

JOHN JACOB WALSER

Born April 20, 1849 to Jesus March 18 arrived in Salt Lake City
____ September 4. My father John Jacob ____ Sister Eliza ____ Nielson.
____ in the ____ the spring of 1860 we ____
1866 I was ordained ____ Bern Scherrer, Erma E. Louisa Sheiss . We were
____ ianced early in January 1870 in the endowment House Salt Lake City.
Blessed with 9 children, 7 of whom are living. On a mission to my native country
Switzerland. I had moved after my departure on my mission on April 6th time and
my three children, the youngest, Henry ____ . Be in Salt Lake City and was
ordained a 70 and I met Brother John W. Stucki who was also called and set on
the ____ Brother Stucki and myself left Salt Lake City on account of the
steamer in which we have engaged passage. Idaho undergoing repairs we sights
of the city in Harbor of New York. On ____ A (starting) stormy passage of the
4th of May. After paying passage at Berne, Switzerland. At 2 pm ____ . We
repaired at once to the office of the church in postgar Theurer. I was appointed
to a fireside over the eurswiss on the 16th. On the 1-12 I visited my relatives in
the 20th ____ . Stucki called me to take charge of the West Switzerland which
office I held up to ____ all 16 Pages.
Translated ____ ____ key to ____ kept me very busily employed. Adding
also to do ale. I was requested to go to Berlin ____ of after ____ two
months of seemingly ineffectual labor, I returned of the work in the Bern, and
Jura conferences where Saturday 1876 when I was called to the presidency of the
appointed to assist me with the traveling elders. I continued to return home
started for Utah with Brother Stucki June. Arrived in Liverpool on the 26th and
sailed, brought ____ over 2 years and 3 months before. After the 20th 1876,
finding my family and relatives alive.

____ Ct. Appenzell, Switzerland. Baptized into the Church Saints an the river
Litter near the City of **H Gallen ?** on the 24th of ____ looser, confirmed by the
same. Emigrated to Utah 26th of February 1860. ____ the same year. There
were four of us in the family viz: my stepfather ____ 1855. My mother married
John Diem 1856. My mother, Anna Elizabeth Hafen ____ . During the fall
and winter of 1860-61 we resided in Salt Lake City. ____ moved to Payson, Utah
Co. where we have remained to the present. ____ Elder in Payson. In the fall of
1868 I became acquainted with ____ 1869 and were married for time and
eternity on the 14th day of ____ . ____ by Pres D.H. Wells. Up to the present date
this union has been ____ name and date, see PAGE 16. In march 18, 1874 I
was called to go ____ just previously purchased a home, into which my wife had

to ___ 1874. I took leave of my wife, whose health was very delicate at the ___ very sick. On the 7th I reported myself at the Presidents Office. ___ set apart for my mission by Apostel Albert Carrington. At this time _____ apart for a mission to preside over the swiss and german Mission. _____ in route for New York, where we arrived 7 A.M the 13th _____ had today over until the 21st during which time we took in the _____. _____ we embarked and started for Liverpool where we arrived after _____ short visit to Prest. Jos. F. Smith at 42 Islington. We started for Rotterdam, Mannheim, & Basel. Arrived in Bern on the 7th 10:00 A.M _____ where we met Bros. John Huber, Henry Reiser, and Fred's. _____ Conf. And after a few days rest started for my field of labor _____ my birthplace, Herisau, and attended meeting. On June _____ Office and preside over the Bern and Jura Conferences in _____ July 1875. During the time I published the Bern monthly paper _____ presided over the above mentioned conferences. All of which _____ the bookkeeping for the mission. On the 25th of July 1875 _____ Germany to try and effect an opening there for the Gospel _____ to Bern on the 27th of September, and again took charge _____ I labored in connection with 3 traveling Elders until January _____ East Swiss Conf. Bros. R. L. Wells, M. Lenzi and Henry Stocker were _____ my labors here until the following June, when I was released _____ send a large Company of emigrants from Basel on the 21st of _____ there on the good old Idaho, the same ship that _____ a prosperous January. I arrived in home, sweet home. On July _____ full of joy at meeting again. After an absence of over two years.

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On Juli 22nd I started to work on John Gian's _____ Maddellan's tannery, receiving 20 cents an hour for wages. I soon took my post again in the Payson Ward Choir and in the Payson Brass Band. I belonged to both of these institutions before starting on my mission, singing tenor in the former and playing the (E^b) Clarinet in the latter. I continued to labor daily in the tannery, putting in 10 hours in the summer months per day and 8 hours in the winter months. I was soon called to labor as a teacher in the 4th district of Payson Ward. Also I was called to preside over the german saints in Payson, holding meeting every Sunday from now. On the 11th day of September of this year, I married Marie Louisa Prischknecht, entering then into the law of celestial and plural marriage. We were sealed in the Endowment house, Salt Lake City, by Apostel Jos. P. Smith, for time and all eternity. Seven children have been born to us through this union, 2 which have died, In the fall of this year I was enrolled in the 46th quorum of seventies and afterwards appointed to act as Clerk of the Quorum which position I occupied until called on my next mission. Nothing unusual occurred during this and the following years. In 1877 I built a home for my wife Marie Louisa, into which we moved in the fall, after which I lived alternately one week with each wife. In the fall of this year I was also called and set apart to labor ad a home Missionary in the Utah Stake of ion. My companion being, Elder B. F. Johnson of Spring Lake. In the year 1879 I quit work in the tannery on

account of Rheumatism, bought 2 little mare for 60 dollars, and old wagon for \$15.00 expended 20.00 in repairs, paid 40.00 for a harness and then with a thankful heart started out to farm on shares.

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1880

The next year, 1880, being very dry, I raised but a light crop, but in 1880 I was more successful, raising as high as 60 bushels of wheat to the acre. This year I bought 5 acres of lucerne land for \$50.00 getting a good crop of hay and \$60.00 dollars worth of seed of it the same year. While stacking my grain in August, I received a call to go on a mission to Switzerland and Germany. My dear wives felt to mourn at this news, but were willing to submit to the will of God. I could not leave my family in comfortable circumstances as many brethren can, which made it much harder for us to part. The ward fitted me out with \$160.00. I hurried to get my threshing done, sold my team and on Sunday Morning, Sept. 18th I parted from my dear ones and started on my second mission to my native country. I met that day with the german saints in Salt Lake city and spoke to them, stayed with Bro. Shulthess and family while in Salt Lake City.

On September 19th I was set apart for my mission to Switzerland and Germany by Apostles Wilford Woodruff and John Henry Smith. Next day (on the 20th) I left Salt Lake City in company of 6 other Elders, Bro. K. Goss and 5 others who are destined for the southern states at 7:00 am. Arrived at Omaha on the 22nd at 3 P.M. where our brethren for the southern States Mission left us. We, Bro. Goss and myself started on the same day for New York via Chicago, Fort Wayne, and Philadelphia, arrived in New York on the 24th at 10 pm, put up at the Stephsus House. On the road we passed the mission president Garfields _____ train between Pittsburgh and Harrisburgh. On the 27th we started for Liverpool on the fast Mail Steam Ship Arizona. Arrived at Liverpool on Oct. 5th 4pm reported at the Office on 42 Islington, and started for Paris, the capital of France at 6 pm, same day, via London, Dover, and Calais.

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Arrived in Paris 11 pm. On the 6th, stayed the night. In the morning of the 7th took train to Basle at 8³⁵. Bro. Goss left me at Paris and went to Strassburg. I arrived in Basle that night and next day (8th) I reached ___ at 1⁵⁴ pm. Went at once to the mission Office at the old place 33 Postgrasse where I was kindly received by Bros. Aider, ____, Schneitter. I was next day appointed to the office of Secretary of the Mission, which position I held until I was released to return home. I edited the permanently. Stern, the organ of the Mission, containing 16 pages of closely printed matter in every issue. Translated and published the Pearl of Great Price. And several small pamphlets. I also did all the bookkeeping for the mission and about one fourth of my time was employed in traveling and preaching the Gospel organizing Branches of the Church in Germany and Switzerland. I continued to labor thus with much joy and satisfaction until the 10th day of May 1883 when I left Bern at 1⁴⁰ pm for Utah. I had been released to take charge of

the Company of Swiss and German Emigrants of Apostel John H. Smith the rest of the _____ Mission. Although the American Consul tried to prevent our starting, the company started from that City of Basel on the Morning of the 11th for Liverpool via Strassburg, Luxemburg, Antwerp, and Hull (England)(note 1548 miles). Arrived in Liverpool, Arrived in Liverpool on the evening of the 14th and went aboard the Steam Ship Nevada. Next day I settled with the office 42 Islington for the passage of my Company. On the 16th at 5 pm. The Nevada sprung loose from the Docks and started down the River on her trip to New York. There were on board 427 Latter Day Saint Immigrants viz. 148 Swiss and Germans, 193 English, and 22 Scandinavian Saints, and 14 returning Elders.

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Bro. Ben E, Rish was appointed Prest of the whole Company, Myself his first Additnant and secretary, Bro. H Greenwell his second Assistant. I had to take entire charge of the swiss and german Saints. We got along well, had a fine passage and on the 27th after passing quarantine inspection and the Custom house, we arrived in New York City and landed at the Castle Gardens, from there, we were transferred to the Erie RR Depot in Jersey City and started for the West at 8³⁰ P.M. Here bought provisions for the company for 2 days . On the 29th arr.at Chicago, bought provisions for three days, and started for Omaha where we arrived on the 30th. Here we layed in a Stock of Provisions for three days and started for Ogden, Utah, at 11 P.M. On the 1st of June 5 freight cars, which were hitched in front of our Baggage Cars and passenger coaches were ditched and mashed into kindling wood while all our Cars were left unhurt on the tracks. Delayed there 7 hours, we gathered all our Company on a neighboring hill and there returned thanks to God for our preservation. On the 3rd of June we arrived in Ogden at 4 A.M Here all the Saints booked for Northern Utah took leave from us. At 9³⁰ A.M we arr. In Salt Lake City. Those of the Emmigrants who were not taken care of by relatives or friends were provided for in the Emmigration house in the Tithing yard. On the 4th of June I reported to President Taylor and received his blessing. Settled up all emmigration business and saw that all had their luggage, And on the morning of the 5th I took train for Payson where I arrived at 9 A.M and was met at the station by my dear family, parents, and many friends, also by the Payson Bros. Band in full uniform. Also the Martial Band and the German Choir.

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I was now again at home, but how to provide for my family was now the next question. But I soon found that God had not forgotten me nor my humble labors during my mission, from the sale of my team, previous to starting on my mission. I had enough money to buy the same Mares back which I did, also a new Caldwell 3 ¼ wagon. My stepfather made me a present of good new harness. Thus I was fixed up with a good team, I bought some land (15 acres) on credit, and prepared it for the following year, By hauling Brick, wood, sand, clay for the city Jail, and the new District schoolhouse I soon earned enough to make

us comfortable for the winter. I again identified myself with the Payson Choir and Payson Brass Band, also was appointed teacher in the Payson S. School. I had been a teacher in the Sabbath School since 1873.

1884

Early this year I started to farm, which was my vocation as long as I remained in Payson. Beside my own land I took 18 acres of farm land and 40 acres of Lucerne land on shares. The first year the crops were rather light but the succeeding 3 years I raised a good crop and considerable Lucerne seed. This year two girls were born to me by my wives (see pages 16 & 18).

1885

In February this year I had to flee from my home to avoid being arrested under the Edmunds law. In company with my brother in law, J.J. Scherrer and Jos. L. Jones I went toward the south as far as Henry Nebeckers place on the Sevier river, where we stayed 3 weeks, After the grand Jury was discharged in Provo we returned home, and went at our labor undisturbed. This summer I was set apart as one of the presidents of the 46th Quorum of seventies, being called and set apart by Prest. W.W. Taylor.

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1885

On June 16th a Boy was born to me by my wife Mary Louisa (see page 18), and on December 18th my wife Anna E. Louisa gave birth to 2 children, a boy and a girl (see page 16).

1886

This year the persecution against the latter day Saints increased until hundreds were arrested. It seemingly was yet safe, yet I was led to begin to make preparations to move to the Republic of Mexico. I raised a very good crop this. On the 20th of Sept. my son John J. was ordained a deacon in the 4th district of Payson Ward.

1887

This year opened with increased vigor in the Crusade against our poeple. My turn was near. I put in my crops, doubtful wether I would be able to harvest them. Juli 26th Bro. Wm. Clayson died, he was Chorister and Band Leader, In August I was appointed in his place. I had already had charge of the choir for one year, during the sickness of Bro. Clayson. On the first of September I was appointed as Chorister for the Payson Sabbath School. On account of drouth Crops were light this year. October 16 The Deputies made a raid on Payson at 2 A.M 5 brethren were arrested, viz: H.G. Boyle, Jos. L. Jones, G. L. Ellsworth, F. Oberhcensly, and C. C. Schrammer their families were subposed to appear at Provo before the Grand Jury. My family were also subposed to appear before the grand Jury at Provo, on Oct. 18 which they did. Testifying to the facts on the Case, as I instructed them. The consequence was an indictment for unlawful

cohabitation, on which charge I was arrested Oct. 23rd by Dep. Clawson and taken to Provo, was arraigned before Judge Henderson, and after entering a plea of "not guilty", I was placed under \$1000.00 bond. James E. Daniels, and Bishop Booth being my bondsmen.

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My case was continued until the next turn of court, which would convene in the following spring. This winter I was busy a great portion of the time in getting up concerts ___ with the Payson Choir, for the purpose of getting a new Organ for the Meeting house which was accomplished, getting a fine and powerful Estey Organ, which cost \$350.00.

1888

This year opened with no visible change. The persecution of the Saints, Hundreds of gathers have been imprisoned for living with their wives and hundreds are under bonds, awaiting trial, while the Deputy's are scouring the country over for more victims, In March my trial came up, in order to save my family from being dragged into court I changed my plea, and entered the plea of "guilty" on the 8th of March. Sentence was set for the 10th of March. I had been able to save my small gram before this, and had to leave, The farm to the care of my wifes and sons. On the morning of the 10th I left my family and left on the morning train for Provo. Bro. Jos. L. Jones was in the same boat with me. At 10 A.M we were in the court room and there found Bros. W. L. Reid from Manti and another Brother from Ephraim alas there to be sentenced for infraction of the Edmunds Law. Judge Henderson postponed the sentence Job until 2 P.M. Then we were sentenced in the following order:

The Bro. from Ephraim					3 months in the pen	300.00	fine and costs			
Jos. L. Jones	6	"	"	"	"	100.00	"	"	"	"
J. J. Walser	6	"	"	"	"	100.00	"	"	"	"

We were then taken charge of by Deputy Marshall McClellan, and was finally placed in the Utah Penitentiary at 11³⁰ P.M. on the 10th of March 1888. Where we remained until August 10th of the same year when we, that is Bro. Jones and myself were liberated, having served our turn and paid our fines.

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I shall never forget my feelings when at 6 A.M on the 10th of August I stood outside the prison walls a free man. God had blessed me with health and now I was again free. I was determined that with the help of God, I would keep my covenants which I had made with my wifes, and on the same evening I had the privilege of embracing my wifes and children, whom I found all well. I set to work with my sons to harvest and thrash our grain, had a pretty fair crop. I earnestly prayed unto God, that if it was his will that I should move to Mexico with my family, that he would open the way for me to sell my property to good

members of the Church at a fair price, my prayers were answered and my property sold at good prices to good members of the Church. On arriving at home I again took hold at leader of the Payson Choir.

1889

This year passed without anything new occurring in my immediate family and circle of friends. I was preparing to go to Mexico as fast as I could. On the first day of the year I sold my farming load to Bro. Peterson for \$600.00, reserving the use of it for that year by giving him $\frac{1}{4}$ of the crop. In March I had to move my wife M. L. as the Dep's were again beginning to sniffle around. I first took her to Bro. Henry Reiser in Salt Lake City, but found that she could not stay there long, so after earnest prayer, I was led to seek shelter for my family whom the law said I should abandon, but which I hope I shall never be guilty off, at Bro. John Huber's in Snake Creek, 3 miles above Midway, Wasatch County. In the beginning of June, I accordingly went from Payson to Midway, took some furniture, stove, v.c., and hunted for Bro. Huber.

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I got to his place early in the morning, found him yet in bed, but he came running out barefoot and received me with open arms. I soon told him my errand, and his reply as well as his family was, bring your family as quick as possible, they will be welcome, Next day I went to Alt Lake City, and 3 day after returned to Bro. Huber with my family. On the 20th of July my wife in her exile gave birth to a fine boy. I received the news on the 24th of July, and as soon as possible went to see my dear Baby boy, begotten and born under the persecution of the Enemies of Zion.

Sept 11

At 11 P.M. I left my home in Payson and my wife, Anna E. Louisa, and family and started on my Journey to the Republic of Mexico. I left behind me also my aged parents and my Sister Eliza B. (Walser) McClellan and family. The parting was hard, as I felt, that very likely, I would not see some of these dear relatives any more in this life, I started with 2 teams, 2 span of horses and two wagon, one was drives by John J. Walser, my oldest son. We first went north to Provo, after a short stay with sister Sally, started for Provo Valley, where we arrived at the home of John Huber, where my family Mary Louisa, and children were his, at 10 P.M.

Sept 12

On Sept 12th finding all well, I remained there, preparing for the long overland trip to Mexico, buying my supplies in Heber City, untill Sept. 25th. On that day at 9 A.M. I parted from my dear and true friend and brother John Huber & family, and with my family commenced my long, wearisome Journey. That night encamped at the mouth of Provo canyon.

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Sept 26

Started at 6 A.M. Drove through Provo and Springville, from there up the Spanish fork Canyon at the mouth of Pole Canon. Before entering Spanishfork Canon, I let the teams go ahead, about sundown, and then looked upon Payson in the Distance, for the last time, My feelings at that moment would be hard to describe. For there in that town in the distance, sow lit up by the parting rays of the sun, was my cherished house, my beloved family my aged parents and other relatives and friends, whom I was now leaving, perhaps never to see again in this life, And What for! Did I flee from my home because I had wronged anyone? NO! My Conscience is clear. I go as many of my brethren have done, and many more will do, because I will not break the sacred Covenants I have made in holy places, nor be untrue to those whom I have covenanted to love and protect. And the result I leave with God. He hath opened the way before me to start. He will guide and protect me further.

Sept 27

Started at 8³⁰ A.M and drove that day to Henry Gardners Place in Thistle Valley, where we were kindly entertained.

Sept 28

Left at 9³⁰ A.M Drove through Indianola, where I met Bishop John Spencer, who said he would soon follow me, but he has since died in Utah. Then drove through Fairview, to Mount Pleasant, Sanpete. Where I was most kindly received By Bro. Jacob Haven & family. Stayed there over Sunday, attending Meeting.

Sept 30

I was impressed to send my wife and children with John to Manti, while I stayed another day in Mount Pleasant.

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Oct 1

I started for Manti at 11³⁰ A.M Sure enough just outside of Mount Pleasant, I was hailed by Deputy Marshall Clawson, the same one, the same one who arrested me two years ago, but as I was alone, he got no clue, and I rejoined my family in Manti at the hose of Bro. J. Prischknecht. Where we were most affectionately treated. We stayed one day with those good poeple.

Oct 3

Started at 9A.M Drove through Mayfield, and then onto Salina, Richfield Co. where we stopped over night.

Oct 4

Started at 9 A.M Padded through Richfield, on the way encountered a heavy windstorm, which covered all in the wagons with red sand. Stopped over night 2 miles south of Richfield in good Lucerne.

Oct 5

Started at 8 A.M and drove to 1 ½ miles south of Marysvale.

Oct 6

Sunday. Started at 11 A.M and drove to W. H. McIntosh's place on the sevier near Junction.

Oct 7

Started at 9 A.M and drove to Kesslers place. Fearful windy, could scarcely cook any.

8th

Tuesday. Started at 9a.m. and drove to Panguitch where I and family were kindly entertained by a Bro. Meagerch.

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Wednesday Started at 9 A.M and drove 10 miles, to Hillsdale. There I providentially met Bro. J. Herbert from Lima, Arizona, who had been on a visit to his relatives in Utah, and was now ready to return. I laid over until Friday, the 11th, when we started together for Arizona. While in Hillsdale we held a meeting and partook of the sacrament. We journeyed on without any interruption or accident. God blessing us and providing for us from day to day. We traveled via Johnson, across the Buckskin Mountains on Tuesday, the 15th. Friday the 18th crossed the Colorado river at Lees ferry. Then on to Flagstaff, which we reached on Saturday October 26th. Sunday we layed over, 9 miles south of Flagstaff, traveled the Mogollow Mountains, 3 days in timber.

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On Wednesday October 30th reached Camp Verde, a beautiful location on the Verde river. From here took the road to Phoenix, the Capital of Arizona, where we arrived on Nov, 5th, The salt river country is a Paradise. After laying in supplies we drove on through Tempe, via Mesa, a town of our own people. There layed over a day. Was most kindly treated by Bro. P. Johnson.

On the 7th we resumed our Journey, via Florence, Riverside, dripping springs, Globe, and Gilsons Wells, Sun Carlos Agency and Fort Thomas to Pima, which we reached, all well, on Friday, Nov. 16th. Here was Bro. Hubert's home, and he offered me good inducements to stay there and farry, but I had started for Mexico, and with the help of the Lord I concluded to go there. In Pima I stayed with Bro. H.G. Boyle (on my own resources however) untill Nov, 26th when I resumed my Journey for Mexico in Company with Bros, Henry Lunt, C.B. Haleston & W.A. Porter and families, 11 wagons in the Company 49 souls. Traveled via, Thatcher, Safford, Kings ranch, Bailie Well, San Simon, Steines Ta'ss, Lords burg, Separ, & Gage all along the line of the Southern Pacific R.R., to Deming, New Mexico. Where we arrived on Friday, Dec. 6th. There we layed over and bought

our supplies, preparatory to entering Mexico. Started from there on Sunday Dec. 8th Via Las Palomas, Boan Grande, on to Diaz, the first Mormon Settlement arrived there on the 14th of Dec. Drove on to Sa Acscencion, passed the Custom house and drove back to Diaz. We all concluded to stay a while in Diaz first. But could not become satisfied. We passed through much sickness in Diaz, my son John was so near dead, that his limbs stiffened and his eyes were set, but through the power of God he was restored to sound health and strength.

