APPENDIX H

AFFIDAVITS AND CERTIFICATES RELATING TO MORMON PLURAL MARRIAGE BEFORE THE DEATH OF JOSEPH SMITH

Affiant	Date of Deposition	Subject of Deposition	Source
1. Thomas B. Marsh*	Feb. 15, 1838	Oliver Cowdery admitted he never said Joseph Smith was an adulterer.	*EJ*, July, 1838
2. George W. Harris*	Feb. 15, 1838	Oliver Cowdery admitted he never said Joseph Smith was an adulterer.	*EJ*, July, 1838
3. George M. Hinckle*	Feb. 15, 1838	Oliver Cowdery admitted he never said Joseph Smith was an adulterer.	*EJ*, July, 1838
4. J. C. Bennett	May 17, 1842	Joseph Smith never taught him immorality.	*TW*, July, 1842; *HC* 5:11
5. C. L. Higbee	May 17, 1842	Joseph Smith never taught him immorality.	LDSCA
6. Margaret J. Nyman	May 24, 1842	She was seduced by Cauncy Higbee under pretext of church doctrine.	*NN*, May 29, 1844; *MS* 23:657
7. Matilda J. Nyman	May 24, 1842	She was seduced by Chauncy Higbee under pretext of church doctrine.	*NN*, May 29, 1844; *MS* 23:657
8. Sarah Miller	May 24, 1842	She was seduced by Chauncy Higbee under pretext of church doctrine. Abortion.	*NN*, May 29, 1844 *MS* 23:657
9. F. M. Higbee	June 30, 1842	Joseph Smith wants J. C. Bennett out of the Church.	*SJ*, July 15, 1842; *HofS*, 288-289
10. J. C. Bennett	July 2, 1842	Claims his testimony before the High Council was given under duress.	*SJ*, July 15, 1842
11. Melissa Schindle	July 2, 1842	Joseph Smith sleeps with widow Fuller.	*QW*, July 16, 1842; *HofS*, 253-254
12. William Clayton	July 12, 1842	Bennett not under duress.	*A&C*
13. Martha Brotherton	July 13, 1842	Attempts by church leaders to secure her for a plural wife.	*HofS*, 236-240
14. Nauvoo City Council	July 20, 1842	Bennett testimony not taken under duress.	*TW*, July 27, 1842; *HC* 5:67-68
15. William Law	July 20, 1842	Date of Bennett's excommunication.	*TW*, July 27, 1842; *HC* 5:75-76
16. Daniel H. Wells	July 22, 1842	Bennett's conduct toward Smith after his trial.	*TW*, July 27, 1842; *HC* 5:80-82
17. Elias Higbee*	July 22, 1842	Bennett's letters to the *Sangamo Journal*.	*TW*, July 27, 1842; *HC* 5:77-78

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18. F. M. Higbee*	July 22, 1842	Bennett's letters to the *Sangamo Journal*.	*TW*, July 27, 1842; *HC* 5:77-78
19. Sidney Rigdon*	July 22, 1842	Denies association with Bennett.	*TW*, July 27, 1842
20. Hyrum Smith	July 23, 1842	Bennett's trial and conduct.	*TW*, July 27, 1842 *HC* 5:71-75; *A&C*
21. Pamela Michel*	July 25, 1842	Denies association with Bennett.	*TW*, July 27, 1842
22. William Marks	July 26, 1842	Denies Bennett's charges. Bennett immoral.	*TW*, July 27, 1842
23. Brigham Young	Aug. 27, 1842	Brotherton affidavit false.	*A&C*
24. Heber C. Kimball	Aug. 27, 1842	Brotherton affidavit false.	*A&C*
25. John McIlwrick Elizabeth Brotherton Mary McIlwrick	Aug. 27, 1842	Character and conduct of Martha Brotherton.	*A&C*
26. Zeruiah Goddard	Aug. 28, 1842	Conduct of Bennett and Sarah Pratt.	*A&C*
27. J. B. Backenstos	Aug. 28, 1842	Conduct of Bennett and Sarah Pratt.	LDSCA, *A&C*
28. Stephen Markham	Aug. 29, 1842	Bennett and Nancy Rigdon.	*A&C*
29. Mary Clift	Aug. 29, 1842	Gustavus Hills seduced her under pretext of church doctrine.	LDSCA, *JH*, Aug. 29, 1842
30. Vilate Kimball	Aug. 30, 1842	Denies Brotherton affidavit.	*A&C*
31. Robert Allison John Carter	Sept. 1, 1842	Character of J. C. Bennett before coming to Nauvoo.	*TW*, Oct. 1, 1842
32. Carlos Grove*	Sept. 3, 1842	Nancy Rigdon character.	*SJ*, Sept. 23, 1842; *HofS*, 251
33. Sidney Rigdon	Sept. 3, 1842	Markham affidavit denied.	*SJ*, Sept. 23, 1842; *HofS*, 251-252
34. George W. Robinson	Sept. 3, 1842	Markham affidavit denied.	*SJ*, Sept. 23, 1842; *HofS*, 252
35. Mary Clift	Sept. 4, 1842	Seduced by Gustavus Hills under pretext of church doctrine.	LDSCA
36. Mary Clift	Sept. 4, 1842	Answers to questions by Gustavus Hills.	LDSCA
37. Henry Marks*	Sept. 10, 1842	Markham affidavit denied.	*SJ*, Sept. 23, 1842; *HofS*, 252
38. J. W. Hallenback	Sept. 12, 1842	R. D. Foster in New York following Bennett. Has a spiritual wife with him.	*HofS*, 291-292

