

Record of the life of Jacob F
Hamblin as recorded by himself

I was born in Salem Ashtabula Co Ohio April 2 in the year of our Lord 1819 I was the oldest son of the family my parents were poor whose names were Isiah and Asaphine Hamblin my father was the son of Barnabas who was the son of Barnabas Hamblin who according to the best of my information came over from England at the setting of the Colony at Pilgrim Mass my grandfather who was a sea Captain in hopes of recovering his health moved and settled some where in Vermont where he raised a large family my father and two of his brothers emigrated to Ohio they left there

2 families in the town of Salem until they could explore the Country they had in the town of Union genuine County on the western reserve which was then vast wilder ness thither my father removed his family I was at this time three or four months old my father now commenced clearing up a heavy timbered farm when he from hardness and exposure to the elements which kept him in limited circumstances I have nothing very exact as to what covering my first life I was raised with a large family consisting of seven brothers and four sisters my education was very limited altho I was taught to respect my parents and reverence the god

3 of heaven my mind and attention was never directed to any one set or study but to live learn all the good that I could I remember when I was fifteen or sixteen years of age if reflecting very seriously on what was then called religion on the pillars of salvation and the blessings and the promises spoken of in the scriptures which I must much and more often who despised priesthood and baptism cautious in about committing myself with every set or party I began to observe dear Clashing and then discern as I advanced in years in short I could see no beauty nor comeliness in their religion no promises of the gifts and blessings of the gospel I could find

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of my dreams ain't able and that was
an' number one occurring while reading
and reflecting on these things a
thought came to me that if I would
pray for understanding I could get it
mostingly and by myself so I talk
on the name of the Lord but I
could not get confidence enough
to believe that my prayer would be an
answer when I retired to my bed I could
not refrain from shedding tears for I
all condemned to think I had not
prayed I fell asleep and was immediately
walking in a beautiful road in search
of some one who could give me an un
derstanding of these things I soon beheld
a person of smiling countenance who bade
me follow him he soon led me to a

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building situated on the bank of
a large river when we entered me two
bible and another book and took me
read and understand saying that if I
would read them both I could under
stand them I was almost overjoyed and
turned about to leave when I met my
father in the door and immediately
inquired my business I told him what
I had got & I thought he spoke very
quietly saying he did not want
that I should bring trouble on my
self by embracing any other and
despise my self of rights and priv
ileges I told him I had the pur
pose of reading two books he took
the book and looked at it & said
said he believed it to be the true

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This dream was so impress on my
mind that I told it to an acquaintance
of mine who belonged to the Baptist
Church he went on to interpret it
the dream he said the two books were
the old and new testament and so
on and if I would hear Church my
mother would soon join the I attended
their meetings became acquainted
with their articles and creeds which
I did not like I then made up my
mind that I would join the church
believing that unchristian doctrines
high might as they kept father from
his inheritance he had received of his
dear son I thought he could possibly
by moving there according to he left
his family to visit that country

taking me with him in company with two of his nephews in traveling through we found the last locations all occupied and finding some of our stone men that had been starting for a hill were now standing upon a flat stone which gave them a cast ironed arch across which was a fine articulated bridge by a few Indians or Cananees finding which seated us at table and turned five miles from us one on lake Michigan it was a beautiful prairie which we named spring prairie from the many streams which are found there we all began to talk about the ground my father being well pleased with the country

left me to see for the horses are dead, much coal returned to Chicago for this family in his absence I had many horsecars made as I had always lived at home with my mother who never came in September I had my rug took gold in it which made me all most despair of getting my parents again on it was buckly Swallow and written in Swallow. I settled on the land to have money on me and spoke my life. I think this was the first time I ever said it my Father would late in the fall with a portion of his family my two other one brother and a sister that did not come

until the next summer I part through many hardships the two following years in the year 1838 my father gave me my time to my self I left home went to the lead mines worked one year and then took my money and took boat for home the distance of one hundred and twenty miles it was the beginning of winter the ground was covered with snow severe cold weather forty six miles between settlements I was over come with hunger fatigue and cold. Fly down in an old cabin endeavor to cover myself some old rubbish

