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To the descendants of JOHN LOWE BUTLER III: *Re: Missionary Journal.*

It had been my intent to bring to our wonderful reunion at John Day the mission journal of our father, but I failed to get this done. This will let you know about the journal, and hopefully you may see it when you visit.

This journal is leather bound, maroon color, with gold inscription RECORD on the front. It measures $7 \frac{3}{8}$ " X $4 \frac{3}{4}$ ", and is $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. There are 176 pages, 144 are used. On fly leaf is JOHN L. BUTLER, RICHFIELD, UTAH, done in a beautiful script. Page 1: "A record kept by John L. Butler Jr. Born in Panguitch, Garfield Co. Utah, June 5, 1874. When six years of age removed to Sevier Co. Utah. Was baptized June 25th 1882 by Gideon Murelock. Was Confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Was ordained a Deacon when fourteen years"

Pages 3-4: "Received my call to the Northern States Mission January 13, 1898" He then details the contributions that enables him to go. This totaled \$58.55, and a black tie. Richfield Ward paid \$24.55; his two brother in laws, Gomer Richards and John Christenson each paid \$5.00; there was \$10. from a benefit dance; most contributions were for \$.50, including those from Bertha and Agnes Thurber. I noted with interest that John William Butler, his father's half brother, not only gave \$1.00, but was at the train station to see him off.

Page 4: Dated March 27th, 1898, he goes from Richfield to S.L.C. where Gomer and Sadie meet him. Sightseeing in S.L.C. for two days, then March 30 "Brother Kimball instructed the missionaries to go without purse or script, not to baptize children without consent of their parents." He is ordained a Seventy by Seymour B. Young, and received a blessing. He then does more sightseeing. Page 5: March 31st received endowments, and left for Chicago on evening train. On April 3 arrives in Chicago, and goes to see Pres. L. A Kelch, Pres. of the Northern States Mission.

After sightseeing Chicago he leaves for his first assignment at Winona, Minn. on April 8. This city is on Mississippi River, on border of Wisconsin. Evidently Pres. Sheets, counselor to Kelch, was his first companion until April 15 when Elder Andrew Dudley Jr. was assigned his companion. He relates three trips to the south and west of Winona where John and companion walk from town to town, schoolhouse to schoolhouse, and visit, tract, and teach. Without purse or scrip they sometimes sleep on bench in schoolhouse, and are sometimes hungry. It is easy to follow his travels on a map as he names the towns. Only once does he name a town in Wisconsin.

Page 26 Elder Dudley baptized Bert Lara and Maud Rice, John confirmed Maud. This was July 3. On Aug. 12, Page 30, they go to Fairbault for a conference, going by train. A new assignment takes him to Waseca, Minn., with Elder Charles E. Clark as companion, arriving on Aug. 15.

It is interesting to note that John had been swimming in the Mississippi River, and while at Waseca went on a fishing trip to Lake Jefferson. They go from Waseca to Janesville. He attends many protestant and Catholic churches.

On September 26 John and companion go to Milwaukee, and it is here he finishes his mission. He had been gone from home six months. Tells of street meetings, ruffians throwing things at them, getting money from home. (Room costs were \$1. per week.) On Oct. 7th had treatments at Chicago Medicator? He tells of the weather--hot, cold, raining, snow, etc.. At one time he had borrowed \$3. from companion (Clark), but received \$15. from home, and repaid. Lots of walking, and often at shoe repair shop. Some comments on his height--being $6' 3 \frac{3}{4}$ " tall.

On January 4, 1899, John received a letter from Aunt Adeline Tuttle, telling of his father's death, and enclosed a letter from Olive to Adeline telling of the death. Page 81: "I am shocked to hear of my father's death. ~~But~~ But cannot say that I am very much surprised, knowing his condition, his broken down health for so many years. I knew that time was fastely sapping his vital forces away. I feel that its the Lord's will that he is called away. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ He has suffered pain and sorrow for years. An all wise and merciful God has seen fit to release him of his pains and sufferings. I feel to say the Lord's will be done, not mine. If it were not for the testimoney of the Gospel I have, I would feel indeed that it was my duty to be at my darling mother's side at this moment. But I have the faith that God's blessings are awaiting her, and my loving brothers and sisters. I wrote a long letter home encouraging my dear ones." Later he received a letter from Uncle James Butler of condolence, Jim thinking John had all the particulars of the death of his father--but he did not. "After I came home and had a good cry I felt much bazier." Page 85: "I received a letter from home, with \$5. J. L. Sevey had sent to my mother for me." This was Jan. 13.

During the cold winter weather John managed to keep warm most of the time. Tells of humourous story about cutting up wood for Sister Moses. Lots of song practices. He mentions Sister Moses often, also a Miss McIntire, a Miss Fleet, Mrs. Minor, Westons. Also mentions names of various elders with whom he associates. Page 103: "Elder Koefed spoke a short time and I spoke a short time and Elder Clark spoke. He told the people how we had left our dear ones and come out. Said that our families was dear to us, etc. and that we all had families, except (he said) Elder Butler. But he has a sweetheart at home ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that he thinks a lot of, and he said, I believe she thinks lots of him. Some of the people looked at me rather queer, and wondered how Elder ~~KK~~ C. knew so much about my sweetheart."

