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# "All Things Move in Order in the City": The Nauvoo Diary of Zina Diantha Huntington Jacobs

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At the time when Eliza Roxey Snow was at the peak of her effectiveness as a leader of the women of the Church in Utah, her closest associate, and eventual successor, was Zina Diantha Young. Both women were wives of Brigham Young, though of the two only Zina had borne a child by him. Both were native easterners, Zina having been born 31 January 1821 in Watertown, Ontario County, New York, seventeen years after Eliza was born in Becket, Massachusetts. Both had converted to Mormonism as young women and had come with their families, sometimes travelling together, in the hegira which concluded for them in the Great Basin. They shared the leadership of the Relief Society, almost from its rebirth as a Churchwide organization in 1867, but where the women thought of Eliza as the head, they considered Zina the heart of the association. From Eliza's death in 1887 until her own in 1901, Zina presided over the Relief Society worldwide.

Married to Henry Bailey Jacobs in Nauvoo on 7 March 1841, Zina gave birth the following year to her first son, Zebulon William (she spells it *Zebulun*), and on the Chariton River as they crossed Iowa en route to Winter Quarters in 1846, to a second son, whom she named Henry Chariton. Her third child, a daughter born after Zina's marriage to Brigham Young, was Zina Presendia Young Card, later matriarch of the Mormon settlements in Canada. Zina Presendia's daughter Zina married Hugh B. Brown, apostle and counselor in the First Presidency until his death in 1975. Their daughter Zina Lydia, born in Canada but now residing in California, has two daughters, to one of whom she gave the traditional name. It is with that daughter that this present account begins.

Zina Elizabeth Brown, Betty to her friends, had been using a locked trunk as a coffee table for several months before she found someone who could open it. She had been given the trunk on the death of her grandfather, Hugh B. Brown. It had belonged to his

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wife, Zina Card Brown, but no one in the family knew of its contents. When in early 1979 Betty finally looked into the trunk, she found, among the clothes and keepsakes of her grandmother, some letters of her uncle, Hugh Brown, who was killed in World War II, indicating that the trunk had last been opened around 1942, and two diaries of her great-great grandmother, Zina Diantha Huntington Jacobs, one dating in the 1890s, the other, the Nauvoo one here printed, dating 5 June 1844 to 21 September 1845.

The Nauvoo diary was written crosswise on papers saddle-stitched as a school exercise book might have been, its pages measuring, folded, six by eight inches. The handwriting is small, the ink in some cases faded, and the edges of the pages frayed. Even so, most of the words can be made out quite clearly. The little booklet had been rolled, such that conservators at the LDS Church Archives, where Betty brought the diary to ensure its preservation, had difficulty flattening it to make it readable. It is now kept in an acid-free folder in the atmosphere-controlled environment of the Archives where it is available to scholars interested in Nauvoo, in social history, in the history of women, or, more specifically, in Zina herself.

Zina Diantha—one must often use both names to separate mothers and daughters in the six-generation chain of Zinas—saw and reported events at almost every stage in the history of the Mormon movement from Kirtland, Missouri, and Nauvoo to settlement in the Great Basin. Her diaries, some very sketchy, some quite detailed, were preserved initially by Zina Card Brown. The larger collection was in the keeping of Mary Brown Firmage, her daughter, who recently donated them to the Church Archives for preservation there. Mrs. Firmage has done, and continues to do, extensive research into that family, her project leading towards a long biographical study of the women, particularly the Zinas. Her help with this present project is gratefully acknowledged.

Among all these family papers, this Nauvoo journal of Zina Diantha seems to demand particular attention, containing as it does so much more than just personal events in the life of its writer. Nauvoo, itself, as seen through the eyes of the bright, observant, deeply committed woman, becomes alive through details she provides. She describes the tumultuous year following the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith with an accuracy which checks out almost to the last jot with the documentary *History of the Church* and other diaries of the time.

The diary opens with the events which lead to the slayings at Carthage, the "ever to be remembered awful day of the 27 of June 1844," told as they were reported in Nauvoo at that time. The return of the Quorum of the Twelve which followed, their acceptance as rightful successors to the Prophet at the momentous 8 August meeting, and the subsequent trial of the accused murderers of the brothers are recounted from Zina's point of view. She notes military exercises of the Nauvoo Legion, the dedication of the Seventies Hall, the laying of the capstone on the Temple, the arrest of five Mormons from the Lima settlement, and the persecution which, by the end of her account, has mobs burning the homes of the Saints in that southern outlying colony. In the midst of the turmoil, however, she comments that "peace and prosperity reigns in the city," and at the end of her account she observes that "all things move in order in the City."

As counterpoint to the public affairs in Nauvoo are the private events in Zina's life. She notes sicknesses—her own, her husband Henry's, their son Zebulon's, and those of the many people who came to her for nursing care. Already Zina is developing skills which would lead her later to become midwife and medical practitioner. Never very settled in a home, Zina moves three times during the fifteen months of the diary, a course, one would believe, not unusual in Nauvoo. Henry Bailey Jacobs, her husband, moves in and out of her view as he leaves for and returns from various short missions, some of them with her brother Oliver as his companion.

Zina is personally very much affected by the events she relates. She is chilled by the Martyrdom, all the more intensely for her having been sealed to Joseph Smith in late 1841. She is inspired by a sermon of Brigham Young's, one not now extant, "upon Priesthood, the Godhead, the dut[i]es of Male and Female, there exaltations, &c." She is not unmoved by the succession meeting of 8 August, though she makes no mention here of Elder Young's speaking with Joseph's voice. She finds delight in a family Christmas at Lima, horror in her first actual view of violence, sorrow in the deaths around her, and joy in the birth of David Hyrum Smith, Emma and Joseph's last child. All these responses find reflection in the psalm-like prayers with which the accounts often end.

With all that openness, there is still enough restraint to keep a careful covering around the intimate Zina. Her relationship to

Henry Bailey Jacobs, the husband who stood approving as her earlier sealing to Joseph Smith was confirmed by proxy in the Nauvoo Temple and who witnessed her sealing "for time" to Brigham Young, seems not uncordial here. That first marriage, described in later biographical studies as an unhappy one, is not overtly so in these accounts. Zina shows pride in Henry's calling as seventies president; she accepts as dear friends the Saints who were kind to him on his missions; she cares for him in sickness and notes his progress on their house. There is little of the intimate view of their lives, but one cannot expect that, considering the times and the mores of Victorian America. On the whole, if she is not an enthusiastic bride, Zina does seem a contented wife.

Most important in her life are her family, extended by the marriage, after her mother's death, of father William Huntington to Edward Partridge's widow, Lydia. Eliza and Emily Partridge, near contemporaries of Zina's, are frequent visitors, and young Lydia and Caroline also come. Edward, Jr., their young brother, is mentioned.

The Huntington family itself is large, with strong bonds unbroken by distance and religion. Chauncey, the oldest son, married in 1825, did not accept the Mormon message and remained in New York when the rest converted and came west with the Saints. Dimick and his wife Fanny are in Nauvoo with their two sons, Clark and Lot, and the baby Martha. William, Jr., is married to Caroline Clark; their two children had both been born in Nauvoo, and a third would arrive shortly after Zina's diary stops. Oliver, just younger than Zina, would marry during the course of the diary, but in New York, so Zina recounts only his departure. John, the youngest Huntington, is a teenager at this time.

Zina's one surviving sister—two had died—is Presendia, eleven years her senior, who lives with her husband Norman Buell and their two children at Morley's Settlement, or Lima, a day's buggy ride south of Nauvoo. Four of Presendia's children had died, and Zina will recount the burial of the fifth in this diary.

Besides these immediate family members there are some others who come into the diary: "Father Jacobs" is Henry's father, for whom he was named; Henry's sister Lydia Jacobs and her husband Urban Stewart live in Nauvoo, a young couple nearer Zina's twenty-three years than Henry's twenty-seven. The uncle with whom the diary opens may be Dana Jacobs, later to become, with Henry, one of the presidents of seventy—he in the Sixteenth Quorum, Henry in the Fifteenth.

The relationships of families are not always certain, during these early days of plural marriage, when, as Amasa Lyman observed years later, "We obeyed the best we knew how, and, no doubt, made many crooked paths in our ignorance."<sup>1</sup> The secretiveness necessitated by the threat from without and dissention from within the Church makes unusual in a contemporary account even as much of a note as Zina makes when referring to her brother William's having as his second wife Harriet Clark, Caroline's sister. Ann Maginn will become his third wife, but whether she is or is not at this time is not certain. The same is true for the Partridge sisters, Eliza and Caroline, both of whom will become wives to Amasa Lyman, who lies sick at Zina's house when the girls come visiting.

There are many more friends and acquaintances who come and go in these pages. It is impossible to identify with certainty who some of them are; many are already known to readers. For that reason there has been no attempt to provide footnoted guesses at their identification. Rather, correct spelling has been provided to make the known ones clearer; the others, other than family, are left to the reader's conjecture.

Editorially, in an attempt to preserve the flavor of Zina's own style, little has been done to the diary. Despite the fact that she taught school, Zina is a poor speller, often inconsistent in her own misspellings, a characteristic which adds credit more than fault to her accomplishment; there is far more to be praised in precise wording than in mere orthography, and where Zina might not know the spelling, she certainly did know the word. And it is delightful to hear Amasa Lyman's name as Zina pronounced it: *Amacy Limon*, or Clarissa Decker's, *Claracy*. Where the reader might possibly trip over a misspelled word, the correction has been provided; for the most part, though, the phonetic spelling is quite adequate.

Some words appear to be Zina's own: a *lowry* day, for example, or the verb *lacken*, or *backen*, or *bachen*, meaning to diminish or decrease, used as a transitive verb, in the active voice, as in "wilt thou *lacken* the power of our foes." Occasionally Zina transposes words, and sometimes her final *g*'s and *d*'s are interchanged. These have been left as she wrote them. The only changes which have been made silently are in punctuation, in which case periods

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<sup>1</sup>Amasa Lyman, 5 April 1866, in *Journal of Discourses*, 26 vols. (Liverpool: B. Young, Jun., 1867; photo reprint 1966), 11:207.

25 Joseph & Hyrum were exhibited to the mob by the Governor, the anger of the mob still increased, the Governor pledged his word that they should be protected especially the Joseph and Hyrum, this was done, 26 Joseph Lawyers demanded to make them swear some all in their hands their safety especially Lawyer Reed  
 The ever to be remembered day of the 27 of June 1844, the men of outrage drove off some of the brethren at the front of the <sup>prison they would not</sup> ~~prison~~ the Governor knew of it yet he left them in the jail (with slight guard) took a number of men came out here about the time they arrived here, on the awful scene took place about 11:00 AM with fearful faces burst open the jail doors shot in <sup>(in the room)</sup> Joseph discharged three of the bullets of a <sup>very</sup> shot Hyrum first in the hip under the left eye shot Joseph through the hip from the <sup>upper</sup> window of a 2 story building, he fell down to follow him but soon that he must fall upon the enemies begetal <sup>of</sup> brother Taylor is wounded by the merciful hand of God he <sup>did not</sup> die for all bullets flew like hail in violent storm they were <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ thus in one day about 3000 souls fell the Prophet and Peter of the Church of the Latter Day Saints the kind hearted affectionate Father

the venerable state may the Friends of man beside, by the hand of a <sup>merciful</sup> ~~merciful~~ <sup>merciful</sup> ~~merciful~~ O how long before thou wilt avenge the innocent blood that has been shed how long must widows mourn and orphans cry before thou wilt avenge the Earth and cause wrongs to cease, will thou hasten the day O Lord, in thine own way, will thou prepare me and to stand all things and come of conyerer through him who hath loved us, and give me a seat in thy celestial Kingdom with the Sanctified Spirit these favors for thy son Jesus sake amen  
 this after noon the Bodies of the attackers arrived in town, I went and heard the speeches made by our brethren and Friends they told where Joseph had been and spoke the brethren as he called them sons went into his house for the first time and there saw the faithful speechless Bodies of the two attackers for the testimony which they <sup>had</sup> ~~had~~ little did my heart ever think that more eyes should witness this awful scene as the People of the City went to see these precious bodies and I returned who had <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ down these lives for the cause of these Brethren

27 June 1844 Entry of Zina Diantha Huntington Jacobs' Diary.

and commas have been inserted, and capitals added, for ease of reading. All proper nouns have been capitalized, and ampersands have been replaced with *and*. The dating has been left as she wrote it, with just numbers counting off the days, sometimes several in a line with no entry until the last one. The months are identified on the first entry of each one.

June 1844

5,6,7,8,9. Went with Henres [Henry's] uncles family uppon the hill. From this day I understand the Kinsmans degree of freemasonry.<sup>2</sup> My husband, being a Master Mason, attended meeting. Hiram Smith spoke exceeding well also re[a]d a revelation. I went to see Sister Gleson, and Sister Abigal Thorn in the past we[e]k.

