

Dates on John C. Bennett

- March 7, 1842 letter to John C. Bennett, “Respected Brother” . . . “Your friend” by Joseph Smith, *Wasp* 1 (May 28, 1842).
- March 8, 1842 letter to Joseph Smith, “Esteemed Friend” by John C. Bennett, *Times and Seasons* 3 (March 15, 1842):724-25; *Wasp* 1 (May 28, 1842).
- March 17, 1842 Elder J C. Bennett preferred charge against Elder Oliver Olney to Nauvoo High Council, Nauvoo High Council Minutes, March 17, 1842.
- March 30-31, 1842 Epistle by Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young et al, Relief Society Minutes, 86-88. The epistle was written to respond to rumors and instructs members of the Relief Society not to believe anything “as coming from us, contrary to the old established morals & scriptural laws, regulating the habits, customs & conduct of society.”
- April. 6, 1842 Attends Special Conference of the Church; Listed as “Gen. Bennett Pres’t pro tem” *Times and Seasons* 3 (April 15, 1842):761.
- ca. April 11, 1842 Joseph Smith letter to Nancy Rigdon, handwriting of Willard Richards, *Sangamo Journal* 10 (August 19, 1842):2.
- May 11, 1842 Notice of withdrawal of fellowship by First Presidency, Members of the Twelve Apostles, and Bishops of the Church, Joseph Smith Collection. Names of four apostles (John E. Page, William Smith, George A. Smith and Orson Pratt) added to Notice by Willard Richards; the name Orson Pratt was afterwards crossed out.
- May 17, 1842 Official Withdrawal from the Church by John C. Bennett, “permit General Bennett to withdraw his name from the Church Record” (Joseph Smith); “the best of feelings subsisting between all parties” (James Sloan, General Church Clerk and Recorder); *Sangamo Journal* 10 (July 8, 1842).
- May 17, 1842 Affidavit of John C. Bennett, *Wasp* 1 (June 25, 1842); *Times and Seasons* 3 (July 1, 1842); *Wasp Extra*, July 27, 1842.
- May 17, 1842 Resigns as Mayor, Nauvoo City Council Minutes, Church History Library.
- May 19, 1842 Statement before Nauvoo City Council, Book of the Law of the Lord, 122-23, *Journals, Volume 2*:58, 60-61. Bennett was asked by Smith if he knew anything personally against him. Bennett replied in part, “I have no difficulty with the heads of the church & Intend to continue with you. & hope the time may come when I may be restored to full confidence. & fellowship. & my former standing in the chu[r]ch.” [not in minutes of Nauvoo City Council]

