Kirtland Bibliography

A brief summary of Mormon sources housed in the Western Reserve Historical Society Library, Cleveland, Ohio (though this list is dated). Includes a picture of the Kirtland Temple.

Adams, Dale W. “Chartering the Kirtland Bank.” *BYU Studies* 23 (Fall 1983): 467–82.


A major history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its early leaders. Includes bibliographical references.


*Left:* Kirtland Temple, early 1900s. Courtesy of L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

LDS biographical sketches and indexes to biographical sketches; photographs; church histories; periodicals; newspapers; guides; bibliographies; LDS emigration rosters; vital records; cemetery records; Susan Easton Black’s Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830–1848, 50 volumes; Susan Easton Black’s Early Members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 6 volumes; and other Mormon sources. The compact disc is indexed. See also The Pioneer Heritage CD-ROM.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Collection; histories and early periodicals; guides and indexes to diaries, autobiographies, and manuscripts; pioneer biographies; journals and diaries; photographs; pioneer vital records; Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah. For an expanded version, see Ancestry. LDS FamilyHistory Suite 2. CD-ROM.

A scholarly and detailed history of Geauga County, including Kirtland. Illustrated with many photos.

Kirtland Bibliography

A scholarly study of Kirtland, Ohio. Includes quotes and citations from experiences of early Kirtland residents. One of the essential books for a study of Kirtland history. Includes bibliographical references.


Anderson, Mary Audentia Smith, comp. *Ancestry and Posterity of Joseph Smith and Emma Hale.* Independence, Mo.: Herald Publishing House, 1929. History and social philosophy of the RLDS Church, ancestry of Joseph Smith Jr. and Emma Hale, Lucy Mack (Joseph Smith’s mother), and collateral lines. Includes references to those people who resided in Kirtland, Ohio. Identifies the posterity of Joseph and Emma Smith, with an emphasis on RLDS Church leaders. Includes some documentation, portraits, and photographs of residences of the Smith family and others.


The definitive study of the New England ancestry of Joseph Smith Jr. Also includes references to Kirtland.


Includes a history and pictures of the Kirtland Temple, as well as LDS temples in Utah, Nauvoo, and elsewhere.


Describes the origins of Latter-day Saint temples, including the Kirtland Temple. Illustrated.


This register includes many references to events in Kirtland.


Briefly describes some of the Mormon manuscripts in the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University—biographies, autobiographies, correspondence, papers, and similar works, including records for the Kirtland time period. Included as part of Ancestry’s *LDS FamilyHistory Suite 2* (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 1998), CD-ROM.

Angell, Truman Osborn. Autobiography, 1884. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Account of Angell’s family life, experiences in Kirtland, Ohio, and work on the Kirtland Temple.

“Anniversary of the Church.” *Messenger and Advocate* 3 (April 1837): 486–89.


Information extracted from Geauga County, Ohio, Common Pleas Court records.


“Articles Concerning the Mormons in Kirtland, Ohio.” Copied from the *Painesville Telegraph*, 16 November 1830–22 November 1831. Typescript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.


An exhaustive and well-documented study of the Latter-day Saints in Kirtland and elsewhere in Ohio. Includes useful maps, illustrations, and bibliographies. Indexed in the Early Church Information File.


A history of the LDS Church in Kirtland, Ohio. Includes a map showing branches of the LDS Church in northeastern Ohio, 1831–38.

Transcription from Kirtland Township minute books, 1818–46. Includes a census of 1850 for Kirtland, Ohio.


Kirtland Bibliography

All of the chapters in this monograph are devoted to Kirtland and the LDS Church in Ohio. See also, “Appendix 1 [to “The Kirtland Hebrew School (1835–36)”], Excerpts from the Journal of the Prophet Joseph Smith Relating to the Study of Hebrew,” 155–62, and “Appendix 2 [to “The Kirtland Hebrew School (1835–36)”], Joseph Smith’s Use of Hebrew Language,” 163–66. The chapter titles in this Regional Studies are listed separately in this guidebook.


Vital statistics and genealogical data of members of the Kirtland, Ohio, branch and participants in the march of Zion’s Camp, 1830–39, alphabetically arranged by surname. Genealogical information varies. Includes an 1837 map of Kirtland; an 1833 map of the Western Reserve; an 1838 map of Kirtland Camp; a list of Latter-day Saints married in
Geauga County before 1840; land and tax records, 1830–39; signatures of signers of the Kirtland Camp Constitution; sketches of the Kirtland Temple; a list of abbreviations; and other Kirtland period data. Indexed in the Early Church Information File. For updated genealogical and historical information see the database compiled by Milton V. Backman Jr. and others, entitled *Early Membership Historical Records, 1830–1848*, described in the Computer Databases and Genealogical Collections section later in this volume.


Baugh, Alexander L. “For This Ordinance Belongeth to My House: The Practice of Baptism for the Dead Outside the Nauvoo Temple.” *Mormon Historical Studies* 3 (Spring 2002): 47–58. Baugh explains that some proxy baptisms for the dead were performed in 1841 in Kirtland, probably in the East Branch of the Chagrin River.

———. “The Practice of Baptism for the Dead Outside of Temples.” *Religious Studies Center Newsletter* 13 (September 1998): 3–6. An abbreviated article wherein Baugh explains that some proxy baptisms for the dead were performed in 1841 in Kirtland.


Beals, Willard W. *A Map of Kirtland City, Situated in the Township of Kirtland, Geauga County and State of Ohio, April 1837*. Map, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Microfilm, FHL. Plat map of Kirtland, Ohio, showing blocks, streets, and locations of houses. A list of residents is located on the bottom. Map from Geauga County land records, Chardon, Ohio.


Belnap, Gilbert. Account Book, 1836–1874. Microfilm, LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah. Volume used to record accounts of early LDS Church members in Kirtland, Ohio, and Nauvoo, Illinois, including Joseph Smith and other Church leaders.


_Bicentennial Edition of Lake County History_ is a reprint of local history articles of Lake County, Ohio, including articles relating to Kirtland Township and the Kirtland Temple, taken from _The Lake County Historical Society Quarterly_ (Lake County Historical Society [now] Kirtland Hills, Ohio).

Billings, Virginia A. Virginia A. Billings Manuscript Collection, n.d. Typescripts and indexes. Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

A history of the Old South Church, Kirtland, Ohio; Kirtland local history; genealogies; family tales. Includes indexes.


A major biographical compendium of Ashtabula, Geauga, and Lake counties, Ohio. Includes some portraits of early pioneer citizens. See also, “Index to Biographical History of northeastern Ohio” (typescript index prepared by Church Service Volunteers, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1979; index on microfilm, FHL) and _Index to Biographical History of Northeastern Ohio, Embracing the Counties of Ashtabula, Geauga, and Lake_ (Geneva, Ohio: Ashtabula County Genealogical Society, 2002).
Bishop, Francis Gladden. *A Brief History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*. Salem [N.C.]: Blum & Son, 1839.

Bishop, James E. Miscellany, 1939, 1940. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Includes notes on early Mormonism.


A brief history of the Kirtland Temple and the beginnings of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (now Community of Christ). Describes the initials inscribed on the elevated Kirtland Temple pulpits.


