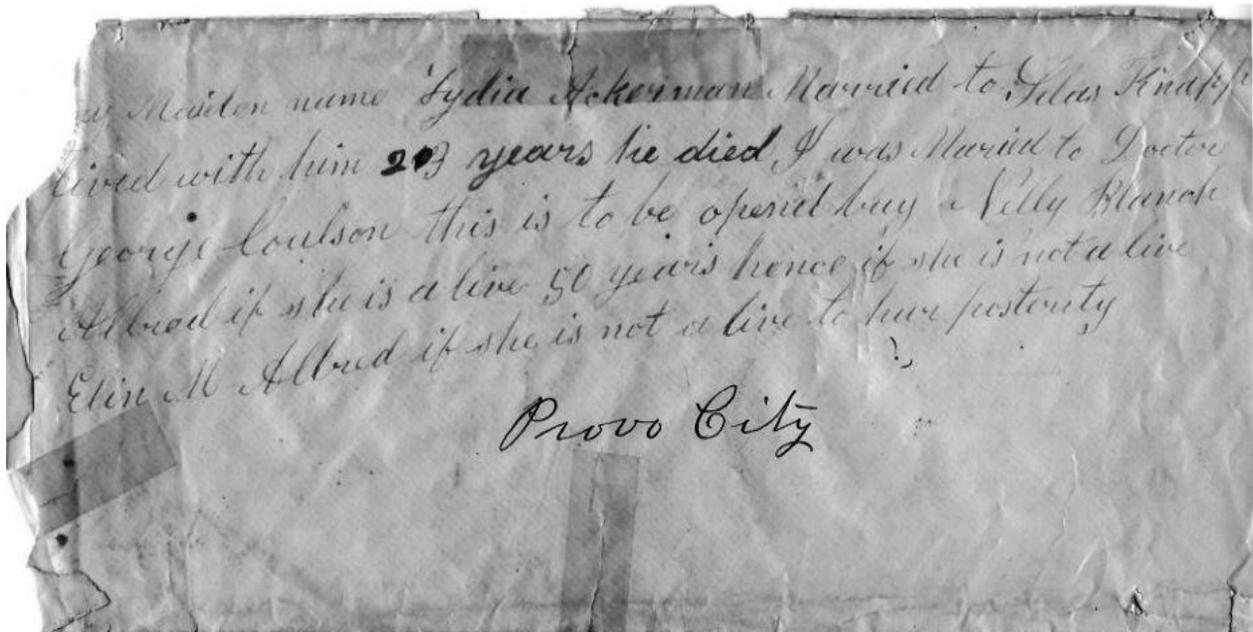


LYDIA ACKERMAN KNAPP COULSON'S 1880 LETTER ~ TRANSCRIBED

Transcription of a letter that Lydia wrote in 1880 to her posterity. This version preserves as accurately as possible Lydia's voice by using her original format, spelling, grammar, punctuation and editing. Page numbers and bracketed spelling clarifications are added. See further description on page 22.



Envelope ¹

My maiden name **Lydia Ackerman** Married to **Silas Knapp**
lived with him **213 [23] years he died** I was Married to Docter
George Coulson this is to be opend buy Nelly Blanch
Allred if she is alive 50 years hence if she is not alive
Elin M Allred if she is not alive to hur posterity
Provo City

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Lydia Ackerman
 the Daughter of
 Saloma Lewis And Obediah
 Ackerman the son of
 Dav Hannah and David
 Ackerman my Mother
 Saloma Lewis is the Daughter of
 Arnold and Anna Petteplace
 Lewis
 Arnold Lewis is the son of
 Nehemiah Lewis and
 Nehemiah Lewis is the son of
 Richerd Lewis this is as far
 back as I have any knowledge
 of my fourfathers

