

Patriarchal Blessings by Hyrum Smith

Dated 1840-1844

[Patriarchal blessing of John C. Bennett¹ on September 21, 1840]

A Blessing pronounced on the Head of J. C. Bennett, son of J. and N. Bennett born in the Town of Fair Haven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, August 3, A. D. 1804, by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, September 21, 1840.

John C. Bennett — I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ, and inasmuch as thou art a son of Abraham, I bless you with the holy priesthood, with all its graces, and gifts, and with wisdom in all the mysteries of God. Thou shalt have knowledge given thee, and shalt understand the keys by which all mysteries shall be unlocked. Thou shalt have great power among the children of men, and shalt have influence among the great and the noble, even to prevail on many, and bring them to the knowledge of the truth. Thou shalt prevail over thy enemies; and shalt know when thou hast gained power over them, and in this thine heart shall rejoice. Many souls shall believe, because of the proclamation which thou shalt make. The Holy Spirit shall rest upon thee, insomuch, that thy voice shall make the foundation on which thou standest to shake,— so great shall be the power of God. His favor shall rest upon thee in dreams and visions, which shall manifest the glory of God.

Beloved brother, if thou art faithful, thou shalt have power to heal the sick; cause the lame to leap like an hart; the deaf to hear; and the dumb to speak, and their voice shall salute thine ears; thy soul shall be made glad and thy heart shall rejoice in God. Thou shalt be like unto Paul, who, according to his own words, was like “one born out of due time,” and shalt have the visions of heaven open, even as they were to him. Thy name shall be known in many nations, and thy voice shall be heard among many people. Yea, unto many of the remnants of Israel shalt thou be known, and when they shall hear of thy coming they shall rejoice, and thou shalt proclaim the gospel unto many tribes of the house of Israel. If thou shouldst step aside from the path of rectitude at any time because of temptation, the Lord shall call after thee, because of the integrity of thine heart, and thou shalt return to the path from whence thou hast strayed, for God shall illumine the path by the light of his everlasting covenant, and with its light thou shalt keep the way.

God is with thee, and has wrought upon thy heart to come up to this place, that thou mayest be satisfied that the servants of God dwell here. God shall reward thee for thy kindness, and thou shalt be fully satisfied hereafter. Thy soul shall be enlarged, thy mind shall be clear, and thy judgment informed, and the knowledge of all these things shall be made clear to thy understanding. Thou wilt have to pass through tribulation, but thou shalt remember the promises

¹ John Greenhow wrote about the blessing of John C. Bennett, “I was given to understand that he received the first patriarchal blessing ever given by Hyrum” (*Voree Herald* 1 [Oct. 1846]:2, Voree, Wisconsin Territory).

of the Lord, and shall be comforted, and shalt have the greater manifestations of the power of God. Thou must travel and labor for Zion, for this is the mind and will of God. Let thy voice be heard, and thy prayers and supplications and thy rejoicings be known. Turn not aside from the truth for the popularity of the world; but be like Paul. Let God be thy shield and buckler, and he shall shield thee forever. Angels shall guide thee, and shall lift thee out of many dangers, and difficulties; and after thou art delivered, thou shalt know they have done it, and thy heart shall be comforted.

Thou shalt have power over many of thy friends, and relations, and shalt prevail with them, and when thou shalt reason with them, it shall be like Paul reasoning with Felix, and they shall tremble when they hear thy words. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and if thou art faithful, thou shalt yet be a Patriarch, and the blessings thou shalt pronounce shall be sealed in heaven. Thou shalt have an inheritance among the Saints in time and in eternity, for this is the will of God. If thou continue faithful and steadfast in the Everlasting Covenant, thou shalt have power over the winds and the waves, and they shall obey thy voice when thou shalt speak in the name of Jesus Christ. The power of God shall shield thee while thou art laboring for Zion. Thou shalt outride the storm of adversity with patience, and shalt be crowned with immortality in the Celestial Kingdom, when Christ shall descend. Even so, Amen. R. B. Thompson, Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Howard Coray on October 20, 1840]

A patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of H[oward]. Coray Son of Silas & Mary Coray born May 6th 1817 in the County of Stuben and State of New York by Hyrum Smith patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Nauvoo Oct. 20th 1840

Beloved brother, I lay my hands on your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to pronounce upon your head the greatest of all blessings, which is the blessing of the Holy Priesthood and is the greatest of all gifts unto men with the exception of one. You are of the Tribe of Caleb according to the manifestation of the Spirit or a descendant of Caleb and according to the blessings of thy lineage are entitled to the blessings made to that tribe and Shall possess them in thy day for you have integrity and zeal for the cause of God. If you were Sent to spy the land you would not be afraid of the Sons of Anac [Anak] notwithstanding your infirmity. The fruitful portions of the land your eyes would behold and that you would contribute with all your heart to God. The desolate portions of the land would not be any Stumbling block in your path, and your testimony on your return would be favorable because of your zeal for the cause which is Sacred. This is a Type for you and a blessing on your head for you to look upon that you may know that God has taken cognisance [cognizance] of your zeal. The fear of the enemy is not in your heart for God has given you courage - has endued you with this gift and your Strength is in God.

You are entitled to the Holy Priesthood by promise, and also your posterity after you and the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the powers and graces appertaining to that gift are thine. Which gift confers a knowledge of all things concerning the kingdom of God that you may not [be] deceived by the adversary. And it gives power over diseases unclean Spirits and Devils, and power to heal the lame and the maimed which thou Shalt do though the time is not yet but by and by. When you have power to heal your enemies will Say heal yourself and this is a word to Strengthen your memory. You are entitled to the gift of Prophecy and Shall have power to

preach the gospel of the Kingdom unto many kindreds nations and tongues. For you shall have the gift to Speak in a language which you know not and your power to prevail will be by the prayer of faith. The besetting evils of your heart must be cast off which are to you best known. Let your days be days of rejoicing, nevertheless let the Solemnity of eternity rest upon your mind, and when you have Searched into the mysteries of God you Shall know what these things mean why you Should rejoice and your mind be Solemn.

The voice of the Spirit of God Shall whisper to you in a Still Small voice from time to time and you Shall hear and understand when you are called. You Shall be a chosen vessel of the Lord to do many mighty things, which to God may be Small. Yet they are great and your privilege is great and your calling is great and your gift Shall also be great. You Shall have a gift to understand the difference between good & bad. Yea to understand the differences of administrations. And the evil that creeps imperceptibly [imperceptibly] into the hearts of the children of men to overthrow them to you Shall be manifest and power Shall be given you to overcome [it to the Salvation of many. You shall learn to be wise, and to seek after knowledge, even the mysteries of God. And in your day, shall the plates containing the Record of Mormon, and the Brass Plates, be brought into the bosom of the church; and also many other sacred records for the benefit of the Saints. You shall become wise before you sleep, in recording sacred histories; for]² you Shall be called an historian. In these things you Shall improve greatly insomuch that there Shall be few greater.

Your days Shall be crowned with honor, and if you will claim it at the hands of God in faith nothing doubting you Shall not Sleep in the dust In your days you Shall have tribulation, but the promises which God has given you, the powers of the Holy Priesthood, and the angels that Shall hover over you Shall Soothe your heart and give you deliverance from your afflictions, and you Shall receive a reward for all your labor & toil at the coming of the Son of Man even: So Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Esaias Edwards on December 1, 1840]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Esaias Edwards Son of Andrew Edwards and Anna Edwards Born in Pike County State of Missouri April 10th 1812 By Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints Dec. 1st 1840

Brother Edwards I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Natherith [Nazareth] to bestow on you a blessing that may remain one that Shal[1] be sealed by promise and by the sanction of your Father in Heaven and the promise which Shal[1] be made shal[1] be fulfilled in their timis [times] and seasons agreeable [agreeable] to his wil[1] You are a des[c]endant of Abraham and in the Lineage of Zebulon and in which lineage you and your posterity Shal[1] receive an inheritance you are entitled to the Holy Priesthood Which is after the Order of Melchesidick [Melchizedek] through which you may reap the reward through promises obtained by your Fathers which Promises have come down unto you in its proper lineage and the power thereof is the cause by which you have been wrought upon from time to time and your mind stired up unto righteousness the same hath enlarged your mind so that you have received in the own due time of the Lord the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. not

² The original blessing is missing this portion of the text because part of the page has been lost. The wording in brackets comes from a copy preserved in the Autobiography of Howard Coray.

only that but the Same hath [w]rought upon your mind to preach the word and for this cause you have a gift and a calling which is in you. therefore a dispensation of the gospel is delivered to you and the gift and power of the Holy Ghost which shall rest upon and abide with you which power you shal[1] feel and realize from time to time which in the due times of the Lord that all things may be fulfilled agreeable [agreeable] to the plan of salvation according to the principles which are organized and ordained in heaven from before the foundation of the world that you may work out your salvation with fear in his presence and because of the Holy Priesthood he worketh in you to wil[1] and to do according to his pleasure that in the times when he worketh in you you shal[1] realize the fulfil[1]ment of the promise made to you for Shal[1] then walk by Sight and not by faith being moved upon by the power of God which you cannot resist for it shal[1] be as fire Shut up in your bones and you cannot forbear

therefore the day Shal[1] come and not far hence when you shal[1] receive a witness from God to your own satisfaction concerning these things for you Shal[1] receive the power of the Priesthood and the gifts and graces of the same which giveth all the gifts that are necessary to be given to those who wa[t]ch over the church to dis[c]ern the wicked from the righteous and the spirit of the Lord from the spirit of the evil one darkness from light and light from darkness and the differences of administration of the Spirit both by the good and of the evil that you may not be deceived which power you are not fully in possession of yet I therefore confer this Blessing on your head which you shal[1] receive in the due times of the Lord and the same power prevails over evil spirit[s] which Seeks to destroy which is to cast out devils to heal the Sick to cause the deaf to hear the blind to see and the lame to leep [leap] as an heart [hart] this power also shal[1] be given to you in the own due time of the Lord and you Shal[1] have power and influence over many people in the day that you Shal[1] be polished for the quiver of the Lord and as Shaft in his own hands when he Shal[1] right you up and trim you as a lamp that burneth whose light cannot be hid in the day that this grace Shal[1] shine in your forehead having waxed strong in the power of his might for his spirit shal[1] rest upon you which I seal by promise for he shal[1] shed forth and it shal[1] rest upon you in power and in glory then you shal[1] have power over many people and not alone on the learned and inlearned [unlearned] but on the mighty and the noble also

for the day shal[1] come and not far hence when your time must be devoted for a season not a short but a long season reasoning [among] the people concerning sin and of righ[t]eousness and the Judgment to come proclaiming the gospel of repentance and babtism [baptism] in water by immersion Showing forth the death and resurrection of the Son of God Calling upon the nations by the voice of this Priesthood and this power which you have received by promises to your Fathers which have come down in lineage to you upon your head by the order and providence of God and Sealed upon your head by mine hands. The day shal[1] come when your mind Shal[1] be Strong in consequence of the power of truth which shal[1] quicken your intel[1]lectual powers with all the gifts and grace[s] you Shal[1] receive which give wisdom and knowledge by which your Judgment Shal[1] be informed and the mysteries of god are manifested to you if you Seek with all your heart you Shal[1] be delivered from danger and evils which are common in the Proclamation of the Gospel that you may escape them for Angels Shal[1] guard and protect you and your days Shal[1] be many and your head Shal[1] blossom with age and be silvered over and be crowned with immortality and eternal life even So Amen R B Thompson Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Campbell Edwards on December 1, 1840]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Elizabeth Edwards Daughter of Thomas and Sarah Campbell Born July 21st 1816 in Blo[u]nt County Tennessee by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latterday Saints Dec 1st 1840

