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[p. 24 on letter of Ezra Booth number seven Reynolds Cahoon records: "Newportag there held a meting & there took a review of Mr Booths 7<sup>th</sup> letter &c"]

[p. 29, 2 Jan. 1832 Reynolds Cahoon wrote: "went to Ravana there heard the Discuss[i]on of Booths letters"]

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Preliminary Transcription  
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[1]  
 [written on side: Reynolds Cahoon]

May 1831 [-] at  
 Left Kirtland friday stayed Br Tubeses. Saturday Went to Br Burnets in Orange Met Brs Parley & Joseph Met with the Church found some verry far from the truth sabath morning went to Warrensville held a meting with the Bretheren found some of them rejoicing in the Truth 4 Oclock Met with Brs Parley & Joseph held a meting between Warrensville & Orange went home with Brs Barnet Parley & Joseph. Monday ~~morning~~ 10 Oclock held ameting with the Brethren at Orange & Bapt[ ] 2 Baptised 2 left them Strong in the faith

[2]  
 Monday evening Stayed at Br Baldins and had a verry Consolating Prayer Meting Tuesday Started with Brs Parley & Joseph went to Bedford there left Brs Parley & Joseph and went in to Northfield held a Meting that evening & had a verry attentive congagation apointed a Meting the next day at 4 O Wednesday. Met averry civil assembly and layed before <them> the situation they stood in and of the necessity of the[i]r Looking for the son of Man

[p. 3:]

Wellington Huntington Sullivan Orange vilage of Ashland Mansfield a verry fine vilage Belvill Bloomfield 36 miles. Columbus 17 Thursday came on to Parley & Orison track saturday turn<ed> at the gid [unclear] to the left leading to delaware By Burkshire concluded to go through Columbus Staid at Columbus the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night after we left holm from thence on the Road to sincinati tuesday Preach at the schoolhouse 5 Ocl<k> in Newhampton from thence to Springfield held a Meting in the

[p. 4:]

Court house at early candleliting from thince to Xenia & held a meting in the Courthous[e] at Early Candle liting journeyed throug lebinon & had a controversy with a Baptis Eder & found him full <of> prejudice & Erors of the world from thence to Cininati Croased the river in to Kentucky from thence to Burlington Croased the Ohio river and came to the rising sun wednesday 12 Oclock

[p. 5:]

Wednesday Evening Preache[d] at Unionville July 1<sup>st</sup> Preached in the Court house in Madison a vilag on the Ohio river from then<c[e]> to viana held a Meting on the sabath July 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening held a Meting 3 Mids East of Orleans from thence to Woodsfery croased the ferry on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> Corosed the Wet Branch of Whit River July 8<sup>th</sup> Preach in Nashville at 401 Oclock & also in the Evening People apeared verry tend<er> this is in Green County Continued hear on the sabath

[p. 6:]

Thomas Osburn in Green ~~township Bloomfield County Township~~ County Bloomfield Post Office to lodg leters the mouth of Cal ravine on the West Branch of White River about 100 miles West of lewisville in Green County Indiana State - John Lemon in th[e] above Journey from Nashvill a bout 8 Miles held a meting in the evening from thence to vego county he[l]d a Meting tuesday evening 10 to Tar Hutt held Meting at 3 Oclock Croased

[p. 7:]

the Wabash river traviled about 1½ Miles Thursday Evening Preached in Paris Court house found apeople verry hard and wicked this is in Ilenoy Payed for our lodging the last money we had started in the morning on the grand pinary Journeyed 54 Miles then held a Meting with the Presbyterians on the sabath Came throuh Springfield Wednesday Morning took Breakfast with a Baptist man & his wife they ware verry tender the woman we left in tears this is four Miles west of Springfield

[p. 8:]

thursday Evening arved at Bardsfery the People did not eniline to git together untill Evning Concluded not to stay all day Croased the Ilenoy river friday Morning Stayed with Mr Eli Wass Cam[e] to Rushville held a Meting in the Evening Journey to sistiv?] Pirary held a Meting on the sab[b]ath at Mr. Orr Journed from thence & Croased the Missipy from thence to Mr Danil Rhodes held a Meting in Evning Morgan Co

