

Joseph Smith Fought Polygamy

How Men Nearest the Prophet Attached
Polygamy to His Name in Order to Justify
Their Own Polygamous Crimes

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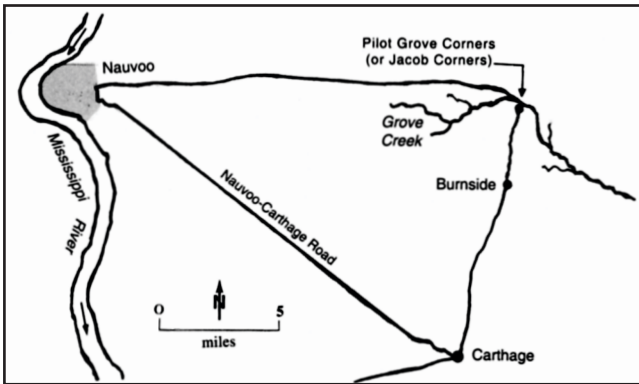
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The Brotherton family lived at Warren, a settlement for the Saints one mile south of Warsaw. (Map redrawn from an 1843 map.)



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Udney Jacob lived in a village of thirty-five to forty people, known as “Jacob Corners” and also as “Pilot Grove Corners,” about fifteen miles east of Nauvoo (courtesy of Hancock County Historical Society).



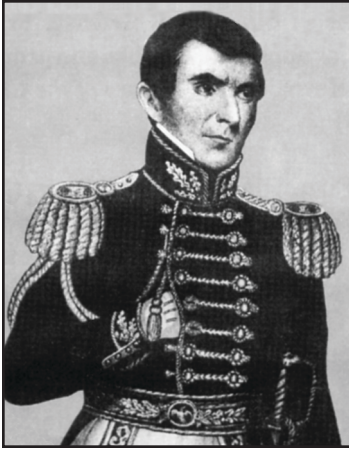
Joseph and Emma Smith

“What a thing it is for a man to be accused of committing adultery, and having seven wives, when I can only find one.”
—Joseph Smith

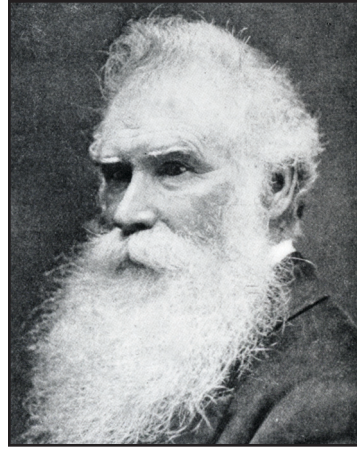


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Joseph’s tiny office in the Red Brick Store (as reconstructed), where Martha Brotherton claimed to have been imprisoned.



General John C. Bennett, whose book is the only source of the “Happiness” essay.

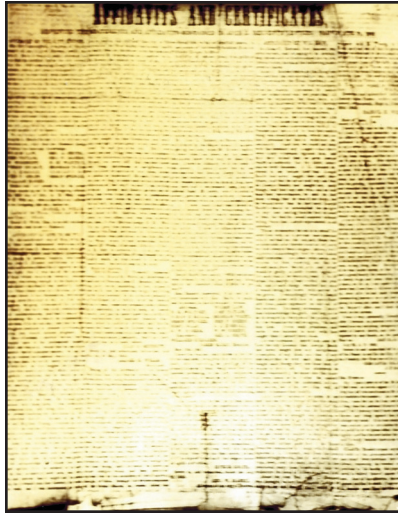


Apostle Orson Pratt, who promoted the rumor that Joseph Smith had a polygamous revelation in 1831.



Elbert A. Smith

The island in the Mississippi where Joseph and Emma met on August 8, 1842, with Nauvoo in the background. The island was covered by water in 1913 when the Keokuk Dam was built.



A photocopy of the Affidavits and Certificates which Joseph Smith used in his crusade against Dr. Bennett and his polygamy charges.



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The Mississippi River below Nauvoo, in the vicinity where Orson Pratt contemplated his decision to oppose the Prophet.



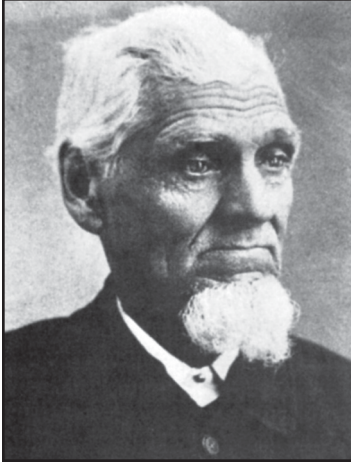
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The Nauvoo home of Bishop Vinson Knight, who helped Joseph in his crusade against polygamy.

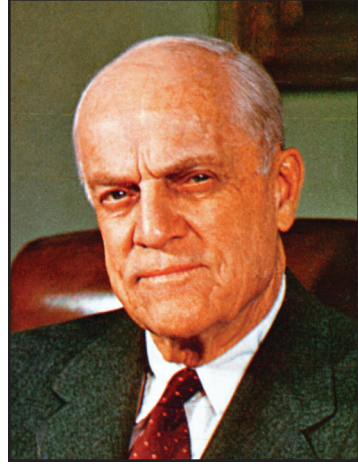


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Joseph and his family were eating in this room when Deputy Pittman entered the house. The Prophet went to his secret compartment by exiting through the door behind the spinning wheel.



Apostle William Smith, who wrote to Joseph Smith III giving details of the polygamous apostles' conspiracy against Joseph the Martyr.



*Israel A. Smith, president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who read *The Peace Maker* and agreed with his grandfather, Joseph the Martyr, that it was “folly and trash.”*



*The Pilot Grove Cemetery is all that remains of Jacob Corners where Udney Jacob lived when he published *The Peace Maker* (Courtesy of Hancock County Historical Society).*



Velma Thompson (right) and Daisy Linkhart. Velma told Pamela Price the story of Emma Josepha Smith's experiences with Emma Smith Bidamon.

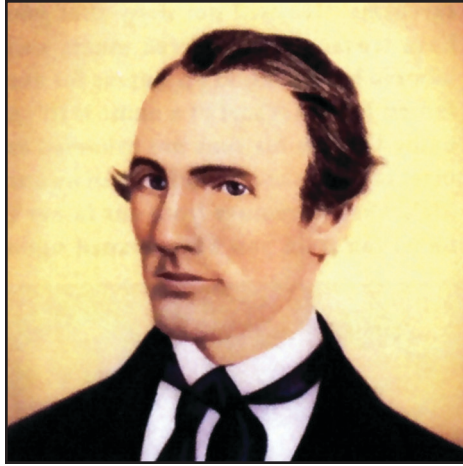


Emma Josepha Smith McCallum, who told Velma Bradshaw that her Grandmother Emma had declared to her that Joseph did not practice polygamy.



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The building in Warsaw, Illinois, where William Smith's "A Proclamation" was printed on the Warsaw Signal press in 1845.



Oliver Cowdery, who did not hear of polygamy as a doctrine of the Church until 1846, even though Brigham Young said Oliver was a polygamist in 1829.



Joseph the Martyr's sons, Alexander Hale Smith and David Hyrum Smith, who challenged Brigham Young's claim about Oliver Cowdery and the article on "Marriage."