

February 7th, 1981, Sat

We are now in our new home. Interest rates have come down to where we can afford to buy the house. We have lived in our home for four weeks now. We moved in over the New Year weekend. I have had some spiritual enlightenments these past two months, but I can't remember the circumstances that surrounding them, so I won't mention them. But I know that I must be more diligent in keeping this record, if I want the blessing of obedience. I do.

Titine and I are striving the next month or two months to gain a greater spirituality. I can tell the difference in my spiritual life. I just hope that I can continue to grow spiritually.

I am reading the Book of Mormon the umpteenth more time. But the Lord is teaching me some this time. I have to be obedient in all things just one step further than the commandments given in the scriptures. Such as getting only six hours of sleep a night, learning Chinese, taking a fire boss class and passing it- a class for the mine, organize my time, obey traffic laws and signs.

The family has been sick this past [time]. The flu but I believe we are on the tail end of it. Titine was sick in bed most of the day. I believe part of it was from exhaustion from not getting enough sleep at night because of being up with sick ones.

I gave Maynard Huyman a blessing last week. In part it said that he came to our home at the desire of the Lord to receive one.

This past two or three months have been a special time for me since I have been in the Bishopric. Some remarkable blessings have been given by the Lord using me as his instrument.

I have also felt the temptations of Satan, as I haven't for some time. Prayer is the key to overcoming them.

Sun Feb 8th 1981

The Bishopric set apart several people this day for various jobs in the Sunday School, Primary, and Relief Society. The spirit was there in rich abundance.

After Church Titine requested a blessing. So, I gave her one, it was an unusual blessing...

I talked to Dana Piper(?) today concerning the Primary. He hasn't been showing up to teach the boys.

Monday Feb 9th

I went to work and talked with the children.

Tues. Feb 10th

Worked took a carload of girls to MIA party roller skating. I talked with the children.

Wed. 11th

Attended fire loss class, talked with Dana Piper and I helped give Clark Powell a blessing. He is having pain in his side. Danan decided to stay in the Primary. I had another near miss in the coal mine. The top came down and missed me by two feet.

I can now for the first time in my life, feel the spirit of the Holy Ghost bearing witness to me that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Thurs. Feb 12th

I attended fire loss class. Talked for a few minutes at a Primary Preparation meeting.

Fri Feb. 13th

Pu tire on the van. Got ready to go to Idaho.

Saturday Feb 14th 1981

We left at 7:00 and went to Nephi to Alberts, there we picked up mother and drove to Salt Lake airport to pick up Phyllis Ann. We found her after an hour. Went on our very enjoyable trip to Idaho. Arrived there at 4:00pm We had a delicious dinner and retired for bed around 11:00pm

Sunday

Jimmy's farewell was very spiritual and interesting, he had his three older brothers', all returning missionaries, speak. His mother and father and then himself. I offered the opening prayer; his Uncle Albert gave the closing prayer. Phyllis as thus far sent 5 boys on a mission.

Mon- Tues

All I have done is work sleep, attend class and study for the fire loss test. We didn't have a bishopric meeting tonight.

I still have a lingering cold that I have had for the past three weeks.

Fri Feb 27th

I attended my fire loss classes, worked, and slept. Wednesday night I gave a speech to the Deacons and scouts. It was on Joseph Smith.

I took Titine to dinner tonight, we had pizza and salad. The cold is still present.

Saturday Feb. 28th 1981

The month is over, and I didn't get my home teaching done.

I went to the temple with Jack Harvey today at Manti. On the way home he desired a blessing. We stopped in the Huntington Canyon, and I gave him one. The Lord promised him happiness and a temple marriage. That his wife knew that the Gospel is true, but due to stubbornness of heart she has refused baptism. He also promised him financial success.

I came home and cleaned up the yard somewhat and started building the lay a basket bell stand. Our bots were too short. I will have to get some longer ones Monday. Tomorrow is fast Sunday.

Sunday March 1st 1981

I started the day with prayer and then attended a Bishopric meeting. At 9:00 I gave the fast-offering envelopes to the Deacons for fast offerings.

We talked about juggling Ward Organization to better serve the people. I felt the influence of the spirit all day long. Talked with the family. Went to bed at 11:00

Monday March 2nd 1981

I interviewed the Primary Presidency today. The Spirit of the Lord was there in great abundance. The Lord blessed my mind with insights.

Sister Brenite Granges asked for a blessing. I gave her one and casted a devil out of her. It was an unusual experience; this is the second time that the Lord used me as an instrument in casting Satan out. Now Brenite has to fill the void with good works, so he won't return to her and make his abode there a second time.

At work I am now off the [Prattler] and diving buggy. I believe that the Lord's hand was in that act. For my arm was hurting from hammering and my back is starting to act up again.

Tues. 3rd

Studied. Read. Worked. The appraiser came and approved our home.

Wednesday 4 March

I had an especially good and spiritual prayer this morning. I received some insight into Ammon. The spirit was very much present.

Thursday 5th

My back is hurting. It has been a week. I had a good day driving the buggy. Thanks to the help of the Lord.

Fri. 6th March

I worked, studied, played ring pong, and slept.

Saturday 7th 1981

I got up late, put a basketball basket up for the boys, listened to a friend who sells Amway, and began a fast. The spirit of the Lord has been with me today.

Sunday 8th of March 1981

Sunday are always a good day for me. I spent 10 hours at the Church and then back again at 7:30 but they are filled with sheer pleasure. I love the work of the Lord. I just wish that I could do it all the time, full-time.

I ask Earl Gordan to be a Webelos (*scouts*) leader. He is thinking it over at this time. I hope that he will accept. Maughan Grymon and I had a good talk. She needs to talk at times.

Monday 9th March

Studied fire loss, went to work.

Tues. March 10th

After Titine and I had prayers, I was inspired by the Lord to give her a blessing. In the blessing through the power of the Priesthood, she was given the gift of faith and the Spirit of Prayer. Now all she has to do is develop that gift and that spirit. We had a very nice morning talking with each other and reading Patriarchal blessings. The spirit was in abundance.

March 11th 1981

I took the fire loss test and flunked it. It disappointed me much. I spent 7 hours taking the test. But from it I have made some new resolutions.

March 12th

I found out that I passed my fire loss test. I worked and played with the little children. It was very enjoyable.

Fri March 13th 1981

I spent time at the bank trying to get our loan on the home closed. Visited Daniel & Eugene.
Went to work

Saturday

I attended two temple sessions today, while there I was helped on which families to fellowship.
We got home at 2:00 and I straightened up the basement with Titine. Then I spent the rest of the day with the children. I had a very enjoyable day.

Saturday March 15 1981

We had ward conference today. I had an enjoyable day. I always enjoy the Sabbath.

Monday 16th

Daniel, Welch, and I gave Ashley a blessing tonight. He has been sick. The Lord was pleased with him

I just about got caught up today.

Tues 17th

Worked and had a training meeting with Ralph McClain about the deacon advisors, and scout people.

Wed 18th

Same ol' story; worked, read, listened to Chinese, wrote in my journal, planned, had six hours sleep, and did some church work. We are still organizing the Scouting in the Ward. I am trying to be obedient in all things.

Titine and I are seeking a blessing of faith from the Lord. We are fasting and praying for faith. Titine can receive her sight if she gains more faith. Me, I just want plain more faith. I get tired of the empty feelings in my breast. But the Lord has been slow hearing my prayers. That is because I have been slow to keep His commandments. But I am trying to put it together now. And I have been for some time. But I need to learn patience as well as faith. He has been guiding along this past while.

I am getting surer and surer knowledge of Him through prayer. My prayers are answered while in the cause of prayer many times. I am so grateful for the communication that we have.

Thurs. 19th

I would that the Henderson family & the Rausch family and ask them to work in the church in the scouting program, they did accept the calling.

Fri. March 20th

Today is Robert's birthday. We had a small family party for him. We have had sickness in the family for the past few days. One of the children and then another. Just a 24-hour flu.

Saturday 21st.

Built a wall in the house. Listened & watched a basketball game between BYU & TCU on TV and played basketball with the boys.

Titine and I went to a wedding tonight with Linda and Terry Bardsley.

Sunday 22nd

We set the deacons quorum president apart tonight. Colby was chosen as 1st Counselor. We also set the Webelos leader apart and a Primary teacher and a Relief Society Teacher apart. I had an extremely good Sunday.

Monday 23rd

We went home teaching, Bill and I did. We played together in family home evening; we all had a great time.

Tue March 24th

Invited people to the scout round table. I talked to Tom Thompson about scouting. Played basketball with the boys. The spirit of the Lord has attended me for most of the day.

Wednesday March 25th

Today is the second day of a four day fast. I have not finished reading as sermon by President Harold B. Lee on being born again. The last paragraph was the one that I needed for me at this time. And a person is born again if he is slothful or sinful, He will cleanse the spirit. I feel that the Lord is preparing me to be born again. I pray so! I hope so! I am. eking for the gift.

Thursday 26th 1981

I helped Ashley with his cub scout arrow pants, told Robert and Francine stories, and went to a scout round table.

Friday 27 March

The union Coal miners' strike started today. We were all a little anxious being non-Union miners, but no picket lines were held. All went smoothly. I was grateful for that. I spent time talking to Titine and Bill tonight. I also played with the little children. We have several boys sleeping away from home with friends. All is quiet and a little lonely, but it was nice to be with just a few of us.

Saturday March 28th

Titine and I went to the Provo Temple with friends today. It was a very enjoyable trip. They went out to eat while Titine and I visited Uncle Lauren[?] and Aunt Lila. We have not seen them for years.

