

Winter Quarters (Stake-like entity)

1846

August 4: Cutler's Park camp established

August 7: Municipal High Council organized "to dictate and assist the settling of the camps and all matters relative to town corporation." Most of its business is temporal, not ecclesiastical.¹

August 9: Camp officially called Cutler's Park²

August 13: Cutler's Park (now 360 wagons) divided into 12 "Divisions" for daily management, each led by one or more clerks or foremen.³

September 11: First site for settlement laid out⁴

September 19: New "table land" site for settlement surveyed⁵

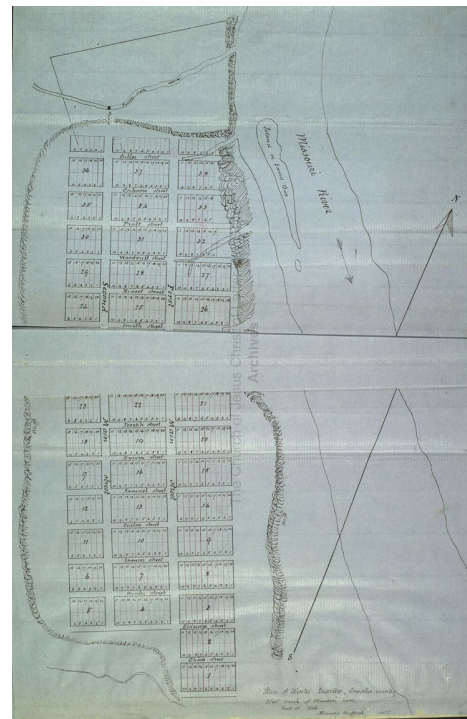
September 23: First wagons arrive

September 27: The new settlement is first called Winter Quarters.⁶ In Willard Richard's journal the previous few days, he had called it "Cutler Park" (carrying over from the previous camp), "Council Plain," and "Winter Rest."

September 28: President Young sends a letter to "the council at Council Point" (across the river). It seems that the two high councils are independent.⁷

October 2: First ecclesiastical court case considered by High Council; they are a regular occurrence after this. Afterwards, three apostles are assigned as a committee "to divide the city into wards and appoint Bishops over them."⁸

October 4: At a morning meeting of the Twelve, "O. Pratt reported the city divided into 13 wards and read the names of the men selected to act as bishops." According to HBY, "During Intermission, Elders Pratt, Lyman, and Woodruff divided the city into thirteen wards and appointed a bishop over each: they ordained six bishops." *No source found yet for the boundaries or*



¹ *Winter Quarters Municipal High Council Records*, August 7 1846. Church History Library, LR 6359 21 box 1 folder 1 p.3. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE565458

² *High Council*, August 9 1846 p.5.

³ *High Council*, August 13 1846 p.10.

⁴ *Willard Richards Journal*, V.16 p.75. Church History Library, MS 1490 box 2 volume 16.

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⁵ *Willard Richards Journal*, V.16 p.122. Council discussion of the proposed sites and decision to settle on the "table land" site in *High Council*, September 18 1846 p.59.

⁶ *High Council*, September 27 1846 p.70

⁷ *Willard Richards Journal*, V.16 p.167.

⁸ *High Council*, October 2 1846, p.70-72. *Willard Richards Journal*, V.16 p.177.

initial bishop ordainings. At the evening meeting of the High Council, "Br. Willard Richards presented a town plat of the new camping ground named Winter Quarters"⁹

Although there is no extant documentation of the locations of the 13 original wards, their location can be estimated by noticing that the bishops of the 7th-13th wards, when matched against their assignments in the proposed wards of November 26 (7>1, 8>3, 9>4, 10>7, 11>11, 12>13, 13>20), are arranged in a perfect South-North order. If we assume that these bishops did not move, then it makes sense that each ward was a single E-W tier of three blocks, and there is just enough room for the 1st-6th wards in the south half of the city (with the 1st ward being Blocks 1 & 2), that was abandoned at this time. At the north end, the 13 Ward would have had the 1 ½ tiers north of Cahoon Street.

