

used for the Fort but nearly every thing is gone excepting a few staves and the altars with a few boards thrown over it. near by on the north side stands a large Catholic Church. now we started for the river on the south side of the town. the streets run due east and west and north and south. there is now about 1200 population, and the people here say there was 25,000 here at the time they were driven out. that is the saints tell us and so we went down to the south side of the town we passed the old Residence of our late Pres. W. Woodruff also Heber C. Kimball and many other fine cur. hts. the old mormon houses are not yet for they are old fashioned but they were mostly built of brick and of good quality at that. as they are all good Buildings yet but there is only one house standing now where there used to

10 or 12. So the people tell us after we reached the river we walked along the shore and picked up a lot of shells and some pebbles and we soon came in front of the narrow house which Joseph Smith had in course of erection at the time of his Martyrdom here on the very banks of the river stands the old narrow house it was built in the shape of an ~~the~~ building is grand from the foundation which is of cut stone and thickness of about 3 feet thick but it has been partly torn down and finished since with adobe. Poor roof we went in and talked to the lady of the house Mrs Bidamon she took great interest in us and showed us all through the rooms showed us several pieces of furniture among them was an old rocking chair which belonged to Joseph Smith's mother it is called old Grandma Smith's chair I set down in it an

Rocked my self. also she showed us a
little Packer with the initials of Joseph
and his wife Emma and it was sent
from England to them next we went
and visited the old Residence of
Joseph Smith it stands directly opposite
the narrow house and a rise of ground
a frame house 2 stories high but in a
some what delapidated condition in
front of the east door stands the ^{well} ~~house~~
and lots of people come there to drink
out of Joseph's well as it is now called
from there we went to the grave of
Emma Smith, also where the people here
suppose Joseph and Hyrum Smith
was buried also Joseph's ^{the father of} mother
there is a tombstone over the grave of
Emma Smith but nothing what ever
marks the last resting place of Joseph
and Hyrum Smith, the martyrs
The people all say it is supposed to be here

but none of them seem to know for sure.
After Supper we went out again and
saw some more of the old houses of
some of our People we visited the home of
Brigham Young and John Taylor. after
hard days trussing around town we came
back to our rookery about 7:30 o'clock and
set and wrote some letters home and
then retired for the night.

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This morning we got up and had a shower
and went down to Breakfast and after
doing Justice to the food we went to the
P.O. and posted some letters to some
of our friends at home. it is still very
cloudy and we are waiting for an hour or
two of sun shine, so we can take a few
snap shots with our Kodaks. but I am
afraid we will be disappointed unless it
clears up very soon we have seen and

heard all we want to in Navoo, so now
all we are doing is resting over Sunday and
~~then~~ we start for Carthage Jail to see
where the Prophet and his brother were
killed. This afternoon we went out and
visited Mr. Proprietor of a
Hotel who has many trophies from the
old Mormon times of sixty years ago
he showed a piece of money which was
put in the corner stone of the Navoo
House there was two pieces one of them was
a 25 cent piece and the other was a 1 cent ^{copy}
piece. The silver piece was coined in 1833
and the penny the same. he also told us
a story worth recording about himself when
a boy his father used to live on the old temple
lot and does yet and keeps a little store there
but many years ago this young fellow went
out some where and they dug up some
Indian skulls and brought them home
and took them back to the well that

used to be in the Temple and washed
them all nice and clean, and just after
he was through there came a crowd of
people there to get a drink of water out
the well. when they saw the skulls they
asked where they come from, and he told
them out of the well. he said they almost
fainted and some turned sick. and he
says shortly after that the Rumor went
that the Moons had killed some of
their wives and threw them in the well
but as soon as the young man saw what
he had caused he said he told people
it was not so but he had got the skulls
out of an Indian mound or grave yard
and that is the way that many of the
moons stories has got started.

also there was a man at the Hotel who
wondered to tell us what kind of people
the moons are. I told him I was thinking
of going west and I wanted to know what kind

of People the mormons were so he went
on to tell us but he made a sad failure
and after he lied to me for an hour I
I told him who I was and I told him
he had been miss leading me. and I told
him that he had not told things as they
were he turned right around and told
us he never knew anything bad about
them but thought they were all right and
Finally wound up by saying if we were
a Sample of the People he thought we were
far from being ignorant but thought we
were able to defend our selves any where
and at Parting wished us good Luck in
our labors

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Well today we went out as far as
to the old mormon Cemetery and
viewed the graves of some of the
Sants who sleep there it is about
two miles from where the Temple used

Stand and as we were leaving I
could not help running ^{over} the old Hyams
and in their graves lies sleeping till
the Resurrection morn. we came back
at noon and got our dinner and
Paid our bill and set out to get the
boat acrossed the river so here we
are at 4 o'clock on the Ferry boat
crossing the river where we Purchased
Tickets for Keokuk, and while riding
down the river we saw many large
steam boats and some beautiful ones
we also passed several beautiful little
towns on the way Arriving at Keokuk
we Purchased up some tickets for
carriage and after a ride of two
hours we Arrived at Carthage the
county seat of Hancock Co. Ill. with
a population of about 3,000 we walked
through the Town untill we came to
the Public Square and we inquired

for the old Carriage Building and was told where we could find it - when we got there we at once Recognised the old Building we viewed the Building for a moment - and then we went in at the gate and knocked at the door a young lady soon made her appearance and we told her we had come to see the old Historical Place, but we were given to understand we could not come in but we were welcome to view the old Place from the outside as long as we pleased. So we went around and viewed the window from which Joseph Smith jumped also where he fell, but the old well is filled up and the Place is now covered by a fine Bed of Flowers we did not stop long we took a good survey of the house it has been changed some what of late years. we next went back in to the business

part of town and left our grips and
took a general look around the town
then they went and had supper and
while waiting for the train we had a
very pleasant time talking to the people
and kept the restaurant explaining to
them our gospel they were very much
interested and I wanted to hear more the
lady told us we were the first real
white missionaries she had ever saw
now at 10⁴⁰ we went and got our
tickets and boarded the train again
for Perreault where we went to a
Hotel called the Eagle House.

April 25, 1899.

This morning we got up and took our
breakfast then we started on our
way afoot for Eldon 65 miles after
we had walked till noon we stop
and had dinner with some people.