This is the beginning of the fifth day of my fast. I went through some soul searching today and decided that I have no choice but to carry on, if I want the blessings that I have been promised. If I quit now, I could not, for a long time, if ever, kneel down and ask the Lord for a greater testimony of him and Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon. He would tell me that I wasn't willing to pay the price. I am willing even with the pain I am going through. I have fasted for a week before but was allowed to drink some water but now water is taken from me. This is a twelve day fast. I can and will do it. I am praying that the final result will be that Titine will receive good eyesight. And we both gain a greater testimony of Jesus Christ.

Sunday March 29th

Deacons collected fast offerings. We went into McAuthor home and the Bishop blessed a baby. We had a special meeting on hosts[?] for dinner to help raise money. Of course we had church all day. I am in my sixth day of fast. I have never been so miserable in all my life, but I will endure.

Mondy March 30

Didn't do much. I felt a little better. I watched a basketball game. National finals. I felt the working of the Holy Ghost on me to a small degree.

Tues March 31st

I must have been obedient to some degree. The Lord either knew that I could not handle going without water or I passed an obedience test for now I can drink water. But I still cannot eat until Sunday. But I can handle the no food bit. Going without water was weighing on me very heavy.

The food part is much easier. We went to a Cub Scout Pack meeting tonight. Ashley won third place. I do hope that soon I will gain a greater testimony by the Holy Ghost.

I spent a very divine day on a desert hill. I looked out over the floor of the desert and saw the beauty thereof. I felt at complete peace with myself and the world. I prayed for the Lord to take my life. I didn't hurt. I had no guilty feelings. My soul felt as pure as the clean desert air that I was under.

Wednesday 1st

We attended a Blazers Introduction tonight. It was nice. Also, a Bishop's meeting. I talked genealogy with a friend and a cousin of mine. A very dear sweet lady. I had a restful peaceful day. A fellow wanted to be released from the Blazer B. class. I let him.

Thurs. 2nd 1981

I worked, went to a PPI with the Priesthood Presidencies.

Friday 3rd 1981

I spent the evening talking to Titine. Very enjoyable indeed.

Saturday 4th

I worked today and came home and went to General Priesthood session of conference piped into the church. Bill and Colby went with. the session[?] talked about fast offerings, Charity, being prepared, Covenants, and Missionary work.

Today concludes the final full day of my Twelve day fast.

Sunday 5th

Today I broke my fast. Food didn't taste nearly as good as I thought it would. Now, even though I ate little I am too full.

Conference is over until October; I doubt that Pres. Tanner will be around until next Oct. He looked so old. His testimony was to find out who you are and the reality of prayer. It was a good Conference. The Church is growing. Opposition is growing, but the work of the Lord rolls on. Become self-reliant was the main theme of the conference. Don't slide. Keep the commandments.

I sit in on my first Bishops Court. Verdict disfellowship, I learned that never judge a case until all the facts are laid on the table. When I first heard the charges, excommunication was my first and only thought. Then the facts and circumstances- The spirit of the Lord verified the incident. I was grateful for that. In family home evening we set our house even more in order.

Monday 6th

I worked, visited and had a picnic with the children.

Tuesday 7th

I went to Provo to get a credit report figured out. I did not come up with much.

Wednesday 8th 1981

Fretted away most of the day, I didn't feel well.

Thursday 9th

Worked all day 6:00-6:00. I was tired and didn't do much.

Friday 10

Worked, talked with children, and went to bed

Saturday 11th

Today we planted some fruit trees, three apples, two Peach, one Apricot, two Cherry, and two Pear trees.

Sunday 12th April

We organized the mini supper for the Ward, and had a Bishop Court on a married couple, they were living together before they were married. They were repentant before they ever came in. they asked for a court. Disfellowship was the discipline.

I had impressions that we were supposed to take a greater interest in the afflicted and the old. I mean we as a family.

Monday 13th

We went home teaching tonight. Val Jensen and I are going to teach a family "divorcee's" daughter concerning baptism. And plan on baptizing her in July.

Tuesday 14th

I finished calling the mine [supervisor] people. And went to a Gold and Green Ball dance practice for the floor show.

Wednesday April 15

Mom Spilsbury and Vickie came today. They are up to see Titine and the children.

Thursday April 16th

I went to a Bishop's training session today. The trainer talked about homosexuality. About the organized groups that are trying to get the laws passed in their favor and the success that they are having. A group that are apostate church members, or excommunicated church members wants a prophet that is more understanding of this group and will recognize them, where they can enjoy all of the rights in the church.

The days are as Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lord will have the last say on the matter and it won't be replacing the prophet. I had to leave before it was over and go to work.

Fri April 17th

Today we had our Easter Picnic. With Titine's mother and Vickie here, sizeable family. We went to the big horn drawdown by the swinging bridge.

The children swam in the river; we ate and took it easy and tended the babies. There were no ants or flies. Mom and Vickie left today.

Saturday April 18

Today our ducks came. We also brought two rabbits. Colby and York helped me build a rabbit hutch; we made it out of an old set of kitchen cabinets.

Sunday April 19th

I conducted church today. The stake high council was there. We went to Alberts after church. From Albert's place, he and I drove to Provo, to the Utah Valley Hospital and saw Jimmy Stewart. He was admitted for a liver operation. His parents, Phyllis and Fred, were also there. After which I spent the night with Albert and Fei.

Monday, April 20th

I spent the day in Salt Lake talking with insurance people. Auto and independent agents trying to live out a business for themselves. I feel that I had a successful day. I also paid the examination fee to my insurance test.

I took Colby with me; we had a great time together. We arrived home about 7:00pm.

Tuesday April 21st, 1981

Tonight, we found out that our house would close on Friday. I also taught a lesson to an 8-year-old girl, who hasn't been baptized yet, with the rest of her family. The lesson went very well.

Wednesday Oct. 22

We had bishop meeting and didn't decide on who the new priest's advisor should be.

Thursday 23rd

I went to a scout meeting. At the meeting we were told that 40,000 young men a year are not worthy to be advanced to the Melchizedek Priesthood. That the scouting program could help in this matter if followed the way it should be. Finances were also talked over. The SME drive has to get under way.

Friday April 24, 1981

Today we closed our home sale for \$60,600.00 the house payments are 808.00 per month. I take the [builders/previous owners] are going on a mission.

Home mortgage loans are rapidly becoming a thing of the past. That is, the 30-year loan as they started now, with a frozen interest rate.

We are paying 14.5% interest. The house we sold three months ago we were paying 9% interest. Who knows what else or how high they are going. Closing costs were \$1600.00 dollars.

The Lord helped us get the house I know. And so did the banker. He said that it was a miracle that it closed.

Saturday April 25th, 1981

Tonight was the Gold and Green ball. There was a larger crowd than I expected. Rebeccas was in the show. Titine and I danced a few dances. We ate dinner at Gail and Verma Chapmans' house.

Sunday April 26th 1981

We had an early morning meeting, leadership.

Church, and then we, Titine and I, visited sister Elaine Wilson; we set an appointment at 1pm Tuesday for me to give her a blessing. The blessing is for one o'clock.

After, we visited Mrs. Harrison at 6:30. The Bishopric had another Bishops Court. The verdict, disfellowship. We visited the Allen Edwards family and picked up a Chevy Truck.

Monday April 27th 1981

I worked and studied for my business license.

Tuesday April 28th 1981

Today Titine and I went over to Mrs. Elaine Wilsons. Titine is her visiting teacher, and Elaine was having problems with evil spirits and desired a blessing. So, after two days of fasting, I felt that I was prepared. We kept our one o'clock appointment. After a few minutes of visiting, I gave her youngest son a blessing.

Then I tried to give her a blessing. No inspiration came. We all knelt together each offering a prayer in turn. Still no change in feelings. We then each went into a separate room to pray. After a few minutes a prayer the Lord by his spirit came to me

first. I wasn't repentant enough of a near sin I had committed, two days earlier.

Second. I was to cast the devil out of her house, and its surroundings.

Third. I was to give Titine a blessing.

Fourth- I was then to give Elaine a blessing. Following this procedure, the spirit was there in great abundance. And the evil spirits were trying to enter Titine. She felt them and became frightened. In her blessing by the Priesthood a shield of protection was put around her. Also, a protecting shield was put around Mrs. Wilson.

April 29th 1981

I studied and worked. Clyde dropped by.

April 30th

Studied and went to work

May 1st 1981

Today is Steven's 1st birthday, Titine bought him a wagon. I worked and studied.

May 2nd

We went to the regional training meeting from 6:00-9:30. At five Scott Enfield and I taught Leslie Bennett about baptism. We plan to baptize her in July.

Colby and I built a duck pen. We had some rain today, not enough to do much good. I had the Blazer Scouts over and we tied some knots.

May 3rd 1981 Sunday

We started our meetings at 7:00 and I finished at 3:00. After Priesthood and scouting meeting. I gave Mike Loveless a blessing, he was very discouraged with the Scouting part of the Deacons. But he will excel. It was a very spiritual experience. We both had tears running down our faces. One of the hardest jobs I have is to make the Church fund receipts balance. When Roger Myers and I count the Church funds, we are off sometimes .30 cents and sometimes \$1.10. One time just a dime. So, we go back over the whole process until it balances.

Wednesday 6th May

I went to Salt Lake with Rebecca to take an insurance test. Our Ford Pinto broke down. The rear end(?). We traded it for a 1979 Chevy Nova and gave the Nova to Mother. We stayed overnight in Delta.

Friday May 8th

I took the boys, all except Darien and Steven, and went on the Fathers and Sons outing. It was held at the Buck Horn Flat. At the base of Cedar Mountain. We stayed overnight and came home Saturday around noon. A grand time was had by all. It was that Stake Aaronic Priesthood outing. The stake served us breakfast.

Don Peterson and I talked around the campfire until 12:30 Friday night. The Lord poured out his spirit upon us.

