

Events

Chronology of major events mentioned in Joseph Smith's papers. Events include major journeys and migrations, births and deaths of Joseph Smith's children, selected revelations, essential developments in ecclesiastical organization, and other significant incidents. For source citations and a list of related Joseph Smith documents, click on the event name. For a shorter summary, see [Timeline of Joseph Smith's Life](#).

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5 January 1841

JS's Discourse at Weekly Lyceum

15 January 1841

First Presidency's Proclamation to Saints Scattered Abroad

19 January 1841

Revelation on Nauvoo Temple and Nauvoo House

25 January 1841

Sale of Remaining Interest in Steamboat Nauvoo

30 January 1841

JS Elected Trustee-in-Trust for Church

1 February 1841

First Nauvoo General Elections

3 February 1841

Nauvoo City Council Organized

4 February 1841

Nauvoo Legion Organized

15 February 1841

Authorization for Hyrum Smith and Isaac Galland to Solicit Donations

23 February 1841

Nauvoo House Association Incorporated

1 March 1841

Ordinance for Religious Freedom in Nauvoo Passed

10 March 1841

JS Commissioned as Nauvoo Legion Lieutenant General

20 March 1841

Revelation on Gathering in Iowa Territory

4 April 1841

Death of US President William Henry Harrison

5 April 1841

Sealing of JS and Louisa Beman

6 April 1841

Nauvoo Temple Cornerstones Laid

7 April 1841

John C. Bennett Appointed to First Presidency

7–11 April 1841

JS's Talk on Construction of Temple and Baptism for Dead

2 May 1841

Visit to Nauvoo from Illinois Judicial Leaders

6 May 1841

JS's Letter to Times and Seasons Editor

16 May 1841

JS's Discourse on First Principles of Gospel

24 May 1841

JS's Letter Urging Saints to Gather to Nauvoo

5 June 1841

JS Arrested in Extradition Attempt

7 June 1841

JS's Journey to Monmouth for Hearing

10 June 1841

JS's Arrest Warrant Ruled Invalid

9 July 1841

Revelation Advising Brigham Young to Stay with His Family

24 July 1841

Letter to JS from Horace Hotchkiss Regarding Interest Payment

7 August 1841

Death of Don Carlos Smith (JS's Brother)

12 August 1841

JS's Meeting with Indians

15 August 1841

Death of Don Carlos Smith (JS's Son)

