

Hyrum Smith: Journal from Liberty Jail (March–April 1839)

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to our necessities.
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Huntington, Joseph B.
Noble & Sister Ball
visited us on the 15th of March 1839

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Faithful Transcription

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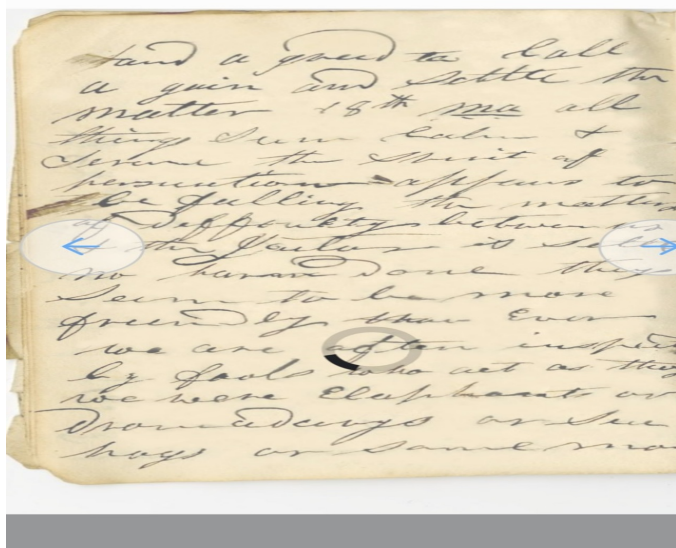
Brother A. Ripley & H. C. Kimball, Wm. Huntington, Joseph B. Noble & Sister [Ball?].

Modernized Reading

Friday, March 15, 1839 — Liberty Jail

We remain in close confinement. Some visit us out of curiosity; many brethren and sisters come to minister to our needs.

Thomas Barnard has passed to heaven. Brothers Alpheus Ripley, Heber C. Kimball, William Huntington, Joseph B. Noble, and Sister [Ball?] visited.



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Faithful Transcription

[Liberty Jail] March the 30th 1839.

In the morning Brother Ripley & Brother Kimball came here down the valley of Jefferson.

We sought a writ of habeas corpus of Judge Turnham, one of the Supreme Judges, but did not obtain it for lack of time with the Judge.

The people here seem to be friendly.

Sunday the 31st — I was sick with the ear ache and swelling in it, very painful.

We feel weary of this prison, yet hope to move next Saturday, the 6th of April.

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Saturday, March 30, 1839 — Liberty Jail

Brothers Ripley and Kimball arrived via the Jefferson valley. We petitioned Judge Turnham for a writ of habeas corpus but were denied for lack of time.

The people seem more friendly. On Sunday the 31st I suffered a painful earache. We are weary of prison and hope to be moved by Saturday, April 6.