Book of Commandments for the Government of the Church of Christ. See The Doctrine and Covenants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1981.


Especially useful for a study of Mormon history maps and migration maps. Includes a discussion of and maps of Kirtland, land ownership in Kirtland, and northern Ohio Mormon settlements.


A selection from the author's master’s thesis, University of Missouri—Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri.


A handout prepared for the Mormon History Association annual meeting in Kirtland, Ohio, 22–24 April 1977.


Discusses the endowment during the Kirtland period, 1835–36.
"Burials of All the Service Men, 1775–1940, in the Cemeteries of Lake County, Ohio." Painesville, Ohio: Lake County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1974.


Special BYU Studies issue on the Ohio period in Latter-day Saint Church history.

Special BYU Studies issue on the Ohio period in Latter-day Saint Church history.


A brief history of the Kirtland Temple.


Includes a brief history of Kirtland and Mormons in Ohio.

Census records. See U.S. Census Bureau.

Century Map Co. See Stark, Alexander C.


This article includes illustrations concerning the Kirtland Temple.
Kirtland Bibliography

*Church History in the Fulness of Times.* Salt Lake City: Corporation of the President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1989.


A record kept by clerks of the Kirtland High Council, including minutes of meetings, priesthood ordinations, and other meeting business. Covers the time period in Kirtland, Ohio, from 10 October 1832 to 30 November 1837. The Kirtland High Council was the first High Council in the LDS Church. Includes a subject and personal name index. See also the typescript of the Kirtland Minute Book in L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.


———. “Kirtland and Nauvoo Manuscripts, 1832–1845.” Typescripts, LDS Church Archives and L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

Typescripts of the Kirtland Council Minute Book (1832–37),
typescripts of the minute books of the High Council in Nauvoo, Illinois (1840–45), and other early LDS Church sources.

———. “Kirtland Council Minute Book, 1832–1837.” Typescript, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Typed copy (by Lyndon W. Cook at the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University) of the minutes of the Kirtland Council of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Priesthood ordinations, minutes of conference meetings, elections of elders, complaints, minutes of the high council, minutes of various priesthood meetings, and other meeting business. Covers the time period from 3 December 1832 to 27 November 1837. Typescript personal name index included in back of the volume at Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. The original Kirtland Council Minute Book is housed in the LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City.


Includes a history of the conditions in Kirtland during the construction of the Kirtland Temple.

Kirtland Bibliography

———, comp. “Names of Women Who were Born in Lake County, Ohio, or Who Came to it Prior to 1840.” 1960. Typescript, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.

Collier, Fred Clinton, and William S. Harwell, eds. Kirtland Council Minute Book. See Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, High Council (Kirtland, Ohio).


Congregational Church (Kirtland, Ohio). Subscription List for Meeting House, January 23, 1832. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

A chronology of LDS Church history and Joseph Smith history. Includes a useful bibliography.


Transcriptions of minutes of meetings of the Kirtland elders quorum, 1836–41. Most meetings of the elders quorum were held in the Kirtland Temple. Includes biographical sketches; and name and subject indexes. Indexed in the Early Church Information File.


———. *A Reproduction of a Series of Letters Written by Oliver Cowdery*. Monongahela, Pa.: Church of Jesus Christ, 1933.
Letters reproduced from the *L.D.S. Messenger and Advocate*, published at Kirtland, Ohio, 1834–35.


Crawley, Peter. “A Bibliography of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New York, Ohio, and Missouri.” *BYU Studies* 12 (Summer 1972): 465–537. Descriptions of early nineteenth-century newspapers, and other works, published by the LDS Church in Kirtland, Ohio, and elsewhere, and other accounts concerning the Mormon Church published by others.
———. *A Descriptive Bibliography of the Mormon Church, Volume One, 1830–1847*. Provo, Utah: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 1997.


Includes abstracts of wills from Lake County, Ohio, 1852–54.

Library of Ohio, Columbus; DAR Library, Washington, DC. Microfilm, FHL.
Includes transcriptions of tombstones from the Kirtland Temple cemetery.


———. New Connecticut Chapter. “Lake County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1840–1865.” 2 vols. Typescript, Morley Library, Painesville, Ohio; State Library of Ohio, Columbus; and Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.


Daughters of Utah Pioneers. See International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers.


Davis, Mrs. Howard. “Early Marriages in Geauga County, Ohio, Arranged by Township.” Typescript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland. Microfilm, FHL.


Deceased Members Cards (also known as RLDS Deceased Files). Community of Christ Library-Archives, Independence, Missouri. This card file provided much of the information for Susan Easton Black, comp., Early Members of the Reorganized Church
Kirtland Bibliography

_of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 6 vols. (Provo, Utah: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 1993).


The Doctrine and Covenants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1981. Also available online at www.lds.org and as a CD-ROM. See the sections pertaining to Kirtland and Hiram, Ohio, especially D&C 109 (prayer offered by Joseph Smith Jr. at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple) and D&C 110 (heavenly messengers appear to Joseph Smith Jr. and Oliver Cowdery in a vision in the Kirtland Temple). See Smith, Joseph Jr., et al., comps. Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.


The Mormons at Kirtland are discussed on pages 496–99.


The story of Jeffrey Lundgren (former member of the RLDS Church), his followers, and the “Mormon Cult Murders” in Kirtland, Ohio. Includes bibliographical references.


Early Church Information File.

An alphabetical card index, known as ECIF, of names of numerous early members of the LDS Church dating from the 1830s to the mid-twentieth century, including many Kirtland residents. Sources indexed include LDS Church records; journals; biographies; cemetery records; immigration records; *Church Chronology*; Kirtland Elder’s Quorum Record, 1836–41; Kirtland Heritage Collection; *LDS Biographical Encyclopedia; Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah*; temple records; and many others. For a list of works indexed, see “Preliminary Bibliography of Works Indexed in the Early Church Information File,” typescript in LDS Research reference notebook at FHL. Available on microfilm at Brigham Young University and the Family History Library.


Brief biographical sketches of Kirtland Township and Lake County, Ohio, residents, including Christopher Crary.
Kirtland Bibliography


Elders’ Licenses Issued at Kirtland, 1836–1838. Microfilm, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.


Special issue on the Kirtland period in LDS Church history.

A well-documented biographical and genealogical account of Artemus Millet (born 11 September 1790, Westmoreland, Cheshire Co., N.H.), his life in Kirtland, Ohio, and his work on the Kirtland Temple.

Includes references to Kirtland and early LDS Church history.


Extracts from a Brief History of the Congregational Church of Kirtland, Ohio. Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.


Fay, Maxwell. *Index to Lake County History*. Fort Wayne, Ind.: Allen County Public Library, 1989.


Taken from the author’s dissertation, “The Growth of the Mormon Church in Kirtland, Ohio” (PhD diss., Indiana University, 1957).


Describes the “Finding the Posterity” program, which is designed to bring descendants of early Kirtland Saints into contact with the Church.

The major bibliography of Mormon literature published between 1830 and 1930. The revised and enlarged edition identifies more sources, including published U.S. government documents and state and county histories.


