

Pottawattamie Iowa (Stake-like entity)

1846

High Council record entitled "A Record of the appointment and transactions of the Twelve presiding high council appointed to preside over the affairs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints Remaining East of the Missouri River."¹

July 12: High Council is organized by Brigham Young "to take charge of the saints, or that portion of the Church who shall tarry to winter in this region": Isaac Morley, G.W. Harris, James Allred, Thomas Grover, Phinehas Richards, Heman Hyde, Andrew H. Perkins, William G. Perkins, Henry W. Miller, Daniel Spencer, Jonathan H. Hale, John Murdock.²

July 17? (JHC) 24? (PHC): Apostles designate 89 brethren to be "bishops appointed to take charge of the families left by the Mormon Battalion." The list includes many of the high council, many who would soon be named bishops and high council in Winter Quarters, and a number that would become bishops in Utah. They have no geographical jurisdiction; in fact, initially, the sisters are requested to "make choice of their bishop to see to them and direct their affairs."³

August 2: First full meeting of HC at Council Point; sustain Isaac Morley as their president, and decide to collect and redistribute tithing through the bishops.⁴

August 4: HC forms a committee of bishops to divide themselves among the poor in the neighborhoods [i.e., geographically]. Presumably this is done soon, as subsequent meetings make vague references to bishop's districts or rarely, wards.⁵

September: As some HC pass away or remove to Winter Quarters (including Isaac Morley, replaced as President by James Allred), new councillors are called.⁶

October 2: "Voted that a meeting be held in each **ward** next Sunday attend by one of the counselors..."⁷

December 3: Joseph Knight Jr. ordained a bishop by Brigham Young "to officiate on the East side of the river near the ferry." [later Ferryville, or all of SW Iowa?]⁸

¹ *Pottawattamie High Council Minutes*, Church History Library LR 1764 21 V.1 p.1.
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE9441016

² *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.1

³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.4

⁴ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.5; *William Draper Autobiography*, Church History Library MS 819 p.20 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE3990833

⁵ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.8

⁶ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.14

⁷ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.15

⁸ JHC 3 Dec 1846, no source given

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Jan 2: HC now consists of James Allred (Pres), Heman Hyde, Noah S. Buckley, Levi Savage, John Murdock, Ira Oviatt, George Coulson, Henry W. Miller, Andrew H. Perkins, William G. Perkins, Evan M. Greene, William Snow⁹

January: Apostles Amasa Lyman & George A. Smith tour the settlements on the East side of the river to spread The Word and Will of the Lord (D&C 136):¹⁰

- January 22: Council Point
- January 23: Henry Miller's Camp [Blockhouse]
- January 24: Carter's Neighborhood on Musqueto Creek [Carterville]
- January 25: John Eldredge's Neighborhood [Springville??]
- January 26: Andrew Perkins [Macedonia]
- January 28: Absalom Perkins [Pleasant Valley?]
- January 29: Peter Hawes [Trading Point]
- January 30: return to Winter Quarters

March 13: "Jas Allred proposed to the council the propriety of each **ward** working every tenth day for the benefit of the poor . . ." What wards??¹¹

March 27: HC meeting. A widow needs assistance, "Wm Snow argued the propriety of the bishop in the ward where the widow lives taking charge of here . . . Bishop B.F. Bird was instructed to act accordingly."¹² Was Council Point divided into bishop's wards?

April 24: "...the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from Bro. Guymon till he shall make satisfaction to this council, and to the branch over which he presides or as counselor to Moses Clawson [**Blockhouse Branch**] for suffering Daniel Woods to preach in that branch while he is not a member of the Church."¹³ He was restored a few weeks later

May 16: "...James Allred, president of this council met in council with Elders Parley P. Pratt, John Taylor, and President John Smith [about an appeal of the Daniel Woods case]...there was no need for an appeal, they confirmed their decision."¹⁴ So the two apostles and John Smith, called as a regional president on March 28 (see Winter Quarters), are presiding over the two high councils. Until they head west in June.

July 3: Conference held in the grove near Bro. Joseph Lanes on Musketo Creek, near the Indian Mill. Orson Hyde presiding as the only remaining apostle in the region. Sustained as "the representative of Bro. Brigham," essentially the presiding authority in the region. Hyde says "they are subject to the nearest branch where they live."¹⁵

During 1847, the high council hears several cases appealed from the "Bishop's Council" or "Bishops Court." Is there a general court of bishops, as there seems to be in Winter Quarters

⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.20

¹⁰ Report of George A. Smith 1847 January 30, *George A. Smith Papers: Autobiographical Writings*, Church History Library MS 1322 box 3 folder 3.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE709286

¹¹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.28

¹² *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.33

¹³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.35

¹⁴ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.36

¹⁵ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.39-42

August 21: "...the other half to the **bishop of such branch** where the damage is done..."¹⁶ *first mention of Branch Bishops?*

October 2: Special Conference held in Indian Hollow [Kanesville], but not a general conference, just a number of public trials brought up by Orson Hyde.¹⁷ *Elder Hyde has quite a laundry list here.* Lyman Stoddard reports "**thirty organized branches** on this side of the river, in general good standing." Hyde responds that "the **Branch at Trading Point** was not in very good standing" because of gambling, and gets the congregation to temporarily disfellowship the entire branch. He asks to "dispense with reports from the several branches."¹⁸

October 19: Petition to the high council from the members of the **Council Point Branch**, asking for a person "to act as a bishop for this branch"¹⁹

October 23: After a petition was taken, William Draper Jun was ordained a Bishop at **Council Point**.²⁰ *unclear whether he was THE bishop of the branch.*

November 13: In meeting of apostles and others at Winter Quarters, it is decided that William Snow should organize the high priests "on the other side of the river."²¹

December 2: Brigham Young and other church leaders cross the river from Winter Quarters to tour the Iowa settlements. "Stopped at Ira Ames," [which appears to be near the ferry] then on to **Council Point**, where they meet with the "brothers and sisters in the Council House."²²

