



Introduction to the
Whitmer Family Line





WHITMER FAMILY

ANGUS VAN METER WHITMER

and

SARAH JANE JUDD





ANGUS VAN METER & SARA JANE JUDD WHITMER

Pioneers of Alpine, Arizona

By David Keith Whitmer, Grandson, May 1998



An awful accident first brought Angus and Sarah Jane known as Jennie, to the Alpine Valley in 1907. It was no accident that they chose to return and make Alpine their home. They were in Globe when they received word of a family fatality in Alpine. Arza Judd, Jennie's eighteen year-old brother, was dragged to death by his saddle horse. The Whitmers left immediately for the funeral in Alpine. In spite of their sorrow, they fell in love with the Alps of Arizona. It reminded Angus of his boyhood home in the green hills of West Virginia. Jennie's parents, Don Carlos and Mary Ellen Lewis Judd, had recently settled in Alpine. They encouraged the young couple to file for a homestead on 160 acres of fertile farmland, meandering meadows, and forested hills in the Alpine Valley. They made many treacherous trips to and from the Gila Valley while building on their homestead. This became the home place for the Whitmer clan.

Angus VanMeter Whitmer, oldest son of Benjamin Franklin and Florena Sonafrank Whitmer, was born in Matthias, Hardy County, West Virginia, March 17, 1879. He came to Arizona when he was a boy with his parents who came west after joining the Mormon Church. Sarah Jane "Jennie" Judd, daughter of Don

Carlos and Mary Ellen Lewis Judd, was born January 31, 1884 in Pima, Arizona. The Judds were sent by Brigham Young to help colonize the Arizona territory. Angus and Jennie were married November 7, 1901 in Pima, Arizona.

I am David Keith Whitmer, the third eldest grandchild of Angus and Jennie. I grew up in Alpine. My father, Angus Don Whitmer, was the eldest of the seventeen children born into the A. V. Whitmer family. Thirteen sons and daughters lived to maturity.

In a history written by Grandma Whitmer, she paints this word picture to illustrate what Grandpa did to help feed their ever growing family. She records, "Angus was a Big Farmer for many years at Alpine. He farmed four or five different dry-farms in addition to his own. Along with farming, he freighted to help provide for their large family. During this time he served as Game Warden for five years in Apache and Navajo Counties." Here are word pictures from my mountains of memories. "I see all kinds of animals at the Whitmer homestead including milk cows and range cattle, horses, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, rabbits, etc. I see a giant garden with long rows of peas,

cabbage, beans, beets, lettuce, carrots, etc. Nearby is a potato patch and a corn field. I see summer sun flowers and smell newly mown meadow hay. I see threshing crews, swarming in lines of wagons, waiting to feed bundles of grain into the hungry threshing machine. I see children sliding down mountainous straw stacks in fabulous fun for kids. I see silver streaks of jagged lighting and hear thunder claps so loud that hands quickly cover exposed ears. I see bushel baskets of ripe red apples and pretty plump peaches that Grandpa trucked in from New Mexico and Colorado. I hear heavy summer storms and see whirling winter winds blowing blizzards and stacking snow into ever deepening drifts.”

Another word picture, painted by Grandpa’s pen, captures a titanic-tragedy. She writes, ‘Life was never dull with such a large family. Something was always happening, either good or bad, such as the time Rex shot matches from the air rifle and set our barn on fire. We had the biggest barn in all of Alpine. It was Dad’s pride and joy before it burned to the ground along with his dreams and many prized possessions.”

Grandpa was the consummate cowboy and cattleman with winter range down on the Blue and a summer allotment on South Mountain. Their second son, Ralph, paints this word picture: “One of our fondest memories is of Dad stopping by our place on his way to the Blue to see about his stock. He rode a little gray horse he called ‘Tom’ and he was almost as big as the horse since Dad was a large man....”

Several Whitmer sons left their own mark on Alpine. Don, Ralph, Cecil, Harold and Rex all had homes here and began their families in the Alpine Valley. My parents, Don and Conda, built a two-story log home on their portion of the Whitmer homestead. As a boy I saw Dad cut, cure, and notch the pine logs. With his one-man sawmill, he cut lumber and even milled the shingles for our home. Dad cut the timber

off several Alpine ranches before big sawmills came to town. Dad was an artist, author, and a legendary hunter, tracker, and trapper. Ralph had a ranch of his own until drought and grasshoppers forced him to relocate in Colorado. Cecil owned the first gas powered chainsaw in the area and contracted timber cutting for the big mills. Harold was the last of the original Whitmer family to live in Alpine. He owned a small ranch, worked for the Forest Service, and was a legendary mail carrier making regular runs to the Blue for over 50 years. He was also a heralded hunter. People came from all over to see the giant elk head which dominated his front room. Angus served a full time Church mission in the Southern States (or called Eastern or Central as the mission grew) before his marriage. Many Whitmer man hours went into construction of the L.D.S. chapel located on Alpine’s School-House Hill. Its white limestone was quarried on the side of nearby Staniford Knoll and hauled through Whitmer property to the building site.

In 1941 Angus and Jennie left their home in Alpine when Jennie’s health failed and doctors recommended a lower elevation. Grandpa then worked as a government guard in New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona before they moved to Safford, Arizona for their final years. My father, Don, purchased the home place and farmed it for a year or so before my mother’s health failed, and he sold the Whitmer homestead to the Fight family in 1946. Angus died in 1955. Jennie lived on until 1967. Many Whitmer family reunions have since been held in Alpine. Alpine is still my hometown.

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Angus Van Meter & Sara Jane Judd Whitmer, November 23, 1956



ANGUS VAN METER WHITMER

March 17, 1879 - Spring of 1955



Historical Profile

Angus Van Meter Whitmer, born on 17 March 1879 in Mathias, Hardy County, West Virginia, to Benjamin Franklin Whitmer Sr. (23 at the time), and his mother Florenia Sonafrank (26 at the time). His father Ben was a prosperous farmer and his wife Florenia is said to have been the first in their community to cook on a wood burning stove rather than in the fireplace.

Growing up in West Virginia, Angus was surrounded by neighbors drawn to the East Coast of the United States from England and other countries. These immigrants came in search of open land and economic freedom. Angus' parents and their children benefited from the forested mountains and rolling hills of the region which produce strong coal and salt mining industries and enticed farmers, trappers, and fishermen to the area.

Angus and each of his siblings would most likely have been born at home, his mother aided by friends, relatives, or midwives. The use of trained physicians was becoming more common around the time of his birth, but were not yet the norm.

In 1882, when Angus was 3 years old, his little sister Lilly Florence was born. Three years later in 1885 he would welcome his little brother Elmer into the family.

In 1884, far away on the other side of the continent, Angus' future wife Sara Jane (Jennie) Judd was born in Pima Arizona where the two would eventually meet and wed.

Angus' father was a religious man who seldom attended church. That changed in 1888 when he heard that there were two "Horse Thieves" (Mormons) going to hold a meeting in town. His wife wasn't feeling well that evening so he went to the meeting alone. When he returned he told his wife that "for the first time he had heard religion discussed the way he believed it should be." From then on he opened his home up to the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and befriended them many times. The missionaries in that territory stayed at their home many times. Benjamin and Florenia joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 25 June 1888. Most likely Angus was baptized with his parents.

In 1889, when 9 years old, Angus would gain twin sisters Minnie and Annie. Sadly, Annie died with the group just a month before their first birthday.

Religious persecution toward members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was rampant in the area so the Whitmers decided to go West where they could worship as they pleased. Angry friends and neighbors made life so miserable for their family that eventually they sold everything for 25 cents on the dollar and moved West to a small farming community called Central, Graham County, Arizona. Angus was eleven years old when they left West Virginia. It took a lot of courage on the part of his parents to sell, give away or just leave behind all their earthly possessions and with their little children venture West.

They had been told by others who had joined the church and gone West that there would be someone to meet them at a little railroad junction at Bowie, Arizona. They were met there by Henry Clemens who took them to Central, Arizona in a wagon drawn by a team of horses. After Arriving in Central, they purchased a ten-acre block of land and first lived in a cottonwood log cabin with a dirt floor. Soon they constructed a lumber house nearby, after selling an orchard parcel to Joseph Sowell. The Whitmers' first home in Central was a log cabin with a dirt floor.

In 1891 another sister, Florenia would be born into the family. Angus would have been 12 by this time, going to school and working to help the family with its growing needs.

In the spring of 1899 tragedy struck as a black measles epidemic washed through Central and many neighboring communities. All the family was in bed with the measles except his father and brother Elmer. Angus' mother died just after giving birth to a baby boy, David. The baby also died two days later, 4 May 1899. There were no services held as nearly every family in Central had sickness.

That same year, Angus was called on a mission to the Southern States. Church records indicate that in July of 1899 he was baptized into the Church and received the Temple Endowment in preparation for his mission.

He served his mission from Maryland to Florida. Towards the end of Elder Whitmer's mission he was given permission to teach his Whitmer relatives in West Virginia. One night he and his companion were going to hold a meeting and they got a warning just before the meeting daring them to try to hold the meeting that night. The men who made the threat got all full of whiskey on their way to where they were going to tar and feather or kill the missionaries. They got in a fight among themselves and never showed up. Angus is told to have said, "The Lord had a hand in it." Elder Whitmer's relatives offered to let the missionaries stay in their home provided they didn't talk about religion. He later received a note on his door that said the following:

"Mr. A. B. Whitmore

We hereby notify you to leave this country at once. If you do not get away on short notice you will be subject to a severe case of WHITECAPING. There are enuff decent people in this country to do you up Brown. By short notice we mean NOW. You must make arrangements to start-at-once or you will be hunted down like any other beast of prey and treated accordingly.

Lost City and Mathias White Cap Association

Remember this is the first and last notice you will receive."



Angus' father married his second wife, Sarah Hannah Wibberley, after a correspondence courtship set up by a friend who was serving a mission in England. After much prayer and spiritual confirmation, she came to America and they were married in the Salt Lake

1899, July 25
Elders in Chattanooga



Angus Van Meter Whitmer, 20 years old

Temple 1 March 1901 and left soon for their home in Central where she became a good mother to his children. After having four children, three of whom lived to maturity, Hannah died of stomach cancer on 27 June 1914. A year later Ben married Edith Porter Kunz, who raised his last children to maturity but had no children with Ben.

In 1902, one year before the Wright brothers would make their famous first flight, Angus gained a new sister through his Father's new wife Hannah. Little Dorothy was born when Angus was 22 years old and thinking of beginning a family of his own.

The next year in 1903, Angus and his wife Sarah Jane (Jennie) would welcome their first-born son Angus Don into their family. They were living in Pima, Arizona at the time. A year later, in 1904, he would welcome another son into the family as his wife would bear Ralph. **The sadness struck when they lost a son, Lealand Claude, shortly after birth in 1906, the first of four children to die in the family. It is told that it was a childhood disease like whooping cough.** Later that year, Angus and his budding family moved to Alpine Arizona where his wife Jennie successfully gave birth to their son Cecil Paul in 1907.

In 1909 and 1910 he and Jennie would bring sons Harold and Rex into the family. Five boys but no girls yet. Then in 1912, six months after Americans received news of the tragic sinking of the Titanic in the North Atlantic Ocean, Angus and Jennie welcomed their first daughter, Genevieve. **That would make six living children with eleven more children to come.**

Two years later a couple of months before Europe erupted in World War I, a daughter, Ethel, was born into the family. **Later, Ethel and Genevieve were so close, some of the family referred to them as more twins than Faye and Fern, twins who followed.** In September of the following year a son, Ray, was born. A year later in 1916 Angus' little sister Lilly died of tuberculosis in

nearby Phoenix. She was 33 at the time and left behind her husband George and their 5 children.

1917 brought good and bad with the birth of their son Afton, but the death of their one and a half year old son Ray on May 3, 1917 due to pneumonia.

The following year a flu Pandemic swept the world killing more than 650,000 Americans. Blessedly, the Whitmer family was untouched and all survived, likely because their home in Alpine was so isolated from the rest of the world! Another son, Lawrence was even born on 10 November 1918.

In 1921 and 1922 Angus and Jennie welcomed another daughter and son into the family. Mary was born on 20 January 1921, and Vaughn was born on 23 October 1922. This brought their household to 13. Three years later twins would bring that number to 15. On 7 July 1925 Fern and Faye would join the family. Another set of twins, Blanche and Bertha, would be born in 1928. **It is unknown how long they lived or if they lived after birth.** They would be the last children born to Angus and Jennie.

The living children that Angus and Jennie raised were Don, Ralph, Cecil, Harold, Rex, Genevieve, Ethel, Afton, Lawrence, Mary, Vaughn, Faye and Fern. Four of their children died at birth or at a young age including Ray, Lealand, Blanche, and Bertha. According to his grandson, David Keith Whitmer, the Whitmer children were born, "in the lusty rugged and amazingly beautiful White Mountains of Alpine, Arizona where the mountains reach 8,000 feet in the sky of Neverland." Alpine is now a resort but in the early 1900s it was a very small place where farmers raised their cattle, vegetables and did whatever it took to feed their families. The Whitmer children knew the Blue well, a place where the cattle grazed in the winter. All the children were raised riding horses. It was a place where everyone had to work and work hard. Seventeen children were born here. Four died.

- * Angus Don Whitmer, b. 28 Feb. 1903, md. (1)
Conda Cox Jensen.
- * Ralph Judd Whitmer, b. 23 Oct. 1904, md.
Virginia Swapp.
- * Lealand C. Whitmer, b. 28 June 1906, Pima,
Graham Co., Az., d. 8 Aug. 1906.
- * Cecil Paul Whitmer, b. 13 Dec. 1907, md. Stella
Peterson.
- * Harold H. Whitmer, b. 23 June 1909, md.
Ressie Swapp.
- * Rex R. Whitmer, b. 28 Dec. 1910, md. Ionia
Claire Stout.
- * Genevieve Whitmer, b. 24 Oct. 1912, md.
Edwin R. Fitzhugh.
- * Ethel Whitmer, b. 31 Mar. 1914, md. (1)
William J. Pringle.

Ray V. Whitmer, b. 10 Sept. 1915, Alpine,
Apache Co., Az., d. 31 May 1917.
- * Afton Verl Whitmer, b. 23 Apr. 1917, md.
Lenora L. Beiersdorff
- * Lawrence F. Whitmer, b. 10 Nov. 1918, md.
Evelyn Lee.
- * Mary Whitmer, b. 20 Jan. 1921, md. Alton E.
Montierth.
- * Vaughn (Von) B. Whitmer, b. 23 Oct. 1923,
md. Zella Lou Hale.
- * Faye Blanche Whitmer, b. 7 July 1925, md.
Raymond L. Adams.
- * Fern Bertha Whitmer, b. 7 July 1925, md.
Melvin H. Munn, Jr.

Bertha Whitmer, b. 16 May 1928, Alpine,
Apache, Az., d. 16 May 1928.

Blanche Whitmer, b. 16 May 1928, Alpine,
Apache, Az., d. 16 May 1928.

One day in 1922 Dad took two of the boys to the Blue to feed the cattle even though Rex wanted to go too. Rex had gotten a BB gun for Christmas. He shot up all these caps, and decided to take Afton and Lawrence to the creek which is right behind the barn. They looked up and saw the bird's nest right over the barn door so they put some match heads in the BB guns and shot the matches in the nest. It caught fire. Pretty soon the whole barn was on fire.

Rex came running down to the house and said "Mama, the barn's on fire." Grandma said "What on the earth! How'd it get on fire?" Rex said, "I don't know." There were seven or eight calves shut up in there, four horses, seven harnesses, three saddles, corn fodder, a corn sheller and corn, a bin of wheat, even a hen sitting on her eggs. She went up too. We were able to get most of the animals out though. It was always Dad's dream to have a barn. Just everything went! **After starting the fire, Rex was so afraid that he hid for three days** and his parents thought he had died in the fire. Angus was sick for days and wept many tears, more worried about losing his son than losing his barn. **The family often teased Rex about starting the fire that burned the barn down.**

Angus witnessed many tragedies and triumphs the remainder of his life as the nation took part in wars and military conflicts. When he was 50 the United States of America entered the Great Depression making resources scarce and work difficult. A couple years later Angus' father passed away at the age of 76. Angus was 53 at the time.

The children of Angus knew him to be a Master Peddler, describing how he could sell anything. He had the children driving trucks delivering goods all over the Western U.S. He would buy produce, for example, in Colorado, and have it sold before the trucks would arrive in Arizona, and then turn the drivers around and send them back to Colorado for another run. He could sell anything, but he never drove the trucks. That was left to the kids.

At 60 years of age Angus watched the world descend into the madness of World War II. In 1941 he would have heard the broadcast informing Americans that Pearl Harbor had been attacked and later that the United States was entering the war effort. He would watch a couple of his brave sons go off to war, Lawrence and Von. **Lawrence served four years in Panama and the South Pacific while Von was flying the Burma Hump to China. Both had many dangerous missions but managed to come home without being wounded.** As a family they would work hard and pray hard that the troops would return safely to them. The dropping of the atomic bomb would bring an end to the war in 1945, but peace would not be known as the country would begin a cold war with Communist countries leading to conflicts in Korea and Vietnam.

In 1955 just as the United States was entering the conflict in Vietnam, Angus passed away in Safford, Arizona at the age of 76. **The summer before he died, most of the family gathered for a reunion in the Graham Mountains near Central and Safford. Memorable photos never to be forgotten, were taken at the reunion to commemorate their large family.**

ANGUS VANMETER WHITMER

Life History

By Ralph and Virginia Whitmer

Angus VanMeter Whitmer, oldest son of Benjamin Franklin and Florenia Sonafrank Whitmer, was born in Mathias, Hardy County, West Virginia, March 17, 1879. He lived on a farm, and being self-reliant and a good worker, had plenty to keep him busy from his earliest years.

The family heard and accepted the Gospel when Angus was about ten years-old. When they were baptized in a creek, he and Brother Jenkins watched to see that no

unfriendly neighbors came to interfere, because feelings ran high against the Mormons at that time.

Angus' father had a fine farm, and was above average in financial wealth but because of religious persecutions, sold the farm and moved to Central, Arizona. Mr. Henry Clemens met them at Bowie, which was the nearest railroad station and which was a good day's ride by wagon from Central. There he took them into his home for a few days until they could find a place to live.

His parents instilled in him a love of the Gospel and a desire for an education. So he attended the Gila Academy for three and a half years. The school was first held in the Central Meeting House but was later moved to Thatcher.

After he left school he got a team and wagon and freighted to Globe. The road led through the Apache Indian Reservation, where if one stopped, he needed to watch to keep the Indians from stealing his horses. Once when he stopped at the Indian Sub Agency the Indians let the chickens he was hauling, out of his wagon. He offered them a dime for chicken they would catch for him. But somehow, the wagon never filled up even though the Indians caught many more chickens than he had originally. He never caught all of them, nor did he make any money from that trip.

The family caught the measles in the spring of 1899, and while ill with them Angus received a call to the Southern States Mission. His mother and her infant son died with the disease. He was so ill that he was late leaving for his mission. When he was to give his farewell talk in church, May Burns, who had a crush on him, got her friend, Jennie Judd, to get her father's team and take her to hear the talk. But it was Jennie who later married him. This was the first time she had seen him but she did not meet him until after he returned from his mission.

At that time the missionaries traveled without purse or scrip, and many a night he slept on the ground without having had any supper, and sometimes no dinner or

breakfast either. One wet afternoon they were seeking a place to spend the night. They had asked at about a dozen houses without success. His companion was ready to give up and start looking for a fairly dry place in which to sleep. But Angus suggested that they ask once more at a house where they had been refused before. This time the people gave them a bed but no supper. However, they were given breakfast the next morning.

Another time, they were being heckled and annoyed by some men, who finally started calling them terrible names, then Angus took off his coat, handed it and his books to his companion, and said, "Please hold my Priesthood." Then he started after the men, who turned and fled and bothered him no more. His companion said he looked as big as three men when he started after the hecklers.

In his journal he tells of bathing in the creek at Christmas time, sleeping out on his kerchiefs, washing his own clothes, dyeing coats, patching and mending, repairing shoes, cutting his companion's hair, and tells how precious were the few cents they obtained.

The last year of his mission he was allowed to labor in West Virginia in the region where he was born. He had hopes of converting some of his relatives. But while they treated him very well, and even defended him from persecutors and mob violence, none of them accepted the Gospel. One of them, Lem, who later moved to Montana, even helped him in his tracting. He was ordained a Seventy while on his mission.

After his return from his mission he bought a store in the mining town of Globe, which prospered until the mines closed down. Then the town practically died, and the store and restaurant which he also owned, closed.

Jennie Judd had gone to Globe to work for a lady to get some money for a trousseau, for she planned on marrying a Mr. McBride. One evening she went to church to hear Elder Whitmer talk, and met him after the meeting. It must have been love at first sight, for he

sent her flowers and candy every day until she married him a month later on November 7, 1901 in her parents' home. She had saved \$15 from her work, which she gave to him and he drew \$500 from the bank to finance the marriage and the start of housekeeping. She swears that she never received the money back. It became a family joke. Olney's in Safford, gave them a barrel of dishes, some of which she still owns.

After he left Globe he tried several things to earn money. First, they moved to the Gila Valley, where their oldest son, Angus Don, was born February 28, 1903. Then for seven or eight months they lived in Bisbee where he was manager of the fruit and vegetable department of the Phelps Dodge Mining Company Store. After that they moved back to Pima and he again started freighting.

Their second son, Ralph Judd, was born in October 1904. A third son, Lealand L., passed away when he was six weeks old. That was the first real sadness they had together.

Then they moved back to Globe where Angus worked at the Round House and at the Copper Hill Mine. Jennie was still grieving for her departed baby so her father went to Globe to take her to his home for a visit. But before they left they received word of the death of her favorite brother in Alpine, Arizona. When they went there to attend his funeral, they fell in love with the area. So when they returned to Pima, sold their little home to Lafe Judd and returned to Alpine, where they homesteaded what later became the old family home. Before they could get settled, their fourth son, Cecil Paul, was born December 23, 1907. Harold was born in June 1909, before their home was ready to move into. Rex R. was the first child to be born in the new home on December 28, 1910.

Angus was a big farmer for many years in Alpine. At one time he was farming four or five places. Besides farming he freighted to help provide for his large family, which eventually numbered 17 children, 13 of which he reared to maturity.

In addition to farming his own place, Angus often rented farms so at times he had a lot of farming. He also acquired a small herd of cattle and a place on the Blue River where he wintered them. He also continued with his freighting and peddling, which he loved to do. When horses were no longer used to freight with, he bought a Model T Ford truck and said that he would learn to drive and use that, but his first experience with the truck was to drive it over the gate post. He would never again try to drive, but for many years his boys, as they came along, drove for him. Earning a living for such a large family kept him busy at all times. For several years he was Game Warden for Navajo and Apache Counties.

One of our fondest memories is of Dad stopping by our place on his way to the Blue to see about his stock. He rode a little grey horse he called Tom and it seemed he was almost as large as the horse since Dad was a large man, but Old Tom served him faithfully for many years before being passed down to Ralph's boys.

He was always active in the church. He was a Home Missionary in the St. Johns Stake for 15 years, traveling to Nutrioso, Luna, Eager and St. Johns. He was also a counselor in the Sunday School superintendency, and was always a ward teacher.

Life was never dull with such a large family. Something was always happening, either good or bad, such as the time Rex shot matches from an air rifle and set the new barn on fire. It burned to the ground.

After six boys, the family was delighted when a girl, Genevieve, was born. Her father was so proud of her that he bought her a beautiful pink silk dress. Then came another girl, Ethel. Then followed Ray V. who passed away when he was 18 months old, Afton Verle, Lawrence F., Mary, Vaughn B, and twins, Faye and Fern. Jennie was pregnant once more, only to lose twin girls either before birth or shortly after birth. Angus Don was the only one who was able to go on mission because of family finances.

Early in 1911 Angus became so ill with yellow jaundice that his family feared for his life. He had to be taken to the Gila Valley, where he stayed for about a year. By that time he had recovered sufficiently to go to Alpine and move his family to the valley, where they lived until he had regained his strength. During the time here, he freighted to Globe again. At one time during his illness his weight went down to 110 pounds. When he again moved his family back to Alpine it had resumed to 140 pounds.

In 1933 Jennie had a gallstone operation. A few years later her health began to fail and she did not respond to treatment, so Angus took her away from the high altitude and started freighting again. This time he did not prosper, so he sold his truck and took a job as guard for the government in Lordsburg, New Mexico. From here he moved to Lamar, then Trinidad, and later to Pueblo, Colorado.

One by one the children married and left the family home. After about a year in Pueblo, Angus was transferred to Parker, Arizona, where he worked about four years. Then he had to have an eye operation for cataracts. With one eye it was quite successful, but with the other one it was only partially so. So he had to retire. They sold their home in Alpine and bought one in Safford. There they lived until he passed away November 3, 1955, leaving behind his wife, Jennie, 13 children, 42 grandchildren (ultimately 65 grandchildren) who are all proud of the heritage of honor and integrity he left them. After Angus passed away Sarah Jane remained in their little home, keeping busy at numerous things She was happiest when doing something for someone especially her family. During the time she lived in Safford she made a quilt for each of her children then one for each of her 65 grandchildren, and a baby quilt for a number of her great-grandchildren.

During the last few months of her life she was in the Mountain View Nursing Home where she was visited every day by her daughter, Mary Montierth and her other children when they could. Here she passed away April 30, 1967 after living a full and useful life.

Angus Whitmer Journal Entries

July 6, 1899

Arizona

Left home at three o'clock in the afternoon for a mission to the Southern States. Got to Buah at six o'clock in the evening. Got a room and stayed all night. Left Buah for Deming at half past six in the morning. Got to Steens Pass at eight o'clock in the morning for Rincon, got to Rincon at 11:30.

July 8, 1899

Changed cars at Trinidad for Colorado Springs, laid over 9 hours in Colorado Springs. We traveled all day til 1 o'clock. Got to Salt Lake. Staying all night in the Depot went to Ogden to find Bro D H Ensign. Went in the morning to get a shave. It cost me \$1.36 from Salt Lake to Ogden. I went to his Store four times before I found Him. Then I took a 9 mile trip up to Hot Springs 9 miles. It cost me 50¢ cents for a bath and to go there. I am going to start back now at 11:25 am to Bro Ensigns.

Got back and took dinner. Stayed all night with Bro Ensigns. Took breakfast with him and then I read my Bible and stayed all day with Bro Ensign and studied my books and had a good time. I wrote down to see whether the Salt Lake Temple was closed or not. If it is, I will have to go to Logan. [I] tis' very warm & sultry here and stayed all night with Bro Ensign.

July 12

Got up at 7 o'clock in the morning had Breakfast, wrote a letter to Pa, went downtown to mail my letter. Got on a bicycle and road all over town went home and had supper and went to bed.

July 13, 1899

Ogden Utah

Got up and had Breakfast and then I went downtown to the Depoy and stayed till 9 o'clock and then I started to Logan. I got to Logan at 15 minutes till 12 o'clock went to the hotel and got a room. It cost me \$1.00 a day for Room and grub.

