

*The Journal of Mabel Hale Knapp*



Journal Entries from  
September 1907 – August 1910

## Compiler's Notes

The contents in this document were taken from a small green notepad found in Bernie Knapp's possessions. The notepad contains Mabel Fidelia Hale Knapp's Journal, written in her own hand. The dated journal entries range from September 1907 to August 1910, covering some of Mabel's early adulthood, Mabel and Justin Willis Knapp's courtship after his return from a mission, and events surrounding their wedding in the Salt Lake City Temple on August 14, 1910. The majority of these events are not described with much detail. Most days she writes no more than a paragraph or two, about the day's events.

I have typed Mabel's journal for ease of access. However, some parts of her journal are illegible or difficult to determine what exactly she meant. In those instances, I have left underscores to denote the uncertainty of the handwritten text. In some cases, I have included material in square brackets to help clarify meaning. Most of the journal was written without including punctuation; I have taken the liberty of fixing some misspelled words and adding punctuation to help clarify thoughts, events, and sentence flow. Aside from these minor changes, I have tried to match the typed contents as close as possible to the handwritten journal.

To further match the style and organization of the document, I have included large bullet points to denote page separations as they occur in the handwritten journal.

— Morgan Knapp 03/30/2021

Scans of Mabel's journal are included at the end of the typed section.

## The Journal of Mabel Fidelia Hale Knapp

I was born March 20, 1889. At Swan Lake, Idaho. At Grandma's place. My father went to England on a mission when I was two weeks old. I did not see him then until I was five years and two months old. Mama said I knew him—Mama & Finnie were with or near Grandma I guess, for they tell me now I used to be with Grandpa, "Papa" Joe & Uncle Jake, in place of Papa. (Alman H. & Elizabeth Hendricks Hale are my Parents)

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We lived in Buford and Preston, Idaho and I don't know where else until we came to Marysville. We lived on a farm in Marysville North & East of town, near the river. Moving near in winter for school. In the fall of 1905 we move[d] to town to remain. I took eighth grade at school that year and in May 1906 I graduated, having taken exams in St. Anthony. In April I went to a school program and dance in Chester with my cousins and

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some friends. We had a fine time. Was studying that year in a vocal class. There I met and kept company with a school mate. H.H.

In Fall of that year I began school at the Academy of Rexburg. I entered as a first year normal student. I was at school all winter. I enjoyed my school very much all winter. Flora Lam\_\_ was with me. & Finnie, my sister, completed her four year course, so she was with us. My cousins Alice

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Whittle and Ira Harris also were in school and another cousin Juel Hendricks. Henry Hutchinsen and Fran Le Browen were there from home.

I spent the summer at home with one outing in the hills that was on the 24th of July, with my sister and three cousins (Finnie, Alice, Mary, & Zera Whittle).

09/15/1907

The night of the 15th of Sept. the Bank and the Farmers Elevator were robbed. The safes in both were broken, one [of] the safes

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robbed of its contents, but that [safe] from the bank was thrown on its face and spoiled, but unopened.

09/16/1907

I went to Rexburg again to school, entering as a Sunday School normal student. Rather \_\_\_\_.

Soon after this I heard Hon. Burton L. French [Idaho Congressman] speak in Academy.

10/21/1907

I attended Conference at home and Bishop J.H. Wilson was released. Bro's Harris, Loosli, & Melbourne were chosen as bishopric in our ward.

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10/27/1907

Went to Sunday School conference in Rexburg 1st ward.

10/28/1907

Had a good talk in devotional on the life of Apostle Paul by Bro. Porter.  
The Lesson on Enos.

11/07/1907

Prayer was offered in school for Ellie Hawks.

I will miss the past now perhaps mention a few instances but not in detail. I enjoyed my two years of schooling very much indeed, especially my Sunday School course. I think that class

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was the BEST class. Best course in school that year we were like one large family. Bro Goff being at the head. Bro. Halby as our bishop (was) and Sister Haggen our housekeeper or nurse and Bro. Hale our Doctor. Bro. Engar our dear Uncle. If I were a musician I would compose some great theme from the birds morning songs. Or in other words translate their songs into our understanding.

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How little we enjoy the sweet until we have once tasted the bitter.

- It is my humble prayer that I might be of some good in my generation.
- I think we laugh at each other together and smile at each other too seldom.
- It is not the house but the heart that makes home.
- We should have more religion in the world and fewer churches.
- Music is the echo of God's love, the rhythm

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of God's restoration.

- It is when we are unknown or neglected by mortals that we reach up to God and are inspired.
- The death of passions, deep, is a terrible thing unless the dawn of a greater truth shines on the grave.

- Love and sorrow are twin sisters and knowledge is their nurse.
- “Love ought to have no past tense.” Earth life is the middle round in the ladder we climb in the dark. We cannot see the steps below or above, but they

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are there all the same.

- “Prayer is the skeleton key that opens unexpected doors. We may not find the things we came to seek, but we find other treasures.”
- A person’s beauty is that person’s virtue and purity.
- A girl must be careful indeed, because she is watched by those who love her and the unfriendly.

09/16/1909

I have just read “Uncle William” by Jennette Lee. She has pictured some pretty graceful scenes of life and also has shown how often we do not appreciate

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the kindness and love we have until they are taken from us. She teaches that beauty and joy can be found in the most rough and rugged places. And, cheerfulness triumphs over gloominess, sullenness and brings happiness to all.

12/26/1909

“There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves to any of us \_\_\_\_ to speak about the rest of us.” I wish to keep this

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gem because it was impressed upon my mind so much when Bro. Harold Goff took that as a topic for a lecture. He spoke of the good even in criminals and among the little \_\_\_ in the slums of the large cities. He was my teacher then in the Sunday School normal class in R.A. I am reminded again of another time when he spoke of prayer being answered even when we thought they were not. He told a story of the old man and woman being visited by a strange visitor and being treated

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as well and a rich family being treated by the same men. There the treatment was not so well. The mistaken idea was they received the greater blessing. —The gold in the wall the death of the cow.— When after the second visit it was made known to them that it had been a blessing to the kind people and a punishment to the proud.

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“Not afraid of the daylight” -Bro Mason.

12/28/1909

I received a pretty Xmas present from Jesse, a gold ring set with a ruby, set in with pearls. It was sent from Topeka, Kansas. [Justin Willis Knapp 'Jesse' was serving in the Central States Mission]. Dec 24th, Other presents were presents for Xmas were books. Best New Years wishes from B. P. \_\_\_ \_\_. "Merriest of Christmas, Happiest of New Years, Highest of success in thy work. Highest aims with strength to keep them with the best

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resolutions, ideas, ambitions, etc. are the sincerest. From a friend. B."

01/10/1910

I was here for a little while. Had a pretty good visit with Him. Mr. Speckell of Salt Lake City came in, also was here part of the day. He came to close out the store.

After these two and Pap went away, I was here alone until after mail came in.

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With the exception of one caller. And while I was putting up the mail someone robbed the office of about \$100.00. We called the Sheriff, but as yet, nothing worth mentioning has been accomplished yet (3/2/10).

The store was sold out next week to a St. Anthony fellow, named Roberts.

02/21/1910

Nettie and I went to Rexburg on the early train (before learning I had a letter and large photo from Jesse. damaged text day time).

We went to the Electric Shows at night. Tuesday we visited school and went to the opera in the evening. That was fine, I enjoyed it oh so very much. But I was homesick to be with them [school students/teachers?]. It seemed like visiting an old dear home. My, I wish I were there in school again. After the opera damaged text and I went up to the dance at Flamm's Hall. Had a pretty

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good time. The rest of the day we spent visiting mostly at school. Wednesday night Willie, damaged text, Nettie, and I went over to Sugar City for the dance but there was none. Thursday night we heard Master Irvin Roberston play the violin—that was sure great, I shall never forget it, but will not try to pen a description. After the recital damaged text. Hassie and I went to Third Ward to a

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dance there. Had a pretty good time there with Oliver Hassie & damaged text. Oliver brought us home in the sleigh. The train had been snowbound at Chester so none of the other kids from home went down. Velva & Hagel did go down though Sunday. The boys and girls were all good

to us and we enjoyed their company very much, though we met one stranger, Claudia's beau. Mr. Richie.