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 in the year 1821 in July 1825
 July the 10 my son Albert was
 born Me in the town of Antwerp
 Jefferson Co New York
 my Daughter ~~Marinda~~ Melvina
 in the town of ^{Champion} ~~Antwerp~~ Jefferson county
 was born September the 8 in 1827
 my Daughter Marinda M was
 born May the 22 in 1830 in the
 town of Champion Jefferson
 County State of NY
 my son William was born
 July the 8 in 1840 in the town
 of Leray Jefferson Cou NY
 my Daughter Emma Amelia
 was born in January the 18 1843
 in Nauvo Hancock Cou Illinois
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 was born in April the 6 1848
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the Children of my Grandfather
 Arnold Lewis
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 Frederick Lewis
 Nicolas Lewis
 Eseck Lewis
 Ester Lewis
 Anna Lewis
 Lydia Lewis
 Salloma Lewis
 Sabra Lewis
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 aunt Elphy Married to Jhon Sweet
 the names of her ^{his} Children
 Alen Sweet
 Jered Sweet
 Anna Sweet
 Lydia Sweet
 Hiran Sweet
 William Sweet
 Abijah Sweet
 this is as far as I can remember

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The Children of my
 Grandfather Ackerman
 James Ackerman
 Obediah Ackerman
 Dorcas Ackerman
 David Ackerman
 Sarah Ackerman
 Mary Ackerman
 Hannah Ackerman
 Ruth Ackerman

 aunt Sary Married to Jerry Rudes
 aunt Mary Married to Joshua Hicks
 aunt Ruth to Mr Babcock
 uncle James to Druzilla
 uncle David to Margareta Clapper

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 the names of my children and
 Mariedges Albert Knapp
 my son was Rozina Shepherd
 Married to Rozina Shepherd
 Marinda Knapp Married to
 John F. Laphyett Allred in ~~1847~~
 1847 at Council Point IOa by
 Doctere George Coulson he being
 outhORIZED to Mary my Daughter
 Emma Amelia Knapp was
 Married to Harva Elmer buy
 Bishop Jacob Bigler at Nephy
 Juab County U Tah in the year
 of our Lord 1858 my Daughter
 Eliza Sarinda Coulson was
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 Juab County U T in 1874

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 writing for I never had 6
 months schooling in my life

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⁶ MS 23535, page 12 image 00021.JPG, and 00022.JPG

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 had three children buy Allred
 Silas Laphyett Allread
 John Frank Allread
 Vadelia ^{Allred} Hur Husband died
 with the Cholery she emigrated
 to the Vally of U Tah in 1851
 and was Married to Lewis Orin
 Glazier She has six Children
 buy him the names of hur and
 his Children
 Alphaous Orin Glazier
 Rozilla Marinda Glazier
 Leanora Azilka Glazier
 Amelia Rozetta Glazier
 Clarisa Lydia Glazier
 Charles William Glazier

 These are the Children of my
 Oldest Doughter now living
 Marinda M Glazier

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⁷ MS 23535, page 13 image 00023.JPG, and 00024.JPG

Albert Knapp my son
 his wife Rozina Shepherd
 the names of their Children
 Sary Armina Knapp
 Lydia Malinda Knapp
 Silas Albert Knapp
 Justin Shepherd Knapp
 Morgan Alonzo Knapp
 Wiles Knapp
 this last boy is buy his second
 wife Judeth Ovatt Knapp

these are the names of my Children
 and Grand Children

Lydia Ackerman was my
 Maiden ^{name} I married to Silas Knapp
 he died in ¹⁸⁴⁴ to years after I was
 Married to George Coulson 1846
 I lived with him til he died in
 1851

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 Harva Elmer and their children

 Lydia Elmer
 Edward Elmer
 William Elmer
 Eli Elmer
 Ida Elmer
 George Elmer

 now my Daughter Eliza Sarinda
 and her Husband Guy Foote
 their Children
 Lydia Jane Foote
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 I will direct thes lines to my
 great Grand Children

