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From Salt Lake City

Mary S. Monson would like others to know a little about why she appreciates her brother, J. Fish. He is always doing good turns for her; for example, when recent rains tore out a lot of new lawn Mary had planted, J. Fish, without being asked, started to fix the damage in his quiet way and spent a half day on the job.

A 7 lb. 12 oz. baby boy was born to Nancy Barton and Cleal Bradford at Monticello on July 15th. His name is Calvyn. He is the fourth great-grandchild of Clarence and Seraphine S. Frost. No wonder Uncle Silas is pleased to give the report of great-great-great-grandchildren of Grandfather.

Another birthday is August 11th. This time it is the son of Clea Greaves Chipman.

Virginia Bushman, widow of Silas, took a trip to Arizona--Snowflake, etc. She was accompanied by Nephi Bushman, son of Martin D., who has returned from the Canadian Mission recently. Leland Smith, son of Jesse M., returned with them. He recently filled a Hawaiian Mission. Patricia Ann Bushman (d. Virginia) just won two scholarships to the University of Utah for her ranking among the top students at her high school.

Fred and Jessie Bushman returned from Vancouver, where they went to meet their daughter, Jean, and her husband, Allen Spencer, and their four children as they returned from their mission to Tonga. The homecoming for the family was held on August 12th. Ward members had filled the Spencer cupboards with canned goods and fresh food -- a happy start for a worthy cause.

Florence Bushman Zobell and her husband sold their home in West Jordan and bought a 20-acre farm in Payette, Idaho (Route 2). Florence writes that they like the country and that she enjoys

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REUNION

Everyone at the reunion seemed to be enjoying himself to the fullest and those who were unable to attend really missed a very wonderful time. It is a difficult thing to try to express thanks to anyone for fear of leaving out someone who put forth a lot of effort, so to start off, we'll just say thanks to all who helped in any way to make the reunion pleasant. Special thanks should go to the General Chairman, Silas S. Decker, to those who arranged the meals for the five groups, and to Alice S. Hansen, Jessie B. Smith, and Effie S. Tillman who arranged a very good afternoon program.

The program included several orchestra numbers by a group of the Smiths -- a large group -- from the second grade married folk -- under the direction of J. R. Crandall. Community singing under the direction of Edna R. Smith included original songs by Aunt Rebecca S. Rogers and Alice S. Hansen. Jesse M. Smith gave a short tribute to Jesse M. Smith. Two skits were presented, one prepared by Amanda R. Brewer and Ione R. Pearce and the other by Mauretta B. Thomas and Luella B. Webb. Piano solos were rendered by Waldo Larson and Orma Hevard Abbott. Karlie Smith gave a dance.

The business meeting which followed the program was lively, though not too well attended. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

President	Esther S. Shumway
1st V. P.	Joseph S. Jarvis
2nd V. P.	
(Secretary)	Lenore B. Carpenter
3rd V. P.	
(Treasurer)	Don C. Smith
4th V. P.	
(Resolutions)	Effie S. Tillman
5th V. P.	
(Genealogical)	Silas D. Smith

Important motions made and carried included one which delegated to the vice-president from

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Bits from Provo

Ara Jean Avery (d. Sadie H. Avery) was married to Wilbur D. Hiatt in the Salt Lake Temple on August 21. Wilbur is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David L. Hiatt of Mount Airy, North Carolina. He just returned from a mission to the Central Atlantic States. Both Ara Jean and Wilbur have attended the Brigham Young University. A lovely reception was given in their honor on Aug. 22 in the Banquet Hall of the Joseph Smith Building on the B.Y.U. campus. The couple will reside in Provo where Wilbur will continue his schooling.

Dr. L. Flake Rogers (s. S. Lorenzo) recently announced the opening of his office in the First Security Bank Building in Provo, for the practice of chiropody, specializing in the treatment of foot ailments. (This is not a paid advertisement.)

Oliver R. and Barbara Smith and four children just returned to Provo from Iowa where he has been working on his doctorate. Oliver (s. Uncle Hyrum) is professor of Journalism and head of that department at the Brigham Young University.

Lorraine Benson Nilsen and her daughter of Crescent City, California, have been visiting with members of her family in Provo and Salt Lake. They attended a Benson reunion in Idaho and the Smith reunion in Snowflake the following weekend. Her sister, Ruth Benson, will accompany her home for a visit in California. Lorraine's husband, Harold, has just started out on his own with his "Nilsen's Dental Lab" after working for another dentist for over four years.