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I was sick for 8 days, but healed by the power of God. Finally on Monday, January 20th, 1890 we all Bros. Lunt, Heaton, Porter, & myself with our families, started for Juarez, where we arrived on Friday, 24th, January 1890. The other three Brethren and families went on to Pacheco, but I was called to remain in Juarez, which proved a Blessing to me. Bro. E.L. Taylor kindly assisted us through the Custom house at Ascession and the Guard House at Corraliton. Bro. Henry Eyring and his estimable Wife Daisy, kindly shared their small house with us, untill I had one of my own ready which was in March 1890. In the beginning of February 1890 I was called to organize and take charge of the Ward Choir at Juarez, which I did, having to make a small & weak beginning. No books, and but very few singers, and no organ. However we made a start. Raised some means through a concert, and sent for 8 Am. tune books. In April I commenced tanning, had but 1 soak, 1 lime vat & 1 tan vat to start with, but kept adding as fast as we could. I also bought of O.P. Brown my town lot, for which I paid him a wagon & 2 small mares, bought 12 acrs of land in the west field of Wm. C. McClellan for \$118.00 and the upper half of Bro. Geo. W. Sevy's field lot above the Tannery for 30.00. On this latter in interred to make a home for my family yet in Utah, put in the foundations for 2 rooms 18 X 28. This spring I bought as many fruit-trees as I could, and filled up both of my lots, and started with a few in the field.

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During the summer we had a great deal of rain causing heavy floods. On the 15th of Nov. my family started from Utah and I went with 2 teams to meet them at Deming. When I arrived they had been waiting for me 3 days. We wee thankful to meet again in health & strength after a seperation of over one year. Stayed at Deming two days, making the nessecary purchases, and getting the Consular papers; had a little trouble at the custom house but finally arrived safely in Juarez on Nov. 30th Sunday. 2 P.M. thankful to God for having all of my family with me again. On arriving at home, we found the small pox in town, two of our citizens, Bro. Johnson & his wife & 2 children were taken off by it, but through the mercy of God, the dreaded disease spread no further. My who family, 18 in

number, were compelled to live together for the time being, in a room 14 X 16 & a tent 10 X 12. But I hurried with the other house as quick as possible. The tannery after several mishaps took a fresh starts, and my son Henry started in to learn that trade.

1891

My whole family spent New years day in our little house, crowded, yet happy. We are hurrying as much as we can to complete my home on the field lot, which we had sufficiently well done to move into by March. This made us much more comfortable. In the tannery we are doing better, and are improving in our circumstances. On the 26th of March my wife Mary L. Walser gave birth to a girl, which we named Flora, Amelia. The dear child only lived until August 13th, when after a good deal of suffering it was taken .

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I continue my labors with the Ward and Sabbath school Choirs, and there is a satisfactory improvement manifest in both institutions. The Ward Choir took the lead in raising Means for an Organ for the Meeting house. We gave a concert and raised \$42.00. The Balance of \$225.00/100 was furnished by the ward. I sent to the Estey Organ Co. and got a very good instrument. In the Sabbath school I teach a book of Mormon Class of young Men. This year my son John Jacob was ordained an Elder, Henry Samuel was ordained a Priest, Geo. Jasper a Deacon Dec. 3 a girl was born by my wife Anna E. Louisa, we named her Effie Adelia.

1892

This year was entered more hopeful by us, becoming more comfortably settled in our homes. Two of my children, Laura and Alice were baptized and confirmed this spring, on May 5th. Laura was baptized by my son John J., Alice by Henry S. Walser. My labors in the Tannery and with the Choir are steadily continued, also in the Sabbath school. On Nov. 18th my son Henry S. married Annie Seriah Martineau, was married for time and eternity by Apostel Geo. Teasdale, at the house of the brides parents. This fall I also bought 30 acres of land, in San Jose field 6 miles north of Casas Grandes. This however proved a failure. Sec. 8th my Daughter Gertrude Emma was born.

1893

March 29th my son John Jacob married Ida Roseta Whipple, was married by Bishop Geo. W. Sevey at Bro. Whipple's house. April 6th I baptized my son William and on the same day in the fast meeting confirmed him. This summer had some little excitement about Indian outbreak.

1894

The Mexican Mission under the presidency of apostle Geo. Teasdale is steadily advancing. The following entries were neglected at the right time and space. August 28th 1892 I was ordained a High priest under the hands of Priests. Geo. Teasdale A.P. McDonald & Henry Eyring the latter being mouth at the same time was set apart as a Member of the High Council of the Mexican Mission.

June 18th, 1893 I was set apart as 1st assistant to Bro. D.E. Harris in the Sabbath school superintendence of the Juarez Ward, which position I held until May 1895. When I resigned, as my labors in the Choir & Band & other public duties were all I could attend to.

September 13th under Direction of Apostel Geo. Teasdale, who advanced means for Instruments, a Brass Band was organized, myself appointed as leader. We started with 9 instruments & 2 drums viz: 2 clarinets, E^b & B^b, 3 B^b Cornets, 1 E^b Alto, 1 B^b tenor, 1 B^b Bass, 1 E^b Tuba & the 2 drums. April 5th, my daughter, Eliza Jane was baptized & conf.

1895

This year Saml. John Robinson, who had married my oldest daughter, Annie E. on April 1st 1891. And the following day started on a Mission to England, arrived in Juarez with his family in the last days of the year. With him also came Bro. Timothy Jones and wife, former neighbors of mine in Payson.

Early in January my daughter Annie started with her husband and family to Dublan, where they have made their home. March and April we enlarged the Tannery so we now have a capacity of about 2000 sides per _____.

My son Henry works with me in the Tannery. He is also the organist for the Juarez Ward & Stake Choir, and Solo B^b learning player in our Band.

1896

This year we were visited by Apostel K. McLyman and Bro E Stevenson, and at the Feb. Conference the Mex. Mission received a full and complete organization of a Stake, and is called the Juarez Stake of Zion. I was sustained as Stake Chorister. I also accepted an appointment as teacher of the Theological Class in the Juarez Sabbath school. On the 4th of July my daughter Anna E. Robinson lost her first born child, a lovely little girl which was born on Dec. 27th 1895, in June my Wife Mary Louisa was delivered of a dead and badly deformed child. The Mother had a hard time, but through the power of God her life was saved. This summer the Choir & Band gave two sacred concerts under my

direction, which brought us \$107.00 which was mainly spent for more instruments. Our band now numbers 16 and more are leaning.

Aug. 22 & 23 Stake Conf. in Juarez.

Aug. 24th High council session from 9 A.M to 4 P.M. 1 hours intermission.

Aug. 26th

I was taken down with the Pneumonia, on Saturday the 29th my family were all called together as I appeared to be going, but through the power of God I was restored and on Monday 31st I got up from my bed very weak, but the disease gone.

September 4th Wrote a letter to my mother in Payson Utah and one to John Huber in Midway, Wasatch Co.

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1896

September 5th

Bough a new 3 ¼ inch fish wagon of Taylor & Brown. Price \$245.00 Mex. Money.

Sept. 16.

We celebrated Independence day of Mexico in Grand Style in Colonia Juarez. Comencing with Artillerie Salutes from Daybreak until Sunrise. Then serenading by the Brass Band under my direction at 10 A.M Grand Procession, 15 fine floats, representing all the trades, an escort of Cavalry of 75 men and 25-30 vehicles with citizens. The procession was headed by the Band. At 2 P.M. . Meeting in the Park. Also at 7⁰⁰ P.M. My whole family, Children & grandchildren dined with me today. The Celebration was a success and would have above Credit to a town double the size & age of Juarez.

30th

Today my daughter Ida was married By Bishop Geo W. Sevey at Colonia Juarez, to James Niels Skouson. The wedding was attended by all relatives and a number of invited friends. At night a party was given in the school house in honor of the occasion.

October 1

My Daughter Annie E. Robinson returned to her home, having been with us four weeks.

17th

Today received a letter from J.J. Scherrer of Payson, Utah. All well, but hard times there, financially Utah's Statehood seems to cost the poeple dearly. The last 2 weeks have been very stormy rainy weather here, something unusual for

Mexico.

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1896

November

In the early part of this Month Bro. Fred Ott from Payson, arrived unexpectedly in our Midst. He is a middle-aged Man, of good character, I baptized him in Switzerland in May, 1876. He intends to locate in Mex. Is staying at my house.

Dec. 2

Ida, my son John's wife was delivered of a premature birth after much suffering On account of the absence of many of the Band Member we have discontinued Brand practice for the present.

6th

Tonight I delivered a Lecture on the word of wisdom under the auspices of our Sabbath school. This week we organized the Juarez Pasture Co. in Colonia Juarez. I was elected as one of the directors; took \$400.00/100 stock.

1897

January 1

Today had the Joy of having my whole family gathered together, with on Exception, viz: Annie E. W. Robinson, who could not come. Have resumed Choir & Band practice twice a week. My son John works with me in the Tannery, and is doing well.

February 20-21

The quarterly Stake Conference was held, at which we were favored with the presence of Apostels Heber J. Grant & John Henry Smith.

August

On the 11th of this month, my sister Eliza B. lost her husband, John Jasper McClellan. He died on the above date. He was an honest faithful man, who had labored continually for the benefit of the community in which he lived, namely Pason, Utah, his age was 59 years & 5 days.

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1897

August

On the 29th of this month my daughter Ida W. Skouson received her first

child. A girl named Emma. On the 21-22 the quarterly Stake Conf. was held in Colonia Juarez, which was an exceedingly spiritual and blessed Conference.

September 11-12

The Sunday school Conference of the Juarez Stake of Zion was held in Colonia Juarez. Dr. Karl G. Masser was present and gave many precious instructions.

28th

Today at 1 P.M. 5 of our young brethren departed on Missions to the nations of the earth. Namely S. E. McClellan, E. G. Taylor, George Romney, E. C. Eyring, & Jas, N. Skouson. The 1st three to the northern states, Bro. Eyring to the swiss & german mission & J.N. Skouson to Denmark. These are all faithful exemplary young men. 30-40 people and the Juarez Band accompanied them to Dublan, where there was a nice impromptu entertainment given at night in the meeting house. The Band took part. on the 29th at 6 A.M we bade our dear Brethren Farewell and God speed at the side of the train and the Band played, Home sweet home as the train slowly moved out.

God bless and protect our brethren. Prest. H. Eyring and wife & a number of residents of Dublan & Juarez took the same train for Conference in Salt Lake City. Juarez now has 7 missionaris in the field. E. F. Turley started 3 months ago, laboring in Cincinnati, Ohio & Prest. Romney now gone nearly 2 years in the southern states.

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1897

October 9th

Today at 8.³⁰ P.M. I received a Note from Philip H. Hurst, while I was a Choir practice that my son Henry who was working for him at at the saw mill in the Giarrer Madre Mts, was today at 5 p.m. cut fatally by the circular saw. I at once dismissed Choir practice, and prepared to go to the mill. Every body was ready to assist, and at 9.³⁰ P.M. I and my son George started on horse back. Bros. E.L. Taylor & Byron McDonald kindly furnishing us horses and saddles. Henry's wife and children, my son and daughter John and Mina, and Bro. Charles Whipple followed using a four horse team, also Bros. Joel H. Martineau, Roy Cluff, & Calvin McClellan in another team. George and I arrived at The Mill at 1 a.m. Oct. 10th. The rest at 2.⁴⁵ a.m. We found poor Henry dreadfully wounded.

His right leg was nearly severed from the body at about 7 inches below The hip joint. On his right six ribs were cut asunder. The saw penetrating into and lacerating The right lung. We administered to him and he received much strength. After asking The Lord in earnest prayer to show me what to do I was inspired to prepare at once to remove Henry to his home in Juarez. All the Mill hands volunteerd to help me, we made a stretcher & placed a bed upon it. As soon as it was daylight we prepared to start.

October 10th

At 6 A.M I started Calvin McClellan to Juarez on the horse I had ridden, with letters to my wife, Henrys mother, and Theo. Martineau asking them to have Doctor Stovall from Corralites brought to Juarez as quick as possible, and also have some help meet us. After prayer and breakfast, kindly furnished by Bro. H.H. Hurst, we again administered to Henry and at about 8 A.M placed him on the stretcher and started for house. 6 men carried the dear Boy at a time, while 6 more followed, changing about every 20 minutes. We got to the mouth on the Cañon at about 2 P.M. where we were met by a number of Brethren from town who had some out to help us and also brought us a lunch. Before we proceeded on the journey after lunch, we again administered to Henry and we saw plainly that he was blessed of the Lord, receiving renewed strength to stand the trying trip. We carried him down into the vally, to smooth road, then lifted him on the stretcher into a spring carriage, and got to town at dusk. A large number of Brethren met us there, at the south edge of town, on account of the rocky road along the bench. Henry was lifted out of the carriage and carried to his house, at 8 P.M. we had placed him on his bed, in his house and we all united in prayer to God for him. Sister Seville came and washed and dressed his wounds, trusting in The Lord to direct her through his sp.

1897

October 10th

Oh what a sad returning to his home which he left but two weeks before in the buoyancy of youth, and health.

October 11th

At one a.m. Doctor Stowell arrived, and at once examined and dressed the wounds. The sympathy of the entire community was with my poor son, and his sorrowing wife and relatives And their untied prayers ascended to our heavenly father for his recovery. At 9.30 a.m. the Doctor commenced to operate on Henry. First bringing together and sewing up the terrible wound in his side, putting 30 stitches. Henry stood this operation, which took from 9.30 a.m. to 2 P.M., without Chloroform and without a murmur. The Doctor then gave him a rest of an hour, at 3 P.M. he put Henry under Chloroform and amputated his right leg, about 5 inches below the hip. By 5 P.M. all was completed. The terrible ordeal was past.

We hoped for the best, but the Lord will it otherwise. Bros. Geo. Hawes, Alma P Spilsbury & Joseph Jackson helped us all day. Sister Deville never left the house until my son had passed away. Everybody was anxious to help especially the young people, who mainly paid the Doctors bill of \$100.00.

Josephine Hawes stayed with Henry wife during those sad days, like a comforting angel.

October 12th

At 5 A.M. my dear son breathed his last after a restless night.

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He was conscious to the last, and was perfectly resigned. On account of the state of the body we had to hurry the funeral. We dressed him in a pure white suit, with the amputated leg in the proper place. At 5 P.M. the funeral services were held, and a little before sundown he was laid to rest in my lot in the graveyard, on the southeast corner. Nearly the entire population of Juarez turned out to pay him the last token of respect. Henry was well prepared to go and awaits a glorious resurrection.

24th of December

This day had the Joy of welcoming John J. Sherrer of Payson, my first wives brother. He come to spend the winter months with us. It was a happy reunion after a seperation of 8 ½ years.

25th

Had all of my family together, and spent a joyous Christmas. Also celebrated New years of 1898 very happily. This year has passed and brought many changes in my family; But through it all is plainly seen the blessing hand of God our eternal father. May his blessing and his spirit be with us in the future. This is my earnest desire in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

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January 10th

J. J. Sherrer & I ____ out for ____ in the Company of Prest's A. W. Ivins & H. Pratt, Geo. W. Hawes, L. L. ____, O. P. Brown, & Geo. C. Nagely. Was gone two weeks.

Feb. 22nd

J. J. Sherrer left Juarez for his home, Payson Utah.

Feb. 19 & 20

Quarterly Conference of the Juarez Stake of Zion was held in Colonia Juarez.

March 5-6

Colonia Juarez Ward Conference. Apostles John H. Smith & John W. Taylor blessed us with their presence and instructions. Sunday morning, the 6th, Bishop Geo. W. Sevey having resigned, a new Bishoprick was by Apostel J. H. Smith presented to the saints, and unanimously sustained, and ordained and set apart as follows by the Apostles: Jos. C. Bentley, Bishop, J. H. Smith mouth. Ernest L. Taylor first counsellor, J. W. Taylor, mouth. Dennis E. Harris, 2nd counsellor J. H.

Smith mouth. Alonzo S. Taylor as Ward Clerk.

At 10 P.M. March 6th my daughter Mary L. Walser, was sealed for Time and Eternity at Henry Eyrings house.

April 10th

My daughter Ida Skouson had a very serious attack nervous prostrations brought on by troubles. It took four ___ to hold her, this _____.

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4 hours. Bros. Bentley, Harris, Jackson, Stowell & myself administered to her repeatedly, and sister Seville did what she could for her. She could rest easier after 2 A.M on the 11th and is improving.

April 16

My son George Jasher was ordained to the office of a teacher in the Juarez Ward, by the Bishoprich, by councillor E. L. Taylor busy month.

Choir was reorganized on April 2nd by Bishop L. C. Bentley and Councillors. Many new members added. J. J. Walser, Leader N. Clayson, Assistant. Mina Walser organist & Ann C. Romney Secretary.

My dear William was ordained to the office of a deacon in the Juarez Ward. Bishop J. C. Bentley, month.

July 10

My daughter, Clara Matilda, was sealed to Albert C. Wagner for time and eternity by Prest. A. W. Ivins, at house of her parents, Sunday afternoon 5¹⁵ P. M. July 10th 1848. In Juarez. Albert C. Wagner was just before ordained on Elder by J.J. Walser & President Ivins.

This year closed without anything more unusual occurring in my family. All enjoying reasonable good health, and above all, firm in the truth.

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January 1st

Had a family gathering, a good and pleasant time.

March 20th

Sunday school conference was held in Juarez, for the Juarez Stake of Zion. Elders Karl G. Masser & John Nuttal from Salt Lake City were present and gave us much valuable instruction. Our Sunday school is in good prospering condition. My Daughter Ida is improving in her health.

April

My daughter Mary L. wife of _____ Whipple gave birth to bouncing baby, a boy on the 3rd of the month. Wednesday evening the 19th. While sitting on my

porch playing the Clarinett, I was suddenly surprised by the Band starting to play on the other side of the house. After playing a tune, they invited to go to the Meeting house. On arriving there, I found the Choir & Bands the Bishoprick and a great portion of the Ward there assembled, to celebrate my 50th birthday. A good programme was carried out, and I was presented with the "Life of Christ" by Cannon Farrer by the Choir & a very kind letter enclosing a Draft for \$25.00 from Bishop J. C. Bentley & his councillors. I felt very thankful for kindness and appreciation of my humble efforts in Music and I pray God to bless my future labors in this community. It was a complete surprise to me.

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May 28

Attended the first prayer circle held in Colonia Juarez. The Circle is presided over by A. W. Ivins, Stake president. This was the first privilege³ of this kind since Sept. 1889 when I left Payson, and I am very thankful to again have this sacred privilege.

June 4

Mary L. Walser Whipple had her baby boy blessed in fast meeting at Colonia Juarez. Myself being mouth, name given the child was John Jacob.

October 1

My son John J. and wife & 2 children, and my Daughters Mary L. W. Whipple and Ida W. Skouson started for Salt Lake City to attend Conferences and receive the blessings in the Holy Temple of God. Last night Bro. Ed. P. Turley returned home having filled an honorable mission of over 2 years in the State of Ohio.

October 12

My daughter, Clara Matilda (Walser) Wagner gave birth to a fine boy, at 5 o'clock in the morning.

October 25

Went to El Paso to meet my mother.

October 26

9 A.M met my dear mother at the Santa Fe Station. She has come to spend the winter with us in Juarez. With her came also my nephew, Albert McClellan, my sisters son also my son in Law James N. Skouson, must returned from a 2 year Mission to Denmark & Norway, also my Daughter Ida, Jane Skouson wifes who went to Utah to meet her husband and receive her blessings in the Temple.

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October 27

My Mother, Ida & myself left El Paso for home, Colonia Juarez, arrived in Dublan 430 P.M. Mother ____ in Dublan with my wife & my son George, who met us at the Station. They stayed over night with my daughter Annie E. W. Robinson. I returned home on account of pressing business.

28th

Mother and my wife & son arrived in our home at 2 P.M. at 9 P.M. Jas. Skouson & Albert McClellan also arrive, they had stayed in El Paso to wait for delayed luggage.

Nov. 13

Albert McClellan, my nephew, left us at 4 A.M and started for his home in Payson Utah, where her expects to arrive Thursday next, the 16th.

15th

Today John & Ida Walser, and My Daughter Mary and her husband Charles Whipple, returned from Utah, well and Thankful to be at home again. They have been to the Salt Lake Temple. My son John and his wife received Their washings, anointing, and the Temple blessings and sealings on October 10th 1899. On the next day, John received Endowments in the Temple, for his brother, my son Henry Samuel, who did Oct. 12, 1897

1900

January 1

Today my family had a gathering, but I was compelled because of Prest Ivins absence, to inspect the Juarez Pasture & __ which took me until after dark. My son George is called on a Mission to the ~~southern~~-northern States, has to leave Salt Lake City on the 12 of next April

6th

Today my daughter Effie Adelia was baptized by Elder J. C. Harper. Received a visit from E. A. Huish & Jacob Huber, Prom Payson. They have come to settle on the Pato Pita Ranch with a number of others, 40-50 poeple.

7th

Today Effie Adelia was confirmed in fast-meeting by Bp. J. C. Bentley.

March 25

Last night produced the Opperetta Twin Sisters with the Juarez Choir to a good house. Band and Choir help beside The Opperetta. Twin sister Receipts

48.50. Expense 6.50 leaving \$42.00. Today my son George Jasper was ordained an Elder under the hands of Henry Eyring, Prest. Bish J. C. Bentley, Councillor E. L. Taylor & J. J. Walser, (The latter (myself) being mouth. George spoke at the afternoon meeting.

March 31

Today my son, George Jasper Walser left our home and started for his mission to the northern states, going as far as Dublan, where at night the Juarez Choir & Brass Band gave a Concert under my direction which realized \$7.00. George's taking part in the Concert.

April 1

Sunday we stayed over in Dublan, George spoke in Sunday school.

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April 2

This morning at 8³⁰ my son George and George Redd & Theo Martineau, took the train for El Paso, with the people going to the April Conf. at Salt Lake City. My son and George Redd are appointed to leave Salt Lake City on the 12th next for the northern States Mission. Bro. Martineau goes to the southern States. God bless and protect them! I with my son John and wife, and my daughter Mina returned to Juarez, arriving there at noon. Yesterday the Saints in Juarez had a glorious time in fast meeting. Bro. J. C. Holt speaking in tongues and O. P. Brown receiving the interpretation. Predicting that the great work among the Lamanites was about to commence, and that Bro. Marrique Gonzales would perform a mighty work among the Lamanites in bringing thousands of them to the knowledge of the truth.

