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## January 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—During the month of January, Joseph Smith was engaged in work at the School of the Prophets and in preparing a set of lectures on theology for publication in the *Doctrine and Covenants*. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:180

## February 8, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—The Spirit of the Lord was poured out when Brigham Young and his brother Joseph Young came to Joseph Smith's home and sang for him. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:180–81

## About February 8, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith saw in vision the order of the priesthood and the postmortal condition of those who died in Zion's Camp. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:181 n. 1; Baugh, *Opening the Heavens*, 313

## February 14, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith presided at a meeting where the Quorum of the Twelve was organized and the Twelve Apostles were chosen. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:180–89

## February 17, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith and his counselors approved the publication of the 1835 edition of the *Doctrine and Covenants*. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:250–51

## Jan. 30, 1835

The first assassination attempt against a U.S. President, which ended unsuccessfully, was against Andrew Jackson.

**February 21, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

***Ecclesiastical Duties***—Joseph Smith ordained Parley P. Pratt as one of the Twelve Apostles and blessed him with great promises of health and capability in his calling. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:191–92

**February 27, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

***Ecclesiastical Duties***—Joseph Smith met with nine of the Twelve Apostles at home and gave them counsel on the authority of the apostleship and the importance of keeping records. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:198–200

**February 28, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

***Ecclesiastical Duties***—Joseph Smith organized the First Quorum of the Seventy. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:201–4

**March 1, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

***Ecclesiastical Duties***—Joseph Smith met with the high council and ordained many of the newly called members of the First Quorum of the Seventy, including George A. Smith, who later became a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:203–4

**March 7, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

***Ecclesiastical Duties***—Joseph Smith participated in a meeting held for the purpose of giving blessings to 119 men who had helped build the Kirtland Temple. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:205–6

**March 12, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

***Ecclesiastical Duties***—Joseph Smith met with members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and proposed that they take their “first mission through the Eastern States, to the Atlantic Ocean.” ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:209

**March 28, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

***Visions and Revelations***—Joseph Smith received the final portions of Doctrine and Covenants 107, a revelation concerning the order and offices of the priesthood. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:210–17; D&C 107

**Mar. 15, 1835**

Eduard Strauss,  
Austrian composer,  
was born.

**March 29, 1835**

Huntsburg, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith preached for about three hours on the divinity of the Book of Mormon. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:218

**April 26, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith assembled in the Kirtland Temple with the Apostles and Seventies to give them a charge and instructions relating to their missions and other duties. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:218

**April 28, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles met together to finalize preparations for their mission to the eastern states in May. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:219

**May 2, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith presided at a conference with the First Presidency, the Twelve, part of the Seventy, and other elders of the Church. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:219–22

**May 7, 1835**

Geauga County, Ohio

**Legal Events**—*Dennis Lake v. Joseph Smith*. Lake's declaration was filed, stating that Joseph Smith was indebted to Lake for \$800 as of November 21, 1834, consisting of \$200 for labor performed, \$200 for the use of property, and two \$200 loans made to Joseph Smith. Joseph responded the same day that no such promise occurred. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

**May 31, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith spoke for three and a half hours on the subject “This Is My Beloved Son: Hear Ye Him.” ♦ Van Orden, *BYU Studies* 33.3: 547, 553

**June 2, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith dictated a letter to Almira Mack Scobey, daughter of his maternal uncle, Stephen Mack. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 357–59

**Apr. 21, 1835**

Samuel Slater, English textile engineer and founder of the American Industrial Revolution, died.

**May 5, 1835**

The first railway in continental Europe opened between Brussels and Mechelen in Belgium.

### June 15, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith wrote a letter to the brethren in Independence, Missouri, informing them of plans to print the “New Translation” of the Bible and requesting donations and loans to enable them to accomplish the work “as a great means towards the salvation of men.” ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 363

### June 15, 1835

Geauga County, Ohio

**Legal Events**—*Dennis Lake v. Joseph Smith*. Both parties appeared before the Court of Common Pleas. Before the jury deliberated, the court ruled that Lake failed to provide evidence in support of his claim, requiring the court to order a nonsuit of the case. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

### June 16, 1835

Chardon, Ohio

**Legal Events**—*State of Ohio v. Joseph Smith*. Assault and battery charges were brought against Joseph Smith in the Court of Common Pleas by Calvin W. Stoddard, Joseph’s brother-in-law (married to Sophronia). Joseph was acquitted. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

### June 25, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith attended a meeting to raise money for the Kirtland Temple and pledged \$500. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:234

### July 3, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith viewed four Egyptian mummies and two or more rolls of papyrus exhibited in Kirtland by Michael H. Chandler. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:235

### About July 5, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Some Saints at Kirtland purchased from Michael H. Chandler the Egyptian mummies and papyri, which contained the writings of Abraham and Joseph of Egypt. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:236; Nibley, *BYU Studies* 11.4: 350–99

### July 6, 1835

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith received a certificate from Michael H. Chandler affirming that Joseph’s translation of the Egyptian hieroglyphics corresponded with information Chandler received from learned men in “eminent cities.” ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:235

### July 6, 1835

John Marshall,  
influential American  
chief justice, died.

