

President Russell M. Nelson
50 East South Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

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Dear President Nelson,

My maternal grandmother, Maggie Cottam Petty, lived for many years on Uintah Circle in the Bonneville Stake. Several years ago you mentioned to me that you remembered her from when you were her stake president.

Maggie is the woman who brought back two Cedar of Lebanon seedlings on an airplane as she returned from a visit to the Holy Land. One of the seedlings was given to Temple Square where, over the last 70 years or so, has grown into a magnificent tree located near the southeast corner of the Salt Lake Temple. Maggie's descendants have kept the story alive within our family. My wife Susan wrote a children's book for Maggie's extended family entitled Maggie's Gift. Two of our then 10 year old twin granddaughters illustrated the book. We would be very pleased if you would accept the enclosed copy.

We understand that this tree will need to be removed as part of the Salt Lake Temple Renovation project. Our family would like to pay for the removal and haul away of the tree in order to preserve the wood and give pieces of it to Maggie's descendants and their families, which now number several hundred. We would not sell any of the wood.

May the Lord continue to bless you as His living Prophet. Our family prays for you daily and sustains you with our whole hearts.

With love and support,

Larry V. Lunt