

Infuriated about the Richard and Brenda Miles child abuse situation right now

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I don't normally post to this group, and I was never raised a Mormon or been a member, but I have a cultural connection to the LDS church through my mother's mother, who experienced both physical and emotional child abuse and then spousal abuse, and left the church bitter about the coverups and the misogyny. Those experiences probably made me somewhat more of a feminist and supporter of justice for children than I would otherwise be.

The situation that's come to my attention recently with not one but two of Russell M. Nelson's daughters has me infuriated, and I'm unable to attract attention from my usual friends about it on social media. I had to confront the fact that people have cognitive dissonance when it comes to horrible accusations where there's enough of a doubt that they can choose not to believe that justice hasn't been served, as a defense mechanism so they can go about their day and sleep at night and not be ranting about throwing people in federal prison like I'm doing right now.

On top of that, there are fewer than 17 million Mormons and the rest of the public considers them a "weird cult" or assumes that "people deserve it for believing foolish things like Joseph Smith and the gold plates". Ironically, this makes me want to defend the LDS community even more strongly because I firmly believe in my heart that the vast majority of believing Mormons are kindhearted and wonderful people who deserve to be protected from sexual predators who prey on little children, no matter what they do or don't believe about God and the scriptures.

This thread is more than venting, though. I've come with receipts. Mods, please note that the links I'm giving are not to anyone's private address or should otherwise be considered "doxxing". Out of respect for the victims who were then children, I will not, and please do not, share the real names of any of the victims, whether of Bill Carstensen, Dick and Brenda Miles, or any of the other names I'm going to name. I have no personal connection to any of these weirdos, and neither do the vast, vast majority of Utah Mormons, much less Mormons worldwide.

This is Arden Brett Bullock, who was convicted of a bunch of heinous child sex abuse offenses in the 1980s, in Bountiful, Utah. He's now denying that he did anything wrong at all.

[Inmate is still adamant abuse conviction off-base \(2002\)](#)

The "Brett Bullock child abuse ring" is particularly awful. It's in the excerpts to the self-published book Paperdolls which I'll be linking to shortly. Spoiler: the Cub Scout master who participated in recruiting small children for perversions is the husband of a different daughter of Russell M. Nelson, prophet, seer, and revelator.

Here's Joseph William Carstensen, the offender who escaped being arrested and almost certainly convicted by committing suicide in 1995. If you're a complete piece of crap who dies by his own hand at 43 to avoid prison, you don't get a very long obituary. He's lucky the church or the second wife's family paid for a minimal one.

[DEATH: J. WILLIAM CARSTENSEN](#)

Many, many thanks to the late Marion Burrows Smith for discovering the sexual abuse in her own family, working tirelessly for the community as cofounder and first director of Intermountain Sexual Abuse Center (ISAT), and being an all-around nice person. Here's her obituary.

[Marion Burrows Smith April 6, 1929 - October 16, 2019](#)

Here's a 90-minute recording from a 1991 LDS summer symposium community presentation by Marion B. Smith and several extremely knowledgeable presenters. The church knew *exactly* what they were covering up in 1991 in Russell M. Nelson's own family. Evil.

[Sunstone 1991, 80: Child Sexual Abuse in the LDS Community](#)

And here's a blog post that Marion Smith wrote in 1996 about how Mormon sexual abuse victims were being hushed up through gaslighting of the adults and threats to the children, the adults denying that perpetrators could even possibly be such. One sign universally acknowledged as indicative that a child is being sexually abused is that they start talking or acting out sexual behaviors that they just wouldn't ever think to do on their own.

[Blame the Victim: Hushing Mormon Sexual Abuse - April 10, 1996](#)

As a side note, the paper that Dr. Barbara Snow wrote about the ritualized sexual abuse that did in fact "help to fuel the Satanic panic", as Wikipedia notes, was talking about the particularly horrible abuse that I'll be getting to shortly, which must represent 10% or fewer out of the 1% of the general public who are sexually attracted to prepubescent children, according to research. Sadly, one sex offender like Bill Carstensen can have dozens of victims, across multiple generations, just within his own family, especially with the sizes of Mormon families and the power of denial. That's why the % of women and men who were sexually abused as children is 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 boys (or more), even though the number of offenders in the community is much smaller. That's why mandatory reporting laws are so important. What

those kids reported at the hands of the daughter and son-in-law of Russell M. Nelson is beyond the pale, even compared to "regular" pedophiles.

