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The *Journal of Mormon Polygamy* fosters respectful, inclusive, and scholarly dialogue on one of Mormon history's most debated topics. By bridging credentialed historians and independent researchers, we elevate discussions beyond polemics while maintaining high academic standards.

Polygamy's secrecy and controversy have long complicated its study. Our journal embraces democratized historical research, recognizing that valuable insights come from both professional and independent scholars. To support non-credentialed researchers, we offer guidelines, mentorship, and meticulous peer review, ensuring rigorous methodology without lowering scholarly expectations.

We publish in multiple formats—online, print-on-demand, and Audible—to reach both scholars and the public. Our annual conference, podcast, and website serve as hubs for ongoing discussion.

Our Approach

Our approach is grounded in core historical principles:

- **Empiricism** – Submissions must rely on verifiable primary sources (letters, diaries, affidavits, official records).
- **Contextualization** – Polygamy is analyzed within its broader religious, cultural, and legal settings to avoid anachronism.
- **Intersectionality** – We welcome diverse perspectives from gender studies, legal history, theology, and more, avoiding monolithic interpretations.
- **Evolving Scholarship** – Historical narratives shift as new evidence and reinterpretations emerge. We encourage fresh perspectives backed by sound analysis.
- **Ethical Responsibility** – We ensure that those affected by polygamy, past and present, are treated with care and respect.

Through these methodological commitments, the *Journal of Mormon Polygamy* engages not only in the study of the past but also in the broader intellectual project of understanding how historical narratives are constructed, challenged, and redefined. By fostering rigorous, inclusive, and respectful scholarship, we aim to enrich both academic and public conversations on this vital topic.

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