

[Smith], Heber [C. Kimball], Willard [Richards], Bishop [Newel K.] Whitney and Judge [James] Adams when we administered to brother Joseph the same ordinances of Endowment, and of the holy priesthood which he administered unto us.

--Manuscript History of Brigham Young, under date.

Monday, May 29, 1843  
(Location: Joseph Smith's Homestead)

9 A.M. Met pursuant to adjournment. Joseph Hyrum [Smith], Brigham [Young], Willard [Richards], and Sis[ter] [Mercy Rachel Fielding] Thompson <were married> and Heber and Newel K. [Whitney] present. Also Joseph [Smith] and James Adams.<sup>8</sup> Singing and prayer by Elder Brigham Young. Conversation and instruction &c. teaching concerning the things of God. Had a pleasant interview.

--Joseph Smith, Diary, under date.

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<sup>8</sup>This marks the eternal sealings of the following couples: Hyrum and Mary Smith, Brigham and Mary Ann Young, and Willard and Jennetta Richards. In addition, the following proxy sealings were also performed: Hyrum and Jerusha (deceased) Smith, with Mary Smith acting as proxy for Jerusha; Brigham and Miriam (deceased) Young, with Mary Ann Young acting as proxy for Miriam; and Mercy Rachel Fielding and Robert Thompson (deceased), with Hyrum Smith acting as proxy for Robert. "Such a wedding I am quite sure [was] never witnessed before in this generation," remembered Mercy Rachel. "... perhaps some may think I could envy Queen Victoria in some of her glory. Not while my name stands first on the list in this Dispensation of women seal[e]d to a Dead Husband through devine Revelation" ("Reminiscence of Mercy Rachel Fielding Thompson," in Carol Cornwall Madsen, ed., In Their Own Words: Women and the Story of Nauvoo [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1994], p. 195).

Hyrum would marry his sister-in-law Mercy Rachel Fielding Thompson as a plural wife the following month. "On the 11 of August 1843," Mercy recalled in an untitled autobiographical sketch, dated December 20, 1880, located in LDS Church Archives, "I was called by direct revelation from Heaven through Brother Joseph the Prophet to enter into a state of Plural Marriage with Hyrum Smith the Patriarch. This subject when first communicated to me tried me to the very core of my former traditions and every natural feeling of my Heart rose in opposition to this Principle but I was convinced that it was appointed by him who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind. Soon after Marriage I became an inmate with my sister [Mary Fielding Smith] in the House of Hyrum Smith where I remained until his Death sharing with my sister the care of his numerous family I had from the time I moved to his House acted as scribe Recording Patriarchal Blessings."

the quorum.<sup>58</sup>

Table 2. Plural Marriage among Quorum Members  
During Joseph Smith's Lifetime

I. Plural Husbands and Wives Initiated During Joseph Smith's  
Lifetime

<u>Husbands</u>	<u>Wives</u>
James Adams	Harriet Denton Adams Roxena Repshire*
Reynolds Cahoon	Thirza Stiles Cahoon Lucina Roberts*
William Clayton	Ruth Moon Clayton Margaret Moon
Orson Hyde	Marinda Nancy Johnson Hyde Martha Rebecca Browett* Mary Ann Price*
Heber C. Kimball	Vilate Murray Kimball Sarah Peak Noon*
Vinson Knight	Martha McBride Knight* Philinda Clark Eldredge Myrick*
Isaac Morley	Lucy Gunn Morley Hannah Blakeslee Finch Merriam*
Parley P. Pratt	Mary Ann Frost Pratt Elizabeth Brotherton*
Willard Richards	Jennetta Richards Richards Sarah Longstroth*
Hyrum Smith	Mary Fielding Smith Mercy R. Fielding Thompson Catherine Phillips*
John Smith	Clarissa Lyman Smith Mary Aikens* Julia Ellis Hills*
Joseph Smith	Emma Hale Smith Agnes M. Coolbrith Elizabeth Davis Durfee Marinda Nancy Johnson Hyde Fanny Young Murray Louisa Be[a]man* Prescindia L. H. Buell* Sarah Kinsley Cleveland* Hannah Ells* Olive Grey Frost* Desdemona Fullmer* Elvira Annie Cowles Holmes* Zina D. H. Jacobs* Almera Woodward Johnson* Helen Mar Kimball* Martha McBride Knight* Maria Lawrence*

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<sup>58</sup>See the list of Nauvoo polygamists in Smith, "Nauvoo  
Roots," pp. 37-69.

	Sarah Lawrence*
	Mary E. Rollins Lightner*
	Melissa Lott*
	Sarah Scott Mulholland*
	Emily Dow Partridge*
	Eliza Maria Partridge*
	Rhoda Richards*
	Ruth Vose Sayers*
	Patty Bartlett Sessions*
	Sylvia Porter Sessions*
	Delcena Johnson Sherman*
	Eliza Roxcy Snow*
	Lucy Walker*
	Sarah Ann Whitney*
	Nancy Maria[h] Winchester*
	Flora Ann Woodworth*
William Smith	Caroline Amanda Grant Smith*
	Mary Ann Covington Sheffield*
	Mary Jones*
John Taylor	Leonora Cannon Taylor
	Elizabeth Kaighan*
	Jane Ballantyne*
Lyman Wight	Harriet Benton*
	Jane Margaret Ballantyne?*
	Mary Hawley?*
	Mary Ann Hobart?*
Brigham Young	Mary Ann Angell Young
	Lucy Ann Decker
	Augusta Adams*
	Harriet Elizabeth Cook*
	Clarissa Decker*

## II. Plural Husbands Not Initiated During Joseph Smith's Lifetime

George F. Adams	John E. Page
Ezra T. Benson	Ebenezer Richardson
Howard Egan	William Sagers
William Felshaw	Erastus Snow
William D. Huntington	Theodore Turley
Joseph A. Kelting	Edwin D. Woolley
Joseph Bates Noble	Lorenzo Dow Young

\*Not a member of the Quorum during Joseph Smith's lifetime.

Of the men and women initiated during Joseph's lifetime, nineteen men and seventeen women (56 percent of all initiates) received the second anointing prior to Joseph's death (see Table 3). These nineteen men represented 51 percent of male members (29 percent of all members), the seventeen women 59 percent of female members (26 percent of all members). In addition, of the nineteen husbands who received the second anointing during Joseph's lifetime, eleven (58 percent) were polygamists, eight (42 percent) monogamists. No plural wife received the ordinance prior to Joseph's death. "[D]uring the lifetime of Joseph Smith," Quinn concluded, "polygamy was only an appendage 'to the highest order of the priesthood' [i.e., the fullness of the priesthood]