

WILLIAM CLAYTON DIARY

14 JUNE 1844 - 22 JUNE 1844

Bound separate and inserted under the cover of Clayton's 25 April 1843 - 24 September 1844 diary.

14 June 1844 · Friday A.M. conversing with a number of gentleman in the Bar room concerning the proceedings of our enemies. He prophesied in the name of the Lord that if they did mob us it would be a precedent to come down upon their own heads with fury and vengeance. He ordered Dr Richards to write a letter to the Governor giving him the particulars of the proceedings of the City Council in relation to declaring the press of the Expositor a nuisance. Evening rode out with Dr Bernhisel.

15 June 1844 · Saturday A.M. conversing with Dr Wakefield & others in the Bar room - telling a dream concerning his father killing a man who attempted to stab him. He also spoke concerning key words. The g[rand?] key word was the first word Adam spoke and is a word of supplication. He found the word by the Urim & Thummim-- It is that key word to which the heavens is opened. At 1/2 past 9 two messengers arrived from the Morley settlement. These brethren brought news that the mob had asked the brethren in Lima to give up their arms promising if they would do so till Joseph & about 15 or 20 others were taken they might dwell there in peace. J. told them as Lieut. General not to give up their arms but to keep them till they died. After the men were gone he advised the brethren to be peaceable & not wish the mob would come &c- but be calm and if the mob did come & begin to destroy we would send the sufferers to the governor & then we could know what he would do & have to publish to the world that we had kept the

peace in all things.

16 June 1844 · Sunday Preached at the stand. P.M at the Masonic Hall laying the proceedings of the City Council before a number of Gentlemen from Fort Madison. 4 o clock at the stand stated the design of the meeting & ordered the Major General to have the Legion in readiness to suppress all illegal violence in the City.

17 June 1844 · Monday This A.M. two brethren arrived from Macedonia to ask instruction relative to the emergency. Prest. J. dictated a letter & forwarded to Uncle John advising them not to give up their arms. At 10 walked to W.C's to sign Steam Boat documents. P.M. rode to Esq. Wells to stand his trial on a complaint for destroying the Press &c. Various reports come in from Carthage saying that the roads are stopped and passengers prevented entering &c A letter was received stating that Jeremiah Smith was acquitted by Judge Pope.

18 June 1844 · Tuesday This A.M. the Legion is ordered to parade - Morrison says that 2 chests of arms were landed last night and they belong to the Quincy Greys. There is nothing certain known as to whom they are for but supposing that they are for the protection of this place the Legion have taken them in charge. See 19th date. There is considerable excitement this A.M. and many suppose we will have trouble immediately. Prest. J is now in conversation with two Gentlemen acquaintances of M. G. Eaton. At 11 he rode to the parade ground & after staying a short season the whole Legion marched down to the mansion Judge Phelps there read the preamble and resolutions of the mob in which they threaten extermination to the whole Church in

Nauvoo. After Phelps got through Genl. J. Smith addressed the multitude. He briefly explained the object of the mob and showed that they waged a war of extermination upon us because of our religion. He called upon all the volunteers who felt to support the constitution from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean to come with their arms, ammunition & defend the constitution. He called upon them as the Lieutenant General of the N.L and Illinois Militia in the name of the Constitution of the U.S. the people of the State of Ill. and the citizens of Nauvoo. He called upon the Citizens to defend the lives of their wives & children, fathers and mothers, brothers & sisters from being murdered by the mob. He urged them in strong terms not to shed innocent blood.- not to act in the least on the offensive but invariably in the defensive and if we die - die like men of God and secure a glorious resurrection. He concluded by invoking the Great God to bless the people.--

After the address the companies marched back to the parade ground--he at their head but after a very short stay returned. In the above address he advised all to arm themselves those who had no rifles, get swords, scyths and make weapons of some kind He informed them that he had 5000 Elders minute men who would come with volunteers as soon as he would inform them. He said there were many from Iowa waiting to come when requested. In the evening a messenger arrived from Carthage bringing intelligence that the mob had had news from the Governor & he would not render them any assistance, nor grant a writ, neither sanction their proceedings. They swore this was what they wanted and that the Governor was a damned scoundrel, worse than Joe Smith.

19 June 1844 · Wednesday This A.M. Daniel Carns is gone on express to Springfield to carry an affidavit to the Governor of what the mob said concerning him. The Marshall bought 40 stand of

arms of a Mr Hunt and paid him \$160 for them. These are the arms which are referred to on the 18th. About 10 a large company of volunteers from Iowa landed & marched to parade ground. The City is now under marshal Law John A. Hicks has been arrested for attempting to violate the law & go to Carthage 10 1/2 A.M. The delegates who went to Rocky run ___ have just returned. They had an interview with the mob committee and made known their object. The committee said they should report to the central committee at Carthage. One of the committee was a _____ minister and breathed hard threats. They enquired if the Genl. had had an interview with Judge Thomas when answered in the affirmative, one of them moved that a committee be appointed to visit Judge Thomas & that they take tar and feathers with them.

The Genl. sent W Clayton to Mr Hall to enquire if he was intending to serve in his place in the Legion- Mr Hall said he was willing to resign his commission inasmuch as he intended to leave this fall. He came to the Genl. soon after for this purpose. 11 o'clock A.M. While conversing with Mr Hall a company of volunteers numbering about 25 came up from the neighborhood of Warsaw. The Genl. went out to speak [to] them. They feel well and cheerfull. They speak of the movements of the mob demanding their arms &c. The Genl. advised Mr Hall to retain his commission which he did.

P.M. Dictated a letter to Judge Thomas (copy on file) informing him of the threats of the mob committee at Rocky Run to tar & feather him &c.

20 June 1844 · Thursday 11 A.M. went to review the Legion. P.M. again on parade ground. Reviewed the troops on the hill. At 7 returned home. Several reports have come in from Carthage to the effect that about 200 of the mob arrived there to day but few of them were armed.

21 June 1844 · Friday A.M. in conversation with Hyrum 8 1/2 rode on the Hill with his lady. At 10 rode to the prairie with his body guard. returned 1-40. While out a messenger from Carthage met them & presented a letter from the Governor who is now at Carthage. The news is reported as being as favorable as can be expected. The City Council were convened forthwith on the subject and prepared affts. to send forthwith, but the men being in a hurry to return part only was forwarded in the hands of John Taylor & Dr Bernhisel. The balance will be sent in the morning. A letter was wrote to the Governor informing him of this and also informing him that the mob have again fired upon our men. A company of the mob was passing by the large mound on the La Harpe road about 7 miles from Nauvoo where a picket Guard was stationed. The mob fired upon the guard but we have not learned that any was hurt. The mob had baggage waggon with them and on their way to Carthage Col Markham & about 40 others were dispatched in pursuit with orders to take them prisoners if possible. While this was going on a U.S. officer from Fort Des-moines came in a very wrathly manner. He was in pursuit of a deserter - had taken him over the river & brought him here to find a justice He states that when he got to the guard, the latter threatened to "shoot him like a dog if he did not stand." Genl. Smith reasoned with him & told him if the officer had done so he had done wrong & if he had done wrong he should be arrested But the man would listen to no reason. He breathed out hard threats & was very firey. Genl. Smith used every argument to persuade the man that he should be well used he offered him men to go with him past the guards and help him to secure his deserter but nothing could satisfy the man. he went away very wrathly. After this Genl. Smith expressed his sorrow that such numbers of the brethren crowded round his door when any person came and ordered the Marshal again to keep them away.

22 June 1844 · Saturday A.M. conversing with Sergeant Farley again. It appears that after Farley was past the Guards last evening he was driven back by the mob. but notwithstanding all that Gen. J. could say he persisted that it was our guards that drive him back & wrote a letter to that effect to Col. Carney his officer. Prest. J. sent a letter by Farley stating the true facts a copy of which is on file. After this he was preparing documents to send by Col. Woodworth to the Governor at Carthage. He sent a letter giving further explanation & asking him to visit Nauvoo. a copy of the letter is on file. He related the history of the Jeremiah Smith case to a gentleman.-- At 1 1/2 the Madison Ferry landed with about 300 gentlemen who came to Montrose to attend the Whig convention. They came here to view the City & soon returned. At the same time Genl. J. rode out in company with Col. Brewer & others and were gone about 2 hours.

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25 APRIL 1843 - 24 SEPTEMBER 1844

25 April 1843 · Tuesday I conversed with Scovil & others concerning Sherwood. Said that when G. M. Nye was here he prayed to the Lord & enquired if he was to be led by the nose & cuffed about by such men as Nye. He received for answers "wait a minute." Nye is dead and any other man or mason who attempts to ride me down and oppress me will run against the buckler of Jehovah and will quickly be moved out of the way. He said the masons would not prosper here if they were divided. I told him that Sherwood had feelings concerning Hyrum and intended to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge. He said if S injured Hyrum he would curse him. Deeded N. E 1/4 of lot 1 B 139 to Wm P. Mc Intyre & Delivered Deed. Settled with John Cox's wife. Paid her \$50. took up note and gave order on Law for \$12 in Lumber. Rode out with Mr

Price also a sister to see a lot. took supper at President Joseph's with B. Young.

26 April 1843 · Wednesday took Deed for Temple lot of W. Woodruff value \$50. met in the evening with the Trustees of N. M. A.

27 April 1843 · Thursday At the Temple A.M. at 10 at bro Kimballs was M to M. M.

[shorthand] attended Mayors Court in the case of Jonathan Ford proving stolen property P.M. at the Temple - evening told Mother inlaw about the priesthood The new Lodge was installed.

28 April 1843 · Friday Received L6. of bro Coleman for the Temple. Made Deed to A. Babbit for 3 1/2 of 1 & N 1/2 of 3 B 123 Also to E. Robinson for 8 feet off the East end of the N 1/4 of 2 - 125 Received of John Topham L18. in Gold for Temple paid Mc Intyre L 62.10 on \$302.50 in full for 3 notes

29 April 1843 · Saturday finished bricksetting Rode out to Prarie with pres. Joseph. Wm & Samuel H. Smith and John Topham. P.M. went to portion lot to Sister Mulholland and John Scot

30 April 1843 · Sunday - At home A.M. P.M at sister Booths where I learned that S. Ann would obey her instructions Evening walked out with Margaret and accomplished a good object.

1 May 1843 · Monday A.M. at the Temple. at 10. m J to L.W. P.M at prest. Josephs. he is gone out with Woodworth he borrowed L20. of Wm Allen I took supper with him. prest paid L20. to

Woodworth for Nauvoo House

I have seen 6 brass plates which were found in Adams County by some persons who were digging in a mound. They found a skeleton about 6 feet from the surface of the earth which was 9 foot high [tracing of plate]. The plates were on the breast of the skeleton. This diagram shows the size of the plates being drawn on the edge of one of them. They are covered with ancient characters of language containing from 30 to 40 on each side of the plates. Prest J. has translated a portion and says they contain the history of the person with whom they were found & he was a descendant of Ham through the loins of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and that he received his kingdom from the ruler of heaven & earth

2 May 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at the prest - & then I rode on prairie with James Deaven to look at land. Dined at prest. Sister Emma returned about 4. Received L40- of Beaven for 40 acres of the S.W. 4-6-8- and gave him a receipt for it. Took up note from Roswel Ferre and gave him an order on Law for \$13. the balance Paid Hodges for making Plows \$15.35 in Lumber by Coolidge.

Rect. \$50 of H.C. Kimball for Nauvoo House & paid it to Woodworth. Talked with Jane Charnock. she loves me & would sooner unite to me than R. Joseph rode out to day with Flora W. Recd. of Mary Ellen Hathway of Marblehead Mass pr Erastus Snow \$1. for Temple. Also of Abigail Gray of Salem Mass. \$1. - for the Temple - Emma recd. it.

3 May 1843 · Wednesday Went to Carthage to pay Taxes. Diantha Farr went with me paid \$164.74. The Block no 153 which is a very small block being only about 20 feet wide & 70 long triangular shape was assessed at \$500. - I showed him it was wrong but he would not make any

alterations - neither would take pay for the balance I let that stand untill I could see Joseph. He was abusive - much use of the term Joe Smith &c sneeringly I felt to pray in my heart for God to curse him for his oppression and wicked conduct. Left Carthage at 4 and arrived home about 7. it rained some.

4 May 1843 · Thursday Went to Prests. read letter from J. A. Bennett. At 10 went to Temple office. comparing books

5 May 1843 · Friday A.M. walked to Temple office from thence to bro. Bristols with prest. thence to Prarie. Joseph agreed to give Jno Pack \$300 for 10 acres which he bought of Rhodes at \$10 per acre on S.E. 5 6 8 & the improvements with the improvements on the 10 acres on W. Side of S.W. 4-6-8. Pack is to have the N.W. of S.W. 4-6-8 for \$400 and has paid L5. in Gold. Prest. Joseph told the Committee that he had a right to take away any property he chose from the Temple and they had no right to stand in the way. It was the people who had to dictate to him & not the Committee. All the property he had belonged to the Temple and what he did was for the benefit of the Temple and the committee had no authority only as they received from him. P.M. I went to prest. Josephs but he was not at home.

6 May 1843 · Saturday At the Temple Office all day. evening at Ivins.

7 May 1843 · Sunday A. M at home with tooth ache P.M at sister Booths with my wifes
Evening walked to prests with Margt

8 May 1843 · Monday Went to Temple. Agreed to let A.L. Lamoreaux have Barnets[?] lot to rent for a fair price in trade A.M. at the Temple. My father came. Conversed with John Scott concerning his lot, he is dissatisfied to give sister Mulholland one 1/4 as prest said

9 May 1843 · Tuesday At the temple & looking for my cows which have both strayed away.

10 May 1843 · Wednesday Went to prairie to look for my Cows but did not find them. P. M. rode with Prest. J & Joseph Jr to A. Morrisons to watch Wm Smith, J. Grant, E Robinson & Horace Whitney start on Steam Boat but none arrived. I walked home. Jos. told me about buying S. Boat Maid of Iowa recd. of Hunter \$320.- to [?] \$100.

11 May 1843 · Thursday Went to shew lots to some brethren. P.M. at the Temple office saw sister Mary Aspen from England.

12 May 1843 · Friday At Prest. Js. looking up the Ferry Charter. The 'Maid of Iowa' took her first trip as ferry boat. Afterwards I went to the Temple. Father started home P.M. went to look land with E. Tufts and at the Temple Office.

13 May 1843 · Saturday A.M. at the Temple Office After at Prests. Made Deed for 1 2 & 3 in Block 160 to Jno Cleveland Also 1/4 of L 3 B146 to Sarah Mulholland Also Deeded L 3 B 142 to F. Woodworth walked with Prest J. to my house &c. Went in Buggy to see bro Hunter who was on his farm on Beattys tract J. went to Lima. Sis Jane Hardman came to my house. P.M. settled with bro Edwd. Hunter by taking up J's note & receipt & receiving \$100. in gold. To

balance the account I gave a note for \$73.34 signed Joseph Smith by Willm. Clayton Agent.
delivered Deed to John Cleveland. Sister Desdemona Fullmer came to see if she could board
with me. I told her she could on tuesday

14 May 1843 · Sunday Went with W. F. Cahoon, P.S Cahoon & S. H. Goddard to hunt my Cows
& bro Goddards. Did not find them. paid \$100. to sis Benbow. Walked out with Mt. who
promises to be true.

15 May 1843 · Monday At the Temple office. night my wife & Margaret slept together.

16 May 1843 · Tuesday Went to see Pres. J. who ordered me to prepare for Carthage I returned
home & got ready & started about 11 oclock in the New Carriage with prest. J. George Miller,
Eliza Partridge, Lydia Partridge & J.M. Smith Loran Walker drove. We called at Carthage &
saw Styles, Backenstos & others. Tarried about 15 minutes & started again for Ramus where we
arrived about 3 1/2 oclock. We stayed at W. G. Perkins. Prest. J. & I went to B. F. Johnsons to
sleep. Before we retired the Prest. gave bro Johnson & wife some instructions on the priesthood.
He put his hand on my knee and says "your life is hid with Christ in God," and so is many
others". Addressing Benjamin says he "nothing but the unpardonable sin can prevent him (me)
from inheriting eternal glory for he is sealed up by the power of the priesthood unto eternal life
having taken the step which is necessary for that purpose." He said that except a man and his
wife enter into an everlasting covenant and be married for eternity while in this probation by the
power and authority of the Holy priesthood they will cease to increase when they die (ie. they
will not have any children in the resurrection, but those who are married by the power &

authority of the priesthood in this life & continue without committing the sin against the Holy Ghost will continue to increase & have children in the celestial glory. The unpardonable sin is to shed innocent blood or be accessory thereto. All other sins will be visited with judgement in the flesh and the spirit being delivered to the buffetings of satan untill the day of the Lord Jesus." I feel desirous to be united in an everlasting covenant to my wife and pray that it may soon be. Prest. J. said that the way he knew in whom to confide, God told him in whom he might place confidence. He also said that in the celestial glory there was three heavens or degrees, and in order to obtain the highest a man must enter into this order of the priesthood and if he dont he cant obtain it. He may enter into the other but that is the end of his kingdom he cannot have an increase.

17 May 1843 · Wednesday Breakfast at bro Perkins, after which we took a pleasure ride through Fountain Green. At 10 Prest. J. preached on 2nd Peter Ch 1. He shewed that knowledge is power & the man who has the most knowledge has the greatest power. Also that salvation means a mans being placed beyond the powers of all his enemies. He said the more sure word of prophecy meant, a mans knowing that he was sealed up unto eternal life by revelation & the spirit of prophecy through the power of the Holy priesthood. He also showed that it was impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance. Paul had seen the third heavens and I more. Peter penned the most sublime language of any of the apostles.

Dined at bro. Babbits. prest. J said to bro. Johnson & I that J. B. Nobles when he was first taught this doctrine set his heart on one & pressed J. to seal the contract but he never could get the opportunity. It seemed that the Lord was unwilling. Finally another came along & he then engaged that one and is a happy man. I learned from this anecdote never to press the

prophet but wait with patience & God will bring all things right. I feel to pray that God will let me live so that I may come to the full knowledge of truth and salvation & be prepared for the enjoyment of a fulness of the third heavens.

After dinner I took a pleasure ride with Lorain & the children P.M. pres. J. attended the City council & afterwards rode out with B.F. Johnsons family. In the evening we went to hear a Methodist preacher lecture. After he got through Pres. J. offered some corrections as follows. The 7th verse of C 2 of Genesis ought to read God breathed into Adam his spirit or breath of life, but when the word "ruach" applies to Eve it should be translated lives. Speaking of eternal duration of matter he said. There is no such thing as immaterial matter. All spirit is matter but is more fine or pure and can only be discerned by purer eyes We cant see it but when our bodies are purified we shall see that it is all matter. The gentleman seemed pleased & said he should visit Nauvoo immediately.

18 May 1843 · Thursday We left Macedonia about 8 1/2 and arrived Carthage at 10. I asked the Prest. wether children who die in infancy will grow. He answered "no, we shall receive them precisely in the same state as they died ie no larger. They will have as much intelligence as we shall but shall always remain separate and single. They will have no increase. Children who are born dead will have full grown bodies being made up by the resurrection.

At Carthage we paid some taxes &c. Dined at Backenstos's with Judge Douglas who is presiding at Court. After dinner the Prest. & Judge had conversation concerning sundry matters. The Prest. said "I prophecy in the name of the Lord God that in a few years this government will be utterly overthrown and wasted so that there will not be a potsherd left" for their wickedness in conniving at the Missouri mobocracy. The Judge appears very friendly & acknowledged the

propriety of the prests. remarks.

We left Carthage about 2 & arrived home at 5 1/2. my family all well.

19 May 1843 · Friday At Prest Js. he borrowed of O Hyde \$50. which he paid to Rhodes it is to be paid back in money or lumber. Prest. rode out with Jackson I was at the Temple P.M.

20 May 1843 · Saturday At prest Js. settled with Benbows paid \$50.- there remains due to Mr Benbow \$48.90 this date.

Received of Ezra Oakley a certificate of Deposit on the Fulton Bank N.Y value \$500 and gave his receipt payable in lands or money ten days from date. Rode on prairie with prest. J Jackson bro Oakley & others to look lands P.M. rode out with Jackson to shew lands. prest. Smith tells me he has appointed Jackson to sell lands and relieve me of their burthen. He says Jackson appears a fine & noble fellow but is reduced in circumstances. The prest. feels disposed to employ him & give him a chance in the world. Jackson says he shall be baptized ere long.

21 May 1843 · Sunday Prest. J. preached on 2 Peter chapter 1 to a very full house. P.M. we had sacrement administered Evening I took a walk with my wife M. to H Kimballs & thence to the post office

22 May 1843 · Monday Went to prest. J's he recd. a letter from sister Armstrong of Philladelphia complaining of slanderous conduct in B. Winchester. the Prest. handed the letter to Dr Richards saying the Twelve ought to silence Winchester. Rode out to prairie - round to the mound dined at lots. In company with Jackson Prest. J. Mr Simpson and some others After dinner we went to

N. E 34 on the Lima road. got home about 7 1/2.

23 May 1843 · Tuesday conversed with H.C.K. concerning a plot that is being laid to entrap the brethren of the secret priesthood by bro. H. and others. Attended to much tax business with sundry brethren. Prest. J bought 10 acres of timber of Prest. Marks at \$10 per acre. Sis Emma handed me a coat pattern which cost with trimmings \$4.54. Also handed me a list of names of donators for temple. Prest. J received \$43.50 of Dr. Bernhisel and gave me a list. Prest. borrowed of Dr Bernhisel \$150. to be paid back in a few days. Prest. paid to Geo. Miller for N.H. A. \$225. - in paper & gold also gave him an order on J. Russel for \$20. Sold Ezra Oakley the improvement where Truman Brace lives for \$800. viz 40 acres @ \$20. per acre Also 5 acres of Marks Timber for \$50.- Also 1/14 of L 4 B 148 for \$250.- he has paid \$900. There is yet due about \$200. with int. on note. Bought Sympons land for \$1100. particulars in land book. Received \$200 of Wm. Henry in pt for E 1/2 NE 9-6-8 - and gave him a receipt for the amount. \$40 was charge to W. Law. Paid Wm. Ford \$85. in Gold gave a due bill in land for \$89. Recd. of Joseph Dodd L35.- in part for 10 acres joining Truman Bruce. gave receipt P.M. I went to the Temple office and thence round the Galland tract to warn those whose lots are sold for taxes. Prest. J & lady rode to his farm. Evening Prest. gave up lot 4 B 148 which he agreed to purchase of Asa Smith some time ago in consequence of Asas wanting to drag all money out of Prest. and paying it for land else to here. Prest. said such covetous minded men would be damned. Prest. stated to me that he had had a little trouble with sis E. he was asking E. Partridge concerning Jackson conduct during Prest. absence & E came up stairs. he shut to the door not knowing who it was and held it. She came to the door & called Eliza 4 times & tried to force open the door. Prest. opened it & told her the cause &c. She seemed much irritated. He says Jackson is rotten

hearted.

May the Lord preserve me from committing a fault to cause me to lose the confidence of my friends for I desire to do right thou Lord knowest.

24 May 1843 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple. Giving instruction to many about their lots.

Prest J. bought 11 quarter sections of land of Gen. Adams. I was busy with brethren about taxes.

Prest. J. rode on the hill with Emma & also attended Court in the Ferry case. Recd. of O.K. L38.- or \$183.92 in gold.

At night many came about taxes

25 May 1843 · Thursday Started early to Carthage to redeem the city lots. Completed the business & returned home. I arrived about 8. rained very heavy

26 May 1843 · Friday A.M. Went with A. Cordon to look a lot. Also at the Temple office. The carpenters finished in my house. Prest. J came up in the afternoon & I went back with him. Settled with Wm. Ford by giving him 1/4 of lot & took up the due bill. Prest. in meeting with the Twelve & Judge Adams. Hyrum received the doctrine of priesthood

27 May 1843 · Saturday A.M. at the Prests. he had visitors. Measuring with Jackson & Moore of Quincy. P.M at home being very wet and stormy.

28 May 1843 · Sunday At bro Kimballs who was blessing his children, he also blessed Wm. Heber Clayton. At 2 I met with the wardens of the lodge P.M at home writings papers on

settlement with the lodge. We are occupying our new house for which I feel very thankful.

29 May 1843 · Monday This A.M. prest J. told me that he felt as though I was not treating him exactly right & asked if I had used any familiarity with E. I told him by no means & explained to his satisfaction. At the store office.

