

Table 1.C

Alternative structural categories of referred-quantity expressions in the plates of Mormon

<i>Mormon</i> ₂ 's potential temporal-expression structural categories (italic capital letters)				
Four-group categories: <i>M</i> = referred-year; <i>O</i> = referred-years-relation; <i>P</i> = referred-years-event; ~ = disregarded Four-group pattern: (<i>O</i> [<i>P</i>] <i>O</i>) // (<i>MOM</i> [<i>O</i>] <i>MOM</i>) // (<i>OP</i> [<i>M</i>] <i>PO</i>) // (<i>MOM</i> [<i>O</i>] <i>MOM</i>)				
Five-group categories: <i>M</i> = referred-year-relation; <i>O</i> = referred-years-relation; <i>P</i> = referred-time-event; ~ = disregarded Five-group pattern: (<i>O</i> [<i>P</i>] <i>O</i>) // (<i>MO</i> [<i>M</i>] <i>OM</i>) // (<i>PMPO</i> [<i>M</i>] <i>OPMP</i>) // (<i>OM</i> [<i>P</i>] <i>MO</i>) // (<i>MOM</i> [<i>P</i>] <i>MOM</i>)				
Reference	Temporal-expression	Four-group	Five-group	Associated narrative
Mosiah 10:3	for many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	I did guard my people and my flocks and ... we did inherit the land of our fathers
Mosiah 10:18	have suffered this many years	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	[the Lamanites] have an eternal hatred towards the children of Nephi ... [and] king Laman ... hath deceived me ... that they may destroy [us]
Alma 1:9	with many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	Gideon was an instrument in the hands of God in delivering the people of Limhi out of Lamanite bondage ... [but he] ... was not able to withstand [Nehor's] blows
Alma 16:11	for many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	the people of Ammonihah were destroyed [by the Lamanites] ... [and] the land of Ammonihah ... was called Desolation of Nehors, for [the slain] were of the profession of Nehor
Alma 19:16	for many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	Abish ... having been converted unto the Lord ... never had made it known
Alma 24:4	in that selfsame year that the Lamanites began to make preparations for war against the people of God	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	the [Lamanite] king conferred the kingdom upon his [converted] son, and ... the king died
Alma 46:40	of the year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	there were some who died with fevers ... at some seasons
Alma 48:22	of many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	their wars never did cease ... with the Lamanites
Alma 50:15	in that same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the Nephites] also began ... to build many cities on the north
Alma 50:37	in that same year that the people of Nephi had peace restored unto them	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Nephihah the second chief judge died ... [and his son] Parhoron did fill the seat of his father [Moroni ₁] did no more attempt a battle with the Lamanites ... but he did employ his men in preparing for war ... and also delivering their women and children from famine and affliction, and providing food for their armies
Alma 53:7	in that year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	there was brought unto [a Nephite army] many provisions
Alma 56:27	of this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the Nephites] had had wars and bloodsheds and famine and affliction
Alma 62:39	of many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	many people ... went forth into the land northward
Alma 63:9	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the sacred records] had been conferred upon Helaman before the death of Shiblon
Alma 63:13	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	some dissenters ... had gone forth unto the Lamanites; and they were stirred up again to anger against the Nephites
Alma 63:14	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the dissenters and Lamanites] came down with a numerous army to war against [the Nephites]
Alma 63:15	in this same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Parhoron had died ... [and his son] Parhoron was appointed ... [and] Kishcumen ... murdered Parhoron as he sat upon the judgment seat
Helaman 1:13	it had	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	exceeding great prosperity in the church ... [and] thousands ... did join themselves unto the church
Helaman 3:24	in this same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	

