

Using Church History Documents in Your Classroom

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Each of the standard works was compiled from previous historical documents. The Bible emerged from letters and writings selected and evaluated over hundreds of years. Joseph Smith received revelations for more than a decade before some were published in the Doctrine and Covenants. Members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles selected some of Joseph Smith's other writings for inclusion in the Pearl of Great Price. Mormon and Moroni abridged Nephite records to prepare the plates that Joseph Smith translated as the Book of Mormon.

Documents related to the scriptures can strengthen faith and enrich teaching. Long before Mormon abridged the records, Alma passed them to his son Helaman with an endorsement of the unabridged documents' uses and value. Alma explained that the records had "enlarged the memory of this people" (Alma 37:8), a benefit of *remembrance* that we commonly attribute to history. He also testified that the records served a purpose in the work of *conversion* and *gathering*: the information "convinced" thousands of Lamanites "of the incorrect tradition of their fathers," and the records "brought them

unto repentance” and led them “to rejoice in Jesus Christ their Redeemer” (Alma 37:9).

Documents from the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can likewise strengthen your students. Where does the Church keep its historical documents today? How can your students encounter them? How might the use of Church history documents enrich the learning and teaching in your classroom? How might such documents be used in your own professional development? In answering each of these questions, this article will provide a solid working knowledge of the wealth of resources available to you and your students.

The Church Preserves Historical Documents

On the day of the Church’s organization, Joseph Smith received a revelation instructing that “there shall be a record kept among you” (Doctrine and Covenants 21:1). Elder Quentin L. Cook observed that when the Saints crossed the plains, the Church’s records fit into a single wagon. Elder Cook noted, “Not anymore! The Church opened a new, state-of-the-art Church History Library in 2009,” and it “contains a tremendous variety of materials.” The library’s holdings span the Church’s chronological history from the 1820s to yesterday; its geographical expansion from New York to the world; its ethnic and linguistic variety, including items in more than 150 languages; and its organizational structure from its headquarters in Salt Lake City to the smallest local Church unit.

Elder Cook went on to explain, “The records range in age and type from fragments of papyrus created before the birth of Jesus Christ (which came into the possession of Joseph Smith in Kirtland) to bits of information entered recently into any of the Church’s electronic systems for tracking missionaries or temple ordinances. Records stored in the library are made out of seemingly every kind of material—paper made from linen, cheap wood pulp, and modern commercialized processes; photographs taken on glass plate negatives and with high-speed digital cameras; audio recorded on wax cylinders, metal wires, or MP3 files; video recorded on film strips, VHS tapes, and Blu-Ray discs; electronic files created with word-processing software or archived from websites.” These records can teach us much. He continued, “The breadth of materials testifies to the Church’s ongoing efforts to spread the word of God across the earth in every possible way. The Church carefully preserves all of these records so that we can continue to learn from them.

These records also allow us to see the personal sides of Church leaders and members.”¹ Located in downtown Salt Lake City, with satellite storage facilities in more than two dozen locations around the world, the Church History Library holds the world’s largest collection of sacred records about the history of the restored Church.

Your Students Can Encounter Church History Documents

There are many ways your students might benefit from an encounter with the historical documents preserved by the Church. Seeing photographs of the people, places, and events described in each lesson will help them visualize and remember past events. Witnessing Joseph Smith’s handwriting on a document can help him feel more real and personal to them.² Seeing the pages of the Book of Commandments that were rescued from mob destruction by young girls can both bring the past into the present and demonstrate the important contributions that youth can make to our current history.³ Viewing the sources of history can help students better understand how our knowledge of the past develops.

Perhaps the easiest way to find sources of interest and relevance is through citations in materials you are already using. The endnotes in the Church’s new, four-volume narrative history, *Saints*, cite the original sources used to tell the Saints’ compelling stories.⁴ In the electronic version of *Saints*—in the Gospel Library app or on the Church’s website—the citations are often hyperlinks that point directly to images of the original documents in the Church History Library’s online catalog. During the preparation of *Saints* for publication, the library’s staff digitized the cited sources for readers to explore.

