

# ORAL HISTORY ON GERALDEAN MITTON HILL

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7<sup>th</sup> Period

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Kari "Okay Grandma tell me your name and birthday?"

Grandma "My name is Geraldean Mitton Hill, and I was born June the 14 1934, in Logan Utah."

Kari "What are your parents' names and the years they were born?"

Grandma "My mothers name is Ruby Lunberg Mitton, and my dad's name is Carl Garret Mitton, my mom was born in 1913 and my dad was born in 1911. My mother was born in Logan, my dad was born in Wellsville.

Kari "Did you have any brothers or sisters?"

Grandma "I have one brother-Paul-five years younger than I am."

Kari "Can you tell me what is like growing up?"

Grandma "Well when I was growing up we lived in Wellsville, until I was about seven. Then we moved to Salt Lake City, from when I was seven and in the second grade until we moved back to Wellsville, so I could start school in the sixth grade; and this is during World War I, my dad being a machinist, the army needed him in Salt Lake to make artillery for the military, and he made shells for the military. I actually have a salt and peppershakers that my dad made me out of two big shells.

Kari "Um...so did your dad work just for the military or did he work on anything else?"

Grandma " Well he at the Smallon plant, they had a contract with the military, and they needed a machinist who knew how to do what he did, and so that is why were in Salt Lake.

Kari "Your mom was a stay at home mom right?"

Grandma "yes she was."

Kari "Ok do you remember anything about living in Salt Lake and the war?"

Grandma “ Yes, the thing that bothered me most about the war is that we had hospitals in Salt Lake where they would send a lot of the injured soldiers, ad I would see a lot of men the were minus body parts, and their legs or an arm was missing, and that really bothered me a lot. We also had rationings stamps, and you had to have stamps to get gas, to get meat, and to get shoes and stuff during the war.

Kari “So how much schooling did you do in Salt Lake?”

Grandma “I done 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.”

Kari “and you went back to Wellsville in 6th grade?”

Grandma “Yes sixth grade!”

Kari “Do you have any memories from elementary, games, special days, just fun memories from elementary?”

Grandma “um... we played the same games as I think they probably play now, just on the bars and tag, just the simple kid games. When we moved back to Wellsville, Friday was just a fun day at school, and we would have a movie or a game or a dance, just something that was fun, and on the Noon hour they would turn music on, everyday right around lunch, and that was fun to look forward to.”

Kari “That sounds fun!”

Kari “When did you get married?”

Grandma “I got married on September the second in 1949.”

Kari "What was grandpas full name?"

Grandma "Elmer Dellas Hill."

Kari "You got married after ninth grade right?"

Grandma "Right!"

Kari "So tell me what plans you had for your family?"

Grandma " I planned for my family, lots of people don't believe this, but all of my children were going to have their own birthday, I did not want more then one child born in one month. I did not want any holiday babies, I just didn't want any babies around holidays, and therefore I have a January, a February, a March, an April, and a May, um... August and September babies."

Kari "do you remember any stories about your family or and traditions you started when you and

Grandpa started your family, or 'Spring Cleaning'?"

Grandma "OH YES! Spring cleaning was a big thing, we would wash the walls, wash the cupboards and scrub floors; you name it and it got washed."

Kari "What traditions did you start when you started your family?"

Grandma " Well on Christmas eve everyone got a new pair of Pajamas to wear to bed, the got to open that present, and they would hang up their stockings after they got their pajamas."

Kari "What kind of career did you have?"

Grandma “OK, I went back to school, when my family was almost all grown up. I finished high school and then went into nursing, and then later on I took years of creative writing.

Kari “You worked in Logan Hospital right?”

Grandma “Yes in Logan Hospital, for 15 years.”

Kari “What area did you work in while you were at Logan Hospital?”

Grandma “I worked in Pediatrics mostly but when your sisters were born I went down to the nursery and took care to Tara and Tessa, when they were born.”

Kari “Can you tell me about working in the hospital, any stories or anything you can remember?”

Grandma “Well it was... it was, Pediatrics was a good place to work for the most part, because little children used to get sick quick and well quick; every once in awhile you would loose a patient, and that was always very hard. They taught us in school that we should never get emotionally attached to a patient. That was not a good thing. We would not work well if we were emotionally attached. But every once in awhile you just couldn’t help it.”

Kari “Is there anything different about medicines today, from when you were working in the hospital?”

Grandma “There are a lot of different things today, especially the drugs, since I worked there has been so many new drugs, and I am not familiar with them, and it frustrates me sometimes, because I used to

be familiar with most of the drugs, but I'm not anymore... and that's just the way it. What they still use I am still familiar with, but the new ones, I'm not."

Kari "Have things changed from when you were working in the hospital and now after women has had a baby?"

