

JOURNAL
OF
JOHN EVANS

Soone after that I goined the chirch of Juses Christ of late ar-day Sainsta I got aquinted with William Henshaw the first mishonary to South Wales who was sent thare by Loranzo Snow from North Hampton I think who was then Prasedent of the London Confrance about the year 42 or 3 and he organised a branch of the chirch in a place cald pendaren a place which layes betweene Dowless and Merthyr Tydfill, and I new the first man that he baptised in Wales and hes name was William Davies comonley called William Davies of Rhymey and he was a Taylor By trade and he was one of the first that I hurd prech and convinsd me to the gospel this was at Myrthyr one Sunday evning after dark in a large asambley Hall to a large Conggregation and he preached from Mathew 7 chapter 21 verse and 24 ver and on down to the end and I hurd William Hensha say once as he was preching on the maket square at merther on an ocaation of some confrance I think. that when he first Began to prech and Baptise and organised a Branch of the church and the members regoyseing gratley in the same the people of the world and other Denomenations began to prophesay against him and say that in 9 months that thay would be all gon and Dunaway with and be no more and now seaide he thare is 9 years since then and it is more alive than ever so it showes by this who is the fallse prophets and who is the trew prophets and now William Hensha was a miner or a coliear by ocupation and he marred a Welsh Lady from the Bordor of Monmoth and hareford cald the Welsh hay and Broather Lensha imegrated to amarica some time in the erley fiftys and agine I met with Brother William Hensha in Saint Louis at a place called gravois diginges a colemineing district and became hes naybor and worked in the same colepit has he did and hearley the sam roome as hem and he was a veary good miner and a fine man and so was Sister hensha a fine woman and thay had 3 fine Boyes named Josaph and Hyram and Siras and I hurd of them havin a fine girl but I did not know hur I rather think that she was dad before I came to the cuntrey. and agine I got aquinted with Captaine Dan Jones who was also one of the first mishonares to north wales and baptised the first man thare whos name was Robert Evans and a shoemaker by hes trade and was a veary smart man and in after years was calld to Pre-side over the Western glamorganshire confrance at Swansea Dan Jones was aquinted withe the Prophet Joseph Smith havein met him at the laning at navoo at a tim when he tooock a load of saints up from Saint Louis on a steem boate that he was captain ofand he got baptise at that time and the prophet tould him that he should go to wales on a mishon and at the time when

the prophet was martyred at Carthage Jail he was there with him and he was going out to see the movements on the outside then he would go in again to the present and inform them of what was going on on the outside and the prophet Joseph told him not to do that that he was in more danger than they were by doing so and so he left for Navaho on his horse and on the way his horse took the wrong road and luckily he did else he would meet the company of mobs on the way and might have taken his life and when he went on a mission to Wales he went at the same time as Brother Woodruff and John Taylor went to England. and the work of the Lord which is the true gospel of Jesus Christ of latter day Saints prospered in a wonderful way and we may say in a marvellous way under their ministrations and increased from a few hundred to some thousands and I think it was about the year 45 this was and in the year 49 Dan Jones left Wales in the latter part of February for Salt Lake Valley with the first company of the Welsh Saints that ever left Wales and this is the time that I found the church and so I did not know Dan Jones up to this time but in 3 years after this he came back again on his second mission and soon after this on one Sunday as I was filling my appointment to preach at Pendarren Branch he came there also and so we preached together Dan Jones and I and this was my first close meeting or acquaintance with Brother Jones and again I was acquainted with the first man that carried the gospel from America to England in the year 37 and he was closely and much acquainted with the prophet Joseph Smith and his name was Lebar C Kimball and I also saw the first man that was baptized in England and his name was George D Watt he was also a reporter or a shorthand writer taking down sermons and so on and again I was acquainted with Arastus Snow the first missionary to carry the true gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from America to Scandinavia even to Denmark and Sweden and Norway for I saw him in Wales even at Myrthur Tydfil when he was on his way there and the Welsh Saints made him a very handsome donation or collection to help him along on his way rejoicing and I also saw the first man that was baptized in Denmark and his name was Christiansen for I saw him in Saint Louis with Brother Snow after Brother Snow came home from his mission and they were both at a meeting on the gravoise about 5 miles out of Saint Louis where I lived and they both spoke at that meeting and also one Welsh missionary by the name of William Lewis and I rode in the bus or a 4 horse coach with them from the gravoise to Saint Louis distance about five miles so it gave me some little time to get acquainted with them and I lived on the gravoise two years or more and Brother Arastus Snow was the president of that Stake of Zion and we had a chance to hear him frequently at the gravoise Branch of the church for there was a fine Branch of the church there I was working at the mines at that place as a colliery and while I was there we had a visit from 3 of the 12 apostles in the year 54 I think namely Arastus Snow Parley P Pratt and George A Smith and we all met in a party or a dance and I had

the onor of Dansing in the same Dance as Parley P Pratt and arastas snow goreg A Did not Dance he sat on the stand and John Taylor was in New York Publishing a paper cald the mormonas a news paper. and now when Broather Arastas Snow first went to Denmar to open up that mishon thare weare other men went with him I dont know all thair names but one of them was Dike and one was John Forsegreene and he went to Sweeden for he was a native of that Cuntry and his Callin was a Sailear and hapend to be in amarica at the time and hurd the Laterday Saints prech the trew gospel and he beleved it and imbrasd it and he was calld and sent on a mishon with arastus snow to help open up the Scandenavan mishon and he went to Sweeden and he was siccesfull to Baptise the first man and the first woman in the Scandenavian mishon and thay ware hes owen Broather and Sister hes Broathers name is Peetear Forsegreene and hes sisters name is Beckey Forsegreen and thay soone left Sweeden and came to amarica then on to utah and thay all lived at Brigham City and John Forsegreene marred a daughter of William Davies the first Bishop of Brigham City and thay raised some four children or so nameley Charls allis and John and his last name John Forsegreene juneor Became my son in law haveing marred my ouldes daughter Ann Jane Evans Foresegreen now and she Became a mothear of one child then Died when the child was 3 month ould a little girl and hur mother Calld hur name Sarah Cleofa and my wife raised hur on the bottele and now she is a marred woman she marred a man by the name of Victor Emmanewell Madson and thay have had 3 children nameley Victor Earl and Erwin Denton he Died in childhood and Harold Lee he is 3 years ould now and Victor Earl is 8 on the 14 of April 1917 it is now March 10 and John Forsegreenes Sister Rickey Forsegrene became the wife of Bishop William Davies and became the mother of 3 sons nameley abram olevar and gorge and Petter Forsegrene is a weevear by trade and hes father lived with him in Brigham City and hes father was also a sailear in hes young dayes and I was well aquinted with Petter and hes father and also Petters famely and he and I and him use to work together on our Land at Mantaway and camp and eat and sleep together and the day that he and hes sister was Baptise in Sweeden is cept as a memorial day in onor of that event by all of the Scandenavian people and thay came together in large numbers on that ocasion and hould a large and great confrance in onor of that great event for thousands and thousands have folod thair examples and come to this country in fullfillment of the prophet isaiah sacond chapter 2 vers and I also new John Forsegrene forall that he did not live at Brigham City when I came heare beut he use to come heare ocashonaley to see hes children and frendes and relations and Broather Lorenzo Snow who was then one of the twelve apostles and also the Prasedent of the Stake he allwayes call on Broather John Forsegrene to come up on the stand to talk to the people and he was a vearey instaresting speker and agine I saw Broather Lorenzo Snow at myrthyr Tudffill about the time he went on hes mishon to italey in the erley fiftes 1850 and he prechd to us thare and I was a member of the coyer then and I remem

well one song that we sang and it is calld aulse smileing morne
and after this time I had maney chansis to get aquinted Broather
Snow having lived togather in Brigham City for fiftey year or
more and for the reson that Broather Snow was the one that
sent the first mishonarey to wales the welsh saints semes to
Claime Broather Snow as thair father in the gospel and hense
one of the Welsh Brathren by the name of John Davis made a
song of welcom to Broather Snow at that time which gose somthing
like this

