

Plymouth Ill

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

Wednesday 4

Wrote a letter to Augusta, Had a long talk with Alexander he talks like a man of sense, I spoke very plainly to him on the subject of Religion & bore a strong testimony to him in plainness he took it very well & seemed desirous to have some Mormon works. His wife Amanda seems like Augusta almost, a fine little woman & has a nice little girl - Mother had joined a Church a couple of weeks before my arrival I bore my testimony to her she seemed to have forgotten what her feelings were once.

Father Cleveland treated me with more respect than ever before & seems greatly pleased to see me, asked me to pray & ask the blessing regularly while I was there, saying John you know we never pray but I wish you to pray with us which I did but replied you pray only when the Spirit moves, they all wished me to stay a number of days with them (which I could have done very agreeably, I however replied that I was on the Lord's business & must go, gave Mother my wife's miniature, & bade all good bye & Father Cleveland & wife & father took me in his wagon to the town

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Augusta 5 miles, I said all night at a hotel kept by Mr Macarty - a new town the Railroad runs from this to Quincy. Bade father good bye with tears, his eyes he wished me to write had I knashed & to call when I returned.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Took the Dawn Train for Quincy at 2-30 PM - North Cross Rail Road, this is the first I ever saw & this is my 1st RR ride - the train is about 40 rods long arrived at Quincy at 7-20 - Met David & Curtis at the Station & I intend to keep with him & not get separated if I can help it now, he has an appointment out, we met & sat supper with Dr Gilio went to meeting Br J. D. Hendrickson's good meeting, David went after meeting & baptized 1 & rebaptized 3 - Confirmed then & ordained 1 teacher; rebaptized Elders H. D. Giles, John A. Hendrickson ordained <sup>1st</sup> Teacher & Ralph Ackers rebaptized & ordained <sup>2nd</sup> Deacon - Robert Young - baptized 1 time a young man, The saints made us up a purse of 2,50 each -

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Rainy morning I took breakfast at Sister R. K. Kream's after which we went on board the packet western for St Louis, 8 ac AM, Paid 30¢ each for passage