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the help of whom filled my mind with a sense of infinite confidence. I did not consider the danger of passing. I had not been there long before I was seized from my state of stupor by some power which was sufficient to bring me to a sense. Hence of my deliverer. I then after ^{the} watch difficultly was able to walk I had the good fortune to the element now exceeding thankful to my heavenly Father that I was not left to perish in the wilderness the third of Oct. 1839 I passed over

Lucinda Taylor young and little experience as was myself this was contrib to the feelings arising in me when the marriage ceremony was over I felt condemned for what I had done I would have given all I possessed if I could have freed myself thus was I freed from my obligation in that I had no form in the wife I had taken her I then examined improving my past January 1st 1840 my wife was a deliverance of a son the next winter Eliza Lyman Stockdale was sent to that part of the country to preach the gospel I had a desire to know what he had to

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say I waited & spoke of the privilege of the minister or I was as I said in answer to everyone would obey the gospel all that they should obtain knowledge and the gifts of our blessing, spoken in the scriptures should follow I thought from the many proofs he introduced if the gospel was man I ever heard it preached it being fully conversed of the truth I could not rest in mind until I believed I was baptised the 3^d of March 1842 I in Feb. 1843 I attended conference held at Br. John Porter's Mill creek Branch Minn. in

Co. 27th It was therefore
decided an Elder was sent
with Broⁿ Parker to Preach
to the Stockbridge and Broth^e
town Indians living about 80
miles north in Vermont. So
this journey was performed with
much hardship and fatigue
as the snow was very deep and
most of the way the roads was
not break. As when we arrived the
Indians had scattered out
at a point as there was no chance
to preach we returned home.
I found my wife sick her face
badly swollen and this in
winter when by an effected
tooth & she caused me to call in

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my brother to her. I did so the friend
left in steerage our child
had also been held from a
circular decs which made
me anxious that my
Sister's friends should know
that which I knew. I made
preparations as fast as possible to
travel with the Savinettis to whom
we traveled to Bellinouse. I told
my little effects prepared to leave
a few days before I started. Broth^e
Broⁿ Smith ^{sent} his son Donald he
was very sick with the fever. He
did not think it worth while
I started to go and see him &
met another of his ^{poor} Dogs
he said I must money. I wrote

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for he did not think his fat
er would live long I told
him he would, it was
his privilege to be held in high
Esteem in. Br^r Savinette
I should pray for him. He
said he had the management of
his duty if he could wished
he would take his more full
that I had Prayed and said
my hand on his hand
the fever left him. Left him he
thanked the Lord made great
privileges that he would have faith
but A.C. I saw him again before
I left he said he would
up his mind he would not
sacrifice his property to the

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Son Miles told my Sister Mrs. Miller of the gifts and blessings which I had witnessed in the Church of Calvary with her; and advised her of the truth of the gospel... after she was Baptized. She manifested a great anxiety about ourkins, withs I told her they would come in to the Church; and I believed I would Baptize them myself. I started soon after in Sept 1843. ~~to~~ to tell first parroo. being all their wills made clear to me by the ties of nature my feelings I could not describe now. Neither thinking former desciplines could not ⁱⁿ refor-

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from seeing tiers the second night after we ^{had} started youngest child was taken sick with rheum. Seeing my wife ^{was} ^{concerned} ^{about} ^{her} concerning the child I went by my self and prayed for it according to the special left it we arrived safe in Boston where I remained until April 1844 during Conference convened April 6th & the Council of twelve it possible called with the boundaries that would ^{all} ^{possible} give those families to go on missions to the different parts of the U. S. United States. to hold forth the Prophet Joseph Smith