**July 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith “was continually engaged in translating an alphabet to the Book of Abraham, and arranging a grammar of the Egyptian language as practiced by the ancients.” ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:238

**July 20, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith wrote a letter to Sally Phelps and offered reassurance that her husband, William, would return safely from his mission. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 360–62

**August 1835**

Michigan

**Travels**—Joseph Smith visited Michigan; he returned to Kirtland on August 23, 1835. *History of the Church*, 2:253

**August 17, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—A general assembly of the priesthood and of the Church approved the Doctrine and Covenants as scripture. Joseph Smith was in Michigan and was therefore not in attendance. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:243; 1835 Doctrine and Covenants, 255–57

**Writings**—The assembled body of the Church voted unanimously to accept the declaration of belief regarding governments and laws in general now contained in Doctrine and Covenants 134. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:247–49; D&C 134

**August 28, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith preached to the Saints on the duty of wives. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:253

**August 31, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith wrote a letter to brethren in Missouri with a postscript to Hezekiah Peck. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 364–67

**September 1, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith wrote an extensive letter to the elders in Missouri, explaining his actions and motives in settling the Saints there. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:253–72; *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 368–74

**1835**

Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* was published.

**September 2, 1835**

New Portage, Ohio

**Travels**—Joseph Smith traveled from Kirtland to New Portage, Ohio, to attend a Church conference and remained there until September 8. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:273

**September 14, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Under Joseph Smith's direction and in accordance with instructions in Doctrine and Covenants 25, the high council instructed Emma Smith, the Prophet's wife, to prepare a new selection of sacred hymns to be printed by William W. Phelps. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:273

**September 22, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Oliver Cowdery recorded the words to multiple blessings that Joseph Smith had given. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:281

**September 23, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith continued to give blessings but was continually interrupted by throngs of visitors. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:281

**September 24, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Legal Events**—Joseph Smith met with the high council and, through the voice of the Spirit, decided to petition Missouri Governor Daniel Dunklin to restore lands to the Saints who had been driven off. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:281–82

**September 29, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith met with the high council and acted in defense of and pleaded for mercy for those who had been accused of offenses against the Church. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:286

**October 1, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith studied the Egyptian alphabet with Oliver Cowdery and William W. Phelps, and the principles of astronomy that Abraham understood were revealed to them. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:286

**1835**

Fort Cass, which became the largest internment camp during the 1838 Trail of Tears, was established.

**October 3, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith exhibited and explained some ancient Egyptian records to the high council. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:287

**October 4, 1835**

Perry, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith saw two deer in the forest on the way to a meeting with John Corrill and rejoiced in God's creations. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:287

**October 5, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Visions and Revelations**—At a meeting with the Twelve Apostles, Joseph Smith told them it was the Lord's will that they move with their families to Missouri in the coming season. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:287

**October 7, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith recommenced translating the ancient Egyptian records. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:289

**October 11, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Visions and Revelations**—The Lord revealed to Joseph Smith that his sick father would live, and the Prophet and David Whitmer administered a blessing of healing to Joseph Sr. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:289

**About October 17, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Because of growing problems due to nonpaying boarders, Joseph Smith dismissed all of his boarders. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:290

**October 19, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith exhibited to a number of visitors the ancient Egyptian records he had been translating. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:290

**October 23, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith united with a group of the brethren to pray to the Lord for special blessings on the Saints. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:291

**1835**

William Fox Talbot, English mathematician, invented the negative/positive photographic process.



**October 27, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith prayed concerning his brother Samuel's sick wife and received a promise from the Lord that she would "be delivered of a living child, and be spared" from death. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:292–93

**October 31, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith's brother William commenced a period of rebellion after a disagreement he and Joseph had on October 29. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:296–98

**About November 3, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith assisted in organizing the School of the Prophets and then dedicated the school in the name of Jesus Christ. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:301

**November 5, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith healed Thomas Burdick through the laying on of hands. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:301–2

**November 6, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith met a man from the eastern United States who was disappointed that Joseph Smith the Prophet "was nothing but a normal man." ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:302

**November 8, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—After Sunday meetings, Joseph Smith convinced his uncle John Smith and Sidney Rigdon of the error of some accusatory remarks they had made at the afternoon meeting regarding a confession by Isaac Hill. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:303

**About November 9, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith received a visit from a man called "Joshua, the Jewish Minister," who remained the entire day discussing religion. Later that day Joseph's thoughts were confirmed that "Joshua" was really "Robert Mattias," who had been on trial for multiple crimes in New York. However, even this was an alias for his real name, Robert Matthews. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:304–6

**1835**

The incandescent light bulb was patented by James Bowman Lindsay.

