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FAMILY REUNION

We invite, encourage, urge, and request all members of the Jesse N. Smith family to attend the family reunion which is to be held August 18, 1951, in Snowflake. Some of you have perhaps received an announcement from the family officers, but if you haven't, do not let that deter you from attending. In charge of the program as general reunion chairman is Silas S. Decker, and an enjoyable program has been planned.

At 12 noon each branch of the family will gather for lunch. The five parties have been planned by the following:

Emma S. Smith...Eleanor S. Dutler
Margaret F. Smith...Helen L. Coplan
Janet J. Smith...Gertrude Solomon
Augusta O. Smith...Ida S. Church
Emma L. Smith...Lorana S. Broadbent

There will be a sports program at the Snowflake Chapel grounds under the direction of Joseph Jarvis.

The general assembly of the entire family will be in the Snowflake Ward Recreation Hall under the direction of Alice S. Hansen, Jessie B. Smith, and Effie S. Tillman.

May we see you there?

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At least three more people, Albert A. and Eldredge Smith and Aunt Ruth Shumway, have indicated their desire to be added to the growing list of those desiring copies of Grandfather's journal if it can be published.

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A new subscriber to the Kinsman this month is:

Charles L. Hamilton, Jr.
7216 Osceola Drive
Madeira, Ohio

(He is a grandson of J. Alvin Decker.)

OFFICERS' MESSAGE

It was our privilege--Uncle Will's and mine--to travel to Salt Lake City in company with father and Aunt Emmie to attend the General Conference in April, 1905; that was when we were married in the Temple.

During the last session of conference Pres. Joseph F. Smith arose and beckoned father to the rostrum and with his arm around him made this announcement, "My brethren and sisters, I wish to present to you my esteemed kinsman, Pres. Jesse Nathaniel Smith, of the Snowflake Stake in Arizona. A modern Nathaniel, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile."

A great joy as I had never before experienced came to me as I sat there for the first time in that magnificent building, almost overwhelmed by merely being a part of that vast congregation--then to witness such special honor bestowed upon my father and by a Prophet of the Lord, and before all that multitude. My mingled emotions of joy, pride and humility overcame me as I thanked my Heavenly Father for allowing me to be born to such noble parentage, and I wept silently. I wished that all my family might have been there to enjoy too this great blessing with me. I have treasured it in my heart all these years as a special gift to me.

No king could have made more graciously sincere pronouncement to worthy subject and no member of royal court could have made acceptance with more humble dignity--expressions both innate of the truly great.

Having this experience, so wonderful to me, I felt the great responsibility of father's posterity to live up to the priceless heritage he gave us. It should make us humble, surely not haughty nor proud. We should show our appreciation by being worthy examples before our children. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

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From Salt Lake City

On June 28 at the Nephi Jensen home Uncle Hyrum performed the ceremony uniting in marriage Margaret Smith (d. Elias and Ernestine) and Dale L. Tribe, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leland F. Tribe of Ogden, Utah. An informal reception was held for the relatives living in Salt Lake area to wish the newlyweds much happiness. A reception was held also in Ogden the next evening to give Dale's relatives a chance to extend their greetings. Uncle Elias and Aunt Ernestine made the trip to Ogden, as did Erna Jan, their youngest child, and Esther and her husband, LeRoy Heaton, from Kanab, and Ted and Inez Smith from Provo.

Norene Miller (d. Della S.) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is combining work and vacation. She is visiting with the J. Fish Smiths and also working in the Fruzola Company, J. Fish's business.

Jessie and Fred Bushman have received word that their daughter, Jean and husband, Allen Spencer, and four children are trying to thumb a way home, but so far no boats are stopping at Tonga. They have been there for two years helping to build an L.D.S. school house and doing missionary work. The food situation is getting bad and they hope to be on the way home just as soon as they can get passage.

Uncle Hyrum's 28th grandchild arrived June 26. The 10 lb. 2 oz. boy is to be named Richard Hyrum Clark and his mama and daddy, Dorothy and Ellsworth, and the four brothers and three sisters are all very happy and well satisfied.