July 14, 1899

Logan Utah

Got up in the morning and had Breakfast and then went to the temple and had my endowment got thru at 1 o'clock and then started Home to Bro Ensigns

July 1899

Logan Temple

Baptized for Samuel Spilman
Confirmed by Thomas Morgan
William McNeil
Lorenzo Hatch
Recorder Samuel Rospilly

Got there at 6 o'clock from Logon. Met a man going on a mission to Holland. He seemed like a friend for years. His name was Lours. He left me and went to some of his friends, then I had supper and bed.

July 15, 1899

Ogden, Utah

Got up in the morning. Had breakfast then went downtown and mailed a letter then came back and had dinner then went downtown and met Bro Woods

at 3 o'clock and went up with him to his place. Got up to his place at 6 o'clock in Huntsville and stayed all night with him. I had seen all of the town in the evening and I helped Bro Woods milk 8 cows in the evening. Climate was very cool. He had a nice place and a nice big barn and a good house on it.

July 16, 1899

Huntsville Weber Co Utah

Got up and helped Bro Woods milk and then I had breakfast and I walked over to Bro Woods farm and looked at his crops and then I got ready for Sunday School and then we started for Sunday School. They had a nice Sunday school then we went to Bro Woods place and had dinner and then we started for meeting. But it got too late and we took a ride all over Huntsville and we got home at 6 o'clock and had supper and went to bed at half past ten.

July 17, 1899

Huntsville Utah

Got up in the morning and had breakfast and then his girl took me down to the creamery and then I got on another buggy and down to Ogden got to Ogden at 15 minutes till 11 o'clock to Bro Ensigns place and had dinner and at 1 o'clock started to the depot to go to Bro Browns at Woods cross. Got there at half past 3 o'clock am. I found Sister Brown but not Bro Brown till dark he come from haling his hay. He did not recognize me for He had not seen me for five years. I then had supper and went to bed and I did not get to bed till 11 o'clock.

July 18, 1899

Woods Cross Utah

Got up this morning at 6 o'clock and had breakfast then the next to the oldest boy went out to his sheep

camp and then I went with Bro Brown and helped him haul a few loads of hay and I come back at noon and had dinner and I did enjoy myself well at Bro Browns and I felt just as if I would love being at home. I had supper and went to bed at 10 o'clock. We sat up and argued the Bible points.

July 19, 1899

Woods Cross Utah

I got up in the morning and had breakfast and then I had to hook up the horse and went to Salt Lake City and there I met Bro Mathews and Bro Gale and I had dinner at hotel.

Then I went and was set apart for my mission and then we went back to Woods Cross. Sister Brown and her daughter and I and then we had supper and then we stayed up till 11 o'clock and then we went to bed.

July 20, 1899 Thursday

Woods Cross Utah

Got up at 7 o'clock and had breakfast and then I went down town and come back wrote a letter and wrote my journal. At 6 o'clock I went to Lagoon to a dance came back at 11 o'clock. I seen all kinds of animals and I saw what they call the Grand seen. I enjoyed myself the best in the world. I danced 4 dances they did not dance anything but round dances while I was there – it was a pleasure resorting place.

July 21, 1899 Friday

Woods Cross Utah

I got up in the morning and had breakfast and Then I went down to the post office and mailed two letters and then I came back and wrote my journal and fixed to go to Chatanuga, Tenn at 6 and Sister Brown cooked lunch for me to take along with me. I Left at 6

and got to Ogden at 7 o'clock 25 min and there I met [6] of the other Brethern and traveled all night.

July 22, 1899 Saturday

We traveled all day

July 23, 1899 Sunday

Traveled all day on the cars and all night on the cars till 3 o'clock in the morning. We arrived 3 o'clock in the morning at Chatanuga and went to the hotel and got a room and went to bed.

July 25, 1899 Tuesday

Got up in the morning and had breakfast and went down to the office and in the afternoon we went up on Mount Lookout and had a nice time. There was 9 of us in the bunch. I seen some of the grandest sites I ever seen in my life and we got back at 6 o'clock and got supper and went to bed. I was very tired for I had been losing sleep a coming down from Ogden to Chatanuga.

July 26, 1899 Wednesday

I got up in the morning and had breakfast and went down to the President's office and come back and had a meeting and received some good instructions and at 6:30 started to my field of labor got there at 1:45 am in the night and went to the hotel and retired to bed.

July 29, 1901

Laundry Soap

Take 7 ¼ lbs Sal Soda

1 ¼ oz. Borax

⅝ oz. Sulphate of Soda

& ½ lbs. good yellow Bar Soap

Dissolve the Sal Soda, Boras & Sulphate of Soda in 4 ¾

gallon of soft water.

Till not a lump remains. Melt in the above solution the Bar Soap, cut the soap in very thin slices that it may dissolve quicker.

While dissolving keep stirring so as to mix them well.

When the soap is melted it is done.

Remove from the fire & let it stand an hour, then pore in a pale on a lard [forkins].

A common tin vessel will do to make the soap in. If it inclined to boil over,

a little cold water thrown in will settle it.

For perfume, if desired, add 1 oz of oil of sassafras, just before it is cool.

This receipt cost Selly Whitmer \$1.00.

June 16, 1901

Marys fly Killer

One table spoonfull of black pepper.

1 egg

2 table spoonfull of sugar

1 table spoonfull of clabber milk

July 27, 1899

South Alabama Conference

Rose up in the morning very late and had breakfast and after breakfast I met 2 of the brethern Bro Larson and Bro Wright the two brethren we were assigned to travel with. Bro Gale got our grip and went with the two brethren where they was stopping and then we had a fast meeting I was appointed to travel with Bro Wright and in the afternoon we started to our field of labor. We

had about 150 miles to our field and we traveled along till night and it was very muddy and it rained on us in the afternoon and when night came we went to a house and was refused entertainment and we went on a mile and went to another mans house and they invited us in and we had supper and stayed up very late and sang some songs and retired to bed.

July 28, 1899

Livingston Sumptor Co, Alabama

Rose up very early in the morning and had breakfast and started on our travels and walked until noon and got to Wimbley place and took dinner with him and had a nice gospel conversation with him and went on our travels till night over took us and we was refused entertainment 2 times before we got a place to stop with Steven Spead But did not get any supper we had a good conversation with him and we retired very late to bed

July 29, 1899

Belmonte Sumpter Co, Ala

Stayed all night with Mr. Steven Spead rose very late in the morning and had breakfast but did not have any supper then we went on our way of rejoicing and got to the river at one o'clock and road across, the Tom Big river. And Mr. Ralery took us across, and we then come up in Defimlis. and had to rest at a place. But did not have any dinner but wrote our Journals up and went on our way rejoicing only I was not used to to walking and it went very hard for me to walk so far. We then walked 3 miles to a place named Vandoran and night came up on us and we was refused entertainment. at a Jews store and we got a place to stop at Ivan [] But said he could not give us any supper but would give us a bed to sleep in. I felt awful weak because I felt very sick. I pray with all my heart that he give us some supper. He then took us in the room and went to get us some mutton and he stayed terrible long. He

told us to come to supper and I felt to thank the lord for answered my prayer and we then retired for I was very tired indeed.

July 30, 1899

Vandoran Marengo Co, Ala

Stayed all night with Ivan V. Duggar. Rose very early in the morning and Bro Wright fasted and I was not feeling well and I had breakfast and then wrote our journals up and then we studied our books and had a lunch and I wrote my journal up from the time I left home to the Present date. And at 5 o'clock we went on our way. And we was refused entertainment eight times. And at the last man's House, at least the last white mans house, he took us in it was about ten o'clock. And it was the lords will to. And it was the last chance to. And he got out of his own bed and laid on this cot and give us his bed. And we went to bed.

July 31, 1899

Gallion Hale Co, Ala

Rose early in the morning and had breakfast and let him have a Book of Mormon and he said he would send me the money in Stamps. and he was very kind to us. And then we went on our way rejoicing and we went [oni] one mile one and ½ and wrote our journal up to date and then we went on our way to our County. And when noon we went to a house and asked for dinner and she give us a lunch on a plate and Bro. Wright said that was what we got for going in the back way and then we went on. And then we came to a man that had been to Utah and was thro the temple before it was dedicated and he said it was a grand thing and he bought a Book of Mormon of us and we walked about 14 miles and was refused entertainment once and when we got to Captain R A Hardie. I was very tired indeed and we had a good supper and went to bed.

August 1, 1899

Was entertained by Captain R.A. Hardie. And we rose very early in the morning and had breakfast and then went on our way of rejoicing. And we walked 4 miles and came to a man's house and had a gospel conversation and took dinner with him and we visited one family and then went on J P Hopper, and we had a gospel conversation and Bro Wright said if he had a night with him He could show him our Gospel and he said come on I can keep you any how and we staid all night with him and had a gospel conversation and sang some songs and had a good time and then we went to bed.

August 2, 1899

Stayed all night with J P Hopper and rose in the morning and had breakfast and we went about one mile and $\frac{1}{2}$ and wrote our journal up to date and went on our way towards Marion. Got to Marion at 12 and 30 min. And went to the post office But did not get any mail. And we went and seen the marshal and got permission to canvas Marion Perry Co Ala. And at 6 o'clock we left Marion and was refused entertainment 2. And the last place we went to he said it was not agreeable but he could not turn us off on such a rainy night as it was. And he told us to come in and we thanked him and did so and had supper and went to bed.

August 3, 1899 Thursday

Stayed all night with Richard Sewell Rose in the morning and had breakfast and went on canvasing every house we came to and when noon came we were refused dinner twice and then we came to a very wealthy man's house and he told us he would have the folks fix some dinner. And after we had dinner they wanted us to preach to them and we did so. It was my first attempt and it made me tremble but it was gods

will we should do so and I thank him for it. And then went on to canvas and when night came, we came to a minister and he said we was doing very wrong in going around the people the way we was doing. And carrying them all off. And we told him that we was not a doing that. And he refused to keep us all night and we went about $\frac{1}{4}$ of mile and stayed all night with Mr. J.M. Mason and we had supper and then we sang some songs. Elder Larson read a chapter and we went to Bed.

August 4, 1899 Friday

Stayed all night with Mr. J. M Mason. Rose early in the morning and had breakfast. And we left our Grips and went and canvased a place that was not on our road. And we came back and went on our way canvasing Till noon over took us and we took dinner with Mr. Carter. And we stopped there till three o'clock and then we went on canvasing. And when night came we had walked 10 miles and we stopped with W A. Christenbery. And had Supper. And then we sang some song and they also sang some songs. And read a chapter and went to bed.

August 5, 1899 Saturday

Stayed all night with Mr. W.A. Christenbery. Rose early in the morning and when Breakfast was ready they sang a song and I took lead in prayer. And then we had breakfast. Then we went on canvasing. And we came to Mr T.L. Rayfield and had dinner then went to the post office. And Bro Wright got a letter from his wife. We got Mr. T L Rayfield wife to wash our clothes. And we came back. And our clothes were not dried. And we had supper. And went to bed very late.

August 6, 1899 Sunday

Stayed all night with Mr. T L Rayfield. Rose Late and had breakfast. And then I wrote 2 letters one to Bro Mathews and one to Charles Angle. And it was

fast day and we fasted. I fasted til noon. And we had dinner. And at four o'clock we went to Sunday School. And I enjoyed myself well. Done more singing than they did teaching. They first sang 2 songs and then they offered Prayer. And then the teachers took charge of the School. And they went through with the class exercise. And then they sang 5 hymns and then they closed the School. And we went back with Mr. Rayfield. And we eat two nice watermelons. And we had supper and went to bed very late.

August 7, 1899 Monday

Brush Creek

Stayed all night with Mr. T L Rayfield. Rose early in the morning and had Breakfast and we bid them goodby and thanked them for their kindness and we then went on canvasing. And we visited one family and went on to a church house and sat down on the door step and wrote our journals up to date and then we went on Mr. T W Jockish and took dinner with him and had a good gospel conversation with him and we stayed there till 3 o'clock and we bid him goodby and went on our way of rejoicing. And he told us if we ever come around to come and make our homes with him. And we went on to Mr C E Rawls, we had walked eight miles. He invited us in and asked us if we wanted to stay all night. And he told us to take a seat and we had supper. And the gentleman of the place went to Methodist Meeting. And we went to bed.

August 8, 1899 Tuesday

Brush Creek

Stayed all night with Mr. C E Rawls. Rose very late and had Breakfast. And we had a gospel conversation with him and we went one mile to canvas a house. And we left our grips to his house. And we came back and took dinner with him. And we stayed to his place till 3 o'clock and then we went on canvasing. We went

to the next house and we had some watermelons and peaches And we then went to the next two places and was refused entertainment. And we went to the Methodist Actracted Meeting And he spoke on man. And how to take care of the body. And after he got through speaking on that he told them all that wanted a new heart to come and give him their right hand. And after that they went to praying and shouting. And he said. Oh lord come right down now right at once lord. And so on. After the meeting we asked a man to stay all night and he said he would see that we would not have to lay out. And he took us home with him. It was the Lord's will that he should. And we retired very late.

August 9, 1899

Marion Perry

Stayed all night with Mr. J M Farrell. Rose early in the morning. And had breakfast. And started on our journey at 8 o'clock. And we canvased all the houses we came to. We walked 3 ½ miles and taken dinner with a gentleman. And then we went on our way towards Marion. It was 6 ½ miles to Marion. We got here at 6 o'clock and I got 2 letters and one from pa. And it was the first time I had heard from him since I left home on the 6 of July till August 9. And I was very pleased to hear from them. And that they was well. And we left Marion and went north towards Ironville and we went 1 ½ miles and Stayed all night. We had supper and went to bed.

August 10, 1899

Marion Perry

Stayed all night with Mr. Elam Parish. Rose early in the morning. And had breakfast. And had a long gospel conversation with the old man. He is 88 years old. And then we had a nice watermelon. And couple of apples and fixed to start and they wanted us to stay

and have some dinner and we did so. and after dinner we went on canvassing. And walked four miles and stayed all night.

August 11, 1899

Curbville

Stayed all night with Mr. J M Petterson. Rose early in the morning and had breakfast and then went 3 miles to Curbville. And Bro Wright wrote a letter to one of the Saints. And then we went on to Mr Griffens and had. I've had cornbread, collards, ham and, molasses. There was a young chicken run across the table and stepped on the cornbread! And almost stepped in the collards. And I failed to get my fork in him so I didn't have any chicken that day for Dinner. And we had a long gospel conversation. But we agreed to disagree. He did not believe in Joseph Smith. And he said he was honest in it two. Then we went on canvassing and we stayed all night with Mr H C Blackburn and had supper. And retired very late to Bed.

August 12, 1899 Saturday

Ironville

Stayed all night with Mr H C Blackburn. Rose early in the morning and had breakfast. And then we went back toward Curbville to get some families we had left. And was refused dinner once. And we took dinner with Mr. ? and then we sang some songs and started on our way back to Irneville. To get our mail. we got there at dusk but did not get any mail. Then we met up with Mr Tucker. And he wanted us to go down to his uncles to stay all night And we did so. After we got there we had supper. And after supper they requested us to hold meeting if we weren't too tired. which we agreed to hold a meeting. And after we all got in the house we began our meeting called to order By Elder C C Wrighte. Sang "Come Ye Children of the Lord."

Nov. 10, 1899

Crenshaw Co Ark

We spent the night with Bro Josia Beezly. Rose in the morning and had breakfast And then we came up to Bro Wright Bodford place we got there at ten o'clock in the morning. And then we had dinner. And then we came down to Bro. Humpries And there we met Elder Buttler and Hunsaker. And there we run some foot races But Elder Baird was the fastest. And when night came we went Over to Bro Josia Beasley place and we had supper. And then We sange some songs. And Then Elder Baird sang the Cat came back. And we Retired

Nov. 11, 1899

Hiland Homes Crenshaw

We spent the night with Bro Josia Beasley. Rose erly an had breakfast. And then we came back over to Bro Humpries. Whare Elder Buttler and Hunsaker. And then we had a shave. And then we went the meeting house. and held a priesthood meeting With ourselves. And before we got thro they sent up for us to come down and administer to Bro White wife. Wich we did. And then we took dinner with Grandma Biss. And we spent the afternoon in singing. And then I and Elder Baird went down to Bro Whites place and we had supper. And then there was a big crowd came and picked two fiddles. Which Elder Baird was a good fidler. And then I went to tell the other Elders about it but could not find them. I walked three miles. But could not find them. And then I came back and we had some good musich. And at about nine the crowd left. And then we resited Some Resitations. And sang songs till ten then we Retired to bed.

Nov. 12, 1899

Saville Crinshaw Co Ala.

(Four Elders together and four meetings.)

We spent the night with Bro White. Rose in the morning But did not eat any breakfast as it was Sunday and we fast. And when ten o'clock came we went up to the meeting house. And held a meeting wich there was four of us together. And after meeting we stayed at the meeting house till two o'clock. And then we held another meeting. And Then I and Elder Baird went down to Bro Wright Bodford and took dinner with him and Elder Buttler and Hunsaker went up to Bro [Irom] Bodford to Dinner. They held a meeting up there at five. And also another at Bro Whites at seven by wich afterwards was followed by singing. And I and E.Baird went up to Bro Humpries. And the other two Elders Rimaned at Bro Whites. At half past ten we retired to bed.

Nov. 13, 1899

Hiland Homes Crenshaw

We spent the night with Bro Humpries. Rose in the morning and had breakfast. And then we went down to Bro Whites whare Elder Buttler and Hunsaker. And then we bid them good by. And then we all started for Lapine to get our mail wich we did and then we went up to Sister Bradleys. But she was not to home. Then we took dinner with Gregrary and then we bid Elder Buttler and Hunsaker good by. They was going over in bulluck Co. And we came back to Lapine. And then we started for Bro Dormans place at sun down. But did not find him at home. We had supper and we Retired to bed. But Bro Ezacar Dorman came at about nine.

Nov. 14, 1899

Bradleyton, Crenshaw Co Ala

We spent the night with Bro Ezcar Dorman. Rose erly in the morning and had breakfast. And then I fixed my shoes. And then when I went to give him good by he gave me twenty five cents to buy stamps with as I was out of stamps and could not wright home. And I thanked him very kindly for the money. And then we went over and took dinner with Bro Ordan. And then I wrieten a letter to father. And at four o'clock We bid them good by and started for Ephron Dorman. Wich we got there at about sun set. And we had supper. And then we sang some songs. And then we had a long conversation and then we retired to bed.

Nov. 15, 1899

Bradleyton Crenshaw Co Ala

We spent the night with Bro Ephron Dorman. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then I wrieten this as it was very fogy and looks very much like rain. And then I done some markin in my bible. And then we had dinner. And then we started for Sandy Best place. But did not find any body at home. and we went in and made ourselves at home. And at about sundown they came in. And they was glade to hear that we had come to see them. And then the store keeper came over to see if we would preach for them. And we told them that we would. And we started meeting at seven o'clock. And we had a good meeting. We held service 2 hours and fifteen minuts. And then we spent the night with Bro Best.

Nov. 16, 1899

Salsoda Crenshaw Co Ala

We spent the night with Bro Sandy Best. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we Started for Rutledge wich was seven miles. We got there At eleven o'clock and

then we Started for Mr. Graydon and We got there at twelve o'clock and We had dinner. And then we sang some songs and then we Retired.

Nov. 17, 1899

Pigen Creek, Buttler Co Ala

We spent the night with Mr. Graydon. Rose erly the weathers clear. And then we started for Bro Bowden. We rode four miles with Mr. Graydon. And then we went on and we got to Bro Bowden at three o'clock. But did not get any dinner. And then we went over to his son in laws place. And we stayed about one hour. And then we went back to Bro Bowdens place and had supper. And then we held a meeting. And then we retired to bed.

Nov. 18, 1899

Pigeon Creek, Buttler Co Ala

We spent the night with Bro U.B. Bowden. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we started for Bro. Woods place As I found out he was going down Arizonia where I lived wich was about twelve miles. We got there at twelve o'clock at Bro Kirk Patrick. And there we met Elder Rich and Warner. They then fixed us some dinner and then after dinner we went and cut Bro Kirk Patrick cane down as he was gone to town. And Bro Wood was gone to [Lound] Co And he got back at sun down. And Bro Kirk Patrick got back at about one hour by sun down. And we did not have quite all of the cain cut and then we finished it in a few minutes. And then we had supper. And then at nine we retired to Bed.

Nov. 19, 1899

Till Buttler Co Alabama

We spent the night with Bro. Kirk Patrick. Rose erly and had breakfast And then we went and cleaned

ourselves up and then we went up to Bro Woods place whare Elder Bird and Warner was. We then had dinner and then we spent the afternoon in chating. And then when night came Elder Rich and Baird went down to Bro Patric and I and Elder Warner remained to Bro Wood's. And then we had supper and then we all went down to Bro Patric to hold a meeting. By wich Elder Rich prosiding an had Elder Baird done the presenting. And after meeting I and Elder Warner came back up to Bro J G Wood place to spend the night.

Nov. 20, 1899

Till Buttler Co. Alabama

We spent the night with Bro Wood. Rose erly and had breakfast. The weather was not very clear. We started for Crenshaw Co and we all went together for about three miles. And then we bid Elder Rich and Warner good by and went on our way but did not get any dinner. We got to Bro. Bowden at sun down and we spent the night with him.

Nov. 21, 1899

Pigeon Creek Buttler Ala

We spent the night with Bro Bowden. Rose erly in the morning and had breakfast. And then we started out to canves. It was very cloudy. We went on canvesing and about ten o'clock it started to rain. And we canvesed nine houses. And then we came to Mr. W. Wines place And he invited us in as it was raining very hard. And then he invited us to eat dinner And we did so. And then it slacked and then we went on canvesing. Then it started to rain and we came to Mr. Holder place. And he invited us in and then I asked him for entertainment. And he said if we could put up with the fair. And we thanked him and told him we could and we spent the night with him.

Nov. 22, 1899

Cook Stand, Crenshaw Co Ala

We spent the night with Mr. J Holder. Rose erly and had breakfast and then we went on canvesing. The weather was very cloudy. And we canvesed sixteen families. And then we came to Mr. Graydon. And we had dinner and while we was eating dinner it came up a big shower of rain. And then it slacked up and we started to Bro. Bests. And on our way up there came up a big shower of rain. and we got soaked thro and thro. The road was just like a river. We got to Bro Bests place at sundown And then we had supper and then we retired.

Nov. 23, 1899

Braydleton, Crenshaw Co. Ala

We spent the night with Bro. Ezacar Dorman. Rose erly and had Breakfast. And afterwards we started for Lapine to get our mail. We got there at eleven o'clock. and I got Register letter with seventeen dollars in. And then we went down and took dinner with Bro. Josia Beasley. And then we went over to Bro Whitest place and spent the night with him.

Nov 24, 1899

Salsoda, Crenshaw Co Ala

We spent the night with Bro. Bert. Rose erly and had Breakfast. And then we dried our close. Wich we got wet yestody. And then we went over to Bro Ephron Dormans place. We got there at two o'clock. And then Sister Dorman prepared us some Dinner And at four o'clock we went Over to Ezcars place we got There at sundown. We had supper. And at eight o'clock we Retired to bed.

Nov 25, 1899

Hiland Homes Crenshaw

We spent the night with Bro. William L. White. Rose erly and had breakfast. And It was raning so we could not goe anywhere. And then I wrote this. And then we had dinner and then we went over to Bro Josia Beasley place and stayed about one hour. And then we started to Bro Whites place. As it had been raning all day and we found the branch up. And we have to wade or walk the fence. And we walked the fence and when I got about mid way of the fence and it broke down but I did not get wet. And then we spent the night with Bro Clayborn White. We retired at eight.

Nov. 26, 1899

Highland Homes Crenshaw, Ala

We spent the night with Bro Clayborne White. Rose erly, but did not eat any breakfast as it was Sunday and we thout we would fast. The weather was very disagreeable. At ten o'clock we went up to the meeting house but they wasent an nough come out to hold meeting. And then we went up to Unkle Isom Bodfort place and tok dinner. And then we went back to Bro Humpries place and held a meeting in the afternoon at three o'clock of wich I done the preaching. And then I spent the night with Bro Humpries.

Nov 27, 1899

Highland Homes Crenshaw

We spent the night with Bro Humpries. Rose erly in the morning and had breakfast. And then we went down to Bro C. White. And then I done some writing home. And also to the bishop of our ward. And then we had dinner. And then we went back up to Bro Humpries. And then we went from there up to Bro Isom Bodford

place and then I wrote this. And then we had supper. And then Elder Baird played the fiddle and sang songs till eleven o'clock before we went to bed.

Nov 28, 1899

Highland Homes Crenshaw A.

We spent the night with Bro Isom Bodford. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we went to Lapine and got our (mail). Then we went up to sister Bradleys and had dinner. Then we went down to Ezcars Dormans and had supper at Braydleton. And we retired to bed very erly.

Nov. 29, 1899

Braydleton, Crenshaw Co. Ala

We spent the night with Bro Ezcar Dorman. Rose erly and had breakfast. The weather was very cold. We then had dinner and then we started to Bro Besses place. We stoped and visited Ephron Dorman and then we went on down to Bro Besses. We put out an apointment for meting. But it was so cold that there woudent anybody come. And we retired to bed very erly.

Nov. 30, 1899

Salsoda Crenshaw Co Ala

We then we went to canves West of the footlage. And we went on canvesing as we went. And we got ten tracks out till noon. And then we stoped in the woods and wrote this.

We got twenty out in the afternoon making thirty pamphlets. Thirty families and five refusals. We spent the night with Mr. Masey

Dec. 1, 1899

Onorahville, Crenshaw

We spent the night with Mr. Masey. Rose erly and had breakfast. The weather very disagreeable as it was very cloudy. We then bid him good by and went on canvassing. And it began to rain very hard and we went in a house and spent two hours while it was raning and had a good Gosple conversation. And then we went on canvesing towards Bro Beezlys place, as Pres Willace and Boyle was going to be at the Old Fields saturday and Sunday to preach. And we got to Bro James Beezlys place at half past one. And mister Beezly fixed us some dinner and we had dinner. And then we spent the afternoon with them. And then we had supper. Then we sang some songs. And then we held a meeting. An then we retired.

Dec 2, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co. Ala

We spent the night with Bro James Beasley. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we started up towards the Old Fields. And Elder Baird forgot his specticles and he went back after them. And I waited for him and while I was waiting for him I wrote this. And then he came back up to Bro Humpries place and had dinner. And then we went down to Bro Whites place and then we came back up to the meeting house whare Pres Willace had an apointment out for meeting. Bus as it was so cold they did not have any. So they continued it till night down to Bro Whites. And we had a good meeting. Elder Boyle and Baird done the preaching. And then I and Elder Willace spent the night with Bro Humpries.

