

be apt to do this - give presents like this to his wife. SB would very probably not have given any presents because that would have been buying his wives. It is supposed that when a man is of any standing at all he would win his bride through his own efforts and not through someone else. After the marriage they can exchange gifts if they want to. If a man wants a girl and cannot win her he has to resort to buying her with gifts.

It was customary in old times that when older sister married the younger sister voluntarily wished to become the second wife. Generally wives are related some way if not sisters. In very rare cases women that were not related at all were married to one man. SB married these two sisters at the same time. He would woo the older sister and the younger would go with them. The younger was the mother of this William. The younger sister had been married before. SB had also been married before. SB was married several times before he married the two sisters. William