



The Martyrdom

Joseph Smith

I am tired, I have been mobbed, I have suffered so much. Some of the brethren think they can carry this work out better than I can, far better. I have asked the Lord to take me out of this world. I have stood all I can.

I have to seal my testimony to this generation with my blood. I have to do it, for this work will never progress until I am gone, for the testimony is of no force until the testator is dead.

People little know who I am when they talk about me, and they never will know until they see me weighed in the balance in the kingdom of God.

Then they will know who I am, see me as I am. I dare not tell them, and they do not know me.

(Mary Elizabeth Rollins

Lightner, *They Knew the Prophet*, comp. Hyrum and Helen Mae Andrus, [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1974] pp. 26-27)





King Follett Discourse

History- Spring 1844

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Dennison Harris, Robert Scott



Dennison Lott Harris
1825-1885



"This will be your last meeting; this will be the last time that they will admit you into their councils. They will come to some determination. But be sure," he continued, "that you make no covenants, nor enter into any obligations whatever with them. Be strictly reserved, and make no promise either to conspire against me or any portion of the community. Be silent, and do not take any part in their deliberations."

After a pause of some moments, he added: "Boys, this will be their last meeting, and they may shed your blood, but I hardly think they will, as you are so young."

If they do, I will be a lion in their path! Don't flinch. If you have to die; die like men; you will be martyrs to the cause, and your crowns can be no greater. But," said he, again, "I hardly think they will shed your blood."



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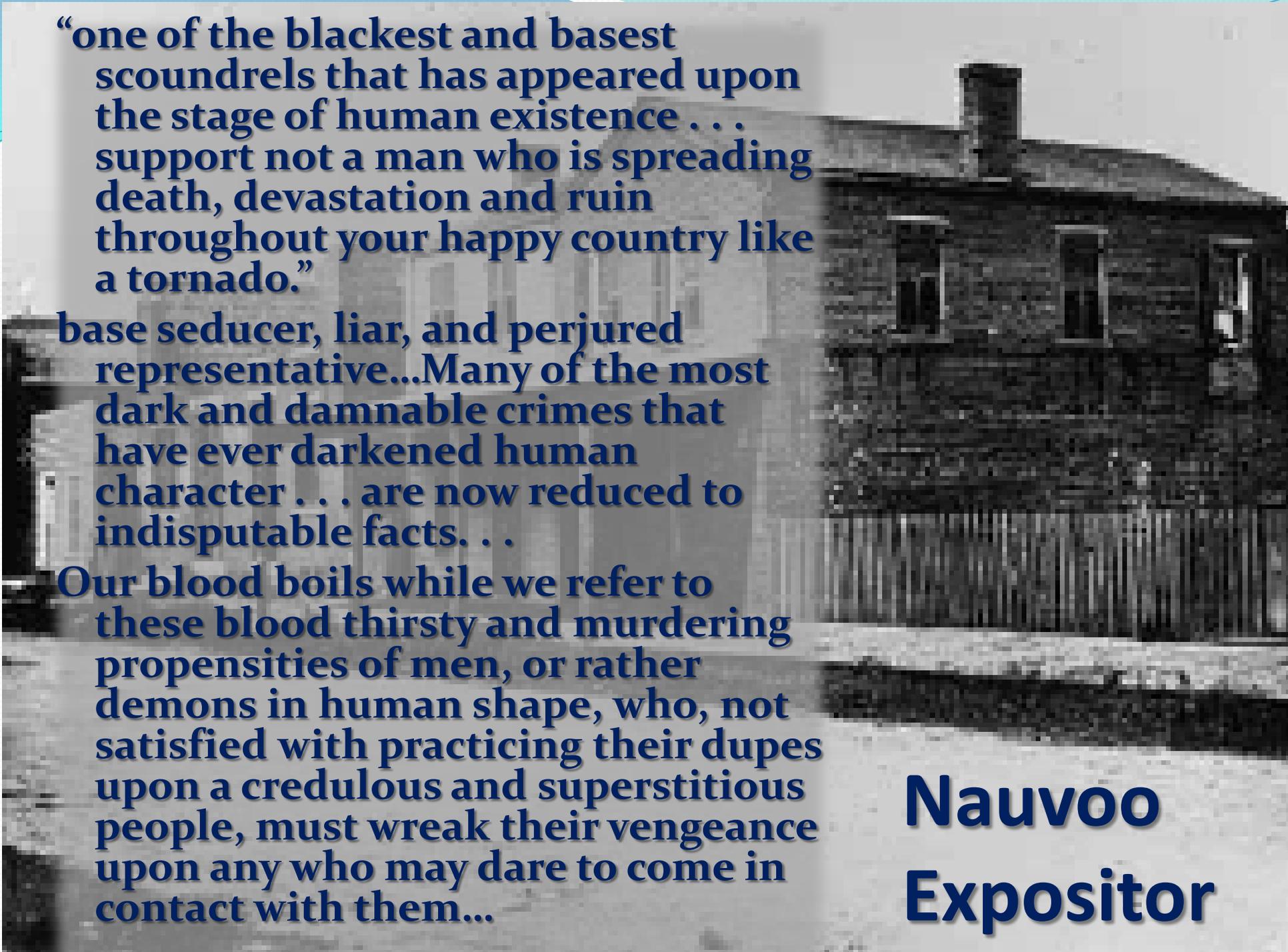


