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Ship: Zetland

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LDS Immigrants: 250 Church Leader: Samuel H. Hawkins  
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Louisiana

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#### Autobiographical Sketch of S. Briggs

. . . I heard the gospel under a peculiar circumstance through a man passing (or tracking) the principles, after which I investigated. I was baptized in 1849 and prepared to immigrate for Salt Lake City, Utah. I sailed on board the Zetland and arrived in New Orleans on Christmas Eve the same year after a passage of six weeks and 2 days. I then went up the river to St. Louis on January 1850, where I remained for fifteen weeks before going on to Council Bluffs. I then went to a little place called Springville, three miles from Kineville. I stayed there until spring of 1851 when I moved to Keg Creek upon cropping the same month. Engaged in farming for John Murdock but was soon able to have a farm of my own.

I had my wife Hannah Dean and one son on our arrival and since have had four sons (one died) nineteen grandchildren (two died).

My second marriage to Emma Thomas by which I have five sons and seven daughters. Six grandchildren (one died).

Before I made a outfit for Salt Lake City I moved from Springville to Keg Creek upon cropping I was short of means at the time. Apostle Ezra T. Benson came along and prophesied that all that would try should be able to emigrate to Utah. That season we went to work and cut timber to make wagons, we had very few tools. After we had the wood work done we had no iron, but the Lord opened the way. A man came with the iron. We had no blacksmith, but we did not despair for we had faith in the Lord that he would open the way. We were satisfied that he (the Lord) would not fail us. Soon after a blacksmith came along and took his tools out of his wagon and commenced work and ironed up our wagons.

I acknowledged the hand of the Lord in all that was done for our deliverance. I was the only one that of my father's that embraced the gospel. My father said that he was sorry for me that I should be so deceived. That he would rather bury me than I should go to Salt Lake City. Before I left I bore a faithful testimony to them that I knew the work was true and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. [p.1]

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. . . [Oct.] Saturday 27 1849. Made ready to go to Liverpool to sail for America on the first of November.

Sunday 25. Rode to Rotherham saw several Saints, laid hands on and anointed with oil in the name of the Lord, sister Shillitto. Walked to Sheffield 6 miles, got dinner at Brother Fowler's, went to our room. The afternoon was given for [p.10] the Saints to have testimony. Such a time of parting I never saw before, for the evening bore a firm and faithful testimony for about ½ an hour to a large company. The Lord bless them. I now resign my office of clerk which I have held from February 17, 1845, to Oct. 30, 1849.

Monday 29. Laid hands on Brother James Whilley and Wharham and Sister Fowler.

Tuesday 30. Left Sheffield for Liverpool by Railway, a very many Saints were there to bid us goodbye. Got to Liverpool in safety. We were met at the station [p.11] by President Dunn, went on board the ship Zetland. Had some difficult to find a comfortable place for me and my family to sleep, but found a very good one.

Wednesday 31 Oct. 1849. Had a short interview with Elder Pratt and others at the office. Heard my name read over by the clerk in Elder Hawkins book, then Elder Dunn gave me our clearance for to go onto the vessel.

Thursday 1 of Nov. 1849. Slept on board for the first time not very comfortable because we had not room enough, but was thankful that we could rejoice in [p.12] the God of our salvation.

Friday 2. Was called on to lay hands on a girl who was sick, she recovered directly to God be the glory. We had singing and dancing and the reciting of pieces to our joy.

Saturday 3. We all passed again before the doctor and others.

Sunday 4. Went to the Music Hall in Bold Street. Heard a good plain discourse. After the sacrament the meeting was given into our hands. I then spoke by way of testimony and rejoiced very much while speaking. When the meeting was over [p.13] Elder Kent came to me and took me by the hand and said "your testimony has done me good. I will pray for you, you have fulfilled my dream. The Lord bless you.

Elder Henderson and myself were called on to administer to an aged person who was taken ill, also laid hands on Elder Devenport. Had a little chat with Elder Henderson. Heard President Pratt preach in the evening. Rejoiced much this day in the Lord.

Monday 5. Nov. 1849. Chosen to be the first of a committee to assist President Hawkins in giving out provisions and keeping order. [p.14] Gave out some provisions this day.

Tuesday 6. Called to assist in laying on hands on Sister Mycock who had fallen down the hatchway and appeared to be dead. Elders Hawkins, and Henderson with myself administered to her in the name of the Lord, she derived much good from it. Very windy today, so that we could not put out into the river.

Wednesday 7. Laid hands on elder Devenport in connection with Elders Hawkins and Henderson. Not so windy this morning but wet and foggy. Sailed out of the Handy Dock into the river this day about ½ past 3 o'clock. Conversated [p.15] with President Hawkins and Henderson on the best way to appoint officers for the government of the ships company. We called a meeting of the Saints, and read Elder Hawkins appointment to the presidency by President Pratt. Then it was moved by Elder Henderson and 2nd by me that we accept the appointment of Samuel H. Hawkins as president. Also moved by myself that Elder Andrew W. Henderson be first counselor. Moved by myself that elder Thomas Biggs be second counselor. Moved by Elder Henderson and seconded by Elder Wilder that Elder Hezekiah Mitchell stand the first and next to the first presidency to see that order is kept, also the following were chosen [p.16]

Elder T. Devenport, Elder J. Muir, Elder James Crawford. Priests, Charles Ashton, Henry Tingey, Richard Varlah [Varlay], John Burnside,

The order will stand as follows: Elder Hawkins—President, Counselors—Elders Henderson and Biggs.

