

Brian C. Hales

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Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2003 2:24 PM
Subject: Re:

Hi Brian,

Thanks for the note. You have done your home work! I wish I had more details. Edgar and his sisters and his mother knew of this. Myrtle was very disgruntled and perhaps so considering the extremely cold treatment she received at the hands of his previous wives. Edgar searched and searched for written document and we have some of Joseph Mussers diaries that had been "transcribed" by another hand. Edgar was saddened to find no written history of his aunts experience there. He was also saddened to discover the harsh messages written of his father, Heber Chase Kimball, heir to HCK, friend to the prophet. Edgar knew for years how Joseph Musser and "Chase" were best of friends and often did business ventures together as well as extremely personal activities. The two were very often in each others homes on friendly terms. The two men were friends! The written history does not show this. Joseph Musser first sealed Edgars Mother Rachael Anderson to Reuel J. Alder, a close friend in the work, then for no reason other than his personal revelation, he took Rachael and broke his sealing, then turned around and "commanded" Chase to take her for his wife! Reuel was never consulted by Musser perhaps because Reuel was in hiding. The details are so unclear and I do not understand all the whys either. Chase married Rachael under Mussers direction. Later some of the "Brethren" held a trial absent of Musser and held Chase guilty of adultery. This trial took place in Farmington canyon in the middle of the night. Rachel, Chase, Edgar and his sister Reuela fled in the middle of the night fearing for Chases life. Later when Chase went to Musser over this trial, he just told Chase that the "Brethern" just did not like him. However, later, Chase, Musser, John T. Clark, Clyde (Neilsen?), Leslie Brodbent were all very fast friends.

Myrtle has passed on. I spoke with her also about a year before her passing and heard from her own lips her side of her marriage to Musser. She was young and desired children. After one personal experiece, His other wives made sure she was never around Musser again. She finally went to Colorado and Married a gentleman by the name of Foster, and I believe she had six children and remained in the church the rest of her life and outside of her conversations with her family, I know of no one else who is privi to this fact.

Thanks for your interest, I believe what I told you is the gospel truth, but I cannot prove it, and my husband too has passed on a year ago this month.

Happy new year and good blessings for you and your family for it.
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On Fri, 19 Dec 2003 16:39:05 -0700 "Brian C. Hales" <brianhales@msn.com> writes:

Hi Frances,

I am intrigued with your comment that Joseph Musser married "Edgar's Aunt Myrtle Anderson." I have spent a great deal of time studying Musser's life and reading his journals and have not learned of this. I've discovered that he married:

Rose Selms Borquist in 1892

Mary ("Mame") Hill in 1901

Ellis Shipp in 1907

Lucy Kmetzsch in 1930s

I understand he was excommunicated in 1921 for proposing to a gal named Marion Bringhurst.

If there were additional marriages, I'd be curious to know the details.

Thanks,

Brian Hales