

1900 - 1901

Jan 1, 1900

Monday. The day passed quietly with innocent amusements for the young; being mixed in with an occasional scrub horse race and a dance in the evening; the day was slightly cloudy.

Jan 2, 1900

Tuesday. Allen Wakeling come on a visit to see their sister Maud, our Wm B's wife.

Jan 3, 1900

Wednesday. I called and see olde Sister Spilsbury; she is not able to walk around much. I called and see AE Dodge; had a social chat on our former experiences.

Jan 4, 1900

Thursday. Allen Wakeling and his sister Ellen is here yet and took dinner with us today. William Jackson also had his dinner with us. The day is warm; slightly clouded with some appearance of rain. We had a slight rain last night. Not being very well, I have neglected writing up my journal since the above date, but can say the holidays of the closing days of 1899 and the ushering of 1900 were passed in joyous recreation; and the health of the people are good.

Jan 15, 1900

Monday. I am not feeling very well today; I have taken a little colde; the weather is fine; the sun is shining pleasantly.

Jan 18, 1900

Thursday. The weather is warm and fine; sun shining pleasantly. My back is weak and I am not able to do much.

Jan 19, 1900

Friday. The weather is fine; choring about home, not very well.

Jan 20, 1900

Saturday. Also at home as usual.

Jan 21, 1900

Sunday. At 2 o'clock P.M., I attended Ward meeting at the Toquerville Hall; seats for the females were farely well filled; the seats for the males were rather empty.

Jan 22, 1900

Monday. I remained at home.

Jan 24, 1900

Wednesday. Enoch Naegle and I visited a portion of our district in Toquerville Ward as ward teachers; we found no difficulty except a little

unpleasantness of Wm Stapely and wife with Ham Wallis; we advised them to settle their difficulties between themselves if they could; it would be much better.

Jan 25, 1900

Thursday. Maud is afflicted with a severe pain in her head and one of her eyes; we think it is neuralgia.

Jan 26, 1900

Friday. I was at home as usual.

Jan 28, 1900

Sunday. I remained at home and wrote a letter to Mrs Nora Savage, my son Levi's wife; she lives in Woodruff Arazona.

Jan 29, 1900

Monday. After mailing my letter to my daughter in law, Nora, I remained at home.

Jan 30, 1900

Tuesday. Riley and neighbor Williams went to gather, each for another load of posts; I remain at home.

Jan 31, 1900

Wednesday. Riley returned this evening with a good load of posts. Brother Maxwell who is performing home missionary labor service in this section, gave us a short call this afternoon; he stoped over night at Wm Jackson. He called this morning and got his valice which he left here last night. He goes to Virgin City today.

Feb 3, 1900

Saturday. Riley has gone for wood today; neighbor Williams went with him; I paid the semi-weekly Deseret News Agent Albert Jones \$2 for the year ending February 25, 1900.

Feb 4, 1900

Sunday. I attended Ward meeting at the Hal; there was a general attendance. About sundown this evening, Mr Hubberd called and stoped with us for the night. He is engaged in the interest of a medical firm in Salt Lake City; he was here about a year ago on the same business.

Feb 5, 1900

Monday. Mr Hubberd left here soon after dinner today for Virgin City; I am feeling very well now, but I am not doing any hard work.

Feb 6, 1900

Tuesday. Elder Maxwell called and stoped with us for the night.

Feb 8, 1900

Thursday. Hubberd come from up the river; took dinner here & went to Leads; Hubbard professes to be an eye doctor and has eye glasses to sell.

Feb 9, 1900

Friday. Riley is working on the Laverkin ditch; I am at home.

Feb 10, 1900

Saturday. Today, Riley also worked on the Laverkin ditch.

Feb 11, 1900

Sunday. At 2 o'clock P.M., I attended Ward meeting at the Hall; Elder John Steel was the first and main speaker; at the close of the Ward meeting no particular investigation was had of any case.

Feb 12, 1900

Monday. As usual the weather is very fine; the sun is now shining very brightly; the atmosphere is very quiet.

Feb 13, 1900

Tuesday. I am at home.

Feb 14, 1900

Wednesday. Riley is working his assessment on the Laverkin Bench. It will take several days to work out the whole assessment.

