge where we took supper.

At 10 A.M. Met again in conference. Pres Taylor arose & Stated our would be reformers were 10 times as corrupt as ourselves. Asked Pres. Cannon to read Statistics Should that there was more than 10 to one imprisoned here & the arrests of criminals here show that it is equal to 25 percent of the Gentiles while there was less than one percent of the Mormon. Pres Cannon read statistics of Abortion in Massachusetts & N.Y. as well as other states gave the testimony of Eminent physicians. Pres. Taylor said these are the people that come here to reform us. Was pleased such men as Bp Cox, Dr. Allen & others are honorable enough to take a stand against these Diabolical acts. Pres Taylor with emphasis to it cut off Adulterers & those that practice all these infamies from the Church.

Spoke of providing for the poor. Said we have been doing this from the beginning build up Cities & improve the lands. Take up the tools & follow the plow &c & we will have plenty to do. Advised the mechanics to go out into the new settlements & ply their trades & help build up the settlement Go out & occupy the Land.

(Those that owe Emigration Should pay it. The Bps should look after these things.)

Apostle H. J. Grant Spoke a short time & Encouraged the sts to keep the Lawes of God that they may receive the reward. Invoked the blessings of God upon us.

Apostle John W. Taylor Bore testimony to that which had been said. We are here that we may not be partakers of the iniquities of the World.

Constitutional convention at 7 P.M. to night. Board of trade at 3 P.M. Also the Prests of Stakes & their Counselors & Presiding Bp. at 2.30 P.M. tomorrow. Conference adjourned until Apr 6/85.

Met with the Constitutional conventional Convention at 7 P.M. Stayed at Same place us last night.

Wednesday, October 8, 1884—Attended to business during the forenoon. Met with the Prests of Stakes at 230 Pres Taylor said all questions of dispute in regard to the Sts worthyness to go into the Temple should be decided by the High Council. Keep out adulterers out. The 2nd anointings are the Highest ordinances we can receive on the earth.

Parents who profess to be Latterday Sts who send their children to out side Schools are not fit to have or receive their Ordinances in the Temples & have no right there.

Many of the Bps are not yet worthy of their 2nd anointings.

Those persons who can pay & do not pay their Emigration & dont Should not be recommended to the House of the Lord for they are dishonest. Apostle Snow thought we should be provided with means of knowing who owe Emigration.

Pres Cannon made some good remarks in relation the Emigration Some think the Church can cary every enterprise. Not so.

Suicides used to be anciently buried at cross roads with stakes driven through the body. Thought they should not be buried in Temple clothes. Pres. Taylor said we cant administer to those people for God gave them their life & they have no right to take it no more than they have to take others lives. Fix up all our difficulties here & not trust to others. Apostle F. D. Richards spoke of the Herculean work of Mr. Bancroft in getting up His great History of the pacific States.²³

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Pres. Taylor approved the Circulation of the Works as far as possible. Think the works will do us good throughout the world. The Question asked How shall we deal with parties who committed adultery 6 or 7 yrs ago. Ans. cut them off the Church. We can not condone these sins.

²²The first Sunday School in Utah was actually organized in 1849 by Richard Ballantyne, a Scottish emigrant convert who was disturbed by the sight of children playing on the Sabbath day. His school opened with fifty children ages eight to fourteen reciting scripture in his remodeled home. As Ballantyne's success spread, bishops in Salt Lake and neighboring stakes organized similar schools. These schools operated independently until Brigham Young organized the supervisory Parent Sunday School

Union in 1867, as Card suggests (see Garr, Cannon, and Cowan 2000, 1201).

²³Franklin D. Richards is speaking here of Hubert Howe Bancroft's *History of the Northwest Coast*. It was the twenty-seventh volume in his famous set of histories, which included histories of Alaska, British Columbia, Central America, the North Mexican States, and Utah.

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Pres. Cannon sustained Pres Taylor in these matter. Many of the brethren confound the doctrines with the 2nd anointings.

Attended the Board of trade. The Sugar industry was discussed at length, Bp. H. B. Clawson presented the Cause of the Deseret Hospital & desired that ~~that~~ the Prests of Stakes Councilors & Bp & become members at one dollars per year.²⁴ Stayed all night at Bro J. S. Brown.

Thursday, October 9, 1884—This morn at 7³⁰ my wife took train for Home & took train for Provo. Arrived at Provo shortly after 10 AM Called on Mama & rested a short time Thence to the telegraph Thence to Sister Susan Jacobs & made a short call Thence Back to mothers & took dinner. Bro H H Cluff called & I accompanied him to the Hop farm of May Berry on the Provo Bench which for the first time I beheld a Hop farm thence I visited the site of the Brigham Young Academy. Thence to the Lumberyard Academy & to mothers feeling satisfied with my afternoons sights Spent the eve. with Mama & the Children very pleasantly & retired.

Friday, October 10, 1884—At 7³⁰ A.M. I took train for Salt Lake where I arrived about 10¹⁰A.M. Worked here until 4:30 P.M. Then took train for Logan where I arrived at 11 P.M.

Saturday, October 11, 1884—After attending to my usual Business until 11 A.M. I went to Priesthood meeting where we had a time of refreshing. Myself & Counselors imparting our conference instructions to the Priesthood meeting of Cache Stake. Attended to business of Stake & Temple until night.

Sunday, October 12, 1884—I attended. The first ward SS. & Theological classes & encouraged them. Met with the Sts of Logan in the Tabernacle Where we were addressed by Elders Hurste Bell and our President Bp. Wm B. Preston. Preached in the first & fourth Wards of Logan on the principles of Economy.

[This C. O. Card note criss-crosses the entry of October 12: Myself and Orson Smith my counselor attended S.S. in Providence also meeting instead of Logan & Bp Preston & others preached the following principles.]

Advising the culture of Hops, Broom corn, Cane Beans Small fruits & Bacon instead of importing these products the same I have done in most of the Logan Wards as well as some others.

Monday, October 13, 1884—I attended to my usual routine of business to day High Council this eve.

Tuesday, October 14, 1884—Attended to much business preparatory to going to the Kanyon the rest of the week.

Wednesday, October 15, 1884—Went to the Temple Mill to day after attending to business until 11 A.M. Found the business thriving, Neils Hanson with me.

Thursday, October 16, 1884—This morning Bro Hanson & myself got on to our saddle horses & rode south of this place to the Right hand fork of Logan Kanyon Thence N.E. until we intersected the road to the Mill Thence to Mill where we arrived about 5 P.M. We ate dinner in the Head of the Fork. Referred to at a beautiful spring Beautiful grass & Groves cover these rolling hills.

Friday, October 17, 1884—This morning we left the mill and drove up the Logan Kanyon about 3 miles to Hges Building Then we took a trip into the hills East. Returned about 3 P.M. thence up the Kanyon nearly to beaver Kanyon thence returned to the Maughan Mill site & camped all night.

Sat, Oct, 18, 1884
We returned to Provo the day about 4 & Mr. Bell
cathartic with our trip
although weary in body
refreshed in spirit
While on a hill point
of the mountain by wagon
I called upon the Lord
for his aid in the
hills of the stake to myself &
family

²⁴ Hyrum B. Clawson, a prominent Latter-day Saint, sometimes hid members of the First Presidency when they were fleeing from federal officers. He also traveled to Washington DC and

assisted in securing statehood for Utah (see Bitton 1999, 270, 293, 298–99, 307).

Saturday, October 18, 1884—We returned to Logan to day about 4 P.M. well satisfied with our trip although weary in body refreshed in Spirit. While on a high point of the mountain yesterday I called upon the Lord in prayer for his aid in be half of the sts myself & family.

Sunday, October 19, 1884—To day I ~~went to~~ Providence Hyde attended meeting in Logan instead of Last Sunday Bp Preston & others ocupied the time as noted lasted Sunday by mistake and I attended to the usial routine of business last week at home but this week I went to the Kanyon as noted. My mistake occurs by being too busy to write my journal for 3 weeks.

Sunday, October 26, 1884—To day I went to Hyde Park accompanied by Bp Ballard of Logan visited their S.S. & addressed them in the morn.

We addressed them (the Sts) this after noon I spoke on the promises of the Lord to us & the Bright side of the Gospel as illustrated by the Lord in rev. ancient & modern also the culture of Hops, Cane Pork Broom Corn Beans fruit &c &c instead of so much we have & import nothing we can raise here.

Monday–Friday, October 27–31, 1884—I attended to things of stake preparatory to our coming conference of this stake which has kept me very busy.

Met Pres Wilford Woodruff Apostle Geo Teasdale and C. W. Penrose at the depot at 10;20 P.M. & Cared for them & those that accompanied them all but Apostle Woodruff who went to Smithfield.

Saturday, November 1, 1884—Was busy until 10~~30~~ when our conference opened with with Apostles Woodruff & Geo. Teasdale Elder Penrose of Salt Lake City & Myself & Counselors for some Bps & others on the stand. Bp reported the first hour & Elder Penrose addressed the sts.

2 PM We met and Pres Woodruff called on myself & Counselors to report the Apostle Teasdale & Bro Woodruff ocupied the Bal of time except.

Elder Roskelly read an extract of a sermon delivered here in a bowry in Aug 1863 where in

Apostle Woodruff prophesied of the Erection of a Temple on the Present Location of the Logan Temple.²⁵

I attended a lecture of Mr. McNight on Bonaparte.

Met the train ~~By~~ Expecting to Meet Apostle Richards but was disappointed.

Sunday, November 2, 1884—At 10 A.M. We met again in conference & were first addressed by Apostle Geo Teasdale who Spoke of the value of the Ordinances of of the House of the Lord & the purity we ~~enjoyed~~ should enjoy to make us worthy we receive them. Elder C. W. Penrose followed & spoke of the Illegal decision of the U.S. Supreme court & the persecution under the ban of Prosecutors &c Showed the love & peace we should enjoy in our families &c.

2 P.M. The Gen. & Local authorities of the church was sustained. Home missionaries were also sustained appointments of meetings in Smithfield Millville & Providence were appointed.

Pres. Woodruff spoke of Saving up wheat & preparing for a famine. Spoke of the Wisdom of an Indian who stated there would be 4 yrs plenty & then famine. Raise Rye Beans. Raise our Pork Pig Raise our own Brooms Raise Hops & make a change in these things There is a change coming over our nation that which they Sow they must reap. In this Gov. of the U.S. is the only place where the lives of the Terots of God are taken. Spoke of the sts being driven out of Ten. because they were Mormon & some were driven because they had befriended them abominations overwhelm our Land. 2 great nations have been swept off this Land because they were ripened in iquity Dont get in debt. Use economy & care in all your purchases raise our own butter & cheese Spoke encouragingly to the young men who were faithful & industrious Awake up go into the temples & prepare ourselves to save our ded Spoke of the Law of the Lawe of adoption should not run around to get men & women to be adopted to us. Get your endowments for your dead & dont go wild over it. When the spirit reveals it to you then it will be time enough to act. The Oldest Man living of a family holds the keys to act for the dead ~~by~~ if they are not apostate Those that are out of the church seal

²⁵ On August 22, 1863, at a meeting in a rustic willow bowery on 135 North Main Street in Logan, Wilford Woodruff said, speaking to the young people, “You will have the privilege of

going into the towers of a glorious temple built unto the name of the Most High (pointing in the direction of the bench) east of us upon the Logan bench” (Olsen 1978, 11–12).

