

LETTERS

Written by Louise Park Brockbank Reynolds
to her grandson
Robert Newel Reynolds
While he served in the Central States Mission of
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Louise Park Brockbank Reynolds (28 January 1869 -17August 1963) was in her 90th year when she started writing this sequence of letters to her grandson Newel in 1958. Each of the letters was written in longhand—usually in ink. Most were addressed and mailed by her. The letters portray a fervent and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ who never, not even once, wavered in her belief and conviction of the restored truths revealed through and promulgated by the Prophet Joseph Smith. As her grandson and recipient of these letters I add my witness to hers of the significance and everlasting meaning and value of the principles she so frequently espoused. Those members of her family who have heeded her words have found joy and happiness in their lives and abundance in their blessings. Not a few of her progeny have risen far beyond their normal expectations to achieve power added upon power in their spiritual lives and in their earthly blessings. For her purity and demonstration of greatness we thank you Grandma for your example and valor in life and for your generous sharing of yourself in all ways good and virtuous. Robert Newel Reynolds, 2006

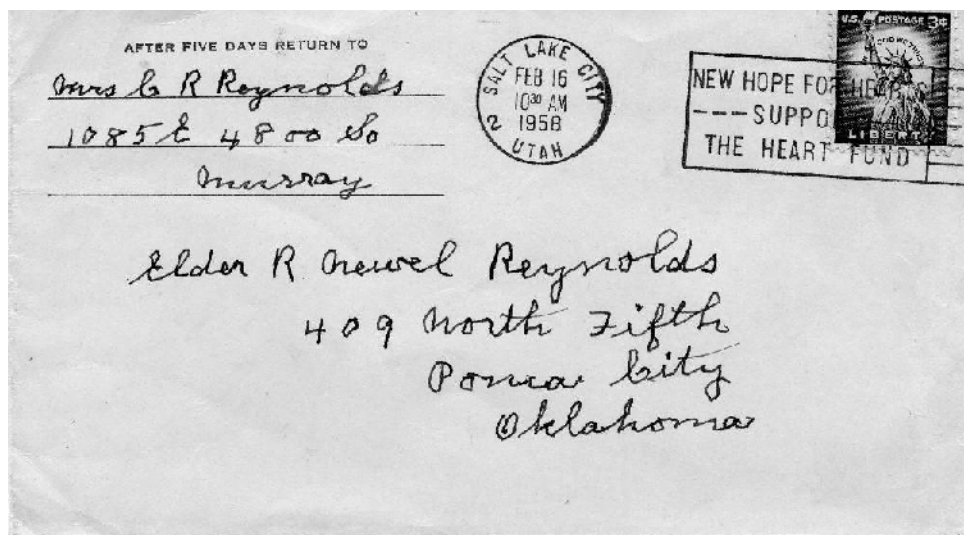
Feb. 11. 1958.

My Dear Grandson Newel

I was very happy to hear from you and to know that you are enjoying your work. There is nothing that could come to you that could strength your testimony in the Gospel like a mission in the service of the Lord. To go out into the world & to come in contact with other religious beliefs & to see how empty they are, surely makes one feel, how grateful we are, to belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The only true & living Church that is Divine. The world had drifted so far away from a true & a living God, & were worshipping a spirit that filled the world, and when Joseph Smith the Prophet went out into the woods to pray, to ask God

which of all the churches were right; & received that glorious vision of the heavenly Father & his son Jesus Christ, who spoke to Joseph & told him to not join any of the denominations for they were all wrong, & were abominations in His sight. When Joseph made this known, he was persecuted on every hand; & after the church was organized, the saints were driven from place to place and when they reached Nauvoo Ill. in the Spring of 1839 was the fifth time they had been driven from their homes, & they never let up until they had killed the Prophet Joseph & drove the saints out of Nauvoo into the cold & dreary world to the West, in the middle of the Winter. But our Heavenly Father had organized His Church for

the last time, ^{It} was never to be taken from the earth but was to stand forever. Dear boy, I guess I have said enough along these lines. Aunt Mabel, & Aunt Mabel have been here visiting with me this afternoon, I am grateful for my family & Oh, how I wish that every one of them would live up to their blessings. There is nothing more precious in this World than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the very purpose of our being here upon the earth, was to receive our bodies, & to prove ourselves, to see if we will do all things, that the Lord commands us to do, and if we are obedient, we shall have glory added up on our heads forever. May the blessings of the Lord be with you always & with love I will close from
 Grandma Reynolds



NOTE: Most of grandma's letters reference a letter previously received from me. It is not known what became of my letters to her. I doubt she would have thrown them away. Hopefully someday some of her personal mementos will surface.