Feb 16, 1900

Friday. Riley is at work on the Laverkin Bench, and has been for several days past. The weather is very fine with slight signs of a storm in the near future. Sister Savage is afflicted with lameness in her feet and legs; she is not able to walk today.

Feb 17, 1900

Saturday. Riley worked on the Laverkin Bench.

Feb 18, 1900

Sunday. At 2 P.M., I attended Ward meeting at the Hall.

Feb 19 - 21, 1900

Monday - Wednesday. Riley worked on the Laverkin Bench ditch.

Feb 22, 1900

Thursday. Riley hauled a load of wood from the river field.

Feb 23, 1900

Friday. Riley and I plowed the garden; I drove the team; snowed on Pine Valey last night.

Feb 24, 1900

Saturday. This evening, Riley and some other of the young folks of Toquerville went to Leads and amused the people there with a theater play; it was far past midnight when they got home. I was at home during the day, not very well; retired early for the night.

Feb 25, 1900

Sunday. At 2 o'clock P.M., I attended Ward meeting at the Hall; High Priest John Steel made the opening prayer. The assemblage was not large; Wm A Brunon & Walter Slack, speakers.

Feb 26, 1900

Monday. Riley went to the river field with team and wagon today. There is some appearance of a storm, but the clouds seem to break soon; a very slight rain fell here today.

Feb 27, 1900

Tuesday. The sun is shining brightly, but the breeze is cool from the north; no rain yet' occasionally slight signs of rain appear, but seldom any fall. The long dry weather is discouraging for crops.

Feb 28, 1900

Wednesday. The women folks reset a few black seed onion sets.

Mar 1, 1900

Thursday. Riley went up the Laverkin and located a silver mine; he expects to return tomorrow.

Mar 2, 1900

Friday. Riley went to look at his mine up the Laverkin; he thinks it is worth testing.

Mar 3, 1900

Saturday. Riley went with team and buggy to St George; I chored about home.

Mar 4, 1900

Sunday. Not feeling well, I did not go to meeting; I remained at home. Along in the night, last night, we had a good shower of rain.

Mar 5, 1900

Monday. The weather is fine with a few floating clouds in the sky; the rain gives a clearing appearance to vegetation.

Mar 6, 1900

Tuesday. Riley returned from St George this evening.

Mar 7, 1900

Wednesday. Riley went to the river field with the team today.

Mar 8, 1900

Thursday. Riley went to the river field with the team today. This evening a Mister Cox called in to sell me a new Studabaker Wagon; his price was \$115; he eargded me earnestly to buy a wagon of him and proposed to let me have one some less than \$115, but I declined to buy at present.

Mar 9, 1900

Friday. Riley went to the river field again today and attended a dance at the Toquerville Hall this evening. Riley also gave Wm A Bringham Jr the \$300 check I got from Zion's Bank to loan to him; and took his note payable one year after date (March 1901); at ten percent interest and if not paid when due, interest is to be paid at the rate of one percent a month until paid. The weather is very fine with no sign of rain. I still have that tired, debilitated sensations.

Mar 10, 1900

Saturday. This morning, Riley went to St George with James Naegle to attend conference there on Sunday and Monday next; we expect Riley will return Monday evening.

Mar 11, 1900

Sunday. I did not go to meeting today; I remained at home; done a little writing.

Mar 12, 1900

Monday. We expected Riley to return home today, but he did not come.

Mar 13, 1900

Tuesday. Riley returned home from St George this afternoon.

Mar 14, 1900

Wednesday. Sun up shining bright, but the wind I blowing cool from the north.

Mar 15, 1900

Thursday. Riley went to the field today with the team; we had the water today.

Mar 16, 1900

Friday. Riley went to the field again today; the sun is shining bright, but there is a cool breeze from the north. I wrote to George Reynolds concerning John W Savage; to learn something of his relationship to us.

Mar 17, 1900

Saturday. Riley worked on the ditch.

Mar 18, 1900

Sunday. I remained at home; hurred the cows in the field a while.

Mar 19, 1900

Monday. Riley repared the rock fence between Wm Theobald and me to prevent our cows getting into Wm Theobald's field; he done it by setting posts and stretching wire along the top of the rock wall.

Mar 20, 1900

Tuesday. At home; weather fine; sunshine. Riley went to the field.