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men & women together. The Lord revealed to him that he could go to & have others Get endowments for my dead that are out side of my families. It was required of him by the dead that visited him in the night to redeem them which I did. Young men study the *bible* we want you to preach the Gospel devote your time to the ministry. Evry Bp. Should call on the members of your wards to Testify especially the young men. Remember that the Apostles & elders tell you they will go away soon.

After Pres Woodruff closed with blessings I Testified to the truth of his teachings announced our coming election and invited our people to use their strength in voting at the polls. After singing I closed the conference by Prayer.

Monday, November 3, 1884—After attending with my might to Stake & Temple business until nearly noon I went to Wellsville to attend the Funeral of Elder John H. Bankhead an old & respected Latterday St. at 1 P.M. Sing Prayer by Isaac Green Singing remarks by Elder Robt Baxter. Bp Frances Gummel [Gunnell]²⁶ Sisters Prescinde Kimbell & Zina D. H. Young Bore testimony to the work of God and administered words of comfort to the be-
reaved. Elders Jos Howells & Evan Owens also Spoke Briefly. Bp. Maughan addressed the sts Speaking in good terms of the deceased & instructed the living. He invoked the blessings of God upon the friends of the deceased & the sts. I addressed the audience about ½ an hour. Singing & benediction by Bp. W. H. Maugham. Returned to Logan this evening & attended to Such business as presented itself.

Tuesday, November 4, 1884—To day being our territorial Election my time was ocupied much with the Election as well as stake & temple business between.

Wednesday, November 5, 1884—45 years ago to day my parents had a little stranger come to their house who was without shirt & shoes. In due time these necessaries were provided by my kind parents & they called his Name Charles Ora Which I have borne with pleasure ever since.

Receiving kind congratulations from my numerous friends of wishes that my life may be extended another 45 yrs. My noble & kind hearted

wives presented me with a watch chain & my friend C. Jones & wife a silk handkerchief besides the above mentioned Apostle Richards & wife also Sisters Zina D Young & Sister P L. Kimball took supper with us also Bro Geo Painter & wife which passed off nicely God bless them all with peace happiness & plenty. Besides my duties of my Birthday I attended to my public duties.

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Thursday, November 6, 1884—To day brought its numerous duties which I attended to with pleasure. I also attended the prayer circle in the temple today at 3 P.M. Stayed with my wife Z. tonight.

Friday, November 7, 1884—After choring until nearly 12 M I started I started for Bear Lake Valley

²⁶ Francis Gunnell came to Wellsville in 1856 and became Cache County Recorder. He kept a diary that is used by

historians to reconstruct Cache Valley's early history (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 34, 37, 90).

accompanied by Sister Zina D H Young. Went to the Temple Mill & stayed over night.

Saturday, November 8, 1884—At 8 A.M. We left the Mill & drove to Paris where arrived about 2 P.M. I went to meeting & addressed the sts upon Political matters Honoring the Priesthood & Home industries Such as Hop farming culture of Pork & Hardy fruits. Attended a concert in the 2nd ward in the evening. Stayed all night in Bloomington with J E Hart & wife.

Sunday, November 9, 1884—Came to paris and attended meeting at 10 AM & 2 P.M. & atten latter meeting addressed the sts upon the Offices & duties of the Priesthood & parents towards their children & home industry Spent the eve with my friend & stayed over night with Bro H. S. Woolley.

Monday, October [November] 10, 1884—I spent today in Paris attended to temple & Temple Mill Business. Ate dinner with Bro James Collins & wife 2 Elderly & very kind * * people. This morning about 10 minutes before 2 O Clock we had a severe shock of earth quake which made the buildings sway to & fro like a drunken man. It stoped clocks threw down clocks ornaments dishes &c from the shelves & cracked adobie & Brick buildings & alarmed many people so much so wives clung to their husbands children to their mothers Some ran out of their houses & general confusion was witnessed in nearly every family. I went to Bloomington & stayed over night with J. E. Hart & wife.

Tuesday, October [November] 11, 1884—This morning I bade Bro J E. H & family & mother good bye & drove to Meadowville & put up with Bp Kimball for the night. I arrived here at 2 P.M. & was kindly recd. Took supper & passed the eve with sister Christine Kimball very pleasantly.

Wednesday, November 12, 1884—This morning I bade my friends Bp Kimbal family & friends good bye & drove to the Mill & dined thence home at 3 P.M. where I found myself busy until night fall.

Thursday, November 13, 1884—Busy all day in Stake & Temple business.

Friday & Saturday, November 14 & 15, 1884—These two days found me very busy in Stake & Temple business as usial.

Sunday, November 16, 1884—About 10 A.M. I was called to the bedside of Bro Joseph Greaves Jr. who had met with a serious accident the Friday before at the temple Mill while felling timber to administer to him with Bp Ballard & others his right leg was broken in two or three places & knee dislocated & was Suffering with blood poison so said Dr. Ormsby he died about 3 P.M.

I attended meeting in Logan Tabernacle after hearing from 4 returning missionaryies I addressed the audience on the duties of the Priesthood.

Monday, November 17, 1884—I attended to my business strictly today preparing to go to provo in the morning.

Tuesday, November 18, 1884—At 4 30 I took train for Ogden where I arrived at 8 AM took breakfast with Bro H. B. Scovilles family. Thence to Salt Lake dined with Bp. Wm B. Preston & family At 4:10 P.M. took train for Provo where I joined my dear mother & precious children about 6:30 who were exceedingly pleased to see me & bade me a hearty welcome with kisses.

Wednesday & ~~thu~~, November 19, 1884—I remained here & called on Mr. W. H. Berry a hop culurest also visited with mother & children and administered to their wants and comforted & counseled them in the path of right.

Thursday, November 20, 1884—I remained here in Provo today & visited the B.Y.A. & again remained over night with my mother & children.

Friday, November 21, 1884—At 8 A.M. I gave mother & children each a parting kiss & shake of the hand & took train for home stayed a few hours in salt Lake City & get home at 10 30 P.M. & found all well but weary myself.

Saturday, November 22, 1884—Finds me at my post working for Stake & temple I arranged to day to start tomorrow to Salt Lake to get a Loan of Money of 4 or \$500000 for the Brigham Young college. Some time Last Spring the Trustees agreed to endorse equally to raise 8 or \$10000 dollars & it has all fallen upon 5 Those that are wealthy have raised theirs but myself not so fortunate have to start out & rustle for it without a financial Standing. Because I had failed to date I was disagreeably accosted by the Pres. of the Trustees Geo W. Thatcher being

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measured equally in my financial condition to those that are worth ten times as much.

Sunday, November 23, 1884—This morning I prepared myself & took train for Salt Lake & accompanied our presiding Bp Wm B Preston with whom I tayed all night in Salt Lake City.

Monday, November 24, 1884—At 7 30 AM. I parted with Bp Preston at the Utah Central depot. He went to Provo & I remained & went & called on H Dinwoody & conferred with him about money but failed.²⁷ Thence went to Zions Savings Bank & Engaged B. H. Schuller to confer for me with parties for cash but did not Succeed consequently Went to Provo. Took supper with mother & went to the Grand High Council which was settling a difficulty between parties of Utah & Salt Lake Co in relation to a dam that rose the water in Utah Lake & flooded lands & created damage There I conferred with Bp. Preston. who agreed to endorse for \$4000 for the College with Bro M. D. Hammond & myself. Pres. Taylor thought He could assist me when He got home to the City. I stayed all night with mother & the children.

Tuesday, November 25, 1884—This morning I kissed mother & the Children at 8 AM. & Bade them good bye & returned to the City Where I resumed my Labors to obtain the money for the College: Having arranged to receive it about 10 Ds hence I returned to Logan shortly after midnight.

Wednesday, November 26, 1884—To day I resumed my public & private Labors with pleasure to self & family.

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, November 27, 28, & 29, 1884—I attended to the Local biz of Temple & stake and was very busy.

Sunday, November 30, 1884—Accompanied by Bp T. X Smith and Sisters Carrie C Smith & Zina Y. Williams Went to Benson ward and visited the S.S. at 10 AM & held meeting with the sts. at 2 P.M. The Sisters Spoke in favor of mutual Impvt & we

discoursed upon general principles, purity & faithfulness in all things returned to Logan & Pres Orson Smith & Myself preached in the Sixth Ward of Logan. I was badly injured in my lungs by speaking in so close a room & Breathing the Breath of so many people.

Monday, December 1, 1884—Accompanied by my _____ Zina Y. I went to the Temple mill where I remained over night & attended to the Biz.²⁸

Tuesday, December 2, 1884—We returned to Logan about 2 P.M. & I was busy the bal. of the day & anxious about my wife that was threatened by premature sickness.

Wednesday, December 3, 1884—I attended to my usial Business to day & sat in the High council until after midnight on the case of E. F. Pearce who we cut off the church for licentious conduct Preaching false doctrine & trying to break up families while on New Zealand on a mission 4 or 5 yrs ago.²⁹

Thursday & Friday, December 4 & 5, 1884—I attended to the usial routine of business during the Last 2 days & was not well by any means.

Saturday, December 6, 1884—To day I attended our Stake Priesthood meeting at 11 A.M. & was very busy with Stake & other business & was very tired when night came.

Sunday, December 7, 1884—Accompanied by my counselor O. Smith & his wife Carrie & Annie Carlisle went to Newton & met with Sts at 10 AM & 2 P.M. the sister held a meeting at 12 M. Thence to Clarkston & held a meeting at 6 30 P.M.

Monday, December 8, 1884—Went to trenton & held a meeting at 11 A.M. Thence home. During all these meetings a good teachable Spirit privailed Attended A board meeting of the B.Y. College.

Tuesday, December 8, [9,] 1884—I attended to Local Stake & Temple Business during the day.

²⁷ Henry Dinwoody owned a furniture business in Salt Lake City that employed a number of Church members (see K. Godfrey 2001, 217).

²⁸ Card is careful here not to use the term *wife*, as the record could be used against him by the federal marshals.

²⁹ Elijah F. Pearce was set apart on October 10, 1878, to serve

a mission in New Zealand. On December 25, 1878, he was placed in charge of the Australasian Mission succeeding Elders Thomas A. Shreeve and Fred J. May. President Pearce headquartered at Christchurch, New Zealand. He left Auckland March 3, 1880, and died in Salt Lake City on June 30, 1922 (see A. Jensen 1971, 308).

Wednesday, December 10, 1884—Attended the B.Y. College to day from 9 30 A.M until 3 P.M. Business for stake & temple the bal of the day.

Thursday, December 11, 1884—I attended to business of Stake & Temple Early & Late.

Friday, December 12, 1884—I attended to Temple & College Business until 12 30 Thence to Providence & attended the Funeral of the wife of Bro M. D. Hammond at 1 P.M. Returned to Logan at 3 30 & resumed my Labors until eve when I visited Bps Ballard & Lewis & invited them to attend meetings with me in the North. Spent an hour or so in a party in Hopkins hall.

Saturday, December 13, 1884—Was exceedingly busy until 3 P.M. when I got my team ready & bade my family adieu & called & got My Counselor Bro O. Smith & wife & sister Catherine & drove to Richmond & stayed over night with my first counselor Bro M. W. Merrill.