- May 25, 1842 Notice to Bennett that Church leaders had withdrawn fellowship from him and planned to publish the Notice, Book of the Law of the Lord, 124, *Journals, Volume 2:63*.
- May 26, 1842 Confession to Joseph Smith by Bennett to the charges relating to females in Nauvoo and “was forgiven Joseph plead in his behalf.” Book of the Law of the Lord, 124, *Journals, Volume 2:63*.
- May 28, 1842 Letter March 7, 1842, to John C. Bennett, “Respected Brother” . . . “Your friend” by Joseph Smith, published in the *Wasp* 1 (May 28, 1842).
- May 28, 1842 Letter March 8, 1842, to Joseph Smith, “Esteemed Friend” by John C. Bennett, published in the *Wasp* 1 (May 28, 1842).
- June 14, 1842 Article by John C. Bennett, to “Mr. Editor,” reprints “Let Him That Readeth Understand” from the *Sangamo Journal* Vol. 10, No. 562, June 10, 1842 and Bennett’s comments, “The foregoing article shows so little regard for truth,” in *Wasp* 1 (June 18, 1842).
- June 15, 1842 Notice of withdrawal of fellowship by First Presidency, Members of the Twelve Apostles, and Bishops of the Church published in *Times and Seasons* 3 (June 15, 1842):830 [mailed June 17, 1842, Wilford Woodruff’s *Journal* 2:179]; published in the *Sangamo Journal* 10 (June 24 and July 8, 1842).
- June 18, 1842 Article by John C. Bennett, June 14, 1842 to “Mr. Editor,” reprints “Let Him That Readeth Understand” from the *Sangamo Journal* Vol. 10, No. 562, June 10, 1842 and Bennett’s comments, “The foregoing article shows so little regard for truth,” published in the *Wasp* 1 (June 18, 1842).
- June 18, 1842 Joseph Smith spoke against John C. Bennett, Wilford Woodruff *Journal* 2:179.
- June 18, 1842 Official Excommunication from the Church (John C. Bennett letter, June 27, 1842, *Sangamo Journal* 10 (July 8, 1842); “Patty Sessions,” *Woman’s Exponent* 13 (November 1, 1884):86, citing her journal: “on the 18th she says Joseph spoke concerning Dr. Bennett and cut him off the Church.”
- June 23, 1842 Joseph Smith letter to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints etc., *Wasp* 1 (June 25, 1842); *Times and Seasons* 3 (July 1, 1842):839-42. The letter explains in brief summary the character of John C. Bennett.
- June 30, 1842 John C. Bennett in Nauvoo. Obtained affidavit from Francis Higbee. Letter No. 2 by Bennett in *Sangamo Journal* 10 (July 15, 1842).
- July 1, 1842 John C. Bennett leaves Nauvoo. “On Friday, the 1st of July, 1842, I went to Carthage” *History of the Saints*, 282.

July 20, 1842 Affidavit of Wm. Law, *Wasp Extra*, July 27, 1842; *Times and Seasons* 3 (Aug. 1, 1842):873.

July 23, 1842 Affidavit of Hyrum Smith, *Wasp Extra*, July 27, 1842; *Times and Seasons* 3 (Aug. 1, 1842):870-73.

June 24, 1842 Notice of withdrawal of fellowship of May 11, 1842 from the *Times and Seasons* of June 15, 1842, by First Presidency, Members of the Twelve Apostles, and Bishops of the Church published in *Times and Seasons* 3 (June 15, 1842):830, published in the *Sangamo Journal* 10 (June 24, 1842).

June 27, 1842 Letter of John C. Bennett, Nauvoo, to Mr. Edwards, *Hawk Eye*, June 30, 1842.

The Notice of May 11, 1842 included the names and signatures (where listed) in the following order:

Handwritten Notice	Printed in <i>Times and Seasons</i>
Brigham Young [signature]	Brigham Young
Heber C. Kimball [signature]	Heber C. Kimball
Lyman Wight [signature]	Lyman Wight
John Taylor [signature]	William Smith [did not sign Notice]
Wilford Woodruff [signature]	John E. Page [did not sign Notice]
Willard Richards [signature]	John Taylor
John E. Page [not his signature]	Wilford Woodruff
William Smith [not his signature]	George A. Smith [did not sign Notice]
Geo A. Smith [not his signature]	Willard Richards
Orson Pratt [not his signature]	

[Parley P. Pratt and Orson Hyde were on Church missions.]

[Note: John C. Bennett's comments on article "Let Him That Readeth Understand" that was printed in the *Sangamo Journal* 10 (June 10, 1842) was published in the *Wasp* 1 (June 18, 1842).]

Letters of John C. Bennett printed in the *Sangamo Journal*:

No. 1 June 27, 1842	Nauvoo	July 8, 1842
No. 2 July 2, 1842	Carthage	July 15, 1842
No. 3 July 4, 1842	Carthage	July 15, 1842
No. 4 July 15, 1842	St. Louis, Missouri	July 22, 1842
No. 5 July 23, 1842	Steamer Importer	August 19, 1842
No. 6 Aug. 3, 1842	Erie Canal, Boat Nassau	August 19, 1842

Other:

July 30, 1842	Cleveland, Ohio	September 2, 1842
	to Editor of the Louisville Journal	