Rachel Ivins (RACHEL RIDGEWAY IVINS GRANT)
Born March 7, 1821 at Hornerstown, New Jersey, daughter of Caleb Ivins and Edith Ridgeway.

(sealed to Joseph posthumously) ? Yes.


"I had always understood and known that my mother was sealed to the Prophet, and that Brigham Young had told my father that he could not marry my mother to him for eternity, because he had instructions from the Prophet that if anything happened to him before he was married to Rachel Ivins she must be sealed to him for eternity, that she belonged to him."

March 7, 1821

Date of marriage to Joseph November 1855 (on the day that she married Grant, for Grant stood proxy for Joseph first for eternity, then married Rachel himself for time.
Date of Marriage to Jedediah Grant November 1855

Rachel Ridgeway Ivins was a young girl of wealth who came to Nauvoo as the only convert (at that time) of her family. The prophet asked for her in marriage. She was very upset and disappointed and felt that if the Mormons were practicing polygamy, she could not remain in Nauvoo. She went back east and later after the settlement in Utah she came to Salt Lake City and was married to Jedediah M. Grant. At this time Rachel was sealed to the prophet with Grant acting as proxy for the prophet. Her marriage to Grant was for time only. (Verbal communication from Sadie G. Pack, daughter of President Grant's half brother, Joseph Hyrum Grant. Communication May 16, 1944.)

"In after months she felt about her fingers the thrilling grasp of the Prophet's hand. Within that clasp - at last - she placed her own. But not till death had stilled that thrilling touch upon the martyr's altar; and not till life was closing all about her its life-long wall of human silence .... she was beautiful .... in her regal presence ......." Young Woman's Journal, Vol. 21, pp. 28-29 from an article by Susa Young Gates.

"Rachel Ivins Grant was the wife of Jedediah Morgan Grant, who was second counselor to President Brigham Young from April 6, 1854, to December 1, 1856, when he died suddenly from overwork and left his young wives without a protector ....... Rachel Ridgeway Ivins was born March 7, 1821 at Hornerstown, New Jersey. Her parents were Caleb
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Ivins and Edith Ridgeway. Her father died when she was six years old and her mother died when she was nine years old. She was reared in the home of her cousin, Joshua Wright, who lived at Trenton, New Jersey. The Ivins family carry back into the famous Shreve line who were descended from an English knight. Although her cousin was possessed of wealth and servants were about the place she persisted in house-wifely training. While visiting an Uncle, Richard Ridgeway in Hornerstown, New Jersey, she first heard the Gospel. She was baptized and came west with her Ivins cousins who had joined the church. They built a handsome home on the banks of the Mississippi River and became intimate with the Prophet Joseph Smith. She, like all lovers of truth, felt the reverence and affection inspired by the kingly presence and power of the Latter-day Prophet. Dr. Israel Ivins and his wife, Anna Lowry Ivins, moved to Utah in 1853 accompanied by Miss Rachel Ivins. She was sealed for time and for eternity to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and in November, 1855, to Jedediah Morgan Grant. He had baptized her cousins, Anna and Israel Ivins, and was a friend to the whole family. One year later, November 22, 1856, her son Heber Jeddy was born. Nine days after this she was left a widow with her babe, her son of promise and born under the covenant of the celestial order of marriage. Sister Grant, who was affectionately known as Aunt Rachel, died at the residence of her granddaughter, Mrs. George J. Cannon, in Salt Lake City, January 27, 1909, as a result of pneumonia.

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Article by Susa Young Gates.

"The first time I saw the Prophet Joseph Smith was in New Jersey, before I joined the church. He preached there that night, but I was prejudiced at the time. I went to hear him out of curiosity. The Baptist Minister and everyone warned me about going. I guess you have seen the picture where Brother Joseph was preaching to the Indians. I was there (in Nauvoo) at that time. The Indians were all kneeling down on the grass in front of the Mansion. It is a miserable picture of the Prophet. He was a fine, noble looking man, always so neat. The first year I was in Nauvoo was a happy year, but after that it was all confusion. I was in Nauvoo when the Prophet went to Carthage, and when his body was brought back. I had come to Nauvoo in 1842, and came home to New Jersey in the fall of 1844. I know Joseph Smith was a Prophet and I have lived to see many of his sayings fulfilled."