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On the 5th day of April, 1841, Louisa Beman was married to your father, Joseph Smith, for time and all eternity, by Joseph B. Nobles, a high Priest of the church. She remained true and faithful to him until the day of her death: Bro. Nobles is still living.

June 4th, 1842, Lucy Ann Decker was sealed to Brigham Young by your Father in the presence of Willard Richards. On the 29th day of June, 1842 Brigham Young sealed Eliza R. Snow to your father, in the presence of Mrs. S. M. Cleveland.

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of your Mother, Emma Smith.

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"A.M. at the Temple; at ten, married Joseph Smith and Lucy Walker." [*]

On the 12th day of July 1843, Clayton in his journal

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says, This A.M., I wrote at Joseph’s dictation a Revelation consisting of ten pages on the order of the Priesthood showing the design in Moses, Abraham, David and Solomon having many wives & c. After it was written, Priests. Joseph and Hyrum presented it & read it to Emma, who said she did not believe a word of it, and appeared very rebellious.

A few of these causal items I have named may explain to you why the following declaration was made by your father on the 6th of April, 1844: “You dont know me: you never knew my heart. No man knows my history. I cannot tell it: I shall never undertake it. I dont blame any one for not believing my history If I had not experienced what I have I could not have believed it myself."
The inauguration of these principles were a severe trial to your mother. At times she received and resolved to act upon the same. She gave your father four wives with her own hands; this intelligence I had from your father's mouth.

August 12th '43, Hyrum Smith read the Revelation on Patriarchal Marriage, given July 12th, of that year, to the High Council then convened in his private office.

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must not be astonished that I cannot receive your testimony that God has shewn to you that the doctrine of plurality of wives is untrue. When your father placed the authority to bear off the Kingdom on the twelve he gave them keys by which they could determine whether a revelation was from God or from some other source. I being one of the Twelve was received these Keys, testify that your testimony denying Plurality of wives is not from God.

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Affectionately Your cousin

Geo. A. Smith
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Journal of Albert King Thacker. Copy in ST Hall. Sec.

Feb 6 - Received in style of R.M. Thacker of Richfield R.I. dated 1826. It was born in Boston, Apr 17, 1826, with a company of California in 1849. Reached Salt Lake City July 24th. I arrived there, the rest of the company on 19th. Was enrolled with the new Church on Sept 9, 1849. (Note) He worked for Brigham and T. John. He was not "wage of the council of 80" (p. 26). On Mar 12, 1849, with G. B. Branch, Amon Carter & W.P. B. left for California. They called on Capt. Fry and Johnson in San Francisco and had a party of 9. On Mar 21, he left to go to Austin Co. Capt. Smith was about to leave, but went instead of leaving. And he went to the mines from that point.

P. 44. - Returned to Johnson in Fall 1849, just as the company under Geo. A. Smith, "was about to leave for California". On Sept 9, 1849. To P. 1857. The girl named the "blessing" dress. Journal begun 1863. Nothing interesting.

Emory Hale, Wife of the Baptist Joseph Smith. Their date registered at 87 F. D. Bailey - For Deacons of Methodist Church on April 7, 1863 (W. S. T. B.).

May 11, 1832. Leona Smith's letter to her father

June 19, 1832. Richard Richardson was sealed to William Richardson by Joseph Smith. The sealing took place in the presence of Mary Smith.

July 27, 1832. Maria Richardson was sealed to Elijah Richardson by Joseph Smith. The sealing took place in the presence of Maria Young.

In August 1832, Maria Smith was sealed to Peter Whiting by Joseph Smith. The sealing took place in the presence of Maria Young.

In November 1832, Benjamin Young was sealed to Mary Young by Brigham Young, in the presence of Maria Young and Heber J. Grant. The sealing took place in the presence of Amelia Smith and Emma Young. The sealing certificate was later issued to Mary Young.

The sealing of Elijah Richardson to Maria Richardson was witnessed by Heber J. Grant and Emma Young. The sealing certificate was later issued to Maria Richardson.

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On the 6th day of April, 1841, Louisa Beeman was
married to your father, Joseph Smith, for time and all
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church, who remained true and faithful to him until
the day of his death. Brother Noble is still living.

On the 6th day of April, 1848, Lucy Ann Seiber was sealed
to Brigham Young by your father, in the presence of Willard
Richards. The 6th day of April, 1849, she was sealed
to Joseph C. Jones, in the presence of Albert
Price. The 6th day of June, 1848, Brigham Young sealed
Eliza R. Snow to your father, in the presence of Mrs.
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September 20, 1848, William Lott was married by
Hyrum Smith, to your father, in the presence of Cornelius
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May 1st, 1849, Lucy Walker was sealed to your father
by Mr. Clayton in the presence of Eliza R. Patridge.

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Aug. 11, 1848, Harvey G. Thompson was married for time to Hyrum Smith, by your father, in presence of Mary Smith.

In August 1848, Hyrum Smith married to those, Grover, by instruction of your father, two wives, viz., Caroline Whitney and Caroline St. Huberts of your choice, in order to help support, according to the law.

In September, 1848, Brigham Young sealed Fanny Murray to your father, in presence of Mary Ann Young and Harriet Cook.

In 1848, Hyrum Smith sealed Catherine Clewens to Howard Young. Young had a wife at this time.

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