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Highland, Kansas 66035  
February 25, 1994

Carel Hiles  
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Dear Ms. Hiles:

My name is Grace Loveall Jeschke. Your request was handed to me by one of the staff at the Troy Kansas Library.

I volunteer for research there and also do it professionally from my home at a fee of \$10.00 an hour plus expenses.

The library staff have been very busy with flood problems etc. (we lost a library at Elwood, KS. and you know the paper work required for that) and that is the reason your request was passed on to me. They are understaffed and overworked as this is a rural area and our resources are not great! We have many advantages because of this but there are disadvantages also. This is one of them.

RE David H. Bays

I am the historian for my church the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at a little spot on Highway 36 called Fanning. David H. Bays did much preaching in this area before the church at Fanning began. He preached at White Cloud Kansas and worked in this area a great deal. I see in the census (which was transcribed by John & Enid Ostertag, retired insurance people from St Joseph, MO) that they weren't sure if the name was Bays or Boys. As you can tell from reading it, if you are related, it is indeed the Bays Family.

From some old North East Kansas District Records of our church I have D. H. Bays was born 5 March 1839 in Colorado County Texas.. was baptized in Pottowatomie Co. Iowa and was a member of the Wolf River Branch of the NE KS District of the RLDS Church.

Elizabeth Bays was b 6 Sept 1843 in Madison Co Illinois and baptized at Harrison Co. IA and also a member of the Wolf River Branch of the NE KS District of the RLDS Church.

In searching through the major church history books from Independence, MO., I found that David H. Bays spent much time working in Iowa and other places for the church.

We are members of the Fanning Congregation which is still in existence..a little country church. My husband's people came to this area in 1906 so we are relatively "new" to the area. Wolf River Branch is no longer in existence. Neither is a congregation at White Cloud..however, the old river town of White Cloud, KS is becoming relatively well known for historic restoration and their annual flea markets which are held twice a year. Wolf River Branch was the forerunner of the Fanning Congregation where we attend.

If you would like for me to do more research, I can but will have to charge a fee. The RLDS Archives at Independence, Mo may be of great help depending on what it is that you want to know. David H. Bays was clerk for many conferences and I'm sure they have a lot of information about him.

Their address is:

History Commission  
Box 1959  
The Auditorium  
Independence, MO. 64501  
Telephone: 816-833-1000

The cost for the enclosed copies due the library is \$1.50.  
Send to Library District #1, Troy, KS 66087

Best wishes from

Grace Loveall Jeschke, Researcher  
and Library Board Member