Sunday May 10th

Mother's Day, I called mom and bought Titine Flowers. Titine talked in church.

Monday May 11th

I worked a double today and haven't had enough sleep to talk about since 6:00am Sunday morning, it is now 8:40 Monday night. I am rapidly running out of gas. But I have recommitted myself to be more diligent in learning Chinese.

Tues May 12th

I taught Lisa Bennett and went to a Scout committee meeting.

Wed May 13th

Went to a bishops meeting.

Thurs 14th

Rebecca graduated from Jr. High school tonight; the experience lasted 45 min and was enjoyable. Titine and I stayed and watched the dance for a few minutes. This modern music and dance are something I can't associate with. On top of that the darkness in the halls. We left the children came home at 11:00. Rebecca received a watch for graduation. Plus, her friends gave her some flowers.

Fri 15th

Titine and I went to a movie. Earth bound. Very entertaining. Indeed. One of the few family movies shown these days.

Saturday 16th

I worked and went shopping with Titine. Ralph McClain came over and borrowed an ensign. While he was here, we gave Steven a blessing. He has viral pneumonia.

Sunday 17th

We had the usual Sunday plus a fine Ward Bishopric meeting. I talked to the Carl family about getting their 8-year-old boy baptized.

Monday 18th

Today I worked and organized some teaching lessons to teach a few inactive families. I hope that the Lord will accept them. I have one more to organize. The result of not repenting.

Tues 19th 1981

I worked and we as a Bishopric went to Manti to the temple. We had a very nice time.

Wed. 20th

Worked, taught Lisa Bennett and we had a Bishopric meeting.

Thursday 21st 1981

I watched Ammon and Ashley play baseball today. They won by 1 point. Ferrer Oman came over and brought some books on chickens. I am going to raise some laying hens.

I had some impressions from the spirit that I was going to start making more money than I am now. I do hope so ...

Fri 22-Tues 26th

The family went to Delta Fri after I got home from work. Grandma Winsor was glad to see us. Fri. York shaved his head. He said that he was [ready] as school let out. The children wanted to play a trick on Grandma. So, York borrowed his mother's glasses and put them on. I stopped the car half a block away from the house and let York out. He ran up to Grandmas' house with shaven head, mom's glasses, and a tall tale. He knocked on the door and when his grandmother answered he said that he was a runaway and needed something to eat. She started to question him, he smiled, and the secret was gone. She knew him immediately.

Titine and I took Billy and Colby down to St. George Saturday evening to help Grandpa Spilsbury on the ranch fixing fence. We had a nice visit in St. George, left the boys, and drove to Delta late Sunday night. We helped mom put flowers on the graves of dad, Clara Beth's daughter and Grandpa Elijah Winsor graves for Memorial Day. Uncle Jim and Aunt Madge, their son Jimmy and his wife came from Salt Lake to visit mother. Me and mine left Delta and had a good trip home. I worked graveyard Monday night and Tuesday taught Gaylene Bennett and her daughter. Ray Guyman was my companion.

Wed 27th May

Went to business meeting or Bishop's meeting and home teaching. I enjoy the work in the Church. We were asked to sponsor[?] a mini dinner.

Thurs May 28th

I worked and went home teaching with Mike Lovelace. We had a good experience. We talked of the Savior, his mission, and glory.

Fri May 29th

Today is Francine's birthday. She is six years old. She wanted a barbie doll and got one. I visited Tom Humphery and Maughy Guymon tonight. I think very highly of both of those brethren. The spirit prompted me to call Max Herzog and encourage him. He is down but not out. He is not working now; the coal strike is hurting many good men. I love these brethren so much. He is being tried by the Lord, going through the refiner's fire.

Sat. 30- Sun 1 June

Grandma Winsor came today and bought Rebecca home. It was good to have her here. Saturday, I worked at the mine and did little else. I talked to mom until 1:00am. Was up at seven. for Executive meetings. I spent eh day doing church work. I finished my home teaching.

Monday June 2nd

Titine and my mother left for Logan today to go to the Temple for the marriage of Wayne Stewart, my nephew. I was going to go but the spirit of the Lord told me to stay home.

Tuesday 3rd

I tended the children because their mother is gone. Rebecca has been a great help to me. Titine got home about 7:00 o'clock. I was delighted to see her.

Wednesday 4th of June

Went to Bishops meeting and visited Joe and June Jensen trying to get their children and them to come to Primary. I had impression today that Bishop Wilson was going to move and that I would be called to be the new Bishop.

Thurs. 5th – Saturday 6th

I worked Thurs and Friday, visited some people, Saturday Titine and I drove to Salt Lake she had a group reunion with five of her high school friends.

Some of her friends married some of my friends so we always have a compatible group when we get together. We arrived back home around 11pm.

Sunday 7 of June

I missed Bishops meeting this morning. I thought that it was cancelled. The theme of the Testimony meeting was, sacrifice, payment of tithing and offerings. I bore my testimony.

Monday 8th

We planted our garden, ordered some pigs, and ran errands.

Tuesday-9

I finished typing the minutes to the first ward Bishops meeting. Typing is an ordeal for me.

Wednesday 10th

Robbby Roberston and I called on some, people today, the Johnsons, and parents of the Spencer children, and Mrs. and Mr. Lamar George.

I dug part of a ditch and worked. The spirit has been impressing up on my mind that I will begin making more mone....

Friday

I worked, visited families, and worked in the garden.

Saturday

This weekend there is stake conference. Br. Dean Larsen was down as the visiting General Authority. He is a member of the first Quorum of 70's. One of the seven Presidents. I liked him immediately. He answered many questions on the Priesthood and welfare programs of the Church. Only the needy worthy members should be helped. Only after the family resources have been exhausted. Also, the Bishop is responsible only for the member of the Church in the ward boundaries. Not the non-members. Also, just because a person pays tithes & offerings in the Church all of the time the Church is not required to help him maintain his standard of living

Br. Jensen talked on family togetherness. He also stressed the closeness of the coming of the Lord and the hard times that were coming before that time.

The Bishopric had a 6:30 meeting trying to activate the inactive. We are sending the Elders and 70's home teachers together on certain assigned families.

Mon 15 June. 1981

I went with Tom Humphrey to Duchene today. On the way over I was telling him about my plateau of spiritual development. He said the Lord wanted me to have a blessing. We stopped and he gave me a blessing.

This blessing started that the Lord was pleased with me. That I would have the discernment to understand my children. (I have been praying for that). That my wife loved me. She would lay her life down for me. The boys would become might men in the Church. The Lord was withholding his spirit from me but one day shortly I would gain the spiritual understanding that I was seeking. I would know as surely as Pres. Kimbal, Pres. Kimbal as seen the Lord. I would find the answers in the scriptures continue to study them, I have, and I will.

Tues June 16th-18th

I worked, visited people in connection with my Church calling.

Friday 19th

I called Jack Harvey and talked to him today about coal selling. After which I drove to Fossil Mountain coal mine to find out what they would sell coal for. \$28.00 a ton. I asked them about a trade. They thought that it was a good idea. But I would have to call Dennon and clear it through them. It was too late in the day to call Dennon. Titine and I left for St. George to pick up Bill and Colby. They have been at their Grandparents for three weeks.

Saturday 20-Sunday 21

We had a very pleasant stay with Grandma and Grandpa Spilsbury. We had planned on coming home Saturday night, but Titine's parents were going to speak in church Sunday. We stayed to listen to them. Titine's cousins were there visiting. Cathy from Mississippi and Honey from California.

Sunday June 21st

Attended church with Grandparents and listened to them speak. Mom spoke on prodigal son. Dad touched on prayer, gathering in the lost sheep, and fatherhood. Today was Father's Day. We left St. George about 6pm and arrived home at 11pm. We brought two couches with us. One needs to be re-covered. And we either lost a pillow on the other or we left it in St. George.

Monday Jan 22nd

Today I quit my job at the coal mine. It was a very hard decision to make but I made it. And I feel good about it. I am venturing into a new coal business of breaking coal. The new business will be called **the Rocky Mountain Coal Brokerage**. I hope to sell lump coal to the coal yards in the Western States. Shipping costs are so prohibitive that cheap coal doesn't exist anymore. I am excited about my new adventure. Just pray and hope that it pans out to be even half as good as I want it to be. I am happy to be out of the mining industry or underground mining coal at any rate.

Tuesday June 23rd- Wednesday 24th

I went to the Dirty Devil to ask what coal was there. Waiting for Jack, however, we never saw him. I came back home Wednesday at noon. Titine went to the Dr. for a baby check-up We are going to have another baby.

[After Steven was born the spirit whispered and said that he was the last that our Father in Heaven had for us. At the time I said that we would be glad to accept another baby into our home if there were ones that no one wanted. But he said no that was enough and that our sacrifice was accepted. We forgot about having children.

Then about December we wanted to give a gift to the Savior. We saw some unwanted children advertised on television. We talked it over in family home evening the children and the family decided to put in for the unwanted child. We fasted and took the proposal to the Lord. He said "no". We forgot about it. A few months passed, we were enjoying life Titine started putting on weight. She then started feeling air bubbles in her stomach. I shrugged it off just as that. But, one night after saying my prayers I lay in bed pondering the signs of her tummy, and the movement, when the spirit came to me. That there was ...*(a)* child in heaven. And our Father in Heaven decided to send him to us. What made this all the more unusual was that Titine was almost through her change in life. I am delighted with the whole matter.

We had a fund-raising ward banquet and auction. I bought two blankets and a large tablecloth.

Thurs 25th

Wrote letters and attended a Bishopric meeting. Talked of young woman that will be facing an excommunication because of moral problems. She has already been disfellowshipped.

Friday 26th

I spent the day in Salt Lake and Provo selling coal. I have one order for two hundred tons and some promises of other orders.