Come ye humble Saints of Cambrah
let us Joine to praise the Lor
for he seneth hes apostes
to delites iwth hes wordes
tis not Long since Broather Taylor
caused our harts in faith to grow
now agine an other Cometh
and he is Lorenzo Snow

Welcom broather to the people
who receved the treuth from you
throo the mishon you apointed
and thay number not a few
we rejoyese to have hes prasance
for throo him great blessinges flow
and the humble saints of Cambriah
will long remember Broather snow

the other verse is continewed on the nex page

may god bless him with hes sprit
that he may be strong in dede
to full fill hes gloreouse mishon
and to sow the pashouse seede
may god Bless him in all cuntres
while to Zione he shal go
Whare the humble Saints of Cambriah
hope th meet with Broather Snow

and ageine I saw John Taylor the first mishonary to france an
Wales at Mertyr tidfil glanmorgan shire and hurd him prech and
sing for he sang two of hes songes of hes owne composeing
namely the seare the seare Joseph the seare and the upper
calafnrnia and that's the land for me and he prechd at or on
the market square of merthyr to a vearey large congregation
of people that gatherd thare on that Sunday at 2 pm and agine
I saw William howells of abearDare south wales who also went
with Broather Taylor to france to help to open up the french
mishon and Broather howles was conciderd one of the ledeing
men of the chirch in wales and after he had bin in france
some little time a yeare or so he came back to wales on a
viset to see hes fameley and soone after he came to merthyr

to see Brother William S Phillips who was the President of the Welsh mission and also head quarters and I happened to be there and also some of the leading Brethren of the church Brother Prechd told us some of the first Principles of the gospel in the French language and he also was a baptist minister before he joined the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and also a merchant and a very well to do man and very much respected by the people of the world but he lost it all when he joined the Latter day saints and when he joined the Latterday Saints and when he went back to France again after he visited to Wales he took his little girl Ann twelve years old with him and she became quite active in the mission field also by distributing tracts around from door to door and this was a great help to her father and also to the mission in France and when Brother Howells came to Utah across the sea from Liverpool he converted about fifty people and baptised them in the sea the captain of the ship having ordered a raft made of boards and lowered it down to the sea a long side of the ship for him to stand while he baptised them and I also saw new Henry Evans of Carmarthen Town Carmarthen shire that went with Brothers John Taylor and Howells as one of the first missionaries to France and when he came back to Wales again he brought with him a French lady that was converted to the gospel at that time whom he made his wife and I saw them both at Carmarthen town after they came from France at a conference that I attended at that time and soon after that he and his wife emigrated to Utah this was about the year fifty one or two I think and now John Taylor and Lorenzo Snow and Arastus Snow were all members of the council of the twelve apostles and so was Frankling Dewhe Richards and I also saw him at Merthy and heard him preach at the Georgetown Branch and he was telling us how the saints were persecuted and driven from place to place and how again they had grown in power in Navoo that they had the power of Citey charter and now again since we have been driven away to Utah we have been given a territorial government and President Brigham Young was the first governor of Utah and now for a great many years past we have had a state government and are equal in authority with any of the other sister States and are a part of the government and Brother Frankling D Richards was also president of the European mission with his quarters at Liverpool and I saw him there when I came away in the later part of the year 1854 as he came on a steam boat on the river to talk to some of the officials and saying good by and waving his hand to us and later on in after years he became the President of the twelve apostles and I saw him any times here in Utah after that and shake hands with him and heard him preach many times at Salt Lake City and here at Brigham City and again I attended the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple and I heard President Woodruff say that the Lord had accepted the temple and that our sins had been forgiven us in the past with the understanding that we should not sin any more in the future and so he gave charge of the

temple to Broather Lorenzo Snow to be the prasedent of it and in corse of a few years Broather Snow Broate all of the temple handes or workers and some of the High oficeals of the chirch up to Brigham City one summer for an out at the time when the strawbearis was ripe so that thay might have a feast or a treet of creeme and suger and strawbeares and the people of the town my salph in cleuded toock our teems and difrant riges of wagons Bugges and careges down to the Depot to meet the gustestes and Bring them to the town and then to the meeting at the tabernacle and at that meeting maney of the temple handes spoke and broather woodruff also spoke and refurd to the Book of the Ravelation of John whare in it is said that the Distroying angels who held the Difrant vials of plages and jugments to repe down the erth had gon forth to do that work allredey and would not returne untill it was Dun and that predection now at this writing seme to have its full-fillment for all urope is at ware with ech other and Killining ech other as tho pece has bin takeene from the erth and nashon is fiteing against nashon and Kingdom against Kingdom untill most all nashons are now ingage in war in all the world and all these thinges have bin foretould by the savor of the world and by John the ravlator and also by Joseph Smith and againe after this meting in the evening Prasedent snow made a partey for the benefit of the temple handes and ledeing men of the chirch and he also invited others and so I was one among them and we infoid ourselves in conversation and shaking hands and also in the dance and was honord with the prevelage of Dansing in the same sett as two of the ledeing men of the chirch who was the two counselor of Broather Woodruff the Prasedent of the chirch namely gorge q canon and Joseph F Smith and the nex Day we all ware invited up to mantuway to partake in a feast of strabearris and crem and shurer and the ledeing Brathren of the chirch spoke to the peopele up thare and we all had most exalant time then we came home to Brigham to stay over Knight for two of the temple hands was stoping at my home by the name of Miss nessbit and miss Davis and the nxt Day we went Down to Willard City and held a meting thare and some of the ledeing Brathren spoke thare and Broather Dunbar was along also with hes Bagpips a Kind of a scottch instrement and it was quite amusing and also comecal to hear him telling some of hes jokes to the peopele

and agine it came to pass at one time as I was tending a confrance meteing at Salt Lake City and was siting on the frunt seet of the coire stand and neare by whare the speker stand was and Prasedent Brigham Young had charge of the meting and he tould us that Martine Harris was in the meting and one of the three witnessis of the book of mormon and up till now had bin apsent from the chirch for maney years and he called him up before the meting to tell the people about hes visey and he said that it was all trew as it is writtene in the testemoney of the three witness of the Book of mormon as it is on the fly lefe of that Book and now I want to say rite hear that I had the onar of beaing well aquainted with all the

Prasidents of this the chิร์ch of Jesus Christ of Laterday saints But one and that was the first one even the Prophet Joseph Smith him I naver saw but the other five I was well aquinted with and did shake hands with the most of them nameley Brigham Young John Taylor Williford Woodruff Lorenzo Snow and Joseph F Smith and some of them maney times and hurd them prech maney times at Salt Lake City and also at Brigham City and som of them in the ould cuntrey even in South Wales nameley John Taylor and Lorenzo Snow and espasialely the later name having lived in Brigham City to gather for fiftey years or more and haveing goine landes together and now I am reminded of a time when I lived on Wood Rivear of raiseing a vearey nise pach of Watter mallons and tooock a wagon load of them ovear to fort carney to sell but I did not quite go to the fort for thare was a large companey of soulders camping near by the fort had come from oregon on thayar way to some other place I dont know whare but thay ware vearey hungrey for mallons and wanted to by them so I sould them all to them at a vearey good advantage and now thare ware a few houseis and a stoare or two near fort carney calld Carney City and a naibor of mine on Woodriver by the name of Henry peck and William Puper from florance hired me and another man by the name of John ames to put up a store for them and we was to put it up of sodes so we got a big teem of oxun or cattel and plowed the sodes up and then tooock our spades and cut them up to the lengeth that we wanted and then hailed them over with a teme and wagon to the place whare the Bilding was to be so we put up the bilding of soods for thare was no other mateirial thare handey by which to bild with and this was at the time when the pickspeke goald mines exitements was on and people was flockin to them by the hundredes and at this little place thare was a hundred people camping thare averey day or evening or Knight for as one hundred went out another came in everey day all the sumer and some of the stors was doing good bisness and takeing in a hundred dolars a day and most of them had thair wiolens and musec and dansing and I remember one time takeing a part in the step dansing with them and some one tould them I think that I was a welsh man but thay mis-understood it and thought it was a french man and said whare is that little franch man and wanderd how he could make hes feet go so fast and difrant posetions and thought that he was a good stepper

