

[Note: The following record book, which may be a duplicate of the similarly untitled record book found in folder 5, is found in "Affidavits on Celestial Marriage, 1869-70," Ms 3423, FD. 5, LDS Church Archives.]

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Joseph S. Smith
Salt Lake City
Utah

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Book No 2

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Testimony of Benjamin F. Johnson

On the first day of April A.D. (1843,) eighteen hundred and forty-three, President Joseph Smith, Orson Hyde, and William Clayton and others came from Nauvoo to my residence in Macedonia or Ramus in Hancock Co. Illinois, and were Joyfully welcomed by myself and family as our guests.

On the following morning, Sunday April Second, President Smith took me by the arm for a walk, leading the way to a secluded spot within an adjacent grove, where to my great surprise, he commenced to open up to me the principle of plural or celestial marriage, but I was more astonished by his asking for my sister Almera to be his wife.

I sincerely believed him to a prophet of God, and I loved him as such, and also for the many evidences of his kindness to me, yet such was the force of my education, and the scorn that

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I felt towards anything un-virtuous that under the first impulse of my feelings, I looked him calmly, but firmly in the face and told him that, "I had always believed him to be a good man, and wished to believe it still, and would try to;"-- and that, "I would take for him a message to my sister, and if the doctrine was true, all would be well, but if I should afterwards learn that it was offered to insult or prostitute my sister I would take his life." With a smile he replied "Benjamin, you will never see that day, but you shall live to know that it is true, and rejoice in it."

He wished me to see my sister and talk to her,-- I told him, I did not know what I could say to convince her, he replied, "when you open your mouth, you shall be able to comprehend, and you shall not want for evidence nor words." He also told me

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that he would preach a sermon that day for me, which I would understand, while the rest of the congregation would not comprehend his meaning. His subject was the ten talents Spoken of by the Savior, "unto him that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundantly, but from him that hath not (or will not receive) shall be taken away that which he hath, (or might have had.)" plainly giving me to understand that the talents represented wives and children as the principle of enlargement throughout the great future, to those who were heirs of Salvation.

I called my sister to private audience and with fear and trembling, and feelings that I cannot express commenced to open the Subject to her, when, just as he had promised, the light of the Lord Shone upon my understanding and my tongue was loosed and I at least was convinced of the truth

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of what I was attempting to teach.

My sister received my testimony, and in a Short time afterwards concented to become the wife of President Smith.

Subsequent to this I took her to the City of Nauvoo, where she was married or Sealed for time and eternity to President Joseph Smith, by his brother Hyrum, in the presence of myself, and Louisa Beman who told me She had also been Sealed or married to the Prophet Joseph,-- this was at the residence of my Sister, the widow of Lyman R. Sherman, who also was a witness.

After a short period, President Smith and company, viz. George Miller, William Clayton, J. M. Smith, and Eliza and Lydia ^Emily^ Partridge, (who were the wives of the Prophet) came again to Macedonia (Ramus) where he remained two days, lodging at my house with my sister, as man and wife,) and to my certain knowledge he occupied

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the same bed with her.) This visit was on the Sixteenth and Seventeenth of May, eighteen-hundred and forty-three, returning to Nauvoo on the eighteenth. Again on the nineteenth of October, the Same year, President Smith made us another visit at Macedonia, and remained till the twenty-first, he was accompanied by William Clayton. At this time (Oct. 20) he Sealed my first wife to me for time and all eternity. He visited us at other times and introduced ladies who accompanied him, as his wives, I think, Lucy Walker was one of them. President Smith also asked me for my Sister Esther, but I told him I thought She was engaged to be married to David T. LeBaron, but that he was free to take Mary Ann Hale, an orphan girl whom my mother had raised, and who was then living with me. he said "no, she is not for me, but it is right for you to take her yourself for a wife, and

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if your Sister is engaged, it is all right--" and in the presence of my family he talked to her on the subject, but as I had Suspected, She was promised to be married.

