Recollections of Past Days

Petree, Sandra Ailey

Published by Utah State University Press


For additional information about this book
https://muse.jhu.edu/book/9277

For content related to this chapter
https://muse.jhu.edu/related_content?type=book&id=201189
England

1827–December 1855

Reccolections of past days

Written by P. Patience Loader

I was born in a small Village called Aston Rouant in Oxfordshire England fifteen Miles from the City of Oxford Which place is noted for its great educational colleges and old fashion [page torn] buildings some which are black with age there Whare some of the Martyers burned in the city of Oxford three Bishops Ridley Granmer and Latimer

I was born of good kind parents My Father was a hard working industrious Man by profession a gardener was head gardener to an English NoblerMan for twenty three years I am the fourth child of there family having two Brothers and one sister older than Myself and seven Sisters and two brothers younger makeing thirteen children in all My parents had a large family to Maintain but Notwithstanding this through My dear Father hard toil and My Mothers good Management thay raised there famely in a very respectable manner and gave us all aplain education and done there very best thay could for there children in teaching us all the good thay knew as long as I can remember did My parents teach me to love and fear God and keep his commandments Never can I remember being put to bed without having to kneel at My dear Mothers knee to say my prayers and to ask God to take care of Me through the night we was all taught the Lords prayer and to pray for father and Mother Brother and sister and friends and taught this as our duty and taught that we was depending on God our heavenly father for all we was blessed with and we was taught to thank him for all blessings

[In] My early life My Parents belonged to the church of England and thay was very strict with there children in having us every Sunday attend Sunday school and Church all day on Sunday Sometimes I use to get quite tiard and as I grew older I use to think it was alittle to much to
have to go to church and Sunday school all day on Sundays, when some of my companions could go and take a nice walk with their friends or sometimes go visiting but my parents never allowed me this pleasure unless they should go themselves then we children was aloud to go with them. But when I became grown and understood things in the right light I felt thankful to my parents that they took so much care in raising me and am always willing to give them great credit for the care of my breeding for they taught me by times to love working and reading, and the lessons I was taught by my parents when I was under their care at home has always proved good for me through life and are not forgotten by me now I am getting old and have children and grandchildren of my own.

Still I can look back with sweet recollections of childhood and girlhood when I think of the old home where I was born and raised it fills my heart with joy and pleasure the dear old house with a thatched roof and old fashion casements windows with dimant cut glass and the verada in front with woodbrines roses and honey suckles twing up to the upstairs windows a beautifull flower garden on each side of the Walk from the Street to the house a walk of red brick laid in on each side with flint all kept so clean and free from weeds and gravel walks all around the house to the back Whare we had a play ground a beautifull green grass plate where father had swings and jumps batts and balls skiping ropes and
everything to please his children at home as he did not allow us to go out in the Street to play we esteemed it a great treat whenever we had permission to go out to have a game at ball with other children

[W]e had a very pretty home beautifully laid out and planted tastefully with every kind of evergreen and shrub trees father being a gardener it was always decorated in doors and out with the choicest of flowers and our kitchen garden was in the season filled with beautiful fruit and vegetables and father gave each child a small piece of ground and according to our taste we could plant it with flowers or vegetables he would furnish us the seeds or plants and find us tools to work with our home was surrounded with Water and trees and Wild flowers that grew in the shrubbery and all day long in spring and summer birds of every kind would be singing altogether the hold home was very enchanting and a place never to be forgotten by me

[H]ere I lived with my parents until I had past My seventeenth Year then I began to think and feel that I would like to do something to gain My own living and I ask My parents to let Me go out to work at first they objected too but after time gave there consent and I obtained a situation at a neighbouring town the town was called Wadleington it was to live four Miles from my home with two ladies by the Name of Clark two sisters Ann & and Elizabeth they kept a boarding School I agreed to go on the tenth of October to stay one year My Wages was not very
Patience’s mother, Amy Britnell Loader, April 2, 1802–July 24, 1885. Photo courtesy of Drusilla Smith.
high being only two pound ten shilings per Year but I thought this was very grand for Me to work and earn My own living I was very anxious to do this. but when I thought of leaving My home father and Mother Brs x sisters and all. now in My own Mind I came nearly backing out and not go. then as I had been so anxious to work out My independant Spirit Would not let me tell My parents that I did not want to go if I had said I would Not or did not want to go My Father would have been glad for me to stay home for he was a man that allways wanted his children home with him but I knew he had a large family to support and I thought I was old enough to get My own living I thought he had worked for Me long enough at the same time I knew it would be a great trial to me to leave my dear old home and all my loved one’s there.

Now between the time of My ingagement to go to My Situation and day fixed for Me to be there which was on the eleventh of October the day previous the tenth was a fare at a Market town called Thame fare. I never had been to a fare in My life as my Parents would never alow me or My sister’s to visit those places allthough fares was very common in England in those days once a year an the young Men and women go there to enjoy themselves together there they dance all day and sometimes up to a late hour at Night and as they think and say have a good time now in the Morning on the fare day My Elder Sister Ann sais Well I am going to the fare to day and said we can both go well I could not see how we could go but her mind was made up and mine was very soon made up so she sais she would get the breakfast and I was to go to Kingston to tell My cousen to wait for us as Ann and I would go with them when I got there they was allready gone and when I came back home my sister sais we can go after breakfast is over. My Mother generly went to see a neighbour who was sick while we girls done the Morning work and after she was gone and father had gone to work we were very soon made ourselves ready and went of going up through the scrubreys and jumping a high board fence into the road we dare not go through the village as we would have been seen by My Mother. we had scarcely got clear away from home when Father came home and wanted to know of my sister Tilpah’s where we was and she said she did not know but this he would not believe and was angry with her. but she did not know very much about it father started of after us but he could not overtake us as we was one road to the town and he was on the other there being two ways to go to the Town well he returned home feeling very bad and we arrived at the fare about ten or eleven o clock and joined our friends we had a very good day altogether but to tell the truth I did not have any real enjoyment the thoughts that we had run away from home unknown to our parents spoiled all my pleasure we knew it be no use to ask father to let us go for he would not give his consent so we thought we would
go any how let the conciquence be as it may we knew full well we would have a scolding when we went home

[W]e danced through the day agood Many times and I tried to enjoy myself but I knew the Next day I had to leave home and friends and I did not like the idea of my father and Mother being angrey with me before I left home my last day home  I thought many times through the day I wished I had staid home with them for the last day my friends I was with in the fare did not know my feelings that day thay was very gay and light hearted but I had something on my mind that caused my heart to feel heavy Night came an and it was dark still our friends was not ready to leave the fare I wanted to go home but I could not go alone the road was to loansome and we had to walk five miles and it was dark . about Nine or ten o clock [unreadable text crossed out] we started for home then thay called on some friends on the way and staid a time makeing it verey late when we arrived at My Aunt's at Kingston my sister and I had then nearly a Mile to go it was then past twelve oclock My Aunt said we had better go to bed and go home in the Morning which we did being verey tiard . but I did not sleep much

