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**Eleven Children Since Manifesto.**

Mr. Smith. I have had eleven children since 1857.

Mr. Taylor. Those are all the children that have been born to you since 1857?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir; those are all.

Mr. Taylor. We these children by all of your wives, that is, did all of your wives bear children?

Mr. Smith. All of my wives bore children.

Mr. Taylor. Since 1857?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir, correct.

Mr. Taylor. I understand, since 1850.

Mr. Smith. Since 1850 I said that I have had born to me eleven children since 1850, each of my wives being the mother of from one to two of those children.

Mr. Taylor. You rather than was born more than two children to you?

Mr. Smith. Not that I recollect now, I could not tell you without I referred to the dates.

Mr. Taylor. I do not think that is material.

Mr. Taylor. That was not intended for information so much as it was for your guidance with respect to another question.

Mr. Taylor. It is very evident that there must have been two children by four of the wives and three by one, which makes eleven.

Mr. Taylor. That is very true. You of course understand that I might have differed with you in the number of some of the children, as Mr. Smith himself is not quite sure.

Mr. Taylor. You will not have any difficulty so far as I am concerned.

Mr. Taylor. I have no doubt if you could recall the particular situation, but you say you are sure but that one might have borne you three children.

Mr. Smith. I rather think she has.

Mr. Taylor. I can tell you a little later by referring. I can not say that I remember the dates of births of my children—all of them.

**Took Plural to Fair.**

Mr. Taylor. This answer to my question justifies the difficulty I stated to Senator Foraker I was in at this juncture. You attended the fair at St. Louis?

Mr. Smith. I did, by invitation of the chairman.

Mr. Taylor. By the invitation of the chairman?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. You accompanied there by one of your wives?

Mr. Smith. I was.

Mr. Taylor. By which one of them?

Mr. Smith. By Edna.

Mr. Taylor. A plural wife?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir, a plural wife.

Mr. Taylor. Was Senator Smoot with you?

Mr. Smith. No, sir.

Mr. Taylor. He was not at St. Louis with you at any time?

Mr. Smith. He was at St. Louis, but not with me.

Mr. Taylor. He was present in the company of yourself and your wife, was he not?

Mr. Smith. No, sir; he was in another company entirely.

Mr. Taylor. Was he at St. Louis in company with you and your wife?

Mr. Smith. I met him there several times at the hotel.

Mr. Taylor. At any other place?

Mr. Smith. Only at the hotel, that I now remember.

Mr. Taylor. Was your wife in your company at the time?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. He knew she was your wife, did he not?

Mr. Smith. I think he did. I can not say what he knew.

**Photograph Was Taken.**

Mr. Taylor. There was a photograph taken of the group?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Where the Utah building was to be?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir; that is correct.

Mr. Taylor. And you and your wife, Edna Smith, in Salt Lake?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. And Senator Smoot was with you?

Mr. Smith. And a great many others.

Mr. Taylor. A great many others?

Mr. Smith. The Governor of the State of Utah and a number of others.

Mr. Taylor. I should like to ask a question.

Mr. Taylor. I should like to ask Mr. Smith, if he pleases, to state, in a general way, where the various wives live, in what place, and the general way of living?

**Where Wives Live.**

Mr. Smith. I will state, Mr. Chairman, in answer to the question, that each of the wives live in their own homes. They live near to each other, not very far from each other in their own homes.

Mr. Taylor. In the same city?

Mr. Smith. In Salt Lake.

My custom has been to live with my first wife in her home, and I have lived with her exclusively, from that time, and I am living with her still, but I have, as I said before, visited my other families and provided for them and their children, for their schooling.

**Plural at Reception.**

Mr. Taylor. You were present at a reception given to the President of the United States in Salt Lake?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Did you have one of your wives there?

Mr. Smith. I did.

Mr. Taylor. Was it the same wife that you had in St. Louis?

Mr. Smith. No, sir; it was not.

Mr. Taylor. Did you take the test oath required by those who voted at the election?

Mr. Taylor. Before you come to that, I wish to ask a question for my information.

Mr. Taylor. Very well. Senator Smoot present at the reception which you attended with your wife?