Of the committee to assist—Elder H. Mitchell—president of the same, Elder T. Davenport, Elder J. Muir, Elder J. Crawford, Priests, C. Ashton, H. Tingey, R. Varlay [Varlah], J. Burnside. [p.17]

These appointments were unanimous by the Saints. Good feeling has prevailed so far.

Thursday 8. Morning engaged in prayer with a company of Saints at our morning devotion. Laid hands on Elder Hawkins son in connection with Elder Henderson and Hawkins. Fine day, but wind contrary.

Friday 9 of Nov. 1849. Pleasant day, wind contrary. Several Irish men were sent of the vessel who had secreted themselves. This was done on the eighth while inspectors were on board.

Saturday 10. Weighed anchor and set sail for New Orleans about 9 o'clock being tugged out by [p.18] steamer for about 14 miles, then the sails were spread and the wind wafted us on pretty briskly. Towards 6 or 7 several began to be sick, began to be sick myself and continued so.

Sunday 11. Very much sickness on board, rather increased than diminished.

Monday 12. Things appeared rather better. The sickness a little abated. I myself began to get a little better, thank God for it. Elders Crooks and Henderson were very active in waiting on the Saints. O Lord, bless them with health and strength that their labors may be continued to the church at large. [p.19]

Tuesday 13 Nov. 1849. The sickness somewhat better. The wind not so favorable as we could like.

Wednesday 14. Very windy and rough, the vessel rocked about very much which caused fresh eruptions to break out amongst us, I myself not excepted. There were a few spirits who desired to create a little dissatisfaction, but through the wisdom and prudence of President Hawkins and Elder Henderson, things appeared to be set right.

Thursday 15. The vessel rolled about very much, some things were upset. One of my boxes were overturned, no [p.20] particular harm was done. Called on God to still the wind and in the name of the Lord rebuked the raging of the sea and wind, which to our joy did so early on (Friday 16) which caused us to rejoice and give thanks to our God. Felt the spirit while engaged in prayer with the Saints. An uproar with the Irish emigrants, but they were put down by the chief mate. Several of the Saints with Elder Charles Millden were still dissatisfied at the order which we had adopted. O! that men would learn wisdom by the things they suffer. The president with those who have been appointed to assist have done their duty. [p.21] Held a council meeting. President Hawkins, with his two counselors and myself forming. The same made some new arrangements to meet all exigencies, appointing eight persons to each committeeman, and putting the disaffected persons amongst others so that they might be cured if possible. Very beautiful day and pleasant on deck, not much wind. About 1000 miles from Liverpool. This day I am 5 years old, being baptized from a remission of my sins. [A SENTENCE OF SHORT HAND THEN FOLLOWS]

Saturday 17. Very fine day not much wind therefore did not make [p.22] much progress. A better state of health appeared to prevail amongst the Saints.

Sunday 18. Arose with joy and gladness in my heart because much better in health and we were about to have a public meeting on the quarter deck. We assembled about eleven o'clock, when President Hawkins opened the meeting with a few pointed

and appropriate remarks. Then we sang a hymn. Then by request I engaged in prayer. We sang again, then President Hawkins read for our instruction the XII and XIII of Romans and a portion of Peter. Then he called on Elder Crooks to [p.23] speak to us which he did. Sang again. President Hawkins requested me to speak for a short time before administering the Lord's supper. Rejoiced while speaking a good time. The Lord was present in the influence of his spirit. The emblems were blessed by counselors Henderson and Biggs. Elder T. Stevenson pronounced the benediction. The captain and his lady were present on the occasion. Laid hand on three persons in connection with Elder Hawkins and Henderson. Blessed some oil. Saw three vessels today. Sailing about seven knots per hour, the day was closed by singing and prayer. [p.24]

Monday 19. Beautiful morning but wind contrary. Laid hands on a little infant in connection with Elder Hawkins.

Tuesday 20. Not so well today in consequence of the vessel rocking so much. Sailing about nine knots per hour. A fine vessel passed ahead of us about 4 o'clock from the Austrian states. A beautiful sight to behold, a ship in full sail. A little better tonight.

Wednesday 21. Engaged in prayer at our morning's devotion. The vessel rolls this morning nothing very particular occurred this day, the ship continues to make progress. [p.25] Several porpoises seen today.

Thursday 22. Much better in health today. Read a little, also saw for the first time the Book of Jasher and read some portions of same. Had an agreeable conversation with President Hawkins on things of the kingdom. Sailed during the night 10 knots per hour.

Friday 23. Much warmer this morning. Very little wind, more sail unfurled. Beautiful morning. Read a part of a tract entitled "The New Jerusalem" by O. [Orson] Pratt a very good one on that subject. Stirred up my memory in phonographs, a beautiful art, the writing by [p.26] sound. [- - -] [A LINE OF SHORT HAND THEN FOLLOWS] I asked Captain Brown to favor me with the latitude and longitude, if you will come to me at 1/2 past 12 o'clock I will give it you. He was to his word. We were this day at 12 o'clock in north latitude 37"53. Longitude west 16"30, sailing about 5 knots per hour.

Saturday 24 November 1849. Sailing as the day before, all things go on well to appearances. Read several pieces in the Star. Rather tired a little.

