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President John Taylor.

Dear Brother.

Being very desirous of obtaining advise which I deem very necessary, before going to the temple, I sought Bro F. D. Richards who very kindly refered me to you.

In the days of Nauvoo when there were some things ~~that~~ transacted that I, in my uninformd condition, do not comprehend; My Mother had not had her endowments, or at least had not been sealed over the Altar. She asked my father to grant her the privilege to be sealed over the Altar in the Temple before it should be closed over

My father - Parley P. Pratt - and
my mother - Mary Ann Frost Pratt -
went to the temple. Father told
her it was her privilege to make
a choice, and that she could be
sealed to any one she chose. She
said that he would be her choice
^{but} she wanted to know the mind and will of the Lord.
President Brigham Young said
"if Joseph had lived he would
have had Mary Ann sealed to
him." then he turned to father
and said, "take sister Mary Ann
and her children, take good care
of them and take them to Joseph
and it will do more for your exalta-
tion than any thing you can do
in the matter." She was sealed
to Joseph, my father stood proxy.

I was born out of the covenant,
that is, I was born before this
was transacted, consequently can
only be an heir to the Kingdom
by adoption.