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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Witness William Splawn, Citizen of Daviess County]

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 Splawn 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 Splawn

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

