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## FORTHCOMING BOOKS

**Andrew F. Ehat, *Inner Circles of Nauvoo—Temple Ordinances as The Key to Joseph Smith's Final Vision for the Church & Kingdom of God* (Orem, UT: Grandin Book, 1986), \$15.95.**

Joseph Smith said in the summer of 1842: "I have the whole plan of the Kingdom before me and no other person has!" Two summers later he was dead. What would happen to the Church with such an untimely loss? The Temple was not yet completed. Were the ordinances which were to be performed in that sacred edifice now lost from the earth because of his death?

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Smith III succession blessing, and why, therefore, could only the Quorum of the Twelve assume the leadership of the Church after the Martyrdom? Why was the Council of Fifty so important? Why was Sidney Rigdon excommunicated from the Church? Did Emma Smith ever have a testimony of the doctrine of plural marriage? These and many other important questions are answered in this new book.

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Thoroughly documented and attractively illustrated, this study not only analyzes the Nauvoo experience from a previously unappreciated point-of-view, but it establishes a framework for new insights for Mormon history far beyond the Nauvoo period. For these reasons, one leading Mormon historian has called this work, "An extraordinary contribution to our history." This is not only an indispensable work for students of Joseph Smith, but it is also an essential study of the history, doctrine, and theology of Mormonism.

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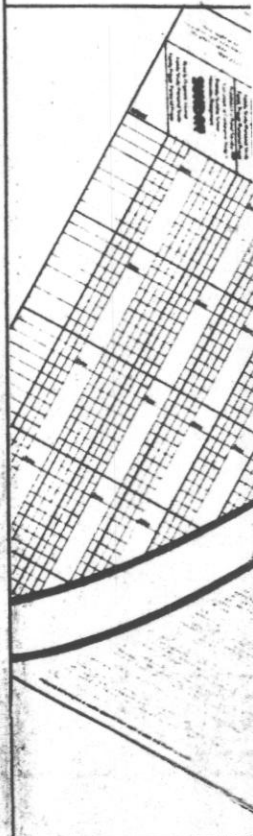
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