

John Whitmer Historical Association

2020 Year in Review

Major Fundraising Event

On September 18, 2022, the John Whitmer Historical Association (JWHA) will celebrate its 50th anniversary, honoring a half century of promoting the study of Restoration history. We have been planning this celebration for 50 years. In 2019 the Board of Directors set a goal to raise \$50,000 ([50kforthe50th](#)) from contributions and sponsorships to support this landmark anniversary celebration. Funds raised will be used for the celebration and to involve new members. A portion of the funds will be committed to our investments preserving our endowment for future stability. As of September 1, 2021, we have commitments and pledges of \$26,500 towards our goal of \$50,000.

We are off to a good start on our fundraising but that is only part of what is involved in making 2022 "special." It takes members and committees planning, logos, themes, and a memorable location. Much of the planning is in place. Our final comment is to encourage you to attend. Save the date, September 15 – 18, 2022, Independence, Missouri.

Not a member? [Consider joining JWHA](#). Get involved in one of our many committees or groups working towards making 2022 a memorable year.

Please consider A contribution to our 50th anniversary fundraising. Contributors will be recognized for their support.

September 15 – 18, 2022
Community of Christ Temple, Independence, Missouri
Casey Griffiths, Provo, Utah, Chair



"In 2022 the John Whitmer Historical Association will celebrate fifty years of telling the story of Restoration movements, their people, and their struggles. At the 2022 conference we plan to honor the legacy of those who came before while looking to the next fifty year of excellence!" Casey Griffiths, Chair

50th Anniversary Committee

Honorary Members (Founders)

Alma Blair
Paul Edwards
Robert Flanders
Barbara Howard
Richard Howard
Grant McMurray
William Russell
W. B. "Pat" Spillman

Johnston, IA
Independence, MO
Springfield, MO
Lee's Summit, MO
Lee's Summit, MO
Grain Valley, MO
Lamoni, IA
Independence, MO
Peoria, IL
Independence, MO
Lamoni, IA
Neosho, MO
Independence, MO

Members

Myra Elliott
Rachel Killebrew
Sherry Morain
Katherine Pollock
Ronald Romig

50th Anniversary Celebration Sponsorships are available, visit jwha.info for more information.

Nature of JWHA

The John Whitmer Historical Association (JWHA) was incorporated in the state of Missouri on April 12, 1980. The Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of Latter Day Saint history.

- JWHA is governed by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors:

President – Jill Brim, Washington, Utah

Immediate Past President – Rachel Killebrew, Independence, Missouri

President Elect – Christin Mackay, Nauvoo, Illinois

Executive Director – Cheryle Grinter, Independence, Missouri

Treasurer – Jerry Mogg, St. Joseph, Missouri

Directors

Seth Bryant – Kirtland, Ohio

Scott Esplin – Provo, Utah

Joseph Geisner – Santa Rosa, California

Katherine Hill – Sagle, Idaho

Daniel Kelty – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Daniel Stone – Wyandotte, Michigan

Dan Whittemore – Denver, Colorado



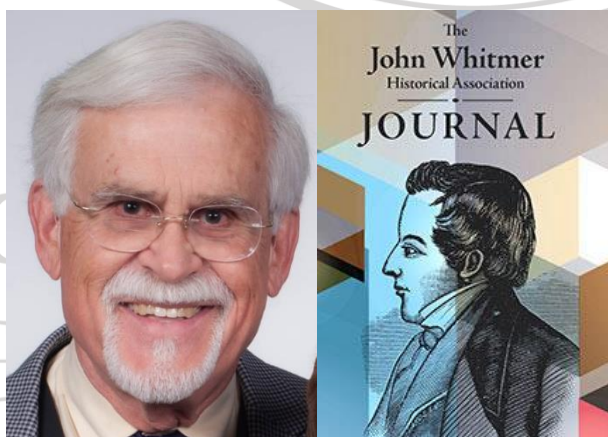
Follow Us

- JWHA is structured as a membership organization that achieves its purposes through membership, printing and distribution of various publications and hosting an annual conference. All are welcome!
- JWHA brings a unique flavor to the study of Restoration history.
- JWHA encourages interest in Latter Day Saints history.
- JWHA promotes communication among scholars.
- JWHA supports John Whitmer Books, the publishing arm of our association.
- JWHA provides an institutional vehicle for the discussion and dissemination of the fruits of scholarly research.
- JWHA offers scholarships to provide funds for students to attend our annual conference.