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He seemed very pleasant. I liked him. Had some fun with Jess F but he did not seem so refined as Ben.

Thursday evening I had a serious talk with -C. 'Twas there I told him of my J- boy [likely meaning Justin Willis]. I had told him before, but he asked nothing during my visit till then, when I was coming home. So we agreed it was best to be "sister" and "brother." Friday night we all came home

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Hassie, Harry, Jess, and Cyrus came up too. Then best of all, that day I found a dear letter from Jesse awaiting me when I came home. He is true and dear to me indeed, and I am so glad the Lord has been so kind to me as to give me such good friends as bottom of page ripped.

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Top of page ripped. and Jesse. We hope so and someday perhaps within a year we will take a trip (somewhere).

03/05/1910

Vesta came in yesterday and we spent a very pleasant half hour. We were talking of strength of character and friends. We decided we like boys best who were strong willed (not frilfull [frilly]) and who were

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not easily led, without consideration. Went to the dance last night, had a pretty good time, though there were not many there I see. But I had some dancy dances. E.H., W.H., and F.B. Maron & Zera. Oh most all I had were dandy good. I think W & E are quite swell. Have just written to Claudia, I wish I would have a letter from her today and from Jesse.

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I hope Papa comes home tonight for Mama and baby are sick. It is time now to sew, read, or something of the sort.

03/20/1910

I am twenty-one today and Harriett is twenty. Last Tuesday, I went to Aunt Deals for a little while. Mary and Marion were nineteen. Bro Stoll was released from S.S. [Sunday School] today before he goes away. He will move to Teton Basin soon. When I went

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home from the post office I found damaged text. The S.S. class there, we looked at photos and postcards and ate candy till meeting time, then went to meeting. I went down to Marry's to practice my song for musical, and then we sang first there "Good Night Little Bird Good Night." After musical when I went home all the boys and

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girls were there, the larger ones. Well I begin to think the house was haunted, that people would appear at every entrance. Wed. Grandpa's Reunion was held at Aunt Deal's and the folks say they enjoyed it, but I could not go, for I was at the P O [post office?] all day. In the evening we saw "St. Elmo"\* played by the Theodore Larch Co. I liked it fine though not as well as

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the book, but of course much of it would have to be left out. The next night we went to a comedy. That was brimming full of fun, all the way through. Claudia was with me Sunday. She came Saturday, she and the boys spoke in meeting. Uncle \_\_\_\_ was chosen and set apart as S.S. Supt.

03/26/1910

Saturday was a sad day for us. Alice Hibbard who

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had been apparently well until the night before just at dark, died at about eleven o'clock. I was over there with Mama about five or ten minutes after her death, and helped Nellie get ready to go to Hibbard. Bro and Sister Hibbard reached Marysville a little while after death had claimed their 'Allie.' It was a terrible blow to them all. Her father and mother did not know till they arrived here. Oh, it was hard & sad.

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I wrote to her cousin, J. and told him the sad news. The school and mutual went to the train. The class went on horses and gave the folks a banner, which reads "Alice we'll remember. Y.L. & Y.M.M. I, A, & School of Marysville." We also attended the funeral of Mrs. Huntsman's baby.

04/26/1910

Some extracts of other books.

"This world is full of beauty, like other worlds above

*\*St. Elmo is a novel by Augusta Jane Evans, published 1866. It became one of the best selling novels of the 19th century. Many towns, hotels, boats, etc. were named after it. Around 1909 the book was adapted to a play, and later to a movie in 1914.*



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and if we did our duty it might be full of love.”

- “I will live to do my duty and God’s work on Earth. I will go bravely forward in my path of labor, strewing flowers and sunshine. If God needs a lonely, chastened spirit to do his behests, oh, shall I murmur and die because I am chosen? What are the rushing howling waves of life in comparison with the calm shoreless ocean of eternity.” (Clara)

- “The day is done, and the darkness, falls from the wings of night as a feather is wafted

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downward from an eagle in his flight. Such songs have power to quiet the restless pulse of care, and come like a benediction that follows of his prayer.” “And His might shall be filled with music, and cares that infest the day. Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs. And silently steal away.”

Sunday 24, the mutual the Y.L. part was reorganized. Sister Rosella Johnson filled the place as president. Sister

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Johnson is a dear little woman and I thinking she has the love and respect of the girls already.

Also, her 1st Con. [councilor] Dearest sweet Claudia oh, what a pleasure to have her as leader. I was chosen to act as Sect. we will work hard and try to make our mutual the very best. I was set apart by Bishop Harris after meeting (4/24/10).

Burt has gone out on his ranch he said and would not be able to write me a card much now. Burt you are almost an ideal

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friend, at least you have been to me. I can trust you and confide and further advance than those of a friend you have never made. I think that is why you have so fully won my friendship. Mary and I were talking of you as such a friend some time ago.

05/06/1910

Robinson’s home was burned out. Eliza was using a gasoline iron and in the lighting of it set escaping gases running and

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everything was burned from within. Miss Wheeler & some others of the family were badly burned, no deaths however.

Have learned that it was Feb 4, 1906 that I was first called to act as teacher in Sunday School. I have held the position since, only have changed from First Sister to Second Sister.

05/12/1910

At three a.m. this morning I arose and watched the comet rise.\* The gamma-rays were

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visible. Then I watched the comet rise, it was a little north-east. South of the sun rising point and the gamma-rays pointed slightly south and upward. I watched it till 3:40 and arose again a little later. It was fading. A little later still, I arose and it was not visible. Although the sun had not yet risen, it was fully daylight. But the morning star which is now

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the planet Venus was shining brightly.

05/28/1910

Last night I was at the graduation exercises of the Eighth Grade here. They were pretty good, there were twenty of the class. The third class and by far the largest. Hazel could not go for illness. Five presents were of our Claudia's & my class of Sunday School, Bro. Sharp spoke fine to us all. Miss Wood also spoke well in her way. She called

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to mind many of the times we have had in our school days here, Of the operas, and the plays, and the other class, our little class of five when we occupied stage as graduates. Oh if some things had gone well with us I would have had that pleasure over again this spring. But will hope it was all for the best as it is. But one thing

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we can be and are truly thankful for is our precious gospel. In that if we will, we can reach a higher plan than otherwise or without it. The church is one great, grand collage in which we Latter Day Saints have entered. When we have mounted one slip to a level we will see other slips leading up and on. When we come to a landing or platform in this

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great school, we may pause to rest or gaze about as it were, and our eyes will fall on other heights of stars. We then want to pursue farther and upward and onward. We are called from this life of collage to one better & greater than this world of collage grounds, and there we still climb up and onward and we know

*\*Likely Halley's comet, which passed especially close to earth in May of 1910, and was highly talked about in the press leading up to the event. The comet was closest from May 14-22. But could have been visible earlier, or perhaps Mabel also dated her entry later as the writing is slightly different.*

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not how far because we have not passed those doors yet. But as we stood in that doorway what joy, what greatness would be held out to our wondrous gaze, how we would, how we would stand mute for a duration at the glories past all dreams of the glory we have had.

I wonder if those who are on the stage at the happy time when they receive their treasured diploma, I wonder if they in

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their great joy think of those who have been less fortunate, who for many reasons may have had to drop out of school. They who love it just as much as others. Who think of them each day and the teachers and everything in close connection with it. Who love it with a great love like that of a true beridden lover who's sweetheart has been loved and won by another,

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the love is cherished perhaps more, because its object being lost to him. xxx

05/30/1910

Today, went to the program at the meeting house. And then we went to the grave yard, the decorations were pretty. On Janes' grave had just been placed a pretty tombstone.

