

The following chapter 9 excerpt is from the book, "Relief Mine II - Through Others' Eyes", by Ogden Kraut. This book can be purchased on [OgdenKraut.com](http://OgdenKraut.com) Chapter 9 A RELIEF MINE STORY  
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### My Experience with John H. Koyle

While teaching school in Fairview, I heard that John H. Koyle had been visited by the three immortal Nephites, one of whom gave him a mission from the Lord to open a rich gold mine. It had once been operated by the ancient Nephites until they became so wicked that the Lord took it from them and destroyed them. The following poem given to Afton Waters while he was working in the mine in Eureka tells the reason why. An angel came to Brother Waters one night and gave him this sacred bit of history:

I stood at the open portal  
of a tunnel peculiarly grand,  
And the patience required in its digging  
was famed through all the land.

And one of an ancient nation  
stood guard at the entry there;  
Hallowed though stern was his visage,  
snow white were his beard and hair.

With a guide I entered the tunnel  
its cavernous depths to explore;  
And as we hastened forward,  
I felt as I never had felt before.

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For I knew there was perfect safety  
and that I had nothing to fear,  
For those with motives untainted  
were protected in working there.

Near a winze at the end of the tunnel  
stood another of solemn mien;  
Stern visaged and armed with saber  
as he at the portal had been.

And as we passed onward and downward,  
each landing was guarded the same,  
Until with curious motives prompted  
I asked, "Friend, what is thy name?"

"And why dost thou and thy brother  
stand guard at these workings old?  
Perhaps in the depths below us  
are uncounted treasures of gold?"

To my query he thus made answer,  
"Son of earth, thou hast rightly said:  
For I and my brothers are remnants  
of a nation long since dead.

"Ages gone, when we dwelt among mortals,

these mountains were teeming with wealth,

And the Father was granting our people

peace, wisdom, great riches and health.

"In the pride of their hearts, they forsook Him

and worshipped but mammon alone,

Til their sins reached upward to heaven

and earth `neath corruption did groan.

"`Twas then that the spirit ceased striving

and left them to darkness once more,

For every man's hand smote his neighbor

and destruction was rapid and sure.

"And then when the Master was dying,

and earth `neath convulsions did lie,

The wealth in these mountains was hidden

from an evil and covetous eye.

"The wealth in these mountains of Ephraim,

thus saith the Father, is mine,

And all who partake of its fatness,

I own it by right most divine.

"This then is preserved for a people

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prepared to accomplish His will--

The wealth which the Father hath hidden

beneath this once notable hill.

"We are guarding the wealth and the worker,

that corruption shall not allure,

The toiler who enters this tunnel

with motives unselfish and pure.

"But the Father's purposes will ripen

though derision and scoffers abound,

And coming from sources unthought of,

dark clouds hover closely around."

I awoke from my sleep and my dreaming

and sought my companion again,

But naught could I see but the mountain

and the place where my visit had been.

But I knew that the wealth that was hidden

from a nation now under the sod,

Must be used as the prophet hath bidden

for the glorification of God.

Brother Waters thought he was to open and work this mine, but he got no direction as to where and how to find it till one day while in Spanish Fork someone asked him to go to the annual Dream Mine meeting that was being held on the hill that day. He went gladly. When he saw the

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mine tunnel, he was greatly surprised and thrilled, for it was the very thing the messenger had shown him in the dream. He took the poem out of his pocket, handed it to Bishop Koyle and said, "Here Bishop, this belongs to you. It's your work and mission to bring relief to the people in time of great need and trouble."

Bishop Koyle gladly received the wonderful new testimony to the divinity of his great mission and work.