

LOUISA BEAMAN: (Sealing date: April 5, 1841.)

Year	Source	Marriage date	comments
1866?	Wilford Woodruff, "Historian's Private Journal," unknown date	"May 1840"	Source unknown
1842	Bennett, <i>The History of the Saints</i> , 256: "Miss L***** B*****."	No date	
1843?	[Oliver Olney?], uncatalogued and untitled manuscript, Western Americana MSS, Beinecke Library, Yale University, folder labeled "Nauvoo Female Society." Some of the writing on the document is dated October 18, 1843.	No date	
1869	Franklin D. Richards, Journal, January 22, 1869.	"Br. Joseph B. Noble being the master of ceremonies was present and During the visit related he performed the first sealing ceremony in this Dispensation in which he united Sister Louisa Beman to the Prop[h]et Joseph in May—I think the 5th day in 1841"	Earliest account directly quoting Noble
1869	Joseph B. Noble, quoted in Scott G. Kenney, ed., <i>Wilford Woodruff's Journal</i> , 6:452, February 22, 1869.	"Joseph B. Nobles said that he performed the first Marriage Ceremony according to the Patriarchal order of Marriage ever performed in this dispensation By sealing Eliza Beman to Joseph Smith on the 6 day of May 1841."	
1869	Joseph B. Noble, Affidavit, June 26, 1869, Joseph F. Smith, Affidavit Books, 1:3.	"fifth day of April A.D. 1841"	Firsthand
1869	Joseph B. Noble, Affidavit, June 26, 1869, Joseph F. Smith, Affidavit Books, 4:1.	"fifth day of April A.D. 1841"	Firsthand
1869	Joseph B. Noble, Affidavit, June 26, 1869, Joseph F. Smith, Affidavit Books, 1:38	"in the fall of the year A.D. 1840 Joseph Smith, taught him the principle of Celestial marriage or a 'plurality of wives'"	Firsthand
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1869	George A. Smith, Letter to Joseph Smith III, October 9, 1869.	"5 th day of April, 1841"	
1874	William Clayton, Affidavit, February 16, 1874.	No date	
1876	Ann Eliza Webb Young, <i>Wife No. 19</i> , 72.	No date	
1878	Orson Pratt, quoted in "Report of Elders Orson Pratt and Joseph F. Smith." <i>Millennial Star</i> 40, no. 49 (December 9, 1878): 769-74; continued in 40, no. 50 (December 16, 1878): 785-89; page 788. Date of sealing given but Louisa's name not provided.	"April 5 th , 1841"	First published date
1880	Joseph B. Noble, quoted in Karl A. Larson and Katherine Miles Larson, eds., <i>Diary of Charles Lowell Walker</i> , 2:515.	"sealed Louisa Beeman to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1840"	
1880s	Joseph Smith III, Letter to E. C. Brand, n.d. [likely early 1880s] Letter Press Book #4, pp. 63-67.	"sealed April 5, 1841"	
1883	Almera Johnson, Affidavit, August 1, 1883.	No date	
1883	Joseph Noble, Address, June 11, 1883, at Centerville, Utah, stake conference, in Andrew Jenson "Plural Marriage," <i>Historical Record</i> , 233.	No date	
1883	Erastus Snow, St. George Utah Stake [Conference], General Minutes, Sunday, June 17, 1883, 2 p.m., LR 7836 11, Reel 1.	No date	
1883	Erastus Snow, quoted in Karl A. Larson and Katherine Miles Larson, eds., <i>Diary of Charles Lowell Walker</i> , 2:610.	No date	
1887	Eliza R. Snow, "First list of wives," Document #1, Andrew Jenson Papers, MS 17956, Box 49, fd. 16.	No date	
1887	Erastus Snow, Affidavit, in Jenson, "Plural Marriage," 232.	"April 5, 1841"	
1887	Jenson, "Plural Marriage," 239; biography of Joseph B. Noble.	"April 5, 1841"	
1892	Joseph Bates Noble, Testimony at the Temple Lot Case, Part 3, pp. 432, 436, questions 793, 799, 861; sentence order reversed.	1841 to 1842 with emphasis on 1841	
1900	Benjamin Winchester, Testimony to Joseph Smith III, Council Bluffs, Iowa, November 27, 1900, Community of Christ Archives.	No date	
1900	Nauvoo Temple Proxy Marriage to Joseph Smith, January 14, 1846. Brown, <i>Nauvoo Sealings, Adoptions, and Anointings</i> , 281.	No date	
1905	Johnson, <i>My Life's Review</i> , 96.	No date	

26 total references are compiled. Fourteen mention a year. Two declare the sealing was in 1840; nine list 1841; one 1841 or 1842; two identify the “fall of 1840” as the first time Noble learned of plural marriage from Joseph Smith.