10,12,13,14,15,16. Henry returned.

17. The Bretheren are halving to prepare to defend them selves again.<sup>3</sup>

18. I went to the Masonic hall with the sisters.

19. Tra[i]ning. 3 companes arived, to [two] from over the river. O God save thy people.

20. Stayed at Wm [William Huntington's] all knight. The bretheren are still in town tra[i]ning.

21. Had a letter from the Governor, to Joseph. He is at Carthage, that is the Gov[ernor].<sup>4</sup>

22. Saturday knight about midnight the g[u]ard came in, also about 40 men of the other party or from Carthage. The Goviner deman[d]s Joseph.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup>There is no actual "Kinsman's degree" in Masonry. Zina's feelings about the Masonic Order would, however, be strong, since not only her husband, but also her father and two brothers, William and Dimick, were members of the Nauvoo Lodge, the three Huntington men having been initiated in 1842. Her third brother, Oliver, recounts his rising to Master Mason in June 1844 (Oliver B. Huntington Diary 1842-1900, typescript, Church Archives, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, p. 48; hereinafter cited as Church Archives). Joseph Smith, to whom Zina had been sealed, was also a Master Mason. That her loyalty to Masonry remained firm is suggested in the quotation from a speech which Zina gave in 1878 in a mass meeting of women to protest anti-polygamy campaigns. Addressing the reporters from several U.S. newspapers, she proclaimed:

I am the daughter of a Master Mason! I am the widow of a Master Mason, who, when leaping from the windows of Carthage jail, pierced with bullets, made the Masonic sign of distress. . . . I wish my voice could be heard by the whole brotherhood of Masons throughout our proud land. That institution I honor. If its principles were practiced and strictly adhered to, would there be a trespass upon virtue? No indeed. Would the honorable wife or daughter be intruded on with impunity? Nay verily. (*Women's Exponent* 7 [1 December 1878]:98.)

<sup>3</sup>The *Expositor* episode reopened threats against the Saints, and by this date, the Nauvoo Legion was alerted, with companies arriving over the next few days from outlying areas, including branches across the Mississippi in Iowa. Zina succinctly outlines the events which, in Joseph Smith, Jun., *History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, ed. B. H. Roberts, 2nd ed. rev., 7 vols. (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1932-1951), 6:492-547, are recounted with supporting documents. Most moving is the account in his diary of Zina's young brother Oliver meeting the company from Lima and coming with them to Nauvoo (Oliver Huntington Diary, pp. 44-45).

<sup>4</sup>It is evident that the townspeople were immediately aware of the negotiations, since Zina's entry for each day corresponds exactly with the dates on documents as compiled in Joseph Smith's *History* (hereinafter cited as *HC*). The letter here referred to asked Joseph Smith to send witnesses to Governor Thomas Ford in Carthage to explain their view of the difficulties.

<sup>5</sup>The governor's letter of this date read, in part: "I require any and all of you who are or shall be accused [in the matter of the *Expositor*] to submit yourselves to be arrested. . . ." closing with the guarantee of safety to all persons who might thus be brought to Carthage for the trial (*HC*, 6:536-37).



23. Joseph and the bretheren are in council supplicating the throne of grace for His divine direction. Elder Adams spoke at the stand.<sup>6</sup> Henry and I went. It was an interesting sermon. He also related the tale of his being at sea, the Maraclous [miraculous] hand of God being with him in visions, &c. He is soon to start on an important mission to the east. May God bless him.

24. A day long to be remembered. This Day Joseph, Hiram, John P. Green, Dimick [Huntington] and others started for Carthage to be met at the Mound.<sup>7</sup> Returned about noon accompnied [accompanied] by a number by the Goviners orders. Took the cannons and all the U.S. arms also the before mentioned prisoners and left this place late in the after noon. O God save thy ser-vents, save them for Jesus Sake.

This night after the brethren left here for Carthage the Hevens gathered blackness, the thunder and lightning was dreadful, the storm arose in the west.

25. Joseph and Hiram ware exhibeted to the mob by the Govinor. The anger of the Mob still increased. The Govinor Pledged his sacred word and honor also the faith of the State of Ill[inois] that they should be protected, especially Joseph and Hiram. This was done before they left there [their] Homes.<sup>8</sup>

26. Joseph[’s] Lawyers endeverd to make them secure. Done all in there power for there safety, especially Lawyer Read.<sup>9</sup>

O the ever to be r[em]embered awful day of the 27 of June 1844. The men of Carthage drove off some of the Bretheren at the point of the bayonet and swore they would kill Joseph. The Goviner knew of it yet he left them in the gale [jail] (with a light g[u]ard), took a number of men, came out here. About the time they arrived here in Nauvoo the awful s[c]ene took place. About 100 or 100[?] men with painted Faces burst open the gale [jail] dore. Shot in. (No man entered the room.) Joseph discharged three of the barrels of a six shooter. Hiram was shot first in the head or under the left eye. Shod [shot] Joseph through. He leaped from the upper window of a 2 story bilding. Br[other Willard] Richards started to Follow him but seed [seeing] that he must fall uppon the enemes bayotel [bayonet?], desisted. Brother Talor [John Taylor] is wounded. By the meraculous hand of God br. Richards was not hurt, for the bullets flew like hail in A violent storm. They ware both shot twice. Thus in one day about 3 or 4. oclock fell the Prophet and Patr[i]arch of the Church of the Lat[t]erday Saints, the kind husbands, the affectionate Father, the venerable statesman, the Friends of man kinde, by the hand of a ruthless Mob mixed with desenters. O God how long before thou wilt avenge the innosent blood that has be[e]n shed? How long must widdows mourn and orp[h]ans cry before thou wilt avenge the Earth and cause wickness to seace [cease]. Wilt thou hasten the day, O Lord, in thine own way. Wilt thou Pre-  
pare me and to stand all things and come of[f] conqerrer through him who hath Loved us, and give me a seat in thy selestial Kingdom with the Sanc-  
itified. I ask these favors for thy son Jesus sake, amen.

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<sup>6</sup>Elder George J. Adams, later to leave the Church, was at this point a close supporter of the Prophet Joseph Smith. No account of his sermon is extant.

<sup>7</sup>The Mound was a hill east of Nauvoo, on the road towards Carthage. A branch of the Church was centered there, and Joseph Smith's farm was nearby.

<sup>8</sup>See fn. 4. These entries may well have been recorded after the fact of the murders of June 27.

<sup>9</sup>H. T. Reid and James W. Woods were counsel for the defense.

28. This after noon the Bod[i]es of the Marters arived in town. I went herd the speeches m[a]de by our bretheren and Friends. They stood where Joseph last stood and adresse[d] the bretheren, or he called them sons.<sup>10</sup> Went into his house for the first time and there saw the lifeless speechless Bod[i]es of the towo [two] Marters for the testimony which they held. Little did my heart ever think that mine eyes should witness this awful seen [scene].

29. The People of the City went to see there beloved Prophet and Patriarch who had laid down there lives for the cause and there Bretheren. The night after the bretheren ware buried we had an awful thunder storm and lightning, so the mob did not come as they intended.

30. It is Sunday, a lonely h[e]art-sorrowful day. Also it rains.

July 1st, 1844. I washed, they Joseph and Hiram's cloth[e]s.

2. I went to Dimicks and Wms. Elder Adams, and [Jedediah] Grant started after the 12.<sup>11</sup>

3. Wm called here this evening! Very plesent [pleasant].

4. Spent the day at Sister Jonese's, Carlos Smiths Widdow [Agnes Coolbrith Smith], the girls that resides with her, Louisa Bemon [Beaman], and Sister Marcum [Hannah Markham]. Very plesent to day, but ah what drearryness and sorrow pervades evry bosom. The once noble banner of liberty is fallen, the bo[a]sted land of fre[e]dom is now sta[i]ned with innocent blood. O God wilt thou save us.

5. Very warm.

7. A meeting at the s[t]and.<sup>12</sup>

8. I again commence my sc[h]ool but mournfully.<sup>13</sup>

9,10,11,12,13,14. At[t]ended at the Stand. Parl[e]y [P.] Prat preached in the power of the speret [spirit]. It was truly comfoting, for truly did we need it.

15. The brethren are a going afishing like unto the days of old when Jesus was slain.

16,17,18. The Church had a day of fasting and Prayer. I attended the meeting, payed my 10 c[en]ts tithing to the Temple. A violent thunder Storm. I was alone in the night but God preserved me.

29. Presendia came up from Lima.

30. Returned sick. I am very sorry.

31. I closed my school to day.

<sup>10</sup>A synopsis of Joseph Smith's last address to the Nauvoo Legion, as compiled by George A. Smith from verbal reports, is found in *HC*, 6:497-500. The troops stood in the street near the Mansion House, the Prophet in full uniform on the top of the frame of a building. Those who addressed the Saints on this later date, apparently from the same "stand," were Willard Richards, W. W. Phelps, and the two attorneys—James W. Woods and H. T. Reid—who "exhorted the people to be peaceable and calm and use no threats." (*HC*, 7:134.)

<sup>11</sup>George J. Adams failed in his mission of reaching Brigham Young and seven others of the Quorum of the Twelve then on missions in the East; however, Jedediah Grant completed the assignment (*HC*, 7:158-59).

<sup>12</sup>Not having a building large enough to accommodate large assemblies, the Saints in Nauvoo were addressed from a stand as they sat on rough benches set up in a vacant field, usually in the grove directly west of the temple site.

<sup>13</sup>Accounts of the various schools in Nauvoo show Zina teaching only occasionally; most likely she held classes in a private dwelling, and then for only short terms, as this one, which will close again in three weeks.

August 1, 1844, Samuel Smith died.<sup>14</sup> O God have mercy on thy People, comfort those that mourn.

2. I went to sister [Elvira Cowles?] Holmes.

3. President [Sidney] Rigdon arived here.

4. I herd him preach. He spoke of Josephs halving a Kingdom built up unto him; also of the father Son and Holy G[h]ost.

5. Some of the [Quorum of the] 12 arived.

6. Suffrance Scot or Reaves son of [blank] years old died here at my house.<sup>15</sup>

8 of August, 1844. I went to meeting in the afternoon, Thanks be to Him who reigns on high, the majority of the Twelve are her[e]. Brigham Youngs spoke and the Church voted that the 12 should act in the office of there calling next to Joseph or the three first presidents.<sup>16</sup>

9,10. I went with old Sister [blank] to see Mother Smith [and] the records.<sup>17</sup>

11. We went to Meting. Liman Wite [Lyman Wight] spoke.

12. Henry and Father went to see Oliver at Lima. He is very sick.

13,14,15. I herd Erastus Snow Preach a funeral sermon.

16. A day of Prayer and Fasting. O God wilt thou forgive all my sins.

17. I went to Fathers and Dimicks. Sister Palmer stayed all knight.

18. Went to meeting. B[riham] Youngs Spoke concerning the unity of the church and the danger of dividing. In the after noon Heber Kimble [Kimball] and O. Hide [Orson Hyde] spoke. It was an excelent meeting About as the Sun was setting Father, Henry, and Oliver arived from Lima. O[liver] is very Sick. Stood his journey beyond expectations. I feel to thank the Lord that I have seen him alive.

19. P Edmons had a chill here.<sup>18</sup> I washed. Took a voilent cold.

20. Henry had a chill.

21,22,23,24,25. H[enry] and Zebulun quite sick with the ague.

26,27. H[enry] has his ague.

28,29,30,31.

September the 1st, 1844. The Twelve or some of them occupied the day. My Family ware sick and I did non [not] go but understood they had an ecent [excellent] meting.<sup>19</sup>

2. H[enry] broke his ague.

3,4. All on the amend [mend].

<sup>14</sup>The last but one surviving of Joseph, Senior, and Lucy Mack Smith's sons, Samuel died five weeks after his two brothers, Joseph and Hyrum.

<sup>15</sup>Zina's later reputation as a practical nurse seems to have here its beginnings; from this and subsequent entries, it appears that sick children and adults were brought to her for nursing care.

<sup>16</sup>This was the oft-related meeting at which the leadership succession was decided in favor of the Quorum of the Twelve, Brigham Young its president. The account in *HC*, 7:231-42, provides commentary on the events and parts of some addresses; D. Michael Quinn, "The Mormon Succession Crisis of 1844," *BYU Studies* 16 (Winter 1976):187-233, analyzes the circumstances which led to that conclusion. Zina makes no mention of the miraculous transformation of Brigham Young which appears in some other accounts of the meeting.

<sup>17</sup>Mother Lucy Mack Smith had been given the care of several artifacts and manuscripts, among them the mummies and papyri related to the Book of Abraham.

<sup>18</sup>Another instance of Zina's care of sick friends. The "chill" would likely be occasioned by an attack of the "ague," a form of malarial fever marked by chills and fever.

