

## WILLIAM CLAYTON DIARY

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1 April 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day quite unwell, recording minutes of the Kingdom.

The weather some warmer but very windy. Evening at home.

2 April 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day recording tithings and records of Kingdom

Evening went to see Amos Fielding and received my case of instruments value £2.2.- Called to see D. She feels bad

3 April 1845 · Thursday At the office all day recording tithings. The weather very fine but very windy. Brothers Packard, Richards and Green returned from Michigan bringing a lot of guns & other property. Had the Buggy charged to me at \$85.- P.M. conversed with Betsy Smith in sister Pratts. Received English contribution amounting to \$106:06 from A. Fielding, and took supper with him at sister Pratts. Evening met with a few of the high quorum at Dr Richards house for prayer, there were present B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, John Taylor, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, J. E. Page, G. Miller, Joseph Young and myself. Our prayers were that the plans of the mob might be frustrated that they might have no influence nor power to disturb nor trouble us. that the leaders of the mob especially Sharp may be visited with judgements, and that we may be preserved in peace to finish the houses and see the Elders endowed and fulfil all that the Lord has commanded us in this place, also that brother Whitney, A. Lyman & Uncle John Smith may be

healed of their sicknesses, and that our families may be blessed &c. We had a good time.

4 April 1845 · Friday At the office all day receiving and recording tithings brought by Richards Green & Packard. Also B. L. Clapp arrived and brought \$1033.50 in money for the Temple. We have been very busy all day and the business looks cheerful & prosperous. The brethren have brought a large lot of property and say the brethren abroad feel extremely well and have a good spirit. There are many strangers prowling around the City and some of the murderers of Joseph and Hyrum. The weather is very fine and pleasant. At the office till 8 o'clock settling up cash account. balance on hand \$1345.78 Afterwards with D.-

5 April 1845 · Saturday At the office early paying Temple hands fifty cents each cash, and to those who are members of the Lodge fifty cents extra for quarterly dues. At 9 at the seventies Hall with the council of fifty, but on account of a multitude of business waiting the council adjourned without doing business to next Friday at 8 o'clock & 45 m. Brother Babbit stated that the mob are going to try to drive Backenstos from Carthage at 3 o'clock to day. the Jack Mormons (so called) say they will defend him and are gathering a company for that purpose. Backenstos says he will not be driven but will stand his ground. It seems that the mob are divided against themselves and don't expect to be able to do any thing with us. After council I was at the office the remainder of the day very busy - a bustle all the while. The weather is very cold. Evening met the concert party to practise

6 April 1845 · Sunday At the office all day checking Temple account books, quite unwell. The weather cold & windy. Evening rode out with Wm Walker, Ruth A Hardman, Diantha and Lydia

till dark. When alighting Diantha fell from the Carriage and hurt herself very bad she burst her nose & bruised herself very much. I tarried with her some but being so many people there I had no priviledge to be with her much.

7 April · Monday A.M. met with the stockholders of the Nauvoo House to keep minutes. Amasa Lyman & George A. Smith were appointed Trustees in the room of L. Wight & J. Snider. L. R. Foster was appointed clerk. At 10 went to conference to keep minutes all day. The day was very windy and dusty and I suffered much. Evening attended concert and felt quite sick. The saints voted to day to do all they could to finish the Temple and Nauvoo House and agreed to do away with all old debts against the church accrued in Kirtland and Missouri and for the Galland interest in the half breed lands in Iowa

8 April 1845 · Tuesday At home all day quite sick, having taken a violent cold yesterday. Elijah Fordham returned from New York and brought \$1263.19 for the Temple.

9 April 1845 · Wednesday Early this morning we had a thunder storm with rain and hail the weather is yet cold, I feel quite sick. At the office all day. received bro. Fordhams returns from the East amounting to \$1387.17 in money, also from sundries over \$100.- I feel quite sick and feel that my severe confinement to the books and business is hurting my health and constitution. The weather is very pleasant to day & warm. Bro. Lorenzo Snow has returned with some money and property and a six pounder Cannon on tithing. P.M. the twelve held a council on the Kirtland business. Evening I attended the concert.

10 April 1845 · Thursday At the office all day but too sick to do much. The weather is very fine and pleasant went on the walls of the Temple. Evening at home quite unwell and not able to attend meeting.

11 April 1845 · Friday With the council of fifty all day taking minutes. Prest. Young appointed J. Dunham, C. Shumway & Lorenzo Young to go with brother Dana on the Western Mission. It was decided to move the Printing office into the three lower stories of the Masonic Hall and commence the business on a larger scale the council all voting to do their utmost to sustain it. Evening with D. she is sick.

12 April 1845 · Saturday At the office all day quite busy preparing for brother Whitney to start for St Louis to buy groceries &c for the Temple. He took \$1711.25 with him and left about \$1905 in my care. The weather is fine and quite warm. The United States District Marshall came in with a writ or summons for some 16 or 18 of the brethren, on account of an obligation given when the church was in Kirtland for about \$16000.- and which is now in the hands of the enemies. Prest. Young's name is on the note & he is one whom the summons calls for. Brother Cahoon is another, but they both keep out of the way.

13 April 1845 · Sunday At the office all day. Recorded fifteen pages of the large tithing record. The weather very warm. The officer is still hunting round the City and has served his process on some of the persons named in it. He says if he can't find the brethren he shall leave the writ in the hands of some of the officers either in Carthage or Warsaw, so that we may continually be harassed by it. He has made considerable search and enquiry but he can't find any one to direct

him right. All are ignorant and strangers. Evening rode out with Wm Walker, Ruth, Margaret, Dianatha, Lidia Moon Olive Walker and Lucy Walker, but a strong wind blowing up and much dust flying we did not ride much. Spent the evening with D.

14 April 1845 · Monday At the office all day. John P. McEwan came to assist us in the office. The weather very warm The brethren suffered the officer to serve the writs on them, not fearing any trouble. The works on the Temple progress very rapidly & they have commenced to day to lay the foundation of the wall around the Temple block. An officer has been to day from Carthage to summon some witnesses but he cant find them. Evening at home, my family all well

15 April 1845 · Tuesday A.M at the office till 12.- Brother Workman came to make his acknowledgements to me and ask my forgiveness for his hard feelings & speeches he has used towards me. I felt to forgive him. He has long had a prejudice against me on account of my not selling him a valuable lot for a small consideration and taking such property as Prest. Smith did not want. He tried to prejudice the prophets mind against me but failed every time. I am glad for his sake he has taken the course he has to make the matter right & shall cherish no unkind feelings against him. On saturday last their was an election for five trustees for the new corporation and to day they are sworn into office. The weather is still very warm & the ground is suffering for want of rain. Recorded five pages of the tithing record besides attending to a variety of business. Dined at 12 o clock with brother Miller and afterwards rode with him to meet with the Kingdom of God in the upper room of the Seventies Hall. Phineas Young was received into the Council and decided to go with Brothers Dame, Dunham and Shumway to the Indian Council at Council Bluffs and thence if they think best to the Pacific Ocean. It was also

decided that brother Solomon Tindal should go with them to his tribe - the Delawares. A letter from Gov. Ford was read giving his advice relative to our policy in organizing the City. He advises to organize the City into corporations of a mile square so as to include the whole surface. He also recommends us to go and establish an independant government in California.

The weather is very warm. We had a few drops of rain & there is some prospect for more to night. Evening & at home and also at brother Farris

16 April 1845 · Wednesday A.M rode with brother Miller to brother Lotts on the farm & thence with brother Lott & Miller to see Soln. Freeman concerning the land contracted to him. It seems there has long been a feeling between Lott & Freeman concerning a fence on the West part of Freemans land. the latter having gone over the line and infringed on Lotts arrangements, and also taken some beans which belonged to sister Emma which were in Lotts care. After talking the matter over in presence of brothers J. Murdock and C.P. Lott, Freeman voluntarily offered if the Trustees would let him occupy the land this season and give him credit on his tithing for the wagon he paid towards the land he would give it up after reaping his crops and give all his improvements to the church for the use of the land. Brother Miller accepted Freemans offers and it was agreed upon to that effect. The peice of land on the west end of the Lot concerning which the dispute had arose was voluntarily given up by brother Freeman now, if the Trustees will credit him for the plowing he has done on it, on his tithing & give him 150 rails for those he owns on it. This was also agreed should be done by brother Miller according to the proposition. Freeman agreed to pay Emma a bushell of Beans in the fall for those he took. The whole matter was amicably settled and there appeared to be a good feeling amongst all hands. After we got through we started back for the office & arrived at 11 1/2 o clock It is fine but very windy and

dusty. P.M. at the office mostly copying records of the kingdom. The weather very windy and dusty. Brother Whitney got home about 7 or 8 P.M. with the goods and groceries for the Temple. He has had a good voyage and no accident. At 8 1/2 I went to the Concert Hall to fetch Margaret & Lidia home.

17 April 1845 · Thursday At the office all day, the weather fine and very warm but yet very windy, so much so that the Masons cannot work on the walls of the Temple. Part of the day I was copying records of the Kingdom and attending to a variety of other business. Brother Whitney has brought me a six shooter pistol & four silk handkerchiefs for which I feel grateful. My health is but indifferent. The following verses were composed by Er John Taylor the apostle & revised by him at the council of the kingdom on friday the 11th inst.

1       The upper California, O that's the land for me  
It lies between the mountains & great Pacific sea,  
The saints can be supported there  
And taste the sweets of liberty;  
With flocks & herds abounding, O that's the land for me  
O that's the land for me, O that's the land for me

2

We'll go and lift our standard, we'll go there & be free  
We'll go to California and have our Jubilee,  
A land that blooms with endless spring  
A land of joy and liberty,

In upper California, O that's the land for me. &c

3

We'll burst off all our fetters & break the gentile yoke

For long it has beset us, but now it shall be broke

No more shall Jacob bow his neck,

Henceforth he shall be great and free,

In upper California, O that's the land for me &c.

4

We'll reign, we'll rule, and triumph & God shall be our King

The plains, the hills & vallies, shall with Hosannas ring,

Our towers & Temples there shall rise

Along the great Pacific Sea,

In upper California, O that's the land for me, &c.

5

We'll ask our cousin Lemuel, to join us heart & hand

And spread abroad our curtains throughout fair Zions land

Till this is done we'll pitch our tents

Beside the great Pacific Sea,

In Upper California, O that's the land for me. &c

6

Then join with me my brethren, & let us hasten there

And lift our glorious standard & raise our house of prayer

We'll call on all the nations round



To join our standard and be free

In upper California, O that's the land for me. &c.

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Evening tarried at the office till 8 o'clock afterwards met at Dr Richards' to pray in company with B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, of the twelve; N.K. Whitney & George Miller the two church bishops, John Smith, Patriarch and Joseph Young. The particular subjects asked for was father Bents mission to L. Wights company and the deliverance of the church from their enemies. At my suggestion the hands who labor on the Temple were remembered to be preserved from accidents, inasmuch as they are in danger all the while. We had a very good time.

18 April 1845 · Friday This A.M. as the workmen on the Temple were raising a large stone probably 1500 lbs weight the chain broke just as the stone was being received on the wall, and fell with tremendous force. It broke a part of the crane but did not injure the wall nor hurt anyone. The weather is cool to day and not so windy. I was transacting a variety of business chiefly preparing the land books to give in Tax list. Spent the evening with D.

19 April 1845 · Saturday At the office all day very busy. David Evans came in with some money and property for the Temple which I received & entered on the books. The weather is fine and warm. P.M. fixing documents for Ruben Miller as agent to collect funds for the Temple and Nauvoo House &c. Evening attended the Misses Slaters concert in the Concert Hall, but a very few attended. They sung well but I would rather hear our own concerts. Afterwards went

home with D. and had some talk with her she feels almost discouraged because her side and head pains her so much. Had some conversation with A. Hardman till 12 o'clock, when her brother Richard came for her to go to St Louis stating that the boat was waiting for her. He also stated that the boat had brought a lot of flour which I understand is for the Temple. Alice feels bad to go away & would rather tarry here with us.

20 April 1845 · Sunday A.M at the office helping to receive 179 barrels of flour which Homer has bought for the Temple. It will cost about \$3.30 for a barrel. P.M at home Evening with D. and had a good interview afterwards walked out & conversed till 10 o'clock

21 April 1845 · Monday At the office quite unwell. The weather is warm & some prospect for rain. Preparing the Tax list, and to go to Carthage to redeem lots &c. At half past 2 I went out to see the first star put up on the South East corner of the Temple having been notified by brother Player that it was going up. I met brother Kimball when I got there and we sat down on brother Cutlers fence to watch the slow upward progress of the "starr." At 1/4 to three it was properly fixed in its place by brother Wm. W. Player, and as quick as it was secured brother Edward Miller sprang to the top of it, and was immediately followed by Elisha Everett. They had been watching and planning to see which could be on it the first. The "star" looks well and will serve to beautify the Temple very much. The weather looks some like rain but is very warm. There are many more hands around the Temple than can work to advantage, many coming to work in order to get provisions. There has been dealt out to day to the steady hands, men of families a barrel of flour each, and to those of small families a half barrel. To the remainder of the hands it will be dealt out in small quantities. The Lord blesses the labors of his servants and the higher

the Temple rises the more means we have to build it with.

Brother Kimball & I returned to the office and I read over the copy of a letter which he dictated and I wrote to President Joseph dated "Manchester July 9 - 1840" Recording the minutes of the kingdom. Evening attended the concert.

22 April 1845 · Tuesday A.M. at the office recording the minutes of the kingdom. P.M. attended the council of the kingdom. There was not much business done. The bretheren are not yet gone west and will probably not start for a day or two. Afterwards at the office. The weather is very fine and warm. Last night we had two or three very refreshing shours. It is very windy again, but the stone setters work on the lee side and have kept at work. Evening I attended the Concert.

23 April 1845 · Wednesday At 7 A.M. Bishop Miller and I went to Carthage to redeem the Lots sold for Taxes June 7th 1843. The weather was fine and pleasant. We arrived home at 5 o clock. Evening I attended Concert. We had some heavy showers about 9 & 10 o clock and also most of the night

24 April 1845 · Thursday At the office all day recording minutes of the kingdom. We have had two very heavy showers of rain during the day and much thunder and lightning. This morning Joseph S. Schofield came in and told me that Rufus Beach had sent word that in a conversation with a constable of the county, the constable told him that he had forty or fifty writs which he was coming to serve on the brethren in a few days. The constable stated that the writs were all for civil suits, but this may be and it may not. There is word also come to day that a company of men from Iowa have been up to Emmetts company & brought the company down to Burlington

as prisoners, all except Emmett who ran away and took all the property belonging to the company he could carry with him. John L. Butler is in the Burlington Jail. The officers said they should take what property was left belonging to the brethren to pay the expenses of the expedition, but finally concluded to give it up to the owners in consideration of their extreme poverty & wretchedness.

The report of the destruction of twenty Blocks of the City of Pittsburgh by fire comes confirmed by the papers. It is stated that about 1200 houses & buildings are reduced to ashes and chiefly in the most wealthy portion of the City.

25 April 1845 · Friday At the office all day recording the tithings. The weather fine and cool Evening at home.

26 April 1845 · Saturday At the office all day recording tithings. There are a number of the Rigdonites come up the river, whose object is asserted to be to seize the church property, or institute suits against the brethren so as to get up an excitement before Court time. P.M. Bishop George Miller started up the river to buy Lumber for the Temple. He took with him \$1000.- The weather has been fine. At 6 P.M. I started over the river to meet the band and assist in the Concert. We held it in Dr Williams room & had a crowded house After we got through and started home some persons began to molest the company and we were near having a difficulty. If the mobocrats had not seen that we were well armed no doubt we would have had to borne abuse, but we were well prepared and did not fear them. We got home about half past 12 o clock.

27 April 1845 · Sunday At Dr Richards all day in company with Prest. Young, H.C. Kimball, O.

Hyde, W. Richards, G. A. Smith & Thomas Bullock. Our business was to prepare the conference minutes for the press. At 5 rode out with Ruth, Mrs Farr, Diantha Wm Walker, and my two youngest children to fetch Margaret and Lidia home. Evening met at Dr Richards with the Dr. Pres Young H.C. Kimball, A. Lyman, G. A. Smith, O. Hyde, J. Young & John Smith. Our object was to offer up prayers for a number of subjects. The meeting broke up about 10 1/2 o clock with a perfect peace & union.

28 April 1845 · Monday At the office all day. A.M. recording minutes of the kingdom. Bought D. a new dress 7 yards @ 21- pr yard. P.M. received goods & money from Thomas Pearson an agent just returned from Chetauqua County, New York. The Temple Committee bought a raft of lumber about 25000 feet @ \$15 pr thousand feet. At 5 P.M. in council with Presn. Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor & N. K. Whitney. I read two letters from P.P. Pratt stateing his movements in the East. He gives encouragement that he has gotten influence with Prest. Polk & other leading characters who are determined secretly to control the officers of this State so as to make them do away with mobs and mobocracy. The letters are very encouraging.

The subject of brother Taylors purchasing James Ivins place for \$3200.- also was talked of, and Prest. Young advised Er Taylor to sell his interest in the Post office to raise the \$500- which he is lacking to make up the payment. The weather has been very fine and pleasant to day. Spent the evening with D.

29 April 1845 · Tuesday A.M at the office. Watched brother Player finish laying the first upper circular window on the South East corner of the Temple. Afterwards at the office At 10 went to school at O. Pratts to learn Phonography from George D. Watts. The school consists of B.

Young, H. C. Kimball, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, J. Taylor, and L.N. Scovil. P.M. received and opened 3 Boxes of tithing goods sent from Boston Massachusetts for the Temple. The greater part of the goods are old cloths which have evidently been thrown aside as useless. Some persons sent 7 old vests and the whole were not worth fifty cents. They are all so dirty they stink beyond endurance and a great part of them are perfect rags. The most miserable set of stuff that I ever saw piled together only for the rag shop. The freight cost something like seventeen dollars cash.

At 6 1/2 met the council of fifty at the seventies Hall, afterwards with D.

30 April 1845 · Wednesday This A.M it is very wet and rainy. At the office taking account of the remainder of the goods from Boston. Attended school at O. Pratts. P.M. at the office not doing much. Eveing paid Mr John R. Mitchel \$406.- for 27073 feet of Lumber afterwards with D.-

This month has passed and left many blessings behind it. My family enjoy tolerable good health and plenty of the good things of this life. On Wednesday last at 5 o clock & 57 minutes P. Young started over the river on the western mission, Lewis Dame, J. Dunham, C. Shumway & S. Tindall started the following morning at 3 o clock.

May 1845

1 May 1845 · Thursday A.M. at the office at 9 rode with Bishop Whitney to see Prest. B. Young about purchasing more Lumber we found him at Bates Nobles. I then rode to Packs to get him to take bros. Young, Kimball and Whitney to the raft and I then returned past the Temple to take brother Cutler. The brethren finally concluded with Saml. Russels assistance to buy two rafts which will cost us about \$1600.- P.M at the office recording tithings &c. Prest. Young told me

that he had learned that the Rigdonites are intending to have me taken up and prosecuted for polygamy, especially George W. Robinson & Samuel James. The weather is very fine but windy.

The key stone of the upper venetian Window arch was set at 1/4 past 5 P.M by brother Player. I was on the wall close by when it was set. Evening met for prayer at Dr Richards. There were present B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, A. Lyman, O. Hyde, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, John Smith, I Morley and Joseph Young and myself.

2 May 1845 · Friday At the office all day recording tithings brought by E. Fordham on the 8th instant. Read Wm. M. Daniels account of the murder of Joseph and Hyrum in Carthage Jail on the 27th June last. The narrative is affecting but too much of his own remarks and phrases. The weather is very fine and cool. Spent the evening till 2 A.M. with D. very pleasantly.

3 May 1845 · Saturday A.M. at the office. At 10 rode out with Truman Leonard Senr. to S.W 1-6 N-8 W. he seems disposed to take 80 acres @ \$4.-- pr acre. P.M at the office. The weather fine and warm. Evening cloudy. Charles Ivins was in the office and says that in a conversation with Cowles he learned that Rigdons party is very much divided both in doctrine and sentiment. Law & Rigdon differed in fifteen points of doctrine, Rigdon wanting to deny the book of Mormon which Law could not do. McLellan & Rigdon also differ in sentiment. Ellis M. Sanders loaned the Trustees \$1000 for the Church. Evening at home and with D a little

4 May 1845 · Sunday At the office all day recording tithings, also wrote a letter to Margt. Jones in England. Brother Miller returned last night but brought no lumber. He contracted for 60000 feet @ \$11. to be brought in 8 weeks. received from him \$773.-- returned.

The day has been very fine and pleasant. Evening with D.--

5 May 1845 · Monday At the office and also rode down to the River to see a Raft of Lumber Bought 93 thousand shingles for the Temple. P.M. at the office nothing special going on. The weather very fine. Evening at home quite unwell.

6 May 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, the weather very fine. Evening met with the council of Fifty in the seventies Hall. The principal topic of conversation was the movements of the mob. It appears their determination is to get up an excitement at the Court & they are already trying it by reporting that the Saints are going en masse to Carthage at the Court and if the Court does not execute the law on the murderers that we intend to destroy the Court and Citizens of the county. From reports which the brethren have brought who have been at Carthage the mob are laying deep plans to bring us into collision with the State so as to bring about our expulsion or extermination forthwith. It was agreed that none of the brethren leave the City at the Court only those who are required to be there on business, so that we may prevent the mob from coming into the City and committing depredations in the absence of the brethren. An article was written by O. Hyde & W. Richards to publish in tomorrow's paper notifying the public of the designs of the mob and also the course we intend to pursue. The council did not break up till 10 1/4.

7 May 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. The weather very fine. I have been told that Dr Foster is concealed at Brother Rays about 6 miles East of the City. O. Hyde also states that about 200 men are collected at Apanooce and prevented some of the brethren from going to work on the island. Their captain told the brethren that they had arranged their matters so as to cut off all



communication with the Governor. It appears the mob are determined to make a desperate effort this court but the brethren trust in God that he will over-rule the whole affair for the good of the saints. The works of the Temple progress very rapidly and there is a better feeling amongst the brethren than I ever saw. Everything moves beautifully and harmoniously and the prayers of the saints ascend up daily that we may be sustained until the Temple and Nauvoo House are finished and the saints receive their endowment. Truly God is good to his people and pour[s] his blessings upon them daily.

