

(3) A man may not marry his granddaughter, therefore, (1, 2, 3), a woman may not marry her grandson ; in other words, a man may not marry his grandmother.

(4) A man may not marry his father's brother's wife, therefore (1, 2, 3), a woman may not marry her mother's sister's husband ; in other words, a man may not marry his wife's niece.

(5) A man may not marry his father's brother's wife, therefore (1, 3), he may not marry his wife's aunt who is an equally distant relative.

(6) A man may not marry his brother's wife, therefore (1, 2; 3, 4), a woman may not marry her sister's husband ; in other words, a man may not marry his wife's sister.

7. As the term "wife" includes "widow," it follows as plainly from the application of the principles stated, that a man may not marry his deceased wife's sister, aunt, or niece, as that he may not marry his own daughter, niece or grandmother. None of these relations are expressly forbidden, but all are equally forbidden by good and necessary inference.

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I shall only further add that having for more than thirty years given a large measure of careful consideration to the subject, I feel every year more thoroughly convinced that the article in the Confession : "A man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer by blood than he may of his own," is *sufficiently* sustained by the authority of Scripture ; and therefore most earnestly implore my fathers and brethren not to expunge or practically set aside this article ; and whatever the Church Courts may do, I would most earnestly warn all members of the Church and others from rashly contracting such marriages as those of a man with his deceased wife's sister, aunt, or niece, which fuller consideration may convince them are injurious to the peace and comfort of families, opposed to the general Christian sentiment, and violations of the law of God.