[I]n the morning we arose and made ready to go home to Meet our fate we was accompanyed by My Cousen George Loader father on arriving home father Meet us at the door Mother was still in bed father fealt angrey to think that we had gone of without asking his permission and to me he said you are going away from home to live and perhaps for ever and he did not know what to say to me he said this much . that he was going to his work and he should not see me any more now this cut me severely and so it did him for if he was astrict father he was a verey affectionate father I told him I was Sorrey and I wanted him to come and see me again before I left . So he told me to call on him at the garden and he would go part of the way with me which he did and when he bid me good bye he promised to come and see me in four weeks which he did

[T]o me thees was the longest four weeks I ever experienced . it seemed to me that the time past so Slowly before I could see my dear Father and what was the wourst to my feelings I had offended and greived him before I left home in going to Thame fare without his permission but that was a time in my life that I have never forgotten it was the first and last fare I ever went too .

Well now I must say a little about my arrival at My New home I arrived there on the eleventh of October 1844 I fealt somewhat down hearted at first as the Ladys was Straingers to Me and this was the first time I had been from home thay seemed to be kind folks the Younger of the two sisters Miss Elizebeth took me to My bed room to take of my bonnet and shaul telling me this was the room I was to sleep in I looked around it to see the furniture which was verey scant it was a large room with
nothing in it but a small bed just large enough for one to sleep in then I began to realize My loanliness  I had never been use to sleep in a bed alone much and the verey idea of sleeping in a larg old fashioned room all alone Made me allmost shuder at the thought for at home My eldest ^sister^ and I had a room to ourselves and we allways slept together

I was verey soon put to work and told all what I would have to do each day and told I would have to rise very early in the Morning to sweep and dust the large breakfast room the hall and door step and brighten the door knob and knoker all before breakfast then Miss Elizebath came down stairs to help Me get breakfast  I had to work verey hard every day had but verey little time to sit down to rest there was Nine in family and no other help but Myself there was eight rooms to keep clean and the washing done once a Month and I had to do it all which was verey hard work on me and I had never been use to such hard work alone

[T]he winter came on it was a verey severe winter and I sufferd verey much with the cold and my feet and hands was covered with chilblains which I have the marks to day to remind me of my first Winter passed away from my good old home  the I said we washed once a Month commenc-ing on Monday verey early in the morning on the Sunday evening previous I went to bed at six oclock at twelve I was called up to make afire out in the Washhouse I had to go out doors all in the cold and dark all alone to get to this house whare we done the Washing  I thought this was crewel of a Mistress to make a young girl do this and I was verey timid lest some one would come as soon as the water was hott I commenced to wash at six oclock the Lady got up she got breakfast ready then called me into to get my breakfast which I was ready for having been up at work ever since twelve oclock it took me nearly three days before I got through with the washing and geting them all out doors to dry it being a month washing for Nine persons besides myself it was a verey large wash to much for a girl

[W]hen I had been in my situation one month and two or three days according to promise My dear Father came to see me this was a meeting ever to be remembered by me for When my father first saw me he burst into tears and I done the same he said oh My dear girl how I have long to see you  I told him how I had long for the time to come that he had promised to come to see me as soon as our first meeting was over I ask him how long he would stay with me he said untill evening then he would have to leave Me but he would come again in four weeks we spent a very pleasant time together only the day went to fast  — the next Sunday the church bells rang out to call the people to church evening came and My father had to start for home oh how sorrowfull I fealt when he bid me good bye and I was then left alone  and the next sunday I was loansome and thought last Sunday My dear father came to see me but he will not be here to day
Islington, St. Regents Park, Highbury Place, and Piccadilly Circus (places named in Patience Loader’s manuscript) are suburbs or neighborhoods of the city of London.
My Mistress told me I could go to church as I had been brought up to the Church of England that they themselves were Methodists but they did not compel me to go with them in this one instance they were generous. Otherwise they did not seem to be very kind-hearted or generous in their feelings so that they got, there work done. I can say I had but very little rest only when I was in bed. But I had made up my mind to endure the hardships if possible without complaining to my parents as I was so anxious to go out to work and get my own living and I remembered father would say if you go out to live you will find it very different to living home with us and said you will never find any place like home. and sure enough before I had been away from home but a short time I found there words true. When a child I was always troubled with chilblains if I was exposed to the cold but then I had a good kind mother to attend to me and wrap up my feet warm and attend to my broken chilblains. But the first Winter I left home I had worse chilblains than ever and no good kind mother to doctor me and let me rest from work my house work and washing had to be all done just the same then I really did find there was no place like home to me.

[Suffice it to say I stayed there one year according to my agreement and the end of the year my Mistress ask me to stay with them another year but one year in a place like that was enough for me and I told her I did not wish to stay any longer but I wanted to go home but she said you suit us so well if you will stay with us another year I will raise your wages ten shillings I will give you three pounds the next year. I told her no. I thought to myself I have suited you and you say in every way. But you have not suited me. I am only to glad that I have filled my contract and I am now free to leave and go home which I did on the eleventh of October 1845 and I was glad to be home again once more: under the old parental roof this gave me joy and I felt to be free once more but I did not stay home long.

My Brother Jonas was living in London and a friend of his wanted a girl to live with them he wrote a letter [undecipherable letter crossed out] to father and mother to let my sister Ann go but somehow she did not want to go or mother did not want her to go so I said I will go so on the Nineteenth of October 1845 I left my home again for the city of London. I traveled there by stage coach left the Lambert Arm at Nine o'clock in the Morning and arrived at the Bell Inn Haburn. There I was met by my brother Jonas who was very pleased to see me for we had not seen each other for nearly two years. I had a very pleasant ride on the coach or rather I was an inside passenger.

