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## Greetings

We are pleased to share with you our latest newsletter. This issue highlights new web content published in August, including more than a hundred deeds in the [Financial Records](#) series and deeds related to [United States v. Joseph Smith III et al.](#) Also featured is a reflection article from project archivist Sharalyn Howcroft.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Godfrey, R. Eric Smith, and Ronald K. Esplin  
General Editors



## Coming soon!

*Notes on the Joseph Smith Papers* will become *Notes from the Church Historian's Press* as the Joseph Smith Papers nears completion.

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## New Content on the Joseph Smith Papers Website

The Joseph Smith Papers is pleased to announce its latest web publication. This release features an [introduction](#) and [documents](#) for Joseph Smith's land transactions in the Nauvoo, Illinois, area from 1839 to 1844. It also includes more than one hundred [additional documents](#) for two legal cases about the estate of Joseph Smith, fifty additional versions of documents from 1830 to 1835, and new and updated [calendar of documents](#) entries related to the Illinois land transactions and the additional versions of documents.

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## Reflecting on *The Joseph Smith Papers*

**By Sharalyn Howcroft, Project Archivist**

The completion of the letterpress editions of *The Joseph Smith Papers* has brought a mixture of emotions to me and many of my colleagues.

I officially began working on the project in January 2001 as a Church Archives liaison to the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History at Brigham Young University. At the time, there were no volume editors, and the files of Joseph Smith documents, located in the documentary editing office at the Smith Institute, represented the accumulation of over thirty years of indefatigable solo labor by historian Dean C. Jessee. My primary tasks were to provide historical sources from Church Archives to expand and complete Jessee’s collation of documents and to assist research historian Scott H. Faulring with inputting document data into a Folio-based electronic control file. At the time I was oblivious that I was witnessing and participating in a historic turning point in the relationship between historians at the Smith Institute and the Church Historical Department.

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