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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Affidavit of Thomas J. Martin]

I Thomas I. Martin after being duly sworn do testify upon oath that whereas I was returning from meeting on the 21st. day of Oct 1838. in Livingston County , I was intercepted and taken prisoner, by the body of people called Mormons, which presented their guns, and told me that I had one of two things to do, that was; to relate to them all that I knew concerning the there munitions &c. or to be laid on the sod and let birds eat me; the also took me about 12. miles during which time, I saw them Rumage the house of Mr. White. I also saw them take 4, other and the had some other that had been taken before, some of which took to Adam =on deamon, and I have not from them since. During the time I was a prisoner they told me that the did not intend to let any man stay in Daviess County that was not friendly to them. And that they were doing the same to redress the injury received in Jackson County

Thomas I. Martin

The above sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd. day of October 1838.

Adam Black J.P.

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testimony
Oct 22. 1838
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