[p. 9:]

from thence Crossed three ~~of salt~~ fork of salt river and from thence towards the Missouri river called at Mr James in a new Brick house 16 Miles East of Chariton he is a baptis[t] Man we Ett diner with him he desired us to call again Staid with Mr. Burik Sabath night Crossed the Missori River Monday Morning from thence to Lexington thence <to> Independence and found <some of> the Brethr[en] And there my moral

[p. 10:]

Eyes beheld grate and marvilous things such as my eyes once never even Contemplated of seeing in this world we had a glorious meting on the sabath we with the Brethren I arived in Independence on thursday the fourth of august 1831 After tarring in Independence a number of days and exploring much of of that region of cuntry the Lord comanded us to rurn holm to our familys- We started from Independence August 9<sup>th</sup> 1831 from thence by water about 100 Mile then left the water

[p. 11:]

Crosed the Misorie at Chariton thence found Brothers Hiram Smith J Murdock Harvey Whi[tlock] & David Whitmer and from thence to Fayette there Brothers Sidney Joseph & Oliver took the stage and Samuel & myself Journed by land by the way of Columbia and after Journing 2 or 3 days we found Brothers Marsh & Griffin Br Marsh was sick we Prayed with him and layed hands on him we Stay<ed> thare that night & Preached that evening

[p. 12:]

the next day we got some Phisic and gave Br Marsh then started on our Journey & the next Morning we met Brs Dustin & Cyrus Daniels that day we arived at St. Charles and from thence we came to the Missipy river Crossed saturday evening from then[ce] to Alton 12m from thence to Edwardsville 12 Miles Monday at Mr James Pine and found him and all his family verry anxious for the truth & neighbors allso

[p. 13:]

Arived at Vandalia Wendnesay Morning and from vandala we Journey on the National Road to Tar Hutt and thear we beheld a road for trave[l]ing which by all aperance is a way spoke off by Prop[h]esy which shall be a hig[h] way cast up for the Ransomed of the Lord to walk <in> Saturday Evening arived at Tar Hut and by the way we found some inhabitants and people laboring on the Road and in one of their

[p. 14:]

we held ameting with them not with standing their much budeness and their anxiety about their labors Sunday morning we started from Tar Hut not knowing what the day would Bring forth we travild about 3 Miles and Stopped to git Breccfast they soon found out our business and requested us to stay and Preach acording to theyr request we stay ed over night and found the People very anxious to know the truth from thence to Green Count[y] Monday Evening arived in the Region where we held

[p. 15:]

Metings when we went out and found them glade to see us again tuesday we got to Mr. Lemons where we held three Metings when we went out and so[o]n found this whole Region of cunt<ry> all in an alarm about the Book of Mormon and serching the scriptures some of them sd had read their Bible twice through & when they heard we had got back they were all redy to come together to here what we had to say & <of> ther language was <some> we believ[e] the work to be tru[e] and

[p. 16:]

to be of God others said we Canot find any objection to the work and aniousious to get a witness by the spirit wednesday we held a Meting at Wm. Smiths Thursday at John Owins friday at Mr sands. Saturday held a Meting at a si<c>k mans house near Mr Smiths Sunday held a Meting at the forks of Cal river and Baptised 3 Viz John Heffington. Elisabeth Michel Ephriam Owins sunday Evening went tholm with my Brother in law. Dr John Patten in fairplay

[p. 17:]

Tuesday held ameting in Fairplay wednesday held a Meting at Cal river & Baptised John Lemon the People at this time had got hold of many fabilous stories and Got their mind very much fritned Thursday At Bloomfield fryday at fairplay Saturday at Newbery Sunday at John S Owins and on our way Baptise John S Owins held a short Exertation Meting at Br John Lemons in the Evening Monday held a Meting with the

[p. 18:]

Brethren and Broak Bread with them also ordained Br John lemon an Eder of this Chh and also John Heffington a Priest Tuesday we s[t]arted on our way holm Br lemons family and others Came with us to Cal river and there [-] Baptised Rebekah Lemons & layed on hands this was a verry sollom time we parted with them and Came to spencer there held a meting in the Court hous[e]

[p. 19:]

We started from Cal Sept 13 and arived at Indianopilis saturday morning From thence to Centersville on the Nationall Rode thence to Eaton Wednesday arived at Dayton there found Wm. Atkin stayed & took Diner with him started for Springfield 2 Oclck and on our way found Mr Broton Wednesday came to Springfield travele[d] from Springfield within 25 miles of Columbus then got abord the stage came to Columbus friday morn<ing> 7 Oclock from thence to Blenden T Ship Convened with Mr Sharp [ ] Presten