Mr. Smith. I am not very clear, but I think he was, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor. That is all.

Mr. Taylor. I presume it would be conceded by the counsel for the respondent that Senator Smoot knew it might save some time in various questions—of this kind, in this opinion, which he has stated. It must have been a matter of general public knowledge of course.

Mr. Taylor. Yes, sir; May I be permitted?

Mr. Taylor. No, sir; I was asking the counsel to suppose the general knowledge by Mr. Smoot of this opinion and attitude of Mr. Smith will probably be conceded by you?

Mr. Taylor. I think not.

Mr. Taylor. Very well. Let me rather put Senator Smoot on the stand and let him state in his own words, as he does know, Mr. Taylor, was it brought out where this reception in Salt Lake was held?

Mr. Taylor. At Senator Kearns's, is it not?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir; at Senator Kearns's residence.

**Wangle Among Lawyers.**

Mr. Taylor. Let the stenographer read the question.

Did you, in 1857, take the test oath required for those who voted at the election?

Mr. Van Cott. Mr. Chairman, I suggest that there was any such oath, show it to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Taylor. I do not understand that there was any such oath, show it to Mr. Van Cott. Instead of asking him that kind of a question—

The Chairman. Mr. Taylor, have you the oath?

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**No Claim About It.**

Mr. Taylor. I have not made any claim about it. I am asking this witness if he took the oath that the law required.

Mr. Taylor. I presume he took it, but I believed it was a simple matter, and I was asking him about the fact.

Mr. Taylor. There was no objection to that until it was objected to, and then there is objection.

Mr. Taylor. I am asking him if he took the oath that the law required.

Mr. Taylor. The oath required. The law, as I understand, required an oath to be taken.

Mr. Taylor. You may ask him the question whether he took an oath at that time.

Mr. Van Cott. That is the question to which we object.

Mr. Taylor. Suppose he took an oath, but he supposed when he took it he perjured himself. That would establish the fact that he was a perjurer, but what would that establish in this case, fishing the conspiracy which it is alleged existed?

Mr. Taylor. I do not know what it would establish.

Mr. Taylor. It would simply prove that he was a very bad man.

Mr. Taylor. I do not know what it would do with the general outlines of this case.

Mr. Taylor. That is what I am asking him.

Mr. Taylor. I have it somewhere. I will withdraw the question for the time being.

Mr. Taylor. I made the objection because I am told there is no such test oath.

Mr. Taylor. Surely, then, there can be no objection to asking the question.

Mr. Taylor. As soon as you have a copy of the oath, you may wish to offer it to the witness and ask him if he took it.

Mr. Taylor. Did Senator Smoot avoid cohabitation with your plural wives?

Mr. Smith. Not that I know of. I do not think that Mr. Smoot has ever attempted to interfere with my family relations. I do not know that he knows anything about them, except what I have told you here today.

Mr. Taylor. Did he ever discuss the matter with you in any way?

Mr. Taylor. Never to my knowledge. I should like to cooperate with this question, that it is a well-known fact throughout all Utah, and I have never sought to disguise that fact in the least.

Mr. Taylor. It is a well-known fact in Utah. My friends all know that—Gentiles and Jews and Mormons. They all know that I had five wives.

Mr. Taylor. I do not doubt it at all.

Mr. Taylor. Whether they know that I was living with them or not I cannot say. I did not intend to disclose from my acknowledgment to them, because they never asked me nor interrogated me on that point at all.

Mr. Taylor. Are the apostles your advisers?

Mr. Taylor. No, Senator. I receive advice and counsel from all and every good man.

Mr. Taylor. Do they have any special authority?

Mr. Smith. No more than any other member of the church, except as a body or a council of the church.

Mr. Taylor. Did any of the apostles ever advise you or ask you to desert from this conduct?

Mr. Taylor. No, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Mr. Smith, just one question. Do you know whether Mr. Smoot has visited at your house or home?

Mr. Smith. I do not believe he ever did. I have no recollection whatever that he ever in my life has been here.

Mr. Taylor. Or any one of your residences?

