

## **Jan 1st 1979**

1979 has started for me in a low. My back is out, I cannot work, and I am at a spiritual low.

It looks to me as if I am going to have to get another job. The shoveling is too much for me back. The doctors tell me that it will just get worse and worse. I like the thoughts of a new job. If I can find one that pays more than I am making here. I have not lost the idea of making a lot of money.

This Friday at 2:30 I am going to see a doctor about my back and at this time I haven't been working for almost a week now. This laying around is not for me. However, I do enjoy the children. It amazes me how Titine can accomplish what she does with the interruptions that she has.

This new year will see more devotion and [many] Miracles in the heavens are starting to appear. Missionary work is increasing throughout the world. The work of the Lord is steadily going forth.

The Federal District Court ruled that no more high school credit can be given in Seminary Systems. But it will be released time still. This just leaves the Seminary teachers with more freedom to teach greater truths.

## **January 7th**

All last week was a hard week on me. I don't know if it was the power of Satan or the weakness of the flesh, or Satan working through the flesh but, but it was a most miserable week. I did prevail. This fast Sunday was a good one for me. I felt the spirit of the Lord and enjoyed a day of rejoicing and prayer.

Last Friday I went to Provo for a doctor's check on my back. He took an x-ray and told me to be in the Hospital Sunday night at Seven, so he could run some tests.

While we were in Provo, we just happened to run into Mack Bills and his wife Shannon. Titine and I enjoyed talking to them. They have had problems in their family. But the attitude is good. I hate to see [sadness] in the world. I don't know what makes people mean. There are enough tough times in a person's life without someone else making life hard for them. I do appreciate my wife very much and am grateful that she has been around to buffer my hard times.

Before I left for the hospital tonight, we had family prayer, and Bill brought out some candy (homemade taffy) that he had been saving and gave it to me. York had a good luck charm that he made me bring.

I am sitting in the hospital, room 467, at the Utah Valley Hospital tonight away from my family and feel so grateful for them. I love them so. The Lord has blessed me with my children thus far. I have said that I hope that is all we have. But tonight, I retract the statement and will accept all that He sends, leaving this into his hands, all I ask in return is to have the wisdom and patience to raise them so they will return to His presence.

I called Titine at 8:00 this evening. Her mother called and asked her to speak at their farewell; they are going on a mission to San Diego. The farewell is Jan 29th.

Before I came to the hospital I stopped and talked with Ralph McClain. I love that family very much.

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### **Jan 10th**

Yesterday I got a spinal tap. Everything was deadened, so the tap didn't hurt, but felt as if I were going to blackout. The Dr. tipped the Xray table down so my head would hang down, gave me some smelling salts and I cleared up. He had the x-ray technician put a pillow under my stomach, which was quite uncomfortable. As soon as the pillow was removed, I was fine.

The after effect of the tap has been miserable for me. It was supposed to cause headaches for 24 hours and then ease off; but my back has hurt continually, and my head feels as if it will explode.

### **Jan 16th, 1979**

Saturday January 12th Titine brought me home from the hospital. My head still felt like it was going to explode, and my back still ached. But once I got home around the children and the family it seemed to help, because today I felt much better. My back quit hurting after Colby and York started rubbing the sore spot. My head still feels a little woozy but improving.

I got up and cooked pancakes and eggs for breakfast this morning. I feel as if my work at the mine is finished. As well as other feelings. While in the hospital I asked Ralph McClain to give me a blessing.

The blessing promised me or warned me that I should go to the extra mile in the work of the Lord, that many of the promises that have been made to me will be determined on my listening to the spirit as it directs me personally and the obedience I give to that heed.

In the next few weeks, the Lord would be directing me, and I need to humble myself again, pray, and be worthy to receive not only receive those promptings but be sure enough to understand them.

Dan Kaine and Gay Sloan gave me a blessing and let me know that healings came through the power of the Priesthood. That it would be through my faith, as well as the faith and prayers of my family, and friends that I would get better. But I would get better. (for what end, I don't know)

We have had a good snowstorm, but the weather is not very cold.

I haven't done much at all for the past week, just lay in bed and hurt and hurt.

