

## Excerpts from Henry Rampton's Notebook

(3" x 5" x 1/2") which he carried while on his Mission to England, January 5, 1879 to July 28, 1880.

This notebook also contains numerous names, along with addresses and notes, of people in England who wished to be remembered to people in Utah.

### *Teaching notes:*

The Dean of Westminster (Stanley) said, referring to the change of the form of baptism that "for the first thirteen centuries the almost universal practice of baptism was by immersion. . . ." The Dean went on to say that "Immersion was unsuitable to the tastes and feeling and conveniences of Western Europe. That the civilized world had decided against it, and that it was a triumph of common sense of the bondage of form and custom." The word "baptize" as the Dean admitted has no meaning whatever if it did not mean "immersion."

Gleaned from a sermon by the Rev. G.H. Davies (Baptist) on baptism, contained in the Abingdon and Reading (Berkshire) Herald Nov. 15, 1879.

The origin of sprinkling, Geahnes.

His first case of sprinkling was about the middle of the third century, on a man named Navaison, who was a confirmed invalid and had been convinced of the first principle of the Gospel or Christianity and not being able to go and be immersed they sprinkled him instead.

Shortly after, a council was held at Revena in Italy and it was decided to be a correct mode of baptism in extreme cases. According to Dr. Watts History of the Church, in the fore part of the 16<sup>th</sup> century John Calvin introduced sprinkling into Geneva, Switzerland. In the year 1559 it was introduced into Scotland by a party headed by John Know. In the year 1643 a council of 48 prelate and clergy met at Westminster to decide which should be the correct mode of baptism, and a vote being called, 24 voted for sprinkling and 24 for immersion. The vote being a tie, the chairman voted for sprinkling and since that day it has been considered the correct mode.

### *Diary notes:*

*(Probably written in 1880 in Nottinghamshire in the months before he completed his mission)*

On the morning of the 23 April I arose and went to Br. Lacey's house and ate breakfast and at 9:43 took train from Mansfield for Newark. On arriving picked out the oldest man I could see and asked him respecting the Brigs, Ordyno and Tretwell families. For a small consideration he took me to Mr. Thos. Tretwell, bricklayer, and he took me to Newark Castle and would have taken me to the church but the rector was out and also to the other places and gave me information very kindly in regard to Br. Briggs' relatives.

On arriving at Newark I found Mr. Thos. Tretwell and gained the following information. Mr. Tretwell, father of the above, died in the year of 1872 and Mr. Samuel Tretwell died 1873. Mr. Collingham sister of Mrs. Tretwell died 1878. There are 2 sons of the Ordyno (family) of Coddington living here in Newark. I did not see them for want of time. Mr. Thos. Tretwell's address is Wilson Street, Newark, Notts.

Visited the castle. Went into King John's room that he was imprisoned in and the subterranean passage and the battlements and then took train for Grantham, the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton. Met with B. Terry. Visited the Saints. Stayed all night was Br. John Eite.

24th Saturday visited among the Saints all day and looked around the town and cemetery. Stayed all night again at Br. Eite.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> in the forenoon took a walk. Held meeting in the afternoon and evening and again stayed at Br. Eite.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>—after breakfast walked to a \_\_\_\_\_ and took train for Sleaford. Stayed all night at the above place. I slept at Mrs. Carters and Br Terry slept at Sister Porter. In the morning, Tuesday, took train from

Sleaford to Scredington a distance of 5 miles and then walked to Gosberton and stayed the night with William Phoenix being kindly entertained by them. The family consists of father and mother, John, William and Jane. Spent the evening with them and retired.

28<sup>th</sup>—visited with the Saints in Gosberton. Old Sister Williams and Sister Clarke were about the only ones except the Phoenix family. I talked with the Saints and tried to encourage them and had a very good time with them and returned to Bro. Phoenix to sleep.

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup>—after breakfast walked from Gosberton to Scredington a distance of 12 miles and stayed with Sister Baker. Ate Dinner and supper. I received also while at Gosberton a letter from Frances and also 2 papers. After staying in Scredington until halfpast eight and then took train for Sleaford and stayed the night with Sister Carter and her son Thos., being very comfortably entertained by them. I stayed with Sister Carter and Br. Terry with Porter.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>, a very fine morning, arose and ate breakfast with Sister Carter. Sent 1 letter to Frances and 1 to H. Dinwoody and about noon took train for Lincoln passing through a pretty level agriculture country. Arrived in the city of Lincoln about 4 PM. Looked around the city the noble cathedral and places of interest until 6 PM then took train to Torksey (?) and stopped at Sister Marry Trishband and Sister Mary A Hatch. Spent the evening in conversation with the Saints which alone consisted of the 2 families.