Mr. Smith. Or any one of them. I will modify that if you will allow me, please.

Mr. Taylor. Certainly.

Mr. Taylor. I will say that I met Mr. Smoot at my present residence, my official residence, if you please, some two or three times, I think. He dropped in to talk with me about something, some private matters, in my present residence.

Mr. Taylor. Where you live with your first wife?

Mr. Taylor. Yes, sir; where I live with my first wife.

Mr. Taylor. Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

**Is Teasdale a Polygamist?**

Mr. Taylor. Now referring to George Teasdale, is he a polygamist. I object to the question unless you mean now, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor. The word "is" has a present tense of course.

Mr. Van Cott. If it is confined to the present I have no objection to make.

Mr. Taylor. He is not now a polygamist.

Mr. Taylor. Has he been within recent years?

Mr. Taylor. I object, unless it is confined to the date of the manifesto.

Mr. Taylor. Since 1857?

Mr. Smith. I do not know.

Mr. Taylor. What was the question?

Mr. Smith. I have been twice in all my life in the residence of George Teasdale, and but twice. He lives at Nephi, a hundred or some odd miles south of Salt Lake City, and I do not visit at his home. I am not familiar with his family relations, but he is a member of the council of the twelve, and we meet together as a family, but as an individual, he is not a member of the council, and I do not know anything about his polygamous status or the status of his family.

Mr. Taylor. In how many years ago he was reputed to be a polygamist, was he not?

Mr. Taylor. I can only give you my opinion of it.

Mr. Taylor. What is that?

Mr. Smith. My opinion—

Mr. Taylor. Just a moment. I do not believe it is proper subject-matter to give an opinion that he either was or was not a polygamist without knowing anything about the matter. It would not give the committee any light.

Mr. Taylor. Ask him what he knows.

Mr. Taylor. It is proper to show what his reputation was. That is one of the questions that I am asking. Knowledge of that reputation has been called home to Senator Smoot.

Mr. Taylor. You can ask Senator Smoot.

Mr. Taylor. I know; but we have to make this proof otherwise. I do not understand that the ruling of the chair was that Senator Kearns's, is it not?

Mr. Taylor. Let the stenographer read the question.

Did you, in 1857, take the test oath required for those who voted at the election?

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Mr. Smith. My opinion—

Mr. Taylor. Give your opinion. Answer the question.

Mr. Taylor. That was followed by question calling upon him for his opinion.

Mr. Taylor. Of course, he used the word "know."

**Has Five Wives in Utah.**

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Mr. Smith. That is all.

Mr. Taylor. Where does he reside, Mr. Merrill?

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**Grant a Polygamist.**

Mr. Taylor. Heber J. Grant is one of the twelve apostles?

Mr. Taylor. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. He is a polygamist?

Mr. Smith. He so acknowledged, I believe.

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Mr. Taylor. Yes, sir.

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Mr. Taylor. You are not posted?

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Mr. Taylor. Only two? Pardon me for saying "that I know of." Mr. Chairman, I am like all other men; I only know what I know.

"opinion" there. I do not think the witness by the use of the word "opinion" varies the legal status of my question.

Senator Foraker. I do not want to split hairs about it. I want to call attention to the question last put to the witness, which was one calling for an opinion.

Mr. Taylor. The usual question is whether the witness knows what the reputation of the person concerned is, and then if he does, to ask him what it was.

Mr. Smith. Until a number of years ago I could not tell you how long ago, but it is a long time ago—I supposed that Mr. Teasdale had two wives. That is all I know about it. I never saw them. I never met with the ladies in my life that I know of. I was in England for a number of years in England, and for a number of years he had charge of our colonies in Mexico, and during the time of his embassy to the Mexican mission, I did not visit him and did not know his status at all.

Mr. Taylor. Go on, Mr. Taylor.

**Taylor an Apostle.**

Mr. Taylor. Who is John W. Taylor?

Mr. Smith. With what reference do you ask that question? Who is he? What do you mean?

Mr. Taylor. Is he one of the apostles?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Has he been an apostle for many years?

Mr. Smith. Yes, for many years, a number of years.