and now thare is a place near fort carney cald grand Iland it is an Hand in the middle of the platt Rivar the rivear being on echside of it and it is sixtey miles long so thay say and it is owend by the government for the Benefit of the fort for thare is whare thay get thair hay for thair cavealrey horsis and thair wood and keep thair stock and thare was two men from omaha by the name of Townsen and McLane tooock the contract from the goverment to put thair hay up one year some whare

about two hundred tunns and thay hired me to work for them and so I did I dun the raking of the hay with my oxen for I had a yoke of catle and I got them so that thay would mind and go as I wanted them to go in the rite way I dunit with d woodund revolving rake and I walked behind it and when it got full I would tipit over and make it in a winrow and I had a milk cow that thay hird and so all this help me quite a bit in a new cuntrey like this was at that tim and agine we lived on Wood River when the war broke out betweene the north and the south of the united states thare was a companey of souldears came that vearey same day from fort carney on foot 15 mills' Distance about ten a clock am and stopt at my house for Bracfast and I was vearey much surprise to see them for I new saveararal of them so I asked them whare ware thay going and thay answard to the war then said I what war then thay said to the south thay have comence fiteing thar this morning and we got a telegram from thare this mornin at four a clock to come down imedeatly and the man that was in comands name was Cald Curnal May and he was a big man well Bilt and good loocking and so thay eate Bracfast close By my house and thay drank all the milk that we had and all the watter that was in the well but thay got all thay want I think else the rivar was close by So thay could get all thay wanted and after Bracfast thay ware off agine and so we said good By to ech other and now after this I went down to wood rever Center about three miles from my place to see Broather Joseph E Johnson to try and find out what we better do in the future and he answard me like this what so evar you do don't you make eney Calculation to stop in this countrey a nother winter for this is war is the vearey war that the prophet Joseph Smith predicted 29 years ago I have hurd it all about it maney time and this is the verey same war and now the indans will know all about this that the nashon is at war with ech other and fighting one ageinst the other and thay will take advantage of it and take the Law into thair own hands and Do thinges just as thay plese and it wont be safe to live hear eney longer I would not live hear another winter for all I am werth and so I made up my mind to go to Utah this summar and the name of the Captaine of the Companey that I came away was Harvey Hullinger and I have bin tould that the indans Killd three men this year on Wood River a father and two sons as thay ware geting som wood of timber on the platt river and the indans Came apon them and Killed all three of them and it hapend on Wood Rivear one time that I did take a load of produse to sell to fort carney and who should come first to the wagon to see for somthing to by but the first shariff of Buffalo County and whome i atached hes property to pay the expens of hes tryal and i was afraide that he came for the purpos of having trubele with me over it but he was calm and plasant and ageable and i was vearey glad of it and Hes name was Pattick gun.

Mariah Jane Gibbs was born in north Granville
Washington Co New york July 28th 1818 she marred

Horteir-Grandey^June 30tdr^830 in Glen falls N Y
, He died June 10th 1843 Jane Came to Jonesvele Wis
in 44 She was the seventh Daughter of Leonard
and Betsey Robet Gibbs Jane was marred in Jones-
vele Wis in 1847 to Thomas P Daveis in 1850 she
and Davies moved to new oregon Iowa maney years
later thay moved to Jeninges Louiseana when tm
died Jane went Back to Senaca Falls NY when she
Died in 1901 she was Taken Back to Janinges
and Barrid by the side of torn

Just before the battle mother
i am thinking most of you
While apou the fild were watching
with the enemy in view
comrades braves are round me lying
Filled with thots of home and god
: For well they know that on the morrow
Some will sleep beneath the sod

choras

Farewell mother you may never
Press me to your hart agine
But oh youll not forget me mother
If im number with the slaine

Hark i hear the bugles sounding
Tis the signal for the fight
, Now may god protect us mother
As he ever does the right
Heare the battle cry of freedom
How it swells apou the are
Oh yes well rally round the standard
or well perish nobley thare

choras

Farewell mother you may never
Press me to your hart agine ,
But oh you ll not forget me mother
if i am numberd with the Ded

and now in as much as i am writeing this racord of mine
from mamory it may hapene that i put the same thing down
more than onse and that puts me in mind of what i hurd one
man say when the same thing was tould him and he answard
wel i rather Do it twice over than miss it once and i think
so to but now in as much as i have bin working in the iron
works from the time that i was 9 year ould till i was 25 at
most everey branch Both on the ground and under the ground
and in the cole pites and in many veary Dangrouse plais to
numrous hear to mention But i will hear menshon one of them
as i was working in a cole mine at mascatene Iowa with one

William Davis and Ben Wilkes and it was an ould mine that had bin idle for some time and we all three of us working togather i was wheling the cole out from the other two men the mine was • or the roome that we ware working was about 30 feete wide and no timbers or poles to hould it up the cole was 2 foot thick and the top was all soiled rock and the road was in the middele and the rubear on ech side and one Day after the two men had fallen the last fall of cole thay went home and tould me to wheele it out and then clene the place up then comence to

rmine another fall for tomorow so i Did and whill i was bezie under mineing i irnagind that i heare somthing mooveing or working in a kind of a misterieuse way and i was stuck vearey forseably that thare was Dangar thare and that the top was going to come down but agine i thought that it was nothing but my imagenaton so i comence undermine agine as i did before and so i did this for savearal times but at last i made up my mind that i would not stop thare eney longer so i went home and wne i got thare thay ware eteing supper so i sat down to the tabele to and so thay asked me how i got a long so i' tould them all rite but i sed i think that the top is going to com down then Ben. Wilke comes to laugh and make a little lite of it as tho that thare was nothing to it but Davis sed nothing but toock hes lantern and candle and a mach or two with him to the mines and he soone came back and i aske him how was it and he sed it is all down and i went to the mines the next Day to see How it loocked like and i found that it came dwon all in one solid rock at the base of the coll whare i was under mineing Just a few minets before so i was that near of meteing my deth in a most horable way and i would have bin mashed under it and it would be a vearey Deifecalt matter to ever got me out of thare so that is one'way in which my life have bin spard and i thank the Lord for warning me just in time to get out of thare

