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January 5, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith dictated a letter to Edward Hunter at West Nantmeal, Pennsylvania, describing the opening of his new store. “The store has been filled to overflowing . . . & I have stood behind the counter <all day myself> dealing out goods as steady as any clerk you ever saw.” ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 541–44; *History of the Church*, 4:491–92

January 8, 1842

Caldwell County, Missouri

Legal Events—*George Boosinger v. Joseph Smith & Hyrum Smith*. George Boosinger sued Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith for non-payment of loan evidenced by a promissory note signed in Tallmage, Ohio, on May 26, 1836. Court proceedings were signed by Austin King on February 28, 1842. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

January 9, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith attended the marriage of William Moore Allred and Orissa Angelia Bates in the house of Elder Orson Pratt. ♦ *A Short Biographical History and Diary of William Moore Allred*, 3

January 13, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith’s clerk Willard Richards commenced boarding with him. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:494

Jan. 11, 1842

William James, American psychologist and philosopher who studied educational and religious psychology, was born.

1842

Sir Richard Owen
invented the
term *dinosauria*.

January 15, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith commenced reading the first American stereotype edition of the Book of Mormon to make a few corrections for the second stereotype edition. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:494

January 21, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith's history records: "I read the Book of Mormon, transacted a variety of business in the store and city, and spent the evening in the office with Elders John Taylor and Willard Richards interpreting dreams." ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:501

January 22, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Political Events—Joseph Smith revised the rules of the Nauvoo City Council and, due to John C. Bennett's absence, was elected mayor pro tem of Nauvoo at the council meeting. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:501

January 27, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith attended to business, put carpet on the floor of his office, and spent the evening in council. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:502–3

January 28, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Visions and Revelations—At his office, Joseph Smith received a revelation directed to the Twelve Apostles concerning the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons*. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:503

1842

The Sons of Tem-
perance fraternity
was founded in
New York City.

February 4, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—The Church closed a contract to purchase the printing office of Ebenezer Robinson. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:513

February 15, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—The newspaper *Times and Seasons* published its first issue with Joseph Smith listed as the editor, although he later claimed no responsibility for the content of this issue. ♦ *Times and Seasons* 3:696, 702, 719; Leonard, *Nauvoo*, 219

February 17, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—The Nauvoo City Council passed an ordinance that allowed marriages to occur without marriage licenses or public notice. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

February 18, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith v. Thomas J. Shearer. Joseph Smith filed a complaint against Shearer for “Forcible entry & detainer.” Shearer had entered and taken up abode on lands belonging to Smith. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

Political Events—In a city council meeting, Joseph Smith expressed his confidence in the privileges afforded by the Nauvoo charter. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:516

February 23, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith visited the printing office and gave instructions regarding the book of Abraham to be printed in the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons*. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:518

February 24, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith wrote a note authorizing Ebenezer Robinson to use the stereotype plates to make another impression of the Book of Mormon and print 1,500 copies. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 545–46

1842

Alfred Tennyson
published *Poems*.

March 1, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith’s letter to Chicago newspaper reporter John Wentworth was published in the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons*, telling of the rise of the Church, giving an account of the First Vision, and including statements of belief that would become the Articles of Faith. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:535–41

March 4, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—In preparation for the publication of the book of Abraham in the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons*, Joseph Smith showed the book of Abraham papyri to Reuben Hedlock and gave him instructions about preparing facsimiles for printing. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:543

March 5, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith wrote a resolution for the Nauvoo City Council, moving that city inhabitants “shall keep their children home <except on lawful business> on Sundays and from skaying on the ice and from marauding upon their neighbours property and any persons refusing to do the same shall pay five dollars fine for every offence for the same &c.” ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 547–48

Mar. 9, 1842

Giuseppe Verdi's
third opera,
Nabucco, premiered
in Milan.