Sunday spent the day very agreeably, held open air meeting in the street and in the house in the evening and afterward took a walk and then retired.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May spent the forenoon with some of the Saints picking .....for to make wine, then returned to the house and prepared to start to Gainsborough a distance of 7miles which we walked arriving about 6:30 PM. Stayed at Mr. Vichers. Ate supper and there received 2 letters and 2 papers. 1 letter from Bro Thurgood and 2 from Florence Dow with 10 shillings in. Afterward I went to Mr. Winn and stayed the night.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Spent some of the forenoon in writing. Took a walk around the town of Gainsboro and visited a large firm Marshall and Sons Traction Engine Machine shop – a splendid establishment employing 1500 hands through the kindness of the proprietor by my application and telling him my trade residence. When being informed of my being a resident from Utah he made a few inquiries and told a guide to show myself and Br. Terry over the establishment which was immense and enjoyed it very much. After returning to Mr. Winns house there spending the evening in conversation with Mr. Winn I found quite a gentleman. His address is: Mr. Paul Winn; Market Street; Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Arose, wrote several letters and sent quite a number of papers to my children to Utah and posted them and walked around the town a short time and then took dinner at Mr. Winns and started to Everton a distance of 9 miles from Gainsboro, reaching there about 5:40 PM and stayed at Br. Arwoods for the night.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> after we ate breakfast we started for Mattersy and ate dinner with Br. Otter after which we walked to Clareborough to Br. Parker a distance of 6 miles and then stayed the night. (We Spent) the evening in singing hymns and talking to the family.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: After eating breakfast wrote to my 2 sisters and told them about the time I expect to depart for (from) England. Stayed until nearly noon and then walked to Workshop a distance of 10 miles reaching there very tired about 5 PM. Found Sister Ashley Quite well. Workshop has its antiquities in an old castle and building and subterranean passages. With Mr. Ashley I visited the ruins and elicited what information I could, then returned to Mr. Ashleys house and held meeting and administered to several of the family that was unwell and then retired to rest.

Saturday morning 8<sup>th</sup>: After eating breakfast, finished my letter William and other to Nottingham and sent them off and then passed off the forenoon. Ate dinner and then Mr. Ashley and myself went and visited the Duke of Portlands Estate. After walking 2 miles we entered the mouth of the tunnel which led to Walbeck Abbey. We

entered the tunnel and followed it for about 3 miles which brought us to the riding school. We walked around the grounds up to the abbey (a delightful looking place) and saw the Bachelors Hall and the church, all of which is underground, and then we commenced our return and reached Mr. Ashleys about 5:30 PM.

On Saturday, July 10 (I) arose very early in the morning. After eating breakfast, prepared to go to the office at 42. Bidding John Pierpoint and family a goodbye, which was sensibly felt on both sides, for surely a great friendship had sprung up between us. At arriving at the office met Bro. Kynaston. We started to Lime Street station and got my boxes I had left in the cloakroom. Took cab for No. 4 landing and went on the tug to the Ship Wisconsin lying in the river. Held meeting in the companionway and appointed the officers of the ship company to take charge of the Saints. The following was the organization:

A.P. Rasmussen, President  
Lot Olverson, First Counselor  
Hugh Findley, Second Counselor  
Dowdy Hogan, Charles Lean, William Barner  
Charles Anderson, Captain of the Guard  
Henry Rampton, Assistant over English  
C.L. French, Clerk  
G. M Bergstrum, president, 1<sup>st</sup> district  
C. H. Monson, president, 2<sup>nd</sup> district  
Christian Jensen, 3<sup>rd</sup> district  
Henry Rampton, 4<sup>th</sup> district  
Charles Anderson, 5<sup>th</sup> district

Returning missionaries:

C.L. Hanson  
Ole Ellingsen  
Andrew Hammer  
Ole Nelsson  
George Frandsen  
N.C. Larsen  
C.A. Christensen  
William Clark

About noon on Saturday, we set sail. A beautiful, level sea. All enjoyed themselves. About 757 (84 English, 5 leaders, and 50 Saints on board. All classes and seamen, over a thousand souls. The first day ended splendidly.