Sunday 25. Assembled ourselves on deck for divine worship. At 1/2 past 10 o'clock President Hawkins opened with singing and called [p.27] on Elder Henderson to pray, another hymn was sung then President Hawkins called on me to preach, did so. Then the sacrament was administered, after which the president then proceeded to unite in the holy estate of matrimony Brother Thomas Meacock to Sister Selina R. Peaton; this is the first marriage that I have seen solemnized by the authorities of heaven. We are now in north latitude 34"10 and west longitude 19"15 and 120 miles off Madeira Island [Portugal]. I then concluded the service by prayer. Also 1400 miles from Liverpool. Evening service opened by the President Elders Biggs and Stevenson addressed [p.28] us. Good remarks, may we ever reduce them to practice.

Monday 26. Not much wind. Read a little on civil engineering. One of the Irish emigrants evil entreated one of the Saints, which caused a little commotion amongst us.

Tuesday 27. Not very well, the wind rose and the vessel rolled very much. Sailing about 9 knots per hour. Laid hand on Sister Stubbs in connection with Elder Hawkins.

Wednesday 28. Very unwell. Saw two flying fish. Enjoyed a view while standing on the bulwarks. Spoke on some principles of the [p.29] gospel to Brothers Stevenson and Halliday. Going at the rate of 7 miles per hour.

Thursday 29. Rather squeamish this morning. Anointed and laid hands on Sister Stubbs' child in company with Elder Hawkins. Conversed with one or two on the things of the kingdom. Laid hands on Elder Henderson and anointed him with oil, Elder Hawkins assisting. Also laid hands on Brother Ashton, Elder Biggs anointed him with oil. Sailing about 9 or 10 knots per hour.

Friday 30. All things considered, we are doing well. Sailing about [p.30] 10 miles per hour. Nice morning. Was called on with Elder Hawkins to lay hands on and anoint with oil Sister Stubbs' child. The president asked a blessing on the anointing of oil in the name of the Lord. Laid hands on Sister Stubbs' child, eased of the pain in that ordinance. Very good sailing all day.

Saturday December 1, 1849. Sailing as before, wind and water in our favor. The water appears beautiful indeed, fine day. The Irish are rough people. Saw two flying fish, also a crampus or species of a whale about 9 feet long, which swam around our vessel for [p.31] several times; the second mate caught a dolphin, this is a beautiful kind of fish.

Sunday Dec. 2nd 1849. Fine morning, good health prevails in the vessel for which we are thankful to God. Our service opened in the usual manner. Elder Henderson preached to us on the order of the Church. The sacrament was then administered. Elder Crooks addressed us in the evening, a very good discourse. Had a very agreeable conversation with Elders Hawkins, Crooks, and Henderson. We have sailed from Liverpool 2700 miles having sailed during the past week 1300 miles being [p.32] in north latitude 23 and west longitude 27.

Monday 3. Gave the first lesson on Mr. Pitman's excellent system of phonography to three of the brethren. Saw a large fish leap out of the water also saw about 30 flying fish in a company. Read a considerable portion of Dr. Kitto's work on "The People of Persia," an interesting little work. Saw a small vessel that was bound for California called "Sam & Ben;" our captain spoke to their captain. Sailing first rate. [p.33]

Tuesday 4. Sailing as before and fine morning. Read a part of Dr. Kitto's "People of Persia." Their government appears to be liberal in the toleration of religious sects. Wind rises towards evening with rain.

Wednesday 5. A little troubled with headache. Wind strong and much rain all the day, but blowing right. Third mate hurt a little. Some evil spirits made a little disturbance amongst us who would not submit to order. Met with the president and Elders Henderson and Biggs in council to adopt the best measures for the good of [p.34] all. Read a little. Sailing first rate. O Lord, I praise thee for thy goodness to us thus far on our voyage. Father continue the same through thy son, Jesus, Amen.

Thursday 6 Dec 1849. Fine, warm morning, sailing about eight knots per hour. Read some this morning.

Friday 7. Very hot, read a little. the devil is apt to overreach himself. Some of his agents will never be governed. A little alteration in the sails today all life and stir on board.

Saturday 8. Not sailing quite so quick as we have done. Had a touch at phrenology with some of the [p.35] brethren, delineated some of the outlines of their character. One of the Irish emigrants was very ill. Engaged in prayer.

Sunday 9 December 1849. Rather sleepy and dull this morning in consequence of the hot night. Sailing well. Engaged in prayer at the opening of our service. Elder T. Devenport preached to us very good discourse. The Saints will do well to give heed to his teaching. In north latitude 17 west longitude 60, and about 120 miles from Antigua, one of the West India Islands. Saw a pelican and a dolphin with many flying fish. In the evening [p.36] Elder Wiltshire spoke to us.

Monday 10. First rate sailing and a fine morning. Saw a many flying fish of various sizes. Saw also two large birds, but did not get their proper names. Beheld a vessel at some distance. Read a piece in Wilson's "Tales of the Borders," titled the two sailors. Laid hands on Brother Henderson, Junior, in connection with his father and Elder Devenport. Laid hands on my daughter, Maria.

Tuesday 11. Blowing pretty fresh, good sailing. Saw a vessel at a distance. Saw several birds and fish. [p.37]

Wednesday 12. One of the stunsails broke loose. What disorder a small thing makes, nothing like order in all things. Saw to our joy the Island of St. Domingo and was near the rock Alto Vela of which we had a very good view, no vegetation on it. Several large birds flying about. Good health on board, thank God for it. First rate sailing, at about 11 knots per hour. [OUTLINE DRAWING FOLLOWS LABELED "Alta Vela of Canal de la Beata"] [p.38]

St. Domingo, which stands out in the Caribbean Sea very prominently. This outline and that on the other side of the leaf is not the whole of the south coast of the island of Santo Domingo but only a part of [OUTLINE DRAWING FOLLOWS LABELED: The south coast of St. Domingo which appears to be mountainous] [p.39] that which runs from Can. de la Beata westward towards the island of Jamaica. The isle of Santo Domingo was discovered in the year of [OUTLINE DRAWING FOLLOWS LABELED: The south coast of St. Domingo continued from the other side. The summit of the mountains is pretty high above the level of the sea] [p.40] our Lord 1492 by Columbus.