Dec. 3, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co

We spent the night with Bro Humpries. Rose erly and we did not have any breakfast as it was sunday. And then we went down to Bro Whites so that Pres Willace could shave. And at eleven o'clock we went to the meeting House to have a meeting of wich Pres Willace done the preaching an he give us some very good instruction. And then we all went up to Bro Isom Bodford and had dinner and then Pres Willace and Boyle left us and went to Lapine. And I and Elder Baird went down to Bro Josia Beazly and spent the night with them.

Dec. 4, 1899

Highland Homes , Crenshaw

We spent the night with Bro Josia Beasley. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we went up to Lapine and got our mail. And then we went down to Bro Ezcar Dorman an had dinner. And then after dinner we cut some wood. And then we drank some cane juce. And then we spent the afternoon in reading and then we went out to the cane mill and eat some buck skin. That is the [form] one the syrup when it is done. And at nine o'clock we retired to bed.

Dec. 5, 1899

Brydleton, Crenshaw Co Ala.

We spent the night with Bro Ezcar Dorman Rose erly and had breakfast. And then I and Elder Baird went out and drank some cane juce and then I wrote this. And then we had dinner and then we started over to Bro Ephrom Dormans place to spend the night but he was not at home and they did not invite us to stay. And then we went over and spent the night with James Beasley wich was about three miles.

Dec. 6, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co Ala.

We spent the night with Bro James Beasley. Rose erly an had breakfast and then we spent the day in reading. And we went over and took dinner with Bro Bodford. And then we went back over to Bro James Beasley and spent the afternoon in reading. And then we had supper and then we held a meeting and we had a good turn out. And then we spent the night with Bro James Beasley.

Dec. 7, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co. Ala

We spent the night with Bro James Beasley. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we came up to Bro Humpries. And then we went down to Bro Whites. And there we found Elder Warner and Rich wich was on their way over to confrence. And we then had dinner. And in the afternoon I and Elder Baird washed our pance out. And then we spent the night with Bro Humpries.

Dec. 8, 1899

Highland Homes Crenshaw

We spent the night with Bro. Humpries. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we came down to Bro Whites and there we changed our close and then I wrote this. And then we had dinner and then we went up to Bro Isom Bodford place and half soled my shoes. And then blessed his babe. And then we came back and then we went down to Bro Josia Beasley place and had supper and then we went over to Bro Will Whites and spent the evning in reading and singing an then we went back and retired.

Dec. 9, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co Ala

We spent the night Bro Josia Beasley. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we went to Bro Whites and fixed our close and had dinner and then we started to LaPine. And we got there at four o'clock. And then we went to Bro Bradleys. And then I and Elder Baird went back down to Bro Whites an spent the night.

Dec. 10, 1899

Lapine, Montgomery Co

We spent the night with Bro White. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we came up to Bro Bradleys and had dinner. As then was six of us. (There were six Elders together). And we spent the afternoon in chatting as it was very rany and we could not start to Montgomery. And then we got up the nites wood. And then we had supper and retired to bed.

Dec. 11, 1899

Lapine, Montgomery Co

We spent the night with Bro Bradley. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we started for Montgomery City to Confrence. We walked two miles and then we took the train. And we got to Montgomery at ten o'clock. And we met some of the other Elders there. And the rest of them come before night. All but Elder Wright & Holyoke. And they come in next morning. And we all put up at the [Mitelpatial] Hotell as there was ninteen of us together. And then we had dinner And in the afternoon I went and had my teath filled to the Dentist and it cost me ten dolars. And then we had supper and then we retired.

Dec. 12, 1899

Montgomry City Ala

Side Note: Confrence at Montgomry City, Ala

We spent the night at the Hotell. Rose and had breakfast. And then I went down to dentist and had my teath finished. And then we came back. And at twelve Pres Rich came and at two o'clock we held a Priest Hood meeting. An at 7:30 we had another Priest Hood meeting. And I asked Pres Rich about getting transferred to VA West and he told me I could in the spring if it was all right with Pres Snow. And then we retired.

Dec. 13, 1899

Montgomry City Ala

Side Note: Conference at Mongomry City, Ala

Conference at Montgomery City, Ala. We spent the night at the hotel. Rose early and had breakfast. And at ten we went down to the Oproy House where we were going to have a conference. And at ten o'clock a meeting commenced with Pres Wallace presiding. And then Elder Hyrum Baird spoke and gave some very good instruction. And then Ben E Rid spoke for a short time and gave some good instructions. And then Pres Wallace gave some good closing remarks. Then the meeting was adjourned till 2 p.m. And then we went and got our dinner. And at two o'clock the meeting began. Singing. Prayer by Elder Hunsaker. Singing. Pres Rich occupied the time for one hour. And he gave some very good instructions. Spoke some on the Roberts case. Meeting came to a close by singing. Prayer by Elder Thage. Meeting adjourned till 7:30. We then went back to the hotel. And then they went on the street and sang some songs. And invited them to come out to our meeting at night. And then we went and had supper. And then went to a meeting. Singing, praying, singing. Pres Rich occupied the time and gave some very good instructions. Meeting

fetchted to a close by singing and by prayer. And then we went and gave our goodbyes to Wallace. I was assigned to labor with Elder Thompson in Flon Walton Co. and Pres Wallace and Elder Rich were released. Counselor Hyrum Baird was to be released on the 7th of January. And we all donated 25 cents and bought Pres. Wallace a \$6.00 watch chain to give him our best respects. And he thanked us very kindly. Elder Wallace had been like a father to the Elders. Elder Boyle was chosen president and Elder Butler, first counselor and Hunsaker second counselor. We then spent the night at the Hotel.

Dec 14, 1899

Montgomry City, Ala

We spent the night at the hotell. Rose and had breakfast. And then I and Elder Thompson went an had our picturs taken an then come back. And bid them good by and started four Flon. And we walked ten miles and then we took the train and rode twenty miles and got off at Bradleyton. And walked 2 mi. and spent the night with Bro W S Bradly.

Dec 15, 1899

Lapine Montgomry CoAla

We spent the night with Bro Bradly. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we spent the morning in writing and in the afternoon we started for the Old Fields and we got there at dusk and spent the night with Bro C White.

Dec 16, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co, Ala

We spent the night with Bro C White. Rose and had breakfast. And then I wrote this. And then we went up to Bro Isom Bodford so that Thompson could half sole his shoes. And we had dinner and then I writen a letter to father while Elder Thompson half soled his shoes. And at about four o'clock Elder Rich came. And

then while we was eating supper Elder Hess & Warner came. And then I and Elder Thompson went down to Bro Humpries and spent the night with them.

Dec 17, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co Ala

We spent the night with Bro Humpries. Rose erly and had breakfast and we spent the night in dreaming about mobs. And we spent the morning in reading. And we had dinner. And at two o'clock we had a meeting at the meeting house and there was three other Elders there. Elder Rich and Gale and Hess. And we had a thriving good meeting. And after meeting we went down to Bro James Beasley wich was about three miles and we had supper. And then we had a meeting. Then I took charg of the meeting - singing Zion stands with hills sorounded ect - Pray by A.W. Singing O Ye mountains hi where the clear blue Sky. ect. Then Elder Thompson spoke on Repentence and then I spoke on the restration of the Gosple. Meeting feched to close by singing Lord dismisses and ect. And then after meeting there was a man by the name of Bodford started to ask us questions. And we had an argment for 2 good solid hours. And then we retired.

Dec. 18, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co Ala

Clear.

We spent the night with Bro James Beasley. Rose and had breakfast then we came back and had dinner. We went about one mile and met Elder Hess and Warner. (Side note: Four Elders together). Then came back and sang some songs. After supper at half past six we commenced our meeting with Elder Thompson presiding. And we all took our turn in preaching. And after the meeting we had an argument that lasted for two hours. We then retired to bed. We each had a packet of candy.

Dec. 19, 1899

Saville, Crenshaw Co Ala

Cloudy & warm

We spent the night with Bro James Beasley. We bid them goodbye. We went on toward our field of labor to Flor. And we stopped by the road under an oak tree and wrote this. Then we stopped at Rutledge and posted some letters. Then we came onto Bro Graydons. And he was not home but she said we could stop if we could put up with the fair. I told her that we could and then Elder Warner and I stopped and Elder Hess and Thompson went on. We made an agreement to meet at Mount Ida. We sang songs and then retired to bed

Dec. 20, 1899

Rutledg Crenshaw Co. Ala

Cloudy & rainy

We spent the night with Mr. Graydon. We went on towards our field of labor. We got to Leone at 2:30. We bought sour crackers and deviled ham. We started on towards his place and it got dark and it was eight miles from there to Bro Wyatt. We went on trying for entertainment in every house we came to. But could not get in. And we kept on trying till we got to Bro Wyatt. It was ten o'clock when we got there. And we nearly gave out. And they fixed us a bed and we retired to bed.

Dec. 21, 1899

Hilton, Covington Co. Ala

Cloudy & cold

We spent the night with Bro Wyatt. I wrote in my journal up to date. Elder Thompson and I ran a foot race, Elder Hess and I wrestled. Elder Hess lost his ring while wrestling but I found it again. We had dinner and a shave then we sang songs till nine o'clock. Then we retired.

Dec. 22, 1899

Hilton, Covington Co Ala

Cloudy & warm.

We spent the night with Bro Geo W. Wyatt. Then we went on our way towards Fla. And on our way we got in an argument on baptism with Elder Hess & Thompson and I won it. We went on but did not get any dinner. And we inquired about the ride of a woman and she told us to take the right - instead of the left - and we got lost and walked about five miles too far. When night came the first house we came to, the other brother told us to go and inquired for entertainment then we bid them good night. Elder Hess asked to stay all night and I told him we were tired. But the gentleman of the place was not there. There was another gentleman working there and he sympathized with us and the woman consented for us to stay. And while eating supper we heard someone coming cursing. And she said it was her husband and he was drunk. And that spoiled my supper for one cannot tell what a drunk man will do. But as soon as he found out we were there he quieted down and he treated us all right. He came in with a jug of whiskey & offered us a cigar but we refused to take it. And then he offered us an orange and we took it.

Dec 23, 1899

Payson Covington Co Ala.

Rainy

We spent the night with the Watsons. Had breakfast and then went six miles to Bro. John Youngs. And he was cleaning a hog. In about two hours the other two Elders came and we had dinner. We spent the afternoon chatting and when night came we had supper and then went over to Bro Nickles. And we spent the night with him as his wife was gone to Fla. And he said he had plenty of room. And he told us to make ourselves at home.

Dec. 24, 1899

Payson Covington Co. Ala

Clear & bright

We spent the night with Bro Nickles. Rose very late and did not have any breakfast as it was Sunday. We went up to Sunday School. And they had a fine Sunday School. And I heard some of the finest singing for little children that I ever heard. And they had a little girl twelve years old that led the choir. After Sunday School we went up to Bro. D E Swinney's. . And Elder Hess & Warner went to Bro. Smith. then we had dinner, sang songs and then we had supper. And then another family came in. We had a meeting. Elder Thompson took charge and then I spoke 25 minutes on faith and works. And then Elder Thompson spoke about fifteen minutes and gave some good instructions. We retired after prayer.

Dec. 25, 1899

Payson Covington Co. Ala

Side Note: Christmas

We spent the night with Bro Swenny. We came to J.H.H. Young where they were going to have a little Christmas time. In the morning when I rose I found my stockings full of apples, oranges & nuts. So Santa Claus had not forgotten me. And then we went on over to Bro Young's which was about two and a half miles. And the first thing on the program was a little Primary program. All of the children took their parts. And then we had a meeting, Elder Hess presiding, singing, prayer by Elder Thompson, singing, Elder Warner spoke for a short time & then I spoke a short time on persecution and then Elder Thompson & Hess spoke for a short time. Meeting closed, singing, and praying by myself. Next on the program was dinner. Then after dinner we had prayer. We had a little dance and then dismissed. And then us Elders had a

caudillo after all of the folks were gone. We took Bro Yong's little girls for partners. And I was given 5 cents for a Christmas present. He came and put his hand in my pocket. And when he took it out I put my hand in my pocket, and he had five cents in it. His name was J.W. Stokes. And then we had supper with Bro Young. We blessed his baby. It was Brigham Young. And then we sang some songs. And then we all went over to his mother's place and spent the night. And his mother stayed at his place. Bro Young and I slept together because we were the largest and the other three Elders slept in another bed.

Dec 26, 1899

Payson Covington Co, Ala

Clear

We spent the night with Bro J.H.H. Yong. As we went over and slept at his mother's place. We went back over to Bro. Young's and had breakfast. And then I wrote in my journal. We started for Laurel Hill. We went by Bro. Nickles but he was not at home. So we left a note on the table telling him goodbye. We went on to the Yellow River. And then we stopped and ate a lunch by the River that Bro Young's folks gave us to take, which was molasses cake and apples & oranges. We went on to Laurel Hill and I got two letters from home and one from the Bishop and one from Utah. And then we came out to Horsehead Creek and went out into the bush where we had a secret prayer. We came across the branch and something said to me to go up to the Elder Thompson's house and I went up to the house and inquired if the gentleman was at home. And she said that he was not in and she said come in. And we asked her if she had ever seen any Mormon Elders. And she said that she was a member of our church. And we went in and put our grips down and went and told the other Elders and they came back and he said he could take care of us all. We had supper. And then we held a little meeting. The

gentleman asked some questions. Then the lady fixed the beds down on the floor, about three deep. And we retired to bed.

Dec. 27, 1899

Laurel Hill Halton Co, Fla

Very cloudy & rany

We spent the night with Mr. Cornel Steel. Had breakfast and then we went about 3/4 of a mile with Elder Hess & Warner and bid them goodbye. And then we came back and bid them goodbye, and started up to Bro John Atwell. We stopped on the way up to Bro Atwell's at Mr. Steel's, some relation to the one we stopped at last night. They invited us in and we went in. And we had a long gospel conversation. And we also read some of the friendly discussion tracts, and explained it to him and he thought it was all right. And then we went on up to Bro. Atwell's. He was a man of about sixty-seven years old. And he said he had been a member of our church for thirty years. And he said he was proud to see us. And he also said that he had not seen a Mormon Elder for about a year. He said that he thought that we were not going to come anymore. And that the other Elders that came through we did not have time to preach. Then we had dinner and then I wrote a letter to paw. And then we went up to Laurel Hill and Bro Atwell went with us. We gave out a meeting for tomorrow night. And then we came back and had supper. Two of his sons returned home. We sang some songs and talked about the Gospel. And then we had prayer and we retired.

Dec. 28, 1899

Larel Hill Walton Co. Fla

Rany

We spent the night with Bro Atwell. Had breakfast and then I wrote this. And then we went to Laurel Hill and

got our mail, and then we came back along the railroad. And went one mile further to a mill. And invited them to come and hear us preach. And then we came back to Bro. Atwell and it was raining very hard and we had supper. And then I went down to the branch.

Dec. 29, 1899

Lorel Hill Walton Co. Fla

We spent the night with Bro. Atwell. We started at the National Bridge. And we went through Henry County and over in Covington Co, Ala. to Bro Joseph L. Balkom. After dinner I blessed Bro. Pilcher's baby. And then I wrote a letter to GrandPaw & ma. And also one to Paw. And then we had supper early so if anyone came in we could hold a meeting. But there was only one man who came and we did not hold any. And then when his baby went to sleep we blessed it. And then we retired to bed.

Dec. 30, 1899

National Bridg Walton Co Fla

We spent the night with Bro Joseph L. Balcom. And then we returned on our journey. We crossed the national bridge about ten o'clock. And then we went about four miles and we came to Charles Davis place and he was not at home. They invited us in and presently his wife told us that they had their name taken off the books and that they were no more members of the Church. And then we asked her what was the fault. And she said she did not believe in that Joe Smith Book. And we asked her if the Elders did not teach her that before she joined the Church. That we believed that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. And she said they did. And then we bid her goodbye and came over to Mr. Frank Davis and had dinner. His wife was a member but he was not. But he treated us very kindly. And then we went over to Bro James F Davis. And he was very glad to see us for he had not

seen any Elders for about one year. He and his family also were members of our church. We had supper and then we retired to bed.

Dec. 31, 1899

Darlington Walton Co, Fla

Rany and freezing

We spent the night with Bro James F Davis. Did not have any breakfast as it was Sunday and we fasted, as it was the first Sunday. I spent down in the Evergreens of Fla. It was raining and freezing. And we made good use of the fireplace. And they had plenty of fuel-liters to burn. And then I wrote this. And then we had dinner. It rained all afternoon and was freezing cold. We had an appointment for a meeting but it was so cold we could not have any meeting.

Jan. 1, 1900

Darlington, Walton Co, Fla

Freezing cold

We spent the night with Bro. James F Davis. It was New Year's Day but it was a cold day. And it was the coldest and saddest new years day I ever spent. We opened the day sitting around the fireplace., with one side burning and the other side freezing. But they had plenty of good fuel liters to burn. How is that for the nineteenth century? Down in the Evergreens of Florida where the Mormon Elders go down in the land of flowers. Where we froze on New Year's Day. Down in the land of flowers where we spent the first day of 1900. Down where they persecute the Mormon Elders. Down in the free land of liberty. Where they persecute the poor deluded Mormons. And then we sat around the fireplace. Then Elder Thompson ran a foot-race and I fell down and hurt myself. And then we had supper and retired to bed.

Jan. 2, 1900

Darlington Walton Co. Florida

Clear & cold.

We spent the night - Bro James F. Davis. Rose and had breakfast. And then we bid them good by and started to Bro McClough wich was about ten miles. And we went about six miles and met Bro McClough and we went back with him and had dinner. And while we was there Bro John Davis and his son come to get some corn ground. And we spent the afternoon in talking upon the gosple. And then we had supper. And then we retired to bed.

Jan 3, 1900

De Funiak Springs Walton Co. Fla

Clear & cold

We spent the night with Bro W.R. McClough. Rose and had breakfast and then we had a bath and changed our clous. And then we went over to Bro Cottons. And on our way over there we met up with a man. And he went with us about two miles. With us and showed us the way. And we got to Bro Cottons at four and found Sister Cotton there but bro Cotton & his son was off sawing logs. And at dusk they come in and we had supper and then we sang some songs and then we had prayer and then we retired.

Jan 4, 1900

Defuniak Springs Walton Co, Fla

Clear and Moderate

We spent the night with Bro. Cotton. Rose & had breakfast very late. And then we bid them good by. And started for Defuniak Springs to get our mail. We got there at twelve and got our mail. And then we went three miles north of Defuniak Springs to Bro. Thomas Brannam and we had

dinner. And after dinner I done some reading in Orson Prats works and then we had supper & then we held a meeting with two famlies and then we retired to bed.

Jan. 5, 1900

Defuniak Springs Walton Co Florida

Clear & moderate

We spent the night with Bro Thomas Brannam. Rose erly and had breakfast. And then we had a shave. And then I wrote this. And then I done some reading in the new book written by Orson Prat. And then we had dinner and then I spent the afternoon in writing a peace to the YLMIA of Central. And then we had supper. And then we had a meeting. And I had just started to preach and there was a big crowd came in and I continued for about forty minuts. And then Elder Thompson preached for a short time and then we closed our meeting by singing Lord Dissmiss us with thy blessings and ect. And then we had family prayer and then we retired.

Jan 6, 1900

Defuniak Springs Walton Co Fla

Clear & bright

We spent the night with Bro. Thomas Brannom. We bid the folks goodbye and went to Defuniak Springs in a wagon with Bro. Brannom. And when we got there we bid him goodbye. And we went up to Bro Cotton's place.

Jan. 7, 1900

Defuniak Springs Walton Co Fla

Clear & Bright

We spent the night with Bro Cotton. Rose but we did not eat as it was the first Sunday in the month. We washed ourselves. And then we had prayer. And then

Elder Thompson and I came over to Bro McClough. We left our grips and Bro Cotton fetched them over in the buggy. And between twelve and one we had a priesthood meeting or fast meeting and had the sacrament. All of the saints bore their testimonies. At two we had a general meeting having a turn out of about thirty. And at two pm we commenced. I took charge by singing "Zion Stands with Hill Surrounded" etc. I gave the Prayer. Sang "O ye mountains high" etc. And then I introduced Elder Thompson and he spoke on The Kingdom of God. And then I spoke on Faith and told them to be sure and base their faith on true evidence. And then we closed by singing and prayer by Elder Thompson. Supper was at 7 o'clock. We held another meeting at Bro McClough. Elder Thompson took charge. We sang, prayed, sang, and then I preached. I told them what to do to get to the kingdom of heaven. And then Elder Thompson spoke for a short time. And then we closed by singing "Lord dismiss us with Thy Blessings". And then the crowd disperse.

Jan. 8, 1900

Defuniak Springs Walton County Fla.

Sunshine & clear

We spent the night with Bro. McClough. Packed up our grips, and had a shave. We started to go but they wanted us to remain till after dinner. And we did so. And then we bid them goodbye. And we started for Bro James Davis place. We then went on for eight miles. We thought we were on the wrong side of the road. And Elder Thompson stopped to the side of the road. I went up to the side of the fence to the house and inquired and when they told me I was on the right road. They wanted us to stop with them all night and preach for them as they had never heard any Mormon Elders preach. We told them that we would hold a little meeting with them if there were only two of them. And then we held a little meeting with them

at 4 o'clock. And we told them that we would go on as we were in a hurry to go to Laurel Hill to get our mail. And just as we were leaving the young folks came and they wanted us to stay and spend the night with them and hold another meeting at night as they wanted to hear us preach. And we told them all right, that was our business. So we had supper. At seven o'clock we preached them the first principles of the gospel and at ten we retired to bed.

Jan. 9, 1900

Darlington Walton County Fla.

Cloudy & foggy

We had breakfast and then we bid them goodbye and started for Bro James Davis which was about two miles. And we got there at nine. And he was gone to funeral services. But his daughter was there and we went in and then I wrote my journal up to date. And then when noon came we had dinner, and then at about three o'clock Bro & Sister Davis came. After supper we retired.

Jan. 10, 1900

Darlington Walton County Fla

Foggy & rany

We spent the night with Bro. J. Davis. At ten o'clock we went up to the Mormon meeting house where we had an appointment for a meeting. And at eleven o'clock we commenced the meeting. We had a very good turn out and a thriving good meeting. One member invited us to come over to his house and hold a meeting. And we gave out another appointment for the night. And we came back over to Bro James Davis and had dinner. And then we spent the afternoon reading. And then we had supper then we went over to Mr. Luis Truitt and held a meeting. And at ten o'clock we had prayer and we retired.

Jan. 11, 1900

Darlington Walton County Fla

Cloudy & foggy

We spent the night with Mr. Luis Pruett. We bid them goodbye and started to Bro Davis. And we stopped on the way and visited another family. And then we came over to Bro James Davis. We went over to Bro John Davis place and had dinner. I spent the afternoon reading. After supper we all went into the dining room and then two other gentlemen came in and we held a little meeting. And after the meeting we had prayer and went to bed.

Jan. 12, 1900

National Bridge Walton County Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro John Davis. Bro Davis cut my hair. We bid them goodbye. And we went up to Bro Sundays which was about four miles. We got there at eleven o'clock and then we had dinner. And then we spent the afternoon talking upon the gospel. And then we had supper. And then we held a meeting with the family and blessed his babe and we gave it the name of Joseph Angus Sunday so we would have a namesake in Fla. Retired to bed.

Jan 13, 1900

National Bridge Walton Co Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro Sunday. Bro Sunday took his oxen and went with us to Florilla and hauled our grips which were 14 miles. And then we bid him and his son goodbye. And we came 7 miles further to Bro Atwell and we got to his place at 3 o'clock. Sister Atwell fixed us some dinner. We left our grips

and went up to Laurel Hill and got our mail for we hadn't had any mail for two weeks. We came back and had supper and then we talked upon the gospel. After prayer we retired to bed.

Jan 14, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County, Fla

Clear & Bright

We spent the night with Bro John Atwell. Rose and fasted as it was Sunday. And then Bro Atwell and his sons went and spread the news around that we was going to hold a meeting at his house. And then we had dinner and at two o'clock the crowd came. And we had a good meeting. And then the crowd left and we spent the afternoon on talking upon the gospel and we had supper. And then we retired to bed.

Jan. 15, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro John Atwell. Rose and had breakfast. And then we went up to the post office. And then we came back and had dinner. And then we had a bath and packed up our grips and bid them good by and started for Mr. Henry Steel. And we went about 2 miles and met his cousin. And he went with us to his place. And bid him good evning. And went in to Mr. Henry Steel place and he was very glad to see us for he said he was investing in the gospel. And there was a girl came in wich was in a famly like way. But she was not marid. She was what they call piney woods girles or piney woods husho. But Mr Steel had respect for her and took her in so she wood not be confined in the [imclimelness or unclimelness] of the weather. Her father had no respect for her and he wood not take her in. So Mr. Steel did and we did not think it wise to stay so we went down to another Mr.

Steel about three quarters of a mile. And asked him if we could stay all night. And he said yes. And we had supper and then we talked upon the gospel for two hours and then sang some songs. And then retired.

Jan. 16, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla.

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Mr. Steel. Rose and had breakfast. And then we went about a mile and asked one of the trustees if we could preach in the school house and it was all right. And then we gave out an apointment for next Monday. And then we came to Laurel Hill and got our mail and came out about one mile and sit down under some pines for I had a terrible head acke. And then we came one mile feather and I sit down on a pine loge and wrote this. And Elder Thompson wrote a letter. And we went on and canvesed four hours. And we went up to Mr J.R. Givens and asked him if we could spend the night with him. And he said being it was so late we could. And we went in and had supper. And then we held a little meeting with the famly and then we retired.

Jan. 17, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co, Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Mr. J.R. Givens. And then we bid them goodbye and started for Bro Yong's place getting there at ten o'clock. And they were glad to see us. But Bro Yong was down at the sawmill at work and we had dinner and then wrote this. Spent the afternoon talking upon the gospel. Elder Thompson caught a chicken and I fed the baby. At about six o'clock Bro J.H.H. Young came in and he was very glad to see us. And we had supper. Then I read a letter to Bro. Young that I got from the Bishop of my town

as Bro Young was going to Arizona in the spring. So we sat up and talked upon the gospel and also on Arizona and what kind of a place it was. And we sat up till eleven o'clock. And then we had prayer and then retired to bed.

Jan. 18, 1900

Payson Covington Co Ala

Rany & drizly

We spent the night with Bro Yong. Rose and had breakfast. And then I written a letter to Chattanooga, Tennsee to Pres Ben E Rich telling him that Bro Yong was going to ariz in the spring. And as it was raning so we sang some songs and learnt the girls some songs. And we had some dinner and we spent the afternoon in ringing and talking upon the gosple. And at five o'clock we went over to Bro John Nickles and had supper. And then I stoped in the citchen and talked upon the gosple. And then we all went in the house. And there was those yong men in there that was not of our belief and we talked upon the gosple and then we had prayer and retired.

Jan. 19, 1900

Payson Covington County Ala

Rany & Cloudy

We spent the night with Bro John A. Nickles. We started back in our county and went canvassing. We went about five miles and stopped in the woods and did some reading in the Bible for two hours. And then we went on canvassing, and we went to the post office spending one hour talking upon the gospel and then we went to Mr. John W Cleary place and he invited us in. And we talked upon the gospel till sundown.