Sister Edwards I lay my hands upon your head in the Name of Jesus christ of Nathereth [Nazareth] to Bless you with the Power which is given of God which is Called Patriarchal that you may receive a blessing which may be for your benefit and your Posterity to the latest generation this Blessing Shal[I] be attended with promises which Shal[I] be fulfilled [upon] certain conditions and principles by which these things shal[I] be fulfilled is the great principle and gift of agency which was in[n]ate and natural not only from the beginning of this Creation but before creation was made for the principle of formation was Sanctioned in the august presence of innumerable intel[I]gences But because you have received the everlasting Covenant in these last days upon the principle of faith one of the grand principles of formation and power by which all things are held in Store not only this but by which we live and move and have a being and by which we Shal[I] triumph over death hell and the grave and receive dominion in the presence of the first and last the first because he was the first that [illegible] himself in the flesh the last because he Subdueth all things under him by Jesus christ The name by which were called unto obedience by which name and power and principle that he assumes to himself to Say that all flesh is in his hands by which reason I Seal you up unto eternal life and make unto you a promise which is called by me the second Comforter for your consolation that when you Shal[I] read these words you Shal[I] be comforted Joy and gladness Shal[I] spring up in your heart which shal[I] Stand as a witness to you for the truth of these Sacred words many of the mysteries of God Shal[I] be manifested to you and you Shal[I] reap the enjoyment of the blessings promised on the head of your husband in Common with him by which you may learn many of the mysteries of God. Now if you Seek it with all your heart which is asking fervantly [fervently] you Shal[I] have honor in this life and long life and the name yourself and Husband Shal[I] be held in Sacred remembrance to the latest generation and notwithstanding the tribulation of the Earth you shal[I] rest in peace and Shal[I] be welcomed and Crowned in the Resurrection of the Just Even So Amen R B. Thompson Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Merrill on January 2, 1841]

A patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Phebe S Merrill Daughter of Samuel & Phebe Merrill born 7th 18 1831 in Elba Genessee Co N. Y. by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints- City of nauvoo Hancock Co Illinois January 2- 1841-

Beloved Sister- I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth] to bless you by permission with a blessing which is Patriarchal and parental by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, the authority of Melchisedec, & by the sealing power of providence to attend your footsteps attending you in your childhood which shall call the fervent prayer to God for favors on your head as a child to be perpetuated, sealed by promise, and a decree irrevocable. Tho[ugh] in your youthful days before you rise up unto mature age of reflection shall your feet step aside from the path of righteousness yet a merciful friend shall call after you and bring you back, your mind shall be enlightened your judgement informed through the light of the smiling countenance of a lovely Savior who looketh after the pure and the youthful and obedient scholar

[scholar] under his tuition therefore you shall be blessed with a promise which shall preserve you which shall call the attention of attending Spirits which waiteth over the innocent to guard the footsteps of the child and the unassuming & the innocent.

The Lord shall bless you with his holy Spirit which shall rest upon you and wax strong in your heart and your blessings shall be many both Spiritual & temporal your name also shall be perpetuated as one anciently in Israel to be considered and pondered in your heart, to be manifested in due time which shall be sealed upon your head irrevocable- The qualifications which enlighten the mind of every individual shall be sealed upon your head, which is the power of the Spirit - the mysteries of the kingdom. the blessings of long life, and your name to be, perpetuated by the nearest ties of kindred blood to the latest generation. Wisdom knowledge and understanding and every qualification to seal you an heir of christ which is to have power over evil and surmount every difficulty, and to claim the promise of Eternal life- long life immortality and eternal life Amen

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of Samuel Merrill on January 2, 1841]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Samuel Merrill son of Jared and Abigail Merrill born September 24th 1784 in the town of Lornden Massachussts [Massachusetts] by Hiram Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints at Nauvoo January 2d 1841

Brother Merrill I lay my hand[s] on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place on your head a blessing that is called Patriarchal and that shall be had in remembrance to be read by your posterity by which your name shall be perpetuated to the latest generation and inasmuch as you are [a] descendant of Joseph and in the lineage of Ephraim you have a promise to receive the fulness of the blessings obtained by your fathers and an inheritance in that tribe in which your lineage shall be reckoned which shall be received and realized by you and your posterity in the day that God shall right up the nations and reckon up the people and seal the inheritance to them to the several tribes of the house of Israel by line to be an everlasting inheritance to bring you in full possession of the promises made unto Noah to Moses and unto Abraham which is the example unto the ends of the earth according to the scriptures which saith unto Abraham in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed now because of the promises received by your father by the prayer of faith and the decrees of the almighty before the worlds were there is a Priesthood coming down in lineage to reach unto you for which purpose you are preserved to behold this day which Priesthood shall be confer[r]ed on your head to fulfil the promises obtained by the power of faith and to be confirmed by mine hand therefore

I ordain you an Elder in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints to preach repentance and remission of sins through faith in the name of Jesus christ and the endurance of faith unto the end

which Priesthood I confirm on your head in the name of Jesus christ and a dispensation of the Gosple [Gospel] which shall be given unto you for you shall have power to preach this Gosple [Gospel] at home and abroad or wherever your lot may be cast in your declining years that the blessings the gifts the power and the graces of this Priesthood shall not be lost unto you and I confirm on your head the power of this Priesthood in all its spiritual powers and a privilege of confirming the same on the head of your Posterity as a father and as a Patriarch unto your

family your name shall be had in sacred remembrance by them like the name of Melchisedec or a holy Priest unto God under whose hands they have received blessings by which your name shall be perpetuated unto the latest generation, and the day shall come when the spirit shall rest upon you in great power and it shall be like fire shut up in your bones and you must speak and you cannot forbear then shall your mouth speak and your tongue loosed and shall delight to set forth your strong reasonings in your house in the house of your children and in the houses of your neighbors and from house to house and from place to place among many people and by this your salvation shall be perfected through which you shall receive the holy spirit of promise which shall cause you to wax strong in the spirit and seal you up to eternal life If you will seek it with all your heart many years shall be added unto your life your name shall be honored in this generation and notwithstanding the tribulation of this generation you shall rest in peace and receive a resurrection with the faithful Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Merrill on January 2, 1841]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced on the head of Phebe Merrill daughter of James and Lucy Oder born April 1788 in Cambridge near Albany, N. Y. by Hiram Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints Jany 2nd 1841 City of Nauvoo Hancock Co Illinois

Beloved sister I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bestow upon you a Blessing which shall be Patriarchal and which shall be a consolation to you read it and contemplate on the promises which are recorded you shall receive the blessings of the holy spirit which shall begin to wax stronger on you from this very hour the power of which spirit you have not yet realized but shall begin to realize it as it begins to wax stronger in your heart and greater and greater the same which quickeneth and enlighteneth your mind which gives power to understand and to discern the light of truth which truth now shineth and shall grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day your heart shall rejoice in the Law of God from time to time exceedingly which is the mercy of God bearing witness that your faith fail not

and being a descendant of Abraham the promises which were obtained for his posterity shall rest upon you as a daughter of Abraham with faith and the principle of faith which was present with you and the blessing of Abraham Isaac and Jacob in their inheritance which promise shall be sealed upon your head and realized in common with your husband children and Kinsfolks inasmuch as the principle of faith which was according to faithful Abraham was present [present] with you the Lord has inspired your heart with his spirit which spirit is confirmed on your head by promise and Sealed to wax Stronger and Stronger until the perfect day the same shall manifest unto you the mystery of God and the spiritual gifts which is placed for the edifying of the body notwithstanding you have come to declining years yet you shall see many of the sacred things which are hidden which shall be revealed and by them many of the Mysteries of God

and because of your faith which is in God and your obedience to the everlasting gospel I will seal upon your head the holy seal of promise even the comforter which is the promise of Eternal life for a witness of the truth of the same joy shall spring up in your heart when you shall read the sacred words doubt not fear not for these things shall never fail the blessings and the instructions that are given through dreams and Visions shall be your portion and when they administer consolation then you shall know they are from God and when fearfulness darkness and horror shall be administered then reject them by this you shall know the communication of

the Spirit of light life and liberty the same brings joy and consolation in the holy Ghost and the Spirit which is promised which is sealed upon your head holds the Key of discernment of good and evil by which you can choose for yourself Everlasting life and obtain it more abundantly by the same power the blessings in common with your husband shall be your lot and portion your name Shall be perpetuated to your Kinsfolks from generation to generation and your head Shall be crowned with honor immortality and Eternal life Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of Philemon C. C. Merrill on January 2, 1841]

A patriarchal blessing pronounced upon the head [of] Philemon C C Merrill Son of Samuel & Phebe Merrill born Nov. 12th. 1820 in Byrow Genesee County N Y by Hiram Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day saints at Nauvoo January 2nd 1841

Beloved Brother I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth agreeably to the holy Priesthood and the authority which God has given me even like unto melchisedics [Melchisedec], I bestow on your head a blessing which shall be ever sealed and perpetuated to the latest generation which is the blessing of the holy Priesthood the greatest of all blessings which can be placed on the head of man and the power of that Priesthood and all its gifts and graces I seal upon your head to be received in the due time of the Lord and

I ordain you an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints and ordain you to that office to preach repentance and Baptism for the remission of sins through faith in the name of Jesus Christ and the endurance through faith unto the end

now I bless you with the gifts of this Gospel this ministry and this priesthood and promise it by authority before Mentioned the day shall come notwithstanding your youth that you shall have influence over the people of this generation in consequence of the dignity of your office wherewith God has called you your tongue shall be loosed to declare glad tidings of Joy from land to land and from sea to sea your tongue shall be as the pen of a ready writer speaking forth the mysteries of the Kingdom reasoning with soundness and with logic setting forth the principles of Eternal life in the power and demonstration of the Spirit passing through trials tribulations and afflictions which await those that proclaim this Gospel but shielded by the Power of God and his Angels which shall hover around you to set you free from chains and bondage which await you although while in your youth you do not comprehend these things but the day shall come when you shall experience them and you shall be exercised with the power of faith and get the victory over your enemies

the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob shall be your lot and a promise of an inheritance in the lineage of Ephraim and the qualifications of a minister of Jesus Christ an Ambassador of truth unto nations when he shall call you which is in [your] future which shall be manifested in the Times and seasons agreeable to the mind of the lord these qualifications you will learn them when you come in the promise of the Priesthood by the gifts which are for the work of the Ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ and the perfecting of the saints the same is a blessing on your head by promise and permission by the faith of your fathers to come to you and your posterity to the latest generation the day shall come when the power of God shall be with you to quicken you and make known the Mysteries of his will by which you shall have power over discernment and shall not be deceived and if it is your desire and seek it with Prayer your name shall be known and be perpetuated your days shall be many your head shall

have honor and be silvered over and shall rest upon an inheritance which you shall pos[s]ess in time and in Eternity and be permitted to worship under your own vine and fig tree none to make you afraid this after you have outrode the Storm of adverse times which await you and your resurrection shall be with the Just even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William I. Appleby on May 7, 1841]

A Patriarchal Blessing, pronounced on the Head of William I. Appleby, Son of Jacob & Mary Appleby, born August 13th 1811 in Monmouth County, New Jersey, by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch.

Brother Appleby, I lay my hands on your head, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to place on your head a blessing, which is called Patriarchal,- in an much as you are a Son of Abraham, and from the loins of Joseph, you are entitled to the promised blessings, which ere obtained by the faith of your fathers, coming down in its lineage, even the Holy Priesthood, and a dispensation of the Gospel, and the gifts and power, and graces of the Holy Priesthood,- even the fulness, which shall manifest the mysteries of God; The same are the gifts which come by the Holy Spirit to understand even the differences of administration, and every other gift, the gifts of healing – the same make th[e] lame to leap as an hart [hart], the tongue of the dumb to sing,- the blind to see,- the deaf to hear, and the dead to live, the same shall be sealed as a blessing on your head, coming to you through the promise of the fathers, to be handed down to their posterity from generation to generation, unto the latest generation; beginning in this dispensation with you, placing on your posterity by a lawful administration, the same was a promise sealed and on record, which is yet to be translated, and to be brought to light, that you may look upon it, and your posterity, and your name shall be had in honorable remembrance, because of these things – until the latest generation,

and your genealogy shall be made known, tracing it in its lineage until it cometh unto Ephraim, who was the Son of Joseph, who was carried captive into Egypt to provide bread for his Father[']s House, which is a type of a work that shall be accomplished on this land, I seal upon your head these blessings, and promise, which must be fulfilled every whit, and a greater portion of the Holy Spirit from this very hour, which shall quicken your understanding, and enlighten your mind, and shew unto you things which are essential, both by dreams, and by visions for you shall see visions in the own due time of the Lord, and you shall dream, dreams, by which you shall be warned of dangers, and if you hearken to them you shall escape the hand of your enemies, and shall give you power over them, so that they shall not harm you.