Health is such a blessing to have. I so thank my Father in Heaven for the Health he has blessed. Five more day back to the Hospital.

### **Jan 20th**

Yesterday I was 47 years old. Titine and I went to Springville to pick up the Buick, we met Jack Harvey at the [Hiawatha]? Junction and rode with him. He took us to dinner. While in Provo, I went to the BYU to find out how I could learn Chinese. Mr. Durant, the head of the Dept., was most friendly and helpful. He gave me some idea and explained the process to me.

He will get me a textbook, and I am having some tapes copied for me.

We got home shortly after 8:00, York had made me a large Happy Birthday poster and Bill baked me a cake, Rebecca made the frosting and frosted the cake.

Today I worked at the 70's bookstore. My mother came over to stay with the children, while I go into the hospital tomorrow.

### **Jan 23**

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Titine and I went down to Tom Humphreys where I was given a Priesthood blessing. Jay Wastdaoups ( a home teacher) offered a prayer; Maughn Guyman (home teacher and very dear friend and current missionary companion) anointed me; Tom gave me the blessing. In the blessing the Lord gave me through Tom I was told; I was a chosen vessel, and the Lord was pleased with my progress. The Lord has been guiding the doctors and will do so during the operation and afterwards. I would have more tolerance for the pain and recovery from the operation quickly.

Don't hesitate to call your friends for every need your family will be taken care of and your children will not suffer because of this experience. Your family will become closer together.

(will get along fine). Use the opportunity to further your hobby of studying the gospel. The Lord is pleased I chose that hobby.

After the blessing was a very special feeling. There were embraces and tears all the way around. Tom and Maughn both expressed their love for me. Maughn told Titine (not for the first time) what a special person I was. It seems like the Lord was creating this special spiritual experience far earlier when I was at the 70's bookstore. Tom had called to talk and offer help. He volunteered wood and coal. He said that he felt that the Lord was trying to create an unbreakable bond between us and the spirit bore witness to me that it was true.

After the blessing Titine and I walked to conference. There our Regional Representative, Stephen R. Covey spoke on putting the Savior in the center of your life. I love recommitting to do just that, in spite of my weaknesses, as best as I can.

After Conference we went home to a fine dinner Mother had prepared. We left immediately for Utah Valley Hospital in Provo, arriving shortly after 3 pm.

After checking in I felt a very good and comfortable feeling that gave me confidence for my operation. I felt I had prepared myself according to the voice of the Lord in my attitude and in receiving the help of a priesthood blessing.

This was in contrast to my experience when I came up to have the pre-operation tests. I was cocky, expecting I didn't need any help at that time. After enduring the pain from the Milgram test, I changed my attitude and asked Dan Kinkikini and Gary Sloan to come and give me a blessing. This they did.

True to the blessing Tom gave me, I'm home been recovering quickly with minimal pain. I slept off and on most of the day and slept better than expected last night with a minimal of pain killing medicines.

It was really a shock to me to be put "out" so fast. I looked at my watch at 26 minutes to nine and the next thing I knew was someone calling "Mr. Winsor", Mr. Winsor, the operation is over- please wake up!" my response was definitely- "I don't want to." I went right back to sleep. My next recollection was waking and seeing my dear sweet wife sitting by me.

### **Jan 25th**

Titine called this morning between 7:30am and 8am. Three of the children have chicken pox. I set up yesterday and brought the wrath of the nursing staff down on me. One would have thought that I committed a Cardinal sin.

Sleeping was great last night. I felt great this morning. Yesterday I went down to therapy, stood on the tilt table for ten minutes. I thought it a lot of nonsense. The news stated that

Winter is getting another licking from the weather. Super cold weather, and deep snow. Maribah Ann called me. So did Phyllis. Things are going great; my back is healing well. And I will be back working quicker than expected.

### **Jan 30th Monday**

I got out of the hospital on Sat the 28th. Sheila, my niece, picked me up and took me to Nephi, Albert wanted to watch Utah and Colorado State play basketball on t.v. so we watched the game and then he and Fae brought me to Delta, it was very good seeing Bill, Colby, York, and Ammon again. They all have chicken pox, but we still enjoyed each other's company.