<sup>19</sup>Zina seems to have lost track of the days; her entry headed 1 September describes services recorded in *HC*, 7:262, under date 25 August.

5. Went to fast meeting. I feel to thank the Lord that I have the privilege of attending meetings and hearing the glorious instruction. O may I make a wise use of all these things and be save[d] in the celestial Kingdom of our God for his son sake, Amen.

Sept 1, 1844. Went to meeting with Father. S[idney] Rigdon preached first sermon. Spoke of Victoria, O how wonderful. Br[i]gham Young asked the High Priests what they had learned. I would say [*incomplete*] August the 31st that was Saturday that Charl[e]s Rich was put in Wilson Laws place in the Legion and Brigham Young in Josephs stanging [standing] as [lieutenant-general].

3. We went to Dimicks, stayed all knight at Fathers. The Twelve labored with S Rigdon most of the night and demanded his lisenca, but he refused.

4. S R is reported in the [Nauvoo] Neighbor with others, to appear at the stand next sabath.

5. The Twelve preached at the stand, very well.

6. Viseted at Sister [Patty] Sessions.

7. A lowry[?] day.

8. We went to meeting. Sidney Rigdon was cut off from the church with others.

9. The Rigdon followers had a meeting in the evening.

10. I was at Mother [Patty] Sessiones.

11. Sold our improvements to Br Wetherby.<sup>20</sup>

12. I went to Prayer meting Parley Prat spoke of the welfare of the Church, the necesity of building the Temple, our endewment, &c.

13. Dimick and Wife and Julia ware here. Watched with Br Bells Child. It died about 12 oclock.

14. I went and saw Sister Hamer.

15. Herd Parly [P. Pratt] again. It was most excelent. Spoke on Priesthood, the order of the kingdom, who would judge us. Orson Prat spoke in the afternoon. I was not there. Also George Smith.

16. Very pleasent.

17. Bought a small piece of a lot of my br[other] William Huntington.

18. I went to Wms.

19. The ague in my face, or the teeth ake [ache].

20. Moving. I called at B[righam] Young. He was not in. It rained in the evening.

21,22. We went to Meeting. B Young spoke uppon the power of the Priesthood, when Joseph was ordained, &c.

23. I was at Sister Crosbes.

24. We moved to Wm Huntingtons house to stop until Henry can build a house uppon a piece of land he bought of Wm size 2[?] in front and 100 back.

25. Some of the Goviners troops arived within 2 miles of town.

26. To a Thursday prayer meeting at brother Tidwells.

27. The Goviner with [two aides] past through the City of Nauvoo and re protecting against the wolf hunt that has ben in agitation by the citizen[s] of this state and said to wish the detection of the assasins of our Prophet and Patriarch. O Lord wilt thou soften there hearts towards the Saints and permit us

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<sup>20</sup>The term "improvements" usually referred to the land and whatever buildings, fences, garden plots the owner might have built or cleared.

to do all things thou hast Commanded and make our calling and election sure and thy name Shall have all the glory.<sup>21</sup>

28. The Legion came out. The Goviner and his men saw them, said they done well. The Govner still holds there arms [the Nauvoo Legion's]. In a fals alarm there was a man kil[l]ed, shot through the body.<sup>22</sup>

29. The Goviner and men left for Warsaw.

30. October the 1st. 1844, 2 Caroline and I sowed at Dimocks.

3,4. Very pleasant.

5. Norman Buell and wife [Presendia] arived here from Lima.

6. Wee all went to meeting. Brigham Young spoke, and Parly Prat had most excelent teachings, O God, wilt thou seal these things in my hart.

7. Done Church bisniss mostly. H. Kimble [Heber Kimball] spoke. N[orman] and P[resendia] started for home.

8,9,10,11. Ann and Lydia ware here.

12. Wm moved.

13. I went to Father Jacobs.

14. Sewing for Oliver.

15. Talking of taking up the 12 by the mob, or sending the brethren to Carthage.

16. B. Young, H Kimble are not to be seen. Thus our enemes or the enemes of God seek to everthrow [overthrow] and perplex the children of God. O God, My Heavenly [Father], wilt thou protect thy servents and thy People and I know thou wilt in as much as they listen to thy law. O Father wilt thou preserve me spotless through the merets [merits] of thy Son Jesus Christ, and thy name shall have the glory, worlds without end.

17,18. A snow storm.

19. A fast, at Wms to day. Had an agreeable viset.

20. Some Bretheren arived from th[e] East of Henres and Olivers acquaint-ance. Also Father and Mother Huntington ware here. What a blessed privilige to have the Sosiety of on[e]s friends. I feel truly grateful for the privilige I enjoy.

21. About 200 brethren went to Carthage some few ware bound over for trial last Summer. The day of trial has now arived; it arose from burning the press. O God protect thy saints.

Oct. 22nd, 1844. No fresh news from Carthage.<sup>23</sup> Mother Liman [Lyman?] was here, an old friend.

23. Wm returned from Carthage. The fendesh dsenters [fiendish dissenters] are mostly gathered at Carthage. No trouble yet.

24. The bretheren mostly returned home to Nauvoo. Some ware indited but there trials put off[f] until the next setting of co[u]rt.

25. Julia Parks and I viseted at Wms.

<sup>21</sup>The term "wolf hunt" was used in reference to depredations against the Mormons. In this case the attack never materialized, deterred by the presence in Nauvoo of the governor and "about five hundred" state troops, with the avowed purpose of preserving the peace.

<sup>22</sup>HC, 7:276-78, gives an account of the shooting incident in which a man of the state militia lost his life.

<sup>23</sup>Some 150 Mormons accompanied those who were to be indicted in the grand jury hearing of the *Expositor* case. Eleven men were indicted for riot, their trial being held over until the following spring session of court.

26. Sister Ripshier [Roxanna Repsher?] was here.

27. Father and John took breakfast. Sister Ripshier was here to supper.

28. Took a violent cold.

29. Moved into the middle room to have our room plastered.

29,30. Afflicted with the inflammation in my eyes.

31. Most blind. Charl[e]s Hide [Hyde] was here. Oliver went to Lima.

Nov. the 1, 1844. Sister Lewes [Lewis] was here all day. Done the work. Br. Lewes he came in the evening, let us have some oils.

2. Yet under affliction. O Father be merciful to me in my weakness.

3. Some better. The Twelve gave teaching, concerning the life of the Earth.

4. We moved. The Lord in much mercy restore[d] my sight. Praised be his name. I implore thee O my God, to strengthen my memory.

5. All well. I assisted Sister Car[r]ington in quilting. Went to prayer Meeting, had a very good season in wa[i]ting before the Lord. Some new ideas to me. I feel grateful to My Heavenly Father for all these privileges and blessings.

7. A very pleasant day, a fast to me alone. O Merciful God I ask Thee to forgive me all my Sins for I will serve no other God but thou being my helper. Yea wilt Thou bless Me with eternal Life, and thy Name shall have all the glory.

8,9. Very pleasant. Norman Buell and Oliver came up from Lima and brought up the corps[e] of my sister Presendia Buells child, John Hiram by name, age about 1 year.<sup>24</sup>

10. Went to meeting. Pres Youngs spoke. It was truly comforting to the soul that is thirsting for knowledge. He spoke of Union and said that it must be by this principle we are saved, by this the Saviour would come and reign, by union the authority of the Priesthood Stands, and holds its Dominion, and when we become sufficiently united our enemies would have no more power, nether shall we see such maraculous displays of the Power of God as some anticipate until after the Thousand years reign, union will cause the Menlanean [Millennium]. It is not a momentary work.

11. O[l]iver went to Sister Emmas to board.<sup>25</sup>

12. Fanny was here.

13. I took a walk. Called at Father John Smiths, Sister Rockwells. Also went to Sister Sessions. Perigren Session wife [Julia Ann Kilgore Sessions] is not expected to live. I took my leave of her. O may I meet her in peace where pain [pain] nor death can come. Sister S[essions] is as calm as a summers morning. Gladly will she welcome the moment when she may be released from this tenement of clay. Her trust is in Jesus who is able to relieve all who put there trust in him. Sister Lions [Sylvia Sessions Lyons] rehearsed some of Elder Kimbles conversation concerning our state, also that of our friends. Spoke of the appointments to this world or ordinations before we came here, the gift of eternal life, knowledge &c. It was most excellent; the Twelve, Patriarchs, Jeudah

<sup>24</sup>This baby was the fifth of Norman and Presendia's seven children to die in infancy; only George, born 1830, and Oliver Norman, born 1840, would survive to adulthood.

<sup>25</sup>In his own reminiscence, Oliver explains that "I went to live with Emma Smith, the martyred prophets widow. I boarded with her and done whatever was to be done about the place, as there was no other men folk about the house, but little Joseph, and I went to school what I could that winter." There were bonds of obligation as well as friendship in the relationship of the Smith and Huntington families; when William Huntington and his family first arrived in Commerce (Nauvoo), all sick of chills and fever, Emma and Joseph had taken them into their home, all but one, and nursed them back to health. At this time Emma is supporting her family by taking in boarders, among them John Bernhisel and a Mrs. Roice. (Oliver Huntington Diary, pp. 48-49.)

[Judah] standing at the he[a]d, the twelve thousands out of each tribe to be sealed; revelation, of there council being revelation.

14. Very plesaent.

15. I went up to Sister Empes [Empey?]. She was mutch pleased to see me. It is the neighbour hood whare I have lived. May blessings attend her for her kindness to me.

16. Good health prevaes in the City, for which Reason we hav to be truly thankful.

17. My Father Spent some time with me to day. In the evening Hasiel Clark and I went to hear Or[s]on Hide. He spoke concerning our guardian Angels that attended each Saint, and would until the Sperit became grieved. Then they take there departure and the Person is left to hardness of hart and blindness of mind. I Pray thee, O Heavenly Father to send by whom thou wilt. Let the angel of thy Peace attend me and never Forsake me, but may I ever have grace to listen to the Spirit of truth forever more, and for Jesus sake, may I have the gift of eternal life. He also spok concerning the judgements or those that had not kept the commandments but had grieved the Sperit. The Saints would not know the[i]r's, therefore they would be left or looked uppon as they had looked uppon others. Also concerning the roling forth the Kingdom, and the necessity of being prepared for the Judgement day, the Law being bound up and the Testimony being Sealed, and the dreadful dilemma of those that ware not prepared, and the necessity of the Temples being built that we might prepare ourselves and be ready and claimed the blessings that had ben promised to us as a people by Joseph, A Man of God, and I believe after Gods own hart.

This day long to be remembered, Sunday the 17 of November 1844. Em[m]a Smith, the Wife of Joseph Smith the Martyr, had a Son born, in the morning. O may the Choisest of Heavens blessings attend the Child. May it grow into manhood, and may it walk in the way of its Father, be A comfort to its Friends and be the means of performing a Mighty work to the Glory of God and Prince Forever.

18. Amacy [Amasa] Lyman moved into the Front room.

19. Taken sick.

20. Charls Hide was here. We had the speret [spirit] of Prophecy. We stayed at Father Jacobs all knight.

21. Plesent wether. Had an excelent meting o[n] the union.

22. Sister Lions was here Lucretia Fulton stayed here. Went and saw the Mummies and records.

23. A day of fasting. O father wilt thou forgive my sins, enlarge my understanding, streangthen my memory, increase my Faith, and mercifully grant that I might be acceptable unto Thee, and be prepared for all things.

24. Eliza Partridge and Caroline P[artridge] ware here and took Dinner with us. Also Cornelia Levet [Leavitt] was here.<sup>26</sup>

25. Br Amacy Liman [Amasa Lyman] is beter.

26. Washing and took A walk to see the sick &c.

27. Meditation.

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<sup>26</sup>Eliza and Caroline Partridge and Carolyn Leavitt were or would become plural wives to Amasa Lyman; Cornelia Leavitt is a daughter of Leonora Snow Leavitt (sister to Eliza R. and Lorenzo Snow), by this date married to Isaac Morley, for whom Yelrome, or Morley's Settlement, was named.

28. Father took the lead of meeting, gave some excellent instruction.

29. The Ice is running in the river fine.

30. Dimick called and had a chat.

December the 1st 1844 A beautiful day. Father Jacobs and J Edmons took supper with us. Harriet Clark was here. Baily left home the 28.

2. Finished my carpet yarn.

3. Very pleasant.

4. Fanny was here on a visit.

5. Had a good meeting although the powers of darkness were felt but dispersed by the power of the priesthood.

6. A snow storm.

7. Through the Mercy of God we are all in good health.

8. Cold, but pleasant. Passed the day in reading and committing to memory a few precious words of Joseph Smiths of keeping the commandments of God.

9,10,11. A day of fasting to me alone.

12. Had most an excellent meeting in the evening.

13. Visited at br Lees in the evening.

14. H[enry] gone to the fencing School or sword exercise.

15. Br Lewis was here in the evening and had a lengthy chat upon the Scriptures. I was in brother Caringtons. Br Liman [Lyman] was in and conversed.