You shall travel from sea to sea and from land to land to proclaim this Gospel, and your labours shall be crowned with great [illegible] in every country and clime where God will send you, You shall be brought before Judges and Rulers for the testimony of Jesus which you shall bear. – But it shall be given you in the very hour, what you shall testify, and your testimony shall make them tremble as did Felix in the presence of Paul, and you shall finally prevail, over all your enemies, and escape their hands, though they seek your life, yet they shall not slay you.

After your testimony, you shall receive an Inheritance, to possess it in time, the same to possess in Eternity.- The Holy Spirit which shall rest upon you, from time to time, which you shall feel as fire shut up in your bones, shall bear Record of the truth of these things, and it was the faith of your fathers, and these promises, which were obtained, that softened your heart, to believe this Gospel of the Kingdom, and that has brought you to this knowledge even to this

place, and this blessing on your head, which I seal on your head by the Power of the Holy Priesthood, which is invested in me. Not only this will I seal on your head, but I seal on your head the Holy Spirit of promise.- even the Comforter the second Comforter, which shall abide with you forever.- The same is the promise of Eternal life, that you may never fall; Though you may be tempted, yet God shall deliver you. Though you may be cast into Prison, you shall be delivered,- Though you may be cast [illegible] with sickness, you shall be healed!

Though you may pass through many tribulations, and afflictions sore, You shall remember, that, you have the promise of Eternal life, and ye shall live! and when you read these sacred words, your heart shall be made glad, for Joy shall spring up in your heart, for a witness of the truth of these things, for you shall have testimony, upon testimony, and your testimony, shall abide with you forever, that you cannot fail, but to lay hold of the promises that are made unto you, and sealed upon your head.

I seal upon your head a blessing which shall reach unto your family, for your family shall be blest with you, for they shall know the mysteries of God. And I seal on your head the Holy Priesthood, which is the key of the knowledge of God, for you shall know his mysteries even him. Ye shall know him, and see him as he is. Your days shall be many, and you shall be crowned with blessings both temporally and spiritually, and your name shall have honour, and your blessings on the head of your posterity in perpetual succession, attended with the promise of the Fathers obtained by faith, handed down even to the latest generation. Your head shall blossom with age, and you shall sleep but for a moment. But you shall go down to your grave in peace to be awakened by the trump of God, to rise in the first Resurrection, even so; Amen

Nauvoo. May 7th 1841 R. B. Thompson, scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of John S. Fullmer on May 29, 1841]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced upon the head of John S. Fullmer, born July 21, 1807 in the county of Lucerne, Pennsylvania, given by Hyrum Smith, May 29, 1841, Nauvoo, Illinois.

Brother John: I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place on your head a blessing, which may be lasting, even everlasting; the same to be handed down to posterity, that your name be perpetuated by posterity, to the latest generation. First, I place on your head a promise of the gift of the Holy Priesthood, with the gifts and graces of the same; a dispensation of the Gospel; a tongue of utterance which is the power of speech, volubility and the grace of God; together with the love of God, which casteth out fear; that fear which has heretofore rested upon you shall be taken away and you shall ere long preach the gospel in power and demonstration of the spirit unto the convincing many of the error of their ways. I seal upon your head the promise of the principle and power of faith; a principle obtained by your fathers who obtained promises; the same is the cause which operated on your heart, stirred you up to seek after the Truth, that you might find it; and the blessings which were promised to you be brought to light, that you might be made acquainted with them, and realize them.

These blessings which you are now realizing and receiving have come down in the lineage by the promises of the Father in the holy order of God, through the loins of your progenitors, realizing the promised blessings to your fathers, to their children, children's children, unto the latest generation, renewed upon your head by me agreeable to the will of God, like as the promise was renewed unto Isaac and to Jacob, and by them on their seed or posterity after them, handed down from generation to generation, to be perpetuated; the same would be on

record fully, were the fullness revealed; all these blessings to be sealed upon your head at this time, because you are of the seed of Jacob from the loins of Joseph in the tribe of Ephraim, and in the same shall you receive your inheritance, and your children after you; and the same blessings which were placed upon the head of Ephraim, and his posterity, save it is that you shall not be scattered nor become a multitude of nations, nor be driven neither far nor near, but you shall have the dews of Heaven and the fruits of the earth, and an inheritance on the land of your fathers; and if you are faithful unto God in keeping His commandments you shall possess in time and the same you shall possess in eternity.

Because of these things you are blessed with these powers; a dispensation of the Gospel of the holy priesthood after the order of Melchizedec, even the greatest priesthood. The same I place upon your head and seal it with these promises, that you shall have all the power of the Holy priesthood; the same holdeth the keys of the knowledge of God. Therefore you shall know Him, for you shall see Him as He is. The same giveth power that you may know all things for all things shall be brought to your remembrance; the same causeth the lame to leap as the hare, the tongue of the dumb to speak, and deaf to hear, and blind to see, and the dead to live, the same giveth every gift. These things are your right by promise obtained by your fathers; brought to your remembrance and sealed on your head, which can never be forgotten; hence kept, looked upon and preserved year after year by yourselves and your posterity after you, to the latest generation. By this your name shall be had in honorable remembrance while the earth shall stand.

You shall be blessed with the mysteries of God; this to strengthen your memory, the same is comprised in the above. You shall have dreams and visions, and you shall be enabled to interpret them, and you shall see perils on seas and on land, and among traitors far from your home, but you shall be delivered from their hands. The power of God shall rest upon you. Then shall the principle of faith, which you know not at this time, be given you. Then shall the power of God be given you, which you have never yet experienced. Your soul shall be filled with consolation in the hour of affliction. All this because you are called to be an apostle to bear record of the Truth unto many people, and your mission is fixed in the mind of God, and not far hence it shall be made known.

I seal upon your head the holy seal of promise, the Comforter, even the second comforter; the same is the promise of eternal life, for you shall not fall, for I seal you up unto eternal life from this very hour. Though the storms of temptation may come from the Adversary, you shall live and not fall; shall behold many years, and shall have much honor. Your head shall bloom with age and the day shall come when you shall know peace and tranquillity to the extent; when your enemies shall be no more. You shall rest in peace, or be changed as the Lord will, agreeable to your faith, even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of James Newberry on May 30, 1841]

Brother James, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place a blessing upon your head, for you and your posterity to look upon; that your name may be had in honourable remembrance unto the latest generation for thou art a descendant of Nathan that Prophet, that with boldness said thou art the very man; when he stood in the presence of the King. For thy heart is a heart of integrity which shall wax strong in boldness, that ye shall not

have fear in the presence of the mighty, notwithstanding your age; for thou art a descendant of Israel, in the lineage of Manasseh which was remembered with the seed of Jacob, and in that lineage to receive an inheritance, to be one of the thousand to push the people together to the ends of the earth. And because of the promise obtained by your fathers by faith, you are bless'd with the holy priesthood which I confer upon you, and seal it with a sealing blessing upon your head, even that which is after the order of Melchizedek and a dispensation of the gospel for the purpose of preaching repentance and remission of sins, through Jesus Christ and the endurance of faith on His name to the end.

Behold it is because of the promises obtained from God by your fathers, that you have this blessing placed upon your head by me, and confirmed, and also the gift of the holy ghost, which revealeth the powers of the holy priesthood, and all its gifts and graces the same that giveth understanding of the mysteries of God, that causes the lame to leap as an hart, the tongue of the dumb to speak, the ears of the deaf to hear, and the eyes of the blind to see, and the sick to be healed, and the dead to live; and to the living that they might have life everlasting. These are the blessings that I pronounce upon your head the same shall come unto you in the own due time of the Lord. For it shall be opened to your understanding that you shall experience all these things by the key of knowledge even the knowledge of God which is the holy priesthood the same is to unlock the door into all these things and to give utterance, and volubility.

Your soul shall rejoice in God with exceeding joy before ye shall sleep, and shall yet preach this gospel for a season with loud proclamation, and with the warning voice to the inhabitants of the earth, to flee the wrath to come, that your garments may be clean of the blood of this generation, and for your labours, and diligence, and benevolence to the suffering saints, you shall have a reward in time, and in eternity; for your name shall be had in honourable remembrance and be perpetuated by your children - your posterity to the latest generation; and this priesthood shall pass down in their lineage whilst the earth shall stand; and your years shall be many yet, for they shall be lengthened out, and honour shall crown your hoary head, for you[r] head shall be blossomed with age: and I seal you up unto eternal life that you shall never fall, though you sleep for a moment, but you shall have a resurrection with the just, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Newberry on May 30, 1841]

Beloved sister I lay mine hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth [Nazareth] to bless you with the blessings of the Patriarch that the blessings and promises made to you may be handed down to your posterity for their benefit: inasmuch as you are a daughter of Abraham you shall be blessed with the blessings that cometh upon the heads of the mothers in Israel the same is only to be experienced and appreciated in the final ultimatum when your glory shall be that of the sun and upon your head a crown of stars which speaketh glory and honour and simplicity.

Behold I seal upon your head the comforter the second comforter - even the promise of eternal life to come forth and cheer [cheer] your heart in the day of affliction and tribulation that when you read these sacred words and your heart shall leap with joy you shall know the promise is true. This is to comfort your heart for it is a comforter in very deed. Your blessings shall be in common with your husband and with him shall receive an inheritance upon the land of Joseph according to his blessings in the dews of heaven and in the fruits of the earth joining to the

bounds which is expressed in the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills and your posterity with you and after you the same to possess in eternity. These things I seal upon your head because of your faith in God for you shall know the mysteries of God; your days shall be lengthened out and ye shall have much experience, honour, immortality and eternal life: but you shall rest in peace when your days are finished, and shall be awakened by the sound of the first trump unto celestial glory - even so - Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Temperance Mack on September 6, 1841]

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth even upon the Head of you my Aunt according to the Flesh; to bestow upon you by the power of the Priesthood and the Commandment of God, a Blessing, being called and authorized unto that Ministry the same is Patriarchal and to be choice and to be had in remembrance by the greatest portion of thy Posterity in time, and the same should be called sacred by all in the World to come; notwithstanding the division in sentiment at the present time the partition Wall shall be broken down by the power of Faith and exercise of Prayer and careful attention the Wall shall be diminished, and the very sentiments of your Religion shall be sought after with eagerness by the residue of your Children, and the desires of your Heart shall be realized in the coming Day, you shall be blessed and your name shall be blessed upon all those with whom you are acquainted, and the Wisdom of God shall rest upon you notwithstanding your advanced age,

and I seal you up unto Eternal Life as a Mother in Israel to receive a Crown that shall be exalted, that shall glitter in [the] Morning of the Resurrection like the Stars in the Firmament and I bless you with prosperity comfort and consolation in the midst of your Friends, with a full accomplishment of your anticipations in Righteousness, and to your Family and connections, and an Inheritance in the lineage [lineage] of your Fathers, being a Descendant like unto the rest of us and with us in the lineage [lineage] of the seed of Joseph, and because of the integrity of your Heart: - willing and ready to hearken to the principles of Salvation in the first Hour of its proclamation, you shall be Crowned with every Blessing of the Celestial Law as a reward of your Sacrifice in your Days of probation and if it is the desires of your Heart you have only to ask and it shall be fulfilled concerning your Children Whilst you are yet a probationer, and I seal upon you by way of promise for the Benefit of your Children a promise of the Holy Priesthood in its fulness, aside from the lineage [lineage] of thy Daughters or thy Sons that have hearkened to the gospel, and if it is your desire that you should yet experience many Days you have only to ask and it shall be accomplished and your mind shall be fully satisfied, and go down to your grave in peace and shall come forth in the Resurrection of the just Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of Thomas Jones on September 7, 1841]

