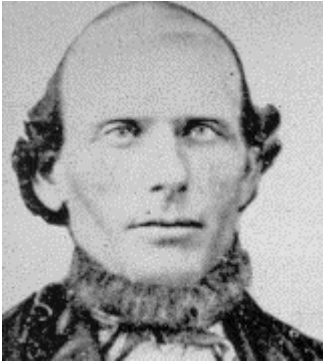


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Joseph Leland Heywood



Joseph L. Heywood was a man with a great deal of experience in the (LDS)Church and had had a [personal acquaintance with the Prophet Joseph Smith](#). He was born in Grafton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on August 1, 1815 to Benjamin Heywood and Hannah Rawson Leland. He was of Puritan stock. His GGG Grandfather Edward Rawson was Secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and a very prominent character in the early history of New England. His grandfather Heywood and his grandfather Leland served under General Washington. He spent his early years on his father's farm. As a young man of twenty-two, he moved to Illinois, where, in the fall of 1839, he established a mercantile business in Quincy with his brother-in-law, Oliver Kimball. Three years later, he visited Joseph Smith and was converted to the Church. He was baptized by Orson Hyde and confirmed by Joseph Smith at Nauvoo in December, 1842. When the Latter-Day Saints commenced their exodus from Nauvoo in 1846, Heywood, along with Almon Babbitt and John S. Fullmer, was chosen as one of the trustees to supervise the disposal of Church property. After arriving in the Salt Lake Valley in 1848, he was named postmaster of Salt Lake City, Bishop of the Seventeenth Ward, and surveyor of highways in the provisional State of Deseret. He helped John M. Bernhisel at the nation's capitol obtain a territorial government for Utah and was appointed U.S. Marshal for the newly created Utah Territory. As a colonizer, Heywood supervised the settling of Salt Creek, later Nephi, in Juab County, Utah, in 1851, and in the spring of 1855 accompanied Orson Hyde in the founding of the Mormon settlement at Carson Valley. In 1861 he moved to southern Utah, where he spent the remainder of his life and for many years was a Church patriarch. He died in Panguitch on October 16, 1910.

DIARY OF JOSEPH L. HEYWOOD 1815-1910

Copied by the Brigham Young University Library 1946

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This is a copy of the original journals of Joseph L. Heywood. These books may be described as follows: #1. A book 12x8x1 cm. in dimensions with a green sheepskin cover, and 117 ruled pages within. The lower right corner of the book had been immersed in water, and from about 1/3 to 1/5 of each page was of a brownish hue, but in only a few cases did this interfere with reading the text... #2 No cover was on this book, which is 16x10x.3 cm. in size with ordinary ruling on a paper with a bluish hue.

The author apparently made no attempt to have the journal complete, but made entries only at such times as was convenient. The writing throughout is in pencil and in some cases was so faint and smeared that it was difficult to read. This together with the fact that some letters, such as the "a" and "d" and "r" and "n" were almost indistinguishable, made the copy work slow.

The originals were secured while this copy was made through the kindness of Mrs. Juanita Brooks of St. George, Utah. They were returned to her to return to the owner after this copy was made.

The above notes were with the 1946 edition. I have scanned this document, corrected some misspellings, possibly added some new misspellings, and expanded some abbreviations e.g. from G. P. Stiles to George P. Stiles, UT to Utah, Prest to President. Grandpa Heywood listed time of day as 11 ock p.m. - I changed such references to simply 11pm. The 1946 version had reference to "dog types", for example "sister Orinda's dog type which was left at his house". I have changed these references to daguerreotype. I have also included text boxes with historical information from sources such as History of Utah providing additional material about persons and events listed in Grandpa Heywood's diary.
..... Garth I. Andrus

