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January 1830  
**Palmyra, New York**

**Legal Events**—Joseph Smith v. Abner Cole. Joseph won an arbitration against Cole, who had copied passages from the Book of Mormon he had found at Grandin’s print shop and included them in his newspaper, *The Reflector.*  
◆ LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

**About March 14, 1830**  
**Palmyra, New York**

**Writings**—Joseph Smith wrote what became the preface to the first edition of the Book of Mormon.  
◆ *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 253–54

**About March 21, 1830**  
**Palmyra, New York**

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 19, a revelation to Martin Harris concerning repentance and the Atonement of Jesus Christ. Martin was commanded to pay the debt that he had contracted with the printer for the publication of the Book of Mormon.  
◆ *History of the Church*, 1:72–74; D&C 19

**March 26, 1830**  
**Palmyra, New York**

**Writings**—The Book of Mormon was advertised for sale at Egbert B. Grandin’s bookstore.  
◆ *History of the Church*, 1:75–76; *Wayne Sentinel*, March 26, 1830

**April 6, 1830**  
**Fayette, New York**

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph officially organized the Church of Christ in Peter Whitmer Sr.’s home and recorded Doctrine and
Covenants 20 concerning Church organization and government. Joseph also received Doctrine and Covenants 21. • History of the Church, 1:62–80; D&C 20, 21; Peterson, BYU Studies 35.4: 222; Carmack, Ensign (Feb. 1989): 14–19

April 11, 1830
Fayette, New York

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith attended the first public sermon given after the organization of the Church, preached by Oliver Cowdery in the Peter Whitmer Sr. home. • History of the Church, 1:81

April 13, 1830
Palmyra, New York

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 22, a revelation directing converts who had been previously baptized in other churches to be rebaptized as members of the Church. • History of the Church, 1:79–80; D&C 22

April 14, 1830
Palmyra, New York

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 23, a revelation to Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Samuel H. Smith, Joseph Smith Sr., and Joseph Knight Sr., calling them to preach the gospel and strengthen the Church. • History of the Church, 1:80; D&C 23

Grandin Building, Palmyra, New York.

1830
Bohemian peasants developed the polka.
May 28, 1830
President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act, forcibly removing tens of thousands of Native Americans to the West.

About April 25, 1830  
Colesville, New York

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith performed the first miracle after the organization of the Church by casting a devil out of Newel Knight. • *History of the Church*, 1:82–83

June 1830  
Colesville, New York

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received by revelation what is now the first chapter of the book of Moses in the Pearl of Great Price. • *History of the Church*, 1:98–101; Matthews, “A Plainer Translation,” 26–27

June 9, 1830  
Fayette, New York

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith conducted the first conference of the Church since its organization, with about thirty members assembled. • *History of the Church*, 1:84–86

June 28, 1830  
Colesville, New York

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith’s wife, Emma, and twelve others were baptized by Oliver Cowdery at the Joseph Knight farm. • *History of the Church*, 1:87–88
Between June 28 and July 2, 1830  
Colesville and South Bainbridge, New York

**Legal Events**—Joseph Smith was arrested in Colesville on a charge of being a “disorderly person.” This arrest took place in the evening of June 28 before those who had been baptized that day could be confirmed, and he was taken to South Bainbridge, Chenango County, for trial. Joseph was acquitted by Justice of the Peace Joseph Chamberlain, but as soon as he was acquitted, he was arrested on a second warrant and was taken to Colesville, where he was tried and again acquitted. • *History of the Church*, 1:85–96; Walters, *Westminster Theological Journal* 36.2: 124–25; LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

**June 30, 1830**  
Fayette, New York

**Travels**—Joseph Smith’s brother Samuel departed on one of the first missions for the Church, traveling into Ontario, Monroe, and Livingston counties in New York. • Lucy Smith, *History of Joseph Smith*, ch. 33

**About July 4, 1830**  
Harmony, Pennsylvania

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 24, a revelation relating to his and Oliver Cowdery’s callings. • *History of the Church*, 1:101–3; D&C 24

**About July 5, 1830**  
Harmony, Pennsylvania

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 25, a revelation directing Emma, the “elect lady,” to assemble the first hymnbook for the Church. • *History of the Church*, 1:103–4; D&C 25; Poulter, *BYU Studies* 37.2

**About July 6, 1830**  
Harmony, Pennsylvania

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 26, a revelation regarding scripture study and common consent. • *History of the Church*, 1:104; D&C 26

**About August 5, 1830**  
Harmony, Pennsylvania

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 27, a revelation concerning the sacrament. • *History of the Church*, 1:106–8; D&C 27

**August 25, 1830**  
Montrose, Pennsylvania

**Legal Events**—George H. Noble v. Joseph Smith. Joseph Smith executed a promissory note payable to George H. Noble for $190.95
to enable Joseph to purchase from his father-in-law, Isaac Hale, thirteen acres and the home where Joseph and Emma had been living and where he had translated much of the Book of Mormon. See entry for April 6, 1829. • Porter, Origins of the Church, 134, citing Deed Book 8, 59–60, Susquehanna County Courthouse, Pennsylvania; LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