Grandma "Well when your mother was born I was in the hospital for a week, now they send them home in a few hours, which I don't think is right because a mother and a new born needs to be watched for more then a few hours."

Kari "What did grandpa do?"

Grandma "He was working and building houses, he remodeled homes, and he built the post office in town, he worked on church houses and was a contractor, he held about every license the state of Utah would allow."

Kari "How many kids did you have?"

Grandma "Seven!"

Kari "Growing up or even when you started your family, did you ever belong to s club or an originations?"

Grandma "Yes, I did belong to a social club one time several years ago, but I dropped out, because there were a couple of girls, all they ever wanted to do is say mean things about their husbands, and I didn't like that. SO I thought that the best thing for me to do is just drop out, and so I did."

Kari "Do you know where our ancestors came from?"

Grandma "To the best of my knowledge my mothers ancestors came from Sweden, and my dad's ancestor came from England."

Kari "Did they come here for religious reasons?"

Grandma "I don't know it to be a fact but I am guessing that yes they did?"

Kari "Wait so where did grandpas family come from?"

Grandma "I'm not sure I am really not sure, I know that he has some French back ground, and in the book it looks that there is some Indian, but I can't be positive."

Kari "Do you recall any stories about family history?"

Grandma "Well one of my ancestors on my mothers side, styled the horns on the oxen that holds the baptismal font up in the temples, and that is about the only thing that I can think of, and I had a lot of temple workers in my background on my mothers side of the family."

Kari "Do you have any hobbies?"

Grandma "Yes I collect and I write, I collect my villages and that is about it and I love my family."

Kari "Did you play a musical instrument?"

Grandma "Yes I did, I played the cornet in Jr. High."

Kari "And you were in the marching band right?"

Grandma “Yes I was and those uniforms were so hot and I marched in the parades and I played in the graduation ceremony from Jr. High.”

Kari “From the songs and the dancing and the music now, are any of them the same as they were when you were growing up?”

Grandma “I think that the jitterbug and the fast dancing are just going to come and go, but the slow dancing and the waltz and those kinds will go on and on still.”



Kari “ Are there any special foods you ate as a child or regularly ate?”

Grandma “ Well my mother used to bake bread a lot , and she could make the best smoothest gravy that you ever could taste; and it was really really good and she could make it out of absolutely nothing. It was amazing! Plus I have a cake recipe that is handed down from my grandmother her mother, its surprising that is so good with such few ingredients, and she used to make that a lot, it was a white cake.”

Kari “ Did anyone in your family ever make homemade toys?”

Grandma “My grandpa Lunberg made me and little table and chairs and a little dolly high chair.”

Kari “ Do you still have those?”

Grandma “ And your grandpa made a little table and chairs for the kids one year for Christmas, when we had our children, he put Formica on the table, and on the bottoms and the backs of the chairs, it was really cute. I’m not sure whether or not I have the stuff that my grandpa made for me I will have to go down stairs and look.”

Kari “Did your parents have any hobbies or interests while you were growing up?”

Grandma “ my dad used to read a lot! My mother wasn’t a reader but she was a spiffy house keeper, her main purpose in life was keeping her house tidy and clean, plus they belonged to a riding club and they went horse back riding a lot.”

Kari “ DO you have any memories of, the different wars that you’ve lived through ro the different generations and how they have changed?”

Grandma “ Well the generations change a lot, I remember the second World War because it upset me and frustrated me when I would see soldiers come back with limbs gone.

Um... the other wars would always be a concern, as we would go and know about them but its not like seeing it, that was hard to know that this was actually happening, and that was really hard. The second World War started in 1941 and it was over in 1945.”

Kari “So you were younger when this was going on?”

Grandma “ OH YES!!! Very young, that is probably why it sticks in my mind so hard.”

Kari “ When you lived in Salt Lake and working for the military and stuff was he gone a lot?”

Grandma “ No, where he worked was right there in Salt Lake, he came and went just like an ordinary job.”

Kari “ What kind of house did you live in when you lived in Salt Lake?”

Grandma “ We lived in an apartment, it was a nice apartment brand new, and it was very nice, me and my friend used to walk up the hill and go and play dolls in the capital building.”

Kari “Did you have your own bedroom in your house?”

Grandma “ Paul and I usually shared one, back from Salt Lake to Wellsville we each had our own room.”

Kari “UH... didn’t you say that once you moved back to Wellsville your dad had a hobby of farming?”

Grandma “Yes, and he had some cows too.”

Kari “Was the farm right next to your house?”

Grandma “ It was up on the hill, just a around the house, it was just a small farm it was just a hobby for him, it wasn’t the livelihood of the family, he worked in a machine shop.”

Kari “ Do you remember any family vacations or any thing like that that you can remember?”

