

# Missouri State Archives: Finding Aid 5.1

## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ Full-text transcription of: Witness Thomas M. Odle - Resident of the house of John Raglin ]

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was present and followed Mr Rigdon after he also made the above declaration and said he did not wish to do any thing unlawful. he then spoke of the fate of Judas & said that Peter had hung him (Judas) & said that he approved of Mr Rigdons Sermon & called it a good sermon and further this de

ponent saith not **Reed Peck**

**James C Owens** a witness who was produced on a former day and [ ] been called back to the bar again further deposes and Saith. He does not think William Whitman was in the Danit expedition to Daviess, I think he was left at far west as Captain of the town guard though he may have been in Daviess for aught I know and further this deponent saith not **James C Owens**

**William Splaun** a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf the State deposes and saith I was at Eli Bagleys in Daviess county when an armed company of men about 1000/2 in numbers James H Raulins and Jesse D Hunter two of the defendants were of the company they came to Bagleys they enquired who I was and if I was a mob character and learning I was not they let me alone they inquired for John Raglin and Said they heard he was a mob character and had gone for men to fight them and if they got their eyes on him they would take his life & that he had better keep out of the way to be positive that Hunter was of the company I will not but I have little or no doubt of it from his appearance this was on Saturday after I learned that Gallatin was burned the Thursday before and during the time the mormon troops were in Daviess county and further this deponent saith not

**William Splaun**

**Thomas M Odell** a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf the State deposes and Saith, that on the Saturday after Gallatin was burnt and armed company of 12 men rode up to Mr Raglins house in Daviess County where I resided, they inquired for John Raglin I told them where he had gone, they said their object was to drive the mob from the county and said that I must go. I replied I could not. that I had no way to get off and that my family in is bare footed they replied that made no difference I must go, and said if I was not gone by next morning by sunrise they would take my life, they told Mrs Raglin she must [ ] that there she could not stay and that Raglin had better never show himself there that they would take his life if ever they set their eyes on him next

morning by the assistance of friends we did start leaving most of our property there, Since then I have returned and found the houses burnt & the property gone consisting of hous hold plunder and 2 q bee gums they enquired for Gums and got down one and took it away from the house belonging to one Josiah Littlefield they further said that they had been driven as long as they were a going to. that they had got Strong enough now to defend themselves that they intended to do it by the Sword that they were at the defiance of any Set of men who could come a =gainst them & that they now intended to make it a war of extermi =nation, the following of the defendants were in the above Company Voit. James H. Rattens Jesse D Hunter Darwin Chase & I think from his appearance Maurice Phelps was there but may be mistaken, Hunter appeared to be Captain or Commander of the Company as he did the most of the talking. but most all of them had something to Say and further this deponent saith not  
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**Thos M x Odle**

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**John Raglin** a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf the State deposeseth and saith I was in Gallatin when the Mormons made an attack on it which took place on one thursday in October. All the persons that were there left the town. Another Mormons, as I believe them to be to the number of about 150 or 200 all armed took posses- =sion of the town and the Store and other houses were burnt as I learned that evening and further this deponent saith not

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**John X Raglin**

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Allen Rathburn a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf of the State deposeseth and Saith, On the day before the battle with Bogard I was I was in far West and early in the morn =ing Daniel Carn One of the defendants here asked me to help him to grease his waggon I did so and asked him where he was going he said he was going out to Mr Raglins in Daviss County that there were about 40 bee Stands there they were going for directly afterwards I was down at Morrisons Store in far west there was a Company of 10 or 12 men with 2 or 3 waggons I heard Mr Huntingdon ask for brimstone some of the Company said they had 2 pounds Huntingdon answered that would do, Mr Hunter one of the defendants here, gave the word of com mand and they marched off Mr Daniel Carn with his Waggon with them late that evening I saw Danl Carn [~~“with”~~ crossed out] his waggon at his grocery door in far west I saw Carn and Huntingdon unload =ing & the waggon was loaded with one bee gum and household plunder consisting of beds or bed cloaths Kindes tied up Also there were onions in the waggon Mr Carn’s that evening remarked that there would be in that night