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in immediate for the next President of the United States. I let occasions to go on such mission. I was recommended by Elder Lyman Stalder and ordained an Elder in the quorum of Seventies by Elders George W. Smith and Almonsey Lyman the names and other colofor of all that could or would go on this mission I gave in my service who was appointed to go to the State of ~~the~~ Maryland with Elder Stalder before I started on my mission I went to see Mr. Congdon to see if I could not convince some of my father's fothes of the

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Gospel this, was a journey of
three hundred and fifty miles
when I arrived there. I found my
father and Brother in town
had gone within thirty miles of
Mauriceville, purchase land
I could not ascertain where they
it was some where & visit
Burlington in ~~evening~~ so
as I wanted to see them I
accordingly crossed over from Burnside
town took course ~~south~~ to the
country as I was directed by the
spirit. I travelled ~~without~~ writing
when I found there in
a court of timber hallings
house logs as I found my Brother
in law had joined the church

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and my Father was a believer ^{29th}

arrived in Pittsburg the
in September the next morning 31st we then started for
in good spirits returned to Maryland on foot without prairies
in the home which is after days, on our way to 3 Preach in
I started on my mission in
Dartown State of Pennsyl
company with Elder John Myer's friend whom had Preach the second
brother of old Stoddard had been discoursed it seemed to remove a
sent another course and Brother a great deal of prejudice the gospel
after services went in his place had not been preach'd before
it was the 21st of May 1844. the people is listened with
I took passage on board the Osprey intent interest as it has
bound for St. Louis. She had not our destined place except the
on board severity of the Elder of the vessel among travailed all day
I travel all went on invasions without anything to eat night
to the different ports of the coming on I offered my services
United States we arrived in for something to eat the 21st
St. Louis as left the 24th land could not get it we stop in
in since Ohio 28th left the road absolute hot on the

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steep in mountain we spent
the night without any thing to
eat or place to lay our heads on
except the ground
we had no much difficulty to
cover enough bread or any thing
in hope of finding to subsist
upon we went to Luray Valley
not farence down the Potowm.
River on the 1st said in little
about the night of the 2nd said
with Mr Barnes 9th found
there certain Brothers stand
with Brother Davis 200 miles
from Pittsburg 9th Preachton
with fracton interview with
Elder Sigler he requested
us to visit Thomas Town bran-

which he then call the church
of the Preach to the Brother
of that branch with some
acted in hopes of getting away
opened to Preach the gospel
to Preach once in Quincy
Franklin Co Pennsylvania
it was collected the views of
Joseph the prophet relative
to the policy of government
next 17th started for Mechanics
town Preach. their earni
ng in Belvidere town
the next day I met Dr. H.
in officia's town where he
had previously left an opin
tient this had caused
an excitement they had

located in houses and threatened
us with excommunicated fed
those if we did not leave
we still travelled about through
the different towns preaching
where ever we could get the
chance we were mostly
unsuccessful for the gospel
Sake Some times edst forth
and compelled to ly on the
ground and in the open
air our st. trewails were in
Frederick Washington Chestert
ton and Baltimore County
I was often presented
with the publick papers with
different accounts of the death
of the w^t prophet we did

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not, con sider our selves under
~~susceptible~~ ~~any~~ any obligation
to believe them. I know I fel
very melancholy and my spirit
desirest ~~to be~~ ^{to be} Saith
I ascertained from a friend after
the truth that the Rich
met and ~~the~~ Patriarch were
contented my feelings. I will
not attempt to describe
for a moment all was lost
I was on my way to ~~Bruges~~
town to fill ~~on~~ a com muni
timent & I thought I coul
d not speak and that I
was under no obligation to
in as much as they had like
d the man that god had

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Searched to restore all things
I could not refrain from re
fusing I turned aside to go
next to my feelings as I was
about to leave the road I
met two or three ^{on} pri
one of them offered I was
ask what will become of the
effeminate woman
President I could hardly
trust myself I felt as
if I could be ani
mated it would
I be of a great bleing to me
if I put myself under a tree the
thirty six the Prophet
was dead was more there &
could well endure

