

Confidential about 71 years old.

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 Butte, on the ~~the~~ through ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 Butte, came West in 1831, and located
 in Barren, in November, 1831, lived
 there in 1837. Remember the Sikanas
 Company passed through, Barton was a
 Counselor to Bp. Wells. ~~A council was~~
 After company passed through they
 heard that the company had got into
 trouble with the Indians or the Meadows
 and that Wm. H. Darn had been killed
 before a council of brethren, in which it
 was decided to aid the company against
 the Indians, if the company of immigrants
 called for aid; otherwise they would
 let them fight it out with the Indians.
 Later Jesse Smith and Edward Dalton
 were sent to Pinto to ascertain how
 things were moving with the Meadows, and
 returned disgraced with what was ²⁵ ~~being~~
~~done~~ on, and they said that they saw the
 men taking up the attitude toward the em-
 grants. The night after their re-
 turn, Isaac B. Knight and Elias Morris
 came up to Barren from Cedar to
 confer with Col. Darn about the situation.
 A council was called at Bro. Darn's
 place, and attended by Col. Darn, E. Morris

William Barton

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Wm. Barton <about 71 years old.> who resides near Red Paragoonah, ~~an old Missouri~~ through Nauvoo troubles, came to Utah—1851, and located in Parowan, in November, 1851, lived there in 1857. Remember the Arkansas Company passed through, (Barton was a Counselor to Bp. Lewis) ~~A council was~~ After company passed through, they heard that the company had got into trouble with the Indians at the Meadows and Prest Wm. H. Dame laid the matter before a council of brethren, in which it was decided to aid the company against the Indians, if the company of immigrants called for aid; otherwise they would let them fight it out with the Indians. Later Jesse N. Smith and Edward Dalton were sent to Pinto to ascertain how things were moving in the Meadows, and returned disgusted with what was ~~being~~ <going> ~~orders~~ on, and th[e]y said that Lee and other[s] were taking on the attitude toward the emigrants. The night after their return, Isaac C. Haight and Elias Morris came ~~up~~ to Parowan from Cedar to confer with Col Dame about the situation A council was called at Bro. Dames house, and attended by Col Dame, E. Morris

James H. Manning
 Isaac C. Haigh & Jesse K. Smith, 2
 Calvin C. Pennington, Elijah New-
 man and Carlton Lewis, Jorhar
 council a proposition made by Pennington
 was adopted to the effect, that a company
 should be sent out from Barman
~~at that time~~ to call the Indians of Gather
 up the stock for the company, and let
 them continue their journey in peace.
 The council then dismissed, but later
 with same ^{occasion} a consultation of three
 consisting of J. C. Haigh, Wm. B. Skene
 and another man. Was held ~~on the~~ by
 the bar going to the Barman fort near
 The three sat upon a pile of bark hence
 known as certain circles as the "Tan
 Bark Council." Right then and there
 the whole program and plan was
 changed, and it was decided to destroy
 the whole company. Those Barton
 saw the three in consultation himself
 but heard not what was said, but those
 C. Haigh afterwards told Barton
 that that was the decision and the
 Haigh said "There to Barton after-
 ward" then is when we did wrong
 and I never give a word if I say
 it, if we had abided by the decision

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Isaac C. Haight, <James H Martineau> Jesse N. Smith,
 Calvin C. Pendleton, Elijah New-
 man and Tarlton Lewis, In that
 council a propos[i]tion made by Pendleton
 was adopted to the effect, that a compa-
 ny should be sent out from Parowan
~~and Cedar~~ to call the Indians off, gather
 up the stock for the company, and let
 them continue their journey in peace.
 The council then dismissed, but later
 in the same ~~day~~ <occasion> a consultation of three
 consisting of I. C. Haight, Wm. H. Dame
 and another man,¹ was held ~~on the~~ by
 the east gate of the Parowan fort wall
 The three sat upon a pile of bark, hence
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 but heard not what was said, but Isaac
 C. Haight afterwards told Barton
 that that was the deci<s>ion and he
 Haight said ~~There~~ to Barton after-
 ward “There is where we did wrong
 and I would give a world if I had
 it, if we had abided by the decision

1. The words *another man* were written over an erasure. A capital *E* is partially visible at the beginning of the erasure and the characters *is* are visible at the end, suggesting that the name was Elias Morris.

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 late. The consultation of these
 three men has taken place ~~either~~
~~about~~ Wednesday the 9th. Jimmie
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 back to Cedar, and Wm. H. Daine
 afterwards. Daine, accompanied
 by James Ferris, Bison Lewis and
^{Barney} Carter, went on an express to
 the Meadows, for the purpose of
 putting a stop to the massacre. Bro
 Daine having repented of what he had
 agreed to do, but these four men
 arrived at the Meadows too late,
 the deer having then already been
 gone. They then went from Barona
 in the massacre. The only men that
 went to the Meadows from Barona in
 the express consists of the four
 men named.

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of the council; but alas it is too late. The consultation of these three must have taken place ~~either~~ about Wednesday the 9th. Immediately after that consultation of three, <before daylight> Haight and Morris started back to Cedar, and Wm. H. Dame Afterwards Dame, accompanied by James Lewis, Beson Lewis and <Barney> Carter, went on an express to the Meadows, for the purpose of putting a stop to the massacre, Bro. Dame having repented of what he had agreed to do, but these four men arrived at the Meadows too late, the deed having then already been done. There were none from Parowan in the massacre. The only men that went to the Meadows from Parowan was the express consist[*in*]g of the four men named.

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[bottom of page, upside down] ~~Graves, Reuben, 768:~~