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Ford, Margaret O. “Early Marriages in Geauga County.” Typescript, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

Includes names of early Mormons married in Geauga County.

Fowles, B. Copy of Typescript Letter to the Postmaster at Kirtland, Ohio, with Some Reminiscences of Joseph Smith and the Mormon Temple at Kirtland. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.
A description of the Mormons in Kirtland, Ohio, with brief sketches of Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, and Brigham Young.

Includes a discussion of the Kirtland Temple, pages 188–93, along with public buildings, courthouses, and taverns in the Western Reserve in northeastern Ohio.


*Fullness of Times: The Tents of Kirtland*. Cassette, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.


Includes some township histories and town directories. Indexed.


*Genealogical Data Relating to Women in the Western Reserve before 1840 (1850)*. See Western Reserve Historical Society. Library.

General Church Recorder. The Conference Minutes and Record Book of Christ’s Church of Latter-day Saints, 1838–1839, 1844. Typescript and microfilm, LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah. Minutes of conferences and other meetings held by Church councils in Kirtland and elsewhere.


George, Milton C. “Kirtland: Visions and Debts.” In “The Settlement of the Connecticut Western Reserve of Ohio,
1796–1850.” Department of Geography, University of Michigan, n.d. Typescript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

Includes orders from Joseph Smith Jr., Brigham Young, Oliver Cowdery, John Whitmer, Sidney Rigdon, and others.


Discusses Sidney Rigdon’s preaching and baptizing in Kirtland, Ohio.


A study of Mormon migration to Kirtland, Ohio, and migra-
tion patterns. Electronic version available online from BYU's online catalog.

———. “Marriage Patterns of the Mormon Community at Kirtland, Ohio, 1830–1838.” L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.


Green, Kenneth T. “We Remember Kirtland Temple.” Saints’ Herald, 24 March 1958, 6, 7.


———. Card File of Geauga County, Ohio, Marriages, 1806–1920. Microfilm, FHL.

———. Card File to Geauga County Obituaries, ca. 1800–1900: Necrology File. Microfilm, FHL.

An index to obituaries from various newspapers published in Geauga County, Ohio.
Card File to Geauga County Ohio Genealogical Society Membership File. Microfilm, FHL.

Card Indexes. Chardon Public Library, Chardon, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.
- Geauga County, Ohio Births, 1867–1908
- Geauga County, Ohio Deaths, 1867–1908
- Geauga County, Ohio Marriages, 1806–1920
- Geauga County, Ohio Probate Court Correspondence, ca. 1800–1900
- Geauga County, Ohio Probate Records, ca. 1800–1900
- Geauga County, Ohio Wills, 1853–1955

Index to 147 Rolls of Microfilm of Probate Records of Geauga County, Ohio, 1805–1917. Chardon, Ohio: Geauga County Genealogical Society, 1989. Index shows name of person, type of record, and probate file number, year, and FHL microfilm number.


Grosvenor, Jeannette, and Violet Warren, comps. “Family Group Records of Persons Associated with Geauga County, Ohio.” Typescript, Chardon Public Library, Chardon, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL. Families are arranged on family group records alphabetically within each Geauga County township; includes some newspaper clippings.

Interments in Geauga County, Ohio.” Typescript, Chardon Public Library, Chardon, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL. See also Violet Warren and Jeannette Grosvenor, A Monumental Work: Inscriptions and Interments in

Hadden, Etta Hobart, comp. Hadden Scrapbook. Microfilm, FHL.
Newspaper clippings about Ohio, Mormons, and the Hadden family. Indexed in the Early Church Information File.

Interpretations of Church history written by an RLDS Church member, including early Kirtland history. Discusses the historical significance of and includes extracts from The Evening and the Morning Star, Latter Day Saints’ Messenger and Advocate, Elders’ Journal of the Church of Latter Day Saints, Times and Seasons, and early Conference Reports. Illustrated. See the “Periodicals, Newsletters, and Newspapers” section later in this volume.

Includes a brief illustrated history of the Kirtland period in LDS Church history and a history of the Kirtland Temple, 1833–36.


See especially chapter 12, “The Mormons at Kirtland.” Useful as a history of the Western Reserve in northeastern Ohio. Includes an early photograph of the Kirtland Temple.

A history of LDS temples, beginning with the Kirtland Temple, now owned by the Community of Christ. Illustrated with sketches and maps.

Hawley, Emma W. Boutelle. “Cemetery Records of Lake County, Ohio: Kirtland, Old Angel Farm, & Burial Grounds Near Brown’s Corners in Kirtland, and Willoughby Cemetery in Wycliffe; and a Small Cemetery in Kirtland Township.” N.p., n.d. Typescript, Microfilm, FHL.


Includes a discussion of the Mormons at Kirtland.


An early illustrated history of Lake County, Ohio. Includes biographies, portraits, and pictures of residences. See especially the map of Lake County, Ohio.

Hillman, Silas. *Autobiography and Financial Records, 1866–1875*. Manuscript, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Hillman was an early convert to the LDS Church and lived in Kirtland, Ohio; Missouri; Nauvoo, Illinois; and Utah.


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Historical Records Survey (Ohio). *Inventory of the County Archives of Ohio: Geauga County.* Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Records Survey Project, 1942. Microfiche, FHL.

An inventory of Geauga County, Ohio, records—records of the County Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Probate Court, and other local government records.

———. *Inventory of the County Archives of Ohio: Lake County.* Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Records Survey Project, 1941.

Also available online at www.rootsweb.com/~ohlake/history/lcsketch.html.

An inventory of Lake County, Ohio, local government records.


A history of Geauga County and Lake County, Ohio, with biographical sketches (mostly prepared by A. G. Riddle). Kirtland Township history, pages 246–48; Kirtland Township map, Range 9, Township 9, map plate 47. Reprint edition includes every name index. See also *Index for History of Geauga and Lake Counties, Ohio*, comp. Margaret Oliver Collacott (Mentor, Ohio: Lake County Historical Society, 1964).


Includes references to Kirtland.


Includes a history of the Mormon settlement at Kirtland, maps, and a chronology of property ownership.


Discusses Mormons in Kirtland in 1837, at which time the author was in Kirtland.

Holmes, Charles A. Papers, 1837–1853. Manuscript, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio.
Letters to C. A. Holmes of Kirtland Mills and Columbus, Ohio. Includes references to Mormons in Kirtland, Ohio.

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A scholarly photographic essay of LDS Church historic sites in Kirtland, Ohio, and Missouri. Includes historical background, pictures of the Kirtland Temple, and bibliographical references.


Mormons and Mormonism mentioned on pages 44–46.


For early Mormon history, see pages 282–87. Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties are available online at www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/fulltext/oh1849.


Includes a history of the Kirtland period during the 1830s and the Kirtland Temple. A well-documented biography.

Index, Chardon Road Cemetery, Kirtland Township, Lake County, Ohio. Typescript, Kirtland Public Library, Kirtland, Ohio.


Index, South Kirtland Cemetery, Kirtland Township, Lake County, Ohio. Typescript, Kirtland Public Library, Kirtland, Ohio.