Apr 14 1958

My Dear Grandson Orvel

I received your welcome letter. You stated how the time flies away, even life its self is quick in passing. When I think of when my children were young, it just seems like a dream. I am glad you are enjoying your labors. There is nothing in the World that will enrich ones life more than to have an understanding of the purposes of life and to know that the Church of Jesus Christ is the only plan of life & salvation that is eternal, and obedience to its principles is our only path of safety in this troubled world. Uncle Leonard came & took me up to their Stake Conference Sunday

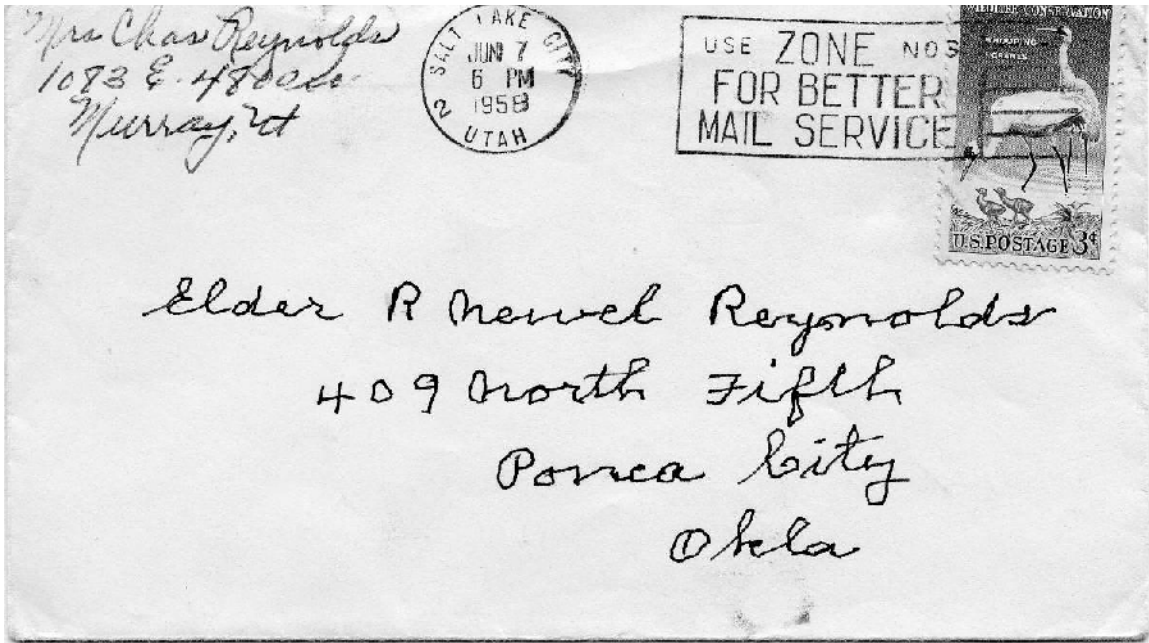
it was very good. Elder Bruce R. McConkie was our visiting Brother, he stressed so very much on temple marriage & living the gospel. There was 40 percent of the young people of the Stake that were married out of the temple. I came home in the afternoon & went to Morgan Davis farewell testimonial meeting he is going to serve in the Argentine mission, he has been going to the B.C.A. this winter. Cherie Mackay is going to be married in June to a returned missionary. I have been going with Aunt Merle & Marilyn up to the university on Wed. evenings to the class that Bro. Harbes teaches, we met your young lady there with your parents, she is a fine young lady. With love & best wishes & prayers also, Grandma

