

MORMONS: IN THE EAST

THE FIRST GREAT AWAKENING: 1730S & 1740S

- A period of **religious** excitement throughout Europe and the British colonies.
- They questioned certain religious **authority** and promoted an intensely **personal** religion



THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING: EARLY 1800S

- Another period of **religious** excitement throughout the U.S.
- Many new **churches** were formed
- Promoted personal involvement



JOSEPH SMITH

- Joseph Smith and his family lived in upstate **New York**.
- The Smith family was a common **poor** family that had been forced to move around the New England area looking for **work**.
- 1830 Joseph Smith produces the **Book of Mormon** and the LDS church is born.



THE MORMON CHURCH

- The LDS church was formed in **Palmyra, New York** and spread rapidly in the first **10** years.
- The Mormon Church met early **opposition**
- They eventually moved to **Ohio** because of the open **land** and the high conversion rates.
- Around this same time Smith had many followers start building a congregation in **Missouri**.

KIRTLAND, OHIO

- The LDS congregations gathered in **Kirtland, Ohio**.
- They gained a small following and started living in a **communal** style.
- Eventually, they are driven out by **mob** persecution



INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

- **Independence** was a particularly important place for the Mormons because they believed it was **Zion**.
- The Mormons did **well** in Missouri which caused many of their non-Mormon neighbors to fear.
- Mobs and persecution reach an all-time **high**.

OHIO/MISSOURI

- The Mormons attempted to establish **permanent** communities in both Ohio and Missouri.
- However, they were continually forced out by those who worried about having **Mormons** in their community.

WHY WERE THERE SO MANY PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE LDS PEOPLE AND THEIR NEIGHBORS?

- Differences mainly about
 - **Religion**
 - **Politics**
 - **Economics (\$)**

Do people feel very strongly about same issues today? Why?

6 MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT LED TO CONFLICT

- **#1** Mormons told others that their church was God's only true church.
- They accepted Joseph Smith as a modern prophet who had talked to God and had translated the Book of Mormon as Scripture from ancient brass plates.
- This upset people of other religions, who said Joseph Smith made up the things he was saying.

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- **#2** Some Mormons began practicing polygamy.
 - A man might be married to more than one wife. This practice was strange and upsetting to others.
- **#3** The Mormon believed in establishing a gathering place.
 - This meant that thousands of new settlers would move into a region in a short amount of time.
 - They often outnumbered their neighbors.

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- **#4** The Mormons usually voted for the same candidates.
 - Their neighbors were worried that Mormons could take control of state and local politics.
- **#5** Slavery
 - Many of the Mormons were from England and the Northern States where slavery wasn't supported.
 - Missouri settlers, however, were mainly from Southern States. Where slavery was thought of as necessary and acceptable.

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- **#6** The Mormons in Ohio lived a communal, or cooperative, economic lifestyle.
 - This means that everyone gave what they had to the Church for the good of the group.
 - This gave the church leaders a lot of power.

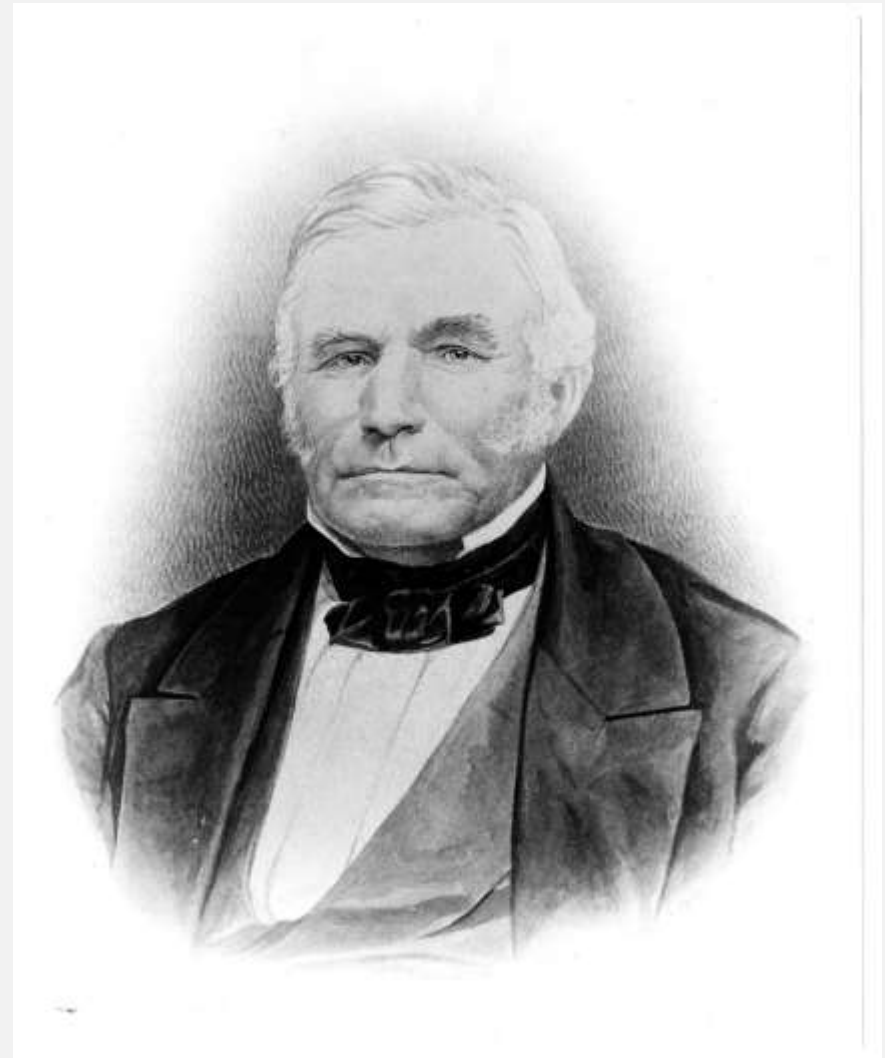
LEAVING MISSOURI

- After repeated mob raids and beatings the Mormons leave **Missouri**.
- They appealed to Missouri's Governor **Dunklin**, but he rejected their complaints.



EXTERMINATION ORDER

- On **October 27, 1838** Missouri Governor Lilburn Boggs enacts the Mormon extermination act.
- This order demands the Mormons **leave** the state of Missouri or face **extermination**.



MORMONS IN ILLINOIS

- Fearing the extermination act, many Mormons trudged through the **snow** and **mud** of winter to seek refuge in **Illinois**.
- The beleaguered Mormons bought a mosquito infested **swamp** to build their new settlement → **Nauvoo**

NAUVOO, ILLINOIS



- The **population** of Mormons in Illinois gave Joseph Smith and the church great power **economically** and **politically**.
- Joseph Smith even created his own army called the **Nauvoo Legion**.
- Polygamy starts among selected members of the church.

PROBLEMS IN ILLINOIS

- The Nauvoo Expositor was an **anti-Mormon** newspaper in Nauvoo. Smith and the Nauvoo City Council ordered the **destruction** of the newspaper.
- Because of this Smith and his brother Hyrum were arrested and put into **Carthage** Jail. This is where a mob would **assassinate** Joseph.



THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS IS THE SEED

THE AFTERMATH

- With the death of their prophet and founder of the LDS Church, Joseph Smith, the Church was in a bad position.
- Under the leadership of Brigham Young, the new LDS prophet, the Mormons begin moving west to escape persecution.