Grandma “ I remember going to Oregon with my mother, when I was small, and we went across the Columbia River; and it has the big swinging bridge. We were on the bridge when it swung, so that they could pull the big tugboat out, and it scared me to death and I have never liked water from that day to today.”

Kari “Any family vacations with you and grandpa did?”

Grandma “Yes we went on some vacations to the park, and to Bear Lake. You know where you could take children and they could have a good time, and we could all have a good time.”

Kari “What are some favorite family stories that include your parents, siblings or your children?”

Grandma “ Well I remember the one about your mother. When she was born the nurse was bringing in this little black haired baby , and she looked at me and I was so blonde and then she looked at you mom again and he hair was so dark and she said ‘ I think that

I brought you the wrong baby' and I said no no no that is my baby she is mine {laughing}  
ya that was...ya and they took her back out."

Kari "Have you been a member of the LDS church all your life?"

Grandma "Yes!"

Kari "Were you married in the temple?"

Grandma "I was married civilly for two years and then we went to the temple and your mother was about eight months old."

Kari "Do you have any other stories or memories for me grandma?"

Grandma " From what period?"

Kari " um...any period!"

Grandma " Did I tell you that when I was going to school that we would write skits, and we put them on for assemblies, and we would have a good time doing that, and we would have ballgames and dances and movies on Fridays. Fridays were just a fun afternoon, it was something to look forward to, and it was fun."

Kari " Man I wish that we would something fun like that."

Grandma " Yep it was fun. I danced with your grandpa all noon hour."

Kari " When did you meet grandpa?"

Grandma "I met him the summer before I started the seventh grade."

Kari " An you just fell in love with him?"

Grandma " Well not off hand..."

Kari “ How did you guys meet?”

Grandma “ He was teasing me and didn’t think kindly to that. But then not to long after that I went to the ‘Golden Green Ball’ at mutual, and I don’t know if they still have that but then he swooped me off my feet, and I was a goner.”

Kari “ So did you guys just date for awhile and then get married at the end of ninth grade?”

Grandma “Uh Hu.”

Kari “ And grandpa was a year older right?”

Grandma “Yes.”

Kari “ So did he finish high school?”

Grandma “ After we were married. Then he had to go to Salt Lake for two days to take or to get his contractors license, he had to test for two solid days; and he passed everything.”

Kari “ That’s cool. Um... did grandpa ever go to college?”

Grandma “ No.”

Kari “ And you went to a college class of writing right?”

Grandma “I went to two years of writing after I finished high school.”

Kari “ So how is your writing coming along now?”

Grandma “ Very well, thank you !”

**DIARY OF ISAAC HILL**  
(Great-grandfather of Geraldine Litster Walters)

About 1950, Andrew Jensen, the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Saints Historian, learned of the existence of a personal diary kept by Isaac Hill. He inquired of its whereabouts through his descendants at Huntington, Emery County, Utah. The family knew nothing of the diary at the time, but finally located it in the possession of Isaac Hill, son of Isaac Hill, of Idaho. The diary was sent to Elisabeth Hill Cook Johnson, a daughter of Isaac Hill (Grandmother of Geraldine Litster Walters), who asked her daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Mackelprang Cook, to make a copy of it before turning it over to the L.D.S. Church.

In about 1959 Pearl Cook Day, a great-granddaughter of Isaac Hill, made another copy of the original diary, Mary Ann Cook having received the original from the Church Office where it had been for several years. This draft, together with Mary Ann's copy, is the basis of the following history. By comparing the two copies I have used the exact wording, spelling, etc. as used by Isaac Hill. The only change is the format, that the dates are all in columnar form on the left side, and the first word of each line is capitalized. These two rules were apparently not always followed in the original diary. Mary Ann and her daughter then turned the original diary to the Daughters of Pioneers and it is there in their keeping now.

Mary Ann said the diary was "written on 6 X 8 inch sheets of thin blue paper in a very condensed form. The mice had fringed the edges and many words were demared by age..."

It is a great joy to all relatives, too, that in passing through all the hardships and trials of the gospel being restored in these days, that this man proved faithful to the end." (William Preston Cook.)

RECORD OF ISAAC HILL FROM THE TIME HE  
JOINED THE CHURCH AND SOME EVENTS BEFORE

1806 Sep 28 Isaac Hill was born.

1810 Mar John Hill to Isaac Hill died. In April Mother moved to my grandfathers.

Oct My brother John was born.

1818 My Mother married Wm. Moon and moved to East Liverpol, Ohio

1822 Feb 4 I was bound in appretis to A. Hays to learn the blacksmithing.

1825 Dec 1 Left Hays.

1826 Feb 22 Sett out to hunt work.

28 Stoped in Pittsburg.

Mar 26 Set in to work in steam bote yard at J. Grahams in Penn., Bever Co.

