

Doctrine and Covenants Revelation Sites



Aaronic Priesthood restoration area, including commemorative monument and Joseph Smith Jr. home site.

Harmony (Oakland), Pennsylvania

Joseph Smith Jr. home site

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, and 27

July 1828 to August 1830

Scripture

"Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.

"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

"Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work;

"For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;

"And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.

"Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

"Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Amen."

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"Wherefore, lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armor, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all, that ye may be able to stand.

"Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you;

"Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked;

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you . . . "

Doctrine and Covenants 27:15-18



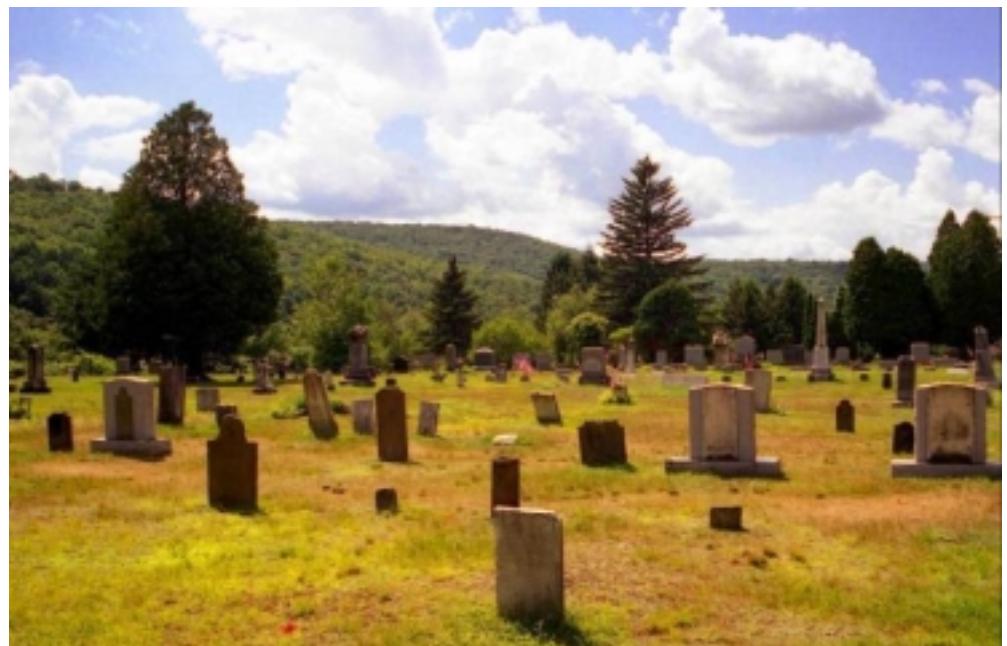
Site of Joseph and Emma's first home, where part of the Book of Mormon was translated. The Susquehanna River flows several hundred yards behind the trees.

Key Events

- Home to Joseph and Emma shortly after their marriage in 1827.
- Martin Harris acted as scribe in the translation of the first 116 pages of the Book of Mormon in 1828. Harris subsequently lost those pages, and the Lord commanded Joseph not to re-translate them.
- A son was born to Joseph and Emma in June 1828, which died the same day.
- Oliver Cowdery moved here in April 1829 and became Joseph's scribe.
- On the banks of the nearby Susquehanna River in May 1829, Joseph and Oliver received the Aaronic Priesthood under the hands of John the Baptist.
- Joseph and Oliver received the Melchizedek Priesthood from Peter, James, and John about 16 miles north of Harmony along the Susquehanna River weeks later.
- Much of the Book of Mormon was translated in Harmony.
- 14 Doctrine and Covenants revelations were received here.

Words of Joseph Smith

"The building up of Zion is a cause that has interested the people of God in every age . . . they have sung and written and prophesied of this our day; but they died without the sight; we are the favored people that God has made choice of to bring about the Latter-day glory; it is left for us to see, participate in and help to roll forward the Latter-day glory . . . and generations yet unborn will dwell with peculiar delight upon the scenes that we have passed through, the privations that we have endured; the untiring zeal that we have manifested; the all but insurmountable difficulties that we have overcome in laying the foundation of a work that brought about the glory and blessing which they will realize; a work that God and angels have contemplated with delight for generations past; that fired the souls of the ancient patriarchs and prophets; a work that is destined to bring about the destruction of the powers of darkness, the renovation of the earth, the glory of God, and the salvation of the human family." (History of the Church 4:609)



An old cemetery is located just east of Joseph and Emma's home, where their infant son and Emma's parents are buried.