

DIARY OF THOMAS S. SMITH  
1855-1864

Explanation: In May of 1963, Alice Smith Burlingame Belnap and Frances Smith Christensen went to the Historian's Office in Salt Lake City, Utah and copied the diary of Thomas S. Smith. It was hand written in pencil, in two brown-leather notebooks. The smaller one with only the date 1855, we did not copy. It was very difficult to read and did not seem to contain as much of interest as did the second-larger book. This book had the dates 1855-1864 on the outside. However, as you can see by reading the following account, it does not contain the complete account from 1855 to 1864. This was written in old English and at times rather difficult to read. The words were spelled as they were written in those days. We have taken the liberty to modernize some of the spelling.

- MONDAY, JUNE 16 - Started on my mission to Salmon River, again went to Ogden. Put up to Nelson Herricks. Attended a party in the evening at the school house in Ogden City.
- Tue. 17 - Company came up consisting of seven brethren and reported that my oxen had gone back and Brother Web was hunting them. Brother Web returned about eleven o'clock without them and we started, traveled seven miles from Ogden City and camped.
- Wed. 18 - Traveled twelve miles and camped two miles south of Box Elder.
- Thu. 19 - Traveled to Bear River and crossed the ferry, distance fourteen miles.
- Fri. 20 - Traveled twenty-two miles and camped in the Malad Valley at the first spring south of the Fort.
- Sat. 21 - Traveled twenty-four miles and camped at Muddy Creek.
- Sun. 22 - Traveled eighteen miles and camped at the head of the west fork of the Malad, two miles above the California Road.
- Mon. 23 - Traveled over the divide and down the Bannock Creek to the big spring, distance of twenty miles.
- Tue. 24 - Traveled down the Bannock twenty-two miles and camped near where the road leaves the creek.
- Wed. 25 - Traveled around by the Portnuff Bridge to the Fort Hall.
- Thu. 26 - Traveled up to the Blackfoot about twelve miles, and went and examined the ferry boat and found it in bad situation and concluded that we would go up and try the ford.
- Fri. 27 - Laid by to let the cattle rest.
- Sat. 28 - Traveled up to the ford and examined it, and forded the river to try and camp and concluded to go back and repair the boat.
- Sun. 29 - Went back to the ferry.
- Mon. 30 - Mended the boat up the river and caulked it and put it in the river.
- TUESDAY, JULY 1 - Crossed the river in the forenoon and turned up to the ford and camped.

- Wed. 2 - Traveled eighteen miles at Cedar Bluff.
- Thu. 3 - Traveled twenty-three miles and camped at the last canyon of the Snake River.
- Fri. 4 - Traveled fifteen miles and camped at Medicine Lodge.
- Sat. 5 - Traveled ten miles and camped at Muddy Lake and met a company from Lemhi returning. They brought bad news that the grasshoppers had destroyed the most of the crop. Mr. McCarther and Adamson scouts for the Flathead country camped at the same place. I concluded to go on with them. They were with packed animals.
- Sun. 6 - Started with the pack train and traveled up to Spring Creek and camped near Paint Rock, some thirty-five miles distance.
- Mon. 7 - Traveled thirty miles and camped at Bear Creek.
- Tue. 8 - Traveled sixty miles to the Fort. Found the camp all well and in good spirits.
- Wed. 9 - Visited among the brethren and looked over the farm and found that the grasshoppers had destroyed a good part of the grain. It rained in the morning. Mr. McCarther arrived in the evening.
- Thu. 10 - Scouted some timber. Some was to work on the wall and some at the mill.
- Fri. 11 - Hunted my horse and brought some fish and salted them. The wagons came in the evening and large quantities of Indians are about here collecting to go to the buffalo country.
- Sat. 12 - All the work at the different kinds of buildings are as usual.
- Sun. 13 - Held meeting at my home.
- Mon. 14 - Hauled rock for the race to make the race to the mill and the rest of the hands worked at the wall.
- Tue. 15 - All hands at the farm work. I traded for three horses today. One for W. Burgess and one for William Batchlor, one for A. Zundel.
- Wed. 16 - Traded for a horse for Thomas Carlross and Nathaniel Leavitt, all the men at work at the same work as usual.
- Thu. 17 - All hands at work as usual. I have some considerable trading to do with the Indians.
- Fri. 18 - Worked some at shoe making and trading some.
- Sat. 19 - All working as usual. I finished a pair of shoes for Joseph Boin in the forenoon and went down to the river in the afternoon to look for a place to cut some hay, but found very little.
- Sun. 20 - Held meetings in the forenoon, in the afternoon made up messages for the purpose of sending home for supplies.
- Mon. 21 - Working on the wall and washed in the afternoon.
- Tue. 22 - All at the same kind of business
- Wed. 23 - All at the same kind of business
- Thu. 24 - Rained. Turned my horse out yesterday. Today brethren and myself hunted and could not find them. (2)

- Fri. 25 - Preparing for the company that is going back. Several out hunting for my horse, and Brother Taylor's and Brother Carlo and Brother Leavitt's mules. Found the mule but no word of the horses.
- Sat. 26 - Some hunted for the horses and others fixing to start.
- Sun. 27 - Brother Leavitt and Shurtliff started with the mail for Salt Lake, the balance that go for supplies getting ready to start tomorrow.
- Mon. 28 - The wagons started, thirteen in number and fourteen men, twenty-six yoke of oxen and a cow. All hands that was left went to work on the wall and mill. All hands that was left sick and kept to my bed all day with a heavy fever. I was Tue. 29 - All at work as usual. I feel some better today. Parry (?) came in today and brought a line from Brother Leavitt stating he had found my horses track and he thought he could find them on the road.
- Wed. 30 - Felt a good deal better. Brothers Burgess, Bingham and myself went and picked some Sarvice berries.
- Thu. 31 - I worked in the blacksmith shop.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 - Sent some teams to the canyon and I washed.
- Sat. 2 - Fixed leashes (?) and snathes (?) for moving.
- Sun. 3 - Held meeting.
- Mon. 4 - Went to moving.
- Tue. 5 - Went to putting up hay, about noon a Flathead Indian and Nez Perce came in and brought the lost horses. They found them between Spring Creek and the mountain west. The balance of the week worked at the hay until Saturday 9. I rushed and fixed some cradles for cutting wheat.
- Sun. 10 - Held meeting.
- Mon. 11 - I went early in the morning after Brother Taylor's horses that got away last night from Jacob Miller, and had my saddle on. I rode until 9 o'clock and did not find him and returned and found that he had come in about an hour after I had gone. I am real sick with a fever.
- Tue. 12 - I was very unwell.
- Wed. 13 - Plowed potatoes.
- Thu. 14 - Worked at the mill race.
- Fri. 15 - Pulled weeds out of the wheat.
- Sat. 16 - Made the bands for the mill and started the wheel.
- Sun. 17 - Held meeting.
- Mon. 18 - Worked in the blacksmith shop in the forenoon and washed in the afternoon. Some made a thrashing floor and others worked at the mill and the race.
- Tue. 19 - Worked at the race and the carpenters finished some little things about the mill. The rest thrashed. (1) (17)