06/01/1910

Was Primary day, but I was here at the Post Office and could not get away but went to the dance in the evening. Damaged Text came up and went over with me. Henry was also here.

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Had a fine time. Damaged Text went right back again.

06/03/1910

Went to Ashton to the dance with Vesta and Mr. Robinson. Had a swell time. Was a lovely evening and we very much enjoyed both ride and dance. But Thursday 2 [June 2nd], was the day of days. This week Jesse wrote me that he was released and was coming home. How surprised I was truly. Had cards later that he

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was going to stop though and Richmond (UT) on his way back and at Salt Lake City, also. So don't know just when he will be here; sometime next week I think, am anxious. Was on the committee today for the \_\_\_\_ so guess I have written enough just now and will ring off and fly over to the square.

06/08/1910

Jesse came up tonight. He came sooner than I had expected, since he told me he was going to Richmond. My I

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was surprised and pleased when I received the letter that he was coming. He came up with Vesta and we walked out to Jesse's & Finnie's and spent the evening with them. Thursday we were here at the Post Office and went to Rexburg on the five o'clock train. We walked part easy out to Jesse's home till the folks met us. Spent a very pleasant evening there at their home. Friday morning

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I awoke to hear songs and laughter and had heard on retiring. After breakfast was over and we had the dishes put away, Elsie and I went for a ramble over the farm, down on the river. Oh, it was simply great. The wild roses were blooming everywhere down by the river. We roamed through the bushes and among the trees, finding birds and flowers and squirrels. Then back to the house and off to Rexburg. There

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we took the train for Rigby, or part of us, Grandma Lemmon, Mrs. Knapp, Jesse, Eveline, and I. Elsie and Esther drove the team back, they were not going to the reunion. We reached Rigby and the place of meeting alright. Met many strangers and had pretty good time. Went up town and called on Aunt Rettie and Uncle Milton, he [was] at the store. And then back again to the

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Homer home. There I saw Jesse's Great-Grandmother\*, a lady of (95) ninety-five years. The family were organized, ready to do temple work and photos were then taken—some of the entire group and some of the five generations. Mrs. Homer, Mrs. Lemmon, Mrs. Eliza Knapp, Mrs. Jennie Walters, and her little Leroy. Jesse and I went up then to Labelle with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nalters and went to that dance, There

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had pretty good time. I slept there overnight at the home of Mr Walter (sen.) and met the tallest fellows I think I ever saw. We, Jesse & I, walked from there in the morning to the Lorenz depot and came up on the train. Jesse went home from Rexburg—so did I. Saw Earl & Enna Lee. Saturday I came back to work and Mama was ill

*\* Eliza Williamson Homer. Lived from 1816–1912 (96yrs old). Justin Willis Knapp's Great-Grandmother on the maternal line.*

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so Sunday morning I did not go to Sunday School, but went to meeting and mutual. Went to go to a dance Tuesday. Had a crazy time laughing and fooling.

06/17/1910

Just received a phone from Jesse. He is coming up tonight. Mrs. Drollinger is being buried today and Nettie's sweet little babe died last night. The \_\_\_ is here today also, but principally to see Lee and Mr. Drollinger. - - -

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06/21/1910

Last night about 7pm I reached Marysville again. Friday Jesse came up and we went to the dance at Ashton, Vesta & Leon & Hattie went also. Saturday Jesse was here also, only when he went to see Milton. They both came back here for a while. Then Sunday morning Jess & I left here at 5:30 am for Rexburg. Had a cool, pleasant ride. Went through

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some water stone place that was so deep it ran in the buggy and this in the road. Arrived at Hibbard at 10 am. And then went over to Rexburg to the S.S. [Sunday School] Convention. We had good meetings, my goodness though, it was surely crowded. We went with Elsie & Mr. Larson to Jennie's for dinner and then back to meeting. Supt. [Superintendent] Comming was leader of our class work. He gave us our best instructions

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damaged text was looking and I had a search for him but could not damaged text that being my greatest damaged text. For I wanted so much to see him. Went out to Hibbard to mutual and remained at Hibbard all night. Jesse spoke in mutual of his missionary experiences. Monday we were ready to come home about eleven o'clock and Elder Robison

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of Lyman came to see Jesse so we did not leave till about one. And then we had to wait at Salem for more than an hour. We then came along alright. Jesse told me about the arrangements of the farm and horses and buildings. We reached Marysville at about 7:10 and had supper at home. Then Jesse went to Warm River, he came back. Tues, a little before noon, said he once lost his way going

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to Bro. Hibbard's. He hurried away home to care for the water & farm.

07/12/1910

Since last I wrote I have been at Rexburg again. Jesse came up the night of the second. We spent the evening with Hattie & Leon. Sunday went to S.S. and meeting. Bishop Harris called Jesse to speak for a while before he turned the meeting over to the peoples. Sunday Jesse and I went to

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Rexburg. There we waited for Mr. Larsen and Elsie to come for us. We called at the Nelson's home for a few minutes. Went up there with Vely. When Elsie & Charlie came for us we drove out to Hibbard and went riding till eleven o'clock. Monday morning we drove up to St. Anthony. But our most exciting times were going to and from St. A to Sugar. We had fun at the dance. We

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were first in with the Hibbard boys and girls. And then when the Marysville crowd came we had more fun. The dance was out too soon. We went back to Knapp's, I was there all day Tuesday, except for a ride up town with Jesse. Wednesday Jesse brought me up to the depot to come home. Vesta was there so we came up together.

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Jesse could not come up with me for he was helping Frank build the house. That was a surprise to me to see so much of it done. They are working hard for Frank Walter is anxious to be at his work at Yellowstone. It was a year last April since we have looked forward to this time, but it never seemed so real till now that Jesse is home and really preparing for me to come. But don't know yet

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when it will be, when we shall fill the little place and call it home. - - -

Had a card from Burt the other day, he is still the same industrious kid. Has made another attempt at a piece for the Journal. I hope he is successful this time. I have that he and Mary were kind of mated ha ha. Burt likes her, I know, he said "Marry, bless her heart is sweeter than ever." Just like him ha ha.

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07/18/1910

Wed. 13. I was in a strange position which was not all pleasure, though the best am glad it is as it is since it is so. And by no reason I could help. Crossed out text

Jesse & Gren were up yesterday, we four had quite a time, Vesta and I with them.

I have written to Indy this morning about things of long ago. Must have things as near right as possible.

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My darling Claudia was so blue and downcast yesterday, I cannot think what is the matter. Why is she so sad. I am so sorry. Wish I could do something to make her happy. I love her so much.

07/31/1910

Friday evening of 22nd, I went to Rexburg. Jesse met me there and we went out to his place and went to Sugar to the dance. So did Elsie and Charlie. Saturday was when they had the celebration at

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Hibbard. We went over there to the grove. Had a pretty good time. Were at the program and saw the races and other sports there, went over to the ball game. Jesse played, Charlie went over there and Elsie too. Went for a drive. We danced at Hibbard that night, there was a large crowd. Jesse & I were watching the people dance the prisio [prison?] waltz. And Frank W. asked me to dance it with

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him. I hesitated some but went and was more surprised when called to dance again. We then were awarded the prize, another and more astonishing surprise.

Sunday morning we were coming back home but missed the train. So we just stayed at the house till the next train time. Two Mrs. Andersons came Sunday. Frank brought us

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up to Rexburg. Monday we went to Ashton but things were rather dry there all day—when we were ready for the dance, Jesse told the folks of our plans and Park\* trip. We had pretty good time at the dance. Jesse went home Tuesday morning. The folks from Gentile Valley came. Lora Hale & Gladys Black wre of the party. Gladys & I had

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quite a time together. We went out to see Pearl. They left Saturday afternoon for the Park. Mama, Joseph, & Theola went too. Papa went away, will be back Monday night. My, but it is lonely today, there were only 24 at [the] meeting, but had [a] good meeting. One strange coincidence, there were only 6 men, 6 women, 6 girls, 6 children there. About half of them spoke.