April 8

Today my daughter Louie was severely injured while at Sunday School, one of the outhouses at the headway blowing over onto her, injuring her back and hip & right leg, very severe. I took her home in Chas. Whipples wagon.

My mother is quite sick and is becoming homesick, but I hope she will soon have the pleasure of seeing her dear home again.

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16th

Received a letter from George from Salt Lake City. He feels well and is anxious to get to his field of labor. He was ordained a Seventy April 9th in the Salt Lake Temple. Will receive his Endowments on the 11th and leave for Chicago on the 12th.

20th

My 51st birthday. Received presents and good wishes from my dear wives & children.

26th

Received a letter from my son George from Kansas City. Missouri. Where he is appointed to labor. He had started having visited and distributed tracts 2 days and feels well in the work. Answered his letter to day. Received a letter from my Sister Eliza informing me that she will be with is by the 28th having left Payson on the 24th.

April 28th

My Sister Eliza B. with her little daughter Eva Margeruite arrived here on a visit and to take Mother back with her when she goes.

May 5.

Received a good letter from my son George J. from Kansas City, Mo. He feels well in his labor.

6th

Ans. Georges letter and sent him \$25.00 Am. Money for which I had to pay \$52.80 in Mex. Currency.

8th

My daughter Annie and her two children also Bro. Jos. Robinson and Louisa Hoag and three children came on a short visit.

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12th

This morning my mother and my sister Eliza and her daughter Eva started for their home in Payson. I took them to the Casas Grandes Station, from were they started at 8³⁰ under the Care of Proffessor Guy C. Wilson who is also going to Utah.

24

Received a letter from my son George from Fulton, Callaway Co. Mo. Has rec'd the \$25.00 I sent him. Feels well and doing well. Wrote letter to Eliza B. McClellan.

June 17

Today was honorably released from A. School teachers office in the Juarez School on account of other duties which require my time and attention.

October 7

This morning my daughter Ida, _____ N. Skousons wife, gave birth to bay boy, both mother and baby first rate.

Nov. 29

Today my daughter Mary L. Whipple gave birth to baby girl.

Dec. 13

Today at Juarez, died Leah, Mary L. Whipples baby, 2 weeks old, of pheumonia. I blest and named her, the day before her death by the request of her mother.

Dec. 31

This year has been a blest and prosperous one for us. My son George is filling a good Mission in Missouri. May the blessing of God be with us in the coming year as He has so bountifully blessed us all in the past. From Him we receive all. May we never forget our God, but serve Him faithfully trusting Him in all things.

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1901

January 1st

First day of the 20th Century Heralded by the glorious rays of the sunlight of the Gospel of Jesus Christ illuminating the world. Darkness mustiflee! Wickedness, superstition and tyranny will be overcome and buried, and Liberty, the eternal child of truth and righteousness, will reign upon the earth, which is now groaning under the quilt and wickedness of her children. Zion will arise and shine and the Glory of God will rest upon her.

5th

Gertrude Emma, my daughter by my wife Maries Louisa, was baptized today by Elder John C. Harper in the "Rio Verde" Colonia Juarez.

Feb. 7

Today my Daughter Wilhelmina received a patriarchal blessing from Patriarch A. F. McDonald. Written by Eliza Clayson. My daughter had fasted for two days and prayed that God would inspire His servant, the Patriarch, to bless her according to the will of the Lord, and she received many great and glorious promises.

23 or 24

The Juarez Stake conference was held here in Colonia Juarez. No visitors from the North, but God gave us the most spirited and inspired Conference we ever had in Mexico. We have an abundance of rain and snow Lots of water in the river and the Tenajo field streams.

26

Today wrote George and sent him \$20.00 U. S. Money, which cost \$40.65 Mex.

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1901

March 20th

Last night the Bishoprick of Juarez gave a very fine social to the Choir and a few other invited friends, at the home of Wilhelmina Walser, who is our Stake organist, and who will depart for Salt Lake City on April 1st next, to take a course in Music under her cousin Professor John J. McClellan. I have borrowed 1 hundred doll. to start her, of Bro. H. Eyring. She goes to become qualified to take the post of Music Instructor in the Juarez Stake Academy upon her return.

March 31,

Today at 2 P.M. our dear daughter Mina left us to start for Salt Lake City. John took her to Dublan, Laura also accompanied her that far. She starts from Dublan to morrow morning with the Conference poeple. She will first go the Payson. Mina was set apart to day and blessed by the Bishoprick of Juarez and myself. Bishop J. C. Bently being Mouth, and received a great blessing and promise of success in her studies in Music and a safe return to her home, on the condition of faithfulness unto the Lord. A great number of the young poeple of the ward came from morning until noon and took an affectionate farewell from Mina. May God bless and prosper her, and return her unto us in safety. Mina received from me \$110.00 from her Mother \$20.00, and also a present from the Bishoprick \$25.00. Total \$156.00.

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1901

Sept. 30

Started for Salt Lake City, in Company of Prest A. W. Ivins & others to bring Mina home. Arrived in Provo 4th Oct took evening train for Payson. Found there my Mother and Minnie & Estella McClellan my sisters girls. Took them completely by surprise. Saturday Morning Oct. 5th I went to Salt Lake City, to Cong. In the afternoon met my daughter Mina and my brother in Law, J. J. Scherrer and wife, on the temple grounds. It was a joyful meeting. In the evening we all went to the Opera "The Wedding day". Sunday attended both meetings. In the afternoon had the privilege of listening to Prest Lorenzo Snow's last sermon. Monday Oct 7th met Pres't Ivins at the Assembly Hall, in priesthood meeting. He showed me a call to me for a mission to Germany, from which however he had me honorably released, saying I was needed more in Mexico than in Germany. In the evening I met John J. McClellan, Tabernacle Organist and my Nephew. He gave me a grand treat on the great pipe organ. After while I returned to Payson.

Oct 14

I went to Salt Lake City to perform for Temple work with my mother and sister. On the 16th we, my mother, myself, and sister Eliza were sealed to my dead father John Jacob Walser. Also had his first family sealed to him. We acting as _____.

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1901

Oct. 14

Started for Midway for a visit with my friend John Huber, and at 10 P.M. raised them out of bed. I had a joyful time with and returned to Payson on the 19th. Where I again joined with J.J. Sherrer and his kind family. The following days untill the 26th I helped Mother dispose of her property and get ready as she is coming with me home.

Oct. 26

We started from Provo for Mexico. Namely Mother, myself, my daughter Mina, Henry Gardner, Y.M.M. & Missionary for Mexico. Arrived at home on the night of the 28th found all well. John and Willie with my _____, were at the station, awaiting us. I put Mother on with the Stage.

Nov. 10

Commenced building a house for Mother. During this year my daughters Annie E. and Mary L. each received another child. Annie a daughter and Mary a boy.

While I was gone to Conf. my sons and daughters harvested our corn crop on the Tenajo. Realizing between 250 & 300 bushels of Corn. Our Tannery is prosperous. Our family has good health, and are enjoying the blessings of the Gospel.

Dec.

At the close of the year, all is well with us, and we pray for the blessings of God to be with us and all of his covenant poeple during the coming Year.

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1902

January 1st

Beautiful day. In the evening Ward reunion in the Schoolhouse. Good Programme, with Music by Choir, Orchestra and Band.

15th

Mina is engaged to teach music in the Academy. Good health in our house.

Feb. 13

I started for El Paso. Arr. 4³⁰ P.M. My son George being sick in East Texas, This being the 23rd Month of his mission. I wired to Prest Jas, Duffin, to have him released and sent to El Paso. This was done as I desired, and George arr. in El Paso 7²⁰ P.M. on the 21. Arr. At Dublan, Monday evening the 24th stayed over night with Annie. And next Morning Tuesday the 25th arrived at Home, Thankful to God that our boy was preserved from the hand of death. On Monday the 10th President Henry Eyring departed this life. Was buried the following day.

Aug. 21st

Today I was taken suddenly very sick and have since lain in bed for 10 days. Was brought to deaths door. But the prayers of my dear family and The Elders were heard and answered upon my head, so I was healed by the power of God and am slowly recovering.

Aug. 30

Today my son Alma Walter, was ordained a deacon by Bishop Jos. C. Bently.

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1902

Sept. 5

Tonight I was honorably released from the position of Juarez Stake and Ward Choir Leader. There was a fine reunion of the Choir with the Authorities of the Stake and of Juarez and a good number of the Ward. Arthur Done was installed in my place.

Oct. 22

Today my daughter Mary Louisa, wife of Chas. W. Whipple lost her little son Carlos, cause of death cholera infection.

Nov. 22

This morning at 7 May Adelia, wife of my son John, departed this life. The causes were confinement and Typhoid fever, a complication, which was more than her constitution could endure. She was born Feb. 7th 1880. Married to John J. Walser on Dec. 29th 1901, by A. F. McDonald, leaving a baby, a boy, born Nov. 1st. Blest and named Henry Irvin Nov 20th by his father John J. Walser and his grandfather, John Jacob Walser, the latter being Mouth.

Nov. 27

Today my daughters Wilhelmina, and Alice were married for time and eternity by Pres't A. W. Ivins to the following:

Wilhelmina to Henry E. Bowman.
Alice to David E. Johnson.
The marriage was performed in Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mex.

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1903

January 1st, 1903

Today we had a family reunion. Bowman was also with us. The past year has been a very prosperous one for us, and I thank and praise The Lord for his many Mercies and blessings us. May His hand be over us during this year and His Spirit always guide and direct us in all things.

3rd

TODAY Mina left our home with her husband, H. E. Bowman, May God multiply his blessings upon her and her family.

5th

Today Elizabeth Braithwaite and myself became engaged to be united in the Holy bonds of Celestial Marriage, upon the return of Pres't Ivins on the 20th or 21st next.

11th

This day my son William was ordained to the office of a teacher in the Aaronic priesthood, under the hands of the Bishoprick of Juarez and Patriarch F. A. McDonald, the latter being mouth in the ordination.

14th

This day my son John had his little son, (whose mother has just recently died) blest in fast meeting, and named him Henry Irwin, I officiating in the Blessing as his grandfather.

19th

This day Elizabeth Braithwaite, born June 15, 1858 in Bridlington, Yorkshire, England was sealed to me for time and Eternity. She had to flee from her first husband for the Gospel's sake. He threatening her life, because she obeyed, she has six children from her husband.

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1903

March 31

Today myself, my wife Elizabeth and my Mother started for El Paso, where we arrived 5³⁰ P.M. Mother is going back to Payson with the Conference Visitors under the care of Pres't A. W. Ivins. I got her ticket and baggage checked, and

comfortably placed on the Cars of the Rock Island train, which started at 8³⁰ P.M.

April 3rd

My wife Elizabeth and I started for home from C. Juarez 8³⁰ A.M. after leaving Guzman after noon, the Conductor handed me telegram sent by H. E. Bowman, bringing the unexpected and sad intelligence that my dear daughter Annie Elizabeth Robinson had died yesterday the 2nd in childbed. She had twins, both girls, the first was born allright and lives, but the second came with a side presentation and had to be taken by the doctor, hoping to save the Mother though the child was dead. However the dreadful pains and the loss of blood were to great and poor dear Annie passed away half an hour after the second child was taken from her. Elizabeth and I arrived in time for the latter part of the funeral service. Where I found my dear wife Louisa, Annies Mother and my family who had come from Juarez. We stayed in Dublan that night and next day, the 4th returned home. Bro. H. E. Bowman & John Robinson, Annies husband, kindly bringing us home, where we arrived 6 P.M. and found all well.

While out in El Paso I bought I bought a suit each for Willie & Charlie and a dress for each of my wives, also a ring for Elizabeth and shoes & .e. also an Organ for my wife Mary Louisa.

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June 2nd

My daughters (Annie E. who died on April 2nd) baby girl, Anita, passed away to join her dear Mother on the other side. It had been sick a little over a week. Today our home was finished, painted & complete, and My dear wife Anna E. L. and her children have now a nice and comfortable house.

Aug. 8

Today my son William Walser was set apart by Bishop J. C. Bently, as President of the Deacon's Quorum.

Sept 26

Today I was appointed to preside over the local organization of the High Priests of Colonia Juarez in their meetings.

Dec. 4

Today My daughter Wilhelmina, wife of H. E. Bowman, gave birth to still born baby, a boy, we buried on the 5th in south east corner of my upper lot. Minas Mothers house, Bro. Bowman dedication the grave.

6th

Today in fast meeting, in Juarez, I was I was mouth in blessing, my daughter, Mary L. W. Whipples baby, named Mary Louisa, it was born on August

30th 1903. On August 3rd my daughter Ida W. Skouson gave birth to a fine boy, who is named Lyle Lester.

8th

This morning at 4 o'clock Dec. 8th my daughter Clara Matilda Wagner, gave birth to a big baby, a boy.

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1903

Dec. 24

Tonight we had Christmas trees in each of my homes. All, parents & children, were remembered and received presents. I stayed with each family awhile, first with my wife Elizabeth, then with Mary Louisa, and last with Anna E. L. where I remained over night.

25th

We had good Christmas Dinners and all felt well and Thankful to God for The great blessings we enjoy as His people. The weather is clear and cold. This morning B. Stowells house (the old Snow Mansion) burnt down.

31st

The last day of the year 1903. With gratitude I look back and see the Manifestations of the Love and Wisdom of my heavenly father. My dear family are all well, and seeking to keep the commandments of God, and He has blessed us with His Spirit, with health and strength and given us plenty. The prospects for the future are bright - before us. My Tithing and Donations year amount to nearly 700 00/00 hundred dollars. God be praised, for it is His blessing.

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1904

January 3rd

1st Sunday, Fast Meeting. A most excellent and spirited Meeting. I was moved in the blessing of my daughter Matilda's baby, naming him Edgar LeRoy. Bright, cold and dry weather. This day my daughter Wilhelmina and her husband were blessed by Patriarch Jas. N. Skouson. I acting as scribe.

Dec 31

All well. God has blessed us spiritually and temporally. On Christmas eve. We had a nice Christmas tree for my whole family in Marie Louisa's large room, All had presents and we had a fine enjoyable time. Plenty of rain and the land is well soaked.

1905

Dec. 31

This year now ending was a prosperous year for us. Though there was much sickness, yet God preserved our lives, and at the end of the year we are all well. Grandchildren there were born in my family this year the following

The children of Anna E. L. Walser
To Wilhelmina a baby girl named Mabel
George J. Walser a boy, Dean.

The children of Marie L. Walser
Ida W. Skouson, a boy, Loren Earl
Alicia W. Johnson, a girl, Emilia
Mary L. W. Whipple a girl, Harriett

The Children of Elizabeth Walser
Elizabeth Romney 1 girl
Annie Carroll 1 girl, died.

On Christmas we had a family gathering and a Christmas tree. We are grateful to God for his Blessings and trust in Him, determined to keep his commandments.

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1906

January 1st

This year opens with excellent prospects before us in Mexico. We have peace, and are unmolested by the world. We have with us three of the Apostels of the Lord, which is a great privilege and blessing. The Climate has changed very much, we are having much rain and snow. The tanning business is increasing wonderfully. May we prove ourselves worth of the blessings, the Lord is showering upon his saints.

1907

In May my wife Elizabeth moved into the new home I had built for her on the lot I had bought from my son William. All is well with us and rejoicing in the blessings of God.

1908

Sept. 4

This day I severed my connection with the Juarez Tanning & Mfg, Co. after laboring strenuously for 18 years to build up a good and flourishing business. Men, who understand nothing of any part of the Tanning, Harness, or shoe business, but who have through their means secured the controlling interest in the above business, have through their miss management ruined it. So I quit the business.

Dec. 31

The end of the year 1908 all well with us in my family. Free from debt,

bread for a year on hand and rejoicing on the blessings of the gospel. This winter is very dry. The prospect for the coming year is not encouraging.

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1909

This year I spent in farming and fruit raising. Sept. 28 my sons Geo. J. and Alma W. and my stepson Alvin Coon started for Miami, Gila Co., Arizona, to work under Albert C. Wagner on a large concentrator works.

Had fair crops and remain free from debts. All well in my family. Gods blessing and protection is with us.

1910

Very dry winter, much stock dying. On Aril 17th My dear mother died in Salt Lake City at my sister Elizas house at 8³⁰ A.M of old age. She died without pain. Was 86 years 6 months and 25 days old. Her remains were taken to Payson and buried by the side of her husband, my step father, John Diem. May 4th Alvin Coon returned home from Miami. He has done well having saved over \$500.00. May 7 my daughter Mina and her 2 children Mabel & Keneth came to visit us from Dublan, they will remain through the closing exercises of the J. S. Academy, which will close May 13. They summer has been an excessive hot one and very little rain. The fruit is a failure because of late frosts, and the potatoe crop is a total failure, the cause being the heat and droughth. The range is very poor, no rain no grass, most of the cattle had to be sold at ruinous figures. This year three grandchildren were born to me. To my John, a girl. To my son William a son, to my daughter May came a son. We are all enjoying knowing I am not in debt to anyone, and even with the dry season we are well and comfortably fixed.

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1910

Have good homes for my family and plenty to eat and wear. We are grateful to God for these blessings, and we cheerfully honor Him in our tithes and offerings. We are feeling the effects of the insurrection in Mexico, against Porfirio Diaz. On the 22nd of Dec. The Revolutionists, burned a number of culverts and one bridge on the Sierra Madre R.R. stopping traffic entirely, and isolating us from the world, the telegraph lines were also cut. This left my wife Elizabeth and her son Alvin, and several others from this colony who had gone to El Paso on the 20th stranded in the latter city, when they will be able to return is uncertain, may have to come by team. We have to guard the colony every night, to prevent stragglers from the revolutionists of comiting depredation on our property. The year ends cold and dry.

1911

January 6

My wife Elizabeth and her son Alvin returned home from El Paso, with the

first train, that was sent over the road. I met them with my team at the station Neuvo Casas Grandes. We greatly rejoiced to meet again., the weather continues dry, very discouraging, but we trust in God. He will provide for His poeple. This year we were blessed with excellent crops of grains, alfalfa & fruits. Had copious rains during the autmn and winter months. The revolution still continues in Mexico, now it is against the Waders government. But we are so far unharmed, it is plainly to be seen that God is protecting his people in Mexico. This year 5 grand children were born to us, through Wilhelmina, Mary, John, Ida, & William.

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1912

January 1st was celebrated as New years day in Colonia Juarez. Fine, cold weather, in fact, this winter is the coldest we have experienced in Mexico. The Mexican nation is still on the throes of the revolution. The end is invisible. The rebels (The red flaggers) have killed a large number of cattle in the Dublan pastures.

In March Alice gave birth to fine health baby, a girl. Was blessed in fast meeting April 6, by the Bishoprick and myself, I being mouth, named her Alice. We are blessed with lovely spring rains, the green grass is covering the hills.

April 8, My daughter Louie left home in company of Bro. Julius Reiher, she is going to Bisbee, Arizona, to work for a while. My family are all well, and we feel grateful to God for His great Blessings, and His protection over us. Colonia Juarez looks like a flower garden the fruit trees all blossoming.

Sunday July 28, we were compelled to deliver up our arms to the rebel forces, in consequence of this we sent our wives and children to El Paso on the 29th. On the 31st I was requested by Prest Romney to go to El Paso with Guy C. Wilson & Chas. E. Romney to help take care of the poeple. We took train at Pearson at 5 P.M. with the Chihuahua colonists. The last of our poeple to leave the state of Chihuahua.

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1912

The Pearson Co. furnished the transportation of all our poeple their luggage free, which wan an immense help. Arr. At El Paso Aug. 1st 2 A.M The whole Co. stayed at the Record Hall. Aug 2. I found my family at 2610 Kentucky Av. Highland Park all well. My wives A.E.L. **** and Elizabeth and my daughter Eliza & Effie, and my son George and family and the family of M. A. Romney were there. My sons Alma & Alvin remained at home with about 70 of the Juarez brethren to protect the colony. Over 2000 poeple are thus gone from their homes. Bro. Ivins & Brown were in El Paso and did all they could to provide for the poor poeple, and the poeple of El Paso, and the U.S. Gov. responded grandly by sheltering and feeding our poeple.

On Aug. 3, Bishop O.P. Miller and Prests. Jos. E. Robinson and Chas, E. McClellan arrived from Salt Lake City.

On the 12th My daughter Mina gave birth to a baby girl in the house next to ours, doing fine.

15th Aug. My daughter Effie was married to Jabez Durfee by Bishop A.D. Huber of Dublan. The day before my wife M. Louisa and daughter Gertrude left El Paso for Miami with my son George and his family.

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1912

Aug. the 31, my wife Anna E. L. and her daughters, Mina, Laura, & Eliza and Mina's four children left El Paso 7 A.M on the sunset route for Payson, Utah.

Sept. 1st my wife Elizabeth and sons Charles, who has just returned from a faithful Mission to the southern states, and Earl, myself and Bishop Bentley & family, M.A. Romney & family, and others started from El Paso, 8. ⁰⁵ A.M arr. at Pearson next day, Monday the 2nd Sept. hired a team and arr. at home (Colonia Juarez) sweet home, at noon, were met by Alvin who had been there a week. We felt thankful to God to be at home again, and trust in him for the future. We found our homes intact and lots of fruit ripe.

Sunday the 8th had the pleasure of the first sacrament meeting for 7 weeks.

Sept. 22

3rd Sunday at home in quiet little Colonia Juarez. All well and peacefull. We trust in our God, and desire to serve Him and keep His commandments. We are busy taking care of the harvest of fruits & grains & hay and I work all I can in the Tannery. Have heard of my family in Payson. They arr. all right and are well.

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1912

September 30

Some redflaggers came to town, took 1 horse & saddle, also _____ dollars out of the store. _____ . At, night at a meeting of the brethren it was decided to take the women and children to Pearson.

Oct. 1

Today moving the women and children to Pearson. Rainy and cold weather. My wife Elizabeth and her son Alvin, and M.A. Romney's family will take train for El Paso tomorrow morning. This is a severe trial and it looks dark for the future of our colonies in Mexico. But God is at the helm of the ship Zion and He will give us strength and faith as our days shall demand. Our trust is in Him and we will not be disappointed.