Other solid resources on Church history also cite original sources in the library’s collection. The endnotes of the Gospel Topics Essays point to sources for understanding some of the tough questions from our past, such as plural marriage, blacks and the priesthood, and the methods of scripture translation.⁵ The publication of *Saints* has been accompanied by the release of nearly two hundred essays on “Church History Topics” that provide additional information on people, places, events, and issues in Church history. Some address additional topics of interest to students, including Masonry and the temple endowment, the Danites, the Kinderhook Plates, and Joseph Smith’s 1844 campaign for the U.S. presidency.⁶ The information in some of these essays is being brought to life in an engaging video format in the Church’s *Now You Know* series.⁷

Your students can also encounter historical documents in several curated collections. Scholars and experts in the Church History Library have selected significant records and presented them with commentary and analysis. The library's Foundations of Faith exhibit presents accounts of the First Vision, early editions of modern scripture, the papers of modern prophets, and documents related to living the gospel, gathering Israel, and building temples.⁸ Significant documents from black Latter-day Saint history have been identified and digitized, including certification of Elijah Able's priesthood ordination, Jane Manning James's autobiography, and testimonies of twentieth-century converts.⁹ Art curators have selected artwork from around the world that depict the First Vision and the pioneer experience.¹⁰

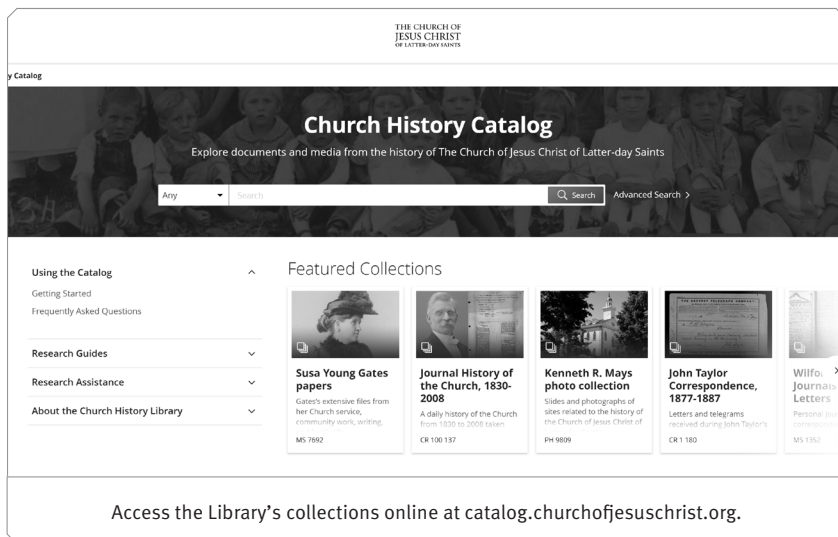
The Joseph Smith Papers website organizes Joseph's materials into multiple series: Documents, Journals, Administrative Records, Revelations and Translations, Histories, and Legal and Financial Records. The site features significant reference materials, including a glossary of historical terms, lesson plans, and descriptions of people, events, and places named in the papers. The Featured Topics section of the site (under Reference in the top navigation menu) identifies documents related to important topics, including accounts of the King Follet Sermon, the Council of Fifty, the First Vision, and Religious Freedom. And, don't miss the index to the original sources from which Joseph Fielding Smith drew his popular *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith* (1938).¹¹

The Church Historian's Press website offers full-text searchable editions of a growing number of significant records from Church history. There is a collection of documents, *The First Fifty Years of the Relief Society*, that includes the minute book of the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo. Another collection of sermons by Latter-day Saint women, *At the Pulpit*, presents powerful examples of women teaching and exhorting. The site also hosts the journals of George Q. Cannon, Franklin D. Richards, and Emmeline B. Wells, with more on the way.¹²

The Church History Library hosts a database of authenticated information about early Church members like pioneers and missionaries. Users may search by name to find information and sources about ancestors or other persons from Church history. The facts in the Pioneer Database search interface provide useful context for experiences with the pioneer trek.¹³ The missionary interface leads to information about historical conditions missionaries faced concerning geography, transportation, and demographics.¹⁴ Both databases

have been cross-linked with the FamilySearch Family Tree, so users may quickly connect from the database to their ancestors in the tree.¹⁵