At 5 3/4 P.M. brother Player laid the first stone of the last course on the walls of the Temple on the S. E. Corner. Evening met with the following brethren at Dr Richards for prayer being clothed &c. viz. B. Young, J. Taylor, W. Richards, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, N. K. Whitney, L. Richards, Brother Kimball came in at the close of the meeting. We had a very pleasant time. The chief subjects were to pray that the Lord would hedge up the way of the mob so that they may have no power over us during court. Also that the Lord would hedge up the way of John Greenhow that he may not have power or influence to go to England and publish the book of Doctrine and covenants. Petitions were also offered for brother Miller & others who are sick. It was also agreed to send a letter to Er Woodruff in England and warn him to forestall Greenhow and get out a copy right for the Doctrine & Covenants before him. After the meeting separated at 10 3/4 I went over to see [symbols] feels bad because I did not go to see [symbols] sooner.

8 May 1845 · Thursday At the office all day chiefly recording tithings. Paid D. H. Wells \$220. and took his receipt. Mr James Cook & Lady from Middletown, Maryland, and Mr James B. Miller & Lady from Madison County, Kentucky came up to see the Temple. They appeared wonderfully astonished to see the industry and harmony of the people and the beauty of the

Temple. They said they would not for a hundred dollars missed the privilege of visiting the City and the Temple. P.M. recording tithings. The day has been very fine. Evening met at Dr Richards for prayer in company with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, J.E. Page, N.K. Whitney, L. Richards, Joseph Young. We had a very interesting time.

9 May 1845 · Friday At the office all day recording tithings. The weather very fine. Had a conversation with Mr Ralston of Quincy. He is here to try to sell a part of the Town of Warsaw, he says many of the mob want to sell out. Evening with D. She is very sick.

10 May 1845 · Saturday A.M. at the office. Wrote a letter to Ruben Miller concerning the Glass &c. P.M. met with the council of Fifty and adjourned sine die. The adjournment was brought about in consequence of the conduct of D.D. Yearsly of whom there is strong suspicions of treachery. Afterwards at the office till about 8 o'clock. The weather has been very fine & warm. Evening with D. who is better.

11 May 1845 · Sunday At the office all day comparing account books with brother Whitehead. Evening met at Dr Richards for prayer with B. Young, W. Richards, J. Taylor, O. Pratt, G.A. Smith, J.E. Page, N.K. Whitney and Levi Richards. Prest. Young advised me to keep closed up for a week or two inasmuch as the apostates, especially S. James & G.W. Robinson have entered into measures to take me with a writ to Carthage. The mob also want to get Prest Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, W. Richards, O. Hyde & W.W Phelps and it is said they have taken out writs for them. They want twelve men out of Nauvoo but we are unable to learn who the others are.

There is news come from the other side the river that an old man of the name of Hodges was murdered last night about 5 miles from Montrose. Strong suspicions are attached to Curtis Hodges and his sons who live in Nauvoo as being the murderers. Weather windy.

12 May 1845 · Monday At the office. the weather more cool but pleasant. Spent the evening with D. I kept within doors near all day.

13 May 1845 · Tuesday At the office with closed door all day. The weather very windy. There has a report come in that there is a writ out for brother Whitney also. Evening went to see D. As soon almost as I got there Margaret came and said brother Kay wanted to see me. I went home and found that he had come to watch over night. Soon after I got home brother Whitney came and stated that two strange men had come on the Carthage road. He felt suspicious that they were not friends. As they were coming in one of them spoke to brother Whitney's boy and asked if he knew where Bishop Whitney lived. The boy replied that he did not. The man turned to the other and said "we will go and put out our horses any how" This circumstance created a little suspicion and I concluded to go to the mansion & see what could be learned about them. Kay went with me, but they had not been to the Mansion. It appears they tarried at Loomis' tavern which still added to strengthen suspicion.

14 May 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day chiefly recording tithings. The weather is cold and cloudy and windy. We here no further news from the mob. Brother Cutler told me he had heard that there is a writ and subpoena both for me. Spent the evening with D. to keep close.

15 May 1845 · Thursday This day being appointed as a day of fasting & prayer all works were stopped and meetings held in various parts of the City. The brethren consecrated there days victuals and handed it to the Bishops for the poor and considerable was realized by the plan. I was at the office all day recording tithings and comparing the books. The trial of the two Hodges for the murder over the river on Saturday night came on, but the Sheriff from Iowa was present with an indictment and the trial was staid. The men finally concluded to surrender and go with the Sheriff to be tried in Iowa. There is no reason to doubt but they are guilty. The Sheriff stated that it had been told to him the Mormons would resist and try to secrete the murderers but on his finding that the citizens were not only willing to have them arrested but also lent every aid to the officers he seemed happily dissapointed and said he should publish a notice in the papers, how he was treated by the people here and that they manifested a strong determination to sustain the law &c. The day has been very fine but cool. Evening met at Dr Richards for prayer, in company with Prest. Young, H.C. Kimball, G. A. Smith, O. Pratt, N.K. Whitney & L Richards.

16 May 1845 · Friday At the office all day, quite unwell. The weather very fine. Soon after 2 P.M. I went on the walls of the Temple and sat down on the highest part of the wall on the stair way on the South West corner of the Temple. While I set their bro. Player set the last star on its place, being the second star on the west end from the south west corner. The star was fixed in its place exactly at three o clock. All the stars are now safely on the wall and in a few days more the walls will be complete. The carpenters are very busy raising the Timbers for the foundation of the roof, and every thing moves on very rapidly and harmoniously. As yet there has been no accident during the whole progress of the building save one or two small bruises.

Evening at brother Farris quite unwell.

17 May 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. The weather very fine. Evening with D. Father came

18 May 1845 · Sunday At the office all day checking books with brother Whitehead. The weather very fine. Evening at home. I went to meet with the brethren at Dr Richards but felt to unwell to remain.

19 May 1845 · Monday At the office. A.M went on the Temple and walked round on the walls. While I was seated on the middle wall on the west end, I was alarmed by an accident which happened to brother Stephen H. Goddard. The brethren were taking down the scaffolding poles on the north side of the building. Goddard & two or three others were standing on the wall assisting to steady the pole as the brethren below were raising it by the Tackle. Goddard had hold of the pole and by some accident it slip'd and struck him on the left side of his head with considerable force. He fell forward across two joists which fortunatly had been put in previous or he would have fallen to the cellar, and probably would have been killed. He was stunned, and very badly hurt. The brethren raised him up and in a few minutes he was able to wash his face from the blood. He has a cut over his left eye and the side of his face is badly bruised. I laid hands on him with brother Joseph S. Scofield and and another brother, and felt to ask the Lord to rebuke the pain and heal him so that he might continue his labors, and then advised him to go down where he would be more cool which he did. The brethren work in great danger all the while on account of not having joists enough to make the floor safe. Comparing books principally through the day.

20 May 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, chiefly comparing books. P.M. received a large amount of Goods and money for hands. Ormus E. Bates and Benjamin Brown. They brought near \$300.- in money. Evening at home. Weather fine

21 May 1845 · Wednesday A.M at the office assisting the Bishops to prize off the property brought by brothers Brown and Bates. The brethren have commenced to rig the cannon (4 in number) in one of the cellar rooms of the Temple on the South side. There is not much move at Carthage, although there are a great number of men there they seem pretty still. P.M. comparing books &c Evening with D.

22 May 1845 · Thursday At the office all day recording tithings & comparing books. Received list of tithings from Ottawa pr Bishop Ruben Miller. We have had considerable rain to day which has prevented the men from finishing setting the stone on the Temple The weather is now quite cool and seems likely to continue raining - Evening at home

23 May 1845 · Friday At the office all day. At about 2 1/2 P.M. went to see brother Kay and others who are engaged in fixing the cannon. Kay is now very busy drilling a six pounder and his operations work well. At a little before 5 I went up on the wall and watched brother Player lay the last stone on the Temple except the backing up. The last stone laid is the second from the North West corner stone. There were a number of citizens around the Temple to see the last stone laid. All the stone were on the wall before this one but it being too large it was the last that was finished. It was cut by James Standing and placed in its place at 5 minutes after 5. Immediately afterwards the hands commenced raising the large oak timbers for the basement of

the Tower & raised two of them this evening. Wm. Smith is coming out in opposition to the Twelve and in favor of Adams. The latter has organized a church at Augusta, Iowa Territory with young Joseph Smith for President, Wm. Smith for Patriarch, Jared Carter for President of the stake and himself for spokesman to Joseph. Wm. says he has sealed some women to men and he considers he is not accountable to Brigham nor the Twelve nor any one else. There is more danger from William than from any other source, and I fear his course will bring us much trouble. Evening went with brother Whitney to see the Twelve at Er Taylors on Main Street. We tarried till near 10 o'clock. There were present B. Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, W. Richards, G. A. Smith, J. E. Page and N.K. Whitney. I presented to them a proposition to write a short history of the building of the Temple from its commencement, together with other matters and deposite the history in the corner stone about to be laid tomorrow. They acquiesced with the plan. The case of Wm. Smith was also talked over. It appears he is determined to rule the church and monopolize the whole to himself. Samuel Brannan came in while we were talking. I had an introduction to him. J. C. Wright and Elias Smith also came in and stated that the court had got a jury empannelled and was to proceed to try the murderers at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. They say there is no manner of doubt but the murderers will be acquitted.

24 May 1845 · Saturday At a quarter before six A.M. quite a large number of the saints had assembled to witness the laying of the cap stone on the South East corner of the Temple. There were present of the quorum of the Twelve President B. Young, H.C. Kimball, John Taylor W. Richards, Amasa Lyman, George A. Smith, John E. Page & Orson Hyde and O. Pratt also Newel K. Whitney and George Miller the presiding Bishops and Trustees in Trust, Alpheus Cutler &

Reynolds Cahoon Temple Committee, Wm. Clayton Temple Recorder. And John Smith Patriarch and President of the stake. Of the High Council Wm. Huntington sen. C. C. Rich, Aaron Johnson, G. W Harris, James Allred, David Fullmer, Also Wm. Weeks architect and W.W. Phelps.

A few minutes before six the band came up and arranged themselves on the platform a little back from the corner. Their names are as follows. Wm. Pitt, leader, Stephen Hales, Wm. T. Cahoon, Robert T. Burton, John Kay, James Smithies, Daniel S. Cahoon Andrew Cahoon, Charles H. Hales, Martin H. Peck, I. F. Hutchinson, James Standing, Wm. D. Huntington, Charles Smith, and Charles C. Robins & Wm. Kimball standard bearer. At 6 o clock the band played the "Nightingale" and then another tune while the people were gathering. At 8 minutes after six brother Wm. W. Player commenced spreading his mortar, perfect silence prevailing. President Young stood on the wall immediately north of the corner and Er Kimball stood at his right hand. When the mortar was spread the stone was lifted to its place by brothers Player, T. Lewis, T. Iaap and three others. Prest. Young stepped on to it and taking the large beetle commenced to beat it to its place, brother Player instructing and attending to it to make it go right. At precisely 22 minutes after 6 o clock the Cap stone was pronounced set The Band immediately struck up the "Cap stone March", composed for the occasion by Wm. Pitt. President Young then spoke to the congregation instructing them how to shout the Hosannas &c. He then said the last stone is laid upon the Temple and I pray the Almighty in the name of Jesus to defend us in this place and sustain us untill the Temple is finished and we have all got our endowment. The whole congregation then shouted as loud as possible Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna, to God and the Lamb, Amen, amen and amen. This was repeated a second and a third time The Prest. concluded by saying so let it be the Lord Almighty. He then said this is the seventh day of the



week, on the Jewish Sabbath. It is the day on which the Almighty finished his work and rested from his labors. We have finished the walls of the Temple and we may rest to day from our labors. He said he would take it upon him to dismiss the workmen for to day, and requested the people to hallow the day, and spend it in giving thanks to God. He then dismissed the congregation and in company with his brethren of the Twelve retired to the place of retreat, where they can be safe from arrests by constables and officers who are prowling around the City from Carthage. The band played several more tunes and John Kay stepped on the corner stone and sung a song composed by W. W. Phelps for the occasion, called the "Cap stone song." The morning was very cold and chilly, the people seem highly interested with the mornings performance. All public works were suspended and the day was kept as a holliday.

After the ceremony of laying the corner stone was over the Band went over to the Concert Hall. I went with them and tarried till about 12 o clock, after which I went home and feeling very unwell, lay down to take some rest. I did nothing much afterwards through the day. Spent the evening with D. At 10 A.M. Wm Smiths wife was buried in the tomb of Joseph.

25 May 1845 · Sunday A.M at the office writing the history of the Temple to deposite in the corner stone, also looking over Cahoons accounts. Brother Kesler returned with 100 barrels of Flour which was hawled up and secured in the barn. P.M at home quite unwell. Towards evening walked with Ruth to brother Farris and tarried a while. At a little after 8 brother Kimball called and I went with him to Dr. Richards to meet with the quorum for prayer. Present Prest B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, G.A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, John E. Page and O. Pratt of the Twelve. N.K. Whitney and G. Miller, Trustees, and Levi Richards, Patriarch John Smith, Joseph Young and myself. We had a good time and felt that our prayers would be answered. We broke

up about half past eleven.

26 May 1845 · Monday A.M at the office, afterwards at Brother Millers in company with the Twelve and Trustees in council till 5 in the evening. It was concluded to dismiss D. Avery from the Temple on account of his disobedience to orders and contentious quarrelsome spirit. It was also concluded to take Jesse P. Harmon in his place. I wrote a letter to brother P.P.Pratt. Evening with D. This A.M. John D. Parker arrived with a raft of Lumber.

27 May 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, making up a history for a deposite in the corner stone. We have had a good shower to day. Evening at home & D.

28 May 1845 · Wednesday This morning the first bent of the Attic Story of the Temple was raised at 20 minutes after 8 o clock. At the office all day, fixing record for deposite. Evening at home. The weather fine.

29 May 1845 · Thursday At the office all day, fixing record for deposite and recording tithing. The weather very fine but cool. Received a letter from E.M. Hendrix which appears favorable. Evening met at Dr Richards for prayer, in company with president B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, John Taylor, Amasa Lyman, G. A. Smith, O. Pratt, and O. Hyde of the Twelve, N.K. Whitney and George Miller, Trustees, Joseph Young and Levi Richards. The subjects prayed for were many, especially that the Lord would over-rule the movements of Wm. Smith who is endeavoring to ride the Twelve down, and also that the Lord would over-rule the mob so that we may dwell in peace untill the Temple is finished. The council broke up about half past 12 o

clock. Dr Richards is quite feeble and his wife very sick.

30 May 1845 · Friday At the office all day preparing record for deposite. We had some rain.

31 May 1845 · Saturday At the office all day preparing record &c. Evening went to see mother Smith. She appears very sly.

Brother G. D. Watt has returned from Carthage. He brings word that the jury brought in their verdict yesterday, and found the prisoners "not guilty", There is another indictment against them for the murder of Hyrum, the court has appointed a special to try toe cases on the 24th June. From the testimony of brother Watt it appears the Judge Young is favorable to the mobocrats and manifests a disposition to acquit the murderers rather than bring them to justice. Calvin A. Warren also said if the prisoners were guilty of murder he himself was guilty, alleging that it was the public opinion that the Smiths ought to be killed, and public opinion made the laws, and consequently it was not murder to kill the Smiths. Esqr. Browning also railed hard against the saints. In fact the whole proceedings of the court is nothing more than a farce, and it is evident there is no disposition on the part of the people to avenge the blood of the servants of God and it will yet be left for God himself to do it, in his own time and in his own way.

Our anxiety is to finish the Temple and the Nauvoo House that the Elders may get their endowments and that we may be permitted to fulfil the commands of the Almighty in relation to this place.

June 1845

1 June 1845 · Sunday At the office all day checking books &c. The weather fine and pleasant. Evening at Dr Richards with B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, J.E. Page, O.

Pratt, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, John Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, L. Richards & Joseph Young. It was decided that Hanson translate the Doctrine and Covenants & Book of Mormon into the Norwegian language and that Er O. Pratt assist. Also decided that the Trustees give G. D. Watt a quarter of a Lot and build him a house and employ him as a reporter for the Church, and let his labors go towards paying for his house and lot. I read a part of the record which I prepared for a deposite, but it was not as full as president Young wanted and the council concluded to deposite all the Times & Seasons, to give a perfect history of the church in Nauvoo. Separated at 12 o clock.

2 June 1845 · Monday At the office. A.M. paid Rhodes \$1400 and took up two notes. P.M. in council with the Twelve a little while, afterwards recorded six pages on the tithing record. We have had a plentiful pouring of rain.

3 June 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, recorded 12 Pages on tithing record. Evening at the Masonic Hall with the Band. Dibble was exhibiting the painting of the murder of Joseph and Hyrum

4 June 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. Recorded 11 Pages of tithings. The weather very fine.

5 June 1845 · Thursday At the office recording tithings. Evening met at Dr Richards for prayer in company with B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, O. Pratt, A. Lyman, J. E. Page, G. A. Smith, N K. Whitney, G. Miller and Levi Richards. We separated at 12 o clock.

6 June 1845 · Friday At the office comparing books. Evening at brother Millers with W. Pitt, J. Kay, J. Smithies & J.F. Hutchinson.

7 June 1845 · Saturday At the office all day.

8 June 1845 · Sunday A.M. at the office, afterwards at home all day. At 4 met at Dr Richards with B. Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, W. Richards, O. Hyde, O. Pratt, J. E. Page, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, L. Richards & J.C. Kingsbury. We had a very interesting time and separated about 9 o clock.

9 June 1845 · Monday At the office all day, footing up books. Wrote a letter to A.H. We have had a very pleasant rain this A.M. in answer to our prayers last evening. The weather is again fine & very warm.

10 June 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, attending to a variety of business, Evening at home. The weather fine.

11 June 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. A.M. made out a bill of Lumber received and paid \$731.50 for it. Borrowed of Isaac Chase \$900.- P.M. settled with D. H. Redfield who has returned from his mission. Brought \$170 money. Evening at home with D. about 9 o clock a heavy storm of thunder and rain passed over.

12 June 1845 · Thursday A.M. at the office received donations collected by Winslow Farr and

recording tithings. The weather very fine and good for growing crops. At 4 o'clock met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, and Levi Richards. We had a very interesting time and separated about half past 8 o'clock.

13 June 1845 · Friday At the office all day recording tithings. A.M. rain P.M. the weather fine.

14 June 1845 · Saturday At the office. P.M. rode with brother Whitney to Lumber yard Evening talked with S.A. Whitney & E. M. Kimball.

15 June 1845 · Sunday At the office till 4 P.M. Afterwards at Dr Richards with B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, N. K. Whitney, G. Miller, L. Richards & J. C. Kingsbury. Evening conversed with brother Farr and also with D.

16 June 1845 · Monday At the office all day preparing list for brother Whitney to take to St Louis, also preparing his funds and borrowing money. It took us till 10 o'clock P.M. to get through. The weather has been fine but cold.

17 June 1845 · Tuesday A.M. rode with brother Whitney to Steam Boat landing & saw him start safe on the "Mermaid". He takes with \$1549.05 to purchase materials for the Temple. The weather is very cool. I was on the Temple this P.M. all the heavy timbers of the roof are up and the workman are busily engaged with the remainder. It is truly wonderful to see with what

rapidity the works of the Temple have progressed since the death of our beloved prophet & patriarch, far beyond the expectations of any man. It has seemed as tho' the whole works have moved by inspiration. Evening with D. at the Mansion, had a pleasant interview.

18 June 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day chiefly comparing books. The weather very wet and damp. rode out with brother Miller to see Charles Shumway who has returned this morning in company with Phineas Young from the west. He brings a somewhat unfavorable report of Dunham's conduct, and makes it appear that he and Dana have laid plans to get Shumway and Young back home, not wanting their company. He states that Dunham kept them dark as much as possible in regard to what he knew and what he designed to do. Shumway says they visited the Chief of the Stockbridge tribe who appeared very friendly and much pleased to see them. All the chiefs of the tribes except this one are away, some at Washington and some elsewhere. He says the Cherokees are in trouble on account of the situation of their lands, which Congress has deeded to them twice and caused a quarrel among them. Several have been killed. He states that the tribes are endeavouring to unite and a number of tribes are already united. Evening at brother Farrs.

19 June 1845 · Thursday At the office till 4 P.M. The weather wet and muddy. Afterwards at Dr Richards with President B. Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, W. Richards, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, O. Hyde, George Miller and Levi Richards. Prayers were offered up for many things especially that the curse of God may fall upon Judge Young and the Lawyers who have justified the murderers, and that they may not be able to hold court. Evening at home.

20 June 1845 · Friday At the office all day chiefly recording and giving in Tax list to the assessor. Evening at home. Weather wet.

21 June 1845 · Saturday At the office all day recording, checking books &c. The weather very wet except a little P.M.

22 June 1845 · Sunday A.M at the office assisting to receive goods from St Louis brought up by brother Whitney. P.M met at Dr Richards with Prest B. Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, W. Richards, O. Pratt, A. Lyman, G. A. Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, John Smith, L. Richards & J. C. Kingsbury Sister Richards is yet very sick and it was agreed that four of the company should go down with Er Richards to lay hands on her while the others remained to offer up prayers for her in the room. Ers J. Taylor, O. Pratt, J. C. Kingsbury & myself were appointed to go with the Dr. He anointed his wife and we then laid hands on her. After we returned to the room prayers were offered up for sundry matters, especially that God would overrule the movements of our enemies &c.

23 June 1845 · Monday At the office all day. The Sheriff came in with writs for a number of the brethren and succeeded in arresting O.P. Rockwell and J.P. Harmon, but Rockwell got away from him. A constable from La Harpe came in with writs for Prest. Young, J. Taylor and others but they keep away. Evening rode up with brother Whitney to meet a boat but it did not come while we tarried. The weather has been fine today.

24 June 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day. the weather wet again. Last night about 10 o clock



Ervine Hodges was murdered by some unknown person near Prest. Youngs house. There is some considerable excitement on the subject this morning. A stranger of the name of Rogers is suspected of being the murderer and is believed to be an accomplice with the Hodges in plundering, robbing &c. Wm. Smith has given bail for another brother of the Hodges who was in custody for robbing, and also beat brother Tufts shamefully yesterday for a matter of small consequence. Wm Smith is railing against the movements of the Twelve and says he has authority here to do as he has a mind to and the people shall know it. It appears he is determined to cause us trouble.