One reason for the Kinsman being so late this month is that the editor and his family went to Snowflake for the reunion. It was a pleasure to see so many there. After the reunion they stayed for a few days visiting with his parents and relatives there. On the return trip they attended the Snake Dance of the Hopi Indians at Walpi (Polacca).

Aunt Sophronia spent a few days in Provo visiting with Sadie Avery and others. She returned to Snowflake with William C. Smith.

Snowflake Area News

Uncle Elias Smith entertained a number of reunion attendants at his home in Linden, including the editor and family. He is at present remodeling the home there and will have a very nice place after the face-lifting it is getting.

Several members of his family came there to celebrate his birthday with him Aug. 1, and as usual, they had a very happy time together.

His youngest daughter, Jan, graduated this year from high school and plans to go to school at Tempe this fall.

Melvin Lehi Smith, his son, has moved from Idaho to Phoenix where he has been appointed assistant manager of the Clover Club Food Company now operating in Phoenix. (For those of you who are not acquainted with their products, we suggest you try their potato chips.) Mel's wife, Phyllis, and their two children, Okella and Reuel, just returned from Rexburg, Idaho, where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson.

Esther and husband, LeRoy Heaton, live in Kanab and treated the editor very kindly when he dropped in with his family for a brief visit on the return trip from Arizona. They have two lovely little girls. The whole family has a right to be sweet -- they are in the honey business.

Uncle Hyrum and Don Mack Dalton were speakers at sacrament meeting in Snowflake on the 19th, both giving a very good account of themselves. Don Mack's experiences in South America were especially interesting. Others on the program included Bessie R. Ericson who rendered a vocal solo, accompanied by her sister, Mayola R. Miltonberger, and S. Eugene Flake, who offered a very fitting prayer.

It is with regret that we report that Uncle Aikens' 2½-year-old daughter was struck by an automobile in Joseph City and was taken to the hospital. The last report we had was that she had a broken leg and a fractured skull and was still very critical. We wish her a complete and speedy recovery.

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News from St. Johns

We enjoyed greatly a long letter from Aunt Tal in St. Johns giving a report of the family members there. We invite anyone to do likewise as it cannot be expected that our few reporters can get all the news on so many family members so widely scattered.

There are not many of Aunt Susie's family left in St. Johns. All her children have moved away except George, and he works elsewhere. Two of his children live there. Eldred and Virginia Jarvis have a fine family of three girls and one boy, and Norma Crosby has three boys and one girl. Her husband, John T. Crosby, is Sheriff of Apache County.

Pearl and Zech have moved to Gallup, New Mexico. Pearl is in Trinity Hospital under treatment awaiting an operation. Before leaving she was manager for Navajo-Apache Telephone company for about five years.

Three of Aunt Bashie's children are still in St. Johns, and also her husband, Uncle Dave. He is busy with Church work, being Patriarch in the St. Johns Stake, head of the Stake Mission, and serving on the Adult Aaronic Priesthood Committee. He lives alone, always busy with his lovely garden and fruit. His daughter, Ethel (Mrs. Cyrus Mangum) tends to his needs and gives him all the care and devotion possible in her busy days with her family of four. Clarence and Alfred, both with fine families, and their sister would be happy to share their homes with their father, but he is happier as is.

"I was amazed a few weeks ago," Aunt Tal says, "when I attended one of his classes. Although his eyesight has failed to a great degree, and he cannot read any more, his memory is perfect, and no matter what the quotation is nor how long, (and I've followed many) he never misses a word."

Aunt Natalia's family is also scattered. Norman and family are in St. Louis, where he is studying medicine. His wife, Dorothy, is tending her second baby, a boy, born May 29th. Their children are Marcella June and David Dean. Norman expects to complete his studies in October with a degree in Medical Technology after which he expects to work in the Eastside Clinic in Mesa.

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A Studious Man

After reading Aunt Ruth's message in the July issue Joseph H. Flake sent in the following account of further recognition given to Grandfather Smith:

Early in 1937 President Heber J. Grant spoke to students and faculty of the Utah State Agricultural College in Logan and I am sure he was not aware of the presence there of any descendant of Grandfather Smith. There was at least one. At that time Anthony W. Ivins, 1st Counselor in the First Presidency, was chairman of U. S. A. C. board of directors and Pres. Grant said of him on that occasion, "My cousin, Tony Ivins, has forgotten more than I ever knew." Then he said, "The two greatest readers I ever knew were Israel Ivins, father of my counselor, and Jesse N. Smith of Snowflake, Arizona."