Mom has been especially good to me also. I seem to be in a much better frame of mind and getting well faster around my family than in the hospital.

### **Feb. 6th 1979**

I have been home in Huntington for five days now. It seems so good to be home. Billy, York and Ammon are now over the chicken pox. Bill and York went to school yesterday. Rebecca, and Ashley, Francine, and Colby have now come down with them. Ashley on Sunday, Rebecca on Monday, and Francine and Colby this morning. We are expecting Robert and Darien to get them.

Ashley was so broken out that he itched and hurt all day yesterday. His forehead is one mass of chicken pox blisters. I gave him a blessing. The blessing told him that he has to learn patience in suffering. That the Lord is pleased with his progress, which on this earth he is just six years old, and that he has a work to do.

### **Fri Feb. 16th 1979**

First to let the readers of this in some future date know that I'm still alive. I'm healing all of the time. Yesterday I started playing the piano again. Rebecca and I have had some problems. I hope that we can work them out.

Today is Bill's birthday he's 12 this Sunday, he will be ordained a Deacon. He has come along way in his progression.

We are at the tail end of the Chicken Pox. The children still have a few, but the itching and soreness is gone.

### **Feb 23rd 1979**

Last Sunday I ordained Bill to the Aaronic Priesthood and set him apart as a deacon in that Priesthood. I feel that Bill is very worthy to hold the Priesthood.

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Today I feel the spirit of the Lord with me. I didn't sleep very well last night. I don't know that it is the power of Satan or the weakness of the flesh that keeps me awake some nights. I have been in a state of depression the last two days. I feel such a useless person. I am not serving as I should, and it seems that so much time is wasted.

I do manage to practice the piano and read the scriptures each day; That is about all. the children take up as much time. But I don't begrudge it at all.

Colby was in a play last night. Grandma Winsor came over to Rebecca's award night and stayed for Colby's play. He was Samuel Gompers. The man that organized workers into unions. He was also in a dance.

### **Feb. 24th, 1979**

Yesterday in our small town, we had some sad news and exciting news. Zions 1st national bank was robbed. And two lady bank tellers were killed. It appears today that they have caught the killers. An FBI man came to our house while canvassing the town in search for a weapon. It excited the children.

### **March 1st, 1979**

I went with the missionaries tonight. We talked with Rich Cardoba, a non-member. He had the missionary lesson in Salt Lake, he moved to Huntington and asked for the missionaries again. We talked with him last night and set a baptismal date for the 16th of March. We talked with another family on Tuesday night.

Titine's folks left for the mission field this morning. I received impressions of the Government. I have also received a call to teach the Seventies as well as the young adult.

### **March 22, 1979**

We went to St. George on the 16th of March to settle the Spilsbury family ranch, [Ted] is going to run the ranch while in St. George. I visited with Arella Hafen, one of mother's cousins. She gave me a family group sheet of Grandpa Woods' family. I also attended the temple.

We came home on Saturday the 17th of March. The children were in bed I had just gotten into bed it was about 12:30a

Titine said I smell smoke, I also did. We got out of bed and the wall of the house was on fire. I started putting water on it. Titine asked if she should call the fire dept. I looked in the attic, the fire was in it. I said yes. She called them and then got the children out of the

house. The children spent the night at Bob and Donna [Ovients] house. Titine and I stayed here. If a person or people don't or doesn't have a few problems, they don't realize how good their neighbors can be.

While I have been off work Ray Rowley has let us continue to get milk from them, without pay. Of course we will catch up when I get back to work.

Because of the fire we have decided to. our house up. We will make a family room out of one bedroom and change some doors.

At 7:30 I went with three full-time missionaries for a teaching assignment. We were asked to give Michael Corbela a blessing. He was baptized last Saturday. He had a bad cold. The spirit was there, and it was a good blessing. I acted as mouth.

For this remodeling jog I borrowed mother's pickup. We bought some material in Salt Lake.

### **Sunday March 25th**

These past few days I have cut a door in the wall, put in side windows, and built a hall, changed some light plugs, and lighting.