Index, Sperry Farm Cemetery, Kirtland Township, Lake County, Ohio. Typescript, Kirtland Public Library, Kirtland, Ohio.

Index, Temple Cemetery, Kirtland Township, Lake County, Ohio. Typescript, Kirtland Public Library, Kirtland, Ohio.

Index to Elders’ Journal, Vol. 1, 1837–1838. See Brigham Young University. Library.

Index to Evening and Morning Star (Volumes 1–2, Kirtland, Ohio, 1832–34). See Brigham Young University. Library.

Index to Geauga County Tax Duplicates, 1810–1850. Chardon Public Library, Chardon, Ohio.
Three-by-five-inch card index available at the Chardon Public Library. Indexes early Kirtland residents. Shows name of person, year taxed, township name, and book and page numbers. Examples of persons taxed include Joseph Smith Sr., Joseph Smith Jr., and Newel K. Whitney. The 1826 Personal Property Tax Duplicate for Geauga County includes a column for the person’s signature and remarks (including the area that is now in Lake County).


Index to L.D.S. Messenger and Advocate, Vols. 1–3, 1834–1836. See Brigham Young University. Library.

Index to Missionary Record, 1830–1971. Microfilm, FHL.
Indexes LDS missionary registers from 1830 to 1959 and “setting apart forms,” 1960–71. Indexes full-time LDS Church missionaries by name; missionary registers contain additional genealogical details.

Index to Obituaries and Death Notices in the Painesville Telegraph (1822–30 April 1986), News-Herald (25 March 1986 to pres-
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ent), and Other Local Newspapers. See Morley Library, Painesville, Ohio. Obituary File.

Index to Plat Maps of Geauga County, Ohio, 1820 & 1830, Including Towns & Townships of Lake County. Chardon, Ohio: Chardon Public Library, 1995.


Many biographical sketches of early LDS Church women, some of whom resided in Kirtland and elsewhere in northeastern Ohio. Sketches were written by their descendants, and most include a portrait of the woman. Personal name index included in volume 4.

Inventory of the County Archives of Ohio. See Historical Records Survey (Ohio).


This magazine article includes a photograph of the Kirtland Temple.

Includes a brief description of Kirtland on pages 199 and 248.


Jenson, Andrew, comp. Church Chronology: A Record of Important Events Pertaining to the History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 2nd ed. Salt Lake City: Deseret News, 1914. Especially useful for a study of the Kirtland period in LDS Church history.


———. Historical Record. 8 vols. Salt Lake City: Andrew Jenson, 1881–89.


———. *Register of the Joseph Smith Collection in the Church Archives*. Salt Lake City: Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1973.


Journal History Card Index, available at the LDS Church History Library, covers the time period 1830–1972 and 1972 to ca. 1990. Microfilm, FHL. Index, DVD-ROM. Includes many historical references to Kirtland, Ohio, and Kirtland Temple articles found in the Journal History of the Church (see below). Recent items since 1990 are in an elec-
tronic version in the Church History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Reference assistance is available to researchers.

Journal History of the Church. LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. Microfilm, FHL.
Daily events of the LDS Church, 1830 to the present. Includes events during the Kirtland time period. Contains newspaper clippings, pioneer rosters, biographies, and other historical items arranged chronologically by date. Personal name and subject index. DVD-ROM, 1830–31 December 1923.


Journals, Diaries, Biographies and Autobiographies of Some Early Mormons and Others Who Knew Joseph Smith Jr. and/or His Contemporaries. Provo, Utah: Math Department, Brigham Young University, n.d.


Kelley was involved with renovation of the Kirtland Temple; his papers during the period 1883 to ca. 1890 reflect his involvement with the Kirtland Temple.


Biographical history of LDS Church presidents and an illustrated history of the Mormons in New York; Kirtland, Ohio; Missouri; Nauvoo, Illinois; Utah; and elsewhere.

Includes a history of Kirtland and emigration from the city.

LDS Church history video tour, including the Kirtland era.

Includes a Kirtland Township Cemetery map and cemetery descriptions.


See pages 10–15 for a description of the Kirtland Temple; includes bibliographical references. Part of Historic Buildings of America Series.


Includes two maps showing migration routes of Mormons from New York to Kirtland in 1831.

A brief survey of Kirtland historical sources and references to Mormons in Ohio. Partially outdated; much of the information in this book updates this article.

———. “Zion's Camp March from Ohio to Missouri, 1834.” *Ensign,* April 1979, 45–49.


Kirtland Camp. Constitution, 13 March 1838. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Articles of government and signatures of subscribers.

———. Journal, March–October 1838. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Account and minutes of meetings of the Kirtland Camp journey of Latter-day Saints who migrated from Kirtland, Ohio, to Far West, Missouri, under the direction of the First Council of the Seventy.

“Kirtland Conference Minutes.” *Times and Seasons*, 1 November 1841, 587–89.

Kirtland Council Minute Book, 1832–1837. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Kirtland Death Notices. 3 notebooks. Kirtland Public Library, Kirtland, Ohio.
Newspaper clippings of obituaries of Kirtland residents. Arranged alphabetically by surname.

Minutes of business meetings of the Kirtland District, RLDS Church.


Kirtland File. See Lake County Historical Society (Kirtland Hills, Ohio).
Kirtland Land and Tax Records, Kirtland Township. Also known as “Land Transactions of the Saints, Kirtland, Ohio, 1830s and 1840s.” Research by Keith W. Perkins and Lyle S. and Gladys A. Briggs. Manuscript notebooks at the Kirtland Family History Center, Kirtland, Ohio.
Arranged alphabetically by surname. Shows name of land owner, date, lot number, number of acres, name of person purchased from, cost, volume, and page numbers. Also, vertical file folders for each Kirtland resident at the Kirtland Family History Center. Contents of file folders: genealogies of Kirtland residents, copies of photographs, biographical details, copies of journals, bibliographies, autobiographies, priesthood information, copies of deeds, maps showing land ownership in the Kirtland area. This is one of the major collections for locating early Kirtland residents.


“Kirtland—Mormonism, and etc.” Messenger and Advocate, April 1837, 490–91.


Current and retrospective newspaper articles regarding Kirtland.

Kirtland, Ohio. Congregational Church. Subscription List for Meeting House of the Congregational Church, Kirtland, Ohio, 23 January 1832. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

“Kirtland, Ohio, Court Records, 1838 to 1845.” Typescript. N.p., n.d. Microfilm, FHL. Copied from records at Kirtland, Ohio, for Philo C. Wightman of Payson, Utah, in 1931. Contains warrants, bonds, warnings out, oaths of office, orders, and other court business. Includes names of Mormon pioneers and records of pioneers.


Kirtland, Ohio. Presbyterian Church. Minutes of the Organization of the Presbyterian Church of Kirtland, September 3–5, 1819. Copied from the original records by Lucy M. Morley of
Mentor. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

Kirtland, Ohio, Tavern Account Book, 1825–1829. Microfilm, LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah. Daybook accounts and financial records for a tavern in Kirtland, Ohio. Includes names of individuals who later joined the LDS Church.

Kirtland, Ohio. Trustees. Minutes, 1817–1846. Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

Kirtland Plat Book. Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.