December 3: "Got up to **Block House Branch** . . . met G.A. Smith at this place who has been preaching in the regions round about for a fortnight." Meeting held with the members.²³

December 4: another meeting at Block House Branch. "Voted that the [meeting] house be built in this hollow."²⁴

December 5: to the 'Indian "**Mill Branch**" where J.Y. [Joseph Young] & B.L.C.[Benjamin Clapp] worked preached to a full house. D'l Wood & R.C. [Robert Campbell] went to the branch over with Elder Brownell presided & where Solomon Hancock resided who died 1 Sept'r.' they return to Mill Branch, then "got J.Y. & B.S.C. & took them to the branch sometimes called **Big Spring Branch**" and preached to a full house.²⁵

December 6: staying at Dominicus Carter's [**Carterville**], hold a large evening meeting. Tithing list of members.²⁶

December 6: at meeting of the Twelve, vote to call John Smith as patriarch over the whole Church. Orson Hyde to stay in the area, Orson Pratt to preside in the eastern states (in the

¹⁶ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.56

¹⁷ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.59

¹⁸ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.65

¹⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council Clerk's Files, Petition 1847 October 19*, Church History Library LR 1764 25 folder 23. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE11580307

²⁰ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.67

²¹ *General Church Minutes, 1847 October-November*, CR 100 318 box 1 folder 58 p.28. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE535623

²² *Historian's Office Journal*, Church History Library CR 100 1 box 1 V.10 p.1. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE116649

²³ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.10 p.13

²⁴ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.10 p.17

²⁵ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.10 p.18

²⁶ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.10 p.19-21

spring). Wait to refill the Twelve until Spring Conference.²⁷ *At some point during this trip, the twelve select a new first presidency, but several pages have been redacted.*

December 24: Church leaders went “to the new meeting house [the Kanesville Tabernacle] at Henry Miller’s camp, from the Point 4 miles” for a meeting. Describes dimensions and construction of building.²⁸

December 25: Meeting at Log Tabernacle, general church leaders and high council. Voted that the high council on this side of the river have all municipal powers “until the laws of Iowa are extended over us.”²⁹

December 27: Meeting at “Log Tabernacle,” about 900 present. Brigham Young is sustained as president of the Church with counselors.³⁰

After this, the log tabernacle appears to be the main meeting place in the region including both sides of the river, even though Brigham Young and other leaders are still living in Winter Quarters.

1848

January 1: First HC meeting held in Log Tabernacle. They will be held here for at least 6 months. A reference to G.A. Smith deciding a matter; is he presiding while here, not Orson Hyde?³¹

January 2: High Priest Quorum Organized at the Log Tabernacle, Blockhouse Branch, with president William Snow.³² Note that Volume 2 of the quorum minutes, which contains a list of quorum members, carries this date, but includes entries of later members, generally in the order they were received, with no indication of the date they were received. The consistent handwriting, space for later additions, and notes of later events such as deaths and excommunications suggests this is a later copy of an non-extant earlier record)

January 8: Petition of **Rushville Branch** for L.T. Coons to be appointed a bishop, tabled until next meeting.³³

January 22: Petition from Rushville Branch accepted by HC, who issue him an order authorizing him to “act in the capacity of bishop.”³⁴

February: List of emigration companies of ten in the 1st Division (Brigham Young’s, Pres. Isaac Morley) references the following branches:³⁵ **Council Point** (Capts. Wm Draper, Heman Hyde,

²⁷ *General Church Minutes, 1847 December 2-7*, CR 100 318 box 1 folder 59 p.15.

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/0e19cdab-b9ec-465f-a603-df7de5ebfe0d/0/0>

²⁸ *Historian’s Office Journal*, V.10 p.43

²⁹ *Historian’s Office General Church Minutes*, Church History Library, CR 100 318 box 1 folder 61, p.5.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE534322

³⁰ *General Church Minutes*, box 1 folder 61 p.18

³¹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.72

³² *Pottawattamie High Priests Quorum minutes*, Church History Library LR 1764 22 folder 1 p.1.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44645

³³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.75

³⁴ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.78

³⁵ Companies of 10, schedules, 1848 February, *Camp of Israel Schedules and Reports, Brigham Young’s First Division*, Church History Library MS 14290 box 2 folders 16-18.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2190155

John M. Stewart, Charles Bird), **Farmerville Branch** on Little Pigeon (Capt. Alvin Nichols), **Honey Creek Branch** (Capt. Andrew Cunningham), **Mill Branch** (Capt. George P. Dykes), **Old Agency Branch** (Capt. Henry Ettleman), **Perkins Camp Branch** (Capts. John Shipley, John B. Walker), **Pleasant Grove Branch** (Capts. Isaac M. Stuart, Eller Stoker), **Rushville Branch**, **Silver Creek Branch**, **Springville Branch** (Capts. Samuel Williams, Nelson W. Whipple, Harmon Cutler)

February: List of emigration companies of ten in the 2nd Division (HC Kimball's, Pres. Alpheus Cutler) references the following branches:³⁶ **Blockhouse Branch** (Capts. Silas Richards, James Sloan), **Council Point** (Sam'l Ratihan?), **Farmville Branch** on Little Pigeon (Capt Barnabas L. Adams), **Highland Grove** (capt. Ezra Chase), **Indian Mill Branch** (Capt. Samuel G. Clark), **North Pigeon Branch** (Capt. Joshua Hall), **Rushville Branch** on Keg Creek (Capt. L.T. Coons?), **Springville Branch** (Capt. Sisson A. Chase), ??? (Capt. Alex Kidd [Kidds Grove?])

March 4: In HC meeting, E.M. Greene "presented the movements of the Branch where he presides" [**Carterville**]

March 20: "Many are moving across the river to settle"³⁷

April 2: George A. Smith presiding at high council meeting.³⁸ Appears that through the winter, he and Orson Hyde have both asserted some authority, but no evidence of competition or an official declaration of title.

