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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Witness Nehemiah Odle]

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Wyatt Cravens a witness produced sworn and examined for the State deposed & saith he was one in Capt Bogard's Company and was present at the fights with the mormons on the 25th day of October last about day break in Clay county, Parley P Pratt and Capt Patton appeared in Command of the company that made the attack upon us, we were lying in Camp when we heard them coming we got up and prepared for Battle, the Mormon came n about 60 yards of us & formed the line of battle they then approached in a body numbering as near as I can guess to about 150 armed with guns swords & pistols to about 40 yards when the firing commenced by both parties See next page

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Nehemiah Odell Sent. A witness produced sworn and examined for the State deposed and saith that he was in the Battle between Capt Bogard and the Mormons on the 25th of October last says Parley P Pratt was in the battle Commanding part of the Mormon forces on that occasion. The officers who gave the Command to the Mormons, after some Kind of religious ceremony to about this amount "In the name of Lazarus God & the Lamb" fire Danites" and after firing twice they charged, but which party fired first I don't recollect and further this deponent saith not Nehemiah Odell

Captain Samuel Bogart a witness produced sworn and examined for the State deposed and saith, that on the evening of the 24th Octs last while ranging under the Orders of Genl Atcheson as is below inserted I met with several Mormons & read it to them supposing they would inform the Mormons of Caldwell the characters of my company. We had been informed on that evening by citizens of Ray that we were in Danger of being attacked by the Mormons that night, whereupon I fell back to an encampment on Crooked River in Ray county. On the next morning near day break my picket guard gave information that they were coming and in a few moments I saw the Mormon forces forming and a few guns were fired out of the brush by the Mormons, when the fight

commenced the left wing of the Mormon forces were with