August 26, 1830

Harmony, Pennsylvania

Legal Events—George H. Noble v. Joseph Smith. An amicable judgment was entered in favor of George H. Noble to secure his creditor rights for the $190.95 owed to him by Joseph Smith. Jesse Lane was judge as well as notary on the deed, filed with Court of Common Pleas in Montrose, Pennsylvania. Satisfied in full June 3, 1831. • Porter, Origins of the Church, 134, citing Deed Book 8, 59–60, Susquehanna County Courthouse, Pennsylvania; LDS Church Archives, Joseph Smith Legal Papers series

August 29, 1830

Between Colesville, New York, and Harmony, Pennsylvania

Travels—While traveling to Colesville, New York, from Harmony, Pennsylvania, Joseph Smith and his company were miraculously delivered from their enemies, who were blinded and unable to identify them. • History of the Church, 1:108–9; Newel Knight, Autobiography, 63

About September 20, 1830

Fayette, New York

Visions and Revelations—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 28, a revelation to Oliver Cowdery, in response to Hiram Page’s professed revelations, directing that no one was to receive revelation for the Church save the Prophet. • History of the Church, 1:109–11; D&C 28

About September 21, 1830

Fayette, New York

Visions and Revelations—In the presence of six elders, Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 29, a revelation concerning the Millennium. • History of the Church, 1:111–15; D&C 29

About September 24, 1830

Fayette, New York

Visions and Revelations—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 30, a revelation for David Whitmer, Peter Whitmer Jr., and John Whitmer concerning their callings and duties in the Church. • History of the Church, 1:115–16; D&C 30
September 26, 1830

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith conducted the second conference of the Church at the Peter Whitmer Sr. home. *History of the Church, 1:110, 115*

About September 27, 1830

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 31, a revelation calling Thomas B. Marsh to “declare glad tidings of great joy unto this generation.” *History of the Church, 1:116–17; D&C 31*

About October 8, 1830

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 32, a revelation regarding the mission of Parley P. Pratt and Ziba Peterson to teach the Lamanites. *History of the Church, 1:118–20; D&C 32*

October 21, 1830

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 33, a revelation calling Ezra Thayre and Northrop Sweet to serve proselyting missions. *History of the Church, 1:126–27; D&C 33*

November 4, 1830

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 34, a revelation calling Orson Pratt to the ministry. *History of the Church, 1:128; D&C 34*

November 30, 1830

**Visions and Revelations**—The Lord revealed to Joseph Smith what is now Moses 5:62–6:18 in his inspired translation of the Bible. *Faulring, Jackson, Matthews, eds., Joseph Smith’s New Translation of the Bible, 57; Moses 5–6*

December 1, 1830

**Visions and Revelations**—The Lord revealed to Joseph Smith what is now Moses 6:19–52 in his inspired translation of the Bible. *Faulring, Jackson, Matthews, eds., Joseph Smith’s New Translation of the Bible, 57; Moses 6*

About December 8, 1830

**Visions and Revelations**—While working on his inspired translation of the Bible, Joseph Smith received by revelation the latter
portion of chapter 6 in the book of Moses. • Faulring, Jackson, Matthews, eds., *Joseph Smith’s New Translation of the Bible*, 57; Moses 6

**About December 10, 1830**  
Fayette, New York

*Personal Life*—Joseph Smith welcomed Sidney Rigdon and Edward Partridge from Mentor and Painesville, Ohio, respectively. • *History of the Church, 1:12*

**December 11, 1830**  
Seneca River, Seneca County, New York

*Ecclesiastical Duties*—Joseph Smith baptized Edward Partridge, who later became the first bishop of the Church. • *History of the Church, 1:129*

**About December 12, 1830**  
Fayette, New York

*Visions and Revelations*—Joseph Smith received by revelation extracts from the prophecy of Enoch, which later became Moses 7 in the Pearl of Great Price. • *History of the Church, 1:133–39; Faulring, Jackson, Matthews, eds., Joseph Smith’s New Translation of the Bible, 57; Moses 7*

**About December 15, 1830**  
Fayette, New York

*Visions and Revelations*—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 35, a revelation calling Sidney Rigdon to be the Prophet’s scribe for the translation of the Bible. • *History of the Church, 1:129–31; D&C 35*

**About December 19, 1830**  
Fayette, New York

*Visions and Revelations*—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 36, a revelation containing a blessing and calling for Edward Partridge. • *History of the Church, 1:131; D&C 36*

**About December 21, 1830**  
Fayette, New York

*Visions and Revelations*—Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon received Doctrine and Covenants 37, a revelation calling the Saints to gather in Ohio. • *History of the Church, 1:139; D&C 37*