

ORIGIN OF PLURAL MARRIAGE IN HAUVOO

Being thoroughly convinced as well as my husband, that the doctrine of plurality of wives was from God; and having a fixed determination to attain to celestial glory, I felt to embrace the whole Gospel, and that it was for my husband's exaltation that he should obey the revelation on Celestial Marriage, that he might attain to Kingdoms, thrones, Principalities and powers, firmly believing that I should participate with him in all his blessings, glories and honor.

Accordingly within the last year, like Sarah of old, I had given to my husband five wives--good virtuous, honorable young women. This gave them all homes, with us. Being proud of my husband and loving him very much, knowing him to be a man of God and believing he would not love them, less because he loved me more, I had joy in having a testimony that what I had done was acceptable to my Father in Heaven.

"Autobiography of Bathsheba W. Smith."
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My ever kind and affectionate companion, I write these few lines for you to look upon when you are far distant from me, and when you read them, remember they were penned by one whose warm affectionate heart is ever the same towards you. Yes, it is fixed, firm as a stone which is unalterable. Therefore, let your hearts be comforted, and if you never more behold my face in time, let this be my last covenant and testimony unto you, that I am yours in time and throughout all eternity. This blessing has been sealed upon us, by the Holy Spirit of Promise; and cannot be broken only through transgression or committing a greater crime than your heart or mine is capable of, that is murder. So be of cheer, dearest dear. For we shall meet again.

Letter of Vilate Kimball to her husband
Heber C. Kimball, written at Nauvoo,
June 6, 1843. Heber C. Kimball Journal,
1840-1845. Ch. Hist. Lib.