16. Zebulun burnt his foot with the stove hearth. Father Jacobs [took?] the fire out.

17. Very cold. The river is blocked with ice.

18. Sewed for sister Gible until 12 o'clock at night.

19. Had most an excellent meeting in the evening at br Tidwells. The Spirit of the Lord was verily with us, and that to bless. Pra[is]ed be his Name. Wilt Thou, O Lord, ever be with us and that to bless and keep us from temptation. O Lord, wilt t[h]ou teach us to pray aright before Thee that thou wilt hear us.

20. Henry sold his Cote [coat], vest and hat to Br Lewes to answer up on his tithing for \$19,50. O may he be enabled to pay his tithing that he or we may receive the promised blessings of the Lord. And Oliver had the ague here. He was very sick. He has a fellen on his finger.<sup>27</sup> O Lord wilt thou in much mercy r[em]ember Oliver and restore unto him perfect health from this time and help him to spend his days to thy honour and glory, and the salvation [salvation] of his own soule for he is an honest lad.

21. Little Daved Hiram Smith grows fin[e]. O Lord wilt thou bless the Child from on high.

22. I herd George P Dikes preach. He spoke of the fall of m[am]mon, there restoration, etc. In the evening Julia Parks, Gusta Cleveland, Wm Linzy [Lindsay], Br Lewes were here.

23. Zebulun and I started for Lima with Br. Goff. It was the same Horses and Waggon that brought Joseph and Hiram Smith from Carthage, or there bod[i]es after they were mass[a]cred. The Horses were white. We stayed at brother Allens over night, 10 miles from Lima. Arrived at Sister [Presendia] Buells 10 o'clock in the morning.

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<sup>27</sup>The 1828 edition of Webster's dictionary defines a *felon* as "a whitlow; a painful swelling formed in the periosteum at the end of the finger."



24. Had a pleasant ride. Father and Mother, Dimick and wife, Wm and wife, and Henry arrived about 4 P.M. Br Beebe and wife, Umpfry and wife, came in the evening. Had a fine supper and past the evening very agreeable. Wm is some better, was very sick through the night with the quincy.<sup>28</sup>

25. Quite warm and Pleasant. Some talk of going home but conclude to stay. Father Morl[e]y, Br Snow, his councillor, and their wives, also Sister Billings came in the afternoon. Had an agreeable visit, all in good spirits [spirits]. Presendes [Presendia's] little son Oliver is very sick but think he is amending.

26. Started for home about 9 in the morning. Arrived at home safe just as the sun was setting. O how beautiful the sight of Nauvoo.

27. Henry and I went to the dedication of the Seventies Hall. Heber C. Kimble [Kimball] spoke in the forenoon. Had excellent music. At recess Brother Eldridge and Levi Hancock danced being filled with the Holy G[h]ost. It is the first time mine eyes ever beheld this. O God bless the Saints until thy will shall be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.<sup>29</sup>

28,29. Stayed at home and took care of Sister Limans [Lyman's] Caringtons Children for them to go to Meeting. In the evening we went to hear Lorenzo Snow preach. It was an interesting meeting to me. Help me to profit [profit] thereby.

30. Sister Julia Parks was here. Had a good visit.

31. Washed and Ironed, and in the evening Sister Ripshier and Daughter, Dimick, Wm and Wife were here. Conversated upon President B Youngs sermon. It was the greatest that has ever been given to the Church, upon Priesthood, the Godhead, the duties of Male & Female, their exaltations &c. O Father wilt thou enlarge my mind. Help me to hear and do thy will in all things as shall be agreeable to thy will. O Father who art in heaven I ask it in the Name of Jesus.

January, the 1, 1845. I thank Thee Heavenly father for thy protecting care and ask Thee to continue it unto us and Thy Name shall have all the honors and glory. Help me to spend this year to thy honour and glory more than I have ever done. O may I improve in all goodness, uprightness, Purity, Holiness until I through the worthiness of my Master Jesus I may be a fit temple for the Holy G[h]ost to dwell in. Sister Gleson spent the day with me.

2. Zebulun is 3 years old to day and in good health for which I feel truly Grateful. Also Isaac Jacobs and Wife were here on a visit. H[enry] commenced his house.

3. Margret McDugle came here.

4. Very pleasant. Dimicks wife is sick.

5. Attended meeting at the stand in the forenoon. B Youngs Preached. Gave excellent counsel, showed the necessity of adhering to counsel, bringing up the children as we should, purging iniquity from our midst. O God help this

<sup>28</sup>In nineteenth century usage, as reflected in *Webster's First*, *quincy* was "an inflammation of the throat; a species of angina which renders respiration difficult, or intercepts it."

<sup>29</sup>The five-day dedication, commencing with the second and third quorums on 26 December 1844, allowed each seventies member and his family to participate. Normally, Henry would have attended the first day, having belonged to the Second Quorum. Though the services are described in some detail in *Times and Seasons* 6 (1 February 1845):794-99, there is no mention of the dancing except the note "adjourned one hour" in the account of 27 December services.

people. In the after noon at a meeting at Br Leweses partook of the sacrament. A good time. They borrowed a buggy to bring us home.

6. Fanny is very sick.

7. Visited at Sister Hatfields an old playmate or an acquaintance.

8. Saw Sister Emphy at her house with sister Carington. Br C[arington] brought us home.

9. A day of fasting to me alone.

10. Eliza Partridge was here. Had a good visit.

11. Mother was here. The theives begin to stir up strife and disturbances making trouble for the Saints. O Lord wilt thou have mercy upon thy People.

12. Heard Lorenzo Snow preach. Sister Scovill carried me in her buggy to see Henrys sister Am[blotted] Edmons. Saw sister [Nancy] Nowel. She conversed most excellent.

13. Caroline, Wms wife, was here. Had a good visit.

14. Sister Grant was here. The bretheren met at the stand. Quite a number to be sent out to preach to this state.

15, 16. Hard rain.

17. A thunder storm.

18. Sister Fulton was here from the other side of the river. Sister Margret McDugle stayed here all night. She let Me take a cloke to ware.

19. I heard Elder Talor [Taylor] and Amacy Liman [Amasa Lyman] preach. This the 19 day of January Henry B Jacobs was ordained into or as one of the Presidents of the Quorum of the Seventes by Litle [John Lytle] as the eldest, H B J the youngest of the Pres[idents].<sup>30</sup>

20. Washed and prepared for Henry to stand. In the Evening the familany [family] met at M[y] br, Wm., for a visit and to eat candy. Behold how good and how pleasant for bret[h]eren to dwell together in unity. Had an a greable time. Henry met with his Quorum at Pres [Simeon A.] Dunns.

21. This morning Henry again set out on anothe[r] mission. The extent of [it] is to Adams Co and Scot Co., Ill. O Lord wilt thou bless them, and all of thine Elders. Wilt thou give them strenght and favor in the eyes of the people, and may they do much good in thy name. Wilt thou Preserve me in his absence, O Lord, and my little son, and thy name shall have all the glory.

22. I went to see Old sister Liman [Lyman], a woman that my own Mother was familiar with.

23. I went to Prayer meeting with sister Ripshier. Br Hause took the Lead of the meeting. Had a good meeting.

24. Dimick and his wife was here.

25. I went to Henres Fathers. Stayed all night. Went to meeting to the Concert Hall. Father John Smith and Heber Kimble [Kimball] preached upon bringing up the children as the Church should and adhering to council, the order of the kingdom, and told us if we would adhear to counce[n] [counsel] we should grow right into the Mellenium [Millennium], raising our de[a]d friends, exalting our ancestors. It was most excellent. O God my heavenly Father I do humbly beseech the[e] and ask that thou wouldst preserve me blameless before Thee.

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<sup>30</sup>John Lytle is shown in the record of the Fifteenth Quorum as being 49 years old, at a time when Henry was 27. Others of the presidency were 40, 31, or 32 years. (Fifteenth Quorum of Seventies, Biographical Record, Church Archives.)

Monday 26. Went to Perigreen Sessions wife's Funeral. Elders Kimble [Kimball] and Hide [Hyde] preached to the Living. O [t]hat I had a memory, O Lord, that thy law was engraven upon my heart that never could be obliterated. O help me to do thy will, and to bring my minde into perfect subjection to Thy will, O Lord, that all my words may be in wisdom, and my acts in ri[gh]teousness, that I might be accepted of Thee. Sister S[essions] died in the faith, and br K[imball] said he believed ther ware these that would shake hands with her after the resurrection then in the room. O may I be one.

27. Julia Parks Stayed all night with me. Had a good viset. Presendia sent me a wollen sheet, marked no. 1, and a towel (thank her).

28. Herd Sister Ripshier talk, doing up the things that I have colord black, my shall [shawl], &c also Zebulons cloth[e]s.

29,30. Went to prayer meting. Had a good meeting. Father came home with me and had a good viset.

31. Went over to my Br Wms. Stayed all night. Dreamed of seeing Joseph Smith. I Did not think this was my birthday. This pleasent day I am 24 years old.

Sat., Febuary the 1, 1845. Went to Br Patricks the Dentest. Saw him prepare to put in some teeth for Caroline. A Misess [*blank*] Wm Brought home sick. She has ben sick since last June. Her Father and Mother have both died since that time. She lost a 7 month child, has seen sickness and sorrow. O may she come into the Covenant and be saved. This Lady is alone as it ware, her husband Absent. William took her out of pity.

February the 2, a.m. 1845. I went to meeting. Herd Elder Felps [W. W. Phelps] in the forenoon spoke upon the creation of Adam, tower of Babel, the seven days of creation, 7 thousan years, large things so called. At 2 oclock P M at the 70tes Hall, J Dunham, Henry Jacobs,<sup>31</sup> also a brother that I did not know, they spoke upon order and union, all very good. In the evening sister Ripshier called and we went to Br Kelse[y]s school room (Br Ripshier Carr[i]ed Zebulun (thank him). Elder Kimble [Heber C. Kimball] preached upon the order of the Kingdom, reverancing the proper authorities or there respective Presidents. O the beauty of [*unfinished*]. Elder Dunham spoke of the great trials we should have before the endewment or obtaining any great blessings. Order is past expressing, union in Families is first requisite before any great exaltation can take place. He Spoke of our Enemes yet licking up the Dust of the Saints feet. It would yet take 150000 Bishops to at[tend] to the affairs of the Lesser Priesthood. O whare will be the greator if this is required of the lesser? Also spoke of the nations sending up there bullocks for sacrifices or have no rain, the necesity of governing our selves, or how shall we ever preside in our families as we had ought, or over Cities. O merciful Father wilt thou prepare me for to honour Thy name. O assist me for I do try to humble my self, and for Jesus Sake accept of me, for I feel willing to do thy Will.

3. Wm and wife ware here in the evening. He spoke and sung in tongs [tongues]. It was excelent.

4. It is very cold and windy. O Preserve thou thy servents, O Lord, that are a broad Promultgating thy gospel to the nations of the earth.

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<sup>31</sup>This would of necessity be Father Jacobs, since Henry Bailey does not arrive home from his mission for three more days.

5. Henry B Jacobs came home, in good health. He has ben prospered on his mission, had good success.

6. B. Young Preached Br Whitnes [Alonzo W. N. Whitney] funeral Sermon at the Concert Hall. H[enry] Went. I did not go. I finished Olivers vest that Sister Emma gave him. We went to br Tidwells to an evening meeting, a good M[eeeting].

7. Washed. I do feel truly thankful for the health that I do enjoy. O may it continue.

8. Mild weather, streets dry. Father called in in the evening, spoke in tong[ue]s. Had a first rate viset, ta[l]king upon the things of the kingdom.

9. Sunday we went to meeting at the Stand (the wether remarkable fine). Sutch an instance seldom witnessed as to hold a Public meting in the open air. George [A.] Smith and Elder Talor [John Taylor] spoke to the saints uppon the rights, an econemy of the people, charter. Br Talor said if we would be united no power could move us and the Templ would be built. Took supper at Jefferson Emons.

10. Misess Tomas was here. It is the first walk she has taken since last June.

11. Henry left home again, his mission confined to this state. A fine day. Bro Comins took him in his waggon. C has gone after his sick sone this morning, it being Tuesday and the 11 there.

12. Mr Avory was taken up. He was one of the assassins that shot Joseph Smith. He has ben stopping at Mr Wm Marks'es. B. Brackenbery gave his testimony against him, Avory, he knowing that he was at Carthage, and a witness from Iowa testified that he, Avory, said he was there at Carthage.<sup>32</sup>

13. Wensday, Avory had his trial was comitted to Jail. Jeneral Demings accompanied him to Carthage. I viseted at Mr Edards, called at br Pecks, saw Mother Thorn. O God, wilt thou avenge the innocent blood in thine own way. Also to day Br Wm came from Lima. 5 of the bretheren had ben taken to Quincy Jail that day. They arrested Wm but found that he was clear, he had merely ben down of a viset.<sup>33</sup> Found my sister and family well. Anny Mcgin was at Presendes. I went to Quincy with Henry and br Comins. Our enemis are raging. O Heavenly Father lacken the Power of our enimes and preserve Thy People, And to thy name of the Father Son and Holy G[h]ost we will ascribe the glory, worlds without end.