We invite you to [join JWHA](#) and consider donating to this vibrant, inclusive scholarly society.

Journal

William D. Morain, Editor



Published twice a year with opportunities for scholars, young and old, professional, and armchair, to contribute their ideas, essays, and papers.

Due to Covid-19 the 2020 conference was postponed. Planning is in progress for these upcoming conferences.

2022

*JWHA's 50th Anniversary:
A Legacy of Restoration
History*

September 15-18, 2022

[Community of Christ Temple](#)
Independence, Missouri

2023

September 21 – 24, 2023

[Hangar Hotel](#)
Fredericksburg, Texas

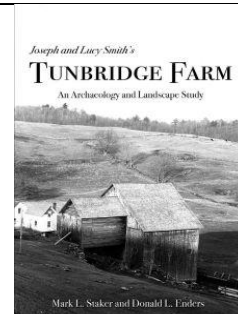
Annual Conference

John Whitmer Books

**Christopher C. Smith,
Manager**

Editorial Board

Peter Judd
Mike Riggs
Steven L. Shields
Mark Staker



John Whitmer Books published Mark Staker's *Joseph and Lucy Smith's Tunbridge Farm: An Archaeology and Landscape Study*. This high-quality title inaugurates an exciting new subject matter focus for the press. While continuing to publish academic titles on Restoration history, we are also launching a series on Restoration archaeology, to be co-edited by Seth Bryant and Kevin Bryant. Other initiatives under way at the press include expansion of marketing and publicity programs and re-release of old titles in ebook format. We're optimistic that these initiatives will increase the press's reach, reputation, and revenue. Chris Smith, Manager



**Joseph Geisner,
Chair**

Book Awards

John Dinger
Brent Metcalfe
Sally Roth
Susan Staker

Article Awards

Bryce Blankenagel
Kaitlyn Noyce
Katherine Pollock
Nancy Ross

Annual Awards

2020 RECIPIENTS

- Smith-Pettit Best Book Award: Steven C. Harper for *First Vision: Memory and Mormon Origins*.
- Greg Kofford Best Historical Article Award: D. Dmitri Hurlbut for Gobert Edet and the Entry of the RLDS Church into Southeastern Nigeria, 1962–1966.
- Geisner & Mogg Best Theological Article Award: Ryan Thomas for *The Gold Plates and Ancient Metal Epigraphy*.
- Alma Blair Best Biography Book Award: Melvin C. Johnson for *The Life and Times of John Pierce Hawley: A Mormon Ulysses of the American West*.
- Whittemore Best Documentary History Book Award: Joseph Smith Papers Project for Documents Volume 8: February–November 1841 and Documents Volume 9: December 1841–April 1842.
- Metcalfe Best Anthology Book Award: P. Jane Hafen & Brenden W. Rensink for *Essays on American Indian & Mormon History*.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES AND SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 53,830	\$ 11,535	\$ -	\$ 65,365
Program services	15,097	-	-	15,097
Book sales	1,771	-	-	1,771
Membership dues	16,845	-	-	16,845
Transfer	-17,250	17,250	-	0
Other	700	-	-	700
Interest and dividends	84	5,312	2,042	7,438
Capital gains	-	4,752	1,704	6,456
Unrealized gains	-	12,499	5,072	17,571
	71,077	51,348	8,818	131,243
EXPENSES				
Program services	58,683	-	-	58,683
General and administrative	16,280	3,239	1,152	20,671
	74,963	3,239	1,152	79,354
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-3,886	48,109	7,666	51,889
Net assets, beginning of year	24,607	409,435	148,033	582,075
Net assets, end of year	\$ 20,721	\$ 457,544	\$ 155,699	\$ 633,964