Elder Thompson said "Let's go and see if we could stay all night." They said if we could put up with the fare.

And we thanked him and told him we could. And we had supper, then sang some songs. And then we held a little meeting and I did some preaching. And after we got through they both said that what I preached was just what they believed in and we then retired to bed.

Jan. 20, 1900

Bethel Walton Co Fla

Cold & rainy

We spent the night with Mr. John W. Cleary. Rose and had breakfast. And then bid them good by and went on canvasing. And we canvased [Christal] Howard and he invited us in and we went in and talked upon the gosple. And then we asked him if there was a church house that he thout we could get to preach in. And he said if we could not get the meeting we could so we give out an apointment for next monday night. And we went on canvasing toward Laurel Hill. And we got there at eleven o'clock. And i got a letter from Grandpa and O how much joy it feched me. And they was glad to hear that I was going to come up and see them. And they wanted to know how soon I was going. And they also said that they needed some help. This was the first letter I got from grandpa since I left home. And what joy it feched to my heart to think that they wanted me to come and see them. And then we come down to Bro J Atwell place and we had dinner and then I written a letter to the Bishop of my ward. And then we had supper and then we came back in the house and I written my journal up to date. And retired.

Jan. 21, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro J T Atwell. Rose but did not have any breakfast as it was Sunday. We had a shave. And then we and Bro Atwell went down to the school house

where we had an appointment which was six miles. And we had a congregation of about fifty. And we shouted repentance to them in good shape. And after the meeting two men invited us to go home with them. But as we had left our grips over to Bro. Atwells place so we had to go back over to Bro Atwells place. So then we went back with Bro Atwell and had dinner. And we spent the afternoon talking upon the gospel. And in the evening we sang songs and had prayer. And I sat up by the light of the lamp and wrote a letter to Pres. Boyle told him that I had spoken to Pres. Rich and he told me I could go up in the spring. But I would have to inform him in time so he could send it to Pres Snow to get transferred from this mission to the other. And I retired to bed.

Jan. 22, 1900

Laurel Hill, Walton County, Fla

Warm

We spent the night at Bro John T Atwell. Then I wrote a letter to one of the saints and to paw. And then we went to the post office and I received a letter from pa and also 3 handkerchiefs and two pairs of socks. And then we went on down to Mr Howard where we had an appointment for a meeting. And we got there at three o'clock and they fixed us some dinner. But the gentleman was not there. But the ladies told us to remain and we did so. And at four o'clock Mr Howard came in. And we had supper. And then the crowd began to gather and the house would not hold them. We commenced the meeting, Elder Thompson being the first speaker. And then I spoke on the organization of Christ's church. And also how we had our church organized. And then we closed and gave 20 pamphlets to the hearers. And then sang songs and the crowd dispersed and we retired. And after we retired I heard the gentleman say that they could not pick one flaw with our preaching. And he also said we did not need any Bible for we knew it from one end to the other. And he also said he would like to see one of the other ministers run up against us.

Jan. 23, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro C C Howard. Rose and had breakfast and then we sold them three song or him books. And we bid them good by and went about two miles and sat down under a shady pine and wrote this. And then we went up to Mr Doe and he invited us in. And then we had dinner with him. And then bid them good by. And then we went to the dekin of the church and ask him premission to preach in the church. And he gave his consent as it was a baptis church near post office in Bethel and we gave out an apointment for meeting sunday at two o'clock. We walked three miles to see the deason of the church down thro the swamp and mud. And then we came back to the house and got our grips as we had left them there. And then we went on thro the woods not knowing where we was going. And finly we came to Mr Mous place and we asked him to spend the night. And he told us to goe in and make ourselves at home and we did so. And we had supper. And then we went in the dining room and talked upon the gosple. And we finly told him if wished us to we would hold a little family meeting and he said he would be pleased to hear us preach. Then we began meeting by singing and prayer and then we sang. And then I spoke. I took for my text 6 chapter of hebrews. And also the forth chapter of Eph. And my companion said that the President of the Conference, Pres. Willace could not beet it. And my companion also preached the best sermon. I never heard him preach so good. There was a good spirit manifested there. My companion said he felt just like huging me when I was preaching. And after meeting the man of the place said he had woarked hard all day, but his seet would not of got tired till midnight at such preaching. And then we retired to bed.

Jan. 24, 1900

Bethel Walton County Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Mr. Moore. And then bid them goodbye and went on canvassing. And we canvassed one house and sat down on a pine log and wrote my journal up to date. And then we went one or about two miles and came to Bro H C. Thomas they were all glad to see us. And we had dinner. Bro Thomas came. They all were well but Sister Sealy Adkinson and she was very sick with a bad cold. And she gave us nine dollars for tithing and we sent it into the office. And we also sold one Book of Mormon and Orson Pratt's book. And then we went with Bro Thomas to Laurel Hill to get our mail and then we talked upon the gospel and then we had prayer and retired.

Jan. 25, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County, Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro H C Thomas. Rose and had breakfast and then I greased my shose. And then wrote this on my (journal). And then I and Elder Thompson went out in the yard and played a game of marble with Bro. Thomas son. And then we went back in the house and done some studing. And then we had dinner and then we went down to the Branch and had a bath. And then we come back and bid them good by. And went to Laurel Hill and got our mail. And then we went 3 miles south east to Mr. Henry Steel place and he invite us in and we went in. And then we had supper. And then we talked upon the gosple. And they sang some songs. And at eight o'clock he told us he wanted to hear us talk. And we told him we would hold a little meeting if he dezired it. And we comensed meeting by singing and prayer and then we sang. And then Elder Thompson ocypyed most of the time. And then we dismissed and then we sat round the fireside for a while and then we had prayer. Then we retired to bed.

Children blessed.

Saville Crenshaw Co. Ala Dec. 7/99

One child of Br. Isom Bodford blessed By James T Rich. Dec. 9th 1899
By Angus V Whitmer, Brigham Y Baird & Warner.

Baby blessed
Brigham Young
Born November 18, 1899 At Payson Covington Co Ala

Parents names:
John Henry, Carson, Young
and Geoge Ann Yong

Dec. 25. 1899 By Elder Warner, Hess, Whitmer and Thompson

Blessed Baby, John Wesley Pilcher
Born May 24th 1899 Covington Co Ala

Parents names:
John William Pilcher
Lussanna Starling.

Dec 20th 1899 By Elder Warner, Hess, Whitmer and Thompson

Baby blessed, Lutrell Balkon
Born March 18. 1899 Natural Bridge Walton Co, Fla

Parents names:
Joseph Layfette Balkon
Edna Orcunsus Starling

Blessed Dec 29th 1899 By Elders Angus V Whitmer & James J Thompson

Babe blessed, Joseph Angus Sunday
Blessed Jan 12. 1900

Parents name:
Bro Sunday



Blessed by Angus V Whitmer & James J Thompson

Composed by Elder Halford Sept 10. 1899

1. Twas in the month of winter. The wind was howling wild, As I sat in Shumways Parlor With Lucella their darling child Her cheeks were like the rosebud, Her hair in ringlets fell. As I sat beside my darling There wards I hope to tell.
2. Oh dearest I must leave you, It fills my heart with pain. But sometimes our dearest darling, We wander back again.
3. It is for our redeness I bid you now adieu. And trusting in God's power that to me you will be true.
4. Its for the love of Jesus, And the glorious cause of truth I bid adieu to loved ones, And the scenes of Childhood youth.
5. To wonder among strangers In a land so far away And to suffer persecution until That happy happy Day Until God our heavenly father Makes known my work is over And I meet again with loved ones, On Zion peaceful shore.

**Elder Angus V Whitmer
Diary Of my travels in the
Missionary field of the Southern
States and also of the Eastern
States Mission.**

The States I traveled in were, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

Home address: Central Graham Co Arizona

**Second Journal in the Southern
States Mission.**

Friday Jan 26, 1900

Laurel Hill, Walton County, Florida

Clear

We spent the night with Mr. Henry Steel. Elder Rose and I had breakfast. And then we bid them goodbye. And we started up to Bro John Atwell which was three miles. Then I fixed one of my photos up and sent it to grandpa. I also sent seven of them home, one to each of them. And I also sent one of them to Bro J H. Young. We had dinner then we bid them goodbye and we went to Laurel Hill and posted my photos and got our mail. And then we went on a southwest course. We canvassed the houses as we came to them. We went on a trail through the woods and came to another house. And the gentleman was not home so she told us to go through the fields and up a hill and cross another road and we would come to a house and we did so and we came to the house. And asked him for entertainment. And they told us he would like to keep us but they were awful poor folks. But we could stay all night if we could put up with the fair. And we thanked him and told him we could. And he told us to come in and we did so. And the lady fixed us some supper. And we talked upon the gospel. And he told us he was a primitive Baptist and then we told him we would be pleased to hold a little meeting if he wished to hear us. And he said he would be pleased to have us. And we began our meeting by singing, "There is beauty all around when there is love at home" etc. Prayer by Elder Thompson. And then we sang "Zion stands with hills surrounded" etc. And then I proceeded after singing to them what the Mormons believed and I spoke on Faith. Repentance, Baptism, and the organization of our church. And then Elder Thompson proceeded and then we fetched our meeting to close by singing "Lord Dismiss Us," etc. prayer by AVW and then we talked upon the gospel and then we retired to bed.

Saturday Jan. 27, 1900

Laurel Hill
Walton Co, Ala

Cloudy & cold

We bid them goodbye the next morning and went on canvassing. And we went down to Turpentine Mill. We inquired with the deacon of the church and they told us they lived about a mile from this. The gentleman was not at home but he had a large son there and he told us to come in and we did so. And they told us he had no objections to us preaching there. The lady told us to wait till after dinner. And then I got my journal and wrote this but my fingers were so cold my writing was cold and while I was writing the young man got the fiddle and played. I am now two miles west of Laurel Hill making our way back to Ebenezer Church to preach Sunday near a post office in Bethel. And then we had dinner. And then we bid them goodbye. And we went to Laurel Hill and got our mail. And then we came up to Bro Thomas place where we had supper. And then we held a little meeting with the family and we retired to bed.

Jan. 28, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Cold

We spent the night with Bro Thomas. And at ten o'clock we held a little sacrament meeting and they all bore their testimonies. And at two o'clock we all went over to the Ebenezer Church which was three miles and we got there in twenty minutes till two. And at two o'clock we commenced by singing and prayer. And then we sang. And then Elder Thompson spoke to the congregation. And then I addressed them for a short time and the meeting closed by singing "Lord Dismiss Us." and prayer. We had about 70 hearers. And then we went home with Bro Thomas and had supper. We held

another meeting with him and his family. And I spoke on the persecution of the saints and I also told them that the almighty dollar would stop, if there would not be half so many ministers called on God to preach the gospel. And then we closed our meeting by singing "Lord Dismiss Us" etc, prayer by A.V.W. and then we sat round the fireside and talked upon the gospel and then we retired to bed.

Jan. 29, 1900

Laurel Hill Welton Co Fla

Cold and clear

We spent the night with Bro Thomas. And then Bro Thomas went over to Payson to finish moving his things. We did some singing then went outside where we had a game of marbles and then we came in and had dinner. I wrote a letter home to my father. And then we made out the report and sent it into the office. And then we came down to Mr. Smith's place where we had an appointment to preach which was about 1 ½ miles. We found him chopping wood. He told us to go in the house then I wrote this. My fingers were so cold I could hardly write. After supper the people began to come in and at seven o'clock we began our meeting. We gave them the first principles of the gospel. And when the meeting was out there a man came up and he said in our preaching that no one could get in the kingdom of God. Yes sir. And he said what was the matter of infants (baptism) and Elder Thompson said they already belonged to the kingdom of God. And he went out the door like a gunshot. I offered him one of our pamphlets. He said **NO**. And that was all that we ever saw of them. And it was all he wanted to see of us. And then we sat round the fireside and talked upon the gospel. The man said if he would have stayed there a few minutes longer he would have jumped him. Then we had prayer and retired.

Jan. 30, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co Fla

Cold & clear

We spent the night with Mr. Smith. We went back in the house to the fireside. I wrote this with cold fingers. And then I went up to the post office and got my mail and also sent my journal home. I came back and helped Mr. Smith see a couple blocks off. And we then had dinner. And we bid them goodbye and went on canvassing. We canvassed till night. We got lost and came back to the same place we started from. And we met a man that just came from his work. And he told us we could go back and spend the night with him if we could put up with the fair. And we thanked him and told him we could. And we went back one mile with him and spent the night. We had supper. And then we sang some songs out of the Sunday hymn book. We asked him if he would like to hear us talk, then we commenced our meeting by singing and praying. I spoke of the first principles of the gospel and also on the organization of Christ's Church. And then Elder Thompson spoke for a short time and then we closed by singing and prayer, retiring to bed.

Jan. 31, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Cold & muggy

We spent the night with Mr. Howard. We bid him goodbye and came south canvassing. And we canvassed three or four houses and we came up to one man's place and he hollered asking us to come in. We found him sick. We had a long conversation with him and we went one mile and I sat down on a pine log and wrote this in the woods. And then we canvassed one house. And went to the next house, and he said come in, and we did so. And he said two of the other Mormons Elders spent the night with

him last year, and he went up to meet a man to give him his property. And he told us to make ourselves at home and we did so with pleasure. And his wife fixed us some dinner and we ate dinner and came back to the house.

He came back and we proposed holding a meeting. And he said he would like to hear anybody that was better prepared than he was. And we commenced meeting by singing and prayer. Then we sang and Elder Thompson spoke on baptism and repentance. And then we spoke on the organization of Christ's Church, and also on the organization of our Church. And then we closed by singing "Lord dismiss us with thy Blessings" etc. Prayer by A.V.W. And we bid them goodbye and they wanted us to spend the night. And we told him if we did not get to spend the night with the next man we would come back and spend the night with him. So we went on over to the next place and the gentleman was not at home so we came back and spent the night with him. After supper we sat round the fireside and talked upon the gospel. Retired at 8.

Thursday Feb. 1, 1900

Campton Walton Co Fla

Cold & changeable

We spent the night then went back in the house and sat round the fireplace for a few moments. And then we bid them goodbye and went on canvassing. So we canvassed one house. And the lady told us to go to the next house and we went on but missed the house. And then we came to the railroad house. And we went east on the track till we came to a house. And we went up to the gate and two big dogs came at us. And the gentleman said come in and we did so. And we had a hot argument with him. And he said he did not believe he was a prophet of God. I sold him one of Orson Pratt's works. And I told him that book would

tell whether he was a prophet or not. We proposed holding a meeting and he said he would like to hear us. He said wait till after dinner and we did so. A fire broke out and he had to go and fight fire from his fence. We held a meeting with the family. And then we came up to Bro Atwells place in Laurel Hill. And on the way we stopped at the post office.

Friday Feb. 2, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Cold and changeable

We spent the night with Mr John Atwell. We went and canvassed the town of Laurel Hill. We first went and saw the deacon of the church. We asked him if he had any objection to us holding a meeting in the house Sunday at 2 p.m. And he said no, to go and see the other man that had charge and we did so. He said he had no objection. I offered him one of our pamphlets and he said he had no time to read it. I told him all right. Then we canvassed the town and we gave away forty pamphlets. We only had three refusals. A great many said they were coming to hear us preach. Elder Thompson and I went to the post office while I wrote my journal up and also wrote one letter to pa. And then we went down to his fathers place. And they were all glad to see us. And then we had supper and retired to bed. Canvassed Laurel Hill 35 families & only 3 refused.

Feb. 3, 1900

Laurell Hill Walton County Fla

Clear & moderate

We spent the night with Bro John Atwell. I got a pair of Bro John pants and put them on while Sister Atwell fixed them. We bid them goodbye and went down to Bro Henry Steels place which was about four miles away. We got there at 11 and they were all glad to see

us. We had dinner. And then we bid them goodbye and started up to Bro Thomas place which was about five miles. And we went there at about sundown. We had supper and then we talked upon the gospel. And then he asked us to preach and we did so with pleasure. I did most of the speaking. Elder Thompson gave some good closing remarks and then we retired.

Sunday Feb. 4, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co. Florida

Rainy & changeable

We spent the night with Bro Thomas. Rose but did not have any breakfast because it was a fast day. We then shaved and went down to the Abmerant meeting house where we had an appointment for a meeting. And at 10 a.m. we started meeting with four listeners and when we stopped we had a house full. I preached first on the first principles of the gospel taking my text from the 7th Chapter of Hebrews. And then my companion spoke for a short time and then we closed by singing. Prayer by A.V. We went to the door and a big crowd came through. But we told them we did not have time to stay any longer because we had an appointment at Laurel Hill at 2 p.m. in the church. So then we went on and on this side of the Hill Bro Thomas left us and went home and got his wife. We went on to Bro Atwell. Then went down to the place where he was in charge of the key which was about ½ mile and he sent his son up and he rang the bell. And then we came back to Bro Atwell and at half past one we went over to the church. And at 2 p.m. we started. I took charge and we sang. Prayer by A.V. and then we sang. And Elder Thompson spoke on the first principles of the gospel. And then I spoke on the organization of our churches, taking my text from the 4 chapters of Ephesiens. We closed by singing. Prayer by Thompson. We had about 150 listeners. And then we went up to Bro Thomas and had supper, a little sacrament meeting and we both spoke and then we closed by singing and then I led in prayer. And we retired.

Feb. 4, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Clear & moderate

We spent the night with Bro Thomas. Bro and Sister Thomas went over to Payson. I wrote a letter to Bro Yong. And I sent it to Bro Thomas. And he told us to make ourselves at home. We told him we would stay there till the mail came in. And then I wrote this. And then I made out our report and wrote a letter to Pres. Boyle. We went to the post office and posted our letters. And then we went down to Bro Atwell place and where we fixed my pants. We went with Bro over to his place and looked at his farm and then we came back and had supper. And then I and Elder Thompson and Bro Atwell & his son went down to Mr Martins place where we had an appointment for a meeting and we got there at six o'clock. And at seven we commenced our meeting by singing, and then Elder Thompson prayed. And then we sang and then I spoke on faith, repentance, baptism and laying on of the hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost and the organization of Christ church. And then Elder Thompson gave some closing remarks. And then we went down with Bro Steel on the count of Miss Cottonhead was in a disagreeable position. On our way down to Bro Steel we stopped at his wife's sister's place. And they seemed to be very friendly. I told him if it was his desire and he said it was. So it was nine o'clock when we commenced. And we had a good little meeting and it was ten o'clock when we got through. And we bid them goodbye. We had 2 miles to go through the swamp. And we had to walk five or six poles to walk and pig trails to walk through the mud and over logs and finally we got there at 11 o'clock. And they roused up the boys and she fixed the bed so we retired to bed.

Feb. 5, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co Florida

Rainy & cloudy

We spent the night with Bro Henry Steel. We set round the fireside and at 10:30 we started for the National bridge to Bro Balcom place. And Mr. Steel went with us for about ½ mile and showed us a pig trail. And we went on a little ways and Elder Thompson fell in a branch. He reached for his parasol and helped me cross. And then we went on for 3 miles. And we bought 5 cents worth of ginger snaps. And then we came on the railroad track, walking on some high trestles. We got there at 3 o'clock. But Bro Balcom was off bird hunting but his wife was there. And at sundown Bro Balcom came in and we had supper. And then there was a crowd that came in. Bro Balcom went and saw one of the trustees. And he got the school house. And then the crowd went up to the School House. And we commenced our meeting by singing. And then we had prayer and we sang. I got up and spoke on faith, repentance, baptism and laying on of hands for the gift of the holy Ghost and the organization of Christ's church. I spoke for 30 minutes. And then Elder Thompson gave some closing remarks. We sang lord dismiss us then we went home with Bro Balcom and at 10:30 we retired to bed.

Wensday Feb. 6, 1900

National Bridg Walton Co, Fla

Foggy & cloudy

We spent the night with Bro Balcom. And then Bro Balcom went to his work and we remained there and I greased my shoes. Elder Thompson wrote his journal up to date. And then Sister Balcom's sister came and she became acquainted with her. And then we bid them goodbye and started for Bro Sundays which was 7 miles. We went on to the National Bridge. We asked

a man the way, and he told us so we went one mile and until we met another man and he told us we were on the wrong road. And he put us on the right road. We came on and we got to Bro Sunday's place but he was not at home. So his wife fixed us some dinner and then I went off in the woods and wrote up my journal. And also did some studying in the Orson Pratt works. I read till I got tired in the woods and then I went up to the house. We had supper and retired to bed as we had been up very late with notes after we had prayed.

Feb. 8, 1900

National Bridge Walton Co Fla

Windy & warm

We spent the night with Bro Sunday. We bid them goodbye. We went down to Bro John Davis which was about 4 miles then 2 miles and found Bro Davis working at a school house. He sent us to his home. We did some studying in Orson Pratt's book and then we had dinner. We spent the afternoon reading. And when we got tired of reading we had a shave and I wrote this just as the sun went down. And then we had supper and ate a lot of peanuts. Finally, we retired.

Feb. 9, 1900

Darlington Walton County Fla

Friday rainy & cloudy

We spent the night with Bro John Davis. As it was raining very hard, we sat around the fireplace and ate peanuts. And I also read some in Orson Pratt's works. And then we had some dinner, ate some more peanuts and then Bro Davis had a gun. And Elder Thompson bantered me to shoot and he said he could beat me and I told him he could not. And we went out and shot. I shot first. I missed the black spot by 4 inches. When he shot, he missed the whole stump. And then I shot again until and I hit the spot and he missed the

whole thing. And then we went back in the house and we were going to go but he said if we waited till morning it would be better. So we did so. And then we talked upon the gospel, had supper, sang some songs then we had prayer and retired.

Saturday Feb. 10, 1900

Darlington Walong County Fla

Rainy & cloudy

We spent the night with Bro John Davis. We bid them goodbye and started for Bro James Davis which was about four miles. And we went on and the first thing we had to do was to walk on a large branch on a little pole. We went on one mile and we had to walk with another pole then went one mile and a half. We had to wade a branch which was about 100 yards across. And some of it was knee deep. And we got our feet good and wet. And it was still raining hard so we went up to Bro James Davis house. But he was not at home. So we went in and dried ourselves. I fixed my shoes. And we then had dinner. I wrote this in my journal and then I did some reading in the Orson Pratt works. And it continued to rain in the afternoon. And as night came Bro Davis came and we had supper. We sat round the fireside and talked upon the gospel. Then retired at nine after we had prayed.

Feb. 11, 1900

Darlington Walton County Fla

Clear & warming Sunday

We spent the night with Bro Davis. Rose and washed but did not have any breakfast as it was Sunday. At 10 a.m we went over to the school house where we had an appointment for a meeting but did not find anybody there. In a few minutes some came in. And in a while we had a good crowd and at eleven o'clock we commenced by singing & prayer by Elder Thompson. I spoke on faith, repentance and baptism and then

Elder Thompson spoke for a few minutes. Closed by singing "Lord dismiss us" etc. Prayer by AVW. And then we went home with Bro Davis and had dinner. And we spent the afternoon singing. And I also had a big argument with a man about the gospel. And you might say I preached to him and he left and went home and it was still raining. We ate around the fire and talked upon the gospel followed by prayer then retired.

Monday Feb. 12, 1900

Darlington Walton County Fla

Rainy & foggy

We spent the night with Bro James Davis. We bid them goodbye. We started to Bro McClough going one mile and a half. The branch was up high so we had to pull off our shoes, roll up our pants and wade for a little while. And then we had to walk on a pole which if we had of fallen off we would have had to swim. We got across and sat down on the other side and pulled our shoes on and we went about 2 miles. Then we came to another pond of water. We started and we got about one fourth of the way across one log and we had to pull off our shoes and wade again. And we went on but did not have to wait any more and we got to Bro McClough at 12 o'clock and we had dinner. We found all well but Sister McClough was not well as was common. And then I went down to the fish pond and caught one fish. I came back and wrote this here. We went out and did some shooting at a target. And then we came back to the house as it was raining, after supper we talked upon the gospel.

Feb. 13, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton County Fla

Rainy all day

We spent the night with Bro McClough. Then we went down and took the boat and went out in his fish pond and fished till noon. Elder Thompson caught

one fish & I went back to the house and took Bro McClough gun and went hunting and hunted for two hours but did not kill anything. And then in the afternoon I did some writing. Then Bro McClough came from town and he fetched me four letters. And they were read with pleasure. I got one from pa and it gave me much pleasure to read it. And I answered it. Then we had supper then we talked upon the gospel, had prayer then we retired.

Feb. 14, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton County Fla

We spent the night with Bro McClough. Rose and had breakfast. And then we took a bath and we bid them good by. And we rode in a mans ox wagon to Defuniak Spring wich was 6 miles. And after we got there we went to the post office and posted our letters. And then I took my raser down to the barber shop and told him that I wanted it honed down on a stone. And then I come back and Elder Thompson concluded to goe down to the barber shop and have his hair cut. And he did so. And we then went 3 miles south west to Bro Branom. And when we got there we found his two dauters there but he was off fixing road. And in a few minuts he came an he made us welcom. We then had supper. And then a crowd came in and we held a meeting. And we had a thriving good time. Then the crowd disburst and we had prayer and retired.

Feb. 15, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton County Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro Branom. Rose and had breakfast and then Bro Branom went up to town and he told us to make ourselves at home and we did so but his son talked so much we could not do any studying. He was what you might call a lunatic. He

said that some of the people told him if they were him they would kill us. But as the Lord would have it he would not do it. But he had lots to talk about in the gospel and he wanted us to baptize him but we would not. So we had dinner and then in the afternoon Bro Branom came and I spent the afternoon talking upon the gospel. And we had supper and then a crowd came and we had a meeting retiring after the crowd disbursed.

Feb. 16, 1900

Defuniak Spring Walton County Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Bro Branom, rose and had breakfast and we bid them good by and we went to Defuniak Spring. And I got my raisor wich I had left to the barber to be sharpened. It cost me 25 cents to get it sharpened. And then we went up to Bro Cottons place and had dinner. And we spent the afternoon in reading. We had supper and then we retired in the living room and we sang some songs and then we held a little meeting and then we retired.

Feb. 17, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton County Fla

Cold cold & snow

We spent the night with Bro Cotton. Bid them goodbye and left and went over to Bro McClough with the wind blowing as it was snowing. We got there half frozen and found Sister McClough chopping wood. We had a big fire and we became warm. As I wasn't well, I had a bad cold and I couldn't hardly travel, and then I did some reading in the Book of Mormon and had dinner. We talked about the gospel and had a good time. Then at 7 o'clock in the evening a crowd came in and we held a meeting. Beginning with prayer, singing and then I occupied

most of the time. My text was the 6th chapter of Matthew, 4th chapter of Ephesians. And one of the men thanked me for the sermon I preached and then Elder Thompson spoke on authority and we closed by singing, prayer by A.V. Whitmer. Then we had a long gospel conversation which lasted for three hours and we retired at twelve.

