

# Missouri Persecutions and Expulsion

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Alexander Donophan refused to shoot Joseph Smith in the town center of Far West. Alexander Donophan tells Samuel Lucas "Sir, one day we will meet in battle and we will see who is the better man. Samuel Lucas takes the prisoners to their homes to get food and clothing for the prisoners so he won't have to provide for them (November 1), they go to Far West in a Prisoners wagon - they had to lie flat with a tarp nailed over the top. They went directly to Joseph's home, to find Emma there sobbing because she had assumed he was dead. Joseph attempts to embrace his wife and is stopped by the guards who are accompanying him. There is such a large crowd around the prisoners wagon that Lucy Smith cannot get up to the prisoner's wagon and says "Joseph, speak to me or I cannot live another instant." Joseph punches his hand through the tarp and his last words before leaving Far West were "God Bless you mother." When they get out of the Mormon Reservation the tarp was removed. They sent word in advance that Samuel had caught these prisoners. The crowds in all of the cities they went to were huge and Hyrum described it as feeling like being in a circus. The largest group was in Independence where the crowd was so large that the wagon could not move. Joseph asked if he could preach and Lucas agrees. Joseph responds to the question of "are you really Jesus Christ" by saying that he was not, but he was a follower of Jesus Christ, and had suffered for Christ but that "under no man's hands have I suffered worse than Samuel Lucas." In years to come Samuel Lucas ended up not running for Governor, when asked why he said that the worst thing he had ever done was to allow Joseph to speak on the streets of Independence. The prisoners are put into prison in Independence, which isn't as bad as most jails, people would come and visit them and bring them treats for being followers of Christ.

General Clark gave the order to destroy Far West. No town suffered worse. It was completely annihilated by General Clark. When it was finished he sent an epistle to Samuel Lucas to say that he had destroyed Far West and was coming to get the prisoners in Independence. Samuel Lucas knows that to stop General Clark he can bring the prisoners to Richmond, MO (G. Clark's hometown). Richmond Jail is a really low point for Joseph. When they arrived the prisoners are put in shackles. They are chained all together and then to a wall. They are in a windowless, bathroomless jail. Food is brought to the prisoners without utensils so they have to live like animals. They are being guarded by Clark's men. This is where they are talking about the atrocities and Joseph declares "silence"

The Richmond Hearing- Judge Austin King, Joseph is being defended by Donophan. Joseph was charged with 27 different crimes, everything from stealing an alarm clock to murder and treason. Sidney was charged with 25 different crimes. The prisoners are not allowed to sit down. The people in the courthouse are unruly and jeering against the 9 men. The Sampson Avar- the leader of the Danites, he's a plea bargain and credits Joseph with the Danites. W.W. Phelps also testifies, as well as Thomas B. Marsh, Orson Hyde, David Whitmer, and other Whitmers. Joseph said it was like going to a court in hell to see his friends perjure against him and his friends. There is a recess in court until the next day. Donophan asks for witnesses for them, and gets a list of 40 men. When the list is taken to Far West 80 men come and are taken prisoners of the state as well. Six people break into the courtroom and testify. Nancy Rigdon (Sidney's daughter), she takes the stand and her testimony is that her father that she knows that he would never steal an alarm clock. The charge of treason was for the declaration of the church being the stone cut out without hands. Donophan gets the judge to declare the book of Daniel and the whole bible as treasonous. Parley P. Pratt stays in Richmond Jail and the most dangerous prisoners are taken to Liberty jail. Sidney Rigdon, Hyrum and Joseph were there in Liberty. They are no longer in shackles. The conditions weren't much better than Richmond. They were fed the flesh of a convict at one point. In Liberty jail Joseph and fellow prisoners are allowed visitors, at first there are many prisoners. Emma comes, Mary Fielding Smith visits, but the most important was Brigham Young. He had stayed in Kirtland to finish the temple and gets to Missouri to report to Thomas B. Marsh... to find that he has fallen into apostasy. He hears that Joseph is in jail. Joseph had wondered whether Brigham had fallen and was very relieved to see him. Joseph tells Brigham to take the saints somewhere between the Kirtland and Far West Temple sites. Brigham was the one who chose the site of Illinois.

Brigham chose Illinois because he knew they didn't like Missourians. He then had to go and organize between 10-15 thousand people who are in destitute situations at this point. Brigham had an unusual leadership style, he announced that they would have a trail of tears. Our's went east, from Far West -> Quincy, Illinois, it's about 200 miles. Brigham would go up to people and ask people what they were willing to give to get the poor and bleeding to Illinois, he'd then say that he wanted to write their name in his book to remember their name before the Lord forever. People are then a lot more willing to give things to the poor. Joseph is very lonely at this point. Joseph and Sidney decide to study law so they can defend themselves. Alexander Donophan was living next door to the Liberty Jail and they asked him to borrow his law books so they can defend themselves. At the trial in Liberty Sidney felt like he could defend himself, and everyone else chooses Donophan. This was more of a real trial than the hearing in Richmond. Sidney's trial goes first. He felt so ill that he was brought in on a cot and defended himself from a lying down position. When he's allowed to speak his topic is how much he has suffered as a follower of Jesus Christ, When he reaches the apex he announces "Now I have suffered more than Jesus Christ." The jury dedares him as innocent, and the judge passes around his hat for money for Sidney so that he could have enough money for a new suit of clothes and a horse, and he is able to go back to Quincy. For Joseph and fellow prisoners. Donophan asks where Sidney had received his schooling, Donophan asks if Joseph has suffered as much as Sidney, Joseph responds that he has suffered more but not as much as Christ. Joseph loses this case and Donophan says he will appeal and the prisoners are placed back in Liberty Jail. This is when Joseph asks "O God, Where art thou." This is when the Lord tells Joseph that he is not yet as Job.

