

## MORE TESTIMONY.

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The numerous witnesses to the fact that the Prophet Joseph Smith did teach and practice plural marriage in Nauvoo should put to silence the denials, evasions and sophistical arguments presented by persons who "prefer to believe" the contrary and some of whom at least are fighting against their convictions and consciences. The following letters are published in corroboration of those already placed on record:

Mesa City, 9th March, 1904.

"President Joseph F. Smith, Washington City, D. C. My Dear Brother: In reading reports from the Senate committee on the Reed Smoot case, I see that witnesses are offered to prove that

the Prophet Joseph Smith did not authorize or practice polygamy. I do know that he did teach plural marriage and that he did give to me a plural wife who is still living with me, and that I saw one of my sisters married to him and know that with her he occupied my house on May 16 and 17, 1843, which he had occupied with Eliza Partridge, another plural wife, on the 2nd of the previous month.

"And I do know that at his Mansion home was living Maria and Sarah Lawrence and one of Cornelius P. Lott's daughters as his plural wives with the full knowledge of his wife, Emma, of their married relation to him.

"At that time I was his legal business agent and his business partner at Macedonia or Ramus, and was familiar with his family or domestic affairs; and, occupying as I did, the family mansion after his death, I had much to do in a business way with Emma, the Prophet's first wife, who at no time did ever in my hearing deny the plural character of her husband's family.

"Loyal to the truth, I am always your brother,

"B. F. JOHNSON."

"Afton, Uinta Co., Wyo..

"April 1st, 1904.

"I having been born in 1836 and lived in Nauvoo from 1841 to 1846 and having been acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, do know that polygamy was taught by him, to the Saints there at that time.

"And do also know that Brother William Clayton married as a third living wife Alice Hardman, who is my aunt. I also do know that Susanna Liptrot was a plural wife of Willard Richards.

"I have also heard much said by my father and mother as well as others, of the meeting referred to in the Deseret News.

"Yours truly,

"MRS. ALICE E. STEPHENS."