Evening Hiram Kimball and D. H. Wells returned from Carthage and brought word that the Sheriff (Deming) has shot Saml. Marshall this afternoon. It appears when Deming returned without those brethren for whom he had writs Marshall accused him of having connived with the Mormons &c. and used some abusive language, at the same time, following Deming and seized him by the collar. This happened in the court house. Deming went towards the door to get out of Marshalls way but as before stated Marshall followed him threatening, till Deming turned round and taking a six barrellled revolving pistol shot him in the abdomen. Marshall ~~dropped~~ sunk but was prevented from falling by some who stood by. He lived only about 15 minutes. Deming surrendered himself and was put into one of the offices and locked up. The mob threaten hard that they will kill Deming, and the prospect bids fair for more trouble, but it happens fortunately for us that none of the brethren are concerned in the matter. Marshall is one of the gang who effected the murder of our brethren Joseph & Hyrum on the 27th June last. It is just one year to day since those brethren left Nauvoo for the last time alive, and I pray that God will feed all the murderers with judgements untill they have received the same measure they meted out to his servants.

25 June 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day, weather fine and warm. At noon walked through the Temple with Ruth, Margaret, Diantha, Lidia, my sister Lucy, brother James, and Melissa Clinton. At 3 rode with the band to the Steam Boat Landing to meet the War Eagle, played considerable, afterwards walked with D and learn that Olive is again spueing out her filth against me.

26 June 1845 · Thursday At the office till 4 P.M. afterwards at Er Richards with Prest. B. Young H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, J. Young, L. Richards and John Smith. brother Richards Rhoda Ann, brother Kimball, Brigham Willard, and brother Whitneys Mary Jane were blessed each with great blessings. The afternoon was spent in conversation and prayer till 8 o clock. Afterwards I went to see brother Farr.

27 June 1845 · Friday A.M at the office. the weather dull and lowing. Word is brought from Carthage that the mob are quieted considerable and the prospect is that Deming will be admitted to bail. All things seem to go right according to our prayers. (On yesterday at 2 1/4 P.M the first timber for the Tower of the Temple was put up and about 4 P.M. the first stone for the new Font was laid.) At 9 met at Dr. Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, J. E. Page, George Miller & Joseph Young Most of the day was spent in conversation on various subjects, and towards evening we clothed and consecrated 9 bottles of oil and offered up prayers for general matters afterwards I went to the mansion. considerable rain fell during the day and night.

28 June 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. The brethren are fixing the ground & stand for

meeting in the grove on the west side of the Temple. A new revelation has come to light from mother Smith, corrected and altered by William Smith so as to suit his wishes by representing him as the legal successor of Joseph in the presidency. News has arrived that Genl. Deming is admitted to bail in the sum of five thousand dollars.

29 June 1845 · Sunday A.M. at the office writing a letter for Prest. Young to bro. Woodruff.

Afterwards at meeting. brother Benson & Young spake in the morning and brother Taylor in the afternoon. At 4 met at Dr Richards in company with Prest. Young, H. C. Kimball, W. Richards, O. Pratt, A. Lyman, G. A. Smith, J. Taylor, N. K. Whitney, G. Miller, Josh. Young, and J.C. Kingsbury. Prayers were offered for a variety of subjects. Sister Richards is recovering. Weather fine & cool.

30 June 1845 · Monday At the office till 4 P.M. council with Prest. Young & the Trustees about buying the lands lately owned by Prest. Smith which will be sold by the administrator tomorrow. It was agreed that I should bid them off for the Trustees. At 4 P.M. went to visit mother Smith in company with Prest. Young, H. C. Kimball, John Taylor, W. Richards, O. Pratt, A. Lyman, G. A. Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller and R. Cahoon. A long conversation was had between her and Prest. Young pertaining to a vision she had last week, in which Wm. Smith is represented as president over the patriarchs to guide and council the church. I asked permission to copy it but she was unwilling. Wm. Smith did not meet with us but sent a letter, the following is a copy.

"Correspondence. William Smith to Brigham Young and the Council of the Twelve. Nauvoo June 30th 1845. Elder Young. It has been my purpose from the first to do all I could for peace. I said in a short note to you the other day that I would stand by you till death. But it

might be asked upon what principle? I will answer, on the principle that I am dealt justly by in the church. The next morning after our meeting I notice an article that appears under the head of Patriarch. It is not so much the doctrine that I care about; it is the spirit of the article, a disposition that appears in the brethren to cut and shave me down to the last cent, every hour and minute in the day. I do not like it. And again, why was not the article shown to me as it was an article touching my office and standing in the church, nothing was said to me on the subject. This with other like circumstances since my return from the east, and for my hard labor there, have received no favor nothing but hints of abuse, whilst other men can be applauded to the skies, and that too for the fruits of other mens labors. I am sick and tired of such partiality. Only give me my just dues, that in truth, justice and honor demands, and all is well. I have often said and sufficient to satisfy all the saints that I was willing, it was my wish that you should stand as the President of the church, but I claim to be patriarch over the whole church, this gives me my place and proper standing, and what I inherit; and as to works, I am ready to measure arms with any man; give me what is due, then you know the understanding and the conversation we had on this subject when we met at brother Taylors that I was Patriarch over the whole church. This is what I claim and must have, and now to conclude as I understand you are to meet at mother Smiths to day, the 12 &c. &c. My proposition is my share of the kingdom and if you will publish in the Neighbor and Times & Seasons the true state of the case in regard to my office as patriarch over the whole church, this will give me a right to visit all branches of the church and intrude on no mans rights, and further, to attend to all of the ordinances of God, no man being my head, I will reconcile all difficulties and Elder Young can stand as the president of the church, and by my most hearty wish and consent. This will settle all difficulties and restore peace and good order, and further than this I cannot say, only that I want all men to understand that my

fathers family are of the royal blood and promised seed and no man or set of men can take their crown or place in time or in eternity. Bro. Young the above is my proposition and will settle all difficulties at once and these are my avvid sentiments and no equivocation. Wm. Smith."

To the foregoing president Young dictated an answer which I wrote, informing him that there could be no authority given to him, to place him in a situation where he would not be amenable to the quorum of the Twelve, and there are many ordinances which cannot be administered only here in this place &c. (The copy is mis laid). The answer was read to mother Smith and her daughters and they acknowledge they were satisfied with it. Mother Smith seem[s] to feel well and said that although in her vision it was told to her that there was two men whose hearts were blacker than the rest, it was not any one who was then present. See July 4th. The company parted soon after six and brother Whitney and myself returned to the office to prepare an order and get the money ready to send to morrow to St Louis for the lead.

July 1845

1 July 1845 · Tuesday A.M. went with brother Whitney to the Steamer Mermaid at 6 o clock.

Afterwards went to the policemens party at the Masonic Hall and spent the day. Evening Diantha was taken sick and lost her reason, she over exerted herself at the Hall. Brother Farr went for brother Kimball, and we laid hands on her and she seemed more comfortable. I tarried with her till 1 o clock.

2 July 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day.

3 July 1845 · Thursday Rode with Prest. Young G. Miller and others to show land. At 12 met at brother Bouck's and saw B. F. Cutler married to Margaret Bruck by Prest. Young. We all

partook of the wine & cake. At 4 met at Dr Richards with Prest. Young, H. C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, A. Lyman, G. A. Smith, O. Pratt, N. K. Whitney, G. Miller, L. Richards & J. Young. We offered up our prayers for variety of subjects. I read a letter which I wrote for Prest. Young to brother Woodruff in England, which was accepted. It was decided to employ brother Morley to make 100 barrels of wine for sacrament. Also to purchase a raft of Lumber laying at the warf of 150,000.

4 July 1845 · Friday At the office all day, making out a deed and Mortgage for the property which I bid off for the Trustees on tuesday morning at the sale of Joseph Smiths real Estate. Evening attended Concert, given for the benifit of the old Police. The following is a copy of the answer to Wm. Smith's letter.

"Nauvoo June 29th 1845.

Dr Bro. William. A Majority of the quorum of the Twelve, Bishops Whitney and Miller, and brother Cahoon one of the Temple committee have met to hold a little conversation with Mother Smith at her house. We expected to have had your company but were dissapointed. We however have received a note from you which we feel to answer before we separate so that it may be sanctioned or rejected by mother Smith. We have had considerable talk with mother Smith and find her possessing the best of feelings towards the whole church. As to your requests in your letter we would say that we are perfectly willing, and wish to have all things right, but there are some ordinances in the church that cannot be administered by any person out of this place at present, but must be done here. As to your having the right to administer all ordinances, in the world, and no one standing at your head we could not sanction, because the president of

the church stands at the head of all the officers in the church, and each one of our quorum are amenable to the quorum, of which you are a member. But as to your right to officiate in the office of Patriarch, we say you have the right to officiate in all the world, wherever your lot may be cast, and no one to dictate or control you excepting the Twelve, which body of men must preside over the whole church in all the world.

We hope and trust there will be no feelings. Say nothing about matters and things. If you want peace, so do we; and let us walk together in peace, and help to build up the kingdom.

If this does not meet with your feelings brother William, write me again, or come and see me, and we will make all things right, for we surely want peace and the salvation of the people. We remain as ever, your brethren and well wishers. Brigham Young.

P.S. We have read this to mother Smith, Catherine, Lucy and Arthur and they express their satisfaction with it as well as those of the council who are present.

B.Y."

5 July 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. Finished making deeds from Coolidge to me and also made a deed to Prest. Young and the Trustees. The weather is very warm. We have been informed that when the citizens of ~~Fountain Green~~ <La Harpe> were firing the cannon yesterday one of them burst all to peices, and hurt a man a little. Brother C. Daniels while we were out at Macedonia last winter, put some nitric acid into the gun which appears to have had the desired effect.

6 July 1845 · Sunday [typescript says "Saturday 6."] A.M at the office regulating bills from St

Louis. At 4 P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, L. Richards, J. Young & J.C. Kingsbury We conversed till about 7 o clock and then clothed & offered up prayers for general subjects. It was decided that the Trustees give to Prest. Young a deed for the S.W. 25 - 7 N. 8W and S.W. fr 10- 7 N. 8W. free of charge.

7 July 1845 · Monday At the office all day recording tithings &c. Weather very warm. Diantha continues very sick.

8 July 1845 · Tuesday A.M at the office. Prest. Young & Er Richards came to the office and brought a bag containing \$2599.75 in Gold. Joseph Toronto, an Italian came to Prest. Young and said he wanted to give himself and all he had to Prest. Young. He had this gold which was carefully wrapped up in old rags, tin Books, &c, which he freely and voluntarily gave up saying he should henceforth look to Prest. Young for protection and council. I counted the gold over and put it away. We gave him credit for the amount after taking out \$260. for his tithing, on the Ledger.

At 2 P.M. rode with brother Miller to Carthage to find out the particulars of an execution on S.E.9-6-8, and also to attend to other business. We got through with our business and returned home. On our way back brother Miller shot one of my pistols at a prarie chicken. He stood up in the carriage & the horse being frightened at the report sprang forward and threw brother Miller head over heels out of the carriage on the ground. His neck struck on the hand part of the carriage but he but little hurt. We got home about half past 8 o clock. The weather has been very hot.



9 July 1845 · Wednesday At the office. Wrote a letter to P.P.Pratt, advising to pay \$800. to R.W. Walworth on C. Robisons notes. Sister Richards died this morning at about 1/4 after 10. she has suffered much for a long time back. We have held her by faith alone, but she is gone to rest. Diantha is much better. The weather is very hot indeed.

At 2 P.M. went with the Band to the dinner given by the Trustees for the Smith's family at the Mansion. Near all the connexions of brother William either by birth or marriage were present, besides a number of Wms particular friends. The evening was spent cheerfully although the spirit of Wm. & his associates was very different from the spirit of the Twelve. The company broke up about 8 o clock

10 July 1845 · Thursday At the office all day. A.M. went to the Mansion to see Wm. Backenstos about the judgement he has bought on our land. He is unwilling to assign over his certificate of purchase because he has a further speculation in view. He is decidedly an enemy to this people and their interests The weather has been very hot, the thermometer ranging in the sun at 144 degrees or 32 degrees above fever heat.

11 July 1845 · Friday At the office all day chiefly recording tithings. The weather hot as yesterday. The Hodges who murdered Miller over the river are sentenced to be hung on tuesday next.

12 July 1845 · Saturday At the office all day recording and attending to a variety of business.

13 July 1845 · Sunday A.M. rode with brother Whitney to the Steam Boat landing. We had a very heavy shower of rain with thunder and lightning. At home till 4 P.M. then met at Dr Richards with Prest. Young, H.C. Kimball W. Richards, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, O. Pratt, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, J. Young, L. Richards & J.C. Kingsbury. Prayers were offered for general matters.

14 July 1845 · Monday At the office all day. Weather fine. The carpenters & plumbers have commenced putting the lead on the gutters of the roof of the Temple. Evening rode round some with Ruth and 3 children, afterwards with D. beyond brother Lotts. Got home about 11 o clock and soon after we had a fine shower of rain with thunder &c.

15 July 1845 · Tuesday This morning the weather is cool and pleasant. At the office all day. Paid McDonough Harkness \$1225. for a raft containing 94300 feet @ \$13.- pr M. Evening rode out with Margaret and had a pleasing conversation.

16 July 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. A.M. rode with Jesse Molen to shew him lots and sold him 1/2 acre in the Fullmer Tract for \$100. Had some conversation with George A. Neal. P.M. comparing Record. Last night the bodies of Stephen and Wm. Hodges were brought into the City having been hung about 2 P.M. This morning they were shown to many. They were taken by the office to be buried about 10 o clock. Report says they protested their innocence to the last and although there was a catholic and Methodist priest on the scaffold with them urging them to testify something against the twelve and other brethren they protested they knew nothing against them, and warned the multitude for executing them. They seemed to die

boldly especially the younger one who is only about 21 years of age.

P.M. Margaret & Diantha came on a visit to S.A. Whitneys.

Evening I went to see Diantha. We walked out some together. She seemed to feel very bad about something which passed during her visit this afternoon. When we returned to her home I saw that her mind was affected and she was likely to have another fit of mental derangement. I tried to persuade her to go to bed but she was unwilling, but I finally got her mother to make her a bed down stairs and we put her to bed by force. Soon as she got laid down she began to toss about and rave as if in great pain which seemed to increase untill she was perfectly out of her mind and raging. She tore her hair and I then held her which required all the force I had got to hold her hands. She continued about three quarters of an hour in this distressing situation and about half past 10 sister Farr went & called brother Farr. He came down and laid hands on her and rebuked the evil spirit and commanded it to leave her in the name of the Lord. She immediately calmed down and seemed to fall into a mild sleep. Soon after she commenced talking or rather answering questions. She seemed to be in the world of spirits on a visit, and about the first she conversed with was brother Joseph and the conversation seemed to be on the subject of the massacre. She then appeared to go and visit a number of her dead relatives who invariably enquired about their relatives on the earth. The answers she gave were literally facts as they exist. She then enquired for William Smiths wife Caroline. She was soon taken to her and entered into conversation. Caroline asked about William, how he acted, how he felt towards the Twelve, what was his course, how her two girls were and whether he had got married. To all these interrogatories she answered in the nicest manner, avoiding carefully any thing which would wound Carolines feelings. She then enquired for sister Richards and soon met with her. It seemed by her answers that sister Richards asked how the Doctor felt when she left

him, how his children were, and whether Lucy lived with him, all which she answered correctly. She then visited Wm. Snows first wife and conversed about Wm. and his daughter and father. She then appeared to go back to brother Joseph and Hyrum Smith and father Smith. Joseph asked about Emma and the children and how the Twelve and Emma felt towards each other &c all which she answered wisely but truly. He also asked about Lydia and gave her some instructions for Lydia. He asked about me and told her I was a good man. When she parted with her friends she always bid them "good bye" but when she parted with Joseph she said, "I am not in the habit of kissing men but I want to kiss you" which she appeared to do and then said "farewell". She then seemed to start back for home. She appeared all the time in a hurry to get back. She said she would like to tarry but she could not leave father and mother and another, but she would soon return & bring them with her and then she would tarry with them. She conversed about two hours in this manner and seemed overjoyed all the time. A pleasant smile sat on her countenance which continued after she awoke. It was one of the most interesting and sweet interviews I ever witnessed, and a very good spirit seemed to prevail all the time. I left her about 1 o clock apparently much composed and comparitively free from pain

17 July 1845 · Thursday A.M. at the office. About 9 rode with Prest. Young to father Nickersons to buy a raft of Walnut logs. After that we went to the pine raft. There are 43 teams hawling lumber. They have hawled Lumber to my house for may barn. 3 P.M. brother Lewis has just called in & says the last board of the raft is up having hauled 94300 feet in about 6 1/2 hours. The hands are raising the roof timbers for the arsenal and every thing looks well and cheering for the saints. The weather is warm but not unpleasant. I talked with Diantha at noon.

She has not the least recollection of any thing that passed last night. She seems quite feeble and worn down with fatigue & exertion. At 4 P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, W. Richards, G.A. Smith, O. Pratt, A. Lyman, John Smith, N.K. Whitney, George Miller, J. Young & L. Richards. It was decided in council that Dr Richards have a barn built by the Trustees, also that the Masonic Hall and Arsenal be prepared for store houses for grain, also that the Trustees purchase the New York store if it can be bought reasonable, also that brother Pack buy the Masonic Hall Tavern and that the Trustees rent or lease the Mansion for 3 or five years. Prayers were offered for the sick and a number of subjects and about 8 o clock we separated.

18 July 1845 · Friday At the office all day comparing books and recording. The weather warm P.M. A.M rain. Evening piling Lumber also went to see Diantha who yet continues very sick and considerable confused in her mind.

19 July 1845 · Saturday At the office all day comparing books. The weather warm. At 8 this morning the last stone was set on the Temple, being the last stone on the East chimney on the north side. The brethren are also very busy laying the shingles.

20 July 1845 · Sunday A.M. rode to Steamer Mermaid with Bishop Whitney. Afterwards with Diantha till about 2 o clock at 4 met at Dr Richards with Prest. B Young, H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, W. Richards, G.A. Smith, O. Pratt, G. Miller, John Smith, J. Young, L. Richards & J.C. Kingsbury. It was decided that the Trustees furnish Orson Pratt \$35.- for his expenses East. Prayers were offered for general matters especially that the Lord would turn away the sickness

now prevailing amongst the children in the City.

The weather has been fine and warm.

21 July 1845 · Monday A.M. at the office, afterwards went to see the wild beasts. 2 Elephants walked through the streets and returned harnessed to a carriage containing a band of Musicians. Just as they were about to exhibit a tremendous storm of wind and rain came on. The city was literally darkened with clouds of dust. The canvass was blown over and the rain poured in torrents. After the rain was over the exhibition was thrown open at 12 1/2 cents each, which would have been 30 cents but for the storm. The seats in the arena fell over and several were hurt but not dangerously. Evening I rode out with Helen M. Kimball & Sarah Ann Whitney. Afterwards went to see Diantha who is again troubled about something and out of her mind.

22 July 1845 · Tuesday Early this morning went with Bishop Whitney to the office to send \$150.- by sister Clark to St Louis for Oil for painters and sugar for the wine. At the office all day. Two Lamanites came in who are on their way from Canada to their friends in the South west part of Missouri. Their names are Joseph Herring and his nephew Moses Otis of the Mohawk tribe The weather fine and warm. Wrote a letter to P.P. Pratt concerning S.W 4-6-8 advising him not to give more than 800 dollars for it.

23 July 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. comparing books. Also made deeds to Jesse Molen and E.J. Sabins for a lot in Fullmer's purchase. The south roof of the Temple is shingled & the brethren have commenced on the north side this afternoon. The weather very warm

24 July 1845 · Thursday At the office till 4 P.M. quite sick. The Timbers for the 3rd & 4th section of the tower was raised to day 4 P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, J. Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, J. Young, L. Richards Quite a number of sick were prayed for myself amongst the number. I felt immediate relief. Weather fine.

25 July 1845 · Friday At the office, the weather cooler. We had some rain this morning. P.M. went to Esqr Well's to give in my deposition to relation to the note given to Edwd. Southwick by Mr Wasson at Dixon in June 1843. Afterwards at the office.

26 July 1845 · Saturday A.M. at the office comparing books. P.M. rode with Ruth & D. on the prarie. Evening in council

27 July 1845 · Sunday A.M. at home. P.M went with Whitney to meet the Mermaid.

28 July 1845 · Monday At the office all day. About 5 o clock P.M. the brethren finished shingling the roof of the Temple. Margaret is quite sick to day. The weather very warm. Made deed to Joseph Knights Jr for part of Lot 1 Block 157. Evening met with a few of the band at the Concert Hall.

29 July 1845 · Tuesday At the office. The weather very windy. Margaret is quite sick. Made a deed to Wm. Blackhurst for 2 acres in S 1/2 of N.W. 9-6-8-

Evening met with Pitt & others at John Kays. We played till near 1 o clock chiefly with

the violin. There was a first rate supper provided with plenty of wine and good things

30 July 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. The weather fine.

31 July 1845 · Thursday At the office recording. At 4 P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, A. Lyman, G.A. Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, J. Young & L. Richards. It was decided in council that the Nauvoo House committee get tithing teams to haul their wood, and grain from the country. Also that they have 2000 feet of Lumber from the Trustees, also that they collect all the scaffolding poles and take them to the Nauvoo House. A letter was written to the Temple Committee rebuking them for abusing brother Reese and teaching them their duty. During the conversation brother Miller insulted brother Whitney very meanly. Brother Whitney felt angry but governed his feelings and merely said he felt above such insinuations. Prayers were offered for a number of the sick and for several other general subjects.

#### August 1845

1 August 1845 · Friday At the office all day. Made a deed from A. Cutler to Trustees for the New York store lot & building. Evening went to see Alice Hardman who has come up from St Louis. She feels well in mind but is feeble in health. My little Vilate is quite unwell

2 August 1845 · Saturday A.M. went to see Diantha She is yet quite unwell. Vilate is better but Wm Heber is quite unwell. The mornings are very cool for the season. A.M also at the office making out a contract for grinding between Manhard & Peck and the Trustees, also a lease from Emma to the Trustees for the Mansion. Saw Emmett who has returned from his company for



some purpose. P.M. rode in the new Church Carriage with Prest. Young, H.C. Kimball, N.K. Whitney & George Miller to look out two Blocks of Emma's which she has agreed to give the Trustees for \$550.- They selected Blocks 96 & 97 and then sent to mother Smiths and took her into the Carriage to show her the blocks and give her her choice which of the two she would have to be deeded to herself and her daughters. She selected Block 96. She wants a house building of the same pattern with brother Kimballs. After we got through she asked for the new carriage saying that Prest. Young & the Trustees promised it to her. She also wanted another horse and a two horse harness. Neither the Trustees nor Prest. Young ever promised the carriage to mother Smith, but they told her that when it was built they would ride her round in it. There is no doubt but Arthur Millikin, Lucys husband, or else William has prompted her to do this out of ill feelings and jealousy lest brother Brigham should ride in it. Arthur idles his time away. He will do nothing either for himself or any one else, but out of respect for mother Smith the brethren would rather indulge the whole family than to hurt her feelings. She is old and childish and the brethren strive to do all they can to comfort her. They have lent her the carriage while she lives, but it is church property and when she dies it falls into the hands of the Trustees.