Now when a country girl first goes to the City of London there are persons that will sometimes take the advantage of her and try to frighten her in some way there is a class of men in the world that delights themselves in doing this. There happened to be a man of this class a
passenger inside of the coach with me and there was a Young Lady passenger beside myself so this man thought he would find out where this girl was from and where she was traveling to she told him she was going to London. He sais he have You ever been to the city of London. She answered him No Sir. Well he Sais you you [sic] will get lost. if you chant mind have you any one to meet you. She said She had not but she had the address where she wished to go and said she could take a hack and the man would take her to the place. Now this worthless fellow told her that would not do at all if she trusted to him he would surely  take her to the wrong place and she would be lost the poor girl became so frightened that she began to cry. then he turned to me to find out my business he sais I suppose you are acquainted with the City of London. I answered him Yes and Said it is nothing new to me. and told him I did not think a girl had any need to be frightened. he said he thought I had been there and he ask me if I did not think there was some very fine buildings I said yes. and I would not talk to him any more lest he should not find out that I was just from the country and never been to the big city of London and by this time I had learnt that this man was no good and when he left the coach at Nxbridge he took with him a parcel belonging to an outside passenger and my parcel I had was shown to the person to see if that was it and I began to think I should loose my parcel but mine was handed back to me but the person never found hers. I had a very pleasant ride and good company with the exception of this one incident and was a lesson for me allways to be aware of strangers when traveling although in my travels I have meet with Strangers that have proven to be friends.

When I arrived in London I was meet by My brother and he took me to Islington to see My Aunt Ann Thompson who I had never seen before. there he left me to spend the evening and he came for me at ten oclock and took me home to my New home or place of aboad for it did not look like home to me. I went to live with a young married couple the name of Mr. x Mr. Gunston freinds of my brothers my brother was superintending the business butter chess^ and eggs. I got along very well as long as My brother was with me but he was allready engaged to be married in a few months and go into business for himself which he did in the spring of 1846 and after he left I fealt so lonesome and left as the boss and his lady always went out to visit his parents every Sunday I was left all alone in the house untill a verye late hour there was two other Shopmen but thay always went of pleasureing on Sundays and poor I was left all alone locked in the house not a sold to Speak to save the cat. I never was Much of a lover of cats and dogs but then when I was so lonesome I thought well the cat is better than nothing to speak to and play with. Poor I freted considerably here after my brother left and I went to see him and I told him I could not stay there any longer I was so lonesome
on Sundays left all alone. And I told the Lady I wanted to leave she tried to perswaid me to stay but no I was not to be perswaided and I left and got another place where I had better pay ten pound a year

I went to live with a Maden Lady the Name of Miss Hennion and She had an old housekeeper who had lived with her ^her name was Lydia Martin^ for a Nombre of Years. here I had a good comfortable place and not over worked the washing was sent out on Monday and brought home on friday^ here I lived three Years and three Months^ both the Lady and housekeeper was very kind to me but very particular about my going out or having any company thay was very religious thay both belonged to the same church a denomination called the Independent^ I had to attend the same Chapel attend the bible class on Monday and Thursday evening go with My Mistress to Meeting between the two the Lady and her housekeeper I heard nothing but religion talked over and ever talking to me to get Me to join there church which ^in time I done . I must say More to pleas them than Myself for I realy fealt religion a burthen to be bound to go all day to meeting and twice in the week I realy thought it was to much of a good thing . at that time I was full of life and realy fealt I was burying My days to live such a life thay allmost thought it a sin to laugh and thay considered it awfull to think of going to a theater thay was both old and settled down but I was young and realy wanted to see alittle enjoyment besides religion . My Mistress was engaged in a great many religious societys and she belonged to the London Missionary Society and she was treasurer for the Jewish Society and attended all the Meetings and she very ofton would take Me along with her there conferences was held in free mason Hall great Queen st. Scarcely ever would She ever let me go out only to those meetings at last I grew tiard of it and wanted a change and as the old housekeeper grew to old to attend to her dutys she desided to leave and go home to live with her Brother a Mr Martin who resided in Ernest St Regents Park London finelly she left and I was left alone with My Mistress Miss Hennion . . I Missed my old and Motherly friend so much that I fealt to greive after she was gone and fealt I surely Must leave here and go where I could have more company . My Mistress knowing I was so loansome after Mr^ Martin left would let me go some times to visit the old lady which I was very pleased to do and she and her Brothers family was allways pleased to have me visit them . and allways made me very comfortable and happy when ever I went to see them

Mr Martin^ family consisted of himself Wife three Sons and two daughters Making eight in family with ^the My old friend the sister to Mr Martin and thay was such a nice agreeable family that it was quite a pleasure to visit them . Some times when I went to see them . the Young folk would take me to the Zoological gardens in Regents [undecipherable text crossed out] Park and sometimes take me to see sights in different parts of
While I was visiting them I enjoyed Myself and felt better, but as soon as I returned home again and was alone I felt as bad as lonesome as ever.

At length I Made up my Mind to leave and told the Lady I wish to leave in a Month from that day at this she was very much surprised to hear and tried to persuade me to stay with her she said she did not like me to leave her as I had been with her so long and we was use to each other ways and she said she did not think she should be able to get a nother girl to suit her so well as I did so she coax me coaxed me to stay with her a little longer, at last I yealded to her wishes and staid with for some time longer. She was good and kind to me and would let me go out to visit My friends more ofton Sometimes I would go to see My Brother and another My Aunt My Mother's sister, and then she would send me to see how her old housekeeper was getting along. Sometimes she would visit her herself I tried to content myself to stay with her, but My Mind was unsettled as I had once made up My Mind to have a change, so I could not be contented for long and after about two Months I again told her I had made up my Mind to leave and go and visit my Brother for a time and she said if I was determning to leave I must go.

During the Month I had to stay after I had given Notice to leave My Mistress sister Mr Henderson came to visit her and my Mistress told her that I was going to leave her and said she was sorry. Mrs Henderson came to me and tried to persuade me again to think better over it and stay with her sister a little longer but this time I was not to be persuaded. I left at the end of the month. Mrs Henderson was always very kind to me, and she invited me to go to see her after I left her sister. I accepted her invitation and went and staid two or three days. they was a very nice family Mr Henderson Wife and one daughter they lived at a very nice place the out skirts of London called Highbury place. they kept four hard girls. Now Mr Henderson asked me if I would not like to live with her, I told her I thought I would if she thought I would suit her she said she wanted me to do neede [needle] work and wait on her and her daughter and she would give me twelve pound a year. So I engaged to take the situation I went home and told my Brother that I was going to live with Mrs Henderson in two days I returned with my trunk and entered upon my new duties and I liked it very much and was very comfortable the place suited me and I had plenty of company and that was what was agreeable to my disposition.