30 May 1843 · Tuesday At the Mayors office preparing papers for the Lawrence business. Also received all the books, papers & stock certificates belonging to the Nauvoo House from Sloan. Received Bonds from the Twelve & paid out about \$30000 stock

31 May 1843 · Wednesday Rode out on the prairie with Backenstos & Skinner. P.M rode out with Prest. J. Skinner Lawyer Marr, Judge Emmans and Mr Houston, the speaker of the house of Representatives for Missouri. This A.M. Sarah Crooks arrived at Nauvoo. She received word that I sent to bro Clark on Feby 12th - & started immediately. She has been prospered & blest on her journey.

1 June 1843 · Thursday This day I have been at Prest. J's office all day, preparing papers for the settlement of the Lawrence business with bro's Whiting & Richards. Evening I went to Mr Fawkes to get L95 for 60 acres of land. He would not let me have it. Pres. J. says he shall not have the land. Evening J. rode in the carriage with F. Whdoounto[?]. He let Lorin Walker have a knowledge of some things.

2 June 1843 · Friday Settled with Dan Jones for the Boat. Gave 2 notes for \$1375.- P.M. rode

out with Prest through the City inviting the folks to go with us on the boat tomorrow. Joseph had a long talk with a presbyterian priest. wrote to Susan Conrad. This evening I talked with Sarah again & she appears willing to comply with her privilege.

3 June 1843 · Saturday This A.M. we started for Quincey on the Steam Boat "Maid of Iowa." I took my wife & her child Also Margaret Moon & Sarah Crooks. We had a large company of brethren and sisters on a pleasure voyage. We arrived at Quincey about 1 oclock. I immediately went to the Probate Judge & presented the papers which we had made out pertaining to the Lawrence Estate. He said he could do nothing with them. Upon enquiring what he wanted I finally made a new account which he accepted. I then went to the boat & Prest. J returned with me to make oath to the accounts <ballance in Gaurdians hands was \$3790.89 3/4>. We soon got through & started back about 5 oclock We did not get to Keokuk untill 1 oclock Sunday A.M. A storm coming on we tied up untill daylight. We had to sit up on the boat which was very tiresome & unpleasant. We got home about 7 P.M. I went to borrow \$100. of bro. D.D. Yearsley with Er Adams. Evening conversed with Sarah & Elizth. Brotherton. At 9 Lorin Walker came for me. I immediately went to Prest. Js and assisted in the settlement between Moffit & Jones for the boat. They gave Prest. J a deed for 1/2 and left the papers in my hands for Josephs "clerks" to examine & conclude a decision. I paid Jones \$100. which is to be refunded out of the trip about to be made. We got through soon after 12 o clock.

5 June 1843 · Monday A.M at the Temple & also at Prests. Went to look city lots. P.M. Paid Foster D Pickering \$100.- on the boat business. Borrowed \$15.60 of P.B. Lewis [or Lowe's]

deed to Lyons. P.M. settled with Butterfields. Evening signed stock certificates for Nauvoo Music Association.

6 June 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at Prest. Josephs. Sold 1/3 of L 1 B 120 for \$350 in Ploughs & stoves made a deed for it to Robt. D. Kincaid. Settled with Coolidge. J. went to prairie. Bought White lead, Turpentine &c.

7 June 1843 · Wednesday A.M. at Prest. Josephs. Concluded settlement with Coolidge gave him due bill for \$350. and paid him \$50 on the Temple. Gave him Deed for L 3 B 124. Settled with Thomas Moore, gave him note for \$65.09.-- P.M at the Temple office.

8 June 1843 · Thursday This A M. Roundy brought word that Judge Higbee was dead. Prest. J came about 7 o clock and confirmed the report. He was taken sick last friday. Rece. letter containing J. Shoemakers note from bro Heywood of Quincy which he wishes to consecrate to the Temple. Settled with Elbridge Tufts for S. W. 29-7-8. took bond for all except 60 acres. gave him 5 notes for \$200 in trade & \$560 in money. the \$160 being for lent money on the 40 acres.-- Made deed to H.C. & H. M. Kimball for N. E 1/4 L 2 B 118.- P.M. rode to prairie with Prest. & Mr Moore of Quincy to look at 2 quarters of land.

9 June 1843 · Friday A.M. at Temple office. P.M. rode out with Prest to shew Mr Lewis some lots

10 June 1843 · Saturday At home sick. rode out with bro. Workman. sold him W 1/2 L 2 Block

107 for \$600.- P.M. at the Temple settled about my new house. It costs near \$500.- and will leave me near \$100 in debt say \$92.35.--

11 June 1843 · Sunday A.M. at home. wrote to Lydia and Alice Hardman. P.M. heard Elder De Wolfe preach in the Temple. Evening Elder Adams preached on Book of Mormon. Margaret received a letter from Aaron which made her feel bad. It also gave me unaccountable sorrow.

12 June 1843 · Monday A. M. at Prests. rode out on prarie with father Green & others. P.M. rode out with A Hoagland.

13 June 1843 · Tuesday Recd. of A. Hoagland \$600. \$200 of which was paid to Moore and the balance to Law. Prest. J. started North. I have had some conversation with M. she promised she would not marry A if she can possibly avoid it. And if she ever feels disposed to marry she will tell me as soon as she thinks of it. She will seek my council & says she will abide by it. Last night S. Crooks went away abruptly to Thos. Millers but came back this A.M. Mother was grieved because I took Sarahs letter to Hedlocks & forgot hers.

14 June 1843 · Wednesday At the Temple office A.M. P.M. in company with Mr Tuttle & Gillett conversing concerning the City plot on Hotchkiss purchase. recd. letter from Butterfield.

15 June 1843 · Thursday At the Temple office.

16 June 1843 · Friday A.M. at the Temple office. wrote to Butterfield & Morris [?] P.M. rode to Gribbles. evening conversed with Captain Jones.

17 June 1843 · Saturday At the Temple Office.

18 June 1843 · Sunday Er Maginn preached at the Temple. P.M at home. Evening went to sister Booths with Ruth and Margaret while there Wm. F. Cahoon came in a hurry and said Hyrum wanted me at the Temple. upon enquiry he said there was another writ out for Joseph. I soon found Hyrum and he gave me two letters from Judge Adams shewing that a writ had been put in the hands of the sherriff and he was starting immediately for Nauvoo. Hyrum wished me to get a horse & start for Joseph as fast as possible. I got ready and borrowed about \$120. in money to take with me. I got S. Markham to go with me. We left about 12 o clock and proceeded to La Harpe. We arrived there just at sun rise. tarried about 2 hours to shoe the horse & take breakfast. We started again about 7 and proceeded for Monmouth. We went out of our way about 7 miles making the distance from Nauvoo to Monmouth 62 miles. We arrived at the latter place about 3 o clock and put up our horses at the Tavern to feed and rest. We took dinner and lay down untill 7 o clock at which time we started again and rode until 12 when the horses being tired and weary we turned them into a field and lay down & went to sleep about 2 hours. We started again about 2 and rode 4 miles beyond Hendersonville where we stopped & took breakfast and fed our horses.

20 June 1843 · Tuesday About 7 we again started on our journey and arrived at Andover about 10 being 20 miles from Henderson. We rode on a little & turned our horses to graze half an hour

in the woods and then proceeded to Geneseo where we arrived at 2 1/2. We put up our horses to rest & feed & tried to hire a pair and leave our own but did not succeed. We again left Geneseo at 6 and travelled to Portland where we arrived at 12. We put up our horses and went to bed untill 4 o clock.

21 June 1843 · Wednesday Left Portland at 4 and travelled to within 9 miles of Dixon & we learned that we were only 12 miles from Inlet therefore we concluded to change our rout and go direct to Inlet. We arrived at 12 1/2 & took dinner & fed our horses. We left Inlet at 2 & arrived at Wassons at 4. Prest. Joseph & Emma were gone to Dixon in the carriage and although our horses were tired down we concluded we would go on and meet them. We met them about half way between Wassons & Dixon & delivered our message. Prest. J. said we need not be alarmed for he had no fear for he knew they could not hurt him. We returned to Wassons & was very glad to come to a resting place having rode near 190 miles in 64 hours & had very little rest on the way. My horse was tired & his back was very sore.

22 June 1843 · Thursday We remained at Wassons all day. Prest. J. endeavored to keep out of sight but being the day appointed for him to preach a great many people came together from all quarters & one or two discovered him. There is a great desire manifest to hear him preach and the people felt much dissapointed when he was not there. He however thought it best not to be seen but to carry the idea that he had had a message from Springfield & had important business to attend to in that place. I told him that it was Hyrums wish that he should start home immediately but the horse being wore down & he not thinking it best he said he should tarry a few days and see how things went.

23 June 1843 · Friday This A.M. Prest J. took me and conversed considerable concerning some delicate matters. said [?] wanted to lay a snare for me. He told me last night of this and said he had felt troubled. He said [?] had treated him coldly & badly since I came and he knew she was disposed to be revenged on him for some things she thought that if he would indulge himself she would too. He cautioned me very kindly for which I felt thankful. He said Thompson professed great friendship for him but he gave way to temptation & he had to die. Also bro Knight he gave him one but he went to loose conduct and he could not save him. Also B.Y. had transgressed his covenant & he pled with the Lord to spare him this end & he did so, otherwise he would have died. B. denied having transgressed He said if I would do right by him & abide his council he could save my life while he lived. I feel desirous to do right & would rather die than to loose my interest in the celestial kingdom. About 10 I went in the carriage to Dixon to find out what was passing & do some business. We met the Sheriff & constable about half way but they being disguised we did not know them. We tarried at Dixon till about 4 o clock. I had considerable conversation with some men about Mormonism at Mc Kenneys store. We started for Wassons but having to call for the women at a gentlemans house they desired us to wait and take tea. We had been sitting about half an hour & S. Markham came riding up in a hurry leading Josephs horse. I went out quick and enquired what was the matter. He answered Joseph was taken prisoner by the Sheriff & would be here soon & we must get out a writ of Habeas Corpus. We accordingly went to the court house to enquire & found that the Master in Chancery lived 4 miles up the river. We dispatched a messenger after him to have him come down. By this time the Sheriff arrived with Joseph & went to the Dixon Hotel. The Sheriff immediately gave orders to have horses ready in 5 minutes so they could leave for Missouri. Bro. Markham said when Wilson & the Sheriff came Joseph & the family were at dinner. They had told at Dixon that they

were Mormon Elders & wanted to see brother Joseph. They hired a man & team to carry them for they had run their horse almost to death. They arrived about 1 o'clock & came upon them by surprise. I ran up stairs & S. Markham went to meet them at the door. They threatened to search the house & when J. heard this he contrived to get down stairs and go out at the back door intending to go to the barn, but just as he left the door to run to the barn Wilson stepped to the end of the house & saw him. He seized him & with the other man they collared him & presenting cocked pistols to his breast threatened to shoot him dead if he made the least resistance. By this time Markham walked deliberately towards them, when they saw him coming they turned their pistols to him & threatened his life if he came any nearer but he paid no attention to their threats but walking on. They then turned their pistols to J. again & bid Markham stand still or they would shoot J. through. At this J. told M. to offer no resistance. They then put him into a waggon & drove away to Dixon as fast as possible. Soon as he got there, there began to be considerable excitement & Mr Lucian P. Sangor asked Markham what was the matter. M. told him all & stated that the Sheriff intended to drag J. away immediately to Missouri & prevent his taking out a writ of Habeas Corpus. Sangor soon made this known to the masons of Dixon & they gathered round the Hotel door & gave the Sheriff to understand that they should not take J. away without giving him a fair trial. They then sought for council & examined the statute but finding that J. had privilege of trial by Habeas Corpus they said they should wait half an hour to give him chance [?]. We immediately dispatched a messenger to the Master in Chancery & another to Cyrus H. Walker to have them come down and get out a writ. During this time the Sheriff & Wilson seemed very anxious to be gone but evidently dared not to attempt to kidnap Joseph away in consequence of his having so many friends around him. About 7 the Master in Chancery arrived & ordered a writ issued which was duly served on them. Our

lawyers also issued a writ & served it on Wilson for transferring the prisoner in order to drag him to Missouri & a writ was served on both of them for assault & battery & threatening J & Markhams life & another for holding J. unlawfully. The Sheriff felt bad when these writs were served on them and began to cool in his conduct a little. We urged the Sheriff of Dixon to take Wilson & Reynolds into custody and take them before the justice forthwith. They were very unwilling to go expecting that Js friends would rescue him. About 2 o clock we went over to the squires and at their request the case was laid over untill morning. A plan had been laid by the Dixon men to rescue J at this time but they did not succeed. He was conducted back to the room and we went to bed.

24 June 1843 · Saturday About 9 oclock Joseph called me to him & said he wanted me to go to Nauvoo and have enough of the brethren go to protect him & rescue him from them. I went and hired a buggy & got Harmon Wasson to go with me to Fulton City. At 9 1/2 we started & just a[t] that moment S. Markham came running & said the sheriff & Wilson had to give bonds of \$10,000 each & had to send to Missouri for bondsmen. We arrived at Fulton City at 4 o clock & took dinner. Soon after we arrived Mr Dixon arrived also bringing a letter for Wilson Law. At 5 1/4 I went on board the D.B. Amaranth.

25 June 1843 · Sunday I arrived at Nauvoo at 2 & immediately sent for Hyrum & Wilson Law & delivered my message. They went & got the brethren together & selected about 120 who started away some on the Maid of Iowa & the remainder on horse back. W. Law & I borrowed of Bro. Bailey \$400.- & sent it also I got \$200. of Judge Adams.

26 June 1843 · Monday At home all day. Not being very well.

27 June 1843 · Tuesday A.M. went to see Hyrum who finally concluded it was not best for me to go to Joseph at present. At home nearly all day. E returned.

28 June 1843 · Wednesday At the Temple Office. Sister Emma had not heard the particulars of Prest J's situation until I informed her this A.M.

29 June 1843 · Thursday At the Temple Office in the A.M. P.M at home. In the evening Dr. Foster came back bringing information that J. was expected home this evening or tomorrow morning.

30 June 1843 · Friday This A.M. a messenger arrived saying that the company was expected in about noon & the Prest. wanted the Band and as many of the citizens as could to go & meet them. Accordingly at 11 o'clock the Band started and a train of carriages containing a number of the principal inhabitants. Sister Emma & Hyrum followed the Band both on horse back. We proceeded about 1 1/2 miles East from the Temple w[here] we met J & his company. The carriages who met him extended about a half mile & his company was very large chiefly on horseback consisting of part of those who went out last Sunday evening. I was in a buggy in company with a gentleman from Dixon. Wilson & the Missouri Sheriff were in the stage. When the company from the city met the others they cheered Prest J and the scene began to be truly affecting and interesting. Prest. J left the buggy and mounted old Charley he called for sister Emma & his brother Hyrum who when they came up and took him by the hand all wept tears of

joy. Such a feeling I never before witnessed when the Prest. took hold of the hand of his partner in sorrow & persecution. Surely it would have moved any thing but the heart of an adamantine. The band then struck up "Hail Columbia" & proceeded to march slowly towards the city. The carriage having formed in open order the company marched on and the citizens fell in the rear. As we approached the city the scene continued to grow more interesting. The streets were lined generally on both sides with male & female whose countenances betokened the greatest joy and satisfaction to see their leader once more safe (though a prisoner) and among his friends. He was greeted all the way by the cheers of the people firing guns, cannon &c. until he arrived at his house when the crowd was immense. His aged mother was at the door when he alighted. He repaired to her & with the swelling tears rolling down his cheek kissed the parent who had so often been compelled to sorrow & suffer feelings of the most exquisite anguish to see her offspring hunted from place to place for his religious sake. Tears of joy bedewed her aged cheeks whilst she once more held him in clasp in her arms. After greeting some others of his household he went in to his children who clung around him with feelings of enthusiastic & enraptured pleasure mingled with fear. Little Fred exclaiming "Pa the Missourians wont take you away again will they." While all this was going on Wilson & the Sherriff alighted from the stage & apparently unmoved by any thing but apprehensions for their own safety walked into the house & were eyewitnesses to the above scenes. Prest. J. then introduced his household & others to his Dixon friends who had accompanied him home viz. Lucian P. Sangor Stage proprietor, Messrs. Southwick, Patrick & Walker his lawyers; Mr Campbell the Sherriff of Dixon & Mr Montgomery, who all gazed with astonishment & rapture to see the enthusiastic attachment of the Mormon people to their beloved leader. The multitude seeming unwilling to disperse Prest. J. arose on the fence & said "I am out of the hands of the Missourians again thank God. I bless

you all in the name of Jesus Christ Amen. I shall address you at the Temple at 4 o'clock." At this information the assembly began to disperse. And the Pres. went in to dinner. Wilson & the Sherriff were very kindly invited to sit at table with the family & friends & partook of the kind hospitality of him whom they had so lately insulted and abused in the most shameful manner. What a contrast between the treatment they met with & that which they had used towards J while he was there prisoner. It was very evident that they were in some measure conscious of the magnitude of their baseness & maltreatment for when they found out that they were to come to Nauvoo, one of them offered \$1000. to be permitted to go some other way and neither could they be prevailed upon to consent to come until J. had pledged his sacred honor & his life that an hair of their head should not be harmed. They said they were afraid the Mormons would kill them & no wonder that they dreaded the indignation which had been raised through their mobish principles, and conduct. At 4 o'clock a large multitude were assembled at the grove & about 5 Prest. J. made his appearance on the stand in company with Cyrus H. Walker Esqr. The general theme of his discourse tended to enlighten the minds of the public concerning the powers of the Municipal Court in relation to Habeas Corpus as granted in the Nauvoo Charter, plainly proving that the municipal court had more power than the circuit courts inasmuch as the latter's power was limited while that of the former was unlimited. He also said that he had restrained the saints from using violence in self defence but from henceforth he restrained them no more. The best of feeling prevailed during the whole meeting. After J. had got through C.H. Walker made some remarks.

July

1 July 1843 · Saturday This day Prest. J had his trial before the Municipal court Many testimonies were brought forth to prove J's. innocence & the cruel treatment he had received

from the Missourians He was discharged.--

2 July 1843 · Sunday At Prest. J's in the A.M. he paid E. Southwick \$50. S. G. Patrick \$50.- Campbell \$10 & \$12 for sundries & took their receipts Also \$50. to Walker I was at home all the forenoon. At noon A. Lyman came saying I must go to the Prests. and take the affits. with me. A report had come from Carthage that Wilson & Reynolds had represented at Carthage that J. had resisted the law and the Mormons had rescued him &c. They had made some excitement & had petitioned the Gov. to send on an armed force to take J. At this information we went to work and made out some affts. and also got up a petition to the Gov. praying him not to issue any more writs. In the evening further information came from Carthage to the effect that our friends had got up a remonstrance against the Govs. sending an armed force &c It was thought best that we should get up one of a similar character which was done & signed by 150 signers. These were sent by Messrs. Southwick & Patrick after Mr Walker who had already gone to Carthage to correct the public mind. Mr Walker was to carry them to Springd.

3 July 1843 · Monday This A.M I drew another copy of the remonstrance & took it to the Temple where it was signed during the day by about 900 & was forwarded this evening. The Twelve had a conference in the grove to send Ers. to allay the public excitement The Band was at my house this evening.

4 July 1843 · Tuesday To day we had a meeting in the grove O. Hyde preached A.M. & in the P.M - Er P.P. Pratt. Several Boat loads of strangers came during the day & in the evening Prest. J. related a history of the Missouri persecutions & the late arrest in the presence of about 900

strangers & a very large multitude of saints.

5 July 1843 · Wednesday At home & the Temple & Prest. Js.

6 July 1843 · Thursday do - do - do -

7 July 1843 · Friday This A.M. a messenger arrived from Springfield requesting all the testimony given before the municipal court & other affts. pertaining to Missouri. They got 4 or 5 men to help to write them. I had made an appointment sometime before to give a supper to the band this evening but Hyrum wants me to write & seems to care nothing for my dissapointment. I asked them to give me my share & I would do it at home which they did. I have settled with Tuttle and Gillett for the Hotchkiss tract by giving back the land into their hands & they giving J. a Bond for a Deed for 50 lots This settlement appears satisfactory In the evening the band came & we had a pleasant time they went away at 12. after which I went to writing untill 2.

8 July 1843 · Saturday Finished writing & took it to the remainder about 7 o clock-- At home pretty much all the day after being considerable unwell. Margt. wrote a letter to Aaron which I dictated informing him that she should not marry

9 July 1843 · Sunday A.M at the Grove. Pres. J. preached. P. M. at home writing the Bye Laws of N.M. Ass. in the Book.

10 July 1843 · Monday At Prest. J's. gave in Tax list to the assessors. Prest. J. rode out to Farm with E. Evening at the Temple examining goods which E sent up

11 July 1843 · Tuesday Settled with bro. A. Hoagland. He paid \$400. I gave him a bond for a Deed. and J's note for \$50. At noon rode out to farm with Margt. P.M. J & family rode out in the carriage. I went to Temple

12 July 1843 · Wednesday This A.M. I wrote a Revelation consisting of 10 pages on the order of the priesthood, showing the designs in Moses, Abraham, David and Solomon having many wives & concubines &c. After it was wrote Prests. Joseph & Hyrum presented it and read it to E. who said she did not believe a word of it and appeared very rebellious. J. told me to Deed all the unincumbered lots to E. & the children He appears much troubled about E.

13 July 1843 · Thursday This A.M. J. sent for me. & when I arrived he called me up into his private room with E. and there stated an agreement they had mutually entered into They both stated their feelings on many subjects & wept considerable. O may the Lord soften her heart that she may be willing to keep and abide by his Holy Law. P.M. I went with P.S. Cahoon to Mr Fullmers to arrange a Deed.

14 July 1843 · Friday Bro Yearsley has paid to Thos Marsh \$76.25 in store goods for which I gave him credit on tithing and took up a note by George Miller & others Pres. J. had a many gentlemen & ladies this P.M. from Quincy on a visit. They came on a S. Boat. A good feeling was manifested Bro. Jonathan Dunham started west this night on his mission

15 July 1843 · Saturday Made Deed for 1/2 S. B. Maid of Iowa from J. to Emma. Also a Deed to E. for over 60 city lots. P.M. I went on ferry to Montrose

16 July 1843 · Sunday A.M. at home writing bro. Kimballs lecture. P.M. went to the Grove and heard Pres. J. preach on the law of the priesthood. He stated that Hyrum held the office of prophet to the church by birth-right & he was going to have a reformation and the saints must regard Hyrum for he has authority. He showed that a man must enter into an everlasting covenant with his wife in this world or he will have no claim on her in the next. He said that he could not reveal the fulness of these things untill the Temple is completed &c.

17 July 1843 · Monday A.M at the Temple & at Prest. J's. conversed with J. & Hyrum on the priesthood. Paid 3 notes to Coolidge amounting to over \$1000.-- sold J. Blakeslee L 3 B 10 of Hyrums addition, to pay when he can. P.M. at Prest. J's & at the Temple reading Deeds. Evening at J's again. wrote a letter by Coolidge to P.B. Lewis.

18 July 1843 · Tuesday A. M. at the Temple. settled with brother Grover & took his receipt for \$30.-

19 July 1843 · Wednesday At Josephs & the Temple

20 July 1843 · Thursday At the Temple & Prest. J's Gave Bonds & notes of Hotchkiss tract to Gillet

21 July 1843 · Friday At the Temple A.M & at Prests. He [h]as gone to farm with Julia.

Evening I was taken very sick with vomiting Aaron Farr returned from his mission.

22 July 1843 · Saturday At home all day sick. Mt and [I] had a long conversation together. She has stood true to her covenant with sw[?]. I also had some talk with him & although the shock is severe he endures it patiently. And I pray the Great Eloheem to make up the loss to him an hundred fold and enable him to rejoice in all things. My heart aches with grief on his & M's account and could almost say O that I had never known h. But thou O God knowest the integrity of thy servant. Thou knowest that I have done that which I have understood to be thy will & am still determined to do so and I ask thee in the name of Jesus Christ either to absolutely wean my affections from M. or give me hers entire and then I am content. But to live in this state of feeling I cannot. If I have done wrong in any thing, show it me that thy servant may repent of it and obtain forgiveness. But O Lord have mercy on me and by some means release me from this grievous bondage of feeling & thy servant will praise thee. Prest. Joseph came to see me & pronounced a sealing blessing upon Ruth and me. And we mutually entered into an everlasting covenant with each other.