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 May the 3 185th in the town of Galiway
 Sarytoga County Newyork state
 in the year of 188 my Father and family
 moved to Jefferson County Newyork
 and there bout a farm and we
 resided there til I was Married
 in 1821 my Husband Silas Knapp
 bought a farm in the town of
 Antwerp Jefferson Cou Newyork
 in 1823 there was a revival of relig
 eonist and previous to this I had
 experienced religion and jornd
 the Baptist at the age of twelve
 years old and I believed in one
 Lord one faith one Baptism by
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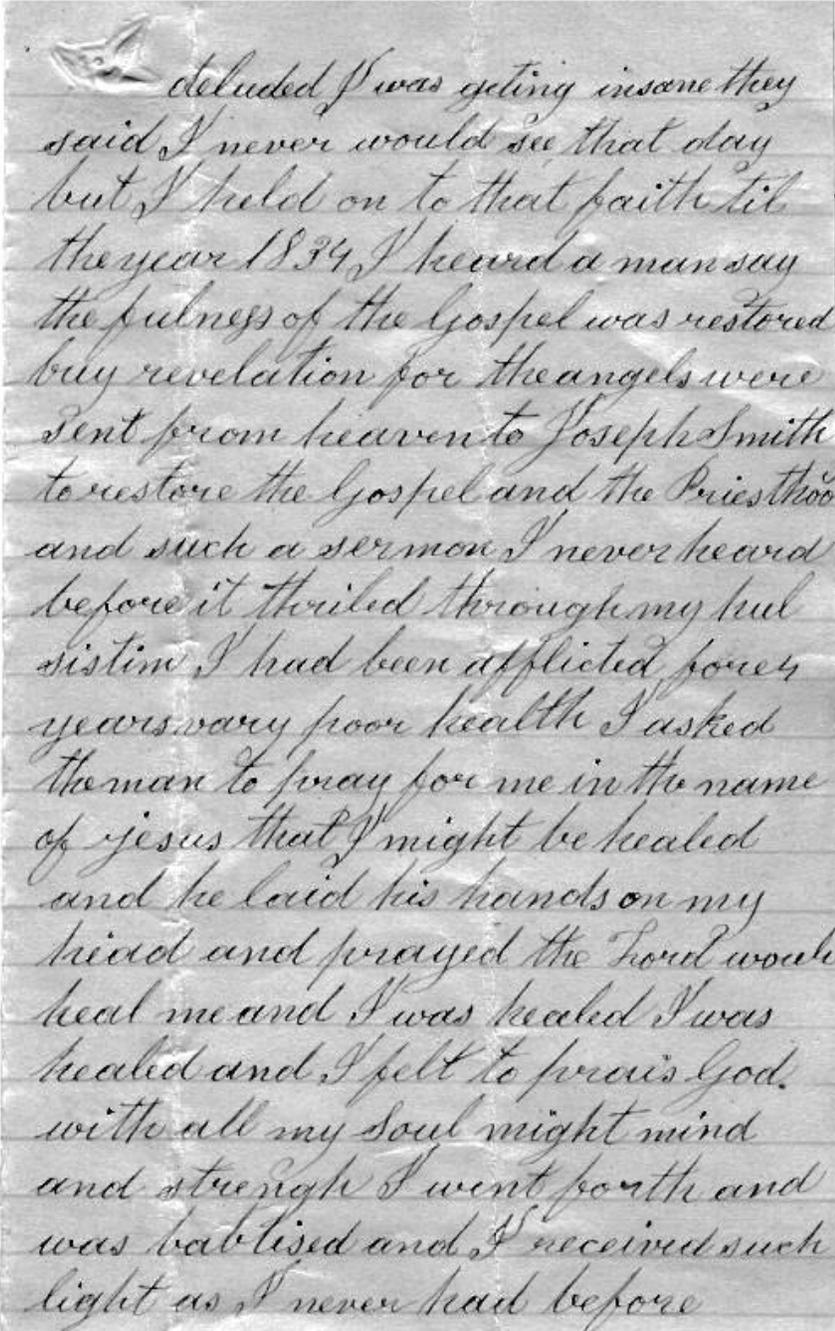
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 and when I prayed that I
 might ^{see} a Church adorned
 with all the gifts that were
 in the Church in the days of
 Christ and the Apostles and
 a voice spake over my head
 Doughter be of good cheer for
 thou shalt have the desire of
 thy heart I felt filed with joy
 and love to God I felt humble
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 told my Husband he pokd at
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¹¹ MS 23535, p. 4 image 00009.JPG, and 00010.JPG