Dec Set up shop in Est. Liverpool, Ohio.

1827 Jun 7 Married to Mary Bell.

1828 Apr 4 My daughter Nancy was born.

Aug 2 I joined the Medithes Church.

1830 Feb 14 My daughter Elizabeth was born.

1832 Jul 13 My daughter Lusinda was born.

1833 Aug 10 I joined the saints in Oct bot a part of city plot at Kirkland.  
Stars fell.

Nov 13 Church driven from Jackson Co.

1834 Apr 5 Moved to Kirtland with family.

Mar 8 The Temple in Kirtland commenced.  
Camp started to Mo. With Joseph at the head.

Jun 9 I commenced to work on Temple.

Sep Book of Covenants compiled.

Oct Took 1st mission with Evan Green.

Dec 21 Daughter Mary was born.

Chopping wood all winter.

Feb 15 Twelve Apostles choosen

1835 Mar Wife Mary fell sick.

May Commenced to make brick for temple COM.

16 Seventy choosen.

Jul 16 Wife very sick. Joseph Smith preforms a great miracle on her

Aug Wife very sick.

Sep 1 Wife dies.

Sep 8 Mother visits Kirtland.

Dec Work on tempel bond at bumps.

1836 Jan Works on tempel do do

Feb Scool in tempel, heebrue taut.

Mar 14 Elders received their endowments.

Tempel dedicated.

Apr 26 Married to Eliza Rite.

Apr 28 Started to Mosury with ox team and family.

Jun 28 Landed in Mosury, Ray Co.

Mobing in Mo at this time.

Aug 3 Started to Colwell Co. 4 .....?...ilcus for tempel.  
camped in woods. Thunder storm.

Aug 14 Started 40 miles to mills to grand an ox mill grate.  
Thunder & lightening, rain.

Aug 15 Fishing river hie have to swim 5 times to get over with things.

Sep Built cabin on log crick to winter in.

- First house in Far West.
- Oct 20 Bot land on steer crick. Had to hunt wild gaim to live on this winter.
- Dec 25 Cot two long Rakoon.
- 1837 Feb 22 Wife confined -- child died, waid 14 lbs.
- Mar Built house on steer crick 4 miles S.E. (or N.E.) Of far west.  
first settlement by mormons in ...?.... Davis Co. Mo.
- Apr 14 Moved to sd hous on fenced 10 akers of ground this spring.
- Aug 4 Dug foundation for tempel in Far West. rold wheel barer 36 miles to my work.
- Jul 10 Started to for Levenworth to make brick for government. 2 months.
- Sep Maid brick on grand river for .....?..... at mill port Very wet season this winter.  
Hunt wild gaim and maid nails for Bucanon. Percusion at Kirtland O. Many saints left church  
Joseph S. com to Mo.
- 1938 Apr 6 Conference in Far West. Work on Bensons mill at shol crick at rockford. At this  
month I engage to make brick on fishing river for ...ges....
- Jun 7 Started to fish river rols a wheel barer 30 mil in les than a day with brick mols  
and clos on bad rode.
- Jul Com hom to visit family on forth. Tended selebration in far west. Rigdon makes  
speech inflames the minds of our enemy and purcusion emmences from this date.  
Com to make brick for Led Co. In clay Co Mo.
- Aug Riot at galiton at election John Butlar nooks down 20 men.  
Mobing in Davis county.
- Sep 7 Com hom started to fite mob in Davis co. had a hard time,  
Traveled 3 days and nites without sleep or much to eat.
- Oct Went to east fork of grand river. Mileshea ordered out to stop the trouble that join  
mob tha join mob and I got home.
- Oct Grate excitement in Mosury.
- Oct 16 Starated to go to Damen Davis county to fite mob Snow storm  
17 Galiton sacked and burnt.  
19 Mikport burnt, general burning in davis to  
20 Comes home William Mc Cleon Oliver Cowdry John Whitmore left the church  
26 Crossed river batel David Pator kild and Carter and Others.  
28 Bogs army apeers before far west Cary kild by Dunihue.  
29 Joseph Smith given up to his enemy.  
29 Hans Mill Masicree. 17 men and 2 boys murdered in a brutal maner and many  
wounded. David Whitmer left the Church.
- 31 Far West given up. 60 mormons carried to jail and the mormons in general forst  
sine away their real estate at the pint of the baint and leave the state in 6  
month. Thomas Marsh apostised.
- Nov 10 Diainon taken and the inhabtenc forst to leave in 10 days or bee shot the peepel  
genarly had to leave that property & flee to save that livs I tok john smith hom to  
my hous.  
This winter I kild som deer and went 14 trips to Davis county for provisions for



the poor mostly in the nite to avoid beeing shot I went to the plat river to help build a mill.