Irene and Marvin Smith (s. Uncle Hyrum) are busy moving the Irene Beauty and Health Shop. The new location is just a few doors north of the old place which Irene has had for 18 years. However, the new place is near a parking lot which they hope will be an asset for their growing business.

George and Lois Whitaker (d. Uncle Hyrum) took their four children to the Grand Canyon for a week's trip and to help break the summer heat.

It is rather exciting to learn that Byrd-Frost, Inc. found natural gas on the Randall land

in Monticello, Utah. This belongs to Howard and his son, Ruel.

Florence Bushman Zobell almost had a Yankee Doodle birthday, but decided to make her appearance July 5th instead. We won't tell her age, but anyone with a good memory can figure it out. She was born on the day that Dewey took Manila, and the rumor is that she was almost named Manila. Florence is busy with her Book of Mormon Sunday School class and her Relief Society work, being North Jordan Stake Relief Society visiting teacher supervisor.

Other July birthdays we can mention in passing with a wish for happiness to them are Uncle Aikens, July 29; Marguerite Bushman Babcock, July 1; Emily Parker, July 11; Mary Monson, July 21. We hesitate to start mentioning birthdays, however, after seeing Uncle Silas D.'s enumeration of family members, but just to clear the record we wish much joy to all those who chose July for their natal day.

Aunt Priscilla reports that her son, Albert A., is not neglecting his Church duties while he is teaching the soldier boys to shoot in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He is counselor to Reed Richards in the Branch Presidency of the Lawton Branch, and has been asked to be on the District Council of the West Oklahoma District. Glenden, his wife, is one of the class leaders in the Relief Society. Catherine, their 13-year-old daughter, is a pianist and plays a lot for church and the auxiliaries, and Nickey, who will be six on Sept. 1, is a good Sunday School member.

Eldredge (s. Aunt Priscilla) is on the ranch this summer with his two sons putting up hay.

J. Alvin Decker wrote a nice letter informing us that before this month is over he plans to be on an eastern jaunt, among other things to visit a pair of 4-month-old twin grandsons he hasn't seen yet. He also is to visit their parents, the Curtis Hamiltons, and brother, Ian.

Bp. J. Lorenzo Smith and family of Salt Lake City recently had a vacation trip. They visited in Los Angeles and Southern Arizona, coming through Snowflake for a short visit with his parents, Samuel F. and Lulu J.

Snowflake Area News

Our reporter, Ida S. Church, wishes to call attention to all descendants of Aunt Augusta that they are planning a nice pot-luck dinner for the families and invite all of them to be there--at family reunion time, August 18.

On July 10th at the Glen Heward home in Holbrook a double wedding reception was held for Orma and Dorothy Jean Heward. Dorothy married Jay Williams from Price, Utah, in the Salt Lake Temple. Orma married William Abbot from South Dakota, who was studying voice at Chicago Music Conservatory with her. He is an outstanding concert artist with a magnificent tenor voice. He performed several times during the course of the evening with his artist wife to accompany him. Jay and Dorothy met at the B.Y.U., and probably will return to Provo. Jay has been on a mission. Among those attending the reception from Snowflake were Aunt Rebecca Rogers, Aunt Pauline U. Smith, Ida S. Church, Marion and Lenora Rogers, and Willis and Bessie R. Ericson.

The Ericsons are visiting in Snowflake with her parents, Marion and Lenora. With them is their son, Jimmie. Willis has completed his dental schooling and is waiting now for state board examinations.

Ben Ballard and wife, Vera, and children are in Snowflake from Corvallis, Oregon, for a visit with relatives and friends.

The S. D. Rogers reunion was held in Clay Springs recently and a wonderful time was reported.

As usual, Snowflake is having a big 24th Pioneer Days Celebration -- this year on the 20th and 21st.

Aunt Pauline is in Snowflake for the remainder of the summer and feels better than in two or three years. She and Aunt Sarah T. are neighbors once more and enjoy the good visits of long ago across the fence.

Beatrice and George Papa have purchased Grandfather Locey Rogers' former home and expect to settle in Snowflake in September.