23 July 1843 · Sunday Still sick at home. M. appears dissatisfied with her situation & is miserable O that the Lord will bless my house and deliver us from every evil principal & feeling that we may be saved. For I desire to do right. O Lord make my heart and my affections right and pure as it shall please thee that I may enjoy the blessing of peace and happiness even so Amen. Hyrum preached A.M and Joseph P.M. Evening I had some more talk with M. & find she is miserable which makes me doubly so. I offered to her to try to have her covenant released

if she desired it but she said she was not willing

24 July 1843 · Monday At J's took Deed from Moore for N.E.33-7 8 & paid him \$300 giving him a note to bal. for \$420.-- P.M. settled with Wm & W Law. they were \$167.-- in Prest J's debt for which sum Wm. Law gave his note. This A.M. Prest J. had some talk with Col. Hoge candidate for Congress shewing him the corruption & folly of the Governors sending an armed force to take him &c.-- J. told him this made the 38 vexatious lawsuits he has had for his religion

Evening I was door keeper for the exhibition. took only \$4.90. Lydia returned from Burlington quite well. M. is still miserable and unhappy and it does seem that my heart must burst. What shall I do? How shall I recompense? And how long must I thus suffer worse than death for that which I have always regarded as being the will of the Lord. By the help of the Lord I will do right. I have repeatedly offered to M. to try to get a release from the covenant and I have done all I know to make things comfortable but to no effect. She appears almost to hate me and cannot bear to come near me. O. God if thou wilt give me M's affections, and cause things to be pleasant and happy between us, If thou wilt bless her & comfort her by thy spirit & cause her to rejoice in what she has done, and bring it to pass that I may secure her truly with all her affections for time & for eternity. I feel to covenant to try to serve thee with more diligence if possible and to do all that thou shalt require at mine hands. Wilt thou not grant me this blessing, and relieve my aching heart from this worst of all troubles which ever befel me in the course of my life? O God plead my cause and give me thine everlasting blessing, and do remember M. for good that she may be comforted even so amen amen and amen.

25 July 1843 · Tuesday At J's A.M. he is sick went to shew lots & also went to see about selling prairie. P.M. at the Temple. felt very sick. M. much as usual.

26 July 1843 · Wednesday A.M. went on foot to bro. Lamoreaux's but was disappointed.

Afterwards at the Temple. M. seems quite embittered against me in consequence of which I called her to me and asked her if she desired the covenant to be revoked if it were possible To this she would not give me a satisfactory answer only saying if it had not been done it should not be. (meaning our union) I then asked if she would consent if A would take her under all circumstances; but she would not consent to have it revoked - saying she did it not for her sake but for the sake of the peace of my family. Under these circumstances I could not rest until I had ascertained whether the c could be revoked & although contrary to her wish I went to see Prest. J. I took A to talk with him & asked him some questions whereby I ascertained that he would be willing to take her under all circumstances. I reasoned considerable with him to prove that I had done right in all these matters so far as I knew it. I called the Prest. out and briefly stated the situation of things and then asked him if the C. could be revoked. He shook his head and answered no. At the conclusion my mind seemed for the moment to get relief for the two fold reason that I had done all I could and I did not want the C. revoked. I came back & M & A. were together in Farris garden. I told them the answer I had got & advised them to take the best measures to make all things right between them. I cannot help thinking that M. has treated me not only unkindly but meanly & cruelly, but I forgive her before the Lord for I sympathize with her in her grief, but cant console her for she will not speak to me. My earnest prayer to God is that all things may soon become right & pleasant & that the Lord may bless her & save her from

sinning against him. And if I have done wrong in asking if the C. could be revoked & seeking to have it done O Lord forgive me for I desire to do right in all things that I may be saved. I feel that I have done right in the sight of God & that he has abundantly blessed me for which I thank him and something tells me that the time will come when M. will love those whom she ought & when she will feel perfectly satisfied with her situation & rejoice that things remain as they are. And now O God bless thy servant and handmaid & stamp thy peace upon us and fill us with the spirit of truth for Jesus Christs sake Amen-

27 July 1843 · Thursday A.M. I went to see Prest. J. in our conversation about M and A. he said if A. went to making me any trouble he would defend me to the uttermost and stand by me through all, for which I feel thankful. At the Temple afterwards. P.M. at Temple J. rode out with I Morley through the City. Evening I went to try to borrow money M. is much as usual. She never speaks to me nor comes near where I am if she can avoid it. I have given no cause for such cruel treatment, but I yet feel to pray that the Lord will soften her heart to do right.

28 July 1843 · Friday Prest. J. sick at home. I was at the Temple office. Evening went to try to borrow money. M. is much as usual. I had some conversation with her & hope she will do right. I had some talk with E. Hunter. J with I Morley

29 July 1843 · Saturday At the Temple A.M. reading deeds. J. came up & I rode down with him wrote a letter to C.W. wa[l]ked to near Lodge Room together we met Hyrum & had conversation respecting Sherwood. P.M. at the Temple &c. Political meeting. Evening borrowed \$50.-- of W. Bruster & gave J's note M. is much as usual but seems some more cheerful. I had

considerable talk with her in bed.

30 July 1843 · Sunday M. sick, I was in room with her all the forenoon and talked a good deal I think she feels better. O God the eternal Father I ask thee in the name of Jesus Christ to bless Margaret comfort her heart & turn her affections to the right source that she may have joy and comfort, and be preserved from sinning against her covenant even so Amen. P.M. in consequence of my being with M. in the A.M. mother feels bad & threatens to commit suicide. Truly my heart aches with trouble. Evening I went to see the prest. he is sick.

31 July 1843 · Monday A.M. went to see Prest. and after rode on prairie with bro. Maginnes sold 100 acres on N.E. 33 & N.W 34-7-8 for \$1000. to pay \$800 and \$200 next spring. Prest J went. he feels better. called at his farm. to drink buttermilk. P.M. I went to the Temple & J. rode out again. M. seems to feel a great deal better & I have hopes that all will soon be right & comfortable again which may God grant for Jesus sake Amen--

1 August 1843 · Tuesday A.M I went to Prest J's he is very sick We rode through the city to go to the prairie but he being very sick he concluded to let me go alone & he returned home. I rode out to bro Baums about 8 miles from the Temple. got back at 1 o clock delivered Deed for the Farm N.E. 8-6.8 to Emma in J's presence. P.M. went to Temple. at 4 o clock J and Backenstos came up to the Temple. J began to tell me concerning a tax title which Hamilton had on me of the city lots he having got a Sheriffs Deed. J. told me to inquire of Bagby concerning it. While we were talking Bagby came up & J asked him concerning it. he denied all knowledge of it. J.

told him that he had always been ready to pay all taxes when called upon & he did not think it good behavior to sell his lots when he was willing to pay the taxes whenever called upon. Bagby said he had done more for J. than for any other man in the County. J. reiterated that he had abused the citizens here and was always doing so. Bagby then told him he was a liar at which J. got out of his Buggy. When Bagby saw him get out he ran to pick up a stone to through at which J. was so enraged that he followed him & struck him two or three times. Esqr. Wells stepped between them & succeeded in getting them apart and J. told him to assess the fine and he was willing to pay it. J. rode down to Whitneys & got the fine assessed & then returned to the political meeting. Bagby staid a while muttering that J. was a coward &c. I came home & went to work but soon made myself very sick

2 August 1843 · Wednesday A.M went to Prest. J's and afterwards to Temple office. J. rode out with J.B. Backenstos to J. Baums to borrow money P.M. at the Temple Office evening at J's. He was talking with Dr Bernhisel.

3 August 1843 · Thursday A.M. at Prest. J's. received of Benjamin Meginness \$800 in specie & note for \$200. for 60 acres off N.E. 33 & 40 acres off N.W 34-7-8 gave him bond. rode out to see the tenant. Conversed about W Law, Emma &c. P.M at the Temple Office evening Pitt & others came.

4 August 1843 · Friday A.M. at the Temple office and at Prest. J's. he is gone to the prairie & his farm. P.M. went to Prests not returned thence to Temple Office. he soon came & we went and paid Danl Spencer \$50.-- Went to Cahoons party to play violin M. & Ruth went. Prests. J.

& Hyrum were there and their wives

5 August 1843 · Saturday A.M at the Temple Office at 11 went to Prests. P.M at home near all the afternoon. Mother threatens to leave us and go to live with Jno Moon M. is much troubled again on that account. May the Lord bless my family and cause light and intelligence to beam upon their minds & clear every heart that they may rejoice indeed.

6 August 1843 · Sunday A.M went to meeting. P.P. Pratt preached on evidence. After which Prest. J. made some remarks on the election showing that he had taken no part in it. stated that Hyrum had had a manifestation that it was for our interest to vote for Hoge. P.M at home being rainy

7 August 1843 · Monday A.M at the Temple office also P.M. being the election did not do much evening rode with the band & after dark with M. to the prarie. had considerable talk with her but did not derive much satisfaction. I was up all night attending business.

8 August 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at Prest J's. sold 4 acres in S.W. corner of S.E 9.6.8 to Wm W. Meguire. took \$50 and his note for \$20 and gave him a bond Afterwards at the Temple all day.

9 August 1843 · Wednesday A.M. went to Prest. to go & see land but he said I had no need to go. he rode out to his farm with a gentleman. I was at the Temple office near all day. P.M went to look at H Burgess lot for the Temple-

10 August 1843 · Thursday At the Temple near all day. went to seek some lead. evening went to printing office. I rode out with Hyrum

11 August 1843 · Friday A.M at the Temple office. P.M Prest. J. came to my house & I went home with him & took dinner with him. In our conversation about Judge Adams J. made this remark. "No man can put forth his hand to steady this ark but God and his servant Joseph." by the ark I understood him to mean this work & that no man could dictate and govern it but Jehovah and he whom God had appointed viz his servant Joseph. After this I went to the Temple. Judge Adams died about 10 o clock P.M. None of his family are here having only been sent for a few days & they are at Springfield It is truly afflicting to see the sickness which exists through the city and the loss of this man seems very grievous. He attended the polls on Monday last and was elected Probate Judge for this County but he is gone to receive his reward in the other world. J. told me to day that "Walker" had been speaking to him concerning my having taken M away from A. & intimated that I had done wrong. I told him to be quiet and say no more about it. He also told me Emma was considerably displeased with it but says he she will soon get over it. In the agony of mind which I have endured on this subject I said I was sorry I had done it, at which J told me not to say so. I finally asked him if I had done wrong in what I had done he answered no you have a right to get all you can.

12 August 1843 · Saturday This A.M I had a very singular dream concerning Judge Higbee. I dreamed he came into a room where I and others were and I shook hands with him & felt his hand very sensibly. I and bro. Turley & Eth. Clayton went into a room to have some private talk with him. He appeared very melancholy I felt in my heart to pray to God to let me live out the

number of my days.

A.M. I went to see Prest J. about paper for a record. I borrowed \$8.92 of D & A. Cahoon & gave it to Lathrop to buy paper. I bought a bbl of apples of A. Morrison for \$2.50 at the Temple chiefly all day. Evening my father came.

13 August 1843 · Sunday Went to meeting heard J. preach on 2 Peter 3. 10 & 11 - being a funeral sermon on the death of E. Higbee. When speaking of the passage "I will send Elijah the prophet &c" he said it should read and he shall turn the hearts of the children to the covenant made with their fathers Also where it says and they shall seal the servants of God in their foreheads &c it means to seal the blessing on their heads meaning the everlasting covenant thereby making their calling & election sure When a seal is put upon the father and mother it secures their posterity so that they cannot be lost but will be saved by virtue of the covenant of their father. P.M. Prest J. offered some complaints of the citizens of Nauvoo 1st because some young men sat on the ladies camp ground and laughed & mocked during meeting He next spoke of Walter Bagby & the little skirmish he had with him about a week ago he spoke of Esq Wells interfering when he had no business. He then spoke of the abuses he received at the election by King & the board of Judges. Also of the Grog & Beer shops & said he should rip them up. He then showed that Sidney Rigdon had bound himself by an oath to Governor Carlin to deliver J into the hands of the Missourians if he could & finally in the name of the Lord withdrew the hand of fellowship from him & put it to the vote of the people. He was cut off by an unamous vote & orders to demand his license. Evening I went to Post Office At night my wifes mother went into the garden to pray just as we were going to bed. Margaret and Lydia went out & found her on her knees. She was deranged. She came into the bed room trembling and seemed as though she

had been frightened but was altogether delirious. her feet and legs were cold and & I feared she was going to die. She got into bed & we got some hot water to her feet & rubbed her legs and feet with flannel & went to bed. She soon seemed some better. From her conversation with Lydia this afternoon it seems she took Prest. J's remarks very deeply to heart & that with her fears for Margaret overwhelmed her. I feel as though I was in some measure a child of sorrow but am determined to try to do right in all things. May the Lord bless my family and my fathers house and save us with an everlasting salvation & let peace & intelligence beam upon us in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

14 August 1843 · Monday A.M went to see Hyrum to try to borrow \$22.-- for father. he had not got it. Father started for home. Saw Prest J. and Lorain Walker in the Buggy said he was going to Morrisons. I was at the Temple all the day afterwards, except going to Morrisons to pay for apples.

15 August 1843 · Tuesday A. M at the Temple comparing Books. P.M same-

16 August 1843 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple. Prest. J. rode up with a man who had \$650.-- to pay for land. We showed him Fullmers lot Barnets lot & then J. returned to Silers Ben's and thence home on foot. I returned with the buggy to show the man prarie land. I took him to S 1/2 of N.W. 9.6.8 and others but he seemed afraid to buy. As we went the horse ran away near Israel Calkins & kicked the fore part of the buggy off. We returned & met Prest. J. & some of the family going to the funeral of Judge Adams. P.M. I went with A. Young to look at a lot & called at sis Booths who is in trouble. Robert is gone away to work Sarah Ann is gone to Keokuk, &

Elesabeth & husband is going to Chicago this evening. This A.M. J. told me that since E. came back from St Louis she has resisted the P. in toto & he had to tell her he would relinquish all for her sake. She said she would give him E. & E. P but he knew if he took them she would pitch on him & obtain a divorce & leave him. He however told me he should not relinquish any thing O. God deliver thy servant from iniquity and bondage.

A man called this P.M. & said he had seen one of my lost cows about 3 miles down the river with Mr Knight-

17 August 1843 · Thursday Early this AM bro. Cutler went for my cow but she [?] him & he left her. I went to J's. to speak concerning \$52 for P.P. Pratt but could hardly get to speak with him. After I went with Seth Cook to look for my cow we travelled till 4 o clock & while I was going through the woods Seth found her and brought her home. I was about an hour after. I am glad I have found her. Margaret seems friendly but not well satisfied yet she treats me very well & I pray God to bless her forever.

18 August 1843 · Friday A.M at the Temple office comparing books at 10 1/2 Prest. J. sent for me. I went down & found he had got a number of titles for about 13 1/4 sections of land from Mr Swartout of Quincy. Prest. J. instructed Er Sl. James in the order of the Holy priesthood. P.M. I went to borrow \$300. & got a promise of it tommorrow morning. At 4 I went to Prests he had rode out to the Lumber yard. I met him returning. Bro. ~~Maudsley~~ Willis got run over by the horses and is badly hurt. I had some conversation with bro. Whitney & have learned that Farrs family are conspiring with Walkers boys & girls & they with E. to accomplish my downfall. I find they are my secret enemies but I fear them not for God who knows the secrets of all hearts

knows mine also. I told M of this & ascertained that she had acknowledged to A. that I had slept with her and if it never had been done (our union) it should not be. This of course has given him a plea and a weapon against me. At night my wifes mother had another fit of delirium, which fills us all with sorrow, and I think we have a good share.

19 August 1843 · Saturday A.M at Prest. J's. Received of James Brinkerhoff \$120. for the Temple. I went with Brinkerhoff to shew him lots again but we have none that suits him. My feet are very sore & I'm tired. P.M at the Temple & evening went to Prest. J's. did not see him. M. says D. Farr said to day she believed M & I was vexed at her & she almost felt disposed almost to go to every house in the city & tell all she knew & then come home & kill herself. I felt my heart acke to night when we lay down being down stairs & M. up. My soul loves M. & my desire is to see her happy & comfortable. Oh may the Lord bless her.

20 August 1843 · Sunday M. came up stairs to me. little while afterwards I went to the grove & heard Hyrum. Joseph was not there. S. Rigdon made a few remarks & read a copy of a letter to shew he was not guilty of treachery. I wrote a letter to L.R. Foster requesting him to send me the Weekly Herald & took it to the Post Office. P.M. I went to sister Booths & had some conversation about SA. at sister B's request. I have evidence that S.A is true to me & desire to receive her I also had talk with M. Aspen who is in trouble. P.P.P. has through his wife made proposals to her but she is dissatisfied Sister P. is obstinate. When P. went away sister P. cautioned A. against me & said the Twelve would have more glory than me &c. I tried to comfort her & told her what her privilege was. tarried till 8 1/2

21 August 1843 · Monday A.M. went to see the Prest. took a letter out of P. C. from Mr Patrick covering one from a Mr Hall from Independence Mo. breathing hard things against us. Josh. rode out with Mr Moore. E. asked if I handed 2 letters to J. which she showed me. I had not done it. I satisfied her I had not. They appeared to be from ER Snow & Pres. J. found them in his pocket E seemed vexed & angry P.M. at the Temple & went to shew Lots to stone cutters. Evening wrote to Wm. L Hughey for State Register.

22 August 1843 · Tuesday A.M. went to Prest. J's. he started to go with me to settle for the improvements on the farm which Fawkes bought, but on learning that he had to attend court he left me and I went alone. I effected a partial settlement and think it will be final. We keep having news from Carthage to the effect that they are trying to raise a mob and drive us from the county. Hyrum is gone to Plymouth to try to make peace. P.M I was at the Temple comparing Deeds J. came to enquire about settlement I made this A.M.

23 August 1843 · Wednesday A.M. went to Prest. J's & settled with James Beaven by giving him a Deed for 45 38/100 acres on S. W. 4.6.8 and taking up 2 notes of Dan Jones for L52.-- Got W 1/2 L 1 B 146 surveyed for bro James Brinkerhoff. Prest. J. let him have it for \$250.-- & told him if he took it the Lord would bless him for it was the will of the Lord he should do so. Prest. J. told me that he had difficulty with E. yesterday. She rode up to Woodworths with him & caled while he came to the Temple. When he returned she was demanding the gold watch of F. he reproved her for her evil treatment. On their return home she abused him much & also when he got home. he had to use harsh measures to put a stop to her abuse but finally succeeded.

P.M. rode out on prairie with bro Brinkerhoff he thinks he will take 30 acres, pres J. sat as

Mayor in a case of theft.

This evening I had some conversation with Margaret & find she is stubborn and disposed to abuse me. I feel resolved to break my feelings from her if I possibly can.

24 August 1843 · Thursday A.M I went to Prest. J's and settled with bro Brinkerhoff by giving him a deed for N 1/2 L 1 B 146 and 25 acres in S.W 9.6.8. took up J's note of 179.20 and he paid \$370.80 and then lent J \$150 for which he gave his note payable 3 mo after date with 15 per cent int. P.M. J and I rode out to Blackhursts but he not being at home we returned. received \$40 for the Temple of bro Meginness. evening went to bro D.D. Yearsleys & paid him \$363.75 in silver and 19.88 in solk took up 3 notes of \$350 - leaving a balance due bro. Yearsley of \$224.17. Afterwards took Deed from Blackhurst for 15 acres in N.E.1.6.8 and paid him \$150 in silver and J's note for \$35.62. At night I asked mother if M might sleep with Ruth & me she appeared very rebellious & would not consent but said we might do as we had a mind.

25 August 1843 · Friday At the Temple near all day comparing books. Put \$9 into Allens hands to buy me paper for a record. Evening went to printing office.

26 August 1843 · Saturday A.M at the Temple comparing Deeds, and settling with Harrison Severes agreed to give him 8 acres in the S. E corner of the quarter bought of Tufts. P.M. at the Temple & at Prest. J's office. Hyrum & I rode up to my house & J met Mrs Wdth & F. and conversed some time. Bro Dunham returned last night from his mission to the Indians he says they have resolved to petition the Prest. of the United States to appoint J. their agent and they look up to him as a father. They have sent 4 with bro. D. to council with J. and have hired an

interpreter to come with them, paying him \$25.-- Prest. J and I walked from my house to sis. Durfee's and thence to his house. I made a bond to Lorenzo A. Quick for N 1/2 L 1-147- took his note for \$300. and took up J's receipt. I have made a trade with bro. Burgess for a lever watch which he gives me & \$7.50 for a horse which is charged to me at \$60.-- Also sold bro. George Walker my cow for \$15.-- and bargained with Hyrum for a 3 year old horse. he let me have it for \$40.

27 August 1843 · Sunday A.M. at the Grove. Prest. J. preached on Hebrews c 7. After reading a letter from Thos. Carlin to S. Rigdon and making some remarks about it. He shewed that the word "Salem" is a wrong translation it should be "Shalome" signifying peace. He prophesied that "not all the powers of hell or earth combined can ever overthrow this boy" for he had a promise from the eternal God. He spoke concerning the priesthood of Melchisedek shewing that the sectarians never professed to have it consequently never could save any one and would all be damned together. He showed that the power of Melchisek P'd was to have the power of an "endless lives. he showed that the everlasting covenants could not be broken, and by the sacrifice required of Abraham the fact that when God offers a blessing or knowledge to a man and he refuses to receive it he will be damned - mentioning the case of the Israelite praying that God would speak to Moses & not to them - in consequence of which he curse them with a carnal law. P.M. I went to sister Booths & talked with her and Mary Aspen.

28 August 1843 · Monday A.M. brought 12 yds cambric for window curtains cost \$2.10. At the Temple Office. Bro. Burgess returned the horse he bought of me & I afterwards sold him to Rufus Pack for L 4 B 8 H's addition & I gave him an order on the Lodge for \$10.-- I also

received a colt from Hyrum for \$40.-- and I sold him to bro Cutler for \$45.-- P.M Prest J sent bro. Dunham for me to write a letter to the Pottowattomie Indians. I went down. He had been conversing with them. He also rode out this A.M with Emma.

The following is a copy of a letter sent by the Indians to Prest. J. by bro Dunham the interpreter & 4 Indians who came down

"Father the Last time we been in her we dint understand what you have tel us, this day the berrer will let us know what advise your gooness will let us know. the Last time we saw the Real (Red) french they use two tel us how to do always we are like bline Peple in this place, we want know what is the matter they want allways our Land then if wel do so how will com of us - you are our father we hope you tell us faier & throuth of all this Business, the french & Anglis as all ways make charitey we hope you will be the same our cheffe are very onsisay for that matter to per asap let go our Land - we allways think to not let tet go. your ad vise father is what we want, when I was a Boy I never think to lost our Land but now I am fare from my father. I am Bline. But stil we attend to not sel or Exchange no we shut our yeres to our frends ar on mison & opened tow you- Miamis, Nahachaweth, Mesaocobet, Megette, chabotocke, this are grate menes not chefs but considarate, we think after you sav this lines father you will let us know by your hand what you think. if your think we must Kip our Land your are with us we chant give up - if you say so - we are all aganst the other Band, and Brave fellers in here -. Namoweth Mantomenque, Paecouchaiby Tapawise, we hierd did our father was arive now we begin to se a Lite, then we send our Soldiers two Give ther hand & ours to our father we like very much you shall be our father we think Grate of you we think as longe we are in the Dark our father will give us the Lite, the Last time our soldiers went to sea you we could not understand good but know we

send our Brother Tau[?] will understand well & Repeted well what you will tel us, we like vevay much to give us some plant (plan) of our Land where is Bigin--Paiconchaiby like his knew father if he will be let us know, we give our hand tow Father & hope all good ad vises from him--

We Up Give our hand to our father, Brave, soldere,- and younges menes and hope your advise by your hand, Prairy, Indian Band -- we are very Pour it is for that we pray on you father--
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to the foregoing I wrote this answer "Nauvoo August 28 - 1843 Dear Children, I have received and read your kind words, and agreeable to your wishes I will send you an answer. In regard to parting with your lands and selling them, I do not think it is best for you to let them go but to keep them to live upon for yourselves and your children. And in regard to my giving you council and being your father I have to say that I shall be happy to render you any assistance in my power in giving instructions and advice as well as to do any other business for you, which lays in my power at any time if it be not contrary to the laws of the United States, which laws I am always obedient and subject to. I feel interested in the welfare and prosperity of all my red children and will most cheerfully do them all the good in my power as to do good is what I always delight in. Should the United States appoint me as your agent to transact your business for you I shall cheerfully comply; and will always do the best I can for you but you know I cannot do any thing in this matter except it be appointed me by the authorities of our land. The bearer will bring you a map shewing the boundaries of your land which I hope you will be able to understand; he will also be able to tell you more about this business. The Mormons are your friends and they are the friends of all men, and I have the very best of feelings to all men and especially towards you my children. I wish you well, and hope the great God will bless you and

abundantly supply you with every good thing, and that peace and prosperity may forever attend you and your children. And now my children be friendly to each other and be at peace with each other and with all men, for peace is what I seek for all my friends: and may the great Spirit bless you all my children is the sincere wish of your father. Your Father"

This letter was put into the hands of the principal Indian, a young man of good stature and they took their departure. I went to the Temple & at 4 returned home. Pres. J met Ms Wdth at my house. C. Gove is very sick

29 August 1843 · Tuesday A.M at the Temple Pres. J. at my house with Mss Wdth. P.M. I was at the Temple & at home watching well diggers blast

30 August 1843 · Wednesday A.M. at the Temple. and at Pres J's. He & Hyrum told me that Mr Brown of Rushville had arrived last night & had no where to go. They requested me to take them in for about 3 weeks and I consented. Hyrum walked home with me. P.M. went to E. Hunters & bought Iron and Steel amounting to \$39.03 1/2 for which I gave him a due Bill. It is to be paid in 1 month Afterwards I was at the Temple-

31 August 1843 · Thursday A.M at the Temple & at Prest. J's. He received a letter from Jedidiah M. Grant containing information of Conrads having rec'd a letter &c. Sister E. heard J. read it and appeared for a while to feel very jealouse.