Kirtland Revelation Book. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.


Kirtland Safety Society Bank. Bank Notes. Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio; Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio; other libraries. Microfilm, FHL.


Kirtland Temple Committee. Certificate, 21 May 1836. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah. Authorization of John Smith and Joseph Smith Sr. to collect donations for the finishing of the Kirtland Temple.

A brief history of the Kirtland Temple and the beginnings of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.


Kirtland Temple Suit. Findings of the Court in Lake County, Ohio, 23 February 1880. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.


A historical overview of the Mormon Church in Kirtland and Hiram, Ohio.


Kirtland Township Map (plat map), 1915. In Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.


Kirtland Township Plat Book, 1846. In Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.
Kirtland Township Record, April 1838 to March 6, 1846. N.p., n.d. Typescript, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.

Kirtland Township business, 1838–46; poll books; warrants issued; petitions; bonds; lists of trustees; list of persons liable for military duty; names of people warned out of town;\(^{17}\) list of Supervisors of Highways; oaths of office; minutes of trustees meetings; election results; school district records; lists of jurors; township expenditures; names of clerks (e.g., Oliver Cowdry [sic]); appointments; election results, including state offices; receipts; town orders; road lists; and other township business. See the original Kirtland Township Records. See also a copy of typescript in Virginia A. Billings Collection in Lake County Historical Society.


Kirtland Township Records. Typed manuscript includes Cemetery Records: Chardon Road, South Kirtland, Sperry Farm,

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17. Warnings out from Overseers of the Poor were given to indigent persons in Kirtland Township who were not legal residents and not able to care for themselves. Thus they were warned to depart from the township, and their names appeared in the township record. Ages and family relationships of persons warned out of town are not shown in these particular records, but may be shown in warnings out in other localities in Ohio, New England, and elsewhere. For further reference on this subject see Josiah Henry Benton, *Warning Out in New England, 1656–1817* (1911; reprint. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries Press, 1970).
Temple; Census Records, 1820–50; Earmarks, 1818; \(^{18}\) Personal Property Tax—Geauga County 1827, 1835, Lake County 1840, 1850; Plat Map Index 1820, 1830, 1840, 1857, 1874; Real Estate Tax—Geauga County 1835, Lake County 1840, 1850; Town Lot Owners 1840; White Male Inhabitants over 21, 1827. Trustees’ Minutes and Poll Books, 1817–1838. Discount Book, 1832–1838 (financial records).

Geauga County Courthouse. Microfilm, FHL.

Kirtland Township Records, 1817–1838. This original ledger book is housed in the archives of the Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Title to the book reads “Kirtland Township Trustees’ Minutes and Poll Book, 1817–1838.” Microfilm, FHL.

The information was written by township clerks from minutes recorded at Kirtland Township meetings. It has been transcribed by Paul Dornbos at the Lake County Historical Society. Contents include list of voters and names of people who voted, names of trustees, names of people warned out of town by overseers of the poor of Kirtland Township, school trustee accounts, highway taxes, record of livestock earmarks, and other township business. Title at LDS Church Archives reads, Kirtland, Ohio, Township Record, 1817–1846 (typescript and microfilm copy at LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah).

18. Earmarks were placed on the ears of cattle, sheep, and other animals to identify livestock for their owners. In addition to proprietors’ names, also shown in the records are the number of horses, cattle, etc., and value (dollar amount).

Kirtland Township Records. Typescripts (compiled by N. P. Turo) in 3-ring notebook, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL. Contents of notebook:

- Cemetery records (Kirtland Township cemetery transcriptions, including the Temple Cemetery)
- Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Lake County, Ohio
- Census Records, Kirtland Township, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850
- Pioneer Women of Kirtland, Lake County
- Names of Women Who Were Born in Township of Kirtland, Ohio, or Came to It Prior to 1840
- Record of Ear (Livestock) Marks, Kirtland Township, 1818
- Personal Property Tax Records (tax duplicates), 1818, 1827, 1835 (Geauga County), 1840, 1850 (Lake County)
- Index of Plat Maps, Kirtland Township, 1820, 1830, 1840
- Real Estate Tax (tax duplicate), 1835 (Geauga County), 1840, 1850 (Lake County)
- Town Lot Owners, 1840
- White Male Inhabitants Over Age 21, 1827
- Maps and Kirtland newspaper clippings

Kirtland Township Tax Duplicate, 1834–1837. In Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.

Kirtland Bibliography

Kirtland, Turhand. Diary, 1798–1823. Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio.
Diary and financial ledger of Turhand Kirtland, early settler in the Western Reserve of northeastern Ohio.

———. *Diary of Turhand Kirtland from 1798–1800*. Poland, Ohio, 1903. Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

———. *Turhand Kirtland Papers, 1794–1880*. Manuscript and microfilm, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.
Frontier and pioneer life in the Western Reserve, land records, and Cleveland history.

———. *Western Reserve Surveys Covering Ranges 11–19*. N.d. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.
In Turhand Kirtland Papers at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

Shows veteran’s name, branch of service, years served, and remarks (such as burial information). Contains some photographs.

Prepared by the Kirtland “Finding the Posterity Program” Committee. A summary of historical events and scriptures during the Kirtland period of LDS Church history.

“Kirtland’s Place in Church History: Ohio Was a Time of Basic Education.” *LDS Church News*, 24 May 2003, 4.

Lake County Genealogical Society. Kirtland Cemetery Inscriptions. Kirtland Public Library, Kirtland, Ohio. Shows name of person, section and row numbers, gravestone inscription, symbols used on the gravestone, and comments.


Lake County Historical Society (Kirtland Hills, Ohio). *Chronological History of Lake County*. Mentor, Ohio: The Society, 1930.

———. “Early Mills & Historical Landmarks of Lake County (Ohio).” Typescript, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

———. Every Name Index, ca. 1606–1973. Card index at Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm FHL. This is one of the major resources for locating early residents in Geauga and Lake counties, Ohio. Much of the information indexed in this card file relates to early families who resided in these two counties. Families are arranged alphabetically by surname.
———. Heritage Homes Index. Card index at Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Arranged by localities in Lake County and then by address, including Kirtland. Card index shows year the home was built. File folders include a picture of the home, application for a Heritage Home Plaque, historical information about the house, names of home owners, newspaper clippings, and other similar information.


———. Kirtland File. Loose files, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL. Includes Kirtland newspaper articles, typescripts, pamphlets, and manuscripts. Also includes photographs of the Kirtland Temple and other Kirtland buildings, correspondence, newspaper clippings, local history, Kirtland Temple deed transcription, periodical articles, various Kirtland, Ohio, news items. Records arranged in file folders. Contains printed and manuscript materials. Useful for a study of the early history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

———. Lake County Historical Society Index of Marriages, ca. 1862–1904. Card index, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

Card index to marriages in Geauga and Lake counties, Ohio.

Lake County History. See Writers’ Program (Ohio).

Lake County Illustrated, Historical, Biographical and Statistical, the County as It Is Today. With Views, Scenes and Public Buildings of Painesville, Willoughby, Wickliffe, Mentor, Madison, Perry, Fairport Harbor, Richmond, Kirtland, Unionville and New


Lake County, Ohio, cemetery transcriptions, Mormon Church area, Kirtland Township. Shows name of deceased, date of birth, and date of death.