- Wed. 20 - Some stopped some places in the race that leaked and some cleaned the wheat that was thrashed the day before. There were fourteen bushels.
- Thu. 21 - Rained all day. I braided a lariat.
- Fri. 22 - Commenced the north string or wall.
- Sat. 23 - Chored about the house.
- Sun. 24 - Held meetings and appointed Brother George Hill and B. F. Cummings as teachers.
- Mon. 25 - Went to the canyon after timber for gate frames.
- Tue. 26 - Worked about the Fort.
- Wed. 27 - Worked in the blacksmith shop.
- Thu. 28 - Moved some and it rained in the afternoon.
- Fri. 29 - Worked in the shop.
- Sat. 30 - Raked some hay in the forenoon and mowed in the afternoon.
- Sun. 31 - Held meeting.
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - We went to dividing the farming land out to different messes.
- Tue. 2 - Finished dividing the land and worked in the shop some. In the afternoon helped weld a tire.
- Wed. 3 - Got wagon tire and finished my wagon.
- Thu. 4 - Went after yoke timber and worked at yoke balance of week. (Yoke for oxen)
- Sun. 7 - Had meeting in forenoon and wrote some letters in afternoon to Brother Clark.
- Mon. 8 - I sent a team after fire wood. I hewed timber for one of the gates in the forenoon and Brother Shurtliff and John Leavi came in with a load of salt from Salt Lake. I and Brother Bingham went after a load of timber and found a yoke and chain
- Tue. 9 - Made a yoke for Brother Butterfield. The rest of the mess finished the wall.
- Wed. 10 - Wrote some letters to send to Salt Lake.
- Thu. 11 - Brother Moore and P. Webb started with two teams and J. Leavitt a horseback for Salt Lake camp. Thrashing and cutting wheat.
- Fri. 12 - All at the same work except Lewis and I, we started the plow.
- Sat. 13 - Benjamin Watts and Abraham Zundel started with the mail to Salt Lake to return again in December. All hands at work as usual.
- Sun. 14 - All at meeting. Brother Wallace MacIntyre took the lead of the meeting.
- Mon. 15 - Plowed all this week in the south field and finished Sat. 20.
- Sun. 21 - All at meeting.

- Mon. 22 - Washed and started the teams brushing the wheat stubble.
- Tue. 23 - Watered the wheat stubble.
- Wed. 24 - Went with Y. Bingham to the canyon with two teams after post timber. Stayed all night, returned Thursday.
- Fri. 26 - Sat. 27 - Plowed and harrowed.
- Sun. 28 - Held meeting.
- Mon. 29 - Started to go to visit Snag, the Shoshone Chief in company with G. Hill and B. Margetts. Went over the divide into the horse prairie near the Tahone (?) mountain and camped.
- Tue. 30 - Arrived at Snag's camp about noon. Found him in a very bad state of health. He had been shot through his thigh in the fore part of the summer, accidentally, with a pistol. The ball pressed in on the under side of his thigh and broke the bone, and lodged in the upper side of his thigh. He is very poor and has suffered much but is now on the gain. We stayed with him until about 4 o'clock and then left and traveled up the valley some 8 miles and camped.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 - Started to cross the mountain to get into the Salmon River Valley near the head. We struck the Salmon River about eight in the evening and camped.

- Thu. 2 - Went up the valley and about 9 o'clock in the morning fell in with Brother Lake and Abbott Stevens and Collet that had gone out on a hunt. We stopped and went hunting with them. We hunted until Monday the 6th. Killed two antelope and returned on Tuesday to the Fort.
- Wed. 8 - Washed.
- Thu. 9 - Dug potatoes.
- Fri. 10 - Traded some with Piute for some skins and in the afternoon split some posts.
- Sat. 11 - Dug the post holes and set the posts for the stock yard.
- Wed. 15 - Plowed a water ditch, in the forenoon, and wrote a letter to my family in the afternoon.
- Thu. 16 - Brothers Burgess, Harker, Parry and Walker started for Salt Lake and watered some new land to plow.
- Fri. 17 - Washed and mended my shoes.
- Sat. 18 - Worked raising Brother Green Taylor's house and cut my ankle with the broad ax very bad.
- Sun. 19 - Had meeting at our house. Snowed some last evening.
- Mon. 20 - Turned cold last night and has been very windy. Disagreeable all day, the thermometer stood at 20 this morning and stayed the same this evening at dark.
- Tue. 21 - Continued cold, freezing.
- Wed. 22 - Weather much the same.
- Thu. 23 - The same.
- Fri. 24 - Diablo.

- Sat. 25 - Snowed some in the afternoon this week. I have been laid up with my leg and suffered much.
- Sun. 26 - At meeting, Brother G. Hill preached.
- Mon. 27 - Still cool nights. The boys pulled the turnips.
- Tue. 28 - The boys topped the turnips and worked at the cow yard.
- Wed. 29 - All at work at the yard. Weather fair.
- Thu. 30 - Weather fair. Braided a whiplash.
- Fri. 31 - Cut out a lariat. Boys at north yards, weather good. Sprinkling some with rain.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - Weather rather blustery.
- Sun. 2 - This morning there was about two inches of snow and it had been squally all day but warm. Had meeting. My leg is getting better but I have been confined to the house all week.
- Mon. 3 - Weather fair. Brother William Perkins and Laconius Barnard came in from Salt Lake about four o'clock brought news that the train with supplies will be in tomorrow.
- Tue. 4 - The weather pleasant. I finished a lariat. Several of the boys and some of the Indians went out to meet the company. The company came in about five o'clock. All well and in good spirit.
- Wed. 5 - Nothing done except visiting.
- Thu. 6 - All well. Met at 10 o'clock for a fast meeting, closed at 3 pm and continued fasting until 10 in the evening. We concluded to renew our covenants on Sunday by baptism.
- Fri. 7 - Those going to Salt Lake went to preparing and the rest writing.
- Sat. 8 - Writing and finishing as the day before. The weather still cool and pleasant.
- Sun. 9 - Met at half past 9 and went to the water and was all rebaptized except Brother Perkins and five others that had been at Salt Lake. Just before they started at 2 we met and was confirmed and after confirmation I inquired of the Brother Perkins the reason that he did not go forward with the rest. He stated that he did not understand that it was his duty but would attend to it any time. Dismissed at 9 o'clock.
- Mon. 10 - Ten of the brethren started for Salt Lake, the rest of the brethren all busy at work. The weather pleasant. Our mess worked at Brother Taylor's house to fix it to store the wheat and flour in.
- Tue. 11 - Worked at the house.
- Wed. 12 - Worked the house and hauled some wood. I was unwell. I hired some horses of Gus Watts for Brother Taylor to go to Flathead Country to preach at Fort Hall.
- Thu. 13 - Brother Taylor, Cummins and Robinson started. We unloaded the wagons and had prayer meeting in the evening.
- Fri. 14 - I and Brother Barnard killed a beef and the rest of the mess hauled wood.

- Sat. 15 - Hauled wood this week. Has been clear handsome weather.
- Sun. 16 - Brother Perkins and Sister Derfy and her girl was baptized and confirmed at meeting. Brother Derfy and Belnap spoke.
- Mon. 17 - The weather pleasant. Fixed the fireplace and chimney in the north room.
- Tue. 18 - Hauled wood. Commenced snowing about 11 o'clock and was some stormy the rest, part of the day.
- Wed. 19 - Cloudy - stayed about the house.
- Thu. 20 - Washed. The weather mild.
- Fri. 21 - The weather mild and braided a whip.
- Sat. 22 - Weather mild, snow continually falling on the mountains. Braided a whip.
- Sun. 23 - Held meeting at 11 and early candle light.
- Mon. 24 - I cooked. No work done only gathering the cattle.
- Tue. 25 - The weather moderate. The brethren got in from the Flathead Country.
- Wed. 26 - I worked at the shoe making.
- Thu. 27 - Worked at shoe making. Had prayer meeting in the evening.
- Fri. 28 - All hands went to building a freight-house (store house). Put up the body and covered with poles. Hauled some rock.
- Sat. 29 - I stayed at the Fort and made some shelves. Some went out and worked at the herd house.
- Sun. 30 - Snow fell last night about one inch. Snowing on the mountain today. Had meeting at 11 o'clock and in the evening.
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 - I worked at shoe making and the rest of the boys finished the herd (herd) house.
- Tue. 2 - I finished L. Shurtliff's boots. Brother McBride, Robinson and Hammond moved down to the herd (herd) house to herd.
- Wed. 3 - I mended Brother Robinson's and Hammond's boots and the rest of the camp except the cook gathered the cattle and took them down to the herd grounds. The weather is tolerable cool. The frost falls considerable at nights.
- Thu. 4 - Had fast meeting commenced at 10:00. Dismissed at 2:00. Had prayer meeting in the evening.
- Fri. 5 - I worked at the shoemaking mending Brother Cummin's and Brother Taylor's boots. Brother Abbott Cleveland and Bowen went hunting and killed one sheep and came in after dark with their feet froze.
- Sat. 6 - Not much done. The boys complain considerable with their frozen toes. The weather is steady and cold.
- Sun. 7 - All went at meeting. Brother Browning and Brother Taylor spoke. Had prayer meeting in the evening.

