

John Hawley memo Jan 1883 RLH

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John Hawleys testimony of what Br Marks said to him in July 1868 at Plano Kendall Co Illinois on the Subject of the Poligamy revelation, I John H was a follower of P Young at that time, when the conversation came up between us on the Subject of the Revelation of 43 on Poligamy, he told me he knew the very day that Revelation was given, he said one morning Br Hiram, was walking down the Street pritty fast, and I hailed him and said Br Hiram which way, and he toald me he was going downe to Josephs, and wase going to get a Revelation on Patriarchal marage to day if we can, an in the eavning he came along back and handed him the Revelation and asked him to call the High Counsel together and read it to them, and said Br Marks + did So and asked them to express their beleafe or disbleaf of it, and the high Counsel all said they beleaved it to be of God, but he did not and from that time on he said the leading men in the Church looked upon him as on the eav of apostasy, but times went on tell Joseph saw it would be the means of the distruction of the Church, and he came to me and said, Br Marks I wish to talk with you on the Subject of the Revelation on Poligamy we have got to put that Revelation down or it will be the means of the distruction of the Church, and Said he, you must go in the high Counsel and I will prefer Charges againce all that have gon into Poligamy, and if they do not repent you must cut them off, but I said to him, Br Joseph it is not my plase and I refused to obey his Counsel, and he Marks sai this was the first Counsel that Joseph gave to me that I refused to obey, I toald him he was the one to put it downe as he was the one that it was given thru, and some time elapsed when he came to me the 2nd time an toald me the Church would go to distruction if we did not put it down, and we must proclame againse it, Some more time passed by and I met Joseph on the beach of the River and hear we had our 3rd talk on the Revelation and he toald me that this wicked practes had gonto fare to try to put a stop it to it, and I must now give my life for this Revelation, I am now going to Carthage and deliver my Self up to the Slaughte, this is Br Marks testimony to me as near as I can remember

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What I heard John Olger, one of the first (or among the first) members of the church. He told me his sister was sealed to Joseph in Kirtland. This he said to me in 1868.

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What Erastus Snow told me in the year 1870. They said, him and his first wife was present at the time Eliza R. Snow was given to Joseph, Emma Joseph's wife was present and they both testify that Emma took Eliza Snow's hand and placed it in the hand of Joseph as giving her consent.

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