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# NOTES

ON THE JOSEPH SMITH PAPERS



## Greetings

We are pleased to inform you of the publication of another volume of *The Joseph Smith Papers*. In September, we released [Documents, Volume 6: February 1838–August 1839](#), which is highlighted in this newsletter.

Also included in this issue are an article that offers an inside look into how our researchers vet documents for authenticity and a list of books and articles that many of our staff members have published recently.

We thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Joseph Smith Papers Project and invite you to take a few minutes to read about our latest developments.

Sincerely,

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

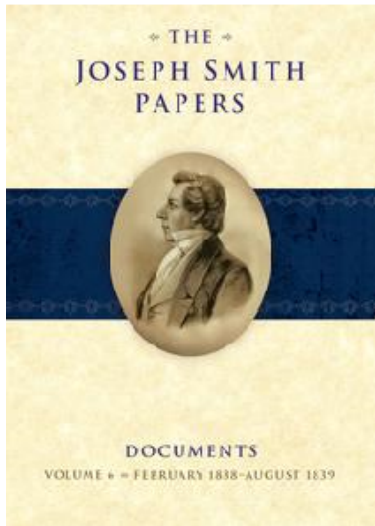
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## The Joseph Smith Papers and Questions of Authentic Documents

By Robin Scott Jensen

As staff members of the Joseph Smith Papers, we are sometimes asked how we know that the documents we publish are authentic. It is an important question and one that is key to preserving the confidence of our audiences. To authenticate a document, we take numerous steps, as is highlighted by our examination of a document we considered including in the recently published *Documents, Volume 6*. [Read more](#) ►

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## New Publications from Staff Members

Members of our staff have kept busy in their academic pursuits during 2017. In the last few months, several staff members have published books, and others have had articles featured in various academic journals. [Read more](#) ►

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