

Erastus Snow

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I located my family at Salem where they continued to live until September, 1843. Since leaving Nauvoo, a son and daughter had been born unto us as the fruit of our marriage. Being anxious to visit the Prophet and Saints at Nauvoo, I left the field of my labors in charge of local elders early in March, 1843, and journeyed by the way of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, thence by stage to Pittsburgh and descended the Ohio River and up the Mississippi to Nauvoo, where I failed to arrive in time for the April Conference as I had hoped, owing to the *Little Maid of Iowa* not being able to stem the flood of ice in the Mississippi which was then breaking up.

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I had a very enjoyable visit for about a month with the Prophet and my kindred and brethren. It was during this visit that the Prophet told me what the Lord had revealed to him touching upon baptism for the dead and marriage for eternity, and requiring his chosen and proved servants to take unto themselves wives and introduce the Patriarchal order of marriage. We introduced several of those who had been sealed to himself and others of the first elders of the Church. Foremost among the former was my wife's sister Louisa, whose integrity, devotion and purity of soul was known to all her acquaintances. During my mission in the east, my father and my wife's mother had both died, the former being buried near Montrose and the latter at Nauvoo. I let a contract for the building of a house at Nauvoo on a lot which my wife inherited from her father's estate, and in May I returned east and continued my labors until September when I gathered up a large company of Saints and with my family removed to Nauvoo, journeying by way of the Erie Canal and Lake Erie, through the Ohio canal and by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. During the fall and winter I labored in and about Nauvoo assisting in gathering means for building the Temple; attending Council; receiving and imparting much instruction and preparing for that which was to come.

Even those first wives who seemed to adjust well to polygamy often suffered quietly. Artemesia Snow, wife of Apostle Erastus Snow, complained frequently to him of the difficulties of raising her children in a house filled with other wives and their children while he was away on church activity. "You often ask how we enjoy ourselves," she wrote to her absent husband; "we enjoy ourselves as well as we can under existing circumstances[;] we have a large family of little children and many different kinds[;] it is not very pleasant having so many kinds of children and so many different mistresses." She lamented that they did not have a father with them: "I become more and more satisfied every day of my life that it is no way to bring up children, and I think that you would be convinced of that fact if you were at home a few evenings from sunset till dark and hear the music of the four babies[,] saying nothing of the others[,] to join in and help them a little. [W]e often wish you were hear to hear them but we will try and stand it till you come home and then we will poke you up with hot blocks" (A. Larson 1971, 270).

Family Group Record

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Husband's Name

Erastus Fairbanks SNOW (AFN:1M3H-1V) [Pedigree](#)

Born: 9 Nov 1818 **Place:** St. Johnsbury, Caledonia, Vt
Died: 27 May 1888 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut
Buried: 30 May 1888 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Married: 13 Dec 1838 **Place:** Far West, Caldwell, Mo

Father: Levi SNOW (AFN:3XP8-Z9) [Family](#)

Mother: Lucina STREETER (AFN:1SG0-8H)

Wife's Name

Artimesia BEEMAN BEAMAN (AFN:1M3H-22) [Pedigree](#)

Born: 3 Mar 1819 **Place:** Livonia, Lvstn., Ny
Died: 21 Dec 1882 **Place:** St. George, Washington, Ut
Buried: Dec 1882 **Place:** St George, Washington, Ut
Married: 13 Dec 1838 **Place:** Far West, Caldwell, Mo

Father: Alva(H) BEEMAN BEAMAN (AFN:37D4-MM) [Family](#)

Mother: Sally BURTTTS (AFN:37D4-NS)

Children

1. Sex Name

F Sarah Lucina SNOW (AFN:1M3H-CL) [Pedigree](#)

Born: 21 Jan 1841 **Place:** Chester, Chstr, Pa
Died: 11 Apr 1928 **Place:**

2. Sex Name

M James SNOW (AFN:1M3H-DR) [Pedigree](#)

Born: 28 Apr 1842 **Place:** Salem, Essex, Ma
Died: 25 Feb 1850 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

3. Sex Name

M Charles Henry SNOW (AFN:1M3H-FX) [Pedigree](#)

Born: 15 Mar 1844 **Place:** Nauvoo, Hancock, Il
Died: 7 Sep 1846 **Place:** Winter Quarters, Douglas, Nebraska

4. Sex Name

M Mahonri Moriancumer SNOW (AFN:1M3H-G4) [Pedigree](#)

Born: 4 Jan 1847 **Place:** Winter Quarters, Douglas, Nebraska
Died: 22 Jan 1913 **Place:** St. George, Washington, Utah
Buried: Jan 1913 **Place:** St. George, Washington, Utah

5. Sex NameF Artimecia SNOW (AFN:1M3H-H9)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 8 Feb 1849 **Place:** Salt Lake City, S.I., Ut
Died: 21 Apr 1925 **Place:**

6. Sex NameM Erastus Beaman SNOW (AFN:1M3H-0P)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 10 May 1853 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut
Died: 22 Sep 1900 **Place:** St. George, Washington, Ut
Buried: 24 Sep 1900 **Place:** St. George, Washington, Ut

7. Sex NameM Franklin Richards SNOW (AFN:1M3H-JG)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 21 Sep 1854 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut
Died: 22 Apr 1942 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut
Buried: 24 Apr 1942 **Place:** City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

8. Sex NameF Mary Louisa SNOW (AFN:1M3H-KM)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 29 Jul 1856 **Place:** Salt Lake City, S.I., Ut
Died: 29 Jul 1856 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

9. Sex NameM Moroni SNOW (AFN:1M3H-LS)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 13 May 1858 **Place:** Provo, Utah, Ut
Died: 18 Jan 1935 **Place:** Salt Lake City, S-Lk., Ut
Buried: 21 Jan 1935 **Place:** Salt Lake City, S-Lk., Ut

10. Sex NameM Orson Pratt SNOW (AFN:1M3H-M0)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 28 Mar 1860 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut
Died: 11 Feb 1929 **Place:** Compton, Los Angeles, Ca
Buried: 13 Feb 1929 **Place:** Inglewood, Los Angeles, Ca

11. Sex NameF Emma Adelaide GATES (AFN:4HPV-GB)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 22 Aug 1862 **Place:** St. George, Wshn., Ut
Died: 31 Jul 1951 **Place:** Salt Lake City, S-Lk., Ut
Buried: 3 Aug 1951 **Place:** Salt Lake City, S-Lk., Ut

12. Sex NameM George Albert SNOW (AFN:1M3H-N5)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 31 Oct 1863 **Place:** St George, Wshngt, Ut
Died: 15 Dec 1939 **Place:** Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
Buried: 18 Dec 1939 **Place:** Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

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