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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ Full-text transcription of: Affidavit of Samuel Venable ]

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This is to certify, that I was called upon last night to wait upon a lady, who was about to increase her family, she had traviled, as she told me about eight miles in labour, to get from the Mormons who ingaged in driving of the people from their homes, giving them only about three days notice, plundering and robing there houses the lady a lewded to above Mrs. Smith by name who stoped on the Camp ground, on the East of Daviess County where she increased her family. There was another lady, who stopped on the camp ground, whose Baby was but 4 days old.

I was also at Mr. Whites this morning who lives in Livingston County , who was on yesterday verry much injurd in property by the Mormons.

I saw a good dale, of the mischief by them done, and was told by Mrs. White, that in addition to the above she received from them, I meane, by above, invictive, that they had plundered the house, taken clothes and other articles, destroyed all their bee stands taken off drawing chains, log chains &c the quantity oats fodder, and corn, taken from White must have been considerable, as they fed about – 200, Horses leaving on the ground where they fed a great daele of oats &c. Given under my hand

This 22<sup>nd</sup> . of October 1838.

Samuel Venable

I certify that the above is a true copy of the insterment given. Sworn to and subscribed before me, on 22<sup>nd</sup> of this inst. this October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1838.

Levi F. Gaben  
J. P.