3 August 1845 · Sunday A.M. rode round to send to St Louis by brother Egan, but he is not going till tuesday. Afterwards with Diantha till 2. At 4 met at Dr Richards with Prest B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, L. Richards, J. Young, J.C. Kingsbury. I read a letter from Wilford Woodruff giving a very cheering history of the progress of the work in England. Prayers were offered up for a number of sick.

4 August 1845 · Monday At the office, making out papers between Emma & the Trustees for the 8 Lots. P.M. met at Dr Richards but the brethren did not come till late & I left. Emmett was at the council He says his company are settled among the Sioux Indians about 200 miles beyond Council Bluffs. His company have planted about 60 acres of corn and appear to be doing well. He says the old chief told him the United States government had promised to send white men amongst his tribe to learn them to raise grain &c but had fail'd and he was determined now he had the opportunity to have the white people settle amongst them to avail himself of the privilege It seems this is a favorable prospect for our having a home amongst that tribe if the United States should drive us. Emmett was baptised this evening but whether he will prove faithful is yet to be told.

I have suffered much to day on account of a sore finger and cannot write much. Vilate Ruth has cut a tooth to day.

P.M. settled with Babbit and paid him \$470.37 for Emma for the eight Lots. took the contract for the Mansion and Bond for the Lots.

5 August 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day comparing books. My finger very bad. The twelve and others are gone out to Benbows. On Sunday evening Joseph Herring and Moses Otis were baptised into the church and on yesterday they started West accompanied by Charles Shumway and Daniel Spencer.

6 August 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day settling the old Ledger.

7 August 1845 · Thursday A.M. at the office. At 4 P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B.

Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, G.A. Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, J. Young, L. Richards & Isaac Morley, It was decided to send John S. Fullmer and H.G. Sherwood with James Emmett to his company, to council and instruct them. The subject of brother Millers abusing me sometime ago was talked over. Brother Miller denies having done so, but his language is too fresh in my memory to forget it. It was decided to send out a number of the agents out who went last spring to collect funds for the Temple, and have them collect all the money and means they can so as to finish the Temple as speedily as possible.

8 August 1845 · Friday A.M. rode round some with Ruth and Alice Hardman and afterwards with Margaret. M. feels well and happy for which I feel thankful to my heavenly father. Diantha is in a very low state of mind having very poor health. Afterwards at the office all day.

9 August 1845 · Saturday At the office

10 August 1845 · Sunday At 9 A.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, A. Lyman, G.A. Smith, a letter was read from Pittsburgh from Amos Fielding dated July 25th 1845 giving an account of Wm E. McLellan abusing him &c. Also that Sidney Rigdon has had a revelation requiring his followers to sell their property and give him the avails of it to purchase land in the East to build up the kingdom. This letter is published in the Neighbor of August 13th.

After reading the letters prayers were offered up. Afternoon attended the High Priests quorum at the Concert Hall. A number of agents were selected to go and collect funds for the Temple. Afterwards rode out with Ruth and Alice. and then fetch D. from Packs.

11 August 1845 · Monday At the office all day. Suffered much with my finger & unable to work.

12 August 1845 · Tuesday At Dr Richards in company with Prest. B. Young, H. C. Kimball, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman, W. Richards, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller & others. The subject under consideration was to prepare the brethren who are going west, and give them instructions for their mission. Their names are Henry G. Sherwood, John S. Fullmer and James Emmett. A letter of authority was written by Dr Richards to brother Emmetts company stating that Sherwood and Fullmer were sent by the authorities of the church here to council them according to their circumstances and when they leave to appoint whomsoever they think best to preside over them & council them. It is not the object of the council to send for the company back but to see how they feel and whether they are willing to abide council. Perhaps it will be best for them to tarry where they are untill they are joined by others in the spring and then either locate there or proceed further west.

P.M. at the office. My finger bad.

13 August 1845 · Wednesday At the office - but unable to do any thing on account of my finger which is very bad. Evening went to Egans to get shaved.

14 August 1845 · Thursday A.M. at the office quite unwell with my finger. P.M. rode with D. down the river, which seemed to improve my health much.

15 August 1845 · Friday At the office all day, footing up the Ledger. My finger better.

16 August 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. The brethren have commenced on the frame of my new barn. There are seven men to work on it. They have commenced to put in the Truss in the inside wall of the Temple. The brethren started west on Wednesday.

17 August 1845 · Sunday A.M. at the office making out a bill of goods to send by James Bird to St Louis. Sent by him \$195.- P.M. with D. till 5 o clock, afterwards at Dr Richards, with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, N. K. Whitney, G. Miller, O Spencer, J. Young, J.C. Kingsbury & L. Woodworth A.W. Babbitt & B.F. Johnson, called in to enquire whether it would be agreeable to the council to let brother Johnson rent the Mansion It was decided to call a council tomorrow at 2 o clock to conclude on the matter inasmuch as brother Benson has been spoken to, to either take the mansion or Masonic Hall. After the conversation ended Babbitt & Johnson withdrew, and we then offered up prayers as usual for general subjects. Last tuesday brother Woodworth was discharged from the work of the Nauvoo House as Architect by G.A. Smith one of the Trustees on account of incompetency and unwillingness to listen to council. He foamed considerable at the time but feels tolerably well now. At the stand to day Wm. Smith preached to the saints "the first chapter of the gospel according to St Wm" as he termed it. It was just a full declaration of his belief in the doctrine of a plurality of wives &c. The people appeared disgusted and many left the ground. His object was evidently to raise an influence against the Twelve especially Brigham and Heber for he intimated in strong terms that they were practising such things in secret but he was not afraid to do it openly. His course to day will evidently hurt him in the estimation of the saints more than any thing he has done before.

18 August 1845 · Monday A.M. rode down with Heber in my carriage to the Nauvoo House to see the laying of the first brick. Prest. Young, Heber C. Kimball, G.A. Smith, G. Miller & P. Haws were present. Er Kimball offered up a prayer, dedicating the works and workmen to the Lord and recommending them to his mercy and protection from accidents and sickness. The prayer was good and evidently dictated by the spirit. After the prayer brother Alonzo H. Raleigh laid the first corner bricks being on the South East corner after which Daniel H. Keeler laid the second corner being the South West. The first corner laid is the one under which the records are deposited, and the prospect of the wall being speedily raised over them is a great consolation to the brethren. After this ceremony was over I went to the office till noon. P.M. rode with Ruth and the babe to Elizabeth Birchs who is very sick. I then rode to Prest. Youngs to council. It was there decided that B.F. Johnson can have the priviledges of one of the Taverns, but he must pay the rent in cash. And in regard to his interest in the large Tavern in Macedonia we will give him property in Nauvoo for it, but not apply it on the rent. After council I again rode to Birch's Elizth. is much better. Levi Richards, his wife and sister are all sick. There are many sick in the City and some deaths. My family are comfortable for which I feel very grateful to my heavenly father.

19 August 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, recording. Evening rode with Ruth out to Behunins for Water Melons. Diantha is very sick. I was with her till 12.

20 August 1845 · Wednesday This morning soon after day break we had a severe storm of thunder and rain. The lightning struck a brother named Ralph on Parley Street and killed him instantly 2 men who were walking with him at the time were struck to the ground and a woman

who was milking near them was also struck over but they were not hurt. At the office all day recording. The workmen have commenced putting up the fourth section of the Tower. All the Shingles are on the Main roof of the Temple and the Attic story, the last being put on sometime about last thursday.

21 August 1845 · Thursday A.M. at the office recording tithings. P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, George A. Smith, A. Lyman, N.K. Whitney, Geo. Miller, O. Spencer, Joseph Young, & L. Woodworth, B.F. Johnson, John Pack & A. Miller were also present part of the time. A letter was read from Samuel Waldo of New Hampshire complaining of oppressive conduct and teaching doctrines calculated to break up the branch such as it being no harm for a man to sleep with a woman who was not his wife &c. in Nelson Bates. The council decided that fellowship be withdrawn from Bates & he be called home forthwith to give an account of his conduct. Er W. Richards wrote a notice to the above effect for publication in the next Times & Seasons. He also wrote a letter to O. Pratt informing him of the same. A letter was then read from Samuel V. Searles requesting a license. It was voted to send him one and Er W. Richards accordingly filled it out. The subject of the mansion and Masonic Hall again came up and it was decided that B.J. Johnson take the Mansion and Pack the Hall. These brethren then withdrew & the remainder clothed, offered up the signs of the Holy Priesthood and prayer for the usual subjects especially for the sick. There are a great many sick in the north part of town, so many that it is greivous to see their sufferings.

22 August 1845 · Friday A.M. rode with N.K. Whitney & G. Miller to shew A. Mills some land Diantha rode with us to Aarons. We went to the Freeman place and Mills partly concluded to

take 50 acres. We got back soon after 11 o'clock and found that brother Whitehead has gone home sick. After dinner I had a conversation with brother Whitney concerning the trade with Mills and we concluded to let Pack trade with him rather than cut up the quarter section of land so as to hurt the sale of the remainder. I accordingly made out a bond to Mills for the 40 acres sold to Pack, increasing the forfeiture from 8 to 16 hundred dollars. At the office the remainder of the day. This morning I let Kay have my horse and buggy to go to Oquaka to fetch home Francis Burch. Sister B. is yet very sick. Last evening the brethren finished raising and framing the last section of the Tower. The weather is fine but very warm and unhealthy

23 August 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. My little Vilate Ruth is considerable sick being cutting teeth. Brother Whitehead is very sick, and seems low spirited. A.M. assisted to fix the Hay scales and in the afternoon was weighing Hay near all the time. Early this morning the brethren commenced raising the frame work of the Dome and about 5 o'clock P.M. finished framing it and put on the cap. About \_\_\_\_ of them then sit down and had a feast of water Melons which had been sent for, for the occasion. About 6 1/2 I went to the top with my glass and viewed the country round. I stood some time on the cap at the top of the Dome. The prospect looks fine from that place being about \_\_\_\_ feet high. A great many strangers are continually coming to view the Temple. They seem filled with astonishment and surprise. It is truly the most beautiful piece of architecture I ever witnessed and every addition of labor on it adds to its beauty and grandeur. The weather very hot.

24 August 1845 · Sunday At 8 o'clock walked up to the Temple with Ruth, Margaret, Mothinlaw, Diantha, and my children Sarah, Margaret, Wm. Heber & Vilate Ruth also John



Leonard. We looked through the various parts of the works and then Margaret, her mother and Diantha ascended up the ladders to see the top of the Temple. They walked up on the roof and Margaret and mother then ascended to the top section of the Tower. They are the first females who have ever been up in the Tower of this Temple. Diantha only went to the Bell section, Margaret & her mother seemed to have no fear about them although the latter is over 60 years old. After viewing the country for some time we descended and looked at bro. Weeks drawings of the west elevation of the Temple and then separated. Ruth, Diantha & the children went home. Margaret & mother to meeting and I to the office. Brotherinlaw Edward Martin went up the Tower with Margaret and I went up with Diantha. I learn that brother Whitehead is worse this morning. At the office till 3 P.M and then at home sick.

25 August 1845 · Monday At the office all day, but very sick and unable to work. Sarah has got very sore eyes and Vilate Ruth is very sick, cutting teeth.

26 August 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day some better. Wrote a letter to Rhodes. P.P. Pratt arrived home from New York at 1/4 before 3 o'clock P.M. He looks well and is quite fat. The weather is very hot and there are a great many sick and many die. Brother Whitehead is very sick.

27 August 1845 · Wednesday A.M. at the office recording. P.M. in council with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, P.P. Pratt, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman, J.E. Page, N.K. Whitney & G. Miller. On Sunday last the council decided to let Wm. Smith go East by the authority of the church to give Patriarchal blessings, but on the representation of brother Parley to

day of Wms course and the feelings of the people in the East towards him it was decided that he had better not go and Er Richards wrote him a letter to that effect. A notice had been written to publish in the next "Times & Seasons" informing the saints that Wm would go East &c but brother Taylor was ordered not to insert the notice. It was also decided to pave the Temple floor with pressed brick instead of either stone or tile, to save expense and because they think it will be as good with brick. This morning brother Parley came into the office to say that his women folks wanted the rooms over the store. This would deprive us of all but the one room for office, store & council room I suggested to the Bishops to move to the New York store, inasmuch as that property belongs to the church and is much larger and we are paying \$200.- a year rent for this. The Trustees immediately went over and examined the premises and decided to enlarge the cellar and make the "New York Store" our office. They mentioned the place to Prest. Young and he agreed to it at once. In council the matter was brought up and brother Parley proposed to sell his whole establishment. They offered to give him 3 Lots and houses for it, viz the one where Joseph Young lives, Mitchels house & brother Lees. He wants \$3000. but seems disposed to take the offer if the houses suit. After council I was at the office. The weather is yet very hot.

28 August 1845 · Thursday This A.M. the hands commenced raising my Barn. While at work Joseph Smith a soiler and T.M. Pearson went up the mast to adjust the tackle, and when coming down they strove which could be down first Smith undertook to come down hand over hand on one of the guys, but when about six feet from the mast he missed his hold and fell a distance of thirty feet. His feet struck the ground & he then doubled up, his face striking just before his feet. He immediately got up, washed his face and went to work. They finished raising about 5 P.M. I was at the office till noon quite unwell. P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C.

Kimball, P.P. Pratt, W. Richards, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller, O. Spencer and J. Young. It was voted to select three thousand men who are able to bear arms to prepare this winter to start to California next spring with their families. Prayers were offered up for the usual subjects. After meeting I went to Hibards to get some peaches and then rode with Diantha till 8 o clock. Weather Hot.

29 August 1845 · Friday At the office all day.

30 August 1845 · Saturday At the office evening with D. who is again quite sick.

31 August 1845 · Sunday A.M. at the office recording. P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, P.P. Pratt, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman, N.K. Whitney, O. Spencer & J.C. Kingsbury. The subject of the Oregon expedition was again talked over and the Twelve seem to think it important that they should go with the company to select a location and plant the standard. They would leave their families here and return when they had succeeded in finding a place. Prayers were offered up for quite a number of sick, amongst whom is Hugh Riding, one of our best carpenters now laying at the point of death. It is truly grievous to see the many sick in our midst especially in the north part of Town. Last night the first load of Glass for the Temple arrived and to day another load. The last load is expected tomorrow. The weather continues very hot and sickness seems to be on the increase.

#### September 1845

1 September 1845 · Monday Daniel Spencer has returned from the West. He brings word that brother Jonathan Dunham died of a fever. At the office all day. The weather very hot.

Conversed some with John Gillett who has come to examine the Hotchkiss property preparatory to a settlement and division. Er G.P. Dykes has returned from Ottawa, he seems in good health.

2 September 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day. The weather very hot & oppressive. Last night Hugh Riding died one of our best carpenters. My brother Tom is very sick. Brother Joseph Foreman has come to assist us in the office. Whitehead is gaining.

3 September 1845 · Wednesday At the office. The weather excessively hot. Sent by Judah to St Louis for 20 cags of Nails. sent \$120.-. There are a great many people sick, and some die. About 5 o clock a storm commenced to gather from the North west. In about half an hour after, it commenced to rain and then hail. The hail stones were so large they broke the windows in the office every light but about six. Some of them were near as large as hens eggs. It hailed about half an hour and then followed with rain till about seven o clock. There was much thunder and lightning but not very loud the clouds seemed so high. The water ran over the streets like a flood. I went home about 7 o clock and found 29 lights of Glass smashed to peices and a number of others cracked.

4 September 1845 · Thursday This morning the windows in the houses bear the marks of desolation. In all windows fronting to the north almost every light is broke, and very many to the East and West. The wind chiefly blew from the North East, North, and North west, to that the South windows were all safe. From appearances there must be near a thousand dollars damage in lights, and the damage to fruit and buck wheat must be immense. The weather is now cool with a fine breeze. Before the storm it was very hot. At the office all day. Foreman is sick and I had

to tarry at the office instead of attending council.

5 September 1845 · Friday At the office all day, quite unwell. Evening at Lathrops with D. and Egan and wife. Tarried over night with D. who was very sick. A number of the brethren went out to the "big field" to a dinner.

6 September 1845 · Saturday At the office quite unwell. Rode round with D. and notified the members of the council of fifty to meet next tuesday.

7 September 1845 · Sunday A.M. at the office comparing tithing Record. At 5 met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, A. Lyman, G.A. Smith, J. Taylor, P.P.Pratt, G. Miller, L. Richards, J. Morley and J.C. Kingsbury. Prayers were offered up for the usual subjects.

8 September 1845 · Monday At the office all day, recording and attending to a variety of business.

9 September 1845 · Tuesday A.M. at the office. At 2 P.M. met in the upper room of the seventies Hall with the Council of Fifty. The subject of sending a company of Saints to the West next spring was talked over, and on the following motion by W.W. Phelps- "Moved that the President select such a portion of this Council as he may choose to remove west, and they select and organize the company subject to the final revision of the President" a vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously. The following motion was also put and carried unanimously.

"That a committee of five be appointed to gather all information relative to emigration and impart the same to this Council and those about to emigrate when called upon."

Daniel Spencer has returned a few days ago from the West. He reported in substance as follows:- "There mission was to Seneca Indians. They proceeded to \_\_\_\_ about 500 miles up the Missouri River. They there met brother Denay and from him learned that Dunham was dead. They tarried five weeks with the Stockbridge tribe. This tribe manifested great kindness towards them and the Mormon people. They have considerable knowledge of the Mormons and of what is going on; their interest seems to be identified with ours. From Denay they learned that the Cherokees had given permission for any number of our people to settle near by them and were willing to lend us any assistance they could, or to go west with us to explore the country. George Herring has been with several tribes and says they are all friendly and seem to understand what is going on and are ready to render us any assistance they can. Many of the Stockbridge tribe are joined in with the Baptists but are dissatisfied. Their chief expects to be here about the 6th of October. They preached to them and they seem satisfied with our doctrine. From what brother Denay said they concluded it unnecessary to go to the Seneca tribe, they learned that Denay had accomplished what they were sent for.

10 September 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. Evening at Egans.

11 September 1845 · Thursday This morning a report has come up that the mob burned two of the brethrens houses at Lima last night. It seems the mob held a meeting in the school house night before last and according to previous arrangement some of their own party fired into the house while they were holding their meeting. The mob of course charged it to the Mormons and

made it a pretext to commence their depredations. A.M. at the office recording minutes of the Kingdom of God. P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, P.P. Pratt, G.A. Smith, J. Taylor, A. Lyman, G. Miller, N.K. Whitney, L. Richards, O. Spencer and I. Morley. It was decided to dispatch a messenger to the Lima Branch and advise the brethren to propose to sell their possessions to the mob, and bring their families and grain here. It was also decided to send a messenger to Michigan to advise the brethren to sell their farms for Stock, wagons, sheep &c. Also to send a messenger to Ottawa & advise the brethren to gather all the hay they can. Prayers were offered up for the usual subjects and also that the Lord would give us wisdom to manage affairs with the mob so as to keep them off till we can accomplish what is required. Also to give us wisdom to manage the affairs in regard to the Western emigration. A selection has been made by Prest. Young of those of the council of fifty who shall start west next spring. My name is included on the list. News has come in confirming the report of Gen. Demings death, which was further confirmed in a letter from J.B. Backenstos. He died on yesterday at about 10 1/2 A.M. News has also come that the mob have burned eight houses belonging to the brethren in Lima. A letter was sent to Soloman Hancock by special messengers advising him to propose to sell out to the mob, and also that we will send teams on Monday to fetch away the women and children & grain. A letter was also sent to J.B. Backenstos, informing him of the movements of the mob and requesting him to take prompt measures to quell them as Sheriff and also to inform the Governor immediately of the movement.

12 September 1845 · Friday A.M. met at Dr Richards with the Twelve & others. A messenger has arrived bringing news that the mob have burned four more houses and 2 oat stacks, and that they are still threatening to burn property and kill the brethren. It was decided to send

immediately all the teams that can be got to fetch the families to Nauvoo. Some of them are sick and suffering. P.M. at the office. On tuesday evening last the workman put the Balls on the spire of the Tower soon after 6 o clock. and on Wednesday evening I went on the Tower with Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball and Geo. D. Grant where I read Orson Pratt's message to the Eastern church from the New York messenger.

13 September 1845 · Saturday At the office all day Recording tithings. Evening went down the River to Casto's for Peaches but got none.

14 September 1845 · Sunday At the office comparing books with brother Whitehead. At 5 P.M. met at Dr Richards with Prest. B. Young, H. C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, P. P. Pratt, A. Lyman, G. A. Smith, N. K. Whitney, Geo. Miller, L. Richards, J. Young & J. C. Kingsbury. Brother Miller reported that he went to Carthage yesterday to attend to some business. While there he was arrested on a writ got up by the mob for the grave charge of Treason. He had a kind of trial & was admitted to parole bail till next saturday. Col. William[s] & Sharp were at Carthage with the mob. The writ is against Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, O. Hyde, O. Pratt, J.E. Page, L. Wight and several others. The treason is for colleaguine with the Indians, building an arsenal, and making Cannon. The Higbees are very active with the mob, and there seems to be a desperate effort to break us up. All the families have got up from Lima and there are a great number of teams gone to fetch up the grain. The last report gives 44 buildings burned and considerable grain, furniture, clothing &c. belonging to the poor Brethren. The Sheriff J.B. Backenstos has issued his proclamation warning the mob to disperse and calling upon all the Law and order citizens to act as "posse comitatus" to preserve the peace.



It was decided in the council to offer some of our best property in the City for sale to respectable merchants in Cincinnati, Philadelphia &c judging it better for the safety of the property to sell out to such men than to leave it to the destruction of the mob. A great many sick were prayed for and we also prayed that the Lord would preserve us from the mob till the Elders can get their endowment. It was also agreed to turn more force of hands to the Temple even if it have to hinder the Nauvoo House.

15 September 1845 · Monday A.M at the office checking books, P.M. recording tithings 2 officers came in this morning with writs for the brethren, but they could not be found. The teams are returning from Lima & Bear Creek loaded with grain. They say the mob have commenced burning buildings at Bear Creek. Prest. Young received a letter from Backenstos expressing his disappointment that the Prest. had advised the brethren in Bear Creek & Lima not to join the posse. It appears he wants the Mormons to go forward and quell the mob and let the "law and order citizens" as he calls them stand in the rear. He requests the Prest. to have 2000 men to be ready at an hours notice should they be needed.

