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Record of quorum meetings held in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, January 1848-September 1851, as well as business matters and ordinations. Record begins 2 January 1848 with reorganization of quorum. James Sloan was newly appointed clerk. William Snow acted as president until August 1850. Lyman Stoddard served as president pro tem from then until February 1851, when George Coulson became president. Most meetings seem to have been held at Blockhouse Branch. Meetings were discontinued shortly after February 1851, per note of James Sloan at end of record. At back of the volume is roster of quorum members, listed by branch, with occasional notations regarding disciplinary actions, deaths, and removal of individuals to other places. Minutes report remarks of numerous church leaders, including Orson Hyde, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, and Almon W. Babbitt, as well as remarks by Oliver Cowdery when he requested rebaptism on 5 November 1848 (pp. 9-10).

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I hope these, if they do exist are not of a very vital Cha=

=racter. I am aware the divisions of the Ancient Church

laid the axe at the rod of the Tree. We cannot have all one mind in

regard to secular affairs on concerns, we are bound to be divided, but

in spiritual affairs we should be eye to eye. I have been engaged

in dirty and smutty work for this people. The interest of this King=

=dom has been to be contested in various ways. Some men are amphibious

and can live in two elements. A man may stand on guard is no

worse than the better inside ones, enjoying to keep it alive. If a

man is not alive to the greater interest of the work he should not

be placed on the outside. I believe if a man is now still willing

to up hold it, it is no sign of falling off, for 20 years that has been

prophesied. I have been one of the men to suppress Bill Smith, &c.

I have got the records of Father Smith, &c, I have not stole them.

but attached then legally for the archives of God. I have strove to

effect our entire separation from the Gentiles. I have fought for ter=

ritory, now is the time to take the advantages of our position. I

would be reckless if I were to violate any trust in posed in me. I wish

to state that I would to God I could be placed back for 16 years, I

would be in paradise. My course of 18 years ought to be evidence of

my integrity. I have worked in common with my Brethren, for the

general good. My policy may count in my own hands for the good

of the Church. I will not be a party to any great division. May

God bless you, Amen.- Elder Babbitt further stated that there had

107 suits to be met and defended in Carthage, and he dont want to

send men to that work unless they are good, men.- James Alred, the

president of the High Council then said that we wanted a

man to preside over the High Priests quorum, and thinks best to

appoint one pro tem, and in the absence of Elder Hyde, the high

Council wish the High Priests to come out every first Sunday in

the month, and seat together, also the Elders quorum Lyman

Stoddard was then elected president pro tem, of the quorum of

High Priests by an unanimous vote after quorum present.

It was then carried by vote, that the names of all High

Priests in the County be returned to the Clerk of the quorum

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