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39. J. C. Bennett	Sept. 13, 1842	F. M. Higbee affidavit of June 30 is true. He was under duress.	*HofS*, 289
40. Robert Carter William Whitney Emerson Leland	Sept. 17, 1842	J. C. Bennett's veracity concerning Pratt and Rigdon.	*SJ*, Sept. 23, 1842; *HofS*, 233
41. M. G. Eaton	March 27, 1844	Conspiracy. Higbee on the spiritual wife system.	*T&S* 5:541-542 *MS* 23:182-183; *HC* 6:279
42. William Law	May 4, 1844	Read the revelation on plural marriage.	*NE*, June 7, 1844
43. Jane Law	May 4, 1844	Read the revelation on plural marriage.	*NE*, June 7, 1844
44. Austin Cowles	May 4, 1844	Hyrum Smith read the revelation to the High Council.	*NE*, June 7, 1844
45. Emily D. P. Young	May 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by H. C. Kimball on March 4, 1843.	SAB 1:22, 4:11
46. Emily D. Young	May 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by James Adams on May 11, 1843.	SAB 1:13; 4:13; *DEN*, Oct. 18, 1879; *HR* 6:233
47. Ruth V. Sayers	May 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Hyrum Smith in February of 1843	SAB 1:9; 4:9
48. Zina D. H. Young	May 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by her brother on October 27, 1841.	SAB 1:5; 4:5
49. Rhoda R. Smith	May 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Willard Richards on June 12, 1843.	SAB 1:17; 4:17; *BA*, 75
50. Prescindia L. H. Kimball	May 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by her brother on December 11, 1841.	SAB 1:7; 4:7
51. D. B. Huntington	May 1, 1869	Sealed Zina Huntington to Joseph Smith on December 11, 1841.	SAB 1:19; 4:19
52. Fanny M. Huntington	May 1, 1869	Witnessed the marriage of Zina and Prescindia Huntington to Joseph Smith.	SAB 1:21; 4:21
53. Marinda N. J. Hyde	May 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Brigham Young in May of 1843.	SAB 1:15; 4:15
54. Melissa L. Wells	May 20, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Hyrum Smith on September 20, 1843. Parents witnesses.	SAB 1:23; 4:23; *BA*,72

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55. Eliza R. Snow	June 7, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Brigham Young on June 39, 1842.	SAB 1:25; 4:25
56. David Fullmer	June 15, 1869	He was present when Hyrum Smith read the revelation on plural marriage to the High Council.	SAB 1:27-28; 4:27-28 *BA*, 79-80; *HR* 6:227
57. Lovina Walker*	June 16, 1869	Emma witnessed the sealing of the Partridge sisters to Joseph Smith.	SAB 1:30; 4:30 *DEN* Oct. 18, 1879; *BA*, 73: *HR* 6:223
58. Desdemona Fuller Smith	June 17, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Brigham Young in July of 1843.	SAB 1:32; 4:32
59. Sarah W. Kimball	June 19, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Newel K. Whitney on July 27, 1842.	SAB 1:36; 4:36; *BA*, 73
60. Mercy R. Thompson	June 19, 1869	Sealed to Hyrum Smith for time by Joseph Smith on August 11, 1843.	SAB 1:34; 4:34
61. Joseph B. Noble	June 26, 1869	Sealed Louisa Beaman to Joseph Smith on April 5, 1841.	SAB 1:3; 4:1; *BA*, 75; *HR* 6:221
62. Joseph B. Noble	June 26, 1869	Joseph taught him plural marriage. Related the visit of the angel to Smith.	SAB 1:38-39; 4:38-39; *DEN*, Oct. 18, 1879; *HR* 6:223
63. Eliza Partridge	July 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by James Adams on May 11, 1843.	SAB 2:33; 3:33; *DEN*, Oct. 18, 1879; *HR* 6:223; UofU
64. Eliza M. P. Lyman	July 1, 1869	Witnessed the marriage of Lucy Walker to Joseph Smity by William Clayton, in 1843.	SAB 2:30; 3:30; VF
65. Eliza M. P. Lyman	July 1, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by H. C. Kimball on March 8, 1843.	SAB 2:32; 3:32; VF
66. Eliza M. P. Lyman	July 1, 1869	Witnessed the sealing of Emily Partridge to Joseph Smith by James Adams on May 11, 1843.	SAB 2:34; 3:34; VF
67. Thomas Grover	July 6, 1869	Present when the revelation was read to the High Council by Hyrum Smith.	SAB 1:42; 4:42
68. Thomas Grover	July 6, 1869	Two wives sealed to him by Hyrum Smith in August of 1843.	SAB 1:44; 4:44
69. Martha M. Kimball	July 8, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by H. C. Kimball in the summer of 1842.	SAB 2:36; 3:36; VF; *BA*, 72