Oct 6.

My wife Elizabeth and her son Alvin, also Bishop Bentley's family, M.A. Romney & family and others started from Pearson 6 A.M for El Paso. Bro. Bentley had left for Salt Lake City 2 days before to confer with the first presidency and the Apostles concerning our condition with regard to regaining our homes and

possessions in Mexico. I returned to Juarez and stayed one week more gathering and selling crops and stock.

Oct 12

Myself, William, and my stepsons Charles & Earl, also E.E. Eyring & Ed. Lemt left Pearson for El Paso 9:³⁰ A.M arr. El Paso 5:³⁰ P.M. Found my wife & Alvin comfortably housed in 417 San Jose St. High Land Park. Thankful to be united again. We hope to return to Mexico next spring. I have rented my land lots, team & 7 cows to Benigno Clancey, a man, good trusty Mexican, believe he will do right. He has it for 1 year for half of the crop.

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October 15th

Bro. Bently returned from Salt Lake City. He brings us encouragement from the 1st presidency and the Apostels to hold fast to Mexico.

26th

Apostel A.W. Ivins arr. in El Paso, and met with the Saints her on Sunday Afternoon.

27th

The 27th at 1517 Boulevard, had the blessing of partaking of the sacrament. Bro. Ivins gave us excellent and encouraging instructions, that the work of God in Mexico would not stop but increase, and that there was no other place but Mexico for us, espially those living in the Celestial law of Marriage.

29

Bro. Ivins left for Salt Lake City will be back in 2-3 weeks.

My wife Mary Louise and Alma & Gertrude came from Miami Oct 14. Louise has a room with Mary, Gertrude has a job in a good family. Alma has gone into Mexico in the employ of Albert Wagner had to go via Hachita as the R.R. is ton up by the Rebels. He will be gone about 2-3 weeks. Have not heard from my family at Payson but hope to be in communications with them soon. We are well, and hope to have employment for the winter here.

30.

Received letters from Louisa, Laura, & Mina from Payson. George & Albert from Miami, some from Bisbee & from John from Thatcher, all well but anxious to get back to Mexico.

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Nov. 16

Moved Louise & Gertrude to 612 Dallas, fixed her up with stove, coal, chairs, & table & store furniture & e \$17.⁵⁰.

Dec. 28

Moved my wife Lizzie to the apartment house 612 Dallas Street: El Paso, where Louise and Gertrude already were located.

29.

Attended a good spirited meeting at 2 P.M. at 1517 Boulevard, where we have had the privilege of meeting to, worship our God and partake of the sacrament, since the beginning of Nov. Sent Christmas letters and cards to all my dear ones now scatterd in different parts of the United States. Christmas passed quietly with us, but we are thankful to our heavenly father for His protecting care over us, for health, shelter, food, and raiment, but most for his spirit which gives us comfort and love for the future. We hope to return home to Mexico early in January 1913. Bishop Bentley is with us settling tithing. Alvin is in Juarez, working in the shop and taking care of our property as best he can. George & family are in Safford, Arizona, Louie is in Bisbee, Arizona, my wife Louisa and Mina and her children are in Payson, Utah, and Laura, Eliza, and Charles & wife are in Salt Lake City, Effie is in Aurora Sevier Co. Utah and all are anxious to get back to Mex. Of Lizzies family besides Charles, all are here in El Paso, except Charles and Annie who is in Utah and Alvin in Mex.

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Nov. 20th

Ida Skouson had a child born to her a little girl, whom Bishop Bentley and myself, the little ones grandfather blest and named her Dora. This year closes upon us with thousands deprived of the comforts of their homes in Mexico. But we trust in God and know we will not be forsaken by him. We thank and praise him for his blessings unto us, and know that He will provide for his saints. This winter is exceptionally cold and wet, which is good for our farms and orchards. Tithing paid this year 82.⁵⁵.

—————**1913**—————

January 11th

My daughter Mary L. gave birth to a healthy little girl. The child is doing well but the Mother is suffering with pluracy.

14th

The redflaggers have again burned a number of R.R. bridges between Pearson and Juarez, putting the road out of commisson again.

15th

Peter Skouson & family, Brigh. Wipple Sister Merrill, Br. Gay & Alonzo Taylor & others are starting this morning for home from El Paso with Teams. On the 11th Charles and Annie arrived here from Salt Lake City.

19th

Good spirited meeting at the regular place 1517 Boulevard, at 2 P.M. after meeting Bro. Wm. Jones and myself went to Juarez, and administered to Sister Ida Mortenson, who received immediate relief. At 7 pm Bro. H. L. Hattis & myself blessed and named my daughter Mary's baby, named her Eva, myself being mouth. At 7.³⁰ P.M. Bro. Moffet and myself held a cottage meeting at Lester Stowells home, Newman Street. Good meeting, dismissed 9.³⁰. Weather is cool and cloudy.

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January 22

Today buried little Marion, the son of my daughter Marie Louie Whipple. He died of paralysis of the bowels, on the 21st at 3 P.M. after an illness of of 3 ½ days, was 3 years, 11 months &, 7 days old, is buried in the Concordia cemetery on the block reserved for the Latter Day Saints.

31

Left El Paso for Columbus at 7.³⁰ A.M My wife Mary L. and her daughter Gertrude went with me. A number of brethren had come to Columbus with teams from Colonia Juarez. Among them Alvin with my team. The company traveling together consisted of J.L. Bentley and family, John A. Hatch & family, Sister McDonald & 2 daughter Lucy & Flora, Sister Elliot's sons, Alonzo L. Taylor & family, Geo. Redd & family, and Canute Breimholt, & Alvin Coon, & Jas, N, Skouson & family, & myself & family, 65 souls. Left Columbus Saturday Feb. 1st. Arrived at Juarez Tuesday 9 P.M. Feb. 4th. Was blessed on the trip, no accidents or molestation, and found our homes & property in good condition. Thankful to God to be at home again.

March 16th

Started for El Paso from Pearson at 1.³⁰ P.M. with the first train for 3 months, for the purpose of bringing my wife Elizabeth & her son Earl home. Arrived in Juarez 12⁴⁵ A.M on the 17th. Walked to 417 San Jose Str. Highland Park, got there after 2 in the Morning. Found all well. Lizzie Romney my wifes daughter, had a fine baby boy 1 day old.

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18th

My son John arrived from Safford to go home with us.

20th

Started for home from Juarez at 1 P.M. arr. at Pearson 4 P.M. Benigno Chavez and Alvin were there to take us and our luggage home, arrived at home at 7 P.M. found all well, and thankful to be at home again.

While at El Paso I met my daughter Laura who came there January 31st and is working for Mrs. Raster. She fell well and will be glad to return home.

May 11th

This day my grandchild Lucille, baby daughter of my son John & Ida died at Safford, Arizona.

12th

My son John left Juarez for El Paso to bring home his wife Ida and children from Safford Arizona, fine warm weather.

23

Received letter from John from El Paso announcing the fact, that his family had arrive there, and had decided to remain in El Paso until Oct. or November, Ida his wife being in a delicate condition and too tired to come home to Mex. under the existing conditions.

24

A band of Mex. Outlaws terrorized the town a few hours. Took 150.⁰⁰ worth of goods from the Col. Union Store and about the same amt. from the Tanning & Mfg. Co. also took saddles and horses from several Mexicans and some from our poeple. They searched my houses for guns but only found 1 .44 revolver & 2 pocket pistols. Threatened to kill me if I should no produce the rifles which they claimed I have, but I did not fear them and though they threatened to kill me, holding the gun and revolvers close to my head, I told them, I would not tell them anything about guns, they took me 1 mile out town and threatened again to kill. I told them to go ahead if they dared. At the same time a good Mexican lady came and interceded for me, and they let me go. God preserved my life and in Him I trust.

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June 10th

Col. Castillo, a redflagger, with 200 men took from us early this morning. 85 federals ____ it for 1 hour, losing 15 killed, _____ and then surrendered.

12

A Posse sent by Col. Castillo searched our colony for horses, saddles & guns, they took a number of horses ____ could find, also some arms, h had a new 30-30 rifle belonging to Albert C. Wagner which they compelled me to give up. Conditions are very bad and only God can protect and sustain us here, but we trust in Him and He will not forsake us.

July 12

Another Raid of the red flaggers Bros. Bentley & J. W. Wilson had to pay them \$1000.⁰⁰ doll. each at the point of loaded guns. I had to give up the last rifle I had, and then hide as they wanted to hold me up for money. 2 weeks ago Gen. P. Villa took Casas Grandes and killed over 200 red flaggers, then marched to Ascension where he executed some 40 of the same class he is waiting for reinforcements to attack Ciudad Juarez. But soon after he left the red flaggers commenced to prey upon us again, but on very the night of the 12th 400 hundred of Villas men surprised them again in Casas Grandes killing a number of them and catching their leader Jose Parra, and executed him and ten others, so we are rid of them again for how long we know not.

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11th

We had the first good rain, ½ inch fell.

14th

This morning Villa's troops left for Ascension to join their General Villa, and start for Ciudad Juarez, to attack and try to take that part of entry into Mexico.

20th

Bishop Bentley, myself & J. W. Wilson went to Dublan, left Juarez at 6 A.M drove to Jas. N. Skousons farm and had breakfast there. Arr. Dublan 9.³⁰ A.M 10 A.M attended Sunday school. They have a good school over 40 native saints, good people who have received the spirit of the Gospel, these are in a theological class of their own, which is conducted in the Spanish language by Bro. Andres Gonzalos. There are 84 of our people in Dublan besides the native saints. We had dinner at Bro. A. B. Culls. 2 P.M. attended sacrament meeting, all three addressing the saints good attendance and an excellent spirit. Left Dublan at 5 P.M. arrived safe at home 8 P.M.

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July 21

This morning the redflaggers made another raid on us. Took E.L. Taylor & Daniel Skouson to Taylors ranch. Bishop Bentley accompanied them voluntarily. Our brethren were not abused but had to pay the 200.⁰⁰ pesos, they wanted 1000.⁰⁰ but finally was satisfied with the first named sum. Our brethren returned home 7 P.M.

June 20th

Clara Matilda Wagner, my daughter gave birth to a baby girl, all concerned in excellent condition. Child was born in Miami, Gila Co. Arizona.

Sept 20.

I started from Colonia Juarez for Columbus New. Mex. to bring home my wife Anna E.L. who is at El Paso arr. at Columbus Sept. 23rd there were 3 teams in our crowd, mine, Alvin Coon, and Faure Elliott. I took 10 boxes of apples, but found very poor sale.

24th

4 A.M took train from Columbus for El Paso, arr. 7 A.M went at once to 193 Newman Str. where I met my dear wife and Mina & family, all well. 25th in the morning met John and family, all are anxious to get home, also met Laura & her beau, Joseph Hygerson and Eliza & her husband Joseph Johnson. During the day done some shopping and 10 P.M. took train for Columbus with my wife, arr. there 12.³⁰ A.M 26th Sept. during the forenoon bought some more supplies and at 3 P.M. started for home.

Our Company consisted of Bro. John Hatch & wife, his daughter Tera and Ernest & family, Alvin Coon, Fawn Elliott & myself & wife, and 4 teams, camped at Gibsons ranch. 27th started early, and camped at night at the Espia ranch. Sunday the 28th drove through Diaz and proceeded to the bend of the river 8 miles north of Carrollton. Monday the 29th arr. at home 7 P.M. all safe and sound. Never were molested either going or coming.

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Oct 12th

The Sunday School was organized with Ernest Supt and Geo. T Sevey & Lorin Taylor assistants. Hugh Hatch Sec. Y.M.M. I. organized with John W. Wilson Prest. and Adalbert Taylor & William Walser councillors.

26

This morning a very serious and lamentable thing occurred. Bro. John Hatch found 2 Mexican women & children in B.L. Croft's rock house stealing some things. He called them some vile names and drove them out of the house, where upon the husband of one of these women came and after some hot words, throwd a rock at Bro. Hatch. Bro. Hatch picked up a rock weighing 4 Ks. And knocked the Mexican down with it. The Mexican has lain unconscious ever since, this being the second day. Bro. Hatch is hiding, but the Mexicans demanded that he be produced, to let the law take it's course. They are very hot.

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1913

Oct 28

After a meeting last night it was decided that the only thing to do was for Bro. Hatch to give himself up to the Judge at Casas Grande. The Mexicans pledging themselves that no violence shall be attempted.

Nov.

Bro. John Hatch _____ to be _____ in Casas Grandes who _____ the case, discharged him on the own recognizance. The Mexican has died.

Dec. 24

Having my wifes and our children here together at the home of my wife Elizabeth, had an enjoyable time.

25th

All of us had our Christmas dinner with Charles B. & his wife at the Harper home.

29th

48 redflaggers came to our Colony and demanded a place to stay and feed and provisions. They occupied Andrew Eyrings house and they fed his hay to 65-70 horses.

30th

Settled my tithing which amounted to 115 Mex. doll. Elizabeth paid 13.90, Anna E. L. 6.00, Mary L. 7.00. God has surely blessed us and protected us from the wicked, and we trust in Him for the future. All Glory be given to Him now and forever.

This year three of my daughters were married, Laura & Eliza at El Paso, with our consent and blessing, Laura to Joseph Thygerson this month, Eliza to Joseph Johnson Sept 20th. Louie married Frank Ross at Bisbee, Arizona without our consent.

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30th

Trains are running between here and El Paso again, after an interruption of 7 months. This has been an eventful year, we have been threatened and robbed by the wicked redflaggers. But through it all, God has marvelously protected and blessed us.

31st

This morning at 6.¹⁰ we were aroused by heavy rifle fire, above town at Andrew Eyrings home. 48 redflaggers were camped there, in the night a force of Maderistas about 70 strong surrounded the house and at the above named time opened fire on them. The fight lasted about 1 hour, ending with the complete defeat of the redflaggers, the latter losing 5 killed, and a number wounded, and 4 taken prisoners, and all their horses & saddles, provisions, and camp outfit, and most of their guns and ammunition, Juan Triviso of this place was also taken prisoner.

Tithing paid this year 115.⁵² mex.

1914

January 1

We all enter _____ with _____ kind and merciful _____ for His many blessings bestowed on His children on this earth. We have the gospel of Jesus Christ, the high priesthood and the everlasting covenant, the greatest blessings that can be given to men. We enjoy health and the peaceful possessions of our homes, farms, our graineries, and cellars, and they are filled with the bounties of the Lord. And we have the spirit of God to guide and direct us in our daily lives. Should we not be happy and grateful.

9th

Left home in company of P.G. W, Dav. E. Johnson & Daniel Skouson at 4 A.M left Pearson at 8.³⁰ A.M In El Paso where we arr. 3 P.M. Put up at the Orient Hotel.

10th

Mailed the letters I brought out for myself and others. Then made my purchases, and got the pass at Ciudad Juarez to return P.M. Monday. Visited with my daughter Mina Bowman, Laura Hygerson, Eliza J. Johnson, also John Smith. At 8.30 I officiated in performing the Marriage ceremony for David John Stevens and Mary Any Johnson.

11th

Visited John who had arrived that morning. In the evening blessed and named their Baby son. His name is Frank Leroy. Also visited Eliza and her husband and family and had dinner with them. Took supper with John and his family.

1914

12th

Left for home at 9 A.M arr. at Pearson 5 P.M. and at home 1.³⁰ P.M. finding all well, and glad to be home again. The city has no charms for me.

Feb. 5

This morning Geo. Redd was shot by some local town Mexicans, with whom he and Adalbert Taylor had had a dispute. His left leg was entirely shot to pieces below the knee. At night he passed away between 6 & 7 P.M.

March 3

This morning at 6 A.M E.L. Taylor was taken by Emanuel Gutierrez and his redflag bandits. Bro. Taylor fired two shots, wounded one Mexican in the hand. They threatened to execute him, but after a long talk, in which our town Mexicans took a lively interest in our behalf, it was left to a committee of three of our

Mexican friends to render a decision by which the redflaggers and E.L. Taylor bear the expenses of the curing the Mexicans hand, pay him 500 pesos and leave the colony, which condition Bro. Taylor fulfilled, and the redflaggers left us.

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As I was returning for Bro. Skousons Mill with a grist of 10 sacks (1000 lbs) of flour, all I had, I was hailed by Captain Flores and 20 men, in front of the public Square, and forced to go back to the store. This is a part of the Quevedes federals. They robbed the store of about 200 doll. Which they loaded on my wagon, and compelled me to haul it about 20 miles up the Tapiacito, where I got at dusk. Bishop Bentley and Fawn Elliot came with me. The federals, so called, also took 6 horses and 3 saddles. When we got to their camp, they quickly unloaded the foods and the flour, leaving the bran and some cornmeal and germade I had to take back home. We had to camp with them overnight, they however treated us well. In the morning we tried to get some of the work horses back, but didn't succeed, they gave me a receipt for the flour, which I don't believe is worth one cent.

27

We left Quovedes camp at 9 A.M after traveling about an hour we met a force of Villa's men ____ Talamantes who were after these federals, they questioned us very closely, and we were compelled to give them some information, which put them on their guard. We arr. Home 2 P.M. tired, but thankful to be at home again. Bishop Bentley loaded me with 6 sacks of flour from the Tithing flour.

This afternoon my daughter Gertrude Emma left our home with Angus Skouson. They go to El Paso to be married there.

30th

Today Angus Skouson and our daughter Gertrude were married by Elder P.H. Hurst at 1517 Boulevard, El Paso.

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April 7

Today Angus and Gertrude arrived as husband and wife, at our home in Colonia Juarez.

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This evening had a reception for the newly married couple at the home of Gertrudes Mother, about 70 relatives and friends attended, and had a very pleasant time.

24

Today at 10 A.M while I was watering on my land below the tannery, Bishop Bentley rode up on a horse and requested me to come to the Tithing Office as quick as possible. I dropped everything and ran down there. The brethren gathered in and then Bro. Bentley read a telegram from Prest. Jos. F. Smith requesting us to come out of Mexico as quick as possible. It was a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. I could not see the necessity of such a disastrous move, but there was nothing to do but to obey. For I considered that telegram was the word of God to us through His chosen prophet, and if it would mean the loss and destruction of I have been blessed with, I want to be obedient to The Lord our God and His chosen servants. We packed our bedding and clothing and as quick as possible, but failed to catch the train that day. Went to Pearson on the afternoon of the 25th. That night I baptized George Sloan in the millpond by request of Bishop Bentley, Bro. Bentley confirmed him.

26th

This morning, we left Pearson at 8.²⁰.

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26th

The Pearson Co. had sent in a special train for us. There were 217 souls, the whole of Colonia Juarez.

We arrived at Ciudad Juarez, 6 P.M. all well. Many of our brethren and sisters located in El Paso were there to receive us. My son John and wife and daughters Clessa & Amelia and my daughter Eliza husband Jos. Johnson were there.

My wifes Louisa & Elizabeth were taken to his house by Jos. Johnson. Myself and Earl went with John. Alvin went with John Wall. Marie Louise went with Angus & Gertrude.

Bros. Orvill Pierce and Derondo Farnsworth did their utmost for our poeple. We landed without a cent of Money. Louisa, Elizabeth, myself and Earl stay with Eliza.

29th

Today received a letter from Miles A. Romney from Safford, Arizona inviting us to come there, he would have plenty of work for all. Bishop Bentley received telegram from Apostel A. W. Ivins instructing us to remain in El Paso until he arrived which would be about May 8th.

May 2nd

Received a kind and sympathetic letter from George J. my 3rd son enclosing 20 doll. which is a great help to me.

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Had an excellent meeting in 1517 Boulevard.

4

This morning my wife Marie Louise and Alvin Coon left for Miami, Arizona and my wife Elizabeth and son Earl for Safford, Arizona. We receive free transportation from the U.S. Gov.

I shall wait here till Bro. Ivins comes. Joseph and Eliza are kind to us as anyone possibly could be.

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8th

This evening Bro. Ivins arrived in El Paso.

9th

At 8 P.M. a council meeting convened at 1517 Boulevard. Apostel Ivins presiding, nearly all the priesthood was present. Apostel Ivins said the advice of Prest. Jos. G. Smith was that all keep out of Mexico for the present. It was unanimously decided that no one go back to Mexico at present, but wait for further developments.

10th

Attended meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall 305 ½ Depot Street, at 2 P.M. The Hall was filled with saints. Apostel Ivins and Elder German Ellsworth, president of the Northern States Mission, addressed the people, and a rich flow of the spirit of the Lord was enjoyed.

12th

I left El Paso for Safford, Arizona 7 A.M arrived at Deming, 10.³⁰ A.M my wife Elizabeth met me at the station, and we started for Safford 11 A.M had to lay over at Bowie 4 ½ hours, finally arrived at Safford 7 P.M. Alvin was at the station with a buggy to take us to the home and farm of Miles A. Romney, 2 miles from town, where we were most kindly received.

17th

Attended Meeting in Layton. Have been pitching hay every day since we arr. here. We are well.

19th

Today heard of the capture of Jos. Skouson by Quevedo bandits, I fear they have killed him. He was taken in Colonia Juarez and taken into the mountains.

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May 20

Today Jos. Skouson was received by raiding bandits. Have not heard any particulars.

24

My wife Elizabeth and I attended our meeting in Layton. Bro. Miles Romney furnished us a horse and buggy. It is 2 ½ miles from his farm.

27

Today I leave for Miami, Arizona. Elizabeth remains with her daughter on the farm of M.A. Romney. I hope to get work at Miami left Safford at 7 P.M.

28

Arr. at Miami 12.²⁰A.M Was met at the station by my son Alma and Albert Wagner Jr. who took me to the home of A. C. Wagner, my daughter Matildas husband in Automobile, where my wife Marie Louise and her daughter Tilda were up and waiting for me, and had a good lunch ready for me, to which I certainly did justice, having eaten nothing since breakfast.

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Commenced work at the International Smelter for \$3.^{25/100} per 8 hours work.

June 17

I quit work at the smelter having worked 18 days

18

Today received my pay from the Smelter Co. took a draft on El Paso First National Bank, Amount \$56 ^{70/100}. Got my ticket for Safford \$4.⁷⁰.