*\*Most likely referring to Yellowstone Park.*

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08/10/1910

Finnie, Mary, Lora, Hattie, Lottie, & Fannie were over to see me and each brought me a pretty & useful present.

08/11/1910

The folks came home from the Park. Uncle Arthur and Aunty came up.

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Me, Joseph went to the train with Mary to see the Oakley people off.

08/13/1910

The folks came over to spend the afternoon and evening

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Jesse came up. We had a pleasant time and received several other presents.

08/14/1910

Went to [a] meeting to see Bro Loosli about a recommend.

08/15/1910

Wrote letters for a while in the morning and finished getting ready to leave. Finnie & Mary came up to go to the train with me. They, with the folks and Aunt Allie, went to Ashton with us. We were in the chair car

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all night and arrived here at Hotel Albert about eight o'clock. This Tuesday morning, have been up to the City and County Building and have called on Burt M. at the store. Am going to go see one of Jesse's friends this evening. Haven't seen Ed & Bertha yet, but have met some other kids up at the C. & C. B. [City and County Building] today. While coming

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in this morning, saw a line of freight cars burning.

08/17/1910

Were up to the Temple today at 8:30. Went to meeting and had our records taken there. Went through the temple, everything was grand. - - - - -

A Salt Lake Lady waited for us and went with me for a while, when I was lost from her, I found Bertha and was with her the rest of the way through. Jesse and I were married about 5:15.

Wednesday evening



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we came up to our rooms for a while and then went up to Burt Milains, then to Wandemere Resort\*.

08/18/1910

Thursday we left S.L.C. at 7 p.m. for home, arrived at Rexburg at about four a.m. Stopped at Frank's & Jennie's. Went down to Hibbard at Bro. Knapp's, were there for dinner. Went to Sugar to the dance that night.

08/20/1910

Sunday we went to S.S. [Sunday School] & Meeting & Mutual at Hibbard Ward.

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Jesse was chosen and set apart for three offices in M. J. A. 2nd Con. Chorister, & Teacher. I was chosen & set apart for teacher in the Sen. Class of mutual.

08/22/1910

Monday morning. Jennie & I came up home. Jesse and Frank came late. Tues we left home about two o'clock for the Park, we camped at a ranch just south of the bridge.

08/24/1910

Next morning was very cold, continued cold all day. We caught no fish.

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we camped on another ranch that night and again the next day left without fish, and moored at the Old Mill, reaching Yellowstone early in the evening. Frank's friend Mr. Brown prepared supper for us here, we stopped for night.

08/28/1910

Jesse and I went up to see Nettie & Alice. Also saw Milton, Barrie, & Boyd. Have stayed over here all day, nearly. Now we are going again to see Alice & Nettie at the hotel. The people here treat us fine, though we are strangers.

*\*From the Salt Lake Tribune Archives: "Wandamere Resort was a 65-acre amusement park [in SLC] that featured a large pond, boat rides, a race track, dance hall and other amenities. It was located at what is now Nibley Park Golf and operated from 1864-1921." It was once formerly known as Calder's Park.*

## End Journal

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Mabel's Patriarchal Blessing

Justin (Jesse)'s Patriarchal Blessing

Claudia's Patriarchal Blessing

Mabel wrote out three patriarchal blessings in the back of this journal (at a much later time, as their daughter Claudia's blessing is included). Typed copies of these blessings can be found in other family history documents. Mabel's handwritten copies are included in the scans.

I was born March 20,  
1889, at Swan Lake, Idaho.  
At Grandmas place. My  
Father went to England  
on a mission when I  
was two weeks old  
I did not see him  
then until I was  
two years and two  
months old. - Mama  
said I knew him -  
Mama & Finnie were  
with or near Grandma  
I guess for they tell  
me now I used to be  
with Grandpa, "Papa Joe"  
& "Uncle" Jake, in place  
of Papa. (Alma H. &  
Elizabeth Hendricks Stale  
are my Parents -)

We lived in Enford  
and Preston, Ida and  
I don't know where  
else until we came  
to Marysville. We lived  
on a farm in McVillie  
north east of town  
near the river. Nooning  
meas in winter  
for school. In the fall  
of 1904 we move to town  
to remain. I took eight  
grade at school that  
year and in May <sup>1905</sup>  
I graduated. having <sup>1906</sup>  
taken County Examin.  
in St. Anthony.

In April I went  
to a School Program  
and Dance in Chester  
with my cousin and

some friends we had  
a fine time. Was studying  
that year in a Vocal  
class. There I met and  
kept company with a  
school mate. H. H.

In Sept. of that year  
I began school at the  
Academy at Rexburg.  
Entered as a First  
Year Normal student.  
I was at school all  
winter. I enjoyed my  
school very much  
all winter. Doris Lamborn  
was with me. + Fannie  
my sister completed  
her Four year course  
so she was with us.  
my cousin Alice

Whittle + Iva Harris  
also were in school  
and another cousin  
Juel Stendrichs,  
Henry Stulchison  
and Frank Brown  
were there from home.

I spent the summer  
at home. With one  
out <sup>in</sup> the hills that  
was on the 24<sup>th</sup> of  
July with my  
sister + three cousins  
(Fannie, Alice, Mary +  
Oera Whittle)

Sep 15-07 The night of the  
13<sup>th</sup> of Sept. the Bank  
and the Farmers  
Elevator were robbed  
The safes in both were  
broken one the F. E. S.

robbed of its contents  
but that is the Bank  
was thrown on its  
face and spoiled  
but unopened.

9-16-07 I went to Reyburg  
again to school  
entering as a  
Sunday School  
Normal student -  
rather entering 9-17-07  
soon after this I heard  
Hon. Burton L. French  
speak in Academy.

10-21-07 I attended Conf. at home  
and Bp. J. H. Wilson  
was released. Brio  
Harris, Loosli + McGavin  
were chosen as  
bishops in our Ward.

- 10-27-07 Went to Sunday School  
 mon. Conf in Reubens, 1st Ward.  
 10-28- Had a good talk in  
 Devotional on the  
 Life of Apostle Paul, by  
 Bro. Porter.  
 10-29-7 The Lesson of Enos.  
 10-7-07 Prayer was offered  
 in school for Effie  
 Hawks.

I will miss the past  
 now perhaps mention  
 a few instances but  
 not in detail.

I enjoyed my two  
 years of schooling  
 very much indeed  
 especiall my Sunday  
 School Course. I  
 think that class

was the BEST. class  
 best course in school  
 that year we were  
 like one large family  
 Bro Goff being at the  
 head Bro. Halby as  
 our Rp. (was) and Sister  
 Haggew our House  
 keeper or Nurse and  
 Bro Hale our Doctor.  
 Bro Engar our dear  
 Uncle!

Photo. If I were a musician  
 I would compose  
 some great theme  
 from the Birds morning  
 songs. Or in their  
 words translate their  
 songs into our  
 understanding.

How little we enjoy  
the sweet until we  
have once tasted the  
bitter.

+ It is my humble  
prayer that I might  
be of some good in  
my generation.

+ I think we laugh at  
each other together and  
smile at each other  
too seldom.

+ It is not the house  
but the heart that  
makes home.

+ We should have more  
religion in the  
world and fewer  
churches.

✓ - Music is the echo of  
God's love, the rhythm

of God's respiration.

1 + "It is when we are  
unknown or neglected  
by mortals that we  
reach up to God  
and are inspired."

+ The death of passions deep is  
a terrible thing unless  
the dawn of a greater  
truth shines on the grave.

+ Love and sorrow are twin  
sisters and knowledge  
is their nurse.

- "Love ought to have no  
past tense."

Earth life is the middle  
round in the ladder  
we climb in the dark.  
We cannot see the steps  
below or above, But they

are there all the same.

4 - "Prayer is the skeleton key that opens unexpected doors. We may not find the things we came to seek, but we find other treasures."

