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Nauvoo May 1, 1844 B.Y. letter to Elder Reuben Hedlock in England.

"Let no body know your business but the under writers,--our wives know not all our business, neither does any wise man's wife know all things, for the secret of the Lord is with those that fear Him. and do his business."

B.Y. letter 10 Aug 1845 to Wm. Smith

"To your question, 'when the Bræthren call ~~me~~ in me to be sealed to their wives,--their dead friends & also to get patriarchal blessings for their dead--what shall I say to them?' Of what use for sealing when everything of the kind must be done over again in the Temple to make it valid? And it is not according to the order of the church to confer Patriarchal Blessings on the dead by proxy until baptism i.e. has been attended to for them by proxy which must be done in the Lord's House. therefore, any thing of the kind done at this time would be of no effect.

You refer to "Joseph's teachings up stairs in the brick store that the Twelve have power to build up the kingdom of God, i.e.' which the Twelve well recollect and they also recollect that Joseph said that the sealing power is always vested in one man, and that there never was nor never would be ~~but~~ one man on the earth at a time to hold the keys of the sealing power in the church that all sealings must be performed by the man holding the keys or by his dictation and that man is the president of the church.

Hyrum held the patriarchal office legitimately as do you. Hyrum was counsellor (sic) as are you, but the sealing power was not in Hyrum legitimately neither did he act on the sealing principle only as he was dictated by Joseph ~~in every case~~. This was proven for Hyrum did ~~in one case~~ undertake to seal without counsel & Joseph told him if he did not stop it he would go to hell and all that he sealed with him."