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 about the killing of the woman was correct
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 on the plain; responded reluctantly; was told he must
 go; went down; Indians got excited. K. returned
 with Dudley Geavitt on the Monday evening; was
 hailed by Ge ^{10 miles down from Belar} who was waiting for them, expecting
 they had brought the Indians up with them. He told them
 about the money affair and should build holes through
 his clothes and hat; he had led the attack with
 Indians gathered by him around Harmony. Disappointed
 at not seeing Indians with K. & G., for he had expected force
 with which to prevent the attack the next morning (Tuesday)
 an Indian from Belar came a message. In the fatal
 massacre about 4 participated from Belar, perhaps 8 or more
 from Washington and some of the other fort bearers
 K. had to stand rather became with new sick
 On Friday, Hays and others came and forced him
 with his team to go with them to migrant camp.
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 leave his wife. Mc Murdy from the wagon brought
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 brown bear and that he had seen M.M. as a

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Sam. Knight thinks John D. Lee statement about the killing of the wounded was <about> correct Knight lived at Hamblin's Ranch (his family there; wife just confined Aug. 6, sick; K. received order from Cedar City to go and rouse the Indians on the Clara; responded reluctantly; was told he must go; went down; Indians got excited; K. returned with Dudley Leavitt on the Monday evening;/ was hailed by Lee <10 miles down from Meadows> who was waiting for them <or meet them>, expecting they had brought the Indians up with them. He told them about the Monday affair, and showed bullet holes through his clothes and hat; he had led the attack with Indians gathered by him around Harmony. Disappointed at not seeing Indians with K & L., for he had expect[t]ed force with which to renew the attack the next morning (Tuesday) ~~Disa~~ Indians from Clare come on Tuesday. In the final massacre about 4 participated from Clara, perhaps 8 or more from Washington, and most of the others for Cedar City K. back to ranch staid there because wife was sick On Friday, Higbee and others came and forced him with his team to go with them to emigrant camp. his life threatened if he did not go; did not like to leave his wife. McMurdy drove the wagon brought from Cedar with supplies, all others had come on horse back. Two wagons needed; hence they wanted K. When shooting commenced, K's horses, (young colts) <were> shy, and he had all he could do to hold them; but Lee and Indians and others did the killing. Emigrant's guns also in the wagon with children and wounded. Emigrants must have camped in Meadows Friday or Saturday previous to Monday attack. When they arrived, some of them spoke to K. telling him that they had met Hamblin on Corn Creek and that he had recomen M.M. as a

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 passed through; afterwards restored by Gen
 Ross troops; the second monument has been
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[Jenson apparently crossed out the text on the top half of this page because the notes were from another project and were irrelevant to the Mountain Meadows Massacre. His notes on his interview with Knight resume half-way down the page.]

Green Plains <in Hancock County, Ill.> was quite a famous locality at the time the Saints lived in that county <as mob headquarters.> It embraced parts of what are now Wythe Walker Wilcox and Rocky Run Townships, the post office for which was at Levi Williams the notorious mob leader. His house was about 18 miles south of Nauvoo, or 6 miles southeast of Warsaw. 91, 848

suitable camp ground to rest their stock before going onto desert. K. advised the[m] to camp in south end of the Meadows, which they did. It is through that the first monument erected by Jacob Forney was torn down about 1859 perhaps by some of Prest. Youngs company who passed through; afterwards restored by Connors troop's; this second monument has since gradually disappeared.

[The text below is part of an index entry for the Historical Record, a project Jenson worked on in the 1880s.]

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