- Mon. 8 - Brother Taylor, Robinson, McEride and Dice went to the kanion (canyon) for cooper timber. I worked at making me some buckskin pants for myself.
- Tue. 9 - Finished my pants and sanded some cooper stuff. The weather is moderate. Snowing some almost everyday. Have some 4 inches deep.
- Wed. 10 - Snowed some. Nothing much done today.
- Thu. 11 - I repaired boots.
- Fri. 12 - Snowed some today. Snowed 5 inches deep.
- Sat. 13 - Wrote some and made a belt for Brother Clark.
- Sun. 14 - Held meetings at 11:00 and in the evening.
- Mon. 15 - Sewed some on my pants. Weather moderate and snowed today.
- Tue. 16 - Very warm. Thawed some. Was about the house. Bought some spring salmon off the Indians from the fork of the river.
- Wed. 17 - Weather warm. Thawed until 10:00 in the morning. The wind turned into the north and snowed considerable. I was about the house. I got some Indian words from Densley??
- Thu. 18 - I washed. Weather moderate. At prayer meeting in the evening.
- Fri. 19 - Snowed about 8 inches. Braided me a whip.
- Sat. 20 - I braided some for Brother Taylor. The weather is mild.
- Sun. 21 - Had meetings at 11 and in the evening Brother Moler made an acknowledgement to me for his misconduct.
- Mon. 22 - Braided a whip for Brother Taylor. Weather is mild.
- Tue. 23 - Weather warm, thawing considerable. The point of the hills are bare.
- Wed. 24 - Weather pleasant, thawed some. Stayed about the house. Had a dance in the evening.
- Thu. 25 - About the house. The weather clear and tolerable.
- Fri. 26 - Nothing occurred worth note. The weather cold.
- Sat. 27 - I went down to the herd house and traded some steers for a grey mare with Ramsey.
- Sun. 28 - Had meeting.
- Mon. 29 - Went up the river to hunt a place to move the herd with Brother Taylor and he traded cattle for a span of horses with Densley.
- Tue. 30 - Sent some hands to gather the cattle to move them up the river on tomorrow.
- Wed. 31 - Moved the stock up to the kanion. Brother A. Bernard and Otis went up to herd the stock.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1857 - Held a fast meeting and prayer meeting in the evening. Had a good time. Snow fell some ten inches last night.
- Fri. 2 - I harnessed my horses to try them and took a sleigh ride on an old bob sled.



- Sat. 3 - At the fort. The weather tolerable, but cold.
- Sun. 4 - At meeting Brother Robinson and Hammond spoke. At prayer meeting in the evening.
- Mon. 5 - Continued snowing a little every night.
- Tue. 6 - Not much is going on concerning building.
- Wed. 7 - Weather clear.
- Thu. 8 - Stormy and cloudy. Prayer meeting in the evening. The teachers reported that they had been \_\_\_\_\_ and found some things that were not right. Brother \_\_\_\_\_ had been gambling. Brother Ames was sorry and asked forgiveness and was forgiven. The teacher was instructed to visit E. & L. Bernard as they had been caught gambling too.
- Fri. 9 - I braided some. Very cold and clear. The coldest that it has been this winter.
- Sat. 10 - Bernard came down and the teachers labored with him. He confessed to a part that the brethren that he had been doing. They adjourned until tomorrow and have everything brought up in meeting.
- Sun. 11 - Met at the usual place for meeting, meeting opened and the case of Brother Bernard came up. He confessed he had been playing with sticks as the Indians do when they gamble and he was sorry for he knew it was setting a bad example before the Indians. He made satisfaction. He had a deal of good instructions from several of the brethren that spoke on the subject. Had prayer meeting in the evening, a good spirit prevailed.
- Mon. 12 - Still cold. Nothing transpired this week worth note. All busy braiding or reading until Thursday evening.
- Fri. 16 - My cow had a calf.
- Sat. 17 - Clear. I went down to the meadow after a sythe that was left when we finished haying.
- Sun. 18 - At meeting, Brother Cummins and Ted Shurtliff spoke. In the evening had prayer meeting. I appointed a meeting on tomorrow evening for the necessity of sending a mail to Salt Lake.
- Mon. 19 - I braided a whip. Met in the evening. Opened by prayer by (Gilbert) Belnap. I treated the subject of the meeting and the brethren spoke on the expediency of sending a mail this winter. They all spoke in favor of me going if we could get hold. I concluded to go and see if I could make a raise on tomorrow.
- Tue. 20 - Brother Hammond Taylor and myself started to go to the herd to see if we could make a raise of the horses. Met L. Bernard. Made the necessary arrangements and started back. I concluded to go myself and chose Brother G. Taylor, L. Shurtliff to go. L. Bernard volunteered.
- Wed. 21 - Fixed for starting tomorrow. The brethren writing and helping us get off.
- Thu. 22 - We got started about half past 11. Traveled up to around 9 miles and stayed with Brother Dix and Bernard.

- Fri. 23 - Started at 9. Traveled the fork of the river. I crossed over onto Antelope Creek and camped. Traveled 14 miles.
- Sat. 24 - Our horses went about 7 miles toward the divide last night. Brother Taylor and I started after them and could not find them. Brother Taylor got a horse off an Indian and went after them and found them and brought them back. We got started about 11 and traveled up near to the quaking asp grove and camped. The wind blew hard from the south.
- Sun. 25 - Traveled over the divide, then a thick cloud of fog. The wind blowing hard from the south, the snow very hard and deep in places. We camped at the springs below Bar Creek.
- Mon. 26 - We traveled down to the narrows on the Spring Creek and camped. Very cold with snow 10 inches deep.
- Tue. 27 - Very cold this morning. Traveled down to the point of the mountain and camped. Traveled through very hard snow, the ground here has good feed.
- Wed. 28 - Traveled down near to the Muddy Lake and camped. The snow some 10 inches deep. Poor feed.
- Thu. 29 - Traveled to the Cormursh?? and the snow about the same. Very poor feed.
- Fri. 30 - Traveled to Snake River and camped at the old camp ground.
- Sat. 31 - Traveled down 2 miles below Steamboat Rock and camped. Thawed very fast. Snow not so deep.
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - Traveled down and crossed the ten mile stretch. Very foggy until after we had camped. Snow growing shallow.
- Mon. 2 - Traveled down to the mountains and camped.
- Tue. 3 - Crossed the river and traveled over to the Sannock Creek and camped.
- Wed. 4 - Traveled up the creek to the upper rock bluff.
- Thu. 5 - Traveled over the mountain and camped at the big springs. Snow very severe on the frost side of the mountain.
- Fri. 6 - Traveled down the Malad to the thin little creek in the kanion. The snow very hard.
- Sat. 7 - Traveled down to Muddy and camped here. Snow deep and hard. Feed scarce.
- Sun. 8 - Traveled down to Henderson Creek and camped. Snow hard and deep. Good feed.
- Mon. 9 - Traveled down to Bernards. Got there about noon.. Stayed overnight with him.
- Tue. 10 - Traveled to Bare (Bear) River and stayed and hayed our horses and then went on and stopped at Brother Gibbs, 4 miles from Box Elder.
- Wed. 11 - Traveled to Willow Creek and got dinner to Brother Zundel's and went on to Ogden and stayed with Brother Nathaniel Leavitt.
- Thu. 12 - Traveled home. Found all things as prosperous as I could expect. Brother Millen Atwood and his wife came and made me a visit. Many of the brethren called to see me and we had a time of rejoicing.