7 - A person's beauty is that person's virtues and purity.

7 - A girl must be careful indeed because she is watched by those who love her and the unkind.

9-16<sup>09</sup> - I have just read "Walt Whitman" by Jennett Lee. She has pictured some pretty peaceful scenes of life and also has shown how often we do not appreciate

The kindness and love we have until they are taken from us. She teaches that beauty and joy can be found in the most rough and rugged places. And, cheerfulness triumphs over gloominess sullenness and brings happiness to all.

10-26-09 "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves to any of us to speak about the rest of us."

I wish to keep this



gem because it was  
impressed on my  
mind so much when  
Bro. Harold Goff took that  
as a topic for a lecture. He  
spoke of the good even in  
criminals and among the  
little wifes in the slums  
of the large cities.

He was my teacher  
then in the Sunday School  
Normal Class in P. A.

I am reminded again  
of another time when  
he spoke of Prayers being  
answered even when  
we thought they were not.  
He told a story of the old  
man and a woman being  
visited by a strange  
visitor and being treated

so well and a rich  
family being treated  
by the same man. Here  
the treatment was not  
so well. The mistaken  
idea <sup>that</sup> they received the  
greater blessing. - The  
gold in the wall the  
death of the town. - When  
after the second visit  
it was made known  
to them that it had  
been a blessing to the  
kind people and a  
punishment to the  
proud.

"not afraid of the day -  
light" (Bro) Mason.

Dec. 28. I rec'd a pretty Xmas  
1909 present from Jesse a gold  
ring set with a ruby  
set in with pearls. It  
was sent from Topeka  
Kan. Dec. 24. Other presents  
for Xmas were Books.  
Best New Year Wishes  
from B. P. — —

"Merriest of Christmas,  
Happiest of new years,  
Highest of success  
in thy work.  
highest aims with  
strength to keep  
them with the best

resolutions, ideas,  
ambitions, etc. are  
the sincerest from  
a friend. B. P."

1910  
Jan 10

I was here for  
a little while. Had  
a pretty good visit  
with him. Mr  
Sheckell of Salt  
Lake City came  
in also was  
here part of the  
day. He came  
to close out the  
store.

After there two  
and Papa went  
away. I was here  
alone until after  
mail came in

with the exception  
of one called. And  
while I was putting  
up the mail some  
one robbed the office  
of about \$100<sup>00</sup>. We  
called the sheriff  
but as yet nothing  
worth mentioning  
has been accomplished  
yet. (3-2-10)

The store was  
sold out the next  
week to a St. Anthony  
fellow, name Roberts.  
Feb. 21/ Nettie and I went  
to Peabury on the  
early train. (Before  
leaving I had a  
letter and large  
photo from Jesse.

(XIV in daytime)  
We went to the  
Electric Shows at  
night Tuesday  
we visited school  
and went to the  
Opera in the evening  
that was fine I  
enjoyed it Oh so  
very much. But  
I was homesick  
to be with them. It  
seemed like visiting  
an old dear home  
My wish I were  
there in school  
again. After the  
opera I and I  
went up to the  
dance at Flamm's  
Hall. Had a pretty

good time.  
The rest of the day  
we spent visiting  
mostly at school.  
Wednesday night  
Willie, Nettie  
and I went over  
to Sugar City for the  
dance but there  
was none. Thursday  
night we heard  
Master Lynn Robertson  
play the Violin that  
was sure great  
I shall never for-  
get it but will  
not try to pen a  
description. After  
the recital F. Flossie  
and I went to  
Third Ward to a

dance there had  
a pretty good time  
at there with Oliver  
Flossie + M. Oliver  
brought us home  
in the sleigh.

The Train had  
been snowbound  
at Chester so none  
of the other kids from  
home went down  
Velva + Hazel did  
go down the Sunday.  
The boys and girls  
were all good ones  
and we enjoyed  
their company very  
much tho we met  
one stranger Claudia  
bean. Mr. Pichie.

he seemed very  
pleasant & I liked him  
Had some fun with  
Jesse but he did  
not seem so refined  
as Ben.

Thursday evening  
I had a serious talk  
with C. I was then  
told him of my  
J- boy. I had told  
him before but  
he asked nothing  
during my visit  
till then when I  
was coming home  
so we agreed it  
was best to be  
"sister" and "brother"

Friday night  
we all came home

Flossie, Harry, Jesse  
and Cyrus came  
up too

Then best of all  
that day I found a  
dear letter from  
Jesse awaiting  
me when I came  
home. He is true  
and dear to me  
indeed and I  
am so glad the  
Lord has been so  
kind to me as  
to give me such  
good friends as  
Jesse & Harry

and Jesse. We hope so and some day perhaps within a year we will take a trip (somewhere)

Mar. 5 Vesta came in yesterday and we spent a very pleasant half hour. We were talking of strength of character and friends. we decided we liked boys best who were strong willed (not willful) and who were

not easily led. without consideration went to the dance last night had a pretty good time tho there were not many there see, but I had some dandy dances. E. H. W. A. and F. B. Manon + Jera. Oh most all I had were dandy good. Think W+E, are quite swell. Have just written Lelandia I wish I would have a letter from her to-day and from Jesse.

F  
B  
W  
H  
W  
L  
K

I hope Papa comes  
home tonight for  
Mamma and baby  
are sick. It is  
time now to sew  
read or something  
of the sort.

May  
Sun 20,

I am Twenty-one  
to-day and Barrett  
is Twenty, last  
Tuesday I went  
to Aunt Deale  
for a little while  
Mary & Marion were  
ninth. Bro Stolt  
was released from  
S.S. to day before  
he goes away. He  
will move to  
Teton Basin soon.  
When I went

home from the  
Post Office I found  
the S.S.  
Class there, we  
looked at photos  
and post cards  
and ate candy  
till meeting time  
then went to  
meeting I went  
down to Mary  
to practice my  
song for Mutual  
and then we  
sang in there  
"Good Night Little Girl  
God Night." After  
Mutual when I  
went home all  
the boys and

girls were there  
the larger ones,  
Well I begin to  
think the house  
was haunted,  
that people would  
appear at every  
entrance, Wed. 2<sup>d</sup> &  
Grandpa's Reunion  
was held at Aunt  
Deals and the  
folks say they  
enjoyed it but I  
could not go for  
I was at the P. O.  
all day, in the  
Evening we saw  
"St. Elms" played  
by the Theodore Larch Co.,  
I liked it fine tho  
not so well as

the book but of course  
much of it would  
have to be left out,  
the next night  
we went to a  
Comedy. That was  
brimming full of  
fun, all the way  
through.

Claudia was with  
me Sunday, she  
came Saturday, she  
and the boys  
spoke in Meeting -  
Uncle Beartin was  
chosen and set  
apart as S. S. Sept.

Mar. 26.

Saturday was a  
sad day for us  
Alice Hilliard who



had been apparently  
well until the  
night before just  
at dark. - Died  
at about eleven o'clock  
I was over there  
with Mamma about  
five or ten minutes  
after her death and  
helped Nellie get ready  
to go to Hubbard. Prof  
& Sister Hubbard reached  
Manysville a little  
while after Death had  
claimed their 'Allie'  
it was a terrible  
blow <sup>to</sup> them all. Her  
Father and Mother  
did not know till  
they arrived here.  
Oh! it was hard & sad,

I wrote to her cousin J.  
and told him the  
sad news.

The School and  
Mutual went to the  
train. The Class  
went on horses  
and gave the folks  
a Banner, which reads  
"Alice we'll Remember  
Y.L. + Y.M.W. S.A. + School  
of Manysville."

We also attended  
the Funeral of Mrs.  
Huytermans baby.

Apr. 26. Some extracts of other  
books.

This world is full of  
beauty, like other worlds  
above

And if we did our duty  
it might be full of love."

