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Greetings

We are pleased to share with you our latest newsletter. This issue features an invitation to attend the upcoming 2022 Joseph Smith Papers Conference. We also include information on our latest web release.

Sincerely,

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Register Now to Attend the 2022 Joseph Smith Papers Conference

The Church Historian's Press invites you to attend the 2022 Joseph Smith Papers Conference, which will be held at the Conference Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah, on September 9, 2022.

The conference theme is "Text and Context in Nauvoo." The event will commemorate the publication of volumes 12, 13, and 14 of the Documents series, which feature Joseph Smith documents produced between March 1, 1843, and May 15, 1844. Presentations will explore themes such as politics, theology, religious practice, gender, race, law, and finance in Nauvoo.

This event is free to attend, but space is limited. The [conference program](#) and a [registration](#) form are available on the Joseph Smith Papers website.



New Content on the Joseph Smith Papers Website

The Joseph Smith Papers is pleased to announce its latest web publication. This release features the entirety of [Documents, Volume 10: May–August 1842](#), including all annotation and introductions; a finding aid about [Joseph Smith in his role as judge](#) in Nauvoo, Illinois; [introductions and documents](#) for four legal cases from Illinois and Ohio; transcripts for [Joseph Smith's office papers](#); and about forty-five

new [biographical entries](#).

[Documents, Volume 10](#) includes documents related to the many roles Joseph Smith filled during the spring and summer of 1842. He continued to direct the affairs of a growing church, introduced new religious rituals, oversaw missionary work, encouraged the construction of a temple, served as editor of the church newspaper *Times and Seasons*, and welcomed hundreds of converts to Nauvoo. Along with attending to his church responsibilities, Joseph Smith was elected mayor of Nauvoo, dealt with financial concerns, and navigated opposition from John C. Bennett. He also spent time hiding from authorities who were trying to extradite him to Missouri for allegedly ordering an assassination attempt on former Missouri governor Lilburn W. Boggs. The documents in this volume include correspondence, editorials, reports of discourses, minutes of meetings, municipal and legal documents, military records, financial records and notices, and a revelation on conducting a plural marriage sealing.

In the Legal Records series, new content includes “[Joseph Smith as a Judge](#),” a finding aid about Joseph Smith in his role as judge in the Nauvoo mayor’s court and municipal court; and introductions and documents for three Illinois civil cases and an Ohio civil case that was not litigated.

In the Administrative Records series, more transcripts have been added for [Joseph Smith’s office papers](#), such as [memorials and affidavits](#). This completes the transcripts for the office papers.

This release also includes about forty-five new [biographical entries](#) that include links to the documents that mention these people. We post them so that family historians can see the connections these individuals may have had with Joseph Smith.



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