Mar 21& 22, 1900

Wednesday, Thursday. At home; weather fine; Riley went to the field.

Mar 23, 1900

Friday. My eightieth (80th) birthday. It seems a long time since I will mention the occurrence of an item or two; that is yet fresh on my minde; I will mention one. My father held me sitting on his left forearm and his right hand across my knees to keep me in balance; at the time, father stood near the side of a newly made unpainted coffin; which contained the corpse of an aged male person. The coffin stood on two olde fassioned kitchen chares turned down forwards of each other. The corpse was that of my grandmother's father on my mother's side. His name was Smith; I do not recollect his Christian name (given). I said to my father that I recollected seeing great grandfather Smith's corpse laying in the coffin; father said he thought I could hardly recollect the circumstance as I was only about two years olde at the time of great grandfather Smith's death.

May 24, 1900

Saturday. There is some appearance of rain. Riley took his mother and sister Clara to St George as Clara is near her confinement and Clara wishes to be near the doctor until she recovers from this labor. Her mother will stay with he until she fully recovers.

May 25, 1900

Sunday. Riley returned home from St George last evening. I attended Ward meeting today.

May 26, 1900

Monday. Riley went to the river field today; the sun is brightly shining; no sign of rain.

May 27, 1900

Tuesday. Riley finished repairing the olde harrow. I helped him a little in repareing the harrow. John Batty and Benjamin Foresythe called to collect money to pay for work lately done at Toquerville Springs to increase the water of the Springs; those that have the management of the business think the water has increased to some extent by the work lately done. I have four acres original water right amounting in all to \$8, one fourth cash.

Mar 28, 1900

Wednesday. Paid to John Batty and Ben Foresythe \$165 cash & \$165 produce for work lately done at the head of Spring Ditch to increase water at that point.

Mar 29, 1900

Thursday. I remained at home; the sun shining pleasantly; no sign of rain.

Apr 1, 1900

Sunday. I attended Ward meeting at Toquerville Hall; the attendance was small. Riley planted a few peas yesterday.

Apr 2, 1900

Monday. Riley planted some peas and onions today.

Apr 3, 1900

Tuesday. Riley went to the river field with the team today.

Apr 4, 1900

Wednesday. At home.

Apr 5, 1900

Thursday. We had a little rain today. Riley went to the river field.

Apr 6, 1900

Friday. The horses went to the river field last night; it is a little cloudy today and the air is rather damp.

Apr 7, 1900

Saturday. We had a good rain last night; the roof of our bedroom leaked a little and I had to get up and move our bed to prevent it from getting wet.

Apr 8, 1900

Sunday. I intended to have attended Ward meeting today, but there was a light rain nearly the whole day; the weather being damp and cool and no fire in the meeting house; I knew it would be unpleasant there so I remained at home; my son Riley went to meeting.

Apr 9, 1900

Monday. I am at home; Riley commenced to set posts to extend the barn over a part of the corral. The sky is cloudy today, but no rainfall.

Apr 10, 1900

Tuesday. At home.

Apr 11, 1900

Wednesday. I attended the funeral of Elder James Duffin's three year old son; he had an affliction in the face which the doctors thought required a cerigal operation to save; the operation was performed, but he died a short time after; his father is abscent on at Gospel mission.

Apr 12, 1900

Thursday. I was about home; Riley went to the river field.

Apr 13, 1900

Friday. I am at home; Riley is road supervisor and today is overseeing the labor of poll tax workers. The weather appears like showers, but there has been but little rain fallen yet; but the rain clouds seem to threaten more soon. The rain clouds have disappeared leaving but little rain fall this morning. Bp Wm A Bringhurst come in and handed me a letter which said that my

daughter Clara was confined with a girl baby on the morning of the 11th inst; all well.

Apr 14, 1900

Saturday. About 5 o'clock this afternoon, Riley and Adelaide started for St George with team and buggy to see Clara; they arrived about 11 o'clock at night; all well.

Apr 15, 1900

Sunday. Riley and Adelaide returned from St George this evening, leaving all well at daughter Clara's.

Apr 16, 1900

Monday. I was about home, not feeling very well; I am afflicted with a severe colde; Riley is working on the road today.

Apr 17-18, 1900

Tuesday-Wednesday. Nothing uncommon occurred.

