

**AFFIDAVITS AND CERTIFICATES, DISPROVING THE
STATEMENTS AND AFFIDAVITS CONTAINED IN JOHN
C. BENNETT'S LETTERS. NAUVOO AUG. 31, 1842.**

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TESTIMONY OF J. McILWRICK - I do know that the sister of my wife, Martha Brotherton, is a deliberate liar, and also a wilful inventor of lies; and that she has also to my certain knowledge at sundry times, circulated lies of a base kind, concerning those whom she knew to be innocent of what she alleged against them. She has also stooped to many actions which would be degrading to persons of common decency, such as lying on the top of a young man when he was in bed, and seeking Aristotle's work from a young seaman's box. And I further state that I am acquainted with Gen. Joseph Smith, President Brigham Young, and Elder Heber C. Kimball, having had the privilege of being intimate with the latter gentleman for several months in England. And I believe them to be men who lead holy and virtuous lives, and men who exhibit a philanthropic spirit to all the human family without respect of persons; and I also know for a truth that the forenamed Martha Brotherton has wickedly endeavored to injure the character of these gentlemen; and many besides myself can testify that the statements which she has reported in different places, are quite contrary to those she related here. JOHN McILWRICK.

We Elizabeth Brotherton, and Mary McIlwrick, sisters of the said Martha Brotherton, concur in the above sentiments.

ELIZABETH BROTHERTON. MARY McILWRICK.

Sworn to, and subscribed, before me, this 27th day of August A. D. 1842. E. ROBINSON, Justice of Peace, for Hancock Co. Ill.

AFFIDAVIT OF H. C. KIMBALL. State of Illinois, county of Hancock. } ss.

Personally appeared before me, Ebenezer Robinson, a justice of the peace, for said county, Heber C. Kimball, who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that the affidavit of Miss Martha Brotherton, which has been published in sundry newspapers, is false and without foundation in truth, and further this deponant saith not.

HEBER C. KIMBALL.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of August, A. D. 1842. E. ROBINSON, J. P.

AFFIDAVIT OF BRIGHAM YOUNG. Nauvoo, Aug. 25, 1842

I do hereby testify that the affidavit of Miss Martha Brotherton that is going the rounds in the political and religious papers, is a base falsehood, with regard to any private intercourse or unlawful conduct or conversation with me. BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of August, A. D., 1842. E. ROBINSON, J. P.

State of Illinois, county of Hancock. } ss.

Personally came before me, Ebenezer Robinson, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid, Mrs. Vilate Kimball, wife of Heber C. Kimball who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that the conversation said to have taken place between her and her husband in presence of Martha Brotherton is false: that nothing of the kind as stated in the affidavit of the 13th July 1842, made by the said Martha Brotherton, at St Louis, ever occurred, but is a base fabrication, and further this deponent saith not.

VILATE KIMBALL.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of Aug. 1842. E. ROBINSON, J. P .