

had a quarrel and swore that they never saw the plates nor anything like them, and that the new sect they proclaimed was a financial scheme of Joseph Smith's.

After this "Book of Mormon," was sufficiently advertised Smith began to preach the Gospel, which after a short time succeeded in getting enough members to form quite a large congregation. Thus was the "Mormon Church," or the "Church of Latter Day Saints," established in 1830. Smith moved the Church from Faystle, N.Y., to Kirtland, Ohio, in 1831, claiming he had had a command from Christ, to build a "New Jerusalem." After a short stay here he had another vision and moved the Church and converts to Jackson County, Missouri. Here Smith and Rigdon, one of his leading men set up a milling business and store, also a bank, of which Smith was President, with Rigdon as Cashier. The country was flooded with his bank notes, which the people found to be of no value. Smith and Rigdon were arrested for defrauding the public; the crowd tarred and feathered them, and put them in jail. During the night of March 22nd, 1832, both leaders escaped from prison and made their way across the river to Illinois. During their stay in Missouri, the whole country was in rebellion against them, because Smith and his colleagues made some outlandish raids on the settlers, murdering and destroying property. Smith whose madness was to a degree methodical, professed "That he was going to take this State and then by the power of God, he would conquer all of the United States and eventually the whole world." The Mormons were driven out of Missouri to Illinois, where they established another city, by the name of Nauvoo. The State appointed Smith as Governor, and he forthwith commenced to increase his spiritual authority by means of special revelations "made to order."

By 1838, Smith had persuaded several women to live with him, calling them spiritual wives, although he had a lawful wife whom he married in 1827. Naturally his wife became jealous of these so-called spiritual wives, so to patch it up some way or other, he had another dream or revelation on July 12th, 1843, authorizing polygamy. In 1844 he had so many wives that one publicly denounced him, and with her former husband started a paper, the object of which was to expose him. Smith was arrested on May 6th, 1844,