Uncle Jim Smith was kind enough to let me stay with him. We went out to Ron and Donna Smith and saw their now home and their newly adopted children. She has a beautiful home.

Saturday 27 1981

I called Grand Junction Colorado and talked to the Smiths. I have to call again Monday- the reason- to see if I can buy the coal from them to sell up north. I stayed at Uncle Jim's and Aunt Madge's last night. And arrived home this AM around 8:30.

Sunday 28th July

I read the Scriptures this morning and prayed concerning Jacob 2:18-19. I didn't like the answer. Today during the sacrament in church, the rest of the answer was given to me. At this time, it appears that we are going to lose all that we own. But I will wait and see. I did my home teaching tonight, Took Bill with me.

Monday June 29th 1981

Today the spirit was with me most of the day. I was on a high. We were told to sell our house and our home. The Lord said that he would help us. I don't want to very bad tonight. But I wanted to while the spirit was with me. But we will.

I took the family to Goblin Valley today. They enjoyed it. The coal though still hasn't gone through yet. It isn't dead yet either.

It appears that when Titine is ready for her next blessing she will receive her eyesight. At least I hope I read this spirit correctly. Or perhaps she will receive it without a blessing, either way, I hope that it happens.

Wed. June 30th

We left today for Salt Lake; I had to be in the City at 10:00 for an appointment with Angie Smith and his lawyer to sign a contract for buying some coal. We have the contract signed, after which we, Titine, Bill, and myself went looking at houses to buy. It appears that we will be moving to Salt Lake. We now have our house up for sale. And whether we get it sold we will buy one in Salt Lake. I hope that this takes place before school starts.

At 4:00pm we went over to Kent's and Beth Ann Smith in Draper and spent the night with them. We ate out and got rained on.

Thurs. July 1

I slept in the Van with the two small boys. We, the Smiths and the Winsor's, left for Island Park Idaho to spend a few days' vacation with friends. Ken Sampson and Gordon Barbers cabin. We stayed in a rest area outside of Fremont and ate breakfast. And arrived at the Sampson's home in Shelly around noon time. Left there around six and was up to Leland Park cabin about 7:30 or 8:00

We had a difficult time getting the power generator on for water. It was after dark when we ate.

July 2-4

We spent time at the Island Park Cabin. The four couples have twenty-seven children and two more expecting. We looked at large fish and seven relaxed and got sunburned. The children all got along so well. At night, the adults went to a play in West Yellowstone No-No moments. Very entertaining and interesting.

We left for home sometime between 4 and 5 pm. And arrived home at 3:30am. Sunday morning. I stopped and slept for a time or two. I got so sleepy. It is always good to get back home.

While at Leland Park we talked about the trails and trouble our children are going to face.

July 5th Sunday

A beautiful day. I enjoy Sundays more and more. I began fasting, I gave a blessing to Sister Elaine Wilson. Told her that her husband earned the right in the spirit world to guide her. And be her an encourager[?] of her to repent and have them sealed in the temple.

We agreed that I should be an instrument for the Lord to bless her each Sunday, for the next few weeks. And she was to put her life in order. Tom and Ginger came over and visited.

July 6th 1980

Today or early this morning while saying my prayers the Lord told me that I was to receive a blessing. At two minutes to six I called Tom and asked him to give me a blessing. At 6:05, I was receiving one.

The blessing told me that the Lord through the study of scriptures would cover the {impurities} and unwanted thoughts that keep popping into my mind. That I would be blessed with a greater understanding of faith and that my faith would increase. Also, the scriptures would give me new insights. That I would succeed in the new business that I am now into, but I would have to work hard at it to make it successful.

Tuesday July 7th

I called Joe Schmutz today and asked him if he wanted to buy some shares of Spilsbury development. He said yes. The Rocky Mountain Coal Distribution is growing and started to take shape. The hand of the Lord has been in it all the way. In fact, I would not have had the courage to take it on by myself. Oh! I am so grateful for him. I now understand the saying a man can do anything if the Lord is on his side. He has truly been on my side, this past while. But he helps all his children if they but ask. And after they ask, they have the energy to follow his instructions.

I have had some unusual impressions of the spirit today. I do hope that I do nothing to lose the spirit.

Wed July 8th 1981

I paid Bryan Smith the check and bought the coal for \$10,000 dollars. I am trusting in the Lord and not in money. Titine and I went to Salt Lake looking for a house. We saw some beautiful homes. The spirit directed us to the area that we should live in. We found the area and not the house.

Thursday & Friday 6-7 July

Worked at getting my business established. I found a good source for coal. I feel that the spirit guided me to the source. If we can only get some money to operate now.

July 8-11

I took the girls to girl camp to Joes Valley. Worked at selling coal. Went to the Blazon Mine to see Joe Harvey. Blazon will be a good mine to work from.

We gave a blessing, Roger Myers and myself, to Br. Steve Wilkenson! The blessing promised him a long life and admonished him to seek Priesthood blessings as often as he desired from the Lord.

I sold advertising for the little Buckeroo Rodeo. For the most part, spent some time with the family and worked at selling coal.

Sunday July 12th

I attended Bishop's meeting. We need to call a new Deacons President. After months of trying, we finally got an award from Daren Herdsman

I gave, under the power of the spirit, a blessing to Sister Elaine Wilson. We talked to her and taught her for a while. She is putting her life in order to prepare to go through the temple and have her husband sealed to her. He passed away a few years ago. The Deacons gathered fast offerings.

Monday July 12th

We took the children swimming for family home evening. I finished gathering advertising for the little Buckeroo rodeo. I didn't do much of a job. While the children were swimming, I walked through the Pioneer Museum at Castle Dale.

Tuesday July 14th

We, Titine and I went to St. George to see if we could sell Joe Schmutz some land so we could have operating money for the coal business. The family meeting didn't go at all the way I desired it to, but some good was done, and the sale of the land was laid out on the table and openness was expressed.

July 15

We arrived home from St. George this day. The trip was a fast hot one. We were in a borrowed car. The headliner had a small tear in it. One of the small children put his finger in the tear and tore it clear across. After we got home, I fixed it the best we could. I taped it and sewed it. Mike was very good about the whole affair.

July 16th 1981

I spent the day in Salt Lake. We sold twenty-five tons of coal to be delivered next week. I talked to BYU about coal and Trojan powder. I also had a meeting with Kent Smith about another coal project. I have my doubts about it but, we will see. I got home frustrated, hot, and discouraged. I don't know which way to turn. But I did recommit myself to the Lord. He is my only hope. I have nowhere else to go.

I gave Jack \$500.00 when he needed \$500.00. A ten-thousand-dollar check bounced. I have to call Bryan Smtih and talk to him this morning. Things are going bottoms up. The house payment is late, the car payment is due, and I have an overdue note at the bank to pay.

Jack Harvy is discouraged. I am a little discouraged but not lacking in faith. I must do more work for the Church. And perhaps the blessings will come. My mind has been on too many things of the world. That will change. The change has started. From this day forward I will put the work of the Lord first, unless further advised by Him. Then if all goes bottom up, I can at least have a clear conscience before him. I have committed to that before and have done it. But the weight of business has caused me to stray. These past few weeks. So, I am headed in the wrong direction. I told Jack to go to the temple today, instead of the truck. I will get my S.M.E. drive.

Finished home teaching done and baptisms handled, visiting taken care of then worry about work.

July 17th 1981

I took the children swimming today; called some coal companies to buy coal and worked in the little concession stand at the little buckaroo rodeo.

July 18th 1981

I slept in today, spent time with the children, cut weeds, had the goats moved to a new grazing ground, sold concessions at the Little Buckaroo rodeo.

Sunday July 19th 1981

I forgot about bishops training meeting. But made it to bishops meeting. Visited some members today. We had a blazer scout induction program and a scout committee meeting. The Scouts are trying to buy a coal truck to sell coal. We have an old one. But it needs to get fixed up. The mechanics in the ward are doubtful about it. I am no mechanic, so I don't know. I will trust their word for it.

[Meughen and Thelra Guman] came over to visit tonight. I always enjoy this company.

July 20th 1981

We went to Provo to go to the temple, but the temples are closed on Monday, so we drove to Salt Lake with my mother and looked up a house that we hope to buy.

July 21st

I went to the temple with some other priesthood brethren. We took two sessions. I also had my introduction with the Primary Presidency. Sis Grange had some special problems that we requested to the Church Social Services.

July 22nd

We talked to the people at Blazon. We hope to get a coal contract with LDS Hospital. We will sell coal for Blazon.

Thurs. July 23rd

We left Huntington for a Spilsbury family reunion. I sold coal on the way there. We will start delivering coal soon.

Fri July 24th

We spent this day on the mountain. At Vickie's and Joe's cabin on Kolob Mountain. The children swam and fished. I pushed the small ones on a swing. Saturday the people started coming to the reunion. Joe Schmutz came and gave me a \$25,000 dollar check to start the coal business with.

The reunion was one of the most enjoyable that I have ever been to. There was plenty to eat. Everyone got along so well, and almost all of the family was there. Grandma Seegmiller isn't expected to live very much longer. The doctors give her two months. She seemed to have a very enjoyable time. She has Cancer. There were 63 people at the reunion.

We slept overnight and visited Sunday, ate some more and visited. There was a discussion about an earthquake that is supposed to shake the world. According to the scientists, all of the planets that circle the sun are supposed to line up and the gravity pull will have some force and affect the earth. Some religious people or I shall say some people that attend a study group have it figured out that this earthquake will strike in August 1981, which is about three weeks away. We shall see, I know, that things have to start happening soon.

Monday July 27th

We went to Salt Lake to rent a trailer to haul a front-end loader with. We lined up some trucks to rent, I got home at 7:45 and ate, changed, and went over to Elaine Wilson's and gave her a blessing and talked of the gospel.