Finally, your students may also enjoy the opportunity to search directly in the Church History Library's online catalog for documents that interest them. The search box leads to documents in the collection, and significant collections are featured on the page, including photos, letters, and architectural plans. Today there are more than 18 million digital assets in the catalog, and the library's staff continues to scan and post historical documents at a rate of approximately three hundred new images per hour. Some items may have copyright restrictions and require searchers to log in using their Church account. Other items may be restricted if they contain information that is sacred, confidential, or private.¹⁶ The catalog's landing page also links to research guides containing advice, tips, and collections about general Church history, Church leaders, women in Church history, blacks in Church history, general conference, sources for family and local history, and more.¹⁷



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Church History Documents in Your Classroom

As your students become more familiar with using the documents from Church history, your classroom can become an exciting place for discussion and deeper learning. Their interest and abilities will allow you to prepare

differently for your lessons. Plan to engage them in reading, analysis, and discussion.

Teach How to Analyze

One way to develop your lessons might involve teaching and reinforcing the skills for analyzing documents and sources. You might begin by helping your students understand that the past is gone and only pieces of the past—like these documents—remain in the present. Further, these documents and facts about the past don’t “speak for themselves”; instead, they need to be interpreted and placed in their proper contexts. The past was different (and that’s all right), so we need to try to understand it on its own terms, not with our own assumptions from the present. Learning history this way requires humility because we don’t find all of the answers, but our understanding can grow over time.¹⁸

Create Learning Routines

You can translate these general concepts about analysis into specific skills for reading and analyzing documents. You might create learning routines that encourage your students to begin asking questions before they read a document, examine documents closely to understand their meaning, place ideas into context, and understand different types of significance.¹⁹ To help you

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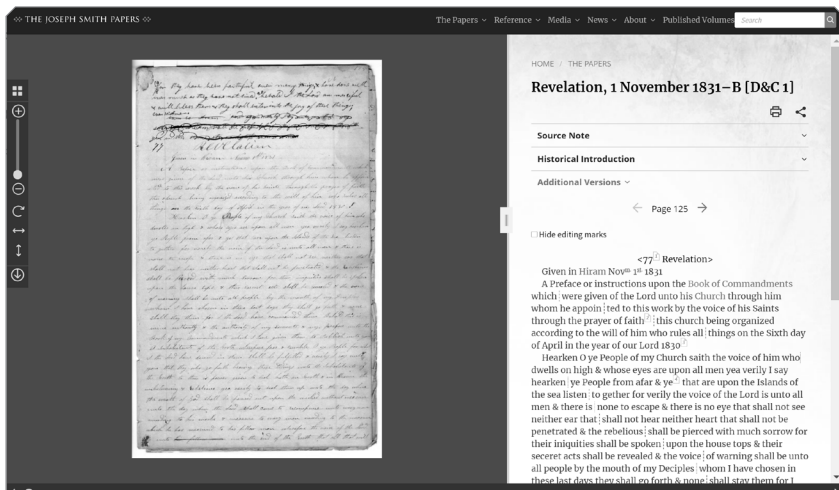
7. Fellow Servants

One click takes you to the passage in *Saints* that discusses each section.

find information about the origins of each revelation, the website for *Saints* features an index to the Doctrine and Covenants that links directly to the passages in the book that describe each revelation.²⁰ Steven C. Harper's *Making Sense of the Doctrine and Covenants* (2008) describes the origin, content, and outcomes of each revelation.²¹

Explore the Earliest Copy

Each section in the Doctrine and Covenants had a prehistory before being published. For each, a moment in the Church's history prompted the need to communicate with heaven, and the revelations came both to answer the Saints' present questions and to guide them into the future. The Joseph Smith Papers website hosts a Featured Topics page that identifies the earliest copy of each revelation, most of which are handwritten. Your students can zoom in on the old handwriting, read a typed version of the text, and click on links that provide information about general historical background and specific words and concepts within the revelation.²²



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Given in Hiram Nov^r 1st 1831

A Preface or instructions upon the book of Commandments which were given of the Lord unto his Church through him whom he appoint[ed] to this work by the voice of his Saints through the prayer of faith¹ [this church being organized according to the will of him who rules all things on the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord 1830]

Hearken O ye people of my Church saith the voice of him who dwells on high & whose eyes are upon all men yea verily I say hearken: ye People from afar & ye² that are upon the islands of the sea listen to gather for verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men & there is none to escape & there is no eye that shall not see neither ear that shall not hear neither heart that shall not be penetrated & the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the house tops & their secret acts shall be revealed & the voice of warning shall be unto all people by the mouth of my Deciples: whom I have chosen in these last days they shall go forth & none shall stay them for I