Thursday 13. Very beautiful morning only sailing about one mile per hour, in consequence of which it became very hot on deck. Nothing particular occurred this day of any particular note, only that some of the sailors appeared to rejoice because of the calm, but I prayed to the Lord to cause the wind to blow. He heard and answered my prayer towards evening. Read a few pages in the Book of Mormon. [p.41]

Friday 14. Sailing about 8 or 10 knots per hour. Fine morning not so hot as the day before. Elder Liggitt's son who was an idiot died about four o'clock this morning. His body was cast overboard about 10 a.m. I saw it sink in north latitude 18"20, west longitude 66"20. The island of Jamaica was in view this day, it appears very mountainous. I saw three ranges of mountains. Some of them appeared to stand very high and the ascent of one was almost perpendicular. Number 1 are a range of hills that are close to the sea and are covered with trees and here [p.42] [ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE IS AN OUTLINE DRAWING LABELED: The above outline is a view of a part of those mountains which are in the north of J. [Jamaica]. THE BOTTOM SET OF MOUNTAINS IS LABELED Number 1, THE CLOUDS ABOVE ARE LABELED



Number 2, AND THE UPPER MOUNTAINS THAT THE CLOUDS ARE COVERING ARE LABELED 3.] [p.43] and there some green fields with huts or houses upon them, which looked very beautiful. Number 2 are clouds. Number 3 are Mountains whose summits rise above the clouds.

Saturday 15. First description the island of Jamaica is situated in north latitude and west longitude [-] from Greenwich. The northern coast as we had a view this morning was very beautiful, the hills appeared to be covered with trees, and the land nearest the sea is like the green fields of Old England with here and there a white hut or building of some description. We could see movable objects but could not perceive [p.44] what they were. That part which we were nearest to was very pleasing to the sight while the large mountains in the distance whose tops were now and again encircled in the clouds, gave an imposing effect to the whole view. Smoke ascended now and then from a chimney which told us that there must be a house or sugar refinery, at least there must be a cause before there can be an effect.

We saw a little boat with its white sails coasting about which indicated to us that there must be some of the sons of Adam there, presently it was wafted beautifully on the smooth surface of the Caribbean Sea [p.45] in front of our ship probably taking a pleasure trip to some neighboring isle or otherwise a view of our splendid Ship Zetland; but little do they know what her cargo is and where bound.

O! Jamaica thou art bound in chains  
And darkness covers all thy sons  
They are hid to thee as yet  
The things of God which we do know.  
The gospel in its fullness makes us free  
The same to thee will come  
Thy fetters to unloose and set thee free  
That thy sons and daughters may be gathered  
With the faithful to the heights of Zion  
There to know the mind of God  
And learn the lessons of redeeming grace  
As known among the Gods above.

Many have been the eruptions that have [p.46] taken place on that island and a greater has yet to take place. When the strong hold and fortress of the beast (ironically called Christianity) comes to have the grape shot of the Kingdom of God, in the hands of a living priesthood backed by the force of omnipotent power, flying about her ears. O! Lord hasten the time when thy sons and daughters shall be gathered in from all lands. Remarkable fine day. Sailing beautifully at about 7 or 8 knots per hour.

Sunday 16. Hot day in consequence of which Captain Brown put up a large sheet as a screen over our heads so that the heat might not be disagreeable. Moderate sailing, 700 [p.47] miles from the bar and about 140 more from New Orleans. Elder Crawford preached this morning. I engaged in prayer of the opening of the service. Elder Liggitt preached in the evening, President Hawkins made a few good remarks afterward. Saw what is termed the "Grand Command" two small islands. Saw an object which appeared to be a steam boat at the Island.

Monday 17. Good sailing today, read some. A fine day.

Tuesday 18. Sailing well with rain now and again. We are now in the Gulf of Mexico. A little too much water on the hold of the vessel [p.48] have to pump twice per day instead of once. Saw a vessel ahead of us, we soon passed her. Read the phonographic teacher a little. What a beautiful star and moonlight night.