Here I staid three years and six months I learnt considerable while I lived there the Most of my work was sewing I made all the plain dresses for Mr Henderson and her daughter and I gave great satisfaction and they was good kind folks and gave there Servants a great Many preveliges but they were very religious people it seemed that My lot was...
cast among this class of people. No work to be done on Sunday allways attended Meetings sometimes three times on Sunday. Cooking was allways done on saturday in readiness for Sunday we girls took turns in staining home one every Sunday had to be left in the house all the others went to Meeting with the family. Miss Henderson held a bible class every Monday Evening and we could attend that if we wished to and on Thursday evening there was prayer meeting and we could attend that also if we wished and once a month we had a holiday one at a time to go out for the whole day that we was not expected to do any work at all when it was our day out we could get up as early as we liked get ourselves ready and go but we was expected to be home by ten oclock at night unless we ask permission to go to the Theater and then we would be later and as the family did not indulge in going to Theatres themselves they did not like there servants to go very often as it was against there religious belief to go to Theatres and they did not think that was good places for Young Girls to visit. Now these was good people to live with. Mrs Henderson allways thought that if she had young girls to live with her it was her place and duty to look after them and take good care of them to give them good advice in every way and see that they kept good company and was not out to alate hour she told us her rules when we first went to live with her and we was expected to live accordingly if we lived with her the gentleman of the house allways had family prayers night and morning the bell rang and we girls had to leave our work and attend prayers. I allway look back with pleasure to the time when I lived with this family and many times I have felt to bless them in my heart for there kindness to me allways the Next Morning after I had been for my holiday Mr. Henderson would ask me if I had a pleasant day and where I went to and who I was in company with.

[S]ometimes I would go on excursion to Greenwge or Gravesend go on the steemboat in company with my old friends the Martins family and we use to have a good time there generly use to be a band of music on the boat going and returning and we would dance and enjoy ourselves and when we reached Greenwich or gravesend or Woolwage Commons there would be places of amusement for old and young and coffee and tea gardens where we could go and get refreshments and when we returned home we was generly tired out.

I remember on one occasion we made up a picnic party and went to Ebenforest there was a nember of gipsys with poneys and donkeys to hire in those days that was just what I liked. I was very soon mounted on a white horse and one of my young lady friends on another and we was off for a race but my friend soon stopt her steed she became frightened but I went to the Mark and returned all safe. I found that I had been riding a circus horse one that had been used in Ashleys circus after we had road about as long as we wished to we all began to feel hungry.
so we spread our table cloths on the green grass and eat our dinner there was fires with large boilers of hot water for making tea or coffee which we could help ourselves to by paying a peney a [changed to ch] so we made tea for those who wished it after dinner we walked about the forest while some would ride on horse back others had donkeys. we made up the days pleasure and returned home all feeling well satisfied with our days pleasure oh I forgot to mention we had to pay the gipsy sixpence an hour for the use of the horses and this we thought cheap enough for the enjoyment we had we returned back to London finished up by going to the theatre those that wished to do so in the city of London there is plenty of places of amusement for young and old and it requires a Young girl to know how to conduct herself and to think of the old rime and say —

as I walked by Myself I Said to Myself — and

**beware** Myself Said unto Me

beware of thy self and take care of thyself

for no one will take care of thee.

Now returning to the family I was living with as I have Mentioned before thay was a verey kind family in looking after the wellfare and Comfort of there servants if any of us was sick thay did not wish us to work but Mrs Henderson. would wait on us and attend to us herself and if it was necessary to call in a Docter it was done and she would pay the expences. and our wages was paid to us just the same. and once a year I would get leave to visit My Parents in The country for two weeks My wages was paid to me just the same as if I was working for them

I allways visited my parents once a year after I once left home to get my own living I never went back to live there for any length of time and I considered myself only a visiter althought when I did go home I did not like to leave the old place it always was so dear to me and all its surroundings was so lovely that I have never forgotten them nor never shall. and when I had visited my old home and again left the company of my beloved one there after I returned back to London and again resumed my dutys. I was So loansome for several weeks that I seemed I could not feel contented but was constantly thinking of home and wishing I was there. I allways made it arule to write to My Parents once a week and thay allways answered My letters which I was allways glad to receive

Mr. Henderson was the Tutor at Libury Collage and for his kindness and Fatherly training his students allmost worship him he was nearly seventy years old but and wanted to resign his office but the Students would not hear of his doing so but his health began to fail him and the Docters advised him to travel for the benefit of his health and he said he could not die [undecipherable text crossed out] happey if he did not visit
Jerusalem accordingly he started for that land. but he had only been traveling a few weeks when he was taken very ill and obliged to stay at Naples here a very remarkable instance occurred the Lady at the Hotel where he was staying said to him Sir you need a nurse. I know of a good woman that I know will come and attend to you. I told her to go for her and to his great astonishment who should it be but his old servant that was Nurse to his own daughter in Russia thirty years ago. The poor old man said he was so overcome when she heard his name she knew it was the very same Dr Henderson she had lived with in Russia and told him she was nurse to his little daughter who was born in Russia she told him after he and Mrs Henderson left there she got married and came to Naples to live. Doctor Henderson and his wife were Missionaries in Russia for many years there they had a daughter born. After he returned home which he did as soon as his health would permit he told us all the circumstance about his Meeting with his old servant his daughter Miss Henderson was then past thirty years of age she was very pleased to hear of her old nurse Mary. and he said how faithfully she waited on him and how kind she was to him he attributed his recovery greatly to her good nursing and he considered that she was directed to come to him through the providence of God when he needed a friend for he was in a strange land among strangers and he said he felt to acknowledge the hand of God in this matter he had to return home without going to Jerusalem.

Now here I must not forget to say that while I was living here. Mormonism came to my father’s home at that time I had never heard of a Mormon Elder but Miss Henderson had been to her meeting one evening and she came home and called me into her room and said do you know anything about the Mormons? I answered no. Well she said I have heard that your father and mother have joined them and said she was sorry for them. I told her I did not think it was so. I wrote home to inquire of father and mother and I found it was true that they had been baptised and said they were Latterday Saints. Of course I did not know what it meant. I wrote back and told them that they must think themselves better than anyone else to be so conceited as to call themselves saints and I did not feel very good over it either and I ask mother if she thought that to be baptised by a man was going to wash her sins away and told her I did not believe any such nonsense as that and I believed there was other churches just as good as theirs and I said that I had found out by my brother that there was none but poor folks that joined there church at that time I was ignorant. but after a time I went home to visit my parents and I had a chance to learn more of there docterin.