Today has been a very good day. I had a special spiritual Priesthood lesson on spiritual gifts. The spirit was felt by all In the class. I then taught a lesson in Sundy School. That went very well.

This past three days hasn't been as fruitful as I wanted it to in fixing up the house, but I did get a good start.

Rebecca has been having trouble in being obedient, as well as nice. She is fine for a while and then she slips. The children are watching the movie, The Ten Commandments on television this evening. A law that no tv on Sunday. But I felt that the movie was a good one and I have felt the spirit testifying that Moses was truly a prophet and that he was raised up to lead the children of Israel out of bondage.

### **Wed March 28th**

I went to the Dr. today and he released me to go back to work. The first time for better than a month. What a pleasure it is to be able to work. Driving home by way of Nephi, I stopped and talked with Albert and Fae, Albert had a cold. The telephone company cut our phones off because we didn't pay the balance of the bill.

## **March 29th**

I went to Salt Lake to verify the genealogy records and spent the day doing that. The experience is interesting, and the process is slow. I spent the night with Uncle Jim and Aunt Madge.

## **Fri March 30th**

Spent another day in the Genealogical library trying to verify dates. I got some done, tried to call home but the phone was disconnected, that depressed me.

Spent an hour and a half with Sheryl and Duane, they invited us to a [panel] and magic show at their ward. The young people are raising money for a trip. I spent the rest of the evening talking with Uncle Jim.

Gasoline prices are now up to .73 cents a gallon.

President Benson while speaking to a group of students said the blame of our inflation is on the Federal Government. Printing more money than has proper security or gold backing. He will one day be President of the Church and chief man in this nation.

I hope that tomorrow the Lord blesses me with a greater testimony of him. and his church. As it is General Conference.

## **Saturday March 31st**

Today I had a very Spiritual uplifting day. To start the day off right, I talked to the Boyds about Marty, their son. The spirit was in great abundance. They are good people. The Lord bore witness to me that I was sent to help Marty to find his way back.

The first session of General Conference, I found myself in the assembly hall southwest of the Tabernacle. The next two sessions I was able to get into the Tabernacle.

The talks that truly I needed were one by Huntsman [ ]? Jr. in going the extra mile, followed by President Ezra Taft Benson on sacrifice, and then one of the brethren talked of the feelings of the Holy Ghost.

President Kimball gave closing speech on encouraging the Saints to try just a little harder and not be so reluctant to spread the gospel. Keep the wickedness out of our homes that came in through radio and television. Encouraged the young people to purify their lives.

We were encouraged to get out of debt and stay out. I am going to strive to get out of debt and serve the Lord with the fulness of intent.

## **Monday April 2nd**

I went to work today for the first time in three months, it seemed good to get back to work. But it was a hectic night. The [Lupe] that sends the coal down, it got plugged. We spent the major part of the night getting it unplugged. We washed it with a water hose; the hard part was getting down the mountain on the slick frozen snow.

## **Thurs April 12th**

I worked a week of graveyards and now, I am finishing up a week of afternoons.

My back has been giving me trouble when I shovel very much. Yesterday I came down with some sort of a flu or cold. It really knocked me. I went to work but I wasn't much good. My throat burned, when I coughed and I had chills and fever. It was nice to get in bed and get warm, however, I laid on a transformer and stayed warm in the mine.

## **Friday April 22nd**

Today we started a trip to Santa Cruz, California. I finished my work shift at 7:15am and started home. I ran out of gas but got a ride immediately into town. Titine took me back out to get the pickup.

I noticed a bad tire on the International, but I thought that I would change it when I get to Delta. The chance paid off. I bought a new tire at IFA in Delta for \$84.00.

Mother started driving while I slept for a while. We were about ten miles out of Eloy, Nevada, mom was going between 75 and 80 mph when a water hose broke. Again, immediately some good people stopped and helped us. They had a screwdriver and plastic tape. I taped the hose. We filled the radiator full of water that came from a nearby lake, and we started on our way to Eloy. I bought a new hose, a wrench and screwdriver, plus a gallon of antifreeze. Cost, about \$6.00.