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appeared to be the work of an
Mountain were I thought
it would crush me to death
at length believing it must
be the power of the Devil
in knowing that he has
done something wrong I prayed to
my dearest father for his Holy
spirit ... after all was
right I met with Mr.
Wb that evening we concluded
that we should return
home when we had fulfilled
all our appointments
on the 5th of August I star
ted right come the 26th
when I arrived at ~~no~~ Paris
I saw there was a gathering

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The Boivins at the
Sabbath as I drew near I
saw Mr Sidney Bigelow
addressing the congregation
I listened a few minutes and
said nothing about it that
was not the voice of the true
Sepherid & my family
was then about thirty miles
from Cranbrook I then moved
them into the City as
there was every sign of trouble
from the Mobocrats when the
County Court was in session
at Fairhaven Co. I was elected
by Col. Abbotson as one of the
ministers to assist in what
they called the movements of

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the enemy. I was in Camp
four or five days my Father
moved his family within 30
miles of Cranbrook that fall
the following winter I
~~went to Cranbrook~~
my oldest Brother Fred sent
for me to come and see him for
he was sick in health
I found he had been sick for
nearly three months of the chil-
lly and fever he seemed to doubt
his recovery. I then prayed for
him and anointed him in the
name of the Lord not to let him
in the world begin to concern
from that time onward it
was he was able to con-

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My home in Cranbrook
in 1843 my Father attended
the April Conference to hear
for him self being convinced of
the truth of the gospel he
presented him self for baptism
and accordingly on the 1st of Apr
I Baptized my Father and
Mother. The next Fall trouble
commenced with the brother in
living in the country from 10
to 20 miles from Cranbrook the mob
commenced those outrages by burn-
ing houses destroying property
killing off cattle &c & then the
base company left Cranbrook in the
night to go against the enemy
we set out over the plains with

switch rapidly, discovering light
in three directions and suspending
it to proceed from the burning
of the houses of our brethren. The
company was divided forming three
companies my horse was taken
suddenly sick so that I could not
proceed further the company re-
turned out of sight and I was ob-
liged to stay behind the
next day I joined the rifle com-
pany in a few days the full
Legion started to attack the
enemy soon their number de-
creased to about 700 headed by Col
McAllister three miles from our
arsenal we proceeded to their com-
pany and found it disbanded and

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onset in commenced now
this work despatched all the
time had just crossed over the
River into ~~the~~ ^{the} Ohio

I returned to Wacoow was taken
very sick with the bilious fever
33 Some of my relatives gave
me up to die but by
the blessings of the Lord I recov-
ered in Feb 1846 I left my fam-
ily and went with the Church
at Princeton about 4 weeks I
then went back got my pa-
miles took them to Pigeon
I then went back 100 miles
for flowers and other necessities I
was there taken sick sent to
my family they come to me

24 Day of obsequies I had then
been sick some three weeks
with the chills and fever
and could scarcely walk my
family then consisted of my
wife and three children
we were in destitute situation
in a miserable hut nearly anni-
led from want of any kind
my wife and two of the children
were taken sick the same
day they came with the chil-
dren and fever I could not give them
bread nor water I then asked
my dearest Father to be midfull
of us and soften the heart of

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one that would befriend us in
time of need. I was blest with
the power of the Spirit my offi-
cials in trust the same was in-
stributed to us that we should
all live only be faithfull. Mr.
Johnson visited us that evening
when he saw our situation he
told us that we could have any-
thing his house afforded. that
we should have. I was not able to
reach neighbor until Feb 1847
A this was in G. comfort
Davis bo. Govt. I remained here
until march 1848. I then

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moved my family to the
Church Coucill Bluff Govt
where I drive at the bluff I found
myself Father of Brothers and
one Sister in good health and
good faith this was a great com-
fort to me four of my Brothers
I had Baptized while on the Island
from P. of Norway to Piggy Is.
say 1846 mainly Olson & William
Olsen and Edwin I arrived at
at my Fathers the 11th of April
I built a house within half an
of the Coucill Bluff or half
as I had been absent &
deprived of the privileges of