The earliest manuscript of Doctrine and Covenants section 1 on the Joseph Smith Papers website.²³

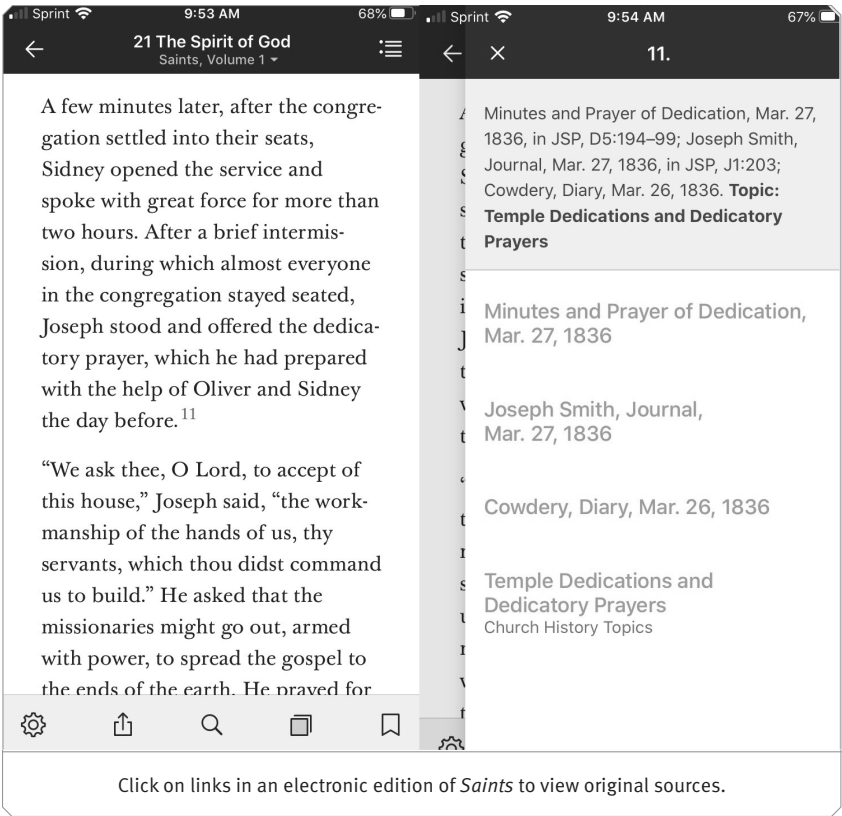
Connect the Revelations

Many of the revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants relate to other revelations. For example, sections 3 and 10 instruct Joseph about how to

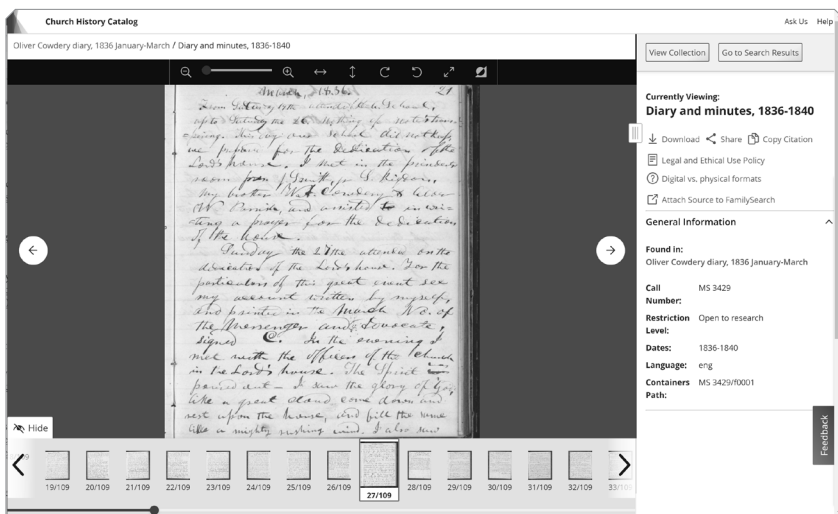
respond to the loss of the 116 manuscript pages of the Book of Mormon translation. Sections 6 through 9 contain guidance for Oliver Cowdery as he worked as Joseph’s scribe in the Book of Mormon translation process. The book *Revelations in Context: The Stories behind the Sections of the Doctrine and Covenants* (2016) is available on the Church’s website and in the Gospel Library app. The essays in this book identify related revelations and describe the backstory and connections behind them.²⁴

