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1. LDS CHURCH

Authority transmitted via a COUNCIL OF FRIENDS
Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery first members

Sept 27, 1836 (p.25) (p.3)

2. Brigham Young

Purported 1886 Ordinations of Five Men by John Taylor to continue Plural Marriage

Lorin C. Woolley
Last living member (1856-1939)

3. John Taylor

New Council
Organized in 1929 to 1932
(1934 28)

4. Wilford Woodruff

Keys given to a Prophet in the Yucatan (Mexico) in 1932

5. Lorenzo Snow

J. Leslie Broadbent
To 1935 (p.28) Woolley Independents

6. Joseph F. Smith

7. Heber J. Grant

8. George Albert Smith

9. David O. McKay

10. Joseph Fielding Smith

11. Harold B. Lee

12. Spencer W. Kimball

13. President Ezra Talmage

Authority through the Senior Apostle of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Figure 1-2a: Lines of Priesthood Sealing Authority as Claimed by Several Modern Polygamists Groups

14. Howard W. Hunter

15. Gordon B. Hinckley

MAIN POLYGAMOUS GROUPS

JOSEPH SMITH

Joseph Smith

Authority transmitted via the "Right of the Firstborn"

1844

Authority to
Benjamin F. Johnson
(Adopted son of Joseph Smith)

1894

Authority to
Benjamin F. Lederman Sr.
(Alma A. Dayner grandson)

1950's

Authority to
Ross, Joel, Verlan Ervil Lederman
(Ahma Dayner Lederman, Jr.)

THE CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN OF THE FULLNESS

"Independent" Independents

"Independent" Independents - Distinct ideas on Priesthood Succession and the "One" Anointed and Appointed

Figure 1-2b: Lines of Priesthood Sealing Authority as Claimed by Several Modern Polygamists Groups

- See (1) "Prophet of Evil: The Ervil LeBaron Story" (1993), with Brian Denney, A B C TV movie shown over KTVX (Ch. 4) (SD), 11am - 1pm Sun, Jan 4, 2004
- (2) "Prophet of Blood" (1981) (Ben Brodsky, Jr.), Pale Vamp" (1980)
- (3) "The LeBaron Story" (1981) (Verlan M. LeBaron)
- (4) "The Blood Covenant" (1990) (Rene Chynoweth) with Dean M. Shapira
LEBARON CLAN

Ezra N. and Julia Hills Johnson

Benjamin Franklin Johnson (w-3a) 

Sarah Jane Johnson (w-2)

Esther LeBaron (w-1) (1860-1946)

Benjamin F. Johnson (H-2)

LeBaron

Alma Dayer LeBaron (wife #3)

Joe F. Verlaan (1923-1972)

Sarah Jane Johnson (w-2)

Rosalie Wesley


(1914-

Books of Regional Interest

by Joan Nay

SAINTS ON THE SEAS: A Maritime History of Mormon Migration 1830-1890. by Conway S. Sonne, University of Utah Press, 2001. trade paper. $24.95

Originally published as a hardback in 1983, we welcome this stellar work back in print – this time in paperback. In the 19th century, 85,000 converts to the LDS faith traveled by long and often dangerous voyages to gather with the others of their faith in the Salt Lake Valley. Sonne has chronicled those journeys, with statistics on the vessels, their owners, number of passengers, passage times, and data on ship captains, emigrant company leaders and maritime disasters. Gleaned from a plethora of primary sources, this book provides a wealth of information for historians, researchers and genealogists. An impressive bibliography and notes add to the value and readability of this work.

SAINTS. by Orson Scott Card. Forge Pub., 2001. trade paper. $17.95

This popular novel was originally published in 1984 under the title, "A Woman of Destiny," and republished in 1988 under the title, "Saints." Long out of print, it has now been reprinted -- hooray! -- in a larger trade paperback format. This well-written fictional account of an LDS woman in the early Kirtland and Nauvoo periods of Church history has fascinated a generation of readers, and is now readily available again for another generation.

AMERICAN CHARACTER: The Curious Life of Charles Fletcher Lummis and the Rediscovery of the Southwest. by Mark Thompson. Arcade Pub., 2001. cloth. $27.50

Charles Fletcher Lummis could easily be considered the West's first Renaissance Man, a colorful character of many talents, "who spent a lifetime battling injustice in the West." Harvard-educated, Lummis was known for his "fiery opinions and outlandish behavior," and rubbed elbows with many prominent historical figures before his death in 1928. An entertaining read, with excellent references and a fine collection of photos.

Two more reprints worth considering . . .

MY LIFE'S REVIEW by Benjamin F. Johnson.

Archive Pub., 2001. trade paper. $8.95

Johnson was a close associate and brother-in-law of Joseph Smith. His diary provides an intimate look at early LDS history. This book is frequently quoted in LDS history.


Personal accounts of 58 LDS missionaries evacuated from Germany in the late summer of 1939, just ahead of Hitler's advancing regime.

An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 polygamists are scattered throughout Utah, police believe. They are members of large, long-time clans, small groups headed by a charismatic leader or are "independents" with no ties to any organization.