

December 5th 1897...

This morning it is raining  
and today I left home for a  
journey to the Northern States.  
Bidding good-bye to my wife  
and friends I boarded the  
8 o'clock train and went to  
St. L. City arriving at 6 in  
the evening and taking a  
car went to the White House  
Hotel for the night.

Dec 9. 97.

Visited some friends and  
transacted some business which  
took all day returning to my  
hotel in the evening.

Dec. 10. 97.

Nothing of importance happened  
today so I have nothing to write.

Dec. 11.

Struck some of my old friends  
today and had a very enjoyable  
time rambling round the  
town.

Dec 12. 97

Today was also spent visiting  
and transacting my unfinished  
business

Dec 13. 97

Spent today getting my clothes  
and other necessary articles  
for my trip.

Dec 14. 97

Today was spent the same as  
yesterday.

Dec 15. 1897

I went up to the Historians  
Office today gave them my  
genealogy and at 4 o'clock in  
the afternoon in company with  
nearly 20 others was set apart  
in the Temple Annex by  
Brother John Henry Smith.

I then found an old friend  
with whom I had supper and  
in company we went up to my  
room and talked until 12 in  
the evening. The friend was Charles Billman.

Dec 16. 1897

Got up this morning at half past  
5 in order to catch my train which  
leaves at 7. Bro Billman went to the  
depot with me and staid until  
the train left. when it arrived  
I boarded it and started on  
my journey and as I was the  
only Elder coming to the Northern  
States I was all alone. arriving  
at Ogden I met a man who was  
going East and with whom I soon  
picked up an acquaintance and  
together we rolled away out  
through Wyoming after riding  
all day night finally overtook us  
at Rock Springs Wyo. and there  
making ourselves as comfortable as  
possible we spent the night on  
the swiftly moving train.

Dec 17. 97

This morning dawned on us at  
Julesburg Colorado and the day  
began miserable <sup>cold</sup> and windy.

we were soon through Colo<sup>and</sup>  
into the great plains of Nebraska  
through which we went all day  
arriving at night at Omaha  
where we got off the train and  
had a lunch. And getting on  
again came on to Chicago.

Dec. 18. 97.

This morning at 7 our train  
rolled into Union Depot Chicago.  
in the night we had passed  
through the State of Iowa and  
through Ill. getting off the train  
enquired of a man the Road to  
Dear Wayne Street the Mission  
Headquarters and after a  
walk and ride of about 6  
miles I arrived safe and sound.  
where I had the pleasure of  
meeting Bro. Louis A. Beach and  
several Chicago Elders <sup>feeling</sup> feeling  
tired and worn out I staid in  
the office untill afternoon and  
then went up town with Elder

Carlock the Regan barber and at  
night went into an restaurant  
and had a oyster supper which  
surpassed all description both for  
quality and quantity. I went  
to the office and slept at night.  
Dec 19. 97.

This morning is Sunday and  
after changing my we went to S. S.  
and meeting at Wicker Park  
Hall on North La Salle. after  
meeting I had dinner with one  
of the Saints in company with  
Elder Binney at night went  
to meeting again and of course I  
was called upon to speak which  
I did. after meeting returned  
to the office and had a good  
night's rest.

Dec. 20

Today me and Elder Louis  
McHenry went down on State St  
to see some folks I was  
acquainted with. Bro. J. O. Ribby

The gentleman is the proprietor  
of the City Hotel 16th and State  
St. he was pleased to see me  
and we had a good social  
chat on the way back we saw  
a fire which is quite a  
feature in as large a city  
as Chicago. I then went and  
bought some Xmas cards to  
send home returning to the  
office where we wrote a lot  
of letters and sent home to  
my wife and friends.

December 21. 97.

Today I received my  
appointment where to go which  
is Minneapolis. I packed and  
packed my few belongings and  
Dicks. Got ready to go. Crew  
Keck going with me down  
town and getting my clerical  
baggage. I went about home  
and had supper and with  
Sister Gibbs a Sister in Chicago.

Dec 22. 97

Today I met Mr. Charles Sturgeon  
who had been on a mission in  
N.Y. State and was going  
home. He had a sister with  
him who was going home to  
Dear Lake. I helped her with her  
bags. At the depot got them  
checked and checking my own  
for Minneapolis. Started out  
from the Northwestern Depot  
Leaving through part of Ill and  
all of Wisconsin on my way  
and on the morning of

Dec 23. 1897

Arrived in Minneapolis. I  
finding no one to meet me  
at that depot I got a messenger  
boy to direct me and found  
4 of the Elders at 615 Second  
Bry South they were Chas & Clark  
William Liberty. Weber Co. Utah  
William A. Chabirck Park Valley  
Box Elder Co. Utah. Andrew Buckley Jr.