P.M. at the Temple. Prest. J. came up & we went to Moesers &c. I conversed at my house with A. Smith. I moved Mr Browns family to my house this evening.

1 September 1843 · Friday A.M. at the Temple & at G. J. Adams trial. P.M. at the Temple.

2 September 1843 · Saturday I was at the Temple near all day. At Prest. Js. A.M and evening

3 September 1843 · Sunday A.M at home. Unpleasant feelings with M. Noon I went over the River to enquire about Robt. Cope Evening went to sister Booths

4 September 1843 · Monday A.M. at Jos. and the Temple P.M Prest. J. was at the circus. Men finished my well

5 September 1843 · Tuesday Went to prairie with Joseph Murdock & surveyed 10 acres. P.M at Prest. J's and the Temple. Bought Wm. Cahoons horse & saddle for \$60.--

6 September 1843 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple. P. M at the Temple & Prest. J's. I was some sick.

7 September 1843 · Thursday At the Temple office all day.

8 September 1843 · Friday A.M. at the Temple. afterwards went to see Prest. J. with Captain Jones about Deed from Moffit. He ordered me to go to Augusta to get the Deed signed, but I had to get 2 copies of the Deed wrote before I can go. Sister Emma is very sick. P.M. borrowed \$20. of bro. J. Brinkerhoff for S. Markham & gave a note signed Joseph Smith by Wm. Clayton Clerk.

This on Markhams word & also Mr Walker brought a note from Phelps to the same effect.

Evening went to see Prest J. Sister E a little better.

9 September 1843 · Saturday Started for Augusta, the weather being very cold. It was 3 1/4 o'clock when I got over the River. I arrived at Augusta at 12 1/2. Got Moffit & wife to sign the Deed. saw Graves & started back for home at 2. Got to Madison at 4. Mr Bell requested me to ride his boy to Montrose. I arrived there at 5 1/2. But the wind being very high I had to leave the team untill morning. I came over in a skiff and arrived at 7. Margaret was at bro. Whitneys. I fetch her home after supper This A.M Jared Carter left his family to go preaching. Hyrum said he had been quarrelling with his family about three weeks - was jealous with his wife &c and he is insane - gone crazy-

10 September 1843 · Sunday This day very wet and rainy I stayed at home all day except going twice to the ferry but I could not get over the river on account of the wind In the evening I went to sister Booths

11 September 1843 · Monday A.M. went to ferry to wait for the horse & buggy. Prest J and Backenstos came to me. J. borrowed \$100.- of a New York man for a few days. We then rode to Porter Rockwells mothers & J. handed her the money he returned to Mayors Court & I to Temple P.M. I went to see him again & rode with him to borrow \$40.- for Captain Jones. he succeeded from Moeser. News has arrived that O.P. Rockwell has had his trial & the[y] could not convict him but have thrust him back to prison

12 September 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at the Temple. P.M went to ferry to enquire about Hyrums Collar which has got changed; afterwards I went to the Temple. Evening to Seth Cooks lot

13 September 1843 · Wednesday At the Temple chiefly all the day. Evening went to Prests. P.M attended socialist Lecture at the Grove by Mr Finch from England. J. said a few words in reply.

14 September 1843 · Thursday A.M went to Laws Mill for flour afterwards at the Temple office P.M. attended Finchs Lecture. Er Taylor replied & there was a pretty good discussion

15 September 1843 · Friday A.M at Prest. J's afterwards at the Temple Office all day. Evening Prest. J. met me & I returned with him to O. Spencers to borrow \$1400.- to clear his farm from an incumbrance laying on it which fact Esq. Skinner has ascertained on searching the records. Prest. J. told me he had lately had a new item of law revealed to him in relation to myself. He said the Lord had revealed to him that a man could only take 2 of a family except by express revelation and as I had said I intended to take Lydia he made this known for my benefit. to have more than two in a family was apt to cause wrangles and trouble. He finally asked if I would not give L to him I said I would so far as I had any thing to do in it. He requested me to talk to her.

16 September 1843 · Saturday I was training all day.

17 September 1843 · Sunday At home all day with M. I had some talk with Lydia. she seems to

receive it kindly but says she has promised her mother not to marry while her mother lives & she thinks she wont I received the first Wkly Herald to day

18 September 1843 · Monday A. M at Prest. J's. he received a letter from the Governor informing him that he did not think there was any danger of being invaded by the Missourians if we were he should do his utmost to suppress it. He said his enemies were trying to get up another scheme to come upon us &c. J & I rode out to borrow money - drank wine at sis Lyons. P.M. I got \$50 of sis Lyons & paid it to D.D. Yearsley

19 September 1843 · Tuesday Trying to buy a horse also examining store books for H. Felt. J & E rode to Woolleys &c P.M I was at the Temple office recording deeds.

20 September 1843 · Wednesday At the Temple Office & J's. he and Hyrum rode to his farm. M & Sarah Ann Whitney also rode to the farm but did not see him.-

21 September 1843 · Thursday A.M at the Temple Office. P.M at the Boat & J's settling with the hands. he says I must go on the Boat a month to regulate the Books. This A.M. he came to talk with Lydia but she wont yet consent she wants to tarry with her sisters

22 September 1843 · Friday A.M at Prest J's writing & settling with bro Hampton & others of the hands. P.M. made a Deed to bro Hunter for W 1/2 12.6-8.

23 September 1843 · Saturday A.M. at Prest J's settling with D. Campbell. Afterwards rode out

with Prest. to borrow money. Met O. Spencer J. had much talk with him & he finally let us have \$75. for the Temple. I also borrowed \$20. of Powers & gave a note payable 30 days after date After dinner I got ready to go on the Boat. J promised to call & take my trunk but forgot. I waited 2 hours & he came When we arrived at the boat the Deck shaft broke which prevented the Boat from starting. J. gave me L20 in gold \$20 in gold and \$30 in paper besides an order on P.B. Lewis for \$400 or 500 and a letter to Barney Morris & Co [?] for \$200-- in trade for Parker of whom he borrowed \$300-- I went to sis Booths but S. A. did not come.

24 September 1843 · Sunday At day break I went to the Boat but the shaft was not ready even untill noon. We left Nauvoo at 1 1/4 o clock. At Nashville the Capn. turned the steward a shor. At Montrose D. C. Davis presented a Bill of over \$25. against Jones. We have some difficulty in getting over the rapid, and did not arrive at Keokuk till after dark. After taking on some passengers we proceeded to Warsaw and arrived about 9 1/2- We sought Elias Parker till 11 and found him at Bedeles tavern. I saw him but he refused to help us any or let us have the \$200. and we are dissapointed, and know not what to do.

25 September 1843 · Monday Arrived at Quincy at 5 1/2.

26 September 1843 · Tuesday A.M arrived at Alton & about 10 we arrived in St Louis. Almost as soon as we landed the creditors began to come on board with their claims, but in consequence of our disappointment, we were compelled to ask them to wait longer. Some of them appeared very angry and we had to pay them. Jones concluded to run the Illinois River & advertised

27 September 1843 · Wednesday Going about to see the crs and various other business in St Louis evening I attended circus.

28 September 1843 · Thursday Preparing to start home but Derby being very urgent I concluded to go one trip up the Illinois River sent a letter to Prest. Joseph by Brierly. We left St Louis at sundown.

29 September 1843 · Friday Evening arrived at Meriview[?]

31 September 1843 · Sunday [1 October 1843] About noon we arrived at Peru. Met a Boat coming out loaded with passengers, and of course we had either to remain untill tomorrow or return without passengers.

1 October 1843 · Monday [2 October 1843] Had some meditation about home, M. &c on the summit of the Hill above Peru. Never did M. and my little family appear more lovely and endearing than while my anxous thoughts were pondering over their probable situation. At 12 we started out for St Louis. Arrived at Peoria about 11 at night Peoria is a very pretty place. We took on some freight & proceeded

3 October 1843 · Wednesday [4 October 1843] Early this A.M. we ran on a sand bar and was detained 4 hours or 5. In the afternoon one of the flanges of the Sarboard wheel broke which hindered us a good deal. We had a load of freight & about 26 cabin passengers.

5 October 1843 · Thursday About 4 A.M we arrived at St Louis. As soon as day light appeared I went to see what prospect of my getting up the river. I found 3 Boats to go this day. I went & did some business in the stores, settled matters with Derby and Jones &c but could not raise money to pay Joyce. I requested him to go with me to Nauvoo. He objected sometime but finally consented. I got 7 bars of Steel of C.C. Norris & co which I put on board the "New Brazil" Myself & Joyce went on the "Swifture" We started at 5 o clock the Brazils having started some time previous but we soon passed her.

6 October 1843 · Friday We arrived at Quincy about 8 o clock and at Warsaw about 1 1/2 o clock A.M.

7 October 1843 · Saturday Arrived at Keokuk about 3 A.M. I did not go to bed but walked about untill daylight. At 7 we started in the stage and arrived at Montrose soon after 9 got over the River at 10 and arrived at home at 1/4 before 11. All my family were gone to conference but M. we had a joyful meeting, and she gave me a warm evidence of her love, and never did my affections glow more warmly than during our meeting embrace and during the time we had the privilege to be alone which was untill 3 o clock when the rest of my dear family returned home. My bosom heaved with joy to find them all well although my Sarah & Margaret had both been sick. I felt to return thanks to my heavenly father for his kindness in thus sparing our lives and preserving us and for this privilege. P.M. went to Morrisons. Sis. Booths, Burbanks &c. S.A. had been at home 2 weeks ago and had gone back. I felt very much disapointed

8 October 1843 · Sunday A.M. went to conference. S. Rigdons trial was continued from

yesterday. Hyrum pleaded mercy in strong terms in his behalf and when the vote was put he retained his standing. P.M. I went to Sis. Booths.

9 October 1843 · Monday A.M. went to Prest J's. and after to show lots, then to conference P.M. at the conference Prest. J. preached Judge Adams funeral sermon. The people were well edified and a very good feeling prevailed throughout. The subject of the Temple was presented and the unanimous voice of the people was to renew their exertions. After meeting I attended various items of business at the Temple.

10 October 1843 · Tuesday A.M at Prest J's in council with J. & O. C. Skinner & the Rhodes' about the sale of land. J. appointed me to buy his property in my own name. After this I went to shew lots sold 1/4 of Lot where Phelps lived for \$250 which J. had previously borrowed. P.M. I was at the Temple.

11 October 1843 · Wednesday A.M at home sick. P.M. at Prest J's. he is gone to Benbows to dine &c. This A.M. he paid Joyce P.M. I was at the Temple Office. Agreed to take Averys lot on tithing for \$175.- to pay back a waggon & harness as soon as we can. Evening B. F. Johnson came to meet J & Hyrum. At about 8 Wm. Walker came to say J. & H. could not come untill morning

12 October 1843 · Thursday A.M. went to J's to see about going to Rhodes sale. Met them coming to my house. I then went to Lathrop to get the \$50. I wanted but through misunderstanding he refused to let me have it. I then went to Eli Chase's but he would not let me

have it. I again returned to J. and found him with much difficulty. he ordered me to go to Lathrop again and tell him we would return it in 48 hours. I did so and he let me have the money. I felt somewhat grieved at the idea that about \$5000. of property is likely to be sold before I can borrow \$50 to take to the sale and redeem it. After I got the money I rode to Rhode's and began to prepare the Deed. There was only myself, Mc Fall Meginness & Wilson Rhodes to bid at the sale I bid off the N 1/2 Sec 9 for \$1600 and 82 acres in S.E. 18 for \$1230. After the sale Rhodes & I came to the city where I gave 2 notes for \$1415. - each payable in 6 and 9 months signed William Clayton and Joseph Smith and also a Mortgage on the property to satisfy the law. I paid Rhodes \$50 and endorsed it on note

13 October 1843 · Friday A. M at Prest J's settled with D. S. Hollister. Went to shew lots to a brother who has lately arrived. P.M. at the Temple.

14 October 1843 · Saturday A.M at Prest. J's. He was conversing with some strangers one of whom I believe is Dr Turner the Phrenologist & another a mesmerist They had a pretty warm debat. J. said they could not prove that the mind of man was seated in one part of the brain more than another &c P.M. at the Temple & J's. he desired me to try to borrow \$35.-- I went out to try but did not succeed. I feel much perplexed on account of it and know not what to do. Evening I went to sis. Booths and saw S.A. but could not have a chance to converse any.

15 October 1843 · Sunday At home A.M writing or rather recording Deeds & talking with lovely M.-

16 October 1843 · Monday A. M at Prest. J's P.M at the Temple Office & sis. Booths. S.A is to be married to Jno Needham tomorrow

17 October 1843 · Tuesday At the Temple Office comparing Books, sold pt of Music Hall lot for \$150 to George A. Neal - he paid \$50.-- to Wm. F. Cahoon for it. Rented the Young Farm to Thomas Hollingshead he to pay 1/3 of produce & 1/2 fruit P.M at the temple

18 October 1843 · Wednesday A. M at the Temple office Recording Deeds. Went with Jno Lawrence to look at a lot for the Temple. P.M. went to J's - did not see him spent 2 hours with lovely M. After went to P. Office & took a letter to J's

19 October 1843 · Thursday A.M at the Temple Office comparing books & recording deeds. at 11 W. Walker came & said Prest. J wanted me to go to Macedonia I went immediately to see him & he requested me to go with him. I went home & got dinner & got ready he soon came up and we started out After we had got on the road he began to tell me that E. was turned quite friendly & kind. she had been anointed & he also had been a. K. He said that it was her advice that I should keep M at home and it was also his council. Says he just keep her at home and brook it and if they raise trouble about it and bring you before me I will give you an awful scourging & probably cut you off from the church and then I will baptise you & set you ahead as good as ever. We arrived at Macedonia soon after sun down & went to Babbits at which place I slept, but J. went to B.F. Johnsons. In the night I was badly troubled with the tooth ache.

20 October 1843 · Friday At B.F. Johnsons writing Deed. Evening J. gave us much instruction,

showing the advantages of the E.C. He said there was two seals in the Priesthood. The first was that which was placed upon a man and woman when they made the covenant & the other was the seal which allotted to them their particular mansion-- After his discourse B. F. Johnson & his wife were united in an everlasting covenant.

21 October 1843 · Saturday We left Macedonia for home and arrived about 2 oclock. After I went to the Temple Office.

22 October 1843 · Sunday At home nearly all day

23 October 1843 · Monday At Prest. J's A.M. & the Temple Office the remainder of the day

24 October 1843 · Tuesday A.M at Prest. J's. receiving Temple property from sister Emma P.M at the Temple. J. at my house I walked home with him-

25 October 1843 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple. J. paid Lathrop \$250. Bought 1/4 Lot from King. P.M. at Prest J's. he said I must go to St Louis in the A.M. to fetch the Boat home

Evening settled with Fordham for J's taxes & temple & Nauvoo House

26 October 1843 · Thursday A.M at Prest J's. he concluded I need not go to St Louis. Went with Mr Merryweather to shew lands. P. M at the Temple. Went to borrow \$50 of Merryweather for Spencer but he refused to loan it. I borrowed it of W. F. Cahoon. Evening

went to Whitney's for Ruth home

27 October 1843 · Friday A.M at Prest J's & Dr Richards afterwards at the Temple office P.M at the Temple. Cutler offers his house & lot to sell and let J have the money

28 October 1843 · Saturday A.M. at Prest J's after at the Temple Office P.M ditto.

29 October 1843 · Sunday At home all day regulating papers P.M. J & Hollister came to my house.

30 October 1843 · Monday A.M. at Prest. J's. went to Spencer to borrow \$300 for Foster but did not succeed. Prest J received it while I was away & paid it to Foster. P.M. I was at the Temple office recording deeds. H.C. Kimball called at my house.

31 October 1843 · Tuesday A.M. went to Wm Van Ordens to go with him to the prairie but he was gone out with Nicewanger. I returned home to change my pantaloons & while at home Prest J. and Emma rode up He asked if I had been to see Van Orden I told him & he answered he would have to go out with us himself. I went again & again returned. met the large Carriage & J. & Hyrum in it. We called at Woolleys & then went to the prairie we got back about 3 o clock. After I went to the Temple.

1 November 1843 · Wednesday Rode out to the prairie with Van Orden. J. did not go. We did not conclude a contract yet. This P.M. Wm Walker & Olive Farr are married and although many

of the neighbors are invited neither I nor my wife have been invited. They have borrowed our chairs tumbler, tray, plates &c but no invitation. I conclude from this that there is considerable of a feeling against me in their minds. But I mourn not neither grieve for my innocence and integrity shall yet bear me off triumphant although I may have with others to endure chastisement. My family are all well for which I feel very thankful J. came & told me to write a letter for Yearsly

2 November 1843 · Thursday A.M. at Prest. J's. Made a contract with Gilbert & Goldsmith for the Church farm down the river. Afterwards in council with J. Hyrum W. Law, B. Young, Jno. Taylor & H.C. Kimball on political matters, upon a letter sent by Jos L. Heywood of Quincy. P.M. at the Temple recording Deeds My mother came to day but I have not yet seen her.-

3 November 1843 · Friday A.M. went Pres J's but he was in council all day, & I did not see him. After I went to the Temple

4 November 1843 · Saturday A.M at Prest. Js. Bro Butler came last night & I went to day to shew him his lot. He pays J. \$600. C. Robison came but David Le Baron has gone to N. Y and disapointed him. Evening I paid Hunter for Iron & steel & went to Van Ordens to get a \$900 check changed. he was not at home

5 November 1843 · Sunday At home all day examining Steam Boat papers.

6 November 1843 · Monday see below

7 November 1843 · Tuesday A.M at Prest J's. P.B. Lewis paid him \$1000 on a City lot for which J. gave a receipt also \$200. as a loan for which he gave a note. We then paid E. Oakley \$300.- and took up note P.M. I wrote to Lawrence about Tax title Also Rhodes to execute Deed at the Temple Evening I attended Lodge. J sent for me I settled with D. G Luce - paid A Smith \$40 & Coolidge \$169.40.--

8 November 1843 · Wednesday A.M at Prest. J's. Mailed a letter to Lawrence of Quincey & one to Rhodes containing blank Deed Walked to Luce's for Mortgage. P.M at the Temple Office Recording Deeds. Evening attended Lodge.

9 November 1843 · Thursday A.M at Prest. Js. settled with Aaron Smith & attend to various other business. signing Deeds &c. P.M. at the Temple Office & Js. he was in conversation with some gentlemen from Dixon. paid G. W. Crouse off I asked J for order[?] on Yearsley store[?] but he would not give it

10 November 1843 · Friday At the Temple all day recording Deeds & comparing Records- Evening attended Masonic Lodge

11 November 1843 · Saturday A.M. at the Temple comparing Records. P.M. went with Brinkerhoff to look at Timber down the river. Evening attended Masonic Lodge

12 November 1843 · Sunday At home entering minutes on the Lodge Book.

13 November 1843 · Monday A.M. at Prest J's. after at the Temple Office. P.M. T. office.

Evening settling with Fordham Called in[?]

14 November 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at the Temple office settling City Books. P.M at T. O and

Prest J's. Evening attended Lodge

15 November 1843 · Wednesday A.M. at the Temple office & J's. concluded trade with Wm. S.

Hathaway for horses, harness & wagon. Joseph & Hyrum came to my house & tarried a while. I

went to look at Rufus Beechs [Becks ?] lot for the Temple P.M. at the Temple Office. Evening

at the Lodge. P.M J. rode up to the Temple with Southwick

16 November 1843 · Thursday A.M. at Prest J's & at the store receiving stock certificates from

Woodruff. Attended O. F. Bostwicks trial. Deeded Lot 4 B 135 to Sally Phelps P.M. Arthur

Smith & wife paid me a visit. I went to the Temple J came up on horse back. Evening I attended

Lodge at the Regular meeting

17 November 1843 · Friday A. M. at the Temple Office & up the River to look at land. P.M at

the Temple. James came for the Team & we rode some in the City

18 November 1843 · Saturday A.M at the Temple wrote a letter to Smith Tuttle but it did not

please Prest J. & he ordered me to write another. He said all the proceeds of the sales of the

Hotchkiss land had been paid to H. &c. P.M at the Temple comparing records Evening attended

Lodge.

19 November 1843 · Sunday At home copying Lodge Records. P.M. went to Post Office
Evening went with M & L to see Richard Moons but they were gone.

20 November 1843 · Monday At the Temple Office near all day. Prest J. in company with 2
strange gentlemen rode round the City Evening I attended the Lodge.-

21 November 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at the Temple Office P.M. went to J's to ask him to come to
my house & marry Margt. Butterfield to her first husband. He could not come but sent Hyrum. I
learned from H. that E. had power to prevent my being admitted to J's Lodge for the present for
which I feel somewhat sorry but yet believe that innocence will finally triumph I stood as proxy
for Edwd. Lawrence. After this I went to the Temple Office Evening I attended the Lodge.

22 November 1843 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple Office P.M. rode to prairie with Pres. J.
and L.D. Wasson. Arthur Smith was cutting timber on Js land & I forbid him Evening I
attended the Lodge.

23 November 1843 · Thursday A.M. at the Temple Office P.M at Prest Js. evening at home

24 November 1843 · Friday A.M. went to Boyce's to Borrow money, afterwards at Prest J's he
attended court on J M Finch case P.M. at J's and the Temple Office Evening attended Lodge.

25 November 1843 · Saturday A.M with Phelps & Dr Richards on Moffatts business afterwards at the Temple office P.M. at Dr Fosters office giving deposition in Pres' case for trial at Dixon next May Evening went with M. &L. to Richard Moons.

26 November 1843 · Sunday At home all day

27 November 1843 · Monday A.M. at Prest Josephs and the Temple Office P.M. do Evening attended Lodge

28 November 1843 · Tuesday A. M. at Temple Office & Prest. J's. went with A. S. Stanley to look at land and sold him 20 acres viz E 1/2 of S. E. qr. of S. E. qr of 5-6-8 for \$400 he paid \$150 and gave his note for rem. Paid the \$150 to C. Robison.- Evening at home -- My feelings have been harrowed up while reflecting on the disappointment A. must have felt when he returned home and found he had lost M. I would gladly recompense him if it were in my power. I pray that the Lord may bless him & give him a companion worthy of him-

29 November 1843 · Wednesday A. M. went to G. Boyes' to borrow money and obtained \$150.-- for which J. gave his note payable in 6 months. This was paid to S.K. Lawrence for Tax title on S. E. 5.6.8. I also borrowed \$20 of Bryant. J. paid Lawrence \$250 and his note for \$65.12 and took the Deed for the land. After I went to the Temple Office. P.M. had to borrowed the \$20. to pay back to Bryant - viz. \$15 of Dr Bernhisel \$3. of Forgens \$1.50 of Orr & 50 of Lot. Afterwards at the Temple Office Recording Deed. Evening attended the Lodge-

30 November 1843 · Thursday A.M at Prest J's and afterwards at the Temple Office making papers for Hollister on Steam Boat-

1 December 1843 · Friday At the Temple Office & Pres. J's P.M. at the Prest. walked out together to borrow \$25. for Blackhurst. Afterwards we looked over the notes &c. Evening walked out together to Whitneys. G.A. Smith &c to borrow \$25.