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Bits from Provo

A lovely reception was held on June 28th for Garth Rogers (s. S. Lorenzo) and his bride, Verna Van Buren, daughter of Mrs. Cora K. Van Buren. The couple were wed the same day in the Salt Lake Temple. Besides the new couple, S. Lorenzo and Annabelle had all of their family except Inez Gardner and family present at the reception. Lee acted as best man and Erna (Holdaway) was one of the attendants to the bride. Chester and family from Salt Lake City and Flake and Mary were there to contribute their part to the proceedings. Garth and Verna plan to live in Provo.

Flake and Mary Rogers, with their three children, Kay, Gale and Mark, returned from Chicago in June to make their home in Provo. Flake has been attending school in Chicago for four years preparing to become a chiropractist. During that time he served as Superintendent of the Chicago Stake Sunday Schools and on the Stake High Council. His abilities were recognized very soon upon his return and he has now been appointed as secretary to the Melchizedek Priesthood Committee in the East Provo Stake.

Ruth U. Evans and children have been away from Provo for a visit with her parents, Uncle John and Aunt Leah, and other family members in Phoenix.

We (the editor and family) were very pleased recently to have Joseph M. Flake and his wife and their son, Wilbur, and daughter, Myrra, come in to see us one Sunday afternoon. We had a very enjoyable visit, including a discussion concerning the printing of Grandfather's journal, if this proves feasible. He made some very worthwhile suggestions. Myrra plans to attend the B.Y.U. this fall.

Francis Rogers (s. Andrew and Rebecca) recently returned from his mission in Louisiana. He is a fine handsome young man and gave a very good account of himself. He was sustained as counselor in the H.I.A. for the coming year so will not be left idle long.

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Will and I were in company at the service with his Uncle Charles Shumway, a very thorough Latter-day Saint, and he expressed very high regard for father. He told me that I should feel honored to be the daughter of so great a man. I told him that I was and considered it a great privilege, but inwardly I think my feelings were comparable to the Publican who went to the temple to pray.

Uncle Silas S. was in Salt Lake, too, attending the conference. He and father had met and had their visit together as they always did on those occasions. There was a strong love existing between these brothers which amounted almost to worship; yet a vein of jovial raillery was interwoven into it with an insistent proclivity to tease. When father was young he wouldn't eat his piece of pie if Uncle had bitten off the peak, and there are many stories of the one getting it on the other; for instance, the one about the "shiny" thimble on the wagon wheel.

Uncle Silas was at the door waiting for us when we left the tabernacle and he rushed to us and said, "Ruth, I have something to tell you. It's good and I want you to tell it to your father. Now you don't forget. I wanted to tell him myself, but I can't find him and my train is almost due, so you be sure to tell him. A man came to me and asked me, 'Was that your father or brother?' and I said, 'It was my son.'"

Ruth S. Shumway
V.P.--JNS Family Assn.

Of interest to family members is an article and picture in the Church Section of the Deseret News under date of July 11th describing a special conference and baptismal service held June 17th in the East Iowa District of the

Family Picture

Uncle Silas D. writes to tell a little about the fine family picture of which many have already obtained copies. There was a group, including Uncle Silas D. and others, who put up funds to begin the project-- \$10.00 or so each. Then a committee worked on the design --including Rebecca, Lorana, Julia, Ida and others. Augusta Flake has been doing the work of making and getting the pictures out. She wrote Uncle Silas that she has made arrangements whereby the work can be done more easily, and suggests that if anyone who made a contribution to get the project under way and who has not yet received the number of pictures expected, or is not satisfied, that they write to her at Snowflake, or to Uncle Silas D. at 44 So. Udall St. in Mesa, or Uncle Don C. Smith, 445 East 1st Ave., Mesa, asking that they be supplied with the pictures that they expected, as they can now be sent out.

We would like to encourage any who have not yet obtained copies of this picture to get one. They are certainly worth the \$1.00 which will get you a copy if you send to Augusta Flake in Snowflake.

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We appreciated letters from C. John Peterson, West Jordan, Utah; Lenore B. Carpenter, Chandler, Arizona; and Loraine Nilson, Crescent City, California. Time does not permit our answering many of the letters we receive more formally than an acknowledgment, but we are pleased to hear from any member of the family.

