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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 7th 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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[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

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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 congregagation apointed a Meting the next day at 4 O Wednesday. Met avery civil assembly and layed before <them> the situation they stood in and of the necesity of the[i]r Looking for the son of Man
Welington Huntington Sulivan Orange vilage of Ashland Mansfield a very 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 Burkshe concluded to go through Columbus Staid at Columbus the 2nd 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

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 & Errors 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

Wednesday Evening Preahe[d] at Unionville July 1st 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 3rd Monday evening held a Meting 3 Mids East of Orleans from thence to Woodsfery croased the ferry on Wednesday July 6th Corossed the Wet Branch of Whit River July 8th Preach in Nashville at 401 Oclock & also in the Evening People apeared very tend<er> this is in Green County Continued hear on the sabath

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 lewissville 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

the Wabash river traviled about 1½ Miles Thursday Evening Preached in Paris Court house found apeople very 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 throug Springfield Wednesday Morning took Breakfast with a Baptist man & his wife they were very tender the woman we left in tears this is four Miles west of Springfield

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
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> Independance and found <some of> the Brethr[en] And there my moral

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 Independance on thursday the fourth of august 1831 After tarring in Independance a number of days and exploring much of of that region of counry the Lord comanded us to turn holm to our familys- We started from Independence August 9th 1831 from thence by water about 100 Mile then left the water

Crossed the Misorie at Chariton thence found Brothers Hiram Smith J Murdock Harvey Whi[t]ock & 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

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 very anxious for the truth & neighbors alalso

Arived at Vandalia Wendnesday Morning and from vandala we Journey on the National Road to Tar Hut and there 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

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 Stoped to git Brecfast they soon found out our business and requested us to stay and Preach according 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
Metings when we went out and found them glad to see us again tuesday we got to Mr. Lemons where we held three Metings when we went out and so[on] 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

to be of God others said we Canot find any objection to the work and aniousxious 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>e<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

Tuesday held a meting 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 fritted 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

Brethren and Broak Bread with them also ordained Br John lemon an Eder of this Chh and also John Heffingtton a Priest Tuesday we s[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 solom time we parted with them and Came to spencer there held a meting in the Court hous[e]

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 Ockl and on our way found Mr Broton Wednesday came to Springfield travel[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

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

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 & Others to finish the translation
Came to Hiram thursday and there I layed my case respect<ing> my going to the Missouy before that [t] Conferance & they conclu[d]ed that I was not at liberty to go to the land of Zion yet attended 2 Conferance Satur-[— — —] with the Br in Hiram then Journeyed with Br McLelin to Windom & there held a Meting on saturday and on the Sabath return to Hirman tuesday came to shalersville held a meting in the Evening with the Br and after

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laboring with them Some length of time Br David sealed them up unto Eternal life. from thence to Northampton & found Br Smiths family satanted with them all night & in the morning I ex[er]cised them that in their Devotions they observe silence & and good order so that they cou[l]d hear what was read & spoken So that the glory of He[a]ven would shine around them Thurs 17th Nov held a Meting att Br Gates in the evening Saturday evening held a meting at Br Smiths and found the <Br strong>ing in the faith of the Book of Mormon Broke bread with them sealed up the Church unto Eternal life

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and Ordained Eden Smith & Micha D Welton Elders of this Church & on the sabath held a meting at Br Gates Monday Morning left Northampton came to Newportag 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 confortable meting friday started for Br Smiths and on our way in relating our minds to each other we found there was som[ething] wrong & where we could not fairly ascertain as yet Saturday Evening held a Met[ing] with the Brths. at Mr Reeds & Blest the Children in the name of the lord & sealed the Church unto eternal life

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Sabath held a Public Met[ing] at the schoolhouse near Br Framtons Delverd a satisfactorily 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 view of Mr Booths 7th letter &c the People manifested by their counts that they desired to hear no of it from thence to Hiram & Hirman to Kirtland and found my family well

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1831 Monday held an intervie[w] with a few of our neighbors at Br Reeds and <Reynold Cahoon> Baptised Hanah Shaver in the evening held a Public Meting at the school house Tuesday visited the house of Brockway & found them striving to keep the commandments layed on hands on their Children & blest them Wednesday we stayed at Br Reeds and conversed with a number of persons & in the Evening we conversed with an Opened Communion Baptist Preast he condemned the Book of Mormon we Earnstly contend for the truth and told him the Eniquitior of his heart & Bore testimony against him

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[unclear word] from her Tuesday Dec 13th 1831 left Kirtland with Br Hiram Smith & came to
Leroy and stayed all night with Mr. Brakemans and there labored faithfully with a Methodist Priest and left him in his sins and speaking evil of the truths of God. Wednesday came to Thompson found the Br some of them strong and some halting & doubting and some of them Exorted them to Obedience they requested their names to be continued with the Church at Preant Friday Morning Started for Roan Saturday came to Br Reeds after much difficulty held a meeting at Mr Boldins on the Sabbath.

