

July 24, 1908.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I know that spiritual marriage, as it was called, was taught by Joseph and Hyrum Smith when in Nauvoo before they were killed, and that this spiritual marriage allowed men to have more than one spiritual wife at the same time.

This is one of the reasons that I declined to remain with the Mormon Church.

I also know that Eseline and Harriet Partridge came to me and said this was taught them and tried to convince me, although this was a hard trial.

I also heard at the time that Joseph, the Prophet so called, and his wife quarrelled about this principle.

(Signed) ALMIRA K. HANCOCK

Signed in the presence of

HYRUM BELNAP

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