2 December 1843 · Saturday A.M. at the Temple Office. Bro Cutler called me aside & gave me to understand that Cahoon was fully bent on having revenge on my head. It appears he is trying to excite the stone cutters against me & I know no cause except it be because I have opposed his dishonesty & told him of it. I now realise my situation more sensibly than I ever did in my life. I might have the privilege of being received into the quorum of anointing but Cahoon has got there and through private pique he is resolved to deprive me of that privilege that added to Emmas determination to be revenged sink my mind & fills me with agony, but I yet believe that innocence will finally triumph & I shall be prospered As to any accusation which may be brought against me by the stone cutters my conscience is at peace. I am at the defiance of all or any man & am willing to be proved I wrote a long letter to J. on the subject. Spent the day preparing papers for Hollister untill late in the evening.

3 December 1843 · Sunday A.M. went to Prest J's to finish papers for Hollister. Hyrum has hurt his leg. J. was reading my letter. Afterwards I spent the day with M. Walked out in the evening with Ruth & L

4 December 1843 · Monday At the Temple Office all the day. My mind much depres'd in consequence of Cahoons conduct.

5 December 1843 · Tuesday At the Temple Office all day. Evening Prest J sent for me He returned my letter & said I had no need to be troubled, the only reason why I was not admitted into the quorum was because there is not convenience, and none were admitted only for particular purpose by Revelation. He said he had asked Cahoon about me a few days ago & Cahoon said I was true blue. We walked together to Turleys and after met the twelve in council on the subject of ____ on an extensive scale. The Twelve agreed to take hold and assist in earnest- I called at Lodge.

6 December 1843 · Wednesday A.M. at Prest. J's. went to see the ____ for ____ and was well pleased with it. Afterwards at the Temple Office. Evening at home.

7 December 1843 · Thursday A.M. at Prest. Js went to see After at the meeting at the Temple which was got up to petition the Gov. not to issue a writ to satisfy the demand lately made in Mo. P.M. at the Temple Office making 2 Deeds, after ____ Evening Lodge

8 December 1843 · Friday At the Temple Office & J's P.M. with J. ____ - Evening attended Lodge

9 December 1843 · Saturday At the Temple Office all day Evening attended Lodge

10 December 1843 · Sunday At home with Lodge books.

11 December 1843 · Monday A.M at J's. Heard the news of Bro Badlams assassination & also bro S.A. Chase's testimony concerning Elliott Kidnapping D. Avery - Afterwards at the Temple P.M. at the Temple Office & evening I attended the Lodge-

12 December 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at the Temple Office P.M. at the sale - purchased some articles. Ruth had a chill & is very sick. Evening I attended sale.

13 December 1843 · Wednesday A.M. at the T. Office P.M. at the sale. Evening Lodge Ruth is yet very sick-

14 December 1843 · Thursday A.M. at the T. Office Recording Deeds. After at Prest. J's and T. Office. Evening Lodge My wife is some better.

15 December 1843 · Friday At Temple Office all day Evening met band at Prest J's he sick

16 December 1843 · Saturday At the Temple all day bought a wagon. evening Lodge

17 December 1843 · Sunday At home all day. Motherinlaw in trouble which causes M. also to weep Evening my feelings were insulted while hearing M and her mother in conversation

18 December 1843 · Monday A.M at Prest. J's and after at the Temple Office. P.M. at Prest. J's.

Last evening a writ was put into the hands of Constable Follett for the apprehension of John Elliot one of the parties who kidnapped Avery. He with about 9 others went down about 9 o'clock & have returned this P.M. bringing the prisoner with them. He had his trial before A. Johnson and was bound over to next Court in \$3000. bonds. He was afterwards arrested & tried for threatening J's life, but on this was acquitted. Evening I attended Lodge.

19 December 1843 · Tuesday Last evening about 120 men went down to Warsaw to fetch some others of the Kidnappers, but news having gone in advance of them, the citizens collected together in a large number determined to resist the laws, and using severe threats The men deemed it wisdom to return for a reinforcement inasmuch as they were only partially armed. P.M. there was a meeting on the Temple Block. The Legion was called out & every man instructed to stock himself with arms & ammunition and to hold themselves in readiness at a moments warning. Prest. J. said it was best not to [go] down again at present but let the mob abide there for a public disgrace, and when the mob had dispersed then our men could go down & bring Colonel Williams without trouble. Soon as the companies got together a young man shot himself in the arm by letting his gun slip on a log--

20 December 1843 · Wednesday A.M. at the Temple Office P.M. at J's & Temple Office.

21 December 1843 · Thursday This A.M. I took a letter out of the post office from the Sheriff of Clark Co. Mo requesting me and some others to go to Mo to testify in the case of Daniel Avery who is in prison there. This is doubtless a design to get us there that we might be kidnapped without difficulty. but we dont go. P.M. at the Temple Office. Evening at Lodge. Lectured on

balloting-

22 December 1843 · Friday Went to Parley Street to see lots for Temple. P.M at Prest. J's and the Temple Office. Evening attended Lodge

23 December 1843 · Saturday At the Temple Office all day--

24 December 1843 · Sunday At home all day

25 December 1843 · Monday At the Temple Office A.M. P.M rode out with R. M. & Lydia-- Evening attended Lodge

26 December 1843 · Tuesday A.M. at Prest Js after at the Temple Office. P.M ditto. Last Evening O.P. Rockwell returned

27 December 1843 · Wednesday At the Temple Office Evening Lodge

28 December 1843 · Thursday A.M. at the T.O. P.M at Prest. J's preparing to go to Carthage to pay Taxes. Evening attended Lodge

29 December 1843 · Friday Started to Carthage. Carriage broke down about 7 miles from C. Got there about noon but could not get to pay Taxes untill evening

30 December 1843 · Saturday This A.M. paid the Taxes & returned home. The carriage will cost me \$2.50 out of my own earning I also had to pay over \$3.-- Taxes for sundry persons more than they gave me the money for, and if they dont soon refund it I shall be blamed [lamed?] I almost conclude never to pay any more taxes for any one but my employer for it is always a loss to me besides the care and trouble of it I arrived home about 3 o clock Evening attended Lodge.

31 December 1843 · Sunday At home all day unwell.

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1 January 1844 · Monday At the Temple Office all day evening attended Lodge.

2 January 1844 · Tuesday A.M at the Temple Office P.M at prest. J's with W. Richards made him a deed for 2 lots and took his note for \$500. But this did not please the Prest. & he scolded

3 January 1844 · Wednesday At Prest J's all day

4 January 1844 · Thursday ditto -- evening Lodge

5 January 1844 · Friday Went to Carthage on horse back & was badly fatigued. evening attended Lodge.

6 January 1844 · Saturday A.M. at Pres. Js. settled with W Richards. Gave him a bond for a deed & took his note. P.M. at the Temple Office

7 January 1844 · Sunday A.M. at home. P.M. attended H.P. quorum. Evening attended meeting at Wm Snows.

8 January 1844 · Monday At Prest. J. Smiths all day Evening attended Lodge.

9 January 1844 · Tuesday At Prest. J's. settling with E. Robinson & Lawrence &c-- P.M. Got Lawrence's account from Yearsley. Evening attended Lodge. J. sent for me to make out Maria Lawrence account

10 January 1844 · Wednesday At Prest J's all day Finished settlement with E Robinson & passed receipts in full. After posted Books & prepared accounts for settlement on Lawrence Estate Evening at J's in City Council Amos Fielding brought instruction Book

11 January 1844 · Thursday At Prest J's all day. Recording Deeds &c. Evening attended Lodge

12 January 1844 · Friday A.M at Prest J's. recording deeds P.M. at the Temple & prest J's. Evening attended Lodge.--

13 January 1844 · Saturday At Prests. all day. P.M. a little at the City Council.

14 January 1844 · Sunday At home all day. evening went to Prest. J's.

15 January 1844 · Monday At Prest Js all day. P.M settled with the Lawrence Estate Evening attended the Lodge

16 January 1844 · Tuesday At Prest. J's all day. at the trial of F.M Higbee. He seemed very wrathly and vicious and threatened to sue J. at the County court. They finally agreed to settle the matter & bury it eternally. Evening I attended Lodge

17 January 1844 · Wednesday At Prest J's all day. settled with John Lytle. Gave him a deed for L 3 B 123 and took his due bill for 28.93 Evening attended Lodge.

18 January 1844 · Thursday Wrote a letter to brother Ruben Mc Bride & one to Joseph Coe of Kirtland also one to J. J. Butterfield and one to Clark Seal of Fountain Green Evening attended Lodge.

19 January 1844 · Friday A.M. went Rhode's sale and bought S.E. 5.6.8 for \$1440. and gave two notes payable 6 & 9 mo. from date signed W. Clayton & Josh. Smith P.M. at Prest. Js. Evening Lodge

20 January 1844 · Saturday A.M. at Prest J. J.B. Backenstos agreed to support Joseph for Prest. of the United States. P.M. I was at the Temple Office, also went to shew lots to two Brethren

21 January 1844 · Sunday At home-

22 January 1844 · Monday A. M at Prest J's. commenced taking inventory of Goods, Groceries &c for J. and settling with E. Robinson who has this day rented the "Mansion House" for \$1000. pr annum & some other matters. P.M. bro. Cahoon came to my house to say that a vote had been taken on my being admitted into the quorum & I was accepted. This filled my heart with joy, and gratitude for truly the mercy of the Lord and the kindness of my brethren have been great to me. Afterwards continued taking inventory &c Evening attended the Lodge.

23 January 1844 · Tuesday At Prest. Js all day taking inventory and trying to conclude the transfer to E. Robinson. Evening attended Lodge. J. sent for me to assist in settling with bro. Taylor about the Lawrence Estate.--

Whilst hearing bro. Hancock sing a song I was led to reflect upon the feelings I had 3 years ago whilst listening to him when singing. I then felt it a privilege to associate with such men, and when I reflect upon the privileges I now enjoy I am led to conclude, truly the mercy of God has been great and I am not worthy of such great blessings I feel honored to have the privilege of associating with such men.

24 January 1844 · Wednesday At Prest J's making Lease for E. Robinson & Bond for Jno Taylor. Evening at the Lodge

25 January 1844 · Thursday A.M at the Temple Office prizing goods. afterwards at the Prests. P.M. sis. Durphy came to make my Robe & Garment. I was at Prest Js. evening at the Lodge

26 January 1844 · Friday A.M at Prest J's posting accounts. P.M. Ditto - making deed to Bosleys for L. 2 & 3 B 101 Evening at home.

27 January 1844 · Saturday A.M at Prest Js recording & making agreement between scovil & Bosley P.M. at the Temple Office & Prest Js.

28 January 1844 · Sunday At home all day

29 January 1844 · Monday At Prest. J's in council with the Twelve on the subject of running J for President of U.S. J. said he would have to send me out on a mission. P.M. at his house Evening attended Lodge & after had some conversation with Desdemona C. Fullmer. She has treated my family unfeelingly and unkindly in various ways & I requested her to look out for another home. She said she would not untill she had council from J.

30 January 1844 · Tuesday A. M. at Prest J's. he was conversing with a gentleman from Quincy who tantalized him some about his religion finally J. told him that many years om [?], should not pass away before the Devil would have him & he prophecied it in the name of the Lord. Also that he should not live out half his days P.M at J's. After I got home Bro. Kimball came to tell me that Desdemona had gone to Brighams & told him that I had turned her out of doors instanter[?] and also shook my fist in her face and threatened to kick her. If she has told him such things my faith and confidence in her as a woman of truth is at an end for she has lied. It shows her mean feelings after I have discommoded my family all the while for her

accommodation I feel indignant at such principles. Bro. Kimball feels bad about it well knowing the intricate situation in which I now stand.

Evening I attended the Lodge

31 January 1844 · Wednesday A.M went to see B. Young, he agreed to call at noon and bring D. & H.C. Kimball with him. After I went to Prest Js. P.M. at the Temple Office. After Bros Young and Kimball came & heard both sides of the story. D. has manifested a malicious disposition & has lied in severall instances. After I went to Prest Js. evening at the Lodge

1 February 1844 · Thursday A.M. at Prest. Js P.M at the Temple. Evening attended the Lodge.

2 February 1844 · Friday At Prest. J's all day not doing much. Evening attended Lodge

3 February 1844 · Saturday A.M. at Prest Js. P.M. was permitted to the ordinance of washing and anointing, and was received into the Quorum of Priesthood. This is one of the greatest favors ever conferred on me and for which I feel grateful. May the God of Joseph preserve me & mine house to walk in the paths of righteousness all the days of my life & oh that I may never sin against him or displease him For thou oh God knowest my desire to do right that I may have eternal life.

4 February 1844 · Sunday At home all day. Evening attended quorum.-

5 February 1844 · Monday At the Prests all day. Evening attended the Lodge.

6 February 1844 · Tuesday A.M. at the Prests afterwards went to shew praries lands. P.M at the Prests evening attended the Lodge.

7 February 1844 · Wednesday At J's all day Evening Lodge

8 February 1844 · Thursday At the Prests all day. evening Lodge

9 February 1844 · Friday do - do - P.M. Temple O

10 February 1844 · Saturday At Prests all day Recording Deeds Evening attended quorum.

11 February 1844 · Sunday At home all day. evening I attended quorum but we did not organize.

12 February 1844 · Monday At Prest J's all day. paid Brinkerhoff \$30.- on note. Evening attended Lodge.

13 February 1844 · Tuesday At the Prests all day. Settled with Turley & gave him his deed. Evening attended Lodge.-

14 February 1844 · Wednesday At the prests all day, correcting inventory with Emma Evening met the Committee appointed to select hymns for the dedication

15 February 1844 · Thursday A.M. went to borrow money for the City. P.M at Js. Evening at Lodge

16 February 1844 · Friday A.M. went to try to borrow money for O. Pratts expenses to Washington but did not succeed. P.M. at Prest Js. settled with bro. Whitney gave him a Deed for S 1/2 L 1 B 124 & N 1/2 & S E 1/2 of L 4 B 124 & took his receipt in full Evening attended Lodge

17 February 1844 · Saturday At Prest. Js all day. Evening with Cahoon at J's. Emma talked a good deal about B. Young & others. Afterwards I went home.

18 February 1844 · Sunday About 12 A.M. M began to be sick and continued to grow worse until 5 o clock when she was delivered of a son. She did remarkably well for which I thank my heavenly father. Mother attended her. I was at home all day. M. seems to do very well-

19 February 1844 · Monday At Prest J's all day. Evening attended Lodge

20 February 1844 · Tuesday At Prest J's all day Evening attended Lodge.

21 February 1844 · Wednesday At Prest Js all day, recording Deeds Evening attended Lodge

22 February 1844 · Thursday A.M at Prest Js. settled with J. Clothier. gave up his notes & took Bond P.M. rode out to see Bro Orme to borrow money did not get any. Evening at home

23 February 1844 · Friday At Prest. J's all day making inventory & Bill for E. Robinson &c. Evening attended Lodge.

24 February 1844 · Saturday A. M at Prest. J's afterwards at the Temple Office all day. Eve at L.

25 February 1844 · Sunday A.M. at the Temple. Heard Pres J. preach. P.M. met singers &c Evening attended quorum. Prest. J. gave some important instructions- we had an interesting season.

26 February 1844 · Monday At Prest J's all day. O. F. Bostwick was brought before the Mayor for breach of ordinance- Evening attended Lodge-- M. has been down to day & is doing very well

27 February 1844 · Tuesday At Prest J's Recording Deeds. Evening attended the Lodge.

28 February 1844 · Wednesday At Prest Js. evening at the Lodge.

29 February 1844 · Thursday A.M. At Prest. P. M at the Temple Evening attended the Lodge.

1 March 1844 · Friday At Prest. J's all day. Evening met the Band at Masonic Hall.

2 March 1844 · Saturday At Prest. J's all day evening attended the Lodge-

3 March 1844 · Sunday At home all day, adjusting the Treasury Books. Evening attended Q.

4 March 1844 · Monday At Prest. J's all day. Ev. attended Lodge.

5 March 1844 · Tuesday A.M. at Pres. Js. P.M. writing a long letter for Hyrum to England.

6 March 1844 · Wednesday At Prest. J's all day. Even. Lodge

7 March 1844 · Thursday Attended meeting at the Temple evening attended the Lodge.

8 March 1844 · Friday At the Pres. all day Ev. Lodge

9 March 1844 · Saturday At the Prest A.M. he was weeping and seemed very sorrowful.

Afterwards I went to Temple Ev. Lodge

10 March 1844 · Sunday At home writing letters to England-- Evening attended Council with the first Presidency & the Twelve on important business arising from a letter from the pine country Bro. W. Richards was appointed Chairman and myself was appointed Clerk

11 March 1844 · Monday In Council again all day. as last night many great and glorious ideas were advanced we had a very profitable time. We organized into a Council & I was admitted a member I will here name those whose names were put on the List of members in this important organization Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, B. Young W. Richards, P.P. Pratt, O. Pratt, J. Taylor H. C. Kimball, G. A. Smith, Wm. Phelps, L. Woodworth, G. Miller, A. Badlam P Haws, Erastus Snow, R. Cahoon, Amos Fielding, A. Cutler, Levi Richards N.K. Whitney, ~~O. Spencer~~, J. M. Bernhisel L.D. Wasson and myself. John Phelps attended Sunday evening-

12 March 1844 · Tuesday At the Prest. all day Recording Deeds. P.M. at the Lodge.

13 March 1844 · Wednesday A.M. at the Prests. recording Deeds. At 11 the council was called together. I went to see Orme to loan money but he refused. P.M. in Council again also in the evening. O. Hyde, W Woodruff and James Emmett were admitted members. The Prest appointed W. Richards Recorder and me the clerk of the Kingdom. -

14 March 1844 · Thursday In Council all day again Evening attended the Lodge.

15 March 1844 · Friday At Prest J's A.M. P.M. went with B. Young & Dr Richards to Ormes but got nothing. Jno Wilkie paid \$300. on his tithing. Evening I met with the Band

16 March 1844 · Saturday Settled with Jno. Gribble Alfred Randle and James D. Davis for their interest in N.E. 33.7.8. Also with H. Severe, James Daley & Mc Millen for S. W. 29-7-8. Evening went to Lodge but had to leave with toothache

17 March 1844 · Sunday At home all day with tooth ache

18 March 1844 · Monday A.M. at the presidents Recording Deeds. P.M at the Temple Evening attended the Lodge

19 March 1844 · Tuesday At the Council meeting S. Bent, Uriah Brown, Samuel James, John D. Parker O.P. Rockwell, Sidney Rigdon & Wm Marks & O. Spencer were admitted members. Evening I attended the Lodge.

20 March 1844 · Wednesday At Prest J's Recording Deeds all day. Evening at Lodge & sick

21 March 1844 · Thursday At the Council all day Evening attended Lodge.

22 March 1844 · Friday A.M. at the Temple office and Prest J's. P.M. met the Twelve in prayer at B. Youngs. Eve. Lodge

23 March 1844 · Saturday A.M. rode with Pres. J. and bro. Neibaur to Doctor Fosters. He was gone to appanoose & his wife was at Mr Gilmans. We went down their and saw her. Prest. J. asked sister Foster if she ever in her life knew him guilty of an immoral or indecent act. She answered no He then explained his reasons for asking and then if ever he had used any indecent or insulting language to her, she answered, never. He further asked if he ever preached anything like the spiritual wife doctrine to her only what he had preached in public. She said no! He asked her if he ever proposed to have illicit intercourse with her and especially when he took

dinner during the Doctors absence. She said no. After some further conversation on the subject we left. Mrs Gilman was present all the time Prest J & Neibaur went on foot to the farm & I took the buggy & went with an English brother to look at land. We rode to the mound & then to Gouldings point It was 5 o clock when we returned Evening I attended the Lodge. Night my Heber was very sick.

24 March 1844 · Sunday During the past week my children have had the measles, Sarah began first & has got better, Margaret then took them & she is now recovering. W. H. began a few days ago and is very sick A.M. wrote a letter for Bro. Kimball and then went to the Temple heard Pres. J. speak a little also O. Spencer and S. Rigdon. P.M. at home.

25 March 1844 · Monday ~~At Prest J's all day Recording Deeds~~ Rode out on Prairie all day to sell land. did not succeed. Evening attended the Lodge

26 March 1844 · Tuesday In Council through the day Evening attended the Lodge.

27 March 1844 · Wednesday A.M. at the Temple Office rode with A. Young to look at a house. After at the Prests taking the affidavits of Dr Williams & M. G. Eaton concerning Jackson, Foster, C. Higbee & Laws. Afterwards Recording Deeds. Evening attended the Lodge

28 March 1844 · Thursday A.M. rode out to T. Whittles to meet a man to shew him land. He disappointed me and was come into the City. I then went to S. Burgess's to look at some Ch[?]

P.M. at Prest Js. settling with E. Robinson & Recording Deeds Evening attended the Lodge. My little Heber continues very sick but I think is some better Wm D. Huntongton has fetched the Dead bodies of my little daughter Henrietta L. P. and my father in law Thos Moon, R. Jenkinson Alice Moon and [?]enys little infant from over the River and buried them in the yard in Nauvoo.

29 March 1844 · Friday At Prest Js Recording Deeds P.M. at the Lodge afterwards at Prest. Js Evening attended the Lodge. night clothed & offered up prayer for W. Heber.

30 March 1844 · Saturday A.M. at the Prest. P.M at the Lodge & at home fixing my fence. Evening at the Lodge

31 March 1844 · Sunday At home all day

1 April 1844 · Monday A.M. went to look at a lot for the Temple- & then to Prest. Js. P.M. at Prest J's. hearing trial of I. Easton - also at the Lodge Evening at the Lodge

2 April 1844 · Tuesday A.M. at Prest J's from thence went on horse back to Macedonia arrived at 4 P.M. B.F. Johnson went with me to Fountain Green. I saw Clark Seal and made an offer for N. E 15-6-8. he will let me know on Saturday. I offered \$5. pr acre.

3 April 1844 · Wednesday Left Macedonia at 8 arrived home at 1. P.M. at Prest. Js Recording Deeds & at the Lodge. Evening at Lodge

4 April 1844 · Thursday In council of the Kingdom, Eleven Lamanites appeared and wanted council. We had a very pleasant and impressive interview. Evening at the Lodge.

5 April 1844 · Friday A.M. at the Lodge at Pres Js and the Temple P.M. attended the dedication of the Masonic Hall. Evening in the Council had to leave with the tooth ache

6 April 1844 · Saturday Attended conference. S. Rigdon preached on the history of the church. Er Taylor also made some remarks - Evening at Prest Js bargaining for S.E. 15.6-8.

7 April 1844 · Sunday At the conference all day A.M. Er Rigdon preached. P.M. Prest Hyrum talked on spiritual wives & after Joseph discoursed on the dead

8 April 1844 · Monday Er G. J. Adams preached P.M. attended Ers conference

9 April 1844 · Tuesday A.M. at the Ers conference P.M. rode to the Mound with Pres J. Emma Bro Greenwood & others

10 April 1844 · Wednesday At Prest Js. wrote letter to J.J. Butterfield & Gen Leach[?]
Recorded Deeds Loaned \$100 of Wm Parker P.M at the Lodge & Prest. J's

11 April 1844 · Thursday At the Prests A.M. afterwards in the council. We had a glorious interview. Prest J was voted our P.P. & K. with loud Hosannas

12 April 1844 · Friday Rode with Prest. J. and brother Parker to look at land P.M at the Lodge.

Prest Js & Temple

13 April 1844 · Saturday A.M at Prest Js recording Deeds. He prophecied the entire overthrow of this nation in a few years P.M at the Temple Office and the Lodge.