Beloved Brother, I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to place upon your head a blessing as from under the hand of a Patriarch called and ordained by revelation, by which authority I bestow upon you one of the greatest blessings that can be bestowed upon man. The same is the Priesthood with its gifts, which holdeth the Key of Knowledge of God. Therefore, I seal upon you the office and ordination of an Elder to preach

repentance and remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ, and the endurance of faith in his name until the end of a Gospel and in time the qualifications of that gift which shall administer eventually the fullness of the mysteries of God and the knowledge which cometh when we shall be brought face to face. In as much as you are of the lineage in the Tribe of Zebulon, you shall have an inheritance in that lineage and your posterity after you and the Priesthood through your administration placed upon the head of your posterity unto future generations, that your name may be had in honorable remembrance by them unto the latest generation. Notwithstanding your afflictions, your last days shall be your best days. And your afflictions which you have passed through will suffice and now cometh the blessing which shall be sealed upon your head, even the gift of Eternal Life because of the integrity of your heart. I seal you unto Eternal Life that you may never fall. You shall be blessed with a portion of the comforts in this your day of probation. And if you desire it with all your heart your head shall blossom with age and you shall go down to your grave in peace, but a moment to be awakened by the power of the resurrection and restoration of the just. Then shall you come together every limb to its joint in immortality and eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Susanna White on September 8, 1841]

Susanna I lay my Hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to bless you with a Blessing which is called Patriarchal, for your benefit, and for the benefit of your Posterity, and Kinsfolks, that you might have a Name in Israel, as a Daughter of Abraham in the lin[e]age of Joseph, in the tribe of Ephriam, & as a Mother in Israel, in the due time of the Lord, to receive the Honors of that Blessing in the fullness of times, which is the glory of the Celestial, with a Diadem enriched with the Honors of glittering Glories, in Comparison with the Moon under your Feet, & that your Name might be had in honorable remembrance also, by your rising generation, I Seal upon your Head the gift of Eternal Life, & the Blessings which are Spiritual in the Kingdom of God in Connection with one who holdeth the Keys for the knowledge of God by the Priesthood as in Connection in due time by which you are to be made acquainted with all things pertaining to your Salvation, even the fullness of the Revelations of Jesus Christ in these last days, I bless you with the gift of Wisdom, & with a greater Portion of the Holy Spirit, with an increase of the same for your satisfaction, till you are satisfied, & every desire which is in righteousness to be accomplished in the due time of the Lord, beginning at this very hour till all shall be fulfilled, because of the integrity of your Heart,

The Lord has looked upon your integrity, & moved upon you by his Spirit, & called you from your Native Country, from your Kinsfolks, in answer to the Prayers of your Fathers, & for a wise purpose unto himself, & the same Spirit is like leaven hid in three measures of Meal, which continueth to work until the whole lump is leavened, Notwithstanding the Promises before mentioned, tribulation awaiteth you, Trials, Sorrows, in them you shall be sustained, & shall be supported by the Grace of God in the hour of your deepest affliction, but, for a witness of the Truth of these Promises you shall have this Sign, the same is another Comforter, that when you read these Lines you shall always feel glad in your Heart, which other Comforter is the promise of Eternal Life, you[r] Children shall have the Priesthood, & their Names shall be Honoured in the midst of the Princes of Israel, and if it is the desires of your Heart, exercised in Prayer,

diligently, your years shall be many, and you shall receive an Inheritance to possess in time & in Eternity. Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of John M. King on September 17, 1841]

Patriarchal Blessing of John M. King son of Eleazer and Fanny King, Born in the Town of Sunderland Bennington County, State of Vermont the 23rd day of September 1804.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bestow upon you a blessing for your benefit, the same you have a right to receive through the lineage of your Fathers confirmed by me upon you. You are a descendant of Joseph in the lineage of Manassah [Manasseh]. Therefore you have a right to the Priesthood: To improve upon the talent given you and if you to be one of the Horns of Joseph in Pushing the people together, from the ends of the earth. I seal upon your head the blessings of the Priesthood to improve upon them if you will and the power of doing good the remainder of your Days. The same holdeth the Keys of the Knowledge of God in as much as you will keep the Commandments of God. I place upon your head the promise of the privilege of lifting your voice in the congregations of the wicked, wisely and in the demonstration of the spirit and great influence among the people and power over your enemies, and sheaves upon your back as a reward, and seal of your ministry and days of rejoicing and many years honor unto your name in futurity and the Priesthood with your posterity, to the latest generation a crown of Immortality and eternal life. Even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Illinois, the 17th day of September 1841. James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Graybill on October 4, 1841]

Beloved Brother, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus, to bless you with a blessing which is called Patriarchal and confirm upon your head your ordination into the Priesthood, and to seal a promise upon you of the gifts of that Priesthood to your full satisfaction. At a more mature age, after experience hath rolled over your head, then shall ye behold the display of the goodness of God, unto your Salvation, then shall ye appreciate all his mercies, and be enabled to do good in your calling wherewith you are called, then shall you be a chosen vessel having received the anointing, and the enduements [endowments], in the Lord's House, then shall your ministry be prosperous, and your blessings not a few and your study from this time forth must be in the Revelations both in the Old and in the New Testaments, all the Words of the Apostles and Prophets, (exclusive of the Law of Moses,) the Book of Mormon, and the Book of Covenants, and if you will be faithful in your calling, you shall have an inheritance in Zion in your Father's House, in the lineage of your Fathers, which is of the seed of Abraham in the Tribe of Zebulon, and a crown of immortality and eternal life, in the celestial glory. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Patience Graybill on October 4, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Patience Gribble Daughter of John & Masse [?] Smith, Born in Henry County, Indiana, the 25th Novr 1825.

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus to Seal a Blessing on your Head, Although you are in your Youth I Seal you up unto Eternal Life, because of your Faith in the Gospel; if you are faithful you shall be blest Spiritually & Temporally, all your Days, & a Friend in your Bosom, & Posterity, that shall be honoured with the Priesthood, & a name in the House of God, & with much of the Mysteries of God, Communion & Fellowship with the Saints, & an Inheritance in Zion in the midst of your Father's House, & with the same Blessings with your Mother & Sisters, pertaining to your Lineage, as a Daughter of Abraham in the Covenant of Grace, & at the same time it shall be fulfilled, & with them ye shall Enter in through the Gate into the City, the promise you will find Recorded in the Revelations speaking of the purifying of the Sons of Jacob, Now I Seal these Blessings upon your Head, a Celestial Glory, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. 4th Octr 1841.

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Graybill on October 4, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Polly Gribble, Daughter of Michael & Catherine Stoker, Born in Ash County, North Carolina, the 24th Nov., 1792.

Beloved Sister, I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place a Blessing upon you for the good of Posterity in ages to come, even that your name shall be called up by the rising Generation, & shall be called Blessed, for ye shall be Blessed because of your faith in the Covenants, even the Covenant of Grace, & shall be numbered with the Seed of Abraham in the day that he shall purify the Sons of Levi, & ye shall enter in through the Gate into the City, & your Children with you, & shall be Crowned with a Crown of Glory, Immortality, & Eternal Life, your name shall be perpetuated with Blessings Crowned upon it, by your Posterity through the Priesthood, & if you will ask diligently in Faith you shall be blest with many Things which your heart hath desired, & shall be sealed with Eternal Life from this very hour, for a Comfort to you in tribulation, are these things caused to be written, to satisfy your desires. Now if you are faithful you shall have prosperity Spiritually & Temporally, and your Days shall be many, & shall see much of the goodness of God, & shall Sleep in Peace, & shall Come forth in the resurrection of the Just. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. Octr 4th, 1841

[Patriarchal blessing of John Brown on October 11, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of John Brown, son of John and Martha Brown, born in Sumner County, Tennessee, the 23rd of October, 1820.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus, to bless you according to my gift and calling and seal the same upon your head. Behold, because of the integrity and seal of your heart you shall be blessed even with the power which the Holy Priesthood invests in man, the dispensation of the Gospel, the anointing and endowment in the house of the Lord, a tongue of utterance and a privilege and opportunity of a trial of your faith in all the world among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, if you will, and shall prevail in many places and have power over the people.

And if you will be diligent in searching into the sacred and holy scriptures, you shall be qualified for your mission with every spiritual gift and every spiritual qualification in the Holy Priesthood and if you will be faithful in your mission and calling, seeking fervently after the righteousness of the Kingdom of God, you shall be blessed with houses and lands, tenements, gold and silver, flocks and herds, and a heart benevolent and kind in the midst of this generation, long life, and shall see the salvation of God and shall possess an inheritance in time, the same to possess in eternity, your glory shall be a celestial glory. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, October 11th, 1841. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Emeline Keaton Carling on October 22, 1841]

Daughter of Jacob and Catherine Paine Keaton. Born in the City of New York, first day of November 1806.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place a blessing upon your head by the power of the Holy Priesthood invested in me by commandment and promise. Now, because you have listened to the voice of the spirit which hath moved you to gather with the Saints and the proclamation of the Gospel and obeyed the commandment, and hath come forth unto this land, instead of going and tarrying in your native city, you are blessed with blessings not yet realized, but it shall come to pass you shall realize them unto a fullness that shall be satisfactory, and you shall be blessed because of the covenant, which covenant you have made, and the same is everlasting, by being baptized unto Christ which you have done, therefore you are Abraham's seed and you shall be an heir to the promised inheritance, and receive a celestial glory and with the lineage of your fathers and your kinfolds, are your inheritances with the remnant of the seed of Jacob, for you shall be blessed in due time in your house, and your father's house shall be blessed also, and according to the desires of your heart in righteousness shall your days be given you and your posterity in temporal things and honor, immortality and eternal life, with the above according to the tenor thereof I seal upon your head, Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of John Taylor on November 7, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of John Taylor, Son of William & Elizabeth Taylor, Born in Warren County, Kentucky, the 17th day of December 1812.

Brother Taylor I lay my Hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus, to bless you, which Blessing shall be a promise unto you & unto your Posterity like unto the promises which were obtained anciently, upon these Conditions, that in future your Eyes shall be single to the Glory of God, & strict & diligent in keeping all of his Law, then shall you be Blessed, Spiritually, & Temporally, Spiritually with a fulness of the Holy Spirit, or the Gifts of the Holy Priesthood, unto the effectual Administration of the whole Law of God, & a Name, & a Seat with the Just in the House of the Lord, & your Posterity after you, & shall receive the Anointing, & shall be called the Lord[']s anointed, for the past shall be forgiven & forgotten, & the future shall be in remembrance, & perpetuated in Honour unto the latest Generation, & shall be Sealed with the Holy Seal of Promise which is the Gift of Eternal Life & a restoration of your Posterity in the day of Restitution & final Judgment, & an Inheritance in Joseph, even in Zion, & long Life, &

shall see much of the Salvation of God, & a Crown of Glory, Immortality & Eternal Life, which I Seal upon you, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills., Novr 7th 1841. James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Smith Burkett on November 7, 1841]

Patriarchal Blessing of Sarah Burkett, daughter of John and Catherine Smith, born near Tourney Town, in Maryland, the 5th day of January 1787.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to bless you by the authority given me and by the calling wherewith I am called, which blessing shall be according to the promises made anciently unto the daughters of Abraham, for you shall be numbered in that lineage and be blessed with the fullness of the covenant unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, concerning the land of your inheritance, as well as the spiritual blessings pertaining to the fullness of times in the redemption of this mortal to put on immortality and receive an inheritance to possess in Eternity and behold the face of the Redeemer. For ye are redeemed by the covenant by the power of the atonement which answered the demands of Divine Justice through the death and suffering of the Lamb, which was as though he had been slain from before the foundation of the world. Therefore ye are redeemed through his death and suffering from the fallen state of man in their primeval existence. Through obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ which shall bring you to the resurrection, or the renewing life of this mortal to put on immortality.

