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Explaining why
Will was not Baptized

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Miss Nora Crockett,

You may think it strange that I, a stranger, should write you, but as it was the wish of Mr. Wm. D. Ream that someone tell you the reason why he was not baptized, I take the liberty of addressing you

Of course he was asked certain questions, as it is the Elder's duty to do so, in order that they should understand what is required of them, as well as to clear themselves among which were the questions; "Do you believe that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God?" and have

you any conviction that this
is the true church; and one more
that I do not exactly remember.
To the first he said he could not
candidly say yes, to the second
he said he had not. He had not
read enough about the history
of Joseph Smith to know for him-
self whether he was commissioned
of God or not; so they thought until
he had studied more it would not
be wise to perform the ordinance, and
he thought it better himself.

They advised him to seek the
Lord in faith and if he did he
should know whether it be of God
or not.

If Joseph Smith was not a
true prophet it would be useless to
get baptized, as it was through him
that man got the authority from
God. I think this is all that is neces-

sary for me to write. With best wishes
I subscribe myself as your friend
Josie Farr