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... [I]n company with my [Bathsheba W. Smith's] husband [George A. Smith] I received my endowments and my anointing in sister Emma [Smith]'s bed room [in Nauvoo, Illinois], and then we went in the lodge room over Joseph [Smith]'s store, and he gave us lectures there ...

Q[uestion]:-- What subject,--upon what subject were these lectures? ... A[nswer]:--They were on religious subjects ...

Q:-- She [Mary Fielding Smith] poured oil on your head? A:-- Yes sir.

Q:-- What else did she do? A:-- She blessed me.

Q:-- What else did she do, if any thing? A:-- That was all.

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Q:-- ... How much change was there in your clothing at the time you were anointed by Mary Smith, the wife of Hyrum Smith?

... A:-- Well we have different clothing to put on, but it is not always the same or just alike.

Q:-- Where was the Lodge room there in Nauvoo? A:-- It was over Joseph Smith's store,--in the Masonic Hall. ...

Q:-- Who was the chief man in the room? A:-- Joseph Smith, the prophet.

Q:-- Was he sitting or standing? A:-- Why both.

Q:-- Did he have his hat on, or off? A:-- Off.

Q:-- All of the time? A:-- Yes sir, all of the time,--that is all of the time he was in the room.

Q:-- Was there any body else in the room? A:-- Yes sir ... a dozen or two.

Q:-- All ladies? A:-- No sir.

Q:--About what proportion of them were ladies? A:-- About half of them were ladies. ...

A:-- ... It was brother Joseph who gave the lectures. ...

Q:-- Was she [Emma Smith] present at the time of this anointing? A:-- Yes sir.

Q:-- Did she do the anointing? A:-- No sir.

Q:-- Did she help in the performance in any way? A:-- No sir, but she was sitting there.

Q:-- How many were in the bed room at the time you were anointed? A:-- There was seven of us I think.

Q:-- Any other ladies beside yourself and the one that did the anointing, and sister Emma [Smith]? A:-- Yes sir, there was two or three sisters in there. ...

Q:-- Well I believe you stated that sister Hyrum Smith performed the ordinance of anointing? A:-- Sister Mary Smith, who was brother Hyrum Smith's wife was the one that did it. There was no bath room there I think, for in those days we did not have many bath rooms. ...

Q:-- Did you take an oath there then not to disclose any thing that occurred there at that time? A:-- Yes sir. ... I held up my hand and promised solemnly that I would not reveal it ...

A:-- ... I never saw any one playing Adam and Eve any place,--I will say that much.

Q:-- In Nauvoo you did not? A:-- No sir, nor here or any other place.

Q:-- And did you not represent Eve when you went through the endowments? A:-- No sir.

Q:-- Who did you represent? A:-- I represented myself.

--Bathsheba W. Smith, Testimony, March 16, 1892, in "Respondent's Testimony, Temple Lot Case," pp. 292, 300, 301-302, 303, 305, 330, Library/Archives, Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri.

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Near the close of the year 1843, or in the beginning of the year 1844, I [Bathsheba W. Smith] received the ordinance of anointing in a room in Sister Emma Smith's house, in Nauvoo [Illinois], and the same day, in company with my husband [George A. Smith], I received my endowments in the ~~ledge~~ upper room over the Prophet Joseph Smith's store. The endowments were given under the direction of the Prophet Joseph Smith, who afterwards gave us lectures, or instructions, in regard to the endowment ceremonies. ... A short time after I received my anointings I was sealed to my husband, George A. Smith, for time and for eternity, by President Brigham Young, in the latter's house, according to the plan taught, to my knowledge, by the Prophet Joseph Smith.⁴⁵

--Bathsheba W. Smith, Affidavit dated November 19, 1903, LDS Church Archives.

Sunday, December 24, 1843

(Location: Joseph Smith's Red Brick Store)

In the evening I [Wilford Woodruff] again met with the quorum in Company with Mrs [Phoebe] Woodruff. We recieved some instruction concerning the Priesthood.

--Wilford Woodruff, Diary, under date.

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Meeting eve[ning.]

--Willard Richards, Diary, under date.

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Attended a prayer-meeting with the [First] Presidency and Twelve in the Assembly Room.

--Manuscript History of Brigham Young, under date.

⁴⁵George A. and Bathsheba Smith were sealed for eternity on January 20, 1844. They received the second anointing on January 31, 1844.

his presence, with rich manifestations of the gifts and power of the gospel. My life, as well as the lives of many others, was preserved by the power of God, through faith in him, and not on natural principles as comprehended by man."

CHAPTER XXXIII.

BATHSHEBA W. SMITH'S STORY OF THE LAST DAYS OF
 NAUVOO—SHE RECEIVES CELESTIAL MARRIAGE AND
 GIVES HER HUSBAND FIVE "HONORABLE YOUNG
 WOMEN" AS WIVES—HER DESCRIPTION OF THE
 EXODUS AND JOURNEY TO WINTER QUARTERS—
 DEATH OF ONE OF THE WIVES—SISTER HORNE
 AGAIN.

Sister Bathsheba W. Smith's story of the last days of Nauvoo, and the introduction of polygamy, and also her graphic detail of the exodus, will be of interest at this point. She says:

"Immediately after my marriage, my husband, as one of the apostles of the Church, started on a mission to some of the Eastern States.

"In the year 1840 he was in England, and again went East on mission in 1843, going as far as Boston, Mass., preaching and attending conferences by the way. He returned in the fall; soon after which, we were blessed by receiving our endowments, and were sealed under the holy law of celestial marriage. I heard the prophet Joseph charge the twelve with the duty and responsibility of administering the ordinances of endowments and sealing for the living and the dead. I met