19

Left Miami at 8 A.M arrived at Safford 11.³⁰ A.M Was met at the station by Lilly with horse and buggy and drove to the farm of Bro. Miles A. Romney were I met my wife Elizabeth looking lovely. While at Miami, my son is Law Albert C. Wagner insisted on furnishing me with board and lodging free of charge.

I am thankful to be again in a community of Latter Day Saints.

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28

Today had the the pleasure of meeting with The saints of Layton Ward. Home missionaries, Bros. Brown and Snow of Thatcher and I was also called on to speak. I greatly enjoyed meeting with the saints and partaking of the sacrament, having been compelled to spend the previous 4 Sundays in working on the smelter and 1 in the hay field. I consider this desecration of the Sabbath an abomination.

29

Today Edward C. Eyring and his two wives visited us at the farm. Very much enjoyed their company. This afternoon we blessed the baby of Miles A. and Francis Romney, myself being mouth. The baby was named Keith. Very warm again today.

Juli 4

Celebration of Independence day at Safford. But as we are on the farm of M.A. Romney, 2 ½ miles from town, ca cannot attend. I am waiting for a letter from Bishop Bentley and hope to return to Colonia Juarez in the near future. Weather is warm, cloudy and threatening rain, very little rain here so far.

8

Left Safford for El Paso 11.³⁰ A.M arr. at El Paso 10.³⁰ P.M. and at 3525 Fruitas Street 11 P.M. found my wife Anna E.L. and my daughter Eliza and husband and family well. My wife Elizabeth preferred to remain with her daughter at Safford.

14

Today at 7.⁴⁵ A.M my daughter Louie and her husband Frank Ross arrived from Bisbee, Arizona. They desire to go home to Mexico with me.

17

Today my daughter Eliza, was confined, received a healthy little baby boy. Eliza had a hard time, the Doctor having to take the child with instruments. But God blessed her and mother and child are doing well

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July 20th

Today started home, from Ciudado Juarez, 7.²⁰ A.M Frank Ross, Louies husband and Louie went with me. Also a number of our poeple returning home. Met with 7 different washouts. Was on the road 2 days and 1 night. Arrived at home in Colonia Juarez, midnight on the 21st, lots of rain.

24th

Today Bro. Dan Jensen and myself waited on the mountain of the _____ and asked him to remove the soldiers from the schoolhouse where we wished to prepare and clean it for use, he readily complied with our wishes, and on Saturday the 25th we cleaned the house and had it ready for Sunday school and meeting.

26th

Today held sunday school and meeting 47 attended sunday school 17 came to noon meeting. We had _____ time, were greatly blessed with the manifestation of the

Holy spirit. Lots of rain, grass covering the hills.

August 2

Today had sunday school at 10.00 A.M 48 were present. 2 P.M. held sacrament meeting 29 present, constitutional troops are camped around the meeting house, which is not very agreeable, but they do not molest us in any way. Very moist and showery. This was fast day.

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August

The first Sunday of the month quite a number bore their testimonies. Lucy (McDonald) Blooth's baby sons blest, by Bro. Daniel Skouson & myself, Bro. Skouson being mouth.

9th

The Schoolhouse has been defiled and desecrated so much by the soldiers of the constitutional garrison. That we held our Sunday school at 10.³⁰ A.M at Maggie I, Bentley's home. Present were J.J. Walser, Lynn Hatch, Asenath Skouson, Ethel Taylor and Lucy M. Blooth, and 43 children.

Meeting convened at the same place 2 P.M. only 10 present. J.J. Walser presiding. Sacrament administered By Elders P.C. Wood & Ray Oberhansly. Speakers were Lynn Hatch, R. Oberhansly & P.C. Wood. And though there were but few of us we were richly blessed with the Spirit of the Lord. Rain kept some from meeting, and a number of young poeple went up the river instead of Sunday school or meeting.

14th

This evening at 6 P.M. my wife Elizabeth arrived at home from El Paso. She was on the road 1 ½ days on account of a big washout. I met her 1 mile below the mill, Daniel Skouson was bringing her from Pearson. Her son Earl had arrived on the previous train on the 11th. We are rejoiced to be reunited again in our dear sweet home and thank God for this blessing and trust in Him in the future.

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August 21st

Today my wife Marie Louise and our son Alma Walter arrived at home. They completely surprised us. We were very glad to have more of our family here, occupying another of our homes. Our Bishop J.C. Bentley has also returned home, for which we are very grateful. He arrived on Tuesday the 18th. We are increasing in numbers with every train. On the 20th we had another excellent rain. I have planted late garden, onions, radish, turnips, beans, & corn.

27th

My son John and family arrived at Pearson 7 P.M. I went there with my team and brought them home arriving at home 10 P.M.

28th

Bishop J.C. Bentley left this morning for El Paso, to bring in his family. Expects to be home next Monday.

31st

Bishop J.C. Bentley and family, P.G. Wall & family, & some more of our poeple
Returned home from El Paso.

Nov. 6th

At 1.³⁰ A.M today the child of Emily Romney passed out of this to the better because of death congestive chills.

9

The Balance of M.A. Romney arrived namely my wife Elizabeth's daughter and her six children. Bro. Romneys other wives, Francis, Lilly & Emily and their children had arrived here a month before.

December 1

Left Colonia Juarez at P.M. stayed over night at Pearson Hotel. On the 2nd left Pearson at 7 A.M for El Paso. Arr. there at the home of my son in Law Joseph H. Johnson 9 P.M. found my wife Anna E.L. and my daughters Eliza and Effie with their husband and children all well.

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8th

Today left El Paso for home with my wifes. In Ciudad Juarez I was robbed by a pick-pocket of 400 pesos, arr. At home 10 P.M.

31st

This year has been an eventful one to the saints in Mexico many have returned to their homes in Juarez & Dublan, about 400 souls. The schools have an enrollment of over 200. We have excellent meetings and Sunday schools. The auxiliary associations are all organized and doing food work. God has blest and protected us most signally. All Glory to His Holy Name. my family are well and happy to at home again. At Christmas time we had an immense flood, washing away our pipes and bridges and fences. But we are content and happy knowing that God is blessing us, and while His terrible Judgements are desolating the nations of the earth who reject Him, we abide here in peace and plenty under his protecting hand.

My tithing this year amounts to \$152. ⁴⁰ mexican money, far beyond my

expectations after the losses we sustained. School and other taxes over \$100.00 all paid.

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January 1st

We enter upon this year with thankful hearts to God, and our faith and trust in Him is unshaken. I am rebuilding the fences and hauling rock from my land and leveling it after the heavy flood at Christmas time.

17th

6000 Villa soldiers passed through this part of the country, all well with us.

May 3rd

Bro. Bentley returned from El Paso bring with him Apostel A. W. Ivins, who will hold conference with us next Saturday and Sunday.

5th

Tonight the closing exercises of the training school were given in the Academy hall.

6th

Closing exercises of the 7th grade and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years high school.

7th

Closing exercises and graduation of the 8th grade and 4th year high school class.

8th

A H.M. Priesthood meeting in the Academy Hall until 12.³⁰ noon. Apostel Ivins present. Gave us very encouraging instructions. He organized the Bishoprick of Juarez. J.C. Bentley, Bishop, John J. Walser sen. 1st councillor, Daniel Skouson, 2nd councillor. Myself and Bro. Skouson were set apart by Apostel Ivins.

2 P.M. 1st meeting of the Juarez Conf. 194 present. Apostel Ivins spoke first 1 hour then P.H. Hurst and Bro. Fredrickson adjourned 4.³⁰P.M. After meeting Bro. Ivins, Bro. Bentley and myself administerd to sister Jackson at sister Harpers home.

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9th

Today our conference closed. Meetings were held at 10.⁰⁰ A.M, 2.⁰⁰ P.M., and 8.⁰⁰ P.M. The conference was a great blessing to us, the first we had the privilege to enjoy for 3 years.

10th

Today Bro. Ray Oberhansley was drowned while bathing in the river 3 miles above town. His sad accident occurred about 5 P.M. His family and 2 brethren were with him, but could do nothing to save him.

11th

Today at 4 P.M. we buried the mortal remains of our dear brother. He was the Principle of our Academy. Funeral services were held in the Academy Hall at 2 P.M. immediately after the services Bros. Ivins and Bentley departed for Dublan, where the ward will be organized tonight with a Bishoprick. Tomorrow Bro. Ivins leaves for El Paso.

The Bishoprick of Dublan are:

A.B. Call	Bishop
Nephi Thayne	1 st Councillor
Ernest Young	2 nd "

16

Today my daughter Gertrude E. Skouson had a girl born to her.

18th

Today we buried the baby of Charles and Myrtle Gurley. They brought it here from Dublan. Mexican money is down to 5¢ gold for a dollar, this makes it very hard for us to live and buy the real necessities, but we trust in the Lord, that he will overrule all things for the good of those that serve him and try to keep his commandments.

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This morning our daughters Louise's husband left us. He goes to Miami, Arizona to work as there is positively no chance to earn anything here at present.

June 3

My daughter Mary Louisa Whipple had a boy born to her, at Shumway Navajo County, Arizona.

11th

Today received a letter from Mina informing me that she and her children will be in Dublan on the 14th or latest the 17th of this month, she will come to live with us, as she cannot endure the treatment she receives from her husband H.E. Bowman and his other family any longer. Have just received word that Frank, Louies husband, has received employment from Albert Wagner at Miami at \$3.^{65/100} per 8 hour day.

19th

Went with team to Dublan, where I found Mina and her children at the home of John Robinson. Visited also my daughter Gertrude and granddaughter Clessa at Dublan. Left Dublan 5 P.M. stopped at the station "Neuvo Casas Grandes" and loaded on Mina's luggage, 3 trunks and two rolls of bedding, arrived at home 9.⁴⁵ P.M.

24th

Had the first rain of the season, ½ inch of rain fell.

30th

This morning our daughter Louie departed to join her husband, Frank Ross, in Miami, Arizona. She will visit her sisters Laura and Eliza a few days, before going to Miami.

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Aug 15

A heavy flood took out the new cement pier of our wagon bridge also the flume of the west canal in the Eyring hollow, we had just finished putting both in, a flood in July having taken the flumes out, the cost is fully \$1500.00/00

Sept 7th

Last night Elder Stewart, the Principal for our Academy for the coming year arrived from Salt Lake City.

Today at 3 P.M. attended meeting of the board of Education, we finished engagements of the teachers for the coming year. Peace and quiet prevails here, but our money is valueless, worth only 1 cent to the dollar.

October 20th

The last three weeks have been very trying times. In the first week of this month Gen. Villa's army came to Casas Grandes and Dublan. About 3000 camped in Dublan. They came here from Juarez to go to Sonora. They have taken every horse they could find. I have been getting my corn home with the wheelbarrow here in Juarez we have not been taxed so much as those along the Railroad line. But every day squads are in town hunting for horses. Last Wednesday at 6 in the morning, there was a terrific explosion of bombs and artillery ammunitions in Dublan. It was piled behind the Tithing grainery, completely blown that and the Tithing barn away, and damaged the tithing office building, and most of the windows in Dublan were broken. 43 soldiers were killed and over 30 badly wounded by the explosion.

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October 20th

Yesterday (Sunday 19th) we held a special fast meeting and implored the Lord to continue to protect us as He had done up to the present, and we had a glorious time, a rich outpouring of the holy spirit of God. The people feel well and we are united and determined to remain here and trust in the Lord Unless He calls us out through His servants who preside over His Church. We are blessed with excellent crops, but left without teams to harvest them. Our schools hold their sessions without any interruption, and have a good attendance.

Oct. 24th.

This day a baby girl was born to my daughter Laura Thygerson, at Canuts, New Mexico, Laura husband named the baby Hazel.

Nov. 12

My daughter Alice gave birth this day to a strong, health baby boy. Mother and child are doing well. The baby's name is Fay Senic.

The Villa soldiers who are left here are still stealing horses. Today Bishop Bentley left for Juarez and El Paso, will be gone about 2 weeks. He will organize the saints along the border line.

30

Today Bishop Bentley returned from El Paso with the 1st train for 2 weeks. The Carranzistas are concentrating here. Their camp is up the river near our dams. They are looking for reinforcements when they come, they expect to clear the country from Villas followers.

Bro. Bentley brought us the word that Laura had been very sick, but was improving when he left.

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Dec. 8

Today received the sad new, that my son George nearly lost his life on the 24th of last month. He is one of the regular carpenters on the Miami Mill, in Miami, Arizona, on the aforesaid day he fell from a scaffold 40 feet high, he is very severely bruised and lacerations though no bones broken. The Doctor say he will be 3 months in the Hospital, and says it is a miracle that he was not instantly killed.

Conditions here are unchanged. Villistas in San Diego & Pearson, and Carranzistas above town at the dam. We have no teams and can do no work on the farms. Hopefully The Lord will soon give us better conditions.

14th

To day my son Alma Walter Walser and my stepson Alvin Coon were ordained to the Melchisedec priesthood and to the office of Elder in this priesthood by the bishoprick of the Juarez ward in the Bishops office. Bishop Bentley was mouth in the ordination of Alvin Coon, and 1st councillor J.J. Walser mouth in the ordination of Alma W. Walser.

16th

The Villistas are stragglng back to Dublan, and are looting a good deal.

17th

Tonight Laura with her children and husband surprised us, they came on the train from El Paso, Laura and her children will remain for while with us, while her husband, Joseph Thygerson will return to settle up their affairs in the states.

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Jas. Skouson and family are driven from their home on the farm and robbed of everything. The people here are fitting them up with bedding & clothing, they are now here in Juarez.

27th

Last night the Villa soldiers burried John Robinsons house with all in it. The family escaped with what they wore. They also tried to burn Sister Merrills house but could not start the fire. Unless God protects us, we are in the greatest danger, but I feel that He will protect us and not forsake this handful of his people in the hour of their distress. Tonight Joseph Thygerson was ordained to the office of an Elder in the holy Melchisedeck priesthood, by the Bishoprick of the Juarez Ward, Bishop Jos. B. Bentley being mouth in the ordination.

The Tithing for myself this year is only \$10.55/00 gold, several hundred dollars in Mexican money comiting nothing.

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1916

January 1st

First day of this year, clear weather, pleasant and beautiful sunshine. For our family all are well, with the exception of some having colds.

During the past year God has blest us wonderfully, and while we have lost much in property, our lives have been preserved and our wives and daughters protected from violence. God has done this, and all glory be to his name. he has also blest us with rich harvests and while we were robbed of much of it by Villa's soldiers, there is still plenty left for our needs. May we live to serve God in righteousness and truth to the end and learn to love our neighbour as ourselves.

11th

Last night B. S. Croffs house burned to the ground. Carranza's troops are now here, 250 in Pearson, and 250 in Nuevo Casas Grandes.

16th

Today my daughter Laura and her 2 children left us. Her husband had telegraphed for her to come to El Paso on the first train.

24th

Today Karl Walser son of William and Zina B. Walser died at Hubbard, Graham Co. Arizona, was buried on the 26th.

May 11

Gertrude was delivered of a healthy girl baby.

28

Today blessed in our sacrament meeting the babe, a firl, of Alvin & Bernice Coon, my wife Elizathehs son. She was blessed today because they leave for Salt Lake City before next Sunday, our fast day, to receive their temple blessings. The baby's name is Lenore.

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1916

October 10th

My son William arrived on a visit from Pima on the Gila river. We rejoiced to see him again and especially to find that he was firm in the faith of the gospel.

Nov 8

William left for his present home in Pima, Arizona, with the intention to bring his wife and child back home to Mexico. Expects to be here about Christmas.

17 Apostel A.W. Ivins arrived from Salt Lake City.

18

Today a Highcouncil was organized under the direction of Apostel Ivins, also a new Bishoprick for Colonia Juarez. Myself was chosen for Bishop and ordained by Apostel Ivins, Lester Farnsworth, Bro. J.C. Bentley, 1st councillor, Ernest Hatch second councillor ordained by Prest. J.T. Whetton.

29

John J. Walser Jr. my oldest son was ordained a high priest and set apart as a member of High council by Apostel Ivins.

Today the U.S. Officers took a census of the men of our Colony.

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Dec. 31st

This year closes with our poeple here in in Mexico in much more favorable condition, than last year at this time. My family are well provided for and enjoying good health, except my wife Mary Louise who is suffering under a heavy cold. Our colony is on the increase every week we receive some addition to our numbers. The last week have settled the Tithing, our exceptional good tithing is paid this year by our saints. Gods blessing is with us. The winter so far is dry and cold. My Tithing this year was 46.^{10/00} in U.S. Money. My daughter Gertrude Emma Skouson and her husband came on a visit from Dublan for a few days, and to be present at the wedding of my son Alma, which is to take place tomorrow. At the end of the year 1916 my heart is filled with gratitude to our heavenly father for His protection and blessing we have received day by day. May His merciful love and His spirit continue to be with all the saints in the coming year. My Tithing this year is \$46.^{10/00} in U.S. Money.

1917

January 1st

The Newyear started in with a fine warm day. Good health prevailing in the ward, some have colds, but nothing serious. At 12 noon I officiated in marrying the following 2 couple in Brother Daniel Skousons home at the Mill-----

Alma Walter Walser, my son and age 26 years.

Asenath Skouson " 24 "

Witnesses Ernest Young and Alma P. Spilsbury.

Morgan Wilson Hurst age 22 years

Blanche Spilsbury " 23 "

Witnesses same as above.

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January 1st

After the marriages were solemnized we all repaired to the academy. In the hall three rows of tables, the length of the hall, were loaded down with a sumptuous feast, and the Hall and tables were beautifully decorated, about 200 souls were present, and had an excellent time. At night there was a dance in the Academy hall. A very substantial contribution was made to my son Alma for his mission for which he starts about the 10th of this month, leaving Salt Lake City on the 24th.

9th

Today at 2 P.M. my son Alma and his wife Asenath took their departure from us. They go to Dublan and there take the train to El Paso tomorrow morning. They go to the Salt Lake Temple to be sealed and receive their endowments. Asenath returns home, whole. Alma gone on his mission to the Western states. God be with them till we meet again.

14th

Today the rumor first came that the U.S. Army would be called out of Mexico. Dublan is very much excited and we fear most of the poeple will leave the colony and go to the United States. It is strange that a poeple who have witnessed the saving providence of our God so many times can have so much fear of man. But many of our poeple have run wild after the dollar and consequently-- lost the spirit of the Lord.

27th

The first part of the Army started their march to the U.W. all buildings in the camp are being destroyed and burned by the U.S. Soldiers before leaving from Juarez about 25 % of the poeple are leaving. The following families have gone:

A.L. Taylor--15, E. Gary Tayer--10, E.L. Taylor--3, Lorin Taylor--3, Lydia T. Redd--8, Flora Oberhansley--3, Dav. B. Brown--5, George Brown--4, Robt. Vance--9, M.A. Romney--20, P.C. Wood--4. From Dublan nearly all have gone, those who stay are coming up to Juarez.

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31

The last of the U.S. Army have gone, about ten thousand. Mexican poeple have fled to the line, to escape from Villa. But we trust in the Lord, He has protected us in the past, he will protect us in the future. We cannot desert our Missions here, and be justified before the Lord. We fill the sweet inspiration of the Holy spirit and are happy.

February 7

Bro. Leslie Coombs departed from this life at 3 P.M. at his sister's Fannie C. Harpers home.

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The funeral of Bro. Coombs was held in the schoolhouse hall at 2.30 P.M. Good attendance. Speakers were Prest. Jos. C. Bentley, Proffessor T. G. Eskelson and Bishop John J. Walser. Opening prayer by Elder Richard P. Haag, Benediction by 1st Counsellor to the Bishop, Lester at the grave by Bro. Young.

Today the Carranza soldiers burned Alonza L. Taylors Barn. They were drunk and very mean.

11

The Carranza soldiers decamped from Pearson at the news of the approach of Villa forces. Yesterday Jos. Johnson Mill was entirely burned, nothing was saved, but the Waterpower and wheel, some furniture, clothing, and bedding, it is believed to be incendiary.

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12th

Today at 6 P.M. the Villa men passed through Juarez, took 2 horses, 2 saddles, and 2 guns. They were gentlemanly in their deportment and molested no one in their homes. Fine spring weather now but so far no rail.

17th

Today Gen, Salazar passed through our Colony with about 220 men. They took all the riding horses they could, but molested no one in their homes. One of his men went into Bro. Pierces home and took 11 roll U.S. from him at the point of the guns. Bro. Pierce reported the affair to Salazar, who made the men return the Money, and them executed the robber. He, Salazar had all the men of Colonia Juarez come to the Mill and he gave a talk. At first he was very hostile, but he soon softened. At first he said we wither had to take up arms and fight for

Mexico or leave the country. But after President Bentley gave him a speech under the divine influence of the Holy spirit, he changed entirely, and became friendly. This is another manifestation of Gods watch and protection to us.

22nd

Had a good programme at the Academy in honor of the birthday of George Washington. Today a force of Carranzistas from Casas Grandes raided us and took every horse they could find in the colony. If this thing continues, we will not be able to put in our crops this spring. They raided the Mexican houses taking their bedding and clothing. Bro. Byron Farnsworth and family were also robbed of nearly all clothing and bedding during an hours absence from home.

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1917

High council session today at which John E. Wall, was selected and sustained as my second counsellor in The Bishoprick of Colonia Juarez Ward. In the ward priesthood meeting at night he was ordained a High Priest and set apart as second counsellor to Bishop John J. Walser by Prest Jos. C. Bentley Jos. T. Sutton Bishop John H. Walser and 1st counsellor Lester B. Farnsworth. Prest Bentley mouth. Bro. Wall was unanimously sustained by the priesthood of the ward.

March 11

Today Gen Salazar was elected President of Mexico by the largest vote ever cast in the Republic of Mexico. We now have a garrison of wo government troops here. The major commanding seems to be a fair minded man but many of his soldiers are anything but respectable.

18th

Sunday. Good Sunday school and meeting. Today by my desire was released from my position of Teacher of the Theological Class.

21st

Held the Bishoprick meeting at the Tithing office 2-4 P.M. Prets. John T Whetton was with us and gave us some valuable council. The Questions of reform in dress and better order in our Dances was discussed. Also S.E. McClellan chosen to be 1st assistant to Supt. F.G. Eskelson of Y.W.M.I.A. and E. Cluff for 1st counsellor in the Sunday school superintendency. Bro. John E. Wall accepted these two callings.

