

TESTIMONY
TO MY LOVING CHILDREN

As a young woman, your father William C. Parkinson taught me the principle of celestial "Plural Marriage", and upon being convinced of its truth and divinity, and believing that he was a man of God, holding the Holy Melchisedic Priesthood I accepted a proposal of Marriage knowing at the time that he ~~always~~^{already} had a wife then living.

I was married to your father on February 11, 1887 and have lived with him as a legal lawful wife under divine authority from that time to the present.

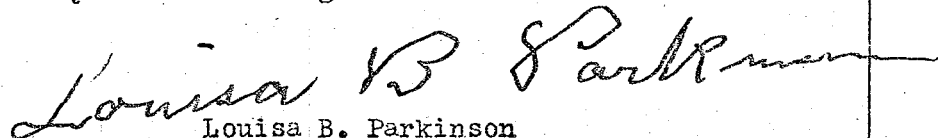
During this period ten children have blessed our union, two sons and eight daughters of whom I am devoutly proud.

Your father has gone to the other world to meet his reward and my summons may come at any time when I shall go to join him there. And now because of the trend of human influences and the pride of the world there is a growing disposition to question the legality and divinity of our marriage and therefore your right to an honorable birthright.

I have lived with your father for these 43 odd years, as a Bishop of a Ward, as a President of two Stakes of Zion, and as a private citizen. He has passed through trials of every kind and description and notwithstanding all these varied experiences, he proved true to the trust given him, honored the Priesthood of God, was a friend to the poor and had a kind word for his fellow men. He struggled diligently and valiently to provide for his families and because of these manifest virtues I grew to honor and love him more and more, until I can truthfully say I love him with all my heart and am devoutly proud to acknowledge him as the father of my children.

Another thing of which I am very grateful is that he left his testimony to the truthfulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the divinity and eternity of our marriage which gives an honorable birthright to you my children.

And now I wish to add my testimony, born out of my life's experience, that I do know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is true, that it is the power of God unto life and salvation that plural marriage is a true principle and doctrine of God, revealed to the prophet Joseph Smith in this our day and time. That it is the royal road to eternal life with increase and exaltation. This is my faith, my confidence and abiding testimony, which I bequeath to my loving children. I soon may go to my reward and I wish to leave you this heritage and benediction.
I love you!


Louisa B. Parkinson