Feb. 18, 1900

De Funiak Sping Walton County Fla

Cold & windy

We spent the night with Bro McClough. We spent the forenoon reading in the Book of Mormon and we had dinner. In the afternoon we bid them goodbye and we started up to Bro James Davis and we stopped on the way and had a long gospel conversation. We sold them a book then bid them goodbye. We went up to Bro Jim Davis' place and spent the night with him.

Feb. 19, 1900

Darlington Walton County Fla

Cold & [modern]

We spent the night with Bro James Davis. Rose and breakfast and we bid them good by. And we started for Laurel Hill wich was 25 miles and was sick with a bad cold and sore throat. But it was the Lords will I should and I went on four miles and we stoped ½ n hour. Then we went on. But my faith was very weak at first, but it growed stronger and we come to a place and we got dinner and it tasted good if it wasent clean. Wich I know it wasent. We then went on. We went 2 miles and we got a three mile ride on a ox team and we continued on and we got to Bro Atwell at sundown and we was redy to stop for my cold was bothern me quite a bit and we had supper and retired.

Feb. 20, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Florida

Clear and warm

We spent the night with Bro John Atwell. I wrote a letter to Bro Boyle. Then we went to the hill to meet Elder Jacobson and Mecham. We got to the Hill but did not find them there and we waited till noon. And then we went over to Mr. McCumbia and had dinner. We came back and we got word they would not be there till tomorrow. And we went back to Bro Atwell's place and we had supper. We sang some songs for them and at eight o'clock we came back and we retired.

Feb. 21, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

We spent the night with Bro John Atwell. I wrote a letter to pa. My cold was better. And then we went up to the Hill and posted our letters. We came up to Bro Thomas and there we found Elder Jacobson and Mecham. The Elders were hunting for food and we had a hardy hand shake. We found them well and joined them for dinner. In the afternoon Elder Jacobson did some reading in the Star. And then we went out in the yard and did some jumping. And it was Elder Mecham's birthday and we bumped him against the oak tree. And then we came back to the house and had supper. And then we all went down to the Presbyterians preaching in the Hill and he took 2 Kings 7 and the last verse. He preached for half an hour and then we all came back. And I fell in a mud hole on the way back and got my foot wet. We prayed and retired.

Feb. 22, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Bro Thomas. I wrote in my journal, while Elder Jacobson and Thompson sowed their shoes. Brother Jacobson and I went down to Bro Atwell place. We spent the afternoon writing and then we had supper. And after supper a crowd gathered and we commenced our meeting by singing and prayer by A.V.W. And then we sang "Zion stand with hills Surrounded" etc. And then Elder Jacobson spoke for one and one-half hour then I gave some closing remarks, singing "Lord dismiss us with thy blessing" and prayer by A.V.W. Then we retired to bed.

Feb. 23, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

We spent the night with Bro John T Atwell. Had breakfast and then I went down to the spring and had a bath. Then I packed my grip and went down to Bro H Steele and found all O.K. We had dinner in the afternoon. I got Sister Steele to put a back in my coat and she did so. It took her all afternoon to do it and she did a good job on it and did not charge me anything so I gave her a present. We spent the afternoon reading and studying the gospel. We then had supper. A large crowd came in and we held a meeting which lasted for one hour and a half and then the crowd dispersed and we had family prayer and retired.

Feb. 24, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fls

Rainy & moderate

We spent the night with Bro. Henry Steele. Then we had breakfast and then we did some writing. I wrote

a letter to Bro Jon Yong. Then we went up to Laurel Hill and got our mail. And we went over to the church where a Presbyterian was preaching to tell him we would hold a meeting Monday night in the house and told him to give it out in his meeting. And he said he supposed he would hold a meeting Monday night and he asked us if we wouldn't change till Sunday at 3 PM. We told him we had all given out. And after we found out he would not give it up, we took him up at his offer and we went back to Bro Steele and had dinner. Then we went down to Mr. Jerry Kelly's place where we had an appointment for a meeting which was two miles away. And we had supper and held a meeting. I spoke on the first principles of the gospel and Elder Jacobson gave some good remarks. And we had prayer and retired to bed.

Sunday Feb. 25, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Clear & moderate

We spent the night with Mr. Jerry Kelly. Rose feeling all O.K. But I did not have any breakfast as it was Sunday. And at ten we left and went up to a house and at eleven o'clock we commenced our meeting. And we had a thriving good meeting which lasted for one hour and we went home with Bro Steele and had dinner. Then we resorted up to Laurel Hill where we had an appointment for three o'clock. And we got there and the house was not open. And we went over to Bro John T. Atwell house and he told us that the preacher voted us out of holding the meeting in between his meeting. And so we were put out and the crowd gathered and we went to a private house where we were invited to hold a meeting. And we had a thriving good meeting. And then we went down to Bro John Atwell place. We had another appointment out for a meeting. We got there in one half of an hour before time and we commenced our meeting by singing and praying. And then we sang and I spoke

for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour and then Elder Jacobson spoke for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour having sixty listeners. And then we closed by singing. Spent the night with Bro Atwell.

Feb. 26, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Ala

Clear

We spent the night with Mr. John Atwell. We did some writing. And then we went to the Hill and posted our mail and I got a pair of new shoes. Went to Bro H.C. Thomas and there we found the other Elders Mecham and Thompson and we found all O.K. And then we had dinner and did some writing. Then myself and the other Elders went to the Hill. Elder Jacobson and I went over to Mr. John Woodred where we had an appointment out for a meeting. And had supper. Then the crowd gathered and we began the meeting by singing. We had a thriving good one and we then retired.

Feb. 27, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton County Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Mr. John Woodred. The man of the place was working on a fill and he left us in possession of the house and wife. We had breakfast and we bid her goodbye then we went over to Bro John Atwell and met the other Elders. Then I got my clothes and packed my grip. We bid them goodbye. Then we all four started out and we went four miles. And then we separated and Elder Mecham myself went together. We canvassed the road as we went. And we got to Bro Sunday's place at three P.M. then spent the afternoon reading. At 7 o'clock we had supper and the women came back to the house. We held a meeting then retired.

Feb. 28, 1900

National Bridge Walton Co Florida

Cloudy & rainy

We spent the night with Bro WC Sunday. Rose feeling all O.K. and then we had breakfast. And it just poured rain and hail and then Elder Jacobson and Thompson came in, as wet as ducks. We all started to Bro John Davis. And it just poured down rain. We got there all O.K. at twelve o'clock. Then we had dinner and spent the afternoon fixing my coat and sewing buttons on my vest. I also did some reading in Orson Pratt's book then we had supper. When all of the women got in the house, we held a little meeting, had prayer and retired to bed.

March 1, 1900

National Bridge Walton County Fla

Cold

Spent the night with Bro John Davis. I came in the house and wrote this. We packed our grips and started down to Bro McClough. We got there at 12 PM and had dinner. We spent the afternoon reading and bathing, had supper and came back to the house when a crowd came in. We held a meeting and I took charge. We had a good time.

March 2, 1900

DeFuniak Spring Walton Co Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Bro W.R. Clough. Rose and had breakfast then we went on to the conference. Bro McCullough came with us. Four of us Elders spent the night with him. I had gone out in the brush when Elder Jacobson and Mecham went on. Elder Thompson waited for me. We started out - but we did not get on the road they went on. We went on to Bro Cotton but

they had not been there. And we went on and we struck a road and we went on and kept on going but did not find anything of them. We kept on going and finally we came to a road they were on. We followed it for one mile until they'd arrived there all right. We occupied two chairs. We had supper and then I wrote this by lamp lite.

March 3, 1900

Westville Homes Co Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Bro W.H. Mayo. We went over to the Church where we were going to hold Conference. And we commenced meeting at ten. But President Boyle was not there so Elder Jacobson took charge of the meeting. And during the meeting the President came in. And then we went and had dinner at Bro Mayo. And we came back and held another meeting at 2 PM. And we had a house full of people. Then I went down to Bro S G Simmons and had supper. We came back at 7 pm and we held another meeting. We went home to Bro. Andrew Bozman's place and spent the night..

March 4, 1900

Westville Homes Co Fla

Clear

Rose and did not eat breakfast as it was a fast day. At 10 am we held another meeting. They could not all get in the house so some had to stay outside. We did not go home with anybody as it was a fast day and we all stayed at the meeting till 2. We commenced the meeting again. We had a house full and we had a good meeting. And then Elder Chase and I went to Mr. Calaham and had dinner with Elder Butler. - Stayed at W.H. Mayo's place and spent the night.

March 5, 1900

Westville Homes Co Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Bro S.G. Simmon. We went up to the meeting house and held a priesthood meeting at 8. And I was assigned to labor with Elder A.L. Mecham at Freeport, Walton County till I got my transfer to West Va. And President Boyle told me I would be transferred this month. And I was to stay at Freeport till I got my transfer. And at eleven o'clock we organized the Sunday School to go again. And we went and had dinner. And came back and spent the afternoon at the Church talking upon the work of the Elders. And then we separated. Pres. Boyle and Mecham spent the night with Bro Andrew Bozman.

March 6, 1900

Westville Homes Co Fla

We spent the night with Bro Andrew Bozman. We bid the Elders goodbye and started at Knox Hill and Bro Mayo went with us. We got there at 5 o'clock. And they all were proud to see us. Found all well but Sister Rooks. We had supper and then the boys played the fiddle. We held a meeting and Bro Mayo did some of the preaching and he was as good as a Mormon Elder.

March 7, 1900

Knox Hill Walton County Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Bro Brooks. Then we bid them goodbye and started to DeFuniak Spring. Bro Mayo went a ways with us and so did Bro Brooks who went ½ of a mile and showed us the way. We bid them goodbye and went on to Defuniak Spring. We got there at 2 pm and we went to the post office, but

did not get any mail. Then we came on down to Bro Branom place and found all O.K. We had supper and then a crowd came in and we held a meeting. Had prayer and then we retired.

March 8, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton Co Fla

Rainy

We spent the night with Bro Thomas P. Branom. Feeling all O.K. Raining very hard. And then I wrote this in my journal. We spent the afternoon studying. Had dinner and we spent the afternoon studying. Had supper and then a crowd came in and we held a meeting.

March 9, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton Co Fla

We spent the night with Bro Brandom. Changed our clothes and left our dirty ones at Bro Branom to be washed. Bid them goodbye and went to Defuniak to post our mail. Then we went up to Bro McClough and found all well. There were two other Elders just left that morning. We went down to the pond and fished a while but did not catch any. Came back and had dinner. And then I wrote this. Spent the afternoon reading and many other things. And when night came Sister McClough went to a meeting that night where Elder Jacobson & Chace filled. But Mecham and I spent the night with Bro McClough.

March 10, 1900

Defuniak Spring Walton Co Fla

Clear & Warm

We spent the night with Bro McClough. We had a bath and then Elder Jacobson and Chace came.

Shaved then we had dinner. We did some reading and studying in the Bible. Then I wrote this and I shingled two of the boys and shaved one. Then Elder Mecham and Jacobson went over to Bro Cotton's place and Elder Chase and I stayed at Bro McCullough.

March 11, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton Co Florida

Clear & warm

We spent the night - W.R. McCullough. Rose but did not have any breakfast as it was Sunday. We then went over to Clinton School House and had a meeting. We cried repentance to them in good shape. And we gave out another meeting at three o'clock. We remained at the meeting house and at 3 we held another meeting. And then we went home with Bro W.R. McCullough and had supper. And before supper we had a little sacrament meeting.

March 12, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton Co Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro W.R. McCullough. We bid them goodbye and all four of us went to DeFuniak Spring. And there we separated and we came down to Bro Branom and had dinner. And then I wrote this. Spent the afternoon reading. Had supper and then a crowd came in and we held a meeting. I spoke on Luke Chapter 6 and also on the name of our church and the reason we preached without purse and scrip. We showed them what kind of a house to build on and we closed by singing and prayer. And the crowd dispersed. We prayed and retired.

March 13, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton Co Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Bro Branom. Feeling all O.K. Then I did some reading in my Bible and some marking in it and then we had dinner and then wrote this. We spent the afternoon studying. Then we went over to his son's place, which was one-half mile. They were glad to see us. Had supper. And we had an appointment for a meeting. At 7 we commenced our meeting by singing and praying. Then we sang again and Elder Mecham spoke for a short time and then I occupied the rest of the time. The crowd dispersed. And we sat round the fireside and talked upon the gospel.

March 14, 1900

De Funiak Spring Walton Co Fla

Clear & warm

We spent the night with Mr. Joseph Branam. I had breakfast. Feeling all O.K. And we bid them goodbye. And then we came over to Bro Branam's place and posted some mail or sent it to the post office by one of his daughters. Then we bid them goodbye and went over to Bro P.W. Lindsey's place which was 3 miles. We canvassed for one or two hours on the road. So then we started for Rock Hill. Arrived there and found five or six members. We had dinner and then we gave out notice that we would hold a meeting at night. We had supper and a crowd of about 25. And we held a meeting for an hour and a half. We distributed twenty tracts then we retired.

March 15, 1900

Rock Hill Walton Co Fla

Clear & changeable, rainy

We spent the night with Bro R.E. Brown. After which I wrote this.

Then we went down to Freeporte on the cram road in a cart pulled by six oxen. They have scantling for railing. It took them about 4 hours to go down and it rained on us. We went to the Post Office at Freeport on the Gulf or Bay and got our mail. I got notification of my transfer to West Va. I notified the President of our conference about it. And then we came back to the cram road and went back with them. It rained on the way back. And we got back at four o'clock and we had supper with Sister Linsey. And we spent the evening talking upon the gospel. It was very cold. I went to bed and left my companion talking upon the gospel.

March 16, 1900

Rock Hill Walton Co Fla

Cold & changeable

We spent the night with Sister Amy Lindsey. Sold them a song book. We went from there to Mr. Bob Woodward's place where he invited us in and we had dinner. Sold them a song book. We bid them goodbye and started for Mr. Steel's place. We canvassed the road as we went. One home refused to take a pamphlet. We got to Bro Steels place and found him very friendly. Then we came back to the road we went to. Night came upon us. And we saw a house off the road a little way and we went over to it. And as soon as we got to the doorstep his wife said come in and make ourselves at home. I told them that we had been hunting for quite a while. We had supper, held a meeting and retired.

March 17, 1900

Rock Hill Walton Co Fla

Warm

We spent the night with Mr. Hutto. We bid them goodbye and went over to the Hill. We got another appointment out for a meeting Sunday night. And we came to Sister Lindsey's place and had dinner. We came over to Alice Creek School House and held a meeting at four o'clock. Attendance 23. We came back to Mr. Wood's place and had supper. Bro Woods had not come. We retired.

March 18, 1900

Rock Hill Walton Co Fla

Clear

Rose feeling all O.K. but did not have any breakfast. And then we went to the meeting house and held a meeting. We had a house full of people and they paid strict attention. Then we came over to Sister Lindsey's place and had dinner. We did some writing. And then we went down to the saw mill and took a look at it and I also saw a turpentine distillery. We came back and had supper. And then we held another meeting at night at Sister Lindsey place.

March 19, 1900

Rock Hill. Walton Co Fla

Rainy

We spent the night with Sister Anis Lindsey. And then we came onto R.E. Brown place and stopped in. And while we were there it commenced to rain. And it rained very hard. And it kept on raining. We then had dinner. And it continued to rain and we spent the afternoon. We had supper. Then a crowd came in and I preached to them my farewell sermon.

March 20, 1900

Rock Hill Walton Co Fla

Cloudy & changable

We spent the night with Mr. R.E. Brown. Then we bid them goodbye and started for De Funiak Springs. We went 7 miles and stopped at Bro Branom place and took dinner and we went on to town and got our mail. We went back to Bro Branom and bid them goodbye and came back through town and posted some letters. And we went to Bro McCullough and had supper. And a crowd came in and I preached to them my farewell sermon. The crowd dispersed.

March 21, 1900

De funiak Springs Walton Co Fla

Clear

We spent the night with Bro McCullough. Bid them goodbye. And left my companion at Bro McCullough and I went alone. And I went to Bro John Davis and had dinner. And then I bid them goodbye and went up by Bro Sundays and on up to Bro Balcom place and had supper and retired to bed.

March 23, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co Fla

Rainy

I spent the night with Bro Atwell.. Then I fixed up some sweet potatoes and sent them on to pa. Then I bid them goodbye and went to Laurel Hill and sent those sweet potatoes off. And got my mail and I started to Payson which was 10 miles. And it was raining but I went on. And the further I got, the harder it rained. And I got lost and I was just as wet as a duck. Then I came to a man's house and asked him to stay all night and he said no. Then he told me

I could pull off my shoes and wade the river. And so I went on and waded the river. And I got to Bro Nickles at dark and was just sopping wet.

March 24, 1900

Payson Covington Co Ala

Rainy

I spent the night with Bro Nickles. Feeling all O.K. Then I went over to Bro Young's place and spent the night and day, finding them all well. And at dark Bro Young came in from his work, had supper. And we did some singing and talking upon the gospel. And did some reading on the law of tithing.

March 25, 1900

Payson Covington Co Ala

Cloudy & changeable

I spent the night with Bro J.H.H. Yong. Then we got ready then went to Sunday School. I would preach my farewell sermon at his house at 3 o'clock. We went home and had dinner. And at three o'clock we commenced by singing. Prayer by J.H.H. Yong, singing, then we administered the sacrament and passed it around. And I commenced my sermon and preached 1 hour or more. Closed by singing "Going Home." Prayer by A.V.W. and we had supper and then we sang some songs and talked about the gospel. Had prayer and retired.

March 26, 1900

Payson Covington Co Ala

Cloudy

I spent the night with Bro J.H.H. Yong. Then I bid them goodbye and we went over to Bro J. Nickles. Then I came back and started over to Laurel Hill.

But I had to go 3 miles out of my way to get across the river. And I crossed in a boat and they charged me 25 cents to cross. I went 2 miles and came to Bro Thomas' place and had dinner with them. And Bro Sowel was there and he went with me. We went over to Bro J. Atwell place and preached to them my farewell sermon.

March 27, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co Fla

We spent the night with Bro J Atwell. Rose and had breakfast. Then we came to the post office and I got my transfer. And then we went to Bro Thomas, had dinner then we came back to the hill and got a bottle of ink. And then we went down to Mr. Steele place and had supper. And then we talked upon the gospel and we retired.

March 28, 1900

Laurel Hill Walton Co Fla

We spent the night with Mr. Steele. Went by Bro Thomas and had dinner. And we went on over through Jakgrove and up to Bro John Yong place and spent the night with them.

March 29, 1900

Payson Covington Co Ala

Clear

We spent the night with Bro J.H.H. Yong. Rose and I had breakfast and bid them goodbye with tears in my eyes. And I walked 23 miles from 8 am till 4 pm to Andalusia. Took the train and went to Burmingham and spent the night in the depot.

March 30, 1900

Andalusia Covington Co Ala

Clear

Spent the night in the hotel. And at five we left for Chattanooga and traveled till 12 o'clock. And arrived all O.K.. Spent the day in Chattanooga and had supper and at 10 o'clock in the night I took the train for Richmond, Va and traveled all night.

March 31, 1900

Traveling to Richond Va

Snow

Spent the night traveling in the cars. Got to Richmond, Va in the evening at 6 o'clock at the station. And I gave a nigger 25 cents to take me up where the Presidents office was. And I found six Elders there. Elder G.H. Emry, Alen, Fatheringham, Nibly and E G. Gardner there and they were pleased to make my acquaintance. I registered in the Hotel costing \$3.50 a week. Had supper and we sat around the fireside and did some talking.

April 1, 1900 Sunday

Richmond Va

Clear

At 10 A.M. We went up to Bro Austin's place and held a fast meeting. And we all bore our testimonies. Came back and at three we ate supper in the Hotel. And at six we went back and ate. Then we went up to a friend's place and held a meeting . At 8 p.m. I came back and retired.

April 2, 1900 Monday

Richmond Va

Clear

Spent the day looking over the city for there were 125,000 inhabitants in Richmond, as it was a very nice place

April 3, 1900 Tuesday

Richmond Va

Clear & cold

Spent the night in the Hotel as we had a room rented at \$3.00 per week.

April 4, 1900 Wednesday

Richmond Va

I went out and canvassed 10 houses in the city. Came back and had dinner. Spent the afternoon looking around. Had supper and then we went to a friend's house and held a meeting. I preached on the first principles of the gospel.

April 5, 1900

Richmond Va

Spent the day in the Hotel and did some canvassing.

April 6, 1900

Richmond Va

Spent the night in the hotel and then I went out and did some canvassing. And one woman slammed the door on me. Came back and did some reading, had supper and retired.

April 7, 1900

Richmond Va

Spent the night in the hotel. Rose had a very bad cold. Spent the day in the City. Had supper and retired.

April 8, 1900 Sunday

Richmond Va

Rose late as I was sick during the night and did not get much sleep. Had a shave. Then we went up to Bro Austins and held a meeting. Bro Austin took me over the town and showed me the sights. I also toured General George Washington's first headquarters. And we went down to James River and saw some of the big war vessels. Then I came back and went to the hotel and had supper. I went up and spent the evening with Bro Austin.

April 9, 1900 Monday

Richmond Va

Rose late. Had a high fever all night. Went down to breakfast and drank a cup of chocolate. Came back and packed my grip. Bid the Elders goodbye and took the train and went to meet Elder Sparks. He was going with me to West Va. I met Elder Sparks and Wood at Garden Village. We walked 12 miles to Bro Calvin's. Got there at dusk. And I gave out. My companion carried my grip or I could not have made it.

April 10, 1900

Burnleys Albemarle Va

Spent the night with Bro Jos. A Colbin. And then Elder Sparks and Wood went and visited some of the other saints as I was sick with a bad cold so I spent the day in bed and retired.

April 11, 1900

Martinsville Green Co Va

We spent the night with Bro Jos. A Colbin. We held a meeting and retired.

April 12, 1900

Martinsville Green Co Va

We went to Bro Crawford and spent the day.

April 13, 1900

Martinsville Green Co Va

Spent the night with Bro Crawford. And we started to Elton to Bro Jasper Ham's about 15 miles. Got there at dusk. And we found the family down with the "new money fever." But he was glad to see me and we spent the night.

April 14, 1900

Elton Rockingham Co Va

We spent the night with Bro Jasper Ham. Rose and I had breakfast. And then we started for Broadway which was 20 miles. We went over one high mountain and we got lost. And we wandered along the mountain. And finally we found the road. And then we came onto Broadway. Got there at dusk. I had one dollar and we went and put up at the Hotel.

April 15, 1900 Sunday

Broadway Va

Spent the night at the Hotel. I had breakfast and then we started to go to Grandpa's. We walked all day. We arrived at four o'clock at grandpa's place. They were proud to see me. And they were all well. We sat and talked. My heart was overflowing with joy to meet

them. And then Mr. Harter came down and invited us to go up and spend the night with them as they did not have the bedding at grandpa's.

April 16, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Mr. Hart Then we went down and spent the day with Grandpa & Grandma Whitmer. And we went over and spent the night with John Halterman. We talked till eleven and retired.

April 17, 1900

Hardy Co. West Va

Spent the night with John Halterman. Then we bid them goodbye and went back and got my grip that I left to Grandpa's. Talked till noon and had dinner. Then bid them good bye. Then we went to Mathias and they all were proud to see me. Then he gave me a cake of maple sugar. And we sat up and talked till 10 o'clock upon the gospel.

April 18, 1900

Hardy Co. West Va

We spent the night with J.R. Mathias. And then we came up to Van Delauders. And they were proud to see us and had a lot of questions. Had dinner. And we came up to Uncle Selleys. And they were proud to see us. And he welcomed me into his home and we spent the night. We sat up till 8 o'clock. And some of my cousins came down and we had an enjoyable time.

April 19, 1900

Hardy County West Va

Rainy

Spent the night with Uncle Selly. We went up to Aberham Whitmer. But he was not at home. His children were and they treated me fine. Had dinner and I went with the boys back in the woods. Came back and found Uncle Abe and his wife. They were glad to see me. And we spent the night talking upon the gospel.

April 20, 1900

Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Uncle Abe. And I spent the forenoon fooling around with my cousins. Had dinner. Went down to Uncle Sellys and had an argument with a Methodist preacher for 2 hours and spent the night with them.

April 21, 1900

Hardy Co West Va

Rainy

Spent the night with Uncle Abe. Rose had breakfast and spent the afternoon. Had dinner and then I went down to Uncle Sellys. And a man came by the Delinger, a methodist preacher and I had a debate for 3 hours on baptism. And then when Abes folks came down and we went up to the Whitmer Schoolhouse and held a meeting.

April 22, 1900

Hardy Co West Va

Rainy

Spent the night with Uncle Abe. Rose and fasted. Spent the afternoon then had dinner. And in the

afternoon Cousin Barbe and Lim and his girl went down to a Methodist meeting. But the preacher did not come so we came back to Uncle Abe's had supper and a crowd gathered so we held a meeting. Uncle Abe said it was the best sermon they ever heard and was well satisfied with it. So we were going to go down to the Van Delanders but they would not let us go so we spent the night.

April 23, 1900

Hardy Co West Va

Clear

Spent the night with Uncle Abe. Spent the night with Van Delander.

April 24, 1900

Hardy Co West Va

We spent the night with Van Delanders. Rose and had breakfast and then we did some writing. And went up and spent the night with Mr. Frank Delander and after we got there my companion and myself went up and looked at my sister's grave. And then we went over to the old home place where I was born. And we came back and had supper and retired.

April 25, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Rose and had breakfast. And we bid them good by and went up to old Unkle Sellys an talked with them a while and they was all glad to see me. Then we went up to Bud Haltermans and had dinner. We spent the day talking. Had supper and then Bud come and we sang some songs and we retired.

April 26, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

We bid them goodbye. We went down to Jenkins [Juhaw] and spent the evening talking on many things. Then we retired.

April 27, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Bid them goodbye. Came down to Van Delanders stopped for a few minutes. Then we started to Alman Saygers. Stopped a few minutes and talked with Sarrah Delander. Then we went on and stopped to the side of the road and talked with Amos Delander and Aeron Halterman. Then we went on and when we got there they all were glad to see me and they had many questions to ask. We had dinner and we spent the afternoon talking. Had supper and at ten we retired.

April 28, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

And we spent this afternoon reading. Had dinner and in the afternoon we went over to his son's place, Micla, and had supper and spent the evening talking then we retired.

April 29, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Rose fasted and we bid them goodbye. Micla came with us down to his fathers. Had dinner, bid them goodbye and **came up to Uncle Sellys, and on my way there a man who stopped me and introduced himself as my name sake. His name was Angus Wilkons.** We spent the night with Uncle Selly.

April 30, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Had dinner and then we came up to Mr. Richmonds and spent the night.

May 1, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the morning dropping corn & potatoes & writing reading and we went down an spent the night with Mr. Fulse and they treated me fine.

May 2, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Mr. Fulse and we went from there down and spent the night with Mr. John Moyes.

May 3, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

We went down to the office. And came back and spent the night with Arther Mathias.

May 4, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Rose and had breakfast.