October 23: Alpheus Cutler is listed as president of the high council (but a member thereof, not Stake President). *When did this start?* "The following list of the bishops of the several wards was read: 1st Ward: Levi Riter; 2nd Ward: William Fossett; 3rd and 4th: Benj. Brown; 5th and 6th: John Vance; 7th Edward Hunter; 8th David Fairbanks; 9th Daniel Spencer; 10th Joseph Mathews; 11th Abraham Hoagland; 12th David D. Yearsley; 13th Joseph B. Nobles." "A plat of the city of Winter Quarters was presented to the council by Orson Pratt and accepted."¹⁰

October 24: first report from the bishops to the high council, but their reports indicate that they were already serving. President Cutler instructed them "that the bishops were appointed to liberate the Twelve from part of the burthen which is now on them." Reports focus mostly on the poor and widows.¹¹

October 28: Beginning of records for "Bishops Ward no. 8"¹² *Never says so, but members listed suggest that this became the record of the 2nd Ward in the new division (not the 22nd as indicated in the catalog entry), also with Bishop Fairbanks; whether this was in the same location is unknown.*

October-November: after frequent raids by local Indians, the leaders decide to abandon the south half of the city, moving the cabins to form a close-set ring around the remaining settlement.¹³

November 25: High council appoints the bishops as a committee "to divide the city into smaller wards than it now is and nominate high priests to be ordained bishops over them."¹⁴

November 26: proposal to redivide WQ into 22 wards. At the high council, the proposal "was not accepted but returned with instructions and for them to report again at our next conference."

⁹ *High Council*, October 4 1846, p.73. *Willard Richards Journal*, V.16 p.182-184. *History of Brigham Young/History of the Church*, Church History Library CR 100 102 box 8 V.16 p.372.

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¹⁰ *High Council*, October 23 1846, box 1 folder 2 p.7.

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE570588; *History of Brigham Young* V.16 p.413.

¹¹ *High Council*, October 24 1846, p.9; *Willard Richards Journal*, V.16 p.241; *History of Brigham Young* V.16 p.416.

¹² *Winter Quarters 8th Ward Daybook*, LR 7568 21. Record ends Feb 10th 1847.

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¹³ Willard Richards, letter to Thomas L. Kane, Feb 24 1847, transcribed in *Journal History of the Church* V.22, 24 Feb 1847. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE292116. NEED AN EARLIER SOURCE

¹⁴ *High Council*, November 25 1846, p.33

However, Ephraim Badger, Luman H. Calkins, Willard Snow, and Isaac Clark were ordained as bishops.¹⁵

- 1st south line of Joseph Street, Edward Hunter former bishop [was 7th]
- 2nd north side of Joseph Street, Wm Fossett former bishop [FB] [was 2nd]
- 3rd south line of Smith Street, David Fairbanks FB [8th]
- 4th Block 24. Daniel Spencer FB [9th]
- 5th Block 25 Levi Writer nominated bishop [was 1st]
- 6th Block 26 George W. Harris nominated
- 7th Block 27 Matthews FB [10th]
- 8th Block 28 Luman H Calkins [Calkins] nominated
- 9th Block 29 Dr. Lang nominated
- 10th Block 30 Isaac Davis former bishop
- 11th Block 31 Abraham Hogland FB [11th]
- 12th Block 32 Ephraim Badger nominated
- 13th Block 33 David Yearsley FB [12th]
- 14th Block 34 John Benbow nominated
- 15th Block 35 [no bishop?]
- 16th Bs 36, 41, & north to the creek. Benj Brown nominated [3rd]
- 17th B 37 Br. Lutts
- 18th B 38 John Vanes former bishop [5th/6th]
- 19th B 39 John Higbee former bishop
- 20th B 40 & N to creek, Br. JB Nobles former bishop [13th]
- 21st all north of the creek and W of 2nd Main St, A Everett nominated
- 22nd all east of 2nd Main Street and N of Creek, Willard Snow nom.