Apr 19-20, 1900

Thursday-Friday. Riley went to the river field.

Apr 21, 1900

Saturday. Riley sowed lucern in the river field; a drizzling rain fell nearly all day; good weather for growing crops.

Apr 22, 1900

Sunday. Considerable rain mixed with snow fell in the valley last night; also a good deal of snow fell in the mountains; considerable rain has fallen today and it appears not over with yet.

Apr 23-26, 1900

Monday-Thursday. It has been showery and some heavy rain fell all day.

Apr 27, 1900

Friday. Sent a letter to Wm Henry Maul of Philadelphia PA acknowledging the receipt of his seeds sent me; today it is raining hard all day today.

Apr 28, 1900

Saturday. Riley went to St George with Loranzo Bringhurst; they go to attend Sunday School Conference there.

Apr 29, 1900

Sunday. I remained at home; the weather is showery and has been for several days. Riley returned from St George late in the night; he did not expect to return, when he left home, until tomorrow. The weather is showery. James Naegle and Annis Jackson went to St George today to be sealed husband and wife in the temple tomorrow.

Apr 30, 1900

Monday. I and wife have just received a written invitation to attend Annis Jackson & James Naegle's wedding reception at her mothers on Wednesday the second of May.

May 1, 1900

Tuesday. I remained at home; Riley went to the river field and brought a little wood.

May 2, 1900

Wednesday. I am not feeling well this morning as I have felt the last two days; I may not attend the wedding party at Jackson's today.

May 3, 1900

Thursday. A 4 o'clock P.M., Elder Masor of Salt Lake City held meeting in Toquerville Hall; there was a fairly good attendance and all paid strict attention to his valuable instructions. In the evening there was a theater performance in the Hall of Toquerville; the actors were citizens of Toquerville; Riley C Savage was one of the actors.

May 4, 1900

Friday. The weather is showery.

May 5, 1900

Saturday. Also drisly.

May 6, 1900

Sunday. I attended Ward meeting at Toquerville Hall; it is also monthly fast day; there were a good number in attendance. The weather is fine today.

May 9, 1900

Wednesday. Our horses went to the river field on Saturday and Riley found them in Ash Creek near the olde Dupay place.

May 11, 1900

Friday. I wrote a letter to Sister Ann E Collins, but did not mail it; will mail it today.

May 12, 1900

Saturday. I attended the water on the lot.

May 13, 1900

Sunday. At 2 o'clock P.M., I attended Ward meeting at the Hall; the attendance was small; after the close of the Ward meeting, Ward Teachers Monthly Council convened; I was present; there was a small attendance and megar report was given of the teachers visiting the members of the ward.

May 14, 1900

Monday. I was at home as usual only able to chore about a little. Riley is supervising pole tax work on the road.

May 26, 1900

Saturday. Riley returned from St George bringing Clara and her baby; both Clara and her baby are well.

May 27, 1900

Sunday. I attended Ward meeting at the Hall. My 4 horses were drove home off the range.

May 28, 1900

Monday. Yesterday, four head of my horses were driven home off the range; there was a large band driven in belonging to individuals of this place and near settlements. The weather is very warm and I remain indoors during the heat of the day.

May 29 – Jun 2, 1900

Tuesday-Saturday. I am at home and neglected to write in my journal, but nothing out of common occurances have occurred.

Jun 3, 1900

Sunday. I attended Ward meeting at the Hall in Toquerville. We had a spirited meeting; many, both young and olde, testified that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God and the doctrine of salvation revealed through him was truly the plan of salvation in the kingdom of God.

Jul 4, 1900

Monday. It has been inconvenient for me to write in my journal since the third of June last; hence this blank of a month's time in my journal here. At 10 o'clock A.M., the citizens of Toquerville, Washington County, Utah assembled at the Hall of Toquerville; and listened to the pleasing speeches, songs and recitations of a number of the young ladies and gentlemen of the place. After this, a variety of innocent amusements were indulged in during the day and passed very agreeable; there were some scrub horse racing indulged in.

Brother Augustus E Dodge died on the 18th of last June. He had been ailing for some time; he gradually sank & passed off with but little pain. The weather has been extreemly warm, hot all through the month of this July; I have not been able to be out in it at all.

