Letter of George E Woolley to Orson A. Woolley 9 Nov. 1916

"He [John W. Taylor] talked almost constantly about the gospel and the say made a number of predictions relative to the work. As to his having come back into the church, I have been told that he was reinstated just before he underwent the operation and rather believe that to be true."

"The last time I saw our brother John was at Bro. Taylor's funeral and I do not know whether he has been reinstated or not but if he has it is being kept quiet. If communications are public, but reinstatements are "hushed up."

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[Refers to HJS's announcement that JW T had not been reinstated. Says Samuel Woolley's family had said otherwise.]

"Statements relative to our brother John have been made to me that I cannot gainsay and yet to believe them as they have been given me is beyond my power to accept. There are so many apparent false statements being made and that have been made in the past that I shudder and am apprehensive for the future. I do not know how long the split will come but split there will be in this church. Our fathers' patience will be exhausted; it seems to me, and there will come a shaking up of things."
"... Were you here, I would delight to discuss the conditions with you... One cannot or is reluctant to commit to paper statements that in personal interview might be made."

26 July 1918 to Alvin Woolley
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George E. Woodley to Almina Woodley

"The funeral of "Aunt Vinnie, my brother Gordon's widow. I was held yesterday and I attended at the 27th Ward meeting house. Presume I got myself in bad odor with certain ones of the family. At the conclusion of the services, the brother in charge said John Woodley would dedicate the grave. As John has been excommunicated from the Church, I thought it improper. Then too, John had been to see me recently and asked that I use my influence in getting him back into the Church. I felt therefore that he ought not to attempt to officiate in any of the exercises of the priesthood and so told him. He, however, thought I suppose, that I was wrong, in my view as he did as he was asked, not attempting, however, to do so by virtue of any priesthood. I thought I realized that it if became known that he was doing these things after being cut off that it would be construed as defiance of their act by the Twelve and he would be just as much more likely not to be reinstated than if he would have been. However, I did what I considered to be my duty and his is the responsibility."
Lettr, of George E. Woolley

to Orson A. Woolley, 1 December 1919, p. 2

"John's case, so far as I know, is unchanged. Norma told me he had been down to see Fannie and that they had quite a talk and they were both pretty well agreed in their views. Fannie has become quite pronounced in her view that the manifesto was a mistake and a conversation with John would only confirm her in that view."

"I add that he liked the changes of Grant's administration, but Samuel E. Woolley and family feel that they have some cause for complaint.

G. E. W. to O. A. W., 15 April 1920, p. 2

"I fear that our brother John will not be reinstated in the Church. I had a talk with Brother Randall of Centerville at the afternoon session of the conference on Sunday and he told me of John's attitude. He is repentant, is maintaining that he is right and that he has the authority to marry. Is meeting with Clark of Davis County who was cut off and whom he married. Bro. Grant told the bishops and others present that Clark was not to be permitted to speak at funerals that were held in the meeting houses. If people desired Clark to speak at their funerals they might have him do so in their homes but not in the houses that are dedicated for the worship of our Father.

Bra. Heber Bennion of our state has written a book called Gospel Problems. John has read it and is testifying that it is inspired and is the truth. I have read the book and know that
It breathes the spirit of apostasy and is written in the spirit of fault-finding. John has placed himself in a position to be led astray by just such writings and I fear for him.