Therefore you are sealed up to eternal life from this very hour and shall receive the blessings which pertain to this life. Notwithstanding your exaltation, you shall have consultation in proverty [poverty] and in abundance, and with an increase of this world's goods from henceforth, sufficient to be made comfortable during your life time and the hand of providence will be favorable unto you, and unto your posterity from generation to generation. For they shall have the Priesthood, which is the key of the knowledge of God. They shall increase and not decrease and shall be numerous upon the face of the earth. They shall hold your name in honor and your blessing sacred unto the latest generation. Your days shall be lengthened out, even to many years, and you shall go down to your grave in peace, to sleep but a moment and come forth in the resurrection of the just and shall receive a celestial crown in the mansion of your father and unto your inheritance pertaining to your house and your father's house is in Joseph, and upon the land of Joseph even in Zion. These are the blessings that I bestow upon your head, even so, Amen.

Hyrum Smith, Patriarch Nauvoo Illinois, Nov. 7, 1841 James Sloan, Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Eleanor Burkett Taylor on November 7, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Eleanor Burkett Taylor, Daughter of George and Sarah Burkett, born in Ross Township, Butler County, Ohio, on the 2nd day of July 1815.

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus, to bestow upon you a blessing which shall be in common with your husband, and your Father's House in all things pertaining to your happiness in this life and in the life to come, and also in the mysteries of God, through the key that is and will be given unto him; that is your head and as it pertains to your inheritance in the New Jerusalem, and because of your faith and the integrity of your heart, I seal

you up unto Eternal life, from this very hour. Now your name is written in Heaven, therefore ye shall not fail, and shall be blest with many days and an honorable name in the midst of this generation by the rising generation, and your posterity forever, fellowship and communion with they that have peace with God and shall rest but a moment to be awakened by the trumpet, and be crowned with a celestial Crown in the Mansion of your Father. These are the blessings that I seal upon you, Even so, Amen.

Hyrum Smith, Patriarch Nauvoo, Illinois, Nov. 7, 1841 James Sloan, Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Jane Coray on November 8, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Martha Jane Corey, Daughter of Sidney A & Harriet Knowlton, Born in Kentucky, the 3rd day of June 1821.

Sister Corey I lay my Hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus, to place upon your Head your Patriarchal Blessing, which is, because of the integrity of your Heart, & your desire of Salvation, that I pronounce upon you the promise of Eternal Life, irrevocable, for you shall not fall, but shall be saved, & your Name written in the Lamb[']s Book of Life never to be blotted out, & this shall be your Comforter, in the days of your Pilgrimage, even the promise of Eternal Life which is the second Comforter, to Comfort your Heart in the Days of your Tribulation, which shall be many, notwithstanding you shall be sustained through them all, & shall Triumph over your afflictions, finally, & be lifted up in the midst of them, your Days shall be many, & the Mysteries of God shall be made known unto you, Wisdom & Understanding is your Gift, & in these things you shall be blest, even with the Riches of the Grace of God, & wisdom & knowledge which shall make you wise unto Salvation, & as it pertains unto your Temporal Salvation, you shall soon be provided for, & made Comfortable, & that situation shall Continue, so that you shall not suffer to any great extent for the want of this Worlds Goods, but as to the name it shall be held in Honour to the latest Generation, perpetuated by your Posterity, & as to your your Inheritance, & your Household, shall be with your Father[']s House, shall be with Joseph's Inheritance, upon the Land of Joseph, & you may possess it in time, the same that you shall possess in Eternity, these are the Blessings that I Seal upon you. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. Novr. 8th 1841. James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Maria Eagles Harris on November 12, 1841]

Beloved Sister: I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you because it is the desire of your heart and hath been for a long time to receive this blessing which is called Patriarchal. Because of the zeal and integrity of your heart, you shall be blessed both Spiritually and temporally, for this is the desire of your heart, and it hall be given as a reward and in answer to prayer. For the sacrifice and the journeying in leaving your father's home and native country is not forgotten but stands as a memorial for which you are blessed with these promises. And again ye shall be blessed with an inheritance in Zion. The greatness of that inheritance is not known unto you yet, but the day shall come when you shall fully realize its worth. I seal unto you the Comforter which will comfort your heart at all times, in poverty, in want, in prosperity and abundance, in sickness and in health, even the promise of eternal life, which I seal upon you at this time, so that you shall not fall, but your name shall be found in the

lamb's Book of Life and you shall have fellowship and communion with the Saints and blessings in the Priesthood, through posterity, unto the latest generation, and your name shall be honored by them and your years will be many, and a celestial crown which blessings I seal upon your head, even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of High Priest of Robert Pierce on November 15, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Robert Pierce, Son of Thomas and Margaret Pierce, born in Concord, Delaware County, State of Pennsylvania, the 11th day of April, 1797.

Brother Robert, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place upon you a Blessing, for your benefit and your posterity unto the latest generation both in promises and predictions, that shall come to pass in future which shall be a Blessing unto you and to your House, for you are a descendant of Benjamin, a Benjamite in your lineage which is according to the manifestations of the Spirit, the same shall entitle you to the Priesthood, with all its authorities, whereby you can officiate in the Kingdom of God, according to your gift and officiate and bear testimony and to baptize and to organize the Kingdom of God, wherever you may be sent or called by your calling, that the Blood of Benjamin shall not be curtailed in its Nobility, Calling or Inheritance, or claim or power of claim, rightfully in the last days, that your rights shall be given you, and to your Posterity to the latest generation.

Therefore, I ordain you unto the High Priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek, to preach Repentance and remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ through Faith and the insurance of Faith on his name to the end;

and you shall be blest with the power of the Priesthood, its Gifts and Graces, which shall make your tongue as a ready writer in the day that you shall be anointed in the House of the Lord, then shall ye know your Duty, your Gift and calling, and you shall not be slack in that Day in your Duty nor in your calling wherein it shall be known to you fully the will of the Lord for you shall feel the inspiration of the Almighty and you shall wax strong in his presence if you will but ask for wisdom you shall not overreach but shall be made wise unto Salvation, and the Priesthood shall be given unto your posterity by which your name shall be had in Honor unto the latest generation.

And your Inheritance and your Father's Inheritance with his Household with their Posterity and your Posterity, shall be in Benjamin which is in the Lineage of your Father's and you shall be sealed with that Holy Seal and calling which shall write your name in the "Lamb's Book of Life," for this is the liberality of your heart, therefore, God hath looked upon your heart and he is better than you and his promises are greater and more sure, therefore, it is by promise that you are sealed up unto Eternal Life, and your children, for the Hand of God is over them for good, which is visible to you, which ye shall see for a witness, These are the promises and predictions I seal upon your Head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ill. Nov. 15, 1841. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lindsay A. Brady on November 17, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Lindsay A. Brady, Son of Thomas A. & Elizabeth Brady. Born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the 11th day of June 1811.

Brother Lindsay I lay my Hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus, to Confirm upon you your Blessing, according to the Order of the Kingdom of God, for your Consolation. I place upon your Head the promise of Eternal Life, notwithstanding the fiery Darts of the adversary, which will seek to overthrow you, & for your Sacrifices & sufferings you shall have this promise, in this Life you shall have tribulation but in the World to Come Eternal Life, & the day shall Come when you shall have the Holy Priesthood with all the Gifts & Graces, & shall be called upon to magnify them, & shall be wrought upon, & shall have a desire given you, to magnify your calling, & you shall be qualified to bear Testimony in all the World wherever you may be called, these are your Spiritual Blessings, together with the favour of the Hand of Providence to Crown you with prosperity in your Flocks, Folds, & Fields, as well as the labour of your Hands upon the House of the Lord, with the same Blessings passing down through Posterity, with the Priesthood, which shall magnify your calling & Name & make it honorable, & perpetuate it to the latest Generation. Now if it is the desires of your Heart, & that you will ask in Faith believing, you shall have long life, & an Inheritance in Jacob, in the Tribe of Gad, or in that Lineage, for thus has the Faith been exercised for your Salvation, the same shall bring you into the Covenant unto the House of Israel, which shall make a place for you in Zion, these are the Blessings that I seal upon your Head, even so, Amen.

James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Ann Hendrickson Brady on November 17, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Elizabeth Ann Brady, Daughter of Simeon & Keziah Hendrickson. Born in the State of Kentucky, Washington County, Township of Springfield, the 23rd day of October 1813.

Beloved Sister, I lay my Hands upon your Head, in the name of Jesus, to bless you, & to Seal Blessings & promises upon your Head, according to the office of my Calling. I seal you up unto Eternal Life, what I Seal on Earth shall be Sealed in Heaven, what I loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven, whatever I curse shall be cursed, whatever I bless shall be Blessed, this is the promise unto me by the Lord, the same that he gave unto Nephi that Stood upon the Tower, therefore I bless you with the Gift & promise which is the promise of Eternal Life, your Name is written in the Lamb[']s Book of Life, together with the residue of your Father[']s House, you are of the Lineage of Abraham, & you shall be blest with all Blessings Spiritually & Temporally in this life, in Common with your Husband, whether it is the goodness of God in Judgment, or Mercy, Perils, Trials, or persecution, Prosperity or adversity, or honour to your Name perpetuated by Posterity to the latest Generation, shall be in Common with his, & your Inheritance also, to its full extent, whether in time, or in Eternity, at the division of the Earth unto the Twelve Tribes of Israel, you shall be in your lawful Lineage, which is according to your House, agreeable to the promises to him who is your Head, these are the Blessings that I Seal upon you. Even so, Amen.

James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of William Ford on November 17, 1841]

Brother William, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to confirm a blessing upon you, even the Priesthood; the same shall inspire your heart into action agreeable to your calling, for you are called into a high and holy calling, with the rest of us, the weak things of the world, to thrash the nations by the power of the Spirit, you are called to lift your warning voice, as well as others. The witness of your calling is the operation of the spirit upon your heart which moves you to bear testimony and to become powerful in speech. As you have contemplated upon your pillow when you were made tender in your feelings and the desire of your heart was drawn out unto the Lord, the tear of consolation stole its way and rolled off upon the pillow.

Therefore, the day shall come when you shall have utterance and shall, with clearness and perspicuity, speak the word of the Lord to a fallen world for you shall have the power through the priesthood and shall be prospered whenever you shall thrust in your sickle to reap in the harvest of the great field, which is the world and it is already ripe. You must ponder these things from this very moment in your heart for your calling is before you and if you will be faithful in your calling you shall be one of the Lord's anointed and endowed with power from on high and shall prosper spiritually and temporally, long life, and accumulate honor unto your name and blessings to your posterity unto the latest generation. A crown of immortality and eternal life, an inheritance in the days of your probation in the lineage of Manassah shall be your inheritance, also your father's at the final destitution [restitution] of all things spoke by the mouth of the prophets. These are the blessings that I seal upon you, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Ward Hancock on December 1, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Levi W. Hancock, son [of] Thomas and Amy Hancock. Born in the town [of] Springfield, Massachusetts, the 7th day of April 1803.