14 April 1844 · Sunday At home all day

15 April 1844 · Monday At Prest J.'s settling with D. Jones for S.B. Maid of Iowa. She has returned about \$1700 in debt. After much conversation & deliberation J. agreed to buy Jones out by giving him property in the City worth \$1231. cash and assuming the debts. - Eveing at home

16 April 1844 · Tuesday At prest. Js recording Deeds. Evening rode with Prest to bro Greenwoods but he was not returned.

17 April 1844 · Wednesday A.M. at Pres. Js. rode with him & br Kimball to S. B Landing. saw Lydia ready to start to Burlington. P.M. at Prest Js. eve at home. rode with Eaton to Wells about affidavit

18 April 1844 · Thursday A.M. at Prest J's recording deeds. at 9 met in council. This day Prest J. introduced J.W. Coolidge & D. S. Hollister & added L. Wights name and then declared the council full The names as they now stand of those who have been called upon to form the grand K of G. by Revelation are as follows:

1 Prest J. Smith standing Chairman.

2 Samuel Bent 65

3 John Smith 62

26 J. Emmett 41

4 Alpheus Cutler 60

27 P. B. Lewis 40

5 Uriah Brown 59

28 Elias Smith 39

6 Reynolds Cahoon 54

29 Orson Hyde 39

7 Ezra Thayer 53

30 Saml. James 38

8 Wm W. Phelps 52

31 W. Woodruff 37

9 Amos Fielding 51

32 P.P. Pratt 36

10 Wm Marks 51

33 Edwd Bonny 36

11 Sidney Rigdon 51

34 D.D. Yearsley 36

12 Jno P. Green 51

35 D. S. Hollister 35

13 George Miller 50

36 Jno Taylor 35

14 N.K. Whitney 49

37 Alexr. Badlam 35

15 Peter Haws 48

38 C. C. Rich 34

16 Jos. Fielding 46

39 G. J. Adams 33

17 C.P. Lott 45

40 Orson Pratt 33

18 Levi Richards 44

41 M. G. Eaton 32

19 J.M. Bernhisel 44

42 A. Babbitt 31

20 J. D. Parker 44

43 A. Lyman 30

21 H. Smith 44

44 J. W. Coolidge 30

22 L. Woodworth 44

45 O. P. Rockwell 29

23 B. Young 42

46 G. A. Smith 26

24 H. C. Kimball 42

47 E. Snow 25

25 O. Spencer 42

48 L. D. Wasson 24

49 B. F. Johnson 24

50 Wm Clayton Clerk

51 W. Richards Recorder

52 L. Wight.

During the day much precious instructions were given, and it seems like heaven began on earth and the power of God is with us

Sarah Cook has been at my house to day & before she left again she shewed her enmity to Joseph & others in full. She has got a wicked spirit in her & will be cursed if she do not repent.

I also attended in council with the Twelve & High Council on the cases of the Laws & R. D. Foster - when Wm Law & his wife Jane Law - Wilson Law and R.D. Foster were cut off from the church by unanimous vote.

19 April 1844 · Friday A.M. rode out with bro. Currar and sold him a lot for \$50 also at Prest J's. P.M. at Pres. Js Recording Deeds - made \$446 during the afternoon. Evening rode with Pres J to the S.B. Landing. Sister E did not go away[?] I was considerably unwell.

20 April 1844 · Saturday A.M rode to the landing carried \$50. to Emma. then rode to the prairie with Prest J. Dr Bernhisel and Frederick & Alexander. We went to shew sister Mary Bennett the land around the Mound & from thence to the farm it was evening when we got back & learning that no boat had come we went to fetch Emma home.

21 April 1844 · Sunday At home all day fetching up the Lodge Record.

22 April 1844 · Monday At Prest. J's Recording Deeds. P.M. at the Temple. Prest J's and Lodge. Wm Henry paid \$121. on his farm

23 April 1844 · Tuesday A.M at Prest. J's received of J.M. Grant for the Temple \$82.75- \$50 paid to Tufts & \$30. to Rhodes. Afterwards attended the convention O. Hyde, O. Pratt & J.E. Page now at Washington were appointed delegates to the Baltimore Convention. Also D.L. Hillister who expects to start tomorrow morning

24 April 1844 · Wednesday A.M at Prest. J's wrote recommends to A. Lyman & D. S. Hollister. Gave Wm Henrie Bond for E 1/2 of N.E. 9-6-8 & took his 2 notes for \$443.16 Afterwards recording Deeds & went to Temple P.M. at Prest J's recording deeds. rode with Prest. to S. B. Landing for Judge Richards & afterwards with Wm Richards to his lodgings at bro. Winchesters. He lent us \$650.-- for D.D. Yearsley.

25 April 1844 · Thursday In council all day adjourned sine die.

26 April 1844 · Friday At Prest. J's all day Recording Deeds. Attended Fosters trial. evening attended Theatre

27 April 1844 · Saturday At Prest Js - P.M at home sick--

28 April 1844 · Sunday At home writing deeds for H. C. Kimball. Sister Mary Wood came evening attended quorum. We united for Prest. J. the Church - the presidency contests the Lawsuits. the apostates - the sick &c &c. We had a good time. Prest J was not there

29 April 1844 · Monday At Prest J's recording Deeds &c walked with H. Clark to see bro. Kelley, Lorenzo Quick paid J. \$100.-- paid Pucket \$57. P.M at the Prests recording Deeds. John Kelly lent J. \$489. in Gold. Evening attended Theatre

30 April 1844 · Tuesday At Prest J's recording Deeds all day. Evening at home

1 May 1844 · Wednesday A.M. at Prest J's preparing papers for transfer of Maid of Iowa to Trustee in Trust. P.M. at Prest J's & the Temple office Rode with Moeser to Rockwoods for City money and paid Moeser \$5.63. After went to Prests & settled with J. J. Moore for N.E. 33. 7-8 by taking up old note & giving him Wilson Laws note for \$200. passed rect in full. At the S. B. papers finished for Repsher to go to St Louis and at 7 went to supper but had barely sat down before Prest. J & a gentleman from Quincy rode up & wanted a settlement on J's note to Butterfield amt & int. 496.34 J. requested me to go immediately to his house to ascertain Butterfields Tavern Bill also amount which was paid to B. last winter which however could not be found. The man settled the Tavern Bill From Prest J's I went to Theatre till 12 o clock

2 May 1844 · Thursday A.M. preparing to go to Dixon. went to Prest J's and he desired me to go to Mr Laws to find out why they refused to pay their note. I went with Moon [Moore?] and asked Wilson what he meant by saying he had got accounts to balance the note. He seemed to

tremble with anger & replied that he had demands for his services when he was ordered to call out the Legion to go and meet Smith besides money which he expended at that time. I told him that was a new idea & that Genl Smith had had no intimation of any such thing. Wm Law came in and mentioned \$400 which was borrowed of Baily \$300 of which I am satisfied was paid, and the other \$100 Wm Law said he would pay and give it to help defray the expense of the persecution but he now demands the \$100 and some more of the \$300.-- On the whole this is to me a certain evidence of the meanness of the men and a proof that they also are disposed to oppress & persecute those who have invariably befriended them & saved them from the public indignation. I returned & told J. what had passed & he ordered Dr Richards to sue the notes & also gave Moore his own note for \$200. payable 6 mo after date. The Maid of Iowa being now ready I hastened home to get ready and soon returned and at 12 minutes to 10 the Boat started. Prest. J. sister Emma & a number of others rode with us to the upper landing & then left us We arrived at Madison soon after 1 and went across the river opposite & took in 8 cords of wood which detained us till near 4 o clock. We arrived at Burlington at 9 1/2 where I wrote a line to Lydia & left it in care of Mr Cook. We laid in some stones and at 10 started on up the river

3 May 1844 · Friday Early this A.M. some part of the Machinery broke which hindered us 3 or 4 hours. At 7 1/2 A.M we started again, the "Lighter" was in sight & soon passed us In a little while some thing happened whi- detained her & we got ahead of her again she did not overtake us till we arrived at Bloomington at 6 P.M. tarried here 20 minutes to discharge a family arrived at Rockinham at 9 and from thence direct up Rock River the Lighter having gone further up the Mississippi

4 May 1844 · Saturday We sailed all day up Rock river enjoying the sight of one of the most beautiful countries I ever witnessed sometime in the night we arrived at the foot of the Rapids 12 miles below Dixon & there stopped.

5 May 1844 · Sunday Having ascertained that it was not safe to attempt to go over the rapids fearing that if we did we should not be able to get back Markham & I agreed to leave the Boat & go the remainder of the journey on foot The "Lighter" stuck in the rapids a little above us at 7 I & Markham, I. Chase, Wm Nelson, S.A. Dunn & G. Crosby started for Dixon on foot. E. Barrus went with us to bring report of the prospect for buying corn which was the principal errand of the S.B. up the river. Er Cutler was with us to buy corn for the Temple. We arrived at Dixon at 10 1/2 & found a fair prospect for corn and after Dinner I wrote a line to brother Cutler informing him what we had ascertained & sent br. Barrus with it. it raining heavy at the time. We tarried at the Dixon Hotel. We soon ascertained that the feelings of the citizens of Dixon were not very friendly & from some conversation with J Mc Kinney & others found it was in consequence of our presenting Presid. J as a candidate instead of supporting Van Buren, their choice. Many are disposed to ridicule our efforts to run our candidate

6 May 1844 · Monday A.M. went to meet the Boat hands. met them with bro. Cutler about 2 miles from Dixon. After ascertaining the prospect & giving me his money he returned and the others went to procure a flat Boat. We got one for \$2 (the use of it) and it took till late P.M. before it was cleaned out. I went to attend court but found no prospect of one suit coming on to day. I then went to load corn. Jones & one of the negroes had some words & would have fought if Markham had not prevented Jones went back to the S.B in a passion. I bought 235 bushels of

corn of J Mc Kinney & 34 1/2 of Howard had to give 18 & 20 cts. I also got 2 other loads but being good we only took 2. It took us till 8 o'clock to get loaded. After supper the Boat hands started down with the flat to the S.B.

7 May 1844 · Tuesday Attended Court all day. Our council seems no ways anxious to urge our suit on P.M. The Judge agreed to let the demurrer be argued tomorrow.

8 May 1844 · Wednesday Attended Court. The Judge told the Bar to bring up our suit but Southwick one of our council said he was not ready. The Judge however urged them on and they opened the case. The opposing council had filed their plea & ours had demurred. There was some little informality in the papers and another suit was brought up while they got ready. It was not brought on to day. IN the Judge advised me to go and see the Lawyers and urge them on which I did & they will try to bring it on again in the morning. I want to be away from this place for I do not like their spirit, and I feel very uneasy about my family.

9 May 1844 · Thursday Attended Court again. Our suit was again brought up and entered into. In calling up the jury about one half of all they called had to be dismissed because their prejudice was such as to pervert justice and even some that did sit acknowledged that they were much prejudiced. What a disgrace to a town to think that men will let their prejudice run so high against a man from rumor and report that they cannot do him justice. The issue was joined on the charge of unnecessary force and violence used in the arrest all other charges being over-ruled. It took all day to examine the witnesses & but little of the facts could be set forth being confined as above. About 6 o'clock the jury were charged & the court adjourned. IN the evening we had a

very interesting debate with two gentlemen on our religion, wherein truth appeared doubly beautiful and error equally ridiculous

10 May 1844 · Friday This A.M we settled up our bills & prepared to leave at 9 we went to court & soon after the sealed verdict was read which was in favor of Prest Smith \$40 and costs against the Sheriffs. We were credibly informed that the jury quarrelled very hard almost to a fight and did not agree on their verdict untill after sunrise this morning. We were glad to see truth and virtue again triumph over tyranny and oppression & equally disgusted to witness the effects of prejudice in the jury Box. We filed our bills of costs hired a team to take us to the boat and at 10 we left Dixon, and felt truly glad to be released from such superstitious prejudice and corrupt hypocrisy. We travelled about 18 miles down the river and found the Boat at a little village called Como where we arrived at 1 1/4. The Boat prepared to start & at 1/4 before 3 we started for home. We went till 8 1/2 and then lay by for the night

11 May 1844 · Saturday Started early & at Perrys Ferry took in 280 sacks wheat & corn At 2 o'clock we stuck on the rapids We tried till dark to get off but in vain we also sent to get a flat boat but did not succeed. Repsher came to the Boat having papers authorising him to take command.

12 May 1844 · Sunday We still continue fast on the rapids but preparing to try to get off. We sent up the river & got a flat boat & began to unload. In our efforts to get off we lost the smallest anchor. During the bustle Jones gave up command & Repsher took charge of the Boat. soon after 3 the Boat floated and they tried to weigh anchor when the skiff was sunk in the attempt & three of the men in it. One of them clung to the anchor cable and got to the Boat the other two

viz Chas. S. Loud & Ethan Barrus stuck to the skiff and rowed her to shore. on account of the rocks she could not sink entirely under & by that means was saved. They finally contrived to secure the anchor and the Boat floated safely down below the rapids where she was safely landed. At 4 we were reloaded & started on our journey We got to Rockingham at 4.35 minutes. We tarried a few minutes & then proceeded to Bloomington at which place we lay by through the night on account of wind

13 May 1844 · Monday Proceeded down the river without further accident or difficulty. We called at New Boston & took frieght We also called at Oquaka, Burlington & Fort Madison. We arrived at Nauvoo about 5 1/2. I went and gave report of our success to the Prest. & then went home My two boys are both sick which makes me feel sorry - but nevertheless I feel very thankful because I have got home safe and because I find my family safe

14 May 1844 · Tuesday Went to see the Boat start for St Louis. Repsher asked the Prest. to let me go this trip as clerk but he would not consent to it. The Boat started soon after 8 - and then Prest J. and I went out with bro Haws & some others to the prarie. We called at C. Grangers to see Jerimiah Smith who is hid up there to escape the government officers who are pursuit of him for a false charge. We then proceeded to the farm Mr Smith went with us. We went on to see N.W 10-6-8 & then back to Lots where we took dinner - soon after dinner we returned home - and then directly up to meeting. Mr Reed gave a history of the first persecutions of Joseph. After which Prest J. related some of the proceedings of the apostates in Nauvoo. Evening he sent for me to make a bond to Ellis M Saunders for 100 ac off N side of S. E. 9-6-8

15 May 1844 · Wednesday A.M. at the Temple and at home being a very rainy day P.M. at Prest. J's. heard Phelps read another letter to Henry Clay. Eve writing a letter for the neighbor.

16 May 1844 · Thursday At Prest J's recording deeds all day & settling with E. Robinson Prest J. had much company. Smith gave himself up to the officers & took him for trial before the municap court which was postponed a week Evening settling City accounts.

17 May 1844 · Friday At Prest J's. the Temple and the Convention. P.M at Prest J's- made bonds to Mss Bennett &c J. at convention Evening writing for Neighbor

18 May 1844 · Saturday At Pres. J's & the Temple. Sold 1/2 Lot on H. Smiths addition to one of the Carpenters.-

19 May 1844 · Sunday Copying Records on Lodge Books all day.-

20 May 1844 · Monday At Prest J's all day recording deeds &c

21 May 1844 · Tuesday A.M at Prest Js. He rode out to the prarie with Mr Reed and Rockwell. An officer came about noon from Carthage to supoen him but he kept out of the way. Evening rode out together to Mr Richards & paid him \$100. Then up to Yearsleys to see sick child. Lorenzo Wason came up & said the officer was about the house waiting for him. He sent me down to find Emma's mind about him going home I found her crying with rage and fury because he had gone away. She wanted him to go home I came and told him & he returned home at 9 o

clock

22 May 1844 · Wednesday A.M. I rode out to Sayer's to see a man who wanted some land, but he was gone to Chicago. Got home to dinner. P.M. at Pres. Js recording Deeds &c. Shook hands with Black Hawks brother the celebrated Indian Chief. About 38 of the Sac & Foxes are over in the City to day. Prest J. kept close in his room all day.

23 May 1844 · Thursday A.M at Prest Js draughting S B account for Temple Committee. P.M. at Prest. J's. at 3 went to see the Indian War dance also attended their council with Prest. J. Evening sent to pay Wm Van Orden \$40.- but he would not take it being paper money. Prest J kept still in his room all day. About 3 P.M. Lathrop came in from Carthage and brought news that the grand jury had found a bill against Prest. J. for adultery and that an attachment would be here immediately for him and Dr Richards.

24 May 1844 · Friday Prest J. kept still all day. A.M I went to Prests and took a letter to S. B. landing to send up to Galena informing the Sheriff that Jackson was at Carthage. After recording deeds all day.-

25 May 1844 · Saturday A.M. at Prest J's Also P.M in council with the quorum.

26 May 1844 · Sunday At home all day with the Lodge Books.

27 May 1844 · Monday A.M. at the Temple P.M. at Prest Js recorded 2 Deeds. Prest. I and a

number of other went out to Carthage to attend his trial, but the plaintiffs were not ready Charles Foster informed of a scheme which had been laid to take his life. He got home about 9 P.M safe and without harm.

28 May 1844 · Tuesday At PRest J's preparing books for Tax business. J at home all day

29 May 1844 · Wednesday A.M. at the Prests he was talking to a number of gentlemen about being threatened with the Dragoons. I again was preparing for Tax business. Received \$50 of Mequire for 10 acres in S.W. 9-6-8. PRest. J told me to take and pay it to Daniel Spencer, which I did in the P.M. I stayed at the Temple Office till 4 and then went to the Prests.

30 May 1844 · Thursday A. M rode on the prarie the rode very muddy P.M put up stove Evening at Prest J's. night J sent for me to help Dr Richards but I was to tired

31 May 1844 · Friday A.M at Prest. J's at 10 walked with Prest to my house & then rode out & back to the Records Office. P.M. attended council of 50 bro Emmett made his report. after walked with Prest. to my house & back. took supper with him & Emma & then rode with him to Van Ordens & paid him \$100.-

1 June 1844 · Saturday A.M at the Temple office and at home walling creek. P.M at Prest J's recording Deeds. Settled with Tufts by giving him a note for balance and took Deed for remainder S W 29-7-8

2 June 1844 · Sunday At the Temple Office comparing books & drawing a lease for the Boat to Morrison & P. S. Cahoon They lease it at \$100. per month

3 June 1844 · Monday At Prest J's recording Deeds P.M at the Temple Office & Prest. J's.

4 June 1844 · Tuesday At Prest. J's & the Temple Lydia came home. -

5 June 1844 · Wednesday Rode out to the prairie was gone all day-

6 June 1844 · Thursday At Prest. J's. & the Temple.

7 June 1844 · Friday At Prest. J's & the Temple. recorded 2 deeds - took afft. of 6. P. Rockwell concerning R. D. Foster.

This day the Nauvoo Expositor has come out and truly it seems to be a source of falsehood and bitter misrepresentation Today R. D. Foster came to Prest. J and requested an interview to have a settlement. J told him he was willing but would have some witnesses present. Foster would not agree to this & sent J a very saucy letter afterwards.

8 June 1844 · Saturday Went to Carthage to give in lots for assessment Backenstos told me that W. Bagby has been gone to Missouri eight days to try to get another writ for Joseph. I also got news that the Democrats have dropped Van Buren and substituted Jas K. Poke of Ten. for Prest & Silas Wright of N.Y for Vice P. I got home about 7 o clock & walked with J. who told me of having received some money.

9 June 1844 · Sunday A.M. at the office comparing books. P.M at home with father. Walked to the P.O and saw a letter of recommendation from Govr. Ford to Er Rigdon.

10 June 1844 · Monday At Prest. Js all day. The City council passed a resolution declaring the Printing press on the hill a "nuisance" and ordered it destroyed if not moved in 3 hours notice. About sun down The police gathered at the Temple about sundown and after organizing proceeded to the office and demolished the press & scattered the Type.

11 June 1844 · Tuesday Considerable excitement exists about last nights work & Foster threatens vengeance. Several of them have said that the Temple shall be thrown down Joseph['s] house burned & the printing office torn down. F.M Higbee threatened hard I was at the Temple near all day. Borrowed of John Robinson \$1500 for City & \$470 for Joseph and gave notes - paid Wilkie \$30.90

12 June 1844 · Wednesday A.M went to Temple office then to Prest. Js. walked with him, O.P.R. and J. Grant to my house & then to Temple P.M. at Prest Js recording Saunders Died at 1 1/2 o clock David Bettisworth a constable from Carthage came with a writ for Joseph, Hyrum, Phelps, Jno Taylor, L. Bennett and a number of others for riot, in breaking the press of the Nauvoo Expositor. After the officer got through reading the writ, Joseph referred him to this clause in the writ "before me or some other justice of the peace of said County" saying we are ready to go to trial before Esqr Johnson, for that was their privilege allowed by the Statute. The man said he should take them before Morrison the man who issued the writ and seemed very

wrathy- Joseph asked him if he intended to break the law, for he knew the privilege of the prisoners and they should have it. Joseph called upon all present to witness that he then offered himself (Hyrum did the same) to go forthwith before the nearest justice of the peace, and also called upon them to witness whether the officer broke the law. Joseph [?] a writ of Habeas Corpus which was taken out and served on Bettisworth. While this was going on and the Marshall summoning the Municipal Court - Hyrum related the whole history of the difficulty with Wm Law to the constable & a man with him - showing them what we believed on sealing of the covenant- that Law wanted to be sealed & J. told him he was forbid - which begun the hard feelings. He talked about 2 hours, then J. came in & told about Jackson. About 5 the court assembled in the 70s Hall- much testimony was brought to the point & the Court discharged J. from the writ & assessed the costs to F.M. Bigbee the complainant.

13 June 1844 · Thursday At the Temple Office all day regulating the Books.

14 June 1844 · Friday A.M at Prest J's recording Deeds. P.M. at the Temple Office.

15 June 1844 · Saturday A.M. at Prest J's. 2 brethren came up from the Morley settlement saying that old Col. Williams' Company had been to demand their arms & they wanted to know if they must yeild them. J. told them not to do it while they lived. Various reports have come stating that the Warsawites have ordered the Saints to leave forthwith & threatening pretty bad. P.M at the Temple office-

16 June 1844 · Sunday At home settling Lodge Books P.M. went to meeting - was appointed

clerk Evening went to Prest J's - considerable excitement prevails in consequence of the threats of the mobocrats.-

17 June 1844 · Monday A.M at Prest. J's wrote a letter for Hyrum to the Twelve requesting them to come home without delay. Also a letter to Uncle John for Js encouraging them to stand firm & not give up their arms if the mob came upon them. Many rumors are afloat about the movements of the mob but as yet we here nothing certain.

18 June 1844 · Tuesday A.M. at Prest J's. P.M ditto recording Deeds. The Legion was called out to prepare to meet the mob in case they come upon us.

19 June 1844 · Wednesday A.M went to get money from the City Collectors. Let D. Carns have \$10 to go to Springfield A.M at the Lieut. Genl. office writing for him. P.M at the Major Genls office, giving passes, and weighing out ammunition.

20 June 1844 · Thursday A.M at the Major Genls office weighing ammunition. P.M at Lieut Genls. office.

21 June 1844 · Friday A.M at Lieut Genls office. P. M do two messengers arrived from Carthage bearing a letter from the Governor. They returned carrying affts. & a letter accompanied by Dr Bernhisel, Jno Taylor and Edward Bonny. I wrote the letter to the Governor. There seems considerable excitement. The picket Guard out by the mound was fired upon by the

mob.

22 June 1844 · Saturday Wrote a letter to Col. Carney stating the facts in the case of Sergt.

Farley Wrote a letter to the Governor which was sent by Woodworth and accompanied by other affts. P.M. at Prest J's again. Eveing at the Prests consulting on the best measures to be taken in case of attack 1 o clock night. J.P Green called me up saying I was wanted at J's. I immediately went down & found Prest. J & Dr Richards preparing to leave the place. The Govr has sent 30 men to take them to Carthage & if they offer any resistance he intends to call out the Militia of the State and take them by force of arms Joseph whispered and told me either to put the r of k into the hands of some faithful man and send them away, or burn them or bury them. I concluded to bury them which I did immediately on my return home.

23 June 1844 · Sunday At 5 A.M. Rockwood & Scott came to ask advice what to do with the Cannon &c I went to Josephs & got all the public & private records together and buried them. I ascertained that the reason why Joseph & others went away was because the Governor sent a most outrageous letter, saying that they had been guilty of many outrages & the Law much be put in force and if 1000 men would not do to arrest them many thousands would. The posse who came to take them came early in the morning to Josephs & when they did not find him they immediately started back for Carthage except one man Mr Yates. The Governor said in his letter that if the prisoners did not surrender themselves up he should consider it a resistance to the law and should act accordingly. Mr. Yates said the Gov. designed if the prisoners were not given up to send his troops & guard the City untill they were found if it took 3 years to do it. Emma sent messengers over the river to Joseph & informed him what they intended to do and urged him to

give himself up inasmuch as the Gov. had offered him protection. About 5 o clock Joseph & those with him came home & agreed to give themselves up & go to Carthage tomorrow. I went down at night & saw him. He was conversing with Captain Anderson of the S.B. Osprey. Anderson said that the mob at Warsaw had stoped his Boat & came very near fireing into her with their cannon. Preparations are making to get an early start in the morning. Although we have been threatened with Militia none have appeared yet

24 June 1844 · Monday About 7 A.M the company started out. The names of those included in the writ are Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, Saml. Bennett, John Taylor, WW. Phelps, John P. Greene, Stephen Perry, Dimick B. Huntington, Jonathan Dunham, Stephen Markham, WW. Edwards, Jonathan Holmes, Jesse P. Harmon, John Lytle, Joseph W. Coolidge, David H. Redfield, Orrin P. Rockwell & Levi Richards. This writ was sworn out by Francis M Higbee a son of Elias Higbee one of the building Committee now deceased.