† "I will live to do my duty  
and God's work on Earth  
I will go bravely forward  
in my path of labor,  
strewn with flowers & sun-  
shine. If God needs a  
lonely, chastened spirit to  
do His behests, oh, shall  
I murmur and die  
because I am chosen?  
What are the rushing howling  
waves of life in comparison  
with the calm shoreless  
ocean of Eternity." (Clara)  
† "The day is done, and  
the darkness,  
Falls from the wings of night  
As a feather is wafted

downward

From an eagle in his flight  
"Such songs have power  
to quiet

The restless pulse of care,  
And come like a benediction  
That follows after prayer."

"And the night shall be  
filled with music,  
And cares that infect the  
day.

Shall fold their tents, like  
the Arabs,

And silently steal away."

Sunday 24. The Mutual  
the Y. L. part was re-  
organized. Sister Rowella  
Johnson filled the place  
as President. Sister

Johnson is a dear little woman and I think she has the love and respect of the girls already also her 1st son. Dearest Sweet Claudia oh, what a pleasure to have her as leader. I was chosen to act as Sect. we will work hard and try to make our Mutual the very best.

1910  
Apr  
I was set apart by Bp Harris. after meeting 4/24/10.

Burt has gone out on his ranch he said and would not be able to write me a card much now. Burt you are almost arridical

friend at least you have been to me. I can trust you and confide and further advances than those of a friend you have never made. I think that is why you have so fully won my friendship. Mary and I were talking of you as such a friend some time ago.

Friday  
May 6.  
1910  
Robinson's home was burned out. Elzira was using a kerosene iron and in the lighting of it set escaping gases



1910  
The planet Venus  
was shining brightly  
May 28. Last night I was at  
the Graduation Exercises  
of the Eight Grade  
here. They were pretty  
good, there were  
Twenty of the class.  
The third class and  
by far the largest.  
Hazel could not  
go for illness.  
Five present were  
of our, Claudia's +  
my class of Sunday  
School,  
Bro. Sharp spoke  
fine to us all -  
Miss Wood also  
spoke well in  
her way. She called

to mind many  
of the times we  
have had in  
our school days  
here - Of the Opera's  
and the plays,  
and the other class  
our little class of  
five when we  
occupied the stage  
as Graduates!  
Ah if some things  
had gone well  
with us I would  
have had that pleasure  
over again this  
spring. But will  
hope it was all  
for the best as it  
is. But one thing

we can be and  
are truly thankful  
for is our  
precious gospel. In  
that if we will we  
can reach a  
higher plane than  
otherwise or with-  
out it. The church  
is one grand grand  
collage in which  
we Latter Day Saints  
have entered. When  
we have mounted  
one step to a level  
we will see other  
steps leading up  
and on. When  
we come to a  
landing or  
platform in this

great school we  
may pause to  
rest or gaze about  
as it were and  
our eyes will fall  
on other flights of  
stairs we then want  
to pursue farther  
and upward and  
onward we go  
until we are  
called from this  
life of collage to  
one better & greater  
than this world  
of collage grounds  
and there we  
still climb up  
and onward  
on. We know

not how far because  
we have not passed  
those doors yet.

But as we stood in  
that door way what  
joy, what, greatness  
would be held out  
to our wonderful  
gaze how we would  
How we would  
stand mute in  
admiration at the  
glories past all  
dream of the glory  
we have had...

I wonder if those  
who are on the stage  
at the happy time  
when they receive  
their treasured Diploma  
I wonder if they in

their great joy  
think of those who  
have been less  
fortunate who for  
many reasons  
may have had to  
drop out of school  
They who loved it  
just as much as  
those others. Who  
think of them each  
day and the teachers  
and everything in  
close connection with  
it. Who love it with  
a great love like that  
of a true tender lover  
whose sweetheart has  
been loved and  
loved by another

The love is cherished  
perhaps more because  
it's object being  
lost to him.

1910  
May 30. To. day went to the  
Program. at the Meeting  
House. and then we  
went to the Grave Yard  
the decorations were  
pretty. <sup>on</sup> James' grave  
had just been placed  
a pretty tombstone.

Wed.  
June 1. Was Trinity day  
but I was here at the  
Post Office and could  
not get away but went  
to the dance in the  
evening. <sup>came</sup>  
up and went over  
with me. Henry  
was also here.

Had a fine time  
<sup>my</sup> went  
right back again.  
1910  
June 3. Went to Ashton to the  
dance with Vestla  
and Mr Robinson  
had a swell time.  
was a lovely evening  
and we very much  
enjoyed both ride  
and dance. — But  
Thursday 2. was the  
day of days. This week  
Jess wrote me that  
he was released and  
was coming home. How  
surprised & pleased I  
was truly. Had  
cards later that he



was going to stop  
tho at Richmond, W.  
on his way back and  
at Salt Lake City, also.  
I don't know just when  
he will be here some  
time next week I  
think. Am anxious.  
Was on the committee  
to day for the anniversary  
so guess should write  
enough just now  
and will ring off  
and fly over to the  
square.

James Lee came up to  
night. He came  
sooner than I had  
expected since he told  
me he was going  
to Richmond. My D

was surprised and  
pleased when I rec'd  
the letter that he was  
coming. He came  
up with Vesta and  
we walked out to  
Jessie + Fannie's and  
spent the evening  
with them. Thursday  
we were here at the  
Post Office and went  
to Ryburg on the five  
o'clock train. We  
walked part way  
out to Jessie's home  
till the folks met us  
spent a very pleasant  
evening there at  
their home.

Friday morning

I awoke to hear songs  
and laughter as if  
had heard on retiring  
after breakfast was  
over and we had  
the dishes put away  
Elie and I went  
for a ramble over  
the farm. down  
on the river. Oh, it  
was simply great  
the wild roses were  
blooming everywhere.  
down by the river we  
rained thro the bushes  
and among the  
trees finding birds  
and flowers and  
squirrels. Then back  
to the house and  
off to Ryburg. There

we took the train  
for Rigby. or part of  
us. Grandmother  
Mrs Knapp Jesse  
Eveline + I, Elie  
and Esther drove  
the team back they  
were not going to  
the Reunion. We  
reached Rigby and  
the place of meeting  
alright met many  
strangers and had  
jolly good time.  
Went up town and  
called on Aunt  
Betty and Uncle  
Miller head the  
store. And then  
back again to the

Home home. There I  
saw Jesse's Great-  
Grandmother a  
lady of 90, ninety-  
five years. The family  
were organized ready  
to do Temple work and  
they taken some  
of the entire group  
and some of the  
five generations.  
Mrs. Homer, Mrs. Anna  
Lemon, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Mrs Jennie Walters  
and her little Leroy.  
Jesse and I went  
up there to Labell  
with Mr + Mrs Frank  
Walters and went  
to the dance there

had pretty good  
time. Stopped there  
over night at the  
home of Mr Walters  
and met the tallest  
fellow I think I ever  
saw. We Jesse +  
I walked from  
there in the morning  
to the Lorenz Dept  
and came up on  
the train Jesse  
went home from  
Ryburg. — So did,  
saw Earl + Emma  
Lee.

Saturday I came  
back to work and  
Mama willill

so Sunday morning  
I did not go to  
Sunday School  
but went to Meeting  
and Mutual.

6/17

Went to a dance  
Tuesday had a crazy  
time laughing  
and fooling. Just  
received a phone from  
Jesse he is coming  
up tonight.

Mrs D. Hollinger is  
being buried today  
and Nettie daughter  
little babe died last  
night. The Dr. is  
here today also  
but principally  
to see Lee and Mr  
Dollinger. ---

6/21/10 (Last night about 7 pm  
I reached Marysville  
again.)

Friday Jesse came  
up and we went  
to the dance at  
Anton Vesta & Leont  
Hattie went also.