- 1839 Feb Sold out my farm for a hors  
 Mar 9 Left for Ill. With 1 hors and wigon wife 4 children left property behind.  
 Apr 2 Landed in Ill. At Quinsy. First settlement by mormons in .....?.... Davis Co. Mo.  
 5 Stopped in big neck .....?..... and built a hous to liv in First Mormons in Iowa.  
 May Joseph Smith got away from prison  
 Jun 19 Comenced to make brick at wodvill.  
Jul 30 My son Wm. M. Hill born, very sikly in Nauvoo.  
 Sep 10 Fell sick of Ague and wife also suffered rite unto deth for the want of care  
 Oct 6 First conference in Nauvoo. First baptising for the ded Mother Nimon by cl unsted.
- 1840 Moved neer Comerc and stoped till spring  
 Mar 12 Moved to Comerc Nauvoo.  
 Jun Had a felon on finger.  
 Had a sick spell - Bishop Patrif died in Aug or Sept.  
 Oct 12 Comenced to work on Nauvoo tempel in Nauvoo.
- 1841 Jan Commenced to work on Nauvoo hous first Mormons from England.  
 Feb 22 Broke ground for tempel foundation.  
 Mar 12 James Millar died.  
 Apr 6 Laid corner stons, organized Nauvoo Leagon. Joseph and Sidney re babtised.  
 Apr 28 Comenced to make brick for Law.  
 This summer had good helth and prosperity, maid 500,000 brick for Law.
- 1842 Maid brick for Laws this sumer, maid 900,000  
 Mar 9 Ordained Priest  
Mar 9' I received the folowing patriarchal blessing:

The Patriacrcal Blessing of Issac Hill son of John and Nancy (Warwick) Hill Born 18 Sept 1806 in Bever County Penn. Brother Isaac I lay my hands on your hed in the naim of Jesus Christ to bles you and ordain you a Priest in this Church of (Jesus) Christ to preachrepentance and remison of sins through Jesus Christ and the encurance of faith on his naim to the end and the day shall com when you shall hav the priesthood after the order of Malchisdec and you shall preech to the peepel having faith in God even him and you shall preech to the peepel having faith in God even him who is your father he will preserv you up and set you to pruning his vinyard and he will set you free that you may be free wha in you have been bound and make you free in spirit where you hav been bound in spirit with a desier to preech to the peepel and expound and expostule and to reason out ot the scripture and to loos your tung and bles you with prudenc as you will be very prudent and pruve yourself to bee wise and prudant before the Lord and hee will beles you that

you may bless your hous and bee a blessing unto them to cultavate thare minds and

adorn them with inteligants and buty to prepare them as a blesing from the hand of the allmity and hee will polish them after the fimiltude of a palis and it shal com to

pass when you shal receve a knolage of thees things perfectly and know of a shurity concerning your inheratanc and the promist blesings for you and your children and your Fathers hous and your linage and the time shal come when you shall know of a shurity the desins of God conserning you and the purposes and the blessings conserning you that is promist you tuching your linage both spirituly and temperly but suffice it to say that you shal bee preserved till you have them reveal to you and if faithful your years shal bee meny and you shal hav and your postarity

after you and you shal hav a crown of etarnel lives in the mansions of your Father these blesings I seel upon your hed in the naim of Jesus even so amain.

Given under the hands of Hurum Smith at Nauvoo, Ill. March 9, 1842

Recorded in Book, page 33, blessing 365.

Apr 8 Ordained Elder

Oct 30 First meeting on tempel flor

Nov 17 Started on mishon to Penn

28 On steem bote when it sunk at mouth Ohio river

Dec On steem bote on Ohio landed at Est Liverpool and comenced to preach.

1843 Jan In Penn. Bever Co preaching baptised first converts in this month

Mar Started for hom by steem bote Ice bound at St Luis 2 weeks

Apr 12 Landed at home Nauvoo mid brick this sumer at ol place in pardnership with

Laws my brother works with me made well out bilt adddishon to my hous give the poor some excitment this winter on account of plurity.

1844 This year percution commences and som leves church much dificulty on account of plurity

May Opisihon printing press started and destroyed by non-mormons

Jun Grate excitement the mobes begin to colect at sevrsl places and on 27 Joseph and Hiram Smith was murderid at Carthag jail

Jun 28 The inhabitanc flees for feer, the ded bodies brot to Nauvoo grait mourning many apostize the 12 returns from thare mishons

Aug This sumer Sid Ridgon turned out of church

B Young taks the place of Joseph Smith

Samuel Smith dies this sumer I maid brick in co with John Butlar

Dec 8 I was ordained hi priest

Dec 9 I was ordained counselor to Bis Luis

1845 This spring I engaged to make brick in co with

\_\_\_ Mar 24 My son Isaac was born in Nauvoo

Sep 10 The inhabtance rose in mas to burn out the Mormons, grate trubel in the land,  
som kild on both side