14. A lowry day yesterday. The bretheren laboured on Amacy Limans [Amasa Lyman] house. May the Lord bless him.

15. Mother Thorn was here. Wm brought her down. She is a Fine old lady, aged 61 years. F. was here.

16. I herd Erastus Snow preach. Spake uppon Charity, also patience, the diversity of sperets, administrations. Thy Words—how careful we should be not

<sup>32</sup>The account given here as involving a Mr. Avory fits that related in Hosea Stout's *Diary* (Juanita Brooks, ed., *On the Mormon Frontier: The Diary of Hosea Stout*, 2 vols. [Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1964], 1:20-21) and the *Nauvoo Neighbor*, 19 February 1845, p. 2., as dealing with John C. Elliot. Elliot was incarcerated briefly, then released.

<sup>33</sup>Isaac Morley reported to Church leaders in Nauvoo that five men from the Yelrome (Lima) colony had been arrested, that stolen merchandise concealed on their premises had been recovered and shown as evidence in their arrests. Father Morley attested, on the basis of "those that hide can find," that the charges were all false. (*HC*, 7:373-74.)

to go to[o] fast lest we handle edge tools and prove our destruction, leaky vessels, &c. Lord do help me to treasure up all these truths and Proffit thereby, that through the worthiness of Thy Sons I may be able to enter through the Gate into the Selestial City and dwell with the Sa[n]ctified. Amen.

17. Attended Meeting at the Stand ad[d]rest by Elders Felps [Phelps] Talor [Taylor] and Amacy Limon [Amasa Lyman]. Elected 12 men to Superinten the bu[long space left blank] with there 3 councellors namely John Talor, George A Smith, and Amacy Liman. Stayed at br Leweses.

18. Viseted sister Ami Edmons.

19. A beautiful day, but in the evening a thunder storm. Nancy Nowel stayed all night with me. Wm Linza [Lindsay] and Julia Parks ware married at Dimicks. O may her heart be comforted in the Lord. Learning to brade [braid] palmleef hats at Mothers.

20. I went to Wms. helped Caroline do the work, Harriet being gone.

21. Making Me a bleue dress. I knit mittings [mittens] for at 2 bits a pare [pair].

22. All in good health.

23. Attended Meeting at the 70 Hall. Joseph Young [spoke]. I can truly say that this 23 the first Steemer came up over the rapeds of A D 1845.<sup>54</sup> The bretheren went to labor in Ramas [Ramus].

24,25. Lid[i]a and Sister Edards was here. Had an excelent viset, very plesant.

26. I fasted alone. In the afternoon sister Empy visited Sister Carington. I took supper with them. Very Plesent in the morning but rain and snow in the evening. Sister Ripsher stayed all night with me. Had a good viset.

Also this [day] the 26 Brigham Young, Amacy Liman, Heber Kimble came in from Ramus in company with the bretheren that went from here the night before and some br from Ramus, there being some suspicious caractors in town the day before and fearing that some evil might befall them, it not being far from the plice [place] whare Joseph and Hyrum ware Martered, but they all returned Safely home to the joy of all the Saints.

27. Sister H [incompleted entry]

28. I went to see Sister [Elvira] Ho[l]mes in the morning, and went up mane [Main] Street. Made several calls. Saw mother [Patty] Sessions and Sister Lions [Sylvia Lyons]. Left Zebulun at Wm. Caroline, Wm Wife, had 18 fals teeth put in on plates and springs to them done by Hue Patrick. They look very nice. Harriet came home with me and stayed all night. A good viset. It is also Wm birth day. He is 27 years old. O may he be blest forever and ever, amen.

March the 1st 1845, A lowry day, I was at Dimicks, and Henry returned home. Has ben sick in his absence. He accompaned br Goff in a buggy. Br Goff was very kinde to him, Henry B. Jacobs, and gave HBJ 5 dollars for which kindness may he be blest, is my desire, an 100 fold.

2. Attended meeting at the 70tes Hall. The speret of the Lord was there Joseph Youngs spoke, also Almon Babbet, of the proceedings at Springfield in the Legislature. O God wilt thou [unfnished]

3. Amacy Liman started for the Iowa.

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<sup>54</sup>The breaking of the river ice each early spring, letting the steamboats over the rapids to Nauvoo, was a significant event for Nauvoo commerce and immigration.

4. Went to br Frees and to the Concert Hall in the evening accompanied by Emiline and Eliza Free. Wonderful to tell.

5. Assisted sister Ripsher to dress for the Concert.

6. Sister Abigall Thorn stayed all night with me. We ware at Dimicks in the afternoon. His leg is very bad.

7. 4 years ago to day since we ware Marr[i]ed. O God let thy hand be over us still to prosper us. We went to see Lidia, Henrey sister. Found them well. Saw Sister Edards at there house in the evening, had a good viset. Let union prevele [prevail] and the vertuous prosper. Stayed all night at Erben [Urban] Stewerts, Sister Edards and Lidia Stewert.

8. Went to see her that was Claracy [Clarissa] Duzet but now Misess Robinson. She was very kinde to us in our sickness after My Mothers death almost 6 years ago. It is the first time that I have ben to viset her. O that she may be saved.

9. We went to the 70tes Hall. Joseph Young and Wm O Clark both spoke most excelent uppon the trials the Saints had to endure, there deliverance, overcoming our enemes, the power of God, also to power of Satan, the Priesthood. Help me O God to hear and understand and to over come the enemy, even the powers of darkness, and let my minde penetrate the things that are of lite and inteligence, until my body shall be full of light and I may be a fit subject for the Celestial Kingdom and enter in to the City new Jerusalem, with thy saints and Prophets and attain unto a fulness of Joy through the worthiness of Thy sons, and thy name shall have the glory, amen, and may the angels of thy presence know these the desires of my hart, and O wilt tho give me strength O Lord even of thine abundant fulness, that I may have the desernment [discernment] of Sperets, yes worlds without end, never to be deceived, but let all my acts and words be consonant with wisdom, adorned with the speret of Divine Grace, firm as the Pillars of Heven, in virtue, constancy, faithfulness to God and the friends of Godliness. Spent the afternoon of the 9 at br Lees.

10. The Church is in prosperous circumstances for there appears to be the most union that has ever ben. The faithful are determined to keep the law of God. O Father binde us as a People to gether in the bonds of love that we neve[r] shall sepperate. The Temple prospers O Father backen the powers of our enemes, that we as a people may accomplish thy works, that our sole may be saved.

11. To Day, 3 or 4 strangers wanted to take Benjamin Brackenberry for fals testimony they say, but did not take him.<sup>35</sup> O God preserve thy people. Sister Julia Linza [Lindsay] was here and sister Ripsher also. Had a fine day to wash.

12. I viseted Sister [Nancy] Nowell. Had a good viset. Also saw sister Ann Edmons. She has a young Daughter born Monday the 10 at [blank] oclock A M. All quite smart.

13. Sister Steward and Edards called her[e]. They have ben over the river. All well. This morning General Demings left this town. I had an introduction to Zuta Miller. Liked her appearance much. Henry is drawing his frame and

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<sup>35</sup>Brackenbury was a witness against the men accused of the murder of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. *HC*, 7:380, reports that the sheriff presented writs for his return to Augusta.

stone for His house. May we be prospered, if it be thy will O Lord. This the [13th]. John arived here from Lima. Our brother in law Norman Buell is very sick and we fear night [nigh] unto Death. O Lord if it be thy will, wilt thou spare him yet a little longer and that he may do that all important work but if he is to Depart this life O may he be prepared. O may his family be comforted and his wife, when will her sorrows cease? O Lord if it be thy will spare him, Spare him. Yet Thy will be done in all things.

14. Sister Hancock and Emiline Free ware here, Father Huntington and Caroline in the evening and gave me a table cloth. Mother Huntington took supper with us. Business moves rappidly, all things in union among the Saints. Some are leaving that do not feel to felloship the present authorites of the [Church], but God knows and the Saints know. We are in the sure way. If we continue to persevere to the end we shall rest with the Propheetes, yea the sanctified ones. O Lord help this people and all thy covenant People for thy sons sake. Wm Marks and family left one day this week, went up the river on the Madison Ferry boat, I expect to unite withe others that have gone out from us because they ware not of us and love Darkness more than light.

15. A day of Fasting. O God my Heavenly Father wilt thou help me to over come all my imperfections that is possible in the flesh that I may Glorify Thy Name through Jesus of Nasereth. Help me to do the will of my Master.

16, Sunday. Attended Meeting at the stand. Amacy Liman having just returned from James Emmet[t]s company in the teretory or Wilderness, related the distressed situation they are in, living on 3 gills of corn a day, eating there catle that actually starve to Death, all this for following a man that has no authority.<sup>36</sup>

Brigham Youngs spoke. Said if the Church would be faithful, speed the Temple, we should not lack for food or clothing and the ground should yield abundantly for our support. Gave us much good instruction and divine Promises if faithful. O God do help this People to come up to there Priviliges.

17. Henry obtained Sister Emmas Concent [consent] to cultivate the lot south of Amacy Limans lot.

18. Oliver went to Lima.

19. High winds, quite cold. Br Brewer and wif[e] visetd here this evening. Fine people. The Bishops, Arch Bishops, and Deacons are organizing along these days for the safety of the Church. We have no Charter. O God give thy People wisdom and Preserve for thy son sake. Frequent counfels of the aut[h]orites of the Church. Oliver returned from Lima. All in good health, through the mercy of providence.

20. Attended a funeral at Bro Frees, a daughter. Went to the place of interment. Called at Lidea [Lydia] Stewarts, also to see Mother Thorn at Sister Pecks. Returning home I also called at Sister Browns.

21. Plesent.

22. Attended Meeting at the 70tes Hall. Almon Babbet [Babbitt] spoke upon the dispersion of the Jews, the fulfilment of the prommises of God, Samaria being the sister of Judah or meaning the ten Tribes that ware led away,

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<sup>36</sup>James Emmett had led a group of Saints into Iowa Territory, about 150 miles west of Nauvoo. Motivated more by what Brigham Young termed "fanaticism" than apostasy, the group retained ties with the Church for a time. Emmett himself was later disfellowshipped. (*HC*, 7:383-85, 618.)

of there return, and reasoning upon the inconsistency of the Millerite doctrine, &c.<sup>37</sup>

24. Emiline and Eliza Free were here. Had a very good visit. Making soap. Good time. Br Lewes was here.

Some Men have been down to try to settle the half Breed lands.<sup>38</sup> Postponed 3 days. Nancy Nowell stayed here all night. O may she be comforted and be a blessing unto [unfinished].

26. Wm Brought Mother Thorn here, Aged 6[1] last Sept, about 4 O'clock in the afternoon. Br A Liman [Amasa Lyman] and wife were here about 8 in the evening. Great and Glorious are all thy works, O Lord God almighty. Preserve us in all Thy ways. Wm Huntington senior was here this evening. He is my Father, aged 61 next the 28 of March.

27. A Sister Brown from Buffalo who was very kind to Henry B Jacobs when on his mission Past in 1843. May it always be remembered of her, also sister Zilphy Starks who was also very kind, came with her. Sister Night and Sister Gibbs were all here in the afternoon, the first time any of them were here. Had an agreeable time.

28. Fathers birth day aged 61. Sister Linzy [Lindsay] was here. All things possible in the city. The arch Bishop, Bishops and Deacons, All perform there several duties in the City of Joseph, (as the State has taken away the City Charter from Nauvoo) as guard nights and preserving peace. They are faithful if it is to whistle or whittle.<sup>39</sup>

29. A Mr [John P.] Smith buried under the Masonick order. Whether dry and pleasant &c. Very good. Orson Hyde spoke upon the resurrection, spoke of our guardian Angels attending our Bodies and Spirits [bodies and spirits].

30. Attended Meeting at the stand. Almon Babbit spoke upon the getting the in tent, our limited Power, or that we lacked one thing of being like God that was having Power to put our will in execution. Run, seek diligently for the prize, but with care that our will does not overthrow us. O thou arm of omnipotence, save us. President Youngs then spoke of the intent of the meeting preparing for the Conference, gave us a hint of not to run too fast, the necessity of speeding the Temple and Nauvoo House, all very good. High winds, the air filled with Dust, a slight shower of rain. Went to Father Jacobs in the afternoon. A good visit.