Report says that Col. Williams has ordered out the militia of the county to prevent the brethren from fetching away their grain.

16 September 1845 · Tuesday A.M. at the office checking books. News has come in that the mob have burned brother A. G. Fellows house and barn containing about 300 bushels of Nantucket wheat worth about seventy five cents a bushel and about 300 bushels of other grain. At 2 P.M. Col. Backenstos rode in in great haste and went to Dr Richards. Prest. Young had just sent for me and I followed Backenstos down. He reported that the mob drove him from his home

in Carthage yesterday and from thence he went on to Warsaw where he stayed over night. He ascertained there that there was little possibility of getting away alive, but finally prevailed on one of the influential mobocrats to escort him out of Warsaw this morning. He came with him about 3 1/2 miles and on leaving him cautioned him if he saw two men together to avoid them for there were deep plans laid to kill him. Not long after he left the man he was pursued by a party of the mob three of whom seemed to take the lead of the rest, and one of these seemed to have a swifter horse than the rest for he gained on the others in a short time as much as a hundred yards, but fortunately for Backenstos the horse stumbled and threw his rider and he then saw him chasing his horse. He still maintained his speed going as fast as his horse could go, sometimes when his buggy would strike a little rise in the ground the wheel would whirl round and not strike the ground again for a rod. The mob still pursued and took the nearest road to cross his track, and when he got to the old rail Road about 12 miles from here they were within about two hundred yards of him, they being on horse back and he in a buggy they gained ground on him very rapidly. It fortunately happened that O.P. Rockwell and John Reddin were refreshing themselves just this side where the rail Road crosses the Lima Road. They had been round the country and were coming up with a small company some of whom were sick. When they got to the rail Road Porter said he would go no further till he had something to eat. The company urged him to go on but he would not. Soon after this he heard the rumbling of carriage wheels and looking up he saw Backenstos coming down the opposite hill full speed. When B. came up Porter shouted to him and asked him what was the matter. He replied the mob were after him to kill him and pointing towards them showed Porter where the mob were coming. As before stated they were then within about 200 yards of him and some of them just rising the hill. Porter told B. not to be scared for they had fifty two with them meaning fifty two shots. Reddin & he had each

a fifteen shooter Rifle and several six shooter pistols. As the mob rose the hill Porter ran into some bushes and Redding took the bushes in another direction. B. put up his hand and told the mob to desist, and about the same time Porter asked if he should shoot. B. told him to shoot. Just at this time three of the moremost had rose the hill and were preparing to shoot at Backenstos having got their Rifles rising. Porter could not get sight at the two first on account of the bushes but the third one stopt just on the cross road and turned with his breast full on him. Porter took aim where the straps crossed on his body. (having on the United States trappings) and shot him about the middle of his body. Just as quick as the report of the Rifle was heard the mob wheeled and put spurs to their horses as hard as they could. B. called to Porter to come along as fast as possible and he accordingly came and came to Town with B. as fast as possible. Reddin went down the hill and saw the mob lift the man into the wagon. (They had two or three wagons with them) his legs dropt as though he was dead and the mob then drove off as hard as possible Reddin went down the hill and saw a puddle about three feet wide where the man had bled. It is pretty certain the man is killed. This circumstance was the means of saving Backenstos' life. Soon as B. arrived at Dr Richards' Prest Young wrote a short epistle to the Macedonia Branch, advising them to defend themselves on the first aggression of the mob. Backenstos wrote an order in the same communication to the precinct calling upon the citizens to defend themselves by force of arms. A similar letter was sent to the La Harpe, Camp Creek, and Montebello settlements. I wrote these letters which were sent by special messengers. A committee of five viz. Peter Haws, Andrew H. Perkins, Erastus H. Derby, David D. Yearsley and Soloman Hancock were appointed to carry a letter to Col. Levi Williams stating to him that if the mob would cease their destructive operations, it is our calculations to leave the country in the spring, and requesting Williams to return a written answer, whether they would desist or not. The letter

was signed by Prest. Young & others. About 7 o'clock Backenstos with an escort of from fifty to one hundred men started for Carthage to fetch B's family and Demings family to Nauvoo.

17 September 1845 · Wednesday At 8 o'clock met at Er Taylors with Prest. Young & others.

While there E.A. Bedell Post Master from Warsaw came in and stated that the mob drove him from Warsaw last evening. He also stated that they drove Chancey Robinson Post Master from Carthage. Robinson has gone to Quincy and is there writing to his friends through the State informing them of the movements of the mob. Bedell went to work in Er Taylors upper room writing to members of the Legislature his friends of the situation. These two men will also write to the Post office department. While in council a brother came in and took up a loaded musket to show how he used it. When he raised it suddenly to shew the manouever the gun went off and struck the wall on the under side the ceiling and glanc'd through the glass window over the door. In our council yesterday a man took up a six shooter and began to examine it and pulling the trigger it went off. The ball passed between two of the brethrens heads and went through the ceiling and roof. I wrote a letter to Macedonia advising the brethren to defend themselves &c. We learned this morning that the person killed yesterday was Frank Worrell, the person who stood at the Jail door when Joseph and Hyrum were killed beckoning the mob and urging them on.

About 6 o'clock Col. Backenstos and Bishop Miller with there companies returned to the City. They left Carthage this morning about 4 o'clock and proceeded to the Highland Branch below Warsaw at which place the mob were engaged burning the brethrens houses. They got there some time a little before noon and found the mob setting fire to one of the houses. They put spurs to the horses in pursuit the mob fleeing at their horses full speed. Joshua Miller,

Alpheus Haws and one or two others having swifter horses than the rest overtook several of the mob and three of the brethren fired at the mob. Each shot took effect. Haws shot the first man who fell from his horse and Joshua Miller rode up, dismounted just as the man was rising to his feet and stabbing him through with his sword killed him. This proved to be Cole a Blacksmith in Warsaw. The two others run some distance and got off from their horses over into a corn field where they were afterwards seen dead. The brethren did not think best to pursue them any further, but returned home. The brethren escaped without accident except Isaac Allred who was thrown from his horse and badly hurt, but some of the company laid hands on him and he again mounted and continued the Chase. Soon as the brethren got on their way home it appears the mob returned to the branch and again commenced firing houses. Brother Babbit returned from Quincy and brought word that the public feeling there is much in our favor. The Quincy Sheriff has got a company organized in Adams County to prevent the mob from committing depredations there. He is getting out writs for those in Adams County who are known to have participated in firing buildings calculating to arrest them. All things so far seem to go right.

About 4 o clock P.M. Col. Markham started out with a company of about sixty men to defend the property of the brethren near Warsaw. On yesterday a Resolution was passed at the East end of the Temple to appoint 8 of the police to guard the Temple alternately night & day, four to stand at a time. They are ordered not to suffer any stranger to come within the Temple Block nor the Block below.

18 September 1845 · Thursday At the office all day very busy posting books with John P. McEwan. Nothing particular has transpired to day.

19 September 1845 · Friday This A.M. soon after six the big cannon was fired twice to call the companies together. The news from abroad is favorable. I was at the office all day posting books with John. We posted 30 pages besides doing other work. This afternoon a young man was shot on the parade ground by accident. One of the men was doing something with a musket and it went off. The ball struck the ground and rising again struck the man at about 300 yards distance. The ball passed throw his hand, and thence throu his body near his naval. The ball was taken out near his back bone. At 5 evening met with some of the Twelve and others at Bishop Millers house. G. Coulton came in with a Mr King from La Harpe to see the twelve in regard to the proposition made to the mob to leave next spring. Prest. Young would not give him any satisfactory answer but give him to understand that as soon as the Temple and Nauvoo House were finished he should leave this cursed mobocratic community. Others said the same. But he said we shall finish those houses if we have to hold the sword in one hand and the Trowel in the other. He advised Coulson to sell out to the mob and advise the branch to do it, if they will pay a fair value for the property. Coulson says the mobocrats in La Harpe are scared and want peace. Andrew H. Perkins came in and says all is peace in Macedonia. He stated a proposition that was made at Carthage by the mob, and which was told him by three of the mobocrats They said if the Mormons would bind themselves to leave the country in the spring, on the 1st April giving all their property as security, and give up those men for whom they had writs, they would cease hostilities. He told them if he had the control of matters he should say that if the mob would leave by the first of May they might live in peace, but he should not agree to their propositions. He says the mobocrats in his neighborhood are scared and some are leaving. About 10 o clock the council broke up. We learned that the man that was shot, died about 9 o clock. The news from Backenstos and his company is favorable. They are intending to take possession of

Carthage to night and have sent for a company of 50 teams, with 8 men in each wagon besides the driver, also a big cannon to meet them at the half way house between Carthage and Warsaw tomorrow at 12 o clock, when they intend to go to Warsaw. Before council broke up Prest.

Young and the company kneeled down and he offered up prayers that the Lord would preserve his servants and deliver those who had been active in the mob that killed Joseph and Hyrum into our hands that they might receive their deserts. A few of us went over to see the company who are camped on the square north East from the Temple. We went into the officers markee and sitting down, were amused some by hearing Kay sing some Irish songs. We tarried till 1 o clock and left the company in high spirits.

20 September 1845 · Saturday A.M. at the office Posted 11 pages before 11 o clock making the day book straight. No news of any interest from the mob nor our brethren. A company of teams started out about 8 o clock to meet Backenstos and his company. P.M. checking Day book with John.

21 September 1845 · Sunday At the office all day quite unwell. We checked and posted the Day book all up. Got through at 4 P.M. afterwards rode out with Dr. to Moffett, and got some peaches. About 7 o clock an alarm was rung at the Temple, & the companies called together from a report that the mob were gathering again at Carthage. A company was sent out but the alarm proved to be false.

22 September 1845 · Monday At the office all day recording tithings and got the Record straight. R. Moons family has moved to my house which makes us some crowded.

23 September 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, assisting John P. Mc Ewan to enter names from the Record to the Alphabet. We entered about 30 pages. A report was in circulation this morning that there are 100 of the mob crossed over from Fort Madison to Pontoosic and are now camped near the latter place. Their object is said to be burning property in the North and North East part of the county.

24 September 1845 · Wednesday At 7 this morning A.P. Rockwood called and notified me to be ready to start for Carthage in company with others at 8 o'clock, to stand our trial on a charge of "Treason." It was near 10 o'clock before we got started. We were about 50 in number. Prest. B. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, John Taylor, P.P. Pratt, G.A. Smith & Amasa Lyman of the Twelve were in company. We had a very unpleasant journey on account of the dust. We arrived at Carthage at 1 o'clock, and made it known that our object was to surrender ourselves to the Sheriff. All things not being ready for trial, the company proceeded to the Jail where our brethren Joseph and Hyrum were martyred. The blood of Hyrum still stains the floor of the Jail where he fell and breathed his last. The wall in some places is filled with ball holes and some in such a situation as to prove beyond a doubt that they must have been shot there by the Carthage Greys who professed to be guarding the prisoners. It filled me with melancholy feelings while reflecting on this tragedy and hearing Ers Taylor & Richards repeat the facts as they transpired and showing us the position in which the brethren stood to defend themselves. After visiting the Jail we returned to the Court House where we were put under arrest by the Sheriff. The following are the names of those charged in the writ, Daniel Spencer, Orson Spencer, Willard Richards, John Taylor, Wm.W. Phelps, Charles C. Rich, Alpheus Cutler, Reynolds Cahoon, John Scott, Hoshea Stout Edward Hunter and myself. Jonathan Dunham Stephen Markham, and



Dimick B. Huntington were also named in the writ. but Dunham is dead, Markham was discharged yesterday & Huntington was not present. After being arrested we were taken to the justices (Barnes) office for trial. We were asked if we wanted any witnesses subpoenaed but we said not. The witness against us being called for, only one made his appearance named Barkman and he was the person who made the affidavit on which the writ was issued. On being sworn and asked if he personally knew the defendants or any of them. Ans. He did not. Question Do you know any of them to be guilty of Treason? Ans. He did not. He then stated that he made affidavit on the strength of the rumors which he heard at the time and on account of his great prejudice against the Mormons believed the reports and did then think that the Mormon leaders were guilty of Treason. He also stated that the affidavit was wrote out by George Backman and presented to him to sign without his wishing to do so, but it appeared that he was solicited by Bachman to do so. There being no further witnesses the court discharged us according to law. The trial was held before Barnes assisted by E. A. Bedell.

We started for home immediately. We called at Bro. Fellows place which was burned down, to the ground and about 1500 bushels of grain with it. There is not a stick left of either house or barn. All that is left is the brick chimney and oven. Soon after leaving this desolation we were met by E.P. Lott with a letter from N.K. Whitney stating that a committee of seven men had arrived from Quincy who wished to confer with the authorities here, and see if some arrangements could not be entered into to preserve the peace. It is also said that the Governor has ordered out 500 men from Sangamon to come and quell the disturbances, and has appointed E.D. Baker to lead the company. Baker is a known mobocrat, and no doubt will select a mobocratic company to come with him. We arrived home about half past 6 o clock and as soon as we could wash the dust off we met at Er Taylors to hear the report of the Quincy committee.

The[y] brought a printed circular containing the minutes of a meeting of the citizens of Quincy in which they have breathed language which satisfies us that they and the people of the State are determined we shall leave the country. It was thought wisdom under all the existing circumstances to make a proposition to them that if they will let us alone till spring and assist us in disposing of our property here, so that we may have means to go away with, that we will leave the country next spring or as soon as we can get ready. A proposition was wrote by Er Richards, accepted and sent to be printed forthwith. It was also decided to send all the teams we can get to fetch the grain and families from all parts of the county and move them in here, so that in case it comes to the worst we shall only have one place to defend. A committee of 60 was selected to raise teams. The council broke up at 12 o clock.

It is very evident that the time is come for this people to separate themselves from all gentile governments and go to a place where they can erect the standard and live according to the law of God.

25 September 1845 · Thursday A.M. at the office quite unwell. P.M. at Dr Richards with some of the Twelve and others. We offered prayers for the sick &c and especially that the Lord will preserve us in peace to finish the Temple and prepare to depart West in peace. Backenstos came in and wants to send about 25 men to Carthage to relieve those allready there and protect the place till the County Commissioners Court can sit on monday.

I conversed with brother Kimball concerning which company I shall attach myself to in the spring. He advised to go in father Bents company.

26 September 1845 · Friday At the office all day posting books &c. A great many families have

come in to day from the country. Word came in this morning that the mob had taken possession of Carthage but the report proved to be false. Report says there is quite an excitement at Quincy. Calvin A. Warren Esqr is quite hot for sending a committee of one thousand men to Nauvoo but Judge Douglass and Ralston opposed the measure.

27 September 1845 · Saturday At the office all day recording tithings and comparing Record.

News is come in that the Governor is expected at Carthage tomorrow with 300 troops.

Backenstos is gone to meet him. Evening cleaned out my barn.

28 September 1845 · Sunday Last night we have had a heavy rain with thunder & lightning. I was troubled all night with dreams of the mob and being pursued with writs &c. At the office all day Recording the High Priests Donations, also comparing record and checking Day Book.

Evening read a proclamation by the Governor to the citizens of Missouri and Iowa warning them not to come to Hancock County, if they are found here they will be given up to the authorities of the County to be dealt with according to law. I also read a proclamation by Genl. J.J. Hardin in which he refers to the destruction of the press, the resistance of men in Nauvoo to the officers, the murders of prisoners in Jail and the recent burning of houses. He has arrived at Carthage & disbanded Backenstos possee, who are now on their way home. He has forbid armed men assembling together in the County more than four together. He says he has come to see that the law is executed and has got a force sufficient to quell the disturbance. I took the proclamation down to the brethren in council and read it to some it looked favorable but to others it looked very unfavorable.

29 September 1845 · Monday A.M at the office. About 10 went over to council to Daniel Spencers. Prest. Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, P.P. Pratt, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith & A. Lyman and others were present. Joseph Herring, George Herring, Moses Otis and two other Indians were present. These Indians came to ascertain the situation of the affairs here and also to ascertain in regard to our moving West. George Herring says he shall go with us and he says many of the Cherokee tribe want to go with us. He wants prest. Young to baptise him this evening. These Indians seem to feel well towards this people. They are some what in the same situation, being persecuted as we are by the Ross party. P.M. at the office.

30 September 1845 · Tuesday Met the council of fifty at the seventies Hall. Ers Bent, Cutler and Cahoon presented their lists of families selected by them to go west. They have each got their companies nearly made up of one hundred families each. Prest. Young also appointed S. Roundy, J. Fielding, C.P. Lott, P. Haws and Daniel Spencer to select and organise each a company. Isaac Morley has got his company about full. While in council a report was brought in that two officers had just rode into town and had gone to the mansion. Prest. Young sent B.F. Johnson to find out what they were after. He soon returned and stated that they called for liquor but could get none. They then went to Packs but could get none there they finally got some at Clapps and then went off in different directions. Word was brought in that an armed company were outside the City. Prest. Young sent C.C. Rich to see what they wanted. He soon returned and reported that Gen. Hardin, Judge Douglas and the troops had arrived on the square near the Temple, and that Douglas was at Er Taylors wanting to see the Twelve or the authorities of the place. The council was immediately adjourned and the Twelve with one or two others went over to Er Taylors Judge Douglas stated that Hardin had come in with a writ to search for some goods

which had been stolen from Finch and Rollosen at Appanooce, and reported to have been stolen by a Mormon. He stated that Hardin did not want to search until he had first ascertained whether the authorities were willing. He said they did not intend going to the burned district unless it was necessary to aid the officers if they had any writs, or if the citizens who had been burned out and wanted to fetch away their property and should be molested they would go down to protect them. He said it was a hard matter to convince the people East of the Illinois River that it was the mob that were burning houses. They believed it was the Mormons burning the houses of the old citizens. The Twelve and others then went on the hill to see Hardin, He has about 400 men with him. He stated that the stolen goods matter was settled, but they wanted to search for the bodies of two men who were missing and were last seen in Nauvoo. It was supposed they were murdered here. He then marched his troops and formed them in front of the Temple and sent four or five of his men to search the Temple through. Bishop Whitney escorted them. They found nothing there and then went down to the Masonic Hall to search. There are strong reasons to suspect that Hardin means us no good. We suppose he will search for Bogus Machines or any thing else but we dont suppose he has told his real designs. There is no doubt but he is a rank mobocrat as well as the troops who are with him. P.M. at the office recording minutes of the council of Fifty

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1 October 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day. Hardins troops came up at noon to visit the Temple after which he went to Er Taylors and held a conversation with the Twelve. They have agreed with him that we will leave the State next spring if we can dispose of our property.

2 October 1845 · Thursday At the office all day. Hardins troops have left for Carthage.

3 October 1845 · Friday At the office all day settling with the Temple hands. We have had considerable rain for the last few days.

4 October 1845 · Saturday At the office in the morning settling with the hands. At 9 o'clock met the council of fifty at the seventies Hall and kept minutes of the council. Afterwards at the office till 8 in the evening. The hands on the Temple finished putting the windows in to and have fixed the lower room for meeting

5 October 1845 · Sunday At the office all day recording minutes of the council of Fifty. Recorded 43 pages of a small record like this. There has been a meeting in the Temple to day and a meeting to organize companies for the West. My daughter Sarah was baptised to day by Wm. Snow. Evening met at Dr. Richards with Prest B. Young, J. Taylor, W. Richards, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman and N.K. Whitney A letter from Backenstos covering a copy of a dispatch from Hardin to the mobocrats were read after which prayers were offered as usual.

6 October 1845 · Monday A.M at the office till 10 settling with the hands. Afterwards went to the General conference in the Temple and kept minutes all day. Wm. Smith was disfellowship'd from his standing in the quorum of the Twelve & from the office of Patriarch. A vote was taken that this people move to the West en masse and carried, also that we all use our efforts to the utmost of our ability with our means and property to take all the poor with us.

7 October 1845 · Tuesday A.M. at conference taking minutes. At 2 P.M. as the meeting was assembling a report came in that an armed force had entered the City & surrounded our cannon.

Prest. Young immediately dismissed the conference and told the brethren to be prepared for the worst. We soon ascertained that W. B. Warren was along with the troops in search of stolen property, and that they had found some such property in the possession of Daniel Smith and Benjamin Gardner and taken them prisoners with the property to Carthage. A few of us met in council at Er Kimballs and spent the afternoon. I wrote a letter to Warren explaining the reason why the citizens were seen under arms, and requesting him to notify us whenever the troops had to come into Town.

There is a rumor that Sandford has made affidavit that Prest. Young and brother Barnes were accessory to the stealing of Finchs goods, and that they have taken out a writ for them. The apostates and others offered Sandford his liberty (being under \$300. bonds on a charge of Grand Larceny,) if he would implicate some prominent Mormon.

Evening met at Dr Richards with Prest B. Young, H.C. Kimball, Jno Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman & N.K. Whitney We offered up prayers as usual especially that the Lord in his providence would cause the Governors troops to leave this County, and preserve the saints from the ravages of the mob.

8 October 1845 · Wednesday A.M. at the office. At 10 went to conference and took minutes all day. Prest. Young made some very powerful remarks against some men amongst us who profess to be Saints but steal from the enemy. They swear they will steal and they will cut the throat of the man that betrays them. Olive Frost was buried at noon. Mother Smith delivered an address to the conference giving a sketch of the early history of the family and the church. Committees were appointed to dispose of the property and to raise means to get away with.

9 October 1845 · Thursday At the office all day settling with the hands. Report has come in that the mob have found the body of the man who has been missing from Apanoose buried in a ditch near Camp Creek. There is a tremendous excitement on the subject the mob swear the Mormons have murdered him.

Evening went to the Concert with Margaret

10 October 1845 · Friday This morning my folks inform me that Clements family are doing me mischief all the time. It appears they have lately twisted one of my young apple trees off by the roots. They have also cut my new whip lash off near the stock. They abused and insulted my wife and family repeatedly and their depredations never cease. I have borne and borne with their meanness and how long I have yet to bear it I dont know but I hope God will soften their hearts that they may cease and take a course that will save instead of destroy them. At the office till noon settling with the Temple workmen. P.M. met at Er Taylors, with Prest B. Young H.C. Kimball, J. Taylor, P.P. Pratt, G.A. Smith, and Joseph Young. We councilled together on the best plan to be resorted to in the present emergency. It appears Hardin has pledged himself to the mob that he will come to Nauvoo with his troops and either have O.P. Rockwell, and some others of the brethren or "he will unroof every house in Nauvoo." three hundred of our enemies have volunteered to come with him from Quincey and they expect to be joined by others on the way. There seems to be no disposition abroad but to massacre the whole body of this people, and nothing but the power of God can save us from the cruel ravages of the bloodthirsty mob. We concluded to plead with our heavenly father to preserve his people and the lives of his servants that the saints may finish the Temple and receive their endowment, and that the Lord will soften the hearts of the Governor Hardin, Warren & others like he did the heart of Pharaoh that we may



have peace this winter & depart in peace.