Aug 2 My son Isaac died

Oct All is confusion in Nauvoo

Nov The M agree to leave the staite

Dec I comenc to workers in hunters b shop

1846 Jan 1 Rec induement

Feb At work in shop

Mar Still in shop

Apr Doing well in shop

May In shop my brother sent mee 40 dolars in cash bot orgen with it

Jun 7 Leves N for the wildnerness

Jul 16 Crost mosury river at Counsel Blufs with family

Mormon batalion started

20 Crost elk horn with fam

Aug 3 Crost loop fork

10 Started a crost the plains for punkon

18 Com to the runing water did not like to winter now the conduct of Bishop Milan  
heere stay til Sept 10 started sown river travel

Sep 12 Nauvoo Batel

10 days stop on mosury botims found goo place to winter neer big Suix river stay  
heer 4 days

24 Left family to hunt main camp

25 Stop on Omahaw lake

26 Stop at mouth of 2 Cricke

27 Stop in Bluf this day I kild a goos

28 Camp on crick ceched a larg turtel

29 Travel all day kild squirl eat him raw

30 Camp at Mormon tent

Oct 7 Found winter quarters held concel with the 12 stay heer 8 days got sore leg

8 Started for famly

12 Found family 25 miles from where I left them.

20 Stoped for the winter built a fort stay til spring this winter we was trubled som  
with indens I hunt wild gaim this winter and found 18 bee trees and kild 75 turkey

deer 10 wolves 2 pose 4 racoon 3 wild gees 1 oter 1 badger 1 catamount skunk

squirls rabbits ducks prary hens no not browin

trades som with the traders at viamilon fort

Dec 14 My son Lamony was born

- 1847 Apr Started for winter quarters with famly seen 40 elk in drove today was 20 days  
traveling and stopping pineers started for valy march 26  
20 Stoped in w g on Floranc
- May 2 My son Lamony died  
9 I started to St Joseph to work works there this summer returns in Sep  
Jul 24 Pineers enter valy of s lake and som return in Dec
- 1848 Jan I went a fishing 40 mils up river to a lake got lost in the wods lay out all nite alone  
very cold next morning found camp cacht barl fish  
Mar Wagn Bay (or Iowa Yon Beey) maid form  
Moved to  
Jul Started to Savans to work  
Aug 20 Return home
- 1849 Mar Framing this spring and in July went down to river neer old fort carney to make  
brick  
Sep I return hom I now begin to prepare to go to the valy  
Oct David Yersly died
- 1850 Mar I started Blacksmithing  
May 30 I start for S Lake with family  
Jun 7 Crost Mosury river  
15 The colry broke out in our train  
Jul 1 My wife Eliza died with colry  
Sep 5 I first enterd the GSL valley  
15 I make firs a a dobys  
Oct 12 Elizabeth maried to J Yhite (Kite)
- 1851 Feb B Y apinted govner  
Mar I filt hous in 2 ward and moves to it  
Apr 10 I was chosen Bishop counslsr in 2 ward  
May Comenc to make adoby Bord with mrs Turl  
Aug 20 My daughter Elizabeth died  
Oct 28 I married Martha Milar
- 1852 Feb Lusinda Maried  
May Comenc to work for public works  
Aug Bot 15 ackers of land in big field  
Oct 27 Maried Mary J Milar (Geraldine Litster Walters' great-grandmother)
- 1853 Sep 22 Elizabeth born (Geraldine Litster Walter's grandmother)

1854 Jan 16 Carelin born

I worked in dobt this sumer for publick work this sumer grashoppers bad and mch of the crop distroied

Dec 28 I was ordained Bishop over 2 ward

1855 This sumer the wheete crop distroied by g hoppers

Aug 6 My son Brigham bon son of Mary

Nov 29 My son John born son of Martha

1856 This sumer and spring famin in this valy

This harvest midling good

Sep 10 My son Brigham died

Oct 7 Marthas mother tryed to presuad hur to leave mee and went to pres Young for that parpes was refusd, refermation comenced in this month

1857 Apr 9 I was cald to go to Canada on a mishon to preech and on the 21 I took Martha and Mary my 2 wives to the indoment hous and tha was both seald to me over the alter in good faith

23 Started with hancart in company with 73 others for the stats  
The weather was cold and meny mountain streems to waid whic made the jurny very hard and unhealthy for the old men and som got lame and sick and sufferd grately I was of that number I shal give a gurnal of the jurny