Sunday, December 14, 1884—Drove to Lewiston & met with the Sunday School well attended & organized & in addition to the theological Class was a mothers class, quite a new but profitable feature for all concerned. All are theological but when mothers come out & refresh their intellectual & Spiritual with their children we must succeed. I addressed the School Briefly with my brethren Also attended meeting at 2 P.M. with the sts here & addressed them again with Pres M. W. M. & Elders & Bps.

After meeting we gave our friends here the parting hand & blessing & drove to Richmond & met with the sts here at 7 P.M. who were addressed by Bp. B. M. Lewis Elder M H Fernez Bp. Ballard Pres O. Smith & myself a good spirit prevailed I stayed overnight with Pres Merrill who treated us very kindly.

Monday, December 15, 1884—We drove north to Coveville & met with the sts of this ward at 11 A.M. After opening exercises we were addressed by Bp H. Ballard & Sister Carrie C. Smith and Elder Fames M. H. Pres O. Smith Bp B. M. Lewis & myself discoursed on various principles of the Gospel & such practical things as well as the sts to carry them out.

After dining we drove to Smithfield and put up with Bp C. L. F. At 7 P.M. a company assembled at Bp Farrells for the purpose of participating in the dedication of his new house about 8 P.M. Bp F

called them to Order when a Hymn was sang & By request of Bp A. L. F. I offered the dedicatory prayer They sang again. We then commenced the house warming by the dancing & feasting from the ample Boards provided The dancing continued until midnight.

Tuesday, December 16, 1884—After a few hours of sweet repose & Breakfast we went to meeting at 10 A.M. Which we addressed upon home & subjects of the Gospel. Dined Thence to Hyde Park & held meeting & preached to a full house at 2 P.M. Thence to Logan.

Wednesday–Saturday, December 17–20, 1884—During the Ballance of this week I attended to stake and Temple Business Working early and late.

Sunday, December 21, 1884—I attended meeting in the Tab. at 2 P.M. & Addressed the sts briefly. Attended Meeting in the 3rd ward accompanied by Bp Hyde where we preached to the sts on the Gospel principles as well as Home economy & self culture & sustinance.

Monday, December 22, 1884—I was very busy to day preparing to go to provo to spend Christmas with Mother & the children.

Tuesday, December 23, 1884—I Labored at my usial routine of Biz until 2 P.M. when I took train & went to Salt Lake City where I stayed over night with Bp Preston & family who entertained me kindly.

Wednesday, December 24, 1884—After attending to business for the B.Y. College & myself I took train & went to provo where I arrived at just dark & had a happy meeting with my dear mother and children Ora, Jennie & niece Olive Steele who are here attending school.

Thursday, December 25, 1884—This purported Birth day of the Birth of our Savior was stormy & I Stayed in and visited all day with my mother & children & had an enjoyable time feasting not only on food but our love & respect for each other which passed the day excedingly pleasant.

Friday, December 26, 1884—I passed in fitting up the folks with Provision clothing &c and stayed over night again with them which was duly appreciated by all especially by mama.

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Saturday, December 27, 1884—This morning I gave my dear ones the parting kiss & took train for Salt Lake where I spent the day looking up a Loan of Cash for the B.Y. College which kept me until nearly night when I went to Bro James L. Browns & stayed over night.

Sunday, December 28, 1884—I took train for Logan at 7 30 & arrived here at 2 P.M. & went to meeting in the Tabernacle addressed the sts again briefly.

Elder J. A. Leishman & myself Spoke in the fourth Ward this eve at 7 P.M.

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, December 29, 30, & 31, 1884—I passed in attending to my Local duties.

Thursday, January 1, 1885—Another New year has dawned & we dedicate a building to the honored name of Brigham Young as a college endowed by him with a munificent gift of 9647 acres of Land in the heart of Cash Valley. At 12 M the Bps & prominent Elders of Cache Stake with their wives convened. After remarks by Apostle M Thatcher & myself Apostle W. Woodruff offered the dedicatory prayer. Suitable remarks were mad[e] by Apostles Woodruff & Thatcher also Bp. Preston G. W. Thacher & Pof. C. G. Maeser we passed a couple of very pleasant hours here and Several in the dance in the evening which was provided by the trustees in honor of the occasion in the eve commencing at 7 P.M. & holding until 12 Midnight Thus closed a very pleasurable time and one that will live in history.³⁰

Friday, January 2, 1885—Attended to the business of temple & stake very busily to day.

Saturday, January 3, 1885—Attended Priesthood meeting at 11 A.M. had a good profitable meeting

my mind was occupied in Stake & Temple business both before and after meeting.

Sunday, January 4 through Friday, January 23, 1884 [1885]—To day I attended meetings with the Sts in the Tabernacle & Sunday eve in the Seventh Ward accompanied by Pres Orson Smith.

From this date until the present I have been very busy made a trip to Bear Lake via of McCannon and as far south as Meadowville where I spent one sabbath. Had a good time visiting my friends & doing business in settling up with my temple mill hands & others connected with the construction of the Temple. Had no leisure until the 23rd Inst when I started for Salt Lake went to Ogden & stayed all night at Bro Scovilles.

[Notes at end of journal.]

[Covers are smudged and difficult to transcribe. First entry inside the cover is a list of family names.]

C. O. Card

Born

Died

Wm. Fuller Card -1786 Caroline

Sarah Sabin Card 1790 Cyrus W.

Joseph Card Elizebeth

Jesse Tuttle Charlotte

Diana Gillett Tuttle Charles

Ora Tuttle Dewilton

Onrella " David

Sarah Ann " William F

Elizebeth Angeline " Mary

Rachel Alvera " Louisa

Grand Pas mother Martha Sarah Levantia

Brothers & sister

Thomas Tuttle

Oltiniel "

Chandler "

Marthy "

Grandma Father & Tuttle's Bro & Sisters

³⁰In his history of Brigham Young College, Arnold K. Garr describes the events of January 1, 1885, as follows: "The dedication of the college's first building, known as the east Building, turned out to be a tremendous occasion for the community. It was held at 12:00 o'clock noon on New Year's Day 1885, on the second floor of the new building. Attending were a number of local bishops and ward representatives each of whom was present by special invitation" (1973, 14–15). Also in attendance were Wilford Woodruff, Moses Thatcher, William B. Preston, Karl G. Maeser, and several members of the board of trustees and faculty of B.Y.C. Moses Thatcher addressed the assembly and said that if

the tuition would be sufficient to pay the faculty, the people of the community would be welcome to the free use of the college facilities. Thatcher also stated that in the future the college planned to build another building that would be the main building proper, and that the ultimate use of the present building was to be a dormitory for the students. President Wilford Woodruff offered the prayer, dedicating the new building and other buildings occupied by the college, along with the land in Logan City and the college farm. Other speakers were William B. Preston and Karl G. Maeser. That evening the board of trustees sponsored a ball held in the city's opera house.

Zackeons Gillett
Claresa Humphrey “
Jack “ Jr.
Clestia Gillett
Sarah “
Rinaldo “
Leander “
Spencer Gillett
June “
Eliza “

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See that Boards trade are organized.

See that Ecclesiastical organizations are kept intact
& organized where vacant.

\$150.00 Due on Mill note June 3 send it during

Bear Lake Exspence

Toll .50

Butter forkwide .50

Goods 2.65

Joseph Barton

Kaysville has money to Loan

[The following is upside down on page.]

Daniel L Robins

of Lewiston should have a hearing before the H.C.

[Inside back cover.]

Ex to City 8.50

Beans costs \$4.60 Cwt

Flaxseed (Ground) \$7.75

Home Syrups in 5 Gal Kegs 39⁵ or 79 per Gal.

Many Short wts Kegs cost 26 cts

Imported syrups .60 cts per Gal

Pork Pres cost 11—about .10 & usially

Hops cost .25 cts

Hams more

Round Army Bean will yield about 20 Bus per acre
& should be drilled 2½ ft apart by 6 in in drill

H. Arnold

Baker

Salt Lake City

[Right marginal note: Title of Temple Association
Scientific Social and Educational]

[End Journal 22.]

[Editor’s note: Journal 23 covers January 24, 1885, through December 26, 1885. It is 4¹/₈ by 6³/₄ inches with a burgundy cover, and is written in purple pencil. This journal also includes a detailed report of C. O. Card’s arrest on September 14, 1886.]

[Inside front cover.]

Logan Jan. 24th
1885

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Diswilling Just Powers from the consent of the Governed.

Saturday, January 24, 1885—Went from Ogden to Salt Lake thence to Provo attended to business about 5 hours in Salt Lake.

Met my darling mother in Provo as well as my children Jennie & Ora also She that was my wife Sarah J. Birdno. Olive Steele & L. Williams All were pleased to see me without it was Mrs. S. J. B. who Seemed rather distant although in the house provide by me for my mother & children I took matters quietly and calmly allowed the children to take their mother to the B.Y.A. party at my expense while I remained & visited with mother.

Sunday, January 25, 1885—To day I attended meeting in the Provo tabernacle [Page of journal is missing.] and Brigham Young Academy and addressed the Latter meeting & encouraged the young in Seeking the Lord & learning of his ways.

I passed the evening with Bro Maeser very intelligently & and pleasantly.

Monday, January 26, 1885—I attended to things necessary this fore noon to make mother & the children comfortable after dining I took occasion to converse with Mrs. S. J. Birdno (my former wife) in presence of mother which I did in the spirit of Kindness and told her to allow our children to walk in the ways of the Lord if She took a contrary course after She expressed her Satisfaction in regard to their treatment [Page of journal is missing.] and school my kind words caused her to weep. I Spent about 2 hours in the acadmy this afternoon at 4 P.M. I bade

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mother & the children good & gave them a parting Kiss I gave my hand to Mrs S J B. & told her I was not her h enemy & not entertaining such views which caused the tears to trinkle down her cheeks. In this I used the wisdom God gave me & if I done any good let Him be praised. Thence took train for Salt Lake where I spent the eve with Bro Zebulon Jacobs³¹ & night with Bro. J. S. Brown.

Tuesday, January 27, 1885—I remaned here until 4 P.M. Was here when Pres. John Taylor & Brethren arrived from their Southern & Pacific coast trip.³² Met them & Shook their hands & felt their congeniel & bold Spirits. Went to Ogden tonight & Stayed with Bro H B Scoville.

Wednesday, January 28, 1885—I returned home to day where I arrived at 2 P.M. Attended to my usial duties & comforted my family who fear for my safety in these perilous days.

Thursday & Friday, January 29 & 30, 1885—Am busy preparing for conference.

Saturday, January 31, 1885—To day we had conference Bps reported sts improve as well as others Pres O Smith Spoke 25 minutes in the morning & I Spoke in the afternoon about the Savior [Page of journal is missing.] passed the eve with my family.

Sunday, February 1, 1885—We had a few more reports this morning & Pres Merrill Spoke $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Afternoon Sacrament & a few reports. Apostle M. Thatcher came in at 2:30 P.M. and preached 1 and $\frac{1}{4}$ hours under the inspration of heaven. Camly & quietly thus ended a very profitable conference & one long to be remembered for we had the out pouring of the Spirit of the Lord & the Sts were teachable.

