

I have been accumulating the names of Women who received deeded land without a husband on the deed in Nauvoo from 1840 to 1845. Many of deeds were given to women who were alleged or shown to be Plural Wives of Joseph Smith. Many of the others are either family of Smith or wives or plural wives of Hyrum Smith. But a person here on Reddit suggested that we ought to look at the other women and see if they have any connection to Nauvoo Polygamy as this already is damaging evidence to "Joseph Smith polygamy deniers" but could be made worse by linking these women. Does anyone have info that links these woman to polygamy (If the listing doesn't already make that connection). And also if anyone wants to look any of these woman up and assist in the research the best source is the following (which requires a family search account unfortunately). Also any deeds I missed, feel free to put any and all info in the comments and I will revise the master list. Beneficial_Math_9282 is the redditor who helped with a chunk of these and I want to say thank you

This site contains tons of data on these folks and the deeds

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1388212?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

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1840 Land Deeds (I would expect no connections to polygamy in 1840 Nauvoo)

- Jane Miller 200.00 March 6 1840 To pay \$50.00 in 2 years 50.00 in 4 years 50.00 in 6 years & 50.00 in eight years -
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/68>
- Maria Clark (West half) 250.00 April 16 1840 To be paid in 4 biannual payments of \$62.50 each -
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/69>
- Elizabeth Tyler 300.00 Feby 27 1840 -
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/69>
- Almera Oaks 350.00 February 27 1840 To be paid in seven annual instalments of 50.00 dolls each -
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842>

- Hester Ann Lyons 500.00 March 23 1840 To pay in 5 biennial instalments of \$100.00 each—
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/71>
- Cynthia Baggs 500.00 March 30 1840 To be paid in 5 biennial payments of \$100.00 each
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/72>

1841 Land Deeds (I would expect no connections to polygamy in 1841 Nauvoo)

- Julia M. Smith (**adopted Murdock girl by the Smith's**) Block No 92 1 Julia M. Smith & others Decr. 25 21 41 25.00 Deeded 2 Julia M. Smith & others Decr. 21 41 25.00 Deeded 3 Julia M. Smith & others Decr. 21 41 25.00 Deeded 4 Julia M. Smith & others Decr. 21 41 25.00 Deeded (She is the adopted daughter of Joseph Smith and was raised by him from infancy. She should be excluded from the parameters for this reason)
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/240>
- Poly Sherwood - Block No. 139 November 5 1841
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/258?highlight=Sherwood> And This
One <https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/253>

1842 Land Deeds to women

- [Deed to Philinda Merrick, 24 March 1842](#) (Emma participated in deed signing) \$300
Philinda Merrick = Philinda Clark Eldredge Merrick, the plural wife Martha Knight [see above comment] gave consent for her husband to marry!
"Mrs. Levi Merrick, whose husband had been killed at Haun's Mill, M[iss]o[uri]. He also explained to her that he had been told to enter Plural Marriage. That if he had to, this Sister Merrick would be the one he could help best. He must have been greatly relieved when Martha replied, "Is that all." --
https://www.dialoguejournal.com/wp-content/uploads/sbi/articles/Dialogue_V38N03_13.pdf
More info here: <https://mormonstudies.as.virginia.edu/family/knight/>
"Sometime prior to his death in mid-1842 [31 July], Vinson Knight married Philinda C. Eldredge Myrick. Philinda had wed Levi N. Myrick on November 18, 1827, but he had been killed in the Haun's Mill Massacre in late 1838 ... Knight may have attempted to effect a second plural marriage before his death. **On June 23, 1843, William Clayton recorded in his diary: "This A.M. President Joseph [Smith] took me and**

conversed considerable concerning some delicate matters. . . . Also Brother [Vinson] Knight he [i.e., Joseph Smith] gave him [i.e., Knight] one [i.e., a plural wife] " --

https://www.dialoguejournal.com/wp-content/uploads/sbi/articles/Dialogue_V38N03_13.pdf

Martha's deed 2 Feb 1842

Philinda's deed 23 Mar 1842

Philinda born 1809. age 33.