He also visited my mother at her residence in Macedonia, and taught her in my hearing, the doctrine of Celestial marriage, declairing that an Angel appeared unto him with a drawn sword, threatening to Slay him if he did not proceed to fulfill the law that had been given to him, and counselled my mother to be Sealed to his uncle, Father John Smith, to which She consented, and to my certain knowledge was subsequently Sealed to him by the Prophet.

Previous to this I had commenced ^preparations^ to build me a brick house, in Macedonia. President Smith proposed, as my Sister was now his wife, to furnish means to enlarge the building and we

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would own and occupy it Jointly, this plan was being carried out at the time of his death.

After the death of the Prophet, I told President Brigham Young, what he had Said to me relative to my taking Mary Ann Hale to wife. he said it was right, and authorized Father John Smith to Seal her to me, which he did on the 14th. of November, A.D. 1844.

B. F. Johnson

Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake

Be it remembered that on this fourth day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a notary public in and for Said County Benjamin F. Johnson who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath deposeth and Saith that the foregoing Statements and testimony by him made and given are true and correct.

Subscribed and Sworn to by the

B. F. Johnson

Said B. F. Johnson the day & year above written

James Jack

[seal]

Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, pp. 3-9.]

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Territory of Utah

S.S.

County of Salt Lake

On this fourth day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for Said County, Harriet Cook Young who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath deposed and saith, that on the Second day of November, A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, She was married to President Brigham Young by the Prophet Joseph Smith, for time and eternity, in the presence of Mary Ann Young, Fanny Murray Smith, and Augusta Adams Young.

Harriet Cook Young

Subscribed and Sworn to
by the Said Harriet Cook Young
the day & year first above written

James Jack

[seal]

Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 12.]

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Territory of Utah
County of Salt Lake

On this fourth day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for Said County Harriet Cook Young, who was by me Sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath Saith, that on the Second day of November A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, She was present and witnessed the marrying or Sealing of Fanny Murray to President Joseph Smith, for time and eternity, by President Brigham Young; Mary Ann Young, and Augusta Adams Young being present.

Harriet Cook Young

Subscribed and Sworn to by
the said Harriet Cook Young the
day and year first above written

James Jack

[seal]

Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 14.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake

On this fourth day of March A.D. 1870, personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for Said County Clara Decker Young, who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon her oath deposes and saith that on the eighth day of May A.D. 1844, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, She was married or Sealed for time and eternity to President Brigham Young, by Elder Willard Richards, one of the Twelve, by Sanction of Prest. Joseph Smith, and in the presence of Elder Lorenzo D. Young, Harriet P. Young & Lucy Ann Young.

Clara Decker Young

Subscribed and Sworn to by
the said Clara D. Young the
day and year first written above

James Jack

[seal]

Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 16.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake

On this Seventh day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for Said County Joseph C. Kingsbury who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon his oath deposeth and Saith, that on or about the Fifteenth day of July A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, he wrote the Revelation on Celestial or plural marriage from the mouth of Bishop Newel K. Whitney as he read from the original, which was in his possession Just previous to its reported destruction by Emma Smith. and that the same, as published in the Deseret News Extra of September fourteenth 1852 is a true copy of the original.

Joseph C. Kingsbury
Subscribed and Sworn to by the Said
Jos. C. Kingsburry the day and year

first

above written.

James Jack
Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 18.]

Testimony of Lorenzo Snow

In the month of April 1843 I returned from my European Mission. A few days after my arrival at Nauvoo, when at President Joseph Smith's house, he said he wished to have some private talk with me, and requested me to walk out with him; It was toward evening, we walked a little distance and sat down on a large log that lay near the bank of the river; He there and then explained to me the doctrine of plurality of wives. He said ~~said~~ that the Lord had revealed it unto him, and commanded him to have women sealed to him as wives.-- that he foresaw the trouble that would follow, and sought to turn away from the Commandment--that an Angel from Heaven appeared before him with a drawn sword, threatening him with destruction unless he went forward and obeyed the Commandment.