<sup>37</sup>George Miller, bishop in Nauvoo, eventually led a group of disaffected Mormons from the main body of the Church at Winter Quarters, joining later with Lyman Wight in Texas, and finally with James J. Strang in Wisconsin. At this time, however, his "doctrine" would have more likely referred to his proposition that the succession in the leadership of the Church after Joseph Smith's death should have been handled by the Council of Fifty. (David E. and Della S. Miller, *Nauvoo: The City of Joseph* [Santa Barbara: Peregrine Smith, Inc., 1974], p. 178.) See also Lyndon W. Cook, "'A More Virtuous Man Never Existed on the Footstool of the Great Jehovah': George Miller on Joseph Smith," in this issue of *BYU Studies*.

<sup>38</sup>The Half-Breed lands, across the Mississippi west from Nauvoo, were originally granted to the Fox and Sauk tribes but had been bought up under sometimes questionable title by land speculators. The Mormon community of Montrose was located on Half-Breed land. (See Lyndon W. Cook, "Isaac Galland: Mormon Benefactor," in this issue of *BYU Studies*.)

<sup>39</sup>Deprived of firearms, the guards, organized by priesthood quorums, the bishops directing them, would walk their beats whistling, and, more threatening to strangers, whittling with large Bowie knives. Oliver Huntington says of the "whittling society" that it "was the acting authority of the city upon poor devils, and would soon run them out of town without touching them, for no one liked the sight of a half dozen large knives whittling carelessly about their ears and not a word said." (Oliver Huntington Diary, p. 56.)



31. Quite cool. Amacy Limon and wife returned from Laharp.<sup>40</sup> He is not very well.

Apr. the 1st, 1845. Went to Br Brewers to see Mother Brewer, the first time I have ben there. Father Huntington came in in the evening. He spake in tong[ue]s. Henry also Sung in tungs. It was very good. I interpreted the talk by the help of the speret of God. Had an agreeable viset.

2. I am not very well. Mother Liman was in. I call her Mother because of her age and her being an acquaintance of my own Mothers when we were living in the state of Ohio. She is one of the worthy women of the Earth. Allen, H. is sick.

3. Through the mercy of My Redeemer I injoying Comforable Health to day. Henry, Father and Oliver admistered to me for my health and through the mercy of God I am healed. Sister Brewer and Sister Lennord [Leonard] and her daughter [*unfinished*].

5. O thou God of My Fathers, even of Joseph, hear thou my Prayer even this night For my Kindred in the flesh. Let them rise, and not fall from this time that they may Honer and Glorify thee, Father which is in Heven, and thy name shall have the Honer and Glory, amen. Norman Buell and Wife arived here from Lima. I was happy to see them. Sister Fulton called.

6. All of our Family attended Meeting at the Stand. Most excelent instruction. It was the largest Congregation that has ever ben assembled in Nauvoo, but is now called the City of Joseph. O Lord may the name ever stand and the City increase until all things shall be accomplished, this is the desire of thy Hand Made [maid], O Lord my redeemer. And as we have heard Thy Word the time that the Lamanites shall be converted, Israel Gathered, Jerusalem shall be rebuilt. Hasten thy work O Lord in its time, and may I be prepared to receive all Thy Words and Obey them, even thy Celestial Law and thy Name shall have the Honour and Glory. High winds and the air filled with dust.

7. I attended Meeting, went with Presendia. Left Zebulun with Harriet at Wms. Took cold to day in my teeth. Most of our family attended the Concert in the evening.

8. Attended Meeting. Had an excelent time but an excelent meeting. Uncle Dany Jacobs and Wife stayed here all night. Rain and hail in the night but clear in the morning. Norman and Family went Home.

9. Sister Eliza Partrage called and had a good viset. I am not very well. The 70tes met on the Meting ground.

10. Quite unwell with the Ague in my Face. My [*word omitted*] is very mutch affected with a cold. Mother Huntington brought me some milk.

11. Sister Liman came to see me. She was acquainted with Father and Mothers Families when children in N[ew] H[ampshire]. Sister A MaGin at Wms, Misses Morgan here.

12. I am no beter, see paneful [*painful*] nights. Sarah Ann Woode came to assist me.

13. They had an excelent Meeting at the Stand. Spoke to the saints. O t[h]at [we] be faithful.

14. Mother and the Neighbours came in to see me. They are very kind for which I feel truly thankful.

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<sup>40</sup>LaHarpe was a basically gentile town some thirty miles east of Nauvoo, but it served as a center for a considerable number of Mormon farmers in the surrounding area.

15, Tuesday. Wm moved back to his house. I was no beter. Sister Eliza Free came to assist me. I trust that she and her Sister Emiline may ever be blest and ever finde Friends to assist them and there Children in time of need for there kindness to me in my Sickness. Also Mother Liman, Mother Huntington, and Lee Girls, Fanny, Julia, Sister Brewer, Sanders, Meric, and others. Also Amacy Limans wife. I feel grateful to God and my friends.

16. My face still worse. Anny Magin, Caroline went to Quincy.

17,18. Sleepless nights almost.

19. The sun about three quarter of an hour high, My Face broke about half way between my chin and ear rather nearer the chin. Discharged wonderfully. O living mortality, how soon thou canst decay. O may I be prepared at the Great and last change. Eliza and Emilie Partrage came over and made my bed and prepared me some supper. All these kindnesses I never shall forget, and the oft times Mother has sent me milk and things for my comfort. (Fanny Merick came to help me.)

19. [*Date repeated*] I am much beter. The brethren and Sisters had an excellent meeting at the Stand.

20. I am still getting beter. Father comes evry day to see me.

21. I went into the other room. Wm moved back last week. Br Lee wife, Eliza and Emiline Free, and Claracy [Clarissa] Decker called.

22. Sister Ripsher was here. Quite pleasent wether.

23. Frequent and violent showers.

24. I received a leter from My Brother, Chauncey D. Huntington [from] N[ew] Y[ork]. All well.

25. I or we moved into a small log house that Abert Slone built, now owned by Johnathan Holmes. I am still amending. O how little we know what time will do, the changes thereof. O Lord give me patience and wisdom, for thy hand has ben uppon me. O wilt thou be merciful to all my weakness. Pardon all my sins and for thy Son Jesus sake halve mercy uppon me and let me or my minde expand until I become a perfect woman and fit for the sosity of the Sanctified and can dwell with the Just and have the fellowship and have the sosity that I may make those Happy around me, yea let there be no end to my doing good for this is the desire of my heart. O Lord, for thy Son's sake, give me power over my self, yea do give me wisdom. Wm's Wife returned from Quincy. A number if Rigdonites came up on the boat. How they desire a disturbance and to trouble thy Saints. O God wilt t[h]ou bachen there Power and Aveng[e] inocent blood or cause it to be done in thine own way. But how long shall we tarry?

Saturday 26. The Temple moves rappidly. O God wilt thou speed thy work, give us as a People union. Sister Brower returned home from Camp Creek, said Mother Thorn had ben thrown from a Carrage and brused her arm and shoulder quite bad.

27. Father [w]rote a leter to Chancey, my eldest Brother, in the state of New York. I comenced a leter also. Elders Talor and Babbet spoke to day. They had a good meeting. Br Bidwell and wife called. A chat with Sister Merick.

Monday 28. Fanny is very sick, that is Dimick[']s] wife. All things moves in order in the Church. God is surely with his People and wilt thou sustain them. O God of Jospeh, be with us.

29. I was in to Fathers a short time. I have recoverd my he[a]lth considerably, for which I feel truly grateful. O my God let not the Destroyer have

any power over over me for thy son Sak[e] and thy name shall have the honour and Glory, worlds without end, amen.

30. O how little we know what a day may bring forth. Prepare me to stand all things.

May the 1st. Nothing in particular comes under my notice. The desenters are Leaving. It seems that fear has come uppon the hipocrite in Zion.

2. If my Mother had ben living she would have ben 59 years old. Should I live to so count this number of years, the revolutions, God onely knows. God save me.

3, Saturday. I am writing, God onely knows my heart this day. The thoughts of my heart or the emotions of my minde causes my very head to acke. O God be merciful unto me and let me find grace in Thine eyes and those that fear Thee. O save my sole from ruin, my body from destruction, for thy hand ma[i]d feels to put her trust in Thee. Enlighten my minde and give my sole understanding. Let not my hart think evil, nor my tongue speak vanity. O let the trew [true] seed remain in my heart and bring forth much fruit.

4. Finished a letter to my Br Chancy D Huntington in the State of N[ew] Y[ork]. May it be sanctified to his good and thy name shall have all the glory. It is Sunday. I am at home, not able to go to meting but God will be there, or his Speret, and O may the saints be edified. Amen.

5. Sister Steward and Edards ware here. This day Henry B Jacobs, my husband, is 28 years old. Lidia Partridge is 15 years old the 8 of the month.

6. Nancy Nowell was here.

7,8. Learning to brade Palmlef hats at Mother H[untington's].

9. Lidia Partridge assisted me about washing. I am very tired at night. Never to be forgotten at 11 oclock, O then what shall I say. At or after 4 I went to sleep. O Lord have mercy uppon my Sole. Teache me the ways of eternal life. Give me that gift above all others. Behold this is the desire of my hart. Comfort us, yes, Henry in his trouble, for he has not repined a word. Accept of our thanks for life, forgive the weakness of my heart, and let me do nothing but what shall be to thy honour and Glory and my soles [soul's] salvation.

10. Stayed all night at Lides [Lydia's]. Had a chat with Silva Ann Corkens.

11. Herd Wm Smith Preach. He returned last week on Sunday. It brought Peculiar feelings to hear the last one of the family that are living of the Males speak to the saints. O may he be preserved in honour to the name of Isreals God. His Wifes health is very poor.

12. Wm has ben very sick with his fase [face]. It broke to day.

13. Edward Duzet was here, and Mother Brewer. A man has ben Murdered (O my Feelings) over the river this week in attempting to rob the house, and his son wounded.<sup>41</sup> Thus the inhabitants of the earth are ripening for destruction. There are many thre[a]ts by our enemes these days but we put our trust in the God of Hosts. Rufus Allen Polished the fir [incomplete]

14. God of heven and earth forgive me my sins. O let me be pure before thee. The work of God moves rappidly.

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<sup>41</sup>Three men, Tom Brown and William and Stephen Hodge, Nauvoo residents, were charged with the murder of two men, John Miller and his son-in-law, a Mr. Lieza, in their home near Montrose, Iowa (Stout, *Diary*, 1:39, 43-44).

15. A day of Fasting and Prayer, each family carrying there day's Provision to the Bishop for the Poor Saints. May the blessings of Heaven attend his people. O hear thou the Prayers of this People this day, that the Season may crown us with Plenty and in espesial manner Protect us from our enemes. Let them eat the bread that they prepare for us, O Lord. Lord has ben merciful, the [incomplete]

16. Peace and Prosperity reignes in the City, good order and br[otherly] love.

17. My minde is solemn these days. O help me ever to do right, O Lord.

Sunday, 18. Elder Sherwood arrived from the South with 3 can[n]ons that he obtained from a merchant, and 10 kegs of powder, when all [incomplete]

19. Herd that George P Dikes was very sick at Ioway. He is sent to per-chase glass for the Temple. Monday the brethren have gone to Carthage to attend the court for trial.<sup>42</sup>

20. I went upon the hill called at [obliterated] and obtained some fills for home.

21. I washed, And went with sister Brewer to see Wm Smiths Wife [Caroline]. She has the dropsy, eppears nigh her end, yes soon to close this mortal s[c]ene. She has ben taped [tapped?] 20ty times, had taken from her 53 gallons of water. The extent of her suffering no one knoweth. Has ben East during her sickness.

22. [No entry]

23. [No entry]

24, Saturday. This memorible day the Sun arose clear in the east. The morning was serene and silent. The Sun and Moon ware at about equel hith [height] in the horizen, as if to rejoice wit[h] the Saints in Praises to the most high. The Saints repared (all that knew it) to the Temple at 6 in the morning. The 12ve and the workmen, some brethren, the Band with the banner of liberty floting in the gentle brese, the last stone was lade [laid] on the Temple with shouts of Hosanah to God and the Lamb, amen, &c. Joy filled every bosom and thanks to our God that had preserved us. Pres B Youngs made some remarks very appropriate. This is the Seveth day even on which God rested from all his works and the Jews still keep it. O may Isreal in these last day keep all thy statutes. O Praise the Lord for all his goodness, y[e]a his mercies endureth forever. Exalt his holy name for he hath no end. He hath established his work uppon the Earth no more to be throne down. He will r[em]ember all his covenants to fulfil them in there times. O praise the Lord Forever more, Amen.<sup>43</sup>

At 10 oclock A M the funerale services of Caroline Smith, wife of Wm Smith, ware attended. Elder Orson Prat[t] Preached, Text, first Cor 15 chap 43 verse. It commenced an excelent discourse. She was laid in the Tomb.

