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Miss Mary Bond

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I will here say that I left Kirtland in Aug. 1837.

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The sealing ordiance began like this, Joseph Smith too Louisa Beaman, and Bates Nobles took Sarah Alley one night about twelve o'clock and went down to the bank of the mississippi and Joseph performed the ceremony for Bates and his girl, and then Bates sealed Joseph and Louisa. I have been told this by different parties, even Bates himself told me. Yet Fanny Alger's mother says Fanny was sealed to Joseph by Oliver Cowdery in Kirtland in 1835 or 6, and Brigham says Oliver had a girl sealed to him at the same time.

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I only know that Emma Smith turned Fanny out of her house because of Joseph's intimacy with her. Joseph never had any living children by his polygamous women, although It is always supposed that Eliza R Snow had a child, as she went into retirement for a year before Joseph's death.

There are women living in Utah now who were sealed to Joseph while living with their husbands and they say it was the greatest trial of their lives to live with two men at the same time.

Fanny Algers had lived in Joseph's family several years and when she left there she came and lived with me a few weeks, I suppose your mother will remember what a talk the whole affair made which must lead her to suspect

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that Joseph the prophet was not infallible.

Eliza J Webb