I passed the eve in the temple with Sisters Zina & Martha Downs. My heart is filled with gratitud for the gospel & the society of its fruits.

Monday, February 2, 1885—I attended to my Local duties to day which Keep me busy & no time to Idle. The same Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4 & this

evening caused me to reflect upon the abridgement of our liberties of by our enemies in this boasted Land of liberty for like many of my brethren put one that so near & dear to me in exile for the safty of my person & our offspring.

Thursday, February 5, 1885—To day I returned home & resumed my duties without fear or favor of our enemies. God Bless our wanderers for the Gospel sake.

Friday, February 6, 1885—To day finds me at my post as usial. Wrote several letters and attended to my usial business with success. Went into the temple & prayed for wisdom for myself & protection for Gods people. Spent my eve. home reading.

Saturday, February 7, 1885—This morning the Lord be praised for another day & Strength to resume my Labors. I attended Priesthood meeting to day at 11 AM where we had the Largest attendance I have ever seen in the cache valley Stake of Zion. We had a profitable time & a teachable Spirit prevailed. At 3 P.M. I started for newton accompanied by Pres. O. Smith & Elder John E. Carlisle where we arived about 6 P.M. and held a meeting at 7 P.M. & preached to an attentive audience. Stayed over night with Bp Hans Fink [Funk].

Sunday, February 8, 1885—This beautiful morn we bade our hosts adieu & drove to Clarkston. Pres Smith & Elder Carlisle Visited the S.S. while I located the team At 2 P.M. & 7 P.M. we held meetings here where we preached to appreciative and attentive audiences. A good teachable Spirit prevailed. Stayed over night with Bp. John Jardine.

(* *) **Monday, February 9, 1885**—We bade this place (Clarkston) adieu & were joined by Bp. John Jardine. 2 sons wives & others drove to Frenton [Trenton] where we met with the Sts of this place at 11 A.M. Preached to the sts. Organized them in to a ward with James B. Jardine Bp. Andrew McCombs First Councilor. Wm J. Griffiths 2nd Councilor & Andrew Grey Clk.³³ I was mouth in setting apart the

³¹ Zebulon Jacobs, son of Henry and Zina Diantha Huntington Jacobs, was born January 2, 1842, in Nauvoo, Illinois. Zina later became general president of the Relief Society, was sealed to Joseph Smith, and later married Brigham Young (see Compton 1997, 82–83).

³² On January 3, 1885, President Taylor, Joseph F. Smith, Moses Thatcher, and Francis M. Lyman left Salt Lake City by

train and traveled to Arizona. There they visited Latter-day Saint communities on the Little Colorado, in the Salt River Valley, and in the Gila Valley. They returned to Salt Lake City after also visiting Los Angeles and San Francisco (see Gibbons 1985, 244–46).

³³ Card’s diary is invaluable here in reconstructing the history of the Trenton Ward. Ward records were lost, and the records in the Church Historian’s Office in Salt Lake City, which were not

Bp. & 2nd Councilor. Pres. Smith the First councilor. After meeting we dined with Bro. A. McCombs. Thence to Logan where we arrived about 6 P.M. feeling we had done all the good we could in our travels & gave the honor to God from whom we rec'd our Strength & wisdom.

Tuesday, February 10, 1885—This morning I resumed my local Labors & worked to day to catch up with my mails or correspondents. Dined at the Temple. At 8 P.M. took conveyance to _____ where I Stayed with coz. Genevera who was much gratified with my nocturnal visit & welcomed me with her usual Kindness & Kisses.

Wednesday, February 11, 1885—I remained here in _____ with G and comforted & Blessed her in her in exile that she might be comported.³⁴ Returned to Logan by the Kindness of my father who accompanied me here. God bless my friends for their Kindness to me & mine & reward my enemies with their just deserts.

I attended to my usual duties of Stake & Temple.

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, February 12, 13 & 14, 1885—I attended to my Local Stake duties during the last 3 days & on the evening of the Last day mentioned I came to Hyrum accompanied by Sister Z. D. Young Stayed over night with Bp. S. M. Mollon [Molen] who rec'd & provided for us very Kindly.

Sunday, February 15, 1885—I proceeded to hyrum accompanied by Bp. Molen where we met with the Sunday School at 10 A.M. Witnessed their exercises & Briefly addressed them as did also my 2nd Counselor Orson Smith.

We met with The sts at 2 P.M. After opening exercises Bp. Mollon [Molen] Spoke upon home industries &c When I followed & Spok an hour & 15

minutes on the duties of the sts Home industry & encouraged the sts to be dilligent in obedience to the gospel & after their search after the truth. Pres. O Smith followed briefly. After meeting Pres Smith & Bp Oldham accompanied us to Hyrum where we preached to 3 separate audiences. Although after I had Spoken 1¼ hours in the basement of the 2 Story Schoolhouse I went upstairs and Spoke about 10 or 15 minutes to the young people that Bp Oldham had been talking to While Pres S. Spoke to the Skandnevia audience in the North Wester portion of the town. I again Stayed over night with Bp. Molen Where I enjoyed myself with coz. Genevera.

Monday, February 16, 1885—I bade my _____ & friends adieu this morning and attended to business until 2 P.M. When I met with the Board of the U.O.M & B Co. Also a stock holders meet at 7:30 in the eve where I was again elected Pres of the Co for another yr.

Tuesday, February 17, 1885—After attending to the Stake & Temple Business during the forenoon & quallifying to my new office I met at 2 P.M. with the Board of the U.O.M. & B Co. which lasted until 9 P.M.

Wednesday, February 18, 1885—To day I attended to my usual Local & Stake business.

Thursday, February 19, 1885—I attended with to my usual routine of Biz & in the eve went to Hyrum & Stayed over night with Genevera with whom we had a very pleasant time.

Friday, February 20, 1885—Finds me with her in her exile passing the day in lovely solitude.³⁵

[Following paragraph appears to be an insert record from a conference. It was likely written and entered here while “passing the day.”]

completed until 1900, are clearly in error for the early years. A. J. Simmonds, in his history of Trenton, states that James Jardine served as bishop from 1885 to 1888 without counselors. Card's diary clarifies that he did have counselors and a ward clerk as well (see Simmonds 1970, 128).

³⁴ Rudger Clawson, who was tried in Salt Lake City in October 1884, was the first polygamy case under the Edmunds Act. The case against him could not be proved until his wife Lydia, who had been in hiding, was found and she testified that she was married to Clawson. He was convicted. By the end of 1884 three others were convicted, and in 1885 eighty-three polygamists were

indicted, twenty-three were sent to prison, and forty-three were awaiting trial. Thus, Card had to be very careful if he was to avoid arrest (see Poll, Miller, Campbell, and Alexander 1978, 262–63).

³⁵ Following the dedication of the Logan Temple and Card's new role as stake president—the presiding authority of the area—he faced a paradox in the struggle between the federal government and polygamy as well as between local members of the Church and the Gentiles (anyone who was not a member of the Church). Card's home became unsafe when the U.S. marshals began looking for him. He and other polygamists in the area were forced into hiding (see D. Godfrey and Card 1993, xxxvii).

Apostle H. J. Grant arose & said he was much pleased to meet with the sts in this conference Exhorted the Sts to keep Gods commands. We should place ourselves in the same place as the 3 Hebrew children. We must do our duty and make a proper record for ourselves in all dilligence. Deprecated the Idea of men being tyrants in their own families while Smooth preachers abroad. We should live above the reproach of the world by fulfilling our own contracts.

We can not live the commands of God & be dishonest.

Spoke upon the sin of adultery & many of those that are fighting against us have been Kicked out disfellowshipped for adultery & can not get out. Elder Harvy Cluff counselor to Pres Smoot of Utah Also testified to the truth of the work of God & passed through some & witnessed some of the persecutions of the Sts. God will work out our salvation by our faithfulness. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts Choir sang Benediction by _____.

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Logan, Saturday, October [April] 4, 1885—Conference convened here in the Tabernacle at 10 A.M.³⁶ Singing by the choir prayer By Apostle John H. Smith. Singing.

Apostle F. D. Richards who was the senior & presiding apostle first addressed the sts & encouraged the sts. Bp David Cannon Spoke & represented St George Stake Pres. Silas S. Smith of San Luis Stake.

Pres. W. W. Cluff of Summit Stake. Pres N C Flygare Counselor to the Pres of the Weber Stake also addressed the sts All Spoke encouragingly to the Sts & upon the question of the hour persecution. Choir sang Benediction By Apostle H. J. Grant.

2 P.M. Conference convened again & after opening exercises by Singing & prayer by Apostle H. J. Grant.

Elder J. F. Wells, Pres. A. Hatch (of Wasach Stake) E. D. Woolley of Kanab Stake, Willard G. Smith Pres Morgan Stake said his father was killed at Hanns Mill.³⁷ Elder John Nicholson next addressed the sts on the Spirit of unity & faithfulness to the

great encouragement of the the Sts present. Choir Sang ~~meeting~~ conference Adjourned until 10 AM tomorrow. Benediction By Apostle J. W. Taylor.

I had a very busy day looking after the Interests & Safety of the sts. Attended the Logan choir concert this evening & retired at 12 P.M.

Sunday, April 5, 1885—Conference again convened at 10 A.M. Choir sang. Prayer by Apostle F. M. Lyman. Singing.

Apostle John W. Taylor first addressed the sts commended the citizens of Logan for Sobriety and holding the Lords name Sacred. Spoke of the gathering of the sts in the Last days.

Apostle H. J. Grant & Counselor W. W. Cluff of Utah Stake ocupied the ballance of the time in a very spirited manner influenced by the good Spirit. Benediction by Pres C. O. Card.

2 P.M. Choir Sang. Prayer by Pres. Wm Budge. Sacrament during which time all the general authorities were presented by Elder John Nicholson & unanimously sustained.

Elder B. F. Cummings read an Epistle from the presidency of the Church Expressing their regrets in not being able to attend our annul conference. Speaking of the hostility of our enemies as in contrast with the good things of God. After which Apostle H. J. Grant to appoint a committee to draft resolutions to present to the Pres. of the U.S. that the unrighteous tirade may be Stopped which was adopted. After which Apostle F. D. Richards presented the name of Hon John T. Caine, and 25 or 30 others among them my own to meet hereafter who were also unanimously Sustained. After which Apostle Richards arose and addressed the sts Showed the antagonism existing between truth and error. Much good instruction was given by Pres Richards Y M M I A & Y L M I A was announced for a meeting this eve. & S.S. tomorrow eve at 7 O.C. P.M. Choir Sang Benediction by Elder J. F. Wells. Mutual meetings at 7 P.M.

Logan, Monday, April 6, 1885—Our annal conference again convened at 10 AM & was addressed by Apostle John H. Smith & Pres O. G. Snow of Box

³⁶This was the Logan Tabernacle, not the tabernacle in Salt Lake City. The crusade against plural marriage moved the fall 1885 general conference to Logan. As Card notes, the First Presidency of the Church and some senior Apostles were in hiding to avoid arrest (see K. Godfrey 1981, 66–71).