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>. A beautiful, calm sea. All on board felt well. Headwind only a sufficient to make the flues draw good. Held meeting on board, a mixed meeting of Scandanavian and English, not much sea sickness.

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>. Still headwind. Not a great deal of sickness. Brother Farnes' boy accidentally dislocated his arm. I having felt well all the time so far feeling very thankful to be able to attend my duties and see to the wants of the Saints. The Danish held a meeting prayer appointed for 9 p.m. in my ward. After prayers, administered to the boy that got hurt, and thus ended the day.

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Ship lurching ...great many sick. Self, head not well balanced. Kept up eat my meals, able to conduct the meeting at 3 o'clock, had a concert in the evening, administered to some sick, prayer at 9. Walked the deck for a while and then retired to cabin. Slept good.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>. Feel pretty well this morning. Looked around the steerage, it being a fine morning,. Favorable wind made it bracing, not so many sick. Attended to the sick the best I could and got for them all in my power. Felt a slight sensation of sea sickness. Able to eat my meals at the times come around. Beautiful

prosperous voyage. Thanks be to God, for it would be quite a great task to take care of so many and all sick--- quite a number of vessels in sight each day, sometimes as many (as) 10 or 12 in sight at a time. The wind rather blustery but favorable. Prayer at 9 p.m. After a chat with the Brethren in the Saloon we all retired to rest. Slept pretty well.

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> Arose about half past 7. Took a turn through my ward and invited those that were sick. Found an improvement, some few yet sick. Eat Breakfast and then sat down to write up my journal. The wind rising a strong westerly wind made the vessel pitch and toss and the people became very sick again. Remained the same all day and night.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>. The wind somewhat abated and the sea a little more smooth still I find a great many sick the effect of yesterday's tossing. In taking my walks amongst the Saints I find a genuine good feeling one toward another.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>. Spent the day visiting the people... held meeting on deck... made tolerable good headway.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>. Held meeting on deck at 3 o'clock. Quite a stiff breeze.

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>. Held meeting on deck and in the evening talked with Saints down in between decks and instructed them in regards to their course on the morrow in landing.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>. Arose anxiously expecting to see land. The pilot was on board and at 4 p.m. we anchored in Landing Hook. Passed the Doctor and steamed up to new York and entered the Dock at 8 o'clock.—Brother Findlay & myself went up into the town for a little while. It was raining and then returned to the ship.. listened to the singing of the Brothers & Sisters until quite late and then retired to my cabin.

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>. After eating breakfast prepared to pass customs house officers. Quite a tiring affair. But all passed off very well, the officers acting very leniently after which we went to Castle Gardens, there the Saints stayed all night. I myself went to the Stephens House for the night.

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. About 2 p.m. We started across the river to take train. We traveled on the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne Railroad to Pittsburg. And then on the Pennsylvania Railroad to Chicago Changed there on the north Western for Omaha. Spent evening the 24<sup>th</sup> singing the Songs of Zion which attracted the people at the towns we passed along. Arrived in Omaha about half past ten on Sunday morning. Changed cars and luggage which took until 3:15 in the afternoon and then we started West at a very slow pace making about 70 miles by dark.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Crossed the North Platte Bridge. Thousands of cattle on the way. At 3:45 at Julesburg 377 miles from Omaha. Arrived at Sidney 5:45. Troops are stationed here. Passed antelope just at dark.

July 27<sup>th</sup>.. Sherman 549 miles from Omaha. Fine morning, dry looking place no rain all the summer. Quite a number of snow sheds, passed Summit about 5 a.m. Tuesday morning the highest bridge on the road. At 5 minutes to 7 passing Ft. Saunders, prepared to eat breakfast. And at 15 minutes to eight arrived at Larimah (Laramie?) 573 miles from Omaha. At half past ten, 606 miles from Omaha. Reached Medicine Bow 25 minutes past 12. At a quarter past 3 we passed Fort Steel 694 miles from Omaha. Rawlins 10 minutes past 4 o'clock. 709 miles from Omaha. Passed Washakie (probably Wanes) at sundown. Arrived at Green River about 2 a.m.

July 28<sup>th</sup>. Stopped two hours and a half for the other section of the train. And then started on reaching Aspen at 12: o'clock. Crossed Bear River 15 minutes to one o'clock and Evanston 1:30 p.m. Stayed one hour and started on.

Recipe for Rheumatism

2 oz Spirits of Camphor

2 oz white wine

2 oz Hortston

2 oz Turpentine

2 oz Sweet oil.