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I worked for the Propet Joseph Smith's wife Emma Hale Smith Aug. to Sept. 1845. She bore testimony to me that Mormonism was true as it came forth from the servant of the Lord Joseph Smith, but said she the Twelve have made Bogus of it. As a matter of course I told George A. what sister Emma had said. He related to me the circumstance of his calling on Joseph late one evening and he was just taking a wash and Joseph told him that one of his wives had just been confined, and Emma was the Midwife and he had been assisting her. He told me this to prove to me that the women were married for time, as Emma had told me that Joseph never taught any such thing they were only sealed for eternity they were not to live with them and have children, and now see said she I told her I did not know. You do know said she it's sticking out to plain I said no more to her but went and told brother George A. Smith how she talked to me.

Joseph Jr. [Joseph III] used to sit in the chamber where I was spinning a good share of the time. He remarked one day (as Julia was rehearsing some of her mothers sayings) there are two in this family that will be sorry for going on against the twelve as they do. He was then 13 years old he was quite feeble having chills and fever, but he seemed devoted to his religion.

Julia said her Pa was such a good man, and she hoped she would be prepared to meet him, as Papa talked to me before he went away and told me to be a good girl and never mistreat any of my playmates then he should be happy to meet me. Oh, said she how bad I should feel if I thought I wouldnt be good enough to meet my Dear Papa.

Lucy M. Smith

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I worked for the Prophet Joseph Smith's wife Emma Hale Smith in Aug. and Sept. 1845. Then David was one year old. I spun eight ten-knotted skeins forty threads to a knot two yards long, fine Marino wool warp yarn for Sister Emma, for which she ~~sp~~ paid me extra wages giving me credit of being an extra nice (spinnet?)

Sister Emma bore testimony to me that Mormonism was true as it came forth from the servant of the Lord Joseph Smith, but said ~~xxxxxxx~~ she the Twelve have made bogus of it. She said they were living with their ~~x~~ wives and raising children and Joseph never taught any such doctrine, they were only sealed to them for eternity. Said I Sister Emma I ~~ka~~ know ~~xx~~ nothing about it. Said she you do know it is sticking out to plain. I thought she was not much of a lady to dispute my word so I said no more, but informed Apostle George A. Smith what she said to me. Said he, Emma knows better. He then related to me the circumstance of calling ~~up~~ on the Prophet one evening about 11 o'clock, and he was out on the ~~porch~~ porch with a ~~basin~~ basin of water washing his hands, I said to him what is up, said Joseph one of my ~~wives~~ wives has just been confined and Emma was midwife and I have been assisting her. He said she had granied a no. of women for him. This is word for word as I had it from br. G.A. Smith. Mrs. Lucy M. Smith

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