Brother Levi, I place my hand upon your head in the name of Jesus, to bestow upon you a blessing which is according to the Priesthood, even the fullness, and to which you are ordained, which fullness shall be made known unto you, the same that you shall receive in your day and generation, even all that is pertaining to the Salvation of Man relative to his Duty or calling wherewith he is called and also you shall be blessed in things pertaining to your lineage, wherein you have a claim upon the promises made by your Fathers which ye have entered into even into their Labours, for it was by their faith that the Spirit rested upon you when the Gospel was preached unto you and you believed, by the same you have received the Priesthood and a seat in the councils and presidency in the Kingdom of God, and a promise of a Celestial Glory, which I seal upon your head, all this by the faith of your Fathers back unto Abraham, for this is your lineage, a descendant of Jacob and the Tribe of Manassah [Manasseh], in which you are to have your Inheritance and your posterity after you and your Father's House, but some shall be scourged but they shall be saved, and as to your Priesthood it shall pass down through the lineage of your posterity from under your hands and their hearts shall be inspired, and speak honorable of your name and perpetuate it to the latest generation and as to things temporal you shall have neither riches nor poverty like unto some, that have embraced the Covenants, but you shall prosper until you are made comfortable all your days, and if you will hearken unto Council, you shall be rich in Faith, an heir to God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ, and your years shall be

many. Glory and Honor shall crown your head in the morning of the resurrection. These are the things that I seal upon you. Ever [Even] so, Amen.

James Sloane [Sloan] Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Electa Murdock on December 4, 1841]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Electa Murdock Daughter of Gideon and Rachal Allen born in Litchfield, county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut the fifth day of Dec. 1806 by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of L. D. S.

Sister Murdock, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to bless you, according to the blessings given unto the Daughters of Abraham by their Fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and as a Daughter of Abraham, and a true descendant by the promise of your Fathers, you have been wrought upon and brought into this last kingdom by the promises which they received from God, therefore you are blessed with the fulness of the Covenant to be revealed in its fulness in due time, or in other words, in the restitution of all things spoken by the mouths of the prophets and also you are blessed, because of the promise which saith, in thee and in thy seed shall the families of the earth be blest, and also he that is baptized into Christ shall put on Christ, in this ye are Abraham's seed, and an heir by promise,

therefore you shall have eternal life and all the greatness, richness, and glory and honour, of that promise in the final restitution and an inheritance in the land of Joseph as a reward of things that are past, coming into the lineage by promise to be sealed as a blessing upon the head of your husband, and as to the knowledge of the mysteries of God, and every spiritual blessing which cometh unto the children of men in the order of his kingdom, shall be in common with your husband, so also all temporal blessings, and in these things you shall be blest, and prospered, and as to your days or years they shall be in common like as the days of your husband shall be lengthened out according to your faith shall it be done unto you, even both of you. And as it pertains to your honor or name that shall be perpetuated, it shall be handed down to posterity, to the latest generation, through the Priesthood which shall magnify in the hands of your posterity, and make their posterities honorable. Behold I seal you up unto eternal life. This is a blessing I seal upon you irrevocable, and as to your Inheritance and your household it shall be in common with your father[']s house. These are the blessings that I seal upon you, even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ills. Dec. 4th, 1841 James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Rufas Beach on December 7, 1841]

Brother Rufas, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to place a Blessing upon you because you have desired it, which Blessing shall be by way of Promise, in many things, which shall be fulfilled hereafter, for notwithstanding the power of the adversary which surrounds you, and the affliction which has come upon you which causeth sorrow to spring up in your Heart, if you will but be steadfast, and be determined to act upon the principals of Truth, and suffer yourself not to fall into transgression, and you shall be blest; also you and your House; Your Habitation, and shall prosper Spiritually, and Temporally, and your light afflictions shall be for your good, and you shall be blest also in the power of the Priesthood, and with it comes the

fulness in due time, and this Priesthood shall be handed down unto future Generations, from you, in the lives of your Children, even upon your Sons sons unto the last Generation, for they shall come to the knowledge of the things of God; in time, and be called and chosen, and this also shall be a blessing unto you, and as to the Priesthood, it shall clearly manifest unto you, your duty Gift, and Calling, and its gift, and Calling, and its gifts and Graces shall be yours, and an indowment [endowment], and an anointing, in the House of the Lord, and an Inheritance for you, and your house, and your Father's house, in Joseph, in the land of Joseph, of whom ye are a des[c]endant, and shall be sealed up unto Eternal Life, Therefore lift up your head and rejoice, let nothing afflict you, but believe for in Christ you shall be made whole, and shall have a celestial Crown; these are the promises and Bles[s]ings I seal upon you, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Edward Phillips on December 20, 1841]

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place a blessing upon you according to the office of my calling, which blessing shall be spiritual and temporal, spiritually through faith and obedience to the everlasting covenant, and to the calling wherewith you may be called, notwithstanding it is in the days of your youth. Therefore, the time may come when you may be called unto a holy calling, wherein you may be made responsible to officiate and magnify a calling that is most Holy, and then and there you shall be enlightened and the days of your youth shall have passed by, and you shall be brought to experience the age of more ripe years. Now as to your temporal and spiritual prosperity shall be in common with the saints in this generation until that day shall come when the above shall be fulfilled and as to your inheritance shall be in the house of your fathers. Suffice it to say, it shall be in Zion, even the New Jerusalem, in the covenant made to the house of Israel, for you are an Israelite and of the house of Jacob, and as to your days, they shall be prolonged if you are faithful, and a crown of life shall be given unto you in the Mansion of your Father. These blessings I seal upon you. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles C. Rich on January 10, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Charles C. Rich Son of Joseph & Nancy Rich Born in Camel County Kentucky the 21st day of August 1809.

Brother Charles I lay my hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth [Nazareth] to bless you with the Gift & power & Graces of the Holy Priesthood which has been placed upon you [torn] for you shall [illegible] with the power of God with the holy anointing for a preparation for the la[s]t Testimony unto the nations of the Gentiles that you may go unto the House of Israel for you shall be prepared in the day of the power of God even the Day that his people shall be made willing to bear Testimony in the Language of the Nations of Israel that are scattered upon the face of the whole earth for your preparation shall be with means prepared in the providence of God to have your House & Habitation for the last and great Testimony which you shall help to make unto the nations of the Earth as one of the horns of Joseph and to push the people together from the ends of the Earth and to bind up the law & to seal up the Testimony for the last time for this is a calling wherewith you are called & chosen. this is your calling & your Priesthood as it has come unto you in the Line[a]ge of your Fathers according to the promises

they obtained by faith & this Priesthood shall be handed down unto your Posterity unto the latest Generation

& your name shall be kept honorable & held in sacred remembrance and perpetual unto the latest Generation and the Blessings of God shall rest upon you & upon your House & upon your Posterity and you shall prosper in all your laudable undertaking in your ministry in the labour of your Hands in Basket & in store shall you be blest in your fields & flocks & herds & your Habitation & Inheritances & shall have power over your enimie [enemy] as the reward for the Integrity of your Heart & you shall have an Inheritance in the Line[age] of your Fathers in the Land of Joseph [ac]cording to the Blessing [illegible] that should be blest in the last days for this is according to your Lineage & Tribe the same you may possess in time & shall possess in Eternity if your faith fail not & thus is the Inheritance of your Father as also your Father in Law & his house. thus shall ye possess the Land of you[r] Inheritance & your name is written & shall not be blotted out. & you are sealed with a blessing & Gift that is eternal which is the greatest of all Blessings. these things I seal upon your Head. Even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Ill. Jany. 10th 1842

[Patriarchal blessing of James Pace on January 10, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of James Pace Son of James and Mary Ann Lovin Pace born in Middle Tennessee the 15th day of June 1811.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth], to place a blessing upon you, for your consolation, to be fulfilled hereafter, which blessing shall be by promise, and sealed by the sealing Power which is invested in me, for the time shall come when you shall feel the power of God to work which shall work until the great object in view, shall be accomplished, for his spirit shall [be] upon you, in power as upon the Residue of his Servants, which he hath called and chosen to prune the vin[e]yard for the last time, and to push the People together from the ends of the Earth, as the Horns of Joseph as the thousand of Mannassah [Manasseh], and the tens of thousands of Ephream [Ephraim]. Therefore ye are called and chosen and shall be blest in your calling, for ye are of Joseph in the lineage of Ephraim, and your calling and Inheritance shall be accordingly, and ye shall be blest with the Anointing and the Endowment in the house of the Lord, and shall be qualified with due diligence shall it be accomplished, even your mission according to your calling you shall be blest, Spiritually and Temporally also which are minor blessing aside from the importance of your calling, and your years shall be many, and crowned with an Holy Head and a Celestial Crown in the resur[r]ection of the Just, together with the order and power of the Priesthood upon the heads of your posterity, unto the latest generation. These promises I seal upon you even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lucinda Pace on January 10, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Lucinda Pace daughter of Warren G and Poly Strickland. Born in South Carolina the 16th day of June 1805.

Beloved Sister, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to bless you, and to seal you up unto Eternal Life, as a reward for the integrity of your heart, and for your consolation in the future, so that when you read the promises made to you, it shall cause your heart to be

swol[ll]en with gratitude, then shall you remember the Lord your God, which hath and will preserve you from sickness and many afflictions if you will be faithful to keep his commandments and you shall be blest with communion and fellowship with the Saints that are honorable, and the Holy Spirits and shall be blest in your House and Habitation and the things that are around you, for God will richly laden you with his blessings, if you will continues unshaken in your confidence in him and your days shall be many also, and you shall be numbered in the Covenant until Abraham Isaac and Jacob as a daughter of Abraham, to be blest as Sarah and Rachel and as to your inheritance, and the knowledge of the mysteries of God, and all your affairs Temporal shall be in common with your Husband, the mysteries of God through the Key of Knowledge that is given to him and the power as your head, now I seal these blessings upon your head according to the [tenor?] thereof irrevocable. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Benbow on February 2, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Jane Benbow, Daughter of Francis & Hannah Holmes, Born in the Parish of Ashburton, County of Hereford, England, the 12th day of January 1792:

Sister Benbow, I lay my Hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus, to place a Blessing upon you because you have desired it, even to be blessed of God, therefore, you shall be blest with Spiritual Blessings according to the desires of your Heart, to your full Satisfaction, for you shall be blest with the Communion of the Holy Spirit, which shall enlighten your Mind, & prepare your Heart for the Mysteries of God, which shall be clearly Revealed unto a fulness, which shall be greatly to your joy and Satisfaction, & the Days of Sacrifice shall have passed by not far hence, & the Windows of Heaven shall be opened to bestow these Blessings upon you, for your Reward of Philantrophy [Philanthropy], to be received as has been given according to the greatness of your Soul, to be continued until ye shall be Crowned in the Mansion of your Father; for your Reward is for a good Work, & you shall be blest in all these Things, in the Fruit of the Ground, the Flocks & the Herds with an increase in your House & Habitation, with the necessaries of Life, & with an Answer to your Prayers, & to your Supplication, according to the integrity of your Heart, which are blessings Spiritual & temporal, & also pertaining to your Inheritance, together with your length of Days,

& I Seal you up unto Everlasting Life, that you may not fall, wherein your Heart shall desire Righteousness, which Principles are Sealed indelibly in your Heart, never to be erased, even to the Shunning of the appearance of Evil, this is & shall be the desires of your Heart, henceforth, & your Heart shall be inspired with the Spirit of inspiration, & with power, so that none of your Sex shall excel in Wisdom, in Prudence, & in Economy, & also in Faith, & you shall go down to your grave in Honour, & your Name shall be Remembered & perpetuated unto the latest Generation & your Sleep shall be but a Moment, but shall be awaked by the Sounding of the First Trump, to come forth in the Resurrection of the Just. These Blessings I seal upon your Heart. Even so, Amen.

James Sloan – Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Wolsey on February 2, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Mary Wolsey Daughter of Reuben & Lucinda Burl, Born in the State of Ohio, near Cincinnati, the 11th day of April 1813.

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus, to place a Blessing upon you, as you have desired it, for you shall be blest even as you have desired, that you may see better days & increase of prosperity, that your Life may be preserved, & your Health might be good, & that you might be blest, & your Family, by the Lord your God, with intelligence, with an understanding Heart, with a knowledge of your Lineage & your Inheritance, & with the Mind of the Lord concerning your Posterity, & your Father[']s Family, with these things you shall be blest, & your Father[']s House, & your Lineage is of the Seed of Joseph, & your Inheritance shall be upon his Land, & your Children[']s, & you shall be blest with Health and Strength as you have desired, with an increase of Blessings, henceforth, to Comfort your Heart with the Spirit of God, resting upon you, to enlighten your Mind, bringing to your Remembrance, bringing to your understanding the Things of God as they shall be revealed, until you have received a fulness, in answer to your Prayers in the presence of God, & as to all other Blessings Spiritual & Temporal, shall be in Common with your Husband, & as to length of Days shall be measured out by the principle of Justice according to your Faith, but your Name is Written in the Lamb[']s Book of Life, & shall be saved, These Blessings I Seal upon you, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. Feby. 2nd 1842.