- Fri. 13 - Visited with the brethren as they came to see me. Thawing very fast.
- Sat. 14 - Went up to the range to hunt a horse. I went almost to the Weber and returned without finding the horses. It rained in the evening.
- Sun. 15 - Attended meeting at the Court House. Spoke awhile myself and Bishop Hess followed. In evening Brother Grover and Brother \_\_\_\_\_ spoke.
- Mon. 16 - Fixed to go to the city to see the president. Green Taylor and Jonathan Smith (my brother) came down to go to the city with me.
- Tue. 17 - Went to the city. Took my wife with me. We went to Brother Foxes and got dinner. Brother Taylor and Jonathan and Henry (brothers) and myself went up to see the president. We had a good visit with him and returned to Brother Foxes about 9 in the evening.
- Wed. 18 - Me and my wife went to Brother Atwood's and cooked dinner and returned home.
- Thu. 19 - At home. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.
- Fri. 20 - Sent some of the cattle to the range.
- Sat. 21 - Went on to the mountains and got my coal. Had company in the afternoon. Went to a tea party at Brother Grover's in the evening.
- Sun. 22 - Went to meeting in the forenoon and wrote a letter to the brethren in Salmon River in the afternoon. Went to a prayer meeting in the evening.
- Mon. 23 - Made a leash and fixed to go to the city.
- Tue. 24 - Went to the city to marry Henry Smith to Helen E. Fox. Rained and snowed, the most of the day. Got to Brother Foxes about three in the afternoon and married them in the evening.
- Wed. 25 - Went to the secretary's office and made out the papers for to send for a land warrant to Washington and returned home.
- Thu. 26 - About home went to meeting. Had a lively good time.
- Fri. 27 - About home.
- Sat. 28 - About home.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - Went to meeting. Brother Clemmens preached in the forenoon. David Candlen spoke in the evening. The afternoon the Bishop followed and reproved him sharply for teaching by a wrong spirit and accusing the people of that they were not guilty of attending prayer meeting in the evening.
- Mon. 2 - Hald (hauled) rock to rock up a well.
- Tue. 3 - Went up to Wenels? mill.
- Wed. 4 - Hald manure.
- Thu. 5 - Went to fast meeting.
- Fri. 6 - Plowed.

- Sat. 7 - Plowed in forenoon and sowed some wheat in the afternoon and dragged it.
- Sun. 8 - Went to meeting. Brother J. Cleason spoke in the forenoon. Brother Grover spoke in the afternoon and I followed him, and Brother Leonard followed me.
- Mon. 9 - At home. It rained all day.
- Tue. 10 - Went down to Centerville to notify Brother Cleveland and went to start on his mission.
- Wed. 11 - Went to the city to take some flour to William Burgess.
- Thu. 12 - Set out some peach trees. Went to meeting in the evening.
- Fri. 13 - Got Seth Bromley to commence a well and dug about 10 feet. Had company and did not do anything myself on the account of a lame back.
- Sat. 14 - Plowed.
- Sun. 15 - Attended meeting.
- Mon. 16 - Plowed in the forenoon. Hald rock in the afternoon to rock up my well.
- Tue. 17 - Hald rock in forenoon and finished my well and plowed in the afternoon.
- Wed. 18 - }  
 Thu. 19 - } Plowed the rest of the month. At work on the farm and also  
 Fri. 20 - } up to April 4.

- SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - Went to the city to meeting in the forenoon and went to Conference the next day. Stayed at the Foxes that night. Attended Conference Tuesday. Stayed at Brother Gibbs Wednesday. Went to conference and returned home in the evening.
- Thu. 9 - Went back to Conference and Conference adjourned about noon until the 6th of October and I returned home.
- Fri. 10 - Shod my horses.
- Sat. 11 - Hauled some oats.
- Sun. 12 - Went to the city to meeting.
- Mon. 13 - Fixed some fence.
- Tue. 14 - Fixed some fence and prepared for plowing some garden.
- Wed. 15 - Got the water on my garden and fixed for going to mill.
- Thu. 16 - Went to Brother Kimball's mill and left my grist.
- Fri. 17 - Plowed my garden and cut potatoes.
- Sat. 18 - Planted some potatoes and corn.
- Sun. 19 - Went to Centerville to meeting in the forenoon and attended meeting at Court House in the afternoon and evening went to the young men's meeting.
- Mon. 20 - Went after my grist I left at the mill on Thursday last.

- Tue. 21 - Fixed some hobbles and got my horses up to go to the city on the morrow and castered one colt for Brother Grover and one for myself.
- Wed. 22 - Went to the City.
- Thu. 23 - Furrowed out wheat for watering.
- Fri. 24 - Fixed for starting back on my mission. The president passed about 11 with his company.
- Sat. 25 - I started and went to Brother P.C. Taylor's and got dinner and then went on to Willow Creek and stayed with Brother Zundel and stayed overnight.
- Sun. 26 - Went to Bare (Bear) River, crossed that night and organized the company.
- Mon. 27 - Traveled on and stopped at noon at the first spring and made camp tonight at Henderson Creek.
- Tue. 28 - Traveled up to California road and camped.
- Wed. 29 - Passed over the mountain and down to Cedar Bluff on Bannock Creek.
- Thu. 30 - Traveled to Portnuff.
- FRIDAY, MAY 1 - Traveled up to the ferry and crossed over in the afternoon with the president's boat.
- Sat. 2 - Cashed the boats and traveled 6 miles above the ford.
- Sun. 3 - Had meeting in the forenoon and traveled up to Spencer above Steamboat Rock.
- Mon. 4 - Traveled over Carmarsh and stopped and hayed, then went on to Muddy and camped.
- Tue. 5 - Traveled 9 miles up Spring Creek and camped.
- Wed. 6 - Traveled up to Bare Creek and camped.
- Thu. 7 - Traveled down to Little Muddy and nooned and then down 6 miles below the forks of the river and camped.
- Fri. 8 - Traveled to the fork<sup>x</sup>. Found the brethren all well.
- Sat. 9 - Visited with the brethren. The presidency manifested a great deal of satisfaction with our doings here.
- Sun. 10 - Had meeting in the fort. The president spoke. Brother Kimball followed Brother Wells followed by Brother Hyde. Snow and Richards spoke and they all gave good instructions and blessed us for what we had done.
- Mon. 11 - Brethren that came visiting fixed up for going home. Brother F. B. Cummins, Talbot, James and W. Bachelor, W. Shaw, W. McIntire, Joseph Bowen, W. Perkins and Brother Cleveland that belonged to the mission. I gave the privilege to W. W. Salt Lake.
- Tue. 12 - Looked around the valley with the presidency.
- Wed. 13 - The brethren of the mission started with wagons and at noon the president and his company started. I wrote some letters in the afternoon and went up to the camp and stayed all night.

work.

- 14 - Came back to the fort and resumed work.
- 15- } Worked at making fence.
- 16- } Had a good time.
- 17 - Held meeting.
- 18- } Made fence.
- 19- }
- 20- }
- Thu. 21 - Fixed a plow. Fixed and got to plowing in the afternoon. Some plowing. the meadow down.
- Fri. 22 - Fixed dams on the creek to water a house. Some plowing.
- Sat. 23 - Worked at making dams after logs for a house. In the forenoon.
- Sun. 24 - Had meeting. G. Belnap and I. Parry spoke in the afternoon. Some of the boys are after logs for a house. I. Parry spoke in the afternoon.
- Mon. 25 - I laid off an addition to the Fort and planted corn. S. Collett spoke in the afternoon.
- Tue. 26 - Went to surveying off some land. the propriety of
- Wed. 27- } Held a meeting to take into consideration the propriety of
- Thu. 28- } building a Fort on the first creek north, concluded it was

folley so to do.

- Fri. 29 - Went with Brothers Durfey and Clark and laid it off.
- Sat. 30 - --- down Green's house.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 - Had meeting B ts? and J. Harper spoke in the afternoon. This forenoon and D. Stephens and C. Dunn in the afternoon. Bullt one for week we were all engaged in watering wheat. Down to the

- Mon. 2 - All hands went at the building of houses. Bullt one for M. D. Hammond, G. Mc Brice and H. Shurtliff. Down to the forenoon and went up to the Kanlon next fort finished one for Green Taylor and one for E. Saturday. Barnard and worked in the blacksmith shop Friday and Saturday.