March 6, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith preached at Orson Spencer's house on the hill near the Nauvoo Temple. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:543

March 9 and 11, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith dictated a letter to Edward Hunter at West Nantmeal, Pennsylvania, who had sold one of his farms and intended to donate \$400 toward the construction of the Nauvoo Temple and \$400 for stock in the Nauvoo House. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 549–50

March 11, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Political Events—Joseph Smith commanded the Nauvoo Legion on parade through the streets of Nauvoo. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:549–50

Mar. 13, 1842

Henry Shrapnel,
English soldier
and inventor of
the shrapnel
shell, which was
referred to in
“The Star-Spangled
Banner,” died.

March 15, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—An installment of Joseph Smith's translation of the book of Abraham, including facsimile 2, was published in the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons*. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:519–34; *Book of Abraham*

March 17, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith organized the Relief Society of Nauvoo with his wife Emma as the president. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:552–53, 567

March 20, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith preached a sermon on death and resurrection, baptized a large number of individuals in the river, confirmed many of them in the grove near the temple, and then performed additional baptisms in the font of the temple. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:553–58

March 24, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith attended the Relief Society meeting to complete its organization. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:567–68

March 27, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith witnessed the landing of Latter-day Saint immigrants from England on the steamboat *Ariel*

and performed ordinances for 107 individuals after speaking on baptism for the dead. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:568

April 1, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith published a lengthy editorial in the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons* titled “Try the Spirits,” about the gift of discernment. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:571–81

April 9, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith preached at the funeral of Brother Ephraim Marks in the morning. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:586–87

April 10, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—While preaching in a grove near the Nauvoo Temple site, Joseph Smith “reproved and rebuked” the Saints for wickedness and all forms of iniquity. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:587–88

April 14, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith and others met with attorney Calvin A. Warren to consider declaring bankruptcy under the new federal law made effective February 1, 1842. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

April 15, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith published an editorial in the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons* concerning baptism for the dead. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:595–99; *Times and Seasons* 3:759–61

April 24, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith preached on the hill near the Nauvoo Temple concerning the building of the temple. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:601

April 28, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith met with the members of the Relief Society and lectured on the privileges and blessings of the priesthood. ♦ *History of the Church*, 4:602–7

May 4, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith met with Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards, Judge James

Mar. 30, 1842
Anesthesia (ether) was used for the first time in an operation by Dr. Crawford Long.



The Nauvoo Temple at night.

Adams, Bishops Newel K. Whitney and George Miller, and Elder William Law in the upper room of the Red Brick Store, where he gave them instructions and the endowment. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:1–2, 9; Brown, *BYU Studies* 19.3: 364

May 6, 1842

Independence, Missouri

Legal Events—Joseph Smith later learned that on this date, former Missouri Governor Lilburn W. Boggs was shot and seriously wounded at his home. For several days he was not expected to live. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

May 7, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Political Events—Joseph Smith commanded drills for the Nauvoo Legion throughout the day. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:3–5

May 12, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith attended an overflowing meeting of the Relief Society. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:6

May 14, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Orrin Porter Rockwell arrived in Nauvoo, having traveled from Independence, Missouri, where he had been staying with his wife and her family at the time of the Lilburn W. Boggs shooting. Joseph Smith received word on this day that Boggs had

1842

Henry Wace, American clergyman instrumental in the founding of Unitarianism, published *An Inquiry into the Foundation, Evidences, and Truths of Religion*.

been killed at Independence. These early reports proved untrue, as Boggs eventually recovered from his wounds. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series; *History of the Church*, 5:8

May 15, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith spoke at a meeting and told the assembly that Boggs had been murdered. Soon thereafter rumors began circulating, fanned by John C. Bennett, that Rockwell had been the shooter and that he had been ordered or encouraged to do so by Joseph Smith. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series; *History of the Church*, 5:9

May 16, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith published facsimile 2 and the remaining verses from the book of Abraham in the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons*. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:11; 4:525

May 17, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—A city ordinance banned brothels and punished adultery and fornication by imprisonment up to six months and fines from \$500 to \$50,000. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

May 19, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Political Events—Joseph Smith was elected by the Nauvoo City Council to replace John C. Bennett as mayor. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:12

May 27, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith stayed at home and took medicine for a bilious attack. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:21

June 1, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Truman Gillette would later swear (on June 18, 1844) that on this date he heard that William Law and a Missouri band were plotting to kidnap Joseph Smith. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

June 9, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith attended the Relief Society meeting and taught about avoiding strife and building unity. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:23–25

1842

John C. Frémont mapped the Oregon Trail.