November 26: "Isaac Clark ordained bishop of the 15th Ward and 35 Block in the town of Winter Quarters. Organized Dec 17 1846, chose councilors to wit Jacob Bigler Plyny Fisher."¹⁶

November 29: revised "report of the bishops read and handed back with instructions." Addison Everett and Thomas Lang ordained bishops.¹⁷

December 10: "The Ward [13th] met ... Samuel Ralph was ordained to the office of bishop under the hands of H.C. Kimball." counselors and clerk were ordained.¹⁸

December 13: "The committee of bishops made their report, which was accepted." Also resolved "that a map of the city be procured by the next Thursday for the clerk of the council. that the clerk keep a regular list of the bishops of each ward to commence numbering in the SE corner of the city. that the bishops meet with the council once a week to receive instructions. that the council watch over the bishops with a fatherly care and see that they organize and watch over their respective wards and see that none suffer. That the council instruct the bishops **to have meetings in their respective wards for the men women and children once a week,**

¹⁵ *Winter Quarters recommendations for ward divisions*, Church History Library LR 6359 25. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2455567. *High Council*, November 26 1846, p.35.

¹⁶ *Isaac Clark Record Book*, Church History Library MS 794 p.55

¹⁷ *High Council*, November 9 1846 p.37

¹⁸ *Gilbert Belknap Account Book*, Church History Library MS 8124 p.174. This includes general records for the 13th Ward. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE6217193

also instruct them to have schools in their wards." Willard Richards adds that Pres. Young said "the High Council have jurisdiction over the Bishops & ought to call them together once a week at least & call them to an account...If they don't magnify their office, drop them."¹⁹ *This sounds quite a bit like regular wards!*

How much did the final accepted proposal (as shown in the December 20 list), for which we do not have a geographic description, differ from the original?

- David Fairbanks changes from 3rd to 2nd Ward
- William Faucett changes from 2nd to 6th Ward
- Levi Riter changes from 5th to 3rd Ward
- Original 6th Ward bishop (George W. Harris) does not become a bishop, but is appointed to the high council
- Shadrach Roundy is made bishop of 5th ward, but not in original proposal
- 7th: Joseph Matthews replaced by Joseph Lee Robinson (Matthews is an assistant)
- 10th: Isaac Davis replaced by Daniel Carn (Davis appears in the 11th Ward list)
- 13th: David Yearsley replaced by Samuel Ralphe
- 14th: John Benbow replaced by Abraham O. Smoot (Benbow is a counselor)
- 15th didn't originally have a bishop nominated
- This suggests that there may have been boundary changes in the south (2,3,5,6) unless the bishops moved. In most other cases, the proposed bishops were rejected for one reason or another but the locations are the same.

December 15: bishops make reports. After two wards report (14th and 17th), remaining reports were "returned for the want of form and instructed to get a form tomorrow at W. Richards office. President Young instructed the bishops that when they report to bring it on paper to be left with the council. That he wanted a report of the organization & standing of their wards, their manner of doing business, number of men how many sick, an account of the tithing & if there is any delinquents. Report that also and have the sum total of these things, so that the council can see the situation of their wards at once, for the council must have the wards and bishops in a situation that they can wield them, for if they cannot wield the people of this place, how can they expect to wield millions. If brethren who have been in the Church thirteen years cannot do business let the council must learn them. Therein twenty two bishops in this place and they might make their reports in forty four minutes if they would do it right. He wants the round numbers of all the men women and children &c or anything else that is called for. When the bishops come to this council, bring their books with them and then when the clerk wants anything it is forthcoming in an instant."²⁰ The report form that is created, possibly the first standardized reporting form in the Church, is interesting in part for the facetious names used as examples, such as the bishopric of Brothers Roe, Doe, and Moe, and the clerk "Peter Scribe."²¹ *At this point, the city is functioning much as a stake, with wards, a high council, and the present members of the Twelve like a presidency. However, it is never called a stake.*

¹⁹ *High Council*, December 13 1846, p.46; *Willard Richards Journal*, December 13 1846, V.17 p. 6 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE583181

²⁰ *High Council*, December 15 1846, p.49-50. Richards, December 15 1846, p.12

²¹ Bishops Reports for 1846 December, *Winter Quarters Bishops Reports*, Church History Library LR 6359 23 folder 2 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2106363

December 17: Isaac Clark organizes 15th ward²²

December 20 (Sunday): Twelve hold separate morning meetings in the several wards.

