

On 5–6 November 1999, the city of Quincy, Illinois, was host to a Quincy History Symposium that paid tribute to the generosity and kindness of the Quincy citizens during the years they cared for their exiled Latter-day Saint neighbors. The symposium also covered other areas of Quincy interest, such as the underground railroad and early Quincy history.

A number of papers presented at the symposium were published in Susan Easton Black and Richard E. Bennett, eds., *A City of Refuge: Quincy, Illinois* (Salt Lake City: Millennial Press, 2000). With permission of the editors, we are republishing six of the manuscripts in this issue. These articles cover the extermination order and removal of the Mormons, by William G. Hartley; the escape of Joseph Smith and other prisoners from Missouri, by Alexander L. Baugh; the return of the Twelve to Far West in April 1839, by Larry C. Porter; two studies detailing with information on the Mormons who lived in Quincy from 1838–40 and the townspeople who helped them, by Richard Bennett and Susan Black; and the role of newspapers in shaping public opinion, by Steve Wiegenstein.

One paper, not included in the Black and Bennett's compilation, has connections to Quincy in a later period. Continuing his research on river travel, Fred E. Woods follows up his papers on immigration through Norfolk, Virginia, and Nauvoo (published earlier in issues of the *Nauvoo Journal* and *Mormon Historical Studies*), with a look at Mormon transmigration through Quincy, Illinois, and Hannibal, Missouri, between 1859–66.

In putting together this volume, I discovered, by accident, the cemetery records of an early Quincy cemetery. In these records, under a section identified as "Strangers Ground," I recognized names belonging to Missouri Mormons. The names of all those individuals buried in the Strangers Ground from January 1839 through 1841 are published here, with identifying information, where known.

In our "Document" section, Alexander L. Baugh provides historical background information on an 1839 letter written by Hiram G. Parks, a militia officer of Richmond, Missouri, to James Sloan, an exiled Mormon then living in Quincy, Illinois.

"Conversations with Historians" is devoted to an interview with Karl Ricks Anderson, known to his friends and colleagues as "Mr. Kirtland." He was interviewed by Richard McClellan, one of our newest members of the

*Mormon Historical Studies* Advisory Board. Richard is presently pursuing an MBA at the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Finally, Jill Mulvay Derr provides an insightful review of Maureen Ursenbach Beecher, *The Personal Writings of Eliza Roxcy Snow* (Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, 2000). This volume, which appeared last year, is the fifth in the “Life Writings of Frontier Women” series published through USU Press.

*Mormon Historical Studies* also welcomes Janet Seegmiller as a member of our board. Janet is head of the Special Collections Department at Southern Utah University in Cedar City. She has authored a biography on her ancestor, Robert T. Burton, and was chairman of the 2001 Mormon History Association Conference this year. Noel Carmack, who has served on the board for several years, has left to serve on the board of *Utah Historical Quarterly*. We will miss him but wish him well.

As always, we welcome your comments and letters.

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