Introductory Sketch About Joseph Leland Heywood

Son of Benjamin Heywood and Hannah Leland, born Grafton. Mass., Aug. 1, 1815, died Oct. 16, 1910, Panguitch. Utah. Worked on father's farm, but later became merchant and migrated to Illinois, 1838. Lived in Alton, Springfield, and finally Quincy, IL before his final move to Nauvoo in 1845. Converted to Mormonism after hearing Joseph Smith in 1842, and baptized in the Mississippi River by Orson Hyde, the Prophet assisting in cutting the ice. Became an elder, High Priest, and Bishop in 1844. When the Church migrated in 1846, Heywood was one of the three chosen as trustees to care and dispose of the Church property in Nauvoo. Bore arms in defense of Saints against mobs in September 1846. Remained in Nauvoo until 1848 when he joined the migrants for the Valley. They reached Salt Lake Oct., 19. He was appointed postmaster of Salt Lake in the spring of 1849. That fall he was called by the Church to go east to purchase merchandise, and while there visited representative Bernhisel in connection with the territorial government movement. Aided in keeping President Young as the Governor of Utah. Was first bishop of 17th ward which position he held for six years following February 1849. Accompanied President Young and company on exploring expedition south to Parawan, and was appointed to form the settlement of Nephi, where he presided for three years. In the spring of 1855 (where this diary begins) he accompanied Orson Hyde to Carson Valley, Nevada to form a settlement, and during the trip acted as guard for Hon. George

P. Stiles who was appointed U. S. Judge of Carson Valley for a short period. In the spring of 1856 Heywood in company with Orson Pratt, E. T. Benson and George A. Smith went to Washington, D.C. as a delegate to petition Congress for statehood for Utah. On this trip he was also looking after his office as U. S. Marshall for Utah, which he had held since his appointment by President Fillmore in 1851. On his return he left Independence, MO. In November 1856, and with about 20 other Saints was winterbound at Devil's Gate on the Sweetwater - Their food gave out and their main food was boiled rawhide for about six weeks. They reached Salt Lake Just before April Conference, 1857 Soon after his return he went with President Young and company to Ft. Lemhi on the Salmon River, In 1855 he was appointed a home missionary to labor in all of the Utah settlements as far as Washington Co. He was called to locate in the Dixie country in 1881, and first settled in Washington, but later moved to New Harmony, where he remained until his final move to Panguitch in 1872. He was ordained a patriarch at St. George in 1874, and when the Panguitch Stake was organized he became President of the stake High Priests quorum.

His first wife was Sarepta M. Blodget, whose family at Beloit Mich. he mentions herein. He later married as plural wives Sarah Symonds, Martha Spence, and Mary Bell, Twelve of his 20 children were still alive in 1901.

His brothers and sisters in Massachusetts, part of whom he mentions in this diary were: Children of his mother and his Uncle, Levi Heywood: Charles L., who married Catherine Phillips and Sarah Baker; and Levi C. who married Sarah B. Stow and; His full brothers and sisters were: Benjamin with wife Abby Jane Dennis; Hannah L. who married John M. Case; Mary R. who married Talcott; Sabra L. who married Benjamin F. Baker; and Sarah M. who married Oliver Kimball. The Leland relatives mentioned herein were mostly brothers and sisters of his mother, Hannah Leland, daughter of David W. and Polly Rawson Leland. These were: Mary, wife of John Page; Sally, wife of Joseph Merriam; Joseph who married L.M. Wheeler and Charlotte Merriam; Sabra, his unmarried aunt; Mahalea, wife of John Wyman; David W. who married M. W. Howe; and Phineas W. who married Parmelia T. Wood.

Diary of Joseph Leland Heywood Part I

Left Great Salt Lake City for Carson Valley May 16, 1855, Arrived at Reebers Station Carson Valley June 18/55. 25 left for California in company with Hon George P. Stiles-also Hon. O. Hyde who was commissioned by Brigham Young Gov of UT, to unite with a commission on the part of the State of California to adjust the boundary line between Utah and California, Arrived in Sacramento the Capital of California June 28

Our Pioneer Heritage, Vol. 18, p.358: On 1/17/ 1855, the Utah Legislature passed an act creating Carson County. It was an important group of Mormon dignitaries that left Salt Lake for Carson Valley on 5/17/1855, to organize the 1st county government in what is now the state of Nevada. Orson Hyde was appointed by Governor Young to carry out the mandates of the territorial legislature; he was also to remain in the county and be probate judge, as well as the spiritual head of the community. Other prominent persons who came at this time were United States District Judge Styles, United States Marshal Joseph L.

Heywood, and Enoch Reese, a leading merchant of Salt Lake City and brother and part-owner of Reese's Station in Carson Valley.