Northern States Mission. The two open air sessions were held at Nauvoo, Ill., under the direction of Vernon S. Flake of Keosauqua, Iowa, who is the District President. There were about 125 members of the Church in attendance.

Family Census Nearly Complete

Uncle Silas D. just sent us a report of his activities in getting an enumeration of the JNS family. He has done a faithful, time-consuming job, with altogether too little cooperation from some from whom information has been solicited. The results are not complete even yet, but are sufficiently complete to give a good picture of the size of the family and of the job he undertook. There are still five families not sent in descended from the first wife, two from the 2nd wife, and three from the 3rd wife.

Our space and limited facilities do not permit us to give the full table as submitted to us which shows the number in each generation, fully classified. However, we print on the following page the totals of all generations for each child. By way of explanation: The numbers shown opposite the names of the five

wives of Grandfather Smith are their immediate children. Those shown opposite each of the children are their descendants in all generations. M is for Males, F for Females, L for Living, D for Deceased.

Totals by generations should also be of interest. There are, of course, 44 children, 14 males and 30 females. Of these 8 males and 14 females are now living. There are 340 grandchildren: 195 males and 145 females. Of the males 140 are living and 117 of the females.

Great-grandchildren number 907: 469 males of whom 419 are living, and 438 females, 405 living. Great, great-grandchildren account for 551 of the total. 275 males out of 296 are living, and 243 females out of 255. Great, great, great-grandchildren number only 9, 3 males and 6 females, all living. Altogether this makes 1851 descendants tabulated.

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Tabulation of Descendants of

JESSE NATHANIEL SMITH

July, 1951

Name	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>F</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>
1 - Emma Seraphine West	4	5	2	2	0	5
2 - Margaret Fletcher West	1	1	0	1	0	1
3 - Janet Mauretta Johnson	1	12	1	0	9	3
4 - Augusta Marie Outzen	2	9	0	2	3	6
5 - Emma Larson	6	3	5	1	2	1
1 - Emma Seraphine Smith	84	54	78	6	47	7
2 - Mary Josephine Smith	7	0	0	7	0	0
3 - Adelaide Margaret Smith	17	18	13	4	18	0
4 - Hannah Daphne Smith	19	14	11	8	12	2
5 - Eliza Snow Smith	118	124	100	18	110	14
6 - Joseph Vest Smith	82	91	77	5	88	3
7 - Jesse Nathaniel Smith, Jr.	54	51	41	13	44	7
8 - Sarah Elizabeth Smith	3	3	2	1	2	1
9 - Silas Derryfield Smith	64	59	55	9	55	4
10 - Susan Janet Smith	109	82	93	16	69	13
11 - Georgiana Bathsheba Smith	14	8	13	1	7	1
12 - John Walter Smith	26	18	24	2	17	1
13 - Ellen Mauretta Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 - Augusta Gerhardina Smith	6	9	6	0	7	2
15 - Sariah Annie Smith	29	22	24	5	20	2
16 - Samuel Francis Smith	21	18	19	2	16	2
17 - Agnes Haud Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 - Robert Christian Smith	8	11	7	1	10	1
19 - Julia Johnson Smith	34	40	29	5	37	3
20 - Priscilla Smith	13	14	12	1	13	1
21 - Martha Amelia Smith	57	34	55	2	32	2
22 - Editha Smith	23	11	19	4	10	1
23 - Lucy Smith	25	23	23	2	23	0
24 - Asabel Henry Smith	18	17	14	4	15	2
25 - Margaret Fife Smith	2	1	2	0	1	0
26 - Hyrum Smith	16	19	16	0	19	0
27 - Anna Smith	11	7	8	3	7	0
28 - Ruth Smith	14	13	14	0	12	1
29 - Caroline Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 - Don Carlos Smith	5	8	5	0	7	1
31 - Rebecca Smith	14	3	14	0	3	0
32 - Esther Smith	13	18	12	1	17	1
33 - Lorana Smith	9	8	9	0	8	0
34 - Rachel Smith	11	10	11	0	10	0
35 - Elias Smith	13	12	13	0	12	0
36 - Lehi Larson Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
37 - Leah Smith	9	8	7	2	8	0
38 - Sophronia Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
39 - George Albert Smith	2	3	2	0	3	0
40 - Natalia Smith	7	3	5	2	3	0
41 - Millie Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
42 - Aikens Smith	3	8	2	1	7	1
43 - Myrtle Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0
44 - Mathias Foss Cowley Smith	3	2	3	0	2	0
Totals	<u>977</u>	<u>874</u>	846	131	785	89
	<u>1851</u>					