**About November 10, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith continued in conversation with “Robert Mattias” (Robert Matthews) and told him his doctrines were of the devil. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:307

**November 11, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith believed “Robert Mattias” (Robert Matthews) to be a murderer and directed him to leave immediately after breakfast. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:307

**November 12, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith spoke to nine of the Apostles about the ordinance of washing of feet and of the forthcoming endowment for which they must prepare. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:307–10; Jesse, *Papers of Joseph Smith*, 2:75–77

**November 13, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith spent the evening at Sidney Rigdon’s conversing with George Messinger Jr., a Universalist minister from Bainbridge, New York, who tried to object to Joseph’s teachings but was unable to say anything for “the force of truth bore him down.” ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:311

**November 14, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received a revelation calling Warren Parrish as his scribe. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:311–12

**About November 16, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith received and responded to a letter from Harvey Whitlock, in which Brother Whitlock asked for forgiveness of his past sins. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:312–16

**November 18, 1835**

Mentor, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith preached about the resurrection at the funeral of Martin and Preserved Harris’s father, Nathan Harris. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:316–17

**Nov. 16, 1835**

Halley’s Comet made its closest approach to the sun.

**November 19, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith visited the Kirtland Temple and saw that the stonemasons were putting on the finishing coat of plaster. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:318

**November 20, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—At home, Joseph Smith made rapid progress translating the Egyptian records, and he received a Hebrew Bible, Greek and Hebrew lexicons, and a Webster's dictionary from Oliver Cowdery, who had recently returned from New York. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:318

**November 21, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith and the other members of his Hebrew class decided to request a Jewish teacher from New York. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:318–19

**November 24, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph performed the marriage ceremony of Newel Knight and Lydia Goldthwaite, and Emma was also in attendance. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:320; Hartley, *BYU Studies* 39.4: 16

**November 27, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith and his scribe Warren Parrish healed each other, through the laying on of hands, of severe colds. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:321

**December 2, 1835**

Painesville, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith had a fine sleigh ride with his family to visit Sister Harriet Howe in Painesville, Ohio. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:323–24

**December 3, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith and his wife, Emma, visited at Thomas Carrico's, where Joseph talked on matrimony and married Warren Parrish to Martha H. Raymond. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:324

**Nov. 25, 1835**  
Andrew Carnegie,  
American industrialist and philanthropist, was born.

**Nov. 30, 1835**  
Mark Twain,  
American author,  
was born.

**Dec. 1, 1835**  
Hans Christian  
Anderson published  
his first book of  
fairy tales.

**December 4, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith spent the evening talking with a visitor, Mr. John Hollister, who acknowledged the next morning that “he knew but little” about religion. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:325

**December 9, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith rejoiced in gratitude for the brethren who had donated money to help him (the total was \$64.50). ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:326–27

**December 10, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith labored with the brethren to put out a fire in the Kirtland board kiln. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:328

**December 12, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith attended a debate at his brother William’s house on the following question: “Was it necessary for God to reveal Himself to mankind in order for their happiness?” ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:330

**December 13, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith officiated in the marriages of Ebenezer Robinson to Angeline Works and Edwin Webb to Eliza Ann McWhithy. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:330–31

**December 16, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith attended the debating activity begun on the 12th. Joseph’s brother William became angry when the group decided not to continue such debates. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:334

**December 17, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—After Orson Hyde read aloud to Joseph Smith his letter of complaint, the Prophet addressed “the objections he had set forth in it, and satisfied his mind upon every point, perfectly.” ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:337

**December 18, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Writings**—Joseph Smith received and promptly replied to a letter from his brother William in which William asked forgiveness for his abuse at a debate on December 16. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:338–43

**Dec. 16–17, 1835**

The Great Fire of New York destroyed over five hundred buildings, including the New York Stock Exchange.

**1835**

Félix Dujardin,  
French zoologist,  
first described  
protoplasm in uni-  
cellular animals.

**December 26, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith resumed his Hebrew studies with Warren Parrish and Frederick G. Williams. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:345

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 108, a revelation forgiving Lyman Sherman for his sins and calling him to serve in the Church. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:345; D&C 108

**December 29, 1835**

Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith preached for three hours to a large crowd at the Kirtland school, some of whom were Presbyterians. ♦ *History of the Church*, 2:347