Aug 3. 1917 this day i was left the onley one living of my fathers famely the yongest and the last of the famely died this day even my Broather Richard Evans at Merthyr Tydvill glamorganshire South Wales at the age of 73 years Born April "firs.1.1845 and 15 years younger than i am and now it came to pass soone after i joined the chirch of Jesus Christ of latter day Saints that i was redeing in the 89th saction of the Doctrine and Covenants concurning the raveltion on the word of wisdom whare in it is sed that strong Drink and Hot Drinks and tobaco is not good for man and it caused me to think a gradelle about it for i was useing it and i was Convinst and i would see that it was onley a matter of time that i had to leve it and stop useing it but owing to the mildness of the Ravelation i put it off for the time being but now i keep it and have dun so for 30 year or so

and now it is augest the 9th 1917 about a weeke ago a young ladey came to me and sed that she was on the program for the Sunday School with savaral others to speke on the word of wisdom and asked me if i wood mind telling hur my experiance how i got to use tobacko and how i lefft it so i tould hur How i came to use it becus it was the fashon and the custom

and the Habit of the mafority of men i think in South Wales to use it and i was working for men that was useing it and after thay would fill thair pipe full of tobaco and the fire or the menes for liteing the pipe was not close by or vearey andy thay would ask me to go and lite it for them and in coming back i had to smok it or.it would go out before i would have time to bring it back to him agine so this was about the first Beigining of my useing it and it made me so sick that i did not know wat to Do with myesalph and had i lested to my own feelinges i would naver tach it againe and it is no wandear that the Lord sed that is not good for man to use and" gaine it came to pass as i was working at ingin tending or as a fire man mysalph and another Boy about the same age about 12 years of age and had to work nites every other weeke and in as much as we would get vearey sleepy at night we would by about 3 cents worth of tobaco and a pipe to helpe us to keep wake at nite and we use to much of it that it gave us the hart burn so bad that we had to Drink water all the time to ese it but it was so bad that we would not hardly bare it and consequently we would throw the pipe and the tobaco to the fire and agine before the night was over we wished we had not dun so but the next night we would Do the same thing oear agin and agine some time after this seeing that i could not leve it a lone i made up my mind to by it and keepit and use it regular rather than Depend on others which i did and i remember wonce aksing my father for a little tobaco and he sed i don't begreg a little tobaco but i would not like for you to become a tobaco usare and isedo no i dont intand to but i did and it got the best of me not with standing that i did not intend that it should and this i was useing it when i joined the chirch' but after that laft it a time or two but went at it agine but on one ocashon when some of the leding men of the chirch had bin in Livearpool and had a talk with apostle orsene Pratt on it thay all came to the concloushon to leve off useing the tobaco and so thay and i did to but in the course of some time after that thare came some mishonares Back to Wales from Salt Lake City and thay use tobaco and sed that the people was useing it thare so when the people sa and hurd this thay ware foolish enough to say if that is so why cant we use it hear also and so thay did most all of them turnd back to use it againe and i dun the same thing my salph and then continewed useing it for maney years after that when i was called to go back on a mishon from utah to south wales then i sed to mysalph imust leve off useing tobaco for it dont loock well for a mishonary to use tobaco so .i did not use it while i was on my mishon to Wales but soone after i came home i toock to useing it agine and was more slave to it than i ever was before untill i am a shame to tell it to others but it came to pas one Day at Haying time that iwas geting rady to go to the canion to work with my teem that i got my Horsis shod for that purpos but i wanted to get my Haying dun first so i toock my Horsis down on my land and staked them out on

the grass so i did not Have to loose eney time in the morning to catch them and wen i went down the next morning i found them thare whare i had put them but one of them was laying down on its Back in a low place and could not get up for the resin that its foot got throo the rope that was tiede around its neck or the Holter rope so that she could not get it back agine for the reson of the Corkes on the new shoose but i soone got the rope loose or cut it loose with my Knife i dont remember wich but However she had Kicked hur Hed with the other foot untill it had swelld up much bigar than its natural sirze^ind i tride to get. Hur up but she could not and i saw the action Handes on the raile road going to work some little Distan off and i asked them if thay would be so Kind as to come to help me to lift Hup my little mare for she could not get up so thay did and we raised hur up but then she could not stan up and thare was nothing thare to prop hur up or to Hould her up and then the men coul not stay thare with me for thay . Had to go to thair work so we Had to let hur down agine and she never got up agine and i stayed with Hur all Knight and all next day when she Died in evening and all this caused me to think a gradele of the corse of my life and my Disobediance to the word of wisdom and i toock it to be a chastisement from the Lord apon me for my Disobediance to the word of wisdom or for useing tobaco when the Lord had sed that it was not good for man and i know that he Had tould the truth for i felt my helth and strenght faileing me and i could see end coming not vearey fare of if i did not qit it and i mad up my mind then that i did not want eney more chastisement like that so i quit useing tobaco from that time to this and it has bin a blessing in Discise to me and the greatest temporal Blessing i evear Had and my Halth Has bin better with out it than with it for i Know that it shortens persons life i Know that if had not quit it i would not be hear now and severall men and wemen Have asked me How can i acount for my good looks and activety and ised by keeping the word of wisdom

John Evans - this is a letter to me from my former Bishop
Lorenzo N Stohl

Beneficial Life Insurance Co.
of Utah
Salt Lake City
Dec 24 1915

Mr John Evans
Brigham City **Utah**

Dear Brother, two years ago I took the liberty of sending a little Christmas letter to some of the good people of Brigham City whom i had learned to esteme highly and love Dearly i felt so greatly blessed in the joy and satisfaction i got out of it that i am hungry for a **simalar** treat therefor i trust you will pardon **this** little intrusion on your valuabel time **this** is the **Christmas** season the time when peace on **erth** good will to men **should** be the song on everey tounge i feel that it is a time too when friends should be rememberd when we

should show our appreciation for the friendships and associations of the past which have broat so much pleasure and happiness to us i appreciate more than i have words to express the privilege i have had of living among the good people of Brigham City and especially of being abel to number you among my friends The years in which i have enjoyed your association have bean among the ahppeast and most pleasant of my life and now in this **Christmas** season i desire to express my appreciation of your frendship your association and your kindness to me in the past and i ask you to accept with my hartiest good

Nov 8th 1915

the fawlowing is an Ivetiation to me John Evans or granpa Evans as I am called for I am now or will be on the 9th day of next Januarey 87 year ould to atend the 80th Birthday salebration of our worthy and onorabel Patreark Oleene n Stohl to morow Evening at 6.30 pm in the 3 ward amusement halle of Brigham City utah you are cordially invited to be our guest at a social to be given in the Ghird ward amusement Hall Tuesday evening November 9th 1915 at 6.30 o clock to selebrate the 80th anniversary of the Birth of our beloved father Patriarch O N Stohl assuring you of our sincere appreciation of your presence we are very truly yours the Famely and to do onor to the above invitation I have tried to compose a few lines in the way of a sing that I sing on the tune called the day before the Battle mother and now in as much as place is small on this page for my song I will put it down on the next page

Continewed from page 47 (above letter) as folows as a slight of my Kindley feelinges tward you may god bleas you with hes most bounteous blessinges may he prolong your life and fill it with pleasure and satisfaction

wising you the marriest Kind of a Christmas and a happy and Prosperous new year I remaine your Broather and frend Lorenzo N Stohl

on the ninth day of november
Eaighty years ago to day
did the subget of the gathring
first beheld the light of day
. we rejoyse as counted worthy
to commamorate this day
when beloved Broather O N Stohl
First did see the light of day

he was Born in Land of Sweeden
maney thousan mills away /
whare he joyend the mormon people
and the Saints of later dayes
. Later on he went to Zion
fare away a cross the Sea
to the Land whare is salvation
from distress and trubbels flee

and he standes in high posishon
for a Patrearch his he
of a vearey nobele fameley
and good children we all agree
. and this world at first was governd
by a Patrearcial Law
and that we may Long remember
our Belovede Broather Stohl