Tuesday July 28th

We went to the Temple. Titine and myself. I was a proxy for my great grandfather Lyman Woods to give him a date when he was sealed to his parents. Afterwards Titine and I bought a car in Salt Lake. We arrived home at 9:30pm

Wed. 29th

Today was Colby's birthday. I travelled all over the state and didn't do much good at the job. The Lord told me to drop Blazon mine and pick up [Coalville], which I will do.

Thursday July 30th

Today my friend Kent Gorden came down to pick up some coal samples. We visited and had an excellent time together. We were disappointed with our coal source, we lost it. But I believe we have another in Coalville.

I did some home teaching last night. My father in Heaven also has instructed me to write in my journal in the mornings.

Friday 31st

We met with the Smiths from Dirty Devil mines. Angie and Bryon are controlled, [materially] and live the life of money. I dislike dealing with such men. I learned a great lesson today. I have taken a financial beating. But the lesson has been worth it. My appreciation of the gospel has been greatly enhanced. My love for the Saints of God has increased. I am a better person with more experience.

Saturday 1st

The phone rang all day today. I threw my backout while lifting a rim, it is the first problem I have had with it for some time.

The Spirit of the Lord comforted me today when I really needed him. I called it down from heaven through prayer. I wouldn't trade all of the gifts in the world for the gift of prayer and the Holy Ghost.

Sunday July 2nd

We gathered fast offerings, and I started working with the Scouts to help them become Eagles. They want to.

Monday Aug 3rd

I spent the day at the Dirty Devil Mine. I took the boys York and Ashley with me. We got home at 5:15 and went swimming for family home evening. I hurt my back more. It is sore.

Tuesday Aug 4th

My back is horrible this morning, all I can do is lay flat. A driver quit. But I am not discouraged. Kent Smith was fixing his old car, and the carburetor blew up on him. He burned over 20% of his body.

Aug 5th-11th 1981

I spent the first five days flat on my back. I threw my back out while swimming with the children, after I lifted a wheel. It slowly got better until Sunday. I had a good, good Sabbath, and went to Salt Lake Monday, which I stayed overnight, and attended to business on Tues, as well as bought a shirt, slacks, and two pair of stockings. I arrived home at 7:30pm got a call from Jack Harvey and helped him in Wellington on his truck.

Aug. 12th 1981 Wed

I attended the Baptism of Monte tonight. I do believe that it was the most spiritual baptism that I have ever been too. He has been out of the Church for four years. ...

Aug 13,1981

Toda has been one of the most frustrating days. All seems to go wrong. But I do believe the some good is going to come out of it. I have come up with another way to sell coal. And I hope that we have come up with a way to get the coal off the mine site. At least I hope that I have. The children went out and sorted coal. They are with me today. They worked hard.

Aug 15th Saturday

What a great day I have had. I made the decision not to work on Sunday, and the Lord sustained me in it. Hatch had several trucks at the Dirty Devil Mine, they wanted to work Saturday and Sunday. I said that I wouldn't work on Sunday, and I wouldn't ask any of men to work on Sunday. I got a call from Bryan Smith, from his father Angie, from three different Bosses from Hatch co. but, through it all I was sustained by the spirit of the Lord. I felt that it was truly a battle between the God of the world, many, and the Living God of Israel. The situation that I was in is Carlena holds a \$10,000 bounced check of mine, plus I owe them in payments around \$30,000 dollars. So, the pressures were there. But so was Israel's God. He has sustained me through it all. Also, I was able with the spirit of the Lord as my guide to get diesel fuel on credit. We don't have any money. I could never accomplish what I have done so far without the strength and guidance given me of the Lord. My faith has grown immensely. I am so grateful for it.

Aug 16th – 18th

I enjoyed Sunday. Monday was pleasant, and Tuesday was full of problems. Richard Winsor, my nephew, came over and is working for me. He will run the front-end loader to begin with.

Aug 19th 1981

Today Titine and I have been married for 17 years. Seventeen great years, seventeen growing years have been filled with beauty, trials, and happiness, children, poverty and education.

Today we were together almost all day, we truly enjoyed the time. We went to Duchene, sold coal, and ate dinner. Came home and went to a high priesthood party our first, since I have been a high priest for only 8 months.

The day is now over, and we start another year of marriage, at this moment perhaps we are on the verge of riches. The Lord has been working with me in getting this business started. He has directed me, opened doors for me, and softened the heart of the people that I am working with or in other words, buying the coal from. Today he showed me how to sell coal. At least he has finalized the instructions I received some time ago.

Aug 23rd Sunday

Today I have resolved to take the Lord at his word and serve Him first, and foremost, regardless of the sacrifice, or time involved as far as I am concerned. He has given me commandment to do so. I will take Him at His Word and see what happens financially.

Aug. 31st 1981

This past week has been a do-nothing week in a way. And in another way, it has been a very unusual week. One that I am having a hard time understanding. It seems as if the Lord is giving me more than I can handle. But if under the guidelines he established, it can be of the greatest blessings on the earth. I cannot understand what is happening or going to happen for sure. But it has been difficult for me. I will trust in the Lord.

The. shop and I got some problems worked out. I feel much better about the whole calling of counselor now. I just wish that I could get to moving and not tread water so much.

Sept. 1st 1981

Today I spent in Salt Lake seems as if my time was wasted. I saw lawyers and haggled over money. I hate doing both. But it looks as if the Lawyer thing cleared itself up. Mountain States will come around on the front-end loader.

I saw Kent Smith today; he looked pretty good from the last time I saw him. He was burned when the carburetor blew up on him.

Sept. 3rd 1981

I spent the day in Salt Lake City, advertising coal. Tonight, while I was reading Wilford Woodruff Biography, the spirit revealed a fact to me that the Saints have already been hit by the day of Vengeance and now it is going forth upon the inhabitants of the earth (Section 112). I have wondered about that scripture many times.

The Spirit also told me that the shroud that is supposed to have been the one to cover the Savior is a hoax. I am grateful for the Holy Ghost.

Saturday Sept. 5th.

We bought tomatoes yesterday in Mapleton and bottled them today. We put up eighty-eight quarts of tomatoes today, and last week we put up 150-some-odd peaches. Tonight, I have had

some depression, but when I think positive instead of negative, I feel much better. It is just a matter of mental attitude, how much a person trusts in the Lord. I listened to the BYU Long Beach State Football game. Today the Y won 31-7. But they didn't play much of a game.

I went to a baptism tonight, two 8-year-old children from our ward was baptized, Gees child and Jennifer Farnson. I stood as a witness. Baptisms are always a very special occasion. We had much thundering and lightning. Until Br. Liester asked the Lord to tame the elements for the sacred occasion. I never heard not one clap of thunder during that whole baptism service.

Sunday September 6th

It seems as if, when the day's activities are over that my mind relaxes and tension begins to build, it has been this way since I started this coal business; anyways, until everything started going wrong. I don't see an end to it. I suppose that time will tell but when I think of the Lord and that helps me greatly.

Today has been a fruitful day in the spirit for me. We had a good business meeting, a good church, and I set personally a new Deacons Quorum president apart, Keith Young, and his first councilor, Colby Winsor. And assisted in setting apart Darren Herdsman, and Frank Joynen. We also blessed two children, three children, and confirmed two to the church. After church Richard Bissell came over for a blessing and brought his family. We talked to Roger, his son, for a while. He doesn't have a testimony but thinks perhaps he might be interested in gaining one. After which I gave Richard and Edna, his wife, a blessing. Then at 3:00pm I gave a blessing to Elaine Wilson. We visited with her for two hours.

We had family home evening and talked about the priesthood. It truly has been a full day for me.

Monday 7th

Today was Labor Day. I went to Spanish Fork and Payson to sell coal. While in Spanish Fork I stopped in and talked to Sterling Ledlow. We had a nice visit. His house caught fire, and they are living at her mother's house until they got their own fixed.

We went to the old folks [something rest home] and put on the family home evening. The family didn't really enjoy it, but I believe that we did a service. We had punch and cookies on the way home.

Tuesday Sept. 8th 1981

Today as a day of heaviness for me. I don't know why. For the spirit has sustained me and during prayer tonight the spirit was in great abundance.

Sept. 10-13

I spent Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Park City for an EMT training. While there the Lord put me through an obedience test that I am glad is over.

Saturday, I had a very pleasant ride home. The Canyons are starting to put on their fall dress.

Sunday was a good day all of my Sundays are good days.

Monday Sept. 14th

I went to Green River today and bought some oil for the [siding] and talked to the men working for me. They are good men. I do hope that the Lord will bless me enough to pay them what they are worth.

I picked a hitch hiker up outside of Price and took him to Green River on the way home. I picked the same hitch hiker up outside price and took him to Huntington.

September 19th

Today was a day that I will never forget. I delivered our eleventh child. We didn't think that it was to be born until November. Titine started with contractions. She felt that it was fake labor. By the time that we realized that it was the real thing the time was too short to get to the hospital. So, I delivered it. Of course, it wasn't a perfect delivery, I let it get too cold, and it aspirated some fluid into its lungs. We took both the baby and the mother to the hospital. Titine stayed a day and came home. The little girl is still in. We hope to bring her home in three more days. She had a slight case of pneumonia. It was averaging to I said that it was a cute little fellow and Titine thought it was a boy. So, after the excitement was all over, she said it's a boy. I don't know, I answered, so we looked, and it was a little girl.

20th September

I brought Titine home from the hospital today.

21st of September

I saw the baby at the hospital. She is doing fine. They have her off oxygen. And all else checks out normally. This has been an up and down day.