April 8-9: Conference. Presidency and several apostles present, Orson Hyde presiding. Sustain general church leaders, presidencies of High Priests and Elders quorums "on this side of the river," High Council: James Allred (Pres), Ira Oviatt, Aaron Johnson, Wm Draper (pro tem till D. Coulson return), Wm Snow, Andrew H. Perkins, Evan M. Greene, Lyman Stoddard, Silas Richards, Henry W. Miler, Noah S. Buckley, Heman Hyde. Committee formed to help widows and poor relocated from Winter Quarters to this side of the river: Wm Draper Jr, Lyman Stoddard, Jerome Benson, Luman H. Calkins, Benjamin L. Clapp. On motion of Orson Hyde, the settlement is officially named **Kanesville**. Congregation votes that Orson Hyde and G.A. Smith stay in Pottawattamie and labor.³⁹

April 9: HC meeting, "Elder E. Harris reported for the **Mill Branch**..." [President?]⁴⁰

April 9: Meeting of Twelve (O Hyde, O Pratt, GA Smith, W Woodruff), plus Patriarch Morley, Bishop Calkins, Silas Richards: "GAS suggested there are several bishops, & Jos Knight a traveling bishop to oversee all the poor & equalize the brethren." recommends Abram Coon for Mill Branch, Wm Draper for Council Point

April 15: Orson Hyde presiding at high council meeting.⁴¹ see?

³⁶ Pottawattamie branches and schedules, 1848 February, *Camp of Israel Schedules and Reports*, Heber C. Kimball's Second Division, Church History Library MS 14290 box 2 folder 24.
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2189510

³⁷ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.9 p.110

³⁸ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.93

³⁹ *Pottawattamie Conference Minutes, 1848 April 8-9*, Church History Library LR 1764 24 folder 1
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44527; *General Church Minutes, 1848 April 6-9*, CR 100 318 box 2 folder 3,

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE534071

⁴⁰ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.89

⁴¹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.96

April 29: Bishop Daniel A. Miller (**Block House Branch**) is leaving for the West, has delivered most of his records to Bishop Isaac Clark (who is moving from Winter Quarters), but these may be civil justice records, not ecclesiastical. Silas Richards, a counselor to Bishop Miller, appointed to act in his place [acting bishop?].⁴²

May 13: Replacements called to High Council, presumably because members have emigrated. Also, O. Hyde discusses the troubles at the **Branch at Point Aupool**. [Traders Point]⁴³ *This is related to the case of Lucien Woodworth and Peter Hawes, who are later tried for counterfeiting and cut off.*

May 27: "All acting bishops were authorized, by a vote of the council, to act as Bishop in all civil cases without counselors."⁴⁴

June 20: early mention of "Kanesville"⁴⁵

June 28: Aaron York withdraws as president of **Mt. Pisgah** Branch, Wilford Woodruff appoints Edwin Whiting as president⁴⁶

July 1: WW Player acknowledge an acting Bishop [for **River Branch**?]. G.A. Smith further proposes that "there be a man selected in each Branch to receive and disburse tithing, when there is no acting bishop, and that they be instructed to keep a true account of all their doings as bishops; reporting to Bishop Joseph Knight from time to time."⁴⁷ *So who is a true bishop and who is an acting bishop? Is Joseph Knight now the Presiding Bishop?* Joseph Knight, William Draper, and Lyman Stoddard all seem to be having some supervisory authority over branches and bishops.⁴⁸

July 15: Stoddard, J.M. Benson, and Wm Draper report the appointment of the following branch bishops "for tithing" (24 total):⁴⁹

- *Reporting to J.M. Benson* [North]: Levi Bracken, **Big Pigeon**; Aaron Cheney, **North Pigeon**; Geo. G. Redding, **Rockyford**; Ezra Vincent, **West Fork Boya** [Boyer? Botna?]; Horace Burgess, **Farmersville**; Chas. Patten, **Honey Creek**; Willis Boren, **Shirts**; W.W. Player, **River**
 - *Reporting to L. Stoddard* [East]: Ezekiel Hopkins, **Indian Creek**; Gideon Brownell, **Burtrand**; Jas. Downs, **Pleasant Grove**; Gardner Snow, **B.S. Ms. Creek** [Big Spring Musketo], Wm Faucett, **Allreds**; Abram Coons, **Mill**; Andrew B. Williams, **Plum Hollow**; Jas Dunn, **Pleasant Valley**; U.H. Yager, **Macedonia**; Moses Saunders, **Pigeon Grove**; Benj. Elsworth, **Springville**; J.C. Wright, **Kane's Grove**
 - *Reporting to W. Draper* [Central, Far East]: Luman A. Calkins, **Big Grove**; Wm Draper, **Council Point**; Wm McGuire, **Upper Keg Creek**; Jos. Knight, **Block House**
- Also, "Geo. A Smith moved that the Johnson, Mann, and Beaman farms, and what is south of them, be set off into a Bishops Ward and Bishop Isaac Clark be the acting

⁴² *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.98

⁴³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.99

⁴⁴ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.100

⁴⁵ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.11 p.80

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE116879

⁴⁶ Wilford Woodruff, *Journal 1847-1853*, p.146, Church History Library MS 1352,

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/a5c827b5-938d-4a08-b80e-71570704e323/0/152>

⁴⁷ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.103

⁴⁸ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.104

⁴⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.105

Bishop in said ward, carried.” *Where is this? Somewhere near Block House, I think. South Kanesville? Carbonca/Stringtown?* Acting Bishop L.T. Coons mentioned

July 17: GA Smith and E.T. Benson personally officiate in the reorganization of **Lake Branch**, with Benjamin F. Burr as president and acting bishop.⁵⁰

August 12: HC meeting at “Council House Kanesville”⁵¹ *New building, new town name*