John Evans

~^-tune the Day before the Battle mother

January 30th/1905

This is a letter from a raetive of mine from the Fallowing
adress

Annie ,J Evans
Rutford House
Streatham Surrey, near London
England

Mr John Evans utah usa

Dear Sir

I daresay you will have herd from Mr Jesse Hoopes of his
communication with mysalph and doubtlss he will.have toald you
that my stepfather your cousin Mr John Williams Formerly of
Llandovery Died in -1885 hes widow my mother and I live now
with my married sister at the above address although only his
stepdaughter the dear oald dad and I were very attached I
was scarcely more than a baby when he married my mother and
his first wife was my own fathers sister so that he was also
my uncle as daresay you know his was a most kindly disposition
and although he never got on as regards this worlds goods and
left my mother totally unprovided for still he was very much
respected by all who new him when he died a more conscientious
man never lived and suppose that is partly the reason he was
never fortunately in worldly wealth It comes back to my memory
now that he used to speck of a cousin who went out to Salt
Lake City and of one who went to some part of the united States
and within a year after his death the latter Cousin wrote
and my mother answered hes letter receving a veary nice replly
from this cousin Thomas Evans I trust he is still liveing
and should like to know but I daresay you correspond with him
He mentioned in his letter that he had two sons Mr Hoopes
called to see me for a few minietes at my office (G.P.O.) but
told me scarcely a word of yourselph It so happened that my
first question on hearing your address was were you a mormon
and then followed a small discussion on the subject which took
up the small space of the time \$ I remembered \$ directly he
had gone that of course I ought to have heard something of
yourself being naturally interested I judge however that you
are well on in years as my dear mother is and hope you keep

as well as she does now I must tell you of the rest of the relations The uncle Dr Joshua Williams we never herd any more of s\3 I fancy he died at Brighton where I believe he had retired my Fathers Sister Martha Mrs Edward Died first her two daughters are both married in London with grown up famelies 2 Mary (Mrs. Powell Died just befere my Father Her family are all married 3 sons \$ 2 Daughters eccept the youngest Daughter 5 are spread about the three at abertstow one at Llandrindod \$ one at Hastings 3 Betsey Williams Died Single a year or two after mt Father and 4 William Williams the only one left Died oever a year ago leving one son lately married I seems veary sad to find how they go one by one but thare is the one Broather always with us Broather Father and Guide and always the meeting to look forward to on that other shore I daresay by this time you have will heard from the papers all about a wonderful Revival which has spread throughout Wales and it is to be hoped it will reach London \$ may be throughout the world God is still with us Now I hope this little letter may give you a little pleasure if some sadness I am hoping to send you shortly a copey of an old photo of my salpfather taken many years ago with myself the only one we have of him \$ have been keeping this letter over for it but it has not come yeat meanwhile will let me know if you eventually get it Mr Hoopes only gave me your address virbally in first place but I have since obtained it AE

Mr John Evans Esq

March 16 this letter has first been returned to me having been miss directed to Mr John Evans **Utah** city usa 5 as I have allso addressed the photo in the same way am afraid it will not reach you

This is a letter to me John Evans from my sacond Cousin John Danes of Bargoed

46 Greenfield Street
Bargoed Monmothshire
via Cardiff
South Wales
Feb 24th 1913

Mr John Evans

Dear Sir

I am pleased to inform you that your letter of the 28th of January came Feb 24th 1913 safe to my hands on the 11th of Feb but it was not deleveard to me by the postman for he could not find me by the adress as written by you if it was about 30 years ago he may have been able to do so but Bargoed is not the same now as it was then for then it was a veary small place with a population of about 500 people but its

a much larger place now with a population of about ten to twelve thousand people but however I received your letter safe it was delivered to my cousin Edith Williams who lives at 17 Henry Street Bargoed I received it from her I was rather surprised to receive a letter from you as I had never received one before from you before although I did not take it as being a very strange happening at all as I had heard my mother talk about you many a time nevertheless I was very glad of it & also proud of the opportunity of trying to answer it to the best of my ability and give you all the information which I am in the knowledge of with regard to my relations as per your request I don't know what may be your object of obtaining such information but nevertheless whatever it may be if it will be of any interest to you I am quite prepared & willing to give you all the information that I can gather by the way of your request so now I will begin in this way I am John Davis the son of the late William & Ann Davis & cousin of Edith Williams as before mentioned I was born at Gwrhay near Black Woods Monmouthshire England in the year 1870 I am the youngest of the children we were six in all & all born at Gwrhay five brothers and one sister I have a wife and two children son & daughter I got married four years last September at Cappel nonni in the parish of Llanlluni Carmarthen shire and I inclose you a photograph of me & my wife & her sister taken at their home at the time we got married & also the photo of my father & mother the only one that I can spare at present this is a photo which I took myself it was taken about twelve months before father died & also a photo of my father & family my own work I do this in my spare time my occupation is underground as a collier my son is three years & five months old now his name is David Handle Davis & the daughter is one year and eight months old & her name is Rachel Ann & the other boy which you see in the photo is an adopted son as I said before we were six children in all these are their names from oldest to youngest Evan William Mary Ann Sister Edmund John myself & Jehsiada But only three of us are living now & them three are Evan William & John myself I am the only one of the family that is living in this country Evan my eldest brother is living in South Walington E W Davis Vancouver Island British Columbia & has been there for 20 years I received a letter from him about a month ago informing me that he intended coming back here soon for a visit he is 58 years of age since last December & he has got five children out there three sons & two daughters the three elder ones are married Jehsiada the oldest he will be 29 years of age next may Evan the second son he is about 27 & Maud daughter she is about 23 then there are the two youngest Wyndham he is about 21 & Gwladys daughter 18 years of age also William my brother living in the state of Iowa he has been out in the states 31 years in all he is farming there since he got married about 26 years ago his address is as follows W J Davies Templeton Carroll County Iowa north America he has

a wife \$ three children two Daughters \$ one son now I will give you an account of our Family my Father \$ Mother \$ us children as I menshond before we ware six children \$ Father \$ Mother Father was Barrid ten years last July at Penmaine chapel Burial ground at the age of 71 years Mother was Berrid **thare two years last Christmas time at 'the age of 78 years** Jehsiada my youngest Broather was berrid thare in the same grave 11 years last June at the age of 29 years Edmund my Broather oulder than mysalph was Berrid 11 years last november at the age of 33 years \$ mary ann my sister was Barrid 6 years last may at the age of 48 years now I will tell you what I know of my granfathers famely I mean Evan Evans or **better** known with hes neibors Evan or ton my mothers father \$ your uncle your Fathers Broather my grandfather hes wife lived many years after him he as bin berrid over 50 years ago at the age of 63 years he was berrid at the Rock chapel Burial ground near Blackwood Monmothshire \$ my grand-
 ,mother was burried thare in the same grave 27 years ago in the year 1885 at the age of 85 years thay had seven children whome all are berrid the ouldest he died at the age of about 40 he had a wife and a good meny children \$ I beleve that most of them are liveing now but its only one of them that I know 5 that one is Evan by name here is hes address Evan - Evans 9 Lewis Street Aberaman Aberdar he is about 55 years of age then next son of my grandfathers was Dsviid he died about 20 years ago at the age of 59 years then a daughter Hanah she was Berrid out in the states about 17 years ago at the age of 83 (63?) years hur Husbands name was William Lawrence \$ he as bin berrid about twelve years ago thay lived in the State of Ohio and I beleve that thare are three sons of thairs living out thare now then another daughter agine ann my mother whome I menshon of before then thare was John my uncle \$ Edath Williams Father he got a fatal accident underground at the Darren pit about two miles away from Bargoed Colary likely that you have been informed of him with Edith the youngest son was Ebenezer he Died ten years aog last June hear at Bargoed \$ was berrid at the Rock chapel bural ground near Blackwood Mon thare are two of hes sons liveing at Killay near Swansea Lewis \$ Charls so now I will Draw to a close with a request from you \$ that is that I feel veary thankfull to you if you will kindly send me your photos you \$ Mrs Evans hoping that this will find you both infoying the best of heth as it leves us heare at pracant \$ trusting that you will write soon again with Kind love I remaine yours Trewly John Davies

Clara Evans Irons
 dear grand daughter
 may you be to me
 as a gardun frutefull tree
 Bearring ritetouse frute
 to all Eturnetey
 granpa Evans

This is a letter to me John Evans from a second cousin on my mother side her son writing it