Sun. 14 - Held meeting and Thomas S. Bingham was appointed president pro-tem to act while I was absent. The time was taken Monday Tuesday and Wednesday a fixing to start on Thursday.

- Thu. 18 - I started for home in company with fifteen other brethren, we started at 5:00 in the morning and went up to the Kanlon and got breakfast and then went one mile above Derfey's Cree and camped.

Fri. 19 - Traveled up near the quaking grove and camped.

Sat. 20 - Traveled over to Bear Creek and nooned and then went down to Spring Creek and camped at the point of rock near the pine

Sun. 21 - Traveled down to the leaving of the creek and camped. Traveled to Muddy and

Mon. 22 - Started at 2:00 in the morning. Traveled to Muddy and camped. breakfast and waited until in the afternoon and then went over to the mouth of Carmarsh and camped.

Tue. 23 - Took a new route across to Snake River. Nooned at the mouth of the river and then went down to the

codars and camped.

- Wed. 24 - Traveled down to the bend below Windy Point and camped.
- Thu. 25 - Traveled down to the mouth in the forenoon and went and got some logs to make a log and corked the skiff to cross the river.
- Fri. 26 - Tried our raft with a wagon box and failed so we took our wagons to pieces and crossed with the skiff and floated the horses across. We got eight across today.
- Sat. 27 - Crossed the other six wagons and got ready to start at three p.m. Traveled to Roses Fork.
- Sun. 28 - Brothers D. More, Bro. Matts, P. G. Taylor and myself started on ahead with the horses and traveled up Bannock Creek six miles above the forks and camped.
- Mon. 29 - Went over the mountain and hayed at the Big Springs at the head of the Malad and then went on to Muddy and camped.
- Tue. 30 - Went down to Brother Waldos? and got dinner and then went on to Bear River and ferryyed and got supper at Brothery Emphys? and Brother Taylor heard that his wife was sick and we started on at dark and traveled 2 miles and half beyond Box Elder and camped and Brother Taylor and Brother Shurtliff went on to Ogden.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 - I traveled to Ogden and got dinner and then went on to Farmington. Found my folks well, and everything prospering.

Thu. 2 - Visited with my folks.

Fri. 3 - Fixed to go to the city and see the president.

Sat. 4 - Went to the city and saw the president and went to Brother Perkins and took supper and then went to the Music Hall to a dance, stayed until twelve and returned to Brother Perkins' and stayed all night and went to meeting and returned and had some conversation with Amanda. Returned home in the evening.

Mon. 6 - Worked about home and spent the week about home.

Sun. 11 - Went to the city to meeting. Went to Brother Perkins' and stayed all night and Brother Kimball told me to have all the boys to come down and get there endowments that belonged to the mission on Thursday next. Accordingly on Thursday in company with as many of the brethren as could with their wives and those that had not before had their endowments got them, and those that had not before had their endowments got to them and those that had them before got there wives sealed Polly and I got sealed on the altar to my first wife, evening, the balance of the week I was haying and harvesting.

Sun. 18 - Went to meeting at Farmington. This week at work at harvest-  
ing until Wednesday noon.

Wed. 22 - Went to the city on my way to the mountain to spend the twenty fourth in the Cottonwood Kanion. Got there about 2 in the afternoon. There were 2700 people assembled to celebrate the twenty fourth. There were three dancing floors prepared and the evening was spent in recreation.

Fri. 24 - Was celebrated by the firing of canons and dancing and some revelutions performed by the minute men and singing of songs. Some important instructions from Brother Kimball and Wells in the evening. Dancing continued until 2 in the mornin...

Sat. 25 - Returned home.

Sun. 26 - At meeting at the Court House. This week harvesting.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - Got some more hands and cut wheat and continued until Friday and finished.

Sun. 9 - Went to the city to meeting.

Mon. 10 - From this date through September and until October 3, I kept at work at the hauling hay and grain and thrashing and fixing to go back to Salmon River.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 - Started for Salmon River. Left my folks all sick. Traveled to Ogden and stayed at Leavitts.

Mon. 5 - Stayed at Ogden and traded wagons with Bishop West and started at 4:00 and went to Willow Creek and stayed with Brother Zundel.

Tue. 6 - Went to Box Elder and took dinner with Brother J. Wright and traveled up to the Malad Valley near the Barnard's fort.

Wed. 7 - Traveled to Henderson Creek camp and camped.

Fri. 9 - Friday night traveled to the head of Malad River and camped at the spring.

Sat. 10 - Traveled over the mountain and camped on Bannock Creek.

Sun. 11 - Rained in the morning. Started about 11:00 and traveled down near the forks and camped.

(Insert) By Brother Frandshum and in the evening organized the company elected Green Taylor, Captain and Milton Hammond, Sergeant of the year. Brother Dalton, Clark and Margetts, Chaplins.

Mon. 12 - Traveled to the Portnuff.

Tue. 13 - Traveled to old Fort Loren and camped.

Wed. 14 - Laid over and hunted iron.

Thu. 15 - Traveled up to the Fort. Stopped at the Blackfoot and visited with the brethren of that mission and went on up to the camp and met two of the brethren from Salmon River: Crundel Dunn and Charles MacIntyre, they had started for Salt Lake.

Fri. 16 - Crossed the river and went up to the bend near Windy Point.

Sat. 17 - Traveled up to the cedars above the 10 mile bend, cold and had some snow.

Sun. 18 - Traveled up to the bend near Musket Lake and Silven Collett and Abraham Zundel came to the camp from Salmon River. They had been sent out to meet us they said on account of some report among the Indians. They were uneasy about the train.

Mon. 19 - I took Hammond and Williams and Murler and started ahead of the train. I went with a wagon and my horses and other boys went a horseback. We traveled to Spring Creek.

Tue. 20 - Traveled up to Chicken Creek and camped.

Wed. 21 - Traveled over the divide and down near to Durfey Creek.



Thu. 22 - Got to the fort about 2:00. Found all the brethren well.

Fri. 23- ) Visited with the brethren.  
Sat. 24- )

Sun. 25 - Held meeting and Brothers Shurtliff and E. Robinson started out to meet the company.

Mon. 26 - Returned and stated that the company would be in tomorrow.

Tue. 27 - Company coming in about noon. All well and in good spirits.

Wed. 28 - C. Bingham, Blake J. Miller, E. Robinson, D. Stephens, William Burch, J. Harker, L. Collett, John Price, J. Hill, H. Cleveland fixing for the brethren for the winter.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - Held meeting.

Mon. 2 - Went to North Fork and enlarged it for the accomodation of the new comers. The rest of the week about the fort and gathered cattle.

Sun. 8 - Held meeting.

Mon. 9 - Thrashed one flooring of wheat.

Tue. 10 - Concluded to stop thrashing until we got our wood up for the winter. Some snow fell this week and was very cold.

Sun. 15 - Held meeting and there was some men here from the Flathead Country. They were at the meeting and stayed until Tuesday 17. This week got up wood and went to the mountains for cooper timber Friday.

Sun. 22 - Went to the north fork and held meeting and came back and had prayer meeting.

Mon. 23 - Fixed for thrashing.

Tue. 24- ) Thrashed wheat. In the evening had prayer meeting. The  
Wed. 25- ) brethren took into consideration whether they would have mail  
Thu. 26- ) from Salt Lake; they voted that it was necessary and that I should go with and fetch it back and that I should take as many with me as I am a mind to. I chose to take L. Shurtliff.

Fri. 27 - Went to fixing to start. Went to the Indian camps and brought some parfleche and ropes and helped to shoe the horse.

(Parfleche is a kind of very tough rawhide made (originally) by removing the hair from the skin of a buffalo by steeping it in a solution of wood ashes, (lye) and water and then drying it in the sun. The plain Indian parfleche, a large envelope of hide used to store and carry personal possessions, sacred objects, foods and other objects.)

