Eliza B. Manwaring was my mother's name. She was in the first
woman vessel that ever sailed across the ocean. James Allred met her after
she landed and took her to his home where she became acquainted with his son,
James T.S. and later became engaged to him. She was a trained cook from
England and after she had stayed with my grandparents for a short time the
prophet Joseph wanted her to be a cook in the Nauvoo Mansion. She cooked
there seven years but had only been there two or three years when he was
killed.

The Prophet Joseph came to her and wanted her to help introduce plural
marriages so she was sealed to Orson Spencer and Emma Billings was sealed
to Heber C. Kimball, but they never lived with them as husband and wife.
Shortly after this my mother took sick and Hyrum Smith came to administer to
her. She told him of a dream she had wherein she was given her choice of
the men she wanted to marry and the other, and she walked down three steps
and sat down by James T. S. Allred and he was her choice. She asked Hyrum
Smith the meaning of the dream and he told her that if she married James
T. S. Allred, who was only a boy of twenty, and a deacon, that she would
have to go down three steps in the priesthood from that held by Orson
Spencer, Hyrum Smith or the Prophet Joseph. So he told her that if she did
not want to live with Orson Spencer as a wife, and did not want to go down
in the Priesthood, as she would have had to do to marry James T. S. Allred,
that she could have either the Prophet Joseph or himself. He said, "It is
your choice." She said, "I am engaged to James T. S. Allred and he is the
one I want. If I break my promise with him I don't think I will be up to
much." And she said she preferred him.

My father and mother were sealed in the Nauvoo Temple. My grandmother,
Elizabeth Warren Allred, joined the church in 1833. At the time plural
marriage was first introduced, the Prophet used to have secret meetings with
some of the men at which meetings he would explain all points connected with
this celestial law. My grandmother said if the principle was right she
wanted to know it, and she and Emma Smith disguised themselves in men's
clothing and went to one of these meetings. The prophet said there were
individuals present who were not one of them.

My grandmother was the one that cut the first garments - the very
first pair, under the direction of the Prophet Joseph. They spread
unbleached muslin out on the table and he told her how to cut it out. She
cut three patterns before she cut one that was correct and the Prophet
said that the third one would be alright. She told the Prophet that
there would be sufficient cloth from the knee to the angle to make a pair
of sleeves. He told her he wanted as few seams as possible and there
would be sufficient whole cloth to cut the sleeve without pieceing. The
first garments, marks were bound with turkey red and were without collars.
Later on the Prophet decided he would rather they were bound with white.
sister Emma Smith proposed that they have a collar on and they would look more 
distinguished, but at first the Prophet did not have the collars on them. After 
Emma Smith had made the little collars then Eliza R. Snow introduced a wider 
collar of finer material to be worn outside the dress but Emma's was a small 
collar that was not visible. The length of the garment should be to the ankle 
or the sleeve to the wrist. The marks were always the same.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Allred Dalton, grand-daughter of James and Eliza 
Allred had the chance to marry many young men and she wanted to get the right 
by prayer and get it direct from her Heavenly Father and it was revealed 
that he was to go into a ravine and kneel down by a tree and ask 
the Lord whether it was right. She was told to enter into it and she was told 
that she would be the salvation of the Dalton family. She told my daughter, Eliza 
B. Hayward, in my presence, about one year before she died, to testify to the 
truth that polygamy was from God and that she had received a testimony of this 
from God. She lived to be 81 years of age. She had eight or ten children.

At the time of Johnson's army in Utah there were many women and girls 
being led off by them so an old man living in Ephraim came to my grandfather 
and wanted him to take their girls as wives. My grandfather said: "I will 
take them and do just as if they were my daughters but I will never live 
with them as wives. I am too old for family responsibility. I shall give them 
the privilege if they ever see a young man of their choice, and if they want to 
rise a family by them, but I will claim them in the hereafter and if they are 
willing to abide by this decision I will take them - your daughters." They 
agreed to this and it was grandfather's practice each Saturday morning to say: 
"Now girls hurry up and do your work and we will go for a ride." He would 
lend the wagon down with young people so they would have company. This ride 
would take them down between Ephraim and Manti. He gave them the liberty to go 
to dances. I have seen them sit on my grandmother's lap and call her mother. 
He believed in the principle and was true to it. He lived to be 94 years of age. 
The girls were all true and raised families by another husband for time. 
The first of these girls - and oldest, was Mariah Hansen who married William 
Black; the second was Kistie Olson who married Andrew Anderson and the third, 
Emma Christensen, married Brother Ellis.

The following information was given to me by John Johnson, nephew of 
Almira W. Johnson, one of the prophet's wives. The Prophet Joseph Smith was 
moved to the following:

Emma Hale, married January 18, 1827
Louisa Beeman, April 5, 1841
Martha McBride, April 18, 1842
Almira W. Johnson, April 18, 1843
Kalista Lott, Sep. 20, 1843
Eliza Partridge, no date
Marie Lawrence, no date
Prescind Huntington, no date
Sylia P. Sessions, no date
Sarah Scott, no date
Helen Mar Kimball, April 5, 1841
Sarah Ann Whitney, July 27, 1842
Rhoda Richards, June 12, 1843
Lucy Walker, May 1, 1843
Eliza R. Snow, no date
Emily Partridge, no date
Sarah Lawrence, no date
Mary Houston, no date
Nancy Marie Smith, no date