In November 1827, Emma’s brother Alva arrived in Manchester with a wagon to take the couple to Harmony. Joseph later wrote that he and Emma were “very poor and the persecution so heavy upon us that there was no probability that we would ever be otherwise.” But the hand of the Lord was soon evident. “We found a friend in a Gentleman by the name of Martin Harris, who came to us and gave me fifty dollars to assist us in our affliction.” As Joseph and Emma prepared to leave with Alva, Joseph and Alva each placed a heavy club in the wagon for defense,