September 16: HC Mtg, apostles E.T. Benson and G.A. Smith present. General Conference appointed for October 6 “at Ezekiel Lee’s Grove on Muskeeto Creek.” Additional bishops appointed for the following branches: Mathew Colwell, **McOlney’s Branch**; Harmon Chitman??, **Silver Creek Branch**; Breed Sarle, **Highland Grove Branch**; Benj. K. Bullock, **Hyde’s Park Branch**; Jas. Lang, **Big Bend Branch**; Harrison Uliace??, **Old Agency Branch**; Wm. Aldrich, **Cooleys Branch**.⁵² *This makes a total of 33 branches with acting bishops recently appointed*

September 30: HC mtg at “house of Pres. Geo A Smith at Carbonca.” “Bishops present Jos. Knight, Isaac Clark and Wm Draper.”⁵³ *This corroborates that Clark’s ward was in the Kanesville/Carbonca area*

October 6-9: Conference held on Musketo Creek, E.T. Benson presiding, G.A. Smith also present. During sustainings, Lyman Wight is rejected as an apostle, and George Miller as a general presiding bishop. High Council sustained: Wm Snow, Ira Oviatt, Moses Clawson, Hiram Clarke, Andrew H. Perkins, Lyman Stoddard, Jerome M. Benson, George Coulson, Noah S. Bulkley, H.W. Miller, George W. Harris, Silas Richards. Bishops Joseph Knight “Bishop of Bishops” or “President of the Bishops” and Isaac Clark, W. Draper as bishops and judges in Israel; Presidencies of high priests and elders quorums. Lyman Stoddard, Jerome M. Benson, William Draper as missionaries among the branches. *No regional president is sustained, but George A. Smith is frequently referred to as “the president,” but this is probably just the president of the conference.*⁵⁴

October 10: Silas Richards sends a report to Brigham Young from the High Council on the farming statistics of each branch, including leaders:⁵⁵

- Blockhouse Branch, Moses Clauson President, Joseph Knight Bishop
- Macedonia Branch, A.H. Perkins President
- Council Point Branch, Geo. Coulson President, Wm Draper Jr Bishop
- Springville Branch, Henry Williams President
- Centerville Branch, Ezekiel Lee President, Gardner Snow Bishop
- Big Bend Branch, Jonathan Browning President
- High Prairie Branch, Ezra Bickford President
- Big Pigeon Branch, Uriah Curtis President

⁵⁰ *Lake Branch Record*, Church History Library LR 11673 21 sheet 5.

⁵¹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.111

⁵² *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.112

⁵³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.113

⁵⁴ *Pottawattamie Conference Minutes, 1848 October 6-8*, LR 1764 24 folder 2

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44560; Conference on Musketo Creek October 6 1848, *Historian’s Office Local Records and Minutes*, Church History Library CR 100 589 box 1 folder 3 sheet 1, https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE6519020

⁵⁵ Letter from Silas Richards to Brigham Young, October 10 1848, *Brigham Young Office Papers, Incoming Correspondence 1848*, Church History Library CR 1234 1 box 21 folder 13 image 56-58 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE3947895

- Big Spring Branch, Samuel Brown President
- Old Agency Branch, Wm B Simmons President
- Mill Branch, S.G. Clark President
- Ferryville Branch, David Williams President
- Indian Creek Branch, Lewis Zebriskie _____
- D.D. Hunts Branch, _____
- Pleasant Valley Branch, James Dunn President
- Highland Grove Branch, Martin Bushman President
- Pleasant Grove Branch, James D. Allen President
- Lake Branch, Benjamin F. Bird President
- McOlney's Branch, _____
- Honey Creek Branch, _____
- Summary: reported "20 branches of the Church, there are about 40 branches in the county, one half of which have not given an account . . . these are generally the outer branches ... [including] Big Grove (Father Cutler's), Galland's Grove & Harris Grove are large settlements, and Whiskey Point alias Sodom, alias Point Aupool did not report.

November 5: HC mtg at Log Tabernacle, GAS, ETB, and OH all present. Oliver Cowdery meets with the HC and expresses his desire to return to the Church, which is accepted and he is rebaptized by Orson Hyde.⁵⁶ He also meets with the HP Quorum.⁵⁷

November 18: HC mtg, first discussion of difficulty between Orson Hyde and "Father Alpheus Cutler and Bishop Calkins." [Big Grove Branch] "J.M. Benson reports that he had organized a branch at Indian Town called the **Indian Town Branch**, and appointed David C. Burrell Bishop. Bro. L. Stoddard reported that he had organized a branch called **Pony Creek Branch** and appointed Samuel Gates Bishop."⁵⁸

1849

February 17: HC meeting at the School in Kanesville. 4 HC replaced [permanently?]. "Bro. Geo. A. Smith spake relative to the poor in this branch [**Block House**], also relative to the situation of Bishop Jos. Knights [??] and proposed that a Bishop be appointed in this branch . . . Silas Richards was appointed to see to the poor in this Branch."⁵⁹

Pottawattamie High Council Minutes V.1 has no record between February 17 and August 11 1849

February 21: Isaac Clark is acting as Presiding Bishop in place of Joseph Knight, who "in consequence of his health is not able to attend to the duties of his office." Lyman Stoddard & Jerome Benson are among the Traveling Elders⁶⁰

Feb-May: In his bishop's records (mostly redistribution of in-kind tithing goods), Isaac Clark mentions the following branches: **Block House** (Bp. Silas Richards), **Centerville** [clearly

⁵⁶ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.117

⁵⁷ *Pottawattamie High Priests Quorum Minutes*, p.9-10.

