

Thursday May 9 1844

Started from Nauvoo in company  
 with Elders W Woodruff & J M  
 Grant in a lumber wagon of  
 Elder Ezra Thayer our  
 mission was to visit the  
 Eastern States & hold great  
 meetings in any place we  
 could and preach and give names  
 for Gen Joseph Smith who  
 is a candidate for the office  
 of President of the United States  
 The first day we reached Lake  
 Put up with Elder George Colson  
 Elder Woodruff preached in the  
 school house to about 250 persons  
 who seemed anxious to hear  
 slept well and enjoyed good  
 drinks

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Kind thanks protect my little  
 family from every evil on journey  
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