June 7 1958

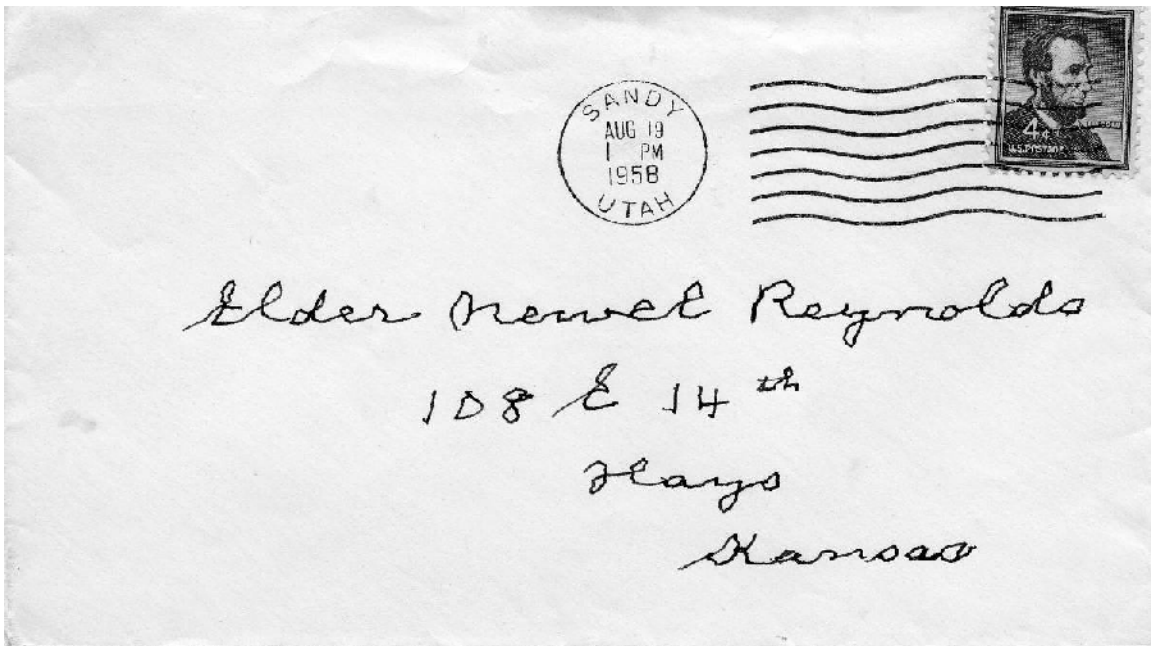
My Dear Grandson Jewel
I was happy to receive a
letter from you. You are
getting an experience that
you could not get in any
other way. It puts a polish
on any young person
that fills a mission in the
service of the Lord. The greatest
of all knowledge is to know
that God lives and that
we are in very deed His
sons & daughters created
in His image, and lived
in His presence until we
came to this earth to
receive our bodies & gain
an experience that we could
get in no other way. The
Gospel of Jesus Christ
is the most precious thing
in this world. It is a Pearl

of great Price, to all those
that understands it & lives
for its blessings. Your father
& mother tries to come
down every Wed. evening
& spends a while with me;
Your mother always reads
to us. I enjoy it very much
On the 29 of May, Mary Jean
& her young man were
married. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

— Her husband went
away in the government
last Sunday. Some of the
boys have gone fishing
real early this morning.
Fourteen of our immediate
family had supper up to Jags
last evening, we enjoyed it
very much. May the blessing
of the Lord be with you always
with love Grandma Reynolds



NOTE: The price of postage went from 3 cents to 4 cents for a first class letter!



Aug. 18, 1958.

My Dear Grandson Rowel
I was happy to receive a letter from you & to know that you are enjoying your labors in the service of the Lord so well, and may the Lord continue to bless ^{you} with His Holy Spirit every day of your life. We are living in perilous times & without a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel & the revelations of the Lord to us, we would have no hope for the future. With them we have the glorious concept of the future state of man, what ever may be the world, the Latter Day Saints that are living the Gospel & putting their trust in the Lord there will be protection, for the Lord has promised that He

will have power over His Saints
& reign in their midst, He
is the governer of the universe,
and will not allow men,
through there learning, to
ever go beyond their bounds.
I am looking for Aunt Lila
& family with another family
home this evening who
went on a trip Friday eve.
up to Yellowstone, they
took their boat with them.
Several of them, ^{the family} have all gone
out for boats this year, two
in Uncle Clyde's family, one
in Mackay family, one in
Stillman family & one in
Uncle Leonard's family.
Uncle Clyde had to have the
controlling interest in them
so as to keep them from
going out on Sunday.
With love & best wishes
I will close.