⁵⁸ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.118

⁵⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.150

⁶⁰ To the Saints in Iowa, *Frontier Guardian*, V.1 #2 (February 21 1849) p.2 column 5

https://archive.org/stream/FrontierGuardian18491852/Frontier_Guardian_1849-1852#page/n5/mode/1up

spelled “en”] (Bp. Redding?), **Lake, High Prairie, Indian Creek** (Bp. Ezekiel Hopkins), **Springville** (Bp. Benjamin Ellsworth?), **Highland Grove** (Bp. Breed Searl), **Allreds** (Bp. Fossett), **Plum Hollow, Council Point, Upper Cag Creek, Big Pigeon** (Bp. Bracken), **Macedonia, Pony Creek** (Bp. Samuel Gates?), **Pigeon Branch-Thorn Hollow**, . Hints that Clark lived in Springville Branch and was responsible for the central area.⁶¹

April 1: in HP Quorum meeting, “It was then required by Elder Hyde that a report be made at the opening of Conference of the names of the respective branches of this church, in this section of Country, & the number of individuals in each branch.”⁶²

April 6: Conference “in the hollow above the tabernacle.” [*which is now at Big Pigeon*] O. Hyde, G.A. Smith, E.T. Benson present. Sustainings: “O Hyde as presiding officer of the Church here,” or “the President of Pottawattamie County,” G.A. Smith and E.T. Benson as counselors. High Council: James Allred (head), G.W. Harris, Noah Bulkley, Lyman Stoddard, Geo Coulson, Ira Oviatt, Aaron Johnson, Wm Snow, H.W. Miller, Jerome M. Benson, Andrew H. Perkins, Evan M. Greene, Silas Richards. Hyde denounces “**Silver Creek Branch** where Father Cutler has Presidency.” The congregation votes to disfellowship Bishop Luman Calkins and consider the branch disorganized. Six men called as traveling elders to set the branches in order and settle difficulties: Joseph Young, Lyman Stoddard, Jerome Benson, Hyrum Clarke, Henry Miller, James Snow. “moved that Father Draper be acknowledged as the Patriarch of this Branch in Pottawattamie Co.” *Generic use of “Branch.* “23 out of 38 branches were represented.”⁶³

May 16: Henry W. Miller appointed to oversee southern (Mills County) branches⁶⁴

George A. Smith and E.T. Benson leave the area that season for The Valley.

June 27: Two Days’ Meetings are to be held in the branches, conducted by the traveling elders: Joseph Young, Lyman Stoddard, Jerome M. Benson, Daniel D. Hunt, Lebbius T. Coons, Charles M. Johnson:⁶⁵

- 1st Saturday-Sunday: **Kanesville and Highland Grove**
- 2nd: **Council Point, Springville Branch, Harris’ Grove**
- 3rd: **Carterville, Rocky Ford**
- 4th: at the new tabernacle at **Big Pigeon, Unionville Branch** on Keg Creek [Coonville?]

July 22: “Special Conference was convened at the Log Tabernacle for the purpose of filling vacancies in the presidency, High Council and Bishopric, occasioned by the removal to the valley of Bros. Geo. A. Smith, Pres. E.T. Benson, Isaac Clark, Wm Draper, bishops; Silas Richards, A.H. Perkins, Moses Clawson, H.C.” Hyde mentions that the president might “have the jurisdiction of presiding not only here but thro Bro. Woodruff in the Eastern States and thro bro. O. Pratt in England.” Hyde asks for a vote on 1) whether the community is satisfied with his presidency, and 2) whether he should be continued as the presiding officer; both carried. A

⁶¹ *Isaac Clark Record Book, 1846-1853*, Volume 1, 1840-1854, Church History Library MS 794, starting with p.79, <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets?id=f15ee309-9ed2-4c67-bbc5-315a510952c9&crate=0&index=78>. This record includes many branch members.

⁶² *Pottawattamie High Priests Quorum Minutes*, p.18

⁶³ *Pottawattamie Conference Minutes, 1849 Apr 6-8*, LR 1764 24 folder 3 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44515. Conference Minutes, *Frontier Guardian*, V,1 #7 (May 2 1849) p.1 column 4.

⁶⁴ *Coonville Branch Record*, Church History Library LR 4867 21 p.13

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE6283854

⁶⁵ Appointments for two Days’ Meetings, *Frontier Guardian*, V.1 #11 (June 27 1849), p.2 column 2

motion to make the high council the counselors in the presidency is discussed and withdrawn. Aaron Johnson is appointed "to be the agent to receive and disburse the tithing."⁶⁶ In other reports, he is "chosen as the presiding Bishop."⁶⁷

August 8: Revised assignments for traveling elders. To the list from June was added: First week, **Old Agency**; Third week, **Martindale's Branch**; Fourth week, "**Coonville**" replaces "Unionville" and **Pleasant Grove** added.⁶⁸

August 26: HC decides to move the tabernacle; several places suggested, Orson Hyde forms a committee to decide; after a recess, they propose a site "just above Bro. Blair's house on the road to Pigeon."⁶⁹

October 1: "Tithing received by J.G. Bigler, Bishop of **Kanesville Branch**. And for Aaron Johnson, **presiding bishop of Pottawattamie County, Iowa**, commencing October 1st 1849"⁷⁰

October 6-7: Semiannual Conference at Kanesville. James Allred presiding. Sustainings: "O. Hyde, Pres.; H.C. as the council to the president. Jas Allred, Pres. of HC, I Oviatt, Aa Johnson, Geo Coulson, Wm Snow, Jas McClelan, Geo. W. Harris, L. Stoddard, J.G. Bigler, H.W. Miller, N.S. Bulkley, J.M. Benson. Aa Johnson 1st Bishop in Pt. Co. Also, Presidency of HP, Elders, and 6 traveling missionaries."⁷¹

October 6: mentions the "young" branch at Iowa City, organized by Sidney Roberts but disagreeing with his leadership⁷²

October 7: "business relative to the Branch at Pisgah." "The Bishop appointed Coleman Bowen[?] an acting bishop in that branch."⁷³

October 27: "Pres't O Hyde moved that William Morgan, Pres't of the **Welch Branch**, James Snow Pres't of the **Centerville Branch** ... be cited to appear before the council."⁷⁴ '*Centerville*' looks quite clear here.

November 4: Conference at tabernacle. "Present: Pres. O Hyde; Bishops Aa. Johnson and his counsellors J.G. Bigler & L Johnson; Bishop Gardner Snow.

