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Mary

I, Zella Horn, signed in the presence of Salt Lake City, Utah, June 10th, 1905.

Richard E. Horne

Geo. D. Pepper

George W. Cannon