

## Report of Possible Children born to Joseph Smith

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This report follows up on a conversation held on 16 August 2003 with Thomas Murphy regarding whether Joseph Smith may have had offspring with one or more of his plural wives. I will list possible children of spouses who were legal wives and married at the time they were sealed in a religious ceremony to Joseph Smith.

Wife: Zina Huntington Jacobs

Date sealed to Joseph Smith: 27 October 1841

Husband: Henry B. Jacobs

Name and Birth

Date of Child:

Zebulon Jacobs born 2 January 1842; died 22 September 1914

Wife: Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner

Date sealed to Joseph Smith: February 1842

Husband: Adam Lightner

Name and Birth

Date of Child:

George Algernon Lightner born 22 March 1842; died 1842

Wife: Sylvia Sessions Lyon

Date sealed to Joseph Smith: 8 February 1842

Husband: Windsor Lyon

Name and Birth

Date of Child:

1. Asa Windsor Lyon born and died 24 December 1842

2. Josephine Rosetta Lyon born 8 February 1844; married John Fisher 15 August 1863; died 30 May 1924

Wife: Marinda Nancy Johnson

Date sealed to Joseph Smith: May 1843

Husband: Orson Hyde

Name and Birth

Date of Child:

Orson Washington Hyde born 9 November 1843; died 23 November 1843

The following are statements were given relating to the possibility that children were born to plural wives of which Joseph Smith was reported to be the father:

"I knew he had six wives and I have known some of them from childhood up. I know he had three children. They told me. I think two of them are living today, they are not known as his children as they go by other names."  
(Speech by Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner, 9 April 1905)

Josephine Lyon Fisher (married John Fisher; he died 23 October 1905; they had ten children) said she heard her mother (Sylvia Sessions Lyon who died on 12 April 1882) say on her deathbed the following as recorded by Andrew Jenson:

"She then told me that I was he daughter of the Prophet Joseph Smith, she having been sealed to the Prophet at the time that her husband Mr. Lyon was out of fellowship with the Church."  
(Statement to Andrew Jenson, 24 February 1915)

"Did Joseph Smith have other children by other wives? Yes. They kept the mother's maiden names of Noble and Hancock." (Telephone conversation of Shirley Cazier with Leonard J. Arrington on 29 May 1976)

On the other hand there was one plural wife (Melissa Lott) who said that there were no known children born with Joseph Smith as the father:

Melissa Lott who was sealed to Joseph Smith on 20 September 1843 said she knew of no children born to plural wives. (Temple Lot Case)

Joseph Smith III visited Melissa Lott Willis and recorded in his journal:  
"Mary, Melissa & Alzina all assure me that father had no children" (Joseph Smith III Journal, 20 October 1885)

Newel K. Whitney b. 1795 wife Elizabeth <sup>(6)</sup>

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when sealed 1842

Mary Jane Whitney b.

1844

William Clayton b. 1814 <sup>(1)</sup>

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Margaret Moon

Daniel Adebak b. 18 Feb. 1844

Henry B Jacobs b. 1817 <sup>(2)</sup>

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Zina Huntington Jacobs

Windsor Lyon b. 1809 <sup>(4)</sup>

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1. Asa Windsor Lyon

2. Josephine Rosetta Lyon

Joseph B. Noble b. 1810 <sup>(5)</sup>

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George Owen Noble b.

1844

Heber C. Kimball b. 1801 <sup>(3)</sup>

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when sealed 1842

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~~Sarah Peak Moon~~ Charles Spaulding Kimball

b. 2 Jan. 1843

Sarah Peak Moon Adelbert Kimball - 1843?

Sept. 8, 2003:  
moving all F65 Archival  
Records to a storage unit.

~~George Washington~~ ~~Washington~~

Henry B. Jacobs b. 1817  
m. Zina Huntington (1821-1901)  
Zebulon Jacobs b. 2 Jan. 1842  
d. 22 Sept. 1914

already expecting  
when sealed  
sealed to JS  
27 Oct. 1841  
FGS

Windsor Lyon b. 1809  
m. Sylvia Sessions (1818-1882)  
Asa Windsor Lyon b. 24 Dec. 1842  
d. 24 Dec. 1842

sealed to JS  
8 Feb. 1842  
FGS  
- check

Josephine Rosetta Lyon b. 8 Feb. 1844  
d. 30 May 1924

Adam Lightner b. 1810  
m. Mary Elizabeth Rollins (1818-1913)  
George Algernon Lightner b. 22 March 1842  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1842

if sealed in Feb. 1842  
already expecting  
- check  
Died

Orson Hyde b. 1805  
m. Marinda Nancy Johnson (1815-1886)  
Orson Washington Hyde b. 9 Nov. 1843  
d. 23 Nov. 1843

14 days  
b. 27 Nov. 1843  
sealed to JS  
May 1843  
- check  
Died

Lucinda Pendleton Morgan 2 known children with William Morgan  
(1801-)

Louisa Beaman (1815-50) children with Brigham Young, early 1846

• Zina Huntington Jacobs (1821-1901)  
children with Henry B. Jacobs (3)  
one born 2 Jan. 1842 - Zebulon Jacobs

Presendia Huntington Buell (1810-1892) children with Norman Buell  
and Heber C. Kimball

Agnes Coolbrith (1808-1876) — children with Don Carlos Smith  
and — Pickett

• Sylvia Sessions Lyon (1818-1882)  
children with Windsor Lyon — Marian Lyon 3 July 1839?  
Asa Windsor Lyon, btd. 24 Dec. 1842  
with Joseph Smith [?] — Josephine Rosetta Lyon  
8 Feb. 1844 - 1924

Patty Bartlett Sessions (1795-1892) children with David Sessions

• Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner (1818-1913) children with  
Adam Lightner - -

George Algeman Lightner b. 22 March 1842, d. — 1842

• Marinda Johnson Hyde (1815-1886) - children with Orson Hyde  
Orson Washington Hyde b. 9 Nov. 1843 d. 23 Nov. 1843

Elizabeth Davis ... (1791-1876) children with Goldsmith and  
Brackenbury

Sarah Kingsley ... (1788-1856) children with Home and Cleveland

Delcena Johnson Sherman (1806-1854) children with Lyman Sherman

Sarah Ann Whitney (1825-1873) children with Heber C. Kimball