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Helaman 3:31	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	there were continual rejoicing ... in all the land which was possessed by the Nephites ... [and] peace and exceeding great joy
Helaman 4:4	were all that year	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	[Nephite dissenters and Lamanites] ... preparing for war
Helaman 4:26	of not many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	[the Nephites] had fallen into a state of unbelief and awful wickedness ... [and] become weak because of their transgression
Helaman 5:1	in this same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Nephi delivered up the judgment seat to ... Cezoram ... and they which chose evil were more numerous than they which chose good
Helaman 6:15	in the same year that his son ... was also murdered	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Cezoram was murdered by an unknown hand ... [and] his son ... was also murdered
Helaman 6:32	of not many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	all these iniquities did come unto [the Nephites]
Helaman 7:6	of not many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	Gaddianton robbers [filled] the judgment seats ... doing no justice unto the children of men ... this great iniquity had come upon the Nephites
Helaman 8:18	should be shewn ... a great many thousand years before his coming	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	Nephi had spoken unto them concerning the corruptness of their law ... and those judges were angry with him ... and he began again to speak unto them ... [so that the people were shown] that even redemption should come unto them
Helaman 11:2	did last all that year	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	there were wars throughout all the land ... [and] this secret band of robbers ... did carry on this work of destruction and wickedness
Helaman 11:3	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Nephi did cry unto the Lord ... [for] a famine in the land to stir them up in remembrance of the Lord
Helaman 11:23	in that same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Nephi and Lehi and many of their brethren ... did preach unto the people ... [and] did put an end to their strife
Helaman 11:24	had some years before gone	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	dissenters from the people of Nephi ... and ... Lamanites ... commenced a war with their brethren
Helaman 11:26	of not many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	they became an exceedingly great band of robbers ... of Gaddianton
Helaman 11:29	in that same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the Nephites] were driven back, even into their own lands
Helaman 11:32	ended this year	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	[the Nephites] were again obliged to return out of the wilderness ... unto their own lands ... And the robbers did still increase ... [and] did do great destruction unto [the Nephites]
Helaman 13:2	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Samuel, a Lamanite, ... began to preach unto the [Nephite] people ... [and] they did cast him out
Helaman 16:14	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	angels did appear unto men ... and did declare unto them glad tidings of great joy
3 Nephi 1:1	in the year that Lachoneus was the chief judge and the governor over the land	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Nephi the son of Helaman had departed ... giving charge unto his son Nephi ... concerning ... all the records ... and all those things which had been kept sacred
3 Nephi 1:18	for many years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	the prophets had testified of these things ... and the sign ... was already at hand
3 Nephi 1:25	in this same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[some believers who wanted to abandon the law of Moses] were brought to a knowledge of their error and did confess their faults
3 Nephi 3:22	of the year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the Nephites] had all gone forth to the place which had been appointed that they should gather themselves together to defend [against the Gaddianton armies]
3 Nephi 4:6	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[Gaddianton armies] go up to battle against the Nephites

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3 Nephi 6:16	but a few years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	[the Nephites chose] to do all manner of iniquity ... [and] had not enjoyed peace
3 Nephi 6:17	of this the thirtieth year	<i>~ or M</i>	<i>~ or M</i>	[the Nephites] were in a state of awful wickedness
3 Nephi 6:19	did govern ... that year	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	Lachoneus the son of Lachoneus ... did fill the seat of his father
3 Nephi 7:1	in this same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[rebellious Nephites] did ... murder the chief judge of the land ... [and all the Nephites] did separate one from another into tribes
3 Nephi 7:16	in that same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	Nephi ... began to testify boldly repentance and remission of sins
3 Nephi 7:26	of this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	many ... were baptized unto repentance
3 Nephi 7:26	of the year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	many ... were baptized unto repentance
3 Nephi 24:4	in former years	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord as in the days of old
4 Nephi 1:35	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	there were a great division among the people
4 Nephi 1:36	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	there arose a people ... called the Nephites, and they were true believers in Christ
Mormon 1:8	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	there began to be a war between the Nephites ... and the Lamanites
Mormon 1:11	in this same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	the Nephites did beat the Lamanites ... and there was peace settled in the land
Mormon 2:1	in that same year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	there began to be a war again between the Nephites and the Lamanites
Mormon 2:20	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	the people of Nephi again were hunted and driven
Mormon 3:7	in that year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the Nephites] did beat them ... [and] they did return to their own lands again
Mormon 4:17	in this year	<i>M</i>	<i>M</i>	[the Lamanites] did come down against the Nephites with all their powers ... [and] the Nephites began to be swept off by them even as the dew before the sun