- [Deed to Emma Smith, 13 June 1842](#) \$1,000 (**Joseph Smith's Legal Wife**)
- [Deed to Charity Stoddard, 1 February 1842](#) (Emma participated in deed signing) \$150 **Wife of Sylvester B. Stoddard who was a high priest and on the Nauvoo High Council. She died Oct 1844. He married Almira Knight in Nov 1844, less than a month after Charity's death.** He joined the Strangites.
- [Deed to Martha Knight, 2 February 1842](#) (Emma participated in deed signing) \$150 age 37
Martha Knight = Martha McBride Knight Kimball 2 Feb 1842 - born 1805 Martha married Vinson Knight on July 26, 1826
Plural Wife of Joseph Smith and Heber C. Kimball
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha_McBride_Knight
"Martha was purportedly told by Joseph Smith that she was the first woman to give her consent for her husband to enter into plural marriage."
<https://josephsmithspolygamy.org/plural-wives-overview/martha-mcbride/>
If she was told that she was the first to give consent, that is important. That squares with her deed being one of the first in 1842.
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https://www.dialoguejournal.com/wp-content/uploads/sbi/articles/Dialogue_V38N03_13.pdf
Her affidavit indicates she married JS in Summer 1842, which is later than the deed:
<https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ac9e0615-9bf4-45f3-a635-97e927693dfe/0/0>
We have no exact date for her husband's marriage to Philinda. I don't think we even have a date for Martha's marriage to JS. It was just "summer 1842" and it was made official by a sealing in the Nauvoo Temple after his death.

[Deed to Elmira Miller, 15 February 1842](#) (Emma participated in deed signing) \$100 **Wife of Henry William**

Miller. He's everywhere in the JS papers too. Council of 50 was organized in his home, and the Nauvoo Masonic Lodge met there too. Two possible early polygamous marriages to an Elizabeth Smith and a Nancy Baker (suspected to have taken 2 polygamous wives during the winter of 1845-1846 according to an article in [Dialogue](#), which covers details on the original 30 men in the inner-circle of polygamy)

- [Deed to Sarah Ann Whitney, 6 September 1842 \\$1,000 \(Plural Wife of Joseph Smith\)](#)
- Caroline Louisa and Mary Jane Smith - Block No 90 1 Mary J & C. L. Smith January 1st. 1842 500.00 Deeded2 -
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/239>
Children of William Smith the Prophet's brother
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_descendants_of_Joseph_Smith_Sr._and_Lucy_Mack_Smith
William Smith was practicing polygamy and had as many as 22 wives. This article sheds light on William Smith's Polygamy
<https://lifeafterministry.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/polygamy-and-mormon-church-leaders-william-b-smith.pdf>
- Harriet Sherwood Parker - E 1/2 Harriet Parker May 2nd. 1842 600.00 Deeded[p. 247] -
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/248>Harriet Parker East half 600.00 May 2 1842 Deeded To Harriet Parker May 2. 1842. East half—
\$600.00—>
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/83>
- Lavena Murphy - No 17 <W 1/2> 4 W 1/2 Lovina Murphy April 30th. 1842 Deeded -
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/236> AND
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/287>&<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/68>

1843 Land Deeds

- [Deed to Marinda Nancy Johnson Hyde, 10 February 1843 \(Marinda and Orson already had a deed the same day\) \\$500 \(Plural Wife of Joseph Smith\)](#)