[p. 20:]

Journeyed through Zoar from Zoar to Mansfield & from Mansfield to Ashland & from thence Harrsville Medina to Strongsvile from thence Cleveland thence holm Wednesday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1831 After ariveing from Zion and visitin my family & my Br in Kirtland and assisting them by the gifts and graces whi[c]h the Lord bestow upon me then Journie[d] from Place to Place from conferan[ce] to conferance untill about the 9<sup>th</sup> of

[p. 21:]

Nov. then started for hiram to fulfil my mission to the Churches wh[i]ch was given to Br David

<and my self> to obtain money & Property for Brs Joseph & O[t]hers to finish the translation  
 Came to Hiram thursday and there I layed my case respect<ing> my g[o]ing to the Missouy  
 before tha[t] Conferance & they conclu[d]ed that I was not at liber[t]y to go to the land of Zion  
 yet atended 2 Confernce Satur[— — —] with the Br in Hiram then Journyed with Br McLelin to  
 Windom & there held a Meting on saturd[ay] and on the Sabath return to Hirman tuesday came  
 to shalersville held a meting in the Evning with the Br and after

[p. 22:]

laboring with them Some length of time Br David seeled them up unto Eternal life. from thence  
 to Northampton & found Br Smiths family s<t>ayed with them all night & in the morning I  
 ex[h]orted them that in their Devotions they obser[ve] silence & and good order so that they  
 cou[ld] hear what was read & spoken So that the glory of He[a]ven would shine around them  
 Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov held a Meting att Br Gates in the evening Saturday evening held a meting at Br  
 Smiths and found the <Br str>ong in the faith of the Book of Mormon Broke bread with them  
 sealed up the Church unto Eternal life

[p. 23:]

and Ordained Eden Smith & Micha D Welton Elders of this Church & on the sabath held a  
 meting at Br Gates Monday Morning left Northamton came to Newportag<e> Tuesday came to  
 Br Ramtons Wednesday held a Meting in the school house near Br Framtons thursday met With  
 the Br in Prayor meting had a co[m]fortable meting friday started for Br Smiths and on our way  
 in relating our minds to each other we found there was som[e]thing wrong & where we could not  
 fairly ascertain as yet Saturday Evening held a Met[ing] with the Brth. at Mr Reeds & Blest the  
 Children in the name of the lord & sealed the Church unto eternal life

[p. 24:]

Sabath held a Public Met[ing] at the schoolhouse near Br Framtons Delverd a satisfact[or]y  
 discours- after Meting retired to Br Framtons Brok Bread with them and had a very comfortable  
 Meting with them Monday Morning started & came to Manchester and staid all night with a  
 german Preacher and found him unwilling to receive truth from thence to Newportag there held a  
 meting & there took a review of Mr Booths 7<sup>th</sup> letter &c the People  
 manifested by their countinc<e>s that they d[e]sired to hear no of it from thence to Hiram &  
 Hirman to Kirtland and found my family well

[p. 25:]

1831 Monday held an intervie[w] with a few of of <our> the neighbors at Br Reeds and  
 <Reynold Cahoon> Baptised Hanah Shaver in the evening held a Public Meting at the s[c]hool  
 house Tuesday viseted the house of Brockway & found them striveing to keep the  
 commandments layed on hands on their Children & blest them Wednesday we stayed at Br  
 Reeds and convers<ed> with a number of persons & in the Evening we conversed with an  
 Opened Comunion Baptist Preast he condemned the Book of Mormon we Earnistly contend for  
 the truth and told him the Eniquitor of his h[e]art & Bore testimony against him

[p. 26:]

[unclear word] from her Tuesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1831 left Kirtland with Br Hiram Smith & came to

Leroy and stave[d] all night with Mr Brakemans and there labord faithfully with a Methodist Priest and left him in his sins and speeking evil of the truths of God Wendesday came to Thompson found the Br some of them Strong and some halting & doubting we ~~and some of them~~ Ex[h]orted them to Obedeance they requested their names to be continued with the Church at Preant Friday Morning Started for Roam Saturday came to Br Reeds after much dificulty held a meting at Mr Boldins on the Sabath