He further said that my Sister Eliza R. Snow had been sealed to him as his wife for time and Eternity. He told me

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that the Lord would open the way, and I should have women Sealed to me as wives.

This conversation was prolonged, I think one hour or more, in which he told me many important things.

I Solemnly declare before God and holy Angels, and as I hope to come forth in the morning of the Reserection, that the above Statement is true (signed) Lorenzo Snow

Territory of Utah

SS.

Box Elder County

Personally came before me J. C. Wright, Clerk of the County and Probate Courts in and for the County and Territory aforesaid, Lorenzo Snow, and who being duly Sworn deposeth and says, that the foregoing Statement by him Subscribed is true of his own certain knowledge.

Witness my hand and seal of court

at my Office in Brigham City, Box Elder

Seal

County Utah Territory this 28th day of

August

A.D. 1869.

J. C. Wright, Clerk

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, pp. 19-20.]

Statement and Affidavit of C. Merkley

I called upon Zenos H. Gurley at Hendersonville, Knox Co. Illinois, in November 1860 and Spent ~~and Spent~~ several days with him. He told me that after the Church left Nauvoo, he Joined J. J. Strang and continued with him until he was satisfied that Strang was an impostor.

He then Started out preaching upon his own responsibility, which he continued for several years, frequently sending deputations to Joseph Smith, Son of the Prophet, to induce him to come forth and assume the leadership of the Church which he had raised up. But Joseph refused until 1860, when by the persuasions of William Marks and others who had Joined Gurley, he came forward and was ordained President of the High-Priesthood by the Said Z. H. Gurley, who had never been more than a Seventy.

Again in 1864 while on Business to Canada I called on Z H. Gurley, when the following conversation occurred. I asked him if he "believed that Joseph Smith was a fallen

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Prophet." He answered "no, he died a martyr." "Then what will you do with the Revelation Joseph received on Polygamy?" Gurley:-- "he never had it." "Very well, then what will you say about the wives that he had?" Gurley:-- I do not know that he had any." "Ah! Gurley you do know, for how many times have you and I talked together about Sister Emma's raising the devil with Joseph about his wives?"-- Mr. Gurley's wife then spoke up and said, "He does know, bro. Merkley, and he lies when he says he does not"! I then Said, "Bro. Gurley, what did you do with your other wife?" he replied, "I never had one." "Well", Said I, "I did not know that, but I do know that you expected to get another about the time I left Nauvoo, for you told me so."

(Signed) C. Merkley

Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake

Be it remembered that on this third day of August A.D.
1869 personally

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appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for Said County, Christopher Merkley, who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon his oath Saith, that the foregoing Statments, by him made, are true and correct, of his own certain knowledge.

(Signed) C. Merkley

Seal

Subscribed and Sworn to by the Said
C. Merkley this third day of August
A.D. 1869

(Signed) James Jack
Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, pp. 21-23.]

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Nauvoo August 18th. 1842

Dear and beloved brother
and Sister Whitney &c.

I take this opportunity to communicate Some of my feelings privately at this time, which I want you three eternally to keep in your own bosoms, for my feelings are So Strong for you Since what has passed lately between us, that the time of my absence from you Seems So long and dreary, that it Seems as if I could not live long in this way; and if you three would come and See me in this my lonely retreat, it would afford me great relief of mind.

If those with whom I am alied do love me now is the time to afford me succour in the days of exile, for you know I foretold you of these things.

I am now at Carlos Graingers. Just back of brother Hyrum's farm, it is only one mile from town, the nights are very pleasant indeed, all three of you can

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come and See me in the forepart of the night, let bro. Whitney come a little ahead and knock at the South east corner of the house at the window, it is next to the cornfield: I have a room entirely by myself, the whole matter can be attended to with most perfect Safety.

I know it is the will of God that you that you should comfort me now in this time of affliction, or not at all, now is the time or never; but I have no need of Saying any Such thing to you, for I know the goodness of your hearts, and that you will do the will of the Lord when it is made known to you.