Combined afternoon meeting addressed by Brigham Young, who “instructed the Bishops to get up meetings in their several wards & there the Saints might assemble themselves together, confess their sins, pray with & for each other, humble themselves before the Lord, & get up a reformation that all should learn to exercise themselves in the principles of righteousness & that those who receive the Holy Priesthood did not abide their covenants & walk uprightly before the Lord & before the brethren & deal justly.”²³ *This is basically the definition of a modern ward.*

In High Council meeting, “Reports of the bishops made and accepted”.²⁴

- 1st Edward Hunter, 192 members, full list extant²⁵ [future: B: 13th]
- 2nd David Fairbanks, 139 [future B: 1st]
- 3rd Levi E. Riter, 185
- 4th Daniel Spencer, 98 [future SL SP]
- 5th Shadrach Roundy, 108, full list extant²⁶ [future B:16th]
- 6th William Faucett, 112 [future B: Provo 5th]
- 7th Joseph Lee Robinson, 68, full list extant²⁷ [future B: Farmington]
- 8th Luman H Calkins, 228
- 9th Thomas Lang, 78
- 10th Daniel Carn, 159
- 11th Abraham Hoagland, 179 (LR 5613 21) [future B: 14th]
- 12th Ephraim Badger, 55
- 13th Samuel Rolfe, 149, full list extant²⁸
- 14th Abraham O. Smoot, 214, full list extant (LR 5812 21) [Future B: 15th]
- 15th Isaac Clark, 111 [future B: Ogden]
- 16th Benjamin Brown, 296
- 17th Albert Lutz, 301
- 18th John Vance, 85
- 19th John S. Higbee, 126 [Future B: Fort 3rd, Provo]
- 20th Joseph B. Nobles, 213 [future B: Fort 1st]
- 21st Addison Everett, 232, full list extant [future B: 8th]
- 22nd Willard Snow, 155, full list extant [future B: Manti]
- Total 3,483
- East Side of River, Joseph Knight, 210

²² *Isaac Clark Record Book*, Church History Library MS 794 p.55

²³ Richards, December 20 1846, p.26

²⁴ *High Council*, December 20 1846, p.59. Full report in Bishops Reports for 1846 December

²⁵ *Edward Hunter Bishop's Record*, Church History library MS 13345 p.12

²⁶ *Shadrach Roundy Company Record Book*, Church History Library MS 5771 p.36

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE3928637. This report says “Ward No. 5, Block No. 26” which is different from the original proposal.

²⁷ *J.L. Robinson Papers, Records 1846-1847*. Church History Library MS 7042 folder 4, p.5.

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²⁸ *Gilbert Belknap account book*, image 251

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B. Young: "when Zion is built up, the Bishops will report to the head bishop, & he report to the High Council & suggested that the Bishops meet together & make their own arrangements for meeting."²⁹

High Council Minutes mentions several wards and bishops over the rest of December.

December 31: HC mtg. "Moved by Winslow Farr that the Ward on the other side of the River be under the jurisdiction of this council. Motion withdrawn. Then Pres. Young approved of the Ward on the opposite side of the River, being under the jurisdiction of this council. Motioned that the return from Joseph Knight Jr., Bishop on the East side of the River, be received and carried."³⁰

1847

January 3 (Sunday): "Meetings were held in the different wards thro'out the day."³¹

January 10: High Council discusses its authority to act with less than a quorum. "Prest W. Richards arose by request and said I would ask was Kirtland a stake of Zion. In D&C a law established a high C. for the stake. I have a book that I learnt my letters from it [D&C] is as good now and then. The 2nd Question, is this a stake of zion. Now here is the spelling book again. The D&C I value as high as anyone else. There are three councils mentioned there; another was a traveling council. Is this a stake of zion or are we not sir a travelling council & can not we try any case we please."³² *Even though D&C 107 says that the travelling high council is the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, this suggests that in the mind of Willard Richards, this was not officially a stake.*

