

by the name of "Seargent" or "Sargent"  
they treated us very kind after dinner  
we walked about 3 miles farther  
and then we waited at a little place  
called Sand Prairie Prairie we got us  
some tickets and rode to Elmore on  
the train and a good thing for I have  
such a bad cold I can't hardly walk  
but now we are at Cousin Elias  
again.

Sitting on a stump on the April <sup>th</sup> 26 1899 river bank  
To day we have not done anything  
I have not felt well and I have not  
done any thing only lay on the  
Sofa and I have written one  
letter home this is all for to  
day

April 27 1899  
Today has been about like yesterday  
was I took my shirt to the laundry  
and had it washed and done up

snow in the evening we walked up  
and got it again and we went  
to the P.O. no mail this afternoon  
it rained quite hard and there  
was a cyclone passed by and went  
towards us it looked just awful  
this is all for to day we went to  
bed early for I did not feel good

April 28 1899

well to day is bright and clear but  
there was a message come over the  
wire from Kirksville Mo. that the cyclone  
struck that city and killed 50 and  
hurt lots more but I cant say how  
true it is yet until we get other  
news and see for sure the first news  
was there was 2 hundred killed but so  
they got it down to 50 and maybe it  
is not so many after all well we  
traveled on and found a school house

where we thought we could hold  
meeting but the Director was not at  
home. but we visited most of the  
houses and they all wanted to hear  
us speak we thought sure we  
would get the house. the man's wife  
said she knew we could have the  
house. so after we had builded up  
our hopes on holding a meeting  
the Director refused us the house  
and now at dark we are  
left to hunt us a house to stay  
all night. we have been refused  
3 times and now for the 4 but  
yes the old man says we will  
keep you if the woman has no  
objections so the old lady said she  
would keep us so now here we  
are for the night but they don't know  
we are suspicious or I don't think  
they would keep us good night.

April 29, 1899.

To day is bright and clear but a  
in the west is a small dark cloud  
that says storm. After breakfast the  
Folks asked us what Church we were  
representing and when they found out  
we were there inquisitive you could  
have knocked them over with a stick  
we stopped and talked with them quite a  
while and explained our doctrine to  
them and they were very much  
interested. After leaving this we  
traveled on farther west. at noon  
we stopped and had dinner with  
some people. They treated us just Royal.  
after dinner we still kept on our  
way north west and in the afternoon  
after a walk of about 5 miles we  
came in sight of Ottumwa Iowa  
we did not intend to go to Ottumwa  
but Elder Anderssons left leg has been

bothering him so much this  
afternoon we are going in to Ottumwa  
and take the cars and go back to  
Eldon for Sunday as now it is  
too late to find a house to speak  
in for Sunday we got over in to  
the City of Ottumwa and found  
we had to wait about 4 hours so  
we walked around the City some  
but we never went to call on  
my Cousin so we waited till 10<sup>40</sup>  
and took the last train for Eldon  
and now here we are at a hotel

April 30 1899.

after sleeping quite late we got up  
and shaved our selves and then  
went to the P.O. but no mail  
then we went to our restaurant  
and had Breakfast and after that  
we went to Mt Goders they met us

and seemed very friendly we spent the day talking and resting our selves up there was nothing much to write so I will not make much of a record to day. suffice to say we were glad to get back and rest our selves.

May 1 1899

To day we are going all in to the Court after we get our mail which comes in at 11:30 we have packed our gear and made all thing ready and Cousin has got dinner ready after eating we went to the P.O. I got a letter from home 15<sup>00</sup> cash aint that nice well then we started out but O wasnt in but we walk about 11 miles this after noon was refused 2 or 3 places to stop but at last here we are going to stop with a Swede by the name of Nelson it has been clear all day

but now at night it looks  
like a storm from the clouds in the  
far distant west - only at sundown  
could we see a few small clouds  
away in the west - we both feel  
tired so we have gone to bed early

May 2. 1899.

Last night we stopped all night with  
a family by the name of Nelson they  
treated us just as good as they could  
now after breakfast we have bid  
them good bye and we went from  
there to see the Director of the school  
house when we got there it was  
raining very hard he asked us in  
we had a nice chat with him on  
different things then I asked him  
for the school house and he told  
us yes we could have it - and  
he said he would go and light it -

up for us, and he invited us to  
come back and stay all night -  
So my Com. Elder, Andersen gave  
him a tract when we left, and  
we started out to notify the people there  
was going to be a meeting and it took  
us all day about 10 o'clock we asked  
for some dinner at a house, and  
the people told us yes so they prepared  
us some dinner and in the mean  
time they found out we were Mormons  
and after dinner they talked to us about  
different churches then they started on  
about Brigham Young and Joseph Smith  
the prophet and they got awful mad at  
us and tried to get us to deny the  
truth but I told them no I know Joseph  
Smith was a prophet and I know  
we were right and had the true gospel  
and that seemed to make them worse  
than ever, the old man said O yo

must not say you know it - Perhaps  
you think so. Mrs. I said I do know  
it - and I will stick to it - they were  
as full of the civil spirit - as any house  
I have ever visited - but we left  
them and thank them kindly for our  
dinner - one of the men warned  
us not to hold meeting there and  
preach our doctrine - but I told  
him yes we would and for him to  
come out and hear it - well we  
went to the S. H. and a man came  
along with a load of hay and told  
us to come down and have supper  
with him. so here we are provided  
with a friend. after supper we went  
back to the school house and waited  
for the Director to come and bring  
oil and light the house - finally there  
was a boy come with a little oil  
and told us the director could,

not come, and if we could get any other place to stay to do so for he had found out we were notorious and did not want to hear us, well we filled the light and lit up the house and soon we had the house full of people and we had one of the best meetings I ever had in the country we sold all the voices of warning we had and gave out 35 tracts we went to stay over night with Mr Morrison an infidel he treated us fine and after talking with them until 12 o'clock we retired.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1899.

After Breakfast we bid the folks good bye and started for Libertyville a distance of 3 miles after we arrived there we went north to a place called Krumm Station from there we took across the field and stopped at a small creek and had a shave and