agreed to stay over this Sabbath - Sabbath Morning - assembled for meting the people appearant heard as for their lives Br Murdock Read the scriptures and expounded up on them and shewed unto them by the Proverbs the fulness of the gospel and the Book of Mormon was the the everlasting gospel that which was from the beginning and also the necessity of their obeying the gospel of the new testament and left them with an invitation to obey the gospel which they manifested by their countinances and many of them by -

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the[i]r own words that their prejudices were slain and wanted time to look at there thing further for they veived [them] of grate importan<ce> for they highly <aproved> 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 Penfield New town Bad road

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Journal Continued No 2nd left Br Reeds & came to Framington and found Br Coe had some sweet Conversation with him pursued our Journey ccame to Hiram then[c]e went to Ravana then[c]e heard the Discussion 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 2nd atend Church Meting the Church apointed Br Orison Pratt & my self [self] to visit the doubt<ing> members visited some members in Painsvill some in Chardon some in Kirtland

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and Made report to the Church found some guilty and cut them off from the church attend several metings with the Br in Kirtland Jan. 13th 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 Evening[gh] the coars [course] of the inter v[ew] the Church lifted their hands against some[e] of th[e]ir Members apointed a comity to visit some members 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 Breckfast with them

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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 followed 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[ch]ool hous[e] for Church Meting Br Marsh was apointed to take the lead Br S Smith Clk opened by Prayer anumber of Elders present they formed them selves in to a Conference then Proceeded to Business several cases Broat forward & 2 Members Excluded Meting cloused by Prayer & in grait peace and harmony Wednesday the Elders asembld 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 28th attended to the business of my family, and attended Metings on the sabath and Church metings and visited Privet Brethren Sturing them up by way of rememberance to their duty &c untill the 10th Febr. then <Br Hyram Smith was & myself> Ca[l]led & 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[jion] by them selfes 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 Cheh Church until frequeantly being Ca[l]le[d] to Pray with and lay hands on the sick and atend 2 funerals of the Brethren

[p. 33; page 5:]
March 29th 1832 Brother Whitney Started for Zion March 29th 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 10th 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 very good meting 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 meting saturday 1 oclck

[p. 34; page 6:]
Monday 16th Br Hyram & 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 a great light in the west concluded that Br Joseph[h] and others had got to Zion Saturday Met in Church meting & Cut of[f] R[f]h 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 felt they confessed their faults & desire to keep the commandments we sent Br Reedfield to Hiram with the copy of the Covenant and recommendation for the Church which they rejected & would not sign it there fore they have gone without any recommendation to Zion for which we fear the Lord will not be well pleased with them April 29th 1832 held meeting at my house & the most of the Br manifested good faith held a prayer meeting in the evening at Br Whitney's Tuesday received letters from Brs Orison & Billings — Continued on my business with my family & watching the state of the Church Exhorting them inasmuch as I had opportunity although many of them had got weary in well doing Saturday visited the brethren.

[p. 36; page 8:]
& Sisters on the Morly farm found some sick and most of them very cold May 12th 1832 Wednesday 16th went up to Br Cahoons to settle a difficulty between them & Sister Bigilo and after much labor it was resolved that Br Thomas. Should take the charge of sister Bigilos Children & keep them in subjicetton Concluded by Prayor 18th Moved Sister Rigdon up to my house Saturday held a Church meeting after hearing the testimony raised our hands against James Dulpmage & David Magoo[n] 26 Br Sidney arrived here [here] with much intelligence from Zion Thursday 16th moved to the flats.

[p. 37; page 9:]
June 10th Br Sidney Delivered a discourse upon the Privalge[e] of Jew & Gentile he determined thine [there] was no difference nor respect to persons with God Baptised Wm Hesop Wednesdayray & Thursday I labored with Lucinda Babbit Bigalow & Philena Babbit found no satisfaction notified then to Church meeting on Saturday Met in Church the Church was called upon to raise[e] their hands against them Concluded by prayer by Br Murdock July 5th nothing very special occurred up to this time except Br Whitney & Joseph returned from Zion Br Hiram & myself went to Shailersville & gave Brothers folet & others a recommendation.

[p. 38; page 10:]
to go to Zion Thursday 4 Octoc[k] Met with some of the Br for Meting and at the meeting Br Sidney remarked that he had a revelation from the Lord & said that the kingdom was taken from him & 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 17th I contested with the Church and attended meeting on the Sabbath and on other occasions and labored with my own hands for the support of my family as much as I had opportunity.

[p. 39; page 11:]
July 17th 1832 Met in Conference & ordained Br Zebedee Coltrin a high priest and from the 17th I labored with my family both spiritually & temporally & with the Church frequently being called to visit the sick & to lay hands on them & to put them in mind of their duty up to the present Aug 19th 1832 Wherefore these are the Acts of Reynolds up to August 19th 1832

Attest R Cahoon

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[in middle of page written sideways:] Reynolds Cahoon