July 4th Sacramento

July.5, Started in company with L Clark and A J, Blodgett to visit Brother and Sister Brown in the Vicinity of Stockton California arrived on the 6th and returned on the 9th to Sacramento about the 12th left for San Francisco, when I met a Small Branch of Saints-- Preaching by Elder Amasa Lyman--Spent about 2 weeks in San Francisco-- Stopped with Brother Jona Crosby and also with Brother Obed Taylor. Elder G. Q. Cannon was Printing the Book of Mormon in the Hawaiian Language -- returned to Sacramento and from thence went to visit Brother James Bell Salmon falls. Celebrated my 40th birthday in Miners Cabin with Brother James

Aug, 1855 - I returned to Carson about the 1st Sept/55 and left that place for Great Salt Lake City on the 10th accompanied by Hon George P. Stiles, Richard Bentley my clerk and about 30 men as guards who had left Salt Lake with me, About the 1st of May I had received re- appointment by President Prince . Confirmed by the Senate of the U. S. to the office of U. S. Marshal for Utah, which office I had then held for four years having been appointed in 1850 by Milton Fillmore then President of the U. S. --

Our party arrived in Great Salt Lake City Sept 23rd 1855 Having performed a Journey of over 700 miles each way for the purpose. of attending the U.S. 3rd Judicial Court for Utah. Orson Hyde remained as the Probate and County Judge of Carson Co which Office he has been appointed by the Governor and Legislative assembly of Utah Territory. While at San Francisco their harbor was visited by three Sail of the allied fleet of Great Britain and .France which Nations as well as Turkey were then at War with the Empire of Russia. They were Saluted by the firing of Cannon from Genl Wool's Command then having charge of the Military District of California on behalf of the U. S. Government, While at Sacramento Joined O. Hyde and Amasa Lyman in appropriating Elder G. Q. Cannon in establishing a News paper in San Francisco to be called the "Western Standard" I had the pleasure of meeting at San Francisco Elders Jones and Fatheringham just returned from a mission to India as well as Elder Linddington whom I had previously met at Sacramento, At this time California was estimated to contain about 50 thousand Asiatics mostly Chinese-

I saw much gold digging in various places and visited an extensive Quartz mill at Placerville At Salmon Falls extensive canals had been constructed to facilitate mining operations--A Rail Road was commenced up the Valley of the Sacramento River. First of January 1856 I visited Fillmore the capital of Utah in company with Chief Justice Kinny ass. Judge Stiles Hon W. W. Drummond residing at Filmore for the purpose of holding a Term of the U. S. Supreme Court, I was also accompanied by my esteemed wife Sarepta who with myself guard (?) &c camped out one night each way a few Miles South of Sevier River.

In March 1856 a convention chosen by the people of Utah formed a constitution for the State of Deseret G. A. Smith and John Taylor Esqrs were appointed to present the same to congress for approval and to ask admission into the Union

July 8th Violently assaulted by a Mr Sturgis, clerk in the 1st auditors office

July 12th Arrested By Constable Boss on a warrant issued by a Mr Goddard J P. on affidavit of Mr Sturgis charged with attempt to Bribe said Sturgis & was compelled to give Bond to appear at Court in the sum of \$300. J. M. Bernhisel delegate from Utah Kindly went my security

On the 22d of April I left Great Salt Lake City for Washington on Official Business I was accompanied by G. A. Smith Agt for Deseret. Orson Pratt and E. Benson with about 20 Missionaries for Europe--Erastus Snow and Jno Wm Coward for St. Louis --O O. Smoot, Ira Eldredge -- Brother Sullivan and W. S. Godbe to St Louis on business-- Almon W. Babbitt Secy (?) for Utah also left about the same time for Washington but did not continue to travel with us--We encountered an uncommonly severe storm at the "South Pass".after Biding it for fifty-six hours we left our encampment on the Sweet Water leaving 2 Animals dead on the ground.

Arrived at Fort Laramie on the 19th May and at Fort Kerney on the 24th and at Atchison Kansas Territory on the 9th of June 1856

On the 9th June about 1PM. We took passage for St Louis on the Steamer "Polar Star" whose accommodations have not been out modeled by any Boat I ever saw.-- We were Joined on our trip by the "Kansas Investigating Committee" detailed by congress to investigate Election returns in that Territory.

We arrived in St. Louis on the 12th in Company with EIder E. Snow. I was Kindly entertained by Bishop Turner and wife left St Louis on the 14th for Alton when the Council of the 12 Apostles requested me to preach on Sunday the 15th which I accordingly done The Saints in Alton rejoiced at my testimony and the Devil was Mad.

