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Detailed Contents of Revelation Books

The following table lists all documents that were inscribed in Revelation Books 1 and 2 in the order in which they appear in the manuscript books. The table also includes two documents that were later inserted into the manuscript books, thereby becoming associated with the books though not physically part of them. These documents are presented herein as appendixes. The first column gives the standard date of each item, based on careful study of original sources. The “standard date” is the date a revelation or other item was originally dictated or recorded. If that date is ambiguous or unknown, the standard date is the best approximation of that date, based on existing evidence. These standard dates do not always correspond to the dates written in the manuscript books. In cases in which two or more items bear the same date, such as April 1829, a letter of the alphabet has been appended, providing each item a unique editorial title—for example, April 1829–A or April 1829–B. A bracketed “D&C” reference to the 1981 edition of the Doctrine and Covenants is included for each item that was later canonized by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The second column identifies the scribe or scribes who originally inscribed each document in these manuscript books. When more than one scribe inscribed an item, the scribe who wrote the most text in that item is listed first. These scribes are Oliver Cowdery, Orson Hyde, Sidney Rigdon, Joseph Smith, John Whitmer, and Frederick G. Williams (Thomas Bullock, William W. Phelps, and Willard Richards also inscribed historical notes in Revelation Book 2 in the 1840s). Because Revelation Book 1 is missing multiple leaves, several revelations originally inscribed in the manuscript book are no longer extant therein and are therefore not printed in this volume. These revelations can be determined from an index written in the manuscript book and are identified below. When an entire revelation is missing from the manuscript book, the scribe for that revelation is listed as “unknown” in the table. When only a portion of a revelation is extant, the name of the scribe who inscribed that portion is marked with an asterisk (*), indicating that the scribe for the nonextant portion cannot be positively identified.

The page numbers in the third column correspond to page numbers in this published volume, not to manuscript page numbers. No page number is listed in the table for missing revelations. Readers wishing to locate a particular revelation or other item may also consult the table titled Correspondence of Items

in Revelation Books 1 and 2 with Selected Published Versions (pages 506–511 herein), which lists the items in chronological order and includes manuscript page numbers.

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