June 23, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith dictated a letter to Jennetta Richards, wife of Willard Richards, informing her that he was sending her husband to Richmond, Massachusetts, to bring his family to Nauvoo. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 551–52

June 29, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith appointed William Clayton as his new scribe to replace Willard Richards, who was leaving to bring his family to Nauvoo. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:49

June 29, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith married Eliza Roxcy Snow, sister of Lorenzo Snow, as a plural wife. ♦ Derr, *BYU Studies*, 36.1: 87; www.familysearch.org

July 11, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith bought a horse, which he named Jo Duncan after Joseph Duncan, Whig candidate for Illinois governor, who had attacked Mormon charters. Joseph Smith supported Duncan's opponent, Democrat Thomas Ford. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:60; Widtsoe, *Joseph Smith—Seeker after Truth, Prophet of God*, 366

July 15, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—After finding a despairing letter by Orson Pratt and fearing that he intended to take his own life, Joseph organized a search for him. Elder Pratt returned that evening. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:60–61; Jesse, *Papers of Joseph Smith*, 2:398

July 16, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith rode out to the prairie with his clerk William Clayton, hoed some potatoes, and dined with Cornelius P. Lott, who maintained Joseph Smith's farm. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:66

July 17, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith attended a meeting at a grove near the Nauvoo Temple but became sick and stayed at home the rest of the day. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:67

1842

P. T. Barnum
began exhibiting
Tom Thumb.

July 22, 1842

Independence, Missouri

Legal Events—Missouri Governor Thomas Reynolds issued a requisition to Illinois Governor Thomas Carlin for the extradition of Joseph Smith and Orrin Porter Rockwell in connection with the Boggs shooting. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

July 27, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith took Sarah Ann Whitney, daughter of Newel K. and Elizabeth Ann Whitney, as a plural wife. The ceremony was performed by Sarah Ann's father. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 566; Newell and Avery, *Mormon Enigma*, 125

August 4, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith and fifteen other brethren practiced fencing with Colonel Brewer. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:84

About August 6, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Visions and Revelations—Joseph Smith prophesied that the Saints would be driven to the Rocky Mountains, endure many afflictions, and become a mighty people. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:8

August 8, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith was arrested on a charge of being “an accessory to an assault with intent to kill” ex-Governor Lilburn Boggs of Missouri and was placed under custody of the city marshal after the court issued a writ of habeas corpus. Joseph went into hiding on this date and would remain in hiding intermittently for the next few months to avoid further arrest attempts—ultimately resulting in his going to Springfield in late December and early January for a habeas corpus hearing. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:86–88

August 11, 1842Mississippi River between Nauvoo, Illinois,
and Montrose, Iowa

Personal Life—Joseph Smith held a private council after dark with his wife Emma, his brother Hyrum, and a few others at the lower end of an island in the river. His legal position was discussed and lawyers were retained to represent him in Iowa and Illinois. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:89–90, 106–9

July 25, 1842

Dominique Jean Larrey, a French surgeon who established battlefield hospitals and ambulance corps for Napoleon's army, died.

Aug. 9, 1842

The Webster-Ashburton Treaty, which settled the disputed border between the U.S. and Canada, was signed.

