

# ***JOURNAL OF MORMON HISTORY***

## **Author Style Guide**

*Journal of Mormon History* generally follows the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 17th edition (*CMS*); articles use footnotes. Some general reminders and citation examples follow.

### GENERAL STYLE NOTES

Unless referring to the LDS Church, or other specific denominations, e.g., Methodist Church, “church” is lower case—e.g., “church leaders,” church members,” etc.

MHA (Mormon History Association) and BYU (Brigham Young University) do not need to be spelled out first before abbreviations are used.

Date ranges given with all numbers in headlines; can be abbreviated in text (e.g., “2016–2017” in headline; “2016–17” in text).

Numbers follow *CMS*: 1–100 are written out, as are whole numbers in the hundreds, thousands and hundred thousands. Millions are written out as “2.5 million.” En dashes, not hyphens are used between all numbers—e.g., “1845–1847,” not “1845-1847.”

All dates are written as month, day, and year—e.g., “December 9, 1847,” not “9 December 1847,” unless in an original quote.

The term “p. or pp.” is not used for page numbers, simply list the page.

### QUOTATIONS

We require citations for all direct quotations unless quotation #2 occurs in the same paragraph as quotation #1 and the context makes it clear that the same speaker is continuing (e.g., “Elder Benson then added . . .”).

Run in quotations of fewer than 100 words.

The “Sacred Quotation” rule always applies. If it’s a quotation, we reproduce it exactly, no matter how funny it looks or how incorrect it seems. Add [*sic*] if the misspelling could be easily mistaken for a typographical error, but otherwise, use sparingly and omit altogether for phonetic misspellings. To avoid using [*sic*], please add a note at the beginning of the article explaining that you are leaving spelling used in the original document. And be sure to add (emphasis added) or (emphasis in original) in the appropriate footnote if any part of the quote is italicized, underlined, or bolded.

### FOR NOTES

Use “Ibid.,” where appropriate. Remember that it always refers to the source immediately above its own location, that this source must be identical to it except for the page number, and that it cannot refer to more than one source. If there are two sources in the footnote immediately preceding, you must provide a shortened citation rather than “Ibid.” Do not use “idem.” or “op. cit.”

Use state postal codes for place of publication, e.g., “Provo, UT,” not “Provo, Utah.”

## **FREQUENTLY CITED PUBLISHED SOURCES**

### **JOSEPH SMITH PAPERS**

*The Joseph Smith Papers* is a multivolume collection of documents that are grouped into Documents, Revelations, etc. To help researchers, the Papers project has created a citation method for volumes and online access. Please refer to the Papers’ citation guide at <http://www.josephsmithpapers.org/articles/style-guidelines-for-referring-to-the-joseph-smith-papers> for printed volumes and <http://www.josephsmithpapers.org/articles/citing-this-website?lang=eng> for the online versions.

With few exceptions, scholars should use the *Joseph Smith Papers* (published volumes or website), rather than the *History of the Church*.

### **MULTIVOLUME WORKS:**

*Report of the Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, October 6, 1916 (Salt Lake City: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, semi-annual), 4–5 (hereafter *Conference Report*).

Brigham Young, April 14, 1867, *Journal of Discourses*, 26 vols. (London: LDS Booksellers Depot, 1854–86), 18:161–62.

Second reference in the same article: Lorenzo Snow, April 12, 1866, *Journal of Discourses* 17:227. [Don’t abbreviate as JD.]

### **THESES AND DISSERTATIONS**

Donald B. Smith, “A History of Recreational Activities in Salt Lake City’s Pioneer Stake, 1900–1960” (master’s thesis, Brigham Young University, 1962).

Jonathan H. Moyer, “Dancing with the Devil: The Making of the Mormon-Republican Pact” (PhD diss., University of Utah, 2009)

### **PERIODICALS**

William G. Hartley, “Coming to Zion: Saga of the Gathering,” *Ensign*, July 1975, 14. [Follow this form for other popular monthly, weekly, or bimonthly magazines like the *Herald*, *Newsweek*, etc.]

