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A Record of the First Quorum of Elder
belonging to the Church of Christ: in
Kirtland Geauga Co. Ohio.

[This record book contains minutes of this quorum from January, 1836 to
October, 1841. Subsequently it was used as a record of the First Quorum of
Elders of the Reorganized Church in Plano, Ill., during 1870. Notes only are
taken from the quorum record below.]

p. 1. Alvah Rosman was chosen by a unaminous voice of the acting quorum and
ordained President. On Jan. 21, 1836 he was anointed to the office whose unto
he had been ordained, apparently by Sidney Rigdon, F. G. Williams, and Hyrum
Smith. Meetings were held every few days.

pp. 4-5, Feb. 8, 1837. Several spoke, "and there seemed to be a cloud of
darkness in the room. Pres. C. Cowdery & H. Smith came and gave some instructions.
and [sic] the cloud was broken and some shouted, Hosanna and others spoke
with tongues. The first president (J. Smith jr.) returned and repromised us
for our evil deeds; which was the cause of our darkness.

"He prophesied saying this night the key is turned to the nations; and the
angel John is about commencing his mission to prophesy before kings, and rulers,
nations tongue and people."

p. 20, Jan. 18, 1837. "The pres. [of the quorum] made some remarks to the quorum,
and reproved them for murmuring against the pres. of the Church by relating a vision.
Pres. Hiram Smith addressed us in his usual pathetic and interesting manner,
reproved murmuring and [next two pages have been torn from the book.]

March 1, 1837. "Elder Award made some remarks & the quorum joined him in prayer."

March 29, 1837. "Joseph Smith Jr made some remarks and Notified the Elders
that the Salem assembly was to be called on the 6 of April & also that those
Elders who were not anointed must be anointed before that time also prophesied
that unless the church acts in perfect greater union than they had for the
winter past it should be Scourged until they should find it four fold to that
of the Dispersion of Zion."

April 8, 1837 Anointed "the candidates," 15 in all, among them "S. Award."
"Elder Award spoke to the quorum," among other proceedings.

Nov. 29, 1837. "the Charge that was preferred before the quorum against Elder
Solomon Freeman by William Perry for the crimes of polygamy was brought forward.
Elder Freeman plead not guilty of the charge testimony for the complainants came
forward (Dartie [Dartie? Stilman] and stated that Elder Freeman had a wife
in Miller [Million? township Co of Berkshire in Mass, and it was told him that
he had a way [blank space] wife. Elder Harlow Redfield
stated that when he and Elder Stilman went to see Elder Freeman, Elder Freeman
acknowledged that he came away, and left his wife as was testified Elder Freeman
acknowledged before the quorum that he had left his first wife came away with
and soon Commenced living with another woman he further stated he did not know but his first
wife was yet living, he further stated he would not go across the room to obtain
a bill from her. Elder Freeman Manifest a dark (?) & indifferent spirit."

March 13, 1840. Met at house of Amos Babcock "For the purpose of trying Brother
Charles Wood for improper conduct to Sister Shumen brother John Morton Presided.
The charges preferred were 1st For improper conversation and conduct to ward her
2nd for making a proposal to go to her house if she would sleep with him 3d
putting his arm around her neck in a Lewd and improper manner and offering
abuse by saying many women get their living that way 4th trying to get her on
the bed with him the above charges were made out against him--voted his
License be taken from him and withheld until he make satisfaction by confession
to the Church. John Gaylord Clerk pro tem."
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Oct. 22, 1840. The case of Elder Henry Moore "in the following charges preferred by Elder Charles Thompson

Viz 1st Prophecying false in the name of the Lord
2nd Trying to persuade a woman to promise to have him while his own wife is still living
3d Trying to persuade her to covenant with him to pray that his wife might die
4th Telling her (she being a widow) that if she ever married any other man than him she should not come forth in the first Resurrection when he has every reason to believe his wife was yet living
5th Lying and deception
6th Pronouncing curses upon Elder Charles Thompson because he would not uphold him in the above abominations and washing his feet against me for the same reason
7th Laziness and leaving his family to suffer

Henry Moore was duly notified of this meeting but refusing to attend a motion was made and a second that we withdraw fellowship from him and his License be required of him accordingly a vote was taken and he was cut off from this Quorum."

Sept. 12, 1841. "the quorum met according to appointment and the meeting was opened by prayer by Pres Babcock and then proceeded to business then more remarks by Pres Babcock by on the Elders teaching the places of gathering and he Shaoed that Kirtland place of gathering for the Saints in the last days and that Nauvoo was also a place of gathering for the Saints the Elders spoke on the same principle and manifested by their unanimous speaking that Kirtland was a place of gathering for the Saints it was unanimous agreement with the Elders that Kirtland was a place of gathering except brother Barnes Meeting adjourned."