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<sup>42</sup>The trial of five men accused of the murders of Joseph and Hyrum Smith took place in Carthage in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Richard M. Young. About fifty Mormons attended, though not Brigham Young or any others of the Twelve. (For the complete account see Dallin H. Oaks and Marvin S. Hill, *Carthage Conspiracy: The Trial of the Accused Assassins of Joseph Smith* [Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1975], pp. 75ff.)

<sup>43</sup>An interesting discrepancy, revealing more about Zina's romantic nature than the memory of either writer, exists between Zina's account, which describes the day as bright and clear, and that of Brigham Young, which reports the weather as "wet and cold." In other respects the accounts corroborate each other. (HC, 7:417-18.)

25. Attended Meeting at the Stand. Elder Page spoke upon the necessity of revilation, also knoledge as being assential to salvation. Quoted Mat[t.] 11 commenced at the 27 [verse], also some others he alluded to. Administered the Sacrament in the P M.

26. My br Dimick is 38 years old. The bretheren are at Carthage yet. Dismissed the old jurimen, appointed a new one. O Justice whare art thou fled? O freedom whi [why] fast thou faded away. Remember Thy People in mercy O Lord of hosts and avenge innocent Blood in thine own way.

27. All well but Henry. O He that comforts the afflicted, draw nigh.

29. I was at D[imick's]. The witnesses ware examined to day at Carthage and a sister Graham, sister Carington was here.

30. Bra[i]ding a Palmliief hat. O Lord draw nigh into my Sole and have mercy upon me, O thou Jehovah.

31. Saturday. Finished Henres Pantiloons, and shirt to day. Dry wether. The Temple progreses rappedley [rapidly]. All things show that there is a God in Isreal. Prase him, Praise Him all ye People. O may All the Saints Honour His Great Name.

June the 1[s]t, 1845. We all went to Meeting. Elder Kimble [Kimball] spoke first, followed by Pres Youngs. Grateful are we to hear the instruction from these Brethren through the Mercy of God and the Prayers of faith. The men have not ben to Carthage. They spok well.

Zebulun had a chill and I had to retire in the morning, soon after we arived at the ground.

2. Assisted old Sister Liman on a quilt. A fine shower for which we are truly thankful. B Young said his praires [prayers] ware herd.

3. Caroline and Lidia Partridge ware here.

4. Soft breezes. O that they could cure the heart. But God be merciful to mortality and viset in mercy, to thy Glory. Amen.

5. I called to see Sister Silvia Ann C. She was one that was kinde to Henry and Oliver in the State of N Y. Also her Fathers Family entertained the traveling Saints in great kindness. O may they be blest and all that r[em]ember the commands of God. Silvia Ann gave a concert. I had the Priviledge of walking through some woods. Very pleasent.

6. Done a large wash for which I was thankful for streangth. Called on a sick sister. Henry administered to her. Saw Sister Limans bed burnt. The way that it took fire is not known. It was seen by the neighbors.

7. Two boys ware smuhered [smothered] in the sand. It caved of yesterday, found to day. They ware at scool, went there at noon, went there to play. I am reading natcheral Philolophy [natural philosophy]. O may my mind comprehend.

8. Sunday. I stayed at home and took care of Sister Browsers children. She has oft done the same for me. The Earth needs rain.

9. A beautiful Shower the Lord hath again blessed the Earth that she may bring forth in her streangth, for which the Saints feel to praise Him.

10,11. Henry went to see Pres. B. Young to be councel upon his and families situation. O God be merciful unto us, I ask in the Name of Jesus, thy Sone.

12. A day of fasting and prayer for the Church of Jesus Christ for his blessing upon us in all things, our Health, Crops, flocks, and that our Enemes may be turned from us. This People and place now stands by faith.

13. Assisted P A in making [clothes] and preparing Andrew Litle[']s Child for its burial, there onely Son. I truly hope they may be comforted. Wm and Caroline his wife returned from Lima, also George Buell. They are all well.

14. Bra[i]ding a hat for Henry, finished his vest to day. O thou who are from everlasting to everlasting hear Thou my prayer at this time. I Humbly beseech of thee, teach mee the way of Eternal Life and may I have Grace to walk there in. O Give me a Speret like unto thy self. Endew [endow] me from on high that I may know the diversity of Sperets and have power to over come all but the trew one even that of thee. Grace divine. A minde sublime a Pure Heart thats ever clean that all my dreams may be serene that the truth may stand at my right hand that come from above thats filled with Love to Give this to me that I may be free from sin and from strife that at the end of my life I may be Clear as the sun pure as Gold that my Saviours fase I then may behold.<sup>44</sup>

15. Henry is quite sick. Pres Josep Youngs and Father Jacobs administered to him. It is Sunday. I could not attend meting. I heard that Orson Hide preached. The saints had a good meeting this evening. H[enry] is a little beter since the bretheren administered to him. They told him that he should live, be blest, &c. All good.

16. Joseph Youngs brought us a pan of flour and 7 eggs. May He be blest an hundred fold. A friend in need is a friend in deed.

17. I went to Sister [Patty] Sessions. She is quite sick with the Clery Mobus [cholera morbus].<sup>45</sup> I pray that she may be quick restored to health, for her labors are very much needed in the Church. In the afternoon we went to my brother Wms. He has been sick but is beter. It is the first time H[enry] has ben out since he was sick. We took supper with them. Sister Balis [*or* Boles *or* Bales] was there. We returned home some what tired. Mother Huntington came in with some milk. Mother has visited Sister Brower to day. Behold how lovely it is for Friends to dwell together in unity. O God ever let union Prevail. After we ware in bed Pres J[oseph] Youngs brought us another pan of flour. I Pray God to bless him, and his forever, for I believe his alms will come in remberence before God. O may we r[em]ember his example and if God ever blesses us with means, may we go and do like wise. There was frost on the night of the 16 [June] up the river that killed trees, and some of there vegetables. No frost here.

18. It rains fine, Henry is beter.

19. The rafters are on the Temple. All things move rappidly and in order about it.

20. Steady rain Sutch as we need. Praise ye the Lord for His merces endureth forever. Evry thing in the City looks promissing.

21,22. A lowery Sabath to day. Wm Smith is Marr[i]ed to Miss Robens. Br Mikesel and wife came here in the evening and brought us a pan of flour and some string beans. He brought us some beans and dride [dried] pumpkin last week. I hope they may be blest for all there kindnesses. When we ware sick Hiram Mikesel administered to us.

<sup>44</sup>The rhyming words here suggest a simple attempt at versifying. Beginning with "Grace divine/A minde sublime," the phrases fall into seven couplets of exact rhyme but uneven rhythm.

<sup>45</sup>*Cholera morbus* was the usual term describing acute gastroenteritis, marked by severe cramps, diarrhea, and vomiting. Patty Sessions was a midwife; hence "her labors are very much needed."

23. Last night about 10 oclock Irvine Hodge was stab[b]ed 4 times in his left side, also 4 blows on the head, done not far from Pres B Youngs in the field. He leaped 2 fences after it was done and expired in the road in about 10 minets [minutes]. Sister Youngs herd the blows. Sister Nights saw a man run from the same cource from whence it was done, also herd the groans. The man she saw is supposed to be the perpetrator of the deed. The said Hodge was direct from Burlington. He has a Brother there, sentensed to be hung on the [blank] of Sept next for Murder. He was a man of unbounded temper.<sup>46</sup> General Deming [shot] Mr Marshal at Carthage in self defense. The contension arose concerning some Land or the taxes. Mr Marshal was a hostile man to the truth.<sup>47</sup>

24. One Year ago to day Joseph and Hiram Smith left for Carthage, a day never to be forgotten in the anels [annals] of History, ne[i]ther in the bosoms of the saints. A foundation of sorrow was then laid.

25. Took supper at Wm. 5 buried to day. Thus we all have once to dy [die].

26. Called at Br Pecks. Saw Sister Thorn. As Abigal and I stood by the road I saw 2 men come to blows for the first time in my life. They ware disputing in the house but came to the door in a rage and blows insult. I then considered the state the world was in, and what must soon come to pass.

27. One year ago to day did My Mortal Eyes behold the slain Marters for of our God for the cause of truth. Behold they rest in peace. The Work of which these men by the assisting Grace of God succeeded in laying the foundation moves with rappidity. We can see the hand dealings of God in mercy from day to day. The roof of the Temple is now about ready for the shingles. But Joseph and Hiram are not here. Yet we belive they are doing a great work in our favour behind the Vale [veil]. We feel that when the cause of truth advances we are blest whether in the body or out. It is a lowry day, our hearts are filled with meditation. Presendy Buell and Caroline Huntington ware here to day.

28, Saturday. All in good health. Repairing my silk dress that my Parents got for me in the state of N[ew] Y[ork] 10 years ago. Presendia and I took Supper with Father and Mother. Surely we are blesed.

29. Attended Meeting at the Grove on the Temple block at the same spot whare oft I have seen the Prophet Stand and Patrearch with there countenences beaming with innocence. May I say the index of there heart, the words of eternal life flowing from there Lips filling the hearts of the Saints with Wisdom and jolly Days and Hours have past uppon this concecrated spot will never be forgotten throughout all Eternity. O May I have wisdom to prffet [profit] with all and be accepted before the throne of Grace at the morn of the First resurrection to come forth with the Sanctified and be crowned with the Just for Jesus sake.

<sup>46</sup>Hosea Stout, police constable, recounts the story in his *Diary* 1:49. Other details are added here, but the accounts generally coincide. Zina mentions only one Hodge brother under sentence; actually both Stephen and William were convicted of the earlier murder.

<sup>47</sup>*HC*, 7:428, makes this mention of the second slaying of the day, but under date 24 June: "Evening, Hiram Kimball and D. H. Wells returned from Carthage and brought word that Sheriff Deming had shot Sam Marshall." A later note, p. 432, tells of Nauvoo men posting bond for Deming's release, and another still later announces "the death of General Miner R. Deming" of "congestive fever," 11 September 1845, p. 439. He never stood trial for the shooting.

30. Sister Mires and daughter Catherine Foy left here this morning. Henry Baptised her in the State of Penn. They were kinde in sickness to Henry.

July the 1st, 1845. Julia assisted me in sewing. Mother Brower was here. The Twelve and the old Poliece Had a Din[n]er or Feast at the Masonic Hall, a day of recreation, also Music. I am grateful that those who have stood by the Authorates B[e]aring the Burden both night and day can have A time of re-joicing.

2. Sister Robins and Caroline took supper with us. Henry brought home 13 yards of carpetting from the weavers which is the works of my own hands.

3. At the Thursday Prayer meeting Father John Smith made some exelent remarks concerning the Priesthood, Prayer, Endowment, &c.

4. A day long to be remembered. O liberty how ha[s]t thou falen O Lord wilt thou restore thy People to trew [true] liberty, even to keeping thy selestial Law. Forgive me all my sins that I may be free indeed. Show unto me my self that I may be wise. Give unto me Thy speret that I may ever desern [discern] the trew Speret and be a [blotted] thereby and Thy name shall have the Glory, Amen. I feel to thank thee for food, for raiment, for causing vedgitation to come forth as thou hast this year. O may thy blessings continue with thy People forever worlds without end. I Also thank thee for health and the innumerable Blessings that this People enjoy. Help us O Lord ever to be grateful and Humble. These are a few of of my desires. Pen is inadiquate to numerate thy mercies. O ever let my minde dwell with wisdom and comprehend thy laws to thy glory.

5. Sister Eliza Partrage and I took dinner together. Sister Nowel made me A viset this afternoon. Nanc[y]s name was spoke of for good. Mother Thorn stayed here all night.

6, Sunday. I took care of Sister Brower children this after noon. I am alone. O that my time and thoughts might ever be guided in wisdom. Yesterday, it being Saturday, the 5th of July, 1845, Father Huntington locked up his chest of tools at the Temple. He has Labored 3 years mostly. He has done 818 days works. Now in good health, Aged 61 the 28 of Last March.

7,8,9,10,11. Abigail Thorn stayed here with me to day.

12. Finished my Sun bonet.

13, Sunday. 14,15,16. I called to see Sister Eliza Snow. She has ben confined to her be[d] 5 weeks, but O the patience. She is worthy of imitation. She is at E[l]der S Marcums [Stephen Markham], a fine family. I went with sister [Patty] Sessions to br Geens Funeral. Pres B Youngs spoke. May I never forget the words that fell from his lips. He spake of the power the Saints would have over disease, The fall of the Earth, its redemption, also all those that ware destined to this planet or world. Br Neel and son ware there from the state of N[ew] Y[ork].<sup>48</sup>

17. We started for Lima after black berries, arrived at Presendes nine the next morning, distance 30 [31] miles. A slight shower.