The time passed on and I left this family and went on a visit to Ramsgate in Kent for Six Week as may be two months this is a place of pleasure resort by the sea side where a great many visitors from London
Recollections of Past Days

go to for the benefit of there health to bath in the Salt Water\textsuperscript{23} in those
days there would be hundreds every Morning down on the sands some
would bathe others would be gathering up shells from the Sea shore others
would be riding poneys some donkeys\textsuperscript{24} I bathed every Morning
nearly . and verey often would take either a poney or donkey ride after
this was good exercise Myself and alady freind roomed together we
generly had breakfast and then went down to bathe and got back home
to dinner . Ramsgate is anice place in the Summer but not So nice in
the Winter in the summer there was bands of Music plaid on the per-
aid ground every evening above the cliff by the sea side comencing at
six oclock and plaid untill ten this sounded verey beautifull on the water
sometimes we would get oysters and some times shrimps

I remember on one occasion going to Pegmellbay\textsuperscript{25} to get live
shrimps four of us girls \textit{w} road four Miles on donkeys \textit{to} and we had a fine
time after we had picked up our shrimps we went to the pleasure gardens
and had tea and after we had enjoyed agood cup of tea some bread \& butter
boiled eggs and shrimps we mounted our donkeys again and returned
back to Ramsgate an our way home we tried to see who could make there
donkey go the fastest thay are not verey nice animels to ride at the Same
time one has lots of fun when a party goe\textsuperscript{8} together for a donkey ride

I remimber one time going down \textit{to} on the sands to have a ride my
friend and I the boys came with \& there donkey one said take my donkey
and another said take mine that is the best and \& thay \& run after you
untill you either take there donkey or tell them you dont wish to ride .
but this morning we thought we would take a ride I mounted my donkey
and road of thinking my friend was close behind me I looked around and
to my great astonishment she had slipt of backwards off her donkey her
head down on the ground and her feet caught on the sadle the poor boy
could scarcely stop his donkey as it became frightened but there was soon
plenty of help to assest her to get free from the donkey but fortunatly she
was not hurt but could not be induced to get on again that day she fealt
bad to think this happened and I fealt sorrey for her missfortune at the
same time I could not help laughing . . the wourst was there was such a
croud of visiters on the sands that Morning . I said to My friend let us go
home . and on the way We concluded that we would not go thar again for
a week or more and by that time the circumstance would all be forgotten
so we staid home for atime . well \&for\& more than \&aweek\& than then \textit{sic}
we thought we would like to go down on the sand\textsuperscript{8} and bathe again . and
thinking it would all be forgotten and probely thay would not know us
among so many . but it was not so . Just as soon as we arrived there here
came two boys saing good Morning Ladys Will you take a donkey ride
this morning then \&up\& came another boy take my donkey Miss he is
better than his mine wont throw you of and the people began to laugh
and we began to wish we had staid away a little longer. We told them we did not wish to ride this morning so they left us and we felt very glad we called for a bathing machine and we went in and enjoyed a good bathe and after we walked about on the Sands and picked up shells and we returned home with a good appetite for dinner.

That same season one morning when we went to down on the sands there was two men drowned one a gentleman from London had been staying in Ramsgate for the benefit of his health and was accustomed to bath every morning and that morning he went in the sea as usual he swam out of his depth and was drowned. The man a poor man hired to drive the machine into the water swam in to try to rescue the gentleman and he was drowned. The bodies of both were got out of the water by others putting on life preservers and going in after them. The poor working man's wife was soon on the spot and said she was told her husband was drowned and she wanted to see him at first the folks tried to keep her from going to him but she was not to be kept away from him. This was a sad scene to witness. The poor woman said she had a large family of helpless children all depending on their father for support and she did not know what she should do she had lost a good husband. The wife and son of the gentleman were expected down that evening that they would see him every week since he had been in Ramsgate. This was sad news for them when they arrived by the boat in the afternoon it was on Saturday morning that he was drowned. And his wife would know nothing of the accident until she reached Ramsgate and this would be sad news to her and her son. Through this accident we returned home without bathing this morning it seemed to cast a gloom over most of the visitors.

Now I will say a little that the ladies and gentlemen do not bathe in the same place they are a distance of a mile or more from each other.
there are Women to attend to the Lady visiters and Men to Attend to the
gentlemen if they are sick and need attention and those attendants go
into the Water with you as sometimes when apirson first go out in the
sea to bathe thay feel a little nervous and as you go into the water being
taken in the Mashean by a Man putting a horse on to it and takakeing you
out as far as you want to go . then they take of the horse and leave you
then come the attendant to see if you want any assistance ane

a pirson can stay in the water fifteen or twenty Minuits sometimes thirty Minuits
we would have to pay sixpence .

[N]ow I must here say that Queen Victoria when Young use to live
in Ramsgate in an old fashon house with ivy growing over it there was a
high Wall around the gardens a very pretty place faceing the
sea pretty near the cliff now to go down on the sands from the Cliff there
was a flite of steps about one hundred and fifty steps cut in the cliff and
iron railing down them this flite of steps was called Jacob’s ladder under
those steps there was an iron door and on enquiring about this door I
was told that the door was the enterance to a subterainian passage where
people used to come out go to sea from the dwelling of Queen Victoria
it was not then used by any one when the tide was high we could not get
down those steps as the water came along ways up . one time I went down
on the Sands to pick up shells the pear goes along way out in the sea . I
had a friend with Me and three little children we was so intent picking
shells and limpets of the t rocks from the pear we did not notice the tide
coming in and [sic] to our great surprise we found ourselves nearly surrounded with water and very soon we would have been in a dangerous position we took up the children and waded through the water ankle deep to get out and thought ourselves very lucky to get out if we did get our feet wet we was never caught like this again we alway watched for the tide coming in.

Another day we was walking on the pear there had been a vessel racked ^and brought into arber^ We went on board to see the destruction agreat many of the men was missing there was one poor man laid there on deck covered over with a cloth this man’s head was blown of there was no one on board but the captain and he looked very downhearted.

I remained in Ramgate over a year altogether ^a^ Lady friend Mr s Davice^31_ offered me a room free of rent if I would stay in Ramsgate and work at the dress making I accepted her kind offer and I soon had plenty of work I remained here nearly six Months getting tiard of sew ing I concluded to have a change So I secured a situation as cook in a small family a widow lady and two daughters by the Name of Shepard there was another Young woman hired beside me here I staid about three Months. Then I returned to London again lived with a friend for a time in Pell Mell^32_ London was living there at the time the Duke of Wellington died his funeral possession past where we I was staving every house was fitted up with seats or places to stand to see the funeral pass the people paid a sovering for a seat or a place to stand out on the balcony and five shilings to stand out on the top of the house it was a grand sight.

The Duke of Wellington was a very plain looking Man but spent and lived in a plain stile of life so I have been informed his ^country^ residence was at a place called Deal Not far from Ramsgate I well remember what a young man a saler told Me that he had just came in from sea and he was walking around the town and he knew that the Duke of Wellington lived in this place and he came to the house and there was a gate to the entrance of the garden and there was an old Man looking over the gate this Man sais good Morning old fellow is this where the old Duke lives Yes was the answer. Well sais the Saler I will treat you if you will shew me over the garden and grounds allright was the old man sais Come in and he opened the gate and they walked around and the old man took great pain to shew the Sailor all around and he said to the old Man I have heard that the old Duke is a very curious old chap oh Yes sais the old Man he is thay say ^so^ come into the his house and I will shew over it So We went in as soon as we came there I saw several servants a Man Servant came and saluted this old Man and he sais take this man in and give him something to eat and drink. and to the Sailor’s great astonishment he found he had been talking to the Duke himself and he began to Make
apologue but the Duke told him that he need not to make any apologue for he did not require any he said he had quite enjoyed the joke and said you promised to treat me. but now I will treat you and order him to go into the room and take something to eat and drink whiche he said he accepted the invitation and after he had enjoyed a good lunch he left and continued below line his his walk around the town reflecting over his adventure and thinking how carefull a person ought to be in addressing a stranger.

