

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Brigham Young was born in Whitingham, Windham County, Vermont, June 1, 1801. He (1) married Miriam Works Oct. 8, 1824. He was baptized April 4, 1832. Three weeks later his wife was baptized. His wife Miriam Works died Sept. 8, 1832, leaving him two little girls, one two years old, the other seven. Shortly after the death of his wife, Joseph Smith remarked that "the time will come when Brother Brigham Young will preside over this church". (fall of 1832)

(2) Feb 18, 1834, Brigham Young married Mary Ann Angell. She (Mother Young) died in Salt Lake City June 27, 1882. She bore six children, three boys and three girls. One son Brigham Young became an apostle. She raised Miriam Work's two girls. She came to Salt Lake Valley in 1848. She gave her husband other wives because she knew the principle of plural marriage was true.

Sept. 14, 1839, Brigham Young started on a mission to England. He sailed from New York, March 9, 1840, and arrived in Liverpool, England, April 6, 1840. He was chosen President of the Twelve Apostles in England, April 14, 1840. He was instrumental in publishing 3,000 hymn books, 5,000 copies of Book of Mormon and the Millennial Star. In one year, between 7,000 and 8,000 were baptized into the church. He helped over 1,000 get passage to America. He returned to America. Became President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Dec. 5, 1847, by unanimous vote of Quorum of Twelve Apostles and on Dec. 27, by unanimous vote of the people in conference held at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He had already been to Salt Lake with 142 men, 3 women and children, arriving there July 24, 1847. (He saw the dedication of the St. George Temple.)

(3) June 15, 1842, he married Lucy Ann Decker Seely, a daughter of Isaac Perry and Harriet Page Wheeler Decker. She was born May 17, 1822, at Phelps, Ontario County, New York. She came to Salt Lake City in 1848. She bore seven children to Brigham Young and had two by a previous marriage. The two being Isaac Joseph and Harriet Seely. Another baby Seely died in infancy. Lucy Ann died Jan. 24, 1890. She was Brigham's first plural wife. The third plural wife in The New Dispensation.

(4) He married Harriet Elizabeth Cook Campbell Nov. 2, 1843. Had one son. She was a school teacher for the Young family and also a skilled seamstress.

(5) Married Augusta Adams Nov. 2, 1843. No children.

(6) Married Clara Decker (sister of Lucy) May 1844. One of three pioneer women who came to Salt Lake in 1847. Had five children and also raised two small children of Margaret Alley Young, who died. She cared for her younger sister and Mrs. Ferham's son and Indian girl named Sally.

(7) Louisa Beman asked the Lord in fervant prayer for a testimony concerning plural marriage as a principle. The Lord granted her request and having been convinced the principle

came from God she accepted and married the prophet Joseph Smith April 5, 1841. She was the first woman in this dispensation who married in polygamy according to the revelation of God in the order of plural or celestial marriage. After the death of the prophet, she was sealed for time to Brigham Young. She bore him 4 children.

Other Marriages of Brigham Young:

(8) Clara Chase Ross - Sept. 10, 1844. Had four children. She died in childbirth. Her three children were raised by Zina Huntington.

(9) Emily Dow Partridge and sister (10) Eliza Partridge married Joseph Smith with full and free consent of Emma Smith in 1843. Heber C. Kimball officiating at ceremony. After Joseph Smith's death Emily married Brigham Young for time Sept. 1844. Mother of seven children.

(11) Susan Snively - Nov. 2, 1844. No children. She managed the home at Forest Farm and was a very good cook.

(12) Olive Grey Frost (or Trost) was sealed for eternity to Joseph Smith. Married Brigham Young for time. Had no children.

(13) Emmeline Gree (or Free) - April 30, 1845. Mother of ten children.

(14) Margaret Pierce married Morris Whitesides who died. Married Brigham Young 1845. Had one son, Brigham Morris Young who was Brigham Young's 50th child.

(15) Naamah Kendell Jenkins Carter married John Saunders Twiss (pg. 65, Brigham Young at Home) on May 30, 1845. President Brigham Young officiating. He died Sept. 10, 1845. She married Brigham Young for time Jan. 26, 1846. No children.

(16) Ellen Rockwood - Jan. 1846. No children.

(17) Marie Lawrence married Joseph Smith in 1843. Married Brigham Young, Jan. 1846. No children.

(18) Martha Bowker - Jan. 21, 1846. No children.

(19) Margaret M. Alley - Oct. 14, 1846. One son and one daughter. Clara Decker raised them after their mother's death.

(20) Lucy Bigelow - March 1847. Three daughters.

(21) Zina Diantha Huntington sealed to Joseph Smith Oct. 27, 1841. Was member of the first Relief Society at Nauvoo, also the family doctor. She went to Sandwich Islands for two year mission and was a great success. After Prophet's death she married Brigham Young. She became first Relief Society treasurer in Salt Lake, then first counselor to Eliza Snow. After death of Eliza R. Snow she presided over all Relief Societies of the Church. Had one daughter, Zina Young. She also raised three children of Clara Chase Young. Placed in charge of Silk Worms and was an exceptional speaker.

(22) Eliza Roxey Snow married Joseph Smith June 29, 1842. Married Brigham Young June 29, 1849. She was second President of the Relief Society, organized cooperative store and exchange and Retrenchment Society. No children.

(23) Eliza Burgess - Oct. 3, 1850. One son. Lived in Provo.

(24) Harriet Barney. Had four children by previous marriage. One son by Brigham Young.

(25) Harriet Amelia Folsom - Jan. 24, 1863. She was an elegant dresser, accomplished musician and singer. No children.

(26) Mary Van Cott - Jan. 8, 1865. One daughter.

(27) Ann Eliza Webb, married James L. Dee, had two children. Divorced him, Married Brigham Young April 6, 1868. Was divorced from Brigham Young and excommunicated from church.

Brigham Young was father of 56 children. When he died August 29, 1877, he left 17 wives (or 19) and 16 sons and 28 daughters.

Seven of Brigham Young's wives were sealed to Prophet Joseph Smith and married Brigham Young for time.

Two women (Beman, Huntington) were married to Joseph Smith before Lucy Ann Decker Seely became Brigham Young's first plural wife.

Order of First Ten Plural Marriages

1. Louisa Beman married Joseph Smith on April 5, 1841.
2. Zina D. Huntington married Joseph Smith on Oct. 27, 1841
3. Lucy Ann Decker Seely married Brigham Young on June 15, 1842.
4. Eliza R. Snow married Joseph Smith on June 15, 1842.
5. Emily Dow Partridge married Joseph Smith on June 29, 1843.
6. Eliza Partridge (sister) married Joseph Smith on June 29, 1843.
7. Olive Grey Frost married Joseph Smith on June 29, 1843.
8. Marie Lawrence married Joseph Smith on June 29, 1843
9. Harriet Elizabeth Cook Campbell married Brigham Young on Nov. 2, 1843.
10. Augusta Adams married Brigham Young on Nov. 2, 1843.