

76

June 14th Thursday.

77

Took breakfast at the Virginia and the train leaving Chicago on our homeward trip, changed cars at Burlington for Carthage a distance of thirty two miles, went to see the Carthage Jail and also got lodgings there. Slept in the very room where Joseph and Hyrum was killed, seen the bullet hole in the door that killed Hyrum and the blood stains on the floor there was such a sacred feeling there. The people who live there seem very willing to show the Momons through, and tell them the whole story. Their name is Green, have lived there four years, everything about the place is so neat and clean, and they told us the Elders come there and stay a great deal and consider it a great privilege.

Friday June 15th got a man by the name of Fletcher who took us over to Nauvoo. Here we visited the Mansion house, saw Joseph private drawing room, the case that held the prophets silk hat, which now contains the bonnet of his mother which they say is one hundred years old.

Next we visited the Nauvoo house close by, which was to be a hotel but was never finished. Across the street was Joseph first home, and close by the graves of his wife Bitemine (Bidemon) her sons wife and two children.

78

Next we took the ferry and crossed the Mississippi to Montrose, which took about 10 minutes. Here we had a wait of three hours for our train, so took a walk up a steep hill, sat on the grass under a nice shade tree and wrote some cards home and back to Earl.

Left Montrose 12:58 noon for Quincy, stayed at the Quincy Hotel that night.

Next day June 16 Saturday left Quincy for Kansas City, Mo. Arrived in Kansas at 6:15 P.M., took the street car close by the station for Independence, as our train was one and half hour late it was almost dark when we reached Independence, had some little trouble finding the headquarters of the Saints.

They showed us through the printing office and the chapel, the home of the saints here are beautiful, The son of Pres. Bennion took us in their car to see the temple site, then to the Jackson Hotel where we stayed all night, at the headquarters we met Miss. Williamson of the Fourth ward, Ogden.

Sunday morning the 17th we left Independence for Kansas, MO., and boarded the train for Denver. We arrived in Denver early on the morning of the eighteenth. Bought a berth on the Standard for home,. After leaving Pueblo we went out on the observation car which went through the Royal Gorge with its wonderful scenery. We passed through mountains until dark.

79

In the morning the 19th of June Tuesday woke up in Utah which was desert, after a while we came to large sand dunes then beautiful mountains where the train climbed higher and higher until the summit was reached a height of 7,454 feet, it took three engines to pull us up, then coming down the mountains it was so steep