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## Miscellaneous

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**Abstract:** A selection of short informational and biographical encyclopedia entries.

After the capitulation of Far West, General Moses Wilson proceeded to Adam-ondi-Ahman, on November 8th, and placed guards around the town, so that no person might pass out or in without permission. All the men were then taken and put under guard, and a court of inquiry instituted with the notorious mobocrat Adam Black on the bench. After three days' investigation every man was honorably acquitted, But, notwithstanding this, General Wilson ordered every family out of town within ten days, with permission to go to Caldwell and tarry there until spring, then to leave the State under pain of extermination. The weather was very cold, more so than usual for that season of the year; and in keeping this order of General Wilson, they had to leave their crops and houses, and to live in tents and wagons. As

for their flocks and herds, the mob had delivered them from the trouble of taking care of them or from the pain of seeing them starve to death—by stealing them. A committee of twelve was granted the privilege of going from Far West to Daviess County, for four weeks, for the purpose of bringing the crops of the Saints away.

At present there is not the least sign of a town where Adam-ondi-Ahman stood, but the people in the neighborhood are well acquainted with the importance the Saints attached to the place, and take considerable pains to point out to travelers the ruins of the ancient altar, the theory about which, however, they seem to have got somewhat mixed, as they call it "Adam's grave," instead of an altar, upon which he is supposed to have offered sacrifice.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

**BADGER, (RODNEY,)** one of the Pioneers of 1847, was a son of John and Lydia Chamberlain, born Feb. 4, 1823, in Waterford, Caledonia County, Vermont, baptized in Iowa Territory 1839, and ordained an Elder in 1845. He acted as Counselor to Bishop N. V. Jones of the 15th Ward, Salt Lake City, and as special agent of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund to gather up and preserve stray stock. He also served as constable and deputy sheriff of Great Salt Lake County, and was captain of a company of the life guards of the Nauvoo Legion. On April 29, 1853, he was drowned in the Weber River, into which he fearlessly plunged to save the lives of a California emigrant family.

**DANITES** was a term made use of by some of the brethren in Far West, Mo., and grew out of an expression Joseph Smith made use of

when the brethren in the fall of 1838 were preparing to defend themselves from the Missouri mob. He referred to the stealing of Micah's images (Judges 18th Chap.) when he said that the Danites would be after them, meaning the brethren in self-defense. An apostate by the name of Sampson Avard tried to organize a secret band called Danites in Far West for wicked purposes, but this was without the knowledge of the leaders of the Church, and the companies organized by the legal authorities for the defense of the city was in no wise connected with Avard's movement. The repeated stories about Danites, or destroying angels, among the Saints in the Rocky Mountains no doubt has its origin in the wild fancy of wicked and corrupt men, whose object has been to slander and misrepresent the "Mormons."

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