Sat. 28 - Rigged up and traveled up to the herd and camped with E. Barnard and William Perkins at the herd.

Sun. 29 - Traveled up to the forks of the river. No snow.

Mon. 30 - Traveled over to Bear Creek kanion. Snow about 1 inch. FOSSEY in the evening.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 - Traveled down and camped 8 miles from Spring Creek.

- Wed. 2 - Traveled and camped on the south side of Medicine Lodge near the mouth. Traveled through some snow all day. Snow 4 inches across the lake and at camp.
- Thu. 3 - Traveled to the end of Snake River below the slew (slough). Snow 1 foot at camp. FOGGY and very cold.
- Fri. 4 - Traveled down to Steamboat Rock. Brother Shurtliff and I considering the matter, we concluded that it would be more the our horses could bear to go through the back so we concluded to draw cuts and whichever way the lot fell we would go. So when the lot was cast it fell to return to the Fort. We turned back and got to our old camp. It snowed and blew very hard and very severe all night.
- Sat. 5 - Traveled to Musket Lake and camped. Wind blew hard and very cold.
- Sun. 6 - Traveled to the west side of Muddy Lake and on the basin. It was very cold and cloudy.
- Mon. 7 - Traveled and camped about 5 miles up Spring Creek. Very cold. I froze my feet some today. Some Indian tribes tried to steal our horses, but could not find them on account of the fog. Horses went about 4 miles.
- Tue. 8 - Traveled up to Chicken Creek. Very cold and frost falling all night.
- Wed. 9 - Traveled over to the first crossing of Salmon River. More mild and no snow.
- Thu. 10 - Traveled down to the hurd and stayed with Brother Perkins. Very windy but not very cold, no snow.
- Fri. 11 - Arrived at the fort about noon. The brethren all very much disappointed to see us return.
- Sat. 12 - Thrashed wheat.
- Sun. 13 - Held meeting.
- Mon. 14- }  
Tue. 15- } Thrashed and fixed for storing wheat.
- Thu. 17 - Cleaned some wheat in the afternoon.
- Fri. 18- }  
Sat. 19- } Cleaned wheat.
- Sun. 20 - Held meeting. Weather warm and pleasant all the past week. A very little snow fell last night.
- Mon. 21- }  
Tue. 22- } Cleaned wheat.  
Wed. 23- }  
Thu. 24- }
- Fri. 25 - Finished in the morning. We had 1100 bushels. Catheren and Helen joined and got a Christmas supper.
- Sat. 26 - There was a war party of Nez Perce Indians come in search of horse that the Bannocks had stolen from them. They were very friendly to us, but were very much enraged at the Bannocks.

Sun. 27 - Held meeting. The principal men of the Nez Perce and Shoshones were present. Brother Shurtliff and Wright talked to them on the principles of the gospel and they appeared to be very well pleased. After meeting, there was a fuss commenced between a man by the name of Povel and a Shoshone and then Nez Perce concerning some horses that had been stolen from the Nez Perce. The later gained the day and kept 4 of the horses. Povel took to the bush he was afraid of his skelp (scalp). The Indians dispersed. I forgot to say that on the 22nd Brother George McBride and John Barnard arrived from Salt Lake with the mail.

Mon. 28 - The Nez Perce started for Beaverhead to their loges (lodges) and appeared to be well disposed towards us.

Tue. 29 - The Shoshones came here and said that the Nez Perce had stolen 70 head of their horses.

Wed. 30 - The Shoshones came back again and were very angry at Snag and took his fish and cattle. They were very much enraged at Snag. They said that Snag had told the Nez Perce to steal their horses and they were going to have his fish and cattle to pay for them.

Thu. 31 - The Indians came and we gave them a dinner and they felt well towards us. Had prayer meeting in the evening.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1858 - Went to the other Fort.

Sat. 2 - Preparing to start the mail back on next Tuesday.

Sun. 3 - Went to the other Fort and held meeting in company with Brother McBride. A good spirit prevailed. Returned and was at prayer meeting in the evening.

Mon. 4 - Writing.

Tue. 5 - Brothers W. Perkins and J. Barnard started with the mail. The snow fell 6 inches last night. Helen Smith, Henry's wife, was taken sick.

Wed. 6- } I helped the women take care of Helen. She was delivered of  
Thu. 7- } a girl about 1:00 today. The brethren held fast meeting and prayer meeting in the evening.

Fri. 8- } About the house.  
Sat. 9- }

Sun. 10 - Held meeting and in the evening at prayer meeting.

Mon. 11 - Worked about the house. 7

Tue. 12 - There was some Indians went up to the herd and coxed (coaxed) E. Barnard's wife away and stole an ox. Ezra came and told that he expected that they would steal something.

Wed. 13 - I sent 6 men: L. G. Taylor, Dmoor B. Watts, L. Shurtliff, E. Barnard, R. Collett and Cliften Browning up to see the cattle and they found that the Indians had got one and six of them followed and found about 5 miles on the trail the remains of the ox where it had been killed. They folloxed on and came in site of the Indians on the next branch of Salmon River. Two of them run; and one Indian and two squaws they overtook, and took a horse from them and returned. The brethren got back Thursday evening the 14th. In examining, we found it to be J. Browning's ox that was killed. I went to meeting in the evening.

Fri. 15- } At home. Nothing transpired worth note.  
Sat. 16- }

Sun. 17 - Held meeting and at prayer meeting in the evening a good spirit prevailed.

Mon. 18- )  
Tue. 19- ) About the Fort..

Wed. 20 - Two mountaineers came here from the Flathead country. Bought some trade.

Thu. 21 - Traded some with Mr. Pittet and went to meeting in the evening.

Fri. 22- )  
Sat. 23- ) About the house.

Sun. 24 - Went to the lower Fort and held meeting and returned home and went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Mon. 25 - About the Fort. The weather has been very even and mild.

Tue. 26 - Snowed a little.

Wed. 27- )

Thu. 28- ) The weather fine. At prayer meeting in the evening.

Fri. 29- )

Sat. 30- ) Weather fine.

Sun. 31 - At meeting at Brother Durpheys.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - The weather mild and thawing through the day.  
Tue. 2 - The weather the same. The Shoshones are gathering to go to the Flathead Country to try to get their horses that the Nez Perce stole from them.

Wed. 3 - The weather warm, about 40 Shoshones came here to beg some provisions to last them on their war trip. We gave them three sacks of wheat and they all went away satisfied. They said they were going to start on Sunday.

Thu. 4 - Held fast meeting and prayer meeting in the evening.

Fri. 5 - The weather clear and warm through the day.

Sat. 6 - Storming on the mountains.

Sun. 7 - Held meeting, prayer meeting in the evening. Very blustery through the day. About 40 of the Shoshone warriors stayed all night on their way for their horses.

Mon. 8 - We gave the Indians their breakfast and they left in good spirits. The weather more mild.

Tue. 9 - An Indian came in from the east and appeared very good and a great friend and said that there was a company of soldiers over at Dear Lodge and that they had two Mormons prisoners. He stayed until after dark and stole one of my horses and left his and cleared. In about 30 minutes after he was gone, Brother L. Shurtliff went out to take care of his horses and found that one of mine was gone. I saddled my other horse and L. Shurtliff and George McBride went in search and was out until 4:00 in the morning and could not find him.