The only thing to be careful of is to find out when Emma comes, then you cannot be Safe, but when She is not here there is the most perfect Safety, only be careful to escape observation as much as possible.

I know it is a heroic undertaking but So much the greater friendship and the more Joy.

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When I see you I will tell you all my plans. I cannot write them on paper.

Burn this letter as soon as you read it.

Keep all locked up in your breasts, my life depends upon it.

One thing I want to see you for is to get the fullness of my blessing sealed upon our heads &c.

You will pardon me for my earnestness on this Subject, when you consider how lonesome I must be, your good feelings know how to make any allowance for me.

I close my letter.

I think Emma won't come to night, if she don't, don't fail to come to night.

I subscribe myself your most obedient and affectionate companion and friend.

Joseph Smith

Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake

Be it known that on this

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thirteenth day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for Said County Elizabeth Ann Whitney and Sarah Ann Smith (Kimball) who was by me Sworn in due form of law, and upon their oath Say that the foregoing is a true copy of a letter written at Carlos Graingers by President Joseph Smith, dated, Nauvoo August 18th. 1842. to Newel K. and Elizabeth Ann Whitney and their daughter Sarah Ann Smith, who was married or Sealed to President Smith, July 27, 1842. And further that they have this day deposited Said letter in the Historian's Office in the county and City of Salt Lake.

Elizabeth Ann Whitney

Signed

Sarah Ann Smith

(Kimball)

Seal Subscribed and Sworn to by
the Said Elizabeth Ann Whitney
and Sarah Ann Smith (Kimball)
on this thirteenth day of Aug. 1869

James Jack
Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, pp. 25-28.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Millard

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge, in and for Said county, Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman, who was by me Sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath Saith, that Sometime in the year 1843 in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, She was witness to the marriage or Sealing of Lucy Walker to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by William Clayton, a high-Priest in Said Church, according to the laws of the Same regulating marriage.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman

Seal Subscribed and sworn to by the
 said Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman
 the day and year first above written

Edward Partridge
Probate Judge

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Millard

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge, in and for Said county, Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon her oath Saith, that on the eighth day of March A.D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock State of Illinois She was married or Sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Heber C. Kimball, one of the Twelve Apostles in Said Church, according to the laws of the Same regulating marriage; in the presence of Orson Hyde.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman

Subscribed and Sworn to by the said

Seal Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman the
day and year first above written

Edward Partridge
Probate Judge

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 32.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Millard

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in and for Said County, Eliza Maria (P) Lyman who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon her oath Saith, that on the eleventh day of May A.D. 1843, at the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock State of Illinois, She was married or Sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by James Adams a high-Priest in Said church, according to the laws of the Same regulating marriage; in the presence of Emma (Hale) Smith and Emily Dow Partridge.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (P) Lyman

Seal Subscribed and sworn to by the
 said Eliza Maria (P) Lyman the day
 and year first above written

Edward Partridge
Probate Judge

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 33.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Millard

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in and for Said County Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman who was by me Sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath Saith, that on the eleventh day of May A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, She was a witness to the marriage or Sealing of Emily Dow Partridge to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by James Adams, a high-Priest in Said Church, according to the laws of the Same regulating marriage; Emma Smith being present.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman

Subscribed and sworn to by the Said

Seal Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman the day

and year first above written

Edward Partridge

Probate Judge

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 34.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Millard

Be it remembered that on this eighth day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge, in and for Said county, Martha McBride Kimball who was by me Sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath Saith, that sometime in the Summer of the year 1842 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, She was married or Sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Heber C. Kimball, one of the Twelve Apostles in Said Church, according to the laws of the Same regulating marriage.

(Signed) Martha McBride Kimball

Subscribed and sworn to by the Said

Seal Martha McBride Kimball the day
and year first above written

Edward Partridge
Probate Judge

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 36.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Utah

Be it remembered that on this third day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Hiram Winters, a Justice of the peace in and for Said County, Mary Ann Pratt who was by me Sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath Saith that on the twenty-fourth day of July A.D. 1843, at the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois She was married or Sealed to Parley P. Pratt for time and eternity, by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Mary Ann Young and Elizabeth Brotherton.