11 October 1845 · Saturday At Er Taylors in council with Prest. Young, H. C. Kimball, P.P.

Pratt, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith, A. Lyman & others. We had prayers in the forenoon and asked God to overrule the movements of the enemy and cause the Governor to withdraw his troops from this county - and preserve us in peace untill we can depart in the spring.

After prayer we went to work to prepare a circular for the agents to take abroad with them. P.M. Prest Young did not attend, being completely worn down with fatigue. At 4 we adjourned till 7- I went up to the office and attended to some little items of business. At 7 met again at Er Taylors with the brethren. We offered up our prayers for the same subjects, believing that the Lord will defeat our enemies & preserve his people. After prayer we finished an extract from the conference minutes for the circular. Also appointed additional captains of hundreds, making Captains for twenty five companies.

12 October 1845 · Sunday At the office all day recording tithings. At 7 met at Er Taylors with the brethren. Bishop Miller, J. B. Backenstos and those who went with them to Quincey have all returned safe for which we feel thankful. Backenstos is bound over to court in \$3000 bonds. Hardin is gone to Springfield & it is supposed his object is to get more troops, and also prevail upon the Governor to confiscate our property to pay the expenses of the troops.

The boys who are now wanted by the mob as victims came into council, and received instructions how to manage matters. They were advised not to be seen untill after court. They all feel well. We had prayers again as usual.

13 October 1845 · Monday At the office all day settling with the hands. The weather has become very cold.

14 October 1845 · Tuesday Last night we had a severe frost. At 8 went to Er Taylors to write off the conference minutes with brother Bullock. A little before noon Maj. Warren came into Town with some of the troops, but we could not ascertain much what they wanted. We offered up prayers that they might not be permitted to do any injury to any of the saints nor to interrupt our peace. They did not stay long, but returned accomplishing nothing, leaving us in peace

P.M. I was at the office settling with the hands.

15 October 1845 · Wednesday Last night we have had another very severe frost. Rode with I. C. Haight before breakfast to Prest. Youngs to ascertain whether the Trustees should let him have some money. Agreeable to his order I let Haight have \$20. I then after breakfast rode with Diantha to Dr Clintons, and thence to the office Wrote a letter to Ira Pettit of Long Island and another to brother Bewsher at Peoria requesting him to come to drive Prest. Youngs carriage to the West next spring. Afterwards at the office settling with the hands &c.

16 October 1845 · Thursday At the office all day recording and settling books.

17 October 1845 · Friday At the office, the weather warmer. Er Hyde returned from the East, having purchased between 4 and 5 thousand yards of canvass for the Tabernacle. Er Hyde looks well and has got himself a first rate suit of broad cloth clothes. Reports say that the surrounding counties are entering into measures to prevent us going away next spring. Settled with Danl H.

Wells for the Gaylord Lot, paid him \$250.- in gold and took up the mortgage. We have yet to pay him \$100.- in property. Er Hyde relates an anecdote as follows. On his way up the River on a Steam Boat, he was conversing with a gentleman. When they came in sight of Warsaw the gentleman asked the name of the place. Er Hyde informed him. Well says the gentleman, "If the whole world had been a bull I should have thought that was his a--e." Considering the kind of materials it is infested by the remark was very appropriate. Evening met at Er Taylors with the Twelve and others for prayer.

18 October 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. A report came in that the mob burned some more of the brethrens houses yesterday and are threatening to burn more.

19 October 1845 · Sunday At the office all day recording tithings. Brother Whitehead and McEwan told me that Bishop Whitney seemed very much dissatisfied because I had balanced up J.C. Kingsburys account without first asking them about it. I know of no reason why they should be dissatisfied unless it be because they dont like his account to shew on the book. He has been to work 10 months and has two dollars a day but is still \$138. dollars in debt. Besides this he pays no rent, but this is paid by the Temple, neither does he pay any thing for horse feed although his horse is kept on Temple feed and kept well. Besides this he has money when he asks for it and has the first pick at every thing that comes in on tithing. When we have sugar or honey he generally has more than twice as much as any other man and is treated as much better than any other man about the works as can be imagined. He has paid no tithing out of this years work and although he has work enough to keep him busy he can ride round when he has a mind to and all is right. He has no family, except Sarah Ann Whitney but he keeps an hired girl to wait on Sarah

and a boy to wait on himself Julia Durfee lives with him which makes the number of his family and they take more to support them out of the Temple property than I have for my family although we are ten in number and I pay my own house rent and horse feed and pay for every thing I get. and when I asked for some flannel last week to make some flannel garments to wear this winter the Bishop hesitatingly said he supposed I could have it but finally said "wear cotton garments as I do". I have worked faithfully seven days in the week all this last season and frequently nights too, I have the same wages Joseph has although I have been here near four years and when I recorded my tithing in full for my sundays services which is one seventh instead of one tenth day, the Bishop seemed some dissatisfied about this. Now on the reflection of all these circumstances, being virtually denied the flannel and found fault with because I balanced Josephs account I could not help being grieved and angry and I make this record that if ever the question should arise in my absence as to the cause of my present feelings here it is. Besides all this the Bishop has found great fault about the Temple committee wasting property, but justice would bear me out in saying that so far as I ever saw the Temple committee were more prudent in this respect than has been practiced for the last year past. The Bishop's boys Whitneys & Miller have free access to every thing in the store and when there is sugar in the store they eat it and waste it fluently. On one occasion we had 60 lbs of Maple sugar came in and when it was weighed out it came short fourteen pounds and this no a few days. The boys eat it like eating bread. The[y] also overhaul our papers and we cannot leave either a penknife or pencil on the desk but it is missing when we want it. In fact they are unrestrained, and meanly impudent. These are things which have caused me sorrow. As a general thing the bishops have treated me as well as any other man but I confess they treat more [me] more like a servant than a brother. I have endeavored under all circumstances to take as little notice as possible of all these things but they

cometimes force themselves on me and gall my feelings, especially to think that Joseph who has only been here ten months can fare so much better than the rest of us, and has a family of only himself and Sarah except their hired hands to wait on them. I respect Bishop Whitney as I do my own father but this does not make me insensible of feeling to see so much of what I consider to be unjust partiality and especially when I reflect that there has been so much complaints of others for doing precisely the same things.

This morning Er Hyde preached in the Temple afterwards Wm. Smith was cut off from the Church by unanimous vote. He has published a pamphlet against the Twelve.

At 4 P.M. met the first company in the Temple, which was partially organised for emigration to the West.

20 October 1845 · Monday At the office all day recording tithings &c. Er Hyde made his returns of money collected for the Tabernacle viz \$1415.38 1/2 out of which he paid for canvass \$1050.63 and other expenses &c \$105.80 leaving \$258.95 1/2 which it appears he chiefly made use of for his own benefit.

Genl. James Arlington Bennett from Arlington House Flat Bush Long Island arrived here to day, and met the Twelve and others at Er Taylors in the evening. I was present a part of the time. It appears he was opposed to our selling out to gratify the mob, and would rather we would fight them and maintain our ground, but when he was informed of our ultimate plans and matters to be accomplished he seemed to feel very different. I should judge him to be a very ambitious and a[s]piring man, After the interview we retired up stairs and had prayers as usual. My health is very poor and has been for some time. I have no appetite to eat and scarcely feel able to work but Whitney said I hail nothing but the "honors."

21 October 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day recording tithings. A report came in that E. A. Bedell and Edwin R. Cutler went up the river above Appanoose yesterday. The mob laid a plan to kill them on their return and put them in the River, but fortunatly they came back the prarie road and the mob did not find them. This story was told by one of the brethren whom the mob had taken prisoner and kept him two or three days. He says they were all drunk yesterday and at night being overpowered he made his escape. He heard their plans to kill Bedell and Cutler.

At 2 1/2 P.M. eleven of the Governors troops came in. It was supposed they had writs. The first thing they enquired after was a bakery, they wanted something to eat. I watched them go down on the flat but have heard nothing further what they are after.

Brother Whitney told me (unasked) that I could go to Davis's and get the flannel I wanted. He seems to feel agreeable and I presume he dont know that he is the cause of my grief.

We learned that the "posse" said they were in pursuit of stolen cattle.

Evening met the brethren at Er Taylors and had prayers. The council wrote a letter to Judge Ralston inviting him to come here. He says he thinks he can bring a hundred Catholic families to buy out some of our propertys

22 October 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day recording tithings. Evening had a talk with Bishop Whitney and learned that he had not said the words as were told to me but the language he had used was altogether different and unexceptionable. He stated that he had had it in his heart for some time to raise my wages half a dollar a day. We had a long talke and I was satisfied his language had been misrepresented to me. Afterwards went to Er Taylors to council with the Twelve & others. Read a letter from R. McBride in Kirtland stating that the Rigdonites were doing every thing they could to injure the saints. Austin Cowles, S. B. Stoddard, Jacob Bump,

R.D. Foster, Hiram Kellogg Leonard Rich, I Jewel Raney are the leaders of the rioters. They have broke into the House of the Lord and taken possession of it and are trying to take possession of the Church Farm &c.

We also read a number of good articles from the New York messenger relating to our troubles. After much conversation we had prayers.

23 October 1845 · Thursday At the office all day settling books &c. The troops came in to search for Bogus presses. They searched Woodworths house, but could find nothing. Four of the brethren who were indicted for a riot for destroying the "Expositor" press have stood their trial and been acquitted but the worthy Judge has ordered that we shall pay for it and ordered out an attachment This press matter was settled sometime ago with Charles Ivins, but the court overruled it in perfect mob style. R.D. Foster is at Carthage doing all he can. Evening being unwell stayed with D.

24 October 1845 · Friday This morning quite a number of the brethren are going out to Carthage Backenstos has sent in for the affidavits made against the house burners. His trial is not likely to come on this court. At the office all day. Evening at Er Taylors. A report was brought in that a few days ago the mob went to Nahum Bigelow's near Camp Creek and ordered him to leave before thursday for they were coming to burn his house. He sent his son to Nauvoo for Council and he was advised to go to Carthage and make the facts known to Major Warren. He accordingly went and told Warren but was told that the troops were gone elsewhere and he had nobody to send but told the young man to tell his father to defend his house and call on his neighbors to assist him. It appears that on thursday the young man did not get back to tell his

father that night. Soon after this 4 of the troops came and Warren sent them to father Bigelows to defend his house. They missed their way and did not get there till 11 o clock at night. On arriving they hitch[ed] their horses and their Captain Lieut. Edwards from Quincey went straight to the door and undertook to go in without knocking. Father Bigelow expected it was the mob coming and asked who was there, but the man did not answer but still attempted to open the door. Father B. Again asked who was there and what he wanted, but could get no answer. He then told the man if he opened the door he should shoot him. The man finally opened the door and father B. discharged a pistol at him loaded with buck shot. he then snatched up a musket and shot that. The shots took effect on Edwards hip and three entered his breast. He fell and called to the others to come and help him. They then told father B. they were come to protect him and were the Governors troops. Father B. said if that was the case he was sorry, and went to work made up a fire and got the man in and took care of him. This morning they brought father B. to Carthage a prisoner but his case was not disposed off when the brethren left. Warren justified the act.

Backenstos sent for advice as to whether he should demand his trial forthwith. O. Hyde wrote him an answer in the name of the council and advised him to demand his trial forth with and to avail himself of every privilege of defence which the law and constitution allowed him.

It was decided to establish a line of express tomorrow from here to Carthage so that we can have the news every two hours. We then had prayers as usual, and all felt that the Lord will deliver B. out of their hands. After prayer it was decided that Mary Smith & Emma have all the wood they want off the church land. Also that we establish an agency over the river to receive and take care of tithing grain untill spring so that when we move we can take it as we go. It was recommended that J.E. Page be appointed for that agency if he will do it. It was decided not to



hire Pecks Mill, inasmuch as he wants \$300 down for 6 months rent.

Prest. Young seemed dissatisfied that Er Taylor did not take more interest in our councils. We had to sit without a fire.

25 October 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. Sent by Amos Davis \$488.67 to buy goods in St Louis for the Temple. About 4 o clock Babbit came in. I went to him and he stated that when the brethren went in yesterday as witnesses the Jurors although they had found bills against a number of the brethren for various offences, they had not endorsed them as true bills, and when they saw the witnesses come in they appeared nonplussed and did not know what to do, but they finally concluded to compromise the matter and have a nolli prosequi entered on all the cases which was done. D. Smith is in Quincey Jail but an order was sent for his release and all the brethren are cleared against whom they had preferred charges and had indicted them.

Backenstos trial comes on on Monday next. Judge Purple & Ralston are on their way here to spend the sabbath. Thus the Lord has answered our prayers and overruled all matters for the safety and good of his saints.

The "Sarah Ann" has just gone up the river. Doctor Foster was on the Boat and Lyman Johnson. When the Boat landed at the wharf Jackson Reddin was standing by and L. Johnson came to him to council concerning his father and brothers case. Docter Foster got a number of men from the Boat and undertook to hawl Reddin on board and take him off with them. The first man that came up to Reddin to handle him he knocked down. Some of the brethren who were standing off a little distance ran to Reddin's assistance and with sticks and stones soon drove the whole crew on board. The Captain immediately put the [boat] out without unloading. The clerk left the bills of lading with a man who handed them to Rockwood but appeared not to know what

he did. Soon as the Boat got from shore Dr Foster shot his pistol at the brethren, he shot twice but hurt no one. One of the brethren was hit and cut on the back of the neck with a stone.

Evening met the brethren at Er Taylors. Er Babbit related the circumstance of father Bigelow shooting Lieut. Edwards. He stated it in other words to those previously stated, but nearly the same in substance. He also stated that Warren saw some of our men on the prairie about fifteen or twenty in number. In [page missing?] only saw about three men and the horses belonging to the rest. When Warren came into Town he demanded an explanation. President Young and some others went to the Mansion to see him. Prest. Y. stated to Warren the reason why our men were there in plain but mild language. Warren appeared wrathly and peremptotily declared he should issue his manifesto on Monday morning and put the County under Martial law. After this Er Taylor made some very spirited remarks on his own responsibility which only served to enrage Warren worse and worse. We talked the matter over when the brethren returned, and then offered up the signs and asked the Lord to overrule the matter and take it out of Warrens heart that he may not declare Martial law or other wise let his hand be heavy upon him with judgement that he may not be able to bring trouble upon this people. Prest. Young seems quite unwell.

26 October 1845 · Sunday A.M. at the office checking books. P.M. bishop Miller came and said I was wanted at Council. I immediately went down to Er Taylors. O Spencer wrote a letter to the Governor, explaining the circumstance of last evening and again requesting him to with draw his troops The letter was sent by Bishop Miller and E.A. Bedell. We had a conversation with Judge Ralston, in regard to selling our property to the Catholics. He advised us to do that and said he should use his influence with them to come and settle here from Quincy. Evening met again at

Er Taylors, and had prayers as usual. Warren said this morning that no man would be permitted to go into Carthage with any kind of arms. He swore he should search every man. It was thought best that about a hundred of the brethren should go, and about twenty go first without arms, and the rest linger behind untill they ascertain Warrens movements. If he declares Martial law they will all return home, inasmuch as there can be no court if he does this.

27 October 1845 · Monday At the office all day. About 4 P.M. Er Babbit returned and the council were immediately summoned together. He stated Backenstos had obtained a change of fenue to Peoria to have his trial in five weeks. He is in the hands of the coroner who has permission either to take bail or select his own guard at the expense of the State. The court adjourned to next May. Warren has partially declared Martial law Babbitt states that Dr Williams has been before one of the Judges of Iowa and sworn that the Twelve made Bogus at his house in Iowa They have taken out a United States writ and made a demand on the Governor of this State for them and the deputy Marshall of Iowa (Haight) is at Carthage with writs for all the Twelve. Warren is coming with the troops tomorrow to aid the Marshal in making the arrest. They had these writs with them on saturday evening and this deputy marshall was also with them but when Er Taylor made his speech it bluffed them off and they were afraid to serve it. Since then Warren has sent to some of the Eastern counties for volunteers to join his ranks. When these reports were stated by Er Babbit at president Youngs, the brethren expressed their feelings and each felt satisfied that the Lord will overrule this matter also for our good. The Twelve all concluded to leave their homes to night so that if the posse comes in in the night there will be no danger. The watchful care of our heavenly father in directing the matter last saturday evening was plainly visible. The officers had the writs with them, and made use of their seeing some of

the brethren on the prairie as a plausible means of decoying the Twelve into their hands. But the Lord put words into Er Taylors heart and he spake by the power of God and the officers were filled with fear so that they durst not undertake to serve their writs. We felt last night to return thanks to God for his Kindness and ask him to overrule this matter also for the safety of his people and his servants.

28 October 1845 · Tuesday A.M at the office. At 10 o clock went to Er Taylors and met to pray with John Smith, N.K. Whitney, W.W. Phelps, Jos. Young, O. Spencer, J. C. Kingsbury and L. Woodworth. Afterwards at the office till 5 1/2 and then met again at Er Taylors. After we got through with our prayers Prest. Young came in and Ers Hyde Babbitt. The Twelve have been hid up all day to avoid being ensnared by the treachery of Warren and our enemies. The Prest. reported that the Twelve had held a conversation with Warren this afternoon. Warren stated that when he came in with his troops on saturday he had the old writ against the Twelve for "Treason" in his pocket but he considered it unjust to serve it and did not intend to do it. He said he considered that if the Twelve were to be harassed with writs this people could not get away in the spring. He also said that from Er Taylors remarks he understood that we meant that no writs of any kind should be served in Nauvoo but intended to resist. This idea was contradicted by the president, he told Warren that we did not intend to resist. He also drew out of Warren that he was going to Springfield tomorrow and one part of his errand was to get his friends and relatives to come here & purchase our farms for he was delighted with them. It appears that the Lord has softened his heart in answer to our prayers for which we felt thankful.

29 October 1845 · Wednesday A.M. at the office. At 10 went to Er Taylors. Soon after we

arrived prest. Young sent for Bishop Whitney & myself to go and see him as the Twelve are still out of sight. We went to where he was at A.P. Rockwoods and found him in company with H.G. Sherwood and Markham also George A. Smith and Amasa Lyman. Er Sherwood and Fullmer returned from the West a few days ago. Er S. reported their mission which was very satisfactory. He also gave us some very interesting information concerning our best rout to the West which will be of service to us when we move.

There is a rumor that Wm. Smith and others are trying to get up an influence with the president of the United States to prevent our going West and has already wrote to him on the subject, revealing the acts of the council of Fifty &c and representing the council as guilty of treason &c. P.M. at the office. Evening at Er Taylors with the Twelve and others. A letter was read signed "Backwoodsman" dated Palmyra Mo. The writer states that he is one of a party who are calculating to go to California and establish an independent government He is opposed to the Mormons going unless they will join with them in their efforts to establish matters and then have a portion of Territory set off to us on the Eastern part, for he considers the Mormons and other citizens can never live peaceably together. His letter was principally made up of slander and abuse and the council considered it to contemptible to answer. I also read a letter from Adeline Perry to Ezra T. Benson dated Alton Oct. 19. She request[s] the brethren to send for her and her fathers family to go West with us. We had prayers as usual. After prayer had a council with Backenstos in regard to continuing the Neighbor to publish the County Tax list. It was agreed that we publish the Neighbor again about the time the Tax list is ready. The last number of the "Neighbor" designed to be published for the present has come out to day and is about the best paper ever issued.

30 October 1845 · Thursday At the office all day We have had some rain. Brother Miller and Bedell have returned from Springfield. Brother Miller reports that the Governor appears friendly and deprecates the conduct of the mob, but he says he can do nothing for the while State is mob. He is coming here himself and is expected to day (at Carthage) He says he will see to matters himself and try to preserve peace untill we can get away. Evening at home & with D.

31 October 1845 · Friday A.M. at the office. Wrote a letter, authorising Vinson Shurtliff to receive tithings in the East and donations to help away the poor. Rode down with president Young & N.K. Whitney to Er Taylors. There wrote a letter to the Catholic Bishop (Purcell) at Cincinnati introducing Er Babbitt as agent for the Church to negotiate the sale of our property to the Catholics. Rode to the Mansion and saw Er Babbitt & V. Shurtliff start on their journey. Rode again to J.C. Kingsbury's and took dinner, afterwards at the office all day. Evening met the Twelve and others at Er Taylors for prayer. The subject of the United States endeavoring to prevent our removal West by taking out U.S. writs for the council of Fifty was talked over and plans devised to defeat them in case they undertake to do it.

#### November 1845

1 November 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. Received of Prest. Young \$150.- to purchase instruments for the band. Evening met the band at the Masonic Hall.

2 November 1845 · Sunday At the office recording tithings &c. At 2 met the first company in the Temple to organise. At 4 o'clock met at Packs Tavern the Captain of Fifties and Tens to select their companies. Evening met the band and the second quorum of seventies at the Masonic Hall. We had a variety of ceremonies. several addresses from the presidents of the

quorum a variety of peices by the band and some wine. A contribution was taken up by the quorum to assist in buying the instruments for the band. Amount \$3.67 1/2.

3 November 1845 · Monday At the office all day. Evening met at Er Taylor's with the Twelve and others. Sherwood, Fulmer & Butler made a report of the country West. I was sick and did not stay long.

4 November 1845 · Tuesday At the office. At 2 P.M. met the first company to organize. 18 companies of tens were filled up, and P.P. Pratt and A. Lyman appointed Captains over the first & second hundreds. Evening at bro Farris.

5 November 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day regulating the record of the first company.

6 November 1845 · Thursday At the office all day recording tithings. Evening attended council at Er Richards.

7 November 1845 · Friday At the office all day comparing books. The weather very cold and some like snow.

8 November 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. P.M. we moved our office to the New York store. Evening at home.

9 November 1845 · Sunday At the office all day. P.M. met the first company to organize

Evening met at Dr Richards with the Twelve.

10 November 1845 · Monday At the office all day. This morning brother M. again showed some very bitter feelings towards me on account of a misunderstanding about a deed from John D. Parker. It seems to me that Miller is angry with me because Whitney orders me to do some things which he dont like. Parker is determined to sell the Lott which Farr bought from his wife through Sherwood and there seems hard feelings against me on some account. I consider that Parker is acting very unjust in this business and has told a one sided story to the council on which they have made a decision.

