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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: The sworn statement of Adam Black, of Daviess County, Missouri]

State of Missouri . County of Daviess . S.S.

Before me William Dryden, one of the Justices of the peace of said County, personally came Adam Black, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that on or about the 8th day of August, 1838, in the County of Daviess, there came an armed force of men, said to be 154, to the best of my information, and surrounded his house & family, & threatened him with instant death, if he did not sign a certain instrument of writing, binding his self, as a Justice of the peace for said County of Daviess , not to molest the people called Mormons, and threatened the lives of myself & other individuals, and did say they intended to make every citizen of said County sign such obligation, and further saith they intended to have satisfaction for abuse they received on monday previous, & they would not submit to the laws, & further saith that from the best information & his own personal knowledge that Andrew Ripley, George Smith, Ephraim Owens, Harvey Umstead, Hiram Nelson, A. Brown, John L. [Butler] Cornelius Lott, John Woods, H. Redfield, Riley [Stewart] James Whitacre, [Andw] [Thon], [Amos] Tubbs, Dr. [Gourge], Abram Nelson was guilty of aiding & abeting in committing in perpetrating in the above offence. Sworn to & subscribed this 28th of August 1838 – Adam Black

W. Dryden, Justice of
the peace for the County aforesd

Deposition of
A. Black
Aug 28, 1838

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