I remained in Pell Mell for some time had a very comfortable and easy life went out visiting and enjoyed myself among my friends and going about Sight seeing and going to places of amusement with friends at length I began to wish for a change and I secured a situation at the Burlington Hotel which was one of the largest Hotels in London.

I engaged as housemaid and took charge of a number of rooms to keep clean here I had plenty of company there being about forty servants hired as there was two hundred rooms in the Hotel and I was looking forward to having a very happy time when I entered on my new duties in an Hotel life I thought this would be a new life altogether for me and before I went there to stay I thought I would go home to visit my parents which I did for two weeks at the end of this I was to return to my new place and I had made up my mind to live and enjoy Myself like the rest of the young folks in the Hotel they use to go to balls and parties and Theaters and seem to live a very gay life different to what I had been use to at the same time I thought it seemed very pleasant and nice to be able to go out in company and I thought when I had been home and returned to my New abode that I would do just the same as the rest of the young people.

At length I went home to visit my parents and as I have said before My parents and several of My sisters had joined the Mormon Church and there was two Elders came to My father's house to preach I did not pay any great attention to their preaching but on the sunday morning My father ask me if I would accompany him to a place called Benson as he was going there to see a Br Archer who was also in the Church I told him I would like to go with him we had a very pleasant walk it was rather a long walk as it was eleven miles from our place to Benson when we arrived there Br Archer came to the door and he was very pleased to see My father and told him he had seen Elder John Dalling in Benson. I was rather tired after such a long walk it had been along time since I had walked such a long distance and after I had rested for a time Mr Archer invited us to take a walk in the garden he accompanied us Mr Dalling joined us Mr Archer told us to help ourselves to fruit which invitation we accepted and while my Father and Mr Archer was engaged in conversation Mr Dalling very politely Stept forward and
offered to pick some gooseberry for me which I accepted for I was very fond of ripe gooseberry we eat what we wished and then returned to the house where Mr Archer was busily engaged preparing dinner which I was glad to see for I must say my long walk had given me a good appetite and I enjoyed my dinner we had for dinner roast Mutten and nice fresh vegetables which seemed so good to me after living in the great city of London in large cities we cannot get vegetables and fruit so fresh as in the country where it is raised . After dinner we all went to meeting at a house across the road from Mr Archer Mr Archer and children Myself and father Mr Archer x Mr Dalling I believe he occupied most of the time after meeting we returned home to Mr Archer Mr Archer got tea for us before My father and myself went home . at the tea table it was purposed that My father should leave me there to stay with Mr Archer until the following tuesday as Mr Archer was going to Oxford on Monday and Mr Dalling was going to Kingston to My father’s home on Tuesday and he said he could accompany me home . this arrangement was agreed to by Myself and father . and I staid there until Tuesday I had quite a pleasant visit with Mr Archer on Monday . but not so pleasant with Mr Dalling for he set about to try to convert me to the Mormon faith of course this was his Mission he was sent out to do . but he was to tiresome he done nothing but preach to me all the time and at that time I did Not want to be troubled so much about religion . and Mr Archer seeing I did not like it came to my rescue . and she said to Mr Dalling I think you had better stop your preaching to Miss Loader she dont like so much of it You are enough to tire her out . from this he did not talk so much of religion to me but commenced upon the subject of marriage . and let me know that he was without a wife in the world and that he would like to get a companion before he returned to Utah .

Monday evening Mr Archer returned home from Oxford we all spent a pleasant evening together Mr Archer and Mr Dalling Sang several Mormon Songs and they talked upon the principles of Mormonism we had prayer and retired to rest for the night I slept with Mr Archer and Mr Archer and Dalling went up stairs to sleep in the long fethers so Mr Archer told me . I wondereed what she ment by saying thay had gone to sleep in the long fethers in the Morning after thay came down stairs My curiosity led me to go up stairs and find out what sort of long fethers they had been sleeping on and low and behold I found it was a straw bed we had breakfast and Mr Dalling and Myself took leave of our friends Mr & Mr Archer and started for a long walk eleven miles to my Fathers home whare I anticipated staying for a few more days before I returned to the city of London to enter upon my new duties at the Burlington Hotell as I had made arrangements to do after I had visited My parents in the country .
^[I]t seemed^ in this matter as in many other that man or woman can make appointments but God can dissapoint and in my case I am willing to acknowledge that his watchfull care was over Me and he knew what was best for me to do before I left My Father’s home again and his spirit worked upon Me and opened my eyes and my understanding and shoed me the necessity of baptism for the remission of our sins and true repentance and obedienece to the gospel of Jesus Christ would bring everlasting joy and happeyness . but the pleasure of this world was only for a short time it seemed that I had the two spirits to contend with the good and the bad I did not feel that I realy could settle down to live a religious life as the world beleivd allways going to religious Meetings and gatherings and there faces allways looking so Sad and Searious and they think it a sin to sing a laughable song or go to a dance or Theater this way of living was so contrary to my Nature that I could not think of living this way and mope my life away . but I found the Latter day Saints did not doctering was verey different to the religion of the [below the line: world] and I could see that in the Gospel of christ there was true happeyness and true enjoyment and before I left My parents roof I was led by the Spirit of God to chuse the good part and I went fourth and was baptised and into the Church of Jesus Christ and in two days after returned back to London rejoicing but in a different way to which I had intended to rejoice when I left London two weeks previous to my going home the hand of God was with me and his Spirit was around me to teach me the way to real happeyness and I am thankfull I accepted it just at the right time it was a safe guard to Me at a time when I was Young and full of life and Needed aguardian angle around Me . in the Midst of the worldly pleasurs I was Surrounded with in white an Hotell life so much company and pleasure of all kind belonging to the world and the many invitations I had to join in with them it was no temptation to me I fealt satisfi ed that I had found the the true way to pleasure and happeyness and when I refused to join My Young friends to go to a ball or Theater thay woundered what was the Matter with me and said I was become so settled down of Course thay did not know that I was enjoying myself at home when thay was out or perhaps I would go to a Meeting and there have a time of rejoicing .