[Patriarchal blessing of John D. Lee on February 2, 1842]

Patriarchal Blessing of John D. Lee son of Ralph and Elizabeth Lee. Born in the town of Kaskaskia, Randolph Co., Williamsburg township, Illinois, 6th of September 1812.

Brother Lee, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to bless you according to mine authority, which blessing shall be according to your lineage, to be fulfilled in the due time, in future, wherein you shall be blessed, your house and habitation, for the comfort of your family, for food, and for raiment, for fields, flocks and herds, so that you can worship under your own vine and fig trees where there is none to molest or to make afraid, with the blessings that shall come to pass that shall satisfy the eyes with seeing, and the ears with hearing, for the word of God shall be plain and distinctly understood, wherein there shall be no failure unto a full satisfaciton of proclaiming the word, of traveling forth upon the face of the earth, wherein your blessings shall be fulfilled which was placed upon your head by your aged Patriarch, which I confirm upon your head with a promise of an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers in the tribe of Ephraim, for a blessing of salvation in that lineage, by the faith of your Father, to rejoice ye your heart, henceforth, and I seal upon your head, with its gifts and graces, all to be fulfilled in due time. These I seal upon your head, even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Illinois. 2nd Feb. 1842.

[Patriarchal blessing of Urban Van Stewart on February 9, 1842]

A Patriarchal Blessing under the hand of Hyrum Smith on the head of Urban Van Stewart the son of John William and Elizabeth Stewart. Born in Overton County Tennessee Nov. 9, 1817.

I lay my hands upon your head and in the name of Jesus to place a blessing upon you and confirm your Priesthood which Priesthood shall entitle you to all the privileges of the Kingdom of God, even to stand as a Savior upon Mount Zion with the hundred and forty and four thousand having the seal of the Savior written on your for[e]head and in due time the Lord will bless you with the high Priesthood coming to pass in his own Providence for a wise purpose in him to prepare you for a work that is to be preformed in the day of your probation and for your Salvation in the world to come whereby you may be made equal possessing the blessing of equality according to that perfection which is in the purpose of your creator unto the human family wherein now you may be a stranger and a pilgrim but then to see face to face

therefore you shall be blessed if you will hearken diligently to the voice of the Spirit according to its working in your heart according to your gift and calling wherewith you are called unto a faithful performance in your Ministry with the Blessings of your Father's house according to your lin[e]age in the lin[e]age of Joseph for thus shall be your blessings pertaining to your inheritance upon the land of your Fathers Even the Land of America which is the Land of Zion to be received in your day if you are faithful if your faith fails not and it is lost through transgression but let the blessings of prosperity in your ministry and in the labor of your hands and Habitation with the Blessings of the Priesthood with its gifts and grace to be handed down in Posterity from generation to generation together with long life on thy Head with Honor to your name perpetuated by posterity unto the latest generation and with a crown of glory in the Mansions of your Father in the Resurrection of the Just which Blessings I seal on your head together [?] anointing in the House of the Lord for your effectual ministry in the House of the Lord. Even So Amen.

Given at Nauvoo Illinois Feb. 9, 1842

[Patriarchal blessing of Jane Anne Twist on February 11, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Jane Anne Twist, Daughter of Theophilus & Catherine Chamberlain, Born in the township of Knockfin, Queens County, Ireland, March 28 1812

Beloved Sister, I lay my hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth, to bless & Seal you up unto Eternal Life, by the power of the Holy Priesthood & the authority Sealed upon me by Revelation, your Name shall be Written & Sealed in Heaven as I Seal you here on Earth, this is the Blessing which I place upon your Head, Even that Crown of Life which is laid up in Store for the Daughters of Abraham & the Mothers in Israel, whose Glory shall be the Glory of the Sun, which is Typical, & the Moon under their Feet, & a Crown of Twelve Stars glittering as the Stars in the Firmament which is their celestial Habitation & you shall be blest with the peace and communion of the Saints, living in Fellowship and in Love with the Blessings of that Communion which is in the Comforter that shall Teach you the Things of God, & bring all Things to Remembrance, & also you shall be blest, with days & years productive of good, & as to your Inheritance, your Prosperity, as to your House & Habitation, Field Flocks & Herds, shall be in Common with your Husband, & the knowledge of the Mysteries of God through the

Key of Knowledge which is placed upon the Head of him who is your Head, & you shall be blest in your Posterity, to bring Honor unto your Name and perpetuated for Ever. These Blessings I Seal upon your Head, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills Feby 11th 1842.

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of James Twist on February 11, 1842]

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus and bless you with these promises, which are sacred and of great worth, the value to be revealed in the fulness of times, which is the Priesthood after the Order of Melchisedec with all its glory and fullness and with all its gifts and graces, coming to pass in due time, by the hand of Providence, in the order of the Kingdom of God,

and I ordain you to be an Elder in this church of Jesus Christ to preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ, and the endurance of faith on his name to the end.

This is a blessing that I confer upon you at this time, but you shall be blest with the wonderful things of God, which shall be revealed in the last days, even in the days of your probation, and you shall have a dispensation of the Gospel, and shall bear testimony of the things of God in your day, even in the generation in which you live, and shall prosper in your testimony, and you shall be blest in your House, and in your habitations, with health, except now and then with light affliction, to stir you up in the way of remembrance, for whom God loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son and daughter whom he receiveth, and again, you shall be blest in all your avocations henceforth, and receive an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers in Israel, in the lineage of Jacob, with his scattered remnants, upon the Land of Zion, that shall be built up in the last days, even the New Jerusalem, and shall be purified with the sons of Love [Levi], and enter in through the gate into the City, and you shall have honour, and an hoary head, and a name that shall be perpetuated with honour by your posterity forever and ever. These blessings I seal upon your head, Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Peart on January 28, 1842]

Patriarchal blessing given in Nauvoo, Illinois upon the head of Jacob Peart, son of George and Nancy Peart, born in Tyne Head, Alston Moor, County of Cumberland, England, June 3, 1801.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, to place a blessing upon you, which shall give honor to your name, and to your posterity, from generation to generation; for the blessings of the Priesthood shall be with you and with your posterity as a blessing and memorial to be had in remembrance as the times past of your suffering, having sufficed to have wrought the will of all things, and to give you power and advantage over your enemies and over the destroyer, and to have claim upon mercy according to its attributes, and justice according to its attributes, and to place a lodestone, even the ties of nature, kindred, friends, in that World of Spirits, to bind your affections to those ties of kindred spirits, which are gone before you; for it shall be a great attraction. It shall fix your face

permanently towards the object of your salvation. Let your heart be comforted with the consolation of Job, and solace yourself with the reward that is laid up for you in [the] future, which shall be rewarded in due time, where-in your hose shall be blest as in former days, but more abundantly, and the blessings of the Priesthood shall be manifested in its gifts and graces, increasing strong in the Spirit, as in the power of its might, receiving the gifts of the Spirit with their qualifying influence to help you in your calling and in your ministry, and to help you bear up under your infirmities, and your sufferings, and your sacrifices, until the hand of Providence shall extend the consolation of man's salvation, spiritually and temporally – until man can worship under His vine and fig tree, plant and eat the fruit thereof, and long enjoy the fruit of his labors. And now, as to your inheritance, it shall be in Joseph in the lineage of Ephraim, and you shall push the people together, as the horns of Joseph; and as to your days and your prosperity in all the world, wherever you may be sent to bear testimony, [it] shall be according to your faith; and as to your crown, it is Celestial to be received in the resurrection of the just. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann Mayal Jones on February 14, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Mary Ann Mayal Jones Daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Mayal, born in the Parish of Eastnor, Herefordshire, England, October 25, 1816.

I lay my hands upon your head to bestow upon you a blessing which shall come to pass according to your faith and works of righteousness, even the Sealing Blessing which seals unto Eternal Life; the same that bringeth the gifts of the spirit, life and salvation, spiritually and temporally. The same shall save you from errors and evils of the world and crown you in the mansion which is celestial, being with that light which cometh from above, and received through faith and obedience to the commandments of God. The same bringeth wisdom, prudence and knowledge and giveth an understanding heart, which will direct thy footsteps in the path of wisdom, both in acts temporal and spiritual, the same to redound to your honor and glory, and in the world to come, eternal life. The same will produce the blessing of heaven in abundant supply for the body, both for food and raiment, houses, lands and tenements, which is to be received in this life upon those pure principles and upon no other; and the same shall become an inheritance according to the everlasting covenant, and as to the residue which shall be your portion, to have in common with your husband, according to the tenor of the words that have been spoken unto him, including the inheritance and lineage, days and years, and glory, honor, and a name to be perpetuated by the same powers and glorified in the same resurrection and manner, which Blessing I Seal upon your head according to the tenor thereof, Even So, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, February 14, 1842. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of Samuel Snyder on March 5, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Samuel Snyder, Son of Isaac & Louicy Snyder, Born in the Town of Fortanne, Washington Co New York, Feby 14 – 1808

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the Name & by the authority of Jesus Christ, and bless you according to the Genealogies & lawful Lineage of your Fathers, & the rights that are

pertaining to that Lineage whic[h] rights are Blessings which our Fathers esteemed as of great worth, the same they obtained by their Faith in God, by promise, coming down in lineal descent unto the Children, Children[']s Children, to take effect at the Commencement of the new & Everlasting Covenant, therefore it is a Blessing that you have this right, Sealed upon your Head from henceforth, through the order of Heaven, even the right of the Priesthood, its Gifts & Graces, & a dispensation of the Gospel, with the aid & assistance by the promises obtained by your ancient Fathers, wherein they have obtained Faith & have laboured for you, & you have entered into their labours even as the Sons of the Prophets, & have to be waked to know it, even the Sons of Jacob whose seed are amongst the Gentiles, & whose offsprings are among the Nations,

therefore you shall be gathered unto your Inheritance, & they shall be gathered unto their Inheritances according to the Words of the Prophets, for ye are the Seed of Jacob, & shall receive an Inheritance in the House of Israel, according to the Covenants that shall be established when he shall take away their Sins, even in Mount Zion, & you shall prosper & be successful when you will rise up in your duty, & carry the warning voice as the Spirit moves upon your Heart, & bears record to notify you of your Duty, & to manifest the Gift & calling which is in you, to inspire your Heart to perform your Duty, & to cleanse your Garments & make them White in the Blood of the Lamb, & prepare you to receive the Blessings which are in Store, laid up for those that love him & walk uprightly, even the Gifts of the Gospel the anointing, the endowment [endowment] & a Seal in the Councils of the Just, to raise up a Name, to be established it in Honour for your Children to perpetuate unto the latest Generation, & to give you a place and a Name in the midst of the Sons of Jacob, that shall be as Saviours upon Mount Zion, the same to give you length of Days, & to secure prosperity to your Hands, in all your avocations of Life, & to Crown you with a Crown of Glory in the Mansion of your Father, therefore

I ordain you an Elder in this Church of Jesus Christ, to Preach repentance & remission of Sins through Jesus Christ, & the endurance of Faith on his Name to the End,

therefore you are blessed, & shall have success in future in the midst of the Nations of the Earth, & if you are not fearful or unbelieving, you shall have a Crown of Life which is the reward laid up for you. These Blessings I seal upon your Head, Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo Ills Mar[ch] 5th 1842 – James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Heber C. Kimball on March 9, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Heber C. Kimball, son of Solomon F & Anne Kimball, Born in the town of Sheldon, Franklin Co. State of Vermont June 15th 1801.