May 5, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Mr. John Mathias. Rose and spent the day with them and then we spent the night with [Edie] Mathias. Retired late.

May 6, 1900 Sunday

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Edie Mathias. At ten we went to a meeting. And my cousin Siram did the preaching. And he invited me to come up and speak. And we went back and spent the night.

May 7, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

We went up and spent the day with Grandpa. And we came back and spent the night with Selly Su.

May 8, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

We went down to Mr. Wesley F Garrett and spent the night. And he treated us fine. And he also gave us permission to preach in the church at Lost City.

May 9, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Rose went down to Lost City and spent 2 hours at Furge Haltermans and then we came up and spent the night at Alman Saygers.

May 10, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Went up to Aunt Gessy Jenkins and had dinner. And then we spent the night with Wheler Delander.

May 11, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night at Joe W. Haltermans.

May 12, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Bud Halterman.

May 13, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night at Bud's.

May 14, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

We sat up with a preacher till half after 12, talking upon the Gospel.

May 15, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent with my old Uncle Sellys and he treated us fine. Retired at nine.

May 16, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Liona Halterman and he invited us to come back and see him.

May 17, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Aron Halterman. And they invited us back and was glad to see us.

May 18, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co West Va

Spent the night with Uncle Abe.

May 19, 1900

Spent the night at Jenkins.

May 20, 1900

Spent the night with Unkle Abe.

May 21, 1900

We held a meeting in the Whitmer School house and had the house full and we had some all the way from Mathias. Spent the night with Unkle Selly

May 22, 1900

Spent the night with Wesley Weaver.

May 23, 1900

Walked 20 miles and spent the night with Unkle Jack Whitmer

May 24, 1900

Spent the night with Unkle Jack Whitmer

May 25, 1900

Spent the night with Hugh Delander.

May 26, 1900

Spent the night - Perry Whitmer

May 27, 1900

Spent the night with Perry Whitmer

May 28, 1900

Spent the night with Garrett Mathias

May 29, 1900

Spent the night with Tom Mathias

June 1900

The month of June, I spent visiting my relatives and proclaiming the gospel of Christ to them. I had the privilege of holding 4 meetings and distributing many tracts and books.

July 1900

Hardy Co

Spent the month traveling among my relatives and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to them in its fullness. Held 3 meetings.

Aug 1, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co. West Va

Spent the month visiting my relatives and giving them all the chance to receive the gospel that I could, on the night of 26th for instance - Spending the day before with Mr Ed Delander. And on the 26th some lowdown scoundrel threw a rock at me sitting in the house by the table reading a chapter. And the rock hit the door and glanced, missing me. But if it had not been for the door all probabilities is that it would have hit me. And many threats were made to move us out of the country by Siperanus Fitwater and S.S. Dullinger. But the Lord preserved us. And the month closed with no one hurt

Sept 1, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co. West Va

The month came very dry. But about the 15th it got wet. And we received a letter from Pres Olsen for us to rest up through this month as one of the Elders died

in S.C. Conference. And he warned us in particular to take good care of our bodies through these hot months and to rest up a month or 6 weeks or a month among the friends and prepare for work through the winter months. And I also received word from Pres Rich that I better be transferred to the Eastern States Mission. If I desired to be transferred to send home for money to settle my bill at the office.

The reason he advised that I be transferred was that most of my relatives lived in West Virginia and it is in the Eastern Mission. So I am looking for my transfer every day till it comes. And on the 20th of the month Elder D.J. Sparks got his release to go home. And on the 25th I went with him over to Shinahalore County. And on the 26th I bid him goodbye to go home. And on the 27th of the month I spent the night with one of my cousins, Dom Coffman. And then I came 7 miles on my way back.

Oct 1, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co. West Va

Thus, my transfer to the Eastern States. My relatives were all treasures at the time. I could get the gospel before the people. And the Lord is opening the way day by day continuously in gospel conversation. And I continued visiting the rest of the month. During which time I had several gospel conversations with my relatives, and I bore them my testimony that the gospel as taught by the L.D.S. was the gospel taught by Christ Jesus.

Nov. 1, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co. West Va

I spent the month visiting my relatives and they all treated me fine. I went to Crab Run and visited some of my relatives and Henry Moyern, Eli Nallerman, Earn Moyern. Being all alone and having no companion.

Receiving word that I was going to be transferred to the Maryland Conference at the later end of the month. I set up with one of my cousins up to Uncle Abe's place for 3 nights. He had the New Money Fever. And then I went down to Abner Jenkins place and met Elder Broadhead and he stayed with me three nights and then he went back to Grant Co.

Dec 1, 1900

Mathias Hardy Co. West Va

The first of the month I went across the mountain in Shenandoah County. I went to Adam Barbs and spent the night and then I went up to crossroads and then I came back and received my transfer and was told to come to a conference on the 8-16 to Cumberland, Maryland. Then I hustled my things together and borrowed five dollars from Mr. Empswiler and started to Cumberland. I walked 50 miles to Romney and then I took the train and went to Cumberland Md. We arrived on the 14th and met 8 of our Elders - 2 from Pennsylvania, Pres. Snow of the Mission and Apostle Cowley. When we had meetings we were fixed on the bread of life. And then we were assigned our various fields of labor. I and John Jay Woodruff were assigned to work Martinsburg, a city of about 8000 inhabitants. And we arrived in Martinsburg on the 17th.. And we put up at a Hotel at \$12.50 a month.

December 18, 1900

Spent the day in the city as we had been assigned our field of labor, to canvas the city.

December 19, 1900

Spent the night in the Hotel and then we took a ride over the city after reading some and writing in my diary up to date.

December 19, 1900

Spent the night in the Hotel. Got up very late, did not take any breakfast. Had dinner and then I went and had my hair cut. Came back, had supper and then wrote in my diary and retired to bed.

December 20-24, 1900

Martinsburg, West Va

We spent the most of our time in our room reading on the 25th it was Christmas I spent reading the law and testimony. If we went out on the street we could see a drunken man on any corner. We boarded by the month in the Hotel at \$10.50 and then pay 50 cents a week for coal, making \$12.00.

December 27-28, 1900

Martinsburg, West Va

The first canvassing we did in the city was on the 27 & 28. We distributed 48 and 2 tracts during the two days.

December 30-31, 1900

Martinsburg, West Va

We did not do much on the account of Holidays being so close at hand and everything was in the stir.

January 1, 1901

Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Va

At twelve o'clock all the whistles and church bells cut loose and such a noise you can imagine. The number of whistles I do not know. I spent the day eating candy. We had a large turkey for dinner. And what we did to it you can imagine. All the streets were lined with firecrackers. Of course a great many were indulging in the intoxicating drink. Elder J.J. Woodruff (President's son) got a Christmas from home consisting of pie & cake and we made good use of it.

January 2, 1901

Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Va

Spent in our room reading the good old divine.

January 3, 1901

West Virginia

I went out and canvased from house to house. I gave 52 tracts and my companion gave away 48 pamphlets - 2 refusals that my companion had.

January 4, 1901

West Virginia

My companion and I visited 47 families. I gave away 103 tracts and wrote one gospel letter and had 3 gospel conversations.

January 5, 1901

West Virginia

My companion and I rose very late because we did not eat any breakfast as we did not have enough exercise to digest it. And we can get it for a dollar or two cheaper as our rent per month was \$10.50 apiece providing we did not eat breakfast. And if we did it would cost us \$12.00 per month. We put up at Mr. Matthews Hotel and they all treated us fine. They did all they possibly could for us. We had dinner and as it was Saturday we did not go out canvassing. Had supper and then did some reading in the law and testimony.

January 6, 1901

West Virginia

Rose very late and as it was Monday morning. My companion and I partook of the Sacrament. As we did not have bread we used cake. And we kept a fast

day and prayed for God to open the way before us. Had supper at six and then we came up in our room and made good use of the time.

January 7, 1901

West Virginia

Monday morning rose, had prayer. The bell rang, and I had dinner. And then my companion and I went out and canvassed in the afternoon. We distributed 104 pamphlets and visited forty one families. Had five gospel conversations. Had supper. Spent the evening as usual. Had prayer and retired.

January 8, 1901

West Virginia

Had dinner and then my companion and I went out as usual and canvassed. Visited 36 families, pamphlets - 94, gospel conversations - 7 and prayer and retired.

January 9, 1901

West Virginia

Rose late and had prayers. Then we had dinner and my companion and I went out and canvassed. I visited 15 houses, distributed 36 tracts, and had 2 gospel conversations. Also had two refusals and then I wrote this in my journal. The weather has been fine altho it is very cloudy today.

January 10-12, 1901

West Virginia

Very cold. We spent most of the time reading and waiting. It rained the past three days so we were unable to canvas.

January 13, 1901

West Virginia

Rose and had the sacrament. I had dinner and spent the day reading as usual. Sat up till twelve o'clock reading the Bible. Had prayer and retired to bed.

January 14-15, 1901

West Virginia

We spent it canvassing from house to house. Spent the evenings reading the Bible, that is the 14. The night of the 15 we went to hear an Adventist preach. His text was - As it was in the day of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the son of man. And I say he preached Mormonism, in my opinion and when he got through I congratulated him on his preaching very much. And when we left one man in particular invited us to come see him. We thanked him very much and told him we would. We adjourned to our room and did some reading in the Bible. Had prayer and retired to bed.

January 16, 1901

West Virginia

I went out to canvas and on the account of there being a barefing I came back and went up to my room. Mrs. Matthews came up and said "Mr. Whitmer there is a gentleman down in the office that wants to see you." I went down and lo and behold it was the Adventist preacher. I invited him up to my room. But just before that he jumped me on their passage of scripture. "Do you believe in the ten commandments?" Yes. "Why don't you keep the Sabbath day then?"

And one thing fetched on another and we had quite a conversation. But I was not able to tell him why we kept the day of the week. And after he was gone I searched the Bible but could not find it at all. Then I

bowed down and asked God to reveal it to me. I got up and the spirit said 'Open your bible' and I did so and the Bible dropped right to it. And just before I could not find it. God revealed it to me.

Then I thought of what Amos says - Surely the Lord God will do nothing but reveal his secrets to his servants. So that prophecy was fulfilled to the letter. And just prior to that in praying I prayed to God to restore our family to health and strength. And always before I prayed to bless them with health and strength and in a few days I received a letter about papa telling me that he was sick. So the Lord revealed his mind and will to me on that occasion. And I turned to God the Father the phrase for it, for he has blessed me upon the right and left. He raised friends up to me to administer to me.

January 17, 1901

West Virginia

And we canvased from house to house and were very successful. Of course, we had dinner as usual. We always eat dinner and supper all but on the fast day we did not take any dinner. The weather was very cold indeed. We spent the evening reading the law and testimony. Had prayer and retired to bed as usual.

January 18, 1901

West Virginia

Spent the day reading and writing as it was very cold. And we had a bad cold. Spent the evening as usual.

January 19, 1901

West Virginia

Very cold and we were not feeling able to canvas so we spent the day studying books and trying to instill knowledge in our minds for the after life. We spent the evening in as usual. Had prayer and retired.

January 20, 1901

West Virginia

We rose in time for dinner. Spent the afternoon reading The Good Book. Yes, at 6 A.M. in the morning the fire bell rang. I got up and went to the window twice, but Elder Woodruff laid still. But finally he did get up and look. And the next morning we found two buildings burnt down. I think they belonged to the Jews. And we spent the evening as usual.

January 21, 1901

West Virginia

Went out and canvased from house to house as usual. I Came back and had supper and spent the evening as usual reading good books. Had prayer and retired to bed. Trying to do the Lord's will in our own weak way.

January 22, 1901

West Virginia

Had dinner and my companion and I started out together. We stopped in to see the Dimcard preacher, though we thought it would be a few minutes. But we got in conversation with him and stayed really longer than we thought. He started out and he just went at it for a few minutes. But he did not give up by any means. And he said he did not believe in any prophets and apostles. But finally after reading the 4th Chapter of Ephesians and 12th Chapter of the first Corrinthians he said they were all Apostles. And he bid us God speed. And we thanked him and left him in that condition. And he invited us to come back to see him. And we left him in that condition as we thought it best. So the day was spent and we did not get any canvassing done. Came back and had supper. Spent the evening reading and writing to Papa. And at 1 o'clock I retired to bed.

January 23, 1901

West Virginia

Rose at a late hour as it was late when I retired to bed. Had dinner and then we went out and canvassed. Came back and had my hair cut. It cost 30 cents and on my wayhome I bought a pen holder and five pens. Had supper and as we were looking for O Shumway and Birtoch to come and visit us we went to the Depot. But it was our mistake in reading the letter. They are not due till tomorrow night. That is I found it out after ransacking all our papers and looking at his letter again. I also roused Elder Woodruff up from writing and had him disturbed so he could not write on account of his nerves being weak. And he has not been successful in his writing up till the present time. And after all of this I did manage to make out his scratches on this paper. But Elder Woodruff has made blotches instead of scratches and we retired to bed.

January 24, 1901

West Virginia

We rose early in the morning. Had dinner and Elder Woodruff went out and tracked. But I did not go as the other Elders. I was not feeling very good. In the evening the other Elders came, which included Elder J.J. Shumway of Arizona. He was the President's counselor, and Elder Bertouch of Utah. And we had a merry time together. Had supper and retired to bed.

January 25, 1901

West Virginia

We spent studying the law and testimony as it was so cold we did not venture out. We spent a great deal of the day talking and conversing upon the Gospel of Christ.

January 26, 1901

West Virginia

We did not do anything as it was so cold. We had dinner and supper. We spent the evening in talking upon the gospel.

January 27, 1901

West Virginia

Rose very late. I fasted but the other brethren did not fast as it was not fast day. I spent the day reading. Had supper and we sat up very late. We sang a hymn, had prayer and then we partook of the Sacrament. I am one of the mouth-pieces in administering it. Then we sang some songs and retired.

January 28, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Had dinner then Counselor J.J. Shumway and I went out and canvassed in the afternoon. I was invited in and I had one good gospel conversation. I also was invited in one other place and I loaned them a "Voice of Warning" and they said they would read it and investigate the matter. The last place that I visited was a Catholic lady and she would not receive a Tract. But I left her my testimony of that which she had rejected, the Doctrine of Christ and she shut the door in my face. And Elder Shumway heard what she said. We then came back, had supper and we sat up very late and chatted together upon the scriptures and gaining all the knowledge we could from each other. Had prayers and retired to bed. My health was good in a happy condition.

January 29, 1901 In the Mid of Winter

Martinsburg, W. Va

The weather was very changeable and cold. Had dinner. Elder Bertoch and I went out and canvased together. We met with good success. I was invited in twice and had two good gospel conversations - one that lasted one hour or more. I loaned one book to a store keeper and he said he would read it. I distributed 23 pamphlets during the day. Came back and had supper and spent the evening chatting.

January 30, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late - very cold and blustery and snowy, the most snow we ever had in the Burg since we were located in the City. Had dinner and then we spent the day reading. Had supper. Spent the evening chatting. Had prayer and the rest of the brethren retired but I remained reading more in D&C.

January 31, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose early and had prayer and then we sat and chatted. Counselor Shumway gave us some good instructions. Had dinner at 11:30 and at 12:20 they bid us goodbye and sailed for Charlestown, West Virginia. We went with them to the Depot. Came back and paid for one fourth of a ton of coal - \$1.75. Then I did this writing in my journal. The more I send the more jealous I become in the cause of the gospel. The days glide by and I cannot see where they go. It is knowledge I want and the spirit of God to be with me to the end. Had supper and retired.

February 1-2, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Had found Elder Woodruff not so well. Had dinner. Spent the day reading. Had supper and retired to bed after reading late. We did not canvas as the weather was too cold. But we improved our reading and writing. I have felt stupid a part of the afternoon but feel O.K. at present.

February 3, 1901

Martinsburg, Berkely Co, West Va

The Lord's Holy Day. We fasted and prayed for the progress of the church. I spent the day reading the Era and in storing what knowledge in my mind I could in my perusal of the Era. Had supper and then I did some reading in the first Book of the Bible. Following Abraham's life studying the Plurality of wives. And the more I studied on the principle, the firmer I became on the subject as to it being a principle of the gospel of Christ Jesus.

February 4, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Monday morning. Rose late as we do not have any breakfast. Had dinner and as it was so cold we remained in and wrote gospel letters. Had supper and spent the evening studying.

February 5, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late. Started out going canvas but as the ground was so icy I came back. I stopped on my way back and visited a friend of mine. And the rest of the afternoon I studied good books. Had supper and then I finished

the Book of Genesis noting the wives that Jacob had and also Laban had. Then I read the pioneer History of the Mormons and their travels to Utah. Just the previous week I received \$5.00 from the people of the Central Ward which was donated to help me out on my mission as my means at home was limited. But the Lord supplied my wants and answered my prayers and nothing I wanted for. Had prayer and retired to bed.

February 6, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose and had dinner. And then my companion and I went out and canvassed or revisited one family. And had a long gospel conversation. And he invited me back highly. I then stopped in and visited the Life Insurance Agent and he invited me back. Came to my room then had supper and wrote this in my diary. And then I wrote a letter to Alman Saygers in the Cove at Mathias, Hardy County, West Virginia, and bore them a strong testimony to the Divinity of our faith.

February 7, 1901

Martinsburg, Va

Rose and did some reading. Had dinner and had prayer and we started out on canvas. I took 25 pamphlets and went out to the street that I was going to canvas on. And it was too bad to canvas as the street was lined with ice. But I did not give up. So I went to a man that invited me back to see him in my canvasing the day before, I spent the afternoon conversing up on the gospel of Christ Jesus. I left 5 pamphlets in his store as he was a merchant. And he said he would give them to his friends to read. And he invited me to come back and see him again. I thanked him and said I would do so.

I then came down towards home and I stopped to see the President of the Life Insurance Company. And I

had a long gospel conversation with him. I left him 10 pamphlets to distribute to his friends. His name was Palmer. I then went down to Mr. Matthews shop, the Landlord of the Hotel where we stay. He took me all through his shop and showed me how they mold car wheels in sand. Came back, had supper, then I wrote a piece to the Daily News of Martinsburg representing our Creed, which will be found in the back of this Book, or a few notes of it as the piece was too large for the paper to print. They told me to cut it down and they would publish it in the 9th paper of the month, which I told them that I would.

February 8, 1901

Martinsburg, Berkely Co, West Va

Had dinner and then I went with Mr. Matthews down to his shop to see his brother make the sand molds to mold car wheels. Came back shivering like a leaf. Came up in my room. Warmed. Had supper and then I remodeled the piece which I had written the night before so they could publish it. And took it up to the Editor and he said all right, he would publish it.

Came back, my heart rejoicing with glee as the Editor had accepted the piece which I wrote. It was the first time that any Editor had even accepted a piece before mine. Had prayer and retired to bed.

February 9, 1901

Martinsburg, West Virginia

Rose late. Had dinner & then I went up to Mr Ploner office and spent the most of the afternoon at his office. During which time the daily News of the City came, which had the piece in which I wrote. And they thought it was all right and he gave me his paper so I could have it to send home. Came back and had supper and then I did this in my diary.

February 10, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va.

Rose late and had dinner. Being the Lord's day, we then partook of the Sacrament. Then I did some reading in the Era. Had supper and then did some reading in the Bible.

February 11, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late. Had dinner and went out and did some tracking - visited 18 houses. Came back and Miss Mod, the landlord's daughter, played the piano. Had supper and then Miss Matthews left me with her daughter while she went to the fair, coming back at nine. Then I came upstairs and made out our reports for the two weeks. I also wrote a letter to Pres. Orme telling him what I had done during the two weeks. Then I retired half past 2 o'clock.

February 12, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose very late, as I retired very late at night. The wind was northern, howling and very cold. I felt O.K in body and spirit. Had dinner and then I took a spin uptown and it was fearfully cold. Came back. And then they all left and put me in charge of the house. And they went to look at some pianos. They came back. We had supper and then I did this writing in my diary. I also wrote a letter to J.R. Mathias in the Cove. And bore him a strong testimony that the gospel which we taught was true, and the same as Christ taught.

February 13, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late and had dinner and then I sat around in the parlor and chatted with the Mathews family. Then I went

up town and distributed 20 tracks, came back and had supper and retired to bed after chatting with the family.

February 14, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

We went out and canvased from house to house. I had one that refused to take a pamphlet of me. Came back and had supper, and then Elder J.J. Woodruff and I treated the family with candy and bananas which was the cost of twenty five cents - 12 ½ a piece. And then I finished a letter to Elder Scofield, counselor of the Pres. Then I wrote this and retired to bed after prayer.

February 15, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late. Had breakfast and then we went out and did some tracking. Met with good success. Distributed 50 pamphlets, had supper and then we went out in the parlor and chatted, Then we did some reading, had prayer and retired to bed.

February 16, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late and had breakfast. And we did some reading. And then we studied over the City of Martinsburg. Had supper. Then we retired to bed after prayer.

February 17, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late and had breakfast as it was fast day for the Conference. We fasted and prayed for the progress of the Conference. Did some reading in the Holy Book. I sat up and talked with the Matthews family till very late.

February 18, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose early and had breakfast, as we were going to start out in the country. I paid Mrs. Matthews all of the money I had and she said she would wait for the rest of it if I did not have it. We then started out to Mr. T H Myer place which was 18 miles west of Martinsburg. We went out about six or seven miles and that was good walking. And then we struck mud and we had to wade mud the rest of the way. We arrived at Jones Springs at 12:30. We ate some ginger snaps. And we went 4 miles west of there and we came to T H Myer place and they were glad to see us. We had supper then we spent the evening talking up on the gospel and he more than welcomed us at his place. We retired after prayer at 11 o'clock.

February 19, 1901

Jones Springs, Berkley Co, West Va

We spent the night with Mr. T.H. Myers. Had breakfast and we spent the afternoon talking about the gospel of Christ Jesus. Had dinner and continued the afternoon as we did the morning, in talking upon the gospel. Had supper, and then we held a meeting with the family. I preached two hours on the apostasy and restoration of the gospel. And they said it was the finest sermon they ever heard. It was not of my learning, but it was the Holy Ghost that was working upon me, the Spirit of God I should say. We talked upon the gospel of Jesus Christ until about 11 o'clock. Had prayer and retired.

February 20, 1901

Jones Springs, West Va

Rose early and had breakfast. And then we spent the afternoon talking upon the gospel. I was not feeling very well on the account of a change of diet. Had

supper, and then I spent the evening talking upon the Book of Mormon and on the prophecy of John the Revelator. Had prayer and retired to bed.

February 21, 1901

Jones Spring, West Va

Spent the night with Mr. T.H. Myres. Then we had breakfast and we fixed up and left - we bid them goodbye and Mr. Myres went with us out the store and he pulled out his pocket book and gave us one dollar a piece. He said that he was thoroughly convinced that the angel which John saw had flown. We thanked him for the money. And we went down to Mr. John Butts place. We found his wife sick, so we did not stop there any length of time. He told us he was sorry that his wife was sick. He told us to call around again and see him.

We then came down to Jones Springs and called for our mail, but did not get any mail. We then went up two miles from there and asked Mr. Wm. Butts if he would keep us all night and he said we could stay if it was all right with his wife. So we went and saw his wife and she said all right. We had supper and after supper we went to discuss the gospel of Christ and we talked upon the scriptures till half past eleven o'clock. And he told me that he believed I would make a better Methodus preacher than they had.

February 22, 1901

Jones Springs, West Va

Rose early and had breakfast and then we bid them goodbye. And went on our way rejoicing. On my road I posted a letter. We walked 4 miles and came to Mr. Robert Hulls place, and we spent the night with him. They treated us fine. They gave us all the pie between times all we wanted to eat. They invited us to come back and see them again. We then started out for Martinsburg which was 8 miles. We arrived there in time for dinner.

We had dinner and we spent the afternoon reading and talking upon the gospel and conversing one with the other. Had prayer and retired to bed.

February 23, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

The Lord's holy day. We spent the afternoon reading and chatting with the family. Had supper and retired after prayer.

February 24, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va.

In the afternoon I went down to the life insurance agent and had a chat with him. And then I went down to Mr. Matthews' workshop. He had a piece of a brace that had come off the main and he took it and made a little monument so I could have something to remember him with. Then I came back with Mr. Matthews.

February 25-28, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

We spent the afternoon reading and chatting during which time we went and visited a minister. When Elder Woodruff first called upon him he ridiculed him and what I might call a good tongue lashing. After I talked with him for a few moments he changed his mind. He said he looked for a middle aged man but when he found out I was only 21 years old he was astonished, for Elder Woodruff told him I was the senior Elder and he was surprised as I was so young. And when I left him he said he would assist me all he could in getting a house to hold meetings in. He said didn't expect us to be so young. We then went home and retired after prayer that night. We also spent one afternoon visiting one of our friends. We spent a lovely afternoon chatting upon the gospel. He had just read the Book of Mormon through and

he thought it was just fine. We also spent quite a bit of time with Matthews family chatting upon the gospel and at times we chatted upon other things as our minds thus led us and we tried to entertain the listeners. The whole family thought lots of us. Had good night.

March 1, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va.

In the afternoon we went and visited a man who had a Book of Mormon. He said he thought it was all right. He made mention that they had wars in that day and time as well as they do now. I gave him a brief sketch of what the Book of Mormon was and how it coincided with the Bible. We spent 2 hours or more talking with him. Then we came back and had supper. Then we spent some of the evening chatting upon the gospel. Also in reading. Chatting upon the gospel. My companion and I read aloud out of the Bible and corrected each other from the Book of St. John. We did it for oral practice.

March 2, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

I spent the afternoon discussing the personality of the Godhead. We spent the afternoon with Mr. Horsey. He at one time agreed to take it up in the morning and allow me 15 minutes in discussing it. But he finally backed out and would not discuss it at all for he said he was not acquainted with Theology. And then I offered to take up any subject and base the proof from the Bible, and he would not do that. I had the argument in the parlor with Miss Matthews' children and Miss Rhym. I thought it was fine, they said they liked it very much. Had supper and spent the evening as usual.

March 3, 1901 The Lord's Holy Sabbath day

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late and had no dinner as it was fast day so we prayed for the progress of the Church. I also had quite a conversation with Mr. Horsey on politics, relating to how corrupt the powers of today were. We had supper and we spent most of the evening in the Parlor. Came up to our room and Mr. Horsey came up and chatted with us quite a while upon the gospel. Retired after prayer.

March 4, 1901

Martinsburg, West Virginia

Rose at the usual hour. Had dinner and afterwards Mr. Horsey and I discussed democrats and republicans for about one hour. Then I went up to the post office and left 20 pamphlets as it was raining so we could not go out and canvas. Had supper then we came up in our room and began singing. And Ray Scot came to the room door and rapped. I said come in as we were singing when he first came. And he presented to us a bouquet of feathers, which was sent by Mrs. Matthews. We then went down to the parlor and chatted quite a while with the family. I read them the 107 Psalms and we chatted I suppose till about eleven o'clock. Then we came up to our room and I did some writing in my diary. Then I went over in Mr. Horsey's room and chatted till one o'clock about various things.