March 7th, 1899, page 110: "Came home and found two letters on the table for me, one informing me of the death of my father's second wife's child. Also received a letter from Miss Bertha Thurber with fifty cents worth of stamps." March 18-19 a conference is held, with Heber J. Grant and Pres. Kelch in attendance. Pages 116-122: "After meeting I was sitting on the piano stool rather fumbleing with the keys, when Pres. Kelch came up and said, 'Your father has passed away, and who is there at home to take charge of things?' 'I said, I have a brother who is doing what he can.' 'Who tends the farm? he said.' 'We have no farm,' I replied. 'He said, Well, what is your conditions at home?' 'Well, I said, I guess you know.' Pres. Hulme was there, and said, 'I have not told him your conditions.' 'Well, Pres. Kelch said, I have heard of your conditions.' 'The Lord is pleased with your labors. Your mission is now at home. You are entitled to an honorable release, said Pres. Kelch.' 'I said, I am here to stay until the Lord wants me otherwise, etc.' Pres. Hulme said he had felt for some time that my dutys were at home. In the course of our conversation Pres. Hulme said that he didn't wish to flatter, but there was not an elder in the field that he hated to lose worse than me. He and Pres. Kelch both encouraged me to feel that it was the Lord's will for me to go home. After the meeting I had a talk with Bro. Grant and he said, 'Bro. Butler your duty is at home. He gave good counsel, told me not to assume my father's debts, ~~but~~ but if I ever got on my feet to settle them, not to let them go unsettled.' 'I engaged in conversation with a friend of mine whom I had been calling upon (Mr. Swenson) he said he wanted to be baptized, of which I felt very grateful to see the fruits of my labors.'

P. 135, March 31: Left for home on train. Attended Conference in S.L.C. Reached home April 11. On April 12 spent evening with Bertha Thurber. as shown on page 114.

Ross E. Butler



John L. Foster.

Richfield

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Sept 1st 1897
John Christian 500
August 1897
Common Road 3.00
June 1897 5.98
Left Rockwell at 9.00 AM
Reached Salt Lake City at 12.00 PM
In a hotel & had lunch

Salt Lake June 25 1898
Visited the Atlas Block
had lunch with the boys after
the 1st run

Salt Lake June 27 1898
I went through the distribution
and also went to the Salt Lake
Hospital

Salt Lake July 1st 1898
Brother Bamber instructed the
men towards to go with me
in a wagon out to Balm's Hall
with the consent of his parents

Salt Lake June 25 1898
I was set a part as indicated
~~in the~~ in order to
handle of the business belonging
also returning my clothing
I went through the laundry
and got my washing

Salt Lake June 27 1898
I received my 1st money
and left at 12.00 PM
having my passport at hand
July 1st 1898

Reached Liverpool at 12.00 PM
July 2nd 1898
Reached Norwich at 11.00 AM
Stayed over night at the hotel
and went with stores

July 2nd 1898
Reached Chicago at 11.00 AM
Went to the Grand Hotel and
left baggage and went to the
office of J. H. Welch who is
the president of the company

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Spent the evening at
Mrs. Cortha Thurber's.

Thurs. Apr. 13. 1899

73 S.W. 22nd St.
Owens, OR 97114
September 16, 2000. The ninth
son of Ross Erin Butler, the ninth
child of John Low Butler # and
Bertha Melvina Thurber, born June 16,
1916 at Monarch, Blaine Co., Idaho.
John + Bertha were married November
15, 1899, in Mantle Temple. They had 11
children, the first + third dying in infancy.
Margie Smith born 7 Jan. 1901 - Died 16 Feb. 1901
W. Grant born 7 Sept. 1902 - Died Oct. 1893
Elna born 20 Nov. 1904 - Died 31 Jan. 1905
Bladyt born 15 Nov. 1905 - Died March 10, 2000
Ethel born 5 Nov. 1907 - Died 4 Feb. 1980
Ernest Thurber born 20 May 1910 - Died 26 January 1991
Maurice born 6 May 1912 - Died 1 March 1992
Elta born 1 June 1914.
Ross Erin born 6 Jan. 1916.
Agnes born 11 Nov. 1918 - Died 5 Sept. 1997.
John Lowell born 5 Nov. 1920.
John + Bertha lived first in Central Utah
Close to their mother and siblings, then
moved to Canyonville, Idaho, to Monarch,
Blaine Co., to ...

Elder John L. Butler, Jr.,

Mission Address:

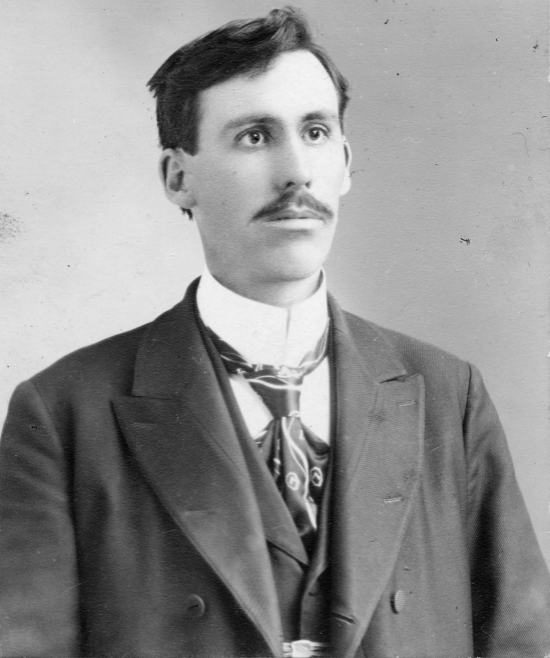
Richfield,

Utah.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.
3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of Hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy, and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church—namely: Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon this (the American) continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates; in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—JOSEPH SMITH.







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HESS BROS.