Several other brethren accompanied them When about 4 miles from Carthage they met Genl Dunn with a company of Militia. Dunn presented an order from the Governor for all the State arms which was immediately endorsed by Joseph. At Dunns request the company returned to Nauvoo to assist in collecting the arms, at the same time sending a messenger to the Governor to inform him that they were on the way & would return with Genl Dunn. They arrived back at 2 1/2 P.M. Joseph immediately issued orders to have the State arms Collected and taken to the Masonic Hall without delay Many of the brethren looked upon this as another preparation for a Missouri massacre nevertheless as Joseph requested they very unwillingly gave up the arms. About 6 o clock they had got the arms collected & were ready to start back. Genl Dunn & another gentleman made a short speech expressing their gratitude at the peaceable conduct of the

citizens of Nauvoo and said while we thus conducted he should protect us. Prest Jos. rode down home to bid his family farewell. He appeared to feel solemn & though[t]ful and from expressions made to several individuals, he expects nothing but to be massacred. This he expressed before he returned from over the river but their appearing no alternative but he must either give himself up or the City be massacred by a lawless mob under the sanction of the Governor. At 12 the company arrived safe at Carthage and went to Hamiltons Tavern

25 June 1844 · Tuesday I was at the Temple Office comparing books. Er Cahoon returned from Carthage & said they wanted some papers which I got & sent out by A.P. Rockwood. O.P. Rockwell has been whipping F.M. Higbee. A letter dropped out of Higbees hat which stated that there are 70 men ready of the mob in Iowa to come upon the City to night. It is generally believed that the mob intends to make a run on us in the night. A strong guard is placed outside the City. About 9 it began to rain heavy.

26 June 1844 · Wednesday Early this morning O.P. Rockwell came up to inform me that 60 militia have arrived from Carthage to protect the City in case a mob should come with orders to command our police and use such other measures as he might consider necessary. Foster has told at Carthage that there are three Bogus presses in the City & told them where to look for them. At 8 Captain Singleton of the police requested the City police to meet him & his men in the Masonic Hall. He then read the Govrs orders to him to come to Nauvoo & preserve the peace. He wanted to know if our men would obey the Governors order, if they did he should be bound to remain & render us assistance. If not he should immediately retire outside the City. He called a vote whether our men would obey the order; the response was in the affirmative without a

dissenting voice Dunham told me that Joseph wished me to send a messenger for Judge Thomas as he expected to come to Nauvoo tomorrow & the Governor with him. Hathaway went with a letter requesting the Judge to come as soon as possible

D. B. Huntington says that Capn. Singleton said that while they were in Carthage they were used like soldiers but since they came here they were used like gentlemen. He will write to the Govr. requesting him to call them home for there is no disturbance to quell here they have more disturbance at home. The S.B. Amaranth landed 200 bbls flour for Bryant & Kimball. I wrote a letter to Joseph informing him that Mr Marsh offers to go his bail to any amount. The letter was carried by Joel S. Miles

27 June 1844 · Thursday IN consequence of some abusive language or disorderly conduct L. Woodworth was put under Guard by Capn. Singleton but on promising to behave he was again liberated Er John P. Green came in to subpoena witnesses He says the trial is to take place at 12 next Saturday. Joseph & Hyrum are both in jail having been committed contrary to law. After they gave bonds to appear at Court on the charge of riot, a warrant was sworn out by Augustine Spencer & Henry O. Norton for Treason, on this warrant Justice Smith issued a Mittimus and committed them to Jail. When the constable came to demand them to go to Jail the Street was full of their most bitter enemies & they refused to go without a guard. They were finally guarded to Jail. In the morning Smith found out his error in committing them & sent the constable to fetch them out but they refused to leave until dischargd by due course of law. The Justice then raised a posse and compelled them to come out. Thus he committed two gross offences against the Laws The Governor and Militia are expected in to day. He has concluded not to bring Joseph & Hyrum out to Nauvoo. Capn. Singleton ordered out the Legion to inspect arms &c.

About two thirds of the Legion was out and nearly all armed. I would rather seen fewer arms inasmuch as they are all private property and the number may raise a prejudice against us. The Legion was soon dismissed on arrival of a messenger from the Governor saying that he had dismissed all the troops except a small escort company. At 5 P.M. the Governor and about 50 men arrived at the Mansion. He retired to Singletons Room to shave and after being gone a very short time he appeared and went onto the frame of a building opposite & began to make a SPEECH. He commenced by referring to the vast excitement manifested throughout the State. He said the destruction of the press was an high handed outrage which must be atoned for. Report said there was a band of men in Nauvoo who had bound themselves by a secret covenant to carry out the designs of the prophet that this Danite Band would murder men if the Prophet only pointed them out & winked at them. this he gave as report - not as his opinion. We knew there was a great excitement against us because of our religion & he advised us to prove to the public that these reports are false by a continual good and upright course of conduct. Another cause of excitement was in consequence of our having so many private arms The public are alarmed because they think we intend sometime to use them against government. We are called fighting saints - warrior saints &c. He would advise us to lay aside our arms and put trust to our good conduct to protect us. He had travelled through Missouri and the Western country to the Rocky Mountains & never carried arms. Those men whom we had driven out of Nauvoo had petitioned him for protection, and if any of them should be assassinated or their property destroyed we would be held responsible and extermination would inevitably follow. If he should take our part they would exterminate or drive both us and him, and our women & children. When he came through the City & saw so many innocent women & children it gave him pain to think that there was danger of their being exterminated He called upon the multitude to say

whether they would abide by and sustain the laws of the State even if they came in contact with the laws of our City and orders of our leaders. There was a tremendous show of hands in the affirmative but not one dissenting voice. He expressed himself gratified took of his hat, bowed very politely to the multitude and dismissed them. At 6 the Governor & his escort departed with swords flourishing & soon after Captain Singleton and the police left for home.

Notwithstanding the brethren all signified their intention to support the laws & the Governor, every breast was filled with indignation & disapprobation at the idea of our being held responsible for the lives & property of the apostates, when they have already attempted to fire their own printing office and at the same time that it was fired Dr Foster reported at Fort Madison that it was burned down. This speech is considered more high-handed & outrageous than the exterminating order of L.W. Boggs of Mo and the brethren generally have forebodings that the Governor is treacherous & full of prejudice against us. He was solicited to stay untill morning but he refused & hurried away as soon as possible.

28 June 1844 · Friday Early this A.M. I was awoke by O. P. Rockwell saying that Joseph & Hyrum were both shot dead last night by a mob about the time the Governor arrived here. It seemed impossible to believe the statement but he said Esq. Wood brought the information in a letter from Dr Richards I went out & met brother Cutler & several others and the news soon became general. Sorrow & gloom was pictured in every countenance and one universal scene of lamentation pervaded the City. The agony of the widows & orphan children was inexpressible and utterly beyond description. Yesterday it was understood by the troops in the county that they were all to come & visit Nauvoo in company with the Governor, but he finally concluded it was not best to have them come. Consequently he dismissed the whole except a few to be kept in

Carthage with him. Two companies of about 200 each started from Warsaw one of them lead by Col. Williams. T.C. Sharp & J. C. Davis was amongst the number. On the way they were met by a messenger from the Gov. with orders to dismiss and return home. They were formally dismissed but a call was made by some one for volunteers. A number came forth and they were addressed by Sharp who strongly urged the necessity of shooting Joseph & Hyrum & considered this the most favorable opportunity-- They proceeded till within about 8 miles from Carthage where they were met by a messenger from the Carthage Greys informing them of the absence of the Governor - and urging them to go forward. The letter stated that the Guards at the jail were loaded with blank cartridge and were ready. When it was reduced to a certainty that they were bent on assassinating Joseph & Hyrum a part of the company revolted & turned back while the balance about 100 in number turned into a hollow where the[y] disfigured their faces by blacking them with powder, paint &c. They then proceeded into the woods & took a circle round to the woods on the north side of the jail. While this was going on the Guard at the Jail went to Joseph and asked him to treat them. He handed them some money & they fetched a bottle of wine. They offered some to him & he just tasted, they also offered to Hyrum but he refused. About the same time a signal gun was fired & immediately the mob from the woods sallied forth in single file The prisoners heard confusion outside & a voice demanding a surrender. The blank cartridge was fired and the Guard taken prisoners in a few seconds. The mob then rushed up stairs and began to try to break open the door. Hyrum & Dr Richards held it. Soon a ball came through the door and struck Hyrum on the left side of the nose below the eye He fell over and while falling another ball struck on his breast and entered his head under the chin He said "I am a dead man" and instantly expired A Ball grazed the side of Dr Richards head just below the ear. The door was burst part open and the bayonets were rushed in and a tremendous firing continued.

Joseph fired his 6 shooter pistol & from what we learned after he wounded three. Bro Taylor sprung for the window but several balls hitting him he fell back under the bed. One ball struck his watch and dashed it to pieces. The hands yet remain in the same position the[y] did when the horrid deed was done. They stand at 16 minutes past 5. The watch saved his life. After Joseph's pistol was discharged he sprang for the window w[h]ere it appeared a ball struck him from behind peircing his back and one from outside entered his shoulder. He sprang forward and fell on his head on the ground. Dr Richards looked out & saw him on his side & a crowd of assassins around him with their bayonets all pointed at him. Col. Williams told them to kill him. They set him up by the well but he soon died and ceased to suffer. When he sprang through the window the crowd rushed down stairs to prevent his escape & when they saw he was dead their leader told them to flee and they immediately fled back to the woods. It was ascertained that there was four balls struck each of the three. Dr Richards escaped and brother Taylor is likely to recover. As soon as the awful deed was done the guard fled & the citizens of Carthage began to follow. A messenger started to bring the news to Nauvoo but he was met by the Governor about 3 miles from here. He told the Gov. the awful news and was ordered to return so that the information might not reach us that night. When the Gov. reached Carthage he told the citizens to flee and take the Records with them. He fled himself to Augusta and in a few hours there was scarce a man a woman to be seen in the place and it was twelve o clock before Dr Richards could get any refreshments for Er Taylor was very badly wounded. Circumstances look as if the Governor knew that the brethren would be assassinated when he came to Nauvoo. Several person[s] had previously told him that that was the intention of the mob but he disregarded their entreaties to have sufficient protection left to guard them, and instead of this he sent the McDonough troops (the only friendly troops there were to the prisoners) home and set the Carthage Greys to guard

the Jail. These Greys had already rebelled against the Governor and had given him every evidence that they would murder the prisoners if they could. His coming to Nauvoo in the manner he did - his hellish speech- anxiety to depart - his stopping the messenger from bringing us the news - his advising the citizens of Carthage to flee and his fleeing himself all go to prove that he had some knowledge that the deed would be done, and he is guilty of innocent blood. The blood of those men, and the prayers of the widows and orphans and a suffering community will rise up to the Lord of Sabaoth for vengeance upon those murderers and that Governor Thomas Ford who so cruelly & unjustly exposed the lives of the prisoners. He had pledged his faith and the faith of the State that they should be protected from all harm When this pledge is considered and when it is considered that the prisoners surrendered themselves up to the protection of the law on the strength of this pledge - that they took away the public arms & exacted every pledge from us that they asked for - that we had in no instance either resisted or broke the law or disturbed the peace it shews a more cruel & outrageous act than ever was before heard of and surely this State & these United States are stained with the blood of innocence with the blood of the prophets of the most high God. And now O God wilt thou not come out of thy hiding place and avenge the blood of thy servants. - that blood which thou hast so long watched over with a fatherly care - that blood so noble - so generous - so dignified, so heavenly you O Lord will thou not avenge it speedily and bring down vengeance upon the murderers of thy servants that they may be rid from off the earth and that the earth may be cleansed from these scenes, even so O Lord thy will be done. We look to thee for justice. Hear thy people O God of Jacob even so Amen. We met together a few of us to council. Dr Richards letter was read containing the painful information that Joseph & Hyrum were both dead. The Governor wrote at the bottom of the letter. "Defend yourselves until protection can be got necessary." T. Ford &c The Legion

was called out & every man requested to hold himself in readiness inasmuch as it was expected that a mob would come to day from Warsaw & Missouri. Gen. Deming expected the mob would come & so did the Governor. And now what a painful picture to look upon, A people overwhelmed by the greatest affliction that could possibly have come upon us - still surrounded by a mob and threatened to be exterminated. Our men suffering for want of provisions, and the Governor protection proved to be a taunt & futile And all this brought upon us by those who have shared of the kind sympathies & generosity of Genls Joseph & Hyrum Smith and have received good at their hands. The names of these men are William Law who was one of Josephs council and a member of the Quorum. Wilson Law Robert D. Foster, Charles A. Foster, Francis M. Higbee, Chancy L. Higbee There associates in crime were Austin Cowles, Joseph H. Jackson a murderer, John M. Finch, Wm A. Rolloson, Wm H. J. Man [Marr?], Sylvester Emmans, Alexander Sympson S.M. Marr [Man?] John Eagle Henry O. Norton & Augustine Spencer. These had been aided and abetted by Charles Ivins & family, P. T. Rolfe, N.J. Higbee, Wm Cook & Sarah his wife formerly Sarah Crooks of Manchester England. James Blakeslee. And finally a band of mobocrats scattered through the county among whom are Alexander Sympson, Thos. C. Sharp, Colonel Williams, Walter Bagby, & O. C. Skinner. Some of the aforesaid parties were storekeepers here & have drawn a vast [sum] of money from the place. David Bryant also joined in the clammer but did not take any public measures. It was agreed to send for the twelve home immediately & that J. M. Grant & G. J. Adams should start forthwith to bear the news to the twelve. I wrote a letter to Augusta to brother Adams informing him of the matter & requesting him to come down.

At 2 p the corpses of President Joseph and Hyrum were brought into the City in Wagons guarded by a few men from Carthage A very large procession of mourners composed of near all

the citizens collected on the hill and followed the bodies to the mansion. At the Mansion the multitude were addressed by Messrs Wood & Reed (council for Joseph and Hyrum) Phelps & Richards. The people were exhorted to be peaceable and calm and use no threats. Few expressions were heard save the mourns for the loss of our friends All seem to hang on the mercy of God and wait further events. Some few can scarce refrain from expressing aloud their indignation at the Governor and a few words would raise the City in arms & massacre the Cities of Carthage & Warsaw & lay them in ashes but it is wisdom to be quiet. After the bodies were laid out I went in to see them. Joseph looks very natural except being pale through loss of blood. Hyrum does not look so natural. Their aged mother is distracted with grief & it will be almost more than she can bear.

29 June 1844 · Saturday This day the bodies were exhibited from 10 1/2 to 3 1/2. Many thousands came to see them. At 3 1/2 there was a meeting at the stand Phelps preached. During which time two boxes containing each a bag of sand were carefully conveyed to the grave yard and buried. The bodies were reserved in two handsome coffins and about 2 next morning were buried in a safe place. This precaution was necessary inasmuch as there is danger that the mob will try to steal the bodies. Evening I attended City Council. J. B. Conyers Esqr & Mr Wood the Mayor of Quincy were present. Their object was to ascertain the feelings of the people here and adopt measures to allay excitement. The Legion was out all night expecting a mob to come.

30 June 1844 · Sunday A.M at home. P.M. attended Council Conyers & Wood & also Col. Richardson were present. The Council again expressed their determination to preserve the peace in the City & requested those gentlemen to use their influence to allay the excitement abroad

which they promised to do.

A few of the Quorum assembled and agreed to send G. J. Adams to bear the news to the Twelve. Woodworth is bitter against Adams and said many hard things against him.

1 July 1844 · Monday A.M at the Temple. At 9 went to the City Council. A. Jonas Esqr & Col Fellows were present on express from the Governor. The City Council again pledged themselves to keep the peace & drew up resolutions & adopted them which were printed in the neighbor. At 4 P.M at public meeting was called & addressed by those men & 2 from St Louis

2 July 1844 · Tuesday A. M went to see Emma. She is in trouble because mother Smith is making disturbance about the property in Josephs hands. Mother Smith wants Samuel to move into Nauvoo and take the Patriarchs office & says the church ought to support him. There is considerable danger if the family begin to dispute about the property that J's creditors will come forward & use up all the property there is. If they will keep still there is property enough to pay the debts and plenty left for other uses. I had much talk with Emma on the subject. P.M I was at the Temple office.

3 July 1844 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple Office Emma sent for me & Cutler & Cahoon we had conversation with Esqr Wood on the situation of Josephs affairs. Emma has counselled Esqr Wood on the subject. P.M. at the Temple Office & after went to dig up the Records. Water had got into the place where they were & they were damaged.

4 July 1844 · Thursday This is the day of our national independence, but liberty is fled. the nations escutcheon is stained with the blood of innocence. they have rejected the Gospel & the prophets of God and liberty and justice no longer reigns in the nation. Instead of celebrating with splendour with joy we celebrate her down-fall with grief and mourn for the loss of our Prophet & Patriarch & pray to God to avenge their blood speedily. There is no public celebration in Nauvoo this day. I went to Emmas and assisted Esqr Wood to examine Josephs affairs. The situation looks gloomy. The property is chiefly in the name of the Trustee in Trust while the obligations are considered personal. Woods advised Emma to have all the Deeds Recorded at Carthage for he says our Records office is not legal. This will cause trouble & much dissatisfaction P.M. in Council with brothers Marks Cutler & Cahoon at Mark's house. It seemed manifest to us that brother Marks place is to be appointed president & Trustee in Trust and this accords with Emma's feelings. Brother Taylor is at brother Mark's. I saw some of his wounds which are bad but he is recovering. I saw his watch and it is clear that the watch saved his life. he was moved home in the evening.

5 July 1844 · Friday At the Temple Office all day.

6 July 1844 · Saturday A.M went to the Mansion. Saw the Governors letter in reply to a letter from the Warsaw Committee of safety. The Govr seems disposed to make the best of his situation & try to restore the credit of the State by bringing the assassins to Justice. Report says that many of the Warsaw folks are fleeing away expecting the Govr. will bring them to Justice. Yesterday a raft of Pine Lumber arrived for the Trustee in Trust. Woodworth laid claim to it, but the brethren say it is my duty as agent for the Trustee to take charge of it. I have

accordingly done so and ordered Rockwood to Guard it till we can get it to the Temple. The greatest danger that no[w] threatens us is dissensions and strifes amongst the Church. There are already 4 or 5 men pointed out as succesors to the Trustee & President & there is danger of feelings beings manifest. All the brethren who stand at the head seem to feel the delicacy of the business. Phelps & Dr Richards have taken a private course & are carrying out many measures on their own responsibility without council P.M I was at the Temple. Genl. Demming has arrived in the City to disband the Legion. He says there is no danger except the apostates should come & destroy their own property to raise excitement

7 July 1844 · Sunday At home writing this history which I now conclude again at 1 o clock P.M. 5 o clock went to council with the Quorum on the subject of appointing a Trustee in Trust. I was told on the way that R. D. Foster is in Nauvoo having a permit from the Governor to come and settle his business. O.P. Rockwell, M. G. Eaton and Theodore Turley are raging and threaten his life if he tarry here, consequently the City Council have sent a Guard to take care of him. I reasoned with Rockwell & tried to show him the folly of his conduct inasmuch as the Governor had said that if one of those men were assassinated the whole city would be held responsible, and that President Joseph gave himself up into the hands of his murderers for the express purpose of saving the City from being Massacred. But no reasoning seemed to touch him. He swore bitterly he would have revenge and that Foster should not tarry here. I feel grieved at this conduct, for there is now a little prospect that the public sympathy will turn in our favor if we keep still. I was late at the Council. The brethren had agreed not to appoint a Trustee untill the Twelve came home, and that I should act in the place of Trustee to receive property &c untill one was

appointed.

8 July 1844 · Monday At the Temple all day. Emma came up to say that she should make use of the \$1000. borrowed of John Robinson & for which the City is liable, thinking there would be no danger but it could be raised when it became due. She also objected to the conclusion of the council last evening & says there must be a Trustee appointed this week on account of the situation of business. There are a number of Teams hauling the raft up to the Temple to day. Evening I went to watch the "Maid of Iowa" start

9 July 1844 · Tuesday Measuring Lumber all day at the Temple.

10 July 1844 · Wednesday Evening a Committee of nine women among whom were Hyrum Smith's wife - Arthur Millikins wife and Sister Phelps visited R.D. Foster & told him they should not hear his taunts & insults any longer & they demanded that he should leave the City forthwith or he would be visited by a stronger force tomorrow. Hyrum Kimball obligated himself that Foster should leave before morning. accordingly he got his team ready & took him out of the City. The Dr was much frightened and looked every way for fear some one would be upon him. He is gone away and there are hopes that he will never return. I was measuring Lumber again all day

11 July 1844 · Thursday A.M. The sisters say they will wait upon Sylvester Emmons & S.M Marr and order them to leave. A report is in circulation that Govr. Ford was shot yesterday by a mob a few miles from Warsaw. It is not much credited. Eveing the report of the Gov being shot

is untrue. I have been measuring Lumber all day.

12 July 1844 · Friday A.M at the Temple measuring Lumber. Prest. Marks came up to enquire which was best to do about appointing a Trustee. We concluded to call a meeting of the several presidents of Quorums & their council this P.M. at 2 o clock. As I returned to dinner bro. Whitney came down with me & stated his feelings about Marks being appointed Trustee. He referred me to the fact of Marks being with Law & Emma in opposition to Joseph & the quorum.-- And if Marks is appointed Trustee our spiritual blessings will be destroyed inasmuch as he is not favorable to the most important matters The Trustee must of necessity be the first president of the Church & Joseph has said that if he and Hyrum were taken away Samuel H. Smith would be his successor.

After dinner I talked with Cutler & Cahoon on the subject & they both agreed in the same mind with bro. Whitney & myself. At 3 we went to meeting. Emma was present and urged the necessity of appointing a Trustee immediately. But on investigation it was considered we could not lawfully do it. Another meeting was appointed for Sunday Eve Dr Richards & Phelps seem to take all the matters into their own hands & wont tell us any thing that they intend or have thought to do. Mr Gillet came to day to make a deed for the 50 lots from Hotchkiss &c. John A. Forgens brought a letter from H. C. Kimball & Lyman Wight & some money. He had orders not to give the money to anyone but Prest Joseph but he being murdered he concluded he would leave it in my hands with the letters.

13 July 1844 · Saturday This A.M Forgens paid over \$7[?]00 from L Wight & \$1000. from bro. Kimball in paper money. He however requested payment of an execution agianst Tufts

amounting to \$254.95 which Prest. J. agreed to do. I consulted Cutler & Cahoon & they said I had better pay it which I did. Emma sent for me to enquire about the title to Snyders Lot. She talked much about Trustees being appointed & says if he is not a man she approves of she will do the church all the injury she can by keeping the Lots which are in her name. P.M at the Temple measuring Lumber.

14 July 1844 · Sunday At home regulating "Neighbors" & Times & Seasons &c and writing this history. At 6 went to council. Phelps & Richards & P.P.Pratt stated that they had concluded to appoint 4 Trustees when a majority of the Twelve returned. These three brethren seem to keep matters very close to themselves and I and several others feel grieved at it. After meeting I informed Emma of the proceedings. She thinks they dont use her right.

15 July 1844 · Monday A.M at the Temple measuring Lumber. Emma sent for me. I went & conversed considerable with her. She feels dissatisfied with the conduct of Richards and Phelps & says if they undertake to trample upon her she will look to herself. I conversed with Richards & Phelps & told them our feelings & they seem to feel more free. They told me the names of those they had thought of nominating for Trustees, Myself & A. Cutler are two of them. I told Emma of this & she seems better satisfied

16 July 1844 · Tuesday Finished measuring Lumber. There is 87732 feet 7 in We have sent bro. Haws to try to persuade the men to let us have the other raft laying at Burlington. I wrote a letter to my brother David.

17 July 1844 · Wednesday David came down. I had conversation with him & the other men

They intend to hold on to the Lumber. We bought considerable Pork & Flour today. I rode with J. P. Green to stone house & then to Printing Office. Hannah Tinkhams goods came.