[p. 27:]

agreede to stay over this Sabath - Sabath Morning - assebled for meting the people apearant heard as for their lives Br Murdock Read the scriptures and expounded up on them and shewed unto them by the Provesiahs the fulness of the gospell and the Book of Mormon was the the everlastin<g> gospell that which was f[r]om the begining and also the necessity of their obeying the gospel of the new testament and left them with an invitation to obey the gospell which they manifested by the[i]r countinace and many of them by -

[p. 28:]

the[i]r own words that their prejudicies ware slain and wanted time to look at there thing further for they veived <them> of grate importan<ce> for they highly <approved> of our way of teaching. in prefferan<ce> to <the> common way of tent Preaching left Kirtland With Br Samuel thursday June ninth went to Northfield held a Meting on the sabath from thence to strongville staid with Br Peabody <thence> Journey through Grafton Lagrange Penfiled New town Bad road

[p. 29; page 1:]

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> visited Sisters Willmont Howe [added later: Perused for history by Andrew Jenson]  
Car[o]line Rockwell  
Br Chester Claghuvill[?] sister Palanchen[?]

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left Br Reeds & came to Framington and found Br Coe had som[e] sweet Conversation with him pursued our Journey cCame to hiram then[c]e went to Ravana thenc[e] heard the Discus[s]ion of Booths letters from thence to Wethersfield found Br Wm McLenin held two metings in that Place thence to Hiram there we sat in council on various subjects from thence to Kirtland Jan 2 atend Church Meting the Church apointed Br Orison Pratt & my sell [self] to visit the doubt<ing> members visited some members in Painsvill some in Chardon some in Kirtland

[p. 30; page 2:]

and Made report to the Church found some gilty and cut them off from the church attend several metings with the Br in Kirtland Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> started with Brother Marsh to visit the Churches to the west friday Evening Came to Br Burnets from thence to Br Coveys stay all night held a Meting on the sabath and apointed a church Meting on Monday Evenin[g] attend the Meting & throu[gh] the coars [course] of the inter v[i]ew the Church lifted their hands against som[e] of th[e]ir Members apointed a comity to visit some members apointed apointed another Church Meting the next Evening attend the Meting and Cut off some others Members left Br Covyes held a meting in warinsville at Mr. Stiles friday Morning ar[i]ved at Br Coltrins got Brectfast with them

[p. 31; page 3:]

Saturday Morning started from Br Coltrins came to Br Smiths in M Amherst <on the> Sabath went to <meting> with the Church at Br Griffiths Br Thomas Marsh Prched and folowed by my Self atend a Pray[er] meting in the evening and had the spirit of the Lord with us Monday Met with Br at the S[c]hool hous[e] for Church Meting Br Marsh was apointed to take the lead Br S Smith Clk opened by Prayer anumber of Elders presant they formed them selves in to a Conferance then Proceeded to Business several cases Broat forward & 2 Members Excluded Meting cloused by Prayer & in grait peace and harmony Wednesday the Elders asembl'd for Conferen[ce] the first business ordained the President of the high Preashood and others then Returned holm & found all well

[p. 32; page 4:]

in And after returning holm from Conference Jan 28<sup>th</sup> attended to the business of my family, and ~~and~~ attended Metings on the sabath and Church metings and visited Privet Brethren Sturing them up by way of remembrance to their duty &c untill the 10<sup>th</sup> Febr. then <Br Hiram Smith was & myself> Cal[l]ed & Ordained by the bishop as his council and on the 10 Evening set in council with ~~and~~ the Bishop to [-] ascertain <how> we should provid[e] for the Poor & needy and also to consult upon various other subjects agreed that it was adviseable that the several familys in this place should be placed in a situat[ion] by them seflves so that they could suport them sevles as <much as> posible and not be burdisom to Each other and from that time pursued my former Coarse of watching the state of the ~~Chch~~ Church ~~untill~~ frequently being Cal[l]e[d] to Pray with and lay hands on the sick and atend 2 funerals of the Brethren

[p. 33; page 5:]

