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Dear Brother Hales,

We received today your letter and enclosed
1/2 authored book. I read with great interest, both.
My husband's (James) request for information
regarding Judson Tolman was on my behalf.

I am a direct descendent of Judson Tolman's.
I have many journals (copies), artifacts etc
about and authored by him, his wives and others
of my ancestors such as Anson Call. We wanted
to further our historical compilations and information
for our children.

Although I've not met or spoken with you, I
do feel as though I know a little about you. May
I expound some of my personal life. I am a
member of the church of Jesus Christ of latter day
Saints. I was born in the covenant, attended church
and baptized at the tender age of 8. My Father
was a convert from Catholicism - my mother and
her ancestors all devout members. I am a member
in good standing with a current Temple Recommend.
I have studied and researched a great deal, a small
list of my studies includes:

The great & abominable church of the devil
by H. Verlan Andersen

Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith
Teachings of President Brigham Young
History of the church

I also served a full-time
proselyting mission for the church
I was married in the temple and presently have five children.

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The Polygamy Story: Fiction & Fact
 Before the Blood Tribunal
 Journal of Mormon History
 The mormon murders
 Andrew Esho's Thesis
 Keys of the Priesthood
 Mormon Women
 Celestial or Plural marriage
 Some 20 publications by Fred C. Collier, some 15
 publications by Ogden Kraut including Preparation
 for the Kingdom, The Priesthood Garment, Following the
 Leaders, Compromise & Concession, works by Tom Green,
 Truthseeker (current issues) etc etc...

The most Holy Principle
 Who hath believed our report
 Priesthood expanded
 The Falling Away of the Latter-day Saints
 Plurality of wives
 A Leaf in Review
 Further Light & Knowledge

The basis of my research began with the scriptures,
 reading & studying them and reading books by
 popular general authorities i.e., the messiah series
 by McConkie, Spencer Kimball books, LeGrand Richards
 books, Talmage publications, among many many
 others.

We've been in contact with numerous independent
 fundamentalists as well as those within formal
 groups i.e., the Petersen Group, Allies, Colorado City group,
 the LeBarons in Mexico, etc. I read with great
 interest a letter by Vance Allied to Brian Hales,
 could you and he be the same?

My testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ
 and the divinity of the restoration of Christ's
 church through Joseph Smith has grown
 tenfold and brought to me, through my reading,
 research and study a great multitude of
 joyous spiritual experiences and manifestations