I remained in this place for one year here I had charge of a Nomber of rooms this was a first class Hotell None but familys of high rank ever came there there was two hundred rooms in the Hotell the rooms was rented by sets and only occupied Six or seven Month in the year mostly when Pat Parliament was in session this was a verey nice place to work in plenty of leasure time to read and enproove the time as we wish So that we attended to our dutys and kept in order the room for the company we was not expected to wait on the visiters as people of rank in England When thay travel thay allways take with them there own Servants
the Ladys take there own waiting Maids with them and the gentlemen take there own valet to wait on them I had quite a good comfortable time in this place had good wages and light work. every sunday I attended my Meetings a Nice Walk across the St James Park I enjoyed myself all day took My lunch with me mostly. went to Mr Pridays to lunch with his Wife and family he was the Presedent of the branch very nice kind folks My Sister Tamar verey ofton accompanied me and we enjyoed ourselvs together all day and returned home after the evening Meeting My sister Tamar was living at the Coxspur Hotell Trefulgar Square London She was there learning to cook under a french cook.

During My stay at the Burlington Hotel the house keeper Ann Bell was taken very sick and died she wished that I should wait on her and stay in her room with her at night I told hir if She wished me to attend to her I would do so I was to be excused from all other dutys I did not like the job to wait on her as she was a verey cross woman to have anything to do with at the same time as I always liked to wait on sick folk I thought I perhaps I could please her. and I am happy to say She was verey pleased and thankfull to me for every thing I done for her and said when she got well she would repay me for My kindness to her. but she never got well She died in about ten days So I was not rewarded as she promised I Should be althought she was rich in Means her sister Mrs Graison came in and claimed all She owned this woman gave me a sovering and a neck ribbon this was all I received for My attention to Ann Bell the old house keeper at the Burlington Hotel. She had been house keeper there for fourteen Years she was an old Maid and Mr Morley was an old Bachelor he was the owner of the Hotel he was a peculiar old fellow he never went out doors on the Street he retiard early to bed arose early in the Morning he had an old Man Servant that had lived with him and waited on him for nearly twenty years and after the old gentleman had taken breakfast his old servant got for him his hatt and Walking cane and the old servant accompanying him thay took there Morning walks through the large Halls with open doors the hous was verey large as I have allready stated there was two hundred rooms in the Hotell and the halls was long one door opening in Burlington st one could walk through the Main hall and go out in another street and when thees doors was open it caused plenty of fresh air and in Winter time it was verey cold but the old gentleman rapt himself up and took his Morning walk through the house this was all the fresh air and exercise he had allthough he was verey rich and could have a carrage and Servants at his command at a Moments Notice but he refused to take any of thies enjoyments I thought what odd way of living it would not suit me. people said he had been crost in love in his Young days and after that he chose that way of living he never troubled any one or interfearred with the business
of the Hotell that was all Managed and caried on by the houskeeper and steward and several good compedent [below the line: Clerks] both Mail and femail clerks

[A]fter Mrs Bell the old houskeeper died there was a new house-keeper came to fill her place we girls liked her very well for a time but she began to trouble herself with us in some ways that was different to what we had not been use to and troubled herself with what I did not think was her any of her business and that was about My religion at that time I was acting for afew weeks as clerk in the lining [linen] bar that was to take charge of all the house lining and also what was beloning to the visiters and send it the laundrey and receive it when it came from the laundrey see that it was allright count each persons Nomber of peices and make out the bill and send it with the clothing. to the different familys staing in the Hotell this was work I liked and I gave great satisfaction and the housekeeper ask me if I would like to take that office she said you suit us good and we will keep you in the lining bar and get Some one to fill your place up stairs she sais you will get more pay for this work I thanked her and I accepted the change

I got along allright for a time untill one Monday Morning I went into the room and commenced My work I had been out on Sunday to My Meeting. and when the housekeeper came into the room I said good Morning Mrs Graison She did not care to speak after a time she sais I hear you are a Mormon I answered Yes well She Sais we dont want no Mormons in this house and said I would have to leave I said I could do that I can get a nother place She said she did not think I could if she told people I was a Mormon I said I did not fear I told her I had plenty of friends in London She said [below the line: She] had heard that the Mormons was abad Set of folks I said we believe in the same bible as She did and in the same God she told Me she did not want to talk to me and did not want me to stay in the house lest I should talk to the other girls and perswaid them to beleive the same religion as I did told me I believed in old joe smith and not in God I handed her a track the first principals of the Church and ask her to read it for herself She said she hoped I would not give any of those tracks to the other girls in this request I disobeyed the lady I believe I distribueted about two dozen tracts to my companions before I left the house and I had allready been the Means of bringing two of the Young woming into the Church unbeknown to the housekeeper I envited them to go to meeting with me and after we returned home in the evening they would come and Spend an hour or two in My room and we would read the church book and sing Mormon Songs after a time they became convinced of the truth and thay was led by the Spirit of God to ask for baptism I presented there names thay was two Sarah and Susan Mancell thay went one Sunday evening
England, 1827–December 1855

after Meeting and was baptised by the Presedent ^Pridey^ of the west-minister branch of the church. in the font at the Baptis chapel Tinsbury Square London and returned home again that night and when I left the Hotell I left those two Sisters there and I never saw them after.

I must Not forget to Say that I had my own Sister Eliza living in the Hotell with me but She fealt ^as^ bitter towards me about My religion as the housekeeper did she [sic] would scarcely speak to Me and never came to bid me good bye. and as I past through the Hall some of the Men servants sneared at me and said good bye old gal are you going to see old Joe Smith. I Said good bye dont you know Joseph Smith was killed by wicked men. I thought poor things I wish you knew better there taunts and gears did not hurt me. I fealt well paid for being aloud the to live there as long as I did and fealt My stay there had not been in vain I had scattered afew tracts through that house and had been the Means in the hands of God in bringing two souls into the fold. I fealt well paid for all the abuse and gears I had to endure to me it gave more joy than sorrow because I had found the true way to enjoyment and was anxious that others should enjoy the same blessings. My heavenly father was with me and guided and directed my foot steps to go to freinds that would help me and I soon obtained another comfortable situation with higher waiges.

I accepted a situation to wait on a invelead lady at the West end of London there general William Turner was living with his invelead Wife they lived in half Moon street leading from Piccadilly across from St James Park a very pleasant place General Turner was an old ofi cer fought in the Battle of Watersoo here I remained untill I left for America. Mr^5. Turner died and I still remained with the old general as he did not wish me to leave him after Mr^5. Turner ^[below the line: died^] he said he wished me to stay with him as I had been so kind and good to Mr^5. Turner so I remained with him untill I came to America. We hird a cook and a man to do all the rough work and I was very comfortubl. I took charge of every thing as the general was old he was eighty two Years old and did not want to be troubled with the care of house keeping thay had no children. Mr^5. Turner was Marred to the general when She was 21 Years old she died at the age of 72 Years she allways traveled with her husband wharever he went she road horseback she went 28 voiges across the seas with him thay was never sepeart thay was as loving and effectionate to each other as if thay was children.