deluded I was getting insane they
 said I never would see that day
 but I held on to that faith til
 the year 1834 I heard a man say
 the fulness of the Gospel was restored
 by revelation for the angels were
 sent from heaven to Joseph Smith
 to restore the Gospel and the Priesthood
 and such a sermon I never heard
 before it thrilled through my hul
 sistim I had been afflicted fore 4
 years vary poor health I asked
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 of jesus that I might be healed
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 of a people on the ~~that~~²⁰⁰¹¹⁷ had received
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 healed by the same power
 my time has been spent in laboring
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 next spring me and my Family
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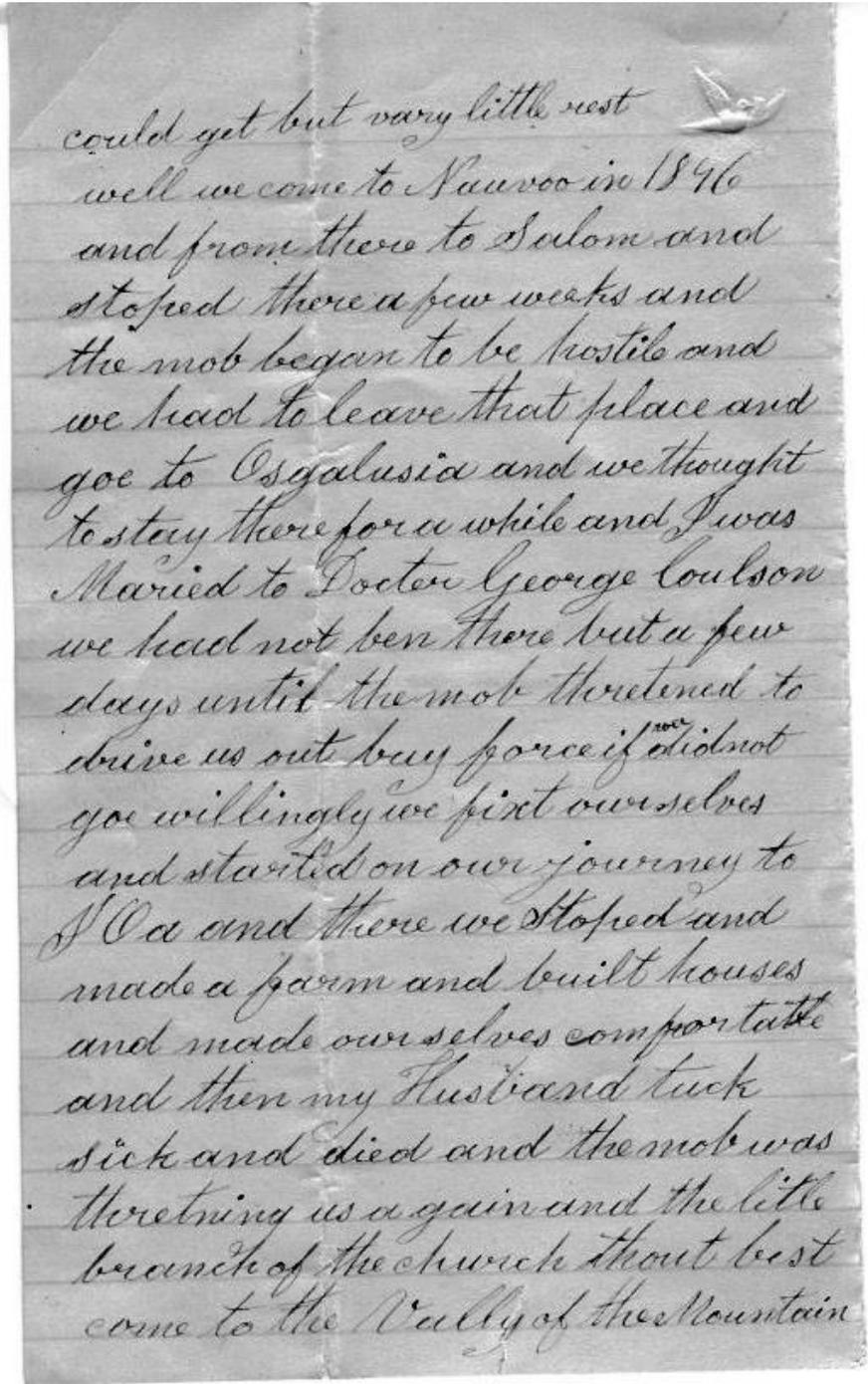
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 and feaver and continued to be
 sick the hyl summer me and my
 family recoverd so as to be tolerable
 comfortable but my Husband Silas
 he continued sick he died in a short
 time after Joseph and Hiram
 Smith was Marterd my Husband
 was buried in Nauvoo there to lay
 til the morning of the resurection
 I was left vary destitute my Husband
 was sick not able to do a days work
 after we came to Shockocon we had
 no home of our own we lived in a
 rented house me and my son Albert
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 and gather means to get away from
 that place for the mob was thretning
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 well we come to Nauvoo in 1846
 and from there to Salom and
 stoped there a few weeks and
 the mob began to be hostile and
 we had to leave that place and
 goe to Osgalusia and we thought
 to stay there for a while and I was
 Married to Docter George Coulson
 we had not ben there but a few
 days until the mob thretened to
 drive us out buy force if ^{we} didnot
 goe willingly we fixt ourselves
 and started on our journey to
 IOa and there we stoped and
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 thretning us again and the litle
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¹⁵ MS 23535, p. 7 image 00015.JPG, and 00016.JPG