Saturday Jesse was  
here also only when  
he went to see  
Milton. They both  
came back here  
for a while. Then  
Sunday morning  
Jesse & I left here  
at 5:30 am. for  
Reburg. Had a  
cool pleasant  
ride went thro.

some water at one  
place that was so  
deep it ran in  
the buggy and  
this in the road.  
Arrived at Hibbard  
at 10 am. And then  
went over to Reburg  
to the S. S. Convention  
We had good  
meeting my goodness  
tho it was surely  
crowded. we went  
with Elie + Mrs Larson  
to Jennie Jordines  
and then back to  
meeting. Supt.  
Commings was  
leader of our class  
work. He gave us  
our best instructions

was looking  
and had a seat  
for him but could  
not go.  
That being my greatest  
wish I think  
for I wanted so  
much to see him.  
Went out to Hibbard  
to Mutual and  
remained at Hibbard  
all night. - Jesse  
spoke in Mutual  
of his Missionary  
Experiences. Monday  
we were ready  
to come home  
about eleven o'clock  
and Elder Robison

of Lyman came  
to see Jesse so we  
did not leave till  
about one. And then  
we had to wait at  
Salem for more than  
an hour. We then  
came along alright.  
Jesse told me about  
the arrangements  
of the farm and  
horses and building.  
We reached Marysville  
at about 7:10 and  
had supper at  
home. Then Jesse  
went to Warm River  
he came back Tues,  
a little before noon  
said he once lost  
his way going

to Bro Hibbard's.  
He hurried away  
home to care for  
the water & farm.  
July 12. Since last I wrote I  
have been at Reburg  
again. Jesse came  
up the night of the  
second we spent the  
evening with Hattie  
& Leon. Sunday went  
to S. P. and Meeting.  
Bro Harris called Jesse  
to speak for a while  
before he turned  
the meeting over  
to the people.  
Sunday Jesse  
and I went to

Repburg. There we  
waited for Mr-  
Larsen and Elie  
to come for us.  
We called at Nelson's  
home for a few  
minutes. Went  
up there with Nely.  
When Elie & Charlit  
came for us we  
drove out to Hubbard  
and went riding  
till eleven o'clock.  
Monday morning  
we drove up to St.  
Anthony. But our  
most exciting time  
were going to and  
from St. A. At Sugar  
we had the fun  
at the dance. We

were first in with  
the Hubbard boys and  
girls. And then  
when the Maryville  
crowd came. we had  
more fun. The  
dance was out  
too soon. We went  
back to Knapp's I  
was there all day  
Tuesday except for  
a ride up town with  
Jesse. Wednesday  
Jesse brought me  
up to the depot to  
come home. Velta  
was there so we  
came up to-  
gether.

Jesse could not  
come up with me  
for he was helping  
Frank build the  
house. That was a  
surprise to me to  
see so much of  
it done. They are  
working hard for  
Frank Walter is  
anxious to be at his  
work at Yellowstone.  
It was a year last April  
since we have looked  
forward to this time  
but it never seemed  
so real till now  
that Jesse is home  
and really preparing  
for me to come.  
But don't know yet

when it will be,  
when we shall fill  
the little place and  
call it home. \*\* ---

Had a card from  
Burt the other day he  
is still the same  
indistinct kid. Has  
made another attempt  
at a piece for the  
journal. I hope he  
is successful this  
time. I hope that  
he and Mary were  
kind of matched hope.  
Burt likes her I know  
he said "Mary bless  
her heart is sweeter  
than ever." Just  
like him. (Gussie)



7/18/10. Wed. 13. I was in  
a strange position  
which was not all  
pleasure tho the best  
am glad it is as  
it is since it is  
so. and by no  
reason I could help.  
~~7/18/10. Wed. 13.~~

Jesse + Owen were  
up yesterday we  
four had quite  
a fine Vesta + I, with  
them.

I have written to  
Andy this morning  
about things of long  
ago: must have  
thing as near right  
as possible.

My Darling Claudia  
was so blue and  
down cast yesterday  
I cannot think what  
is the matter. Why  
is she so sad. I am  
so sorry. wish I  
could do something  
to make her happy  
I love her so much.

7/31/10 Friday evening  
22nd I went to  
Reburg. Jesse met  
me there and we  
went out to his place  
and went to Sugar  
to the dance so did  
Eli + Charlie. Saturday  
was when they had  
the celebration at

Hibbard. We went  
over there to the  
grove had pretty  
good time. We at  
the Program and  
saw the Raas and  
other sports then  
went over to the Ball  
game Jesse played  
Charlie went over  
there and Elmer  
went for a drive.  
We danced at  
Hibbard that night  
there was a large  
crowd. Jesse & I  
were watching the  
people dance the  
Jesse waltz. and  
Frank B. asked me  
to dance it with

him. I hesitated  
some but went  
and was more  
surprised when  
called to dance  
again. We then  
were awarded the  
prize. Another and  
more astonishing  
surprise.

Sunday morning  
we were coming  
back home but  
missed the train.  
so we just stayed  
at the house till the  
next train time  
Two Mrs Andersons  
came Sunday.  
Frank brought his

up to Peaburg.

Monday we went to  
Ashton but things were  
rather dry there all  
day. When we were  
ready for the Dance  
Jesse told the folks  
of our plans and  
Park trip. We had  
pretty good time at  
the dance. Jesse  
went home Tuesday  
morning.

The Folks from  
Gentle Valley came  
up to go thru the Park  
Friday some from  
Oakley came Cora  
Hale & Gladys, Clark  
were of the party.  
Gladys & I had

a quite a time  
to gather we went  
out to see Paul.  
They left Saturday  
afternoon for the  
Park. Martha, Joseph  
& Theola went too.  
Papa went away  
will be back Monday  
night. My but it is  
lonely to day there  
were only 24 at  
meeting but had  
good meeting.  
One strange coincidence  
there were only  
6 men 6 women  
6 girls 6 children  
there. About half of  
the people.

Wed, 10 Fannie, Mary, Cora  
Hattie, Lottie & Fannie  
were over to see  
me and each  
brought me a  
pretty & useful  
present.

8/11 The folks came  
home from the  
Park. Uncle Arthur  
and Fenty came  
up.

8/12 We, Joseph & I went  
to the train with  
Mary, to see the  
Bakley people  
off.

8/13 The folks came  
over to spend  
the afternoon  
and evening

Jesse came up  
we had a pleasant  
time and received  
several other presents.

8/14 Went to meeting  
to see Bro. Loshoff  
about a recommend

8/15. Wrote letters for a  
while in the  
morning and  
finished getting  
ready to leave.

Fannie & Mary came  
up to go to the train  
with me. They  
with the folks and  
Aunt Allie went  
to Ashton with us.  
we were in  
the chair car

all night and  
arrived here at  
Hotel Albert about  
eight o'clock this  
Thursday morning  
have been up to  
the City & County  
Building and  
have called on  
Curt<sup>M.</sup> at the store.  
am going to go  
to see one of  
Jesse's friends  
this evening.  
Haven't seen Ed &  
Bertha yet but  
have met some  
other kids up at  
the C. & C. B.  
to day.

While coming

in this morning  
saw a fire of freight  
cars burning.

8.17.

Went up to the Temple  
to day at 8:30. went to  
meeting and had  
our record taken then  
went thro the Temple  
everything there was  
grand.

A Salt Lake lady waited  
for us and went  
with me. for a  
while when I was  
lost from her I found  
Bertha and was with  
her the rest of the way  
thro. Jesse & I were  
married about 5:15

Wednesday morning

we came up to  
our rooms for a  
while and then  
went up to Rust  
Mulains then to  
Wardemere Resort

8/18 Thursday we left  
S. G. C. at 7: pm for  
home, arrived at  
Reburg at about four  
am. Stopped at  
Franks & Jennies.  
went down to Hibbard  
at Bro. Knapp's were  
there for dinner.  
Went to Sugar to  
the dance that

8/21 night. Sunday  
we went to S. S.  
& Meeting & Mutual  
at Hibbard Ward.

Jesse was chosen  
and set apart for  
three offices in M. S. &  
2nd Con. Christy & Teacher  
I was chosen & set  
apart for teacher in  
the 1st class. of mutual.  
8/22 Monday morning.