Jul 6, 1900

Wednesday. This morning we got a letter from our son Levi M of Woodruff Arizona; he says that Marantha, his first wife, has lodged complaint against him in two cases; one for adultery, the penalty of which is three years imprisonment in the state prison; the other, for unlawful cohabitation, the penalty is six months imprisonment and \$300 fine. The trial is set for the first of November next. We are in hopes that Levi M will be able to defeat them in their ungodly work.

Jul 19, 1900

I have neglected to write in my journal for several days passed.

Aug 6, 1900

Poor health and other hindrances has prevented me from making daily entries in my journal for some time past, but nothing out of common occurrence has transpired of late.

Aug 19, 1900

Sunday. I attended Ward meeting at Toquerville Hall; Bp Wm A Bringhurst presiding. Elder John T Batty was the speaker; he has lately returned from New York City where he labored for some time in the ministry of which he gave an interesting account. The weather is some cooler as we have had a little rain lately. Some 20 of the young folks spent the evening at our house; amusing themselves in singing, speaching and melon eating; and departed for home about twelve o'clock night. I wrote a letter Aunt Ann E Collins and mailed it today, the 20th of August 1900.

Aug 27, 1900

Monday. Walter Slack and Adelaide Jackson went to St George today and will go to the temple tomorrow and be sealed to each other; man & wife. I made some notes on slips of paper which I will copy into my journal.

Aug 28, 1900

Tuesday. I wrote a letter to James G Duffin, St John, Kansas.

Sep 2, 1901

Monday. Today I mailed my pension voucher to Pension Agent in San Francisco, Cal; I mailed a letter to daughter Clara in Manti, Sanpete Co, Utah

Sep 6, 1901

Friday. I helped the women folk cut a few peaches for drying; I also cut some peaches yesterday; the weather fine. Riley hauled two loads of hay from the river field; it is his third cutting of this season; Wm Theobald helped him with his team.

Sep 10, 1901

Tuesday. I got a statement from Mr Milo Stevens of Washington DC saying that according to the record, it appears there is quite a little sum of back pension due me; and requested that I send him the date of the first payment

of my pension for Mexican War services in 1846-7; I sent him the date he requested.

Sep 11, 1901

Wednesday. I looked over some of my olde papers.

Sep 20, 1901

Friday. Today Maud and her children went with Riley to the river field; also to the Bench and got grapes to bottle.

Sep 21, 1901

Saturday. The women folks are bottling the nice white grapes they got yesterday from the Laverkin Bench.

Oct 25, 1901

Friday. I have neglected writing in my journal for a month past, but I think there has nothing passed out of the common course of events during the time. The last day or two the clouds indicate rain, but we get none yet. A week ago last Tuesday, Riley C started north with dried fruit and molasses (sorgum) to exchange for flour; we expect him home about next Tuesday. This afternoon, the atmosphere indicates a storm soon. Sister Savage is visiting at Sister Naegle's today.

Nov 1, 1901

Riley got home the forepart of this month.

Dec 1, 1901

As nothing out of the common occurrences of events has happened, I have failed to make daily notes for some time past. A few days ago, Sister Savage hurt her hand with the hook that fastens the door; it seems to be getting well now. The weather is still fine. We learn that Wm B and Martain McAlister are released from their missions and will be home soon.

Dec 21, 1901

Our son Wm B Savage got home this evening from his gospel mission in Michigan. He was gone over two years. We had a joyful greeting. Martain McAlister, our son-in-law got home from a two years gospel mission in Boston Massachusetts a few days previous to Wm B's arrival home.

Jan 7, 1902

This morning, Wm B with the team, started for St George with our daughter Clara McAlister and her two year old daughter and her husband & father

Martain McAlister, to their home there; they, the mother and childe, has been with us while the husband & father served a two year gospel mission to Boston Massachusetts

Jan 17, 1902

I mailed my voucher for fifty six dollars back pension to the agent in San Francisco, Cal for payment.

Feb 10, 1902

Monday. I thought of going to meeting at two o'clock this afternoon at 2 P.M., but as the weather seemed cold. I thought I had better not and remained at home; the weather is cool with frosty nights and pleasant days. This morning, I got a letter from my son Levi M; he says he intends going to Salt Lake City next April Conference. Said he would bring his wives Nora and Adeline and get their second anointings in the SL Temple; and attend the conference on the 6th of April &ct. If my health will permit, I intend to meet him agreeable to his request. I got his letter on the fourth inst.; whether I will be able to meet him there I can't say now, but will if practicable.