all in mass well I had to leave
 my farm all my effects that the mob
 had not taken the mob had taken
 my valuable property and carried of
 such as could be carried they went
 into the black smith shop and
 took two sets of tools besides several
 plowshiers and loads of grain and
 potatoes and Cows and hogs and
 took them and they want satisfied
 they come into my house and took
 my furniture and quilts and 5 trunks
 and chairs and dishes and stove and
 looking glass and left me almost
 destitute then I don the best I could
 and got ready and come to U Tah
 and here Ive laboured vary hard
 to get a living and when the grass
 hoppers came and destroyed our crops
 we had but vary little to eat we
 were drove to eat nettles for greens
 and dig segoes and cuck them to eat

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 lesson my faith in the Gospel
 that I had embraced I knew
 that God was at the helm and
 would bring the Ship safe to shore
 my testimony is I know I have
 embraced the Gospel Jesus
 taught his Disciples revealed to
 Joseph Smith by angels also
 by Christ the son of God I
 feel to witness by the same
 spirit it is true and the help
 of the Lord I feel the Saviour
 to follow the Saviour and finish
 my mission and receive my
 reward here is my Potograph
 for you to look upon your
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I Lydia Ackerman had
 A dream I had at the age
 of 12 years old

I dreamed I walked with
 Salina Brooks through a piece
 of woods til we come to the river
 jordan I said to Salina I
 going to cros over into the
 land of Canan she said the
 water was deep and I could
 not waid it but I said I
 could fly over if she would
 get on my back I would carry
 her over she got on my back
 and I flew over into the land
 of Canan it was a beautiful
 place then I woke up and
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I had another dream
 I was walking through
 the same woods with Eliza the
 sister of Salina I went with
 Eliza til we come to the river
 jordon I said to Eliza Im
 going to cros over this river
 into the land of Canon if you
 will get on my back I will
 carry you over I caried Salina
 ove and can carry you a cros
 she said no I never shall see
 that place I left hur and flew
 over to the land of Canan I
 was awake again and found
 myself in bead about 4 years
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 the same woods and came to a
 road where there much travel
 I took the right hand road
 and she took the left hand road
 I said to hur dont goe that road