November 10: "Bro. William Morgan, President of the **Welch Branch** ... Lewis had been disfellowshipped by the Welch Branch and that said Lewis had then been received by the **Carterville Branch** ... Bro. James Snow, the President of the Carterville Branch, said ..."⁷⁵ *This clearly says 'Carterville' both times. This supports the hypothesis that Carterville and Centerville were the same branch. At first glance, one would think that one was the actual name, and the other is our mistranscription. Even though 'en' and 'ar' are easy to mistake, there are enough clear examples of each to suggest that both names were being used.*

⁶⁶ *Pottawattamie Conference Minutes, 1849 July 22*, LR 1764 25 folder 4
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44487

⁶⁷ Special Conference, *Frontier Guardian*, V.1 #13 (July 23 1849) p.2 column 6.

⁶⁸ Appointments, *Frontier Guardian*, V.1 #14 (August 8 1849) p.2 column 6.

⁶⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.166

⁷⁰ *Pottawattamie High Council Tithing Record 1849-1852*, Church History Library LR 1764 23 p.1
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE7758957

⁷¹ *Pottawattamie Conference Minutes, 1849 Oct. 6-7*, LR 1764 folder 5
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44505

⁷² *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.172

⁷³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.173

⁷⁴ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.180

⁷⁵ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.183

November 24: "On motion, Pres't O. Hyde and Aaron Johnson were appointed to preside in and about Kanesville."⁷⁶ *The discussion before and after is discussing Christmas parties, so this presidency may just be limited to that activity.*

December 22: "Bro. Meacham said that Bro. E.M. Greene was at that time [2 years ago last June] the Pres't of the **Carterville Branch**."⁷⁷

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In HC meetings, Orson Hyde is always called "President O. Hyde," and is usually present and presiding.

January 12: "**Blockhouse Branch** ... Kanesville & vicinity comprising said Branch"⁷⁸

January 15: mention of "the Branch at **Council Point**" and **Mill Branch**."⁷⁹

April 6: Annual Conference: Pres. O. Hyde chairman. Sustainings include Hyde (no title given), High Council, Bishop Aaron Johnson with counselors Jacob G. Bigler and Lorenzo Johnson, presidents of Melchizedek Priesthood quorums, patriarch Wm Draper Sr. 22 branches are represented.⁸⁰

April 15: "Bro. Stoddard said there was considerable dissatisfaction [with Bro. J.M. Benson] in Springville, Macedonia, Pleasant Grove, Big Pigeon."⁸¹ *Not called branches per se.* Later in same proceeding, mentions "**Allred's Branch**"⁸²

April 27: HC meeting, "Present: Pres't O. Hyde & Pres't James Allred"⁸³

May 11: "Bro William Morgan (the Pres't of the **Welch Branch**)"⁸⁴

May 19: "William W. Lane was nominated a Bishop in the place of Bishop Aaron Johnson by a unanimous vote ... Some remarks from Pres't Hyde and others on appointing a suitable man to take the supervision of the branches in Pottawattamie County. . . On motion Lyman Stoddard was appointed to that office with power to act as Bishop in settling difficulties in the Branches, and between members, also with power to call his aid."⁸⁵

May 25: "Pres't O. Hyde moved that an order be sent to Bishop Joseph Knight to bring before the council, now in session, the papers and records pertaining to his office and showing his acts as Bishop in Pottawattamie. Bishops Johnson and Bigler presented their books, pertaining to their business in the Bishopric. . . Remarks relative to Bro. Jacob G. Bigler's staying here another year and acting as bishop for this Branch. On motion it was voted that he stay and remain in his present capacity as counsel to the presiding Bishop... On motion it was voted William W. Lane should be ordained a high priest and the bishopric conferred upon him...moved

⁷⁶ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.186

⁷⁷ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.194

⁷⁸ *Pottawattamie Tithing Record*, p.13

⁷⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.203

⁸⁰ *Pottawattamie Conference Minutes, 1850 Apr. 6*, LR 1764 24 folder 7

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44531. Conference Minutes, *Frontier Guardian*, V.1 #7 (May 1 1850), p.1

⁸¹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.227

⁸² *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.229

⁸³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.231

⁸⁴ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.238

⁸⁵ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.238

that Lorenzo Johnson remain a councillor to the Presiding Bishop. carried.”⁸⁶ Lane is given the bulk of the tithing account, and instructed to purchase a farm to house the poor (which he eventually does at Twelve Mile Grove aka Lanesborough). *So Aaron Johnson was the presiding bishop (Jacob G. Bigler & Joseph Knight counselors? Now W.W. Lane is presiding bishop, Jacob G. Bigler & Lorenzo Johnson counselors.* Relative to organizing the emigration companies for that year: “On motion it was voted that all living north of a line running East and West and striking the lower crossing of Musketo Creek should rendezvous at Elm Grove, and those south at Bethlehem City.”⁸⁷

End of May: L.T. Coons is called by Lyman Stoddard (the “presiding traveling elder”) “on the circuit in the place of Henry W. Miller” and “take charge of **Coonville, Martindale’s, Bethlehem’s, Gardner’s, Plum Hollow’s, Kid’s Grove** Branches.”⁸⁸ *However, the Frontier Guardian lists him as one of the traveling elders in June 1849. Is the year wrong on this entry?*

June 4: First record of W.W. Lane acting as presiding bishop in terms of tithing and courts⁸⁹

June 23: Macedonia Branch President William R. Terry is called by Lyman Stoddard as a traveling elder over 5 branches in the Mosquito Creek area.⁹⁰ *This is looking like a pattern of regional traveling elders, even though we only have documentation of two of them.*

July 4: Orson Hyde leaves for Salt Lake Valley; this is his first trip across the plains.⁹¹

August 4: High Priests Quorum reorganized due to many members, including President William Snow, emigrating. Lyman Stoddard elected president pro tem, James Allred & George Coulson counselors pro tem (because Orson Hyde is not present to approve, and the full quorum is not present).⁹²