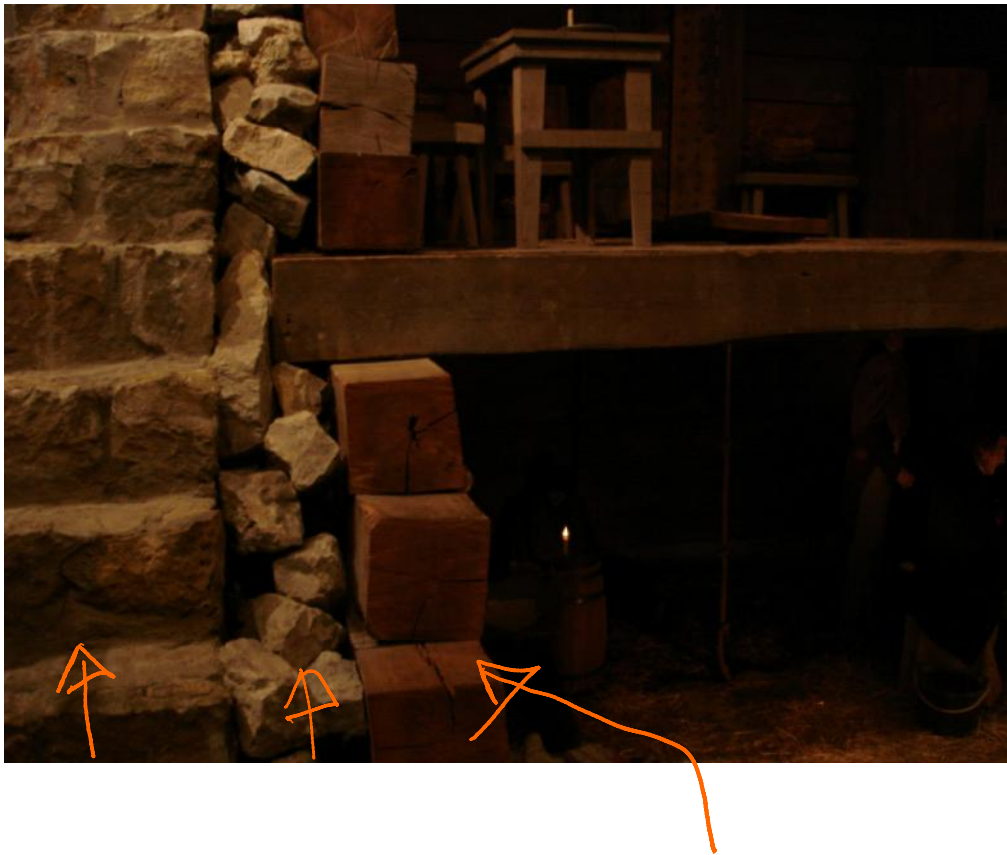
The prisoners didn't need to be shackled in Liberty because the building was built so securely. The walls were filled with rocks between the layers of wood. If a prisoner tried to escape the hole in the wall would allow rocks to fall in and the jailer could repair the wall before the prisoners could escape.

This picture was taken in Liberty Jail as it has been restored today.



These rocks were placed in the attic to prevent an escape through the ceiling and out the roof





Outer Wall		Loose Rocks to prevent escape
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Inner wall

Sidney Rigdon- welcomed back into Quincy. When Joseph holds a conference, he announces that he no longer wishes Sidney to be his counselor, the congregation votes against Joseph to keep Sidney as the counselor. Sidney later took 1000 members out of Nauvoo and formed his own church

Alexander Donophan- never joins the church. When Joseph escapes Alexander sends him a bill for \$5000. Joseph passes the bill on to Newel K. Whitney (as presiding bishop). Donophan says he will take the lands of inheritance in Independence in payment. Joseph profesies that the land will be cursed. Donophan lives to see the land destroyed by the civil war. When asked if Joseph Smith was a prophet he recalls this prophecy but doesn't state whether he believed that he was a prophet or not.

Governor Boggs runs as Senator and wins. When he serves in Washington they call him "Man who's head is full of balls" He had a habit of playing with his skin to pull out buckshot. He becomes the mayor of Northern California. The prophecy of Parley P. Pratt that nothing would grow on his grave and is in the shadow of a Mormon church.

Test is similar to last test in format.

Dates:

April 3, 1836 - Kirtland Temple, receiving Keys , D&C 110, Joseph and Oliver

Oct 27, 1838- Extermination Order, now celebrated as Donophan day in Missouri

## Places:

### Ohio

- Kirtland
- Hiram

### Missouri

- Independence
- Jackson county
- Caldwell County
- Davies
- Richmond

## Events

- Tar and feathering of Joseph Smith (be able to describe this in detail)
- How do you become an elect
- Joseph's name on Zion's camp

## People

- George Hinkel
- John Boynton - inventor
- McClellan - write revelation
- Parley P. Pratt
- Orson Pratt
- Samuel Lucas