A few days later Rachel Smith Benson of Ioka, Uintah County, Utah, was in our North Logan home to assist with the birth of our 4th child. I asked her if Grandfather was really studious. "As soon as he entered the house," she replied, "he would sit right down with a book." Aunt Rachel and others of the family have told how young H. J. Grant, Apostle, made the long, hard journey to Arizona at every opportunity and spent many hours in conversation with Jesse N. Smith. In one of his public addresses I heard Pres. Grant say, "When I want to learn something I go to someone who knows more than I do." Someone has told me that Apostle Grant listed the questions in theology and doctrine which came to him and would take them to Grandfather for his answers.

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New subscribers this month are:

Jesse M. Smith
Snowflake, Arizona

LaMarr Farr
St. Johns, Arizona

Clair G. Rogers
Box 70
Hays, Montana

Henry Ashcroft
St. Johns, Arizona

Norman R. Smith
Holbrook, Arizona

Ardath is still at the helm of Farr Bros. Trucking Company in St. Johns. His folks are all proud of the work he accomplishes despite handicaps. He sits in his wheel chair or in his car and directs the activities of four brothers and four or five hired men. He enjoys his work, never complains, and has such a big personality that those around him forget his handicap.

La Mell is in St. Johns with her three children, Rachel, 4, Evelyn, 2, and Allan Henry, 8 months. Her husband, Henry Ashcroft, is a lieutenant in the army stationed at Pine Camp, New York. He was among the top ten per cent of his class when he graduated from the U.S.A.C. in Logan, Utah, in June, 1950, when he took a degree in forestry (Range Management).

La Marr married Lucinda Mineer of St. Johns; they have 2 children, Darwin La Marr, 4, and Jaqueline, 1. La Marr is right hand man for Farr Bros. He lacks only two quarters of having a degree in agriculture and hopes to finish school some day, but right now is needed in St. Johns as "Straw Boss".

Sylvia is the college girl now. She is at the A.S.T.C. in Flagstaff this summer, but plans to return to the Y for one more quarter.

Gus is working in St. Johns, too. Farr Brothers couldn't get along very well without him, although they may have to if and when his number comes for army duty. Aunt Tal says Uncle Sam will get him if he needs him, but it will likely be a little grudgingly, because she doesn't feel as patriotic as she did before four of her sons went off to war and Dean did not return. (Gus may have other plans for himself--a wedding, perhaps?)

Last, but by no means least, there are Earl and Merl--"The Pinks". They are high school boys and keep things lively with their friends. It may not always be so, but Uncle Dave says "one of them out-twinned the other in size."

Aunt Natalia enjoys her work as County Recorder and may seek another term in 1952. She wishes to join with Aunt Sophronia in buying a home in Mesa so that she can go to the Temple some day and do her bit to help out with the work of the Lord. Aunt Sophronia has been with her part of the summer.

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Uncle Foss and Aunt Cleona stopped in Mesa on their way to and from Los Angeles. Foss has been attending school in Flagstaff this summer completing his Master's Degree. They returned by way of Snowflake to their home in LaJara, Colorado, where their five children have been taking care of themselves while their parents made this business trip.

Aunt Susie and Uncle Heber Jarvis are visiting with their son, Silas, and family in Pima.

Uncle George's family can be reported on quite completely. Aunt Phosia is attending summer school along with her son, George A., Jr. and her son-in-law, Bob Chastain. Bob is writing his thesis to get his Master's Degree, Junior is working for his degree, and Phosia is renewing her certificate. Bob is Superintendent of the Standfield Schools; he and Phosia have taught there three years. Lehi is an instructor in radar at White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico.

Uncle George caught a "codler cold" some time ago, but is making progress in his recovery. His daughter, Karlie, is at home with him while her mother is in school.

Uncle Don C. and Aunt Nell are in Snowflake where they are building a summer home on their property southwest of town.

Aunt Esther and Uncle Clarence made a business trip to Mesa and despite the heat enjoyed their stay visiting with their sons, Kent, Ardeth, and Phil and their families. They returned to Show Low with Uncle Foss.

A recent article in the Desert News regarding the Arizona Welfare Region meeting at St. Johns named Jesse M. Smith, Snowflake Stake, and David E. Heywood of the Phoenix Stake as heading the delegations from their respective stakes. The accompanying picture included Dave.

