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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. Riam 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.