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Greetings

In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight the most recent update to our website, josephsmithpapers.org, which included the release of approximately 160 administrative records from the Nauvoo City Council as well as introductions and documents in the Legal, Business and Financial Records series. We likewise highlight the spring 2019 release of *Documents, Volume 8: February–November 1841*, the latest volume published by *The Joseph Smith Papers*.

This issue also features an article by one of our historians that contextualizes Joseph Smith's application for bankruptcy in mid-April 1842 in the wake of the enactment of the Bankruptcy Act of 1841. Smith's bankruptcy application will be included in *Documents, Volume 9: December 1841–April 1842*, available this month.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Godfrey, R. Eric Smith, Matthew J. Grow, and Ronald K. Esplin
General Editors

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New Content on the Joseph Smith Papers Website

We are pleased to announce our latest web content release. Included in this publication are approximately 160 administrative records from the Nauvoo City Council from February 1841 through April 1842, as well as documents and introductions for twelve new [Ohio](#) and [Illinois](#) legal cases and the transcript for the [1837 Book of Mormon](#).

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Voting Record, 22 January 1842

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Newest Joseph Smith Papers Volume Now Available



This spring, the Church Historian's Press released the latest volume of *The Joseph Smith Papers. Documents, Volume 8* covers February through November 1841 and reveals a city humming with activity as Joseph Smith and the Latter-day Saints worked to develop the newly established city of Nauvoo, Illinois.

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Joseph Smith's Application for Bankruptcy

By Alex D. Smith, Volume Editor

More than three of the four pages of the 6 May 1842 issue of the *Sangamo Journal* contained no news—no editorials, no articles, no letters-to-the-editor. Even the regular advertisements were published in an “extra” bearing the same date. Instead, the seven columns on each page of the Illinois capital’s newspaper were filled with hundreds of legally-mandated notices of persons filing for bankruptcy—including Joseph Smith.

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