Visitors in St. Johns have included Ruth Benson, Joel Smith, and Ted and Inez Smith and baby. There were also a number, including Ernest and Viva Hulet, Effie S. Tillman and daughter, Norma, Dorothy Hevard, Georgianna Spurlock, Aunt Pauline U. Smith, and Claude DeWitt, who attended a funeral of Anella S. Gibbons and her grandson, Stanley, who met a tragic death coming from Flagstaff on August 3rd.

each of the five family groups the responsibility of furnishing an assistant for the genealogical Vice-President, a member to see that the dues of each family are collected, and a member to work toward getting the Kinsman in each home. Another motion that was passed empowered the Executive Committee to make additional funds available, if needed, to publish the Kinsman, raising the subscription price if necessary.

An evening program featuring musical talent of the Smith family was given.

The children of Grandfather Smith in attendance were:

- Silas D. Smith
- Samuel F. Smith
- Julia S. Ballard
- Hyrum Smith
- Ruth S. Shumway
- Don C. Smith
- Rebecca S. Rogers
- Esther S. Shumway
- Lorana S. Broadbent
- Elias Smith
- Sophronia Smith
- Natalia S. Farr
- Myrtle S. Blocker

Our president, Uncle George, was excused, of course, because of ill health.

Snowflake News
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After going through the list of officers and board members of the Snowflake Stake Relief Society it would seem that the Smith blood is still rather well represented in Snowflake. The list appearing in the Church News section named the following members of the JMS family organization: Ida S. Hendrickson, Anna S. Decker, Phoebe B. Bushman, Ida S. Church, Elizabeth S. Baldwin, and Fern H. Smith.

Norman R. Smith (s. Elizabeth S. Baldwin) has built a beautiful new home in Holbrook. He married while in England in the Air Corps and now has four robust sons. He works on the Spurlock cattle ranch.

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From Washington, D. D. we received an announcement that Darrell F. Smith is to wed Marjorie Ann Hill in the Salt Lake Temple on August 27. They will make their home at 1530 - 16th St. N.W., Apt. 510, Washington, D. C.

Uncle Silas wrote us a nice little article on procrastination, parts of which we wish to pass on to you:

Jesse N. Smith always was attentive to details needing attention. You will notice in the journal records: "My _____ child was born _____ (date) _____. I named it _____." Ordinances were also noted -- with one exception, that of the baptism of son Silas Derryfield which escaped recording in some way. I did not know there was no record of the event, although I have no exact memory of it. When Ellen and I were married in the St. George Temple, we felt a desire to be baptized before going through the temple and the day before we were married we were baptized in the fount, November 9, 1836. After years of research and study, I asked father why no record had been made of my baptism and to the surprise of all it could not be found, and you know, father was more vexed and annoyed than anyone. When I explained about the temple baptism he said that should be my baptismal date thereafter.

This circumstance is noted for your observation. Procrastination is a thief of time and may possibly cause some of us to miss many blessings.

For example, sheets were sent out in May and June to be returned for the family record of enumeration. Many responded very well, but altogether too many did not find time until much later to answer, or felt the matter insignificant. As a result it took 2½ months to get back work which would probably take no longer than 20 minutes to complete. The report was held up and time lost and finally went in without some of the reports back. The procrastination took much more time from others than was given.

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Procrastination is a form of dishonesty; certainly those who become its victims often unintentionally deceive others, and inevitably deceive themselves.

Excuses are the crutches upon which many hobble toward failure and oblivion.

Promptness receives the compensation that procrastination waits for in vain.

Salt Lake News (con. from page 1)

being within 12 miles of where her sister, Mary, lives.

Lyle Shumway (s. Aunt Ruth and Uncle Will) is in St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake. He has a badly broken leg, the result of an accident while working at the Lark Mine. A speedy recovery to you, Lyle.

Ernest Anderson and wife, Ann, and daughter, Coralie, from Rochester, N. Y. have been visiting with grandma Priscilla Smith and his parents, Owen and Bessie Anderson of Spring City. Aunt Priscilla has also had visits from her daughter, Priscilla, and husband, Glen Richins, and their two children from Phoenix, and from her son, Albert and wife, Glendon, and two children from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

An apology is in order and a correction necessary. Last month's issue of the Kinsman reported that Uncle Hyrum officiated at the marriage of Dale and Mar-

garet Tribe. We should have written Uncle Nephi instead.