June 16 I left for Chicago arrived 10 P.M. left the next morn 17 for Beloit got carried by Belvedere through mistake and was left at Freeport Ill. until the evening train of cars from Galena took me back to Belvedere from whence I proceeded to Beloit when I arrived at 2 AM. of the 18th June and put up at the "Mansion" on the West side of the River (Rock) After breakfast I presented myself before Cousin A C. Spaulding with a letter in hand from Sarepta for Abby. I put on my spectacles and drawd my cap over my forehead; which I suppose is the reason why I was not known until said letter disclosed who was the bearer.

I was then soon surrounded by Brothers and sisters cousins and Aunt Lee— Dined with Daniel Blodgett who not only "drives good Horses" but lives like a Nabob.-- supped with S R. Blodgett (Visited Mrs Darrow) Mr D. Making pressed Brick (1/10 Lime with sand) in company with John Hackett with whom I returned to the Bushnell house and remained until the next morning after Breakfast partaking of the hospitality of John Hackett aforesaid

After Breakfast accompanied Bro. Hackett and Selcey Blodgett and sister Eunice to the House of Cousin Coggemill when we also met Juan Parish and Lady from Vermont. Returned to Beloit was refreshed about 11 o'clock at the house of W. C. Spalding partaking of strawberries and cream with Cousin Abby and Bill Spalding and Niece Ella Hackett. Left at 12 m for Chicago in Company with Mrs Spalding-- Met at Beloit the Widow Louken whose husband died at Council Bluffs and who manifested some Interest in the "Latter Day Work" Arrived in Chicago at 6 P.M. Left. Cousin Abby and Bill at the house of an old friend Dr P. M. Davis Left same leaving in company with Elder Almenn Grew for Washington by the Central Rail Road route fare 20\$ --

Arrived at Indianapolis about 9 Am June 20th the same being the Capital of Indiana Arrived at Columbus about 11 o'clock PM.. when we stopped until the next day 10 A.M. giving us an opportunity to visit the State House in progress of building, which we were shown through by a clerk in the office of the Secretary of State-- Arrived at Wheeling 6 PM.

21st June June 22d arrived in Baltimore 10AM. Left 23rd for Washington at 4 and arrived at 6A.M. where I met Hon. J.M. Bernhisel , Almon W. Babbitt, and W. I. Appleby-- Much pleased with viewing Equestrian stature of General A Jackson, Also 2 wings of the Capital erected since I was in Washington, in 1850--Visited stature of Washington-Columbus and others Also Washington Monument, Patent Office, Senate, and House of Representatives. Also Washington Monument in process of erection and frequently the Capitol grounds ornamented and shaded by forest trees from every state in the Union, with shrubbery and flowers , Paintings in the Rotunda of the Capitol Landing of Columbus do Puritans— DeSoto's discovery Miss River Surrender of Cornwallis -- Signers of American Independence Portraits of Webster and Cap

(Item July 8th and July 12th top of p, 3, probably intended for hero.)

July 15th Received notice from the President of the U.S. Franklin Pierce by the Attorney General C. Cushing of my dismissal from the office of U S Marshal under date of July 12, 1856 G.A. Smith remarked that the release was worth one hundred thousand Dollars to me in view of the hardships and inconveniences. Judge R.M., Young who had known me For fifteen years proffered to give me a good character and assist me which he did as also Hon J. M. Birnhisel and Senator Douglas who agreed to see Mr James Guthrie Secretary of the U. S, Treasury was the author of the prosecution against me aforesaid I allude to Mr. Guthrie who not only treated me harshly but as I learned through Brother Bernhisel had always manifested a Bitter feeling towards the saints and particularly towards President Brigham Young, Governor of Utah.

Mr Brooks, and Mr Burlingame members of Congress put under Bonds - a challenge having passed to fight a duel .

July 26 and 27th Wrote my dear wives viz Sarepta, Sarah S, Martha S and Mary B, Before doing so prayed to the Lord that I might be able to write something comforting to my family and felt much strengthened

July 26th 1856 Having employed the Hon R. M. Young to act as my attorney in settling my Accounts with the Treasury - he called this day in company with J.M. Bernhisel upon Mr E. Whittlsey 1st Comptroller Etc - with a letter from G. A Smith Agent for the Constitution of Deseret explanatory of the difficulties encountered by J L Heywood while acting as U. S. Marshal for Utah--I had previously addressed Mr Whittlesey upon the same subject

Borrowed and received this day of Mr Wm Garrish one hundred Dollars for expenses Mr G being a claimant against the U. S. for expenses reported by me Mr Garrish has been active in endeavoring to obtain his Just dues from the Government but also exerted as far as I could ascertain a wholesome influence towards me and the people of Utah—Mr. J. M. Hickaday of Salt Lake City in Company with Mr. Garrish. Received a letter this day, from Hon Almon W. Babbitt dated Cincinnati O. July 26. En route for Council Bluffs and Utah Territory. Health has been good since May better than for the past Ten years.

LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Andrew Jenson,
Vol. 1, p.284
Babbitt, Almon W., president of the Kirtland Stake of Zion, from 1841 to 1843 . After the departure of the Apostles into the wilderness, in February, 1846, the affairs of the Church at Nauvoo were left in charge of a committee, consisting of Almon W. Babbitt, Joseph L. Heywood and John S. Fullmer; and after the famous battle of Nauvoo, in September, 1846, these three men signed the treaty, by which the Saints agreed to surrender the city to the mob.

Received Letters from Home 8th July family generally well and those who had been sick recovering--later News by Mr. Gilbert from Salt Lake up to 6th June representing the prospects for crops good - - Herd of the death of Eider R.W. Wolcott at Alton on the 15th of June he died of small pox in England. On my arrival in the State wrote my family relating in mass and received affectionate answers. Brought from Utah a trunk belonging to my deceased Nephew L. F. Heywood who died at my house in Salt Lake Nov 13. 1850 -- which I intend to deliver to his Parents - Levi C. Heywood and wife Sarah B. Heywood. Enjoyed myself much this summer reading the Deseret News embracing the time I Spent in Carson and California in the summer of 1855 -- Also the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants which are accompanied with the spirit of the Lord. Purchased and commenced reading Jefferson's Manual of Parliamentary Rules. Feel disposed to acquaint myself with political science in view of future usefulness --hope to feel willing to serve the Lord in any way he or his servants may designate.

Have continued to board and room with Brother G.A. Smith at the house of Mrs. Robinson 558 Penn Avenue, which I esteem a great privilege. Our washing done by Sister Jeffries who volunteered to do the same.

A. Smith, John Taylor, and J.M. Bernhisel in behalf of Deseret concluded not to present the Memorial and Constitution of Deseret at present owing to the base temper and

opposition in. Congress and the faint heartedness of our friends in relation to the doctrine of non-intervention upon which alone the institutions of the Church of Christ could receive public security.

The result of their conclusion they communicated to President Brigham Young desiring council and holding themselves ready to obey the same or his voice of inspiration unto them: suffice it to say not a member of Congress volunteered to advocate the claims of Deseret although Mr. Oliver of Missouri wished to test the Doctrine of non intervention.

The most exciting topic in relation to foreign relations this season was the discrediting by the U.S. Government of the British minister at Washington, Mr. Crampton and the British consuls at N York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati charged with enlisting soldiers for the war of 1855 between the allied powers and Russia.

July 29 news from California showing the active operations the vigilance Committee, a body of men established at San Francisco who have assumed the reins of Government -- Justifying themselves before the world on the score that the authority of the state officers was obtained by fraudulent elections.

Prospect brightening with relation to my business with the department.

Had a conversation with Judge Young's daughter in relation to Quincy by which I learn that my old friend John Wood is Mayor of Quincy and other circumstances of interest.

This day Judge Young had an interview with the 1st Comptroller in relation to my business Judge Young alluded to my difficulty with Mr. Sturgis where upon Mr. Bidell chief clerk of the Comptroller shut his eyes and shook his head saying that he had nothing to do with the affair. Judge Young remarked that it was an abuse

Apples and pears getting good and plenty at one ct ea--purchased a nut crackers for us old folks

July 30 wrote my Brother Benjamin this day in a cheerful spirit alluding to the scenes of our childhood. Read in the evening an account of the rise and progress of the city of Dubuque, Iowa. Tremendous thunder shower commenced about 9 p.m. An alarm of fire rendered the night hideous.

July 31 Dreamed of seeing Brother J. M. Grant. The topic of conversation was war in the future. I remarked that war was not without mitigating circumstances to which Jeddy nodded assent and his countenance shined gloriously. The idea which seemed to be left on my mind was that it would be a happy fighting to fight when led by inspired men. --- Called upon by Dr. Bernhisel -- went with him and Bro. G.A. Smith to visit the public green houses contiguous to the capital grounds--many are specimens of flowers, fruits, shrubs, etc. mostly exotic

Learned that Congress had in contemplation to purchase the situated block on which my boarding house in situated with several others in the vicinity in order to set off the new wings of the Capitol. Splendid misery -- saw Brother J. M. Grant in the newspaper.