- Wed. 10 - Seven of the brethren tracked about and found that he had gone east, and returned in the evening.
- Thu. 11 - I got ten of the brethren started in search of my horse again under the command of P. C. Taylor. I was unwell with a bad cold and I got the rest of the brethren to work at the correll (corral). The herd moved down to the other Fort and the brethren that had women at the North Fort moved up here.
- Fri. 12 - Nothing transpired worth note.
- Sat. 13 - I was looking in my trunk and found that there were some shirts gone and I came to the conclusion they were stolen. I showed some like the ones that were gone to an Indian and he said he would hunt for them.
- Sun. 14 - Had meeting.
- Mon. 15 - The south wind began to blow and it commenced thawing and the snow disappeared very fast. The brethren returned about sundown with my horse. They found him near Beaver Head about 75 miles distant from here east. They suffered much with the cold, but got back safe with the exception of E. Barnard. His horse fell down and hurt his foot very bad.
- Tue. 16 - I got Brother Walker and went to go to sawing some lumber for a gate.
- Wed. 17 - I worked some at the gate. The Indian that I got to hunt for my shirts brought me one of them and told where the other was and I got that.
- Thu. 18 - Hung the gates. Had prayer meeting in the evening.
- Fri. 19-)
- Sat. 20-)
- Sun. 21 - Held meeting in the forenoon and in the afternoon met with the brethren to take into consideration how our herding should be done. We appointed a committee to take the charge of the herd and to hire the herdsmen. We appointed F. Durphey, D. Moor and P. C. Taylor and they hired F. Welch, O. Rose and A. Quigly to herd. In the evening a prayer meeting was held.
- Mon. 22 - Worked at shoe making.
- Tue. 23 - Hald (Hauled) logs for a stable.
- Wed. 24 - Worked at stocking a plow.
- Thu. 25 - Went after more stable logs. On my return to the fort I saw a large party of Indians making thure (their) way for the herd. I hurried as fast as I could and when I returned found there had been 8 men going to the herd. I unharnessed my horses soon as I could and took one and Brother E. Barnard took his horse and we went to see if we could help to keep our stock. We rode out about 1 mile and saw that the Indians had got all of the stock and that they were driving the brethren back. The Indians saw us and six of them took after us. We turned towards the brethren and we saw that we could not make the point and we turned towards the Fort and as we passed down the bench they fired on us. The ball passed through my right suspender and lodged in my horse's right groin a little below on the Joint. The horse jumped and my left stirrup broke and threw me off. I lost my pistol. The Indians kept up firing. Brother Barnard caught my horse and before I could get to him, one ball passed through the rim of my hat near my right ear.

As I was getting on to my horse, another ball passed through the upper part of my right arm, a little below the elbow. I reached the Fort without any more difficulty. In running, I had to hold my hand over the wound in my horse to keep him from bleeding to death. Soon after I got to the Fort, the brethren returned that went out on foot, and brought in Welch. The Indians had shot him in the small of the back, the ball lodging against the back bone and had been struck cross wise on the head with a gun. They took his gun and ammunition and overshirt and shirt and left him for dead. The Indians soon made off after the ones that took the herd. I sent out ten men to hunt after the missing herdsmen. While they were gone, C. Rose came in unhurt. They returned little before sundown. They found George McBride. He was shot from his horse and stripped (stripped) of everything but his sox, pants and garments. The ball entered his body under his left arm and came out under his right. They scalped under. They found A. Quigly shot in the shoulder, the ball lodged against the collar bone. He was struck several times on the head and left for dead, but had come to, and is not dangerous. There were five of the brethren down where the other Fort was after hay and the Indians met them and fired upon them and drove them from there teams, wounded two. One ball passed through Trasikel Snurtliff's right arm below the elbow and then through Oliver Robinson's right hand. James Miller was shot through the same as George was and run a few steps and fell dead. They stripped him of everything. All of the brethren came in that night except James and I sent ten men to hunt him the next morning.

Fri. 26 - The brethren fixing to cache wheat. We buried George McBride and James Miller in the evening. The other brethren that were wounded are doing well.

Sat. 27 - All want to fix to return back to Salt Lake.

Sun. 28 - Had meeting in the morning. I asked the brethren if they

knew they had filled their missions and would be justified to return back without word from the President. They all said they were not and I made a motion to start a mail this evening. It carried unanimous. I appointed E. Barnard, Baldwin and Watts to go, and to start as soon as it was dark. They starte this evening. Baldwin road my horse and Ezra rode his own.

MONDAY, MARCH 1 - All the brethren went to repairing the Fort and building bastians with the timber that had been held from the lower Fort. The wounded are gaining.

Tue. 2-)

Wed. 3-) At work at the Fort.

Thu. 4 - Had fast meeting.

Fri. 5 - All at work at the Fort hauling poles to strengthen the corall except R. Margetts and C. Dalton. They are at work at making a cannon. There were three Indians come here and said that they had 30 (looked like 80, but decided must be 30) head of cattle and they would fetch them up tomorrow and they wanted to make friends. One of them had nothing to do with the stealing the cattle and he wanted the Indians to make friends with us.

Sat. 6 - The brethren washed and done some fixing around the Fort. The Indians did not come as we expected.

Sun. 7 - Had meeting.

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... the brethren went to thrashing. Some fixed the mill and started the mill. The Indians brought back the head of cattle. There were thirteen old and young Indians. They made out they were all very innocent but wanted to make friends.

Tue. 9 - Brethren all at work, some thrashing, some burning coal.

Wed. 10 - The Indians brought back 7 cows and one yearling.

Thu. 11 - Fixing wagons.

Fri. 12-)  
Sat. 13-) Fixing wagons.

Sun. 14 - Held meeting. The last week I sat up with Brothers Quigley and Fountain Welch every night.

Mon. 15 - Fixing wagons and preparing to move back to Salt Lake. This week was spent in fixing for the move.

Sun. 21 - Held meeting. The mail arrived about twelve in the evening last and brought news that there were 150 men coming to help us away.

Mon. 22 - More all a fixing our wagons.

Tue. 23 - Hauled (Hauled) hay. The company, commanded by Captain Laton and Huch, came in with Colonel Andrew Cunningham.

Wed. 24 - Some Indians came up and we slept them all night and made them agree to pay for some of the cattle that they had killed.

Thu. 25 - Colonel Cunningham and I went down with sixty others to the Indian camp and they gave me three cows and calves and six ponies for cattle that they had killed.

Fri. 26 - Colonel feted up a mail to start back tomorrow.

Sat. 27 - The mail party consisting of 10 men started Sunday 28th.

Sun. 28 - The ox teams started in the afternoon.

Mon. 29 - The rest of the company started. I gave the Indians that were more friendly about six hundred bushels of wheat and left some 10 hundred with them to be traded for horses. We traveled about 14 miles and came up with the ox teams. They had stopped on account of H. Hammond's wife. She was confined and had a girl.

Tue. 30 - Traveled 20 miles and on the last creek west of the divide.

Wed. 31 - Traveled over the divide. The snow was very bad.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - Traveled down to the kanion on Spring Creek.

Fri. 2 - The Colonel divided the company. Left twenty men with the Missionaries and left. We traveled down to the mouth of Spring Creek.

Sat. 3 - We traveled over to Muddy or the mouth of Medicine Lodge.

Sun. 4 - Traveled to Snake River.

Gordon Williams: g-son of Elnora Thompson (Howard) Powell--Ricks, one year.  
 Weston Potter: son of Ivie Thompson Potter--graduated from U. of U. as a Mining Engineer, June 15, 1949.  
 Lynn Ann Potter: g-dau of Ivie Thompson Potter--Freshman at B.Y.U. (1966).  
 Bobby Reynolds: g-son of Chloe Thompson Reynolds--Ricks graduate in Business.  
 Nell Reynolds Green: g-dau of Chloe Thompson Reynolds--Ricks, one-year Secretarial Course.  
 Carol R. Birch: g-dau of Chloe Thompson Reynolds--Ricks, one year in business.  
 Jerry Reynolds: g-son of Chloe Thompson Reynolds--U. of I., will continue after his mission.  
 Clem Thompson, Jr.: g-son of James Levi Thompson--Ricks; Stanford U.; U.S.U.; Colorado State; U. of New Mexico; now attending Colorado State U., Greeley, Colorado.  
 J. Lyle Thompson: Ricks, 1963.  
 Roger Thompson: Ricks, Freshman.

THOMAS SASSON and POLLY CLARK SMITH

(From the records of several of his descendants and from Church Records.)

Thomas Sasson Smith was born April 3, 1818 at Junius, Seneca County, New York. He was a son of Jeremiah and Abigail Demont Smith. He was a man of large stature and of great physical strength. He could pick up a chair with a man sitting on it and hold it out at arm's length. He possessed an unusually jovial disposition. In spite of his size, he was a very good dancer.

