

6 May–June 1832

On the 6th of may I gave the parting hand to the brethren in [Independence](#), and in company with Brothers [Rigdon](#) and [[Newel K.](#)] [Whitney](#), commenced a return to [Kirtland](#), by stage, to [St Louis](#); from thence to Vincennes, Indiana; and from thence to New Albany, near the falls of Ohio River. Before we arrived at the latter place the horses became frightened, and while going at full speed, [Bishop Whitney](#) attempted to jump out of the coach, but having his coat fast, caught his foot in the wheel and had his leg & foot broken in several places; <at the same time I jumped out unhurt> and we put up at Mr Porter's public house, in [Greenville](#), ~~for~~ for four weeks, while [Elder Rigdon](#) went directly forward to [Kirtland](#).

During all this time, [Bro Whitney](#) lost not a meal of victuals or a night's sleep; and Dr. Porter, (our landlord's brother,) who attended him, said it was "a [p. 214] dam'd pity we had not got some Mormon there, they can set broken bones or do any thing else,"—

I tarried with [brother Whitney](#), and administered to him till he was able to be moved. While at this place I frequently walked out in the woods, where I saw several fresh graves; and one day when I rose from the dinner-table, I walked directly to the door and commenced vomiting most profusely; I raised large quantities of blood and poisonous matter, and so great were the muscular contortions of my system that my jaw was dislocated in a few moments; this I succeeded in replacing with my own hands, and made my way to [Brother Whitney](#), (who was on the bed) as speedily as possible, he laid his hands on me and administered in the name of the Lord, and I was healed in an instant, although the effect of the poison had been so powerful, as to cause much of ~~my~~ the hair to become loosened from my head. Thanks be to my heavenly father for his interference in my behalf at this critical moment, in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen. [HC 1:271]

[Brother Whitney](#) had not had his foot moved ~~of~~ from the bed for near four weeks when I went into his room after a walk in the grove, and told him if he would agree to start for home in the morning, we would take a wagon to the river about four miles, and there would be a ferry boat in waiting which would take us quickly across, where we would find a hack which would take us directly to the landing, where we should find a boat in waiting, and we will be going up the River before 10 o'clock and have a prosperous journey home. He took courage and told me he would go. We started the next morning and found every thing as I had told him, for we were passing rapidly up the river before 10 o'clock, and landing at Wellsville, took stage coach to [Chardon](#), from thence in a wagon to [Kirtland](#) where we arrived some time in June &> I found my [wife](#) as before mentioned.