

**Brian Hales**

**From:** Don Bradley [onandagus1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 07, 2008 3:45 PM  
**To:** BRIAN C HALES  
**Subject:** Re: Some Docs

OK, I just spent some time with Randy. He told me the Eliza R. Snow letter to John Taylor would have been relocated from the "Eliza R. Snow letter file" to the First Presidency's incoming correspondence files. The letter has some sensitive content--Eliza is recommending Hannah Ells for her second anointings! But, having alerted him to this, I emphasize the importance of the letter. He's looking for it and will probably have it for me early next week. 8-)

And in other news...the Salt Lake Temple sealing record book covering 1899 just arrived from the Granite Mountain Vault. Randy took me back to his office to view it. And...it says **Bapson!** We both looked at the form of the letter, and it is simply a cursive "B". I suggested also comparing with how this same clerk wrote his other uppercase "B"s and "R"s, and this comparison raises to the level of certainty that the clerk wrote "B." He may have done so in error, intending to write an "R"; or, more likely, he misread someone else's capital "R." But in either case, *he* wrote "Bapson."

The entry, by the way, is dated April 4, 1899, and numbered 4265. It is found on page 243 of the sealing record book.

8-)

Don

MISS B\*\*\*\*\*  
 MRS SARAH RAPSON POOLTERER  
 SARAH BAPSON

On Fri, Nov 7, 2008 at 2:48 PM, Don Bradley <onandagus1@gmail.com> wrote:  
 Hey Brian,

Got it! I haven't encountered this other researcher again yet, but may yet today. We'll see...

BTW, I just got off the phone with Jill. The December 12, 1886 letter from Eliza to John Taylor is proving elusive, since the CHD catalog shows no collection of her materials covering this time period. She's going to check for it in her papers when she's in the office next week. If we can obtain that letter, it will also be the closest known example of Eliza's handwriting to the February 1887 list of wives she provides Jenson, making it the best document for comparison!!

Jill's also going to be checking the DUP for new Eliza materials, and says she'll keep a special eye out for anything on Joseph Smith and plural marriage. The way she said this it seemed she was saying she would share such things with us--and certainly hope that!

I should be meeting with her next week; so I'll let you know the results.

Don

On Fri, Nov 7, 2008 at 2:39 PM, BRIAN C HALES <brianhales@msn.com> wrote:

Great job Don!  
 did you get the Zina doc I sent?

--- Original Message ---

From: Don Bradley <onandagus1@gmail.com>

11/15/2008

Hebrew 29 floury wives of Jos. Smith are listed in the Historical Record, Vol. 6 p. 233, 234

(2:1:3)  
5

29 - Mary Houghton Bow in Jackson, N.Y. Sept 11, 1817. In the collection kept by H.C. Kimball, she is listed as one of the ~~wives~~ <sup>widows</sup> of Jos. Smith, taken by Kimball on Feb 3, 1846, she was sealed to Smith for eternity and to Kimball for time.

30 - Martha McBride Knight, wife of Bp. Yrison Knight. Born in Chester, N.Y., Feb. 17, 1805. She married Jos. Smith in the summer of 1842 (See Blood Atonement and the Rite of Plural Marriage, p. 72) It is not clear whether this was before or after the death of Knight, which occurred on Jul. 30, 1842. (Hist. of Ch., Vol. 5 p. 84) On Jan. 26, 1846, she was sealed to Smith for eternity and to H.C.K. for time. She died at Hooper, Utah, Nov. 20, 1901 (S. H. Hunt, Nov. 21, 1901)

31 - Sarah Scott. She is listed by Whitney as one of the widows of Jos. Smith taken by H.C. Kimball. Early in 1846 "Sarah Scott Smith born in Belfast, Ireland, Oct. 25, 1817, was sealed to Kimball for time, along with 6 ~~others~~ <sup>widows</sup> of Jos. Smith, Feb. 3, 1846. Some say sealed to Jos. Kimball, head of S. K. Party "Sarah Scott"

32 - Sarah Shuler. She is listed by Whitney as a wife of H.C. Kimball. Early in 1846, "Sarah S. Smith", born in Oxford N.Y., May 13, 1826, was sealed to Kimball for time, along with Sarah Scott and other widows of Jos. Smith.

33 - Sarah Benson - Born in England, Feb. 27, 1793. On Apr. 4, 1849, she was sealed, by proxy, to Joseph Smith. A note accompanying the sealing record said that she was sealed to Smith during his life, "but there is no record thereof", as the sealing was being done again.

34 - Patty Bucklett Sessions, wife of David Sessions. Born at Bethel, Me., Feb. 17, 1795. Married David Sessions, June 28, 1812. Married Jos. Smith, Feb. 9, 1842. Her husband died about 1850 and she married John Parry, March 27, 1852. (Biog. p. 445) She was sealed to Jos. Smith on Jul. 9, 1867 (Atonement & Plural Marriage Sealing Record) She died Dec. 14, 1893. It. by 13 (P. 246) to Mrs. S. XXXXX