Mr. Taylor. He seems to be the fifth in order on the list. Would that indicate the chronological order of his elevation to an apostle—the order in which the names are generally given?

Mr. Taylor. No, sir; I think not.

Mr. Taylor. Is he a polygamist?

Mr. Smith. Well, now, he is reputed, I think, to be a polygamist.

Mr. Taylor. He is reputed to be a polygamist?

**Reputed a Polygamist.**

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir. I could not say to you that he was, of my own knowledge. I could not say that he is a polygamist.

Mr. Taylor. Have you the slightest doubt of it?

Mr. Smith. I have not very much doubt of it.

Mr. Taylor. Where is he now?

Mr. Smith. I do not know, sir.

Mr. Taylor. I do not mean what, at this point, he is living in, but I mean officially he is away somewhere.

Mr. Smith. The last I heard of him he was sent as a commissioner to investigate a certain territory which was offered for sale to our people by the Great Northern Railroad company, and that is some distance from here.

Mr. Taylor. And I do not know where he is.

Mr. Taylor. When you say "reputed for sale to our people," what do you mean by that?

Mr. Smith. Our colonists.

Mr. Taylor. When land is to be purchased by the apostles goes to see about it, does he?

Mr. Smith. He does when he is sent. In this case he was sent by me.

Mr. Taylor. Do you not know where he is?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir, at the request of the railroad authorities.

Mr. Taylor. Do you suppose being, having purchased the land, if you should do so, to plant a colony there. Is that right?

Mr. Taylor. Well, what?

Mr. Smith. The purpose was to investigate as to whether it was eligible for a colony or not, and to come to Utah and see if it was, that we should attempt to place a colony there.

Mr. Taylor. In what part of the country?

Mr. Smith. In Salt Lake City.

Mr. Taylor. Have you been at his house?

Mr. Smith. Once.

Let me state, Mr. Chairman, that I have never been in the home in which he now lives, but in my life. He has lived there, I suppose, for some five years.

Senator Dubois. Mr. Chairman, may I ask the witness a question?

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The Chairman. Oh, the committee understand. Now it seems to me fair as testing the accuracy of Mr. Smith's understanding, to call his attention to the condition and ask him how it could have been brought about.

The Chairman. Answer the question.

Mr. Taylor. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. He is a polygamist?

Mr. Smith. He has two wives. I am pretty well acquainted with his folks. He is a kinsman of mine.

The Chairman. He is one of the apostles?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. You, as head of the church, never undertook to apply any more rigid rule of conduct to him than you applied to a kinsman of mine?

Mr. Smith. I certainly could not condemn him when I was in the same practice.

Mr. Taylor. I suppose not.

Mr. Taylor. Where does he reside, Mr. Smith?

Mr. Smith. He resides in Salt Lake City.

The Chairman. With his two wives?

Mr. Taylor. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Do you know whether he has had children by those wives since the manifesto?

Mr. Taylor. I could not tell you about that. I do not know anything about it.

Mr. Taylor. You do not know anything about whether he has had children since—

Mr. Smith. No, sir.

Mr. Taylor. You said he lived in Salt Lake City. You do not mean in the same household with his wives?

Mr. Smith. Oh, no; they each have their own home.

Mr. Taylor. Do you recall that when he was a member of the Constitutional convention, a child was born to him by a plural wife?

Mr. Smith. No, sir; I do not know anything about it.

Mr. Taylor. You do not remember about it?

Mr. Smith. No, sir; I do not know anything about it.

**Cowley a Polygamist.**

Mr. Taylor. M. F. Cowley is one of the apostles?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Is he a polygamist?

Mr. Smith. He is reputed to have two wives.

Mr. Taylor. Where does he live?

Mr. Smith. He lives in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Taylor. I do not know, sir.

Mr. Taylor. I mean in a general way.

Mr. Taylor. In general, was he ever in Utah? I heard of him he was making a tour of the northern missions of the church in connection with some of the brethren who started out some weeks ago on that line. I do not know where he is today.

Mr. Taylor. What information have you as to his children born to a plural wife since the manifesto?

Mr. Smith. I have no knowledge of his children, but I was in his home.

