

# POLYGAMY

IN ALL ITS WICKED PHASES IS

# PROVEN

IN RECORDED VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW

# BY

THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS IN THE CHURCH OF

# MORMON

INCLUDING MANY OF ITS PIOUS

# PRIESTS.

Dignitaries of the Mormon Church Who Consort with Plural Wives.

BISHOPS AND ELDERS.

They Make No Secret of the Practice of "Living Their Religion."

Salt Lake, April 29.—From pulpit and platform the leaders of the Mormon Church are officially denouncing the charges growing out of the election of Congressman Brigham H. Roberts. In indignant terms they denounce as an outrage the attempt to make it appear that polygamy is still practiced in Utah with the consent or even cognizance of the Church.

The official Church organ declares it a political conspiracy against Roberts and the Mormons, due to partisan spite, the object being to revive the old feeling against the sect by decrying the public and representing conditions that have not existed since 1850, when the Church issued the famous manifesto abolishing plural marriage and polygamous practices.

The people of Utah understand that these utterances are made "for foreign consumption" and laugh in their sleeves. The evidence of the Church's duplicity is the flagrant violation of the law by its officers and high priests. They continue to take plural wives and openly consort with the ones they already have. In every town in the State the heads of the Church may be found transgressing the statute and moral law.

### Thirty-two Polygamous Saints.

In the vicinity of the town of Logan, Cache County, there are thirty-two polygamous families, the heads of which are prominent Church officials. There are many others, but only the names of those who are most openly, notorious and infamous being in such relations are given in the following list prepared for the Journal. In each one of these families one or more children have been born of plural wives since the manifesto was issued in 1850, some of them as recently as two months ago.

Joseph E. Wilson is a Bishop's counselor in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He is also secretary of the Logan Agricultural College, an institution supported jointly by the State of Utah and the United States. He is a man of prominence and importance in Logan. He has had three children by his plural wife, Esther Wilson, since the Church forbade the continuance of polygamy. The last child was born on February 23, 1895.

William Bassett is an elder in the Church and secretary of the Provo Woolen Mills. His was a wicked case of polygamy. When the first wife refused to allow the second wife to enter her house he obtained a fraudulent divorce, which was subsequently set aside by the Supreme Court of the Territory. He was convicted of polygamy and served a term in the penitentiary. He is still cohabiting with Kate Smith, his plural wife, and has three children born since 1890.

Bishop John Larson lives in Coreville and has one child born of a plural wife in 1895. James Thomson, of Logan, and William Murray, of Wellsville, are Bishop's counselors in their respective localities. Murray has three plural wives, one of whom presented him with a child in 1894. Thomson's plural wife also had a child the same year.

The Temple Devil, Too. Samuel Roskelly, the Temple Devil, is the heavy tragedian of the Logan Temple. As might be expected, he is a high authority in the Church and a reliable expounder of such a creed. He is a four-ty polygamist, with a very numerous family. Two of his children were born in 1897.

W. B. Parkinson, of Logan, is a physician and Mormon elder, with three wives at least. He has a very large family and makes no attempt at concealment. Children were born to him in 1890 and 1898.

Charles Spierman, of Logan, is an elder, and took to the underground in former Territorial days. He allowed his wife to be arrested, but she eluded herself by wearing that she was taken down to New Mexico and there married by an unknown person clothed in overalls and a jumper to Spierman, whom she knew to be a married man. He has a child, born in 1898.

John Thomas, of Logan, is an elder in the Church, and cohabits openly with both of his wives, by both of whom he had children in 1896 and 1898.

E. C. Amussen, of Logan, is a wealthy man and an elder in the Church. He has two plural wives and three children, born since 1890.

Thomas H. Merrill, of Logan, is an elder and son of the apostle. He has two children, born since 1895.

Orson Smith, of Logan, is a State president. He was appointed postmaster by President McKinley in spite of the most positive charges as to his polygamous condition. The post office is now handled as a family affair by Mr. Smith and his father and two sons. He had one child, in 1898.

An Example for the Children. O. C. Ormsby, of Logan, is the Superintendent of Sunday Schools in the Cache Stake and a physician by profession. He lives principally with his second wife, by whom he had children in 1895 and 1897.

