

Salt Lake City, Utah
August 4th. 1893

Mrs. Melissa Willes, of Lehi City, Utah County, Utah Territory,
being duly sworn, deposes and says she is a citizen of the United
States and over the age of twenty-one years. That Mr. Joseph Smith, Jr.
of Lamoni, Iowa, called upon me at my home at Lehi, Utah County, Utah
Territory, and we conversed upon the subject of his late father, the
Prophet Joseph Smith, having had more wives than his mother in his life-
time. I told him that I was married to his father the Prophet, on
September 20th, 1843, by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, in the presence of my
Parents and Joseph and Hyrum Smith. My age at that time was 19 years
and nine months, and I lived with him as his wife until his death.
Mr. Joseph Smith, Jr., asked if I would answer him a few very plain
questions for his own special benefit. I told him I would do so with
pleasure.

Question 1. Were you married to my father?

Answer. Yes

Ques. When?

Answer. I handed him the family Bible, in which was recorded by my father,
at the time, the record of my said marriage, and told him he would
find it there.

Ques. Was you a wife in very deed?

Answer. Yes

Ques. Why was there no increase, say in your case?

Ans. Through no fault of either of us, lack of proper conditions on my
part probable, or it might be in the wisdom of the Almighty that we
should have none. The Prophet was martyred nine months after our
marriage.

Ques. Did you know of any Brother ^{or} Sister of mine by my father's
plural wives?

Ans. no I know of no other children