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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Affidavit of Henry Marks, Ray County, MO]

Affidavits of
Henry Marks &
Adam Black
Oct: 24, 1838

Being requested by a Committee of the Citizenz of Ray County to make a statement of such facts, as are within my knowledge, relative to the Mormonz-I have to say that I came to Far West , the 17th. April last and have lived there ever since. I have never been a member of the Mormon Church, but my parents are. I am about the age of 18 years-I have lived at the house of Sidney Rigdon the most of the time. I have heard the prophet Smith in public address, say he would like to have a play [speel] of the whole U. S. (in a fight as I took it.) This was on the election day last August. I have often heard the mormonz say they would a soon shoot the dissenterz that come out and talked against them, as to shoot any thing else. I have heard diverz mormonz say that they Burnt the store of Mr. Stollingz in Daviesz County . David W. Patton had the command of the company that went to Gal: :latin- The Mormonz say that they did not burn the goods, but hauled them off_ Said Patton went by the name of Capt. Fearnot-

A few dayz ago I heard a com: :pany of Mormonz who had been to Daviesz County say they had taken from the Citizenz of Daviesz County about twenty four horsez and thirty two gunz-And it was said by

mormonz about there, that it was done to make up for lossez in Jackson County-when the company came up who took the gunz & horsez. I heard Sidney Rigdon Shout three timez Hosannah to the Victorz, and made them a speech, exhorting them not to fear, & to keep up courage-

Henry Mearks

Richmond mo.

Oct:24th. 1838

Sworn to & subscribed
before me on the day above
written

Henry Jacobs J. P.
of Ray County