

DEDICATION OF GRAVES AND MEMORIALS
for
CAROLINE ELIZABETH LEAVITT and ENOCH ROWELL
and
SARAH LEAVITT and WILLIAM ROWELL

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Enoch C. Rowell Cemetery
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Our Father which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name, and honor and glory be given unto Thee. Dear Father, we have gathered today here in this solemn moment, at this sacred spot of earth, as posterity and friends of the Leavitt and Rowell families, to honor and pay tribute to these ancestors who have so nobly preceded us, and who have left to us a great heritage of faith, of endurance, of strength of character, of sacrifice of lives for their families and for their nations, who lived in greatness and in strength, and pioneered the way for those who came later. Father, these were some of thy children, whom Thou placed on this earth to earn their earthly reward in Thy great Plan of Salvation. We ask Thee to remember them, to be mindful of their goodness and their desires for honorable living, to remember them for their sacrifices and their struggles to live righteously. We ask thee to remember them for their courage and steadfastness in the face of hardships, poverty, tribulations and death. Please remember them for their honesty in striving to lead noble upright lives and for teaching their children the same righteous principles.

So, dear Father in Heaven, we have come today to pay tribute to them by setting aside this spot of earth for the Leavitt and Rowell posterity to cherish, honor, and care for in loving memory of them. We pray unto Thee that Thou will accept these memorials and dedication.

Dear Father in Heaven, by virtue of the power and rights I hold as a bearer of Thy holy Melchizedek Priesthood, I dedicate these memorials and these places in memory of Caroline Elizabeth Leavitt and Enoch Rowell, and also of Sarah Leavitt and William Rowell that they may be hallowed spots, protected from the elements and powers that might destroy them, that they will inspiring spots for those descendants who will visit here and find solace and comfort in the memory of their forebears who lived so nobly and inspiringly. I dedicate these spots to the remembrance of Thy great purpose of life, which is to enable us all to return to Thee and glory with Thee in the life ahead, and that we will rejoice in our reunion with Thee and with our loved ones who have gone ahead. I dedicate these spots to the hope of all those who come here that they will understand the grand purpose of life, that those who have gone before will again be with us and we will continue in our family relationships with Thee. Bless us all that we can be grateful for the

knowledge that gives purpose and meaning to our lives, that through the Atonement and the Resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, we will be reunited on the morning of our resurrection and be grateful and joyful again with our loved ones who have gone before.

Now, Father, we express our love to Thee, for the Gospel and for our role in Thy Great Plan of Happiness. We thank Thee for these great forebears who have given us the grand heritage we have. We thank Thee for our many and rich blessings today, for all that we enjoy. Be with us; help us to be worthy of the heritage and these blessings we enjoy. We do love Thee and give Thee thanks for all we have and ask these blessings and offer this dedication in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.