

## Chapter 2

# **A CITY OF SUFFERING, SACRIFICE AND SERVICE**

On August 9, 1841, two days following the death of Don Carlos Smith, a “vast concourse of relatives and friends” gathered in Nauvoo to pay tribute to the youngest brother of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Patriarch Hyrum Smith. At the time of his death, Don Carlos was serving as editor of the *Times and Seasons*, was a brigadier-general in the Nauvoo Legion, and was president of the High Priests. He was only twenty-five at that time and stood strong and tall, being six feet four inches high and weighing 200 pounds. Although his death appeared sudden, he died from a lingering illness caused by a respiratory disease. Buried with military honors, he was survived by a wife and three children.

During his funeral service, Elder John Taylor and others paid homage to his Christ-like character. According to contemporaries, Don Carlos filled his church responsibilities with honor to himself and credit to his church. He was warmly attached, they said, to the cause of truth and frequently displayed wisdom far beyond his years. The aged listened with amazement and delight at the wisdom which flowed from his lips. He was characterized as being courte-