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70. Mary Ann Young	July 10, 1869	Sealed to Brigham Young by Hyrum Smith.	SAB 1:46; 4:46
71. Lucy Ann Young	July 10, 1969	Sealed to Brigham Young by Joseph Smith on June 12, 1842.	SAB 1:48; 4:48
72. Augusta A. Young	July 12, 1869	Sealed to Brigham Young by Joseph Smith on November 2, 1843.	SAB 1:50; 4:50
73. Augusta A. Young	July 12, 1869	Witnessed the marriage of Fanny Murray to Joseph Smith on November 2, 1843.	SAB 1:52; 4:52
74. Charles C. Rich	July 12, 1869	Hyrum Smith taught him about plural marriage in May of 1844.	SAB 1:54; 4:54
75. Vienna Jaques**	July 20, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith(?)	SAB 4:56
76. John Pack	July 22, 1869	Hyrum Smith taught the family eternal marriage in August of 1843.	SAB 1:56-57; 4:59-60
77. Sylvia Lyon**	? 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith on February 8, 1842.	SAB 1:60; 4:62
78. Elizabeth B. Pratt	Aug. 2, 1869	Sealed to Parley P. Pratt by Hyrum Smith on July 24, 1843.	SAB 1:62; 4:64
79. Christopher Merkley	Aug. 3, 1869	Zenos Gurley's wife admits that Joseph Smith has plural wives. Difficulty between Joseph and Emma Smith.	SAB 2:21-23; 3:21-23; VF
80. Mary Ellen Kimball	Aug. 6, 1869	Witnessed a plural marriage of Howard Egan by Hyrum Smith in 1844.	SAB 1:64; 4:66
81. Lucy W. Kimball	Aug. 9, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by William Clayton on May 1, 1843.	SAB 1:66; 4:68
82. Joseph F. Smith* John Henry Smith S. H. B. Smith John L. Smith	Aug. 9, 1869	Certified an extract from William Claytons' journal explaining that he sealed Lucy Walker to Joseph Smith on May 1, 1843.	SAB 1:67; 4:69
83. Elizabeth and Sarah Whitney	Aug. 13, 1869	The authenticity of the August 18, 1842 letter from Joseph Smith, and donate it to the Church.	SAB 2:27-28; 3:27-28
84. Joseph F. Smith John Henry Smith Robert L. Campbell	Aug. 17, 1869	Certify an extrant from William Clayton's journal about Joseph Smith's difficulties with Emma over plural marriage.	SAB 4:70
85. Amos Fielding	Aug. 24, 1869	Learned of the revelation in December of 1843. On March 9, 1844 Joseph Smith pointed out one of his plural wives to Fielding.	SAB 1:70; 4:72