1857 Apr 23 Left city camped in Emig

24 Camp on big mountain

25 Brokcart camp on est canion

26 Crost Weeber camp on weeber

27 Very cold camp on Ecoh

28 Cros bar river camp snoer

29 Snoer camp at Soda Springs

30 Cold snow windy com to Briger

May 1 Camp on fork of green river

2 Camped on black fork

3 Cros Green river and camp

4 Camped on big sanda

6 Cros south pas camp on sweetwater

7 Very winda camp in s w mountain

8 Very winda camp on sweet water

9 Cros 3 crosing of s w camp on s water

10 Camp at devels gait

11 Camped on green wod sick to nite

12 Camp on small crick est of wilo spring

13 Camp at plat brig

14 Over brig camp on plat

15 Cros deer crik camp on bleoic crik snows

- 16 Camps on lettel labonta very sick
- 17 Cros big labont camp on plat sik
- 18 Camp on hos shu crick met mail
- 19 Thunder storm in mount camp on shesl crik
- 20 Camp at larimae got som provison
- 21 Crost a plat camped on plat 12 mils
- 22 Camp on plat
- 23 Camp near seden blf
- 24 Camp by roside in nite windy
- 25 Camp on plat bank
- 26-31 Camps along plat river
- Jun 1 Camps on prary
- 2 C on crick crab on prary n wod river
- 3 On prary crik kils a buflo
- Jun 4 At wells on prary
- Jun 5 On lupe fork
- 6 Cros big fork camp on cooking glas
- 7 Camps on loop
- 8 Camps on loop
- 9 Camps on papiol crost horn
- 10 At Floranc
- 11 At Florenc
- 12 Went on steem bot to St Luis
- 13-18 On river
- 19 At St Luis
- 20-21 On His
- 22-27 On Ohio steem bote
- 28 At Cincinata
- 29-30 On Ohio
- Jul 1 Landed at Liverpool found Mother alive & my brother all well  
stas til 6
- 5 Preeches today
- 6 Went on cars to Cleveland and on steem bote
- 7 Lands at Bufflou took bote down Niagra to chipaway took cars to fals & grait brig  
a crost niagra after looking til satasfied set out to hunt some place to preech  
rains trys 3 times to get to preech stay out all nite
- 8 Very mucy travels all day got to gleson
- 9 At Glesons
- 10 Hoes in garden  
Hoes in corn
- 12 Preech 2 in Marshvill and at glesons
- 12-18 Hoing corn for Gleson
- 19 Preeched 3 times today travel 14 mils
- 20-25 Work in hay

- 26 Preech 2 times today  
 27-31 In hay  
 Aug 1 In hay  
 2 Preech 2 today  
 3-5 Wet weather  
 6 Traveling to Camborow  
 7-8 At Camborow blest child rote leter  
 10-14 At Camborow  
 15 Sick at Camborow  
 16 Preeches today  
 17-18 Reding  
 19 Traveling to Casterwell  
 Aug 20 Returns to Camborow  
 21-22 Reding  
 23 Babtised 5 persons rains  
 24 Travling to Dunvill  
 25 At Chambers  
 26 Traveling stop at Mecoms  
 28-30 At Chamboren try to preech lod get nechans  
 31 Got washing  
 Sep 1 Traveling to hunt som plac to preech at Castervill at Sentervill to nite  
 2 Traveling at Hamilton an St Chathrin Fast today refused loging 3 times to nits  
 stay at tavern 3 traveled 5 mils get some breckfast pay 12 cents got to  
 Chambers Got to Glesons sleep in barn  
 4 Work for Glesons in Oats  
 5 Work for Glesons in pees  
 6 Preech on lake shore in wods  
 7-8 Travel for Gleson  
 9 Travling to dunvill  
 11-12 Work for Glesons  
 13 Went to Marshvill  
 14-17 Cradling buckwheete  
 18 Cuting up corn  
 19 Thrashing oats went to Marsvill  
 20 In barn today  
 21-26 Work for Gleson  
 27 Sunday  
 28 Starts for hom on cars lands at Buflow went on steem bote tonite  
 29 Lands at Toledo and went on cars to nite  
 30 On cars all day  
 Oct 1 Landed at St Luis  
 2 At St Luis  
 3 Went on steem bote for Floranc  
 17 Landed at Floranc

- 19 Landed set in to work for Lamson  
 Dec 6 Left Lamson at Floranc  
 7-11 Bording with King  
 12 Set in to work with Gaits in Cresant City and worked til 1858 March
- 1858 Mar 20-21 Left Gaits  
 Apr 7 Started to Genoe up the valy  
 May 11 Left Genoe to cros the plains  
 Jun 21 Enterd S L City  
 23 Met family at Springvill  
 Jul 6 Left Springvill to return to city  
 7 In city at work  
 Aug 6 My wife Martha left home and took hur children and went to hur Mother and then comenced to lie and and misrepresent mee to give hur self excuse for hur wicketnefs  
 Sep 17 I giv hur a devorse
- 1859 Jan I was sick all this month  
 Feb Som better but not well yet setels tithing of ward  
 Mar Below are names of my children not mentioned before.