1884 Fri. Sept. 26 (con.)

"If we cannot be shaken we shall stand. There never was a time when there was more union among this people than at present, or less difficulties. We have not been called upon to settle difficulties, because there were none. There never was a time when the people kept the word of wisdom better than at the present. They are steadily putting away tobacco and tea and coffee. We should learn this, because others use those things that is no excuse for us to do so. I like these things as well as any man does but I do not use them because the Lord says not to do so. I want to live simple, and not take disease into my system. I am trying to live my religion. It is not right to bear false witness against a brother or to defraud him. If we fail to answer to the law for our transgressions God will call us to account for them. We want our children to advance on the same principle the Lord expects us to advance. If we transgress knowingly we shall be beaten with many stripes. This is a righteous judgment. Life eternal is what we are after and the only way to obtain it is to receive the Gospel and live according to its precepts, not turning any principle thereof aside. Learn to live pure lives. Learn to make comfortable and attractive homes. Impart knowledge to your children and let the children impart knowledge to their parents, for they have advantages that their parents did not have. I expect my children to have a much better education than I possess. I had to labor when a youth and could not get an education. I was picked up before I could read a book and sent on a mission. I was then but 15 years of age. I had no father, no mother, no brother that could control me, no one to look after me. I owe everything to the authorities of the Church. I have obtained all that I possess through their influence. My wives, and all that I have, I got through them. I have no other place to go. Zion is my home. We receive all that we have through the proper channel. All our blessings are given on condition of our faithfulness. It is with me the Kingdom of God or nothing. But a few years more when we go hence, and look down upon our past lives, we shall wonder how such small trials could have ruffled us. That we shall come

forth in the morning of the resurrection is our promise and also our privilege. Make your dam permanent; get the best skill you can obtain; do not put in any more brush rock and earth mixed together to be washed away. That dam with skill can be made a permanent structure."

Pres. Lot Smith of the Little Colorado Stake said, "When we first came out here Pres. Young wrote us a number of letters and always wrote very encouragingly. The brethren here talk to us the same way. I have always blessed this country. It has been cursed enough by others."

I accompanied the brethren to St. Joseph where meeting was held and where the brethren took train for Salt Lake. Returned home. In connection with a number of the brethren I worked on the long ditch.

Bros. D. K. Udall, A. M. Tenney, P. J. Christofferson, C. I. Kempe, and W. J. Flake being under bonds to answer to indictments for polygamy went to Prescott to stand their trials before Judge Howard in the U.S. District Court. They were soon joined by P. N. Skouson who relying upon the protection of the law of limitation voluntarily surrendered himself. These brethren were indicted under the notorious Edmunds law in the U. S. Court. They were prosecuted by U. S. Attorney Zabriskie, not under the U. S. law, but under the territorial statute against bigamy and convicted by a packed jury of polygamy and unlawful cohabitation. They were defended by J. C. Herndon and Judge Rush and J. B. Milner. Udall was not put upon trial. Tenney, Christofferson and Kempe were each sentenced to three and a half years imprisonment in the house of correction at Detroit and to pay a fine each of \$500. Flake and Skouson who plead guilty in order to have the punishment mitigated, were sentenced each to six months imprisonment in Yuma penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500. Tenney's case was appealed to the Supreme Court of Arizona, and the Church employed Thomas Fitch to present the case, but this he did in a very half-hearted way. Seemingly against their judgment and convictions the majority of the Supreme Court finally sustained the action of the trial court. Subsequently Governor Zulick informed me that there were no laws to justify this action of the courts, as he

had gone over the whole case together with the evidence. Judge French, the predecessor of Howard, told me that under the law it was not possible to convict either of the brethren for polygamy.

