

1817: THE YEAR JANE AUSTEN DIED
TIMELINE OF HER EVENTS
BY VONNIE R. ALTO

DATE	EVENT	CATEGORY
January 27	J.A. Begins new novel, <i>Sandition</i> , initially titled, <i>The Brothers</i> .	JA Writings
March 18	JA writes her last sentence of <i>Sandition</i> , a fragment of 12 chapters, 24,000 words.	JA Writings
March 28	James Leigh Perrot dies (JA's uncle).	Family
April	JA bedridden in Chawton.	JA Health
April 27	JA writes her will, unwitnessed.	
May 22	JA writes her final surviving letter to her friend, Anne Sharp(e).	Letters
May 24	JA and CEA travel to Winchester to consult a doctor about JA's declining health.	JA Health
May 27	JA writes her last complete letter to nephew, Edward Austen.	Letters
June (end)	JA awaits death.	JA Health
July (3 rd week)	JA asks for sacrament.	JA Death
July 15	Three days before her death, JA composes her final poem, " <i>Venta</i> ." Also called " <i>When Winchester Races</i> " celebrating immortality.	JA Writings
July 18	JA dies on Tuesday morning at 4:30 am. In attendance: Cassandra, Henry, Mary Lloyd Austen (wife to James).	JA Death
	Last words, "God grant me patience. Pray for me! Pray for me!"	JA Death
July 19	Funeral arrangements by HJA. Determined that the funeral would be held at Winchester Cathedral on 7/24, Thursday.	JA Death
July 20	CEA writes to niece, Fanny Knight about Jane.	Letters
July 21	1 st Obituary appears in <i>The Hampshire Chronicle & Courier</i> in Winchester. No reference made to her novels.	Obituary
July 22	Longer obituary in <i>The Courier</i> in Winchester with the quote: "She lived and died as became a humble Christian."	Obituary
July 24	JA funeral. JA buried in Winchester Cathedral. In attendance: brothers Henry, Edward, Frances, James son (JEAL). James was too unwell to attend the funeral. He writes a poem about JA titled, " <i>Venta! Within Thy Sacred Fane</i> ." Locks of JA's hair cut off for family/friends: Her 6 brothers, CEA, Fanny, Anne Sharp(e)...	JA Death JA Tribute
July 28	CEA writes to Ann Sharp(e) and sends her a lock of Jane's hair. Longer obits in <i>The Hampshire Telegraph & Sussex Chronicle</i> and <i>Salisbury & Winchester Journal</i> .	Letters Last Wishes Obituary
August	Obituary in <i>The Gentlemen's Magazine</i> (London).	Obituary
August 5	Obituary in <i>The Kentish Gazette</i> Canterbury.	Obituary

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August 9	Obituary in <i>The London Chronicle</i> (London).	Obituary
September	<i>Pride & Prejudice</i> , 3 rd edition published by Egerton in 2 vols.	JA Writings
September	John Murray prepares to publish 2 new novels by J.A. He writes to Lord Byron who is in Italy informing him of JA's death and upcoming publications.	JA Writings
September 1	Obits in <i>The Monthly Magazine</i> and <i>New Monthly Magazine</i> (London).	Obituary
September 10	Probate granted to CEA after JA's handwriting/signature is confirmed.	Will
September 28	JEAL writes a poem about his aunt (JA) titled, " <i>To The Memory of Miss Jane Austen....</i> "	JA Tribute
December 13	HTA writes a "Biographical Notice of the Author" as a preface to Murray's publication of <i>Northanger Abby/Persuasion</i> . This publically identifies JA as the author of her novels.	JA Tribute
December 17	1 st advertisement in <i>The Courier</i> for <i>Northanger Abby/Persuasion</i> . Publication date given ad December 20. Murray prints 1750 copies for 4 volumes (two for <i>NA</i> and two for <i>P</i>). Title page is dated 1818.	JA Writings
December 20	HTA adds a postscript to his "Biographical Notice" of December 13. He explains that he now has extracts from JA's private correspondence. He provides an extract from JA's letter: December 16-17 1816 to JEAL. He also quotes sentences from letter: May 28/29, 1817 , probably addressed to Mrs. Frances Tilson.	JA Tribute Letters
December (Late)	1 st editions of <i>Northanger Abby/Persuasion</i> issued together (4 volumes) by Murry with the "Biographical Notice" by HTA.	JA Writings
1818	John Murray sends <i>Northanger Abby/Persuasion</i> to author Maria Edgeworth for annotations.	JA Tribute Scholarship