Lake County, Ohio, Cemetery Locations: Service Men, 1775–1940. Painesville, Ohio: Lake County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, n.d.


Maps of Lake and Geauga counties, Ohio. Contains an 1874 map of Kirtland Township, Range 9, Township 9, plate 47.

“Latter Day Saints from All the World to Meet in Historic Mormon Pile.” Cleveland Leader, 6 March 1904, 15. Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

Describes a meeting of RLDS Church members in Kirtland in 1904. Includes pictures of Kirtland, the Kirtland Temple, and the Whitney Store.


———. Father Figure: Joseph Smith III and the Creation of the Reorganized Church. Independence, Mo.: Herald Publishing House, 1990.
Kirtland Bibliography


*Lectures on Faith.* See Lundwall, N. B. [Nels Benjamin], comp. *A Compilation Containing the Lectures on Faith as Delivered at the School of the Prophets at Kirtland, Ohio, with Added References on the Godhead and the Holy Ghost.*


Brief biographical sketches of Latter-day Saints buried in or near Kirtland, Lake County, Ohio. Includes cemetery maps and a list of Saints who died in Kirtland and are believed to be buried in the Kirtland area.


A revision of the author’s *In Memory of the Early Saints Who Lived and Died in the Kirtland, Ohio, Area*, 2003.

Little, James Amasa. *From Kirtland to Salt Lake City*. Salt Lake City: J. A. Little, 1890. Microfilm, FHL.
A history of Mormons from Kirtland, Ohio, to Salt Lake City, Utah, and the author’s visit during the years 1875–76 to some of the LDS Church historic sites.

An illustrated history of the Newel K. Whitney Store in Kirtland, Ohio.

Dr. Lord served as principal of the Western Reserve Teachers’ Seminary at Kirtland, Ohio, 1839–46.


Includes a discussion of the Kirtland Temple architecture and the temple pulpits.


A monumental history of LDS Church historical events. See articles pertaining to Kirtland, the Kirtland Temple, and LDS Church history relating to Ohio during the nineteenth century, including biographies of LDS Church leaders. Includes some information about the RLDS Church.


Lundwall, N. B. [Nels Benjamin], comp. *A Compilation Containing the Lectures on Faith as Delivered at the School of the Prophets at Kirtland, Ohio, with Added References on the Godhead and the Holy Ghost*. Salt Lake City: N. B. Lundwall, 1943.

Chapter 1, “The Kirtland Temple”—the dedicatory prayer, physical and historical description of the temple, a description of divine appearances, photographs, and other historical details for the Kirtland period. Well illustrated.

Historical background of the Western Reserve, Lake County, Kirtland, and Mormon history. See especially chapter 8, “Saints and Gentiles.”


Identifies individuals age 16 years and older who joined the LDS Church in Ohio.


Includes a discussion of Mormons in Ohio.


See especially pages 67–82.


Manuscript Survey Maps of Cities of Ohio—Kirtland, Lake County. Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.
Includes information on property held by LDS Church members.

Map Book Containing Early Survey Maps of Burton, Poland, Kirtland, and Mecca, Ohio. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

“Map of Old Burying Ground Showing Locations of Buried Tombstones” [Lake County, Ohio]. Typescript, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.


“Marriage Records from Geauga County, Ohio, Copied from Court Records and from Newspapers, 1806–1860.” 2 vols. Cleveland, 1937. Typescript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.


Maxwell, Fay. *Index to Lake County History*. Columbus, Ohio: Maxwell Publications, 1974. Microfilm, FHL.


A comparison of the Shaker and Mormon religions.

Membership Card Index. Microfilm, FHL and BYU.
Also known as the “Minnie Margetts File,” this card file indexes various early LDS Church records, 1839–1915.

A personal name index to the microfilm edition of the *Library of Congress Collection of Mormon Diaries, Journals, and Life Sketches*.

Mewett, Alfred. Alfred Mewett Papers, St. John’s Church Registers and Cemetery Lists. Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.
Includes gravestone records of the Waite Hill Cemetery, Kirtland, Ohio.

Millet, Joseph. “Grandfather Artemus Millet and the Kirtland Temple.” Holograph, LDS Church Archives.


Missionary Record, 1830–1859: Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah. Microfilm, FHL.

This collection of LDS missionary records shows name of missionary, priesthood office, and residence (Chardon, Kirtland, and so forth) and includes dates of many missionaries who departed from and returned to Kirtland.


Mormons are discussed on pages 211–35.


Card index to newspaper obituaries appearing mostly in the *Painesville Telegraph* from 1822 until its last issue, 30 April 1986. This card file, also known as Necrology Index Card File, also indexes obituaries in the *Northern Ohio Journal*, 11 July 1874 to 26 June 1880; *Willoughby Gazette*, 1 October 1868 to 25 September 1869; *Evening Telegraph*; and *Telegraph Republican* (1907–20) (www.morleylibrary.org/comm.opac). Beginning 1 May 1986, newspaper obituaries are indexed from the *News-Herald* for Lake County residents. Index to obituaries published in the *News-Herald* since 31 December
1997 are online at the Morley Library Web site (www.morleylibrary.org). These files contain references to Kirtland residents.


*Mormon Immigration Index.* Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2000. CD-ROM. Known as MII, this compact disc identifies many LDS immigrants to the United States from 1840 to 1890. Information was extracted from the European Emigration Card Index, European mission registers, LDS publications, custom lists, newspapers, family records, histories, journals, and other sources.


Mormons Who Died in Lake County, Ohio. File folder compiled by Janet Lisonbee. In Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.

Names of Mormons who died in Kirtland and Lake County, Ohio, mostly 1831–45. File folders alphabetically arranged. Includes newspaper obituaries, biographies, genealogies, genealogy questionnaires, and photos of gravestones. Information varies.


Nichols and Merrill Families. Papers, 1839–1872. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. John Nichols was a teacher and later a superintendent (1847–53) of the Western Reserve Teachers’ Seminary in Kirtland.


Ohio County History Surname Index. Card index, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL, Western Reserve Historical Society, and other libraries. Also known as Ohio Surname Index, indexes many Ohio local histories.


Ohio's Writer's Project. Lake County History. Cleveland: Western Reserve Historical Society, Lake County Chapter, 1941.


The Olive Branch, or Herald of Peace and Truth to All Saints. Kirtland, Ohio: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Brewsterites), n.d.


Includes a chapter detailing a history of Mormons in Kirtland, Ohio.


Outline Map of Lake and Geauga Counties, Ohio. See 1857 Landowners’ Maps, Geauga & Lake Counties, Ohio.


Pan American Publishing Co. Church History Tour, ca. 1906. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah. A pictorial history of the LDS Church, including Kirtland.
See especially the bibliography on pages 12–25.


Describes Mormon beginnings in Kirtland and northeastern Ohio, Church government, revelation and scripture, missionary efforts, persecution of Joseph Smith and the Latter-day Saints, Mormons and politics in Ohio, the Kirtland Temple, and Kirtland economics.