11 November 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, recording tithings. At 4 P.M. met at Dr Richards with the Twelve.

12 November 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day Recording &c. Evening with D.

13 November 1845 · Thursday At the office all day making deeds to sundry individuals for 60 acres on the Wiggons Farm Evening at home.

14 November 1845 · Friday At the office all day, checking book, settling with hands and Recording tithings. The weather of late has been remarkably fine and pleasant. Evening met with the Twelve at Dr Richards.

15 November 1845 · Saturday At the office all day recording tithing & making settlements.



16 November 1845 · Sunday A.M at the office. At 2 P.M. met the 1st company at the stand.

J.M. Grant was appointed captain over the 3rd hundred. About 3 o'clock it began to rain and rained on most through the night. Went to Pitts to see him and the new instruments for the band. I received a French Horn. Played till 10 o'clock. When I got home Margaret told me she had broke the buggy. She stated that the horse had ran away and run the wheels against a stump, and threw her out, broke one phile and the Real[?] &c. She fell on her head and side and was considerably stunned but dont appear to be seriously hurt. A report has come in that the mob have shot brother Edmon Durfee. Report says he was with some others gathering his corn and some of the mob came and fired on them and killed him. 4 1/2 P.M. since writing the above I have heard that the mob set fire to some straw of brother Durfees and when he came out of his house to put out the fire, he was plainly visible to the mob but they were amonst the hazel brush and he could not see them. It appears they set fire to the straw to decoy him from his house to shoot him, for he no sooner came in the light than he was shot down, the ball entered his breast. He soon expired. Six shots were fired and then it appears the mob fled. This is truly a mournful state of things, the brethren appear to have nothing but death before them our only hope is in the God we love.

17 November 1845 · Monday about 4 this evening brother Durfee was carried to the grave yard followed by his mourning friends.

I have just received a package from brother Woodruff in England pr hand [of] brother Houston who has arrived in company with a number of others within a day or so back. My heart is grieved to see the difference of spirit, feeling and courses of Bishops Whitney & Miller. They appear to be at antipodes with each other in nearly all their operations. They have placed me as

a mark for both to shoot at, and it has placed me in a very unpleasant situation. Miller seems angry with me because I appear to give preference to Whitney & which I consider I ought to do inasmuch as he is the Senior Bishop and is far more careful in his management than brother Miller is. The latter is perfectly wasteful and wild in his business transactions and I if he had the management of the Temple business alone, he would soon wind it up and scatter it to ruin. At the office all day settling &c. At 5 met the Twelve at Dr. Richards.

18 November 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day. At 4 my brother James came in with a message from Backenstos to send out Hicks. Soon after this my father arrived bearing two letters for Prest. Young & O. Hyde. These letters requested witnesses to be sent out to Carthage immediately to testify against those who shot Durfee. There are five in Jail; among them are George Bachman, Moss & Snyder. I wrote an answer to Braymans letters. The letters were read in council and the answer wrote there. A message was sent to Markham & Rockwood, who soon appeared. They were dispatched to notify the witnesses and have them ready to start early in the morning.

19 November 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day P.P. Lidia came home about 9 o clock. This afternoon I had some talk with Whitney. Went to Lathrops with him and to sister Clark's thence to Davis's and got steel for our Wagon springs.

20 November 1845 · Thursday A.M father, James, John and Ellen are about to start home. James wants to go to St Louis but I have endeavored to persuade him out of it. At the office all day. Evening met at Pitts with Kay, Smithies and Hutchinson to make some arrangements

pertaining to the band.

21 November 1845 · Friday At the office all day. Wrote a letter to R. Hedlock in England.

Brother Foreman came again to assist us in the office. Evening met the Twelve at Dr Richards and had prayers. Backenstos came in and stated that Warren has sworn he will have the men who murdered Durfee brought to justice.

22 November 1845 · Saturday At the office all day, made a deed from Marks to the Trustees for the Kirtland property. The weather is very cold windy and dusty to day. We have had remarkable fine weather through the fall but we now have a change Evening met at the Concert Hall with the Band. We had a warm debate respecting reorganizing the band. Wm F. Cahoon and Charles Hales opposed the views of the rest with energy and bitterness.

23 November 1845 · Sunday A.M. met at the office with I.F. Hutchinson, J. Kay, and James Smithies Pitt did not come so we adjourned to meet at Kays at 1 P.M. We went over to Pitt's to notify him and I then came back to the office to make out a bill for St Louis. After spending about an hour and a half and accomplishing nothing on account of Bishop Whitney not having his memorandums of articles ready. He then wanted me to write a letter for him to S. S. Chester. I told him of my appointment but he seemed to care nothing about it

P.M. met at Kays with Pitt, Kay, Smithies, Hutchinson & Kay. We spent about 3 hours singing and playing. We had a pleasant interview. Afterwards I went to council. Received a letter from Uriah Brown saying that he sent the Encyclopedia to my house previous to his removal. Spent the evening with D. She complains of suffering with the cold. Her father will

not suffer her to be down stairs and she can have no fire up stairs which makes it disagreeable. I conversed with Ruth and Margaret and they consent to let her come and stay in our bed Room till Loren finishes his house.

24 November 1845 · Monday At the office all day with the land business. P.M. Bishop Whitney made a complaint that on Saturday night he wanted to get into the office but could not because I had the key. He found fault because "the clerks" went home at dark when other hands did and said we might work nights and requested us to do it. I told him I considered it oppressive for we had worked every day Sundays included for about 12 months back and still they are not satisfied. We had some pretty cutting retorts back and forth and talked about 2 hours on the subject and finally concluded to part without feelings. Evening I fetch D. home. Saturday evening the plasterers finished in the attic story of the Temple.

25 November 1845 · Tuesday A.M. at the office. P.M. at Bishop Millers birthday party with Ruth, Margaret and Lydia. Pitt, Hutchinson, Smithies and Kay were there with our instruments. Most of the Twelve with their Ladies were present. Joshua L. Miller was married by John L. Butler. We had playing, singing and some dancing till about 10 o'clock at night and had a very interesting interview all parties seemed to feel well & cheerful.

26 November 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day very busy receiving and counting money and making out bills to send by Mrs Clark and Hiram Kimball to St Louis. Evening at home with Diantha. The painters finished painting the attic story this afternoon and there is considerable carpet already on hand to cover the floors. The weather is very cold.

27 November 1845 · Thursday At the office, the weather very cold. finished bill for St. Louis. Prest. Young sent for brother Thomas Burdick who immediately came to assist us in the office. Attending to making manifest of the land business till 7 evening afterwards at home.

28 November 1845 · Friday At the office all day settling with hands and making manifest of land business. Had conversation with Prest. Young and G. Coltrin. The latter bought two lots of the church in 1840 viz Lots 3 & 4 in Block 80. Lot 3 he sold back to the Church last spring and 40 feet off Lot 4 for \$1000. although he has only paid \$165.- on the one he lives on and nothing on the other. When Pres Young understood the matter as it stood he seemed to think Coltrin has done wrong. C. gave up his bond for Lot 3 and was advised to give up the bond for the other and let what he had paid to be refunded and the interest apply for the use of the Lots for 5 years. And also refund back the property which he had received over the \$165 Diantha is very sick to day. About 4 o clock it commenced snowing and looks like to snow considerable. Evening at home.

29 November 1845 · Saturday At the office all day making out manifest of the Lots in Nauvoo. Evening at Prest. Youngs with the Band. Prest. Young, H.C. Kimball, Joseph Young and Levi W. Hancock danced a french four together. The two former are the only two of the first twelve apostles who have never wavered since their appointment and the two latter are the only two of the first presidents of seventies who have never faltered. We had a pleasant meeting and were treated with wine and cake. During the day the Twelve, Bishops Whitney & Miller and some others met in the Temple and laid the carpet on the main floor of the attic story, and also on several of the small rooms ready for the first quorum to meet in.

30 November 1845 · Sunday At 10 A.M. met in the attic story of the Temple with prest.

B.Young, H.C. Kimball, W. Richards, P.P. Pratt, John Taylor, Orson Hyde, George A. Smith and Amasa Lyman of the quorum of the Twelve. Also N.K. Whitney & George Miller presiding Bishops, John Smith Patriarch and President of the Stake. Joseph Young president of the Seventies. Alpheus Cutler & R. Cahoon Temple committee. Cornelius P. Lott, Levi Richards, Jos. C. Kingsbury, Orson Spencer, Wm. W. Phelps, Isaac Morley, L. Woodworth. Composed some verses to the tune "Here's a health to all good lasses" before the brethren assembled. At about 12 o clock we clothed and sung "Come all ye sons of Zion &c". We then offered up the signs of the Holy Priesthood and repeated them to get them more perfect. I was requested to keep minutes. President offered up prayers and dedicated the Attic story, the male room and ourselves to God, and prayed that God would sustain and deliver [us] from the hands of our enemies, his servants untill they have accomplished his will in this house. Er Taylor then sang "A poor wayfaring man of grief &c" after which we again offered up the signs and Er Kimball prayed that the Lord would hear & answer the prayers of his servant Brigham, break off the yoke of our enemies and inasmuch as they lay traps for the feet of his servants, that they may fall into them themselves and be destroyed - that God would bless his servant Joseph Young, heal his wife and bless his family - that God would bless and heal Er Kimballs family and put the same blessings on all our families which he had asked for Joseph Young and himself.

Hans C. Hanson the door keeper reported that there were two officers waiting at the foot of the stairs for Prest. Young. The Prest. concluded that he could bear to tarry up in the warm as long as they could stay in the cold waiting for him. Er Amasa Lyman requested hands to be laid on him that he may be healed. 5 of the brethren laid hands on him.

We again offered up the signs and Joseph Young prayed that our enemies may have no

power over our leaders - He prayed for our brethren in England - on the Islands - brothers Babbit, Turley & the Reddins - also that the Trustees may have means to liquidate all the debts.

At 3 o'clock we undressed.

The side rooms are occupied as follows. The 1st on the south side by President B. Young. The 2nd by H.C. Kimball. 3rd & 4th others of the Twelve. 5th Joseph Young & presidency of 70s. 6 is a preparation room. On the north side 1st Bishops & Lesser Priesthood. 2nd Pres of the Stake & High Council 3&4 High Priests quorum. 5 Elders Quorum. 6 Preparation room.

Hans C. & Peter O. Hanson are appointed to see to the fires, keep watch and guard the doors &c.

I left about half past 3 and at half past 5 met at Kays with Pitt Hutchinson, Smithies and Kay to practice. The weather is very cold.

December 1845

1 December 1845 · Monday At the office all day. chiefly attending to land manifest. Er Babbit returned and a council was called and assembled in the council room over the store. Prest. Young, H.C. Kimball, P. Pratt, O. Hyde G.A. Smith, N.K. Whitney, G. Miller A. Cutler, R. Cahoon, I. Morley and A.P. Rockwood & Er Babbit present. I read some letters, one from Er Nixon requesting a councillor and friends to attend brother Turleys trial at Springfield. Also one from a gentleman in Cincinnati enquir- where we were going to move to. Also a letter from J.B. Purcell, Catholic Bishop of Cincinnati and one from the Catholic Bishop at Detroit. Er Babbits report is favorable and the Catholics are making considerable exertions to have the members of their Church come and purchase our property. They are very anxious to lease the Temple and other public buildings but are not able to buy them. Mr Quartus the Bishop at Chicago has sent

an Agent to enter into some arrangements for our property who is expected here tomorrow.

A.P. Rockwood made some remarks respecting teams to haul wood &c. Also relative to the upper steam Mill. He was instructed to rent it for 4 months.

Evening at home with D. who was very sick.

2 December 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day settling with tithing hands. Evening at home with Pitt, Hutchinson, Kay, Smithies and Egan. We played and sung till near eleven o'clock and had a very pleasant interview. After they retired D. felt bad and seems fretful, on account of her confinement.

3 December 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day settling with tithing hands &c. Had a council with Bishop Miller, Egan and Kay, concerning the conduct of Hosea Stout, the Captain of Police. He appears dishonest and oppressive to some of the police. Evening at home.

4 December 1845 · Thursday At the office all day. Made a form for the clerks of companies to make out their reports by. Went up into the Temple. The brethren are very busy preparing the room for work. The weather is very cold and windy. Evening met with the first quorum in the Attic story of the Temple for prayer. Composed the song. "In the latter dispensation" &c. in High Priests Room number 4.

5 December 1845 · Friday At the office all day chiefly settling with tithing hands. Evening met at Egans with the Quadrille Band and some others.



6 December 1845 · Saturday At the office all day. 5 P.M. met the brethren in the Temple for prayers. Afterwards met with the Band in Council Room over New York Store.

7 December 1845 · Sunday In the Temple all day. All the first quorum with one or two exceptions were present both male and female. About 1 o'clock we clothed. The meeting was opened by prayer by Joseph Fielding. After which Ers Taylor, Hyde, Phelps, Pratt and John Smith each expressed their feelings in regard to our present privilege of meeting in the Temple in spite of the combined opposition of men and devils. During the speaking - the Bishops having provided Bread and Wine, the bread was broke by Er Kimball & then blessed by him and handed round by Bishop Whitney. Joseph Young then blessed the wine which was also passed round by B. Whitney. Prest. Young then addressed the company. He said the time would come when the Celestial law would be put in force and that law forbids any man taking the name of God in vain. But we have men in our midst who do not scruple to say by God, by Jesus Christ, God damn you &c and the time will come when the law will be put in force on all such. He gave much good instruction and the spirit of God rested upon him. He stated "that a few of the quorum had met twice a week ever since Joseph and Hyrum were killed and during the last excitement, every day and in the hottest part of it twice a day to offer up the signs and pray to our heavenly father to deliver his people and this is the cord which has bound this people together. If this quorum and those who shall be admitted into it will be as dillegent in prayer as a few has been I promise you in the name of Israels God that we shall accomplish the will of God and go out in due time from the gentiles with power and plenty and no power shall stay us." After the exhortation we offered up the signs and had prayers for the usual subject Joseph Young being mouth. We were then dismissed untill next sunday at 11 o'clock. Spent the evening with D.

8 December 1845 · Monday At the office all day The weather is more moderate. At 5 went to the Temple and met the brethren for prayer, Geo. Miller being mouth. Afterwards at home.

9 December 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day, chiefly settling with the tithing brethren. Evening met at Tuttle's with Pitt, Hutchinson, Smithies, Kay and Egan. We played and sung till 11 o'clock. My brother John & sisters Lucy and Eliza have come out and brought a piece which they wove. The weather is very cold.

10 December 1845 · Wednesday A.M at the office quite unwell. At 9 o'clock president Young came and said he wanted me up in the Temple and would not take no for an answer. I accordingly quit work and went up into the Attic story where several of the brethren had already assembled. The Prest. appointed George A. Smith door keeper, and gave him the key. Er Kimball requested me to write his private journal to day. President Young and Er Kimball engaged themselves by fitting up the curtains over the large Window in the East end of the Temple, Sisters Kimball, Whitney and Pratt also assisted. About half after 10 o'clock it was reported that Priest Tucker (Catholic) and his associates were below waiting an interview with the Twelve and Council.

At 11 1/4 Mr Tucker and Mr Hamilton were admitted into the Upper Room of the Temple accompanied by Bishop Joseph L. Heywood, who gave the gentlemen an introduction to those present. The propositions of the Council in regard to the sale of our property were presented to Mr Tucker in writing who read them over and then handed them to Mr Hamilton who also read them. The gentlemen were then invited into President Young's room in company with President Young, H.C. Kimball Willard Richards, Orson Hyde, John Taylor, Amasa

Lyman, John E. Page, George A. Smith, P.P. Pratt, George Miller, John M. Bernhisel, Joseph L. Heywood and myself.

Mr Tucker made some observations respecting the two main Rooms of the Temple. He thought they were so high it would be difficult for a speaker. President Young replied and explained in regard to that matter, also the pulpits, place for the organ, and the side rooms.

Mr. Hamilton asked a question as to the disposal of our public buildings. In answer to which Er Hyde read to the company the written propositions and offered some explanations. A conversation then followed between Mr Tucker, President Young and Er Hyde on the subject. President Young remarked that we wished to realise from the sale of our property sufficient to take all our poor with us in a comfortable manner. If he was alone he could take his Rifle and make his way to the Pacific Ocean with little difficulty but at the same time he dont wish to do it. He would rather have his wagons and go with all the rest of the Church comfortable.

Mr Tucker said he thought it would be wisdom to publish our propositions in all the Catholic Papers and lay the matter plain before their people. He should also think it advisable for the Catholic Bishop to send a competent Committee to ascertain the value of our property &c. At the same time the[y] will use all their influence to effect a sale as speedily as possible. He thinks they have men in St Louis, New York & other Cities who could soon raise the amount we want, but the time is so very short, he dont know whether it can be done so soon. He then asked if we would be willing to have our propositions published in their papers. President Young replied we should have no objections, providing it was understood that we reserved the right to sell when we had a chance. Er P.P.Pratt thought it would be well to talk over the propositions and investigate them so as to have every thing perfectly and clearly understood. Mr Hamilton wished to ascertain upon what conditions they could obtain two of our public buildings, one for a

school and one for a Church. They intended to write to the Bishop, and wished to be able to supply him with some information on this subject.

President Young said he was well aware that there were many men in the Catholic Church who could furnish all the money we want at once, but he supposed it was with them as it was with a Mr Butler who owned a wealthy Bank when asked why he did not sign off more Bills. He replied it was it was a good deal of trouble to sign off the bills. He supposed it was too much trouble for them to dig their money out of their vaults. But he wished it understood that while we make a liberal proposition to dispose of our property we must have the means to help ourselves away.

Mr Tucker said their object was to write to the Bishop and enclose our propositions in his letter, at the same time advising him either to come himself or to appoint a committee of efficient men to come and value the property and enter into terms for a final agreement. He said the sum to be raised was large and the time very short to the first of April but he thinks it can be accomplished. He thinks they can be able to give us a decided answer by the 25th inst.

President Young said he would like to add a note to our proposals before it goes for publication to this effect, that if they agree to our propositions we will lease them the Temple for a period of from five to thirty five years at a reasonable price, the rent to be paid in finishing the unfinished parts of the Temple, the wall around the Temple Block, and the Block West of the Temple, and keeping the Temple in repair.

The council agreed to the amendment which was accordingly added to the proposals and handed to Mr Tucker.

Mr Tucker seemed to give much encouragement that an arrangement would speedily be

entered into, to accomplish what we want. Both the gentlemen seem highly pleased with the Temple and the City and appear to feel sanguine that the Catholics should get the Temple & vicinity.

About half past 12 they departed evidently feeling well towards us.

W.W. Phelps has been appointed door keeper this day in place of Er George A Smith who is engaged with matters of more importance.

At half past 3 I went in to the Bishops Room with President B. Young, H.C. Kimball, John Taylor, P.P. Pratt, George Miller, Alpheus Cutler, John M. Bernhisel and Lucian Woodworth where we consecrated 16 bottles of oil for the anointing.

At 3 3/4 Er Hyde came into Er Kimballs room and said the news had arrived that Backenstos was acquitted.

At 3 o clock Sisters Mary Ann Young, Vilate Kimball and Elizabeth Ann Whitney commenced washing and anointing each other being the first in this Temple.

This was done in the preparation room in the North West corner of the Attic story story. About the same time president Young put up the vail in its place which finishes and completes the Celestial room preparatory to the endowment.

Last evening President B. Young and H.C. Kimball washed themselves in pure water four times. Also George A. Smith, and Amasa Lyman being the first ones washed in this the Holy Temple of the Lord

The following is a list of those present this afternoon. Prest. B. Young & Mary Ann Young, Heber . Kimball & Vilate Kimball, Orson Hyde & Nancy Marinda Hyde, Parley P. Pratt & Mary Ann Pratt, John Taylor & Leonora A. Taylor, George A. Smith & Bathsheba Smith, Willard Richards, Amasa Lyman & Mariah Loisa Lyman John E. Page & Mary Page. High

Priests John Smith & Clarissa Smith, Mother Lucy Smith, Newel K. Whitney & Elizabeth Ann Whitney, George Miller & Mary Catherine Miller, Wm. W. Phelps & Sally Phelps, John M. Bernhisel, Levi Richards, Alpheas Cutler & Lois Cutler, Reynolds Cahoon & Thirza Cahoon, William Clayton, Lucian Woodworth & Phebe Woodworth, Orson Spencer & Catherine C. Spencer, Agness M. Smith, Mercy R. Thompson, Mary Smith, Isaac Morley & Lucy Morley came in about 5 o'clock and in half an hour after Joseph Fielding, Joseph C. Kingsbury and C.P. Lott. At 25 minutes past 4 o'clock president Young and Er H.C. Kimball commenced washing Er Willard Richards. They continued washing and anointing those present till about half past seven. At 20 minutes to 8 o'clock president Young announced that all things were now ready to commence and go through with the ordinances. He said that after we got properly organized and ready to go on without confusion no person will be permitted to talk nor move about in the main rooms, neither will any person be expected to remain in the Celestial Room only those who were necessary to carry on the works. At the same hour he took the chair and appointed Parley P. Pratt & John Taylor to assist him in taking those through who were now prepared. Those who were first taken through all the ceremonies were Heber C. Kimball & Vilate Kimball, George A. Smith & Barsheba W. Smith, Orson Hyde & Nancy Marinda Hyde, John Smith & Clarissa Smith, Newel K. Whitney & Elizabeth Ann Whitney. These went through all the ordinances until they were passed through the veil at which time it was half past nine o'clock. President Young then called all present into the Celestial room where we knelt down and Amasa Lyman offered up prayers. At this time I went home being very unwell and tired having been writing and keeping minutes all the day. Some others also went home at the same time.

11 December 1845 · Thursday A.M went to the Temple about 9 o'clock. Prest. Young and H. C.

Kimball were going out to breakfast. They continued to work untill half past 3 o'clock this morning. After I left they took the following through President Brigham Young & Mary Ann Young, William W. Phelps & Sally Phelps, Parley P. Pratt & Mary Ann Pratt, Amasa Lyman & Mariah Loisa Lyman, George Miller & Mary Catherine Miller, John Taylor & Leonor A. Taylor, Lucian Woodworth & Phebe Woodworth, John E. Page & Mary Page, Joseph C. Kingsbury, Mary Smith, widow of Hyrum Smith, Agness Smith, widow of Don Carlos.

I spent the forenoon writing the history of these proceedings in Er Kimball's Journal also gave a description of the upper room.

