



**Eastern United States travel, 1839–1840.** Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, and Elias Higbee traveled from Commerce, Illinois, to Washington DC as official representatives of the church to petition the federal government for redress and reparations for church members' suffering and lost property in Missouri. The three men were accompanied by Orrin Porter Rockwell and Robert D. Foster. While waiting for the United States Congress to consider the church's memorial, several of these men traveled throughout eastern Pennsylvania and central New Jersey, visiting church members residing in those areas.