



New Content on the Joseph Smith Papers Website



The Joseph Smith Papers is pleased to announce its latest web release, which includes the division of the Legal and Business Record Series into two separate online series: Legal Records and Financial Records. The [Financial Records series](#) features Joseph Smith's financial transactions, both personal and in various organizations and businesses, while the Legal Records series continues to focus on Joseph Smith's legal records. Documents within the Financial Records series will be published over the next few years. This release also includes the publication of more Nauvoo City Council documents, eleven history drafts, and introductions to eight

legal cases from Missouri, Illinois, and Ohio.

The new [Financial Records series](#) includes documents and introductions for three financial records.

- The [Kirtland Safety Society Daybook](#): This daybook for the Kirtland Safety Society Bank contains entries for loans as well as for the issuing of Kirtland Safety Society notes in exchange for banknotes from other financial institutions.
- The [Kirtland Safety Society Discounted Notes](#): These loose pages are a record the Kirtland Safety Society banking office used to track certain transactions.
- The [Rigdon, Smith & Co. Ledger](#): This ledger is from a store in Chester, Ohio, that was run by a mercantile company composed of Sidney Rigdon, JS, and possibly Oliver Cowdery. It includes basic accounts and reflects the store's decline in business around the time of a nationwide financial panic in 1837.

The Nauvoo City Council documents include an [ordinance](#) establishing a ferry, as well as [resolutions](#) to increase protection for Nauvoo citizens and an [ordinance](#) establishing a police force in the city after two people were kidnapped and taken to Missouri.

In the [Histories series](#), we have added transcripts to much of the draft material for Joseph Smith's multivolume history, including the rough draft notes for the years 1840–1842.

Our additions to the [Legal Records series](#) include introductions to six debt cases and two criminal cases. These cases feature Joseph Smith acting as defendant, witness, and justice of the peace. The following cases are included in this release:

- [Hibbard for the use of Hungerford & Livingston v. Miller and JS](#)
- [State of Illinois v. Elliott–A and State of Illinois v. Elliott–B](#)
- [Niswanger v. Wight and Jett](#)
- [M. F. Thompson v. F. Dixon and E. Dixon](#)
- [State of Missouri v. Gates et al. for Arson](#)
- [Boosinger v. JS et al. and Boosinger v. Cowdery et al.](#)

- [Bank of Geauga v. JS et al.](#)

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