18. We took a fine ramble through the woods and bushes, thought we should be thankful when briars and thorns ceased.

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<sup>48</sup>A month later, 17 August 1845, Oliver would marry Mary Melissa Neal, daughter of George Augustus Neal, of Cambria, Niagara County, New York. Under date 26 July, Zina notes Oliver's departure for New York with the Neal father and son.



19. The company, 6 of them, started for Nauvoo in the morning, I tarr[i]ed with my Sister. A fine day.

Sunday, 20 of July 1845. Harriet had a Son born unto Wm Huntington in the new and everlasting covenant. It was born 10 minets before 5 in the afternoon. Caroline Clark is His first [wife], Harriet is her own sister. Hiram Clark and wife, there Father, are in England.

21, Monday. I and my little Son are still in Lima at my sisters. Her company is sweet but at lovely Nauvoo or City of Joseph how dear is the sositety of the Saints.

22. Father and Henry arrived here in the evening, all in good health.

23. We went to pick berr[i]es. Had a good time. Sister Bo [page torn] was at Presendes to day. While wandering in the bushes beneath the shade of large trees, seeing the Plenty of fruit that filled the wo[o]ds, ah, thought I, the care that our Bountiful Creator has even for the fowls of Heven to prepare for them a feast.

24. Father, Presendia, George, and my self went again the first time that I ever had the privilege of picking berres with my Father. It is the last time that I viseted the Woods this year. I feel truly grateful for the helth I have had.

25. This morning Henry and I started with our son for home at 9, oclock a m. We arived home just as the sun was setting in silence in the far western Sky. About an hour after we left Mr Buels, Father started for home afoot. Arived 8 in the evening distance 31 miles.

26. We are all in good health at home, for which we have reason to rejoice. This morning Oliver Started for the State of N. Y. with Br Neel and his son Wm. Neel. O may the blessings of Heven espesially of wisdom and the grace of God atteng my brother Oliver.

27. We attended meeting. It was mostly uppon bisness of bilding the Nauvoo House and Temple in the forenoon and the Sacrament in the P M.

28. All in good health. Lucy Hatfield was bad.

29. A time of Peace in this City. But I herd or red that England ware about to make war with America uppon the subject of Oragon and Texas. O Lord roll on thy work, untin [until] All things are accomplished—the Lamanties blossom as the rose, Jerusalem be rebuilt, restored, and Zion be Establihed through out her dominions no more to be thrown down F[or] ever without End, and thy Name shall have the Glory, even the Father, Son, Holy G[h]ost, Amen.

30. I commenced spinning for Presendia. Sister Liman was here and Sister Nowell took sup[p]er with us.

31, Thursday. No prayer meeting to day. Warm and plesent. Bisness moves rappidly. Great advancements made on the Temple daily. Let it hasten.

July [August] the 1, 1845. Mother Brower was here. O may I have trew wisdom and knowledge.

2. Zebulun was taken to day with the Scarlet fever.

3. It is Sunday, as it is called or the first day of the week. We stayed at home with Z[ebulun] who is very sick, but herd those speak of the Meeting that ware there. Pres B Young spoke to the People in the name of the Lord. Told us as a People to arise and shake our selves, be more diligent in our prayers and prayer meetings. If we did not it would not be well with us. He says can you not bare [bear] Prosperity without being slothful? Sayed if we would

be faithful we should be Blesed. O may diligence ever be pen[n]ed on my heart and this warning, he that holdeth out to the end shall be saved, if ye love Me keep my command. He spake many things worthy of all attention and must be pa[i]d heed to by this People if we continue and I firmly believe we shall for *[incomplete]*

4. An Election to day also a Bee drawing wood for the Nauvoo brick yard. Beter than a hundred teams ware out, agreeable to council yesterday. The Lord is just, therefore the Lord will reward the Saints according to there diligence in all things if they continue. Norman Buel and wife returned home to Lima to day. Came up yesterday. Zebulun is quite sick—the rash is out some, about the same. Nancy Nowell set up with Zebulun.

7. Disease continues to prey uppon the child. O Lord how long shall we labor under these things, even children suffering so sore? Wilt thou has[t]en the time in thine Own waw [way] when the Saints shall have power over the destroyer of our mortal body. Not that I would complain at thy hard dealings, O Lord. All things are right with Thee. But O the weakness of Human nature.

8. To day is a day of fasting and Prayer with me. Mother Brower and I set over the feeble body of my litle son. He is very sick. Caroline and Lydia Partrage set up with us. Father Jacobs administered to Zebulun after sun set. Sayed he thought he would live. May it be so.

9. Z[ebulun] is some beter than he was last night. May the prospect continue to bri[gh]ten. Walter Davis set up with Henry. H[enry] Baptized him in the state of N Y. He, Davis, is or has ben a Salor. He now assists in pulling up timber on the Temple. He that Sings thus in the wisdom of God, the Gospel net has caught all and the building is fitly framed.

10. Mother Huntington spent part of the day with me and time of conversing uppon the resurrection of the ded, &c. Zebulun is a little beter. If it is the will of Heven may he soon recover to perfect soundness and God shall have the Glory.

11, Sunday. Wm W Felps [Phelps] addrest the Church to day from the stand. In the afternoon the differen quorums Met.

12. Another Election to day. Zebulun cannot walk a step. A colored woman washed for us to day. O God help me to humble my self before thee in that thou will own and bless me for I feel Poor and needy rember me in mercy, O Lord, even the God of my Sperit that I may praise Thee fo[r]ever worlds without end and O that I may be an honour to thy Church.

13. Eliza P and Sister Liman ware here.

14. Cleaning house. Nancy was here, also Br Repsher and his wife. The Last shingle was lade on the Temple. Prase the Lord.

15. A general fast for the whole Church. Although I am at home with my sick son I feel that the Speret of God is with the people at the meeting ground to bless the Meek. O let me be one of that number for I desire it with all my heart, for I feel to renew my covenant with Thee O God my Heavenly Father, desiring to lay hold on Faith and obediance unt[o] Salvation that I may be saved with a fulness of joy among those of the hi[gh]est Glory. Wilt thou prepare me for this and may I be an honour to those with whom I am concerned. O wilt Thou give me grace in the eyes of the trew saints and thy Name shall have the honour, worlds with out end, amen and Amen. Wm called and had a chat.

16,17. Zebulun is some beter, on the amend.

18,[17]. Sunday. Wm Smith Spoke to the People. Elder Talor [John Taylor] made an appropriate reply. It was needed. And God wilt thou be merciful to Thy People for thou art acquainted with all there needs. Give us wisdom.<sup>49</sup>

19. I am bra[i]ding Palmleef.

20. Washing. A beautiful day, and may my heart be clean.

21. This morning as the day dawned a violent Thunder storm arose in the west. There was a man struck ded by [t]he lightning in town. I have not learned his name, but he was from England.<sup>50</sup>

22. Elias Smith had his in fare at Br Talors Farm 8 miles out. I went to school to him in Kirtland Ohio. John went with the Printers. I viseted with Sister Holmes and her sisters and Sister in Law.

23. Henry worked on Joseph Youngs house. [I] spun 34 [k]nots of warp.

24. Attended Meeting at the Stand. Joseph Youngs spoke. It is the 3d time that he has spoken publicly to this People and has ben a resident of this place 6 years. He is first, of the 7 Pres of all the Seventes. He spoke uppon the resurrection some. Pres B Youngs spoke after him uppon what was wisdom for us to preserve our healths &c. Very good. A bisness meeting in the P M for all the Males of the Church.

25. Took sup[p]er at Wm. They had company and sent for me. A fine repast of ripe Peaches and melons. I feel truly grateful that my life has ben spared uppon the Earth to partake of the bountes therof. Praise Ye the Lord for his merces endureth forever. O may all these things lead us to faithfulness, to humility and diligence in keeping all the commands of God.

26. A very warm day. I am laboring at the [spinning] wheel to procure an honest living. O Lord wilt thou give me streangth for I fee[l] the flesh is weak. Let not my minde be to[o] much plased uppon the things of this world, but may I labor with my might for the things of a beter and finde acceptance with my Redeemer.

27. Viseted the sick, and washed. Quite warm. Dimicks Child is very sick, the babe.

28. All in good health for which I am truly grateful. Henry was on the prairie. I stayed at Fathers all night.

29 [30]. The small boys have there tra[i]ning every Saturday. It looks very nice. May they be blest I pray.

30 [31]. Parl[e]y P Prat[t] returned from N Y City, arived last week, has ben absent 9 months. He spoke uppon his mission. The World, being ripe [for] the fulfilment of Prophecy, the Spread of the Gospel. Said in 18 or 20 months there would not be an Island but what the saving gospel should be in evry place. So may it be, O Lord. Stated had he arived in Dec he would have ben astonished to see things advan[c]ed as far as they are especially the Temple and Nauvoo House.

Sept. the 1, 1845. A pleasent day of meditation uppon the work of God in thes last days.

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<sup>49</sup>Hosea Stout describes the meeting thus: "W. Smith [spoke on] what he called the first chapter of the Epistle to St. William and was followed by Elder John Taylor to which William showed considerable feelings" (Stout, *Diary*, pp. 57-58). William Smith would lose his position as apostle at the following October conference and on 12 October 1845 would be excommunicated.

<sup>50</sup>Stout adds only that the man's name was Ralphs, dating the storm on 20 August (Stout, *Diary*, p. 58).

2. Spinning. Spun 22 [k]nots. When the body is weary the mind is also.

3. Very warm yesterday and to day. Between 5 and 6 in the evening a violent thunderstorm arose accompanied with hail and wind. Most of the Glass in the city on the north side of the buildings were broken. The longest hail storm that I ever saw. Vines were ruined. I would think upon the Last days.

4. Quite Cool. The Air is more pure and comfortable, for which I feel thankful. I feel to acknowledge the hand of God in all things.

5,6,7, Sunday. In the Morning we went to Urbin Stewerts [Urban Stewart]. Hennes sister Rebeccas child is ded, a daughter buri[e]d at 3 P M. We then went to Father Jacobs. He is sick, but on the gain.

8. Cool and pleasant. Washed.

9,10. Herd that the enemy had burnt 2 buildings in Lima for the Bretheren.<sup>51</sup> I assisted Sister Brower in washing as they are sick.

11. Lewes Damp, a Lamanite, gave me a money purse that his step Daughter Nancy sent to me from the Mo Territory. She has ben here and was baptized some years ago. When she left me or this plac[e] for the far west, I took a ring from my finger and gave it to her. She was a fine appeared girl. The purse is velvet, beautifully ornamented with beads or her own hands work.

12. Herd again from Lima. The mob has burnt 7 buildings.

13. Herd from Lima [that] the mob are raging, burning buildings, grain, driving all before.

14. Went to meeting Pres Young, Heber C K[imball] Amacy [Amasa Lyman] spoke, told us the necessity of hearing to council, mentioned the enemy, told us not to fear, put our trust in God. At Father Jacobs in the P M. He is very sick.

15. The enemy still continues to burn and drive in the Bretheren, not even giving time to save all there furniture. O God, all flesh is in thy hands. Thou canst turn there hearts even as the rivers of water are turned. In Thee do I put my trust in all things.

16. They, the Mob, burnt a brothers hous 4 miles this side of Carthage last night, and 400 bushels of grane [grain]. To day Porter Rockwell Shot [*blank*] as they were pursuing Mr. Backenstos on the parrarie near the rail road. Ther was about 30, this one was at the hed. He helped to concoct the plan to slay Joseph and Hiram; he was at the Jail at the murder.<sup>52</sup>

17. The Bretheren are all at the stand armed and equiped. (To day I went to see about getting some weving. Done when I was gone—o my!) Henry went with Br. Marcum's Company in the region of Bare Creek [at] 2 P M. Just as the sun was setting a Company returned from the region towards Warsaw, all well.

18. When I cast mine eyes out, what do I behold, evry brother armed, his gun uppon his shoulder to protect his family and Bretheren from the violence of the furious Mob who are now burning all that falls into their way round

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<sup>51</sup>The burnings at Morley Settlement at Lima continued in severity until "all the houses on the south side of the branch [brook]" had been burned. Brigham Young ordered the removal of all the Saints from the Hancock settlements, requesting Nauvoo Saints to provide teams and wagons to bring them to Nauvoo. (HC, 7:440–47; also Stout, *Diary*, pp. 63–64.) Zina's concern would obviously be for her sister Presendia and her family, although she makes no mention of them here.

<sup>52</sup>Frank Worrell, of the state militia, is the man who was shot (HC, 7:446).

about the Country. Ah Liberty, thou art fled. When the wicked rule the People mourn.

19th, Friday. This morning at about 7 oclock 2 cannons ware fired near the Temple which signified for all to be on the ground. As I am alone I have not learned the particulars yet. Clear and pleasant.

20. The first thing I saw as I looked toward the Temple just as the sun was risen, a white flag, a signature to gather. A company is called for to assist a company that is out to execute the Laws of the Land to put down the mob.

21. All things move in order in the City.