Territory of Utah

SS.

County of Salt Lake

Be it remembered that on this first day of May, A.D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for Said County, Ruth Vose Sayers who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon her oath Saith that on [blank] day of February A.D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, She was married or Sealed to Joseph Smith President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Hyrum Smith, Presiding Patriarch of Said Church, according to the laws of the Same, regulating Marriage; in the presence [blank].

Ruth V. Sayers

Subscribed and Sworn to by the
Said Ruth V. Sayers, the day
and year first above written
E. Smith
Probate Judge

[Note: Also found in second record book entitled "40 Affidavits on Celestial Marriage," p. 9.]
Brigham Young Letters—Excerpts, Internally Dated
Sister Ruth Sayers, Feb. 7, 1857, St. Louis. A general reformation has pervaded all the settlements, and the saints are awake to a sense of their duties, and seem to be endeavoring to live their religion, and eschewing evil, henceforth to walk humble and faithful before the Lord. This gives me great joy and satisfaction. it is a pleasure to live among the saints of God, when they are so actuated.

Brigham Young Letters—Excerpts, Internally Dated
I observe a great deal [of] rejoicing over us in the eastern papers, in regard to the probability of our being broken up, but the sad influences experienced by the women, through the agency of plurality! poor fools! if they could but know how it is, they would soon despair of breaking up Mormonism by this method.

Brigham Young Letters—Excerpts, Internally Dated
There never has been a time in the history of this Church when this order has been more popular, or entered into with as much spirit, and good understanding, as this winter by both sexes.
find Gilbert Belknap and Henrietta Belknap. On p. 431, James Knight, Weber River Val-
ley. temple work: Endowment House Sealings, Record Book F, p. 415, as cited in Ivins
4:2381. Amlinha Hanscom to Martha: Kerr collection, no date. Compare D. Belknap 5, 1875
letter: Almira McBride Hanscom to Martha, Kerr collection, ca. St. George: "She was also one of the workers in the St. George Temple for several years."
Martha lives with Belknaps: D. Belknap, MMK 6. This was a "rock house of John I.
Hart’s just above Washington Blvd." Almira Hanscom to Martha: June 10, 1888.

XI. Daisy Knight to Martha Knight: Kerr collection. Death of Rizpah: AF, Mar. 17, 1899:
See "Death of a Pioneer Woman"; the year may have been 1899.

XII. Martha dies: "Death of a Pioneer Woman"; see also the obituary of her daughter,
Adeline Belknap. "Veteran of Nauvoo Laid at Final Rest," in DN, 1882, p. 6. F. Belknap, MMK 5, gives us details of the death. "On the evening of Nov. 19, 1901, she told her daughter, Adaline to call in her grandson, Gilbert Roswell Belknap, who was at his farm house across the block in Hooper. Despite Adaline’s assertion that Gilbert Roswell was in Ogden attending to the sheriff’s responsibilities, Martha insisted on seeing her favorite grandson. Adaline sent her adopted son, Roy Stoddard, across the fields in the dark, who found Gilbert asleep in his farm house, much to the astonishment of all. [He came to see Martha.] After visiting with him, she lay down to rest. Shortly after, alarmed by this time, Adaline lay on the foot of her mother’s bed because she knew that the Prophet Joseph Smith had promised Martha that she should be changed from mortality to immortality in the twinkling of an eye. Adaline said, ‘I must have fallen asleep. When I looked at mother again, she had not died, her spirit had flown, in fulfillment of the prophecy, I think.’ It was 4:00 A.M. Nov. 20, 1901."

REFERENCES TO CHAPTER 16.

Gardener’s Wife: Ruth Daggett Vose (Sayers Smith)


I. birthdate: Endowment House Record; Wells, RS; PBI 11:168, has Suffolk Co., Massa-
cutucks, as birthplace. Daniel Vose Daniel died in 1839 in Florida, see below. Ruth
did a baptism for dead for him, see ECIP under Ruth Sayers. upholstery: Wells, RS.
Polly Vose: Mary Vose was sealed to Joseph posthumously in 1858, Ivins list, USHS,
no. 46, which gives the birthdate. Since Polly died in 1866 at the age of 22, she was
too young for the birthdate, even if Joseph lived that long. Wells, RS, Polly and Mary have the same birthdate, and thus are probably the same person.
Wells, RS, refers to her as both Mary and Polly. Polly baptized: baptized Fanny Brewer and
Mary Vose ... Samuel Smith journal, CA. Ruth’s baptism is: "SAYERS," Wells, RS.
Baptized into the Church ... It was back in 1872. Joseph Smith in Boston: HC 1:292; Hill, JS. Ruth
contributes to the Kirtland temple: "SAYERS. "It is enough," Wells, RS. $150.00:
May 7, 1814, Matthias Cowley, Wilford Woodruff, History of His life and Labours (Salt
Lake City: Deseret News, 1964), 30. Wilford Woodruff preaches at Sister Vose’s home:
May 11, 1858 (1-248), compare Mkt 27 (1856): 296. Bitherality to elders: Wells, RS.
Daniel’s death: Wells, RS. For Kookooche (more commonly known as Coacoochee).