January 14: The Word and Will of the Lord (D&C 136) received

January 15: "The Word and Will of the Lord" presented to the Twelve.³³

January 16: "The Mind and Will of God" read in high council; after discussion, "The Word & Will of the Lord" read again and accepted as the word of God.³⁴

January 19: HC Kimball begins organizing his company.³⁵ *After this, meetings seem to talk more about the companies than the wards.*

January 23: Council House dedicated (36 Manuscript history 495 1/7/47, 509 1/23/47)

January 29: "Elder Geo. A. Smith returned to Winter Quarters this afternoon and reported that Elder Lyman and he had held eight meetings at various places between the [Council] point and Bro. A.H. Perkins' camp, generally known as the Macedonia."

February: Apostles are sent out to Ponca and Iowa settlements to present the Word and Will of the Lord, and organize emigrating companies.³⁶ They report back that they have been organized, but not many leave that year. Possibly these became branches?

²⁹ Richards, December 20 1846, p.30

³⁰ Richards, December 31 1846, p.60

³¹ Richards, January 3 1846, p.68

³² *High Council*, January 10th 1847, p.74-76; Richards, January 10 1847, p.82

³³ Richards, January 15th 1847, p.99

³⁴ *High Council*, January 16th 1847, p.84; Richards, January 16th 1847, p.104

³⁵ *History of Brigham Young*, V.17 p.23

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³⁶ *History of Brigham Young*, V.17

February 1: Meeting of the bishops, discussing “the state of their several wards.”³⁷

February 7: High Council mtg: “voted that the bishops of the several wards make a request at their next **ward meetings** of the inhabitants of Winter Quarters, to furnish a full & correct report of the deaths in their several wards...” *evidence of continued separate ward meetings*³⁸

February 12: mention of Mt. Pisgah, Garden Grove (David Fulmer Prest), Lost Camp “east of Garden Grove.”³⁹

February 16: Bishops Report of widows and soldiers wives now lists a 23rd Ward, which could just be Joseph Knight’s east side ward, or somewhere else.⁴⁰

March 13: Meeting of apostles and other leaders. Questions are asked of Brigham Young and other leaders about what is to be done in WQ after the vanguard pioneers leave, including: “1st. Shall there be a council left here? Yes. Presidents & Captains of Companies, & when they leave, appoint others.”⁴¹ *No mention of wards or bishops, only companies. Does this mean the high council and ward structure is disappearing?*

February 24: Willard Richards writes to Col. Kane, describing the semi-fortified city encircled by a row of closely set houses.⁴²

March 14: High Council meeting, “voted that ... the bishops make full reports to him [the cemetery sexton].”⁴³

March 22: Bishops Meeting, led by NK Whitney. Topics include blessing of children in the wards, performed and recorded by bishops; collectively helping a lost boy; etc.⁴⁴

March 26: “I attended a special conference called to transact business, previous to the departure of the Twelve to seek out a location for a **stake of zion**.”⁴⁵

March 28: “The saints met at the stand for worship. . . Elder Geo. A. Smith said that he expected God would take the Twelve to the very place for a **stake of Zion**.”⁴⁶ HC Kimball: “I motion that John Smith being the oldest man and Patriarch, that he preside over this Church & over the conferences & spiritual affairs of the Church in council the brethren until starts for mountains. Sec’d & carried.”⁴⁷ *So now everybody is meeting together again, not in wards. Is John Smith to be a stake-ish president in WQ?*

April 4: High Council meeting: several temporal responsibilities given to the bishops, so they still have significant responsibility.⁴⁸ *John Smith isn’t presiding, or even mentioned as present, in the*

³⁷ Richards, February 1 1847, p.167

³⁸ *High Council*, February 7th 1847, p.96

³⁹ Richards, February 12 1847, p.219

⁴⁰ Reports for 1847 February, *Winter Quarters Bishops Reports*, Church History Library LR 6359 23 folder 4. https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2106384

⁴¹ Richards, March 13 1847, p.313

⁴² JHC February 24 1847 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE292116