At the age of nineteen, he was married to Polly Clark, a daughter of William Fowler Clark and Alma Downs Clark. She was born September 27, 1817 at Woodbridge, New Haven County, Connecticut. They were married at Connaugh, Astabula County, Ohio on July 13, 1837. Sometime after their marriage they accepted the Gospel. He was baptized on June 15, 1844 just before the martyrdom of the Prophet. He moved his family to Nauvoo in 1845 and shared in the persecutions which drove the Saints from Nauvoo in 1846. Polly was baptized in 1846. They were in the great exodus from Nauvoo in 1846.

They had lost two sons in infancy, but they had a daughter three years old. Their fourth child was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa, so they stopped there for the winter of 1847-48. In the summer of 1848 they were with the Saints as they crossed the plains and endured the hardships of the trek. They settled at Farmington, Davis County, Utah, and there three more children were born to them.



Thomas S. Smith was a close associate of George A. Smith who was an apostle and was the cousin of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Thomas S. was active in the Church and civic life. He served several terms in the Upper House of the Utah Legislature representing Davis County. In 1850, Thomas S. Smith, Daniel Miller, George A. Smith and J. S. Robinson with thirty others were called to locate a settlement in Iron County, Utah. Five years later at the annual Conference in Salt Lake City on April 7, 1855, Thomas S. Smith was called to make a settlement in the Salmon River country and do missionary work among the Bannock and Shoshone Indians. He was appointed President of the mission. They assembled on the west side of Bear River, Utah and then started on their journey of about 380 miles.

When they reached the east branch of what is now known as the Lemhi River, President Smith called a halt and then sent an exploring party of five men ahead who selected a site for a fort and a tract of farming land. They called their location Fort Limhi after the name of a Nephite King in the Book of Mormon.

The crops of the first year were a failure because of an early frost. Seven men were sent back to Utah to get supplies. A large acreage was planted in the spring of 1856 but large herds of grasshoppers devoured the crops.

A mission school was organized and three sessions were held weekly. Some converts were made among the Indians. Again, supplies had to be brought from Utah. In May, 1857, Brigham Young with other church leaders visited the mission and promised he would send more colonists to strengthen the mission. That fall, the new settlers arrived among whom were some women and children. This brought the population to about one-hundred people. They had a fair harvest and all seemed well. The Indians seemed congenial, but then in February, 1858, the Indians became hostile. Two men were killed and some stock was stolen. Thomas S. Smith was shot through the arm. Messengers were sent to Salt Lake and a contingent of 150 men was sent from Utah to bring the missionaries back home from the Salmon River area.

Thomas Sasson Smith made several trips to Utah during the time that he was the Mission President at Fort Limhi. It was while at home on one of those trips that he took as his second wife Amanda Ellen Hollingshead. They were married July 15, 1857 in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She was born July 27, 1838 at Jobs Settlement, McDonough County, Illinois according to the Endowment House Record. She was the daughter of Isaac and Mercy Wilcox Hollingshead. Her mother died when she was two weeks old. Before she died, her mother had asked her friend, Dicy Perkins, to take her baby and raise her. So she was reared by William and Dicy Perkins. They lived about six miles from the Carthage Jail. She was six years old when the Prophet was martyred. She could remember the Prophet and his brother, Hyrum, who would often come to their home to hide

from the mobs. She would often sit on the Prophet's knee. He gave her blessing and many wonderful promises that she never did forget.

Isaac Hollingshead, her own father, did not want her to be taken west with the Saints when her foster parents left Nauvoo to cross the plains. William and Dicy Perkins left false bottom in their wagon box and hid her away. She could get air through the knot holes. She well remembered seeing her father riding along for several days following the wagons trying to find her and prevent her from going to Utah. She described him as a fine looking man with long, red whiskers and she well remembered the wind blowing the whiskers as he rode along.

She grew up in Salt Lake City and was always active in church work. She often told of the hardships of those early days and the scarcity of food. She remembered the crickets that ate the crops and the miracle of the seagulls.

Thomas Sasson Smith was called to head an Indian Mission to the Muddy River country in Nevada in June 1865. At that time they thought that that area belonged to southwestern Utah. He took Amanda and her three small children with him. Other members also took their families. Thomas S. was sustained as President of the Mission. They established a settlement which was called St. Thomas after President Smith. This site now is at the bottom of Lake Mead. One child, Frederick Thomas, was born while they were there at a time when Thomas S. was away on Indian affairs.

Thomas S. became ill and had to seek medical aid back in Utah leaving his family there with the other white families until they could be brought back to Farmington in 1868.

Four years later his wife, Polly Clark Smith, died on March 24, 1872 at Farmington, Utah and was buried there. Thomas S. Smith and his wife Amanda continued to live in Farmington until 1884 when many of their neighbors were moving to the Upper Snake River Valley. Some of his grown sons were moving so he at the age of 66 years moved north by wagon caravan and settled at Wilford. They lived on "The Island" by the John Pincock farm. Thomas Sasson Smith married a third wife but there were no children. (We do not have the complete information about this marriage.)

The Wilford Ward was organized June 9, 1884. It was then a part of Bannock Stake. It was made a ward on September 6, 1884 with Thomas S. Smith as Bishop. He was set apart at Rexburg by Apostle John W. Taylor and chose as his counselors Richard Funk and John T. Brower, and his son, Jesse L. Smith, as ward clerk. He served as Bishop for four years and was released in 1887. Later he was made a patriarch in the Bannock Stake in 1888.

He met with a serious accident when he fell from a load of hay. He was a heavy man and his average weight had been 260 pounds. When he fell he broke both wrists and

injured his spine. Later his mind was affected and the doctor said it was probably the result of the fall. He died in his home in Wilford July 1, 1890. His body was taken to Farmington, Utah for burial.

Amanda Smith continued to live in her home in Wilford until her sons moved to Cardstop, Alberta, Canada where she lived until 1901. She then moved to Magrath, Alberta, Canada where her son, Richard, lived. She was independent and enjoyed living by herself and having her flowers and her chickens. On August 1, 1903, she went out to feed her chickens and fell, fracturing her hip. She was taken to Lethbridge hospital where she died September 21, 1903. She is buried at Magrath, Alberta, Canada.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Children of Thomas Sasson and Polly Clark Smith

	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Death Date</u>
William F.	June 5, 1838	Bertrand, Michigan		June 20, 1847 (4)
Jeremiah Alma J.	May 15, 1840 Sept. 7, 1843	"	Thomas M. Abbott	May 27, 1841 (1) May 7, 1917 (1)
Aivira E.	Dec. 16, 1846	Council Bluffs, Ia.	Alley	Feb. 19, 1909 (63)
Thomas E.	June 26, 1850	Farmington Utah	Elizabeth Udy	May 23, 1916 (6)
Polly E.	Apr. 18, 1853	"	Jacob Secrist	Dec. 12, 1882 (29)
Florence A.	Oct. 5, 1855	"	Heber N. Secrist	May 3, 1895 (40)

Children of Thomas Sasson and Amanda Ellen Hollingshead Smith

	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Death Date</u>
Jesse L.	Jan. 3, 1859	Farmington Utah	Sarah Walker	Jan. 28, 1934 (75)
Richard D.	Oct. 8, 1860	"	Eveline Moose (Mousseau)	Feb. 1, 1910 (5)
C. Ellen	May 10, 1863	"	Edward Smith	Feb. 15, 1947 (84)
Frederick T.	Dec. 28, 1865	St. Thomas Nevada	Sarah Higbee	Apr. 7, 1935 (70)
Jacob H.	Feb. 21, 1872	"	Emmaline E. Layne	Mar. 1, 1913 (41)
(George) Jonathan	Dec. 16, 1874 May 14, 1876	"	Copella Moore (div.)	Dec. 16, 1874 Feb. 5, 1943 (67)
(Albert)	Nov. 30, 1880	"		In infancy