16 August 1841

Quorum of Twelve Elevated

19 August 1841

Bankruptcy Law Passed by Congress

23 or 25 August 1841

Death of JS's Agent Oliver Granger

27 August 1841

Death of Robert B. Thompson

30 September 1841

JS's Request for Reimbursement from Arrest and Trial Fees

2 October 1841

Nauvoo House Cornerstone Laid

2 October 1841

James Sloan Appointed Church Clerk

3 October 1841

Baptisms for Dead Temporarily Discontinued

11 October 1841

Horace Hotchkiss's Agreement with JS Regarding Land in New Jersey

24 October 1841

Orson Hyde Dedicated Palestine

27 October 1841

JS's Sealing to Zina Huntington Jacobs

8 November 1841

Nauvoo Temple Baptismal Font Dedication

15 November 1841

JS's Interview by Unnamed Preacher

21 November 1841

First Baptisms for Dead in Nauvoo Temple

2 December 1841

Revelation for Marinda Nancy Johnson Hyde

5 December 1841

New Edition of Book of Mormon Prepared

11 December 1841

JS's Marriage to Presendia Huntington Buell

13 December 1841

Willard Richards Appointed Scribe and Recorder

13 December 1841

Quorum of Twelve's Announcement on Temple Donations

19 December 1841

JS's Discourse on Continuing Revelation

20 December 1841

JS's Endorsement of Governor Nominee

ca. 22 December 1841

Revelations for Amos Fuller and John Snider

26 December 1841

JS's Discourse on Gift of Tongues

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4 January 1842

Transfer of Land in Nauvoo to JS

5 January 1842

Opening of JS's Mercantile Store

6 January 1842

January 1842

JS's Marriage to Agnes Coolbrith Smith

18 January 1842

Isaac Galland's Power of Attorney Revoked

22 January 1842

JS's Election as Vice Mayor of Nauvoo

28 January 1842

Revelation on Editorial Responsibility for Times and Seasons

30 January 1842

JS's Discourse on Deification

1 February 1842

New US Bankruptcy Law in Effect

4 February 1842

Nauvoo Printing Office Purchased

6 February 1842

Death of JS's Unnamed Son

February 1842 February 1842

8 February 1842 or 8 February 1843

JS's Marriage to Sylvia Sessions Lyon

ca. 15 February 1842

JS Named Editor of Times and Seasons

late February 1842

Suspension of State Bank of Illinois

24 February 1842

Book of Mormon Reprinted in Nauvoo

February 1842

JS's Marriage to Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner

2-3 March 1842

Negotiation of Oliver Granger Estate

ca. 3 March 1842

First Issue of Times and Seasons Published

ca. 3 March 1842

Wentworth Letter Published

ca. 3 March 1842

First Installment of Book of Abraham Published

5 March 1842

JS's Selection as Registrar of Office of Register of Deeds

8–9 March 1842

JS's Translation of Portions of Book of Abraham

9 March 1842

JS's Marriage to Patty Bartlett Sessions

15 March 1842

Nauvoo Masonic Lodge Formed

15 March 1842

Second Installment of Book of Abraham Published

16 March 1842

JS's Advancement to Master Mason

17 March 1842

Female Relief Society Organized

17 March 1842

Deed to Land for JS's Children

ca. 19 March 1842

Second Installment of Book of Abraham Published

20 March 1842

JS's Discourse on Baptism

24 March 1842

JS's Complaint against Clarissa Marvel

27 March 1842

JS's Discourse on Baptism for Dead

31 March 1842

JS's Letter Denouncing Sexual Relations outside of Marriage

April 1842 (or May 1843)

JS's Marriage to Marinda Nancy Johnson Hyde

6–8 April 1842

Special Conference of Church

10 April 1842

JS's Discourse on Righteousness and Wickedness

16 April 1842

The Wasp Published

18 April 1842

JS's Declaration of Bankruptcy

28 April 1842

JS's Discourse on Gift of Healing

28 April 1842

JS's First Bankruptcy Notice Drafted

1 May 1842

JS's Discourse on Keys of the Kingdom

ca. 2 May 1842

Editorial on Nauvoo Temple Published

4–5 May 1842

Endowment Ceremony in Red Brick Store

6 May 1842

Lilburn W. Boggs Shot

7 May 1842

Nauvoo Legion's General Parade

11 May 1842

John C. Bennett Excommunicated

14 May 1842

Word Received in Nauvoo of Lilburn W. Boggs Shooting

16 May 1842

Facsimile 3 of Book of Abraham Published

16 May 1842

Arrival of British Church Members

17 May 1842

John C. Bennett's Withdrawal from Church Membership

19 May 1842

JS Elected Mayor

19–28 May 1842

Several Church Members Charged with Unchaste Behavior

19 May 1842

Revelation to Hiram Kimball on Spreading Rumors

20–27 May 1842

Investigation on Unchaste and Unvirtuous Conduct

21 May 1842

JS's Oath as Mayor

21 May 1842

Quincy Whig's Rumors on Latter-day Saint Involvement in Boggs Assassination

26 May 1842

JS's Statement on Voting

26 May 1842

JS's Discourse to Female Relief Society

29 May 1842

Anti-Mormon Party's Convention

5 June 1842

JS's Discourse on Repentance

9 June 1842

JS's Discourse on Duties of Relief Society

15 June 1842

Bennett's Excommunication Made Public

ca. 16 June 1842

William W. Phelps to Continue Work on JS's History

17 June 1842

Drafting of JS's Second Bankruptcy Notice

18 June 1842

Plans Made to Sell Stock for Promoting Economic Activities

21 June 1842

JS's Oath as Justice of Peace

23 June 1842

JS's Letter on Actions against John C. Bennett

24 June 1842

JS's Letter to Thomas Carlin for Protection

29 June 1842

Eliza R. Snow Sealed to JS

30 June 1842

William Clayton Appointed JS's Scribe

30 June 1842

Thomas Carlin's Letter Stating No Reason to Fear a Mob Attack

ca. 1 July 1842

JS's Exposé of John C. Bennett Published

1 July 1842

Sangamo Journal Published JS's Second Bankruptcy Notice

5 July 1842

Ordinance Passed Granting Nauvoo Citizens Access to Writ of Habeas Corpus

5 July 1842

JS Presided over His First Three Trials in Mayor's Court

6 July 1842

JS's Departure for La Harpe

ca. 8 July 1842

Sangamo Journal Published John C. Bennett's First Letter Attacking JS

12 July 1842

George Miller and Erastus Derby's Departure to Meet with Thomas Carlin and Thomas Reynolds