Bountiful, Utah is a town of about 40,000, which is about the size of the suburb of Los Angeles where I grew up. In a town like that, maybe 400-500 of the people (I'm convinced that female sexual offenders are severely undercounted in general and specifically here) are committing sex crimes (including underage perpetrators and victim-perpetrators) are doing "normal" sex crimes. What the Mileses and Bill Carstensen were doing to their victims is so depraved that I'd imagine less than 5% of the pedophiles would want to participate. But they probably want to watch the footage, which in turn increases the chance of them ending up offending against their own kids. It's all very vampiric.

I've spent about 30 hours of my own time studying just the Dick and Brenda Miles situation and the surrounding circumstances, and the total number of offenders, including the sixteen-year-old babysitter who killed herself (or was killed), the one person who I haven't identified (please post or PM her name if you can; she's dead and can now only help find the perpetrators), is around 40, or 0.1% of the population.

This next link comes with a serious trigger warning because it's the first link so far that I'm sharing with graphic details of what the children in Bountiful, Utah have alleged they faced at the houses of Dick and Brenda Miles, Bill Carstensen, and his mother. Don't read even the lengthy excerpts, or at least be prepared to skip over the details of the offenses, if you've been a victim of this kind of sexual abuse and/or aren't in the right headspace to hear of the worst type of sexual offenses possible short of torture and murder.

[Paperdolls: Healing from Sexual Abuse in Mormon Neighborhoods](#)

Adults: "Carol Scott" = Marion B. Smith "Norton Scott" = Nicholas G. Smith Jr. "Lorraine Scott" = one of Marion's daughters neighbors are Dick and Brenda Miles "Hank" = Bill Carstensen "Elaine" = Marilyn Brady (Bill's 2nd wife)

Pseudonyms of abused children of Bill and Sharon Carstensen (no real names, please): "Timothy" = b. 1978 "Isabel" = b. 1981 "Courtney" = b. 1982 "Baby" = b. 1985 (not abused)

Bill abused his sisters-in-law too: "Sara" = another older daughter of Marion and Nick, husband "Jake"

More links: Bill Carstensen's mother, who apparently molested Bill from the time he was a baby. When I say Carstensen escaped justice by either being murdered by his mother or by suicide, he's alleged to have molested 60+ people and his death ended investigations into

Dick & Brenda Miles and his own mother. As a good Mormon (although not a "good" one), finding Lou Ann Logan's family history page was quite easy, although it's auto-generated, which is a sure sign that nobody wanted anything to do with you at all in your later years, not even for the standard obituary that the funeral home does.

[Lou Ann Logan - 14 February 1926–20 December 2016](#)

In an attempt to inject some levity into this terrible situation (I'll save Mr. David O. Leavitt for another occasion), I'll confess that I've been calling Lou Ann Logan "Grandma Incest" as a shorthand, and her son, Joseph W. Carstensen, is "child molester Bill". He's "the Perpetrator" in the lawsuits against Dick and Brenda Miles.

I suspect that Lou Ann either murdered him with pills or forced him to "Epstein himself" in 1995. So she got to live on for another 2 decades, but was it worth it? BTW, her husband died in the 1980s.

And here's the obituary for the father of Richard L. Miles, Lorin Church Miles Jr. (1924 - 2016). "L.C." Miles hasn't been accused of anything, nor his wife LaRae, but I haven't fully researched either side of Child Molester Bill's family.

[Lorin Church Miles Jr., 1924-2016 \(Richard's father\)](#)

Dick's wife Brenda is the only one with a public Facebook page. I won't be linking to it, but the banner photo is an enormous group family portrait with the accused couple at the center of it.

Dick and Brenda's house in Bountiful, Utah is easy to find: they're long-time property owners and registered Republicans. You'd imagine that if you'd been credibly accused of hosting illegal child exploitation parties in a house on the edge of town, you might want to move? Can you imagine what sort of evidence federal investigators might find in a sudden unannounced search? There's certainly probable cause for them to step in.