Sawmills
Bwlch
. Brecon shire
South Wales May 25 1914

Dear uncle

we received your paper which you sent last week & we were all sorry to hear of the death of your wife but I suppose it was all for the best but all the same it must have been very hard to part with her after she had been with you so long or so many years I am sure that you have the deepest sympathy of us all now during your sad bereavement I hope that you have some of your children to look after your home for you now after your wife's death I should think by the account in the paper that you had many hardships to go through before you settled down in town in your last letter which you wrote you said that we had not written to say we had the photograph of your family which you sent us we answered that letter so I can't think how you did not get it in your last letter you asked for a record of our family I am afraid I cannot go very far back because my mother does not know when or where her mother or father was born my mother was born in 1855 at Llanamluck in the County of Brecon my father was born in Somersetshire in 1845 & he died in May 14. 1909 my eldest brother David John was born in 1886 at Buckland Hill in the County of Brecon

My sister Mary was born in 1888 at Bucland hill
my brother Robert was born in 1890 at Bucland hill
my brother Stanley was born in 1892 at Bucland hill
my sister Gertie was born in 1893 at Bucland hill
She died in the following year 1894

Thomas was born in 1895 at Bucland hill

I am enclosing you a photo of our family which was taken about four years ago on the left is my sister Mary then my mother & then my brother David John behind him is my brother Stanley next to him is my brother Robert I am on the right of the photo the two young girls in the center are friends of ours my mother was sorry to hear by your last letter of Joseph Russell's death & also of Ann's brother's death Daniel Prosser could you give my mother Ann's address the next time you write we shall be pleased to hear from you at any time I hope that these few lines will find you all quite well & I am glad to say that we are all fairly well at present only my mother has rheumatism occasionally that is the reason that she has not written to you her salutation I will now close with kindest love to all From your affectionate nephew Thomas Cross

Joshua Williams was born at Llandovery Carmarthen shire South Wales about the year 1885 (1805?)

he was my uncle my mother's brother and he was one of the youngest in the family and in connection with his brother

Daniel younger than him he was working in a wooling factory and he did not like it because of the nasty greasy smell that was there and it made him sick and that he could not stand it and his mother was a Doctor and was sent for from the outside places to wait on sick people she Doctor with leeches and little blarks animals crawling like earthworms on a little bigger she raised them in crocks with water and clay and moss etc I use to go out in the country to get some clay for her to put with them and when the sick people had nasty sore places on them she would put these little leeches to them and they would suck the bad blood out of them and they would get well and she made wonderful cures in this way and she was sought for from far and near and now at this particular time she was about five miles from home at the home of one Mr and Mrs Jones of the Canorday near Glambran where her Daughter Jane was at school and the boy Joshua her son knowing that she was there and him being sick of the factory he went all that way after her. and when she asked him why did he do that for he said because I did not like the factory for its nasty greasy smell made him sick and she was scolding him for it and wanted him to go back but Mr Jones said no don't scold him and send him back let him stay here with us and we will take care of him for they did not have children of their own and so he stayed there with them and they being somewhat educated Mrs Jones taught him his lessons until he was ready enough to give him a trade and so Mr Jones took him up to North Wales on a horse and apprenticed him to a saddler to learn him to be a saddler then Mr Jones sold the boy's horse and started for home but before he got very far the boy ran after him and said that he would not stay there after him but he wanted to go back home with him again and so Mr Jones took him home with him again letting him ride behind him on his horse for he had sold his horse for that is what they called the boy's name in short in place of Joshua and after being here a little while Mr Jones took him to Llandovery and printed him to Doctor Morgans to become a Doctor and Mr Jones did not let him have one penny a day for his own use so long as he was there then after he had served the proper time there he was sent up to London to the Hospital and after he had gone through all the hospitals there he had a position to be a doctor on a ship on the sea which they use to catch Whales with and is called a whaleing vessel and he was gone for three years and when he came back they the captain and the ship they brought with them a King and Queen of some unenlightened race of people with them to get the Laws and customs of England to take back with them to their own country and when they came to London my uncle Joshua went to his home in Llandovery Wales to visit his friends and his relations and while he was doing this the King and Queen of this strange nation died and the King of England withheld the pay from my uncle which he should have for bringing them to England for the King of England said that he would not go away and leave them for he was the one that knew best how to take care of them and consequently it made uncle very grievously over it and the next thing that I heard my mother

say about him was that he went with the same ship for another three years voyage again and again after that I did see him my father for the first and last time in my life I was then about five years old I was at his mother's house which also was my grandmother and he wore a long clock from his neck down to his heels he was then leaving his mother's place to take the coach and on his way to China under the English government as a doctor in the army for there was a war then between England and China and some time after the war was over he went to India as a Doctor in the English army - serving in Bengal and Calcutta and other places and after serving many years in India he came back to England again and visited Wales and Llandovry the town of his birth and he took my mother which was his sister with him with other members of the family with him he had a fine lady for a wife but they had no children and he visited his mother at her home in Merthyr Tydfil and he was very good to her for I rather think that he must have had a large pension and when I was in London about the year 1881 I called at the War Office or the Poll Moll Gazette to try and find out something about him but I could not they said that they were busy and told me to write to them and I did but I had no answer but there is no doubt but what they have got his history there and that it may be made known some day and be a Key to connect the family together and in as much as the name of Joshua is found in the family I have read this little history of my uncle so as to show to our children and their children the origin of the name and how it is perpetuated and I had a man say to me one time that was considered beyond a doubt one of the best Doctors in the world at that time and because he has done so well and become learned and filled high positions in the world we his relations name our children after him in hope that they also may become learned men I had a son called Joshua and he was at the head of everything in schools here at that time of his age but he died young between eleven and twelve years of age then my son John G has a son Joshua called after my son and also his brothers and he is doing very nicely and my brother Richard also has a Joshua and my cousin William Williams has a son Joshua and my wife's grandfather was also a Joshua on her father's side and for these reasons this name is found in families more than any other thing else and also for all this it is a very prominent scriptural name as well.

May. 24. 1880 - At Pontypreidd Glamorgan shire S Wales this is the time and place that I received my appointment and my field of labor given to me to travel as a missionary in Carmarthen Pembroke and Cardigan shires in a counsel meeting the day after the Conference and brother Enock Lewis who was a more experienced missionary in the field came with me to show me and introduce me to some of the people and after that we both turned back to get some clean clothes and more

changes this was at Llanelly and here we separated he went to the east and I went to the west to the field of my labor and I thought that I would begin at the upper end of my field or the north end which also was about joining* to north Wales and this place was abberystweth and then work from here to the south and I held three meetings at abberystweth one on **Saturday** evening by the town clock in the middle of the town and two on Sunday one by the terrace or beach and one by the town hall at 4 pm but the people did not come on time to this meeting but by the time for the meeting to be close there was a big crowd gathered and they did ask me a great many questions and I had the opportunity to answer them then I left abberystweth and went toward the south preached at pontlanis there was a man living there that promised me his house to preach in in my way back but by the time that I came back he had changed his mind and there was no one home but I preached on the side of the road by his house then went on to Llanrysted and there was a sister living there with her father her husband was a sayler and her name I think was Elizabeth Davis She gave me good food and shelter but she had no bed for me so I slept on a bench and a chair to hold my feet up and the next evening I preached in Llanrysted to a middling good sized congregation of people and a young elder of the church that lived some distance away by the name of Elis Elis came there to help me out and he was the first speaker and I slept at Elizabeth Daves and there was a polese man living next door to her and I talked to him some and he seemed to be a peceable man then I went south of here to Llanon and notified the people that there was a meeting to be there in the afternoon at 4 pm when the schools would be let out then I went down to the sea shore and I met a man whose name was Daniel Jones and was called Daniel Jones Magestic for he had been a captain of a ship by that name some time before and I told him about my meeting and he seemed to take quite an interest in me and when the time of the meeting arrived he was there and he helped to keep the children quiet and when the school was out I called the attention of the children to the meeting and so they all sat down around the school house and listened to what I had to say and after the meeting was over Daniel Jones magestic and some other man came with me part of the way back to Llanrysted where I was going to stop over night and they seemed to be somewhat taken up with me and also kind and while I was at Llanon I also met a poleseman there and I think that he was a baptist in belief and I had quite a bit of talk with him on religion but it did not reveal any new thing and the next place south of that was Llanddewi I went around to notify the people that I would hold a meeting there in the evening and so I preached there to a middling good sized congregation and it seemed to be a very good feeling there and as I was coming from there to abbairen the next town a young man came with me and he asked me a great many questions and so I had quite a talk with him on the principles of religion and I think that he was aiming at becoming a priest