Wednesday 19 of Dec 1849. Very beautiful morning, grand sight to see the sunrise in his splendor and cast his rays of light over the earth to cheer and animate creation. Wind in the same quarter, and sailing about the same as the day before. Laid hands on brother Gillott in company with Elder Hawkins and Henderson. Held our conference this day, opened with singing and prayer. Elder Samuel Harris Hawkins presiding and Elder Hezekiah Mitchell [p.49] acting as clerk, when it was proposed by Elder Hawkins and seconded by Elder Henderson that a vote of thanks be presented to Captain Brown as an expression of his company's appreciation of the kindness manifested to us since we have been on board the Zetland. A clear vote. Proposed by Elder Mitchell that a vote of thanks be given to President Samuel H. Hawkins for the able and efficient manner in which he has presided over this branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints assembled on board the ship Zetland; and the patience and forbearance which he has displayed under various trying circumstances. This motion [p.50] was seconded by Elder Henderson and supported by elder Crooks. A clear vote. Proposed by Elder Mitchell that a vote of thanks be given to Elder Andrew Henderson Senior for his able and enduring service both for his efficiency as a counselor and his [-] labors in distributing the rations and also for his indefatigable exertions in endeavoring to promote the general good, order and comfort of the Saints emigrating in the ship Zetland. Seconded by Elder Biggs. A clear vote. Proposed by Elder Mitchell and seconded by Elder Devenport that a vote of thanks be given to Elder Thomas Biggs, for his valuable [p.51] services as counselor, also for his readiness to contribute by every means in his power to the comfort and well being of the Saints his companions on board the Zetland. A clear vote. Moved by President Hawkins, and seconded by Elder Crooks that a vote of thanks be given to Elder Hezekiah Mitchell for his valuable services as secretary to this company during the passage on board the ship Zetland. A clear vote. Moved by Elder Mitchell that a vote of thanks be given to the committee of management viz. Elders Hezekiah Mitchell, Thomas Devenport, J. Crawford and Thomas Stevenson and priest [p.52] H. Tingey, R. Varley and J. Burnside for their united exertions on carrying out the rules and regulations enacted for the cleanliness, order, and comfort of the saints on board the Zetland. This was seconded by several of the brethren. A clear vote. Moved by Elder Mitchell that a vote of thanks be given to Brothers Charles Ashton and John Martin for their valuable and gratuitous services at the cooking galley, also our deep sympathy with the former for the severe and painful accident received while in the arduous prosecution of the disagreeable duties he had so generously volunteered for the benefit of the Saints, his fellow passengers [p.53] on the ship Zetland, responded to by a united show of hands. Moved that a contribution be taken up for John Martin to furnish him with a pair of trousers &c. A clear vote. Many good remarks were made by the above Elders in reply to the votes of thanks that were moved, Elder Mitchell to take up the contribution.

Elder S. [Samuel] H. Hawkins	president
" A. Henderson	1st counselor
" T. Biggs	2nd "

" H. [Hezekiah] Mitchell clerk.  
Ship Zetland  
Dec. 19, 1849  
in the Gulf of Mexico. [p.54]

Thursday 20. Wind turned round for the better, sailing moderate, fine morning. Saw two vessels at a distance, and the smoke of a steamer. Came near the bar, at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Friday 21. Very foggy this morning and cold. Heard a steamer at a distance which came in sight in a short time and was presently alongside of us, our vessel was soon fastened and tugged on, then we cast anchor, and the tug went and fetched another tug, then we had one each side of us but after all they could not get us over [p.55] the bar. Liquors were sold on one of the tug boats and several of the Saints went over and acted very injudiciously. The sailors were also ready to quarrel with us (the heads) of church, but they were compelled to acknowledge we were a good party, when things were explained. The devil has got hold of some of the Saints, O!! that the Saints would take heed to counsel.

Saturday 22. Fine but very cold, many vessels about with timber floating down the river, and here and there a little appearance of land. Still on the bar after two steam tugs had tried [p.56] to take us off.

Sunday 23. Fine morning and a little warmer than the day before, no service on deck in consequence of the hurry and bustle of getting us off the bar entirely, but we had prayer and singing down below. The steam tugs "The Conqueror" and "Mary Kingsland" came about two o'clock and took us off the bar, therefore we set sail up the river in full spirits with another vessel viz the "Arab" which sailed about a week before us having had seven deaths and all down off the fever. The beautiful sights are grand to behold. The scenery surpasses [p.57] all that we have seen as yet. Good health on our vessel.

Monday 24 Dec 1849 Not so well in consequence of a cold. Pleasant morning but rather foggy. The little villages or plantations were imposing in their views and delightful to behold. The black sons of Canaan were not over worked, truly this is a land of plenty. It cannot be otherwise when the Lord has blessed it with all sorts of blessings, for Joseph's sake. The neat white house with green doors and window shutters have a nice appearance. I rejoice in spirit that I have gathered [p.58] to this land, & my prayer is that I may be preserved from all evil spirits and be enabled to go right up to the valley of the mountains amen. The River Mississippi is beautiful in its serpentine course its banks are full up to the brim. O! that hundred and thousands of Saints may sail up on its surface on the ships of Old England. Arrived at New Orleans this day about 9 in the evening.

Tuesday 25. Christmas Day, Captain Brown gave the crew a holiday this day. We had to set a special guard at the hatchway to keep the strangers out and those who would steal what they could take away. [p.59] Elder MacKenzie (the agent for the church to receive the Saints) came on board I read his recommendation to the Saints, and took up a collection for him. Marked down the names of all who were for going up the river for St. Louis.

Wednesday 26. Got all our boxes on deck by twelve o'clock to go on the steamer but we did not get off till very late, very much fatigued with getting the luggage on the job boat and off onto the Ben West, very unwell this night a miserable boat the "Ben

West" to take passengers. No room to breathe in the berths [p.60] scarcely, not fit for passengers at all. All hurry and bustle in the boat in consequence of so little room.

Thursday 27. No better today.

Friday 28. About as usual, sold a barrel of meal 220 pounds for two dollars. No money or we should not have sold it.

Saturday 29 1849. Very much indisposed. The Saints are to come up to Zion having great tribulation. We set sail up the River Mississippi late in the afternoon. Sailed only 20 miles because it was so misty that we could scarcely see a yard before us, therefore we [p.61] cast anchor for the night.

