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Stanley B. Kimball, a noted historian of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was a professor of history at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville for over 40 years.

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