

Told to me by my father, Spring of 1932

When the Pioneers first came to Utah and Endowment House was erected. There were so many that wanted their endowments that they couldn't be taken care of. The Church then said that no one should come to this house until an invitation was sent them. Invitations were sent to the older ones first.

Grandfather had been sealed to his first wife, Adaline Knight, in Nauvoo by Brigham Young and had received their endowments in the Nauvoo Temple. When he came west he married, Henrietta McBride, they were married in Salt Lake and sealed by Brigham Young. She hadn't received her endowments because it wasn't her turn to get them.

When Grandfather, Gilbert Belnap, and his wives went to get their second anointings he was told that the children born before Henrietta received her endowments would have to be sealed to them. Grandfather didn't think it necessary because he had his endowments and was sealed to Henrietta before they were born. He would not have the work done.

Ten years before Grandfather died Aunt Henrietta asked Hyrum to see his father about having her first three children sealed to them, as she thought he had more influence with his father than any one else. Grandfather refused.

Hyrum went to see his father during his last illness and talked to him about his records. He did not succeed in convincing him. Finally he went home and while he was unhitching his horse his father sent for him to come back.

Grandfather was in the front room, the head of the bed was facing the kitchen door, Uncle Frank was sitting by the bed and grandmother, Adaline Knight, was in the kitchen. Hyrum came in the back door and when he entered the front room, his father sat up and reached over the foot of the bed and grasped Hyrum by the hand and said, "Hyrum, I will hold you back no longer, take my records and do the work."

Hyrum got out some of the records and went over them with grandfather.

Grandfather died soon after. Uncle Frank and Uncle Will refused to go to the temple to be sealed even when their mother, Henrietta, pleaded. Aunt Henrietta died seven months after grandfather in 1899. Uncle Frank said his father knew best. It was about twenty years later before Uncle Frank and Will were persuaded to be sealed to their parents.

My father, Hyrum, went to Salt Lake City for conference. He separated from the crowd and went to a part of the temple grounds where he could be alone. He was feeling badly because many years had elapsed and some of the children were not sealed and that he couldn't get other members of the family to help in doing the work for their dead.

While standing there meditating some one slapped him on the back and said, "What is the matter, Uncle Hyrum?" Father turned and saw it was Henry, who now resides at Alamo, Idaho, the son of William Belnap.

Father told Henry why he was feeling so blue. Also that Uncle Oliver was not well and he had come from St. George and was in Salt Lake City and wanted the work done, but Uncle Frank and Uncle Will would not listen to their pleadings.

Henry told him to get his recommend and he would get his father and Uncle Frank. He drove to Hooper that day and brought Uncle Frank and his father William back with him and the three, Oliver, William and Frank were sealed to their parents.

Attested by

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