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May 16th & 17th & 18th

The closing exercises of the Academy & Grade schools were held. Through the blessing and protection of God we held our school sessions without any interruption during the whole school year. There were four graduates from the High school viz: Mina W. Bowman, Asenath S. Walser, Florence Jackson and

Agnes Scott.

May 19th

The Juarez Stake Conference convened in The Academy Hall. Colonia Juarez. Meetings 10 A.M & 2 P.M. Priesthood Meeting at 8 P.M. Considering the small number of our people in Mexico the attendance was very good. A heavy windstorm and a good rain storm today.

May 20th

Secibd dat if iyr conference. A strong cold wind prevailing. Meetings at 10 A.M and 2 P.M. better attendance than yesterday. Though we had 200 visitors at all we were richly blessed and had a very spirited and instructive conference. Our ward now consists of the following: 13 High Priests, 4 seventies, 10 Elders, 7 Priests, 11 Teachers, 10 Deacons, and 151 Members and children under 8 years. 39 families. The following were recommended to the Preisthood Meeting, Saturday nitht the 19th 8 P.M. by Bishop J.J. Walser for Ordination to the Meschisedeck Priesthood and to the office of an Elder in the priesthood, viz:

Richard J. Bentley	age 22
Ernest Carlyle Turley	" 22
Mundsy David Elliott	" 21
Elmer Hugh Hatch	" 23

provided they can pass an examination by the Stake presidency and the Juarez Ward bishoprick.

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June 1

This day at 4 A.M my wife Anna E.L. left us for a visit to our girls Laura and Eliza in El Paso. She expects to be gone 2-3 months, but I think she will be home sooner. She went in Company of A.P. Spillsbury, C.J. Pierce, Nell Spillsbury & Ida Walser. Last night Alvin Coon returned from El Paso with his wife Bernice, they went to purchase a supply of clothing, m Alvin became afflicted while in El Paso, with enlargement of the arteries in the right leg, was in a good deal of pain when brought home, but seems to be getting better.

29th

This moning I was overcome by the hear, brought into convulsions, suffered awful pains. For 5-6 days I could keep nothing in the stomach, which with the pain left me very weak. All that could be was done for me, and the Administration and prayer of faith was answered by The Lord, and I was finally healed.

July 8th

Today a small squad of Gutierz' men got drunk and did considerable shooting, no one hurt. Weather extremely hot. Have had some fine rains the

past week. With every train some of our poeple are returning to their homes.

18th

This morning 4 o clock, my daughter Louie and her husband arrived from Miami, they have a fine baby, a boy, named Juaquin. They intend to make their home here in Mexico.

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July 25

Peter C. Wood and family arrived from Duncan. At 5 A.M My daughter Mary L Whipple arrived with her family, John, Mary Louise jr. Hattie, Ruth, Eva, and Waldo, they came from Shumway, Arizona, so our numbers keep on increasing.

Aug 17

My wife Amma E.L. returned home from El Paso, feeling very well. She has had a visit of 3 month with our daughters Laura and Eliza. Many of our poeple are coming back to their homes.

27

The bandits Gutierrez & Quvadado with their bands are taken by the Government troops to Ciudad Juarez, from there they will be taken to the state of Guerero.

Sept 7

Frank Ross left today to answer to the call of the Examination board of the U.S. Army at El Paso. Last train brought Many more of our poeple in. weather is delightful, days warm, mighths cool.

Sept 15

Louie took the train for El Paso, having reveived a telegram, requesting her to appear before the examination board. Louie and her husband Frank returned Sept 10th.

Sept 20

At 5 P.M. a baby boy was born to my daughter Mary L. Whipple, Mother & child doing well. Yesterday my stepdaughter Lilly, My wife Elizabeth's daughter, and her granddaughter Beruitto Gibbin arrived in our home. Many more returning saints were on the same train. We are busy repairing, and cleaning the schoolhouse.

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Sept 21

A fine baby boy was born to my daughter Alice W. Johnson, both getting

along fine. Today is the first clear day since the 15th of this month. 6 days of rain have soaked the country thoroughly, which is indeed a great blessing.

28th

Today at 2.¹⁵ P.M. Sister Coombs little girl, her baby, departed from this life after a long sickness, will be buried tomorrow, funeral set for 2 P.M. We are repairing and cleaning our grade schoolhouse, hope to finish all next week. Modern outhouses with water from canal.

Frank Ross has received his exemption papers from service in the U.S. Army.

Prest. Jos. C. Bentley left us on last Wednesdays train, to attend the Semi-annual conference in Salt Lake City. We now have beautiful clear fall weather, 2 days warm, nights cool.

October 2nd

M.A. Romney and his wifes Emily and Lizzie with their children arrived, coming with teams from Columbus.

4th

44 souls arrived with teams. Bros. Burcroft, O'Donnell, Sea, Burt, & John Whetton with their families.

7th

Today 175 souls attended Sacrament meeting. A larger amount attended Sunday school. Weathers beautiful.

11th

At 8 P.M. officiated in marrying Bro. Eugene Ernest Taylor and Sister Evangeline Spilsbury at the home of the brides parents.

Nov 3

Today my daughter Eliza J. Johnson gave birth to a little baby girl, the baby weighing 4 ½ lbs. Mother and child are doing well. They live in El Paso, Texas.

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Nov. 9th

Today at 2 P.M. held the funeral service for Elder Ernest L. Taylor who died Nov. 8th he has been sick a long while, and desired to go home. Bro Taylor was one of the first settlers of Juarez and very active and prominent in building and developing this colony.

Today at 6 P.M. Apostel A.W. Ivins Prest. Jos. Robinson & Bro. Kirkham arrived to hold conference with us on the 10th & 11th.

10th

At 10 A.M The Juarez Stake Conference was commenced. Present at the 1st meeting were 209 souls. Apostel Ivins & Prest. Bentley addressed the meeting also Bishop A.B. Call of Dublan and John J. Walser of Juarez.

2 P.M. The 2nd meeting was opened. Present at this Meeting 273 souls. 7.³⁰ P.M. Priesthood of the Stake met, present 121.

11th

3rd Meeting of the conference was opened 10 A.M present at this Meeting 296. Sacrament was adminsterd at this Meeting.

9-10 A.M Bro. Kirkham held a meeting with and addressed the M.I.A. workers of the Juarez Stake.

2 P.M. the fourth and last conference Meeting convened. 336 present. It was an inspiring conference and The Lord our God blessed us with a rich outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

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11th

7.³⁰ P.M. The Mutual Improvement Associations held their meeting, with excellent attendance. All Meetings were held in the Academy hall. The saints were earnestly exhorted to live near unto God and be prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ. The word of wisdom, the laws of Tithing and offerings were especially dwelt upon, also The Magnifying and honoring the sacred callings of the holy priesthood. The son of my wife Elizabeth, George Burrell and his wife and three children surprised us with a visit, they came from Deming, via Columbus, in their Automobile to attend this conference.

12th

Our visiting brethren left for a short trip in The Sierra Madre Mountains, will return on the 14th go that evening to Dublan, leave Dublan on the morning of the 15th go to Deming that Day. They travel with Automobiles.

While in the Mountains Apostel Ivins and our Stake presidency organized The Garcia Ward, with Lester B. Farnsworth, my first councillor as Bishop and John A. Whetton as 1st and Eddie L. Cluff 2nd councillor in The bishoprick of the New Garcia Ward.

14th

Apostel Ivins with The visiting brethren departed from us, late in the afternoon to hold meeting in Dublan this evening at 7.³⁰.

Dec. 22nd

Ward conference at Colonia Juarez. President J.C. Bentley and John A. Whetton were present. Conf was in the hall of the grade school house, where we hold our Sunday schools and sacrament meetings every Sunday. Very good attendance, the house full, and an excellent feeling prevailed.

1917

Dec. 23

The weather is lovely, warm boundless days, cold nights, but very dry, no rain since September.

A number of the Garcia poeple are preparing to move to Garcia about the 3rd or fourth of January next, to build up that town again and get the land ready for crops. I am busy with the Tithing records and other reports. The Tithing of this little Ward amounts to over \$4000.00 gold this year. But there are still some who forget the Lords our provider and protector.

Dec. 31

All of my family are well, we have plenty to eat and wear, and no debts. No sickness in the ward, there is a good faithful poeple living here.

I am thankful to God for all we enjoy and know that if we serve Him and keep His commandments He will take care of us. While the nations of the world are being destroyed with thee sword, famine and pestilence we live here in peace under Gods protecting power.

Glory be to God and The Lamb forever. At our ward conf. Daniel Skouson was sustained as my 1st councillor in place of Lester B. Farnsworth, who is now The Bishop of Garcia Ward. Tonight we have a farewell party to the old year in the Academy Hall, and also to greet the new Year 1918.

Tithing this year \$93.⁶⁰ gold, School Municipal's State, and other taxes \$98.00. Total \$191.⁶⁰ U.S. Gold.

1918

January 1st

This morning Sister Lucy Wood Allred departed this life, noone thought of such a thing, she had been sick part of the time for two months, but had felt exceptionally well the last two days of 1918 where without a warning she suddenly passed away 2 A.M the first morning of 1918. We buried her January 2nd very good turn out of the poeple. The Young Ladies decorated the hall. The services were held in the meeting house 2 P.M. Opening hymn by choir "Sister, thou wast mild and lovely." prayer by John A. Whetton. Hymn "Nearer my God to thee." the Speakers were F.G. Eskelson, John Hatele & J.J. Walser. Closing Hymn "I need The ev'ry hour". Benediction by John J. Walser Jr. the burial took place in the old graveyard on the hill. The grave was dedicated by Warren Longhurst.

Beautiful clear, mild weather continues. I am now busy with the yearly reports of 1917.

January 27

The past two weeks have been very stormy much snow and rain has fallen. Snow 2 ft. deep in the mts. At 11 P.M. today Sister Gladis Turley daughter of

Ernest & Centene Turley died. She has been sick with Brights disease for 6 weeks. She was buried on the 29th. Services were held in the schoolhouse at 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. The Academy students marched in a body to the services and The Cemetery. The Young Ladies decorated the hall very tastefully.

Large turn of the poeple and lovely singing by Academy choir classes and comforting remarks were offered by Elders F.G. Eskelson Lorin Jones, Theo. Martineau, and Bp. J.J. Walser.

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1918

Feb. 25

Today at 7.30 P.M. I performed the marriage ceremony, which united Bro. Abram Walden and Burnetta Gibbins, granddaughter of my wife Elizabeth, in the sacred union of husband and wife. They departed for Duncan on the Gila, next morning. Will go to the temple in April next.

27th

My daughter Alice Johnson who has been very sick for 3 weeks is much improved, but My daughter Mary L. Whipple, who has waited on her with self sacrificing zeal is now critically ill, but I feel that the Lord will heal her.

March 6

Today at 5 A.M my daughter Mary Louise Whipple peacefully departed from Mortality. She passed away without a struggle, and very sudden and unexpected. I had strong hopes for her recovery, but God knows b est. Mary was will prepared to go, and her reward is sure.

8th

Today at 2-4 P.M. the funeral services for my daughter Mary Louise were held in the schoolhouse. The hall was neatly decorated by the young poeple of the Ward. There was a large attendance, filling The hall. The Choir was led for the occasion by Nellie Spilsbury,, and san Rest for the weary soul, 2 O my father, 3 O grave where is thy victory, the solo being sung by Riva Harris. The opening prayer was offered by John Hatch. The speakers were S.E. McClellin, Miles A. Romney, F. G. Eskelson and Prest. Joseph C. Bentley, and my first councillor Daniel Skouson who conducted the services. Benediction was by Prest. Jos. C. Bentley.

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8th

At the cemetary the grave was dedicated by John Hatch. Thus were laid peacefully to rest. The mortal remains of dearly beloved daughter, Mother & wife, she has nobly fought the good fight and kept the faith, her lamp was burning bright, and she will rise in the ressurection of the Just to eternal live and glory. She leaves 7 children. My daughter Alice Johnson has been confined to her bed now four weeks and is at the point of death.

March 12

Today at 11 A.M my daughter Alice Johnson departed from this life. The cause of death was Uteris troubles and Bright disease. Yet the end came easy and she passed away without a struggle. She leaves eight children.

13th

Today at 10 A.M held the funeral services for Alice in the schoolhouse. Very good attendance and beautiful floral offerings. Opening prayer by Alvin Coon. Choir sang Farewell all earthly honors, Rest on the hillside rest, Wanted on the other side, and O my Gather. The speakers were Theo. Martineau, P.G. Wood, John Telford, & Prest. J.C. Bentley.

14

Today Chas Whipple, the husband of my dear daughter Mary who died on the 6th arrived from Snowflake, Arizona.

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March 19

Today at 1.³⁰ A.M Bro & Sister Theo. Martineau baby died 2 years and 6 months old. Cause Spinal Meningitis. The funeral services were held in the schoolhouse at 2 P.M. interred in the Cemetary across the river at 5 P.M.

21

Today Chas. Whipppe took all of the children of my deceased daughter Mary, except John H. the oldest son, who remains here and started for Snowflake, Arizona. Prest. Bentley took the same train for Conference at Salt Lake City.

22

The Carranza soldiers made a raid on us and took 4 horses.

April 8

Bro. Skouson and myself waited upon the General of the Carranza garrison at Nuevo Casas Grandes. He had sent me a request for 4 more horses, having returned two which they took on March 22. He staid firm with his demand, so we got some of our boys and they got 4 head of good range horses of the confiscated Garazas stock, and turned them over to them.

14

Today Sister Maud Bentley's Babe, named Paul, died. He was sick 3 weeks.

16

Today we buried little Paul Bentley at 4 P.M. His father Prest. Bentley arrives last night from Conference in Salt Lake City. There is a good deal of sickness in our ward.

June 6

My son Alma Walter returned from his Mission to the Western states mission, feeling well and happy. Though he would have preferred to stayed longer on his mission, but his means were exhausted, and had already borrowed \$100.⁰⁰. He departed on his mission.

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1918

July 18

My daughters Clara Matilda Wagner and Gertude E. Skouson were operated upon by Doctor Guy at the Pearson Hospital. The former for lacerations of Uterus, the latter for appendicitis. Both are doing remarkably well. The day before they were both at their desire blessed by me, their father, and God has indeed blessed them. We are now having good rains.

Aug. 5

My daughters Eliza M. Wagner and Gertrude E. Skouson returned from the hospital at Pearson well and sound. I visited them once during their stay in hospital and administered to them.

Sept. 23

Today at 8.30 P.M. at her parents home my granddaughter Amelia Walser was married to Richard I. Bentley. Richards father, Prest. Jos. C. Bentley performing the ceremony.

25

Today Prest. Bentley, his son Richard and wife and Orson Hawkins, and family left for Salt Lake City to attend the Semi-Annual Conference and be sealed in the temple.

Oct. 3

Today at pm Oliver Ferdinand Bluth and Agnes Scott were married at the home of the brides Mother. Myself officiating in the ceremony

Nov. 5th

This morning Caroline, the nine year old daughter of Bro. Daniel & Malvina Skouson departed this life at 4 o'clock, cause of death, Spanish Influenza. This dreaded scourge is raging here and through the whole of Mexico, the natives are dying by the thousands. Over 50,000 dead in Mexico City. Caroline Skouson is the first victim among the Latter Day saints here, but nearly every one of us are attacked by it. Surely the desolating scourges foretold by The Lord are upon the world. But who acknowledges them as the just Judgement of a righteous and offended God! Caroline was buried 5 pm Nov. 5th.

1918

Nov. 14

Last night Clarence, son Peter C. and Jane R. Wood died of Influenza. Buried today at 4 pm. The sickness is decreasing among us. All the sick are improving. Schools are again opened.

Nov. 16

Today Bro. Haney died of Influenza, the third victim of Infuenza among us of our poeple. The Mexicans in our colony have lost 15.

Nov. 26

Snowed nearly the whole of last night and most of this day, 11 inches of snow fell. The sichness has abated, no new ones. The few yes sick improving fast.

Nov. 28

Another good snowstorm today, 5 inches of snow fell, the ground is thoroughly filled with moisture. Yesterday we had a thanksgiving meeting at 10 am. Good attendance. The speakers were S.E. McClellan, Joseph S. Fish and Prest. Jos. C. Bentley. Opening prayer by Peter C. Wood, Benediction by Daniel Skouson. Choir sang

1. "For the strength of the hells we bless thee."
2. "Hail Emmanuel"
3. "We thank thee o God for a prophet".

29

My daughter Eliza Jane Johnson, passed from this life this morning at El Paso. Was buried on the morrow, the 30th. She died of heart failure brought on by astma. She leaves 2 children and a sorrowing husband, Eliza was an affectionate daughter and a faithful loving wife and mother.

1918

Dec 7

My wife Elizabeth left at 4 A.M to take the train at Pearson to go the Pima, Arizona to visit her sons and families there and spend Newyears and Christmas with them. It took her four days to get across the line, she did not reach Pima until the night of the 13th. Found her folks all well and waiting for her at the station.

25th

Cold weather, much snow in the mountains and rain and snow in the walleye. We had our Christmas dinner with Frank and Louie. I husked corn most of the day.

Last day of 1918. O how many vacant chairs are there in homes filled with mourning and sadness. Three of my daughters have passed to the other side. In March Mary and Alice left us, each leaving on earth a large family to fight the battle of life. On the 29 Nov. Eliza passed away from earthly sorrows and trials, leaving her husband and two children. But the sting of death was taken from these three loving daughter and they left this life with the assurance of a glorious resurrection. This has been a very eventful year. Gods Judgements are upon the nations, and rulers and statesmen are seeking to establish peace upon the earth, but it is in vain, because they reject the only way by and through which peace can be secured, namely the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the Judgements of God will not cease, until with the sword and plagues and pestilences the earth is cleansed from the iniquity of the inhabitants.

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God be praised for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Holy Priesthood to lead us in the way of life, yea life eternal. In 2 months, (Nov. & Dec.) the Spanish Influenza has taken away some over 6 millions, far more than the recent terrible war in the same length of time. Nearly everyone in Colonia Juarez was attacked, but only 2 deaths rising from that season.

Now good health prevails, and our poeple are healthy and enduring trusting in God for the future.

This colony has paid \$3875.⁰⁰ in tithing. And although there was scarcely any rain for our fruit crop which is our main crop. The weather keeps cold and stormy. My tithing this year is \$105. Gold. God has surely protected and blessed us, and our hearts rejoice in praise and thanksgiving to Him, the Giver of all.

1919

January 1

Clear and cold. All well in this Ward. A larger acreage of wheat is planted than in any previous year.

5th

Today we were blessed with one of the best fast meetings ever enjoyed here. A wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a very large number bore strong and faithful testimonies.

15th

Today my wife Elixabeth Walser returned from her visit to her sons in Arizona. She being absent from home 5 weeks and 4 days, she had a good time with her children.

_____. Weather is cold and stormy.

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Feb. 5

Last night the Y.M. & Y.W. M.I.A. gave a fare-well party to our missionaries, who leave here tomorrow for their fields of labor among the Mexican people in the town of Chihuahua. The young Ladies made a number of beautiful baskets which were sent to raise a purse for our departing brothers, Enos A. Wood and George Sloan, over 150.00 U.S. was raised.

March 7

This morning at 6 o'clock the advance guard of Gen. Martin Lopez. Part of Gen. Villas force, came upon us suddenly and started in to take our horses and supplies. Also looted several houses. They took the horses from my son John J. and my son in law Frank Ross, leaving them without any teams in all they took over 30 head of horses out of our colony, also 150 sacks of flour, 40-50 Heads of corn, 1000 dollar from the stores, and left us without hay as they were with us 4 days and 3 nights. 450 men and fully 500 horses. However when Gen. Lopez arrived Friday evening, he severely condemned any looting of houses, and from that time on, no soldiers attempted to come into a house unless they were invited.

March 23

Sunday 11 P.M. Martin Lopez returned with his whole force on his way south to Join Villa. They entirely cleaned us up of hay and corn this time, also took 40 sacks of flour. They left Monday 24th 8 P.M.

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April 5

Married today at 1 P.M. Glen Calhoun Hainey and Aula Martineau at the home of Aulas Mother.

6

Had to irrigate all day which kept me from Sunday school and Meetings, very much against my wishes, but we must water, no water, no crop.

13

Today at 11 P.M. Charles Whipple, (the husband of my daughter Mary L. who died March 6th 1918.) died at Holbrook, Arizona. Cause of death, fracture of Skull, through falling from a wagon, striking his head on a solid rock. He leaves a wife and 14 children 7 of which are my daughters children.

June 22

Today at 2 P.M. the infant daughter of William Alvin & Bernice Coon, named Mary Elizabeth died of infantile paralysis at 6 P.M. the little daughter of Lorin L. & Flora Mae Taylor died of Infantile paralysis. Both were buried on the 23rd 6 P.M.

24

Yesterday at 2 P.M. Caddie Telford gave birth to a baby boy, prematurely born. It passed away at 11 A.M today. It was blessed and named John Telford. Very hot, dry weather.

25

Today the Babe of John and Caddie Telford was buried.

30.

This Morning my daughter Mina and her children: Maybelle, Kenneth, Maynard, and Ferita left us to take the train at Pearson. Mina goes to rejoin her husband Henry E, Bowman, who seems to be very desirous to have his family with him again. They have been separated four years. They expect to live in St. George

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July 4

1st rain of the season. The beehive girls gave a very good entertainment in The Academy hall at 10 A.M in honor of Independence day, with sports and a childrens dance in the afternoon, and a Ball for the Adults at Night.

July 20

Today my Son Alma Walter and his wife Asenath Skouson Walser received their first baby, a boy. Yesterday Asenath was washed and anointed by Sisters Fanny C. Harper and Laura Meacham, after which Alma and I blessed her, I being mouth.

July 31

My daughter Ida W. Skouson arrived from Chandler, Arizona. She brought her little daughter Dora with her. They came on a visit but on Aug. 22nd Ida received a telegram from her husband to come on the next train so she departed on the 23rd of August. James is afraid of Intervention.

On the same train with Ida came the children of my daughter Mary. Their father and Mother having died leaves them orphans. And we wrote for them to come, their Aunt Caddie came with them for a visit.

