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May 2nd. Father Clark went to Logan on train. As I was retiring there came a knock on the door. It proved to be father. He had come to take me home on a visit. I was some surprised, for I did not expect him quite so soon, so I was hardly ready. It seemed like a bewildering dream, but it was real that I should soon meet my brothers and sisters whom I had not seen for nearly a year.

May 19th. The folks go to Morgan to attend stake conference. They are told by a friend that has been sent down to the marshalls that I am home with a baby, so father thinks it wisdom to take me to Farmington that night.

June 1st. Or rather it was May 31st, we were honored with a call by Brother Nobles of Bountiful. The venerable gentleman is 78 years old the 15th of last January, and he is now full of life and vitality, and is one of those good men who had the honor of associating with the Prophet Joseph Smith; this is what made his visit so remarkably interesting. He told us some of his experiences with the prophet.

Brother Nobles performed the first ceremony under the celestial order of marriage in sealing a Miss Beeman, his first wife's sister to the prophet. He said, it took him several months to be converted to the principle, but finally he believed, through inspiration, and Joseph soon began to exhort him to go forward in that principle, and obey it. He did not as soon as the Prophet desired him to do, so he spoke to him again in a way to censor him for being so slack in the performance of duty, so said he to his wife, "I am going to go forward now if it makes the very hair start on my head." This he said emphaticall; and concentrated his mind on a young lady, Miss Sarah Ally, who was an accomplished young woman with a well balanced mind. Though she and her folks were yet outsiders, but he informed the Prophet Joseph of it, as he had instructed him, to which he replied, §Go ahead, it is alright." Now he proceeded to teach to them the principles of the Gospel, and to take a course with them that he could win their good opinion. This, he was successful in. They thought him to be very great. He being an influential man (a Bishop), he could make strong impressions on their minds. They did not receive the gospel then, but they were good people, and did not oppose it. He succeeded in converting the daughter, and she consented to be his wife, with the understanding that she must not tell her parents nor anyone else. The parents went East on a visit, and while they were gone, their daughter Sarah left home. She had become pregnant, and went to live in exile. The place she went, there was an opportunity to teach some children so she thus employed herself. When her parents returned, they inquired about their daughter. Bor. Nobles told them she was teaching school, assuring them that she should be well taken care of. After a time she came home. Her parents provided her with a home, and Bro. Nobles was made welcome as a supposed friend, to come to see her anytime. Her parents asked her to tell them, but she answered, "No, I am restricted at present, but you will know." In the meantime Bro. Nobles had tried to teach them the principles, and labored with them wisely, they having no idea he was their

son-in-law. He offered her the chance to move into his own house where she remained until after she gave birth to a son, George, who is the oldest polygamous