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the meetings with the Chur-
ch following time I participated
in great comfort and satisfac-
tion of again being with the Chur-
ch int. my wife proved to be
a bold and incisive woman
which proved to me a great and
once to my life as she took
every advantage to do. She could
to oppose me in every thing that
was good teaching him children
that there father was a bad
man and nothing noble in
every way she oft. could think
of telling falsehoods to the au-
thorities of that branch of
the Church this was not

I had expected for a long time to find her conduct before I had always such things in my heart but it fell to my lot to pass through this disagreeable scene. See that I was living contrary to the will of God and told her that she must mind her ways and show her the house she said she would not do so she did sacrifice me as it was well known at that time she wanted to live with her child and her mother for her care and again I told her that little children etc that it would not be well to leave home I therefore took up my lodgings by myself this was exceedingly I shall

always remember she would wish chief in my visible eye way getting every thing she could say hurt me and report I gave that such a curse of things were creation given to me and my children I then took my clothes and left the house I took my three oldest children leaving one with her about a year old with her others were winter as much as she could she wanted to live with her child the care of a mother for her care again I told her that little children etc that it would not be well to leave home I disapproved her behavior herself but I would not bend once when

from the order of God to live with her she did she would not bend one god did not to live with me so thus ended our conference of B. T. S to observe if I did not take the other child and take care of it she wouldn't see them the Bishop's diet for the child was gloriously neglected & then went and took the child she minded and was for her child which taught her sympathy of some of her sisters especially those who in spirit sought to bare rule

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in visit of Andre his brother.
She went to Bishop G.
See Mr Clark he sent some
into regisitring were to come
and see him. I went to
he talked to me and my wife
expecting our separation at
first he seemed to think
I was a ~~hostile~~ hard hearted
man when he became more
acquainted with the Circum-
stances he told her if she
wanted to see her husband and
children she must mend
her ways otherwise severest
lose them. She said she wanted

to come back and try ^{up} to
do better. B told me any-
thing that that I required her
to marrt and she could conve-
or not just as she pleased I told him
I never wanted anything more
to do with Maria he said she must
not I had better try and see what
she would do. To him I would
leave it to brother Stoddard he
said he himself doeth since
I had been agreed deal more than just them or it would benes-
any good son it wouldnt for her she accordingly came to my
the thought there would be well house staid one week done very
here in trying it again

12 Brother Clark asked me what
I would do if her more than
what I she had done if she
came back to live with me I
told him if she ever came
to live with me I wanted she
should quit taking things that
did not belong to her carrying full
books to the ~~adult~~ authority
of the Church and teaching her
children that their Father was
a bad man he told her she must
quit these things or she would
lose her husband and children
if she went back she must
mang a good son it wouldnt for her she accordingly came to my
the thought there would be well house staid one week done very
here in trying it again but she soon returned

to her former habits worse
than ever & at last told her
that I the redeemer consider
her self member of my family
no longer for I should not
~~trust~~⁴³ so she had stolen money
from an old acquaintance of
mine. She was very kind
but I told her

she had been very kind to her &
and gave her the privilege of
taking all the merchandise.
She wanted and she paid for it
she then came to my house
and staid over night but while
she laid asleep she stole mon-
ey from his purse when he made
a fuss about it she tried to

say the fault to me G. G. said
I then cursed her in my heart
and felt a determination not
to live with her any longer & he
said it to prejudice the minds of the
people against me as much
as possible Some complained
of me saying G. was a hard
hearted man if G. left her

I did not think I done wrong
G. knew that to live
with her was sure to ruin
me and my family
one complaint after another
was carried to older

Oren Glidde who then preside⁴⁴
over all the branches of the
Church in Iowa visited
me & gave me an offer to
take my children and leave
the house to my wife
the next morning I took
them and left my children
were shifted from fair place
to place four or five times in
course of the summer G. doing my
best to keep them as becom-
ing a Father but G. could not
improve S. situation.

