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**Sent:** Monday, December 27, 2004 4:58 AM  
**Subject:** Received e-mail of the 24th

Richard,

I received your e-mail of the 24th. Glad you found the source you were looking for. Catherine Reese Clawson (born Jan. 27, 1804 in New York City; died in 1860) was married to Zepheniah Clawson. Hiram Bradley Clawson (1826-1912) was their son. According to a letter of George A. Smith to Joseph Smith III Catherine was sealed to Howard Egan in 1844. Have found no further information on the sealing. George A. Smith wrote: "In 1844, Hyrum Smith sealed Catherine Clawson to Howard Egan: Egan had a wife at this time." (George A. Smith to Joseph Smith III, October 9, 1869, Community of Christ Archives) It is possible that Catherine may have been sealed to Egan for eternity. She receive her endowment in the Nauvoo Temple on December 20, 1845. Later on June 10, 1855 she was sealed to Brigham Young. There is a reference to the New York Times for March 10, 1879 but I do not know the content of the article. Hiram B. Clawson had a number of plural wives including Emily Augusta Young (sealed in 1868) daughter of Emily Dow Partridge Smith Young and Brigham Young.

Wishing you the best for the coming year.

Michael

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**From:** IOUDA3@aol.com  
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**Sent:** Friday, December 24, 2004 9:24 PM  
**Subject:** Found source

Dear Michael,

I found the source. It was in chapter XIX of John D. Lee's book. I had most of the details right--

<<HOW I FIRST HEARD OF THE DOCTRINE OF POLYGAMY.

One day the Chief of Police came to me and said that I must take two more policemen that he named, and watch the house of a widow woman named Clawson. She was the mother of H. B. Clawson, of Salt Lake City. I was informed that a man went there nearly every night about ten o'clock, and left about day light. I was also ordered to station myself and my men near the house, and when the man came out we were to knock him down and castrate him, and not to be careful how hard we hit, for it would not be enquired into if we killed him.

I did not believe that the Chief of Police knew just what he was doing. I felt a timidity about carrying out the orders. It was my duty to report all *unusual* orders that I received from my superiors on the police force, to the Prophet Joseph Smith, or in his absence, to Hyrum, next in authority. I went to the house of the Prophet to report, but he was not at home. I then called for Hyrum, and he gave me an interview. I told him the orders that I had received from the Chief, and asked him if I should obey or not. He said to me,

"Brother Lee, you have acted wisely in listening to the voice of the Spirit. It was the influence of God's Spirit that sent you here. You would have been guilty of a great crime if you had obeyed your Chief's orders."

Hyrum then told me that the man that I was ordered to attack was Howard Egan, and that he had been sealed to Mrs. Clawson, and that their marriage was a most holy one; that it was in accordance with a *revelation* that the Prophet had recently received direct from God. He then explained to me fully the doctrines of polygamy, and wherein it was permitted, and why it was right.>>

Best,  
 Richard Stout

12/27/2004

Nauvoo Neighbor 2 (19 June 1844):2

"a brief SYNOPSIS of the PROCEEDINGS of the MUNICIPALITY of the City of Nauvoo"

[Hyrum Smith:]

. . . referred to the revelation, read to the High Council of the Church, which has caused so much talk about a multiplicity of wives; that said Revelation was in answer to a question concerning things which transpired in former days, and had no reference to the present time. (p. 2)

[Hyrum Smith:]

Councillor H. Smith proceeded to show the falsehood of Austin Cowles in the "Expositor," in relation to the revelation referred to, that it was in reference to former days, and not the present time as related by Cowles. (p, 3)

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Joseph Smith "he received for answer ... in explanation of this principle"

any other good references?

### Lydia Dibble

Benjamin F. Johnson mentions the name of Dibble as a wife of Joseph Smith. The woman's name was Lydia Dibble Granger. It appears that she was sealed to Hyrum Smith and not Joseph Smith. The year of the sealing may have been 1843.

Lyndon W. Cook has her sealed to Joseph Smith: "Lydia Dibble, also sealed to the Prophet during his life-time, was sealed a second time in the Salt Lake Endowment House 8 June 1851." (Revelations of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 120)