Sunday 30th 1849. Set sail up the river, but very foggy. Nothing like Sundays reflected much on the privileges of the Saints and how they ought to prize them. In consequence of being sick I could not keep my journal daily, so sick that I could not stand many minutes at one time. Saw many things that were not pleasing. Smoking and chewing that nauseous weed tobacco by the saints more than any others, I rebuked them twice but they loved their idol. Others were sick besides myself. [p.62] One child died viz Elder Wilder's and was interred on the beach by the riverside. Got a little better for a few days but my complaint returned with greater force. I was compelled to lay in my berth very much against my will through the disease and continued in that state all up the river. The River Mississippi is very dangerous to sail up because there are so many snags that is trees that have fallen in the river and they stand with the point to meet the boats as they come up the river. There is a great many pieces of timber floating down the river [p.63] which injure the paddle wheel very much at times, we had two very narrow escapes of being sunk. The God of Saints can and does protect his people on boats or elsewhere. We had a many staying places as we came up. Got to St. Louis from New Orleans on Friday the 11th of January 1850 about 10 in the evening.

Saturday 12 Jan. 1850. Very ill indeed, could not sit up by myself. Had hands laid on by Elder Felt and one of his counselors. Great hurry and bustle by the Saints in clearing themselves from the [p.64] boat. Several of the brethren came to see me whom I was acquainted with. Elder Scovil amongst the number. Sent Brother Palmer to tell Brother Sylvester to come. Brothers Sylvester, Travis and Daft came and got my luggage and weighed and put them on a drug, and then Brothers Sylvester and Travis took hold of me with their assistance I had something to do to walk off the boat. No sooner had I got off than I fainted away and they had to carry me till I came to myself. I was put in the conveyance, requested Elder Sylvester to get in with me. Stopped a day or two at Brother Travis's [p.65] the little labor from the boat to Travis's made me much worse. Several came to see me. Some thought I should die. Elder Parks and Priest Myer's administered to me. Elder Parks bought me a box of pills to open my bowels, which they did much. The church have attended to my temporal wants as far as they could for which I am truly thankful. Then they laid my case before the Ladies of the Benevolent Society. They have done much for me and family in administering to our wants. They have paid the expenses of a doctor, wood for fire, [p.66] sugar, tea, some bedding, clothing and other necessary things and with all recommending us to the city hotel where we should have vitals for a time, that is till I might get employment; and also taking a great interest in finding our Frederick work in etching & God bless them!! Brother and Sister Travis have looked much to me. Brother and Sister Harris have sent us up many a good dinner, also Brother and Mrs. Anderson (where we lived for a while) have supplied our wants much.

I pray that they may be blessed and rewarded for their kindness. Amen. [p.67]  
Continued very slowly to recover with great care on my part when I ventured on (Sunday 17 of Feb. 1850) to go to Concert Hall to hear one of the servants of God preach. Elder Taylor spoke it being conference that day, rejoiced with them. Had dinner and supper with Elder Sylvester.

Monday 18. Very ill indeed having caught cold and through some food that did not agree with me.

Sunday 24. Attended meeting at the hall in the forenoon. Spent the afternoon with Sister Crossland speaking of the things of the kingdom. [p.68] Bore testimony for the first time publicly of the truth of the work in fellowship meeting.

Tuesday 26. Attended fellowship and bore testimony and rejoiced much with the Saints.

Wednesday 27. Attended business meeting for the Fifth Ward. Liked the remarks of Elder Cook at the close of the meeting.

Sunday March 3, 1850. Rejoiced with the Saints while hearing Elder Grant speak. Was glad to partake of the sacrament, and heard Elder Grant speak again. Took dinner and tea with Elder Biggs. [p.69]

Tuesday 5. Met with the Saints in fellowship at Brother Farrington's. Testified to the truth of the work of God.

Wednesday 6. Attended business meeting; general good reports of the various wards. Good counsel from Elder Cook.

Sunday 10 March 1850. Attended public services in the concert hall, when Elder Grant preached in the morning and afternoon two excellent discourses. Very good fellowship meeting in the Fifth Ward, rejoiced with the Saints.

Tuesday 12. Attended prayer meeting, good time. Laid hands on and anointed [p.70] with oil Sister Hellen Blackhurst, when Elder Henderson asked a blessing on the same. Also anointed with oil and laid hands on Brother Clewly Elder Henderson assisting me.

Wednesday 13. Went to business meeting, full meeting. Some good counsel from Elder Cook in reference to the Saints going West.

Friday 15. Attended fellowship meeting in the Fourth Ward, and bore testimony to the work and rejoiced with the Saints.

Sunday 17. Heard preaching twice at our hall by Elder Grant and rejoiced much in the instruction [p.71] given. At our meeting in the Fifth Ward spoke by way of testimony, good time.

Tuesday 19 March 1850. Good fellowship meeting, bore testimony. Assisted Elder Cook in the ordinance of the laying on of hands.

Wednesday 20. Attended council meeting.

Saturday 23. Attended general council meeting. Good reports of the various wards.

Sunday 24. The Saints landed at Saint Louis after a fortnights passage up the river from New Orleans, in good health. [p.72] Was glad to see some of the Saints from the Sheffield Conference.

Tuesday 26. Went to meeting, a good one.

Wednesday 27. Attended council meeting and gave half a Dollar to Elder Cook to assist him to go to California.

Saturday 30. Attended general council meeting. The wards were represented as being in good condition.

Sunday 31. Heard Elder Babbitt for the first time (he had been to the city of Washington on church business). Was glad [p.73] to hear him speak so favorably of the new state of Deseret which caused the hearts of the Saints to rejoice. Health and prosperity to the new state. May its officers enjoy many and long days of happiness with the Saints from every clime under the sun; may they become a terror to [-] and a source of comfort to the virtuous, kind and good; amen.