Seek Insight from Additional Documents

Because the past is gone, historians use multiple documents to reconstruct what happened and enrich our understanding. *Saints* can help with this process. For example, to enable your students to understand the dedicatory prayer of the Kirtland Temple (Doctrine and Covenants 109), you might look to chapter 21 of the first volume of *Saints*, “The Spirit of God.” About



midway through the chapter you'll find Joseph Smith reading the prayer to the congregation. Endnote 11 reveals that the information in this part of the story comes from the minutes of the dedication, Joseph Smith's journal, and the journal of Oliver Cowdery. If you are reading an electronic edition of *Saints*, you may click on the links in the endnotes to go directly to the original sources in the Church History Library catalog or the Joseph Smith Papers website.



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Use Saints to find additional sources about the revelations you are studying. Click on the endnote number to be taken to the notes; click on a source in the note to see the original.

Church History Documents and Your Professional Development

The Church's historical documents, together with the services of the Church History Library, can also assist you in your own professional development as a gospel teacher.

Ask Us

The Library's website and catalog feature links to the Ask Us section, through which you may submit individual questions. The links open an online form where you may ask questions and share information. Common questions involve finding sources for oft-circulated quotes and verifying the accuracy

of rumors. You might ask also about the history of the Church in your community or for help finding something of interest in our catalog. Questions are answered by a team of archivists, librarians, and historians who are standing by to consult with you.

Visit the Library

You might schedule a visit in person or virtually to see documents, ask questions, or talk about teaching. Visitors to the library may view original documents on public display or see original records in the reading room. Our “Foundations of Faith” exhibit displays some of our most priceless treasures, including a page from the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon, a copy of the extremely rare Book of Commandments, personal journals of early Church leaders, and founding records of Church organizations and activities. Temporary exhibits showcase records related to anniversaries and milestones. The Church History Library has hosted groups of seminary and institute teachers for training events. Additionally, specific presentations—such as learning how to use original records and documents to teach about the First Vision, the Book of Mormon translation, the restoration of the priesthood, or plural marriage—can be prepared to meet your needs.

Research in the Library

As your career develops, you may seek the opportunity to conduct original historical research as part of a course or an advanced degree program. You may access our online catalog from anywhere in the world, and our consultation team can help you design a research strategy to find what you seek. Researchers who visit the library building in person may browse reference materials in the open stacks, but most of the library’s materials are stored in secure stacks and require being called to a reading room for viewing. In preparation, patrons watch a brief orientation video and register using a Church account. The orientation reviews standards of appropriate conduct and explains policies related to access and use. Upon registration, patrons may request items from the secure stacks, save online searches, and access additional digital assets in the online catalog. Registration may be completed online before arriving at the library.

A Small and Simple Thing

The Church preserves historical documents for the benefit of the Church. Bringing these records into your classroom and lesson planning is a “small” thing, but referring to the value of original records, Alma taught “that by small and simple things are great things brought to pass” (Alma 37:6). He testified to Helaman that the original Nephite records had “convinced many of the error of their ways” and “brought them to the knowledge of their God unto the salvation of their souls” (Alma 37:8). He also believed that original records held the potential to do much more. “Who knoweth,” he asked, “but what they will be the means of bringing many thousands” more people “to the knowledge of their Redeemer?” (Alma 37:10). May the original records of the Restoration bless you and your students as you find, analyze, and discuss their contents. May your understanding and memory grow as you see the ways that the Lord has blessed Church leaders and members in the latter days.

Top 5 Resources for Original Church History Records

1. *Church History Catalog*

The Church History Catalog (catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org) is the principal resource for searching the Library’s collection of archival, manuscript, and print materials. The images of digitized records may be viewed online (some require a log in with a Church account). Simple and advanced searches for names, places, and topics yield results that may be narrowed by material type, date, and language. Wildcard and Boolean searches are also supported. Millions of digitized images are added to the catalog each year and users may recommend sources for future digitization. Materials in the catalog come from a wide spectrum of sources and represent numerous points of view. Users of the catalog should not assume that the Church or the library endorses every item in the collection.