1842
The British Empire
annexed
Hong Kong.

August 13, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith's wife Emma eluded detection by the sheriff while taking a carriage to visit her husband, who was in hiding. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:91–92

August 14, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith spent an enjoyable afternoon talking and reading his history with his wife Emma. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:92

August 16, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—In a letter to his wife Emma, Joseph Smith considered the possibility of escaping with her and “20 or 30 of the best men we can find” to the Wisconsin pine country. Joseph discouraged Emma from visiting Governor Carlin, whom he considered to be “a fool.” Joseph also dictated some personal reflections, which his clerk William Clayton recorded in Joseph's journal. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 553–56, 559–65

August 16–17, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith exchanged several letters with Wilson Law, who first advised him to retire away from Nauvoo until the next governor took office, then changed his counsel and advised Joseph to return to Nauvoo. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:110–12; *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 557–58

August 17, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith continued to receive letters from his wife and various others at his secret retreat at Brother Edward Sayer's. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:114–17

August 18, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith's wife Emma encouraged him to change his hiding spot immediately, and they accordingly traveled together to Carlos Granger's place. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:117–18

Writings—Joseph Smith wrote a letter to the Newel K. Whitney family from his hiding place at Carlos Granger's on the outskirts of Nauvoo. Joseph requested Newel, his wife, and their daughter, Sarah Ann, to come and comfort him in his loneliness. Sarah Ann had been sealed to Joseph on July 27, 1842. ♦ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 566–69

August 20, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith had a meeting with his brother Hyrum and four others; they discussed the illegal proceedings of their prosecutors. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:119–29

August 24, 1842

Quincy, Illinois

Legal Events—Illinois Governor Thomas Carlin sent a letter to the Prophet's wife Emma Smith, assuring her that all of his actions concerning Joseph had "been prompted by a strict sense of duty." ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:130–31

August 26, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith had a meeting with the Twelve in which he stressed the importance of continued missionary work, despite the persecutions against the Church. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:131–32

August 29, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith gave a talk in which he promised the Saints there would be no lives lost if they would listen to his counsel. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:136–39

August 31, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith rode to a grove near the Nauvoo Temple with his wife Emma to attend a meeting of the Relief Society. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:139–41

September 1, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Visions and Revelations—While in seclusion, Joseph Smith dictated a general epistle to the Church concerning the work of baptisms for the dead, which was later canonized as Doctrine and Covenants 127. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:142–44; D&C 127; *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 570–73

September 2, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith received a report that the sheriff was on his way to Nauvoo with a posse. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:144

September 3, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith escaped out the back door of his home from Deputy Sheriff Pitman and others who had come to arrest him. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:145

Aug. 29, 1842

The Treaty of Nanking was signed, ending the First Opium War.

September 7, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Visions and Revelations—Joseph Smith wrote a letter to the Church containing further instruction concerning baptisms for the dead, which was later canonized as Doctrine and Covenants 128. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:148–53; D&C 128; Joseph Smith journal entry for September 7, 1842

September 8, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—In a letter to James Arlington Bennet, Joseph Smith bore his testimony and described his persecutions. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:156–59; *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 574–79; Cook, *BYU Studies* 19.2: 247–49

September 10, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith remained in hiding the entire day and returned home at night. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:161

September 16, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith was at home sitting for his portrait painted by David Rogers. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:164

September 19, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith continued to sit for his portrait being painted by David Rogers. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:165

September 20, 1842

Quincy, Illinois

Legal Events—Illinois Governor Thomas Carlin, embarrassed by the inability of his state law enforcement officers to capture Joseph Smith, issued a “proclamation” setting forth the legal basis for issuing the arrest warrants for Smith and Rockwell, reciting that they had “resisted the laws by refusing to go with the officers who had them in custody,” and offering a reward of \$200 for their apprehension. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

September 25, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith spoke at a grove in Nauvoo for two hours concerning persecutions. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:165

September 29, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith stayed at home all day nursing his wife Emma, who was sick. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:166

Sept. 15, 1842

Francisco Morazan,
President of the
Federal Republic of
Central America
and one of the most
important military
leaders of the
region, died.

