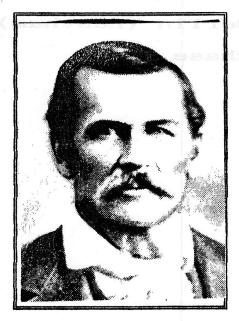
HISTORY #10

"The Reason I Came To Bear Lake" A letter written by Merlin (Eastham) Kearl to her son, Chase Kearl. The reason I came to Bear Lake was because Aunt Ann had a home and an orchard and she was needed to care for her fruit and was expecting a new baby and didn't want to come away from a Dr. or help. Fanny was living on the farm and had

men to cook for and things to take care of.



<u>Merlin - when she was</u> about 13 years old.



I was married on the 12th of July and of course hadn't prepared a home of any kind there so came here with my Husband on the 29th of August.

I was the first woman to have a home in Round Valley. The first day we got her we camped at Big Spring. The next day on the 30th of Aug. we went on to look at the country and went as far as St, Charles.

<u> My husband – James Kearl</u>

Page #10 - 2.

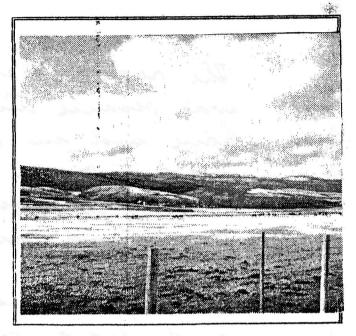
from grantsulle The reason deame to Fear date was because and and had how and an ochaid she was media to care for air fritt and was in the expecting a new baby and didn't want & enny away from a her a help. Farmy was living in the formy and things to take gave I was married the 12 July and of some hading spep ared to how of any tiel so came here in Austand The 29%. I was the first work an have a find in Round Vall The first day we got he campel at Big as we went on to look

We didn't see anything we liked as well as Round Valley so we came back and made our home there. About half way down the road between Earleys and the corner. They sat my stove down by the side of the road. Not a tent or a bit of shelter of any kind. The wind blew and the stove wouldn't bake but that's where I stayed while the men, my husband, and



<u>The Cottonwood Trees where Merlin</u> <u>camped when they arrived.</u>

was gone to Salt Lake for Fanny.



Round Valley

George Willis, Larry Morton, and John Anderson put up a stack of hay and got out some logs and built a shed.

I moved into the shed and felt I had a mansion. Then they started building me a log house with two rooms. They chinked it and my cousin from Evanston came and I helped him carry the mud to daub the one room while Jim

"The Reason I Came to Bear Lake."

Page #10 - 4.

Pountry and went as lan as St Charles. We duit su my thing we liked as well a Comt Cally so we cam . back and made in line there. abour hay way down the road between Early and the comer. This set my stove down by the side of the wat not a thit fa a but of shillin of any and. The wind blev and " sive wouldn't bake but that's where I should while The men, My husbank, and Lorge Willis Lary morton & This and in put up a , some bogs and built a sheep. her had a mansion. Then they started building me a log hour with to rooms. They chinked it and my consin from Grantin

He brot (sp) back two little square windows. We didn't have a door so I would move my little square table that the Presiding Elder, Brother Oldfield, gave me when we moved away, up to the door opening. One night a skunk came to visit us and Jim shot it as it was leaving. The smell never entirely left the door step.



Now I must tell about my first babies. <u>Me in my later years.</u> I had my first four born in Round Valley. Merlin Edyth with Mrs. Green for the Dr. Jeanett with Mrs. Morley the Dr.

"The Reason I Came to Bear Lake."

Will Mills came and " helped him carry the mind to dand the me - while Juin was gone He bor back two little square windows we didn't have a door so I would more my little square table that The prending Elder Bro. Slapeld gave me when he moved away up to the door opening. One night while we were in a bed a shink came to visit and him shot it as lit was leaving. The smell never entitley lift the door step Now I might tell about my hist babus. I had my first four barn in Rom Merlin Edyth with Mrs. Sreen In the Wr. Jeanette with Mm. Moley the his

John Henry with Mrs. Earley for the Dr. George with Fanny for the Dr. Then I moved to Otter Creek. Then Robert was born with Eliza Johnson for the Dr. Then I had Willis Ellsworth with a midwife, Mrs. Smith, with me. My other four children were born in Laketown. Morton, Ethel, Jane Chase & Grace with help from Mrs. Carolyn Wahlstrom who



<u>Me - when I was old.</u>

was a good midwife. There was no Doctors and help of that kind in those days.

My first bottle of fruit was a 2 quart bottle of wild goosberries picked in birch hollow and put up without any sugar and I have

"The Reason I Came to Bear Lake."

Page #10 - 8.

In the War Serge with of Farmy for the her. Then I moved to Other Breek, Then Pobert was form with Chig had Willie Ellsworth will a midwit Mas Smith with me. My other for children were born i Lake Jon, Motor, Chil Jame, Char & than will help from mo Carolyn walkhow who was a good. midnife. There was ju hoctors and help of that kind in those Lark. Chan was born in Round Valley. migfirst bottle of freuk was a 2 quart vottle of huld goodberries picked put up with any Rugar - and I have

never been so thrilled with all the fruit I've canned since as I was with that one bottle and I'm sure the Lorst must have been a help to hundreds of other sisters in the same condition.

Mother



My home in Laketown built in my later years.

"The Reason I Came to Bear Lake.

3 Never been no Duilled with all the fruit the canned since as I was with that one bottle and I am · Sure the Lord must have been with me and been a help to hundreds of atter Sisters in The same condition mother