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The following letter is a copy of the original found in the file of Hannah Elis, in the CHO, file No. Ms d 732. I have followed the original spelling and punctuation.

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Nauvoo: May 4, 1845

Dear Sister Woodruff

I came into the city last Sunday to spend the week, and learned that ~~Sister~~ <sup>Elder</sup> A Feilding was about to start for England in a few days. I therefore take my pen to fulfill my promise to you which was to write the first opportunity. I believe I promised to keep a journal for you and let you have it every once and awhile. I commenced to do so for a few weeks after you left, and was then taken down sick with Chills and fever. was not able to anything for 3 months I had been in the city only a few days when I was taken sick I remained untill ~~the~~ <sup>New</sup> years ~~then~~ then I went out on the prairie to sister Benbow where I have stayed most of my time since, and we all enjoy tolerable health at this time. I made a visit to Sister Webster three days this week to do her some sewing her health has improved very much this spring while there I opened your Box of ~~letters~~ <sup>letters</sup> and found them all safe and in good condition, let them hang all day in the sun then nailed them up again for the present. The bed you left Sister Phelps

buy it or ~~pay~~ for the use of it as Brother ~~Webster's~~ health is not auit I expect ~~in~~ he will write you by thi and expected the letter had reached by some mistake. Elder J. E. Page 1 W says she is much ~~pleasred and~~ for her. they boath sem to be much m even believe all things to the build your house as he became a follower o have gone to Pittsburga you may thin would not be in their case for al I I I havelived to see this day altho it rejoice that I was counted worthy to will work out for me a more ~~exerted~~ e I could converse with B and S Woodruff and we must all prepare to stand in c beyond our most sanguine expectations

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determined to stand by each other under all circumstances the steam Boat ~~Capey~~ <sup>(Casey?)</sup> has just now arrived bringing William S Smith and his family from St Louis where they have been halting a few days to recruit the health of his sick wife so has to bring her here alive ~~and~~ once more Brother and Sister Smoot are to start for Nauvoo the 23 of June Sister Taylor told me she had written so I expect has told you all particulars about Nauvoo -

Brother Smith is well and Sister Emma and family I have just now seen her her little baby is a very fine child his name is David Hiram, She takes much comfort with it and seems to get along as well as ~~expected~~ we can ~~in~~ expect ~~that~~ she feels atatched to the church, not withstanding her great sufferings that she has had to indure She appears to be disgusted with the course that S. Rigdon persues and seems to take more interest in the compleation of the temple and building up ~~of~~ the city than when you left. Elder Marks has left the city and gone with his family to Fort (or Fort) Madison

I have said nothing about your dear boy yet. I conclude I ~~have~~ exhausted your patience ~~by~~ this time without his Name I left him last sunday this day went well and I saw B Banbow during the week and all was well. I expect to return home with him this evining and will then let sister Benbow know ~~of~~ this chance to write, ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> I think she will be glad to improve the subject of ~~her~~ <sup>his</sup> letter, I have no doubt will be her boy Willford I will make that excuse me for not mentioning his name sooner in my letter - he has been quite well and harty ever since you left except slight cold he grows fast looks ruddy and well is quite cheerfull and happy and sais he will not leave his Aunty to live with Pa or Ma he often ~~thru~~ speaks about you boath

and his sitters, they are quite fresh in his memory, he grows interesting every week I hear him read lessons most days but some times he plays truant. During conference week, B Benbow received you Parcel in care of Elder Cairns safe, Willford looks very pretty in his cap, he was pleased with ~~us~~ but more particer with his knife, I took him with me to meeting two Sundays ago. Orson Pratt preached first afterward President B Young and let him stand up so that he could see them when they spoke, Elder ~~Rich~~ dismissed the ~~meeting~~ meeting with uplifted hands wich seemed to please Willford much he wached him very minutely after meeting I took him to Brother Hunters at the brick house while there he took quite a fancy to sisters Hunters baby a little girl about a year old he was very ancious to take baby and cradle out with us on the prarie and was with great difficulty I could get him to go home without it. when Mr Benbow come after us he wanted to have baby and cradle put into the buggy, family B and S Hunter invited him to come again, he told them he would bring the OK team and that would hold boath. since I commenced my letter this morn I have up to your house saw B and Sister Webster told them of this chance to write and they will write at the same time saw Mr Benbow just returned from meeting he said he left all well at home this morning, and how sister Woodruff you will please give my kindest respects to Elder W. and hope he will join with you in writting to me the first convenient season untill wee meet again, all look anciously for your return ~~again~~ at the dedication of the Temple.

With best wishes for you health and ~~happening~~ happiness and the prosperity of the cause of Zion - I remain your Sister in the Gospel

H. S. Ells

Brother and Sister Holmes send their love to you and are writing to their Brother Milton you may think I am selfish but I would not ~~not~~ tell any one I am writing until I had done for fear they should want to fill my letter full of their loves.

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