Monday April 1 1850. Not well and continued to be sick all the week. Much tried by the evil one.

Sunday 7. Had the pleasure of hearing Elder Orson Pratt from England. He [p.74] spoke to our edification, rejoiced in his teaching. Elder Banks spoke in the evening.

Monday 8. Anointed with oil and laid hands on Brother Clewly, Elder Henderson assisting me.

Tuesday 9. Took charge of fellowship meeting at Brother Farrington's, good testimonies, but few of them. Gave a little encouragement to the Saints to persevere onwards.

Wednesday 10. Attended council meeting, was appointed along with Elder Cowen to visit Brother Turner in reference to Brother Hall's case. Gave five cents to Elder Felt's weekly income. [p.75]

Sunday 14 April 1850. Very wintery and cold. Nevertheless went to church twice and heard with pleasure Elder Holley and Grant. Gave half a dollar to President Felt's subscription to help him to the valley. Assisted Elders Burnside, Miller, Jackson and Webster to bless some oil, then I anointed Jane Nixon with the same and we laid hands on the same for a blessing. Laid hand on sister Miller in connection with the above elders. Attended prayer meeting at Brother Farrington's, good time.

Tuesday 16. Good meeting but five in number. [p.76]

Wednesday 17. Attended business meeting. Elders Felt and Robbins favored us with a visit. Not well this day.

Thursday 18. Much worse suffered very acutely in my head.

May 3 1850. Laid hands on Sister and Brother Barnes' child.

May 8. Legally chosen and installed into the office of clerk for the Fifth Ward (in St. Louis).

Sunday 12. Heard Elder John Halliday preach in the hall. Bought the 7th number of the Guardian. [p.77] Attended meeting of the Fifth Ward, made a few remarks. Assisted Elders Henderson, Jones, Burnside and Simkins to reconfirm Sister Ann Taylor and confirmed Brother Jacob Stones who is about 10 years of age, also we laid our hands on sister Burgoff and a brother.

Wednesday 15. Attended council of 5th Ward and acted in my office of clerk.

Sunday 19. Not well by a good deal. Read with pleasure a good portions of the Apochrapal New Testament. Attended the meeting and bore testimony [p.78] and assisted Elders Burnside & Simkins to confirm and lay hands on a brother.

Wednesday 22. Council meeting, was called on to bless some oil; opened the council by prayer. Assisted Elders Simkins, Hawkins, Walker and Hill and Miller to administer to two of the brethren.

Thursday 23. Laid hands on Sister Salkhill for the reuhmetism. Had some conversations with some curious spirits today, but overcame them by the force of truth; I proposed several pointed questions to the parties which they could not answer only to their own demonstration, the devil disappoints [p.79] himself when he gets his party to stretch too far. Gave 10 cents to Brother Wood.

Sunday 26. Attended room, heard Elders Hall and Burnside preach. Gave 5 cents to the collection. Bore testimony at our meeting in the 5th Ward.

Monday 27. In returning home from Elder Hawkins the wind rose and raised to Dust in the street so that it was with difficulty I could get along, could not see above two or three year olds before me. It lightened and thundered. The inhabitants had to put their window sheets too. It was awful for the time. Laid hands on my daughter Lavinia for the [p.80] toothache which was [-] by the power of God.

Wednesday 29. Attended council. Acted in my officer. Gave five cents for collection.

Sunday June 2, 1850. Heard Elder J. Halliday preach. Was mouth in the laying on of hands to an aged sister. Had the gift of tongues and interpretation which was the work of the Lord to Brother Hidgly. First Rate Meeting.

Tuesday 4. Attended fellowship meeting.

Wednesday 5. Attended council meeting.

Sunday 9. Went to the church. In the evening attended our prayer meeting. Spoke by way of [p.81] testimony to edification. First rate meeting. Gift of tongues, interpretation and prophesies were severally manifested.

Tuesday 11. Good fellowship meeting. The room very full assisted in confirming two person.

Wednesday 12. Attended our council meeting.

Sunday 16. Went to church in the forenoon and afternoon. Very good meeting in Fifth Ward.

Monday 17. Was in company with Elders Robbins and Walker. Conversed on some important items.

Tuesday 18. A good fellowship meeting. [p.82] The gifts of God were made manifest. Laid hands on and anointed with oil one sister.

Wednesday 19. Met Elder Walker at Elder Hawkins'. Had some important conversation with them on the power of evil spirits, and several other things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Have still an inercst [UNCLEAR] desire to do the will of God and secure an eternal salvation in the Celestial Kingdom of God.

Thursday 20. Laid hands on Elder Senior at his store.

Friday 21. Blessed some medicine and laid hands on Elder Walker [p.83] who was ill of a relax. Very warm today.

Saturday 22 June 1850. By request laid hands on Sister Salkhill. A very hot day.

Sunday 23. Attended church. Met with the Saints in fellowship meeting in the 5th Ward. A good time.

Tuesday 25. A good meeting. Some valuable testimonies to the truth. Assisted in laying on hands.

Wednesday 26. Attended council meeting and acted in my office. The Saints are strangers and pilgrims here, searching for [p.84] a city whose foundations are of God. We are called to pass through many things in order to secure eternal life and a seat in the

Celestial Kingdom of God; even so Father it seems good in thy sight. Anointed Brother Whittle with holy oil and Elder Walker laid hands on him with me for a blessing on the same.