⁴³ Richards, March 14 1847, p.318

⁴⁴ *General Church Minutes*, Church History Library CR 100 318 box 1 folder 51 image 19 https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE7469609

⁴⁵ *History of Brigham Young*, V.17 p.74; *General Church Minutes*, image 21

⁴⁶ *History of Brigham Young*, V.17 p.77

⁴⁷ *General Church Minutes*, image 32

⁴⁸ *High Council*, April 4 1847, p.121

*any high council meetings. Was this just a figurehead calling? He is present at larger meetings with apostles, bishop Whitney, and W.W. Phelps, but does not appear to be presiding.*⁴⁹

April 6: General Conference, conducted by “Pres’t John Smith,” W.W. Phelps also seems to have some responsibility. Brigham Young sustained as “President of the 12 and of this Church.” Other leaders sustained include “Father John Smith as the **President over the affairs in this place** & as a patriarch,” Alpheus Cutler as president of the high council and Newel K. Whitney as presiding bishop.⁵⁰

April 7: Pioneers begin to depart WQ, including BY, O Pratt, Woodruff; they return for meetings until the 13th, though. Brigham Young Company includes 21st Ward Bishop Addison Everett, 5th Ward Bishop Shadrach Roundy, and 19th Ward Bishop John Higbee.⁵¹

May 2: HC meeting, John Taylor is the only apostle present; mentions “John Vance bishop of the 18th Ward” and “Bishop Hickenlooper of the 5th Ward.”⁵² *This is the last time specific bishops of wards are mentioned in HC records?*

May: Parley P. Pratt and John Taylor are resident apostles

May 5: Remainder of Ponca Camp is close to arriving in Winter Quarters⁵³

May 9: HC hears an appeal of a case from the “Ponca (Branch) Council.” From this and previous events, it is clear that this HC has jurisdiction over Ponca, but this is the first evidence of an organized branch there, after it has been abandoned.

June: HC meetings suggest that Orson Hyde has authority over the HC, but only attends meetings occasionally since he lives in Iowa. Empty seats in the high council are filled occasionally.

June 17-24: Multiple companies, totaling about 1,500 Saints, departs Winter Quarters. Includes President John Smith, Bishops Edward Hunter (1st), David Fairbanks (2nd), Levi Riter (3rd), Daniel Spencer (4th), William Hickenlooper (5th), A. Hoagland (11th), Samuel Rolfe (13th), AO Smoot (14th), John Vance (18th), Joseph Noble (20th), Willard Snow (22nd). 10 of 23 Bishops remain in 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and East Ferry, and Presiding Bishop Whitney.⁵⁴ *Have not found any immediate record of replacement bishops being called*

July?: Chauncey W. Porter replaces A.O. Smoot as bishop of 14th Ward.⁵⁵

July 10: HC meeting, Orson Hyde moves that the entire Garden Grove Branch be disfellowshipped for wickedness. Although there is some disagreement, they eventually agree. Why does this HC have jurisdiction over Garden Grove rather than Pottawattamie?⁵⁶

⁴⁹ *General Church Minutes*, box 1 folder 53,

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE537181

⁵⁰ *History of Brigham Young*, V.17 p.81; *General Church Minutes*, image 43

⁵¹ *History of Brigham Young*, V.17 p.81; Mormon Pioneer Overland Trail, 1847-1868, Church History Library, <https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/>

⁵² *High Council*, May 2 1847, p.129; *High Council*, May 2 1847, box 1 folder 5 p.4

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE561701

⁵³ *Historian’s Office Journal*, Church History Library CR 100 1 box 1 v.8 p.43

https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE116935

⁵⁴ Mormon Pioneer Overland Trail, 1847-1868, Church History Library, <https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/>

⁵⁵ *Winter Quarters 14th Ward Tithing Record*, Church History Library LR 5812 21 p.3. Record gives very few dates.