³⁷Willard G. Smith was born at Amherst, Ohio, on May 9,

1827. Before his call as the Morgan Stake president, he served as bishop in one of the Morgan wards. Smith became stake president on July 1, 1877, and was the first president of the Morgan Stake, which had nine wards when it was organized (see Morgan Utah North Stake 1988, 14–16).

Elder Stake. At 2 P.M. we again met and was addressed by Apostles F. M Lyman and F. D. Richards who encouraged us in in the good acts of the Gospel.

They also invoked the blessing of God upon the sts. in the name of Jesus & felt to bless with all the power he had (F. D.). Benediction by Apostle F. D. Richards.

We met in the interests of the S.S. at 7:30 P.M. & had an interesting time replete with good instructions By Apostle Lyman and Elder Geo. Godard & others.

Tuesday, April 7, 1885—I passed the fore noon in preparing to go to Salt Lake City to meet with a convention on the morrow to draft resolutions & remonstrance against the tirade of the U.S. officials of Utah.

I left Logan by train at 3 P.M. & arrived in Salt Lake at 8 P.M. Stayed over night with Sister Prescinda Kimball & her son Joseph.

Wednesday, April 8, 1885—Met with many of my friends and acquaintances to day wrote home this morn also took a bath at the warm springs & am now ready for the convention at 2 PM Met with the committee appointed at our Late conference to draft a remonstrance and resolutions to the Pres. of the U.S. of the Grievances & Persecutions of the Sts here through their obedience to the Eternity of marriage. After discussing the matters an hour or two we adjourned until Thurs. eve at 7 OC.

Thursday, April 9, 1885—This morning at 7:20 I took train & landed in Provo about 10 A.M. and assisted my mother & children in packing up goods preparatory to their returning home. I worked until 4 P.M. when I returned to S.L. City & met again with the Com. as per apointment. Stayed with Bro Brown.

Friday, April 10, 1885—I returned to provo & completed my Labors there & returned with my mother to the City (my children came with me the night before). I met with the Committee & they adjourned until next Wednesday. I again stayed with Bro J. S. Brown.

Saturday, April 11, 1885—I took train this morning at 8 A.M. accompanied by Mother the children joined us at Ogden & we arrived in Logan about

1 P.M. & was Kindly rec'd by our families. Apostle M. Thatcher returned on the same train. He had been to Old Mexico on a short mission for about 2 months & had traveled about 10500 miles Since Jan 2 last. Over 1000 miles in wagon or horse back & on foot.

Sunday, April 12, 1885—At 2 P.M. met with the Sts. in the Logan Tabernacle. After opening exercises & Sacrament We were addressed by Elder Andrew Villett who returned from a mission to Europe (Italy france &c) who had been sick during the last 6 months.³⁸ Reported many of his perils & hardships which caused his Sickness.

Felt well in Spirit and desired to live the principles of the Gospel. Invoked the blessings of God upon the Sts.

Apostle M Thatcher arose and Stated he had not Spoken much in public for the Last 3 months. Felt it a privilege to meet again with the sts & partake of the Sacrament that we may enjoy of the Holy Spirit.

He stated that men would endanger their lives by Sea & land to get gold although no man ever Brot an oz it into the world or took it out.

Advised the Sts to seek the Pearl of Great Price (Salvation). It is natural for the sts to cling to these mts. Hunger makes food taste sweet confinement Liberty! Spoke upon the value of liberty as a precious boon.

He had traveled much & founds friends every where. We are not overstocked with Moral courage. Where you find this you find a prize. We should place our trust in God & deal justly will both friends & enemies. I am grateful for this persecution of our enemies. Natural man is noble he is only depraved when he partakes of the Spirit of him who fell from Heaven. It is natural to do wrong but fallen man men as we see them are those that were on the right side when there was rebellion in Heaven. The sons of perdition are those that have had a testimony themselves & then turn away from the pathes of truth. Bore a Strong testimony of the truth of the Gospel and it is sweeter to me than all the world. The love of God will bannish hatred.

Spoke of having the privelege of visiting an exhibition of the Incandescent Electric light which is one of the blessings of God. My devotion to God is more valuable than Gold. We to day are enjoying to day the blessings of God through the efforts of

³⁸ Andrew Villett, a carpenter, lived on the Corner of First and Johnson Streets in Logan (see Somers 1993, 71).

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reformers (naming them). The Latter day sts within the 100 yrs will shine brightly before those that persecute them.

We should not despise any one but we may dislike the ways of our enemies. Invoke the blessings upon the sts & prayed that our enemies may see their position. How long will this persecutions continue? let me say Our Redeemer suffered let us turn our hearts to the dead & the living. I tell you in the Name of the Lord if you will endure to the end you shall be united & again in Body & Spirit & you yet will have the privilege of Stooping down & lifting up your persecutors God Bless you Amen. Benediction By Elder C. J. Larson.

I Preached in the fifth Ward Logan to night to an attentive audience. Tried to encourage the sts to each obtain a testimony for themselves.

Monday, April 13, 1885—I attended to my private business to day having much anxiety about my 2 eldest children about 4 P.M. I drove to their mothers & without getting out of my buggy asked Bro Shelton who was living to the next door to invite my Boy Ora to come and take a ride with me to my farm. In advance of the boy, his mother came & Talked very insulting and as the boy came She compelled him to run back at this I Sprang from my buggy & ran after the boy and caught him as he entered the house & She caught me by the whiskers & the only way I could get her of Without bruising her was to wrench her hand out of my beard & she took a hand ful with it which I Suffered rather than to strike her. After Laboring so hard for the Salvation of my dear children I have to ask my God how long Shall a wicked & ungodly mother have an influence over them. I pray that it may be Short.

Tuesday, April 14, 1885—I attended to my public & private duties preparing to go to S.L. City on the morrow.

Wednesday, April 15, 1885—I was quite busy until 2 P.M. when I bade my family adieu & took train to Salt Lake where I arrived about 8 P.M. & shortly after met with the convention where we remained until 11 P.M. & left the revision of our resolutions and the drafting of the remonstrance to the pres of the CP to a special committee & then adjourned until Monday the 20 inst at 8:15 PM. I have during the last 3 days visited with my friends counseled with my brethren & done some business which I am doing up to this Apr/8 P.M.

Thursday, April 16, 1885—I attended to public and private business to day here Selling flour or trying to also resting my weary body for I felt much fatigued from my conference and the Stake Labors. As usual Stayed over night with Br Kimball.

Friday, April 17, 1885—I continued my Labors here in study reading &c.

Saturday, April 18, 1885—To day I done the same & rode to Centerville north about 12 miles & called upon my friend & cousin Amanda Rollins with whom I Stayed over night & were Kindly treated & well entertained.

Sunday, April 19, 1885—I accompanied my relatives to meeting at 10:30 A.M. & was invited to address the sts which I did for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

I passed the afternoon with my uncle (by marriage) Joseph France & family in their home I passed a few pleasant hours.

Returned remaned over night with my cousin & family & passed a very pleasant evening &c chatting about the work of the Lord.

Monday, April 20, 1885—This morning I bade my friends adieu & was conveyed by my cousin Charles Rollins to Woods cross where I took the D & R.G. Ry to Salt Lake & arrived there about 12 M. At 2 PM met with the convention & Labored until about 6 P.M. Thence to my Lodgings with Bp. Jos Kimball.

Tuesday, April 21, 1885—I met again in the convention at 10 AM & 2 P.M. & worked until 6 P.M. adjourned until 2 P.M. on the morrow.

Wednesday, April 22, 1885—I attended to private business until 2 P.M. when we met again in convention at 2 P.M. & labored until 6 P.M. having completed one document all but a few Small corrections which we left with a committee of 5 Hon J. T. Caine as chairman with power to call a ratification meeting.

Thursday, April 23, 1885—I took train at 8 A.M. for Logan & Got home at one thirty P.M. & attended to my public & private business until night.

* **Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25, 1885**—I attended to U O M & B Co. Biz & also my public & private also administered to my fathers wife Emma

who is very low. Attended a High Council Sat. eve in the case of S. Eckerslay.

Sunday, April 26, 1885—I attended Sunday School a while this morn and at 1 P.M. administered to Emma my father's wife and at 2 P.M. went to the Tabernacle to meeting. After the opening exercises we were addressed by Elder Jos E Taylor of Salt Lake Stake Presidency who was visiting here.³⁹ He Spoke of the early Settlement of these valleys & the good prospect of the Sts also of the works of the adversary in opposition to the works of God.

Referred to the decree of Herod in comparison to the Spirit of this our day &c. Pres Orson Smith Spoke of the necessity of obtaining faith & Knowledge each one for him or her Self. Advised the sts to be faithfulness and unity. The Lord is bringing about His work in His way. Invoked the blessings of God.

After which I addressed the sts for a short time also preached in the 6 ward ward in the eve.

Saturday May 2, 1885—During the past week I have been engaged in looking after U.O. Biz and preparing for our quarterly conference which convened at 10 A.M. During this meeting we had excellent reports from Several of our Bishops which were rendered in an intelligent Kind Spirit. I spoke a short time.

At 1 P.M. Our mass meeting convened to ratify the Declaration of Grievances & Protest against the Tyrannical crusade against the sts. Many speeches were made & a unanimous vote for the protest &c.

Sunday, May 3, 1885—Our conference convened again this morning Bps. & High Priests completed reports Pres. M. W. Merrill addressed the sts in a very forcable manner.

2 P.M. Authorities presented. Sacrament & Prest Orson Smith & myself ocupied the Bal of the time trying to encourage the sts to live near the Lord & obtain a testimony for themselves of the truth of the work of God. We had an excellent feeling pervade our conference throughout. Preached in the 6 Ward in the eve.

Saturday, May 9, 1885—Have been exceedingly busy this week in attending to my Stake duties as well as company Biz also in caring for the Sick in administering my fathers Wife Emma has been very ill for 6 weeks.

Sunday, May 10 1885—Accompanied by my counselor Orson Smith went to Richmond & held meetings at 10 AM & 2 P.M. & at the latter dedicated their new meeting house I was mouth in prayer returned home this eve. Pres M W. Merrill Joined us in Richmond to day.

Monday, May 11, 1885—At 3 O Clock AM my father Summoned me to the bedside of his wife Emma Booth where I found her dying. She Breathed her last at 4:15 A.M. this morning. Was engaged during the fore noon in preparing for her burial on the morrow in the after noon I attended the othe business.

Tuesday, May 12, 1885—At 2 P.M. to day The funeral of Sister Emma Booth Card took place in the Tabernacle.⁴⁰

Singing by a few of the members of the Logan choyir led by their valient Leadir Bro. Alex. Lewis Prayer by Elder John Ash remarks by Elders J. A. Leishman John Ash C. J. Larson, Bps. B. M. Lewis & Thos X Smith.

Saturday, May 16, 1885—Nothing of note passed this week except I have been exceedingly busy in counseling those that called on me & attending to private business until I feel much fatigued at the end of another busy week of my life.

Sunday, May 17, 1885—This morning accompanied by Prest Orson Smith & wife Carrie C. We drove to Benson Where we met with the Sts at 10 AM. Prest. Smith & myself addressed the Sts here on their duties towards God & one another.