About November 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—*City of Nauvoo v. Thomas J. Hunter* and *City of Nauvoo v. Amos Davis*. Charges, respectively, were for slandering Joseph Smith and for using ridiculous and abusive language against Joseph Smith. Hunter was found guilty, but Joseph forgave the judgment. Davis was convicted, but the County Circuit Court reversed the conviction on May 24, 1843. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

November 1, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith, three of his children, and William Clayton were miraculously preserved after being thrown from their carriage, which overturned on their way to Joseph's farm. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:182–83

November 5, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith received a visit from some Native Americans, who “expressed great friendship for the Mormon people, and said they were their friends.” ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:183

November 8, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith issued writs and affidavits in order to clear up problems with fraud and irregularity at the Nauvoo Post Office. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:184

1842

Christian Doppler, Austrian physicist, published “On the Colored Light of Binary Stars” (about the Doppler effect).

Nov. 10, 1842

The Fleet Prison for debtors in London was abolished.



The Nauvoo post office.

November 15, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Writings—Joseph Smith resigned as editor of the Church newspaper *Times and Seasons* and appointed John Taylor in his place. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:193; *Times and Seasons* 4:8

November 26, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—For six hours, Joseph Smith attended to Brigham Young, who was sick with a severe fever. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:196; Watson, *Manuscript History of Brigham Young*, 124; McConkie, *Remembering Joseph Smith*, 171

November 28, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith held a daylong trial at his house concerning the unequal distribution of provisions among the temple workers. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:196–97

December 2, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—*City of Nauvoo v. Amos Davis*. The city court under Joseph Smith convicted Amos Davis for illegally “selling spirits by the small quantity” and of assaulting Joseph’s employee William H. Walker and insulting another employee, Ira Miles. Rulings were confirmed by the Circuit Court on May 24, 1843. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

Legal Events—Joseph Smith dispatched a delegation to visit Springfield to sound out new Illinois Governor Thomas Ford on the possibility of dismissing the outstanding warrant for Joseph’s arrest. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

December 9, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Personal Life—Joseph Smith spent the day chopping wood. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:200

December 14, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith’s delegation at Springfield, Illinois, made an affidavit that he was in Illinois on May 6, the day of the assassination attempt of former Missouri Governor Lilburn W. Boggs. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:204–5

December 15, 1842

Springfield, Illinois

Legal Events—Hyrum Smith was discharged in bankruptcy by Judge Nathaniel Pope, and U.S. Attorney Justin Butterfield attempted to settle Joseph Smith’s bankruptcy application. This matter was

1842

Commonwealth v. Hunt made strikes and unions legal in the U.S.

still unresolved when Joseph was murdered. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

December 17, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Illinois Governor Thomas Ford wrote Joseph Smith a letter refusing to interfere with the acts of his predecessor, Governor Thomas Carlin, but encouraged Joseph to come to Springfield to have his extradition case heard. He offered Joseph protection while traveling to and from his court trial. U.S. Attorney Justin Butterfield also encouraged him to come to Springfield and assured Joseph he would represent him. ♦ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series; *History of the Church*, 5:205–7

December 26, 1842

Nauvoo, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith was arrested for being an accessory to attempted murder in the Lilburn W. Boggs case, for the second time, on an extradition order. This time, however, he was arrested by Wilson Law, a friend, for the purpose of conveying him safely to Springfield. Henry Sherwood and William Clayton went to Carthage to obtain a writ of habeas corpus. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:209

December 29, 1842

En route to Springfield, Illinois

Travels—Joseph Smith and his company traveled thirty-two miles in the cold. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:210–11

December 31, 1842

Springfield, Illinois

Legal Events—Joseph Smith appeared before Judge Pope of the U.S. District Court and posted bail in connection with Missouri's extradition demand relating to the Boggs assault. ♦ *History of the Church*, 5:212–13

Dec. 20, 1842

The Citadel, a military college in South Carolina, was established.