

Belinda Marden Pratt diary (UHS) 11 March 1850

"Mary Ann Frost who was sealed to Parley P. Pratt for time and all eternity at the house of Hiram Smith and by his hand in Nauvoo, June 23 1843. Afterward alienated from her husband and taught by all manner of falsehoods to destroy his influence and character. But repenting of these things and confessing them before President B. Young in the temple at Nauvoo and solemnly covenanting to take back her words of falsehood wherever they had been spoken she was frankly forgiven by her husband and was by mutual consent of parties and by the advise of President Young sealed to Joseph Smith (the Deceased president of the Church) for Eternity and to her former husband for time, as proxy. This ordinance took place about the 8th of Feb'y 1846 by the hand of B Young in the temple at Nauvoo.

After days after the foregoing ordinance she forsook her husband who had moved out from Nauvoo on his way to the mountains, choosing to return (like Lots wife) and remain in Nauvoo till spring. She accordingly returned and took two of the children with her viz: Moroni and Olivia Pratt.

In April following her husband again sent for her and the children, his Br. Wm Pratt with an empty waggon returning to Nauvoo. On purpose for them. She still refuse to come, or to answer her husbands letter or send any word. The waggon returning to him at Council Bluffs entirely empty and no explanation. Still, her husband instructed his agent in Nauvoo to supply her necessities and bring her to the mountains by means left in his hands for that purpose. But all offers of this kind made to her by the agent or friends of her husband were refused. In the mean time she represented to the Church that she was forsaken and neglected and left destitute by her husband. She also accused him and the other branches of his family without cause telling every falsehood calculated to injure and destroy them according to the testimony of John Francott and his wife who lived in the house with her and heard her and afterward testified of the same to her husband.

After this she came to the Council Bluffs where her husband had an interview with her and still kindly invited her to go with him; but she still refused and wished to return to the state of Aine. Her husband then supplied her with money and clothing for herself and children and with an order on his agent for several hundred dollars which she afterward received and which she squandered together with such of his effects as were in her possession in going to to [sic] to Bethel Oxford County, "Aine her former residence."

(written by the hand of Parley P. Pratt at his residence in the city of Great Salt Lake. Date as above.)

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