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86. John Benbow	Aug. 28, 1969	Joseph taught him about plural marriage in the summer of 1843. Smith visited Hanna Ells, his plural wife.	SAB 1:74; 4:76; *DEN*, Oct. 18, 1879 *HR*, 6:222
87. Elvira A. C. Holmes	Aug. 28, 1869	Sealed to Joseph Smith by H. C. Kimball on June 1, 1843.	SAB 1:78; 4:80
88. Nathan Tanner	Aug. 28, 1869	Heard Joseph Smith teach plural marriage in Montrose, Iowa in the spring of 1844, and also on the stand at Nauvoo.	SAB 1:76; 4:78
89. Lorenzo Snow	Aug. 28, 1869	Joseph Smith taught him about plural marriage in April of 1843. Eliza R. Snow married to Smith. The angel.	SAB 2:19-20; 3:19-20 VF; *DEN*, Oct. 18, 1879; *HR* 6:222
90. Elizabeth A. Whitney	Aug. 30, 1969	Witnessed the sealing of her daughter to Joseph Smith by her husband on July 27, 1842.	SAB 1:72; 4:74; *BA*, 74
91. Mary Ann Pratt	Sept. 3, 1869	Sealed to Parley P. Pratt by Hyrum Smith on July 24, 1842.	SAB 2:38; 3:38; VF
92. Mary Ann Pratt	Sept. 3, 1869	Witnessed the sealing of Elizabeth Brotherton to P. P. Pratt by Hyrum Smith on July 24, 1842.	SAB 2:40; 3:40; VF
93. Adeline B. A. Benson	Sept. 5, 1869	Sealed to E. T. Benson by Hyrum Smith on April 27, 1844.	SAB 2:42; 3:42; VF
94. Pamelia A. Benson	Sept. 6, 1869	Sealed to E. T. Benson by Hyrum Smith on April 27, 1844.	SAB 2:44; 3:44; VF
95. Sarah P. Kimball	Sept. 7, 1869	Joseph Smith personally taught her about plural marriage and sealed her to H. C. Kimball in 1842.	SAB 1:80; 4:82
96. Orson Hyde*	Sept. 15, 1869	Sealed to Martha Browitt and Mary Ann Price by Joseph Smith.	SAB 2:45-46; 3:45-46 VF; *BA*, 74
97. James Allred	Oct. 2, 1869	Present when Hyrum Smith read the revelation to the High Council.	SAB 1:82; 4:84
98. Aaron Johnson	Oct. 2, 1869	Present when Hyrum Smith read the revelation to the High Council.	SAB 1:84; 4:86
99. David Fullmer Thomas Grover Aaron Johnson James Allred	Oct. 10, 1869	Present when the revelation was read by Hyrum Smith to the High Council. Certify the meaning of the High Council minutes.	SAB 2:47-48; 3:47-48
100. Roxsena R. Adams	Oct. 13, 1869	Sealed to James Adams by Joseph Smith on July 11, 1843.	SAB 1:86; 4:88

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101. Benjamin F. Johnson	March 4, 1870	Introduced to plural marriage in April of 1842. Joseph Smith married his sister Almira. His mother sealed to John Smith.	SAB 2:3-0; 3:3-9 *DEN*, Oct. 18, 1879; *HR* 6:221-222.
102. Harriet Cook Young	March 4, 1870	Sealed to Brigham Young by Joseph Smith on November 2, 1843.	SAB 2:12; 3:12
103. Harriet Cook Young	March 4, 1870	Witnessed the sealing of Fanny Murray to Joseph Smith by Brigham Young on November 2, 1843.	SAB 2:14; 2:14
104. Clara Decker Young	March 4, 1870	Sealed to Brigham Young by Willard Richards on May 8, 1844.	SAB 2:16; 3:16
105. Joseph C. Kingsbury	March 7, 1870	Wrote the revelation on or about July 15, 1843 as Newel K. Whitney read it from the original.	SAB 2:18; 3:18
106. Jacob Peart	April 23, 1870	Hyrum Smith sealed his deceased wife to him in November of 1843.	SAB 2:50; 3:50
107. Ebenezer Robinson Angeline Robinson	Dec. 29, 1873	Hyrum Smith taught them plural marriage in the fall of 1843.	*D&D*, 368-371; *TO*, 164; *FY*, 50-51
108. William Clayton	Feb. 16, 1874	Taught about plural marriage in February of 1843. Sealed to Mary Moon by Joseph Smith on April 27, 1843. Sealed Lucy Walker to Smith on May 1, 1843. Recorded the revelation.	VF; *DEN*, March 20, 1886; *HR* 6:224-225
109. Gideon Carter	Feb. 27, 1874	Joseph Smith taught Lyman Wight plural marriage, Wight practiced it.	VF; *SinP*, 122-125
110. Howard Coray	June 12, 1882	Taught plural marriage by Hyrum Smith on July 22, 1843.	VF; *HR* 6:228-229; *BA*. 78
111. Almira Johnson Smith Barton	Aug. 1, 1883	Taught about plural marriage by Joseph Smith and became his plural wife.	VF *BA*, 70-71
112. Leonard Soby	Nov. 14, 1883	Present when Hyrum Smith read the revelation to the High Council.	*D&D*, 378-379 *TO*, 98-99; *OH*, Jan. 5, 1886
113. S. F. Whitney	March 6, 1885	Martin Harris received revelation to marry an Indian Squaw.	*MLW*, 9
114. William Law	July 17, 1885	He read the revelation in 1843. Confronted Joseph Smith about the difficulties it would bring.	*TO*, 129
115. Ebenezer Robinson	Oct. 24, 1885	Hyrum Smith taught Robinson and his wife about plural marriage in the fall of 1843.	*D&D*, 368-371; *TO*, 164; *FY*, 51