(Signed) Mary Ann Pratt

Seal Subscribed and sworn to by the
Said Mary Ann Pratt the day
and year first above written

Hiram Winters
Justice of the

Peace

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 38.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Utah

Be it remembered that on this third day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Hiram Winters, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Mary Ann Pratt, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the twenty-fourth day of July A.D. 1843, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, She was present and witnessed the marrying or Sealing of Elizabeth Brotherton to Parley P. Pratt for time and eternity, by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the presence of Mary Ann Young.

(Signed) Mary Ann Pratt

Seal Subscribed and sworn to by the
Said Mary Ann Pratt the day
and year first above writting

Hiram Winters

Justice of the Peace

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Cache

Be it remembered that on this fifth day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me David Crockett, a Justice of the peace in and for said county Adeline Brooks Andrus Benson, who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon her oath Saith, that on the twenty-seventh day of April A.D. 1844 in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, She was married or Sealed to Ezra T. Benson, for time and all eternity (he already having one wife) by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Pamela Andrus Benson. and also that she witnessed the Sealing of her Sister Pamela, to Ezra T. Benson Nov. 19, 1843.

(Signed) Adeline B. A. Benson

Subscribed and sworn to by the

Seal Said Adeline B. A. Benson the day
and year first above written

David Crockett

Justice of the

Peace

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Cache

Be it remembered that on this Sixth day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, David Crockett, a Justice of the Peace in and for Said County, Pamela Andrus Benson who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath Saith that on the nineteenth day of November A.D. 1843 She was married or Sealed to Ezra T. Benson, for time and all eternity by Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Adeline B. Andrus, her sister, which was done in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock State of Illinois, and further, on the twenty-seventh day of April A.D. 1844 at the same place, She was present and witnessed the marrying or Sealing of her Sister Adeline to her husband E. T. Benson by President Hyrum Smith.

(Signed) Pamela A. Benson

Subscribed and Sworn to by the Said

Seal Pamela Andrus Benson the day
and year first above written

David Crockett

Justice of the Peace

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 44.]

Testimony of Orson Hyde

Springtown, Sept. 15, 1869.

I, Orson Hyde, do hereby certify and declare according to my best recollection, that on the fourth day of September, I was married to Miss Marinda N. Johnson, in Kirtland Ohio, in the year of our Lord 1834. And in the month of February or March (1843) I was married to Miss Martha R. Browitt, by Joseph Smith the Martyred Prophet and by him She was Sealed to me for all eternity, in Nauvoo Illinois; and in the month of April of the same year, 1843, I was married by the Same person to Mss. Mary Ann Price, and by him She was Sealed to me for time and for all eternity, in Nauvoo Illinois while the woman to whom I was first married was yet living and gave her cordial consent to both transactions, and was personally present to witness the ceremonies.

(Signed) Orson Hyde

Sworn to and Subscribed to before me this

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fifteenth day of September A.D. 1869 at Springtown, San Pete
County Utah Territory.

(Signed) George Brough
Justice of

Peace

I hereby certify that the above named George Brough is a Justice
of the Peace for the precinct of Springtown in the County of San
Pete Utah Territory, and that he is duly qualified in accordance
with

law; in testimony whereof I hereunto Set my hand and
Seal affix the Seal of the county Court of San Pete Co.
Utah

Territory, at my Office, Manti City, this September
16th.

A.D. 1869.

(Signed) William T. Reid
County Clerk

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, pp. 45-46.]

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Salt Lake City
Oct. 10th 1869

We hereby Jointly and Severally certify that on the twelfth day of August A.D. 1843 Hyrum Smith presented to the High Council in his brick Office at Nauvoo Assembled, the Revelation on Celestial marriage, given to Joseph Smith, and written on the twelfth day of July 1843. and that the teaching of Hyrum Smith refered to in the minutes of the Council on Said twelfth day of August 1843 was on the Subject of Said Revelation, endorsing the Same and enjoining it on the Council.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our names this 10th. day of Oct. 1869.

