

MANUSCRIPT TRANSCRIPT

Maria L. (Cowdery) Johnson (South West City, Missouri) to David Whitmer, Richmond, Missouri, 14th [?] January 1887, P10, f16, RLDS Library-Archives, transcribed 5 February 1992.

South West City, McDonald Co. Mo. Jan. 1[?]4th 1887

Dear Uncle David

The Dr. got home yesterday- between 1 & 2 O clock- felt very tired- but enjoyed his visit to Richmond so much- brought us out presents of "Wooden ware" and we are all much pleased with them.

[page 2] Hannah thinks her Butter Padle [sic] & fork are the nicest of any- but I dont think they are any better than the rest. We are so proud of them- show them to all our Friends & Neighbors that come in to see us. You ask did we consent to Give the Seer Stone to Phineas Young- He came in to Grandfathers House while my Father lay dead- and asked my Mother to let him see this stone- she got it- & let him take it when he kept it she felt so bad and troubled at the time did not think what we were about- My Mother says she cant remember whether he asked her to give it to him or not- I do not remember that he asked to keep it-

[page 3] but do not think he did only to see it- and then kept it. I remember his coming in and asking to see this stone- as well as though it were only yesterday- but do not recollect that my Mother gave it to him

[page 4] [to] keep- we have no papers of my Father in relation to church matters- we once had a great many letters & papers- but in our many moves that we have had to make finally destroyed them all. I remember reading a great many of W. W. Phelps letters but none of Joseph Smiths We have an old copy of the "Book of Commandments" but no copies of "the Millennial Star." I wish now that we had kept those of Letters and papers- but the old green chest we used to keep them in got so old and worn out- and came all to pieces that we burned them all up.

[page 5] Tell Josie [?] the Dr. is mistaken about my ever having received the picture of her Baby- I[t] did not come. Len[?] Bisbee wrote to me that she had sent one but I forgot to mention in my answer to Len[?] that I did not get it. Hope she will send another one as I should be much pleased to get it. I believe I have answered all the questions that was[?] asked Hope to hear from you all before long.

[page 6] I bring my letter to a close with Love and kind regards to all the relations. We often feel lonely so far away from all- but like this climate so much better than up Home. With love & remain as ever M. L. Johnson

[page 7 fragment] P.S. The Dr. says he noticed such a difference between down here and up home. The Heat is up as high as in April And just a green as can be in past[?] had only a day or two of cold weather this winter the ground is not frozen at all. hope to see some of you down to see us before long- [we are always?] so glad to have any of the Kin come that can come- Love to all.

M. L. Johnson



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South West City
McDonald Co, Mo.

Dear Uncle David Jan. 9th 1887

The Dr. got home yesterday - between 10 & 11 o'clock - felt very tired - but enjoyed his visit to Richmond so much - brought us our presents of hwoles^{re} here^y and we are all much pleased with them.

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to him or not. I do
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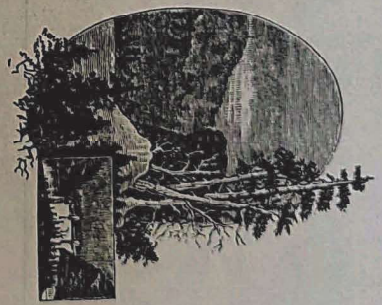
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Mr. G. Johnson

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South Portland
 St. Vincent Co., N.H.
 Dear Uncle David
 Jan. 24th 1857

The Dr. got
 home yesterday - we have
 the books - just now
 tried but enjoyed the
 kind to Richardson so
 much - brought us our
 presents of hickory bark
 and we are all much
 pleased with them -

Harriet thinks her
Belle goes to Hook on tombstone at the time
the wisest of any but did not think what
I don't think of them are we were about my
and Belle, than the rest. Mother says she can't
be so so proud of themselves whether be
them show them to all asked her to give it
our friends & neighbors to him or not I do
that I can't see how not remember that
you ask did we consent to ask to keep it - but
to give the Sun Stone do not think he did
the business young - He only to see it and
came in to God's John then says 'it -'
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has said - and asked and asking to see this
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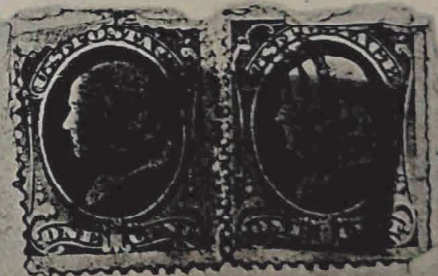
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David Whitmer,

Richmond,

Ray Co,

Missouri

[Handwritten flourish]