Bishop J. Lorenzo Smith is using a modern adaptation of the parable of the talents to raise the North Second Ward's cash welfare quota. He distributed \$75 among ward members and recognition is to be given to the person increasing his \$1 most and also to the one with the most novel idea for so doing. Several unique ideas have already been used, including one family that used their \$3 to buy supplies of whole wheat and other ingredients to make bread by grinding it in a small mill and then delivering bread to customers in the neighborhood.

Edith A. Smith observed her 90th birthday anniversary on Aug. 5th. Uncle Hyrum, Aunt Margaret and Mary Monson called to see her and extend congratulations. All of us owe a special debt of gratitude to Edith A. for her untiring efforts in compiling records of all the descendants of Asahel Smith.

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1884 Thurs. Dec. 18. Plodded along without any beaten track. The mail carrier with pack animal reported the snow ahead no deeper. Reached the top of Buckskin Mountain, Henry M. Tanner having joined our party.

Fri. Dec. 19. Off early, the snow deep and crusted. Met 4 wagons, St. Johns people who had broken out the road much to our relief. Soon met two more wagons. Met another party at Navajo Wells. Commenced raining. Reached Johnson, were very kindly entertained at Nephi Johnson's.

Sat. Dec. 20. Very stormy. Started late. Camped in wet snow 15 miles up the Canyon.

Sun. Dec. 21. Snow deep all day. Reached Richard A. Robinson's at Upper Kanab, who entertained us very kindly.

Mon. Dec. 22. Rained last night. After repairing Bro. Smith's wagon toiled on over the divide through the snow for 15 miles. Camped on the head waters of the Sevier.

Tues. Dec. 23. 6 miles brought us to Hillsdale where Seth and James F. Johnson entertained us. Bro. Tanner went on. Sister Janet Johnson showed me a letter from my wife, Janet, who is her daughter, dated Snowflake, December 12th. Wrote to my wife, Janet. Sister Johnson did some washing for me; dined with James F., took supper with Seth; attended evening meeting. Bro. Lot Smith spoke; I followed. Some of the brethren went on to Panguitch. Laid hands on a Sister Cook. Slept at James F.'s.

Wed. Dec. 24. On to Panguitch. Called on James Henrie, my niece, Mary Eleanor Smith Owens, Allan Miller and H. H. Steele. Received letters from my wives Emma, Augusta and Emma L., to whom I wrote in reply. Attended evening meeting; spoke, as did others. With Bro. Hatch slept at my niece's. Some of the brethren having great confidence in Judge Twiss of that district laughed at us for leaving home.

Thurs. Dec. 25. Bro. Fish obtained a horse and took the mountain trail for Parowan. Off at 10 a.m. Camped two miles below Kessler's.

Fri. Dec. 26. Broke a king-bolt, obtained another of old Bro. L. Merrill in Circleville. Reached Charles Harris' ranch and were kindly entertained by himself and family.

Sat. Dec. 27. Reached Monroe. Stayed at Bishop D. L. Harris'.

Sun. Dec. 28. Reached Richfield. Stayed with Bro. Outsen. Attended meeting. Met Bro. Thurber and others. Spoke with the others. In the evening enjoyed the luxury of a bath.

Mon. Dec. 29. Off late. Reached Salina; put up at Bishop Jens Jensen's. Saw evidence in the place of much prosperity and apostasy. Went to meeting; all spoke.

Tues. Dec. 30. Drove to Gunnison, roads badly rutted. Very cold north wind. Bishop C. A. Madsen entertained us very kindly.

Wed. Dec. 31. Off at 9:30. Reached Juab Station at dark. Put up at Witbeck's hotel but he entertained us free of charge.

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Thurs. Jan. 1. Bro. Smith and I took train for Salt Lake City and Bro. Hatch for Provo at 5:20 a.m. each paying half-fare, Bros. Bushman and Standifird remaining with the teams. I saw the teams no more, but learned from Bro. Bushman that the stray mule was returned to its owner about one year later. Met Bros. F. M. Lyman, A.M. Cannon and S. H. Hill on the train. With Bro. Smith called on President Taylor at the Gardo House where we met George Q. Cannon and B. Young. Were told that a party would soon go to Mexico to buy land upon which to build a city of refuge. Were invited to join the party; accepted the invitation with thanks. Were also invited to dine with the president, which we did, a stately family dinner. Called at Judge Smith's. Telegraphed Bro. Hatch to come tomorrow. Slept at Judge Smith's.