August 17: “Councillor L. Stoddard made report of his trip to Indian Town and the intermediate points. Said Father Cutler with Wm. Redfield & Rainey were one day ahead of him. Said they had heard them speak, and as many as were for them was against us. Made some remarks relative to the branches in general, and the organizing of some branches. At Nishnabotany [now Macedonia] they found they could not organize, for there were not enough sound members to organize. Calvin Beebe there told them he knew they wanted to organize them so as to get their tithing, but he wanted his tithing to go to Father Cutler and the House of Israel. He further said that was the feelings of the people generally there. At **Silver Creek** Branch there were 16 members who were for organizing under the present organization against 18 members opposed.”⁹³

August 31: “Bro. Wilkins, Pres’t of **Little Pigeon**.”⁹⁴

October 2: The *Frontier Guardian* publishes a list of agents for the newspaper in 26 settlements; more are added in subsequent weeks. “We published a special request for the different

⁸⁶ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.239

⁸⁷ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.241

⁸⁸ *Coonville Branch Records*, p.13

⁸⁹ *Pottawattamie Tithing Record*, p.90

⁹⁰ *William R. Terry Autobiographical Sketch*, Church History Library MS 14921 p.38.

⁹¹ Letter from E.M. Greene to Brigham Young 1851 April 28, *Pottawattamie High Council Clerk’s Files*, Church History Library LR 1764 25 folder 9.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE11568128

⁹² *Pottawattamie High Priests Quorum Minutes*, p.33

⁹³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.250

⁹⁴ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.252

branches of the Church to appoint a man in each branch..." Most, but not all, are the names of known branches, but some may just be settlements and it is difficult to know which is which.⁹⁵

November: E.M. Greene is president of the **Branch at Kanessville**.⁹⁶

November 12: "Motioned and carried that the bishops of the several branches of the church in Pottawattamie Co. be instructed to report one in four weeks to Bishop W.W. Lane, the situation of their respective Branches in regard to tithing and the poor." Later mentions "**Pony Creek Branch**."⁹⁷

November 23: Orson Hyde and high councillor Henry W. Miller have returned from Salt Lake.⁹⁸

December 21: "there is but one ordained bishop in Pottawattamie."⁹⁹

1851

January 4: "Counselor Coulson reported the proceedings of the committee to select a location for the poor, which was accepted; and the committee counseled to continue their labors to secure the best locations in Pottawattamie lying north of the settlements."¹⁰⁰ *The site they found at Twelve Mile Grove would become Lanesborough.*

January 18: "Counselor Stoddard spoke relative to the **Old Agency, Unionville, and Poney Creek Branches**, . . . he had visited **Kegg Creek Branch**" "Bishop W.W. Lane wished to know if he was to repeat on the reports of the branches given to him. The reports were called for and the clerk ordered to read. Counselor Harris move that the bishop draw an abstract of the reports and present to the next council."¹⁰¹

End of High Council Minutes Book 1

February 2: HP Quorum reorganized: George Coulson as president.¹⁰² *This ends Lyman Stoddard's pro tempore presidency.*

March 2: George Coulson calls Isaac Houston and Evan M. Greene as counselors

March 15: James C. Snow called as "traveling president among the branches," replacing Lyman Stoddard.¹⁰³

March-August: JC Snow officiates over cases in several branches, referred to as "President Snow." They appear to be cases in which the branch or a branch leader is a party.¹⁰⁴

March 29: "James Snow spoke relative to Br. Jacob Baum's acting a bishop to try cases &c, and the duties of the bishopric in the **Carterville Branch**. On motion, the council voted that Bro.

⁹⁵ Agents for the Guardian in this County, *Frontier Guardian*, V.2 #18 (October 2 1850) p.2 column 6

⁹⁶ Letter from E.M. Greene to Brigham Young 1851 April 28

⁹⁷ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.257

⁹⁸ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.258

⁹⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, folder 2 p.260.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE9441006

¹⁰⁰ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.262

¹⁰¹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.1 p.263

¹⁰² *Pottawattamie High Priests Quorum Minutes*, p.40.

¹⁰³ *Pottawattamie High Council*, V.2 p.267; Appointment of the High Council, *Frontier Guardian*, V.3 #4 (March 21 1851) p.3 column 2

¹⁰⁴ *JC Snow Record Book*, Church History Library MS 8928,

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE7795323

Baum be the acting Bishop for Carterville.” case “bro’t from the **Rocky Ford Branch** not acted upon.”¹⁰⁵ *These are both cases that Snow had officiated over as traveling president.*

April 6: Annual conference “at the stand in the grove east of Kanessville.” No apostles present, High council, Bishops W.W. Lane, J.G. Bigler, Wm Fouts, Jacob Barney; Patriarch William Draper, President of the traveling elders through Pottawattamie Branches James Snow. “Prest O. Hyde was sustained President of the Stakes and Branches of the Church East of the Rocky Mountains under the direction of the 1st Prestcy.” “High Council for the Church East of the Rocky Mountains: 1. James Allred, 2. Ira Oviatt, 3. William W. Lane, 4. Geo. Coulson, 5. Geo. W. Harris, 6. Jacob Bigler, 7. Jonathan Browning, 8. James C. Snow, 9. J.G. Bigler, 10. H.W. Miller, 11. John Killian, 12. J.M. Benson ... Presiding Bishop W.W. Lane, and Jacob G. Bigler & Lorenzo Johnson his counsellors. William Draper Sen. sustained patriarch.” James C. Snow takes Lyman Stoddard’s place as a “traveling presiding high priest.” Snow asks all the traveling elders to meet with him after conference, at which W.R. Terry (Macedonia area) asks to be released after 2 years service.¹⁰⁶ *Probably the most clear description to date of the leadership structure of the Church here and its intended jurisdiction over all of the U.S.*

April 12: “Resolved that Bishop W.W. Lane and his assistants are empowered to settle all matters of difficulty wherein dollars & cents, or property are at issue. Also resolved that the Traveling High Priest, Bro J C Snow, the agent of the council, and his agents, shall have authority to settle all difficulties of a moral or spiritual kind. Carried by a unanimous vote of the council.” “J.C. Snow said he was over to the **Springville Branch** and had settled the difficulty which existed there and they all agreed to try to do better, that he had disorganized the branch and left it unorganized for reasons he could give.”¹⁰⁷

April 28: “Bishop W.W. Lane with his counsel have located themselves about 40 miles north of this, on the Bayoo where they have secured two large groves of timber [Six Mile? And Twelve Mile Grove] and are founding settlements for the poor saints that cannot as yet go on to the valley that they may raise their bread and teams to go west. Lyman Stoddard has been a faithful servant . . . for the past three years, and now he wants to go to the valley . . . James C. Snow is appointed to take his place in the council, and as a traveling agent of the Council among the branches of the Church.”¹⁰⁸

May 4: last entry in V.2 of the High Priests minutes, the list of quorum members. Others are entered in V.1 after this date, but perhaps someone [counselor Isaac Houston?] took the book west that season.