2 P.M. Sister Carrie C. Smith addressed the Sts here in behalf of the Young Ladies Mutuals. She was followed by Prest Smith & my self with encouraging remarks to the sts. Thence to Newton where we held meeting at 7:30 P.M. Where we addressed the Sts as

³⁹ Joseph E. Taylor served for many years as first counselor in the Salt Lake City Stake presidency. Angus M. Cannon was the stake president, and Charles W. Penrose was the second counselor. In February 1904 the Salt Lake Stake was cut in four, and Cannon, Taylor, and Penrose were released (see

K. Godfrey 1995, 316).

⁴⁰ Emma Booth was the plural wife of Cyrus Williams Card. Eight children came from this marriage (see Hudson 1963, 176–77).

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above that is Sister C. C. S & Pres O. S. & Self remained here over night.

Monday, May 18, 1885—This morn we bade our Newton friends adieu & wended our way to Clarkston where we net with the sts at 10 AM & 2 PM.

Prest Smith & Self addressed Both meetings. Sister Carrie C. S. held a meeting with the Yong Ladies in the eve.⁴¹

Tuesday, May 19, 1885—We drove to Trenton & held meeting at 11 A.M. Thence to Logan where I busied myself with public business the Ballance of the week.

Sunday, May 24, 1885—We attended meeting in the Tabernacle at 2 P.M. Prest. Smith & myself addressed the the sts of Logan trying to strengthen them in the faith of the Gospel.

Monday, May 25, 1885—I attended to public & private duties to day.

Tuesday, May 26, 1885—Went to Ogden to day. Traveled on cars to Willard where I called on my friend Sol Warner with whom I visited a few hours & then rode with him to Ogden & Stayed over night with Bro F. A. Brown.

Wednesday, May 27, 1885—Attended to Biz until about 4 P.M. Then to returned to Willard & Was over taken by my father & Brother who with my self stayed over night with Bro Warner & family.

Thursday, May 28, 1885—This morning I embarked with my father & Brother & returned home by team.

Friday & Saturday, May 29 & 30, 1885—I attended May 29 & 30 I attended to my regular routine of Biz.

Sunday, May 31, 1885—In company with Prest. Smith & Bps Shanky [Skankey] & S. Oldham preached to the Sts of Hyrum at 2 P.M. & the S.S. at 10 A.M.

From **Monday, [June 1] until Saturday, June 6, 1885**—I attend to Stake & U.O. Biz Thence to Wellsville on **Sunday, May [June] 7, 1885**—& held meeting with the S.S. at 10 A.M. & Sts at 2 P.M. with good attendance. Prest Smith Joined me there & Bps Lars & Hyde of Logan accompanied me.⁴²

I attended to my Local duties during the week ending **Sat 13, 85**.

Sunday, June 14, 1885—I went to Hyrum to attend a S.S. union composed of Hyrum Wellsville Mendon, Millville & Paradise. Apostle M. Thatcher & Prest O. Smith & several Bps were present & made encouraging remarks to the Schools.

After returning to Logan at 8 P.M. Apostle M Thatcher & self held a meeting in the 6th Ward & Both Preached to the Sts on the subjects of having a Knowledge of the works of God & purity in our lives if we wish to enjoy a celestial exaltation. Set apart F. Furnor as first counselor to Bp Skanchy.

Have attend to my Stake duties & public & private interests up to **Sat June 20**.⁴³

Logan, Sunday, November 8, 1885—Since the above was written I have been so busily engaged I have neglected my journal although my record will be found in all the wards of the Stake if the clerks of Said wards have done their duty for I have held from one to four meetings in a place in fact visited nearly all the wards of the stake twice with my counselor Bro Orson Smith also held meetings with Apostles Moses Thatcher. John Henry Smith in all but 3 or 4 of the settlements & at Wellsville & Hyrum Apostle F M Lyman Was with us. I have been present at 2 our Quarterly Conferences (2) namely on the **first Sat. & Sunday in Aug. & Last Sat of Oct & first Sabbath in Nov.** where we had most excellent meetings. On the **29th of June** at 25 minutes to 1

⁴¹ The Young Women's leaders in Clarkston at this time were Mary E. Barson, president; Agnes J. Shumway, first counselor; and Elizabeth Griffiths, second counselor (see Ravsten and Ravsten 1966, 110).

⁴² William Hyde Jr. was called as bishop of the Logan Fifth Ward in fall 1874 and was ordained a bishop by George Q. Cannon on May 20, 1877. He presided over the Fifth Ward until March 24, 1907 (see Jeppesen 1986, 86).

⁴³ At this point, the journal entries jump from June 20 to November 8, 1885. Pressures are intensifying as prosecution for

polygamy increases. William D. Hendricks, president of the Onieda Stake (north of Logan) and the Cache Stake, was arrested in Logan on April 19, 1886. While Card makes no mention of the event, it alerted him to the precariousness of his limited freedom. He is finding it increasingly difficult to travel openly and attend to community as well as Church duties. Hendricks was the third person arrested for polygamy in Logan, and the next year (1886) Card would be the fourth (see D. Godfrey and Card 1993, xxxviii).

Standard time I had a son born to me by Zina Priscinda Young Williams on the evening of **July 5** in company with Prest O. Smith & Bro Wm Hyde I blessed him & gave him the name of Joseph Young.⁴⁴

Oct 6 at 10 A.M. our Semi Annal convened in the Logan Tabernacle which continued 3½ day. There were present 7 of the Apostles Erastus Snow F D Richards Moses Thatcher F M Lyman J H Smith F John W Taylor & H J. Grant. On the eve of the **9** we held a Priesthood meeting & was addressed by Prest Geo Q Cannon who returned to Salt Lake City immediately on retiring from the meeting. Strange that in this Boasted Land of liberty God fearing men like Pres C have to travel by night to avoid arrest All because he has been faithful in the observance of the Laws of God. Thus it has been for about 9 months & even longer with some.

How long or Lord is it to be thus. The Sweet wisperings of the Spirit Says until Israel is purged from all dross & traitors to the cause of God are not so numerous. For the Last 2 Yrs. men have had to visit their plural wives like a thief in the night & now many are in prison because they have dared to own the wives & children God has given them.

I have also attended Priesthood meetings on the first Sat. in every month at 11 AM in the Logan Tabernacle. One month ago yesterday we formed or appointed a committee to handle grain for the farmers that by combining the sales we might get the highest Price the mkt warrants. I was made chair main in this arrangements we will Save from 5 to 10 ct per Bus. which will agregate at Least \$25000 or more for this country. So much for Cooperation of the Kind that benefits the producer instead of Building up the Speculator. In this we only use our own Brains instead of home speculation or forreign Brains. This is working with the people & for the people and as faithful servants that freely give their Energy.

This Beautiful Sabbath morning I have passed in reading & writing the foregoing.

⁴⁴ Joseph Young was their first child, followed by Zina Young (June 12, 1888) and Orson Rega (December 10, 1891).

⁴⁵ Walter Josiah Beatie was the sixth bishop of the Salt Lake City Seventeenth Ward. He was born December 31, 1849, in Salt Lake City. Before his call as bishop, he had been the Sunday School superintendent, secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A., and first counselor to Bishop John Tingey. He became the ward bishop in 1896. Beatie was a successful businessman who worked as the cashier for ZCMI and was also the State Bank Examiner

Monday, November 9, 1885—After attending to & arranging my busines at 2 P.M. I took train for Ogden where I arrived about 5:30 took Supper at the Cenral hotel and took as my guest the wife of my cousin Oscar Curtis who was then on her road East to spend the winter. After Supper I took Mrs C. to Bro H. B. Scovilles to stay all night & I went to & Stayed all night with the family of David Eccles who treated me very Kindly.

Tuesday Morning, November 10, 1885—I took Mrs C to the U.P. train & I took the D & R.G. Ry for Salt Lake where I went & attended to business during the day & Stayed over night with Bro Walter Beatie & family who treated me the greatest courtesy.⁴⁵

Wednesday, November 11, 1885—I took the U.C. train & went to provo where I met my son Charles Ora Jr who was much pleased to meet his father. I passed two days here took Supper with the School children & Stayed over night here with Ora.

Thursday, November 12, 1885—Took Breakfast & dinner with Bro Harvy Cluff & at 4 P.M. took train for the City where I took supper & Stayed again with Bro Beatie & family.

Friday, November 13, 1885—I attended to business here in Salt Lake & took the D & R G for Ogden (I had an unexpected pleasure in having a Brief interview with Prest W. Woodruff God bless him who could not attend his own dear wifes funeral without jeopardizing his own liberty all because of his faithfulness & not for his sins⁴⁶ praise be to our maker[]). I arrived in Ogden about 7 P.M. Stayed all night with Bro Eccles who treated me very Kindly.

Saturday, November 14, 1885—This morning I attended to Biz. here in Ogden until 10:35 Thence took the U & N for home at Brigham. I recd a telegram from a friend to disembark at Mendon which I did and attended a meeting of the Young Ladies Improvement Associations of Mendon. I Spoke to

(see A. Jenson 1971, 649).

⁴⁶ On November 10, 1885, Wilford Woodruff's first wife, Phoebe Carter, died in Salt Lake City. Fearing that he would be arrested if he attended the funeral, Woodruff hid but was able to see the procession as it passed the office in which he was concealed. In his diary he expressed the hope that he would prove true and faithful unto the end so that he would be qualified to join Phoebe in the celestial kingdom (see Cowley 1916, 335).

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them about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour upon mutual Improvement as taught by the Gospel revealed through the prophet Jos. Smith. By the Kindness of Bro. Juls Jinson my self & Sister Carrie C. Smith were Conveyed to Logan after meeting remained over night at my fathers as it was supposed that a warrant of arrest was out for me.

Sunday, November 15, 1885—I remained all day at my fathers receid Several of the brethren Bps & Some with whom I had Biz As soon as it was dark went to Hyde Park where I Stayed with Z. Y. W. & was well received by Sister Abigail Hyde & family.

Monday, November 16, 1885—I remained in Hyde Park during the day & returned to Logan & Stayed at Bp. Thos X. Smith.

Tuesday, November 16 [17], 1885—Remained through the day with Bp Smith family & at night held a council with Apostle M. Thatcher & others in relation to ours & others Safety in these perilous times. After this meeting I went to Franklin on my way I called at Hyde Park & took Zina with me to Prests Merrill & left her with his wife Almira, arrived at Franklin at 5 A.M. [**Wednesday**] **Nov 17 [18]** where I Stayed with Bro L. R. Parkinsons through the day & at night drove to my sister Alatheia in Preston about 5 miles & stayed over night at this place.

Thursday, November 18 [19], 1885—I remained here until 3:30 P.M. Thence to Logan on my called at Franklin where I learned that 4 deputy U.S. Marshals & Some of our Franklin Boys had some Shooting shortly after I left the night before. My father having overtaken me at Franklin the day before went to my sisters with me & accompanied me back. We took Supper at Sister Almira Merrills & got in Logan about 10 P.M. Stayed all night at Bp Smiths & until night of

Friday, November 19 [20], 1885—Thence to Newton accompanied by my Counselor Orson Smith where we arived at midnight & put up with Bp. Hans Fink [Funk] & family who treated us very Kindly. It rained all the way to newton.