Jennie & I came up  
home. Jesse & Frank  
23 came late. Tues  
we left home about  
two o'clock for the  
Park we camped  
at a ranch just  
south of The Bridge.

24 Next morning was  
very cold continued  
cold all day we  
caught notices

we camped over another  
ranch that night and  
25 again next day left  
with-out fish. Jack  
snooned at the Old Mill.  
reaching Yellowstone  
early in the evening.  
Frank's friend Mr  
Brown prepared supper  
for us here we  
stayed for night. Jesse  
& I went up to see  
8/28 Nettie & Alice, also saw  
Milton Carrie & Boyd.  
have stayed over here  
all day nearly now  
we are going again  
to see Alice & Nettie at  
the Hotel. The people  
here treat us fine  
tho we are strangers.

My Blessing, by Henry Plummer  
May-17-1907.

Mabel Hale dear sister, in the  
name of the Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ and by the Power  
and authority of the Priesthood  
which I hold. I lay my hands  
upon your head to give unto  
you your Patriarchal Blessing  
And I say unto you, dear  
sister be Faithful and  
diligent in keeping the  
commandments of God  
and according to your  
faithfulness you shall  
receive it.

Thou art from Ephraim  
and an heir to all the  
blessings pertaining to the  
new and everlasting  
covenant.

Thou wast. With the Father

before you came upon this earth and make the covenant with Him to keep your second estate and in as much as it is your hearts desire to serve the Lord He is pleased to bless you. Your days shall be crowned with health & with strength and your guarding angel shall watch o'er you and preserve you from evil and from harm and accident and evil desiring persons.

And if you are humble and prayerful and virtuous before Him, His presence shall ever be near you and thou shalt feel the influence of His holiness.

The future of your

life shall be unfolded unto you as tho' it were a book. and the Lord will reveal unto you what will be for your good. And in the Lords own due time, the Lord will bless you with a companion that will be congenial to you and who will labor with you to help to build up Gods kingdom here upon earth. And you shall have great joy and peace in so doing.

Your children shall grow up to become young men and young women of



renown in the midst of  
God's people. And they  
shall raise up and  
bless you as you are  
blessing your parents  
for being instrumental  
in bringing you  
into this world and in  
raising you in the work  
of the Lord.

There shall be no  
want in your home.  
The riches of heaven and  
earth shall be thine and  
you shall be pleased  
to use the means  
with which God shall  
bless you for the com-  
fort of the poor and  
needy and the sick  
and afflicted, and the

up building of of God's  
Kingdom here on earth.

You shall excel  
as a nurse in ad-  
ministering comfort  
to the sick and the poor.  
Thou shalt also become  
acquainted with the  
fine arts. With music  
and singing. With  
needle work and everything  
which tends to make home  
happy and comfortable.  
Thou shalt live to a good  
old age and shall be  
numbered among the  
chosen ones that shall  
go to Kirithand to help  
to build the Temple  
unto the Lord and

there to receive an inheritance along with the faithful Saints of God. Thou shalt see a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night resting upon the Temple and the glory of God shall be displayed before you. And thou shalt shout Hosannah to the Most High God and shall be privileged in the Millennium to associate with the Savior and all the celestialized beings that shall be with Him, and a crown of glory shall be given unto you. Thy seed shall grow up to eternal life with your fathers household. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen.

### Jesse's blessing.

Dear Bro. Justin - in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. and in the authority of my calling I seal upon you a Patriarchal blessing, to which you are entitled by reason of your birthright and lineage for you are of the house of Israel of the seed of Joseph thro' the loins of Ephraim who received the birthright in his generation, and even so shall you receive your fathers birthright for I seal it upon you. To continue and to complete his unfinished labor if any

to keep his record and  
history and establish  
his name in honor  
among the children of  
men for you shall  
be fruitful even as  
Ephraim and transmit  
to your posterity the  
noble traits of character  
possessed by their parents  
and ancestry - I seal  
upon you the blessings  
of Joseph for you shall  
be like a fruitful  
bough planted in a  
fertile place. You and  
scatter abroad and be  
numerous even a  
multitude in the land.  
You and your  
posterity shall be

leaders and not  
borrowers, and shall  
be leaders of men;  
and shall stand  
at the head from  
generation to generation  
you shall preside with  
dignity among your  
brethren. you and be  
a father unto the  
people. and enjoy the  
confidence of your  
associates. in life, both  
those over whom you  
preside and those  
who preside over you.  
you shall enjoy the  
gift of healing and  
bless and comfort  
the afflicted. and be a

defender of the weak &  
down trodden. and have  
a word of comfort and  
cheer to all who come  
within your sphere.

I seal upon you  
the blessings of the  
Fathers and Prophets of  
old to foretell future  
events and to warn  
against approaching  
danger. you shall enjoy  
the gift of discernment  
and read the hearts of  
men and of women  
as you would read an  
open book. and not  
be deceived. These  
blessings are yours.  
Seek them. Ask and  
you shall receive.

For the Lord hath  
spoken it.

I seal you up unto  
eternal life to come  
forth in the morning  
of the first resurrection  
crowned with glory and  
immortality and  
eternal life. Thus your  
faithfulness. so be it  
in the name of Jesus  
Christ. Amen!

A. J. Hansen  
Pat.

May 27-1917

Claudia's blessing.

Dear little Mabel Claudia,  
In the name of the Lord  
and in the authority  
of my calling I seal upon  
you a patriarchal blessing  
for which your heart is  
fully prepared, and say  
unto you, blessed be the  
righteous desires of your  
heart, for in as much  
as you do hunger and  
thirst for the word of  
God, even so shall you  
be filled.

This blessing shall  
be a blessing to you  
in very deed. In days  
and years to come,  
so far as you shall  
exercise faith therein

you shall remember it  
when you are tempted  
to do wrong, and it shall  
then be an inspiration  
to you and give you  
strength to overcome.  
and it shall give you  
encouragement in the  
dauntless labors and  
duties of life. You  
are of the House of  
Israel and of the seed  
of Joseph thro' the loins of  
Ephraim. and I seal  
upon you the blessing  
of Ephraim. For they are  
your natural heritage.  
The gift of faith and  
of testimony. It shall  
be natural for you  
to believe the truth

yea; you shall love  
truth, and righteous  
and you shall abhor  
deceit & darkness. You  
shall cling to good  
companionship; and  
the evil doer shall have  
no attraction to you,  
neither shall they seek  
you. For a sweet holy  
influence shall  
radiate from you. And  
the good and noble  
shall love to be near you.

I bless you that you  
may fully develop, in  
stature, in strength & in  
beauty. That you shall  
be attractive, and have  
winning ways, and

be soft spoken. And  
make friends friends.  
Wherever you go and  
keep them, I bless you  
that you may be fully  
accomplished, in all  
good gifts and graces  
and be brilliant and  
be a leader among  
your associates in  
life. Yea that you may  
teach and instruct  
by precept and by  
example.

I bless you that in  
due time you may be  
suitably married. That you  
may love and be loved  
that you may be fruitful  
and fulfill in honor  
the measure of womanhood.

I bless you that you may  
be active in the service of  
the Lord and nobly take  
your part in the organ-  
izations of your sex and  
in this church and  
kingdom. Yea, I seal upon  
you the blessings of the  
gospel in all its full-  
ness, even of the temple  
of the Lord with all the  
privileges, keys and powers  
pertaining thereunto.

I seal upon you the  
blessings of earth, and of the  
comforts of life. They shall  
be unto you according to  
your needs, all in due time  
yea even in great plenty.

I seal you up against

the powers of the destroyer,  
that you shall be immune  
from pestilence and  
disease. according to  
your faithfulness.

Seal you up unto  
eternal life, and  
celestial glory in the  
worlds to come, thro-  
your faithfulness.

In the name of  
Jesus Christ,

Amen.

A. J. Hansen -

Pat.

Oct. 6. 1923.