

Bernard & Louise Knapp
Family History

Letter from Willis Knapp
To Mabel Hale Knapp

FROM THE FILES OF BERNARD ELDEN KNAPP

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO



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Salt Lake City, Utah May 9. -34

Mrs. J. W. Snapp
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Dear Niece Mabel:

Replying to yours of recent date, I'm sorry I can give you verry little information in regard to my father Albert Snapp as he died away from home when I was a small child. I dont even rember having seen him. He was a member of the mormon betalion that went to fight in the American Mexican conflict. His name is carved on the monument on the Utah State capitol grounds as one of the members

As to myself: Born January 23, 1859 in Farmington, Davis Co. Utah My mothers name was Judith Coriatt Snapp. She married J. D. Wilcox as wife no. 2 and I was unable to stand the abuse that was heaped upon me by him and his first wifes family so I left home with only the clothes I stood up in and without a cent in my pocket to seek my fortune. I obtained employment in various places during the summer seasons and lived with an uncle during the winter weather where I earned my board and lodgings helping him in the blacksmith shop. In my early manhood I became a contractor furnished the valley smelters with Lime and Limestone 35-car loads a week, used then for fluxing I also furnished foundation stone for some of the largest buildings of the day then being built. Later on I became interested in mining, by hard knucks learned the business, took a course in metal mining from the International Correspondence schools of Scranton Penn. My course included Geology, Assaying, Surveying, Milling Ore dressing &c. &c.

I became a mining expert Geologist and mining engineer and managed mines for others. While managing a mine at Golden, New Mexico my health failed, went under an operation for gland trouble, ^{returned home} went under three more operations for same trouble in the last four years and my health is so bad I had to retire from all activities.

I was married to May Cummings in the year 1885 we had a boy and a girl, the boy died when four days old in convulsions the girl died in her seventeenth year of pneumonia.

I ~~had~~ divorced my wife in 1894 and married miss Sari Hutchings in 1901. We have no children, We are both in poor health.

I have a poor memory and cant think of anything more that might interest you so will close

Sincerely yours

Willis Knapp

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