[I]t was a pleasure to live with them he never grew tiard of waiting on her though he was so old he said he had waited on her for 22 Years and never left her a night or day. he allways attended to her nights himself so that I could take my rest which he said needed to keep up my strength. the night before Mr^5. Turner died the Docter thinking he Needed sleep and rest told him he had better go to my room and take asleep and let Me
stay with Mr Turner at length we persuaded him to take a rest but we did not tell Mr Turner that he was gone to my room she asked what the general was said she had not seen him for such a long time I told he had fallen asleep and I thought we had better let him rest for a time she thought he was in the drawing room and when she found out that he had gone to my room to take a rest she said oh how could he go so far away from me at last and wished me to go and tell him to come to her accordingly I went for him but finding him fast asleep I thought it best not to awake him and when I returned to tell her he was asleep I begged her to let him sleep a little longer as the Doctor said the general needed poor dear lady she said oh how he go away from me now at last when he has all the kind and attentive to his poor invailead wife all staid by at night and never left me alone one night how can I endure his absence now I am so weak and ill to go and tell him he must come to me at once I obeyed her request and called her husband to come at once as Mr Turner wanted in a few moments he was by the bed side of his poor dying wife poor old Man he could see the change there was in her during the night he knew that his beloved wife could not live many hours he broke down and wept bitterly she said why do you cry my dear general You are like a baby Your caney that was her name he called her in short for constance she said I am alright I am not going to leave you alone but she did at six o clock that evening about half past five she asked me to lie down by her side and rest she said My dear child I know you are very tiard and I cannot sleep if you don’t come and lie down and rest I did not want to lie down for I knew she could not last very long the general was resting on the lounge and every thing seemed still and quiet in the room to satisfy her lay myself down on the bed by her side She said that was what she wanted me to sleep some and She looked at me with such a sweet smile and told me to go to sleep I closed my eyes I mist her breathing she was dead she died with her beautiful blue open eyes wide open and that sweet smile on her face as she had when she told me to go to sleep I called her husband at once never will forget the greif and Sorrow of that poor Man he said oh my poor dear caney and have you gone and left me alone never have I seen two old people so loving and affectionate to each other they had lived together over fifty years he was eighty two years old and his wife was seventy two he was a general fought in the battle of Waterloo Mrs Turner traveled with him rode horshack with the general when he traveled by land and she went with him twenty eight voyage by sea she died in December 1853.

[A]fter her death I remained with the general until I came to America as they had no children he wish me to stay and keep house for him he said as long as he lived he wished me to stay with him he said he never could part with me as I had been so good and kind to his dear Wife at this time he did not know I was Mormon he rented a nice ten room house hired a cook and a man Servant and I kept house and had charge
of everything as the poor old general was so old and did not want to be troubled with anything he said he did not expect to live very long after his poor wife died I had a good comfortable home good pay and no hard work to do the poor old man was like a father to me. One day he was taken very ill the family doctor was called and he told the general that he had better settle his business matters as he was old and he had better settle his business now he was able to do it so he sent for the lawyer and made his will. The doctor told me that the general had provided good for me that I would never have to work for my living as long as I lived.

In a few weeks the general got better and was able to get out again that was in the spring of fifty five in the summer he went into the country for his health returned home in the fall on Sunday he went to his church as usual when he came home he said I did not see you at church to day he said that his poor wife told him I was a good kind girl but she did not think you ever went to church I told him that I had been to church nearly every Sunday since I came to live with him and Mrs Turner well he said it is strange I never see there I told him I did not go to the same church he attended well were do you go and what church do you belong I told him I belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ the latter day saints Church he said what is that I never heard of that church tell me all about it so I did to the best of my knowledge he seemed to be quite interested and I handed him the tracts the first principles of the gospel and the voice of warning he read them and handed back to me I told him he could keep them he said no you take your book I will get some for myself if you will tell me were I can buy them so I gave him the address of the Mormon office in Jenin street.

This all happened about the time my parents was preparing to leave for America. My father came up to London to take me back with him to get ready by the twelfth of December 1855. Now I scarcely knew how to break this news to the poor old general at length I had to tell him that my father had come for me to go with him to America this was Sunday morning I told him my father was at my brothers and wanted to see me the poor old man said have I not been a father to you and will still be if you will stay with me I told him I would have to go and see father before I could give him an answer he said he wished me to obey my father at the same time he said I never expected to part with you until my poor old body was laid by the side of my poor dear wife I felt sorry to leave the poor old man for his wife and him had been very kind to me in taking care of me they had been as father and mother to me and did every thing as they could to make me comfortable and happy I never would have left the poor old general only for the reason I did to come with my parents to Utah to gather with the people of God. Accordingly I went to see my he was staying with my brother who was in business in the commercial road the East end London I made arrangements to leave London on Wednesday.
Morning for Liverpool that was the Ninth of December [1855] that I left London when I returned home on Sunday Night at a late hour the poor old general was still up waiting for me to know the results of my visit to My father and brother he was waiting anxiously waiting for my return. And when I told him that my father would leave on Wednesday Morning at five o'clock and that he wished me to go with him he burst into tears and said what shall I do now I am so old I have entrusted everything to you I Know Nothing about my own house or what there is in it. I never thought that you would leave me and I never wanted to be troubled about anything as long as you was with Me. I told him that I could stay with him until July as my brother in law John Jaques and my Sister would not go with father but as he was engaged in the Mormon office and would not be released to go to Utah until July then they would join us in Iowa City and we would all travel across the plains together and if he would like me to stay with him until My brother in law went I would tell My father that I would not go with him but wait until my brother in law and my sister went in July. But the poor old Man said I would like to you to Stay with me and I will be a father to you. But if your Mind is Made up to go to Utah I would rather give you up to go with your father than you should go that long journey in the care of your brother in law: your father is the proper one for you to go with.

So that was all settled for me to be ready to go with My father an Wednesday morning at five o'clock the poor old Man sit up all night tuesday night so I could get a good sleep and rest before I start on my journey to Liverpool he called me up early about four o'clock so I could get some breakfast before I left five o'clock came and my father was there on time. My brother came to take us to to [sic] Paddington station I felt very sorrow in parting with the poor old general and he was quite feeble and in poor health he said that he would Soon be laid by the side of his poor wife and I think it was very likely that he did not live long after I left him for he greived very much when I left he requested me to write to him according to promise I wrote to him after I arrived in New York but I never received any answer so I concluded that he had past away.