Had a call from Wm Gerrish who informed me that Mrs Burr (wife of the Surveyor General of Utah) has wished him to bring me and Col. G.A. Smith to her house to make a call. Informed Mr. Gerrish of the treatment I received from his clerk, Dick Thompson. Mr. G. said he was addicted to the use of Liquor which accounted for his conduct in a measure. Gerrish has manifested a friendly spirit and I feel well toward him--and desire that he should prosper in accordance with the providences of the Lord.

Learn that the Rail Road station was last night struck by lightening.

Evening was to Georgetown in an omnibus with my companion G.A. Smith Saw at the wharf a vessel called "The Statesman"

Visited Sister Jeffries in the evening. She was absent. Julia entertained us; Subject of conversation the Jabo Case. Julia Jeffries is about 16 Professes to believe the Gospel, but has never been baptized. Wants to be when she is sick and when well prefers the World. Her sister Emma is about 15 years old seems thoughtful and is afflicted in her head.---- Milton (?) today for Deseret.

August 1st 1856 forty one years ago this day I came to America or in other words was naturalized. My deceased sister Hanna told me once that my birth was attended by a thunder shower. I do not recollect much about it although I suppose I was not far off. I am in good health and spirits and for aught I know a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and an elder in said church-- Ex U.S. Marshal for Utah now in Washington endeavoring to settle with the government whom I have served for six years in the above capacity. I am under \$300 bonds to appear at court to answer to the charge of bribing. The first time I have been charged with breaking the laws of my country.

The U.S. has no common Law jurisdiction in criminal cases See 7th vol Crurechis Report page 32 Judge Colimar

Visited the Washington monument in company with Brother G.A. Smith . Subscribed one dollar and received a lithograph of the monument which is now about one hundred and seventy feet high and is designed to be raised five hundred and eighteen feet.

We visited a number of buildings containing various contributions of elegantly wrought stones from the states territories, countries &c. among which was the stone wrought for Deseret by Brother Ward, A most splendid specimen of native copper contributed by the State of Michigan adorned the office of the establishment. Bunker Hill monument is 220 feet high Baltimore monument to Washington 174 feet high. Bought the Ladies Oracle for amusement. Went to bed much fatigued and somewhat ill

Aug 2nd; Called upon Br. Bernhisel from whom I have received many kind lectures in relation to my health. Commenced this day to do without coffee, although the water we have to drink is quite poor. Received in connection with Bother Smith & Brother Bernhisel a polite invitation from Elder Taylor to join the Towns river Schooner party. Sunday 3rd August: Interviewed with Gen. Rees E Price of Cincinnati, Ohio, A very eccentric man, a believer in Theocracy. George. A. packed up for New York and gave me good advice pertaining to my affairs.

LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Andrew Jenson, Vol. 1, p.723

Bernhisel, John Milton was elected Utah's first delegate to Congress. He was re-elected 3 times (in 1853, 1855 and 1857), and thus; served the Territory as its delegate for 8 years, or until 1859. He died in SLC 9/28/1881. At the time of his demise, the "Deseret News" contained the following: "He (Dr. Bernhisel) was a man of learning, of very temperate and abstentious habits, a perfect gentleman in manner, and a much respected veteran among the people of God. He was a very dear friend of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Aug 4 1856 George A. did not go on account of a heavy rain this morning. Received a very kind letter from Bro. N H Felt dated New York Aug 1st. Evening about 5 PM commenced raining -- how easy it rains in this country. George A. not yet gone. Had a call from Mr. George W. Torrence, an old Texan soldier who went to Texas when a boy fifteen years of age, also in the war with Mexico -- wounded at San Jucinto and also on Scott's line at the national bridge, Mexico,

Aug 5 Morning George. A still with me but talks of leaving this evening by the four o'clock train of cars. I called upon Sen Douglas this morning at his house situated about one third of a mile from the' Capitol built on an eminence which overlooks the Capital amid a shady grove with convenient out houses. His premises are enclosed with a brick wall about five feet high. The Senator seems much care worn with public responsibilities. When I first met him on my arrival he enquired about my wife (Sarepta) and asked if she was living.

I was present at Carthage in the month of June 1838 when the Prophet Joseph and Mr. Douglas (then District Judge) had a conversation in relation to the treatment the Saints had received at the hands of the General Gove