

Dear Reviewers,

Thank you for taking time to review this manuscript. I have deeply appreciated your critiques which I think have served to strengthen the manuscript and make it better reflect the reality of the data. I hope you appreciate the changes. If you have no further comments, I will publish this manuscript after removing highlighted text.

Major changes are noted for each reviewer below. In addition, I have significantly rewritten Section 2.0, Section 2.2, and Section 3. The edits in section 2 and 3 are mostly removing redundantly expressed ideas and creating a more chronological flow to the writing. The edits in section 2.2 add several sources and re-order the flow to be more chronological.

-frogontrombone

Review from JohnH2

Fair recently put out an article: <https://www.fairmormon.org/blog/2018/11/15/a-mormon-by-any-other-name> which includes an internal source that uses Mormonism from Letterbook 1 of the JSP, which they use Jan 1834, but there is an earlier letter from 2 March 1833 using Mormonites. <https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/letterbook-1/95#full-transcript>

I had actually recently accessed the FAIR page, but for a slightly different purpose and as such, I had missed the January 1834 reference. Both this and the March 1833 reference have been added. I also added another reference from April 1833. To accommodate these new references, I have re-ordered and partially rewritten section 2.2.

The Churches of Christ and 'is' rather than was, current members of the movement make great point that there isn't a centralized organization that was formed.

Great point. This has been addressed by changed “was” to “is” and adding “decentralized” to the sentence.

Ok, now I am just looking up complete tangents not directly related to the point of your article. Good article, sorry for not putting things in a clearer format or providing copy edits.

Check out April 15, 1828 pg. 451 of The Christian Baptist for what very well could play a part in why Sydney Rigdon felt how he did about the term Mormonism in what was then The Church of Christ.

Thank you for the source. This source was used to replace two references to the Wikipedia page. Further discussion was not included to avoid tangents in the paper.

Review from Fuzzy_Thoughts

Section 2.2 was revised for flow. Additional sources were also added.