- [Deed to Eliza & Emily Partridge and Others, 10 February 1843](#) (To both partridge sisters and other kids \$1,000) (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)
- [Deed to Elizabeth Buchanan Coolidge, 30 March 1843](#) \$100 (**Wife of Joseph Wellington Coolidge, who was a known participant in polygamy during JS's lifetime**) (<http://www.josephsmithpapers.com/person/joseph-wellington-coolidge>). **Administrator of JS's estate. Emily Partridge was living in their home at the time of JS's death.**
- [Deed to Sally Allred, 10 February 1843](#) \$800 Not a positive ID. **Most likely a member of the James Allred family? Allreds were Prominent early members and known participants of early polygamy** - I mean, these guys were *prolific* polygamists. Possible identities in this family: Sarah Elizabeth Zabriskie, wife of Wiley Payne Allred? WP Allred known polygamist, but not until 1851 and later. I'd wager the deed almost certainly belongs to this **Sarah "Sally" Allred**. [Sarah Sally Allred 1834-1925 KWJH-488 REF EARLY MARRIAGE IN NAUVOO **Sarah Sally Allred was married in Nauvoo in 1842. Her first child came when she was 14/15.**]
Or Sally Allred the daughter of Martin Carroll Allred? She'd only have been 9 years old in 1843. At the time she'd have been orphaned and living with her grandparents. Remembers JS as a man of "fine appearance and noble bearing" ([source](#)). Significant doubt it's her. Truly disturbing if it was.. She later married William Hyde. Or could have been somebody from a totally different Allred family.
- [Deed to Elizabeth Ann Smith Whitney, 22 April 1843](#) \$1,000 (**Newel K Whitney's Wife - Their Daughter Sarah Ann Whitney was a plural wife**) wife of Newel K. Whitney. Daughter a known plural wife of JS. **Deed dated September 1842, a month after the letter he sent Newel and Elizabeth that he instructed them to burn.**
- [Deed to Sarah Scott Mulholland, 13 May 1843](#) \$50 ([Sarah Scott listed as plural wife on wikipedia](#)) ([Sarah Scott Mullholand Evidence](#)) (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)
- [Deed to Flora Ann Woodworth, 13 May 1843](#) \$1,000 she is 16 years old (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)
- [Deed to Sylvia Sessions Lyon, 5 June 1843](#) \$500 (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)
- [Deed to Helen Mar Kimball, 7 June 1843](#) \$50 she is 14 years old (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)

- [Deed to Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner, 5 July 1843](#) \$50 (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)
- [Deed to Catherine Clawson, 5 July 1843](#) \$200 (**Plural Wife of Brigham young but in 1855) Widow of Zechariah Clawson. Married Howard Egan as a plural wife in Nauvoo in 1844. Howard Egan was called as a missionary specifically to help JS's presidential campaign and later was in Brigham Young's vanguard company.**)
- [Deed to Emma Smith and Others, 12 July 1843](#) (The unencumbered lots) \$10k (**Joseph Smith's Legal Wife**)
- [Deed to Patty Bartlett Sessions, 9 August 1843](#) \$150 (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)
- [Deed to Sally Waterman Phelps, 16 November 1843](#) (Emma participated in deed signing) \$200 **W.W. Phelps wife - Connected with Nauvoo Polygamy but W.W. Phelps does not take his first plural wife until 1847**
- [Deed to Sally Murdock, 23 November 1843](#) \$500 Widow of Joseph Murdock. He died 9 Oct 1843. Her deed is dated 23 Nov 1843. She'd have been 55 years old in that year. Her deed is dated a month after her husband's death. She never remarried, which I actually find slightly suspicious. Could have been an under-the-radar plural wife to somebody.
- [Deed to Sarah Phinney Foster, 7 December 1843](#) \$200
- [Deed to Sarah Phinney Foster, 10 March 1843](#) \$1,000 2nd deed (<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/letter-from-robert-d-and-sarah-phinney-foster-circa-16-august-1842/2>) **wife of Robert Foster who was excommunicated in 1844. He joined with William Law in publishing the Nauvoo Expositor and later became an apostle in the church Law founded. Her two deeds are dated March and December 1843. Were they an effort to keep her quiet? Would consult Nauvoo Expositor to check to see if she's mentioned.**
- [Deed to Elizabeth Davis Durfee, 10 March 1843](#) \$200 (**Plural Wife of Joseph Smith**)
- [Deed to Mary Fielding Smith, 15 March 1843](#) \$100 (**Hyrum's Smith Legal Wife**)

- [Deed to Lydia Dibble Granger, 15 March 1843 \\$100 \(Hyrum Smith's Plural Wife\)](#)