Fri. Jan. 2. Bros. Hatch and Fish came by rail. Pres. Taylor invited Bros. Smith, Hatch, Fish and myself to dine with him which we did. With Bro. Smith called at R.T. Burton's and took supper. Slept at Judge Smith's.

Sat. Jan. 3. Took train for the east on the U. P. track in Supt. Sharp's private car at 7:20 a.m., the party comprising President Taylor and his body servant, Charley Barrell, Joseph F. Smith, B. Young, M. Thatcher, F. H. Lyman, C. W. Penrose, John Q. Cannon, Lot Smith, Daniel Spencer, John Sharp, the cook, Brigham Randall, and myself. The car was comfortably and luxuriously furnished. A short stay was made in Ogden where I saw John W. Young.

Sun. Jan. 4. A politician calling himself Miller dined with us. At Cheyenne Bros. Young and Penrose went east whilst our party went south for Denver there to remain over night. The station master hat in hand waited upon President Taylor to know his pleasure concerning his car during the stay at that station.

Mon. Jan. 5. Looked over the city. We proceeded with the U. P. train to Pueblo running on the third rail of the D. & R. G. where we met Bro. E. Snow who thus overtook our party. Here our car was attached to the A. T. and S. F. and we proceeded south via La Junta.

Tues. Jan. 6. Reached Albuquerque without special incident.

Wed. Jan. 7. Took the Atlantic and Pacific but were detained seven hours at Sanders Station by a smash-up which happened to a freight train going west in which the engine and tender were turned over and much broken up; 4 freight cars were entirely smashed to pieces and five more were thrown off the track and disabled. The engineer and brakeman had saved themselves by jumping off the train, though they were considerably bruised. Two wrecking trains came, one from each way and gathered up the broken cars. We expected to reach St. Joseph about 2:30 p.m. but did not arrive there until 11 p.m. All the party got off except F. H. Lyman and John Sharp, D. Spencer and B. Randall, who went on to Prescott. The party walked from the station up to the village about a mile. I ran ahead and waked Sister Richards, Bro. Hanson, Bros. Allen and McLaws. All were comfortably housed and lodged. I with Bro. Lot Smith slept at Bro. McLaws'.

Thurs. Jan. 8. Meeting held. Lot Smith, J. F. Smith, H. Thatcher, myself and President Taylor spoke. The St. Joseph brethren conveyed the members of the party in carriages to Woodruff, Bro. Owens meeting the party with vehicles at Holbrook. Meeting at Woodruff was addressed by Bros. Snow, Thatcher, J. F. Smith and President Taylor. J. B. Milner having returned from Prescott stated that our brethren were indicted under the U. S. Statute against polygamy and held to answer under the same and also held to answer under the territorial law against bigamy.

Fri. Jan. 9. Went on ahead to Snowflake with Bro. Hann,

Bishop Hunt and John Q. Cannon. My family appeared overjoyed to see me, not having expected me. President Taylor and party arrived at 1 p.m. He with Joseph F. Smith came to my house. I ascertained that while I was away Seymour B. Young came out from Salt Lake City and organized the 83rd Quorum of Seventies from the Elders of our stake. Meeting was held on Jan. 9th in the stake house. President Joseph F. Smith said he was pleased with the progress made towards completing this building. We should be united in all our enterprises and not be slack in any good work. You should do all in your power for the families of those who for a time are deprived of their liberty. He had noticed carefully the effects of persecution and it had in no way impeded the progress of this people. All of the drivings of the Saints have tended to hasten the work of God. Could see that the work would have been seriously impeded if we had been left alone in peace. We wanted room to grow and the Lord permitted our enemies to drive us into these mountains where we have plenty of room to grow. The blessings that we enjoy are gifts of God. Our enemies would have driven us out of their land. The harder they kick the sooner we will possess the land in peace. It will not do to sit still and pray and have faith and make no further effort on our part, but we must do all we can to help ourselves and ask God to do the rest. President Taylor has consented to visit you and I am thankful that you have the privilege of beholding his face. Do not want the people here to become discouraged for the Lord will bring you off triumphant, and no power on earth can prevent it. We should do all we can to make our families comfortable, to build up and beautify Zion and to live lives of purity.

Erastus Snow followed; The Lord said in early times that His people should be a tried people. We read of a great multitude who came up through much tribulation having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Such a people are able to endure hardship and trials. Faith which is the gift of God, and the hope we have points to something greater. Charity binds our hearts together but it seems necessary that we have trials.