Jensen, Minnie Co. Utah and  
Andrew Peterson Logan.  
Cache Co. Utah after a rest  
myself and Bro Chadwick went  
down for my baggage and  
I went down to where the  
rent was stopping at 1408  
4th Bar Lane they were Bro  
H. J. Harrison of the Mission  
Conference from Richmond  
Utah J. H. Harrison of J. W.  
Securus of Hyde Park  
Cache Valley Utah and two  
more of them were out in  
the country so I staid at  
1408 and moved my grips  
up.

Dec 24. 97.

Nothing in particular was  
done today only I was around  
town which is pretty big  
the largest city in the  
Northwest and containing a  
population of 25,000 there and.

Christmas Day.

December 25. 1897

This morning we had an  
apple for breakfast which I  
had brought from home and  
at noon we were invited  
down stairs for our dinner by  
our landlady Mrs Weston  
and had an excellent dinner  
and an enjoyable time after  
dinner I went up to the  
boys on 2nd Ave and talked  
and laughed and heard  
some of the elders relate  
their experience in the  
missionary field.

Dec 26. 97

Today nothing was done in  
particular except I was up  
town and bought a journal  
and a few other things.

Dec 27.

Today I began my labor  
by starting out preaching with  
Elder Seabers we had good

book sold 2 W. W. four away  
a large number of tracts and  
had a good time had a good  
w. & supper in town and  
returned home.

Dec. 25. 97.

Went out tracting again today  
didn't have as good luck as  
yesterday but done fairly  
well. Found our old lady who  
called us all the names  
she could think of but we  
didn't care. nothing more  
of importance happened today

Dec. 29. 97.

Nothing in particular was  
done today as it was so cold and  
stormy and so I have nothing  
to write.

Dec. 30. 97.

Today was also cold and  
stormy and we were not  
able to get out and so we sat  
and studied and wrote.

Dec 31. 97.

Today is the last day of 97. we  
up and visited the other Elders  
and were wondering where we  
would be at next year by  
this time had a good supper  
in a down town restaurant  
and went home.

January 1. 1898.

Today is the first of the year we  
all went up in town and up at the  
615 house where the other Elders stop.  
I got some mail, a fine pair of  
slippers which my dear wife sent  
to me all the way from home I  
got them for a new years present  
we had dinner up in town and  
then in the evening my self and  
Elders Peterson and Seamon went  
to a Theatre, acted by the Martin  
Bro's Company the play was entitled  
Jerry the Trooper it was a fine play  
indeed and we enjoyed it very much  
it cost us 1.50 a ticket that was all!

Jan'y 2<sup>nd</sup> 1898,

Today is Elders Fast day, I went up in Town visited the other Elders and Bro. Peterson. went for a walk around Town and visited several places of interest. Now on the River they float large logs and timber down from the Pinery and catch them again and they are then made in to Lumber, and along the River on either side as far as you can see there is Piles of Lumber and slabs and Piles of Fire wood which has been Run down the River. I would Judge there was Millions and Millions of feet of lumber piled up here in Piles along the River. Minneapolis is Located on Both Sides of the Mississippi River at the St. Anthony Falls and just above the Falls the River separates and Formes an Island called

Nicolett Island and there is some very fine Residences on the Island and also they are Building a large dam Right at the Falls. for Electric Purposes and some of the Largest Grist & Flour Mills in the world stand on the Bank just at the Falls. After getting Tired we went back home and after fasting all day we went and had Supper which cost us 15¢ each.

Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup> 1898,

I got up this morning and Shaved my self and after one we went up in Town after dinner. I got a letter to day from a friend it had some Postage Stamps in it. and I tell you that Pleases an Elder very much. one of the Elders Charles E. Blom has got a bad Knec he cant hardly get around on it. we all Pray for him to

get better soon. I like all of  
the Elders they are all dear good  
fellows. We went up town for  
supper but it was awful cold  
this city seems like it is so  
cold as Dawson City Klondike  
there is a family of Eskimos  
here but they say it is a little  
to cold for them to do right  
well. Well to day Brothers  
Hanson and Andersson come  
back from a visit in the  
Country Reported having some  
well and made some very  
good friends. So I will have  
to move my place of abode  
for we have only 2 beds here  
and they are too small for 3 to  
sleep in and as I am the  
last elder I will have to get  
a place of my own to stop at  
but however they have all treated  
me fine I think I will go up  
to 615 2 Ave south and try there

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1898.  
Last night I slept up in town  
at 615. got up quite early and  
went down to 1408 4 Ave. Down and  
got my mail had a letter from  
home 36¢ in stamps in the letter  
again went up town and had  
dinner ~~at 1408~~ costing 15¢.

And after dinner I went and  
bought me some Bananas they  
are a great kind of fruit for  
me also they are the smallest  
price. good nice Bananas  
cost only 10¢ per doz while  
apples cost from 3<sup>ts</sup> to 5c a  
piece. and meat of all  
kinds at the Restaurant costs  
very high especially Beef and  
Mutton Butter is 28¢ and 30¢  
per lb Turkey and chicken and  
duck and such like are all  
Reasonable Fish also is cheap  
Meats are not so high but fruit  
of all kinds are very dear.