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Fred E. Woods has taught in the Church Education System for the past two decades, including five years at Ricks College (now BYU—Idaho) and the past seven years at BYU—Provo. Woods area of expertise is Latter-day Saint migration. For the past two summers, he has been a visiting professor at BYU—Hawaii, where he is doing research for a book he is co-authoring on the history of Laie on the island of Oahu. He has authored several books and many articles and is the editor and compiler of the *Mormon Immigration Index*, which is currently being used by Family History Centers throughout the world, and he is also the executive director of the Mormon Historic Sites Foundation. In 2002, the College of Religion awarded him the Richard L. Anderson award for outstanding research. He was a research/teaching fellow at the Mercantile Library and for the Pierre LaCledé Honors College at the University of Missouri—St. Louis (2001), he was a research fellow at the Mercantile Library in St. Louis (2000), and he was the Wilkinson research fellow at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, VA (1999). Woods is a native of Southern California, who joined the Church just before his twentieth birthday and served a mission to the Adelaide Australia Mission. He received a BS in psychology (1981) and an MS in international relations (1985) from BYU. In 1991, he received a PhD in Middle East studies from the University of Utah. Woods and his wife, JoAnna Merrill, are the parents of five children, and they have one grandchild.