March 5, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose as usual and I did some writing in my diary then we had dinner. And then my companion and I went and visited a family that was sick and also one family that invited me to come back again. Had supper and

then we came up the stairs and did some singing. Then we read aloud to each other and corrected each other's grammatical errors. Then I went down stairs and found all of the family in the Parlor eating so I ate with them.

March 6, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose at our usual hour, washed and had a shave and started down the stairway and I found a letter from my father on the stairway. And it stated in the letter that he was married and that he was up to Bro Brown's place at Woodcross Utah. And he said that he was going to start home on the second of March. He stated that she was a woman after the honor of God the Father. He also stated that he shook her hand and kissed her for me. He also stated that he was proud he had a son that was honoring him that much as to be a preacher of the gospel. Spent the afternoon chatting upon the gospel and spent the evening as usual.

March 7, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

In the afternoon I went out and canvassed and met with good success. And during the afternoon I met up with a merchant and he said "Do you really believe in Mormonism? I replied " Yes I do, or I would not teach it to the world." Came back and retired at the usual hour after prayer.

March 8, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

I left some pamphlets in the depot, which he granted me the privilege to do so. I left 25 pamphlets laying around on the seats of the sitting room.

March 9, 1901 Saturday

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose late and had dinner and after dinner we scuffled and messed up each other's hair. I was not feeling so very good. We then had supper and we spent the evening in singing songs and talking upon the gospel of Christ Jesus.

March 10, 1901 The Lord's Holy Day

Martinsburg, West Va

We had an enjoyable day although I was feeling very ill as I had an attack of the lagrip. Had dinner and then I came up in the Parlor and listened to Miss Mand Matthews play on the organ. And then we had supper and I came up in our room and I layed down on the bed as I was feeling very very bad. Then Elder Woodruff and Mr Horsey went out to the Methodist meeting. And I was still lying on the bed when they came back. While they were gone I bowed down and prayed to God the Father to heal me by taking a swallow of sweet oil which was set apart for the household of the sick and immediately I was restored. After Elder Woodruff came back we got up and administered the Sacrament and partook of it. And after prayer we retired.

March 11, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose by a haste of Miss Mand calling us to get up and come down to see Mr Chas Lee Horsey girl or the one that he had been calling on us to come to see him. After going to the Parlor he introduced me to her. Then I went out to the dining room, had dinner and spent the afternoon chatting. Had supper and then I spent most of the evening chatting with Miss Mand and her mother. Then I came up in the room and Mr. Horsey went up town. And he bought an oyster supper. Came back and we ate it.

March 12, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose at the usual hour and had dinner. And then we went out and canvased from house to house. And then we came back and had supper. Then Mrs. Matthews went up to the show and left me in charge of the house. And at eleven they came back and then I retired after a long chat with Mr. Horsey.

March 13, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

I wrote a letter to Papa. I also received a picture of my step-mother. It was a fine one. We had dinner and then we went out and canvassed in the afternoon as usual. We met with good success. Came back and had supper. And we spent the evening as usual.

March 14, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

After a good night's rest we rose and had dinner. But Elder Woodruff was not feeling very good. So I went out alone and distributed twenty-five pamphlets. Came back and I spent most of the afternoon reading The Era. Had supper and then I went out and took a little walk around a block or two for a little exercise. Came back and I got in an argument with Mr Chas Lee Horsey on the scriptures and it became very interesting. We discussed the subject of heaven, whether there was more than one heaven or not. He claimed there was only one heaven and I referred him to where Paul was caught up in the third heaven.

Then we discussed whether there was any redemption after death or not and I soon showed him that there was a redemption after death by referring to Peter's writings. Then we came upstairs in our room and sang songs till we got tired. Then Mr Horsey went to bed and we had prayer and retired.

March 15, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose early and went up town. Came back and then I did some writing in my diary. I also did some reading in the Improvement Era. I received a letter from my father and I received my step-mother's picture and it was the first time I ever saw her face in my life. And she surely is a fine looking woman. I can not help but congratulate her on her face and good looks. I then went out and canvased in the afternoon. I distributed 26 pamphlets and visited 28 families. Came back and had supper and I spent the evening chatting with the girls. Came up to my room and wrote this.

March 16, 1901

Martinsburg, West, Va

Rose at the usual hour and had breakfast. And then we went up and saw the Proprietor of the Opera House to see what terms we could come up with in renting the Opera house. He wants \$7.50 for two Sunday services. And we thought it more than we could pay as our financial means were limited at home. So we concluded not to take it at that price. Came back and had supper and spent the evening as usual. Had prayer and retired.

March 17, 1901 "My Birthday"

Martinsburg, West Va

Just 22 years to this date since I was born. I was woken up in the morning by Elder J.J. Woodruff pounding me in the back and heard him say 23 one of them to grow on. I was quite angry at first when I awoke but when I came to find out what it was for, then I felt all right.

In regards to my health I can say that it was just excellent from my other birthday up to the present

time. And I can say that I enjoyed my mission first class. And met with good success, all but on one occasion I had a rock thrown at me on one instant. But the Lord protected me on that occasion. We then had dinner and we spent the afternoon reading the law and singing and chatting. Had supper and then we went to the Southern Methodist meeting. And they treated us fine. And I found that I had canvased the minister during the week and he refused to take a pamphlet. We had a chat on religion and he said he would not lose his breath on me, etc.

March 18, 1901 Monday

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose at the usual hour and had dinner. And then we went out and canvased 85 families and distributed 114 pamphlets and we met with good success in canvassing. Came back and had supper. We spent the evening chatting with the family on various subjects. Mr Chas Lee Horsey was still with us.

March 19, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

In the afternoon we went out or started. And Mr. Horsey got Elder Woodruff to take my pamphlets so I could go with him. And I went with him out to the farther end of Queen Street. And we came back on another street. And we spent the rest of the afternoon at home chatting. I then received word from Mr. R.Q. Palmer for me to come around and see him that evening. We had supper and then we went over to R.Q. Palmer place and we found that he had a question for us to decide on Pre-destination. So we spent the evening talking upon the gospel and singing. We came back at a late hour and retired.

March 20, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

We went out and canvased 83 houses and distributed 85 tracts during which time we had 2 refusals. Just as we got thru canvassing, it started raining. Came back and I did this writing in my diary. Had supper and spent the evening as usual.

March 21, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose at the usual hour and had dinner. And as we were going to start out in the country we did not go out and canvas. We stayed in and did some writing. And then we had supper. We spent the evening down in the Parlor and just before we retired they made some lemonade and they treated us to cake and lemonade by Mrs Matthews. We went upstairs and had prayer and retired to bed.

March 22, 1901

Martinsburg, W. Va

When we got up we packed our satchels to leave. And then we bid them goodbye and started for Robert Moll's place. We arrived there all O.K. at about five o'clock. And they seemed to be glad to see us. We had supper and then Mr. Samuel Hodges came in and Mrs Noll came in and told me that "he was the man that tacked up a notice on the school house telling them they could not preach in it or they would tar and feather them." She wanted me to jump right on him. And so after we came in I fished around quite a bit and finally I got him started. I think he came to spend the evening but I made it too warm for him and he left. And after he left there was another man by James Wheden that invited me to come and preach at his house. I made an appointment to preach at his place on the coming Tuesday night. We then had prayer and retired to bed, by me leading in prayer.

March 23, 1901

Tomahawk, Berkeley Co, West Va

We spent the night with Bro Noll. Rose early and had breakfast and then we bid them goodbye and started for Bro Myres place which was about 10 miles. We got there at two o'clock and we found Mr Myres at home. But the rest of the family was not there. They had just gone to Jones Springs and at about five o'clock they came back. And then Mrs Myres got supper and we had supper and then we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel.

March 24, 1901 The Lord's Holy Day

Jones Springs, Berkeley Co, West Va

Rose early and had breakfast. And then Elder J.J. Woodruff and I went out in the woods and had prayers together and we also had secret prayer, and then we went back and chatted together upon the gospel. Then we had dinner and then Mr. Myres went to tend to his hogs and we spent most of the afternoon reading and chatting together. Then we had supper. And then we held a family meeting with the family, speaking mostly upon how a man should be called to preach the gospel. Also on the Divinity of Joseph Smith, I am the speaker. We had prayer and we sang some songs and retired to bed.

March 25, 1901

Jones Springs, West Va

Rose early and had breakfast and I felt a little sleepy and I took a little snooze. I also did some reading. Then we had dinner. And then we bid them goodbye. And we came five miles to Wm Butts place and spent the night with them.

March 26, 1901

Jones Springs, West Va

Rose and I had breakfast and then we bid them goodbye and we went over to Mr. Nolls place and had dinner, which was five miles to Nolls place. We then went down to Mr Wheelers place and had supper. And then we filled the appointment to preach which we made as we went over. And I preached on the fundamental principles of the gospel occupying one hour and a half. We then retired to bed.

March 27, 1901

Tomahawk, Berkley Co, West Va

We bid them goodbye, and started on our journey to Martinsburg City. We arrived there at 10:50. and found everything prosperous. We had dinner and then we came up in our room and I wrote a Historical letter to Pres. J.J. Shumway, also a report. We then had supper and we spent the evening in the Parlor with the family. I led prayer and retired.

March 28, 1901

Martinsburg, Va, West Va

We went to visit a family but did not find them at home. We came back and did some fixing up to start the Conference.

March 29, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

We got up very early and did some packing up. Then we went down and had dinner with Mr. Rhymel and after dinner we prayed with the family, also read a chapter and they wished us much joy and a happy trip to Baltimore. We came up in our room and packed everything so as to start in the morning at 4:45 on the

train to go to Baltimore, Md to conference. I went and purchased our tickets which cost us \$3.00 each to go to Baltimore. That is through Washington. We had supper and after supper they made some lemonade then I came up and did this writing in my diary and retired.

March 30, 1901

Martinsburg, West Va

Rose at four in the morning and started for Washington. And just as we got on the train and got ready to start to leave Mr Rhymel came and bid us goodbye and wished us success on our journey. Then we sailed on for Washington D.C. And we arrived in the City of Washington at 6:45 in the morning. And the first thing we did was to go to the capital. Then we came back and had an oyster supper. Then we went and took the street car and went down to the National Zoological Park and we saw all of the wild animals and we spent a very enjoyable time going through the Park.

We saw all kinds of animals one could imagine. Then we came back and had dinner and then we went through the library, and it had the finest books that I ever saw. Passing through the library I saw three Mormon Bibles as they were called by the outside world. The name of the Library is the National Library, and any book you desire to read of the world you can find there.

We then went through Washington and it was very interesting to my era. And at three o'clock we took the train for Baltimore and a few minutes after four we arrived in Baltimore. All O.K. And we found all of the Elders of the Conference and also Pres. McQuire. We then had supper and held street meetings. It being my first time I had ever preached on the street, I preached two sermons on the street. The first was 15 minutes and then 25 minutes.

March 31, 1901

Baltimore Md

We rose at an early hour and at 10 o'clock we held a testimony meeting and we all bore a faithful testimony to the truthfulness of the Church of Jesus Christ and it was a spiritual feast indeed. And each one of the Elders had a different testimony to bear of the Divinity of the Church. It was a testimony day and also a fast day. At two o'clock we met in a general meeting and we had as if it were a spiritual feast. Pres. John J. McQuirrie being one of the speakers. We then adjourned till 7.30. We went and had supper and we all met in the Hall and held another meeting. Bro Horsley, T.R. Forside and Pres. McQuirrie being the speakers. Then we adjourned. We retired.

April 1, 1901

517 N Howard St. Baltimore Md

Rose at an early hour. But we fasted for Bro Barlow's mother. We then held a Priesthood meeting and gave our reports. We had dinner and at one o'clock we met in a meeting in the assembly hall. Bro McQuirrie did the speaking. And he gave the Elders some very good Instructions. And then we had supper and visited Elder Frank Woodberry's place and spent the evening.

April 2, 1901

Baltimore Md

We spent the afternoon chatting. We met and got our appointment. I was assigned to labor with Bro Spencer in Maryland. We had dinner. Spent the afternoon chatting. And in the evening we went down to Bro Woodbury's place and spent the evening. They made some taffy for us to eat and we had an enjoyable time. We had prayer and retired.

April 3, 1901

Baltimore Md

We spent the day looking at sights around the City of Baltimore. Some of the Elders started their various fields of labor. I then went and had one of my teeth filled, came back and had dinner. Spent the rest of the day chatting. Had prayer and retired.

April 4, 1901

Baltimore Md

We spent the day chatting upon the gospel. Then we retired.

April 5, 1901

Baltimore Md

Rose late and had breakfast with Bro Shumway. I am ready to go into my field of labor. And at eleven o'clock we went to take the train to go to Washington D.C. but we got too late to take the train. So we waited till one and we sailed for D.C. and we arrived there at something after two. We then came up to Bro Reid's place and he was glad to see us. He is one of our members. So we had supper and we spent the night with him.

April 6, 1901

Capino John's then Montgomery then Baltimore Md

Rose and had breakfast and then I did this writing in my diary. Bro Spencer had to tend to the cooking. We spent the day reading and chatting. Had supper.

April 7, 1901

Capino John's then Montgomery and Baltimore Md

Elder Spencer prepared dinner and after dinner was over we went into the other room and held a sacrament

meeting. After we had passed the sacrament around 1 p.m. I got up and spoke on faith for over an hour. We had prayer and were dismissed. We read a book on the Mountain Meadows Massacre by C.W. Penrose. Then we had prayer and I did this writing in my diary, it being 3 minutes after eleven and I retired.

April 8, 1901

Capino John, Montgomery, Baltimore Md

I read about the Massacre. Had dinner and in the afternoon I did some writing that is 'letter writing.' Had supper and we spent the evening chatting.

April 9, 1901

Capino John, Montgomery Co, Md

Rose at the usual hour and had breakfast. And I spent the afternoon reading. and I did some writing and reading in the afternoon. Elder Spencer was the cook as his wife was dead. And Brother Reid was busy so Elder Spencer did it. Had supper and I took a bath and retired.

April 10, 1901

Capino John, Montgomery Co, Md

Rose and had breakfast. We were going to start to our field of labor, but as Elder Spencer did not feel very good we concluded to stay one day longer. So I went to the Post Office and mailed some letters to Mr. T.E. Matthews at Martinsburg, West Va. Came back and had dinner. And then I did this in my diary.

April 11, 1901

Capino John, Md

Rose early and had breakfast and then we came to Washington D.C. on the street car. Then I went through the Capital building of the United States.

I went into the room where the Supreme Court was, and they met Catholic Robson. It was a sight indeed for me to see. Then I went back to the B.& O. Depot. And at 4.30 we took the train and went to Upper Marlboro to go to our field of labor. After we got there we took it on foot and went one mile and asked a doctor to keep us all night and he said he could not but he would give us some supper. So we ate and at 8 o'clock at night we went on and searched for entertainment but did not get it till 10 o'clock at night. We came to a place by the name of Leon and Mr Wm Watters who took us in and kept us all night. We were very tired.

April 12, 1901

Leon, Arundel Co, Md

Rose and had breakfast and he treated us fine. We had dinner with him and then we went three miles to R.D. Hopkins place and he took us in and treated us fine. So we had supper and we chatted till 12 o'clock and then we retired.

April 13, 1901

Bristle, Arundel Co, Md

I did some reading in D.N. We spent the afternoon with R. D. Hopkins place and about four o'clock we came from there down to Mr Wm Watters place when we had an appointment. We made an appointment to preach Sunday night. So we spent the night at Mr. Watter's place.

April 14, 1901 the Lord's Holy Day

Leon, Md

We spent the afternoon chatting with a young man and Mr Watters had supper and at 8 o'clock we held a meeting with the family. Then we had prayer and retired.

April 15, 1901

Leon, Md

Mr Watters wanted to go to work so we bid him goodbye as we wanted to wait till 11 for our mail. I finished writing. Then I had dinner and in the afternoon we went to seek entertainment for the night. So we called a man and asked him if we could spend the night. She said she was too crowded, that she could not keep us. So then we came back to Mr. Wm Fisher's place and asked him if we could spend the night with him and he said yes. They would do the best they could for us. So we spent the night with him.

April 16, 1901

Byrun, Arundel Co., Md

We had family prayer with the family after reading a chapter. Then we bid them goodbye and they invited us to come back and see them again. And we thanked them and told them we would. Then we came 7 miles down to Mr. Wm Watters and had dinner. We bid them goodbye and came 7 miles south and spent the night with Mr John Woods place. After we got to his place he was not at home so we waited till ten before he came. And he said we could spend the night.

April 17, 1901

Po Duns Kirk, Calvin Co, Md

I wrote this in my diary. And then we came one mile and we went off to the side of the road and laid down and took a snooze. I also did some reading in the Gospel in a nut shell. Then we went on, and we came to Mount Hormeney Station and Elder Spencer gave me a dime and I went and bought some ginger snaps and we ate them. We went on our way rejoicing. We came to a man working in a field and we asked him if he would keep us all night. He said he would if he did not have such a big family. So we went on and we

came to Mr Joe Ward and we sought entertainment. And they said they did not have a vacant room. But he told us there was a man down at the Chesapeake Beach that would. He also stated that he was from Salt Lake City, Utah and it was just 2 miles down there. So we started on down to the Beach and we got there and we wandered around quite a bit before we found him. But when we found Mr. Charles Popper he said he could not let any ministers lay out. So he took us in and cooked for us that night as it was late. He is one of the richest men of this country.

April 18, 1901

Chesapeake Beach, Calvert Co., Md

We spent the night on the Chesapeake Bay. We went down on the Beach and took a view at the bay and then we bid Mr. Popper goodbye and thanked him for his kindness to us and he stated if we would have mentioned where we were going he would have put us on the train so we would not have had to have walked. We went about 5 miles and it was very cold so we went off in the woods and built up a fire and warmed by it. But it smoked so bad we could not warm very much. We probably spent 2 hours in the woods. Then we went on and walked till about sundown and we came to a man's place by the name of Jules Ward. I asked him if he would keep us all night. He said he would do the best he could for us so we thanked him. After we had supper we spent the evening conversing upon the gospel. His wife sang some songs. Then I read a chapter and led in prayer and we retired.

April 19, 1901

Chaneyville, Calvin Co, Md

I wrote a song called ``Where is my wandering boy tonight." We then bid them goodbye and started on our way up to Leon Post Office where we had our mail forwarded to where Mr Watters lived. At three

or four o'clock we arrived all O.K. And I found three letters there for me. One from my step-mother and one from father. Also a note from the children. One from Pres. Shumway, one from T.E. Matthews. We went and spent the night with Mr. Wm Watters. And they treated us fine.

April 20, 1901

Leon, Arundel Co, Md

After breakfast we did some chatting and then I went upstairs and changed my clothes and had a shave. Then I covered my diary with some wrapping paper. I did this writing in my diary. We started to go but Sister Watters wanted us to stay till after dinner, so we waited and had dinner and then we went up to Bristle Post Office and we had a long chat with the men in the Post Office. And then we come from there to R.D. Hopkins place and we found all of the people O.K. On our way up it just poured down rain and we got very wet. We had supper. Then we spent the evening talking upon the gospel of Jesus Christ. Retired at a late hour.

May 21, 1901 The Lord's Holy Day

Bristle, Arundel Co, Md

Rose at a late hour and we had breakfast. So we spent the afternoon talking, during which time Mr. Owens came as we had a meeting scheduled in the afternoon. We had dinner and we had a fine one too. Two o'clock came and no one else came. Finally three came, but at a late hour. We got in a conversation upon the gospel so they wanted to know what we believed in and I proposed I would preach them a sermon and tell them what we did believe. So I preached to them for one hour and I told them what we did believe in. And after preaching they said they wished I had started sooner so I could have preached longer. It was four when we commenced our meeting. They said that

their preacher did not preach the Bible and explain as we did. I preached principally upon the organization of Christ's Church. So they went home and we had supper and we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel and retired.

May 22, 1901

Bristle, Arundel Co. Md

Rose and had our nourishment. I wrote a letter and then Mr R.D. Hopkins started for town. I wrote this in my diary. And then we bid them goodbye and we went about 8 miles over to Mr JW. Fisher place and they said they were glad to see us. We then had supper and then we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel. Had prayer and retired. It was at a very late hour as they said they enjoyed our chat.

May 23, 1901

Byard Anne, Arundel Co, Md

We spent the night with Mr Fisher. Had breakfast and then they asked us to spend that night so we decided to do so. So we went up and had dinner at Mr. Owens' place which was about 1 mile from Fisher's place. Then we came back down in the evening and had supper with Mr Fisher and we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel. We then read a chapter.

May 24, 1901

Byard Anne, Md

Rose and had dinner and then we bid them goodbye. And they invited us to come back and see them again. We then started on our road to Gambills. It rained on us all the way to Gambill's. We called for our mail to the post office but did not get any. So then we sought entertainment but we did not get it at the first house. So we went to another place and we did manage to get in by the hardest effort and by discussing the subject.

They took us in and gave us supper. So we spent the evening chatting upon one subject and another. So I proposed to have prayer. I read a chapter then we had prayer and retired.

Newspaper article - “Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in This City Doctrine” followed by a quote by Mrs. A.J. Stanley:

SUCCESS-----INTEGRITY

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life is an inspiration; whose memory, a benediction. Mrs. A.J. Stanley

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April 25. 1901

Third diary. Eastern States Mission. With Pres. J.J. Shumway as President of the Eastern States Mission, and John J. McQorrie Counselor of the Eastern States Mission.

I had breakfast. We then went into Baltimore. We arrived there at about four o'clock. We found Pres Shumway at the office, also T.R. Forsyth and Lovelis. We had a happy greeting together. My object coming in was to get sent over to Hardy Co. where I was raised so that I might have the privilege of laboring among my relatives the rest of my time, but as yet it has not been granted to me to go. So we had supper and then we went and held a meeting and I was one of the speakers among six as we had two meetings in one house. My subject was True and False faith. We then returned home and retired.

May 26, 1901

517 N. Howard St. Baltimore, Md

We spent the night at Brother Woodbury's place. The Elders did their own cooking and we ate with them. We spent the day reading and chatting. We then had supper and then the other Brethren went down to a cottage to administer to a lady. We were supposed to go out on the street and hold a street meeting but Elder Barlow refused to go and so did Elder Evans. So I went out alone but I could not find any agreeable place to hold meetings so I came back and we went down to Brother Woodbury's place and retired to bed.

May 27, 1901

Baltimore, Md

We spent the night with Brother Woodbury. Rose at an early hour. Then we came up to the office and had breakfast. We spent the day reading and studying.

May 28, 1901

Baltimore Maryland

We went up to the office and had breakfast. And as it was the sabbath day we held a priesthood meeting at 10 in the morning and we all bore our testimony to

the divinity of the gospel. Then we all went down to Brother Woodbury's place and held service at 2:30 in the afternoon, I was one of the speakers, also my companion was one of the speakers in the afternoon before the meeting closed. And we all took dinner with the saints. Then we came back up in the afternoon.

May 29, 1901

Baltimore, Md

I received word from Pres. John McQuirrie telling me to go over in Hardy County & labor among my relatives. Pres. J.J. Shumway said we could go as soon as we wanted to. As Elder Spencer was not quite ready so we put off going till tomorrow. So we had supper & then I wrote a letter to father. Then I wrote this in my diary. Then Elder Samuel Spencer and I went down to Bro. Woodbury's place.

May 30, 1901

We got ready to go to Hardy County, West Virginia. We bid them goodbye and started for Washington D.C. On the train we got there at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We then went from there down to Brother Reid's place which was ten miles. We took the street car and went to his place and we found all well and enjoying good health. We had supper and then I sang some songs and read a chapter and explained it. Had prayer and retired.

There is something wrong because he shows two months of May. I'll leave it that way.

May 1, 1901

Capino John, Montgomery Co., Md

I did some writing in my report book. Then I wrote a letter to Miss Mand Matthews. Had dinner and in the afternoon I snoozed. Then I went down to the post office and posted my letter. Came back and had supper.

May 2, 1901

Cabin John, Montgomery Co., Maryland

We had dinner and then I did some reading. Then I went down to the post office but did not get my mail. Then my companion and I chatted for some time. Then I proposed to preach to them. There were only three men there. I asked them if they would like to hear me preach and they said yes, so I came in the house as they were out on the porch at the time. So my companion was sick so he laid down on the bed and I held the meeting. I took my text St John 10.1. I spoke about the kingdom of God for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour and **one of the men said it was the finest sermon he ever heard preached in his life.** So when we closed the meeting we bowed our knees and retired to bed.

May 3, 1901

Cabin John, Montgomery Co., Md

II did some reading in the Voice of War. I wrote this in my diary. Then I went down to the post office but did not get any mail. I came back immediately as I stopped and had a long chat with the Post Master upon the gospel. Then I came up to Bro Reids place and had supper.

May 4, 1901

Cabin John, Montgomery Co., Md

I wrote one letter to my Aunt Murry Hillinger at Manassas Virginia. Also one to one of my cousins in Shenandoah, Va. Then we had dinner. Then I dressed myself or put on my collar and went five miles up to the falls that are on the Potomac River. I went up along the canal. I got up at the falls at three o'clock then I went one mile up after I crossed the canal to Brother Duglis J Guillott place. They were glad to see me so I had supper and spent the evening chatting upon the gospel.

May 5, 1901 The Lord's Holy Day

Great Falls, Montgomery Co, Md

I rose at a late hour but did not eat any breakfast as it was fast day. We spent the early part of the day chatting and at half past one we had our meal. After we got there we were all settled down. I suggested that we should hold a fast meeting. But brother Guillott suggested that we would put it off till after supper. So we had supper and Sister Guillott got through with the work. She got the sacrament. And as I was alone I then administered it. I then preached for about three quarters of an hour, had prayer and retired to bed.

May 5, 1901

Great Falls, Montgomery Co, Md

I rose feeling well and strong, and had breakfast. And then I bid them goodbye and came back down to Bro John D. Reid place which was five miles. I got there at about 8 o'clock in the morning where Elder Sam Spencer stopped while I went up to see the Saints. We then had dinner. Then I looked for a pad of paper that I had of Bro Spencers. Then Elder Spencer wanted to go down to Cabin John and I came out and told him not to go, that I had a meeting scheduled and I wanted him to stay so he did. I called on him to preach which he did. Then I spoke on the apostasy of the gospel.

May 7, 1901

Cabin John, Montgomery Co Md

We rose at an early hour and had breakfast. But Bro Spencer was slow about getting ready to go. But finally we got off at 9.30. We took the street car at ten and came up in Washington D.C. And from there we took another one and went out to Falls Church which was ten miles. Then we walked from there to Aunt Mary Hettingers place which was 25 miles. We got there at eight and she grabbed me by the hand

and pulled me in the door, for she was glad to see me. She introduced me to her husband, John Hettinger. Then she fixed supper for us and we ate supper and we spent a pleasant evening chatting.

May 8, 1901

Manassas, Prince William Co, Va

We got a call from Aunt Mary and had breakfast. Then I went to Manassas to get our mail but did not get any for myself. Came back and had dinner. Then I spent a portion of the afternoon writing to my father. Also in writing a letter to Uncle Abe for Aunt Mary. We had supper and then we spent the evening chatting about various subjects.