Lyndora Reynolds

Nov, 15, 1958,

My Dear Grandson Harold

I was happy to hear from you again & to know that you are enjoying your mission so well. There is nothing in this world that will enrich ones life more than to have an understanding of the purposes of life & to know that the Church of Jesus Christ is the only pillar of life & salvation that is eternal and to be obedient to its principles is our only path of safety in this troubled world. No matter what may betide the world the promises of the Lord are that He will have power over His saints & reign in their midst. If it was

not for our beautiful gospel
we could have no real real
hopes of the future, with
it we have the way of life
the way we should live
each day. Sister Boyce passed
away last Sunday. Jay is ~~back~~
back at work, after his accident
it was a miracle that he was
not killed. Thanks to our
Heavenly Father. There is quite
a deep snow on the ground
& stilling snowing a little more,
the first we have had. We sure
have had a beautiful Fall.

Aunt Mabel was over yesterday
said, she had just received a nice
letter from Jimmy Gatherer
he got himself engaged to Aunt
Mabel's granddaughter, before he
went in the Government, he
said, he did not think he would
ever love another girl, after the girl
he left when he went on his
mission & she got married, not

to long, after he had gone.
I forgot to tell you whose
daughter she is, that he is
engaged too. Nawras Sharf's
daughter Caroline, he gave her
a beautiful ring, on three
weeks ~~an~~ acquaintance; his mother
said, she would be quite upset
if she did not know the
background of the family
that he expected to marry into,
as it is, they are all happy
about it. Our electricity went
off for over an hour while
I have been writing this
letter & I wondered why it
was getting so cold, the furnace
& all goes off, when the electricity
goes off. It will be your
birthday before I write
again to you so I will
send you a dollar for

your birthday because of
your clean upright life
that you have always
lived, and then to be privile-
ged to go on a mission for
the Church of Jesus Christ,
as you said, is beyond price.
There is nothing more
beautiful & uplifting than
the truths of the everlasting
gospel & the glorious hopes
that it gives of the future
state of man, if he is true
& faithful in keeping the
commandments of the Lord.
I am grateful every day
for His blessings, may His
blessings continue to be
with you always and with
love & best wishes I will
close, from Grandma Reynolds