14 July 1842

Signing of Nauvoo City Scrip

15 July 1842

Orson Pratt Goes Missing

15 July 1842

Sangamo Journal Published John C. Bennett's Second and Third Letters Attacking JS

20 July 1842

Boggs Signed Affidavit Identifying JS as Accessory to Assassination Attempt

22 July 1842

Requisition to Extradite JS and Orrin Porter Rockwell

22 July 1842

Sangamo Journal Published John C. Bennett's Fourth Letter Attacking JS

24 July 1842

George Miller's Return from Quincy, Illinois

25 July 1842

Thomas Carlin Asked to Issue Orders for Nauvoo Legion to Be Held in Readiness

26 July 1842

Emma Smith and Others Delivered Three Petitions

27 July 1842

Governor Carlin Petitioned on JS's Behalf

27 July 1842

Revelation on Performing Plural Marriage Sealing

27 July 1842

Extra Issue of the Wasp Published

ca. July 1842

JS Likely Sealed to Delcena Johnson Sherman

1 August 1842

Thomas Ford Won Gubernatorial Election

ca. 1 August 1842

Times and Seasons Defended JS

2 August 1842

JS's Orders for Meeting to Elect New Major General

6 August 1842

JS Attended Opening of Rising Sun Masonic Lodge

8 August 1842

JS's Arrest for Boggs Shooting

by 10 August 1842

JS in Hiding to Avoid Arrest

11 August 1842

JS's Discussion of Extradition Efforts

13 August 1842

Reports of Companies of Men Searching for JS

14–17 August 1842

JS's Correspondence with Emma Smith and Wilson Law

17 August 1842

Emma Smith's Request to End JS's Extradition

17 August 1842

Emma Smith Warned JS His Location Was Discovered

18 August 1842

JS's Request to Visit at Carlos Granger's Home

19–23 August 1842

JS Hid in Upper Room of Mercantile Store

23 August 1842

JS Returned Home

24 August 1842

Thomas Carlin Sent Letter to Emma Smith

27 August 1842

Emma Smith Wrote Second Letter to Thomas Carlin

29 August 1842

JS Encouraged Elders to Travel the Country

31 August 1842

JS's Sermon to Female Relief Society of Nauvoo

ca. August 1842

JS Sealed to Martha McBride Knight

1 September 1842

Instruction on Baptism for Dead

3 September 1842

Officers Returned to Nauvoo to Arrest JS

3 September 1842

William Clayton Appointed as Temple Recorder

7 September 1842

JS Wrote Letter to Church with Instructions on Performing Baptisms for the Dead

10 September 1842

JS's Return Home

19 September 1842

Reward Issued for JS's Arrest

20 September 1842

Governor Carlin's Proclamation for JS's Arrest

26 September 1842

Death of John Corrill

7/8 October 1842

JS's Departure to James Taylor's Home

20 October 1842

JS's Return to Visit Emma Smith

21 October 1842

JS's Second Departure for James Taylor's Home

28 October 1842

JS's Second Return to Nauvoo from Henderson County

30 October 1842

First Sabbath Meeting in Nauvoo Temple

15 November 1842

John Taylor Named Times and Seasons Editor

16 November 1842

JS's Return into Hiding

22 November 1842

JS's Third Return to Nauvoo from Hiding

28 November 1842

JS Mediated Dispute between Temple Committee and Stonecutters

1 December 1842

Willard Richards to Write Church History

8–10 December 1842

Nauvoo Printing Office Leased to John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff

9–20 December 1842

JS's Friends Visit Governor Ford

21 December 1842

Willard Richards Appointed JS's Secretary

26 December 1842

JS Arrested in Nauvoo

30 December 1842

JS's Arrival in Springfield

31 December 1842

JS's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus

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