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The following letter written by Edwin Mace, born in Fillmore 1858 at the age of 70.

Dear Prest Ivens

According to request will say that my parents told me when rather a small boy that Josephine Henry as she was called, or Will King's mother was a daughter of Joseph Smith the prophet. That her mother Margrett (Creighton) had been married to The prophet and later married Andrew Henry who at that time was keeping the Postoffice in Fillmore and with whom I was well acquainted-both he and his wife. He also sold liquor or kept a kind of a saloon. I would think him to be partly Irish or a farmer. He was a large heavy set man, with deep red hair, a sandy rough beard, freckle face, and a coarse harsh voice; uncouth in his manners, and talk and ungentlemanly. His wife rather refined and lady like who looked more like an American. Her daughter Josephine was rather delicate in looks very refined and polite;-as is Will King and his sister Lilly; who married I. N. Hinckley who now lives on 1st. West and near 2nd North. There was a sister Josie who all like Will King resembled their mother Josephine also Sam King a brother to Will.

Josephine in the yr 1844 the yr of the martyrdom. I also get this information from Wily Hinckley. Josephine's birth may have been near enough a birth of a child of Andrew Henry's, (had he of had one) that he could partly lay claim to Josephine. You Prest Ivens can figure. Josephine grew up a playmate to one Arthur John Gab and adopted son to Andrew Henry. Now then is Andrew childless or not. I well remember one Brother William Felshaw a close neighbor to my father in Fillmore. They were so intimate that what one knew the other seemed to know also. I was also intimately acquainted with his daughter Julia all my life. When a widow she married Clarence Merrill. After having been married to Truscett and a man Rudd by name Wuly made her home in Fillmore and later moved to Sugar house ward in S. L. C. I had lately moved to S. L. C. while she was living in Sugar house Ward. By this time I was getting to be near the age of 60 was married in S. L. C. to a Miss Clark who had lived here, and we used to visit Wuly in Sugar hs Ward so I did not hesitate telling telling her privately what I had learned about Josephine Henry (as she was called). Julia ridiculed the thot of Josephine being a daughter of Andrew and so did I (as well as our parents) This being the first time I had ever told any body.

I think she was surprised at me knowing what she had also learned; but talked to me freely; but was very careful not to be overheard; also made me a confident while talking about other things which I had not heard of. I talked with Julia several times and the last time not long before her death; not long before the death of Seymour B. Young I related to him what had been told me. I had been very intimate with Seymour and told him there was a person who would perhaps almost give her little finger (if such was the custom) to learn what I had told him; but she would not hear it from me; but sorry she did. I later or near that time heard a middle aged man telling a croud of about a half dozen persons while grouped in the tabernacle yard and while Sam King was approaching, do you know who that man is; he is a grandson of Jos. Smith the prophet, but said he, I don't suppose there is a half dozen persons who knows it. My father worked on the Nauvoo temple until finished. He and mother saw the Prophet and hid his bro Hyrum in their blood stained clothes after they had been fetched home and later heard Prest Young's sermon at which time the mantle of Jos. came upon him. He was sent to Fillmore by Brigham Young after reaching S. L. C. where he worked on the Statehouse until finished. I again repeat that I knew as well as Julia seemed to know that Josephine was not a daughter of Andrew Henry; and by all appearance

and inquiry not even a relative.