

(Copy of letter written to A. B. Call, from Irvin F. Fisher, copied while on a visit to Colonia Dublan, Chih., Mex. on December 1, 1951, while at the home of Bro. Call.) by H.B. Lundwall

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Mr. A. B. Call,
Colonia Dublan, Chuahus, Mexico.

Dear Brother Bowen:

Concerning the questions you ask concerning my mother and grandmother, I must admit that I don't ~~know~~ know as much as I should really like to know. But the following are the facts as known to me:

My mother's mother was Sylvia Porter Sessions - younger sister of Perrigrin Sessions and the wife of ~~the~~ Winsor Palmer Lyon, who died in Iowa City in 1849, where he had been residing for the past 5 or 6 or 7 years before his death. He and his wife were living in Nauvoo during the early years of that city. Their first 4 children were born there - I think. The first three died there - young. The eldest - Myriano - died there and her funeral is mentioned in Vol. 4 of the Church history by B. H. Roberts (about page 454 I think.) It says there that the service was held across the road from the temple (then building) in a bowery, on Sunday March 20, 1842; and that the Prophet Joseph was the speaker. My mother - Josephine - their 4th child was born in Nauvoo Feb. 8, 1844, and the Prophet was martyred in June of that year, as you know. However, sometime previous to my mother's birth, Bro. Winsor P. Lyon (along with many others) became out of harmony with the Prophet and Church leaders, and he left Nauvoo and went ~~up~~ to Iowa City, making his home there, but leaving his wife in Nauvoo (who apparently did not wish to leave the Church and go with him. Now, it must have been at this time that she was sealed to the Prophet (thinking, no doubt, that her husband had apostatised from the church for good.)

For at least two good reasons, I feel sure she was sealed to the Prophet sometime during this period (from 42 to 44). First reason, because she had in her possession here in Bountiful, up to a short time before her death, one of the Prophet's swords (and he had several as General of the Nauvoo Legion) and also his blud cap with white ostrich feather over the top of it. For I saw them hanging on the wall of her bedroom during her last sickness, and mother told me that grandmother gave them to Captain Hooper shortly before her death.

The second reason is that in the Salt Lake Temple, on the 10th day of May, 1906, at the instance of Pres. Jos. F. Smith, the Nauvoo sealing-work was done over because the Nauvoo records had been lost or destroyed. Pres. Jos. F. Smith stood as proxy for his uncle Joseph the Prophet, mother and her half sister Phoebe Jane Clark Ellis were present in their own behalf as children, and Proxys were furnished for the deceased children. All this is unmistakable evidence to me that my grandmother and her children are now counted as belonging to the Prophet's family in the resurrection. I am also convinced in my own soul the principle of plural marriage was revealed from heaven to the Prophet Joseph and its

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practice started by him in that he had 16 or 18 young women sealed to him in the early forties of last century.

I don't know as t his will help much in answering your question, but is the best I can do about it. I can hardly see what I am writing but hope you or your wife can decipher it. With kind regards and best wishes to you and all the family, I am very truly yours.

Irvin F. Fisher.