June 7: Several (at least 5) new members of High Council due to that year’s emigrations. George W. Harris is the new council president.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁵ *Pottawattamie High Council*, folder 3 sheet 4.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE9441059

¹⁰⁶ *Pottawattamie Conference Minutes, 1851 April 6*, LR 1764 24 folder 8.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE44489; William R. Terry, p.44.

¹⁰⁷ *Pottawattamie High Council*, folder 3 sheet 12, 15.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j_6z9wMXTqz_4xnsOlhX-EPu6xTf5WRxe_ZLSgiAPOU/edit#

¹⁰⁸ Letter from E.M. Greene to Brigham Young 1851 April 28

¹⁰⁹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, folder 3 sheet 21, 24.

June 21: for the only time I can find, Orson Hyde refers to himself as “President of the Stake and the High Council.” Ironically, this is the last HC meeting at which Hyde is present before he left for the West.¹¹⁰

July 5: “Bishop Lane said with the counsel of Pres’t Hyde it was considered best to make appointments in the Branches of a bishop and council so as to hold Bishop’s courts &c. Elder Snow said he had in making appointments of Bishops connected two, three, and four branches under the jurisdiction of one Bishop as they are located contiguous to each other. Bishop Lane said it was right.”¹¹¹ The only one of these we have documentation of is E.R. Walker in Pleasant Valley in October 1851.

Summer: In HC minutes, Bishop Abraham Palmer is frequently reporting on cases. Is he performing some of the duties of Presiding Bishop while Bishop Lane is up north at the poor farm, or is he just responsible for one or more branches that are having a lot of problems?

September 6: bishop at Honey Creek delivers tithing to “Abraham Palmer, Bishop at Kanessville.”¹¹² *so he is functioning something like a presiding bishop.*

September 7: William Manhard is appointed counselor of High Priests Quorum to replace Isaac Houston who has left for the Valley. This is the last entry in the Minutes of the Quorum.¹¹³

October 6: “Semi-annual Conference of Pottawattamie District” at the grove. “Orson Hyde was sustained President over the different branches of the Church, this side of the Rocky Mountains” [even though he is not here], W.W. Lane as “Presiding Bishop in the Pottawattamie Purchase” (JG Bigler & L Johnson couns.), high council “in Pottawatamie.” James C. Snow as “Agent for the Council” (rather than traveling president)¹¹⁴ *Apparently, only Hyde had the national jurisdiction.*

November 8: Special Conference; Orson Hyde presiding (must have just returned). Probably about organizing for emigration, but no minutes found yet.¹¹⁵

November 28: *Frontier Guardian* publishes a list of appointments for Elder [JM or ET?] Benson in branches, 2 meetings per day; apparently this was the result of the special conference, and he was calling on them to emigrate. With only an hour between some meetings, the order of his circuit gives a strong clue as to relative locations of the branches:

- December 1: **Carterville, Springville**
- December 2: **Macedonia, Pleasant Grove**
- December 3: **Pleasant Valley, Indian Mill, Davis Camp [Indian Creek Branch?]**
- December 4: **McOlney’s Branch, Zabriskie’s Hollow** [Plum Hollow-corroborated in LR 2115 p.13]
- December 5: **Brownell’s Camp, Allred’s Camp**
- December 6: **Pigeon Grove, Stanley’s Branch [???**
- December 7: **Big Pigeon Tabernacle, Little Pigeon**

¹¹⁰ *Pottawattamie High Council*, folder 3 sheet 23. Orson Hyde Company (1851), *Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel*, Church History Library;
<https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/companies/16494980601675409481/orson-hyde-company>

¹¹¹ *Pottawattamie High Council*, folder 3 sheet 25.

¹¹² *Honey Creek Branch Financial Record*, Church History Library LR 4733 21 p.9
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE7757531

¹¹³ *Pottawattamie High Priests Quorum Minutes*, p.45.

¹¹⁴ Conference Minutes, *Frontier Guardian*, V.3 #20 (October 31 1851), p.1 column 3.

¹¹⁵ Special Conference, *Frontier Guardian*, V.3 #23 (December 12 1851), p.2 column 4

- December 8: **Upper Crossing of Keg Creek, Highland Grove**
- December 9: **Coonville**

1852

April: conference at Pigeon Tabernacle.

May 8: Last entry of *Pottawattamie High Council Minutes*.¹¹⁶

At some point this year, Orson Hyde returns with instructions for a final push West

July 8: Henry W. Miller Company departs Kanessville with Orson Hyde and his family, one of several companies that summer with most of the area saints still willing to follow Brigham Young.¹¹⁷

1853

Spring: **Blockhouse Branch** still operating, although the name is not certain.¹¹⁸

June-July: last couple emigrating companies of loyal Iowa saints leaves for the Valley.

¹¹⁶ *Pottawattamie High Council*, folder 3 sheet 72.

¹¹⁷ Henry W. Miller Company, *Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel*, Church History Library, <https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/companies/206/henry-w-miller-company-1852>

¹¹⁸ *Kanessville Branch Record*, Church History Library LR 5081 22; only the bottom half of the book is extant, which occasionally mentions meeting at Kanessville, but never states the name of the branch.