2. *Database of People from Church History*

Two search interfaces point to original records about individual members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The missionary interface (history.churchofjesuschrist.org/missionary) identifies every known Latter-day Saint missionary from 1830 to eighty years ago. The database currently lists more than 37,000 individuals with links to images of thousands of original and authoritative records. The database can be searched by

name or browsed to find sources and photos. The pioneer interface (pioneer.churchofjesuschrist.org) points to every known Latter-day Saint pioneer who traveled overland to Utah between 1847 and 1868. It is the product of more than two decades of work. The database currently identifies more than 57,000 individuals with links to thousands of original and authoritative records of pioneer experiences. The database can be searched by name or browsed to find sources and photos.

3. Research Guides

The Library's growing collection of research guides (history.churchofjesuschrist.org/collection/research-guides) provides an introduction to important topics, links to digitized collections of original records, and advice for finding information in the library. The library has published guides for General Church History, General Conference, Leaders of the Church, Latter-day Saint Family and Local History Sources, Blacks in Church History, Women's Organizations (in general), the Young Women and Primary organizations (in detail), Latter-day Saint Women's Suffrage, the Journal History of the Church, photograph collections, the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, pioneer-era journals, baptism and confirmation records, and much more.

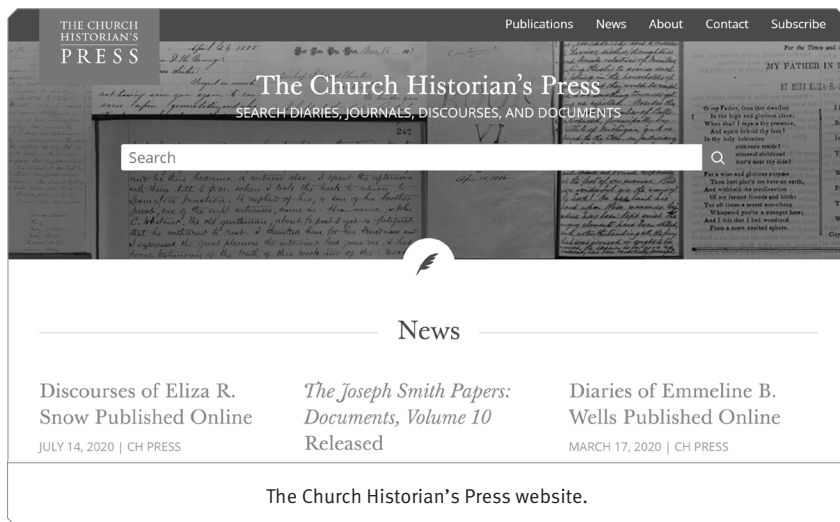
The screenshot displays the homepage of the The Joseph Smith Papers website. The header features the site's name and a navigation menu. A large banner image with handwritten text from the Revelation Book 2 is at the top. Below the banner, a sidebar on the left lists various document categories under the heading 'BROWSE THE PAPERS'. The main content area features a prominent announcement for 'Documents, Volume 10, Released' dated May 2020, detailing the release of papers from May through August 1842. Below this, there is a section for 'New Content on the Joseph Smith Papers Website' dated April 30, 2020. The footer of the website states: 'The Joseph Smith Papers website.'

4. Joseph Smith Papers website

The Joseph Smith Papers Project is an effort to gather all existing Joseph Smith documents and publish them with both textual and contextual annotation. The website (josephsmithpapers.org) presents both images and transcriptions of documents from the Church History Library and from other libraries and archives, wherever Joseph Smith documents may be found. The records are presented in series groupings of documents; journals; administrative records; revelations and translations; histories; and legal, business, and financial records.

5. Church Historian's Press website

Some of the library's most significant collections are transcribed for full-text searching on the website of the Church Historian's Press (churchhistorianspress.org). At present, the site hosts selected sermons by Latter-day Saint women (1831–2016), documents from the first fifty years of the Relief Society (1842–1892), the journal of George Q. Cannon (1849–1901), the journal of George F. Richards (1880s–1950), and the diaries of Emmeline B. Wells (1844–1920). **RE**



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