Sept. 25-26

Friday, I took the Blazer Scouts camping. It was supposed to be a district campout. But we were told the wrong campground. So we went up a little further into the Canyon and had a troop campout, the boys had fun. So did I. Saturday I was letting them swim in the creek when I remembered I was supposed to baptize the little Bennet girl at 5:00, was 4:25 when I remembered. So, we hurried home. I got to the baptism at 5:03. They were waiting for me. The time had been changed to 4:30p but the job got done.

Sunday Sept. 27th 1981

I ordained Lisa Bennet into the church today. The spirit said that if she would live righteously that she could see the face of the Lord.

Monday 28th

I went to Salt Lake and put an application in at the Church Personnel department today. I don't know why.

Sept. 30,1981

This morning, I wanted to bless the baby, Polly, the Lord was kind enough to let me. He promised her health and a long life. After which I was impressed to give Titine a blessing.. ...

Today President Kimball took a turn for the worse. He had internal bleeding. Jack Harvey brought 22 truck tires for me to sell.

Oct 5th 1981

The first five days of this month were very uneventful. Not much has happened in furthering my job along.

Saturday and Sunday there was General Conference of the Church. President Kimball was ill and has been for the past 4 weeks. He had an operation on his skull. The second in a few months. He has fluid developing in his head. It has to be drained. He has had a slow recovery this time. The Conference speakers talked about charity, missionary work, the Prophet Joseph Smith, the Savior, and faith, repentance, and the Holy Ghost.

Sunday night we as a Bishopric met with the Young Men leaders to see how we could strengthen the Young Men's Program. I'm not sure how much was accomplished. Little Polly is growing and doing well.

Oct. 6-13

These past days have been long discouraging, and fruitless. I have wasted a lot of time. Spent some time with the children and thought about very little that is worthwhile. I don't have a

reason to get up in the morning; life seems so senseless. I have spent much time in prayer to keep my mind from returning back to weaknesses that I have spent effort in overcoming. I could have never done it without prayer. I did find peace.

Oct 20th 1981

More of the same, waiting. Not much progress financially, I have to sell some coal and get an income.

I spent an enjoyable day yesterday, worked on the Church [welfare bee] project, finished plumbing in a washing machine for the Wilkinson family, and took the family or anyway most of the family out to the desert. The older boys shot their twenty-two rifles at targets until they ran out of bullets and then they came over to the dirt hill where the smaller children were. We played on the dirt hill for a long time. All enjoyed it very much.

I am trying to call a fellow to get a separator lined up. I can't get hold of him. maybe tonight.

Oct. 26th 1981

It appears as if the coal business is getting underway. Things have fallen in place so far.

I am still on a spiritual plateau. But I am now starting to visit people and do missionary work. I think that is what the Lord wants me to do. But now I have to be because I covenanted that I would- I will.

I gave Janice Meyers a ...Also, in a blessing I gave to Elaine Wilson ...

Yesterday was the last Sunday in the month. That is important because I don't have to conduct meetings anymore. I don't feel comfortable doing it. Therefore, I don't like to.

I have a sore on my elbow that I don't know what it is. It is swollen but the Lord said not to worry about it so I won't.

I don't understand all that I know, but I must be obedient, that I understand and know.

Nov. 3rd 1981 Tuesday

Last Thursday Titine and I took Robert, Darien, and Polly and went to Saint George, for two days. On the way down I stopped and talked with Russel Leint about separating coal. We stayed Thursday night at Tanya's and Clarks. Arriving there at about 12:30 at night. Titine had a nice visit with her sister, we then went on down to St. George and stayed overnight with Titine's folks. Grandma Seegmiller isn't expected to live much longer; she is completely bedridden. The day that we arrived in St. George, Titine's folks were working in the temple. They work there once a week. We were treated very well. I enjoy going to her house. Everyone thought that Polly was cute. She being the newest in the family, and the first that Titine's side of the family had seen her.

While we were gone Francine must have taken something and broke out with a rash. This day being Tuesday and she hasn't gone back to school yet. She has been very miserable but is getting better. I took a Loan out from the bank of \$3,600.00. I hope that the Lord blesses me to pay it back.

Friday, I took the Baptism suit over to Joey Sherman. We have been trying to get his son baptized all summer. He is almost nine now. Saturday he was baptized, and I confirmed him Sunday in sacrament meeting. His father being a senior Aaronic. ...

Sunday, I gave Polly a name and a blessing. The blessing was very [disoriented]. The essence of the blessing said that Polly would be blessed with good health that she would marry a good husband and raise a family. With a desire to be married in the temple she was born at the time in this family for reasons known unto the Lord and be a blessing to this family.

President Kimball and President Benson both seem to be on the mend from their operations. Pres. Bensons hip and Pres. Kimbal head and gastric obstruction.

Friday, I called Tom Humphrey and sked him to help give Francine a blessing. He gave the blessing and promised her health. And that Titine and I would have the knowledge to find the [Ablest] After which Tom asked me to help give Robyn their daughter a blessing...

Nov. 4, 1981

We had Bishops meeting tonight. Beforehand I talked with Scott Enfield concerning a new member list in the ward. He said that he would get the bishop one today has been a hard day and an easy day. I am now out of a job. I lost my coal. But I will trust in the Lord.

Thursday Nov. 5th

Today was report card and parent teacher day. Titine and I talked with the children's teachers and picked up the report cards. On the main we were pleased with what we saw and heard. I went by myself and prayed and read, and thoughts came.

Friday Nov. 6th

Ashley and I went to Provo today. I took him out of school at 11:00. We had dinner, paid some bills, went bowling, and had a good time in general. We arrived home at 7:30. Titine's Grandmother Seegmiller died today. She was 89 years old.

Saturday 7th

I helped Titine hang some pictures. Listened to football games. BYU Colorado State the Y won by a blow out, 58 to 14. And watched New Mexico and Utah tie.

I filled the car up to go to St. George for Grandma's funeral.

Sunday 8-Tues 10th

After our block of church meetings, Titine and I took the family and went to St., George for grandma Seegmiller's funeral. The funeral was on Monday. Titine was one of the speakers they asked me to give the closing prayer. Grandma Seegmiller was a good person and loved by all that knew her.

While in St. George I called Salt Lake on a job. It was one of selling signs. I believe that I can make a good living at it. So, the next day was spent in training. We drove to Delta and the family stayed there while I went to Salt Lake. We arrived home on Tuesday at 10:30.

Thurs 12th

Yesterday I came to training for American Displays and drove home. 150 miles are a bit far to drive, so I am staying in a motel room tonight. The job scares me to death. It is so much like others that I have failed. But the spirit of the Lord is with me, so when I am in a positive mental attitude, I feel good about the job. But when I stop to think about it I want to call it quits.

I called Titine tonight. It seemed so good to talk to her. I am in a mood of depression. I don't like it.

Friday 13

I stayed at the LaQuinta Motel. Phoned Titine to come up and visit me. She couldn't. I had a bout with Satan, not an open conflict, what but I felt his evil presence around me and in the room. Through prayer I prevailed. It was frightening.

Saturday 14-Friday 20th

I spent the week learning about signs and tried to sell them but gave up. I came home Wednesday to Bishops meeting, but I went to a Primary Stake meeting instead. A new Primary program is coming out in January. So, I went to learn about it. Wednesday was when it was introduced.

Thursday Elaine Wilson was sealed in the temple to her deceased husband; she asked me to be the proxy for her. It was a truly interesting experience. She also had her two youngest children sealed to them, Andy and Benjamin. After which we visited with [Mayonne Kini Kiwi] Sheh tended our baby while absent.

Friday, I spent the day around the house with the children. And took Rebecca to the basketball game she had a slumber party with her friends after. We watched the Green Berets on television.

Saturday 21st

I spent the day listening to BYU football game. The Y beat Utah 56-28. And I watched they play Virginia in basketball; they lost 63-61, Virginia had a 7'4" fellow on their team. It was a good ball game.

I prepared a priesthood lesson for the deacons, and a 7-minute talk for a Priesthood session. How to prepare your boys to go on a mission.

I played with the children. Let Jack Hawes use our little electric heater and that's about all. Organized a baptism Program.

Sunday Nov. 22rd

We the Bishop and I set aside, the Relief Society Presidency tonight.

I acted as mouth to [Angelica Almond] ? The Lord told her of her special talents and not to worry over finance. Also, the church activity is just beginning.

November 23rd 1981

Today I had my monthly interview with the Primary Presidency. We had some spiritual experiences,.... Jack Harvey gave me a radio and cassette unit and put in in my car.

Tuesday 24th 1981

I went riding bicycles with Jack Harvey today. After that I took him to Price. We had a religious discussion. He is on the fringe of falling away. He has had some financial difficulties, and it is all about more than he can take. But he is a good person.

Wednesday 25th 1981

Today we left for Thanksgiving in Delta. We drove as far as Nephi and stayed overnight with Albert and his family. We then drove to Delta Thanksgiving morning. Phyllis and Fred was there, Chief and his wife, Wayne and his wife, Phyllis Ann and her husband, Sandy and his girlfriend. Albert and Fae, Sheila and her younger sister. Leslie never made it. For she just had a new baby. Peri and Shelly didn't come. With such a crowd we, least part of us had to stay in Motel rooms. There were 35 people in all. The food was in abundance, and so was conversation. However, it all was ceased when the Dallas Cowboys played the Detroit Lions, we were all for Dallas because of Danny White, my uncle converted his grandfather to the gospel. He got hurt and didn't play the Second half.

Friday, we left for home. We left Delta around 3:30 and arrived home at 6:30. Huntington Canyon Road was slick. So, we drove slowly. The little children slept most of the way, while

Billy and Colby told Robert in a scary manner of human beings, atmosphere, Does (deer) and avalanches. The trip was very enjoyable.