Milton V. Backman Jr., “The Quest for a Restoration: The Birth of Mormonism in Ohio,” *BYU Studies* 12, no. 1 (Summer 1972): 347. [The issue number is desirable but not essential.]

Second reference: Backman Jr., “The Quest for a Restoration,” 348.

**SCRIPTURES.** Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price are not italicized. All scriptural references (abbreviated) are cited parenthetically in the text unless accompanied by a commentary. For abbreviations of LDS scriptures, see the front matter in the triple combination. The same rules apply to citations to Community of Christ scriptures, including verse parts. Specify edition of Book of Mormon if relevant.

### **BOOKS**

Leonard Arrington, “Joseph Smith, Builder of Ideal Communities,” in *The Prophet Joseph: Essays on the Life and Mission of Joseph Smith*, ed. Larry C. Porter and Susan Easton Black (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1988), 117.

Second reference: Arrington, “Joseph Smith,” 118.

Richard P. Howard, *The Church Through the Years—Volume 2: The Reorganization Comes of Age, 1860–1992* (Independence, MO: Herald House, 1992), 89.

### **REPRINTS**

Austin Fife and Alta Fife, *Saints of Sage and Saddle: Folklore Among the Mormons* (1956; rpt., Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1980), 231.

### **HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS**

W. W. Clayton, Letter to the Editor, St. Louis, April 3, 1838, *Times and Seasons* 3 (May 18, 1838): 151. [This format also applies to *Evening and Morning Star*, *Latter-day Saint Messenger and Advocate*, *Millennial Star*, etc.]

### **CURRENT DAILY NEWSPAPERS**

Charles Raybold, “Presidential Warning Falls on Deaf Ears,” *Deseret News*, April 30, 1979, A-1–2.

[Note: Because of the *Deseret News*’s complicated publication history, please double-check all references for exact newspaper titles (e.g., *Deseret Evening News*, *Deseret Weekly*, etc.).]

### **UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENTS**

**Typescript:** Frances Brodilová McOmber, “Memories,” 1983, typescript, 2, Church History Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City (hereafter Church History Library). [Please use the shortened “Church History Library” rather than “CHL.”]

Holograph auto/biography: Edward Stevenson, Autobiography, 1904, 63, microfilm of holograph, reel 2, Church History Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City.

Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner, Autobiography, n.d., L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah (hereafter Perry Special Collections).

Holograph journal: J. Golden Kimball, Diaries, 1885–1932, August 16, 1897, photocopy of holograph, Special Collections, Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. (The Marriott Library would prefer the full citation but you could use Marriott Library Special Collections.)

Holograph letter: Vilate M. Kimball to Heber C. Kimball, June 27, 1843, Winslow Whitney Smith Papers, Church History Library.

E. C. Shelley to President F. M. Smith, July 24, 1919, P13, F1352, Community of Christ Library-Archives, Independence, Missouri. (The Community of Christ does not have a standard shortened version, but you could use Community of Christ Archives, but not CCLA.)

Oral history. Thelma Martina Handley Smith Wilcox, Oral History, interviewed by Susan N. Shumway, January 13, 1991, 13–14, Folklore Oral History Project, Special Collections, Merrill Library, Utah State University, Logan. [Some oral history collections have their own citation guidelines. Please follow them. For example, interviews from the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies should include that information before listing L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.]

Second reference: Wilcox, Oral History, 15.

Journal History: Journal History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (chronological scrapbook of typed entries and newspaper clippings, 1830–present), June 21, 1903, 3, Church History Library. [If it is the first citation from the Church History Library, include complete citation.]

Second reference: Journal History, June 21, 1903, 3.

U.S. Census: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1870, Millard County, UT, Schedule 1, District 13, MF #0018861.

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Email: Charles L. Bowen, email message to author, March 13, 2002.