⁵⁶ *High Council*, July 10 1847, Box 1 folder 3 p.9

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July 10: A meeting “for the filling up of vacancies in travelling to the West in the organization of the Saints according to the Word and Will of the Lord.” “Present President Alpheus Cutler, President Isaac Morley, President Joseph Young.” Apparently, they are not acting in an ecclesiastical authority, but as the remaining leaders of the “two Grand Divisions.” New captains of hundreds and fifties are elected.⁵⁷

August: Alpheus Cutler is not only conducting high council meetings, he is also conducting general church meetings, essentially functioning as branch/stake president.⁵⁸

August 4: HC meeting, including ongoing dispute over Garden Grove Branch. “President Cutler remarked on the case and said that Orson Hyde states that in the absence of Brigham Young he is the twelve, and we are to act under him.” Not all councilors agree with Hyde, hear statements from GG leaders, and reinstate the branch.⁵⁹

August 15: in Sunday meeting, the bishops administered the sacrament⁶⁰

September 5: case appealed to HC from “Bishops Court”⁶¹

September 13: HC meeting, “Present of the Bishopric:” Newel K. Whitney [Presiding Bishop], William Fossett [6th], Joseph Knight [East Bank], Isaac Clark [15th], Chauncy Porter [new 14th], J.M. Flake [7th??], Joseph Robinson [7th], Isaac Bosenbark [??], Thomas Lang [9th].⁶² *Wards are never mentioned anymore--are there still wards, or is this just a general council of bishops?*

September 26: HC meeting, voted that tithing from outlying people “be all paid in to the presiding bishop Newel K. Whitney, and that he supply the various bishops under his presidency.”⁶³

30 October: Brigham Young and other apostles arrive from the West.⁶⁴

November -April: Brigham Young and 6 other apostles are back from the Valley and are frequently present and participating in high council meetings as well as holding their own quorum meetings.

November 8: Twelve decide to vacate Winter Quarters the next Spring. George Miller and James Emmett disfellowshipped.⁶⁵

November 9: High Council concurs to vacate Winter Quarters in the Spring, and encourage those who cannot go west then to move to scattered settlements in Iowa, led by a presidency and high council [which is already organized].⁶⁶

November 15: Discussion of whether the twelve should be preaching or leading leads Brigham Young to ask W.W. Phelps, “Can the Twelve appoint a First Presidency?” This leads to the first discussions on the topic, which is not unanimous at first (Orson Pratt seems to be the main

⁵⁷ *High Council*, July 10 1847, Box 1 folder 4 p.9

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⁵⁸ *General Church Minutes*, box 1 folder 54 p.18

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⁵⁹ *High Council*, August 4 1847, box 1 folder 3 p.13

⁶⁰ *General Church Minutes*, box 1 folder 54 p.41

⁶¹ *High Council*, September 5 1847, box 1 folder 4 p.44

⁶² *High Council*, September 13 1847, box 1 folder 3 p.18

⁶³ *High Council*, September 26 1847 box 1 folder 3, p.28

⁶⁴ *Historian's Office Journal*, V.8 p.133

⁶⁵ *General Church Minutes*, 1847 October-November, box 1 folder 58, p.22

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⁶⁶ *General Church Minutes*, 1847 October-November, p.24

holdout), but eventually after several days discussion they agree on calling Brigham as President.⁶⁷

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February: bishops are still mentioned occasionally in High Council minutes, but not in connection with specific wards: Daniel Carns, Isaac Clark.⁶⁸

March 20: "Many are moving across the river to settle"⁶⁹

March 25th: last entry in Bishop Isaac Clark's tithing records before he moves over the river.⁷⁰

April 15: last record of a high council meeting-- "no business"

June 5: Brigham Young leads first pioneer company of the season out.

July 3: last saints leave Winter Quarters for the west, led by E.T. Benson, G.A. Smith, and Willard Richards⁷¹ (81 GA Smith to John Smith 3 Jul 1848, JHC 7/3/1848)

Ward schoolhouses 35 Woodruff 3:296 (12/12/1847)

Richard Bennett, *Mormons at the Missouri* 1987

Will Bagley, *The Pioneer Camp of the Saints: the 1846 and 1847 Mormon Trail Journals of Thomas Bullock* 1997 p.107

⁶⁷ *General Church Minutes, 1847 October-November*, p.30

⁶⁸ *High Council*, box 1 folder 7 p.41

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