Finance Committee

Dan Whittemore, Chair

Members

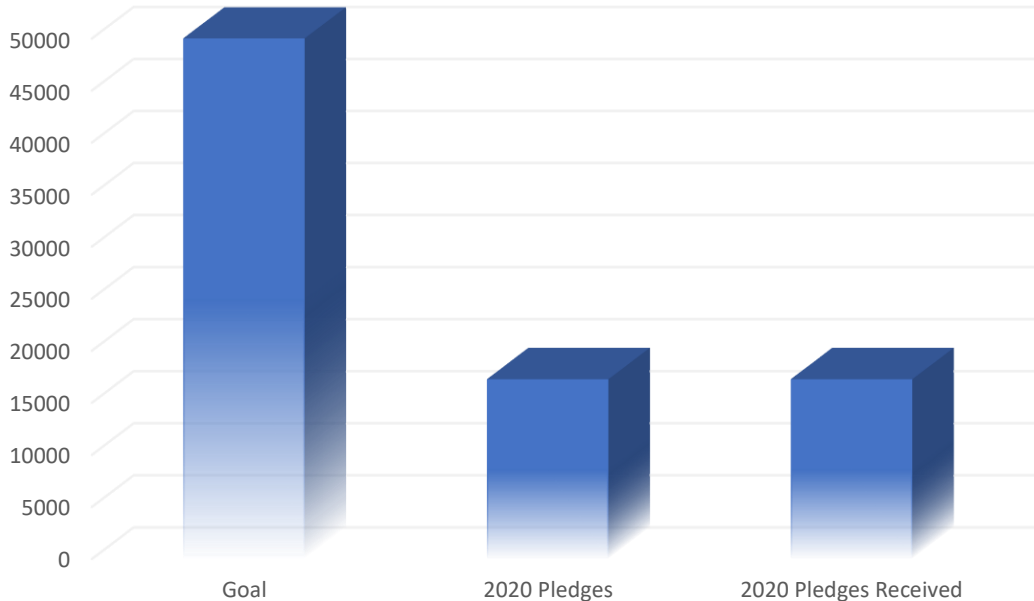
Greg Brim
Seth Bryant
Bill Morain



[Read JWHA's 2020 Good
Financial Statement](#)

With gratitude, thank you!

50KFOR THE 50TH



With faithful financial contributions over the years, JWHA has been able to further the independent scholarly interest in the history of Community of Christ and the Restoration Movement. Financial support plays a key role in our success.

JWHA is continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of our donors who support our mission.

In 2020 we received \$65,365 in donations. In 2021 happily, we were able to transfer \$40,000 of our contribution to our Board Restricted Investment Account. In 2020 we were able to transfer \$28,785 to our Investment Cash Reserve Fund.

We believe this is one of our first steps in demonstrating our stronger financial position. We started a goal in 2019 to raise \$50,000 from contributions and sponsorships for our 50th anniversary. At the present time, JWHA has received pledges or cash of \$26,500 toward our \$50,000 goal.

JWHA has a continuous scholarship program to provide funds for students to attend and present at the annual conference. Through the “Giving Tuesday” program, in the last two years we have received \$3,735 to support our student scholar’s participation in the annual conference.

Here are some ways to support JWHA:

- [Become a member](#)
- [Attend the annual conference](#)
- Support [\\$50,000 for the 50th](#)
- Sponsor a [scholarship](#) or [award](#)
- [Make a donation online](#)

Endowment Fund	Original Corpus	Balance 12.31.2020
JWHA Board	\$100,000	\$144,784
Donor Created	\$10,000	\$10,915
Total		\$155,699

Endowment Fund – The original gift or corpus received by JWHA cannot be used for projects or operations for any reason and must remain permanently intact. The JWHA Board is authorized to use the earnings for any purpose authorized by the donor or the Board.

We are grateful to our donors who share and support our mission with their generosity. We are successful, in part, because of you.

Thank you to our board and volunteers for their time and commitment to our success.