All went well, and we stayed the first night in Austin, Nevada. Paid for two motel rooms of \$28.30 apiece, they are nice so far, the trip has been a good one.

## **Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

We drove not San Francisco today and went over the Oakland bridge. That was thrilling for all. We drove down the coastal highway to Santa Cruz. The children wanted to stop and swim in the ocean. We stopped and they swam in the ocean until they got we and cold.

We stopped at one of the San Francisco beaches. There was foul language written on the cement walks and broken beer bottles in the gateway. The bathroom doors were welded

shut because of vandalism. It could have been such a nice beach. The sand was soft and deep and the ocean was beautiful. We arrived at Clara Beths about 4:00pm. The kids went swimming again in the pool of the Welches. The gas station in California were all closed over Saturday and Sunday.

### **Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

I went to Priesthood this morning in Santa Cruz and taught the Priesthood class. Daniel gave a very nice home coming speech. I didn't think that he spoke long enough. I enjoyed the stay with Clara Beth and Norman tremendously. They were very gracious, we had some interesting conversations on strikes, religion, and raising children.

### **Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

I got some gas about 7:00. We were on our way home at 9:00am. The trip home was a fun one but also a long one. It was so late when we arrived in Delta that all the service stations were closed so we stayed in Delta. I missed work and will have to make it up.

### **June 24, 1979**

I just wrote a letter to mom.

I have been trying to learn Chinese what trouble I have had. Part of one tape got erased, I had trouble with a reader. I can't get the adapter that jacks into the car to work. But I will stay with it.

I have had some spiritual experiences these past two months, the reason that I am still wondering in the wilderness is because I haven't repented of my wicked ways. The Lord has revealed to me the purpose of the Church of the First Born and what it teaches.

I have been teaching the gospel with the missionaries at least one day a week and sometimes two or three. Our house (remodel) is coming slow. The kitchen cabinets are all in. We now have to put Formica on them.

Rebecca now has braces on her teeth. I bought a motorcycle, Kawasaki 900 to ride to work. There were two great lessons today taught in Priesthood. And the other, in Sunday School.

I am now striving with greater knowledge to overcome my weaknesses. I must do my missionary work with greater concentration than ever before.

I have a great desire to serve the Lord full-time. To serve a mission continually.

## **July 1<sup>st</sup> 1979**

This past week has been an eventful week for me and my family. Bill went on a river trip down the Green river, Rebecca is going to stay in the Canyon next week with Carol, her friend.

We bought a new stove, and the stove has a microwave. The mini vacation is starting tomorrow. I am working both weeks, since I just getting back to work.

I wrecked my motor bike last Wednesday. Loose gravel got in the way. I had my knees skinned up and my ankles bruised.

## **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1979**

Today Titine, Rebecca, Bill, Ashley, Francine, Robert, and Darien went to Springville to get Rebecca's braces adjusted. York, Colby, and Ammon stayed home with me. They boys are over playing at the neighbors, and I have a rare moment when no one is in the house but me.

Two weeks ago, I was set apart as one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventies in this stake. The blessing that I received was to strive to have the Holy Ghost as my constant companion, continue to study the scriptures, and I would have safety on the highways. That I could meet many people and introduce them to the gospel while traveling.

Two people have come into the gospel partially because of my efforts this year, and the missionaries are teaching three more people that I have introduced them to. We have a meeting tonight at 8:00pm with Sam Handley. I have felt the spirit of the Lord in the missionary effort this past few months. I hope that I can gain the steadiness in the Lord to warrant greater blessings.

Last night Maughn Guyman and I gave Brent Ungerson a blessing. The Lord promised him the blessing of eternity if he would live the Commandments. He was burned with [hydrogen]?. I believe that he will turn to the Lord with greater fullness of heart. As I look around and see the Lord blessing people I thrill for them, and trust in Him that He will give me a Further blessings, I still have weaknesses to overcome.

The coming of the Lord draws near with each passing day. The prophecies are being fulfilled almost daily and certainly weekly.