G. then made up his mind
to get married if G. could find a

46 woman that would suit me & then went to see Mrs. Rachel ~~she~~^{on} her bed and arrived at ~~the~~ ^{new} women I found her this woman ~~is~~ ^{is} the ~~best~~ ^{best} of a mild gentle disposition having obtained consent of parents were were married ^{on the} 30th 1849 by Elder Lyman G.

Stockard I have had peace at home or in my family ever since & have lived with this kind affectionate companion & I have tasted the bitter & how well how to appreciate the sweet. the spring winter after I was married I visited

in Indian Creek branch ⁴⁷ of the ^{old yard} was appointed teacher that fall for that Branch ^{in the} church in May 1850 I started for the valley of the Great Salt Lake & had nine in company the second of June we were organized with the saints that were ready to cross the plains by Elder Lyman G. This company consisted of one hundred wagons with from three to nine persons to a wagon we crossed the Missouri River with my family the 8th of June

48 we were visited by the chiefs of the Oto tribe of Indians with these Indians we then demanded ten days away for the privilege of passing through their territory 11th traveled ten miles camped and finished organizing the company ^{about 13 miles} 12th went about wood and water plenty 13th traveled 17 miles passed ^{on} in country 14th 18 miles crossed Salt Creek camped in the Pawnee territory ^{about 4 miles} some twenty ^{3rd} miles wood and water 15th traveled ten miles Brother Cedric Shultz died with the Avery and Willis Johnson and some two or three others this was a truly a mournful scene to see women mourning for their

Budbands and C. L. Clark for
those Scattered but we were
obliged to leave them on the
plains burying them as best
as we could travel some eight or ten miles
16th travailed some eight or ten miles
Camped to rest over townes
17th travailed eighteen miles, no
wood level country prairie
18th fifteen miles Br. Thomas
~~had~~ died of Colony between church
and twelve o'clock alnight rain
19th travailed sixteen miles several
attaected with the Colony
20th 15 miles the Company was divided
in to four divisions Capt Evans
and most had attended church as
violent attacted with the Colony
and were held by the blessing
of Good GOD

21st 19 miles passed through old Burn
towns no wood

22nd 15 miles & Hendergard
23rd 18 miles said by Col. Johnson
Coron moved to my brother by Capt
Evans
24th 18 miles Abel of Sargent
and Son died of Colony 2 children
died also several taken sick
25th 18 miles

Capt Johnson cold meeting
it was agreed that Breckin
should chose two from the
Company to offer Prayer
to God for the well fare of

the Saints
25th 7 miles mud and rain
26th 14 miles mud and rain
sick in self rain in my side
27th 14 miles of severe violent & I attacted
with the Colony about three o'clock in
the morning sprained for him and
anointed her in the name of the

Said soled on Mrs. Pocatard and
Bill she was relieved immediately
met the mail from the

31st
S. J. Johnson's Capt Johnson
attacted of colony & went hunting
with wife and son of Colony travailed
fourteen miles through snow covered
water camped within the miles of
C. J. White
8th travailed 9 miles past 1st

Child saw Fr. Clark the other
of my children & he was the sonne
old size pieces of the sand & ^{soil} & ^{soil} & ^{soil}
22nd 15 miles I was attacted with the Colony
at it was rebuked under the hands
of my father & Br. Pocatard

30th 9 miles I found my self ^{soil} ^{soil} ^{soil}
attacted with a burning fever when
the Company soft I was baptised
by Brother Johnson the fever was
rebuked in

we were for had meeting children were
Baptised. Jane Gamblin was Baptised
into the Church my Clerk
Son by C. Daniel Hunt and

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and confirmed by Dr. Fisher.
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July 1st Capt. Hills wife died
and his son Johnsons family died
at a village 20 miles
2nd same day I was still sick with
the fever traveled 21 miles

3rd 17th same route wagon broken
I rode when I looked out and saw
that the blood was running out of
his mouth at first I gave him up for
lost my feather with two others
at a moment to them him however
immediately healed