- Elizabeth mathews - 68 1 Deeded to Elizabeth Mathews Augt. 7 1843
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/237>And<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/287>
Wife of Anson Mathews. Sealed to prolific polygamist Samuel C. Bent on 28 Jan 1846, while Anson was still alive.
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LHVB-K2G>
 B. 1788. 58 years old at time of deed.
Samuel Bent acted as Hyrum Smith's proxy for posthumous polygamous marriages.
" Louisa Sanger ... Lydia Dibble Granger ... and Polly Miller were all sealed by proxy to Hyrum for eternity. ... Polly to Samuel Bent (Hyrum's proxy) for time. Lydia was also anointed to Hyrum (with Taylor again acting as proxy), and Polly, though this is not clear, may have also been anointed to Hyrum (with Bent acting as proxy)." --
https://www.dialoguejournal.com/wp-content/uploads/sbi/articles/Dialogue_V38N03_13.pdf
 This resource may help. Useful notes on the far right column:
http://nauvoo.iath.virginia.edu/viz/data_view/sealings_pre1846.php

- Mary Egan July 13 Deed 1843 (Power of Attorney handled deed)
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/276>
 there are other deeds with Mary Egan and one with a Mary Egan and her husband John
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/325241/?offset=0#page=517&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=%22mary%20egan%22>

- Mary ann price - **(Orson Hyde's plural wife April 1843)** - wasn't baptized till 28 July 1844 - deed 26 Apr 1843 \$6.16 (approx 27 years old)
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/325125/?offset=0#page=315&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q=>
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1844 Land Deeds

- [Deed to Mary Ann Bosley, 26 January 1844](#) \$500 (Mary ann and husband George have a deed already) **John C Bennett Miss B******* (less likely though potential Plural Wife of Joseph Smith)
- [Deed to Melissa LeBaron Johnson 4 April 1844](#) \$500 wife of Benjamin Franklin Johnson, who acted as agent for JS in business matters. Her deed dated 4 Apr 1844. Her husband married Mary Ann Hale as a plural wife Nov 1844.
- [Deed to Jane Gully, 20 May 1844](#) \$1,000 **John C Bennett Mrs. G*******
- Matilda Lyman & others November 2 1844 100.00 Deeded
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/260>
 Matilda Lyman is the daughter of Amasa Lyman and apostle in the Mormon Church at the time. Her deed came after Joseph Smith's death and occurred in Nov 1844. She is deeded land with her siblings. She was born: November 14, 1836 so she is 8 years old at the time of the deed
 Photo
https://www.geni.com/photo/view/6000000006419388629?album_type=photos_of_me&photo_id=6000000015434770123
In 1835, Lyman married Louisa Maria Tanner in Kirtland. They had eight children. In April 1844, Smith taught Lyman the principle of plural marriage. "As he warmly grasped my hand for the last time," Lyman later recalled, "[Smith said] brother Amasa, go and practice on the principles I have taught you, and God bless you." Soon Lyman married his first and second plural wives, Diontha Walker and Caroline Partridge. In 1846, Lyman married four additional wives: Eliza Maria Partridge (one of numerous widows of Smith and the 25-year-old sister of Lyman's wife Caroline), Paulina Eliza Phelps, Priscilla Turley, and Cornelia Leavitt. In 1851, Lyman married his eighth and final wife, Lydia Partridge, a sister of his wives Caroline and Eliza.

1845 Land Deeds

- Jennetta Richards - **Willard Richards Wife (I find a deed with her and Willard together also)** - Jennetta [Richards] Richards Mch 3rd. 1845 300.00 Deeded
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/247>
- Lucy Smith (**Joseph & Hyrum's mother**) - July 24 1845 100.00 Deeded
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-b-4-august-1842-8-december-1845/2493> <Mother [Lucy Mack] Smith Deeded July 24th 1847>
<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/trustees-land-book-a-11-september-1839-30-april-1842/83>
- Roxina billings - was a land transfer between 2 private land owners 13 Nov 1845
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/298595/?offset=0#page=130&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=sara%20billings>
- Sarah ann billings - was a land transfer between 2 private land owners 13 Nov 1845
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/298595/?offset=0#page=130&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=sara%20billings>

- Amanda Maria Hartson - born 3 Aug 1830 - spouse John Worthen married 1848
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/321604/?offset=0#page=NaN&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=amanda> Deed - she was 15 years old at time of deed deed - 31 Jan 1845

1846 Land Deed

- Cynthia Durfee - spouse James Durfee
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/325241/?offset=0#page=464&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=durfee> - deed 11 aug 1846 (approximately 45 years old)