Mr. Taylor. Have you any information respecting it?

Mr. Smith. No, sir.

Mr. Taylor. None at all?

Mr. Smith. No, sir.

**Clawson Was Polygamist.**

Mr. Taylor. Rudger Clawson is an apostle?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Is he a polygamist?

Mr. Smith. He is reputed to have two wives.

Mr. Taylor. How do you know?

Mr. Smith. Because he was at one time, but his wife left him, and he has but one wife now.

Mr. Taylor. When was that?

Mr. Smith. When did his first wife leave him?

Mr. Taylor. Yes, sir.

Mr. Smith. I could not tell you as to the date. I think it was some time in the winter of 1897.

Mr. Taylor. You mean that he has not had two wives since the manifesto?

Mr. Smith. No, sir; he has not.

Mr. Taylor. I am quite positive of that. I am quite intimate with him.

Mr. Taylor. Is your information so effect that men are not polygamists so much more definite than that they are polygamists—

Mr. Smith. No, sir.

Mr. Taylor. That you can use language of such positiveness in the one case and not in the other?

Mr. Smith. I happen, sir, to be very well acquainted with Rudger Clawson. At one time he was the second counselor to the church, and he lives at my neighbor to me, and we sit in the same office together from day to day, and I am acquainted with him.

Mr. Taylor. F. M. Lyman is an apostle?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Is your position does he hold respecting the apostles?

Mr. Smith. He is the president of the twelve.

Mr. Taylor. The president?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. And, according to the constitution of the church, in the line of succession to you?

Mr. Smith. That is the understanding.

Mr. Taylor. That is the understanding?

Mr. Taylor. How is his name?

Mr. Taylor. F. M. Lyman.

Mr. Taylor. Is he a polygamist?

Mr. Smith. Mr. Chairman, as Mr. Lyman is here, would it not be proper for him to answer the question himself?

**Lyman Has Two Wives.**

The Chairman. If you know you had better answer it.

Mr. Taylor. I know only by reputation. He is reputed to have two wives.

Senator Dubois. Mr. Smith, I should like to ask you a question, with the permission of the chairman.

The Chairman. Certainly.

Senator Dubois. Have any of these men about whom Mr. Taylor has mentioned married plural wives since the manifesto?

Mr. Smith. No, sir; not one of them.

Senator Dubois. Then the wives that you refer to were wives married before the manifesto?

Mr. Smith. Before the manifesto for years.

Senator Dubois. They were married before the manifesto?

Senator Dubois. I was asking whether any have taken wives since the manifesto.

Mr. Taylor. Let me say to you, Mr. Senator, that I have never heard of any man having had any more wives since the manifesto, and I have never heard of any man having had any more wives since the manifesto.

Mr. Taylor. I have some recollection of being married a plural wife since the manifesto.

Mr. Taylor. Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor. Now, Mr. Smith, do you remember how many wives he had at the death of the wife of George Teasdale?

Mr. Smith. I have some recollection of being married a plural wife since the manifesto.

Mr. Taylor. Was that the funeral of Marion Scoles?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. He believes it was, although I am not acquainted with that time.

Mr. Taylor. George Teasdale was an apostle?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. You are the head of the church?

Mr. Smith. I am now, but at that time I was not.

**Pointed Question by Taylor.**

Mr. Taylor. No, I am making your knowledge now the predicate for this question, which I want to ask you in good faith. I have never heard of any man having had any more wives since the manifesto, and I have never heard of any man having had any more wives since the manifesto.

Mr. Taylor. You do not know which one of his wives, if either, went with him?

Mr. Taylor. You are not posted?

Mr. Smith. No, sir.

Mr. Taylor. Do you not know, then?

Mr. Smith. Sir?

Mr. Taylor. You do not know which one of his wives went with him?

Mr. Taylor. I do not know that I know positively, but I believe that it is his second wife.

Mr. Taylor. That is, you mean his second living wife?

Mr. Smith. That is what I mean.

Mr. Taylor. Do you know how many wives he has in Europe?

Mr. Smith. Who?

Mr. Taylor. Grant.

Mr. Smith.