4th 18 miles

5th 12 miles health increasing

6th 10 miles

April 10th 1857

Going to see S. Chasson
the journey and many other

inconveniences I have not
written any till now
from the 4th of July until now
nothing of importance to pledge
Save my arrival in the City
of the Great Salt Lake and
location of my self and family
in Soled Settlement we arrived
in the City the 6th of Sept
Stayed at Soled about the 20th
of Sept 1857

About the first of Oct

I renewed the Covenant
the gospel covenant
together with my fam-
ily here we were visited

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with the Indians they
were continually coming
out from the mountains
which was their hunting
places and steering cattle
Several attempts were made to
stop them but to no
effect

There was one expedition
under the command of Capt
Dutton Rockwell he took
about 2000 men
fish of Lake 7 or 8 miles
from the little nest which
comes in for a day to the
little stream which runs

which was Mr Chester
was killed in his camp.
The prisoners made their
escape and fled except 5 tho
were taken out and shot at the
act alarmed the settlers
till they asked for council
in which it was decided that
a fort should be built of the
houses that we had been
At watch we took down our
houses built them in order
and guarded our cattle and
cultivated our fields we managed
in this way for 18 months the
Indians taking our cattle

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every opportunity presented
Captain
night sent me with 10 men to
ascertain something with with
regard to them if possible
accordingly proceeded to examine
at the distance of about twelve
miles leaving there had been
a fight seen on the west in the
mountains I took Bro Sevin
with me and said until about
12 o'clock at night when we
saw a light in the mountains
we returned as quick as possible
took the company and started
for the spot we began

to ascend the mountain daylight
appeared I then decided as the
company ascended the mountain
in two columns with the intention
of surprising the Indians and
all we could when we came up
to the camp we found but to found
the two Indians their women and
children upon the mountain
shrieking as they fled except
to be shot we ran in a herd of
them and they stopped there
was several shots fired at them
none took effect when I heard the
screams of the small children
I could not bear the thought

of killing one of them we brought them home & with us gave them provisions blankets and treated them kindly in about one month from that time a portion of the same band came again to steal cattle and was discovered by one of the Indians we brought in I took charge of another company and was on our way by 12 o'clock at night the next morning about sunrise we discovered their trail road about 10 miles found where

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they had buried a long pile of mort^s the Indian I took with the yard of my gun in both hands for a pilot said we would fire then at the no^t water we accordingly found them there dying themselves by a fire we came upon them suddenly they left their begin mgs and fled among the rocks we killed some of them I met one of them as I raised my gun to fire the poor fellow begged for mercy I thought it would be a neglect of duty if I let him pass but my gun mist fire as quick as thought ~~as~~ he threw an arrow at me but fortunately it struck the yard of my gun in both hands for a week that by between us I avoided two more of his arrows threw a stone at him and so he past by I burnt two more caps at him but my gun would not go over ^{al} of the company had fair shots lost by but their gun mist fire we felt vexed at our first of our ill success as we killed none of them but we ~~fully~~ concluded it was all ^{all} ^{the} that the Lord had ^{given} a house for them so we returned home the manner we had treated the Indians that were

had taken prisoners had good
influence in that tribe in three
months from that time the
whole tribe came in and

wanted to live with us and
brothers promising to be
no more in July 1843 with
the King of the tribe came in
on commenced depredations on

the saints in Iron County
killing three or four of the
Brothering and stealing cattle
the younger Brigham Young advised all the
settlements in the Territories
to fort up and defend

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~~with good walls~~
enclose their cities with good
substantial walls & have
fore I was employed moving
my houses and putting them
up again and cultivating the
earth until April Confiden-

ce 1854 when I was chosen to go
South with P. D. Pratt and
mission to open up the
gospel to the Lamanites
a meeting of the Elders
Harvard chosen was called on
the 10th of April we were
set about by Pres. Hyde
S.S. Pratt. W. Woodring

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we were instructed to
till the earth build houses
such like Lamanites over
Brotheren the how to do
the same down there
Paragony and Preach the
gospel to them.