

Martin Harris Chronology

May 18, 1783 Born to Nathan and Rhoda Lapham Harris at Easttown, New York

Married Lucy Harris (first cousin)

Lived in Palmyra Township, New York

October 1827 Heard from brother Preserved Harris about a gold bible. Talked to members of the Smith family; the plates were found by a stone

circa February 1828 Traveled to New York City to verify copied characters

April 12 to June 14, 1828 scribe for Joseph Smith Jr. on the Book of Lehi

March 1829 Revelation for Harris (LDS D&C 5)

June 1829 Revelation for three witnesses (LDS D&C 17)

June 1829 Experienced a vision of the Book of Mormon gold plates

August 1829 Mortgaged property for publication of the Book of Mormon

March [26-30] 1830 Revelation for Harris at Manchester, Ontario County, New York. (LDS D&C 19)

April 6, 1830 Baptized into the Church of Christ at Manchester, New York

June 9, 1830 Received a license as a priest at first church conference, Fayette, New York

March 1831 Painesville, Ohio Told all about the gold plates, angels, spirits, and Joseph Smith

June 3, 1831 Ordained to the High Priesthood (High Priest), Kirtland, Ohio

August 1831 At dedication of the spot for the temple outside of Independence, Jackson County, Missouri

1832 Missionary with Emer Harris

February 1834 Chosen as a member of first church High Council at Kirtland, Ohio

1834 Went to Missouri as a member of the Camp of Israel (Zion's Camp)

February 1835 Helped choose Twelve Apostles

May 26, 1835 Harris to be the first individual to receive an inheritance in Zion

May 30 to July 7, 1835 at Palmyra, New York

August 27, 1835 Received a Patriarchal Blessing from Joseph Smith Sr.

December 14, 1835 to February 12, 1836 in Kirtland

November 1836 Married Caroline Young, daughter of John Young

March to May 6, 1837 at Palmyra, New York

May 29, 1837 in Kirtland at High Council meeting

Failure of Kirtland Safety Society contributed to no confidence in Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon

September 1837 At church conference not sustained in position on the High Council; stormed out of meeting

December 1837 Excommunicated from the church. With the Warren Parrish party

January 1838 A Trustee of the Church of Christ with Cyrus Smalling and Joseph Coe

By July 1840 Back in fellowship with the church

May 22, 1841 Attended conference at Kirtland as a High Priest

November 1842 Rebaptized

By 1844 Associated with the Shakers and Holy Roll. Testimony greater than Book of Mormon

August 1846 Member of High Council at Kirtland with his brother Preserved in James J. Strang's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

September 4, 1846 Expected to go to Europe

October 1846 Arrived in England with Apostle Lester Brooks and William Capener

December 8, 1846 Arrived back at New York

January 1847 Joined with William E. McLellan's Church of Christ supporting David Whitmer

February 10, 1847 Revelation for Martin Harris to be baptized, confirmed and reordained

February 13, 1847 Rebaptized and reordained a high priest

1847 One of three witnesses that Joseph Smith in July 1834 ordained David Whitmer as his successor. The other two witnesses were Leonard Rich and Calvin Beebe

June 3, 1849 Conference Martin Harris appointed president of meeting

November 1849 Harris said he had a mission from God

1851 Supported Francis Gladden Bishop as one of his three witnesses, with Bishop and his wife Phebe, to the "Flying Roll"

1855 Involved with a Spiritualist Miss Sexton of Cleveland

May 1855 Published pamphlet *A Proclamation And a warning voice unto all people ...* giving the word of the Lord from Moses, Elias, Elijah, and John

August 13, 1855 Wrote letter to Brigham Young commanding him to publish the proclamation

October 5, 1855 Conference in Kirtland Temple, Harris president of meeting and Stephen Post secretary

1856 Caroline and children listed in Iowa census as residing at Rockford Township, Iowa prior to going to Utah Territory.

April 24, 1857 Harris baptized an individual

ca September 1857 in Kirtland, Martin Harris and William Smith organize a church. William Smith as president, prophet, seer and revelator. Later Harris damned Smith to hell

1859 Interviewed by Joel Tiffany, published in *Tiffany's Monthly*, August 1859

August 19, 1860 At meeting with Elder Simeon Atwood (LDS) and Apostle William W. Blair (RLDS) in Kirtland Temple when Increase Van Dusen disturbed meeting

August 1860 with Leonard Rich and Zadock Brooks of the Church of Christ

February 9, 1870 Visited by Edward Stevenson

August 19, 1870 Arrived in Ogden, Utah Territory

September 4, 1870 Spoke in Tabernacle, Salt Lake City

September 17, 1870 Rebaptized in Endowment House

October 9, 1870 Spoke at General Conference

October 21, 1870 Received Endowment in the Endowment House

July 9, 1875 Died in Clarkston, Cache County, Utah Territory at the age of ninety-two

Prophecies of Martin Harris, September 1832:

Within four years from September 1832, there will not be one wicked person left in the United States; that the righteous will be gathered to Zion, [Missouri,] and that there will be no President over these United States after that time. MARTIN HARRIS.

I do hereby assert and declare that in four years from the date thereof, every sectarian and religious denomination in the United States, shall be broken down, and every Christian shall be gathered unto the Mormonites, and the rest of the human race shall perish. If these things do not take place, I will hereby consent to have my hand separated from my body. MARTIN HARRIS.

From E. D. Howe, *Mormonism Unveiled* (Painesville [Ohio]: Printed and Published by the Author, 1834), 14.

Testimony of Three Witnesses:

We cheerfully certify, to all whom it may concern, that we attended a general conference, called at the instance of Joseph Smith, in Clay county, Mo., on the 8th of July, 1834, at the residence of Elder Lyman Wight. And while the conference was in session, Joseph Smith presiding, he arose and said that the time had come when he must appoint his Successor in office. Some have supposed that it would be Oliver Cowdery; but, said he, Oliver has lost that privilege in consequence of transgression. The Lord has made it known to me that David Whitmer is the man. David was then called forward, and Joseph and his counsellors laid hands upon him, and ordained him to his station, to succeed him. Joseph then gave David a charge, in the hearing of the whole assembly. Joseph then seemed to rejoice that that work was done, and said, now brethren, if any thing should befall[1] me, the work of God will roll on with more power than it has hitherto done. Then, brethren, you will have a man who can lead you as well as I can. He will be Prophet, Seer, Revelator, and Translator before God.

Martin Harris,
Leonard Rich,
Calvin Beebe.

From "The Successor of Joseph, the Seer," *The Ensign of Liberty* 1 (December 1847):43-44, Kirtland, Ohio, testimony not dated.