At 12 P.M. Young said I could go and fetch my wife if I had a mind to. I immediately went down and returned with her at 1 o'clock. I then went into the preparation room and was washed by Er H. C. Kimball & George A. Smith, and then anointed a priest and a king unto the most High God by Prest. Young and Amasa Lyman and pronounced clean from the blood of this generation.

Those who were anointed at the same time were Alpheas Cutler, Isaac Morley, Orson Spencer, Reynolds Cahoon, myself and Joseph Young. Amongst the females were Lucy Morley, Lois Cutler, Thirzah Cahoon, Catherine C. Spencer, Ruth Clayton and Permelia Lott. Brother Lott was washed and anointed last evening. Sister Jane Young is sick and unable to attend. After washing and anointing we all passed through the ceremonies together with Mother Smith, Mercy R. Thompson and brother Lott. It was about half past seven when we got through. Afterwards those present offered up the signs of the Holy Priesthood and had prayers John E. Page being mouth.

Prest. Young then called the following persons into brother Kimball's room viz. H.C. Kimball, P.P. Pratt, O. Hyde, John Taylor, Amasa Lyman, George A. Smith John E. Page, N.K.

Whitney, George Miller and myself. The Prest. stated that he had received a letter from brother Samuel Brannan stating that he had been at Washington and had learned the [that] the Post Master General and Secretary of War were making preparations to prevent our going West, alleging that it is against the Law for an armed body of men to go from the States to another government. They say the Mormons must not be suffered to remain in the States and neither will it do to let us go to California and there is no other way but to exterminate them and obliterate them from the face of the earth. We offered up the signs and asked our heavenly father to overrule them and inasmuch as the heads of this government are plotting the utter destruction of this people that he will curse them and let all the evil which they design to bring upon us come upon themselves.

Prest. Young said we shall go out from this place in spite of them. All the brethren felt agreed that God will deliver us from the grasp of this ungodly and mobocratic nation.

At 9 o clock me and my wife went home thankful for the blessings and privileges of the day.

Before we had prayers however John D. Lee, Aggatha Ann Lee, David Candland & Mary Ann Candland were washed and anointed and taken through the vail.

12 December 1845 · Friday At the Temple all day keeping Record of the endowments. during the day the following were taken through the vail having gone through all the parts of the ordinance viz. Orson Pratt & Sarah Marinda Pratt, Joseph Young & Jane Young, Levi W. Hancock & Clarissa Hancock, Henry Herriman & Clarissa Herriman, Zerah Pulsipher, Jedidiah M. Grant & Caroline Grant, Albert P. Rockwood & Nancy H. Rockwood, Benjamin L. Clapp & Mary Clapp, James Allred & Elizabeth Allred, Charles C. Rich & Sarah D. Rich, William



Felshaw & Mary H. Felshaw, George W. Harris & Lucinda Harris, William Weeks & Caroline Weeks, Truman O. Angel & Polly Angel. Joseph Fielding & Hannah Fielding, Noah Packard & Sophia Packard, William Snow & Lidia Snow, Samuel Rolfe & Elizabeth Rolfe, Norton Jacobs & Emily Jacobs, Willard Snow & Malvina Snow, Erastus Snow & Artimesia Snow, William W. Player & Zillah Player, Aaron Johnson & Zeria Johnson, William Huntington Sr. & Lidia Huntington, Henry G. Sherwood & Jane J. Sherwood, William Crosby & Sally Crosby, Lucian R. Foster & Ann Mariah Foster, Miles Romney & Elizabeth Romney making in all received through this day 28 males & 27 females.

Prest. Young presides and controls the whole business and takes a very active part himself. I left and went to D. at 10 minutes after 12 night being much wearied.

13 December 1845 · Saturday At the Temple all day keeping minutes and records of the endowments which keeps me very busy and I feel very unwell

The following are the names of those who were taken through the ordinances this day. Daniel Spencer & Mary Spencer, Phineas H. Young, Samuel Bent & Lettice Bent, Franklin D. Richards & Jane S. Richards, William Miller & Phebe Miller, Thomas Burdick & Anna Burdick, Philo Dibble & Hannah Ann Dibble, George D. Grant & Elizabeth Grant, William L. Cutler, Peter Haws & Charlotte Haws, Lucius N. Scovil & Lucy Scovil, Titus Billings & Diantha Billings, Newel Knight & Lydia Knight, Elijah Averett & Cherrizade Averett, Albert Carrington & Rhoda Mariah Carrington, Samuel Whitney, Joseph Knight Sen. & Phebe Knight, Lorenzo Young, John Lytle & Christiana Lytle, John Mills & Elizabeth Mills, Isaac Chase & Phebe Chase, Hans C. Hanson, Peter O. Hanson, Andrew Lytle & Hannah Lytle, Elisha Averett, Cobb, Ellen A. Rockwood, Making a total this day of 25 males and 20 Females taken through the

ordinances.

I have had a very violent head ache all day and retired home about 9 o clock.

14 December 1845 · Sunday At the Temple all day. Quite a number of the quorum assembled in the Temple and clothed at 11 o clock. After singing and prayer the sacrament was administered by Isaac Morley and Charles C. Rich. President Young instructed the quorum concerning a number of items and proved that the office of seventies are higher than the office of High Priests or high Council. At half after one we offered up the signs and prayers Elder Orson Hyde being mouth.

At 2 o clock P.M. was called into the Presidents room with the President, H.C. Kimball, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Orson Hyde, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Newel K. Whitney, George Miller, Wm W. Phelps and Phineas H. Young where I read a number of letters from different individuals to Prest. Young on various subjects One from a Mr Scovil of Washinton offering his services to us for our emigration if we will furnish him money. Also one from Selah Lane begging to be restored into the Church. Also a letter from Major Warren to Bishop Miller offering to sell us at a reasonable price one of their cannon which has bursted to make our waggon boxes &c.

At 2 o clock also, those new members who have been received into the quorum last week met in the Celestial room where they were instructed more fully into the Order of the Priesthood and their duty by W.W. Phelps & Parley P. Pratt.

I went home soon after 5 o clock and then went and spent an hour with D.

15 December 1845 · Monday At the Temple all day keeping minutes and record of the

endowment and was kept very busy till 10 o'clock at night. The following are the names of those who have received the ordinances this day, viz. Thomas Grover & Caroline E. Grover, David Fullmer & Rhoda Ann Fullmer, Simeon Carter & Lydia Carter, Phineas Richards & Wealthy V. Richards, Lewis D. Wilson & Nancy Wilson, Stephen Chase & Orry Ana Chase, Ezra T. Benson & Cornelia A. Benson, Freeman Nickerson & Huldah Nickerson, Asahel Smith & Elizabeth Smith, Huldah Butler, Jesse D. Hunter & Kissiah Hunter, Reuben Miller & Rhoda Ann Miller, Daniel Carn & Margaret Carn, Jacob Gates & Mary M. Gates, Hosea Stout & Louisa Stout, Harrison Burgess & Sophis M. Burgess, Lyman O. Littlefield, William Redfield & Mary Ann Redfield, Elias Smith & Lucy Smith, Edward Hunter & Ann Hunter, Peter Fullmer & Susannah Fullmer, John Herrington & Martha Herrington, Jesse Baker & Sarah Baker, Samuel Williams & Ruth Williams, John S. Fullmer & Mary Ann Fullmer, John Murdock, Thadeus Cutler & Semirah Cutler, George P. Dykes & Dorcas Dykes, Joseph B. Nobles & Mary A. Nobles, Isaac Chase & Tirzah Chase, Abigail E. Chase, Charlotte Chase, Diana Chase, Winslow Farr & Olive F. Farr, John L. Butler, Robert T. Burton.

We got through about 10 o'clock at which hour I retired home. Some of the brethren remained and offered up the signs and prayers.

16 December 1845 · Tuesday At the Temple all day keeping Record of the endowments the following following persons being admitted through the ordinances, viz. Elam Ludington & Mary E. Ludington, Morris Phelps & Sarah Phelps, Isaac Higbee & Charlotte Higbee, Howard Egan & Tamson Egan, John Brown & Elizabeth Brown, James Harmon, Jane Blevan, Jesse P. Harmon & Anna Harmon, Appleton M. Harmon, ----, ---- Sophrona M. Harmon, John Scott & Elizabeth Scott, Israel Barlow & Elizabeth Barlow, John Pack & Julia Pack, ---- Phylot Pack,

Perrigrine Sessions & Lucina Sessions, William Burton & Elizabeth Burton, Chancy G. Webb & Eliza J. Webb, William Mathews & Elizabeth A. Mathews, David Sessions & Patty Sessions, ---- Sylvan[?] P. Lyons, Clark L. Whitney & Rhoda Ann Whitney, Joseph W. Coolidge & Elizabeth Coolidge, Lorin Farr & Nancy Farr, Thomas Moore & Mahala D. Moore, John Kay & Ellen Kay, Charles W. Hubbard & Mary Ann Hubbard, ----- Dorcas A Moore, -----Elizabeth M Moore, ----- Cynthia Hubbard, -----Sarah E. Hubbard, -----Eliza R. Snow, Joseph G. Hovey & Martha Ann Hovey, Noah Hubbard ----- Charles Shumway & Julia Ann Shumway, Warren Markham & Catherine A. Markham, William Whiting Markham -- George W. Pitkin & Abigail Pitkin -- Laura Pitkin -- Amanda Pitkin James Taylor & Agness Taylor, John D. Parker -- Stephen Markham & Hannah Markham -- Almedia S. Romney making a total of 32 males & 37 females.

Bishop Whitney has interceded with President Young to day and got his consent to let me go to the office again but I would rather stay here-

I went home about 9 o clock and thence to D. and tarried overnight.

17 December 1845 · Wednesday At the Temple all day. Brother Lucian R. Foster is now appointed to keep the Records of the endowment. Margaret came with me to the Temple this morning and received her washing and anointing. She was washed by sister Patty Sessions and anointed by sister Mary Ann Pratt wife of Er Parley P. Pratt one of the Twelve. I conducted her through the remaining ceremonies and also received her through into the upper or Celestial department. I feel grateful for this privilege and for all the blessings I receive from day to day for the mercies of the Lord to me are great and many of them. I instructed brother Foster in regard to keeping the Record and in the evening assisted Er Young and Kimball to collect a list of brethren to come here on saturday. The following has been received into the quorum to day, viz. Levi

Jackman & Angeline Jackman, Samuel Heath & Jane Heath, Asahel Perry & Polly Perry, Elijah Fordham & Hannah B. Fordham, Asa Lyman & Sarah R. Lyman, Tarlton Lewis & Melinda Lewis, Jonathan Jonathan Beckleshire & Susannah Beckleshire, Elizear G. Terril -- Ezekiel Peck & Electa Peck, Thomas Gates Sen. & -- George W. Langley & Mary Langley, -- Susannah Bigler -- Martha R. Browett -- Mary Ann Price -- Margaret Moon, Hezekiah Peck & Martha Peck, Lewis Abbott & Ann Abbott, Chandler Rogers & Amanda Rogers, Charles W. Patten & Peggy Patten, Edmond Bosley & Ann Bosley, John Benbow & Jane Benbow, William Moss & Elizabeth Moss, Noble Rogers & Mary Rogers, Stephen H. Goddard - anointed but not rec'd through, Calvin C. Pendleton & Sally Ann Pendleton, James Whitehead & Jane Whitehead, Albert Petty & Catherine Petty, John Fidoe & Lydia Fidoe, William Kay & Mary Ann Kay, Almon W. Shermon & Lois H. Sherman, William Pitt & Cornelia M. Pitt, Daniel Hill & Elizabeth Hill, William F. Cahoon & Nancy M. Cahoon, Archibald Hill & Isabella Hill, John Hill & Margaret Hill, Edson Barney & Lillis Barney, Bradford W. Elliott & Ann Eliza Elliott, John A. Whiteside & Electa Whiteside, Elijah Newman & Losana Newman, Lewis Robins-

Making a total of 35 males and 36 Females received through the ordinances this day.

18 December 1845 · Thursday At the office all day settling with the tithing hands. The weather is extremely cold and windy. Evening went to the Temple. Margaret has been here all day helping the sisters in the washing room and is at this hour, viz (10 o'clock P.M.) washing out the garments with Sophron M. Harmon.

Brother Turley has arrived home this evening having escaped from the officers and travelled from Beardstown yesterday. This is a cause of rejoicing to all the brethren.

The following is a list of those who have received their endowment this day. Wilber J.

Earl & Harriet Earl, Daniel S. Jackson -- William A. Sangor & Mary Sangor, Jacob Zundel & Sarah Zundel, George Lyman & Rosina Lyman, Abraham O. Smoot & Margaret T. Smoot, Charles Hulett & Margaret Hulett, Sylvester Hulett -- Solomon Chamberlin -- -- Emeline Waterman, -- Mary Amanda Utley, -- Orice Burnham, William Parks & Millisant Parks, Alphonso D. Young & Nancy Young, Lyman Stoddard & Ruth Stoddard, Benjamin F. Johnson & Milissa Johnson, Ormand Butler --, John Styles & Persis Styles, Alexander McRae -- David D. Yearsley & Mary Ann Yearsley, Nahum Curtis & Delia Curtis, Thomas Travis & ~~Mary Travis~~ -- Mary Pew, Marinda Bennett, Robert Pierce & ~~Hannah Pierce~~ Jabez Durfee -- Mary H. Pierce, Stephen Winchester & Nancy Winchester, Elijah Malin & Catherine Malin, Sarah Malin, Eliza Ann Malin, Jacob Weiler & Maria Weiler, Elis M. Sanders & Rachel Sanders, Stephen Winchester Jr. -- Nancy Maria Winchester, Charles Price & Jane Price, Esther Ann Gheen, Ann Alice Gheen, Amanda S. Gheen, Margaret P. Whiteside, David Pettigrew & Elizabeth Pettigrew, Caleb Baldwin & Nancy Baldwin, Thomas M. Pearson- making a total of 30 males & 36 females received through the ordinances this day.

19 December 1845 · Friday At the office all day settling with tithing hands the weather still very cold

20 December 1845 · Saturday At the office all day comparing tithing Record. Margaret washed in the Temple till half past 1. I tarried to wait

21 December 1845 · Sunday A.M. with D. P.M. at the Temple. The brethren & sisters were instructed more fully into their duty by Ers A. Lyman, H.C. Kimball, George A. Smith and O.

Hyde. Evening met at Egans with the Quadrille Band.

22 December 1845 · Monday At the office all day checking books &c. Composed two new songs. Evening with D.

23 December 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day settling with tithing hands. Evening met the Quadrille Band at John P. Mc Ewans wedding. We had a good supper and played till 1 o'clock.

24 December 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day settling with tithing men. Evening at home.

25 December 1845 · Thursday At the office all day settling with tithing men. Evening met with some of the Brass Band at Moesers.

26 December 1845 · Friday At the office all day settling with tithing men. Evening with D.

27 December 1845 · Saturday At the office all day checking books with Whitehead. Evening met the band at Concert Hall The U.S. Marshall has been here all day with writs for the Twelve but could not find them.

28 December 1845 · Sunday A.M at the office examining the situation of the land business. Felt very unwell all day. Evening met with the Quadrille band at Egans.

29 December 1845 · Monday A.M. at the office very sick. The weather is now very pleasant.

About 10 A.M. went up into the Temple to see the brethren. I was there told to bring D. up about 3 o'clock P.M. Went down to notify her to get ready and at 3 met her at the foot of the stairs and conducted her up. She was washed and anointed by Artemisia Snow. I conducted her through the ordinances and received her into the upper department about 7 o'clock after which I went home with her and tarried over night she being quite sick. I feel thankful for the privileges my family have enjoyed and hope to be able to magnify my calling and receive all my dear friends into the Celestial kingdom. O. God grant me this blessing and thy name shall have the praise for ever, Amen.

While we were attending to the ordinances about 6 o'clock some of the troops came to the Temple and wished to come in but they were not permitted.

30 December 1845 · Tuesday At the office all day settling with tithing hands. Evening met with the Quadrille Band at I. F. Hutchinsons.

31 December 1845 · Wednesday At the office all day settling tithings. Towards evening it commenced raining and continued all night. Spent the evening with D.

January 1846

1 January 1846 · Thursday At the office all day settling tithings &c. It rained very heavy all day. At the evening with the Quadrille Band at Horace Burgess's.

2 January 1846 · Friday At the office all day settling tithing &c evening met the Quadrille Band at the attic story of the Temple. We had an interesting interview and some good instructions from



President Young.

3 January 1846 · Saturday At the office all day.

4 January 1846 · Sunday " -- " -- " settling with Cahoons. Evening met the Quadrille Band at Pitts.

5 January 1846 · Monday At the office all day. Evening met the Quadrille Band at Smithies.

6 January 1846 · Tuesday At the office all day settling with tithing hands. The weather is fine and pleasant. The Bishops say that Babbit or Backenstos has received a letter from Governor Ford stating that it was probable that there would be two regiments of United States troops here very soon to arrest the Twelve and prevent our removing West. It is thought he has a knowledge of the facts and has given the hint because he is opposed to the movement, on account of his having promised that all old grievances shall not be prosecuted providing we move away in the spring according to agreement. Evening went to notify some of the council of fifty to meet next Sunday morning afterwards tarried with D. untill morning and composed. "O hide ye my people" &c.

7 January 1846 · Wednesday At the office. About 11 o clock went up into the Temple to see the Twelve. Read a letter from Mr Tucker of Quincy in which he states that the Catholics are not able to purchase our property but would be glad to lease the Temple but would not be responsible

for its safety against fire, mobs riots &c. So that we may now conclude that our only help is from God and each other all human influence and means being shut out from us. Evening had a long talk with sister Farr concerning D.

8 January 1846 · Thursday At the office all day settling tithings. Evening at home.

9 January 1846 · Friday At the office all day settling tithings. Also went up into the Temple and witnessed president Young marry John M. Woolley to Mariah L. Dewey for time and eternity. Evening met the Quadrille Band at Pitts to practice for the Concert.

10 January 1846 · Saturday At the office all day.

11 January 1846 · Sunday A.M in the Temple with the Council of Fifty arranging to make an early start West.

12 January 1846 · Monday At the office

13 January 1846 · Tuesday -- " -- " --

14 January 1846 · Wednesday At the office. Evening made out a bill of Goods to send for to Quincey by E. Snow.

15 January 1846 · Thursday A.M. at the office preparing bill and money to send to Quincey by

E. Snow. Afterwards at home with a violent pain in my head, and tooth ache.

16 January 1846 · Friday At home all day suffering much.

17 January 1846 · Saturday A.M. at home. P.M at the office. Evening attended Concert.

18 January 1846 · Sunday In the Temple with the Council of Fifty and also Captains of Companies. Evening met the Quadrille Band at Egans.

19 January 1846 · Monday At the office all day Evening attended concert. There has been considerable snow fell during the day.

20 January 1846 · Tuesday At the office. P.M. with the Trustees at Er Taylors to settle with Er Taylor concerning the Printing office, lease &c. Evening attended the concert.

21 January 1846 · Wednesday At the office all day with Elias Smith draughting and comparing accounts preparatory to a settlement with Er Taylor. Evening with D.

22 January 1846 · Thursday With the Trustees Ers Taylor, Phelps & Elias Smith examining accounts and making report. Er Taylor appears to be in debt to the Trustees \$2092.12 1/2 but he has got books to a considerable amount to pay over. Evening with Bishop Whitney opening goods purchased at Quincey by E. Snow.

23 January 1846 · Friday At the office instructing John S. Fullmer into the situation of the land business. At 1 went to a council in the Temple with the Twelve, Bishops &c concerning raising money to pay some debts. We raised by loan \$734.- \$301.60 of which we paid to Ruben Miller. Evening with Whitney dividing goods purchased by Snow. R. Miller reports that Strang is making heavy breaches in the church, and drawing many after him. In one place 30 families have left the church and gone with him. It is also rumored that many of the saints here are full of Strangism and talking hard in his favor. Among the rest are John Gaylord and Wm. A. Sangor who are openly advocating his rights to the presidency. I read a copy of a letter preporting to be wrote by Prest. Joseph Smith on the 18th June 1844 in which he appoints Strang as his successor. The letter is a base forgery and is well calculated to deceive the simple minded and unfaithful.

It is also rumored that many are dissatisfied because the Twelve & some others are going West without taking the whole Church. This is a matter of impossibility and the saints have no cause for complaint. Amongst the rest are many of the Temple hands who are complaining much. The arrangements are made by which the whole church can go comfortably, but it is necessary that some men should go beforehand to prepare a place for the rest and the Twelve & some others have to go to save their lives for their are plans laid for their destruction. My sisterinlaw Lydia is in the way of apostacy. She went to Burlington last year but previous to her going she agreed to be sealed to me for time and eternity. She refused to be sealed to Joseph. While at Burlington she wrote pledging herself to her contract. When she came home she faultered and went out to fathers where she got entangled with my brother James and has resolved to marry him. She has lost her faith in the Church and is on the road to ruin, but so determined that no argument is of any use. The family feel sorry but cannot change her feelings. Her mother frets much about it. For the last few days our youngest child Vilate Ruth has been

very sick but is now some little better.

24 January 1846 · Saturday At the office all day

25 January 1846 · Sunday A.M. at the office P.M. met Captains of Companies in the Temple to receive their reports. Evening met the Quadrille Band at Pitt's. Afterwards at Farrs overnight.

26 January 1846 · Monday A.M at the office. Also went up into the Temple and was notified to take my folks up at 1 o clock. Rode to H. Kimballs to buy some goods and at 1 went to the Temple with Ruth, Margaret and Diantha. We waited till about 8 o clock before we could be waited on. We then dressed and went into room No 1 and were sealed to each other on the alter by Prest. B. Young. Afterwards in No 2 We received our anointing by H.C. Kimball and a number of others. And afterwards Heber blessed us. I then took Ruth and Diantha home but Margaret tarried till morning. About 9 father and mother came.

27 January 1846 · Tuesday A.M. went to Grants to get my cloak made. Afterwards at the office. Backenstos has returned from Springfield and says the Governor has turned against us and Warren is making calculations to prevent our going away. Evening with D.

28 January 1846 · Wednesday A.M. went to Grants to take trimmings for my cloak, afterwards at the office. Evening at home.

29 January 1846 · Thursday At the office all day, and also went round to the stores to get things for the journey. It has rained very heavy all the day. Evening walked with Margaret to the Temple and then returned and tarried with D.

30 January 1846 · Friday At the office all day. A.M about 9 o clock the vane was put upon the tower of the Temple. Settling with Er Taylor and also assisting J.S. Fullmer to make out a manifest of the land business.