

Eliza J. Webb letter of 24 Apr 1876, in the Myron H. Bond Papers, RLDS Archives. [[Quinn does not identify the recipient of this letter]]:

"...I left Kirtland in Aug. 1837....The sealing ordinance began like this, Joseph Smith took Louisa Beaman, and Joseph Bates Nobles took Sarah Alley one night about twelve o'clock and went down to the banks of the Mississippi and Joseph performed the ceremony for Bates and his girl, and then Bates sealed Joseph and Louisa. I have been told this by different parties, even Bates himself told me. Yet Fanny Alger's mother says Fanny was sealed to Joseph by Oliver Cowdery in Kirtland in 1835-or 6, and Brigham says Oliver had a girl sealed to him at the same time.

"I only know that Emma Smith turned Fanny out of her house because of Joseph's intimacy with her. Joseph never had any living children by his polygamous women, although It [[sic]] is always supposed that Eliza R Snow had a child, as she went into retirement for a year before Joseph's death. There are women living in Utah now who were sealed to Joseph while living with their husbands, and they say it was the greatest trial of their lives to live with two men at the same time. Fanny Alger had lived in Joseph's family several years, and when she left there she came and lived with me a few weeks. I suppose your mother will remember what a talk the whole affair made..."

[[Note: This is *not* Ann Eliza Webb Young, who wrote of the Alger incident in her book *Wife No. 19*, but rather *her mother* Eliza Jane (Churchill) Webb, wife of Chauncey Webb. This letter thus confirms and clarifies the account given by Ann Eliza, who was not even born when the incidents occurred. Among the details confirmed by this account are that Fanny Alger lived temporarily with Eliza Jane.]]

[[Myron H. Bond was an early leader in the RLDS church. I haven't yet learned much about him, such as the identity of his mother (assuming the letter was written to him). He may have been related to in-laws of the Mack family. Lucy Mack Smith's brother Stephen Mack married Temperance Bond. Temperance accompanied the Saints to Utah, but other converts in her family may have joined the RLDS. There is a compilation of early RLDS members through which I can learn about him and identify his mother.]]