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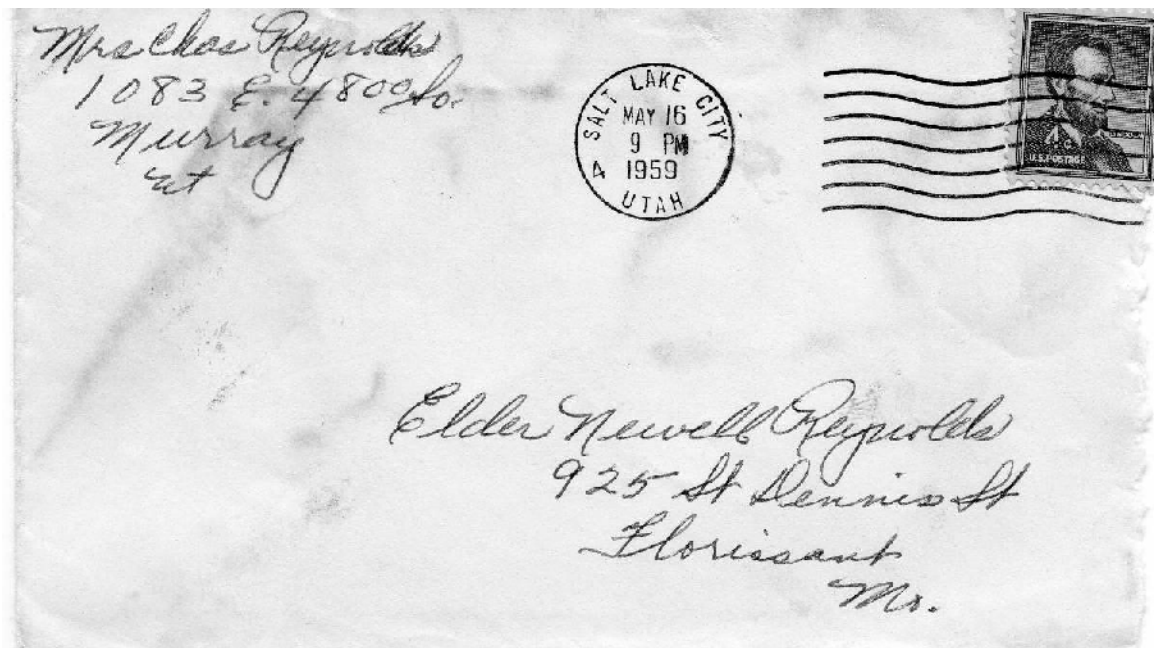
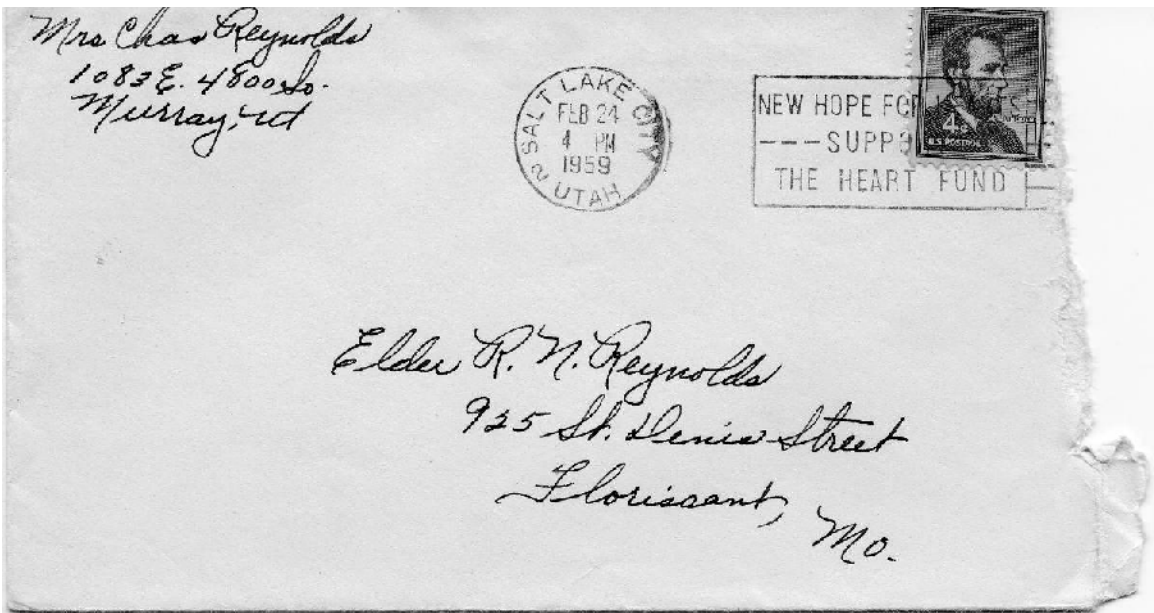
Elder R. Newel Reynolds
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Missouri

Feb. 20, 1959.

My Dear Grandson

I was very happy to receive a letter from you & to learn how you are enjoying your mission. Clayton Mackay & Gordon Reynolds are State missionaries and they displayed in our Sacrament meeting, last Sunday the method they use in their missionary work. It seems like it is hard to convert people that are not born in the Church but raised in your midst. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most precious thing in our lives, for it is God's great plan, for the salvation of all His children, and every soul will be judged by its

principals. I am more
grateful every day of my
life for my testimony
of the truthfulness of
the Gospel of our dear
Saviour, for without
His supreme sacrifice
there would have been
no salvation. The Lord
is behind this work, it
can not fail. There is no
power in all the world
that can overthrow the
saints of God if they are
living the Gospel & keeping
His commandments, for the
Lord will sustain them
and over rule for their
good, & for the final
triumph of His truth in
the world. Dear brother,
May the Lord continue to
bless you, that you may
rejoice in His blessings, is
the prayer of your grandnephew
Lawise B. Reynolds