An illustrated twentieth-century local history, biography, and memoirs of Kirtland.


Perkins, Wesley. ALS [autographed letter signed] from Wesley Perkins to Jacob Perkins of Rutland County, Vermont, Describing Lorain County [Ohio] and Commenting on Local Reactions to Joseph Smith and the Mormons, 11 February 1832. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland.


A study of the Doctrine and Covenants. Electronic version available online from BYU’s online catalog.


History of Geauga County, county development, politics, military history, history of townships, and biographies. Originally published by Geauga County Historical and Memorial Society. Reprint edition includes every name index (microfilm, FHL).

Pioneer and General History of Geauga County, with Sketches of Some of the Pioneers and Prominent Men. 1880. See Geauga County Historical and Memorial Society.


Map describes historical sites in Kirtland. Information was submitted by Kirtland Bicentennial Coordinating Committee.


———. Minutes of the Organization of the Church, September 3–5, 1819. Manuscript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland. Microfilm, FHL.
These records include organizational church minutes. This church is now the Congregational Church of Kirtland.


Map from Atlas of Geauga and Lake Counties (Cleveland, 1893), Kirtland, Range 9, Township 9. Map shows names of Kirtland property owners.


Kirtland Bibliography

An illustrated history of Kirtland, Ohio, with notes and bibliography. Covers nineteenth-century history, the Mormon experience and exodus from Kirtland, and twentieth-century Kirtland history.


Decisions and actions regarding Ranney’s tenure as justice of the peace in Kirtland. Available at L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

“Record of Early Members of the Church Who Died in Missouri, Kirtland, Nauvoo, and on the Plains.” Compiled by the Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City. Microfilm, FHL.
Information taken from the *Evening and Morning Star*, and *Messenger and Advocate*, *Elders' Journal*, *Times and Seasons*, *Wasp*, *Nauvoo Neighbor*, *Prophet*, *St. Louis Luminary*, *Frontier Guardian*, *The Mormon*, *Western Standard*, and *Deseret News*, to 1868. Contains names; date and place of birth, date of death, and date of baptism; and LDS temple endowment dates of work for the deceased. Includes names of people who were born in Kirtland.

Record of the First Quorum of Elders Belonging to the Church of Christ in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, 1836–1870. Community of Christ Library-Archives, Independence, Missouri.


Includes genealogies and references to people born in Kirtland, Ohio, and elsewhere.


All of the chapters in this monograph are devoted to Kirtland and the LDS Church in Ohio. See also “Appendix 1 [to “The Kirtland Hebrew School (1835–36)”], Excerpts from the Journal of the Prophet Joseph Smith Relating to the Study of Hebrew,” 155–62 and “Appendix 2 [to “The Kirtland Hebrew School (1835–36)”], Joseph Smith’s Use of Hebrew Language,” 163–66. The chapter titles in this *Regional Studies* are listed separately in this guidebook.
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Includes minutes of district meetings, 1907–39, of the Kirtland District, Ohio, and Pennsylvania areas—Cleveland, Kirtland, Painesville, and other localities.


See especially volume 1 for a history of the Kirtland period in Latter-day Saint and RLDS Church history.

Memoirs of the life of Elizabeth Ann Whitney of Kirtland, Ohio, 1878.


Kirtland Bibliography

RLDS membership records, 1860–1918; names of children blessed, 1887–1917; marriages, 1892–1904.


Robbins, Cable. “Of the Tales That Cling about This Temple.” Bystander, 31 January 1931, 7–8, 20–21.

A monumental history of the LDS Church. Included as part of Ancestry’s LDS FamilyHistory Suite 2 (Provo Utah: Ancestry, 1998), CD-ROM.

Robertson, George A. Ashtabula and Geauga Counties, Ohio. N.p., n.d.
Brief article discussing Kirtland, Joseph Smith, and Sidney Rigdon, on page 362.

Kirtland history and a scholarly and illustrated history of the Kirtland Temple. Includes a useful bibliography and an index.


Includes a brief history of Mormons in Ohio, 112–18.


A history of the “Mormon Cult Murders” in Kirtland, regarding Jeffrey Lundgren and his followers (former members of the RLDS Church).


Abstracts of Geauga County marriage records, 1806–21.

Abstracts of Lake County marriage records, 1840–51.

Includes the Kirtland High Council Minutes, December 1832–November 1837; Kirtland Revelation Book, 1832–34; Journal History of the Church, 1830–31 December 1923; and other historical documents, including the genealogy of Joseph Smith Jr.


An alphabetical listing of Latter-day Saints who resided at Kirtland, Ohio, ca. 1831–45, along with birth and death dates, parents’ names, and names of spouses. Information varies—genealogical data are more complete for some individuals than for others. This genealogical reference source is not documented. Indexed in the Early Church Information File.
An example entry from the *Kirtland Heritage* book follows:
Whitney, Newell Kimball
Birth: 05 Feb 1795
Death: 23 Sep 1850
Father: Whitney, Samuel
Mother: Kimball, Susannah
Spouse: Smith, Elizabeth Ann


Sim, Mary B. “Old South Congregational Church.” Historical Society Quarterly, Lake County, Ohio 2 (Summer 1960): 19–22 [1–4].


An article from the Telegraph-Republican, 1910.


Chapter 17, “Kirtland, Ohio,” has maps of Kirtland area historical sites, history of Kirtland and the Kirtland Temple, descriptions of Kirtland historical sites, pictures of buildings, and travel tips. Updated to show some of the new sites restored by the LDS Church in the “Kirtland Flats.” See Carrie A. Moore, “Historic Kirtland: Restored Ohio Village Captures an Earlier Time and Season in LDS Church History,” Deseret Morning News, 29 June 2003, T1–T2.

Includes a picture and brief description of the Kirtland Temple at Kirtland, Ohio. First published in the Saints’ Herald under the title “An Address to Inquiring Nonmembers.”

An overview history of the Kirtland Temple—planning, financing, construction, dedication, and restoration.


Smith, Hyrum. Account Book, 1835–1844. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Record of financial accounts in Kirtland and Nauvoo.

———. Diaries, 1831–1844. 2 vols. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Describes Hyrum Smith’s activities in Kirtland and missionary travels in the areas surrounding Kirtland.


———. History of Joseph Smith the Prophet by Himself. Provo, Utah: Math Department, Brigham Young University, n.d.


The comprehensive history of the LDS Church. Included as part of Ancestry’s *LDS FamilyHistory Suite 2* (Ancestry, 1998), CD-ROM.


Seven lectures used in the School of the Prophets at Kirtland, Ohio, and published in the original edition of the Doctrine and Covenants in 1835. Published as part of the RLDS Doctrine and Covenants until 1894.


———. Promisory Notes, 1 September 1837 and 30 January 1838. Kirtland, Ohio. Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio.


———, et al. Petition to Ariel Hanson, Esq., of Kirtland, 7 November 1836. Copy of original document and typed transcription in Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Includes list of 71 early Kirtland residents. Microfilm, FHL.


Joseph Smith III’s papers include correspondence relating to renovation of the Kirtland Temple and other RLDS Church details.


