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Abstract: A short summary of several papers and periodicals published by members and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the early years of the Restoration.

PAPERS AND PERIODICALS,

PUBLISHED IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

The Church was about two years and two months old when its first monthly paper, the *EVENING AND MORNING STAR*, was commenced in Independence, Jackson Co., Mo. Two volumes, or 24 numbers, containing altogether 384 pages, were published, partly in Independence and partly in Kirtland, Ohio. It was printed with small type, the printed matter on each page measuring 8½ by 4½ inches. (See page 31.) In connection with it a weekly newspaper called the

UPPER MISSOURI ADVERTISER was published at Independence, Mo., but we have been unable to ascertain how long it existed.

With the September, 1834, number of the *Evening and Morning Star*, that paper was suspended, and in its stead the

Latter-day Saints'

MESSENGER AND ADVOCATE

was commenced. The first number of this monthly periodical was dated Kirtland, Ohio, October, 1834, and it was continued regularly for three years, the last number, bearing date of September, 1837. Three volumes, or 36 numbers, containing altogether 576 pages (16 pages to the number), were published. The size of the printed matter on each page was 8½ by 4½ inches—a trifle smaller than the *Evening and Morning Star*. The subscription price was \$1 per annum. The first eight numbers were edited by Oliver Cowdery and published by F. G. Williams & Co. The next ten numbers were edited by John Whitmer; F. G. Williams & Co. continuing as publishers. After this, Oliver Cowdery again resumed his editorial labors, commencing with No. 7, Vol. 2, and he also became the publisher; but after a short time, when others associated themselves with him, the paper was published by Oliver Cowdery & Co. This latter arrangement continued until Feb. 1, 1837, when Oliver Cowdery & Co. dissolved partnership, and Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon became the proprietors of the paper and printing office. Warren A. Cowdery was then appointed editor. Only two num-

bers (Nos. 5 and 6, Vol. 3) had been issued under this arrangement, when the paper, through legal process, passed into the hands of Wm. Marks & Co., of Portage, Alleghany Co., New York, who then, by power of attorney, appointed Smith and Rigdon their agents. After this change the paper was continued until September, 1837, W. A. Cowdery having charge of the editorial department until the periodical was suspended. The

NORTHERN TIMES

was a weekly newspaper, edited by F. G. Williams in Kirtland, Ohio, in favor of Democracy. It was commenced in February, 1835, but we do not know how long it continued.

The *Messenger and Advocate* being discontinued, a new monthly paper was commenced in Kirtland in its stead called the

ELDERS' JOURNAL.

It was the same size as its predecessor, the printed matter on each page (two columns) measuring 8½ by 4½ inches. The first number was dated October, 1837. It was "edited by Joseph Smith, and published by Thomas B. Marsh," but Don Carlos Smith, the youngest brother of the Prophet, took immediate charge of the printing establishment. The subscription price was \$1 per annum. After the November (1837) number had been issued, the printing office in Kirtland was destroyed by fire, in consequence of which the publication of the *Journal* ceased for the time being, and it was not until July, 1838, that No. 3 made its appearance at Far West, Mo. Only one more number, dated August, 1838, was published at Far West, as the paper was suspended in consequence of the persecutions. On the night that Far West was surrounded by General Lucas' mob militia, the type was buried in Brother Dawson's yard in Far West, and there it remained until the spring of 1839, when it was dug up and removed to Commerce, Hancock County, Ill., afterwards to be used for the publication of the *Times and Seasons*. Thus only four numbers of the *Journal* (2 in Kirtland, Ohio, and 2 in Far West, Mo.) were published.

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