John the eldest son has gone back to El Paso to work. Louisa is with her grandmother, my wife Marie Louise. Hattie is with my wife Elizabeth, Ruth is with Will and Zina, Eva is with her aunt Matilda, and Waldo is with Gertrude.

August 29th

My grandson Frederick W. Walser was crushed between a wagon loaded with coal and a _____ the Logan R.R. Station, Utah

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Aug. 19th

This sad accident happened at 9.³⁰ A.M He died at 12 noon Aug. 20th and was burried Aug. 22. He was a lovely pure minded Young Man 22 years old.

Sept. 6

Today the first stake Union Meeting of the Juarez Stake of Zion was held in Juarez at 9 A.M in the Academy building. The forenoon was taken in by the Relief Society and the Young Mens and Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Associations & the Sunday schools. The afternoon by the High council and Bishopricks of the wards, and the Primary Association.

Sept 13

Dr. Frank S. Harris. Of the A.C.U. Logan arrived in our midst. He visited all the wards and gave us much information about Agriculture and Horticulture, and Education in general. He left for Logan on the 17th

17th

Today the Academy started on its Years work. We have a new faculty in the Academy this year. Lucieu Meacham Jr. Principal with Bros Garnell, Ernest Young, and Sisters Garnell, and Oberhansley as Teachers.

Oct. 4th

Today at 9.³⁰ P.M. my little grandson Waldo W. Whipple aged 4 years & 3 months died at the Pearson Hospital. Cause of death was concussion of the braing, through being kicked in the head by a horse, breakin his right Jawbone in two places, and dislocation the left Jaw. He was an orphan, his Mother my daughter Mary L. Whipple, who died 2 years ago her in Juarez, and his father, Charles Whipple died in Snowflake last year. We buried little Waldo by the side of his Mothers grave Sunday the 5th.

My son in law Angus Skouson, and his wife, My daughter Gertrude had taken little Waldo in their family and loved and cared for him as their own child.

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Oct. 6

Our grade school started; with Ella Walls as Teacher of the 4th & 5th & 6th grade, and Cecil S. Young teacher of the 1,2,&3 grades.

Nov. 3

Agness Scott Bluth, having returned from Salt Lake City, took the place of Cecil S. Young, as Teacher of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Sister Young consented to teach only until Sister Bluth would return.

Dec 24

The Sunday school and Primary Association had prepared a very good programme and a beautiful Christmas tree for the children of this Ward.

26

Bro. James N. Skouson, husband of my daughter Ida, arrived on a short visit. He left again for home in Arizona on the 30.^{00/00}, taking with him John Whipple, also induced my Son Alma and wife to move to his home town Chandler, Arizona.

31.

Close of the eventful year 1919. God has protected and blessed us wonderfully. My family are all enjoying health, we are in comfortable homes and have plenty to eat and wear. Thanks be to God, for He is the giver of all. This little Ward of 267 souls has paid \$3,375.^{00/00} U.S. Money Tithing this Year. My Tithing is \$103.^{00/00}. May the blessings of our God be with us in the coming Year.

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1920

January 1

All well with us, clousy and cold weather.

2nd

cloudy and cold, a little snow.

3rd

Still cloudy.

4th

very good and spirited fast day Meeting. 3 children, 2 boys & 1 girl were confirmed, and one baby blessed. A good rain today, over 1 inch of water fell.

10-14

Sonwing and raining day and night filling the ground with water and giving us a taste of cold winter weather. On the 11th, Sunday we had a very spirited Sacrament Meeting. Prest. Jos. C. Bentley shoing the imperative necessity for Latter Day Saints to repent of all sin and evil and keep the commandments of God, that we may have faith and strengrth to be firm to the truth.

June 12.

Bro. Alma P. Spilsbury, who was coming home from the mountains with a load of wood, about 3400lbs., coming down on the broken road, sometime in the afternoon rum off the road, the wagon and load rolle over 4 or five times down a very steep rocky hill hilling B ro. Spilsbury. And one of the horses. The body was brought in Monday noon the 14th and buried that night, it was terribly bruised and badly decomposing.

Aug 4

My daughter Laura whose home is in El Paso, and who has been with us on a visit with her three children, and the 2 children of her sister Eliza, (dead) returned to El Paso. Her visit was a Joy to us and her. On Sunday, August 1st we held a special fast day, our crops and gardens were burning up. We unitedly asked God to send us rain. That very night we had the first rain and since then we have rain nearly every day.

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1930

14th & 15th

The quarterly Conference of the Juarez Stake of Zion was held in Dublan. Fine gentle rain.

16th

Raining fast.

31.

Today at 3 p.m. Mary Louise Whipple was married to Bro. Smith Hollister Skouson. I officiated in performing the Marriage Ceremony, at their request. The Marriage was performed in the Dublan Meeting house. The bride is my granddaughter.

Nov. 13

This day my daughter Louie with her husband Frank Ross and their child left our Ward and started for Chuichupa, there they intend to make their home. They arrived there on the 17th inst.

Dec 31.

Last day of 1930. With a heart filled with gratitude to God I pen these few lines. He has been our shield and protection through another eventful year. My family are all well. We have good homes, and plenty to eat and wear, and have no debts. The ward is in fairly good condition. Tithing of the Juarez Ward \$3128.^{12/00} U.S. very dry winter, yet have plenty of water. My tithing this year is \$80.^{05/00}.

1892

Patriarchal blessing

December 19th

Upon the head of John Jacob Walser by Patriarch Henry Lunts.

On the head of John Jacob Walser Dec. 19th 1892.

Beloved Bro. Walser, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I feel to have great pleasure in laying my hands upon thy head, to seal upon thee a patriarchal or fathers blessing; for the Lord loveth Thee for the integrity of thy heart. Thou hast left thy native land and friends and relatives for the Gospels sake, not regarding the mighty deep or the persecutions through which the saints have to pass, and the Lord is well pleased with Thee, and Thou art worthy to be blessed. Being of the seed of Abraham, and of the blood of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim, Thou dost belong to the promised seed, and art an heir to all the blessings of the Redeemers kingdom. The name is written in the Lambs bood of life, and a good and Holy Being hath charge concerning Thee, and will ever be with Thee. Thy posterity shall be innumerable, and Thy children shall gather around Thee in Thy old age to comfort and bless Thee, for Thou shalt teach Them in the ways of The Lord, and when They are old, they will not depart therefrom, and will honor Thy name after Thee. The Lord is well pleased with Thee for coming to this land of refuge, and bringing Thy family with Thee, and it shall yet prove a great blessing unto Thee, both temporally and spiritually. The Lord hath a great work for Thee to do in this land and He will qualify Thee, to be instrumental in His hands of doing a great amount of good, and thou wilt be greatly honored and respected, and shalt be blessed with an abundance of the good things of This Earth, and made glad the hearts of the poor. Thou shalt see the power of God manifested in many ways, and shalt hold important positions in the Church and honorably magnify Them, for Thy heart is pure and upright before The Lord. Thou shalt be very successful in Thy business as a Tanner, and have Joy and satisfaction therein to Thy hearts content, and be the means of extending Thy business in a marvelous manner. Thou art greatly gifted in the fine arts and The spirit of teaching Music shall rest upon Thee to an increased degree, and make the hearts of The saints to rejoice, that they will greatly honor Thee. Thou shalt be King and a priest unto God and reign over a kingdom and dominion in Celestial Glory, to which there shall be no end.

I seal all these, with Thy former blessings upon Thy head, and seal upon Thee the gift of endless lives, in The name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Recorded by E.W. Lunt in Book A page 380

Given by Patriarch Henry Lunt at the house of John Jacob Walser in Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

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Patriarchal Blessing

Upon the head of Anna, Elizabeth, Louise, Scherrer Walser.
Daughter of Henry Scherer & Anna Goetz.
Born Nov. 2 1851 in Hegi, Ct. Zurich, Switzerland.
Juarez Dec. 19th, 1892

Beloved sister Anna. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly lay my hands upon Thy head to give Thee a patriarchal or father's blessing, for Thou are indeed worth, for thou art beloved of The Lord, and by lineage being of the blood of Ephraim, Thou art entitled to all the blessings of The Redeemers kingdom, according to Thy sex. Thy name is written in The lambs book of life and Thy guardian angel watches over Thee. Thou hast suffered many privations for the gospels sake, all of which shall be sanctified to Thy good, and will be calculated to farther prepare Thee, to more fully appreciate the great Glory and blessings, that await Thee beyond the veil. Thou hast been a great comfort to Thy husband and will continue so to be the remainder of Thy days. Thou wilt teach thy children as Thou hast in the past to be true and faithful to God, and They will be a great Joy and comfort to Thee in Thy old age. Thy last days shall be Thy best, and crowned with peace and plenty. Thou shalt become a Queen and priestess to Thy husband and reign in connection with him in Celestial Glory. Thou shalt be greatly beloved and respected by Thy sisters, many of whom will seek counsel at thy hands. Mare are the blessings, dear sister, that are in store for Thee, for thy heart is pure before The Lord. Therefore let Thy heart be comforted.

I seal all these blessings upon Thy head, with the gift of eternal life, in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Recorded in book A page 381.

Ellen W. Lunt, Recorder.

Patriarchal blessing

A Blessing by Henry Lunt, Patriarch upon the head of Annie Elizabeth Walser, Robinson, daughter of John Jacob Walser & Anna E.L. Scherrer, Walser, born October 9th 1840, in Payson, Utah.

Colonia Juarez Dec. 19th 1892

Dear Sister Annie. I place my hands upon Thy head to give Thee a patriarchal or father's blessing which shall be a comfort and consolation unto Thee through future life, for Thou art worth, being a daughter of Zion, born of goodly parents under the new and everlasting covenant, and by lineage of the pure blood of Ephraim. Thou are therefore an heiress to all the blessings of The Redeemers kingdom according to thy sex. Thy name is written in the Lambs Book of Life. Thy guardian angel will ever watch over Thee. Thou shalt become a mother in Israel, have a numerous posterity, and teach Thy children to walk in the way of the Lord. Keep the word of wisdom, and thou shall't have a healthy body and additional health and strength shall be given thee, and thou shalt become a woman of great faith, and see the power of God manifested. Shalt live to a good old age, and be much beloved and respected by Thy sisters. Have peace and plenty, and good order in Thy habitation. Shall live to see the redemption of Zion and the saints come off triumphant. Shall be crowned a Queen and priestess to thy husband and reign in connection with him in celestial Glory. Be humble and faithful and Thou shalt realize³ the fulfillment of this blessing, for I seal it upon Thy head with the gift pf eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Recorded by Ellen Lunt, in Book A. page 382.

Patriarchal Blessing

A Blessing by Henry Lunt, Patriarch, upon the head of John Jacob, son of John Jacob Walser and Anna E.L. Scherrer Walser.

Born July 7th 1872, in Payson, Utah.

Colonia Juarez. Dec. 19th 1892.

Bro. John, I lay my hands upon Thy head in The name of The Lord Jesus Christ and by The authority and power of The holy priesthood, to seal upon Thee a fathers blessing, which shall greatly stimulate Thee through future life, to live humble and faithful, that thou mayest realize its fulfillment, for Thou art entitled to all The blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, being of The blood of Ephraim. Thou art an heir to all The blessings of the Redeemers kingdom and Thy name is recorded in The Lambs Book of Life. And a good and holy Being has been given charge concerning Thee. Thou art one of the noble spirits that has been held in reserve to come forth in This great dispensation to take an active part in building up of Gods Kingdom upon The earth.

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Patriarchal Blessing

The Lord hath a work for Thee to do, and it is necessary That Thou shouldst give Thy heart unto Him, and live humble and prayerful and make Thyself acquainted with the principles of The Gospel and get knowledge from good books, that Thou mayest be prepared to labor among the Lamanites, and bring many of them to a knowledge of their forefathers, and lead them into the waters of Baptism, and they will come forth rejoicing. Thou shall lay Thy hands upon Them for The reception of The Holy Ghost, and The spirit of testimony shall rest upon them, and They will greatly rejoice and become powerful instruments in the hand of The Lord in bringing about The redemption of ion. And They will withhold no good thing from Thee. Satan hath striven to destroy Thy body. Thou hast been healed by the power of God and prayer of faith. Thou shall yet see Gods power manifested to a remarkable degree in many ways. Thou shall have a companion That shall be a comfort unto Thee, become a father in Israel and have a numerous posterity, over which Thou shall reign in the celestial world.

I seal all these blessings upon Thy head, with The gift of eternal lives, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Recorded by Ellen Lunt in Book A. page 383

Patriarchal Blessing

Patriarchal Blessing, upon The head of Henry Samuel, Son of John Jacob and Anna E.L. Walser. Born Nov. 18th 1873 in Payson, Utah. Given by Patriarch Henry Lunt, Colonia Juarez, Mex. Dec. 19th 1892

Bro. Henry, In The name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon Thy head to seal upon Thee a patriarchal or a fathers blessing, for thou art worthy, being a true born Son of Zion, born under The new and everlasting covenant of goodly parents and of the promised seed being of The blood of Ephraim. Thou art an heir to all the blessings of The redeemers kingdom according to thy faithfulness and in The own due time of the Lord shall be ordained to The Melchissdeck priesthood and go into Gods Holy temple and receive Thy blessings. Thou are one of the noble spirits that hath been held back to come forth to tabernacle in the flesh in This great dispensation of the fullness of the times. Thou shalt yet be called to preach The gospel to Nations afar off. And also to the Lamanites and it is necessary That thou should give Thy heart to The Lord and remember thy Creator in thy days of thy youth and prepare thyself to be instrumental in Gods hands to bring about his great purposes. The spirit of study and learning shall rest upon thee that thou mayest become a polished shaft in the hands of The Lord. Thy memory shall be strengthened, that thou mayest retain what thou dost read and learn, and Thou shalt become a father in Israel and have a posterity as numerous as The stars of heaven. Thou shalt become a powerful instrument in The hands of the Lord in bringing about His great purposes, a preacher of righteousness and now of renown. Thy name is written in The Lambs book of life.

God had given a good and holy being to watch over Thee. No Miracle shall be to great for Thee to perform in the interests of Gods work. Thou shalt be crowned a king and priest unto The Lord and reign in Celestial Glory. Thou shalt be blessed with a plenty of the good things of this earth and take pleasure in administering to The poor. Let not Thy eyes lust after The perishable things of

this world but lay up treasures in Heaven, and Thou shalt realize the fulfillment of this blessing to the joy and satisfaction of Thy heart, for I seal Them upon Thy head with The gift of endless lives in The name of The Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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Patriarchal Blessing

Colonia Juarez, Dec. 19th 1892. A Blessing upon The head of George Jasper, son of John J. and Anna E.L. Walser. Born Nov. 14th 1878, Payson, Utah. Given by Patriarch Henry Lunt.

Bro. George J. I humbly lay my hands upon Thy head to give thee a patriarchal or fathers blessing, which shall be of great worth unto Thee, through future life, for Thou art a child of promise and a chosen Instrument in The hands of The Lord to perform a marvelous work in preaching the Gospel both to the Nation of The earth and also the Lamanites, born of the pure blood of Ephraim and in the days of thy youth, if Thou wilt give Thy heart unto The Lord, He will make Thee mighty and strong. A man of righteousness and greatly gifted in preaching The gospel and in performing many miracles, a wise councillor in Zion. A Man of power and much influence. Thou shalt be gifter in learning The Spanish language and doing a great and mighty work in Thy day and generation. Become a Statesman and acquainted with The laws of This government. Therefore give Thy heart unto much prayer and supplication, and The Lord will make of Thee a great and a good Man and Thou shalt give him all the praise and The glory. Thou shalt become a man of exceeding great faith. The sick shall be healed and sight given to the blind and many other miracles shall be performed through thee, and many shall wonder and acknowledge that Gods power is with Thee. Thou shalt receive The Melchisedeck priesthood in The own due time of The Lord, enter Gods holy temple and receive Thy blessings. Have wives sealed unto Thee, become a father in Israel and have a numerous posterity. Be crowned a king and priest unto God and reign in celestial Glory. Thy name is recorded in The Lambs book of life and an holy Angel watches over Thee. If Thou wilt live to

obtain it, Thou wilt not be brought to the grave, but be quickened by The power of God and caught up to see The Redeemer at his coming.

All these blessings I seal upon Thy head with The gift of eternal life, in The name of The Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Recorded in Book A. page 385.

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Patriarchal Blessing

Colonia Juarez. Aug. 12th 1908. A Blessing upon The head of William, Son of John Jacob Walser and Marie Louie (Frishknecht) Walser. Born in Payson, Utah. June 16th, 1885

Blessing given by Patriarch James A. Skouson.

Bro. William, in the name Jesus Christ I place my hands upon your head, and give to you a patriarchal blessing. Thou art a Descendant of Joseph, through The loins of Ephraim, and a legal heir to all the blessings of The new and everlasting Covenant. Rejoice Bro. William, Through the loins of Ephraim, and a legal heir to all the blessings of the new and everlasting Covenant. Rejoice Bro. William, That The Lord has placed you on Mother Earth in The fullness of time Through godly parents. The fallen of the priesthood shall be revealed to you in The own due time of The Lord. Thou shalt be permitted to dwell on This Earth and enter into The temple of God in the Center Stake of Zion. Dear Bro. be very humble and obedient to your earthly parents. If you do This, you shall ask The Lord in The name of Jesus, and Visions and dreams shall be opened unto you, and you shall look into the Glory of The eternal world. You must bow yourself before The Lord in sacred prayer early and late and no doubt in your heart. Thou shalt be called as a messenger to many nations. You shall store your mind with knowledge of The gospel of Jesus Christ and The Lord will send you where He please, amongst a poeple of which you do not know of now. Thou shalt open Thy mouth and The Lord will fill it even with The words of eternal life. Thou shalt not hunger neither thirst for The Lord knoweth what you need. Your voice shall be like a roaring lion among the Gentiles. Thou shalt gather Israel and no

weapon formed against you shall prosper.

Dear Bro. be faithful and true, keep yourself free from The abominations of the world and God will give you all These blessings. This I seal upon you and all your former blessings, by authority of The holy priesthood, and in The name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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1932

Nov. 28

My wife Elizabeth B. Walsers son, Charles, and his wife Annie surprised us, and staid with us until the morning of the 27th when they left us and started home, after a very pleasant visit for all. Their home is at Safford, Arizona.

1933

We know his promise is sure if we will serve Him with all our heart and soul. And this is our constant desire and determination. My wife Marie Louise came to us in Lizzies home, has been here 7 weeks, and helps what she can, but she badly crippled.

Oct 4th

On Sept. 28th the wife of my son George J. Walser, Nellie Turley Walser died after an operation for Thyroid glands, in a hospital in Valejo, California.

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In June my daughter Effie, with her husband, and Three children, arrived in Their auto. Jabez, Effies husband, after staying a week, went to Miami, Arizona, and is working There. On July 2nd, Effie moved into George Walsers house, 1 block south from my wife Elizabeth's home, and is comfortably situated.

July 12

A very good rain. Mary Louise is now recovering from The severe attack of

The epidemic Influenza, has been sick nearly 4 months.

22

Today blessed and named My Son Almas baby boy in Sacrament Meeting. He was named Daniel Stencan. He was born on The 5th of this month.

24

Today at 1.³⁰ P.M. the saints assembled in The Academy Assembly Hall in memory of The entering of The pioneers under President Brigham Young, int Salt Lake Valley, on This date 76 years ago. Had a good programme.

25th

Today my wife Anna E.L. left us to visit our daughter Laura in El Paso. John took her to Dublan, where she will take The train tomorrow morning for El Paso, expects to be gone about 6 weeks. Good rains almost everyday, and The hills are covered with luxurious green grass.

Sept. 14th

Today at 12 noon, my wife Anna E.L. returned from her visit to Laura, with her came my sons Georg J. and William from Miami on a furlough of 2 weeks. I rejoiced to meet them and find them firm in The faith.

19th

Today at 2 P.M. My so George J. left us to return home to his family and his ward. He is the bishop of the Miami Ward in The St. Joseph Stake of Zion. May God bless Him in his calling. Fine weather.

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1923

Dec. 31

Fine day. A great deal of snow and rain has fallen, ground is so wet that farmers cannot sow he winter grains. God has blessed us with good crops of fruit and a good market for the same. We are enjoying good health and a good spirit and feeling prevails in our ward. My tithing This year is \$50.34/00 U.S. value. I thank God for His manyfold blessings and for His protection. Hay He grant us His Spirit to be with us always, That we may serve Him faithfully.

1924

January 18th

My daughter Effie gave birth to a large beautiful baby girl at 1.⁴⁵ A.M Mother and child are doing well.

Feb. 7

At 6 P.M. I performed The Marriage Ceremony by which Bro. Leland Arthur Jackson and my granddaughter, Ida Walser, were united in the marriage covenant. The marriage was celebrated in the home of the bride. On the 20th of last my granddaughter, Hattie Whipple was married to Owen James. Bishop Call performed The Ceremony at Dublan at 5 P.M. weather remains very cold.

March 2

Today in fast meeting my daughter Effie W. Durfees Baby girl, was blessed, and named Louie Elizabeth. Tonight, during The M.I.A. meeting, The home of Gannie C. Harper was entered by Mexican Thiefs, and clothing, bedding, fruit and meat for about 300.⁰⁰ was taken by them.

October 12th

Today after a short visit of ½ day my son William left us with my blessing, to go to El Paso, and report himself ready to start on his mission to The Mexican nation, to which he has been called by President Grant. He came from Miami, where he has worked ever since his wife Alzina died.

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1924

Dec. 29

On the 25th of This month my granddaughter M. Louise (Whipple) Skouson daughter of my dear daughter Mary, deceased, gave birth to fine healthy baby boy. On the 28th of this month another Gr. Grandchild to us was born in the family of my grandson Albert Wagner, a boy, weighing 11 lbs. in November my granddaughters Anna Walser Bentley and I (Walser) Jackson, were blest with a healthy babe, each, and in Oct. Amelia (Walser) Bentley, another granddaughter of our also received the same blessing. All doing well.

My Tithing this year is small compared with previous years, because our fruit rip was entirely destroyed by the late severe frosts last spring, it amounts to \$33.63 U. S. money.

