## **Church History Essays**

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## Dedicated to students of Mormonism

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What had previously been considered the Book of Commandments manuscript is now known as John Whitmer's retained copies of revelations. This manuscript record is known as the Book of Commandments and Revelations (BCR). The retained volume was preserved and recently published in 2009 by the Church Historian's Press in Salt Lake City. By November 12, 1831 the manuscript book contained 127 pages.

The last item has not been printed in any periodical and includes interviews of Joseph Smith from 1830-1844.

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