March 29<sup>th</sup> 1832 Brother Whitney Started for Zion March 29<sup>th</sup> then agreed with Br Thomas Cahoon to keep Sister Baglow for \$2.00 per week untill the first of Nov next April 3 tuesday & wednesday went to Hiram after the, \_ \_ \_ \_ , — tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Br Jackmen caled on us for some asistance in order that he could go to Zion after diligently enquireing in to his case agreed to let him have Som[e] cloth for his wife and children out of the Store he receivd \$6.72 & gave his note for the same tuesday finished Brakeing up for planting Corn — — Sunday assembled for meting had a verry good metin[g] in the forenoon in the after Part of the day we assembled for Braking Bread Br Thomas Cahoon arose and Rebuked Brs Thair & Burr for disobiedience which was silenced by

Br Marsh } apointed a Church metin[g] saturday 1 oclock  
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[p. 34; page 6:]

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Br Hiram & my self went to see the widow Sherwood to see if we could h[a]ve hur [her] hous[e] for sister Rigdon which could not be obtained ——— Thursday Met with afew of the Br for Prayor Meting many of the Br apeard very low in their minds in the <in the> Evenin[g] discover[e]d agrate [a great] light in the west concluded that Br Josep[h] and others had got to Zion Saturday Met in Church meting & Cut of[f] Ri[c]hard Blancherd Sabath Morning went to Mayfield gave the Church a Recomdation to go to Zion [on Monday we had calculated to go to Hiram but many things hindred Baptised Mr Lion & in the evening Br Coe Confirmed him we held two Conferances with Brs thair &

[p. 35; page 7:]

Burr Br ~~thair~~ they Confesed their falts & desire to keep the Comandments we Sent Br Reedfield to Hiram with the cobby of the Covenant and recomendation for the Church which they rejected & would not sign it there fore they hav<e> gone with out any recomendation to Zion for which we fear the lord will not be well pleased with them april 29<sup>th</sup> 1832 held meting at my house & the most of the Br manifested good faith held a prayer meting in the eveing at Br Whitneys tuesday received letters from Brs Oriso[n] & Billings — Continued on my business with my family & watching the s[t]ate of the Church Ex[h]orting them inasmuch as I had opertunity althoug[h] many of them had got weary in well doing Saturday visited the Brethren

[p. 36; page 8:]

& Sisters on the Morly farm found Som[e] sick and most of them very Cold May 12<sup>th</sup> 1832 wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> went up to Br Cahoons to set[t]le a dificuly betwene them & Sister Bigilo and after much labor it was resolved that Br Tho[mas]. Should take the Charge of sister Bigilos Children & keep them in subjecitton Concluded by Prayor 18<sup>th</sup> Mooved Sister Rigdon up to my house Saturday held a Church meting after hearing the testamony raised our hands a gainst James Dulmage & David Magoo[n] 26 Br Sidney arived hear [here] with much intiligence from Zion thursday Br Sidney moved to the flats

[p. 37; page 9:]

June 10<sup>th</sup> Br Sidney Delivered <a discourse> upon the Privaleg[e] of Jew & Gentile he Determined thine [there] was no diferance nor respect to persons with God Baptised Wm Hesop Wednes[d]ay & thursday I labored with lucinda Babbit Bigalow & Philena Babbit found no Satisfaction notfyed then to Church meting on saturday Met in Church <meting> the Church was Caled upon to rais[e] their hands against them Concluded by pray<or> by Br Murdock July 5<sup>th</sup> nothing very spe[c]ial ocured up to this time except Br Whitney & Joseph returned fro<m> Zion Br Hiram & myself went to Shailersville & gave Brothers folet & others a recommendation

[page 38; page 10:]

to go to Zion thursday 4 Ocloc[k] Met with some of the Br for Meting and at the meting Br Sidney remarked that he had a revelation from the Lord & said that the kingdo<m> was taken from <the> Church and left with him fryday Br Hiram went after Joseph when he came he affirmed that the kingdom was ours & never Should be taking from the faithful & from that time up to July 17<sup>th</sup> I con[ ]sed with the Church and attended meting on the Sabath and on other Ocasions and labored with my own hands for the suport of my family as much as I had opertunity

[p. 39; page 11:]

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1832 Met in Conferance & ordained Br Zebedee Coltrin a high priest and from the 17<sup>th</sup> I labored with my family both spiri<t>ually & temporaly and [-] with the Church frequently being Caled to visit the sick & to lay hands on them & to put them in [-] mind of their duty up to the presant Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1832 Wherefore these are the Acts of Reynolds up to August 19<sup>th</sup> 1832  
Attest R Cahoon

[p. 40:]

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[in middle of page written sideways:] Reynolds Cahoon