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116. Leonard Soby	March 23, 1886	Present when Hyrum Smith read the revelation to High Council.	VF; *BA*, 80
117. Joseph C. Kingsbury	May 22, 1886	Copied the revelation from Clayton Ms. for Newel K. Whitney.	VF; *HR* 6:226
118. Charles S. Zane, Arthur L. Thomas, Rev. J. W. Jackson	May, 1886	Sarah Pratt honest and of good reputation.	*TO*, 129
119. Justus Morse	March 24, 1887	Taught plural marriage by Amasa Lyman. Had wives sealed to hi[illegible]ohn Smith.	*TO*, 168-171
120. Malissa Wells	Aug. 4, 1893	Sealed to Joseph Smith by Hyrum Smith on September 20, 1843. Her visit with Joseph Smith III.	"ES", 98-100
121. Joseph A. Kelting	March 1, 1894	Introduced to plural marriage in the spring of 1844. Married two women shortly thereafter.	VF; *SinP*, 119
122. B. F. Johnson	Dec. 10, 1897, Oct. 28, 1898	His sister married to Joseph Smith. Emma consented.	Letter to Frank Feeley, Dec. 10, 1897, and certified to Oct. 28, 1898, UofU
123. Mary E. R. Lightner	Feb. 8, 1902	Marriage to Joseph Smith.	*NM*, 444
124. Lucy Walker	Dec. 17, 1902	Sealed to Joseph Smith by William Clayton on May 1, 1843. Cohabited.	VF; JH, May 2, 1843; *BA*, 68-69
125. Catherine P. Smith	Jan. 28, 1903	Sealed to Hyrum Smith by Joseph Smith in August of 1843.	VF; *BA*, 69-70
126. Joseph A. Kelting	Sept. 11, 1903	He asked Joseph Smith about plural marriage and received an affirmative reply.	VF
127. Bathsheba Smith	Nov. 18, 1903	Emma Smith opposed to plural marriage.	VF
128. Bathsheba Smith	Nov. 19, 1903	Joseph Smith taught plural marriage in 1840 saying the ancient order as it was in the days of Abraham would be restored.	VF; SAB 2:51-54; *BA*, 97-88
129. John W. Rigdon	July 28, 1905	Joseph Smith proposed to Nancy Rigdon.	VF; *BA*, 81-85
130. Bathsheba Smith	June 5, 1907	She was sealed for eternity to her husband. Emma Smith's remarks.	LDSCA
131. Almira K. Hanscom*	July 24, 1908	Joseph Smith proposes to her for Hyrum Smith.	LDSCA

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132.	Josephine R. Fisher	Feb. 24, 1915	Her mother told her she was a child of Joseph Smith.	VF
133.	James A. Armstrong	Nov. 18, 1952	A 1907 interview with Smith's coachman who verified that Joseph Smith taught plural marriage.	LDSCA

KEY:

* = Certificate

** = Incomplete affidavits. See ns. 10 and 26, chapt. iv.

A&C = Affidavits and Certificates

BA = J. F. Smith, *Blood Atonement and the Origin of Plural Marriage*

DEN = *Deseret Evening News*

D&D = Bays, *Doctrines and Dogmas of Mormonism*

EJ = *Elders Journal*

"ES" = Bailey, "*Emma Smith*"

FY = Evans, *Forty Years Among the Mormons*

HC = Smith, *History of the Church*

HR = Jenson, *Historical Record*

HofS = Bennett, *History of the Saints*

JH = Journal History

LDSCA = LDS Church Archives

MLW = Tanner, *Mormonism Like Watergate?*

MS = *Millennial Star*

NE = *Nauvoo Expositor*

NM = Brodie, *No Man Knows My History*

NN = *Nauvoo Neighbor*

OH = *Ogden Herald*

QW = *Quincy Whig*

SAB = Smith, Affidavit Books (1-4)

SinP = Roberts, *Succession in the Presidency*

SJ = *Sangamo Journal*

TO = Shook, *True Origin of Mormon Polygamy*

T&S = *Times and Seasons*

TW = *The Wasp*

UofU = Marriott Library, University of Utah

VF = Vault Folder, LDS Church Archives