Wed. Nov. 19. My wife, Emma Larson, gave birth to my 21st daughter and 29th child. When she was 8 days old I blest her and named her Caroline.

I continued on the ditch, the rumors of indictments and arrests increasing daily. It was claimed that my name had been placed upon a list, together with many as open to the charge of polygamy and that the list was paraded in law offices throughout the territory as geese to be plucked.

Fri. Dec. 5. I was visited on the ditch by Bro. L. H. Hatch and Bishop Standifird urging me to take steps to avoid arrest. I received a letter from Lot Smith the same day urging the necessity of a hasty departure and offering to furnish team, conveyance and supplies to go to Utah. I called the brethren together who were working on the ditch and laid the matter before them. They expressed the unanimous opinion that I had better go.

Sat. Dec. 6. In company with Bros. L. H. Hatch, J. H. Standifird and Joseph Fish I left Snowflake at 6 p.m., my son, Silas D. and also John L. Fish going with a team to take us as far as Woodruff. We arrived there at 10 p.m. The night was very cold. Advised with Charles Jarvis and Clark Owens about conducting the business of the store. Wrote Bro. E. N. East at Snowflake offering him the position of clerk at the store at \$45 per month. Obtained some necessary articles and \$25 cash for my journey. Sister Hatch furnished the party their supper. Bro. J. D. Smithson took his jaded team and conveyed the party to St. Joseph where we arrived at day break, having suffered severely with cold. Sister Richards entertained us and gave us our breakfast.

Sun. Dec. 7. Bro. John Bushman took his team and conveyed us to Sunset where we found Bro. Lot Smith preparing to take us farther. Our party being so large Bro. Bushman concluded to go to Utah and help us along. Saw David Savage just arrived here from Salt River. Took supper at Bro. T. W. Brookbark's. Attended meeting; spoke; so did Bros. Savage and Hatch. T. W. Brookbark

was ordained a High Priest and set apart as second counselor to Pres. Lot Smith of the Little Colorado Stake. Slept with Bro. Fish.

Mon. Dec. 8. Left Sunset at 10 a.m. Rained last night; road muddy. Met some travelers. Drove late. Camped near the San Francisco Wash.

Tues. Dec. 9. A large mule came to our camp which Bro. Smith harnessed into our team. This I did not approve of but being dependent on Bro. Smith for conveyance said nothing. Rained in the night. Very muddy. Met Bro. Dotson, farther on met John Earl. I suggested the propriety of sending back the stray mule. Bro. Smith said we had better keep him to help through the snow on Buckskin Mountain. Camped late near Black Falls.

Wed. Dec. 10. Still very muddy. Reached the last watering place on the river. Met some Cohenevy Indians today.

Thurs. Dec. 11. Met E. Wakefield and Pres. Spencer of the Sevier Stake. Emerged from the mud and encountered snow. Camped 8 miles above Willow Springs in the Canyon Wash.

Fri. Dec. 12. Only made about 16 miles; a hard drive, the snow being deep.

Sat. Dec. 13. Met Henry Fowles on his way to St. Johns. Bought 200 lbs. of grain. Camped at Sheep tanks; extremely cold and but little wood.

Sun. Dec. 14. Still extremely cold. Animals gone. Bros. Fish and Bushman got them 4 miles away on the back track. Started ahead on foot when the horses came in sight. The snow was deep but decreased as we went north. Arrived at the lower ferry at 4:30 p.m. The ferrymen Brinkerhoff and Christensen came over in a row boat to get help to bail out the ferry boat. Three or four of us accompanied them. We crossed our teams and wagons and were hospitably entertained by Bro. D. Brinkerhoff and family.

Mon. Dec. 15. Remained at the ferry. Held meeting in the evening. Our friends forgave us the ferriage and gave us some provisions to go on with.

Tues. Dec. 16. Off at 9 a.m. Muddy for walking. Camped 4 miles west of Soap Creek; very cold, some snow.

Wed. Dec. 17. The snow increased to 18 inches in depth in the valley opposite House Rock Spring where we camped.