Saturday 29. Very hot day. Read a portion of the history of England on the accession of William the Third and his conquest over the Irish at the battle of the Boyne. [p.85]

Sunday 30 June 1850. Attended at Sister Gee's child's funeral. Read a part of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians and prayed with them. The child was interned at the city burial ground. Attended church in the afternoon. Was at fellowship meeting of the Fifth Ward. Not so good a meeting as we have had. Laid hands on a few in company with Elders Burnside and others.

Tuesday July 2. Called on to anoint and lay hands on George Momanis and Sister Triskett who said that the pain went from [p.86] her stomach immediately. To God be the Glory. Much rain fell for a short time, saw a rainbow this day; the first I have seen in this land. But it was some time before it was visible in all its brilliance. Attended fellowship meeting. Laid hands on Brother Thomas Wood and others.

Wednesday 3. Attended council meeting

Thursday 4. The day on which American Independence was established. As small gathering of the Saints. Laid hands on Sister Walker by request. She was much better the day after. [p.87]

Saturday 6 1850. Attended general council meeting. The spirit of contention was manifested a little which I did not like to see.

Sunday 7. Was called on to lay hands on Brother Radmall's child in connection with President Burnside. Attended our meeting in 5th Ward and spoke a few minutes by way of testimony.

Monday 8. At Brother Whittles connection with Elders W. Walker and L. H. Hawkins we blessed the following children: Rachel Whittles by Elder Walker, [p.88] Henry Harman Lemon Whittle by Elder L. H. Hawkins, Harrison Harman Whittle by myself. Sarah Elizabeth Whittle by Elder Walker. Blessed some oil and made a few observations on the responsibility of parents and this ordinance.

Wednesday 10. Anointed with oil and laid hands on Sister Joiner, Elder Walker being mouth. Order in our business meeting we were favored with the company of Elders Brown and McGrea.

Friday 12. Laid hands on Brother [-] who had strained his leg. He said [p.89] he was much better the day after.

Sunday 21. Good meeting in Fifth Ward. Confirmed one and laid hands on two in connection with Elders Burnside and Simkins & little tired. Opened the meeting by prayer and speaking.

Wednesday 24. Attended council of 5th Ward.

Saturday 27. Laid hands on my daughter Pricilla Victoria who is sick. Very hot day with a little rain. A strong desire to go to the valley of the mountains. [p.90]

Tuesday 23 July 1850. I baptized for remission of sins William McDowell in Shooters Pond fourteenth in the state of Missouri, North America; this is the first person. I have baptized in this county. Rejoiced while baptizing and confirmed him at sister joiners. He is 17 years old.

Wednesday 24. Nothing particular occurred from this date. Council meeting.



Wednesday 31. Attended our own council meeting. [p.91] Paid rent of our room 4 dollars to Sister Jourden.

Sunday August 4. Attended church and our meeting.

Wednesday 7. Laid hands on one Sister at Sister Joiners. Attended our council, full meeting.

Friday 9. Was sent for to administer to John Maden who was very sick, anointed with oil, and laid hands on him, Elder W. Walker being mouth. Visited him on Saturday 10 and found him much better, to God give the glory. Gave a little council to his [p.92] wife.

Sunday 11. Laid hands on my daughters Lavinia and Maria; bore testimony to the work of God at our own fellowship meeting. Not so well today, very close and hot. Cheering new from England of the progress of the work.

Tuesday 13. Bore Testimony at our Ward meeting.

Wednesday 14. Attended our council, some little disaffection in two or three persons.

Saturday 16. By request laid hands on Sister Sylvester who was [p.93] about to be confined under the direction of Sister Highton.

Sunday 18. Attended church. A little rain in returning home with a little thunder. Very hot; thermometer above one hundred. Opened meeting, very good one; sound testimonies.

Monday 19. We adopted a few items of things pertaining to the good of 5th Ward. Opened a school today.

Tuesday 20. Laid hands on my wife who had a violent pain in her side. [p.94]

Wednesday 21. Attended council, when our business of 5th Ward was gone through briskly, and the lesser priesthood organized in the Ward.

Sunday 25. Went to church. Was called on by Elders Dumball and Hall to go and anoint and lay hands on big Farrington. Found him very low, Elder Dumball prayed and requested me to be mouth. A little better, to God be the glory. Very much depressed in spirits. We had a good meeting in the Ward. My daughter Lavinia is now gone up the Missouri river with Mrs. Barnard to Westport. . . . [p.95]

. . . Tuesday 23 May 1852. Started from Mr. G. Lindsay's farm, Jersey County, Illinois, for Great Salt Lake City. . . . [p.229] [NO RECORD OF ENTERING INTO THE SALT LAKE VALLEY]

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. . . In the year of 1849, my parents decided to leave England and go to America.

While on shipboard, we children were bathed in big tubs and barrels of sea water, which we did not fancy. Many people were on board, and the weather was very cold. One day I was sitting on a little stool near a stove. A woman with a baby wanted the stool, so she pulled it from under me, causing me to fall against the stove and my hand was so badly burned that the scar remains to this day. We arrived in the States in the year 1849, and as we were going up the river to Iowa, my little sister died, and we were forced to land that we might bury her. I was about five years old, and the burial service made a deep impression upon me. We first settled in a neighborhood where there were no little children, and the Scottish settlers thought I was a "fine wee lassie," so asked mother to let me visit them for a day, which she did, but I returned with the germs of the "itch." Soon

the whole family had contracted the disease. Mother was much troubled and worried, for this was a new disease for her. . . . [p.231]

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