Territory of Utah    S.S.
County of Salt Lake

Be it remembered that on this Seventeenth day of June A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County Desdemon Fullmer Smith who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath Saith, that on the [blank space] day of July A. D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, She was married or Sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Brigham Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of said Church according to the laws of the Same, regulating marriage, in the presence of Heber C. Kimball.

Subscribed and sworn to by the
Said Desdemon Fullmer Smith the
day and year first above written

Desdemon Fullmer Smith  
James Jack
Notary Public

(Joseph F. Smith Collection, Affidavit Book 1:32, LDS archives; typed copy)

Note: Heber C. Kimball was on a mission in July 1843 - check ✓
Arthur visited that place and preached the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints, in such plainness that her willing mind, already prepared by earnest prayer, soon comprehended its vast importance, and she received it joyfully. She was baptized by Elder McArthur, and she always looked upon him with reverence as her "father in the Gospel." She endured much opposition on account of the new religion she had embraced, but she never faltered, and upon her return home, she and Sister Lucy Smith, who had also joined the Church, found great strength and consolation in retiring to the grove to pray, even when the weather was so severe that they had to take a quilt or blanket to protect them from the cold. Unity of faith was now added to the direct friendship. Their prayers took new form, for they now had something more tangible to ask for and a more perfect being to address (God) and to prepare to defend the integrity of the members of the Church. Two of these members were the first missionaries of this dispensation to cross the sea in the interest of the Church. They were five weeks on the sea going and coming. Sister Olfenot was not afflicted with seasickness, and was therefore enabled to devote herself to her sick sister, and to care for the family. Her health, however, was marred by the wet, and often while in England, it took time to recover. They would sit out meeting, and she would make a warm fire in the room. She had a brother, David, near Harms's Mill, Mo., at the time when the war was going on, and he was a part of the family. She was among the first to enter into the order of celestial marriage, being married to the Prophet Joseph Smith in Nauvoo in 1842. She remained at Nauvoo until the final expulsion of the Saints. In 1848 she came to Utah and located in Salt Lake City. For many years she resided in the Sixth Ward, where she died Feb. 9, 1898, on the 75th year of her life. She was a quiet, unassuming, faithful woman, and was greatly respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

JOHNSTON, (MARRIED WOODWARD) daughter of Ezekiel Johnson and Julia Hills, was born at Westbrook, Burlington Co., Ver-
Desdemona Fullmer (Wilson) Nauvoo

Kept at Clayton home
May 13, 1843 - ca. Jan. 29, 1844

(Will Clayton Journal)

Feb. 1842 Census, Nauvoo
living in Joseph Smith household

Sealed to 35 July 1843
by B. Young
1852 About the 1st of September I commenced taking out my first leather and currying it. And bout the same time commenced laying the foundation of an Adobe House. And got up the Walls, but owing to the winter setting in so early did not get it enclosed and had to hire a house of Ezra Thompson and put my family into it. In October I paid B". Tolman for the lot I bought of him.

1853 In the first days of April I moved all my family into my house, it being completed, having 4 rooms. The same day Sister Destanona Fulmer, wife of Joseph Smith, came to live with my family and remained with us about 6 months and then married. This summer I built an addition of two shed rooms on the west side of my house. My time was fully occupied with tanning. And the Lord prospered me more than at any other period of my life.

1854 In the fall of 1854 I built a tan house 25 feet by 30. I will here state that in 1852 when I first started the tanning business, I expended everything I had almost to get started. I parted with 4 yoke of Oxen, 2 Cows, 2 Wagons, 2 Cooking Stoves, groceries, etc etc. Everything in the tanning process worked awkward. I had to experiment in many way, in fact I met so many obstacles that it was like learning the trade over again. I had to pay $20 p cord for pine bark. Tallow from 30 to 40 cents p pound. Oil could not be had but I sent to the states this year, by Livingston & Kinkhead and obtained about 40 gallons of fish oil at a cost of six dollars per Gallon. Frequently I was obliged to use butter, lard, wolf oil tar etc, (the white pine tar). The dryness of the climate also affected the hides made it more difficult to break them.

In the summer of 1855 I built a room adjoining my house of the south for a store 18 feet by 24 feet. And finished it complete with shelving etc. This spring I was fortunate in purchasing a good sized Cast Iron bark mill of one Fields for which I paid $100, and continued prospering in my business. This fall I counselled with President Heber C. Kimball in relation to using the waste water from the warm spring for water power. My first idea was to put up a water power to grind bark, roll the leather, and a pulling machine to break the hides to soften them. There were several springs a short distance east of my house that I spoke with Brother Kimball about. All was agreeable to him. B". Kimball told me, "B". Ames, go ahead here, use the water, put up your machinery; spread yourself, and do all you can. Put up what machinery you please." I commenced digging the race this fall. The whole race is about one hundred rods long.