Saturday, November 20 [21], 1885—We expected to join Sisters P. Kimball & E. R. Snow at trenton It was so Stormy they did not come & we appointed

Elders Welchman & Jenkins to fill the appointment at 11 A.M. & we met with sts of Trenton at 2 P.M. Held a meeting Preached with much freedom to the sts on their duties as sts Thence To Clarkston at 7 P.M. where we addressed the Sts upon their duties & told them by the Spirit of Existant evils which Should be ferreted out & delt with according to the Lawes of God. After neeting I returned to Newton with Bp. H Fink.

Newton, Sunday, November 21 [22], 1885—This morning I passed with Prest. Wm F. Rigby & family Prest Smith Joined me in the after noon & we preached to the Sts here also in the Evening. We were joined in the eve by Prest. Rigby their former Bp. who also addressed them with much freedom⁴⁷ a good spirit prevailed throughout all our meetings. After meeting we returned to Logan Bro W. F. Rigby & family Daughter Lavinia who Stayed over night at my house & I Stayed with my mother & also through the day of

Monday, November 22 [23], 1885—I have passed my days in writing letters & reading the Scriptures. To night I went & Stayed at Bro T X Smith after paying Bro M Thatcher a visit with whom I converse in the eve frequently.

Wednesday, November 25, 1885—I remained safely at the home of Bp. Smith yesterday in the eve Joined Zina at her residence & shared in dinner penning these few lines at 1 P.M. all well & we have an agreeable visitor (Lavinia Rigby).

Thursday, November 26, 1885—To day I Saddled my horse & went upon the street & done quite an Amount of necessary Business & Stayed all night in the same place.

Friday, November 27, 1885—I again to the surprise of many of my brethren went about my business with horse & saddle at my command & in the Eve at 7 PM Joined Apostle M. Thatcher & Elder L. R. Martineaux & went to Hyrum & Stayed all night that is Bro. T & Self at Bro A A Allen's & Bro M at Bp Molen's.

Saturday, November 28, 1885—We remained here through the day & at night went to Brigham City

⁴⁷ William Frederick Rigby was ordained bishop of the Newton Ward in fall 1867 and placed in charge of the Clarkston

Ward. Card's wife Lavinia was Rigby's daughter. William died March 13, 1901 (see A. Jensen 1971, 414).

where we arrived at 12 Midnight & put up with Bro Charles Wight who treated us very Kindly.

We were escorted through the Mts by 2 Young men by the name of Allen who carried a lantern to light up over a very rough muddy road yet by the blessings of God we accomplished our journey.

Sunday, November 29, 1885—We remained ~~over night~~ here until 1:30 P.M. & returned to Wellsville accompanied by Bp. Wm B. Preston Bp. Madson of Brigham Kindly assisted to convey us to Wellsville with his team & carriage⁴⁸ Bp. Preston & self Preached in Wellsville in the evening.

Monday, November 30, 1885—Bp. Neil Jenson Brot me to Logan where we arrived at 1 P.M. the Ballance of the Brethren came in the evening.

I stayed with my wife Z to night.

Tuesday, December 1, 1885—I attended to business to day publicly driving around town in my buggy & the same place found me to night. I appreciate the few scattered moments I get with my family that is Kind to me on every hand. All seem to be inspired to make it pleasant for me on every hand. Although I have traveled considerably lately all seem to appreciate my circumstances. ~~About 7 PM. to night I was in the temple with a very near friend.~~

God has blessed me in multiplying wives & children in days that are past & gone & I trust to him for the outcome.

Wednesday, December 2, 1885—I was upon the streets a part of the day to day & attended to the necessary Biz. I thank God daily for my preservation of my self & family & for my increase. Went to the Temple to night at 6 P.M. with a very near friend &c &c.⁴⁹

Stayed at No Z &c &c The comforting influence of the Almighty has been with me & He has blessed me in my efforts and only by His omnipotence can I be Sustained. I feel that among the Sts the Good are growing better & the evil doer worse. I feel in my heart & soul that Gods cause will triumph & His Kingdom will be established in power.



*Lavinia Clark Rigby Card,
Charles O. Card's fourth wife*

Courtesy: Jo Ann Sloan Rogers

Attended to my biz to day & stayed at same place to night again with Rebeca be here.

Logan, Thursday, December 3, 1885—As I have felt that my safety was in Keeping quiet during the morning I have done so doing most of my business in the middle & after part of the day & eve resting morns. I remained again with Lv at Zs to night.

Friday, December 4, 1885—To day I attended to biz & preparing my family for witer & Sold my hogs to the Central Mills & had a very dark ride home with L returned to Logan before 7 P.M.

Saturday, December 5, 1885—This morn I rested until 11 A.M. Thence to Priesthood meeting where I addressed a good audience of the Leading Priesthood of this stake. Spoke of the adulterous influences among the people & advised the Bps. & Elders

⁴⁸ Adolph Madsen, born June 12, 1841, in Maribo, Denmark, was baptized into the Church on March 25, 1855. He came to America in 1857 and arrived in Utah in 1860. He served as bishop of the Brigham City Third Ward from November 12, 1882, to April 29, 1888. He was then set apart as first counselor in the Box Elder Stake Presidency. He died December 3, 1929

(see A. Jenson 1971, 429).

⁴⁹ On December 2, 1885, Charles Ora Card and Lavinia Clark Rigby were married. This would be Card's fourth wife—his third in polygamy. From this union there were five children. As federal authorities were now hunting and prosecuting polygamists, Card does not record the wedding in his journal.

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Preston Teachers &c to ferret it out and set their faces like flint against sin especially the Sexual sins that are cursing the nations. A good Spirit prevailed. Went to the School of art in the Temple at 2 P.M. & listened to a lecture on ancient History by Elder J A Leishman.

Spent the evening with my wife Z. & returned & stayed at my house for the first night in 3 weeks having to Keep a sharp look out for the marshals & in order to protect my self & others against arrest on an unjust cause.

Sunday Morn, December 6, 1885—Finds me at home writing my journal reading &c. At 2 P.M. I attended meeting With my 2nd counselor Bro Orson Smith.

We occupied the time between us in Speaking to the Sts on their duties.

At 6:30 we held a meeting in Providence where I was led to speak an hour and a quarter Bro Smith about ½ an hour. Our meetings in the after noon & eve were well attended & a good Spirit prevailed.

[Monday, December 7 through Saturday, December 12, 1885]—During the week I have attended to my public & private duties unmolested. All has been quiet in Cache Stake as far as our enemies are concerned.

Sunday, December 13, 1885—This morning Pres O Smith & Self went on horse Back to Benson & attended the S.S. at 10 A.M. & meeting at 2 P.M. Elders E R Miles & Samuel Matson of Smithfield Joined us here & we all talked to the S.S. in the morning & Sts at 2 P.M.⁵⁰ a good Spirit prevailed.

We returned to Logan & I went to the 4 Ward in the eve. & Prest. Smith to the 7th Ward.

Monday, December 14, 1885—Went to newton on the U G Stayed until the morn of the 15 ult. & returned to Logan about daylight. Found all well at Both ends of the route.

During the Ballance of the Week I attended to public & private duties very busily.

Z. went to the City on Sat. To be followed by her Mother & Sterling.

Sunday, December 20, 1885—This morning went to Smithfield & at 2 P.M. met with the Sts who were addressed By Bp Farrell & Elders O C. Ormsby & Seth A. Lankton. Met again with the Sts here at 6:30 & was Joined by Apostle M. Thatcher who with my Self occupied the time in the eve to a very attentive & appreciative audience.

I remained over night with Bp Farrell & family.

Monday, December 21, 1885—I returned home & attended to my Business until **Wednesday [December 23]** eve when Bro M. Thatcher Neils Hanson & self went to Millville & held a meeting Elder M D Hammond joined us here & we all addressed the sts who exhibited a good teachable feeling. **Thursday [December 24]** I attended to biz besides administering to the sick. **Friday [December 25]** Christmas day I spent my wife Sarah & children. We attended a little S.S. entertainment of our Ward in the afternoon & witness the distribution of Prizes to the Children from their Christmas tree which gratified the little ones much.

Saturday, December 26, 1885—Finds me with my family & ready for public & private duties. Thank the Lord for this little respite.

[Entries jump from December 1885 to September 14, 1886.]

Logan, September 14, 1886—Since the above date I attended to the stake business until the **26 of July last** when I was arested at my own house on the corner opposite my fathers.

For about 8 months I was partially on what is called the underground or Keeping out of the way of the U.S. Deputy Marshalls when I Knew they were arround for they have been dilligently watching for Apostle M Thatcher and myself.⁵¹

I have never missed a conference in Cache Stake since I have been President of Cache Stake only on the first meeting of the Conference on **Nov. last 1885**. I have traveled dilligently through the Stake visiting the Stake and have traveled ~~of~~ over the Stake about 4 times during the Last 10 months past. The most of the time however have not given out appointments but met at the regular

⁵⁰ Edwin R. Miles served for a time as the marshal of Smithfield (see Smithfield Historical Society 2001, 138, 13).

⁵¹ Card defines the underground accurately as “keeping out of the way of the marshals.” Leaders traveled at night, stayed with friends, and used aliases for communication. At one time Card

shaved his beard to ride a train in disguise. For the effects of antipolygamy prosecution, see Arrington and Bitton 1992, 179. For the effects on Card and his wives, see D. Godfrey 1997, 118–21.

meetings of the ward or under the guise of missionary appointments.

Have visited the wards of Smithfield Hyde Park Providence Millville Hyrum Paradise and Wellsville and Logan with Apostle M. Thatcher during the time the officers have been watching for us.

I have Sought dilligently to Keep my brethren in the different Settlements from being taken and have succeeded thus far where brethren have accepted my warning. However 2 were taken from Wellsville Bros Smith & Minnerly who came home after being warned and were take & now are in Jail serving out their Sentences.⁵²

Elder Orson Smith my 2nd Counselor has been very dilligent in assisting me until **April last** and as he was Sought for he was permitted to go north & engage in building Rail roads in Montana where he is still.⁵³

A more faith man I never labored with and we have acted as a unit.

Elder M. W. Merrill my first counsellor has traveled but little with me being President over the temple he was confined there from 4 to 5 days each week he generally appropriated the rest of the time looking after his private affairs. Occasionally visiting the northern Settlements on Sunday. for a more complete record I must refer you to the ward records of the Stake as well as the Stake records and copy my Books and records of the High Council thus my labors have been quite arduous.

Sunday, September 25, 1886—I went to Petersborough accompanied by Bp. Davidson of Logan Third Ward and Willard Croxall and Sterling Williams and held meeting visited the Sunday school Dined with Bro C. W. Maugham & family returned took Supper with my wife Zina Thence to the 5 ward I preached an hour & ten minutes warning the sts against the use of intoxicants.

I returned as far as Alfred James about 10:30 P.M. & Stayed all night with them My wife Zina

who left me about 6 A.M. This **Monday, July 26 1886** and left me to continue my Slumbers as I was weary and in fact did not care to go home too early as I Knew not whether there were marshalls in town or not. About 8:30 I arose washed and dressed me preparatory to going home. As I staped into the dining room I was invited to Breakfast with Bro. James and wife who are relatives of mine his wife being my wife Sarah Jane’s sister However I declined thinking I would go home & take breakfast with Sarah Jane as in these days of partial exile I only occasionally get to tak a meal with here here [her] house being the most prominent of anyeither of of my wives. I arrived home assisted Zina as I passed through my back yard to grease her buggy & hitch harness her horse to the vehicle.