David Fullmer
Thos Grover
Aaron Johnson
his
James X Allred
mark
Attest Jos. F.

Smith
Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake
Personally appeared before me

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Jacob G. Bigler Probate Judge for Juab County, Territory aforesaid, David Fullmer, Thomas Grover, and Aaron Johnson who were by me Sworn in due form of law, and upon their oath say that the foregoing Statement by them made and Signed, is true.

David Fullmer

Thos. Grover

Aaron Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to by the
Said David Fullmer, Thomas Grover
and Aaron Johnson this tenth day
of October A.D. eighteen hundred and
sixty nine.

Jacob G. Bigler

Probate Judge

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, pp. 47-48.]

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Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake

Personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for Said county, on this twenty-third day of April A.D. 1870, Jacob Peart Sen. who was by me duly Sworn and upon his oath Saith that on or about the 4th day of June 1841, his wife Elizabeth Holden died in Nauvoo, and that in November 1843 Phebe Thompson was Sealed to him for time, and Elizabeth Holden, deceased, was Sealed to him for time and all eternity, Phebe Thompson acting for the deceased, by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of his wife Mary Smith.

Jacob Peart Snr.

Subscribed and Sworn to by
[seal] the Said Jacob Peart Sen. this
23rd day of April A.D. 1870.

James Jack
Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 50.]

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State of Utah

SS

County of Salt Lake

Bathsheba W. Smith, being first duly sworn on oath,
deposes and says:

I was a resident of Nauvoo, State of Illinois from 1840 to 1846. I was married to George A. Smith, July 25, 1841, Elder Don Carlos Smith performing the ceremony. Near the close of the year 1843, or in the beginning of the year 1844, I received the ordinance of Anointing in a room in Sister Emma Smith's house, in Nauvoo, and the same day, in company with my husband, I received my endowments in the lodge room over the Prophet Joseph Smith's store. The endowments were given under the direction of the Prophet Joseph Smith, who afterwards gave us lectures, or instructions, in regard to the endowment ceremonies.

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There has been no change to my certain knowledge in those ceremonies. They are the same today as they were then. A short time after I received my Anointing I was sealed to my husband, George A. Smith, for time and for eternity, by President Brigham Young, in the latter's house, according to the plan taught, to my Knowledge, by the Prophet Joseph Smith. When I was married in 1841, I was married for time, and not for eternity. At the time I was anointed in Sister Emma Smith's house, she (Emma Smith) said in my presence, to me and to others who were also present upon that occasion: "Your husbands are going to take more wives, and if you don't consent to it, you must put your foot down and Keep it there." Much more was said in regard to plural marriage

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at that time by Sister Emma Smith, who seemed opposed to the principle. In the year 1840, at a meeting held in Nauvoo, at which I was present, I heard the Prophet Joseph Smith say that the ancient order would be restored as it was in the days of Abraham. In the year 1844, a short time before the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, it was my privilege to attend a regular prayer circle meeting in the lodge room over the Prophet's store. There were present at this meeting most of the Twelve Apostles, their wives and a number of other prominent brethren and their wives. On that occasion the Prophet arose and spoke at great length, and during his remarks I heard him say that he had conferred on the heads of the Twelve Apostles all the Keys and powers pertaining to

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the Priesthood, and that upon the heads of the Twelve Apostles the burden of the Kingdom rested and they would have to carry it.

It has been, and is, necessary for me to make this statement, as contrary reports have been circulated as coming from me. Any statements purporting to come from me, that have been made by any party or parties, in opposition, or conflicting with this, my sworn statement, are false, as I have never to my knowledge deviated one iota from this statement.

Bathsheba W. Smith

Signed in the presence of

Jos. F. Smith Jr.

[seal]

B. Morris Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 19th day of November A.D. 1903.

Martin S. Lindsay Notary Public

My commission expires June 5th 1902

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