

SEALINGS AND ADOPTIONS, 1846-1857

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Description of the Record:

This book is a copy made about 1870 from the original manuscript records kept by the recorders at the Nauvoo Temple, as well as at Winter Quarters and Salt Lake City prior to the opening of the Endowment House in 1855. The bulk of the book is in the same handwriting. Some notes of cancellations of sealings were made in the 1890's by George Reynolds. Some marks were made by indexers, probably at a later time. An index to adoptions, arranged both by fathers and by persons adopted precedes the book on film. An index to sealings of couples appear on GS serial no. 25163, pt 3.

In making the copy of the record the scribe placed all names beginning with the letter "A" together, etc., leaving many blank pages between those actually written upon. Sealing pages are headed "sealings in the Temple at Nauvoo Illinois, Hancock county, Illinois," for the living couples or "Proxy Sealings" where one member of the couple was dead. Generally the wife was the one who had died, but there are some cases where wives were sealed to dead husbands.

Adoptions pages are entitled "Adoptions and Sealings in the Temple at Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois." Adoptions pages

following the sealing of couples pages assigned to the same letter of the alphabet.

The Adoption Records

Page	Name	Age	Relationship	Date
145-46	Bernhisel, John	47		030246

Comment: "This day came to the sacred Altar, in the upper room of the "House of the Lord," founded by Prest. Joseph Smith (martyred) the Prophet, Seer and Revelator of the Church, and thereupon gave himself to President Joseph Smith (martyred) to become his son by the Law of Adoption, and to become a legal heir to all the blessings bestowed upon Joseph Smith pertaining to exaltations, even to the eternal Godhead, with a solemn covenant to observe all the rights and ordinances pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant, as far as now is or shall hereafter be made know unto him. Done in the presence of Patriarch John Smith, President Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Amasa Lyman, Orson Hyde, and George A. Smith, Franklin D. Richards, Clerk." Entered in this book by order of Prest. George A. Smith, August 8, 1870. Joseph F. Smith. See "A Book of Proxy," page 65, no. 153.

189-90	Bent, Samuel	68	parent	280146
	Mary Bent	61	parent	
	Lethis Palmer Bent		proxy for Mary Bent	
	Anson Mathews	59	adopted son	

Comment: "Anson Mathews was adopted and sealed to Samuel and Mary Bent in the usual manner, &c."

227-28	Coray, Howard (S)	29	parent	280146
	Martha Jane Coray	24	parent	
	Howard Coray	4	son	
	Martha Jane Coray	2	daughter	

Comments: "These children were sealed to their parents by the usual ordinances and covenant at the Altar &c."

227-28	Candland, David (K)	27	parent	280164
	Mary Ann Candland	24	parent	
	Sarah Emily Candland	10	daughter	
	days			

Comment: "by the usual ordinances &c."

227-28	Cutler, Alpheus	62	parent	310146
	Lois Cutler	58	parent	
	Thaddeus Cutler	37	son	
	William Lathrop Cutler	25	son	
	Bejamin Franklin Cutler	23	son	
	Lois Huntington Cutler	35	daughter	
	Louisa Elisabeth Cutler	30	daughter	
	Sally Maria Cutler	28	daughter	
	Clarissa Crissy Cutler	22	daughter	
	Emily Track Cutler	8	daughter	
	Almon Worthy Sherman	43	adopted son	
	Buckley Burnham Anderson	27	adopted son	
	Lenira Scott	35	adopted daughter	
	Margaret Melvina Bouck	19	adopted daughter	

Comment: "These were sealed and adopted and sealed to their Parents Alpheus and Lois Cutler with the usual rites and ceremonies at the Altar &c. F.D. Richards, clerk."

283-84	Fielding, Joseph	49	parent	260146 HCK
	Hannah Fielding	38	parent	
	Heber Fielding	3	son	
	Joseph Fielding	1	son	
	Rachel Fielding	7	daughter	
	Ellen Fielding	5	daughter	

Comment: "The birthright of the sexes being upon Heber and Rachel, they were sealed to their parents above written, in the Holy Order at the Altar &c, &c."

283-284	Farr, Winslow	52	parent	060246
	Olive Hovey Farr	47	parent	
	Aaron Freeman farr	28	son	
	Harris Farr	26	son	
	Olive Hovey Farr	20	daughter	
	Ephraim Badger	44	adopted son	
	Harriet Badger	42	adopted daughter	
	Ebenezer Marshall Kimball	35	adopted son	
	Melancy Sweet Blakey	33	adopted daughter	
	Lucius Marchants	29	adopted son	
	Hortensia Patrick	22	adopted daughter	
	Sarah Bowen	46	adopted daughter	
	Amanda Bowen Colbourn	20	adopted daughter	