


 * Nathaniel Baldwin's Journal

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"In afternoon attended the funeral of Israel Barlow, son of Joseph Smith's gardner who threw the champion wrestler. This was a wonderful funeral - the best I have ever attended. It was astonishing that such a funeral could be held in the most central meetinghouse at Bountiful and well attended. The principal speakers were Lorin C. Woolley, H. S. Tanner, and James Eldridge. Brother Woolley bore testimony that such men as Patriarch Barlow who had been excommunicated for performing plural marriages were all strong in the faith, humble, and could bear as strong testimony as anyone he knew. Spoke of the resurrection, he being a witness, having seen and shaken hands with John Taylor two years after his death.

"Brother Tanner bore witness of the faithfulness of brother Barlow and related a vision Brother Barlow recently had wherein he was invited by Joseph F. Smith to come where he was and be by his side.

"Brother Eldridge declared that to get the blessings of a law one must keep the law - that merely accepting it theoretically was not sufficient.

"The meeting was full of testimony and evidence that all these people such as Patriarch



Barlow who have been ostracized, because
of plural marriage affairs are in the right
before the Lord and have been dealt with unjustly
Everything went off smooth and beautiful.
I wonder what will be done about it later."