18 July 1844 · Thursday At the Temple all day purchased more pork & Flour.

19 July 1844 · Friday At the Temple office

20 July 1844 · Saturday " "

21 July 1844 · Sunday A.M walked to the woods North of the City. P.M at home regulating City Treasury Book

22 July 1844 · Monday At the Temple all day.

23 July 1844 · Tuesday A.M. at the Temple bought 500 bushels of Corn and assisted to load &c.

24 July 1844 · Wednesday At the Temple. P.M. went to the Boat to settle for Corn

25 July 1844 · Thursday At the Temple all day Dr Richards came up to council. P.M. paid D.H. Wells \$50. and Wm Allen \$121.50 which settles. A number of the Elders have come home to day from various parts. All seem weighd down with grief and gloom. Father came to day

26 July 1844 · Friday Father tells me that Ellen is encient by J. B. Backenstos. This makes me feel bad inasmuch as he has ever received kindness and not treachery and meanness at my hands. A.M. I was at the Temple. P.M. went down to E's - settled Whitney's account on the Store Books - conversed with Richards & Phelps about Backenstos.

27 July 1844 · Saturday At the Temple Office

28 July 1844 · Sunday A.M. at the meeting in the Grove. Phelps again appeared before the public as the great I. I think this will tend to disunite the feelings of the church if care is not taken.

29 July 1844 · Monday engaged in regulating the consecrations brought pr hand of sister Clark towards purchasing the materials for a new Crane. Very busy all day. At night father & mother came

30 July 1844 · Tuesday Emma sent for me early concerning the Lawrence business. She concluded that she & I had better go to Quincy to settle the business. I went home & got ready & we started down on the "Osprey". At Warsaw I saw Joseph H. Jackson the assassin. We arrived at Quincy about 6 1/2 P.M. Went to the City Hotel. After supper I went to see Mr Lawrence concerning a tax title which he holds on some property in Lima belonging to bro Marks. He wanted \$100 for it. I had much conversation with him Emma stayed at Burr Riggs' & I went to the City Hotel

31 July 1844 · Wednesday Went to see Judge Miller and found that the Lawrence business could not be settled until another Guardian was appointed. Emma rode out to her farm. I tarried watching the citizens dig a man out of a well which had caved in. The well caved in about 8 1/2 A.M. and it was 6 1/2 before they got him out. He was dead. There did not seem to be any sympathy manifest on his account. At 12 at night a Boat came & we left for home on the "Waverly". Amasa Lyman & G. P. Dykes was on the Boat. We arrived at Nauvoo at 11-

1 August 1844 · Thursday At 11 we arrived in Nauvoo, where we heard that Samuel H. Smith died on Tuesday evening. P.M. I went to the Temple Office. Bro. Cutler says there is some dissatisfaction because I have taken the money home to keep it safe.

2 August 1844 · Friday At the Temple office all day

3 August 1844 · Saturday do do do

4 August 1844 · Sunday A.M. attended meeting. Er Rigdon spoke on the words My ways are not as your ways &c. He related a vision which the Lord had shown him concerning the situation of the Church and said there must be a Guardian appointed to build the Church up to Joseph as he has begun it. P.M. at home bro. Whitney came. Evening Charles C. Rich came to my house to enquire about some revelations. He said brother Marks has notified the public that next Thursday there would be a meeting to choose a Guardian inasmuch as Er Rigdon was in a hurry to go home again. I do not feel satisfied with this move because it is universally understood that the Twelve

have been sent for and are expected here every day and it seems a plot laid for the saints to take advantage of their situation.

5 August 1844 · Monday This last night I dreamed that Joseph and Emma came to me and appeared very much dissatisfied and displeased because I had kept back the money sent by brother Kimball. I thought I explained the reason and told them I had been counselled to do so. At the Temple all day.

6 August 1844 · Tuesday At the Temple. Phelps told me that they had a council and called upon Er Rigdon to say why he was so much disposed to hurry matters &c. He said they should wait untill the Twelve returned.

7 August 1844 · Wednesday This morning the Committee and myself went out to Lots to take invoice of Josephs property. Brother Cutler said that in the council yesterday he drew out from Marks that Sidney Rigdon was to be president and Marks Patriark.

5 of the Twelve got home last night viz. B. Young, H. C. Kimball, L. Wight, O. Pratt and W. Woodruff. This seems very providential and has given great satisfaction to the people. At 4 P.M the Twelve & the High Council assembled in the 70s Hall when Elder Rigdon stated the object of his mission. He said he had a vision presented to his mind, not an open vision, but rather a continuation of the one mentioned in the Book of Covenants. It was shown to him that this church must be built up to Joseph and that all the blessings we receive must come through Joseph. He had been ordained spoken [spokesman] to Joseph and he must come to Nauvoo & see that the Church was governed in a proper manner. The people could please themselves

whether they accepted him or not. He said he had a conversation with Judge Pope on his way to Pittsburgh and that Pope told him that the U.S. government were determined to deal with our Municipal Court for the proceedings in relation to Jeremiah Smith and that Butterfield and Pope were very determined to prosecute &c. After Er Rigdon got through B. Young said a few sentences. He said he did not care who lead the church if God said so even if it was old "Ann Lee" but he must know that God said so. He said he had the keys & the means of knowing the mind of God on this subject. He knew there were those in our midst who would seek the lives of the Twelve as they had sought that of brother Joseph. He should ordain some man and give him the keys so that if he was killed the church might still have the priesthood. He said the Twelve would not be permitted to tarry here long. They would organize the church & then go away & they would baptize Mormons a great deal faster than the mob would be able to kill them. Er Lyman Wight followed in the same strain & said he knew there were those in our midst who were seeking his life. the meeting closed by appointing a conference for next tuesday at 10 o clock.

8 August 1844 · Thursday A.M I went to council with the Twelve. Brother Kimball concluded to pay the \$1000 to Emma. I went home to get it & while there B. Young came & said they were going to have their conference this afternoon and wanted I should notify the brethren. I then went with brothers Kimball and Richards to see Emma. K. paid her the \$1000 and bore testimony to her of the good feelings of the Twelve towards her. She seemed humble and more kind. P.M. attended conference. The Church universally voted to sustain the Twelve in their calling as next in presidency and to sustain Er Rigdon and A Lyman as councillors to the Twelve

as they had been to the First Presidency. The church also voted to leave the regulation of all the church matters in the hands of the Twelve. There was a very good feeling prevailed except amongst a few who were dissatisfied.

9 August 1844 · Friday A.M went to Maid of Iowa with Er Cahoon afterwards at the Temple P.M. met in Council with the Twelve. N. K. Whitney & George Miller were appointed Trustees for the Church. It was also voted that the Nauvoo Committee wind up their business & make report to the Twelve. They appointed me to assist them in making up their accounts.

10 August 1844 · Saturday A.M went to Maid of Iowa & then with brothers Cutler & Cahoon to appraise the property of President Joseph for the administration. P.M at the Temple Office. My brother James came out saying that my mother is taken very sick & not likely to recover.

11 August 1844 · Sunday A.M had conversation with Dianthe Farr on various subjects. She seems to be true and faithful. Margaret is miserable and unhappy. P.M. attended meeting for prayer with Ers B. Young, G. Miller, H.C. Kimball, A. Lyman, W. Richards, L. Richards, J.P. Green, L. Woodworth, N. K. Whitney & G. A. Smith & W. Woodruff.

12 August 1844 · Monday At the Temple Office & Emma's settling & preparing papers for her settlement as administratrix.

13 August 1844 · Tuesday At the Temple Office

14 August 1844 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple. P.M. met the Twelve & Stone Cutters at seventies Hall to regulate the price of Stone Cutting. There was a good feeling amongst the brethren & they seem disposed to be content with a reasonable price.

15 August 1844 · Thursday A.M met the Nauvoo Committee & some of the Twelve with the Temple Committee on the raft. Er Lyman Wight stated that he wanted a just and equitable settlement of all matters and wanted it done on a principle of reciprocity. He was willing if the Temple Committee would allow the whole hands on their tithing for what they had done that the whole raft should be turned over into the hands of the Trustees for the Temple. This was agreed to and the raft turned over. A very good feeling prevails in the breasts of the brethren After the council was over I went to see sister Emma, as she had sent for me early this A.M. I found her very cross. Esqr. Wood told me what he wanted done with regard to settling up the estate. He wanted a "list of all titles in the name of the Trustee in Trust, & not conveyed away, whether deeded or bonded, and by whom conveyed to the Trustee. Also a list of all lands conveyed to him as Trustee & by him conveyed away & to whom conveyed. Also a list of lands in his individual name. Also a full list of such personal property as was in his name as Trustee at the time of his death. Also a list of all notes & accounts and give their value and whether good or bad. Also a list of all property both real or personal belonging to the heirs" Besides this he wanted me to produce the papers pertaining to the transfers of the "Maid of Iowa" and recommended Emma to have the Boat included in the schedule. While he was talking I felt as though he was laying a deep plan to find out the situation of the private & public matters of the Church and to lay a trap for our ruin. I did not feel free to give him the papers of the Boat until I could get council. Emma seemed very much dissatisfied because I did not go in the morning and

because I yeilded to do anything else untill she had her business settled. After dinner I went to see Er B. Young & have his council. I laid the matter before him & he advised me not to give sould [Wood] any accounts pertaining to the business of the Trustee in Trust. We both went over to bro. Whitney's and stated the matter to him. He was also opposed to Wood's interfering with the business of the Trustee in Trust. I then went to see Emma. I found her alone and began to talk to her & tell her what I though Wood's intended to do. She grew warm and said that all the business of the Trustee must be presented We had no secrets that we must keep back from the public for she was determined to have every thing settled now. I replied to her that there were many things which I was unwilling the world should know any thing about and should not lend my hand to ruin the church. She then grew more angry and said I had neglected her and the business, and there was nothing that had Prest. Smith's name to that should not be investigated. She said she had no secrets nor any thing she was unwilling the whole world should know. I told her that there was some things which would be unwilling the public should know. She denied it. I said I knew things that she did not want the world to know. She said if I harbor's any idea that she had ever done wrong it was false. I answered "what I have seen with my eyes and heard with my ears I could believe." She said, if I said she had ever committed a crime I was a liar and I knew it. I replied sister Emma I know I dont lie and you know better what I know I know and although I never had told it to any soul on earth nor never intend to yet it is still the truth and I shall not deny it. She then several times called me a liar and said she knew I was her enemy and she never had been so abused in all her life. I told her I was not her enemy nor never had been. She said I neglected her and spent my time in the secret council of the Twelve and it was secret things which had cost Joseph and Hyrum their lives and says she "I prophecy that it will cost you and the Twelve your lives as it has done them" She repeated this two or three times in a

threatening manner, and said it in a manner that I understood that she intended to make it cost us our lives as she had done by Prest. Smith. I told her that I would rather die than do any thing to ruin the church. She raged very hard and used many sever[e] threats and told me that she had now proved that I was an enemy to her and she did not want such persons about her to do business. I coolly replied that I was her friend and she would prove it so and I had done nothing but what I felt perfectly willing to meet her and Joseph together and answer for it. I also tried to show her that she had misinterpreted my words for I did not mean what she said I did. I told her I had run at her call night or day whenever I could get a chance and have suffered abuses which I never would have born from any other woman in the world. She would not listen to any thing I could say and I left her. I still feel to befriend her all I can but she will now try to destroy my character and influence no doubt but I have no enmity towards her and am determined I will not give way to it. She is blind as to her best interest and those who are her best friends she is the most bitter against. She is cherishing and putting her life into the hands of traitors and murderers and they will use her up; for she will not listen to the advise of her friends nor be at peace with those who wish to do her good. I feel to pray that God will soften her heart and shew her the danger she is exposing herself to and to bind her up that she may not have power to destroy thy servants O God. I went & told Prest. Young the whole circumstances & he told me to fear not, but rejoice

16 August 1844 · Friday A.M at the Temple Office Brother Heber C. Kimball came in and said as follows. "Thou art William, and thou art from everlasting to everlasting and thy name is William and peace and prosperity shall be upon thee and thine forever and thine exaltation sure. And thus are the blessings that I feel to bestow upon William in the name of my father in heaven

and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood which is conferred upon me in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth."

I wrote a letter for him to brother Ellis M. Sanders of Wilmington Delaware We had a slight thunder storm pass over us this forenoon. P.M. I went to see Alice Hardman who is sick.

17 August 1844 · Saturday At the Temple Office all day. At noon brother Kimball came and told me that Emma says somebody has stole some of the money he paid her. It is thought it is a plan to hurt me by making the public believe that I stole it.

P.M. Ers B. Young, H.C. Kimball O. Hyde & Geo. A. Smith came to the Temple and tarried some time. There is considerable feeling amongst the stone cutters. They have proposed to work for half the amount they have previously received providing they can have 1/4 cash 1/8 store pay and the balance provisions and clothing such as they need. This would be impossible and is more exorbitant than the other prices and more unjust They could then make from three to four dollars per day as good as cash. Brother Cahoon seems dissatisfied because I oppose it and he seems all the while disposed to oppress the English brethren and keep them in fear and torment. He abuses brother Player continually. Evening 4 of the band came to play.

18 August 1844 · Sunday At the office copying the record of the Kingdom. Woodworth and Miller came. Woodworth talked a good deal about the iniquity in the City. P.M. at home. Evening Ers Young, Kimball Smith & Whitney called. Er Young told me that Emma told Er Cahoon that I stole \$200. in Gold out of her Trunk last monday when I was up stairs assorting her papers. She says she left her keys in the Trunk and went down stairs having forgot she left them there. When she returned she took out the keys, but afterwards she began to reflect on the

circumstances and thought of the money. She went to look & the Gold was gone. She told him that I had taken it out while she was down stairs. Now this is false as can be. She did not go down stairs but into the little room on the North to assist Julia to regulate her yarn. She left the door open & further I never left my seat for one moment only to pick up some papers which the wind blew off the stand. This is a plan got up to hurt me because I would not help her to ruin the church. I don't believe the money is touched by any body but herself. It is not her own money but belongs to brother Haws being the proceeds of the sale of his land. She dont want to give up the money and I suppose if she can ruin my character and hold on to the money she will accomplish a two fold object. God knows that I am innocent of the charge as the angels in heaven, and it is grosly wicked in her to give out this report. Er Young recommended me to watch carefully - and in the morning go and get the secretary. I feel sorry to think that after I have served that family like a slave, having run at her call night & day, and never wronged them out of the first cent that she should thus abuse me, for I must say I never met with oppression and tyranny so cruel from any person in all my life as I have borne from that woman, but yet I will not be her enemy nor do her any harm, except it should be in the defence of my own life and character

19 August 1844 · Monday A.M. went with brother Cutler to get the Secretary but Emma would not let us have it, although it belongs to the Temple and most of the papers in it. This is another evidence of her wickedness and opposition to the welfare of the Church. I went back and saw Er Young. He seemed dissatisfied because we did not take the Secretary by force. I tarried with the Twelve till near noon. P.M at the Temple Office. Went to see McNeil about a note he holds of George Millers. Afterwards went with brother Whitney to look at a Lot.

20 August 1844 · Tuesday At the Temple office all day

21 August 1844 · Wednesday do---- do---- do

Evening Ers Young, Kimball, Taylor, Whitney, Woodruff & Richards called to take a drink of wine. They blessed D. Adelber who is very sick

22 August 1844 · Thursday At the Temple Office all day. Commenced building new brick addition to the office. P.M had a violent thunder storm.

23 August 1844 · Friday Last night at 11 o clock my little babe Daniel A. seemed to grow worse very suddenly. We thought he was dying. He continued very sick through the night and grew worse and worse. We were up with him through the night. At 12 o clock to day he still seems that he might die any minute but I feel to pray that the Lord would spare his life and raise him up again. I was at the Temple Office all day

24 August 1844 · Saturday At the Temple A.M. at 10 went to Er B. Young to council P.M. at the Temple Office. My little child is very bad & seems beyond recovery.

25 August 1844 · Sunday At home all day. D. A. seems about as yesterday, only some more pain. My mind seems weighed down with sorrow from many causes

26 August 1844 · Monday Daniel A. is no better but some worse. He seems if if he would continue some days. He seems to suffer much and cant take any nourishment.

27 August 1844 · Tuesday During last night D. A. grew much worse. The Canker in his mouth grew worse and turned quite black. About 7 this A.M he was seized with a kind of fit which weakened him a good deal. He sank gradually as though he contested every inch of life and suffered much untill 2 o clock P.M. he breathed his last. Thus has ended the earthly career of an innocent sufferer who has known no comfort in this life but has suffered since his birth to his death. He is gone to rest with the just and will come forth again to inherit thrones, kingdoms, dominions principalities and powers in the mansions of his father.

A report has come which implicates bro. Morrison & Capn. Ross saying that they intend to take the boat to St Louis and have her sold get the Sheriffs Deed and then take her to the Ohio River and cheat the Church out of her. bro. Cahoon went to Emmas to get the Secretary, but before she let it come she took out all the papers except a few blank deeds & things of no worth. She did this by means of a false key which will unlock it. Her treachery seems unbounded Rigdon, Marks, Emma, and some others are trying to draw of a party They say there is no church.

28 August 1844 · Wednesday A.M at the Temple. I had appointed 10 o clock to start to bury my babe, but it seemed next to impossible to get a chance to leave long enough to do it, but I got away. We started at 10 1/2 and arrived at the grave yard at 11 1/2 at which hour my little child was put under the ground. Brothers Woodruff, Jones & Clark start this afternoon for England via Chicago.

29 August 1844 · Thursday At the Temple A.M. at 10 met the Twelve at Prest Youngs. Er Marks & Rigdon had been notified to attend (for whom the council was designed) Er Rigdon

said he was sick and should not attend. Er. Marks was present. Prest. Young stated to Er Marks that in consequence of rumors & reports of the proceedings of him & Er Rigdon he had called them together that the thing might be talked over and if possible an union effected. Er Young stated what he had heard and Er Marks denied the charges in toto, and said he had been abused by the tongue of slander. He acknowledged that the course the Twelve had pursued was contrary to what he had expected but he did not intend to say any thing. The meeting was beneficial to me & I thought I would never listen to reports again. Evening Er Kimball called to see us I had a long conversation with him. He advised me to take L for time.

30 August 1844 · Friday At the Temple all day talked with L. but she dont seem disposed to do what is councilled. P.M had much rain

31 August 1844 · Saturday At the Temple Office all day. P.M. went to see A. Hardman who is getting better. She will do right & wants her sister Elizabeth to go with her.

1 September 1844 · Sunday At home all day P.M. Father came.

2 September 1844 · Monday At the Temple Office had much talk with father about the gospel &c.

3 September 1844 · Tuesday At the Temple all day Bro Whitney handed me the following

John Smith & wife 2

Jos. Smith & W 2

Hyrum Smith & do	2	Wm. Marks & W	2
Mercy R. Thompson	1	Jos. Fielding & W	2
W. Woodruff & Wife	2	C.P. Lott & W	2
G.A. Smith and W	2	L. Richards	1
N.K. Whitney & do	2	W. W. Phelps & W	2
R. Cahoon & do	2	S.H. Smith	1
A. Cutler & do	2	Isaac Morley & W	2
Jno Taylor & do	2	Agness Smith	1
O. Hyde & do	2	Jos. Young & W	2
James Adams & do	2	W. Clayton	1
H.C. Kimball & do	2	J.P. Green	1
B. Young & do	2	S. Rigdon	1
O. Spencer & do	2	Wm. Smith	1
O. Pratt	1	Almon Babbit	1
P.P. Pratt	1	Lyman Wight	1
W. Richards & Wife	2		
J.M. Bernhisel	1		
L Woodworth & wife	2		
W. Law & wife	2		
Sis Durfee	1		
Mother Smith	1		
Geo. Miller & W	2		

4 September 1844 · Wednesday Last evening the Twelve and some others met together with Er Rigdon to investigate his course. He came out full against the Twelve and said he would not be controlled by them. They asked him for his licence, and he said he would give that if he must expose all the works of the secret chambers and all the iniquities of the church. The Twelve withdrew fellowship from him and James Emmett and

There is considerable feeling prevailing. Edward Hunter, Leonard Soby, Wm. Cottier, B. Coles are amongst those who have joined Er Rigdon. Samuel James is one of his main supports. Every one of his followers as far as I can learn are ordained prophets and immediately receive the same spirit Er Rigdon is of. In the evening the Twelve & a few others of us met at Er Youngs & offered up prayers for our preservation & the preservation of the church, and that the Lord would bind up the dissenters that they may not have power to injure the honest in heart. We had a good time and we believe the Lord will answer our prayers. I was at the Temple & walked with H. C. K. and bro Whitney to the P.O.

5 September 1844 · Thursday At the Temple all day. Last night I had a dream which gives me to understand that Sarah Cook is laying a snare for me, to destroy me. Evening I heard Er Hyde in the Masonic Hall. He proved very plain that Er Rigdons course since he came here has been a continued course of deception and falsehood and that his object is to scatter the people and break up the foundation laid by our beloved prophet Joseph Smith. The people seem to feel indignant at Er Rigdon for it is now reduced to a certainty that he is conspiring with the apostates to bring a mob upon us.

6 September 1844 · Friday At the Temple all day, copying records of the kingdom. A.M. Er

H.C.K. came up to say that I might take A.H. I went to the Temple office & also to see A.H. P.M attended the High Council as clerk. Leonard Soby was disfellowshipped by the council for following Er Rigdon. He spouted hard

8 September 1844 · Sunday At the meeting all day and acted as clerk. Er Rigdon Samuel Bennett, Leonard Soby, George Morey, Joseph H. Newton and John A. Forgens were cut off from the church & Samuel James and Jared Carter disfellowshipped. There was a good feeling among the people and a bad feeling among the Rigdonites.

9 September 1844 · Monday At the office all day copying the conference minutes

10 September 1844 · Tuesday same as yesterday. The High Council appointed me their clerk

12 September 1844 · Thursday A.M at the office copying minutes. P.M. at Phelps office comparing minutes.

13 September 1844 · Friday A.M. at the Temple copying minutes. P.M. same. At 3 went to see Alice Hardman who is sick and was united in the E.C.

There are many reports concerning the movements of the mob. They are preparing for a Wolf hunt on the 26 & 7 of this month but the general apprehension is that they design coming and attempting to drag some more out to Carthage to murder them. O God save thy people.

14 September 1844 · Saturday A. M at the Temple. Also went to see A.H. P.M. sick and at the

Temple Office.

15 September 1844 · Sunday A.M. heard P.P. Pratt preach on priesthood. P.M at the High Priest quorum. Evening went to see A.H.

16 September 1844 · Monday At the Temple Office. Sister Parker came & is very angry because we wont pay her the \$100. although they agreed to let it apply on the land and have been living on the land since we borrowed the money. At 5 o clock I went to see A.H. and tarried till 9. I had much friendly talk with her & accomplished a good object.

17 September 1844 · Tuesday A.M. went to the S.B Osprey to send for some Iron. Father says James has abused him and another very bad. After at the Temple all day.

18 September 1844 · Wednesday At the Temple all day.

19 September 1844 · Thursday At the Temple all day Evening went to see A.H. She is worse but feels to do right. She is a good woman & I pray God to bless her.

20 September 1844 · Friday A.M at the Temple office writing minutes of Council of fifty. Also wrote a letter for H.C. Kimball after he and I went to see A.H. and E.B. The latter will obey his instructions. He again earnestly told me that all the Twelve were my very warmest friends and he will help me to accomplish all my desires inasmuch as they are right. He says I shall yet have

S.C. There are yet many rumors concerning the movements of the mob. They seem determined to rout us if possible, but the feeling of the brethren is to stand firm & defend ourselves till we build the Temple. The brethren are again beginning to hold meetings through all the City.

21 September 1844 · Saturday At the Temple office all day

22 September 1844 · Sunday A.M. at the meeting Prest. Young preached on priesthood. P.M. at the quorum of High Priests. There is a report that there are 2500 men on there way here by order of the Governor which is confirmed by the State Register

23 September 1844 · Monday At the Temple office all day. The first capital was raised on the walls of the Temple. There was some danger attending the raising as the Crane gave way at the foot of the temple and was very nigh letting the stone down. The Capital is near two ton weight and looks splended. Evening I went to see A. H. and had a good time

24 September 1844 · Tuesday At the Temple office. Paid G.W. Robinson 88cts in full for postage on papers to the present time Report says that there are a company of men on the way from Quincy. The Governors Agent wants us to furnish evidence against the murderers of Joseph and Hyrum, and then he wants a posse to go from here to help to arrest them. It is evidently designed to draw us into collision with the mob, but the brethren feel to tarry at home & take care of their families.

I have just been to D. D. Yearsleys to get Forty dollars in money which I loaned to Lathrop some time ago. He says I have had goods out of the stone for it when the truth is I have

not received any thing on it. The goods I have received are in payment for a Comopeon he bought of me for \$29.50 and a watch for \$35.- Yearsley has wronged me and it is an evidence to me that he is about to deny the faith. I feel that he has wronged me a second time. He refused to take a \$5.- bill a few days ago and said it was a counterfeit, when it is well known that it is good

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