Saturday Morning November 28th, 1981

I was thinking the other day that this past while the Lord has been very good to Titine and myself. He has revealed some very startling things to us and guarded us in some unusual ways at this time for future use and to see if the impressions I have received will come to pass or not

Several years ago, I had an impression of the spirit... that we are going to have one more child, a son...

Sunday 29th of November

It has been a good day today. Meetings started at 6:30am and were through at 12:30 after which I visited Primary teachers, two said they wanted to quit. We then set 4 of them apart. I finished my home teaching, and we saw family slides. We had the first snowstorm of the season.

We also registered the boys for scouts for another year. We paid for the registering our of the coal money.

I feel Jack Harrage calf again tonight, he is away for Thanksgiving.

Monday 30th

I read the Biography of President David O' Mckay. And started reading Jesuse the Christ. This waiting game is getting to me. We had family home evening.

Tuesday Dec 1st 1981

I have time and will do some retrospection of my life. I was born in Springville, Arizona and then the family moved to Delta, Utah for a short period of time, after which they moved back to Springville. Which, I was just a baby or a toddler. Less than three. I can remember my fist bicycle ride, in Delta, how frightened I was, but how much fun it seemed to be. I don't think that I was on a bike after that until I was 9 and learned to ride one for myself. We got one for Christmas. The bike was too large for me, and I remember how hard it was to get on it and ride without tripping over but after much persistence I did learn. We lived at the bottom of a hill, when coming home from school on the bike, Albert and I had a difficult time making the turn to the gate and wrapped ourselves around the gatepost. But a little experience soon solved that problem.

Springville was an ideal place for a young boy to grow up. It is in a valley in the white mountains called round valley. The green grass for cattle, the pasture with logs, and the little Colorado river. The most delightful trip that I knew was the one under fences, across the bogs across the river but through the meadow to Grandma Woods house. We never had a car the firs

few years and then dad bought an old two-ton truck that was our transportation until after we moved back to Delat at age 11.

The little Colorado river ran through Grandmas Woods place. As far as the grandkids were concerned it was our river. There were two swimming holes in the river. One was Woods hole. That is where the kids from all over the valley came to swim. And there was little buffalo, the willows secluded that swimming hole. It was on the bend of the river, and it was the woods private swimming hole. No one swam there but the grandchildren of Grandma Woods. I learned to swim there at six years old. The happy summer hours that we spent along the little Colorado river; swimming, playing cowboys, and soldiers. The complete peace and tranquility for a boy growing up, catching frogs, water snakes, and getting big by mosquitoes.

It was in these same willows along the river that we kept my pony, Blue Bell. She was a little white mare. How I loved to ride her. She got into loco weed and when anything got tangled around her feet she went crazy. I was the victim of those circumstances. She had just given birth to a colt, who in two years would take the place of her mother, for being my horse. Dad named him Lad. But I had a pair of cowboy boots on my feet that were too large. A pair of chaps and a vest on. The chaps and vest Santa brought to me. Also, I had a big long rope. I had the rope around Blue Bell neck and started to put the bridle on when Lad ran up behind her and frightened her. She ran over me. The rope was tangled around my feet, her feet and her neck. She started dragging me through the pasture. My head had to have stitches; my back was rubbed raw. But luckily enough the boots were too large and pulled off my foot, and I was released. Phyllis was coming across the Boggs and took me home. The incident didn't hinder my enthusiasm for horse one little bit.

There was a group of fine boys that would get together and ride all around the valley, we loved it. It was in the Eager ward in Arizona that I have become acquainted with the Church and was baptized. we had no baptismal font in the building. So all the baptisms were held in the river. My birthday being in January, I wasn't baptized until May. Until the weather warmed up some. But I still remember how cold the water was. I was baptized in the little Colorado river. The day was a special day for me. I had a peaceful feeling, with a full knowledge that it was the right thing to do. My older brother and sisters teased me about not being a member of the Church because I wasn't baptized. It was a great day in my life. When that day came, we lived in a small four-roomed house in Springville. Dad built three rooms when he and mother were married. And built one larger room on the back after four children were born. At least at the time I thought that it was a large room; after seeing it in later years, it wasn't large at all.

Albert and I slept together with a big dog that slept under the covers at the foot of the bed. He was part bulldog and the rest mut, Tippy was his name. I love to watch him fight as a goy. When we moved to Delta, he jumped off the truck and ran away when dad stopped for gas.

I wasn't much of a student, I couldn't spell, or I couldn't understand my phonics. I was always the last in class to be let out at recess because I couldn't get my phonics. I never learned phonics until I got married and Titine taught them to me.

I had a fifth-grade teacher that I loved, Mrs. Lund. My grades didn't improve much but I had a good experience in school. I never got a hundred in spelling in my school days. I thought that I would because of a contest. We were divided into groups by rows. I didn't want to be the cause of my group losing. I studied all week on those spelling words. I took the test with the rest of my class. I spelled them all right but forgot to do an I on the word "white", so it was marked wrong. That completely devastated me. It broke my spirit to even try.

My older brother and sisters took me to Sunday School and mother taught in the Primary. So, I went to Sunday school and Primary, but very seldom to Church. I remember one church that I attended in Arizona and that was when Uncle John Woods returned from WWII and talked. I went to sleep since Church was held at night.

I also cut my leg, a good-sized cut. Going to the doctor wasn't the thing at that time so it was wrapped up and took a long time to heal. It was very painful. At that time, I had a [branch] Fall on my finger, which kept me awake for two nights. Mother wasn't home at the time, and it didn't seem that dad could help it a bit. As soon as mother got home it seemed to be better some.

Earaches were my plague. I can remember laying in front of the fireplace with the aching ear toward the heat. It seemed to be the only thing that would help.

I loved my Aunts and Uncles on my mother's side of the family. Although I know that uncle [Lire] Loved Albert the most. I always felt at home in any of their homes. They fed me and always treated me as a member of their family.

Christmas was always a joy. Tree for the whole Woods family always got together, exchanged presents, played games, and enjoyed each other's company.

Those peaceful years ended when dad moved the family to Delta, Utah. I was eleven at the time. Delta was also a great place to raise children, a small town in Central Utah. I made some dear and lasting friends.

I still had my horses and bikes, we had the river and canals to ride along, swing in, and spear and shoot fish in. It was a joyous time. But it still wasn't the blessed tranquil surroundings that Springerville was. I was ordained to the Priesthood in Delta, played little league baseball, as a catcher, and was one of the best hitters on the team for three years. I remember one pitcher that was Thirteen I was eleven. He was the best pitcher in the league; I was determined to get a hit from him. He threw a ball inside. It hit me on the back just a glancing blow, the umpire told me to take my base. I said that I wasn't hit. He argued with me. But I stood there and lied to him, that I wasn't hit. He saw my determination and let me stay at bat. I got a double off him and eventually came in to score. The coach said, "hit you, didn't he?" I lied and said "no"

From little league I went on to play high school baseball, and football. I wrestled but wasn't really into wrestling. I loved high school. I was afraid of girls never dating, playing sports and wasn't much of a student. But I had many friends. I was about the only boy in school that was real friends with the basketball players and wrestlers plus those boys that didn't participate in sports.

I held many class offices and was captain of the football teams. I went to Dixie college on a football scholarship. I enjoyed going to church and priesthood. I do believe that I was, the president of the deacons quorum and teachers quorum. Of the six boys, my age in the ward only three of us went on a mission. I went to Northwestern States which at that time took place in Washington, Oregon, Panhandle of Idaho, and Alaska.

After graduating from high school, I went to Dixie College. Ken Sampson, Lewis Bower, and I went down together, we had a good time. We played football, studied and enjoyed life in general. The first year there was probably the most carefree in my life. I had no worries. The second year was different, I still loved it but, what to do upon graduation was on my mind. What to major in was a problem. And then I found my wife to be. Titine. I was crazy about her. She was the first and only girl that I ever fell for. We had a good relationship. But she was just 16. I was 20. Because of all the frustration facing me, a mission loomed on the horizon. I never really wanted to go before, my second year at Dixie. My parents, the bishop, or anyone else ever asked me if I wanted to go on a mission. I came home at Christmas time and told mother I would like to go. She said "oh!". I went back to school and planned it. After I got home, I worked for the city for the summer. Waiting for my mission call. With no help or guidance on matters, I never got away until Oct. 21st, 1960. It was from this mission that really set the course of my whole life. I wasn't necessarily a good missionary, but I did do some good. I worked hard. But the seeds of a good life were planted. Once the die was set there was a change. That mission served as an anchor to me right to this point in life. I went back to school, got married, went in the service, and have worked for years. And not once have I ever wanted to doubt the church or ever been inactive. I have had sins and weaknesses, some only the power of the Lord and fasting have helped me overcome them but overcome them I have. But in my particular case it is a sad case but a true one that the mission helped the boy more than the boy the mission. I met President Harold B. Lee while in the mission field. He effected my life more in the few minutes interview I had with him than any other man I have ever known. He has been a person that I have been working to emulate. Through him I have truly seen the power of the Holy Ghost work. My goal is to one day reach the point of spirituality and then go beyond. For I believe in the law of eternal progression.

Another great teacher of spiritual matters in my life was Herschel Patterson. He is a man that has developed spiritual powers. I heard him talk and saw the power of the Holy Ghost work through him. It was from that time to now that I have been working greatly to build myself spiritually. I just hope that I may one day be an influence in the lives of others that those two men have been in my life.

While I was in England, I was laying on an army bunk thinking of Titine. I hadn't gone with her more than 7 or 8 times in the past 7 [maybe 2] Years, but the spirit said to me, "Get up and ask her to marry you. I didn't question or wonder, I got up and wrote her a letter of proposal of marriage. She didn't accept but said that she would come over and see me in August. I wrote the letter in June. She came and brought her mother and grandmother. Accepted the proposal and we were married on the 19th of August 1964[3] On the army base, the temple was closed at the time. We went through the temple Nov. of that year. I have never regretted a moment of it. That brings me up to the present, a brief sketch. To our marriage, I will write or have written the past seventeen years.