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Isaac Hill	born	25 June 1857
Eliza Hill		born 3 January 1860
Samual R. Hill	born	12 January 1862
Charles Hill	born	17 Sept. 1863
Margaret A. Hill	born	21 Jan. 1864
Joseph Y. Hill		born 19 Mar 1866
Sylvia Anne Hill	born	14 May 1868
Emeline Hill	born	7 April 1870
Hyrum S. Hill	born	8 Aug. 1874

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End of Record

Isaac Hill, died 25 June 1879, Fish Haven, Idaho.

Lorenzo Dow Young converted Isaac Hill. From Lorenzo Dow Young's History.

MISSIONARY TO "THE STATES"

Isaac Hill left with 73 other Elders with handcarts for a mission to the states. They left on April 23,



1857 and arrived back in Salt Lake City on June 21, 1858 after a hard but successful mission. In the book "Handcarts to Zion" they had several handcart songs submitted and sung. One was for the missionaries that left with handcarts back east. It was written by one of the missionaries, Elder Philip Margetts and was sung to the tune of "Oh, Susannah".

THE MISSIONARY'S HANDCART SONG

No purse, no scrip they bear with them  
 But cheerfully they start  
 To cross the plains a thousand miles  
 And draw with them a cart.  
 Ye nations list, the men of God  
 From Zion now they come  
 Clothed with the priesthood and the power  
 To gather Israel home.

*CHORUS*

Then cheer up ye Elders,  
 You to the world will show  
 That Israel must be gathered soon  
 And oxen are too slow.

Ye pious men whose sympathy  
 Is touched for fallen men,  
 A pattern now is set for you,  
 Just beat it if you can:  
 Here's men who're called to go abroad  
 The Gospel to impart.  
 They leave their friends and homes so dear  
 And start with their handcart.

Now competition is the rage,  
 Throughout the world 'tis true,  
 To head the Mormons they must rise  
 Far earlier than they do.  
 For Mormonism it is sound,  
 Without a crack or flaw,  
 They know the arts and sciences,  
 And we're learning how to *draw*.

Some folks would ask, Why do you start  
 With carts, come tell I pray?

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We answer: When our Prophet speaks,  
The Elders all obey.  
Since Brigham has the way laid out  
That's best for us, we'll try,  
Stand off ye sympathetic fools,  
The handcarts now or die.

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Then come ye faithful ministers,  
With blessings now we'll go,  
To gather out the honest hearts  
From darkness and from woe.  
Our strength increasing day by day  
As from this land we part,  
We'll bless the day that we were called  
To go with our handcart.

EXERPTS TAKEN FROM THE LIFE HISTORY OF  
MARYJANE MILLER HILL  
WIFE OF ISAAC HILL

(Written by her granddaughter, Stella Johnson Mackelprang, daughter of  
Elizabeth Hill Cook and Chriss Johnson)

In September 1864, Mary Jane and her husband Isaac received a call from President Brigham Young to go and help settle the Bear Lake region (St. Charles) in Idaho. The trials and hardships they had to endure while living in Salt Lake City were nothing in comparison with what they met up with in this new territory...

Isaac and the young boys had only time enough to get the logs hauled and to build one room before the heavy snow fall and it was so deep they were unable to haul more logs with which to build more rooms...(Some of the family had to sleep out in the wagon boxes) The weather was so cold that the temperature fell to 40 degrees below zero...

About February when the lake (Bear lake) was frozen over two men from the east came to the New Territory and cut holes in the ice and fished and caught a lot of fish...after learning how it was done Mary Jane would go down on the lake nearly every day and fish and catch enough for the family to eat...As Isaac had been subjected to severe spells of rheumatism and arthritis. for years he could not stand the exposure of the cold and being on the ice.

The next summer there came another cricket (or grasshopper) plague similar to the one that had infested Salt Lake City while they were living there and what few crops Isaac and the boys did get planted were nearly all destroyed by those pests...

They didn't have much better prospects that next winter...Isaac was afflicted so much with another spell of rheumatism during that summer he was unable to make the trip to Cash Valley as planned...to get...provisions for their winter use...they did have milk and butter to use...as soon as

the lake was frozen over they cut holes in the ice and fished...

(In 1874)...they moved six miles south to Fish Haven, Idaho...Isaac had been afflicted with rheumatism and arthritis for many years and finally became so lame he had to walk with a cane. However, he used to walk one mile to George Town on "Fast Days" to bear his testimony to the truthfulness of the gospel of Latter-day- Saints. He died 25 June 1879 at Fish Haven, Idaho, and was taken to St. Charles for burial.