May 9, 1901

Manassas City, Va

We rose and had breakfast. Then Bro Spencer went to the Post office with Uncle John but did not get any letters, only the Improvement Eras. We had dinner and then Uncle John took us down to Uncle Dafes place with the wagon which was about two miles. When we got there we met one of his little boys and he said all of the family was down with the measles. He said he or his father was out in the field planting corn so we went out in the cornfield and found them planting corn and they were glad to see me. He said he had given me up. He thought I was not going to come to see them. One of his girls was dropping corn and she was beginning to break out with the measles and dropping corn. So I told her I would drop corn so she could go to the house and take care of herself. Then Elder Spencer took my place and I went to the house and saw the rest of the family. Then they came to the house and we had supper and we spent the evening chatting. Then I led in prayer and we retired.

May 10, 1901

Manassas City, Va

Helped Unkle Dafe drop corn as all of the children were sick with the measles. We had dinner and in the afternoon it rained so we spent most of the afternoon in the house. Had supper and we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel. So then we retired to bed.

May 11, 1901

Manassas City, Va

Spent the evening with Uncle Dafe. Rose and had breakfast. Then we got ready and went up to Aunt Mary's place for dinner and in the afternoon we went up to the Lutheran Convention. And I heard the preacher preach there was no use of Revelation, etc. That was enlightening and I did not need it. After services I was introduced to some of my cousins and one of them invited me to go home with them and have supper. So I came home and had supper with them. Then we came back and had a meeting, or at least the Luthurans did. It was Cousin Susan Mays place. Then I went home with one of them. And on the way home the horse jumped and threw me over the seat of the buggy in Cousins Angeline Whitmer lap, but did not hurt anyone.

Arrived at their home. Then we sat up and talked till one. Retired.

May 12, 1901

Manassas, Va

Cousin Angeline and their daughter walked up the Lutheran Church to Sunday School. And at 11 o'clock they had services. That is a Communion Meeting. Then I went down to Uncle John Hettinger place and spent the rest of the day. After supper I sang some songs and read a chapter from 107 Psalms. We

all chatted about it in a friendly way. We had prayer and we retired.

May 13, 1901

Manassas, Va

We spent the afternoon with them. Had dinner and then we went down to Uncle Dafe's place. Came back and went down to Cousin Alberts A. Whitmer place and they all treated us fine. Had supper and spent the evening chatting.

May 14, 1901

Manassas, Va

I did this writing in my diary and then we had dinner. And in the afternoon we went down to Uncle Dafe's place and spent the night with them.

May 15, 1901

Manassas, Va

Spent the afternoon in Uncle Dafe's house. Had dinner, then I went down to the fishing stores with Uncle Dafe, which was about 14 miles, as he was going down to get some fish and he wanted me to go along with him for company. And all the way down we chatted upon the gospel and we had an enjoyable time together chatting. We arrived there at sundown. But I did not find it as nice as I thought I would. I had to lay on a board to rest my body.

May 16, 1901

Manassas, Va

On account of there being so many wagons there we did not get to load. We had dinner and in the afternoon we went out on a boat on Occoquan Bay. It was very rough when we went out. We went out 1 ½ hours and

it got so rough we had to come back. Had supper and after supper I had a big gospel conversation upon the gospel with some of the men that were there.

May 17, 1901

Occoquan Bay. Prince Wm Co, Va

We loaded up our fish and came home which was 14 miles. We got there at about 1 p.m. and had dinner. And then I helped them clean their fish. I went with Cousin Minnie after the cows came back and had supper.

May 18, 1901

Manassas, Virginia

I went with Uncle Dafe to move a wagon, came back and had dinner. Then I went with Uncle Dafe to their love feast that is the Duncards Love Feast. And I enjoyed myself very much at the feast. Then we retired.

May 19, 1901 The Lord's Holy Day

Manassas, Va

Rose at a late hour and had breakfast. Then I spent the day chatting with the family and they all treated me fine. Then after we had supper the girls and I went and visited one of their friends. And we had a good time chatting and singing. We then bid them good night and went home and retired to bed.

May 20, 1901

Manassas, Prince Wm Co., Va

We came up to Aunt Mary Hettinger's place as Uncle John had gone to Pennsylvania and Aunt Mary wanted me to stay with her till he came back. I hooked up the buggy and took her to Manassas. Came back and had dinner. And in the afternoon I helped her plant some

sweet potatoes. Bro Spencer helped us too. We then had supper, then we did the chores and spent the rest of the night in bed.

May 21, 1901

Manassas, Va

We spent the afternoon around the house. Had dinner in the afternoon. I went down to Uncle Dafe's place and on the road down there we met him and he got me to go about one mile and a half with him to see Charles Cooper about some lumber. Then we went back to his home. Then Bro. Spencer and I bid them goodbye and came up to Aunt Mary's place. The day before Bro Spencer received a letter from Pres. J.J. Shumway telling him to come to Baltimore. We had supper and we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel.

May 22, 1901

Manassas, Va

We spent the night with Aunt Mary Hettinger. Bro. Spencer then wanted to start to Baltimore. And all that was stopping him was I owed him some Colatrus. I borrowed some from my Aunt and paid him. And he bid me goodbye and started for Baltimore. It was sprinkling rain when he left and oh it just poured down after he left. We had dinner and it was still raining when he left. We spent the day reading and chatting. Had supper and spent the evening as usual.

May 23, 1901

Manassas, Va

Cousin Minnie came to do some washing for Aunt Mary. I helped her get the scatter over. Then we had dinner and we spent the rest of the afternoon chatting. Cousin Minnie went home at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Then I did this in my diary. Had supper and retired after we had prayer.

May 24, 1901

Manassas, Va

Had supper, then we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel.

May 25, 1901

Manassas, Virginia

We went to Manassas. I received a registered letter from home with \$2.00 in it. It stated that they all were well at home. Aunt Mary canned about 3 qt. of strawberries. We came back to her place and we had a strawberry dinner. I spent the afternoon sleeping and reading.

May 26, 1901

Manassas, Va

It also was Pentecost day, the day that Peter the Apostle of Christ had done such great preaching and converting, the day that 3000 souls were added to the church of Christ. We then went to Manassas to the Lutheran Sunday School. We also stayed for services. We went there in a buggy including Aunt Mary Hettinger and Cousin Roxie Whitmer. We came back and found Cousin Ola Whitmer there. She had come up to see me. We had dinner then we spent the afternoon reading Bible verses. Then at six o'clock Minnie and her brother went home.

May 27, 1901

Manassas, Va

It was raining very hard. I watered the horses and took the cow to the pasture. Then I spent the rest of the time in the house. Had dinner and I spent the afternoon writing and reading. Had supper, we spent the evening chatting.

May 28, 1901

Manassas, Va

We spent the afternoon reading and writing. Had dinner. Then I hooked up the buggy and Cousin Roxie and I went to Manassas, Va

May 29, 1901

Manassas, Va

I spent the afternoon writing a letter to Bishop James Cluff of Central. Also making out a report to send to the office. Had dinner then I hooked up the buggy and Aunt Mary and I went to Manassas and I bought some ink and some pens. Then we had supper.

May 30, 1901

Manassas, Va

Spent the afternoon reading. Had dinner and in the afternoon Cousin Roxie V Whitmer and I went down to Uncle David Whitmer's place and spent the afternoon chatting.

May 31, 1901

Manassas, Virginia

It was rainy and we did not go anywhere. Spent the day reading.

June 1, 1901

Manassas, Va

I spent the day reading and chatting. Had dinner, spent the afternoon as usual.

June 2, 1901

Manassas, Va

Did not eat as it was our fast day. Spent the afternoon reading and in. And at about half past one Cousin Minnie, one of David Whitmer daughters, came in with her husband. She had just been married three days. We had supper, did the chores that were to be done.

June 3, 1901

Manassas, Va

Spent the forenoon as usual. Had dinner. Then I spent the afternoon reading and writing. Then I did this in my diary.

June 4-5, 1901

Manassas, Va

Had our usual exercises in the morning. Went to the City of Manassas to meet my Uncle John but he did not come. But I received a letter from him telling me he would be here on Friday during which time I was waiting for him to come back as Aunt Mary was left alone and no one to tend to the horses. So I told her I would go the next morning. But Mary said if I would wait till John came she would pay my way a part of the way. So I decided to wait till his arrival.

June 6, 1901

Manassas, Va

I hooked up one of the horses and plowed a potato patch for my Aunt as her husband was gone and no one left to do it at home. Then we had dinner and I spent the afternoon reading. And when we were eating supper Uncle John came and we were all glad to see him back as I was anxious to leave and go to Hardy County, West Va. And he then told us how he enjoyed his trip and at a late hour we had prayer and retired.

June 7 1901

Manassa, Va

It was pouring when I got up. Had dinner and then I did this in my diary. Then we spent the afternoon visiting.

June 8, 1901

Manassas, Va

Rose at the usual hour and had breakfast and then I bid them goodbye and Uncle John took me to Manassas and there I took the train. And went to Mt. Jackson, Va. I rode 7 miles on a wagon then I walked 7 miles to Uncle Sellys Whitmer place and found all of the family well. I arrived there at ten o'clock in the night. They got up and fixed me some supper.

June 9, 1901

Rockingham Co, Va

Rose at a late hour and had breakfast and then my uncle and his wife went up to Moris Rinkers place and spent several hours, then he came with us back and we had dinner. And we spent the afternoon chatting upon the gospel.

June 10, 1901

Rockingham, Va

And then I went up with Uncle Selly or just a few moments after he had gone I went up to where they were logging. Then I came back and had dinner and I spent the afternoon reading and sleeping. Then I helped to do a little hoeing in the garden in the afternoon. Had supper and then I went up to Mr. Rinkers and spent a part of the night.

June 11, 1901 Cootes Store

Rockingham, Va

Had dinner and I spent the afternoon as usual and in the evening I went down to Mr Williams place and spent the night.

June 12, 1901 Cootes Store

Rockingham, Va

I bid them goodbye and started down to Dan Coffaman's place. Arrived there all OK at ten o'clock. And they all were glad to see me. Had dinner and we spent the afternoon chatting. Had supper and at about ten retired after prayer.

June 13, 1901 Bellgrade

Rockingham, Virginia

I went down to Aunt Lizabeth Coffaman's place with one of them in the buggy. Had dinner with her and at about three I came back in the buggy and spent the night with Dan Coffaman.

14 Inst. Bellgrade

Shenandoah Co. Va

It was very rainy so I could not travel so I remained there and had dinner and in the afternoon I went over to Sam Frye's place. They were all glad to see me. Had supper then we spent the evening chatting upon the gospel. Had prayer and retired.

15 Inst. Bellgrade

Shenandoah Co, Va

Rose at the usual hour and had breakfast. Then I bid them goodbye and started up Uncle Sellys place. I stopped on the way and took dinner at Mr. Williams

place. Then I went on to Uncle Selly's place and spent the night as I had an appointment out for preaching the next day. Had prayer and retired after prayer.

16 Inst. Cootes Store

Shenandoah Co, Va

The Lord's Holy Sabbath Day.

It was still rainy. I had an appointment to preach at ten but it was so unpleasant that no crowd came. We then had dinner and in the afternoon we fixed ready to go up to Mr. Williams' wife's father's place that is five miles on my road. And just as we got on the horses and got started, we looked back and we saw a crowd of people coming. So I went back and preached to them. I preached on the fundamental principles and the kingdom of God. I then bid them goodbye. We started on our way down to Mr. Williams place and we stopped on our road, that is we stopped at Mr M. Rinkers place for a few moments. And then we continued on and spent the night at Mr Williams place.

17 Inst. Cootes Store

Bellgrade, Va

I bid Selly and his wife, also Mr W. Williams and family good by. Then I walked eight miles to Cousin Dan Coffaman place. I spent the night with them.

18 June Belgrade

Shenandoah Co., Virginia

Rose and had breakfast. Then I bid them goodbye and started for Hardy County which was twelve miles. I arrived there at eleven o'clock at Abe Jenkins place and they all were proud to see me back in Hardy Co. Had dinner and spent the rest of the day with them. Had supper and at a late hour had prayer and retired to bed.

19 of June

Mathias, West Va

I picked up my pen and wrote a letter to my father also one to the Pres. of the mission. I had dinner and I spent the afternoon as usual and at about five o'clock, when William Jenkins came and had 4 letters and 2 packages for me. And I was so glad. It was good to hear from home, they were all well but wanted to see me come home again. I then had supper, and spent the evening chatting.

20 of June

Mathias, West Va

Spent the day chatting. Had dinner. Then at about 3 p.m. I went up to Uncle Abes place and they were all glad to see me.

21 Inst.

Mathias, Hardy Co, West Va

Rose at the usual hour and had breakfast. Altho it was very rainy, I then spent some of the time chatting and eating cherrys. Then we had dinner. I also fixed my shoes and did some reading in the newspaper, The Desert News.

22nd June

Mathias, West Va.

I went out to the cherry trees and ate some cherries. Then we had dinner. And in the afternoon I took a snooze and while I was slumbering it started raining. I then came downstairs and shook hands with Cousin Alice Wilt. Then afterwards I went up to Bud Halterman's and they all was glad to see me so I spent the night with them.

23 of June

Mathias, West Va

Then at about eight o'clock I went down to Joseph W. Haltermans place and had dinner. And I had an enjoyable time chatting with them. Then at about three o'clock I went down and spent the night with Unkle Abe Whitmer.

24 of June

Mathias, West Va

Sister Manda helped me dye my coat and vest, that is after dinner, and it took us the most of the afternoon to dye it. Then at a late hour John Jenkins came and we spent the evening chatting. Had prayer and retired to bed.

25 of June

Mathias, West Va

I went down to J.R. Mathias place and took dinner. Then I went from there down to Betties Mathias place. Then I went to the Post office and lo and behold I received notification of my release from Pres. John G. McQuirrie of Brooklyn New York, 50 Concord St. And it struck me like a shock of lightning for I was not looking for it yet. But in one sentence it was joy to me and in another sense it was sorrow to me to think of leaving the mission field. For it seemed to me like it was impossible for me to leave the mission field after being out such a long time from home. But the Lord's will be done "father and not mine," my heart is so full of joy that I can scarcely write this in my diary. Then I went back up and had supper at Mathias place and spent the evening chatting with with Strawder and Epswiler.

26 of June

Mathias, West Va

I spent the afternoon writing letters. I wrote one to Pres. Quirrie about my transportation to Arizona. Also one telling father I wanted means to pay my expense home twenty-five dollars. Then I took the letters, posted them, came back and had dinner. In the afternoon I went down and spent the rest of the day with Arther Sanders the merchant, he being a cousin of mine. At a late hour I retired to bed.

27 of June

Mathias, Hardy Co. West Va

I waited till the mail came. Then I went up to Grandfather's place and found them as well as usual. Had dinner with them and chatted upon the gospel and in the evening at a late hour I went down and spent the night with Mr Garrett Mathias and he treated me fine. Then I retired to bed.

28 June

Mathias, Hardy Co., West Va

I bid them goodbye and came up by Grandfathers and Mothers place and stopped for a few moments. Then I started up to Cousin Sirahms place, which is Sirahm May the Himcard preacher place and arrived there in time for dinner and had dinner. Then I spent the rest of the day chatting and eating cherries.

29, 30 of June

Dovesville, Rockingham Co, Va

Two of Cousin Sirams children give me one of their pictures Florence and Ramsom May. They all treated me first class. Altho they would not accept the gospel they said they were firm in their belief. We had supper and spent the evenings as usual.

1 Day of July

Dovesville, Va

I bid them goodbye and went down to Tom Mathias on a horse as they wanted to send a horse down there so she could come home. I arrived there all O.K. at ten o'clock found all well. Had dinner and in the afternoon I went down to the office and also to Selly Sees, John, N.M. and their fathers place and found all well.

2nd Day of July

Mathias, West Va

Rose at the usual hour and had breakfast and then I went to the post office and I received my release and O how proud I was of it. I then went up to Mathias and had dinner and then I went up and spent the night with J.R. Mathias. They all were very glad to see me. Had supper and retired to bed at 9 o'clock.

3rd of July

Mathias, Hardy Co, West Va

I wrote a letter to Bro J.G. McQuirra the President of the mission, and then I went down and posted my letter. Had dinner at Bettie's place and then I come up to J.R. Mathias. And then I came to the Cove to Abe Jenkins place and they all were glad to see me.

4th of July

After I had done writing in my diary I was not feeling very good in body. Then we had dinner. And in the afternoon I went down to Mr. Fultzs place and had supper and spent the night with him.

July 5, 1901

Mathias, Hardy Co., West Va

I went down to the post office and posted two letters, then I came up to Betties Mathias place on the hill and had dinner. Then I came up to Uncle Abes place and spent the night.

July 6, 1901

Mathias, Hardy Co West Va

I went down to J.R. Mathias' place and had dinner, and from there I went down to the Post Office. And there I met Mr. Sipe Fitzwater and we had a big argument on our doctrine which lasted for about two hours. And from there I went over to Dr. Frank Moyers place and had supper and at a late hour I retired to bed.

July 7, 1901 The Lord's Holy Day

Mathias, Hardy Co., West Va

At ten o'clock I went to the Dimcard Sunday School and also to services at eleven. Then I went up to Mathias on the hill and had dinner. And at three o'clock I preached at the Mathias School House on the Kingdom of God. I spoke one hour and a half. The Choir of Mathias sang for me. Then when I got on the outside of the School House I found Sipe Fitzwater just spreading himself about the Mormons. He said I did not preach Mormonism, that is what he told Mose Snider. Cousin Mose Snider was defending our doctrine. Then I put in a few words. Then he and I had at it for about one hour. I went from there up to Mathias on the Hill and got my grip or scriptures and went two miles up to Arther Sherman's place and took supper and from there I went over to the Basesore School House and preached my farewell sermon on St. John 10:1. I had a good crowd out to hear me preach. I preached for over one hour and a half. Then I went up and spent the night with Ahmand Saygers. But when I got there I found them all in bed.

July 8, 1901

Mathias, West Va

I spent the afternoon chatting and trying to sleep. We then took dinner, then I went with Robert up to the Buckwheat field and filled up on raspberries. And then we came back and had supper.

July 9, 1901

Mathias, West Va

I went over and visited Micla's wife, that is their son's wife, he being away from home. She gave me one of her husband's pictures and I was very glad to receive it. I then went back to the old man's place and took dinner with them. Then I bid them goodbye and came over to Bro. Abner Jenkins place and spent the night with them. They were all glad to see me.

July 10, 1901

Mathias, West Va

I started to the Post office and on my way there I met Mr. Henry Richmond. And I hired a buggy from him to take me to Mt Jackson for one dollar. I then went on to the office. But I did not get the mail I was looking for. Then I came back and spent the night with John Moyers.

July 11, 1901

Mathias, West Va

Spent the night with John Mayers. Rose and had breakfast and then I did some writing in my diary and also some letter writing. And then I went to the Post office and I received a registered letter from father with 30.00 Dollars in to pay my expenses home. Then I came back up to Mr Richmond place and got his horse and buggy and went out to Grandfather's place and got my things that I had there. And on my way

back I got caught in a big rain and I could not keep dry in the buggy so the consequence of it was I got a good dunking. It hailed so the horse could not go for about ten minutes and then I made my way to Betties place and I spent the night with them. It was ten o'clock when I got there. They went and fixed supper for me. Heber Mathias got up and went and put the horse away for me and then I retired to bed. But I was very tired.

July 12, 1901

Mathias, Hardy Co., West Va

I bid them goodbye and I went up to the Mathias Jr. place and got my things that were at his place. And I went from there up to Abner Jenkins place. I then sent William up to Mr Richmond to get the horse that he had promised me to go to Mt Jackson as the horse I was not able to go on the trip. He told William that the shoes were off and I would have to take the one that I had. I then sent William back and told him to tell Mr. Richmond that I would have him shod when I got across the mountain. And he said no by God the shoes were off and she would break her feet all up. I then went myself and told him to get the horse that I would have the shoes put on. And when he fetched the horse all the shoes were on the horse and he said he thought they were off. So I took the horse and went and hooked up and started to Dan Coffmans place, that is where William and I went. We got there at about 6 o'clock. Had supper and we spent the evening chatting and eating candy. Had prayer and retired.

July 13, 1901

Belgrade, Shenandoah Co, Virginia

I prepared to start. And just before I bid them goodbye Mr Sam Hellinger presented me a silk handkerchief and then Cousin Dan Coffman presented me a shaving mug and so did cousin Molie his wife present

me one to remember them by and each one of the largest children presented me a handkerchief, names Clara, Effie, Lara, and Astela to remember them by. I bid them goodbye and started for Mt Jackson. And soon we broke a buggy shaft and I had to take it to the shop and have it fixed so we went on and we got there at about eleven o'clock and I called for my ticket. But the agent had not been notified to give me a ticket and I could not telegraph that the wares were all down. So I had to come back to Dan's place and it was raining all of the time and it was very inconvenient to travel in the storm. We got to Cousin Dan's place at about 5 o'clock. So we spent the evening and as usual had prayer and retired to bed.

July 14, 1901

Belgrade, Shenandoah Co., Va

I spent the afternoon chatting with Cousin Dan. Had dinner and in the afternoon we came down to Adam Barb's place and then William took the buggy and went home and I remained at Barb's so I could get my mail the next day. Had supper and after supper, Adam and I got in a big argument and then we retired.

July 15, 1901

Belgrade, Shenandoah Co., Va

I am still waiting for word through the mail so I can get my ticket to go home. We then had dinner and at three o'clock the mail came. I received one letter but not the one I was looking for. So I was terribly disappointed in the mail as there was none coming for me from the place I was looking for one to come. So then I bid them goodbye and came up to Dan Coffman's place and spent the night, which was six miles from Barb's place. I got there just as the supper bell rang. And at an early hour we retired to bed after prayer.

July 16, 1901

Belgrade, Shenandoah Co, Virginia

Mr S.C. Dellinger took me to Mt Jackson but I did not receive my transportation as I expected to. So then I sent two telegrams but I did not receive any reply and at four o'clock we came home. We got home at dark. But I was terribly disappointed because I did not receive my transportation as I had expected.

July 17, 1901

Belgrade, Shenandoah Co., Va

I fasted and prayed for the Lord to open the way for me to go to Arizona so I could get there for the fourth or I should say the 24 day of July. I then went over and spent the night with Sam Frye's and they all treated me fine. They gave me a salt seller to remember them by. We had prayer and retired to bed.

July 18, 1901

Belgraid, Shenandoah Co., Va

I came over to Dan's place and wrote this in my diary. And then I went out to their bin and helped them nail on more shingles. Had dinner and then I hunted some mushrooms. I went out to the Post office and I received a telegram Bro. McQuirrie told me that my release had been sent to Mathias West, Va. It was then 6 p.m. I came back to Cousin Dan's place and told them I would have to go over to Mathias so as to receive my transportation. I left at 6:20 p.m. and at nine I was over in the Cove or Mathias 12 miles. I routed Ab. Jenkins up as they had gone to bed. They were all glad to see me. We had prayer and retired to bed.

July 19, 1901

Mathias, West Va

I went down to the Post office but did not receive my transportation. Then I came up to the Cove and

spent the night with Old Uncle Selly. They all were glad to see me. Had prayer and retired to bed.

July 20, 1901

Mathias, West Va

I bid them goodbye and went to the Post office but I did not receive my mail. Came up to the Cove and had dinner with Arther Mathias. I then went from there up to Uncle Abe's place and spent the night with them. Retired at a late hour to bed.

July 21, 1901

Mathias, W. Va.

Rose at the usual hour and had breakfast and then had dinner, then I bid them goodbye and went down and spent the night with John Moyers. They treated me fine.

July 22, 1901

Mathias, Hardy Co, West Va

I went down to the Post office but did not get any mail. Had dinner with Mr Strawder Empswiler and I came up from there and spent the night with Abner Jenkins as I had promised to spend the night with them. Retired after prayer.

July 23, 1901

Mathias, West Va

I did some fixing up. I then went to the Post office, and on the way back I stopped and bid some of the people good bye. Had dinner and then I had a bath. Then Branson Jenkins and I came across the mountain over to Cousin Dan's place and spent the night.

July 24, 1901

Belraid, Va

I did some writing in my diary and then I went to the office and posted a letter or two, came back and had dinner. Then I spent the afternoon as usual. I also wrote a letter to my father and then we had supper.

July 25, 1901

Belgraid, Va

Rose at the usual hour and had our meal and then I did this writing in my diary.

This is the handwritten threat to Angus and his companion that if they didn't leave right away they would tar and feather them. This was nailed to the door where a meeting was to have taken place that night.

Mr A.B Whitmore

We hereby notify you to leave this country at once. If you do not get a way on short notice you will be subject to a severe case of WHITE caping

There are a nuff decent peple in this cuntry to do you up brown.

By short notice we mean now. You must make arrangements to start at once or you will be hunted down like any other blast of pray and treated accordingly.

Last City and Mathias White Cap Association

Remember this is the first and last notice you will get.

Pima Ariz

August 6th 1907

My Dear Wife and Sons

At Alpine A.T.

I recived your ever welcome letter and glade indeed to hear from you & to know you, my Dear & sons, are well. Darling I am so home sick to see you (Don & Ralph)]

I don't know what to do I have sold the place yesterday as Unkle Lafe has been putting up his hay and could not go up to Safford sooner. He payed me \$500.00 cash up & the other 500 in 2 months. The man disappointed him on his horses. As soon as he can sell them he will pay me the other 500. I put the Deed in [escrage] in D H Wuches hands to be deeded to Grandmother on the payment of 500. or turned back to me in 2 months I have been paying Debts I am going to Eden today to buy chickens I painted my wagon white I was a wating for Lafe I owed 152. on the place to [] Bryan intrist and all I payed Dr. Muller and Drug store Merriles for wagon [Tmco] Bro and severale other little Bills I went see Kirby but did not do any bissess as he said he would loock at the boocks and cut the bill half in two.

I think the case in Globe comes up the 30 of next month. Ask father if he will take \$75. for the black mare yet probly I will come up the blue in a nother month and get her and see my darling family I put 300. Dolars in D H Wuches safe so, you can see I am trying to wind things up I would not give 1 foot of bush valley for the whole Gila the Darn red bugs are so bade that I am all scabs they are just like mights only red the grass is full of them There is lots of [Thyfoid mesels] & ever other thing I am going to dig deep to see if I cant get Browns cattle.

I expect to stay here till I do get the money I can sell the Buck skin for anough to buy anohtert one & 100 besids. Well kiss the darling boys for me and take good care of your self and dont think of coming down to this dam hot country why it even melted Mauds candles as soon as we struck the Gila As soon as I can get started off on the road I wount be so mone sick to see you my darling I am staying at Mauds I have made arangments to pay for my board but will not be here but a day or two longer thill I will do my own coocking I will send some shoes as soon as I can get some Good by Darling and God bless you and sons.

Your loving Husband