in the church of eangland but I tould him that that church didnot have eanvy athoretey from god and he did act as tho that he wanted to know the truth then I went on to aberiron to loock for a place to stop over Knight and I was racomended to one Miss Jane Jones or was called at times Jane Jones Brysig number 12 watter street aberiron Cardigan shire becase Brysig was the name of the farm that hur father use to live in she use to Keepe borders and she had som then and this was one of the best plasis that i met while I was on my mishon she did furnished me with a roome and bed and table in it and chare and I was made comfortabele so that I could sit down and reede and writ mu letters and my jurnal and be to my selph for about 8 or ten cent a nite and also my melese she did not charg me more than about five cent a mele and I hardley know whare I could get that for Dubbele that amount, and I stayed thare some- what about a weeke redeing and writeing in the forenoone and go out to the outside settlements to labor in the afternoone and notefing the people of the meeting in the evning at 8 pm and the people turned out to hear vearey good to the number of 50 to a. 150 and I prech in llanarch and pennant and foseyfeene and Cross in and all thes settlements betweene abberyswith and abberiron but for all this that I had a vearey peceabele meetinges still I had some appasison and had my meetinges broke up by Dis orderley men and one man that Dun this came to me and ask my forgiveness for so Doing and as I was preching out of Dors one evening at abberiron and after the close of the meeting a youn ladey came to me and askd me to come in the house that hur mother wanted to see me for hur mother was sick in bed then she fixt the tabel for me to have supper but she Did not take me to see hur sick mother and if she had I in- tended to tell hur mother what was our blefe with regard to the sick that the gift of heling of the sick was in the chirch in the Dayes of Christ and that we bleve in that Doctring and that the sick has bin held now in our day for we claime that the gospel has bin restord as it was ansantley and if she would becme a trew belevear in christ she would stand a vearey good chance to be heald to but then I did not get this chance and about the tim that I was about half throo with eteing my supper the young ladey asked me what denomenation did I belong to and if i was not a congregashonalest and I saied no I am a latear day Saint and as queck as I saied that I saw a chaing as tho that thay had made a misstake in calling one to supper and that I was not the man that thay thought that I was but then I was thankfull for me supper all the same. and now this mishonarey feeld that I am now laboring in erley day was loocked upon as a vearey hard one for one reson that an Edear of the chirch of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints by the name of Thomas Harris was in this feeld doing mishonarey work in the house of one Mr Jones of Brysig farm and while Discussing on the prinpeles of the gospel this Mr Jones broat the Dictionary to find out the meaning of words and so on and left it on the tabelle among

other books and when thay got throo with thayre aregements
' the raishonarey gatherd hes boockes to gether and went and it
hapend in so Doing that he toock Mr Jones s Dictionary with
him in a mistake and not with the intention of stelling it
and so after he had gon a polese man came in to Mr Jones s
house and tould the Poleseman about it and then the Poleseman
wanted to go after him and arrast him but Mr Jones sed no dont
Do that for I dont think that he Dunit a purpos bur naverthe-
less he did and got him put in Jeile and for this reson it
broat a great Dele of persecution and slandaring and evele
spekeing ageint the chirch and the later day Saints throo out -
wals espacaley in that part So that no one eveal like to go
there and these are things that I hurd of when I first joine
the chirch about 30 years ago and it is now straing that I
should come to this part to Do mishonary work in this part
whare thes things have hapend 30 years ago and that I should
put up at the house of Miss Jane Jones Bryeg the Daughter of
that Mr Jones of the Brysig farm and she tould me all of thes
thinge just as I have related them and ageine on one Sunday
after noone at aberiron I got a permishon to prech by a
large house and after the close of the afternoone meeting of
one of the sects I held a meeting and thay mos all stopt to
hear me and I notised a Polese man standin near the corner of
the house and lisneng vearey atentevly and all of the others
to and I think that this was one of the best metings that I
had and the next day or so I lef abberiron and as I was going
on my way this veare Poleseman was going the same way on some
bizness and so we walked togheter for foure or five miles and
he was telling me that I was the first laterday saint that he
eveal saw and hense I had a good oportewnetey to talk to
him on the prinseples of the gospel and he seemed to me that
he tfas an onest man and this thomas Harris that we have bin
talking about I was well aquainted with him and hurd him talkeing
about thes thines 30 years ago when thay first hapend and after
he was put in jaile he also Dun mishonarey work thare for he
met thare a Cleurgeman of the church of eangland and he prech
the gospel to him and made him a later day saint and now about
this time I left abberairon to the next settlement on the south
cald new Keay or quawey and soone after I left aberiron I met
a man and he came up to me vearey chear fulley and telling
me how well he liked my meeting on Suiiday and my spekeing and
also my singing and he tould me to call on him most eney time
when I can and that he would be glad to see me and that hes
name was Richard Jones Countey Court abbariron then I came to
new queay about noone then I went to the school and round the
twn to notifi them of my meting at 8 pm on the queay and whe
the time came for the meeting to comence thare was a larg crowd
of people gatherd and when the meeting was about half throo
thare was an agead man in the congretion which made much Dis-
turbance so I had to close the meeting before it was out and
I slapt thare that Knight and the next day I started Down south
to cardigan town and it was raineing all Day and on my way
Down about noone or so I came to a house on the side of the
road and I turnd in and thay ware about going to eate Dinar
and thaye asked me to come and have some to so I did but before

we got quite thro with our Dinar a polese man came in and him being aquainted with the fameley naturaley wanted to know who I was for I had not tell them who I was and as the polese man ask who I was. I then felt oblegeated to tell who I was and that I was a latterday Saint mishonarey then he had some faltes to find with them and I was glad that I was so near throo with my Dinar els I would not have had eaney had thay none it before that I was a laterday Saint but I got along with the polese man all rite and I was abele to show him that them falts was not trew and thay felt more eze over it then I continewed by going on down to Cardegan town and arived thare. a little before dark and I was vearey wet for it was raineing hard most all day and I stopt at one bey the name of Stephens and the next day I went to see the mayor of the town to ask him for a place to prech and he saide that he was not a belevear in my doctring_____ but he was a belever in freedom of religon and I could preech most eny place I wanted so I prech by the gilliard hall about the senter of the town and on this Day the Baptist church was having a great meting hear in the town for the purpos of ordaineing a young man to the minnistry of the chirch and when thaire meeting was out and the people had time to come from thare to whare I was I then comense my meeting and most all of them stopt thare to lissene to me and when I got throo I stopt a litle bit to see if eney of them would come up to me to ask some questions but seeing that thay did not I walked away towards the bridg and the rivear and no soonear than I made a moove in that Direction the crowd fallowd after me and geting larger all the time as we went along and thay comence to aske me som questions soonse after we ware on the moove but I did not stop to answar them but I did as we ware walkin along but thay could not all heare me and when we got to the rivear and the Bridg thay wanted me to go over on the other side of the bridge and prech to them agine for thay wanted to heare more about it so we crossed on the Bridge and I opend the meeting thare and prech thare to them and when I got throo I then asked them if thay had some quastchons to aske. I would try and answare them as well as I could so then thay Did ask me menney questchons and I did answard them all to thaire satisfaction I think then we all returned to the town over the Bridge-and while we ware yeat on the Bridge we stopt to talk a little and thay sed to me you have not hould out your hat yeat and I seide no but enneything in that away will be vearey excepted with me for I trave without purs or scribe then I held out my hat and thay did throw a few panes into it and thay seeme to be vearey well plese with my preching and answareing thair questions and two of the young men escorted me to the place of my abod and gave me a few pennes may be all thay had bur neveartheless it seemed that I had thaire good feelinges and if I was abele to stay thare with them that some of them would joine the gospel for thay seem to be veary favorabeley incline and for all that I have not seene eanne frutes of my labors on this my mishon yeat I am some what incline to beleve that some of the seede that I have sode in my weekness and the blessinges of god will-yeat grow and beare frute and yeat be seene after menney dayes like bread cast apon

the watears as the ould saying is .

and now in the winter of 1914.