C. W. Nibley is a wealthy mining operator and Church elder. He has three wives and two children, born in 1897 and 1898.

C. O. Card, an elder, runs two establishments at Logan and the other at Cardston. His plural wife, Zina Y. Card, one of his wives, has appeared in the several women's conventions that have taken place recently at Washington.

The case of Moses Thatcher is worthy of particular attention and is mentioned in connection with Logan, although he is now residing in Salt Lake City with his plural wives. He became obstreperous two years ago, and ran for the Senatorship without asking consent, and was finally defeated by the efforts of the Church authorities. He was subsequently disciplined by the High Council and degraded to the ranks. In his speech at Logan in justification of his cause, he said: "Before I will break the laws of the United States I will declare my children 'Mormons'." On August 11, 1890, by his two plural wives he believed that he is getting his seat among the apostles.

Stake President's prominent man in Logan, by a plural wife

HERE ARE THE FAMILIES OF MORMON SAINTS AND PLURAL WIVES WHO ARE LIVING IN DEFIANCE OF THE LAW.

Name of Husband.	Residence.	Position in Church.	Name of Plural Wife.	No. of Children Since 1850.	Date of Births.	Name of Husband.	Residence.	Position in Church.	Name of Plural Wife.	No. of Children Since 1850.	Date of Births.
Joseph E. Wilson.	Logan	Bishop's Counsellor	Esther Wilson	3	1 born Feb. 23, 1895	C. W. Nibley	Logan	Elder	Julia Budge Nibley	1	Born 1897
William Bassett	Provo	Elder	Kate Smith	3		Ellen Ricks Nibley	Baker City	Elder	Ellen Ricks Nibley	1	Born 1898
James Thomson	Logan	Bishop's Counsellor	Mrs. Thomson	1	Born 1898	Carrie Rigby			Carrie Rigby		
John Larson	Coreville	Bishop	Mrs. Larson	1	Born 1898	Sarah S. Painter			Sarah S. Painter		
William Murray	Wellsville	Bishop's Counsellor	Three Plural Wives	1	Born 1898	Zina Y. Card	Logan	Elder	Zina Y. Card		
			Mollie Roskelly			Lavinia R. Card	Cardston	Elder	Lavinia R. Card	3	
S. Roskelly	Logan	Temple Deril	Mary Jane Roskelly	1	Born 1897	E. Snow's Daughter			E. Snow's Daughter	1	Born 1899
	Smithfield		Maggie Roskelly	1	Born 1897	Lydia Ann Clayton			Lydia Ann Clayton	2	1 born Jan. 11, 1899
			Maud Burton			Three Wives			Three Wives		
W. B. Parkinson	Logan	Elder	Clara	1	Born 1896	Eliza Jenks			Eliza Jenks	1	Born 1898
			Gertie	1	Born 1898	Mrs. Neuberger			Mrs. Neuberger	1	Born 1898
Charles Spierman	Logan	Elder	Edith Benson	1	Born 1898	Four Wives			Four Wives	1	Born 1896
John Thomas	Logan	Elder	Clara Johnson	1	Born 1898	Two Wives			Two Wives	1	Born 1898
Richard Jessop	Millville	Elder	Carrie Jensen	2	Born 1896 and 1898	Maria Christensen			Maria Christensen	1	Born 1898
			Three Plural Wives	2	Born 1896 and 1898	Mary Hookstrauser			Mary Hookstrauser	1	Born 1897
C. C. Amussen	Logan	Elder	Barbara	3	1 born 1898	Four Wives			Four Wives	2	Born 1897
			Martha	3		Two Wives			Two Wives	1	Born 1896
Thomas H. Merrill	Logan	Elder	Mrs. Merrill	2	Born since 1895	Two Wives			Two Wives	2	Under 4 years
Orson Smith	Logan	Stake President	Mary E. Wright Smith	1	Born 1898	Ella			Ella	5	Since 1890
O. C. Ormsby	Logan	Superintendent of Sunday Schools	Rebecca Langton Ormsby	2	Born 1895 and 1897	Lizzie Furman			Lizzie Furman	2	Since 1896
F. Bitters	Logan	Elder	Mrs. Bitters	1	Born 1897	Thersie Conrad Knowles			Thersie Conrad Knowles	1	Born Oct. 9, 1893.

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