The life of Joseph Smith and his ancestors written by his mother, Lucy (Mack) Smith. Includes the Kirtland period in Church history.


This work includes names of early Kirtland Township settlers.


Smythe, Charles B. Charles B. Smythe Docket, 1838–1842. Microfilm, FHL. Smythe was a justice of the peace in Lake County, 1838–42.


A detailed and illustrated study of Newel K. Whitney, his life, and his business ventures in Kirtland.

Several chapters in this work describe the Kirtland period in LDS Church history.


A useful index to early issues of the *Painesville Telegraph* newspaper published in Painesville, Ohio.


An illustrated history and biography of Joseph Smith, including his life during the Kirtland period, the Kirtland Temple, and Zion’s Camp.


See volume 1, chapter 6, “Geauga and Lake Counties,” 279–94. Includes a brief history of the Mormons in Kirtland.


An illustrated history of Lake County, Ohio. Includes a brief history of Mormons in Kirtland, on pages 76–79, with early pictures of the Kirtland Temple and Newel K. Whitney Store. Contains a useful bibliography of Lake County sources.


A brief bibliography of Kirtland sources and supplementary material relating to Kirtland environment and materials.

*Supplement to J. Seixas’ Manual Hebrew Grammar for the Kirtland, Ohio, Theological Institution.* New York: West & Trow, 1836.


Contains a discussion of the Kirtland Temple dedication and the appearance of Elijah and other heavenly messengers in the Kirtland Temple. Many photos are in the 1998 reprint edition.


Teacher’s Quorum Minutes, December 1834 to December 1845. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah (also known as Teacher’s Quorum Minute Book). Microfilm and CD-ROM. Record of activities of the teachers quorum in Kirtland, Ohio; Far West, Missouri; and Nauvoo, Illinois, 1834–45.


Temple Cemetery, Kirtland Township, Lake County, Ohio. Typescript, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Kirtland cemetery inscriptions. Includes maps of the Kirtland Cemetery. Inscriptions also copied by Lake County Genealogical Society.


This research outline describes various LDS Church records, including records that cover the Ohio period.


——, comp. “Kirtland Township (Ohio) Records.” Typescripts in a three ring notebook at the Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL. See also Kirtland Township Records.

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Includes background information on Lake and Geauga counties.

Union List of Books on Genealogy and Local History Found in Lake County Libraries. N.p., n.d. Microfilm, FHL.

Of particular interest to Kirtland researchers are the U.S. 1820 and 1830 census population schedules for Geauga County, Ohio, and the 1840 U.S. census for Lake County, Ohio.19 The Lake County, Ohio, 1930 U.S. Census Index is available online at www.rootsweb.com/~ohlake/census/1930abt.html.


19. The following seven townships were enumerated as part of Geauga County for the 1820 and 1830 U.S. federal census population schedules, but they are now in Lake County, Ohio: Concord, Kirtland, Leroy, Madison, Mentor, Painesville, and Perry townships. They are indexed in book indexes and on the Internet at Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com) and at other Web sites.
to the 23rd Congress, Doc. No. 452. Signal Mountain, Tenn.: Mountain Press [ca. 1990].

An illustrated history of the Western Reserve in northeastern Ohio. Includes many biographical sketches of early residents.
See An Every-Name Index to the History of the Western Reserve (Painesville, Ohio: Lake County Genealogical Society, 1988).


Includes a brief history of Kirtland and Mormons in the Cleveland area.


Virginia A. Billings Manuscript Collection. See Billings, Virginia A.


A photographic essay of Kirtland, Ohio, with descriptions of historic sites and an 1837 map of Kirtland Village drawn by Keith W. Perkins (page 41).


Welch, Robert. “Reactions to the Failure of the Kirtland Safety Society, Another View.” [Provo, Utah: Robert Welch, 19??].


Western Reserve Historical Society. Marriage Records from Geauga County, Ohio, Taken from Court Records and from Newspapers, 1806–1860. 2 vols. Typescript. Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio, 1937.


A published name index to Western Reserve Historical Society, Library, *Genealogical Data Relating to Women in the Western Reserve before 1840 (1850)*. Index shows frame numbers (not page numbers) located at the bottom of each page on the microfilm copy.


Original typescripts at the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio, show names of many women who were born
in the Western Reserve or who came to the Reserve before 1840, including Kirtland residents. For an index, see Western Reserve Historical Society, Genealogical Committee, Index to the Microfilm Edition, cited above. Microfiche, FHL. Indexed in the Early Church Information File.


An exhaustive guide to published Mormon history; a description of LDS sources at the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University; a history of the Family History Library and LDS Church Library and Archives in Salt Lake City; descriptions of Mormon collections in other libraries and archives throughout the country; and bibliographical references to other topics related to Mormon Americana.

Also available online at www.rootsweb.com/~ohlake/history/index.html. Brief biographical sketches of early women and their families who resided in the Western Reserve in northeastern Ohio.

An index to over 75,000 biographical sketches appearing in 194 published volumes, from 1820 to 1981. Includes references to former residents of Kirtland, Ohio. Included as part of Ancestry’s *LDS FamilyHistory Suite 2* (Ancestry, 1998), CD-ROM. An online update is available at http://web.lib.byu.edu/Ancestry, an index to over 100,000 biographical sketches appearing in 185 published volumes to persons living between 1820 and 1981.

Describes migration to the Western Reserve, including to Kirtland, with records of hotels, stagecoach stops, taverns, and roads.


Williams Brothers. See History of Geauga and Lake Counties, Ohio, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Its Pioneers and Most Prominent Men.

Williams, Frederick Granger. Account Book, 1837–1842. Microfilm, LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah. Record of financial accounts with early LDS Church members beginning in Kirtland, Ohio, including Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, and others.


Winnagle, Grace Marvin. “[Index to] Pioneer and General History of Geauga County.” Typescript, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Microfilm, FHL.

Includes a discussion of the architecture of the Kirtland Temple and a photo detailing part of the temple.

Witnesses of the Articles of the Kirtland Safety Society. Manuscript, Lake County Historical Society, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.

Women’s Department, Cleveland Centennial Commission. See Western Reserve Historical Society, Library.


———. “How the Revelations in the Doctrine & Covenants were Received and Compiled.” Ensign, January 1985, 26–33.


Works Progress Administration, Federal Writers’ Project, Lake County Work Files. “First Mormon Temple, Kirtland, Ohio.” Typescript, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio.

Works Projects Administration, comp. Lake County Landmarks. N.p., n.d.

See information on Kirtland Temple, pages 12–15. Other Lake County, Ohio, historical sites are also described in this book.
WPA Inventories. See Historical Records Survey (Ohio).


Includes information regarding Joseph Smith, the Kirtland Temple, and also historical sketches and portraits. See “The Mormons,” 54–56 and also “Churches,” 50–53. Partially indexed by Fay Maxwell, *Index to Lake County History* (Columbus, Ohio: Maxwell Publications, 1974).


Includes names of Seventies ordained in Kirtland and historical details of the Seventies.


Articles and laws of this Society, which was organized to study “scientific and useful knowledge” in Kirtland, Ohio.