The Lord is pouring his spirit out on his elect, and many are joining the church. Wickedness is growing, and natural disasters are increasing. The saints are becoming better. We have strong and good leadership in the church.

I am still working graveyard, my wife is getting tired of it, but I believe that it is the best for the family. And certainly, for me and Church work. The new church addition is coming along rapidly. We are still meeting in the schoolhouse.

### **Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1979**

I taught the Gene Campbell family last night. He is coming along just fine, I believe, I believe that he will be baptized.

Last Friday we had a roof fall at the mine. Four men were killed: Cory Granger, a 70 in the Church, a friend of mine, Paul Gusman, and Bill Gentry. These were the only ones that I knew.

I attended the funerals Monday and Tuesday. The LDS funeral gives so much more hope than the Catholic doctrine. The Father of us all loves all his children and has given all men hope and a faith in life after death.

The accident has made me so much more aware of the mine. Coal mining is a high-risk industry.

We had a Winsor Family Reunion last Saturday. I took the boys up on the mountain and we slept overnight, Friday night, picked up Titine after she was at BYU educational, and drove on to Delta for the reunion.

Titine just found out today that she is going to have another baby. I really didn't feel like I wanted any more, but I will accept the new one and love it. I am sure that I will find as much joy in it as I have in the others. The will of the Lord in all things after the years are gone. I will be grateful and find great joy in my prosperity.

### **September 16<sup>th</sup> 1979**

This past week we have had several calamities. Volcanoes, tidal waves, and hurricanes. President Spencer W. Kimball had an operation on his head to take fluid out, he is still in the Hospital, but in recovering.

I am coaching little league football. We have our 1<sup>st</sup> game next Saturday. Bill is playing and so is Colby. Colby wrecked his bicycle and had ten stitches in his head last Thursday.

Titine went to the all-women's conference last Saturday. President Kimball said that the women of the world were going to join the Church in great numbers. And it was up to the daughters of Zion to be a light to them. It was hard for him to say when this would happen because it was up to the women of the church to make it happen.

### **Sunday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Next week is general conference. This Sunday is fast Sunday. The whole family fasted today and [sealed] them up through the power of the Priesthood against the day of Evil and darkness. They are special children, all of them have their own place in the grand scheme of things.

York now 9 has gave his testimony for the first time in testimony meeting today.

### **Sunday Oct. 21, 1979**

Mother came over this past week to watch Bill and Colby play ball, I loaded her with a load of coal and drove her over the mountain.

Tom Humphery asked me to give him a blessing; the Lord had a good blessing for him. When the lord impressed upon me the trials that are coming to this people it makes me weep.

I went on the truck twice this past week to start a new job working with Jack Harvey. We have our first cold snow of the winter.

The Lord has been good to us. Our garden produced and produced. We had all the tomatoes that we could put up and use and we had left over to give away. All of this in spite of it being a dry year.

### **Dec 9, 1979 Sunday**

I feel that the spiritual progress that I am making is gaining some momentum now. There is an increase in the spirit. For the first time in my life, I can feel the spirit of the Book of Mormon. I don't know how many times I have read it, well over thirty, I am sure. And just now I am beginning to understand the spirit by which it was written.

Also, the Holy Ghost has born witness of Joseph Smith as a prophet. I have been praying for this for years. But due to my wickedness the Lord refused to give the spirit of testimony to me. My prayers are starting to be answered. It is a sweet peaceful feeling to know the spirit of the Holy Ghost.

It has also been made known to me if I continue in the path that I am pursuing that I will be asked one day to give up my life for the Savior. I feel that I made that choice years ago.

### **Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1979**

Yesterday it came over the television that there were two Mormon missionaries found dead in So. Carolina. Apparently, they were shot to death. The reason we don't know yet.

My back hurt me last week. the first trouble I have had with it for almost a year.

I can feel my testimony growing of Joseph Smith and also of Jesus Christ. The spirit is finally starting to stir my spirit.

Bill and Colby were sick today.

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1980**

This past week we spent in St. George. We left Dec. 22 and came home Monday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Titine stayed in St George with the younger children. I saw the Dr. yesterday about my back. He said that I couldn't go back to work, and I have to see him in another week.