May 14 1959
My Dear Grandson Newell
I was very happy
to receive a Mothers Day
card from you. Your
mother or father very often
read your letters to me
that they receive from
you. You are doing a wonder
ful work Newell. without
the gospel of Jesus Christ
it would have been
impossible for man to
have any real knowledge
of God or of Jesus Christ
How grateful we are to have
our membership in the
only true & living Church
in all the World. The
possessions of this earth
are of no ~~consequence~~ consequence
when compared with the

blessings of the Gospel.
The greatest of all knowledge
is to know that God lives,
and that His Church is
the most precious thing
in this world. Without ^{it} we
would have no hope for
the future. With it we
have the glorious concepts
of the future state of man
and a glimpse of the heaven
that awaits him, if he
is true and faithful in
living the Gospel. Dear
Newel you must excuse
my poor writing as my
hand shakes so much.
With love & best wishes
I will close,

From Grandma Reynolds



July, 8, 1959.

My Dear Grandson Newell

I was very happy to hear from you & to know that you have been chosen as one of six leading Elders to visit the mission field in your mission field. I am sure you have been putting your very best in your mission & that you will prize your experience in the mission field all your life. I was privileged to go to your Stake conference on the 28 of Jan. It was very fine. Bro Harold B Lee was the visiting Brother, he bore a powerful testimony. There is nothing in this world more beautiful & uplifting than the truths of the ever-

lasting Gospel. There is nothing in the world that will enrich our lives more than to have an understanding of the purposes of life & to know that the Church of Jesus Christ of S.D.B. is the only place of life & salvation that is eternal & to be obedient to its principals is our only path of safety in this troubled world.

Last Sunday I went to Fast meeting with your Father & Mother, & also bore my testimony, then we went home & your mother had a delicious dinner for Fast Day. Praying that the blessings of the Lord will be with you always, I will close with love Grandma Reynolds

Grandma's Influence

1959

When I went on my mission in 1959 I was the fourth grandchild of Louise Park Brockbank Reynolds to do so. Perhaps there were others but I specifically remember that LaDell had served in Brazil, and Shirley Reynolds and Marilyn Mackay had gone to the Central States. Now I was going to the same place. My father had also served in the Central States in 1926 and 1927. My mission was a proselyting mission and the Lord blessed my companions and I with great experiences. One door I knocked on in Ferguson, Missouri resulted in the baptisms of the Joseph King family. All three children would grow up to serve missions and graduate from BYU. One son later served as Bishop in Wichita, Kansas.



January 28, 1959

BIRTHDAY HONORS



MRS. C. R. REYNOLDS
... notes 90th year

MRS. C. R. REYNOLDS
HOLLADAY — Mrs. Charles R. Reynolds, 1085 E. 4800 South, Holladay, will observe her 90th birthday anniversary Wednesday at her home.

Mrs. Reynolds, who is in good health and takes care of her own home, was born Jan. 28, 1869, in Holladay, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Park Brockbank. She married Charles R. Reynolds April 13, 1892, in the Logan Temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He died in 1950.

She has been active in the Church all her life, having served in the Relief Society as teacher and been president of the Mutual Improvement Assn. in the South Cottonwood Ward for seven years.

She is the mother of nine sons and daughters. They include Mrs. William (Mabel) Baker, Mrs. Arthur (Merl) Mackay, Rulon Jay Reynolds, Heber Clyde Reynolds and Mrs. Osborne (Lila) Gorringer, all of Murray; Charles Leonard Reynolds and Owen Ford Reynolds, both of Holladay; Mrs. Wilford (Hazel) Pierson, Sandy, and Mrs. John (Vernetta) Stillman, East Mill Creek. She has 36 grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Grandma had a great influence on my decision to serve a mission. The letters tell the story.

The blessings of this great matriarch will be immeasurable through time.