

A Survey of Current Dissertations and Theses

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A YEAR AGO IN WRITING OF THE PROSPECTS for future graduate study on Mormonism it seemed appropriate to prophesy a gradual deterioration. It is therefore exceedingly heartening to note that while the actual number of Ph.D. dissertations and masters' theses has continued to drop, there appears to have been little decline in quality.

David J. Whittaker's lengthy investigation of "Early Mormon Pamphleteering" (Brigham Young University, 1982) provides a provocative look at the role of pamphlets in stimulating the early organizational and geographical development of Mormonism. Focusing on the life of Joseph Smith III, Roger Dale Launius vividly portrays the personal struggles that the Prophet Joseph's son faced after his father's martyrdom and during his fifty-four year tenure as president of the Reorganized Church (Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, 1982).

Seeking to provide a broader understanding of the rhetorical activity of prominent nineteenth-century Utah women, Nancy Briggs Rooker examines the life of Utah evangelist Mary Ann Burnham Freeze (University of Utah, 1982). In studying the aftermath of the Teton Dam collapse, Judith Ann Golec details that disaster's social-psychological impact (Ohio State University, 1980).

Michael Dalton Palmer traces the gradual changes the image of the family has undergone in Mormon thought and the role American culture has played in this transformation. Perhaps the most useful of these recent studies may be Andrew F. Ehat's master's thesis (in many respects, the equal of most doctoral dissertations) on Joseph Smith's introduction of temple ordinances and the Mormon succession crisis of 1844 (Brigham Young University, 1982).

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ARCHITECTURE

Cannon, Martha Hibbard. "The Restoration of the Lorenzo Hill Hatch House." M.S. thesis, Utah State University, 1983.

ARTISTS, DANCERS, AND MUSICIANS

Arrington, Georganne Ballif. "Algie Eggertsen Ballif: Dance Pioneer at Brigham Young University, 1919-1923." M.A. Project, Brigham Young University, 1983.

Boyden, Walter Everett, Jr. "The Road to Hill Cumorah." Ph.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Lauret, David Thomas. "Follow-Up of Brigham Young University Music Education Graduates: A Survey of Bachelor Degree Recipients from 1968 through 1978." M.A. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

Toone, Thomas Ernest. "Mahonri Young: His Life and Sculpture." Ph.D. diss., Pennsylvania State University, 1982.

ATHLETICS

Reid, Andrew W. "Football Offensive Line Pass Blocking: The Frequency of Fundamental Errors at Brigham Young University During the 1982 Season." M.S. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

BLACKS

Ainsworth, Charles Harold. "Religious and Regional Attitudes Toward Blacks Among Southern Mormons." Ph.D. diss., Washington State University, 1982.

BIOGRAPHY

Launius, Roger Dale. "And There Came Prophets in the Land Again: The Life of Joseph Smith III, 1832-1914, Mormon Reformer (Vol. I and II)." Ph.D. diss., Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, 1982.

Mouritsen, Dale Clark. "A Symbol of New Directions: George Franklin Richards and the Mormon Church, 1861-1950." Ph.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1982.

Romney, Chere H. "Virginia Farrer Cutler: An Oral History of Her Remarkable Accomplishments." M.A. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

BOOK OF MORMON

Roberts, Brian Curtis. "Stylometry and Wordprints: A Book of Mormon Reevaluation." M.S. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

EDUCATION

Burnside, Joan L. "Analysis of Role Functions of School Boards in Utah Utilizing the Stewardship Model." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1982.

- Clinger, Ralph Marion. "A Forecast System Analysis of Teacher Turnover in the LDS Church's Southern California Non-Released Time Seminary Program." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1983.
- Gregerson, Edna Jensen. "The Evolution of Dixie College as a Public Institution of Higher Education in Utah from 1871 to 1935." Ph.D. diss., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1981.
- Judd, Richard L. "A Study of the Uses and Views of CES Instructional Materials by Religion Teachers at LDS Institutes and Brigham Young University." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1983.
- Monson, Robert D. "Professional Development Needs of Seminary and Institute Teachers and Administrators: The Education System of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1983.
- Rimington, David B. "An Historical Appraisal of Educational Development Under Howard S. McDonald at Brigham Young University, 1945-1949." Ph.D. diss., University of Southern California, 1982.

FAMILIES

- Palmer, Michael Dalton. "A Welded Link: Family Imagery in Mormonism and American Culture." Ph.D. diss., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1982.

FURNITURE

- Thatcher, Elaine. "Nineteenth-Century Cache Valley Folk Furniture: A Study of Form and Function." M.A. thesis, Utah State University, 1983.

HEALTH

- Jorgensen, Donna J. "Housing Quality: Sanitation Practices, and the Health of Children Under Six: Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cautin, Chile." M.S. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

IMMIGRATION

- Dewsnup, Ronald K. "German-Speaking Immigrants and the State of Utah: A Brief History." M.A. thesis, University of Utah, 1983.

INDIANS

- Kolb, Franz. "The Northern Ute Indian Reservation: Established Portrayal and Change." M.S. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

LITERATURE

- Warthen, Robert Lee. "Mormon Stereotypes in Nineteenth Century German Literature: The Fiction of Amalie Schoppe and Balduin Mollhausen." M.A. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.
- Whittaker, David. "Early Mormon Pamphleteering." Ph.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1982.

LOCAL HISTORY

- Kunz, Gary C. "Provo in the Jazz Age: A Case Study." M.A. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

NEWSPAPERS

Roberts, Paul T. "A History of the Development and Objectives of the LDS Church News Section of the *Deseret News*." M.A. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

POLYNESIAN SAINTS

Freebairn, Paul H. "Employment Needs of Unemployed and Underemployed Adult Latter-day Saints on Oahu, Hawaii." Ed.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1982.

SOCIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

Ayers, Marion Delores Pederson. "A Study of Stress in Park City, Utah: A Community Impacted by Recreational Development." D.S.W. diss., University of Utah, 1983.

Golec, Judith Ann. "Aftermath of Disaster: The Teton Dam Break." Ph.D. diss., Ohio State University, 1981.

TEMPLES

Ehat, Andrew F. "Joseph Smith's Introduction of Temple Ordinances and the 1844 Mormon Succession Question." M.A. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

Welch, Thomas Weston. "Early Mormon Woodmaking at its Best: A Study of the Craftsmanship in the First Temples in Utah." M.S. thesis, Brigham Young University, 1983.

WOMEN

Rooker, Nancy Briggs. "Mary Ann Burnham Freeze: Utah Evangelist." Ph.D. diss., University of Utah, 1982.

Spendlove, David Craig. "Depression in Mormon Women." Ph.D. diss., University of Utah, 1982.