



Greetings

Thank you for reading our latest newsletter. This month we are pleased to announce the completion of the Legal Records series and the release of an [e-book guide](#) to Joseph Smith's legal cases. This issue also highlights plans for 2025 newsletter content, including a sneak peek of other Church Historian's Press offerings as well as an opportunity to [provide feedback](#) and be entered into a giveaway.

Sincerely,

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General Editors



Coming Soon: Expanded Newsletter Content and a New Name

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Thank you for subscribing to this newsletter about the Joseph Smith Papers. We appreciate your interest and support! The Joseph Smith Papers Project is still going strong. Though our print edition was completed in 2023, we continue publishing quarterly content releases to our website, josephsmithpapers.org.

We are excited to announce an upcoming change to this newsletter. Beginning in January 2025, this newsletter will be renamed **Notes from the Church Historian's Press**. It

will still give you updates on the Joseph Smith Papers, but it will also include news about other things happening at the Church Historian's Press.

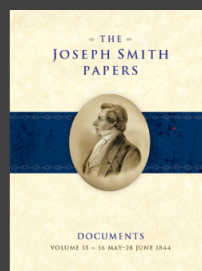
The Church Historian's Press, which was announced by the Church History Department in 2008, is the publisher of the Joseph Smith Papers website and print volumes. As you are probably aware, the press has also published other important websites and books about Latter-day Saint history, such as [The Journal of George Q. Cannon](#) and [The First Fifty Years of Relief Society](#).

Through 2024, this newsletter will include previews of newly released Church Historian's Press publications to provide a taste of our expanded offerings. See below for a feature on last month's release, [the journals](#) of two of the earliest full-time female missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

This is merely an announcement—you don't have to do anything. If you remain a subscriber, you'll automatically get next year's renamed newsletter. We hope you will like the expanded content, but of course you can unsubscribe at any time.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the newsletter and on some new features we are considering. We invite you to take this [survey](#) so we can better meet your needs. It will only take three minutes of your time, and respondents will be entered into a drawing for two physical copies of *Documents, Volume 15*.

Again, thank you for being a valuable subscriber!



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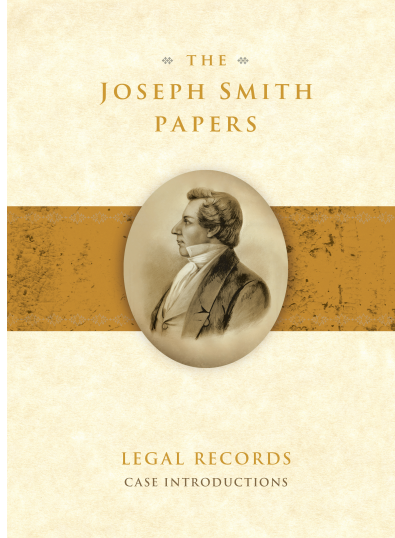
Two randomly selected respondents of our [newsletter survey](#) will be shipped a complimentary copy of *Documents, Volume 15*.

Thank you for your feedback as we seek to improve our newsletter offerings in the coming months.



Joseph Smith Papers Publishes Guide to Approximately 200 Legal Cases Involving Joseph Smith as Plaintiff, Defendant, Witness, or Judge

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The Joseph Smith Papers Project has released [*Legal Records: Case Introductions*](#), a historical study aid that contextualizes Joseph Smith's interactions with the law as a plaintiff/complainant, defendant, witness, or judge in approximately two hundred cases between 1819 and 1844. Available as an e-book only, *Legal Records: Case Introductions* is a compilation of historical introductions previously published at josephsmithpapers.org.

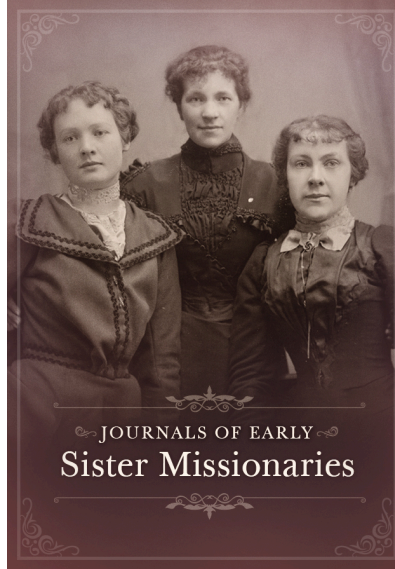
The project also announces the completion of its online Legal Records series. This series represents decades of dedicated research by attorneys, archivists, and historians who have scoured courthouses, repositories, and private manuscript collections to illuminate the legal experiences of Joseph Smith, founder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It features extant case files from 150 legal cases heard during his lifetime; it also summarizes 43 cases for which no papers have survived, as reconstructed from other sources. Finally, the Legal Records series features documents from the 1845 trial of Joseph Smith's accused assassins, as well as twelve cases regarding his estate. High-resolution images and transcriptions of all available documents from the legal cases involving Joseph Smith can now be found on the project website.

Legal Records: Case Introductions is available for purchase at [Deseret Book](#) and on [Amazon](#).



Church Historian's Press Publishes Journals of Two Pioneering Sister Missionaries

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The Church Historian's Press, publisher of *The Joseph Smith Papers*, is pleased to announce the digital publication of the diaries of Eliza Chipman and Josephine Booth, two of the first young women to serve as full-time missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The [journals and accompanying materials](#) are currently available online.

Chipman and Booth were pioneering figures who served as missionary companions 125 years ago in Scotland. Chipman was the second companion of Inez Knight, one of the first two young single women ever called to serve as missionaries for the church. Booth was Chipman's second companion. This first cohort of sister missionaries paved the way for the tens of thousands of women who would follow.

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