Dec 2nd Wednesday

I had a heavy depression most of the day. But towards afternoon, I was reading the October Conference talks the ones concerning Joseph Smith, and I had to greatest spiritual witness of the importance of the prophet. In fact, this is the first time the spirit has enlightened my mind on the prophet. I am grateful for it.

Then Titine said we are either walking under the direction of the Lord, or we are not. I believe that we are so I shouldn't get the depression that I get especially about money.

Dec. 3rd 1981

Today is Ammon's birthday, he and Rebecca made a cake from scratch. We played games as a family.

Francine is ill. I have had some spiritual impressions about the prophet Joseph Smith today, I felt the spirit of prayer stronger than ever before on the subject of greater faith.

4th Friday

I took Jack to Price and took the birth certificate into the State for Polly.

Played with the children and talked with Titine. I can't say that I had a productive day, but it wasn't unpleasant.

Saturday 5th of Dec.

Today Ammon was baptized. So was Kimberly Meyers.

I rode my 10-speed bike about thirteen miles. Titine is making Christmas presents.

Sunday Dec. 6th 1981

Today we confirmed Ammon to the Church and gave him the gift of the Holy Ghost. The blessing that I received was one of preparing and helping to prepare the world for the coming of the Savior. He had a special his fellow man. To listen to the promptings of the spirit and overcome his weakness. The Father in Heaven knew him in the pre-existence. We talked to the children and made Christmas decorations.

Monday 7

Jack Havey and I went to Salt Lake City today. He had a court appointment at 5:30 we spent the day talking about religion and various subjects. Went to the church distribution center, and an

unemployment agency. We had a very enjoyable experience in all. We arrived home about 8:00pm

Tuesday 8th

Today we went to Colby's band concert. It was nice. I feel that the band has done very well.

Wednesday Dec. 9th 1981

Today I read, tended the baby while Titine went to Relief Society, and went to Bishops meeting tonight. We had a deacon presidency meeting in our home.

Thursday Dec 10th

Jack and I rode our bikes to Castle Dale and back. I took Bill over to the clinic and he got his stitches out. Also, the doctor looked at Darien's nose. This evening Titine and I went to a Primary Christmas Party.

Friday Dec 11th 1981

Today has been spent in fasting and prayer. I don't know why but the Lord decreed it. I have felt the Spirit of the Lord very greatly. I have read most of the day.

Saturday Dec 12th

Jack Harvey and I took some tires to Moab and sold them. We now have some money for Christmas. Ashley went with us.

Sunday Dec 13th 1981

Today has been a great day, church wise. I taught two classes, Primary and Sunday.

Richard Bissell called, and we gave his wife a blessing. I acted as the mouth. The spirit said that she would be made whole upon her gaining greater faith in the Lord. And that hard times were coming. She would be a great power for good. After which, I visited the Beaty family. I thanked her for the great job that she is doing in the Primary Cub Scouts.

Robbie and Jennie Robertson came over for a while and we just visited. A most enjoyable evening.

Monday Dec 15th

I went to a job interview today and I do believe that I got it. I am going to fly to Muncie, Ohio tomorrow to look over the plant. I helped Jack Harvey and took the pigs over to the

slaughterhouse. On the way over a rear wheel fell off the truck. I had Bob and Darien with me. We caught a ride back to Castle Dale and called Ralph McClain. He came after us. It was his truck.

Wed 16th Dec.

We left the Salt Lake airport at 12:28pm, lifted off the ground, and flew to Chicago. Changed planes there and flew to Cleveland Ohio. I am here in the Quail Hollow motel somewhere between Cleveland and Muncie but it has been a good trip. The motel is nice. I called Titine and talked with her, I do miss her and the children even though I saw them this morning. We made the flight in five hours, even with a layover in Ohara airport.

Thursday 17th

I spent the day at Muncie, took learning both seeing the operation and getting signed up for work. It has been interesting. It snowed all day.

Our Father in Heaven taught me an excellent lesson on ingratitude and poor attitude but I have repented fully.

Friday Dec 18th

I finished training this day and picked up my pickup and drove to Kirkland to see the Kirkland temple. It is truly a magnificent structure. I felt a certain humility in its presence. Considering the poverty of the saints, and the time that it was built- a sacrifice truly was made. The Lord Himself appeared and accepted that Holy edifice. Not only did he accept it, but he preserved it, without town houses and businesses growing up around it to preserve its beauty, what a lovely spot for a temple.

I do hope that one day it will come back into the ownership of the Latter-Day Saints. I would hope that the Lord Preserves it through the Millenium. It affected me greatly.

I left Kirkland at five and arrived in Kalamazoo, Michigan at 1:00am. Saturday, I spent with Leo and Mirabah Ann. We visited and shopped; I finished our Christmas shopping. They have four very sweet children. The parents must be good ones. The weather was so cold. I wasn't dressed for it nor used to it. Several inches of snow fell. This being my first time in Michigan, I think that the country is beautiful. And the snow was fine. The lake is frozen over and Leo Jr. Hockey team practiced on the Lake.

Sunday the boys had a game. I went and watched them play. Leo's team won 8-0. That as the first hockey game that I have ever seen. We went to Church after the game. And then I started at 2pm for the long trip home. I saw supposedly the tallest building in the world in Chicago. The Sears tower. I missed the right road and so I am 50 miles farther north than I want to be. My directions have been turned around this whole trip. So, I have to read road signs. Tonight, I am staying in a Motel room in Belvidere Illinois.

Monday 21 Dec.

I left the Motel at 3:45am this morning and travelled to Carthage Illinois where I visited the jail where the prophet Joseph Smith was killed. That was a moving experience for me. I then visited Nauvoo. I feel that the Lord is preserving those special spots that is Kirkland, Ohio and Nauvoo for purposes known to Him, for both spots have not been populated very heavily. I am staying in a motel in Abeline Kansas tonight.

Tuesday Dec. 22,1981

I left Abeline Kansas at 5:00am this morning and drove until I arrived home at 9:00pm this evening. The roads were wet and slick a good share of the way. This is a beautiful Country. I am proud to be an American. And I am very proud of this land of ours.

York got a big green snake for his birthday and Christmas.

Dec. 23rd 1981 Wed

I started calling the mines today at my new job. Tonight was a Ward party. I took some of the children and ate supper there.

Dec. 24th

The family tracked to St. George today to have our annual Christmas Eve party. We had a very enjoyable evening. We put on the Annual pageant of Joseph and Mary, and the birth of our Savior and the wisemen. After which some of the grandchildren displayed their talent.

Snatch Grabs was the highlight of the night. It always is. Musical pillows was played. And a very good dinner.

Christmas Day 1981

The children had a very enjoyable Christmas. They were up at 5:00 am. Toys, candy, and nuts were the treats that Santa left.

Dec 26th 1981

Bill, Colby, York, Ashley, and I went to the winter pasture range outside of Hurricane and helped grandpa build a corral. We finished it and then drove to Delta to stay with mother overnight. We arrived in Delta at 9:30p

Dec 27,1981

We left Delta and drove home. The roads were snowy and slick. We spun out one time but I brought the car under control. And the rest of the trip was pleasant. We arrived home at approximately 5:00pm

Dec. 28th

I bought hay and oats for the goats and started my job in earnest. I organized the coal mines. Titine and I put a puzzle together all evening after family home evening. We never finished it. It is 1500 pieces. Quite difficult.

Dec 29th

I called on several mines today. Wrote two letters one to a young man I met in Canton, Ohio, and one to Richard, my nephew.

I have felt the spirit of the Lord more today than for a week or more. Of course, I am in a more repentant mood than I have been for a week.

Dec 31st 1981

The year of 1981 has gone. Titine and I spent part of the last day putting a 1500 piece puzzled together. We still haven't finished it yet. But all in all, it has been a good year for us. We have grown spiritually. Titine has her calling and election made sure, I am still working on mine. She has received a forgiveness of sins; I am still working on it. We have a new addition to our family, Polly was born. I have completed 19 months in the Bishopric. I quit the coal mine to sell coal, the coal deal bombed, and I am now selling bits and drill steel to the coal mines. I have had this past...weeks now. We have moved into a new house, bought two new cars, and have a third one that I drive for the company.

We are in financial debt but regardless of the outcome it will all work together for our good. I have had some obedience tests, a twelve day fast, a strict obedience test with another woman... By the Priesthood and under the spirit, the Lord has made some prophecies through. I have been the mouth in giving several blessings of great importance to some very good friends of mine. Some should be friends but didn't accept the spirit.

I have learned to control my temper more fully this year. I have been working on charity and hope to become a better person through charity in all that I do.

I have began my eighth year of fasting. And am off a spiritual plateau that I was on for years. The spirit is starting to bear witness to my soul of the place of Joseph Smith in the church and in the world. Also, I am beginning [] receive a witness of the spirit concerning the Savior.

I have been seeking these types of experiences for years. I have sinned and repented; have gained forgiveness of some sins, but not all. But one day the Lord will choose to give me a greater faith. Now things are starting to look up for me and mine. I do believe that after a time of testing we will receive a time of blessings. The Lord is forever of me I know that the [savior] With me in my weakness, I have overcome many. My heart is right before him. I pray every day that I may keep it right before him.

On a final note of the year 1981, I feel good about myself and the direction I am heading. But more importantly I believe that the Lord is pleased with me in the most part, still sins and I have weaknesses. But I have come a long way.

I now leave this book for some future generation to read. Either to become bored with or delight in whichever the case may be. But the facts found herein are true and actual happenings as my mind and experience interprets them.