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the right hand road to get
 heaven she said no I cant goe
 to heaven I wust goe to hell I said
 goe with me to heaven but she
 turned to the left and I to
 the right I went a few steps
 I heard hur call me I looked behin
 me she was in a pit with both hur
 hands reached as high as she
 could rais them but I could
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hung hur self the
 bible says no murderer has
 eternal life in them after this
 I heard there was an apointment
 for a Mormon Preacher to be at
 our schoolhouse I told my Husband
 and my Cousin I wanted to goe
 to hear him Preach well my heart
^{beat} with anxiety my Cousin said ^{he} hitch
 up his team and take me to the
 meting ^{my} I went and after I got
 seated the Elder came in he was
 the same man I see in my dream
 that lead me into that big house
 and is the man that Baptised me
 into this Church the latter day
 Saints and I bear witness to the
 truth of this work in this last
 dispensation this is from
 Grandmah Coulson now
 Seventy 6 the 3 day of May

hung hur self the
 bible says no murderer has
 eternal life in them after this
 I heard there was an apointment
 for a Mormon Preacher to be at
 our schoolhouse I told my Husband
 and my cousin I wanted to goe
 to hear him Preach well my heart
^{beat} with anxiety my cousin said ^{he} hitch
 up his team and take me to the
^{my} meting I went and after I got
 seated the Elder came in he was
 the same man I see in my dream
 that lead me into that big house
^{he} and is the man that Baptised me
 into this Church the latter day
 Saints and I bear witness to the
 truth of this work in this last
 dispensation this is from
 Grandmah Coulson now
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²¹ MS 23535, p. 11 image 00017.JPG, and 00018.JPG

Lydia Ackerman Knapp Coulson wrote this letter to her descendants and directed it specifically to her great grandchildren. It was written on both sides of common lined paper about 8" X 9 ¾" with each paper folded in half to make four half pages. The letter contains five pieces of paper to make a total of twenty pages. An embossed bird with a letter in its beak was stamped at the top left hand corner of each folded paper giving it the appearance of stationery. It was placed in a large bright yellow envelope with instructions on the outside. The subject matter of the letter is in three sections.

Letter Contents:

- Section 1, pp. 2-9 Lydia lists the names of her ancestors and some of their descendants. She gives the year of her marriage, the dates and locations of birth of her children, and also lists their marriages and families. On page 6 she states, "pleas excuse my imperfect writing for I never had 6 months schooling in my life" and on page 9 she ends with, "I will direct thes lines to my great Grand Children."
- Section 2, pp. 10-17 Lydia gives her birth as 1805 in Saratoga County, New York. She moved with her parents to Jefferson County, New York where she later married. Much of this section is an account of her spiritual experiences and her search for a Church with the same gifts as in "the days of Christ and the Apostles." She found it in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, into which she was baptized in 1834 at age twenty-nine. She remained faithful to her Savior and to the Church despite multiple trials, persecutions, and the deaths of two husbands. With a valiant heart Lydia moved west with the Saints, first to Nauvoo, Illinois, then to Council Point, Iowa, and then on to Utah in 1852. This section, titled "Provo City 1880" is a testimony of her faith in God, in Christ her Savior, his Gospel and Church. She included a photo of herself, "for you to look upon your great Grand Mother..."
- Section 3, pp. 18-21 Lydia recounts dreams, a healing, and other experiences that impacted her spiritual life and helped lead her to baptism by a Mormon Elder. Lydia remained convinced and faithful throughout her life. She gives her final witness at the age of seventy-six a few months before her death.

Lydia's original letter was donated to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Church History Library by MaryAnne B. Ashton, a descendant of Lydia's daughter, Marinda M. Knapp Allred Glazier. This transcription was done by Mary M. Bryant and Karla K. Oswald, and the images of Lydia's letter were edited and enhanced by Jeremy J. Oswald, all of whom are descendants of Lydia's son Albert Knapp.

An electronic image of the original letter can be viewed online at the Church History Library website at: <https://history.lds.org/section/library?lang=eng> under the title of:

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