I went into S. J’s [Sarah Jane’s] house & learned that [they] had been to breakfast and what food was left was cold. and as my wife set about to prepare me a more cozy meal I went to the stable took out my horse greased my buggy hi[t]ch on the horse and drove to the front gate Just at this moment my team came from the field with a load of hay. Sterling Williams my steepson announced that they were a in need of a fork at this not waiting for my meal I drove to main street purchased a fork returned gave it to the the boys to unload the hay with left my horse at my front door and as I did not Know whether their were marshalls in town or not I took the precaution not to tie my horse.

However I had learned that on **Sat. the 24 Inst.**⁵⁴ that one Ben. Garr a lecherous apostate and Gambler was in Logan & it was reported he was a marshal which however he denied.⁵⁵

However I thought I would dispatch my breakfast and go up onto Main Street and see if there were marshalls in town but to my surprise, before I was ½ through with my meal who should appear at my door but Garr and one U.S. Marshall **Exum** E. W. Exum.⁵⁶ At this I walked out of the back door but was impressed not to run by the time I was about

⁵²On May 13, 1886, the United States deputy marshals raided Wellsville and arrested Levi Minnerly and Reuben C. Smith on charges of unlawful cohabitation. On May 24 Minnerly was sentenced to a five-month prison term and Smith was sentenced to a six-month term. Both men entered prison on May 25, 1886. Minnerly was discharged on September 29, 1886 (see A. Jensen 1914, 132–33, 138).

⁵³Two versions of these last two paragraphs exist—one taken from journals at the Church Archives and the other from the L. Tom Perry Special Collections at Brigham Young University. In the Church Archives, copy pages are missing and these two

paragraphs appear at the last of those describing the escape (see D. Godfrey and Card 1993, 4–5). The BYU copy is transcribed as written here. In general substance the two are identical.

⁵⁴“Inst.” refers to the current month.

⁵⁵Ben Garr and his brothers were among the herders and owners of some three thousand head of cattle and horses, two thousand of which belonged to the Church. Three-fourths of the stock died in a disastrous winter, but the Garr family remained in Cache Valley, with the brothers working for the county (see Ricks and Cooley 1956, 29–31, 90).

⁵⁶Edward W. Exum lived in Ogden and, as Card suggests,



Logan Main Street, early 1880s
Courtesy: Darrin Smith

one rod by my north door Garr was there (had run around the corner of the house) he commanded me to stop at the Same time drew his revolver partially from the hip pocket of his pants. Instantaneously almost and intuitively my hand reached for one I had in my hip pocket. However he did not draw his weapon further for he Knew well the consequence. I did no more than place my hand upon my pocket. Mr Exum ran through my house & I walked leisurely back to the man after considerable nervous fumbling by Exum he drew out quite a handful of warrants from the inside breast pocket of his vest at this I suggested they could read their warrant while I finished my meal After eating a few moments I Spoke to my wife and told her to go and tell Charles Barret ~~one~~ of my hired man to clean my gardens after he got through hauling hay. In doing this I Knew she would report what would happen and my wife Zina could have a chance to skip out of the way & would avoid being subpoenaed as witness against me. After S. J. returned, to prolong time I asked my wife to make me a cup of tea which prolonged my

meal mixed with a little chat back & forth with my custodians. However Marshall acted quite the gentleman by not reading the warrant until I had finished breakfast.

And at the same time he Subponaed my wife After which they Started for the Logan house Mr John Blanchards hotel⁵⁷ & I invited one of them to ride up with me & make use of the horse that was already hitched & ready at this Garr notified Mr. Exum that I was armed & he was commanded to disarm me. At this I drew my pistol out with a smile and handed it to my wife asking Mr Exum if that was all right and in a gentlemanly he replied it was & did not concern him as long as I did not have it. I told Sarah J. to put it in the drawer and drove to the hotel accompanied by Garr As I neared the Steps at the hotel Garr alighted & I came near driving away but the Spirit constrained me to await and I defered it tied up my horse.

I request Garr to accompany me to the Telegraph office which he did where I telegraphed to Atty C. C. Richards a member of the Church & son

was a deputy U.S. marshal. In 1889 Exum became enraged about an article Charles King wrote in the *Utah Daily Union* that tarnished Exum's wife's reputation. He shot King in the throat and leg (see Roberts and Sadler 1997, 222).

⁵⁷John R. Blanchard, born in New York in 1830, was one of the first settlers of Logan. Somers classified him as being among

the finest hotelkeepers in the West. He built and ran the Logan House, one of the first hotels in Logan, and also had a livery stable business and carried mail from the railroad to the city. The Logan House was located near Thatcher's Opera House and Bank (see Somers 1993, 57, 303).



Logan Train Depot, 2002
Courtesy: Donald G. Godfrey

of Apostle F. D. R. to secure me Bondsman or sureties⁵⁸ thence into the tithing office Thence to the Court house to consult J. T. Hammond & Willard W. Maugham who are young lawyers about some points After which I went to the Bank of Thather Bro's All this time accompanied by an Officer. Such homage was never paid me before.

After I returned to the hotel Several young men gathered around sympathised with me feeling in their hearts they would stand between me and all harm. One went so far as to urge me to walk out while he held the martial Garr.

Shortly Marshal Exum returned & relieved Garr who excused himself as having to visit Some mining prospect in Logan Kanyon. By request Martial Exum accompanied me to Thatcher Bro's & Co's Bank. After attending to my Business I returned to the Hotel with my escort and took up a labor with him as to the injustice of the Crusade

against the polygamists Spoke particularly of the Segregation of time as the rocked ground had go so far with Elder Francis A. Brown as to give him four counts or charges in 40 Days & that after having served one term in the pen. In his (Depny Exum) opinion it was all wrong and here he stated he had arrested many men but he hated to arrest me worse than any other man. At 12:30 we went to dinner at the hotel and by the U.S. Martial request I Said “grace” as he termed asking a blessing upon the food to which I responded: He seemed to be very favorably impressed with me so much so he granted all the requests I made even to accompany me home just before taking train for Ogden. After visiting home, we walked leisurely to the depot and as we did not have mor than 5 minutes in which to purchase tickets and board the train I asked the M. if I should not get on the train and it seemed by his hesitation he was about to consent but upon a second thought

⁵⁸ Charles C. Richards was not only a lawyer but also a leader of the Weber County Democratic Party. In 1891 Richards was part of a group of Democrats who went to Washington DC to

lobby for home rule for Utah (see Lyman 1986, 153, 166–67, 193).

he thought I had better accompany him which I did extending the parting hand to many people as I pass through the throng about 200 ft to the office while he was getting the tickets I continued to shake hands both inside & out of the waiting room and as my escort Exum came out he very gentlemanly and as I supposed to save me any chagrin on the train gave me the ticket I was to use on the train. As I passed back through the crowd shaking hands with both right and left I was informed that wife Sarah Jane & Miss Fannie Paul who had been subpoenaed in my case were in the smoking care [car] and when I boarded the train I moved them into the coach and after I had deposited their shells &c in the rack I very attentively deposited my duster in the same place and whispered to my wife to Keep quiet if any thing happened and go ahead & tell the court She I was my wife. At this Elder Loren Farr of Ogden came in & joined me in a sociable chat at this the train moved & the M announced he had procured a seat in the front end of the car & desired me to share it with him to which I replied presently. At this I told Bro. Farr I was going get out of the car. At this another man came into the Isle behind Bro F. and we were about $\frac{1}{3}$ the way from the rear door of the coach and as we passed the freight house I started for the door and a tall dark whiskered man made a sort of a nervous dart at me & I feigned & went to the water tank & this person stepped next to bro F. and I crowded 2 chinamen into the Isle & then which made 5 men between myself & the marshal and quick as thought I sprang to the door went out taking pains to close it behind me, then lighted on the ground while the Speed was about 8 or 10 miles an hour changed my course to the north & rann up the track across the street looking for a horse or Buggy I could appropriate and discovered a young powerful horse on the east side of the street which as quick as thought I sprang into the saddle & turned the horse north and as the former rider was very long leged & not thinking of a duck leged fellow as myself using it on so shor notice & without any ceremony only grasting the reins from his hand I lost the stirups and the horse proved to be a young powerful animal only partly broke & I

found my hands quite full to Keep him within bounds.⁵⁹ It required both hands to manage the colt & turn the corners which some times required the whole width of the street. I ran north one Block amid the Shouts & cheers of 3 or 4 hundred people thence East 2 Blocks thence south 2 Blocks thence East & south East about 2 Blocks down into Mr John Nelsons field used as a lumber yd tied the horse to the fence ran about 25 rods and crossed the river into a dense thicket of willows. Distance on horse about $\frac{7}{8}$ of a mile on horse & foot about one mile. The ride was the roughest of my life the horse some times Jumping over 20 feet & me holding him my best with both hands. I feel myself a better saint saint than lots wife for I never looked Back If I had I could have walked away as the conductor I learned refused to stop the train consequently it Bore my escort away.⁶⁰ I remaned in the willows until 8 P.M. Just dusk & came out & took supper with the wife of Bro Ed Holden who made quite comfortable for an hour. I sent & got my horse buggy a dark coat my pistol that was ordered to yield in the morn visited my 2 wives Z & L and remained with the Later over night at the house of my very hospitable friend Bro Joel Ricks.

The next morn I was so sore I could not roll ver in bed from my horse & foot race the day before. By bathing in Alcohol a few days I recovered Since that time I have been in 2 high council meetings & on the 7 of Aug in the eve I met with the priesthood of the Stake have been to Meadowville where I stayed 5 days, been to harrisville & rusticated about 3 weeks in the Kanyon acompanied by my wives Sarah and Zina her mother & son Sterling and camped with Bp Wm B Preston.⁶¹ Bp. Gunnall & Prest. W. H. Hendricks the Latter of Oneida stake Idaho & up to this writing Sep 17 have been favored much by my friends & greatly blessed of the Lord. I am now about 100 miles from home in a hilly & stock range place with but few watering places. God bless my wives & little and precious ones at home & preserve us all to meet in both time and Eternity. Although an exile I mourn not as the Lord will reward.

[Notes at back of journal.]

⁵⁹The horse belonged to Aaron Farr, mayor of Logan. Farr was later arrested for leaving the horse on which Card escaped. Card wrote the *Utah Journal* (Logan's newspaper) denying that there had been any conspiracy with Farr and recounting his impromptu decision to take the animal (see *Deseret Evening News*, November 17, 1886; Hudson 1963, 80–81).

⁶⁰Exactly when Card learned the conductor had refused to

stop the train is not known. However, it must have been before September 14, 1886. The conductor himself recounted the refusal to stop as recorded in Card's diary for February 14, 1890 (see D. Godfrey and Card 1993, 111).

⁶¹The Thatchers and Prestons often spent part of the summer camped at Tony Grove in Logan Canyon. This was probably where Card was staying.

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Christ the head &c
1 Cor 11 chap 32
Eph. 5c 23 24 - 25 v V. Obedience to Husbands
&c.

“Crown won by love By love may be sustaind
Crown won by blood By ~~by~~ blood must be ~~stst~~
Maintained.”

[End Journal 23.]