

## Sources For Fanny Alger Scrape Episode

[https://zenodo.org/records/17517402/files/Golding%20-%20Firm%20Believer%20\(MHA%202024\).pdf?download=1](https://zenodo.org/records/17517402/files/Golding%20-%20Firm%20Believer%20(MHA%202024).pdf?download=1)

<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/letter-from-oliver-cowdery-21-january-1838/1#historical-intro>

<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/letter-from-thomas-b-marsh-15-february-1838/2>

Oliver Cowdery Letter — January 21, 1838 (to brother Warren) Calls Joseph's relationship with Fanny Alger a "dirty, nasty, filthy scrape." 404 error but was originally on the JSPP website

<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/letter-to-warren-a-cowdery-21-january-1838/1>

Thomas B. Marsh Letter — February 15, 1838 Apostle confirms the Fanny Alger affair and Emma Smith discovering it.

<https://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/digital/collection/NCMP1820-1846/id/9823>

Ebenezer Robinson Minutes — April 12, 1838 (Far West) Documents leadership fallout immediately following the Alger scandal.

<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/record/4e3e6e98-2f7e-4e63-9c44-44e33f178e0f>

William E. McLellin Letter — 1872 Reports Emma Smith personally describing Joseph's relationship with Fanny Alger.

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/43200228>

Oliver Cowdery Portion of Letter Filthy Nasty Dirty Scrape

<https://josephsmithpolygamy.org/oliver-cowdery-letter-to-warren-a-cowdery-olivers-brother-january-21-1838/>

Used to be housed at Joseph Smith Papers project but was removed

<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/letter-to-warren-a-cowdery-21-january-1838/1>

Paul Custer's Black Horse Tavern

<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/?a=d&d=RPD19061202.1.6&e=-----en-20--1--txt-txIN----->

Eliza J. Webb Letter — May 4, 1876

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States Fanny Alger was involved with Joseph Smith prior to Nauvoo polygamy.

[https://bhroberts.org/records/psWfCb-1FZtab/eliza\\_j\\_webb\\_refers\\_to\\_josephs\\_and\\_fanny\\_algers\\_relationship\\_as\\_similar\\_to\\_a\\_sealing](https://bhroberts.org/records/psWfCb-1FZtab/eliza_j_webb_refers_to_josephs_and_fanny_algers_relationship_as_similar_to_a_sealing)

Ann Eliza Young – Wife No. 19 (1875)

Preserves early polygamy tradition identifying Fanny Alger as Joseph's first plural relationship.

[https://www.ebershoff.com/old/pdfs/Wife\\_No\\_19\\_Ann\\_Eliza\\_Young.pdf](https://www.ebershoff.com/old/pdfs/Wife_No_19_Ann_Eliza_Young.pdf) (page 66 in original book)

Historicus – Sketches from the History of Polygamy (1881)

Early historical compilation naming Fanny Alger as Joseph Smith's first plural partner.

<https://archive.org/details/SketchesFromHistoryOfPolygamy>

Andrew Jenson – Historical Record (1887)

Official LDS historian acknowledges early plural marriages, including Fanny Alger.

<https://archive.org/details/historicalrecord06jens/page/232/mode/2up?q=fanny>

Andrew Jenson Card Index – Church History Library

Internal church research listing Fanny Alger among early plural wives.

[https://bhroberts.org/records/psWfCb-cSugpc/eliza\\_r\\_snow\\_lists\\_fanny\\_alger\\_and\\_others\\_as\\_one\\_of\\_joseph\\_smiths\\_plural\\_wives](https://bhroberts.org/records/psWfCb-cSugpc/eliza_r_snow_lists_fanny_alger_and_others_as_one_of_joseph_smiths_plural_wives)

St. Louis Globe-Democrat – August 18, 1887

Publishes first-generation testimony aligning with the Fanny Alger account.

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David Patten's Testimony on the Alger Affair

<https://archive.org/details/farwestrecordmin0000unse/page/166/mode/2up>

Historical Accounts Referring to the Relationship of Joseph Smith and Fanny Alger

<https://josephsmithspolygamy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Fanny-Alger-Appendix-D.pdf>

Benjamin F. Johnson, My Life's Review

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Solomon Custer Fanny Alger Birth Certificate -

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-897W-R4HC?i=327&cc=1410397&lang=en>

### Appendix B: Primary Source Accounts Associated with a Purported Fanny Alger–Joseph Smith Relationship

*Accounts that do not mention Fanny Alger by name are marked with an asterisk (\*). Published accounts are marked with a dagger (†).*

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\*†Thomas B. Marsh, Letter to Joseph Smith, 15 February 1838, in “Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Whole Church in Zion,” *Elders’ Journal of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints* 1, no. 3 (July 1838): 44–46.

\*Ebenezer Robinson, Minutes of Zion Bishopric and High Council Meeting, 12 April 1838, in Minute Book 2, pp. 118–126, Conference Minutes and Record Book of Christ’s Church of Latter Day Saints, 1838–1839, 1844, LR 7874 21, Church History Library, Salt Lake City.

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\*†J. H. Beadle, “Jackson County,” *The Salt Lake Daily Tribune* 9, no. 147 (October 6, 1875): 4.

\*†Ann Eliza Young, *Wife No. 19, or the Story of a Life in Bondage, Being a Complete Exposé of Mormonism, and Revealing the Sorrows, Sacrifices and Sufferings of Women in Polygamy, by Ann Eliza Young, Brigham Young’s Apostate Wife* (Hartford, CT: Dustin, Gilman, and Co., 1875), 65–69.

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John Pierce Hawley, Testimony of John Alger, 1868, in *Autobiography*, 1885, p. 97, Miscellaneous Collection, P13, fd. 317, Community of Christ Library and Archives, Independence, Missouri.

\*†Alfred Holbrook, *Reminiscences of the Happy Life of a Teacher* (Cincinnati: Elm Street Printing, 1885), 222–225.

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