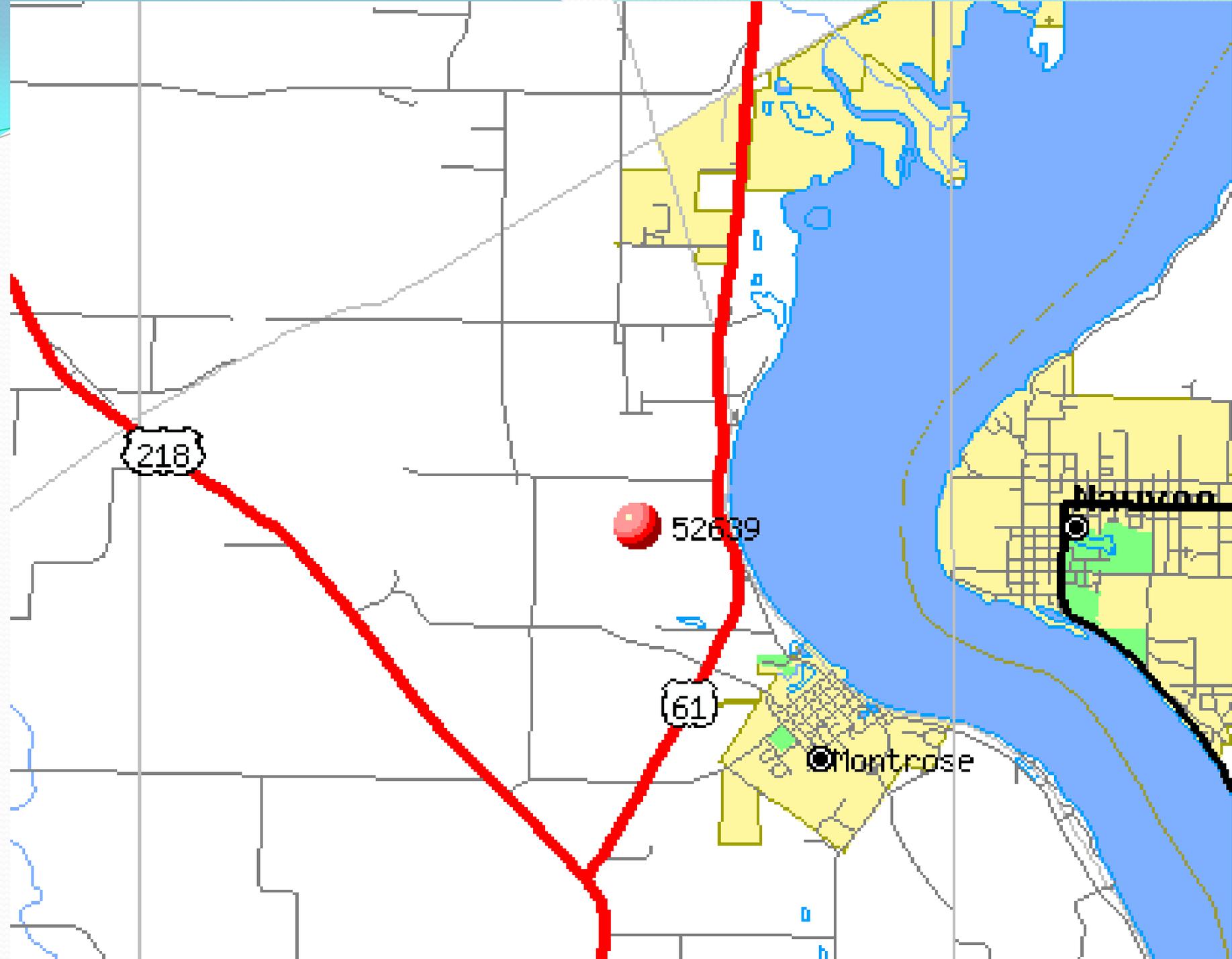
“one of the blackest and basest scoundrels that has appeared upon the stage of human existence . . . support not a man who is spreading death, devastation and ruin throughout your happy country like a tornado.”

base seducer, liar, and perjured representative...Many of the most dark and damnable crimes that have ever darkened human character . . . are now reduced to indisputable facts. . .

Our blood boils while we refer to these blood thirsty and murdering propensities of men, or rather demons in human shape, who, not satisfied with practicing their dupes upon a credulous and superstitious people, must wreak their vengeance upon any who may dare to come in contact with them...

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