I tried to intermix the bad with the good so to not make a thread that ends on a bad note, so now for an obituary of one of the honest-to-God good guys in the story, and he comes from "Mormon royalty" to boot, which counts for a lot within the church. He's the grandfather and father of abuse by Bill Carstensen, Dick & Brenda Miles, and others.

Here's the obituary for Marion B. Smith's husband, Nicholas Groesbeck Smith Jr. (1927 - 2019). If I die at 90 years old and have lived a life such as this good man (as well as being "Mormon royalty") lived, I will consider myself truly blessed. I'm truly saddened that his faith in the church was destroyed, and his faith in God was severely tested by the shocking and sickening abuse done to so many members of his own family.

[Nicholas Groesbeck Smith Jr. - 1927 - 2019](#)

Continuing the thread, and back to the horrific allegations. Here's a link to "A Blip Here And A Blip There", written in 2004 by Marion B. Smith, on file at the University of Utah, documenting all of the allegations against Dick and Brenda Miles and the late Bill Carstensen, among others described in the 1992 book Paperdolls linked earlier, but with fewer pseudonyms. Trigger warning again: it's tough reading for anyone. I highly suggest if you have read this far that you send these links, or this entire post, to your faith-blinded friends and relatives who think that the President of the organization can't be covering up child molestation on a vast scale.

[A Blip Here And A Blip There: A Report of Child Sexual Abuse in LDS Neighborhoods](#)

I haven't said much about Brenda Miles because her parents are [LDS](#) famous. Her father [Russell M. Nelson](#) has been the President of the LDS Church since Jan. 14, 2018, upon the death of Thomas S. Monson of extreme old age. What's more relevant is that he's been a member of the quorum of the Twelve since 1984, which is exactly the time that this child molestation coverup began.

Elder Nelson is directly implicated in covering up the Bountiful scandal that implicates his daughter Brenda (he has 8 other daughters and 1 son), as a member of the Quorum of the 12 Apostles since 1984, and another daughter is married to a convicted Cub Scout molester.

Now, I don't mean to imply that Elder Nelson did kill his wife and mother of his 10 children Dantzel White (m. 1945; d. 2005), who died suddenly at her house "in his arms", but the timing is a little suspicious since she was in good health and he married a younger woman almost immediately afterwards. Also, he's a cardio-thoracic surgeon, so he'd know how to do all the right things to save her life, but also how to take it. You ever watch those cold case true crime shows?

[Wendy Watson Nelson](#) is Russell M. Nelson's new wife. She's a spry 72 (he's 98).

Here's an example of how she comes across to the community.

[After tension over her speaking, here's what the wife of the LDS president told graduates at Utah Valley University.](#)

"Wendy Watson Nelson said everyone would be healthier if they let go of disagreements and contentions." And wait for statutes of limitations to expire, presumably.

I'll end this thread on a low note with a second perpetrator in Russell Nelson's family, and this one's in the official BSA child molesting Boy Scout file, Norman A. Maxfield. While the book

Paperdolls and the 2004 report by Marion B. Smith have been known for some time, it was only through some sleuthing on my own (\$1 gets you as many TruthFinder reports as you want for the 5-day trial, and I'm getting my money's worth) that I figured out that that sex-offending Cub Scout who's known from those stories is married to a different daughter of Russell M. Nelson. Fortunately, none of his other children appear to be tied to anything gross. Still, two children in one family?

I have [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) trees for all of these families, so let me know if you want an invite link. If you're already a member, you should be able to find and copy them already by searching for any of the names (I made all the trees public).

Norman Maxfield and a son have a dental practice. They have a [website](#). This is horrible to contemplate, but I can't help but wonder if the father molests the children of the patients while the son is cleaning their teeth. These repeat offenders never stop until they're put in prison. I'm saying this as someone who's very much anti-incarceration. If we let all of the people in prison for drug offenses or minor property crimes free, then we could keep the child molesters in there for life, or until we find some "cure" which we haven't yet, or the compromise of serving time and then being on a sex offender registry for life.

None of the people I've mentioned, with the exception of Norman here having to go on a sex offender list, along with Brett Bullock the architect, who I started this thread with, and the non-connected members of that Bountiful abuse ring, have ever faced any punishment whatsoever. That's the real unfairness to me. And on that note, thank you for reading, and please share.