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THE CARLISLE HOME

This home is located a few hundred feet from the Jordan River at 4060 South and 700 West. During the years 1885-1887, John Carlisle, born 1833, age 52 years in 1885, lived here together with his wife and family, and for many years after.

On the property was also a large barn with doors on each side so that a load of hay could be driven in and through and be unloaded form either side into the hay lofts.

There was a small boat hidden on the river to enable crossing to the other side and was used at this time by Church authorities as they commuted between this home and a home in Taylorsville.

The Church authorities would on occasion arrange with the train crews to let them off at night at the crossing of 15th south (now 39th South).

Brother John Carlisle would send some of his boys to get them.

Etta Carlisle, granddaughter of John Carlisle, tells of hearing from uncles of a time when they were being pursued east on 39th South by civil authorities and as the buggy with President John Taylor and the driver, Phillip Carlisle, pounded across the tracks there was no train to be seen but as soon as they made the crossing they heard one and upon turning around saw the train crossing the road cutting off the pursuit.

As we read the article by Etta Carlisle, we can see why the close connection between this family and the Church Authorities written by Etta Carlisle as told to me by my uncle Alfred Carlisle.

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Brother George Q. Cannon spent quite a bit of time in the Carlisle home; in fact, one of his wives had two babies while staying there.

It is evident that during the period of time indicated, 1885-1887, the channel of the river in this area was much deeper than at the present making it necessary to use a boat instead of horses to cross.

For the past 70-80 years or so, fording places have been readily available. The water was also clear and teemed with trout, ducks, and other wildlife. As late as the 1890’s the river would freeze solid enough to support horses and skaters.