31

Today closes the Year 1924. We have (myself and family) been wonderfully blest temporaly and spiritually, have a years bread on hand and sufficient vegetables and fruit, This latter from years before last, to last until new ones come. We are grateful to The Lord for This for it is His gracious gift, and more Than all This is our fellowship in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, and The testimony of the Holy Spirit. My son William is laboring faithfully in his mission, under President Ray S. Pratt, in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua and vicinity. Our grandson, Edgar Wagner called to the same mission, left for his filed of labor and to report at El Paso, last Tuesday The 30th, with our blessing. Myself and my wives are enjoying goof health and we are not aware of

any sickness among our children. We thank God our Father for all and hope to serve Him faithfully to The end of this life and for ever. Amen.

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1925

January 1

A cold, but beautiful, clear day, with little wind.

2 Cold, a little cloudy, but pleasant.

3 Cold, more cloudy, but pleasant.

4

First Sunday in this year. Clear sky, but cool north wind. Excellent Fast and Sacrament meeting, and Sunday school, with good attendance, not so good in priesthood meeting.

April 14

Today my son Alma W. and his wife Asenath L. living in El Paso, were blessed with a double addition to their family. Twins, a boy and a girl. Mother and babies doing well. May God bless and protect them.

21

Received letters and birthday congratulations from John J. Jr., Louie, George J, and Laura. Yesterday we enjoyed a nice quiet birthday day dinner provided by my wife Elizabeth B. present were Elizabeth B. and her daughter Lily, Marie Louise and myself.

May 22,23,&24th

Juarez Stake Conference at Colonia Juarez. Of the general authorities were present, Apostel Orson F. Whitney and Ray L. Pratt one of The first seven presidents of the seventies, The 22nd was taken up in convention work, 23rd &24th general meetings and God gave us a grand spiritual feast.

24

This evening after The close of conference my dear wife Anna E.L. removed with Effie and her husband to Dublan for the summer.

26 Today had a fine rain.

July 19th

Today ward conference was held in our peaceful little ward of Colonia Juarez. Full stake presidency was present. 2 meetings were held 10 A.M & 2³⁰ P.M. This evening my wife Marie Louise returned to Guadalupe with Albert and

Matilda W. Wagner, after a visit of 5-6 weeks with us.

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1925

Dec. 31

Today closes The eventful year 1925. The blessing and protection of The Lord has been with us Thru' The year. All of my family are enjoying good health as far as we know, for so many are far from us, scatterd throughout the United States, and so far all are seemingly trying to keep their covenants sacred and are trying to keep The commandments of our heavenly Father. My wife, Marie Louise, came home Three weeks ago, to remain with us The rest of her days. She has been living with our children, Alma in El Paso, Gertrude in Dublan, and Matilda in Guadalupe The last two years, and I am glad she is contented to stay at home with the rest of us.

We were blessed This year with a bounteous fruit crop, especially apples, and free from worms. We have had the last six days rain and snow without any sunshine, and The ground is well soaked.

My tithing, This year is \$45.56/100 U.S. May God grant us his blessing and protection during the coming year.

1926

January 1

Raining and snowing, all well.
2,3,4,&5 Raining and snowing. On The 7th cleared up.

Dec. 31

At the close of this year my family and I are well and enjoying life. God has blest us with plenty to eat and wear, have good comfortable homes, and have no debts to pay. For this condition I am very grateful and acknowledge The kind providence of God over us. Our fruit crop was good so also The garden and field crops. Anna E.L. is still with Effie, our daughter in Dublan. Marie L. and Elizabeth and I are keeping home together in Elizabeth's house. The latter was very sick during August-October, but was healed by The power of God made manifest through the administration through apostel Melvin Ballard, Brother Cummings and myself at the last Nov. Stake Conference, and has since then been up and enjoying health. We Thank and praise God for this, it is His blessing.

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1926

Dec. 31

My Tithing This year is \$52.^{10/00}U.S. Anna E.L. 2.⁹⁴, Mary L. 5.⁰⁸, Elizabeth 6.³² Total for the family \$66.⁴⁴. Our determination is to be faithful and true in the service of our Heavenly Gather to The end of our days. May He bless and protect us, and our posterity in The future as in The past, and I want to devote myself

wholly to the building up of His kingdom and His righteousness in The earth.

1927

January 1 Fine day. Settle4d our Tithing today.

" 2 do. do. do. Exellent spirited Fast Meeting.

" 3 do. do. do.

" 4 Fine day. In the evening Elizabeth suddenly took sick, suffered during night.

" 5

Fine weather, Elizabeth better, Lily waiting on her. Gave patriarchal blessing to David E. Johnson Jr. & Hyrum J. Judd.

January 6

Fine day, went to Dublan & back visiting my wife & Effie & Alvin.

" 7 Turning colder and clouding. Elizabeth slightly better.

" 8 Cloudy but warmer.

" 9 Very spirited priesthood meeting, subject Obedience. In the afternoon a good sacrament meeting. Well's uncle.

" 10th

Still cloudy and looks like storm is near. Many poeple are suffering from severe colds. Bought a good supply of petroleum for which there has been power.

March 10th

Commenced snowing at noon, continued all night and most of next day. Snow was very heavy and melted fast, over 14 inches fell, ground well soaked.

June 10th

Birth of Margie James, the mother is my granddaughter.

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1927

June 10th

On the 6th of January born to John Jacob Whipple and his wife a baby girl, named Elaine.

23rd

Weather dry and hot, crops suffering, much is burned up by the heat.
26th

This afternoon, during meeting time, commenced raining, and continued during the forepart of the night, over 2 inches of water fell.

27th

Were blessed with another heavy rain.

29th

Blessed with another splendid rain, everything soaked.

July 4th

Today rained 2/3 of the day, a nice gentle rain. Tonight a dance in The Academy hall in honor of Independence day, 4th of July 1776.

10

Bro. M.A. Romney and myself filled our appointment as home missionaries to the Dublan Ward. Yesterday had another good rain.

12 a splendid rain during the night.

13 This morning The riverbed is full of water, good stream running by.

25

Elizabeth taken seriously sick with inflammation of kidneys and bladder and continued sick for weeks. Her daughter Lily lovingly nursing her.

August 12th

Annie L. Walser with her daughter Philiss and sons Aubrey and wife and Laurence arrived here from Logan, for a short visit.

16

Elizabeth still sick and suffering, but slowly improving. Nice showers the last three days.

October 11

Elizabeth still seriously sick with torpid and enlarged liver, but is changing for the better. The Lord blessing her in an answer to our prayers and the administrations of The holy priesthood, on The 29th of last month Louise left us to go to Gilbert, near Mesa, Arizona, to stay with our daughter, Ida Skouson through the coming winter and also work some in The temple.

18th

Today Annie B. Carroll, the daughter of Elizabeth arrived here, and remained with us caring her mother, who is slowly recovering from her serious and protracted sickness.

19

On This day Annie and Lily and some other girls left with their husbands, to go with the Stake Choir to the dedication of The Temple at Mesa.

31

Elizabeth up now but yet very weak, and not gaining in strength very fast, but improving daily. This month has passed with very little rain, yet the ground in good condition for plowing.

Nov. 1 This month starts in warm and dry.

15

Some splendid rains have come to us, and snow. The river carrying a good stream past us. Farmers busy putting in wheat. On The 12th&13th had an excellent Conference. Elizabeth is now up attending to the housework with a little help everyday, and is looking better than she has done for years. It is The blessing of God, and to Him we give our praise and Thanks.

Dec. 31

All well with us. We had our Christmas dinner with M. A. Romney & family at Lizzies home. Spent a very pleasant afternoon. Louise is a having a good time in Gilbert, Arizona. On the 24th Anna E. Louise went to Dublan with our daughter Effie and her husband Jabez to spend Christmas and New year. My children and grand children rememberd me with things of love, which I appreciated much. All are well and in fairly good condition temporally and spiritually.

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1927

Dec. 31

Myself and family are blest with plenty to eat and to wear and we love The Lord and and His glorious atonement. And it is our hearts desire and determination to serve Him humbly and faithful to the end of our days. All we enjoy is His gifts and blessing, and we are His, and This knowledge and faith is our comfort.

My Tithing This year is \$92. ~~60.00~~ Mex. Not as much as last year, on account of late frosts in The spring cutting our fruit rip down 50 percent. But I thank God for His providence over us.

1928

January 16

Today Effie took her mother to her home in Dublan, she is suffering mentally and physicaly.

May 9

Today Elizabeth left for Dublan to take the train for El Paso tomorrow, where her son Chas. Will meet her at the station in Ciudad Juarez, and will take her to his home at Safford, Arizona. She will stay there 6-7 weeks to rest and recuperate, which she needs very much. This month have had 2 good rains on the 2nd and on the seventh.

August 27th

My wife Elizabeth returned to me, she has been gone nearly 4 months, with her sons Charles & George and families and with her granddaughter Burnetta G. Wahlics, in Safford and Duncan, who card for her during her sickness, and paid for all doctor expenses. She came home much improved in health, but yet weak from the long, sickness. I was alone nearly 4 months, and was very grateful to have the society of my wife again.

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1928

Dec. 31

My first wife is still in Dublan and Mary Louise, my second wife, is again in Gilbert, Arizona with our daughter Ida W. Skouson. She was operated for cataract in her eye, and has the use of her eye again. Our children and their families are well as far as we know and most of them faithful and active in The Church! But they are also following The degrading fashions of wicked Babylon and seeking to much after The perishable Things of The world. I know The coming of The Lord is very near, and I hope and pray, that we may be able Through The grace of our Lord to make our callings and election sure, and be numbered with his faithful ones in good condition for plowing and much wheat is planted. The late frosts of last spring left us without any fruit, which is a great loss to This ward, as The fruit crop is our main income, and some of our poeple are quite discouraged, but I feel we are not grateful enough for The many blessings of The Lord, and still, in his mercy he is still sustaining us, and we are provided for in food and raiment as well as in other years. My tithing this year is \$78.³⁰ Mex. \$14.⁴⁰ less than last year. May the blessing and protection of our father and God be with us through The coming years. I gratefully acknowledge his hand in all Things, and trust in him always.

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1929

December 31st

The spring of this year was very late, and we had severe late frosts, which appeared to have killed all or nearly all prospects of fruit. But The Lord in His

mercy and love protected our crops fruit, grain, alfalfa, & vegetables and we were blessed with nearly at 50 % heavier fruit crop than usual. The summer was pleasant, with a number of gentle soaking rains with but little wind or hail, and had no killing frosts until The last week of October. My family I mean myself 80 years and my wives Anna Louise, 77, Mary Louise 79, and Elizabeth 71 are blessed with good health and strength for our age, 80,77, 79, &71 years old, it is The blessing of The Lord, and we try to be Truly grateful, by remembering Him and his commandments, and everyday give thanks to him, as The giver of all we enjoy spiritually and temporally.

Last August our Stake was reorganized, Prest. Jos. C. Bentley and counsellors were honorably released, and Bro. Ralph E. Keele principal of The Juarez Academy, was installed and set apart as President of The Juarez Stake of Zion, with Claudiess Bowman as 1st and Moroni Abbegg as 2nd counsellors. I feel to praise God for the many blessings we enjoy and acknowledge his hand in all Things.

My tithing This year is nearly double of last. My wife Elizabeth was was so seriously sick last year is restored to good health and does her own work in The house.

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1929

December 31st

Anna Louisa and Marie Louise are in Dublan living with their daughters Effie and Gertrude. May the Lord be with us through The coming year and his Spirit be and abide with us and guide and direct us in The way of eternal life, and give us faith and strength to stand firm and unshaken in serving God day by day through all The trying, seems the eventful year of 1930 may bring us is my constant prayer in The name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

1930

January 5th

Had a very spirited Sunday school and priesthood meeting, and an excellent sacrament and fast meeting in The afternoon. Weather fine with cold nights considerable sickness, through colds.

January 6-9

Very windy and cold. Joseph Earl, son of my wife Elizabeth very sick with inflammatory Rheumatism.

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Last night thieves broke into the kitchen and cellar of Elizabeth's home and and robbed us of over 100.00 worth of flour, clothing, dishes, pork, and a number of my tooles.

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This morning our bishop kindly bought us 100 lbs. of flour and a nice ham. Brother Robert Beecroft handed me 2.50 cash. Again very windy and cold.

24th

This afternoon M.A. Romney started for El Paso, taking with him his wife Lily daughter of my wife Elizabeth. Lily is suffering severe pains in the stomach. They arrived at El Paso late in Saturday evening, cause cartroubles on The way. Monday morning Miles took Lily to a highly recommended Stomac Specialist who after an X Ray examination called in another Dr. after a Thorough examination, They told Miles, that Lily was in a very serious condition, with a large tumor in her stomach and must undergo an operation without delay, as soon as she can be prepared for it.

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January 24th

The 1st of Feb. Saturday was set for The operation in the hospital. The Doctors informed Miles, that if after the incision is made in The stomach, the tumor is found to be an ulcerating tumor in can be removed without much danger, but if it is a cancerous tumor, They would not touch it for it would mean sure death. The letter with This sad information reached us last night, and cast a deep gloom of sorrow over our family. But we will trust in The Lord and implore Him to save her with his almighty power, and restore her to normal health and strength, if it be according to his holy will. His will be done and Glory be to Him and Jehovah forever.

Feb. 3rd Very windy and cold, heavy clouds.

4th last night rain and snow, snowing until 1 P.M. today.

5 clear and cold, thick ice last night. Have no news from Lily yet!

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Today at 6 P.M. Lily was brought home from the hospital Dieu in El Paso. Lily stood the trip remarkably well, and while the Doctors declared That their was no chance of her being healed, she has firm faith in God and trusts in Him his will be done.

20th Nights cold, but little rainfalls.

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March

This month has been mainly cold with some winds and some good gentle

rains with a few warm days. Lily Romney feels better, and The Lords blessing is with her.

29th

This day at 4 A.M The baby boy of Angus and Gertrude E. Skouson (my daughter) died after a sickness of nearly 2 months was buried, after beautiful, comforting funeral services in The Relief societies room in Dublan tabernacle, at 6 P.M. I returned home at 10 P.M.

May 22

This day, Joseph Earl Coon arrived at our home for a short visit of 7-8 days, he is severely suffering from Rheumatism. He has bought a home near Pima, Arizona. Earl returned some better on the 30th. Have had some good rains. Lily Romney still improving. Visited my wives Anna L. & Margie in Dublan, couldn't stay long. Mary Louise is getting 2uite feeble.

August 19

At 6 A.M Lily Romney died after suffering for years from from a cancerous tumor. She never waverd in her faith in God and remained cheerful, with always a sweet smile on her live to the end. She lived and she died in The Lord an exemplary Latter Day Saint.

Since the 20th of June we have been blest with copious rains, and all the hills and valleys are covered with the lovely green grass, the last rains we had on the 1st of this month.

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Dec. 31

The Lord has blest us this month with copious rains and snows. The ground is full of water, and the river has been higher this month than anytime This year, it constantly carries a large body of water, life in the usual rainy seasons. Our heavenly father is very merciful and kind to us, and I hope we as a community if Latter Day Saints in Mexico will sincerely respect from The many, glaring evils existing among us and turn to The Lord with full purpose of our hears to serve Him and faithfully keep His commandments. Glory be to God, The Eternal Father and to his beloved son, our glorious Redeemer, Jesus Christ, for ever.

My Tithing This year is small because the late spring frosts took The majority of our fruit crop. The corn was also of partial failure, yet we have sufficient for our needs. My Tithing is \$39.82/00 U.S. gold. Elizabeth paid 10.46/00 U.S. Anna Louisa and Marie Louise have no income, but have to be sustained by me and Their children. Anna L. is in El Paso with our daughter Laura. Mary L. with Gertrude in Dublan, with my my heart full of gratitude to God. I close This eventful year of 1930.

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June 1

My sister Eliza Barbara Walser Diem died today at 6.45 A.M at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.G. McCullum, in Salt Lake City at the age of 81 years. She was born July 29th, 1850 at Herisau, Canton Appenzell, Switzerland.

Dec. 31

At the close of This very eventful year I feel to express my deep gratitude to our merciful and kind heavenly Father for many blessings we have received this year, for health and strength of body and mind and praise to Jehovah for The precious blessings of His glorious Gospel and The holy Priesthood we are blessed with. We have harvested bounteous crops of fruit, vegetables, grains, and feed, and are well provided for the next year until another harvest.

My family is as well as usual. Anna E. Louisa lives in home and is cared for by our daughter Mina and her daughter Zerita. Mary Louise is in Dublan keeping house for our son William and Elizabeth is in her home in Juarez and making life comfortable and happy for me.

Our posterity is increasing, numbering over 300 now, and so far are faithful members in The Church. I will soon have passed my 82nd year but can do a good days work and labor for the support of my loved ones depending on me, from 5 A.M to 7 P.M.

My Tithing this year is \$40.99/00 U.S. Elizabeth paid 9,46/00 U.S. We thank God for His blessing for His bountiful blessings and protection during This year.

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We pray that our God and Saviour may bless and protect us the coming year of 1932. And that we all remain firm and steadfast in His service to The end. For the last 6 weeks The weather has been cold, ice every night, and some snow and some rains. On the 21st of this month John Whipple (our grandson) and his wife were blessed with baby boy.

1932

Dec 31

This year we were blessed with good crops of grain, vegetables, and feed for the stock. We all feel well spiritually, Thankful to God and our precious Redeemer for the many blessings we enjoy in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

We have plenty to eat, and wear, a sweet comfortable home, and are free

from debts. This is a great comfort to us. My first wife Anna Elizabeth Louisa (Scherrer) Walser lives in her own home, with our daughter Mina, who takes care of her, as she is partially demented and feeble in health, I provide for her and do what I can for her. She has had 2 paralytic strokes, and is affected mentally.

Mary Louise, my second wife, lives in Dublan, keeping house for our son William Walser, she is becoming quite feeble, but can still do That work.

I now have my home with Elizabeth, my third wife , and have a peaceful, quiet home. Elizabeth takes care of it, and has good health, for which we are grateful to God.

My Tithing this year is not large

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1932

June

On the 20th of June my wife A.E.L. Walser passed away from this life of sorrow, age 81 years 7 months & 18 days, now waiting for me.

This year as my fruit crop was cutt short by late frosts, realizing only 115 pesos from it, but we are thankful to our Jehovah for that, and for the many blessings He gives us daily.

My tithing this year is only 51.^{06/00} pesos Mex. Yet we are well provided for in provisions, fuel, and clothing, and have a sweet comfortable home, and good beds for our nights rest. I am blessed with good health and strength of body and mind, and labor daily 9-10 hours besides the chores.

My children and their families and their posterity are well, and are well provided for, and enjoy the blessings of the Gospel of Christ our Lord. May God continue to bless us in the coming year, is my humble prayer. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

1933

This year opens to us with many forbidding prospects. The weather is cold and dry, and many are suffering from heavy colds. Though only 2 deaths to mourn in our community, or ward, father John Hatch, of old age, and Sister Cena Jewels baby of 13 months.

Our schools are well attended, and all our meetings likewise.

Our fruit crop, because of late severe frosts, in April, is almost an entire loss, and so far the weather is very windy, and cold and our garden and field crops to the 12th of May are hindered in their developing, and cut up by the heavy winds. But we feel to trust in The Lord, He will not forsake us.

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Dec. 31

This year has not been a prosperous one. Crops light and no market for anything. Yet the work of God progresses, and the way is fast preparing for the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ. Good health prevails in our colony. In December my daughters Lauren and Louie came with their children and are visiting with us.

Despite the shortage of crops, there is plenty for all, and we are grateful to God for His blessings and protection. The winter is mild and dry.

1922

January 12th

Louie was delivered from a still born child, a fully developed boy. It was buried next day in our lot.

March 5th

I was honorably released as bishop of Juarez Ward, by Prest. Joseph C. Bentley.

Nov. 16th

At the quarterly conference of The Juarez Stake of Zion, I was sustained as Patriarch for this stake, and at the close of the morning Meeting, was at 1.30 P.M. ordained a Patriarch by President Heber J. Grant and apostle Melvin Ballard., President Grant was mouth. The blessing I received in the ordination is an unspeakable comfort to me.

Through delays in the mail, I did not receive the Patriarch Record until the last week of this year. And on the 27th of Dec. I gave blessings to my daughter Gertrude E.W. Skouson and to her husband Angus Skouson, Mary Louise W. Skouson, my granddaughter, and to her husband Smith H. Skouson. On the 28th I gave blessings to my Son, William Walser and his wife, Olive Alzina Stowell Walser.

1922

Dec. 31

This year we were blessed with good crops of grain, hay and fruit, and a good market. My family are well. My daughter Mina W. Bowman, who with her family returned from Salt Lake City, where she had studied in The University of Utah, and is living with us, is teaching as principal of our Grade school, and doing very good work. We are free from debt, and grateful to God for his manifold blessings unto us. The Tithing for me and wifes is \$91.90 U.S.

1923

January 25th

My daughter Gertrude Emma Skouson became the happy mother of two

beautiful healthy babies, one a boy, the other a girl. Mother and babies doing well.

Feb. 5th

At 4 A.M Olive Alzina Stowell Walser, wife of my son Wiliam Walser, suddenly departed from this life, cause Pheumonia. Her husband was absent at the time, having gone to Miami, Arizona, to seek employment. He was at once notified by telegram and is on the way to his sad home in Dublan.

Feb. 7th

This day Olive Alzina (Stowell) Walser, was buried at Dublan, 2 P.M. I and Mary Louise and Lizzie went to the funeral.

May 8th

Today Elizabeth returned home from a visit to her sons in Layton, Arizona.

July 5

Today at 6 A.M Asenath, wife of my son, Alma W. gave birth to another fine boy. Mother and child are doing well. This is their third son. Asenath is here in Juarez with her sister, Cecil Young.

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First good rain in the evening.

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Very good rain, soaked the ground fully.

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Receipt for a linament for man and beast

1 pint turpentine, 1 pint of good vinegar, not acid vinegar, 4 eggs well beaten, then put vinegar to the eggs and beat it up well. Then add the turpentine. Then add $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of pulverized Campher Gum, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz of pulverized of Saltpeter. This should be put into $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon bottle and shook for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Keep in a cool, dark place, and the longer it stands, the better it is. This is good for all inflammations, swellings. Also good for the gravel, taken once a day, inwardly, a teaspoonful at a dose.