Mar 8, 1902

Saturday. I have not been able to write for some time past. Last Monday evening near sunset, Wm B and Frank Jackson went up the Laverkin prospecting; they have not returned yet. Yesterday I surched the records for the date of Adelaide's baptism; that it may be properly entered in the Ward record; we think it is in the family record which is now the St George Temple as we fail to finde it at home.

Mar 29, 1902

Saturday. Not feeling very well; I have omitted writing for a week or two past.

May 9, 1902

Friday. As here to fore, I have again neglected writing in my journal, but still hope to be better in the future. My son Levi M writes that he would see me in Toquerville soon after April Conference in SL City; so our son Riley met Levi M at Lund Station, with his wife Nora and three children. Adeline's health would not admit of her coming which we regret very much. Riley arrived at home with his genial load of passingers on the 10th inst; the little four year olde son, in their travels, had been exposed to measles and was confined to the house a short time, but they were not serious. We had a very

pleasant visit of two weeks duration. (blank) took them to Lund and see them on the train safely bound for Salt Lake City and home; we have not heard from them since. We regret that dear Adeline's health would not admit of her making the journey. The weather is pleasant, but very dry, not having had any rain for several weeks. The present prospects for fruit are very good.

May 30, 1902

As heretofore, I have neglected to make daily notes in my journal, but as there has nothing occurred out of the general roteen of home affares, I do not suppose it matters much if I do not make daily notes in my journal. The weather is fine and the prospects for an abundant fruit crop are excellent; general good health seems to prevail.

Jun 9, 1902

Monday. Riley went to St George with his stallion for business; we expect he will return home today with Mary Ann, his mother.

Jun 12, 1902

Thursday. Our son William started for St George. Maud, William's wife & I attended Ward meeting yesterday; Bp Wm A Bringham had recently returned from the SL City and reported matters there were tolerably fair in the main. The weather is fine; crop growing; the first cutting of lucern is being hauled in.

Jul 24, 1902

In memory of the Mormon Pioneers entering the Great Salt Lake Valey in 1847. The citizens of Toquerville assembled at the Hall and manifested their thankfulness for being able to dwell in this valley in peace. The bishop was present and a good spirit prevailed. Late in the evening (last night) (blank) returned bringing Martain and his wife and childe to enjoy the 24th at the olde home. Wm B spent the day at work at the river field.

Jul 25, 1902

The weather is pleasant, but very warm. William has gone to the field; Riey is settling the business of last nights dancing party.

Aug 24, 1902

Saturday. I am at home, not very well. Riley went to the river field with team and brought a lot of melons from the river field; of late we have had

some showers of rain; the weather is very warm and rain clouds still hang around.

Aug 25, 1902

Sunday. I am at home, not well.

Aug 26, 1902

Monday. I helped cut a lot of peaches for drying; Grand Ma layed them out.

Aug 28, 1902

Thursday. Yesterday I repaired the washing mashine for the women; it was broken so it could not be used until repaired.

Aug 29, 1902

Friday. This forenoon, I looked over some of my olde papers, discarding the useless ones.

Aug 30, 1902

Saturday. This morning, our daughter Clara McAlister gave birth to a nice baby girl; mother and childe well.

Aug 31, 1902

Sunday. I attended Ward meeting at Toquerville Hall; by request of the bishop, I, Elder Levi Savage made the opening prayer of the meeting; after which my son Riley C, by request of the Bishop gave some incouraging remarks on keeping the commandments as found in the Holy Rit; after which Elder Edwin Lamb gave some good instructions.

Sep 1, 1902

Monday. Early this morning, Mary Ann, Clara's mother, went to the Laverkin Bench to ride with some of the folks who were going from there to St George.

Feb 7, 1903

Saturday. This date shows that I have neglected to note daily occurrences to my journal for some time past, however it is better late than never.

Mar 11, 1903

Wednesday. Today William went to Washington field to get a load of hay that he has bought there; he will return home tomorrow. Riley has gone to the river field yesterday. I got a letter from my son Levi saying he got home all right and home matters well. The weather is pleasant.