

Document 2 Abraham Cannon Journal

Source: Part of an entry in Abraham H. Cannon's journal on July 10, 1890. He was the son of George Q. Cannon, who spent time in Washington DC urging Congress to support Utah's statehood. Revised using ChatGPT for easier reading.

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Original

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Federal Government Efforts to Americanize Utah before Admission to Statehood by Gustive O. Larson in the journal *Brigham Young University Studies*, 10, 2, pp 218-232.