I was takein sick with some cind of a parralatic stroke which made me vearey febele and helpless, and along about the middle of fabrewary my wife had a veary bad fall and hurt hur lag so bad that she had to be put in bed whare she layed for two weekes and Died on the sacond of may veary peseabley without evey paine whatevear all of hur paines had left hur. a weeke before she Died and ageine on **the eightenth** 18 of September of **the** same year my wifes sister Mrs Mary Davis Prosser Died at [^] Salt Lake City **Utah** and she was takein to Burlingam Kansas to be barid and agine on **the** first Day of October 1 of **the** same year while I was at Salt Lake City atending **the** funaral survises and sicness of my sister in law and my wifes sister Mrs. Mary Davis Prosser and also wayting for the confrance at the same time and inasmuch as I had a little time to spare before the confrance begin I toock a walk up to Parleys Canion to viset the place that I enterd the Salt Lake Valey fifty three year before that and after walking up the canion about a half a mile and was satisfied with what I did see I stopt to eate my lunch in the shade of the brych then I turned back and loocking at the chainges that had takeing place since 53 years ago namely the raileroad was going up throo the canion up to Park City and also a big raisearvoy whare the watears of cottenwood and mill crick canion joins the watears of parleys canion and taken from thare in a sement pipe from thare to Salt Lake City to furnish it with watter and the raisearvoy is located rite in the center of the canion at which place thare is a clift of rockes or. a small mountain rite in the center of the canion and the railroad gose on one side of it and the wagon road on the other side and the raisearvoy is rite close behind it and a house is bilt on part of it and a famely living in it taking care of it that is a man and hes wife by the name of Mr and Mrs Shreeker and thare was maney steepes to go up to the house but howevar I went up to the house and was treetead vearey kindley and shoud me all about the opration of the watter and I aske them if that was a station for the traine to stop and he said no but I can stop the traine eney time I want to and sed he to me Do you want to go on and I sed no I am not after the ride at all to Day I am after the walk and I have enjoyed it so fare vearey fine and I want to continew on so untill I go home so I bid them goodby and continewed on my walk now on the raileroad track but when I went up I walke on the wagon road but the automobiles ware so maney on that so that I was afraide of being run down by them so I toock the raileroad track and soone after I left this house about a quarter of a mile or so I came to a bunch of men working on the raileroad called saction men and the foreman sed to me whos name is cronnin halo uncle we saw you walkeing up the road this morning and we thought that it was a most wonderfull thing to see a man of your age walkeing up this canion now sed he if you onley waight hear just a little while we will be going home soone and you shall ride home with us and you will be home just as soone as if you would by continuing your

walking but I thank him and sed that I was not after the ride at all today but that I was after the walke and that I had enjoyed it so fare vearey well but sed he sit down and rest yoursalph eney-way so he brought some tise for me to sit down on and he seeme to be vearey angshous for me to ride home with them and he capt a talkeing to me then to the men untill the time came to go home and so we got on the hand car but however somthing got rong withe the hancar or with the men or both of them and thay say that the car jumt the track and throud me off and this was befor sundown and when I cam to mysalph it was dark and I was in an automobele sitting down betwene two men on the wagon road a cross the valey or canion from whare the raileroad was but how I came thare I did not know I did not see eney one doing it or briniging me theare but I think that it must be the section men that Did it and I could see by this to the best of my understanding that I had bin uncoushous for two ours and Did not know what hapend to. me and at the same time I had my left colar bone broken and two of my left ribes broken and my back hurt so that I could not walk and my eyes black down to the bottom of my cheekes and it seeme that I was hit in the hed so bad with somthing untill I was unconshous and I never felt the lest bit hurt for all that wich is a vearey straing thing to me and to others to and when I found mysalph in this automobele betweene this tow men I was wandrind and asking mysalph the quastchon how come I hear and whare am I going and what have I dun and have I dun eney rong or comit eney crime that these men are going to take me to jaile or take me and throw me to som ould gulch or a pit to Die and to get rid of me in that way but these two men sed nothin to me all this time and I thought it was vearey straine and then I thought that if I should say somthing to them thay would say somthing to me so when we came to a cirtaine place seeing greate maney electrick lights I ask them what place is this and thay sed this is Salt Lake City oh I sed I have bin hear before not Knowing then whare was thay going to take me but vearey soone thay stopt at some large bilding and the thought came to me that thay wanted to know what to Do with me but thay soone was off againe a little while and stopt agine now the thought came to me agine now this is the jaile and thay are going to put me in heare but what for I dont know but howevar the Polece came to the automobele and toock me in hes arm into the station and by a little stand whare the tellephone was he asked me if I had eney frends or relations in this town and I sed yeas I have lotes of frendes in this town and some relations to and one of them is W. D. Prosser number 955 East 11 South who also was my Nephew in Law so he fone to him and he sed that he would come after me in a half an our with an automobele and so he did and when he came to the station he sed to me halo uncle what are you going hear and I sed wayting for you I gess well then come on I have got an automobele heare for you to tak you home and when we got home he toock me in hes arm into the house then thay carred me up stars on a chare to my bedroom and Doctor albaugh was thare and he puld off my cloathes and examend me and I hurd him say hes collar bone is brocane and two of hes ribes and hes back is vearey badley hurt and also he has a vearey black eyes then he got a ladey nurse to tend me for one weeke which cost twentey fivedollars and the Doctors bill was eaightteene 18 dolars but in another weeke I was abele

to go home to brigham City my Daughter Mattie Berg and my grand Daughter Cleofa Madsen was with me and Mrs. Richard P Morris came with hur automobel down to laveneth south to get me and toock me and my Daughter and grand Daughter to the oregon short line depot and we got home to Brigham all rite and I got better fast from all of my aillements but I was left vearey nurves and my sleep laft me so that I could not sleep nither Knight nor day nither could I stay in bed for nurvesness but after being in this condishon for a few months I got beter agine and so I am now and I enjoy quite a bit of rest and sleep at Knight to but I have hurd maney of my frendes and aqueintanses say that thay naver thought that I could get over that acsedent and live much longer and it is now nearley one year ago and it apears to be quite a misttrey but to God be thankes forevear more.

and againe on the Forth of July 1917th the ould marshal Band what is left of them and that was onley three namly Jacob Jensen and John Evans as fifears and christian ouleson as a Base drummare and two young snare drummars namly sturling Madson and Joseph Watkins and the spekrs was Doctor modleton of Salt Lake City and Doctor Henderson of Brigham City as uncle sam and the marsal Band was on the Program to take thair place in the parade which was to start at the Lincoln School then est to maine st then south on maine street to the Tabernacle and thay starte up a tewn on the start and capt it up off and on all the way up to the Tabernacle and was to take thair place with two other Bands on the coire stand and the first Band wich was the young scouts Band was called to play first then the miletarey Band played after that then marshal Band played a couple of tunes one of them Being the gel i Left behind me then thay ware clapt out agine so the people must have enjoyed it vearey much and the parade consisted most all of atomobels and the and after the meting the peopele all went Down to the City park whare thay had Dinar and good things to eate and after that chating and talking about How well thay enjoyed the the salebration and shaking handes with ould frendes in the nice and fine sady grove from the son and i am now 88 years ould past.