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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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Sunday June/ 3rd 1849. High Priests quorum met at the

appointed time , opened meeting by singing" Know then that

every soul is free" Prayer by presdt Snow, who with his colrs,

as also Elder/ Hyde presdt of the quorum of the twelve, & Ezra T.

Ben/son one of the 12, Wm Draper the patriarch, Bishop Clarke,

& several of the High Council were present, in a large conger=

=gation in the Tabernacle. Sung " Let every mortal ear attend".

Elder/Hyde said he was requested by the Presdt of the Quorum

to make some remarks, & that if any business of the quorum

to be done, there will be an adjournment to the afternoon. He

said other people could rule themselves by the laws of the land,

but we should be ruled by it also, altho there is a paramount

duty for us to attend to, there is a constitutionality amongst us,

& was so with Moses, altho he done & taught things which were

to suit the times he lived in, you will recollect the chain of

instructions given to the Conference. With regard to our brethren

going in the train; We did not say, don't go, for it would take

away free agency, & that I will never do. You may look upon

me as an ill shapen Bessel, but judge of the spirit which

flows from it. When Council is given, don't use persuasive

arguments to evade it. Cholera is broken out in the train,

the train is broken up, & the brethren coming home, better

they had taken counsel, & not went. Some of the officers of

the Coy seek counsel from us in cases under the laws of the

land, because they have been accustomed to ask counsel in

ecclesiastical matters. Let the officers of the law act in justice

& in mercy. We are required to choose men of Wisdom, of learn=

=ing even tie best men amongst us, & I think we have done

so, therefore let them go on & proper in all their just underta=

=kings. I am desirous the judges & officers if the County be good

intelligent men,& we have such at present who know law &

righteousness, will act conscientiously, & in all things for the

public good, & I wish them to act in their offices independently.

I warned before, that if not more prayerful there would be

a scourge. the cholera has cut off many good men who were

coming