Brother Heber I lay my hands upon your head in the Name & by the Authority of Jesus Christ, & bless you according to your Calling which is Spiritual & according to your station and Lineage & magnanimity Honor & Nobility of your Blood, as it hath Descended in a true Lineal descent from your Fathers Abraham Isaac & Jacob by which you are Blessed with their Faith which is the Faith of faithful Abraham to believe & to endure all Things with Patience, the Same has been a great preservation to Sustain you, & to inspire your Heart unto obedience to receive the promises which were obtained & the Blessings which were to come upon their Children, the same to be placed upon your Head, which Blessing hath swollen your Heart unto greatness & with Gratitude in the presence of God, the same shall crown you with every blessings, Spiritually

& temporally Spiritually by that Priesthood, which is your right, with all its qualifying Powers of which you have received a foretaste, but you shall be blest with a fulness, and shall be not one whit behind the Chiefest as an Apostle

you shall stand in the presence of God to judge the People, & as a prophet you shall attain to the Honour of the three & shall Prophecy and the power of God Shall attend your Labours, and crown you with honour & great success & bring Salvation to Millions; your heart shall be inspired with inspiration even the inspiration of the Almighty henceforth & for ever, & for your Evils you shall be Chastened, and loved and cherished &, made an Instrument to cherish & to love the inhabitants of the Earth the works of your Creation that are like unto yourself, who are the works of God's hands standing forth with the power of Salvation having obtained the Holy Seal of Promise as one that is chosen & sealed unto Eternal Life, for thus are you called and chosen & sealed, for the hand of God is with you to prosper you and to save you and your house even to the uttermost and your Father's house for they shall bow at the shrine of Jehovah when you shall lift your voice and stretch out your Arm in their midst that remain, and the residue shall be redeemed, for the arm of Jehovah is extended stretched out in Mercy to prosper you firm as a decree unalterable & none shall stay his hand, therefore cheer up your Heart for the Blessings of Salvation Spiritually & Temporally are yours having a right to the anointing & the endowment [endowment] & the testimony of the last days as a pruner of the vineyard to seal up the Law & bind up the Testimony & to an Inheritance in the Lineage of your Fathers which is in Ephraim & to possess it the same to possess in Eternity & to stand waiting for your reward at the Coming of the son of Man for his reward shall be with him These are the Blessings I seal upon your Head Even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Ill. March 9th 1842 James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Vilate Murray Kimball on March 9, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Vilate Kimball Daughter of Rossell and Susannah Murray, Born in the Town of Florida, Montgomery County, State of New York June 1st 1806.

Beloved Sister I lay my hands upon your Head in the Name of Jesus & seal you up unto Eternal Life sealed here on Earth & sealed in Heaven & your Name written in the Lamb's Book of Life never to be blotted out the same is mentioned, manifested, to Comfort your Heart & to be a Comforter unto you henceforth, all your days, it is even a promise according to the mind of the Spirit & the Spirit Shall bear Record of its Truth the same is called the Second Comforter not his presence but his promise the Same is immutable as an oath by himself because there is no greater, and there is no greater promise nor no greater Blessing that can be given nor no greater Riches it being the Riches of Eternity which are the greatest of All riches

These are your Blessings & also you shall be blest with a Communion of the Holy Spirit with a Knowledge of the Mysteries of God & Fellowship with the Saints, & share in the Glory & in the Honour & every Blessing touching your inheritance & Lineage with & in common with your Husband, receiving the Mysteries of God through the Key of Knowledge which is sealed upon his head, and as to your temporal blessings, they shall be in common with your Husband, for you shall prosper in all your avocations in Life and your Name shall be perpetuated in honour by your posterity unto the latest generation, and you shall be blest with long life, even according to the desires which are in your heart, and shall see much of the salvation of God, and shall be crowned in the End together, in the Glorious Resurrection of the Just, at the sounding of the first

Trump or at the Coming of the Son of Man. These Blessings I seal upon your head Even so. Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo. Illinois. March 9th. 1842

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Priest of Isaac Hills on March 9, 1842]

Brother Isaac, I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus Christ to bless you and ordain you a Priest in this Church of Christ, to preach repentance and remission of sin[s] through Jesus Christ and the insurance [endurance] of faith on his name to the end.

The day will come when you shall have the Priesthood after the order of Melchisedec [Melchisedec] and you shall preach having faith in God. Even Him who is your Father. He will preserve you up and set you to pruning His vineyard. And He will set you free that you may be free wherein you have been bound and make you free in spirit with a desire to preach to the people and expound and expostulate and reason out scripture. And to loose your tongue and bless you with prudence and prove yourself to be wise and prudent before the Lord. And He will bless your houses and be a blessing unto them, to cultivate their minds and adorn them with intelligence and beauty to prepare them as a blessing from the hand of the Almighty. He will polish them after the similitude of Apollos and it shall come to pass when you shall receive a knowledge of things perfectly to know of assurity, concerning your inheritance and the promised blessings for you and your children, and your Father[']s House and your lineage.

And the time shall come when you shall know the desires of God concerning you and the purpose and the blessing concerning you that is promised you touching your lineage, both spiritually and temporally. But, suffice it to say, you shall be preserved until you have them revealed to you and if you are faithful your years shall be many and your posterity after you shall have a crown of Eternal Life in the mansions of your Father. These blessings I seal upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Henderson on March 14, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Samuel Henderson, Son of James and Hannah Henderson. Born in Green Co., Tennessee, February 21st 1785.

Brother Samuel, I lay my Hands upon your Head in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ, bless you with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob, that is in thee & in thy [thy] Seed shall the Families of the Earth be blessed, therefore you shall be numbered in this Covenant, the same is a promise unto your Posterity, that as you have been Baptized into Christ, & put on Christ, ye are Blessed in the Faith of Abraham, & with the faithful, even faithful Abraham, & you shall be numbered in the Covenant, in the fulness, as a [illegible] for the integrity of your Heart, you shall have Prosperity, & exchange of Circumstance, & you shall go and come & be preserved, & you shall be blest in future. Spiritually & Temporally. Spiritually to your full Satisfaction, with Joy & Consolation in the Holy Ghost, & with Knowledge of the Things of God, to your Satisfaction, & the Priesthood with its Blessings, touching your Children, Ceded to them & their Posterity from Generation to Gen[eratio]n, & also the Blessings of the

anointing, & with a Name, & with Honor shall they ne remembered and perpetuated from Generation to Gen[eratio]n, & they shall receive an Inheritance in due time, & your years shall be many as to the reckoning from the Beginning, & your Head shall be silvered o'er, and shall pass down to your Grave with Honour, to sleep but for a Moment, then to come forth in the Morning of the Resurrection to be crowned with the Just, in the Mansion of your Father. These Blessings I Seal upon your Head, Even so. Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ill. March 14th 1842.

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of Elder of John Carling on July 20, 1842]

John Carling, son of Abraham Carling and Sarah Freer Carling, Born: in the town of Kingston, Ulster County, State of New York, 11 Day of September 1800.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus, and by that authority bestow a blessing upon you, which blessing shall be by promise unto condition of steadfast faith in the Lord Jesus Christ which blessing shall be the Priesthood and its gifts and powers, attended with the grace of God and to all the gifts which shall be manifested by the spirit and the gifts which are to be given in connection with the Gospel which are of the same spirit so that you shall know the difference of administrations, for your own benefits and for the salvation of the people wherever you may be placed in an important station, to officiate agreeable to your calling, which calling is to warn the inhabitants of the earth to repent and their desolation that awaits them, even their utter destruction if they repent not and also to set in order the unruly and the ignorant and to set a good example continuing to lift your warning voice exercising its saving influence until you shall be crowned as a Savior of life unto men and stand upon Mount Zion with the hundred and forty four thousand, having in their foreheads the promised seal of eternal life, and the authority to sing the song that none other could sing, and you shall be blessed with influence and with prosperity having the manifestations of the power of God with you in all the world where you shall be sent with legal authority to preach the Gospel. Faith shall spring up in your heart like the mustard seed and you shall prosper exceedingly and you shall secure also by your faith a promise unto your posterity which shall be handed down unto the latest generation and your days shall be many with the blessings of health in your habitation and an inheritance in the lineage of Caleb, who was faithful on his mission and brought a good report and you shall be sealed with the holy seal of promise according to the tenor of the above. These are the blessings and promises I seal upon your head, ordaining you an Elder in this Church of Jesus Christ to preach repentance and the remission of sins through faith in His name, and the endurance of faith to the end, Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Reuben Warren Allred on January 16, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Reuben Warren Allred, son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred, born in Bedford Co., state of Tennessee, November 18, 1815.

Brother Reuben, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. I place a blessing upon your head. According to your lineage and rights of Priesthood, the same that hath

had influence over you and over your father's house, to guide your footsteps in the way whereby you may be saved with your household. Through which there is and will be a promise unto your posterity unto the latest generation.

Being of the seed of Abraham which is of the promised seed, of lineal descent, through the loins of Joseph, and of the promised covenant, which saith in thee and in thy seed shall the families of the earth be blessed. Therefore, you are blessed, the same bringeth meekness and lowliness of heart, honor, and integrity, for thus you are disposed and have a desire for the ministry, for this is your right, even the right of Priesthood, through the lineage of your fathers, by which your name shall be perpetuated and had in honorable remembrance by your children, children's children, even unto the latest generation whilst the earth shall stand. Ye shall be blessed with the gifts and power of the holy Priesthood, and shall prosper in the ministry, and shall receive an endowment and the anointing for the burial in the house of the Lord. And shall bear testimony, even the sealing testimony and shall have days and years multiplied upon your head according to your faith and desires of your heart.

You shall be blessed in basket and in store, in your incomings and outgoings, and in fields, flocks, and herds, in your house and habitation, in your generation after you, from generation till generation. The same is and shall be sealed upon your head as a blessing by promise from under my hands and by the desires and faith of your father. Your inheritance shall be in Joseph, and your father's house. You shall be blessed with honor, immortality, and eternal life. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so, amen.

James Sloan, Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Elias Harmer on March 6, 1843]

Brother Elias, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ and by His authority place and seal a blessing upon you, as touching your priesthood, your lineage, your days and years and your saving power and principles which are and were obtained by the faith of your fathers, for behold you shall be blessed in the lineage of the priesthood in its lineal [lineal] descent, through the loins of Naphtali, wherein cometh your inheritance and the rights of your priesthood by which you may claim a place and a name when you shall be numbered with the tribes of Israel or with the promised seed in the fullness of the covenant in the last days. These blessings are for you, for your children and for your father's house they that are and shall be redeemed, even unto the fullness of the priesthood, its gifts, and graces qualifying and redeeming principles all to be received in due time, and an inheritance the same you may possess in time, the same you shall possess in the eternity notwithstanding the fiery darts of the adversary and the blackness of darkness, the trials and tribulations and sacrifices that await you.

You shall be blessed in your avocations of life both spiritually and temporally. Spiritually as touching your calling in the ministry which is hereafter to be revealed, and temporally in pertaining to your house and habitation, your incomings and outgoings in basket and store as to your flocks and herds, and as to your rights it is unto you and to your children after you unto the latest generation by which your name shall be kept in honor and perpetuated. You shall be blessed with a name and a place in the House of the Lord and shall come to the anointing that your body may be prepared for your burial and your name and acts shall be written in the chronicles [chronicles] of your brethren. These blessings I seal upon your head even so, Amen,

and as to your days and years they shall be three score years and ten if your faith fail not to continue.

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of High Priest of Martin Bushman on March 12, 1843]

Brother Martin I lay my hands upon your head, in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ to bless and seal the same upon you, even a blessing according to your lin[e]age and rights according to the holy Priesthood, coming down upon your heads in these last days of Anti-christ, there was a promise obtained for you to go down in your posterity to come unto you and your father[']s house as le[a]ven was put into the measure of meal that shall leaven the lump, or like unto that parable, will the power and spirit of God work in the minds of your father's house all being of lineage and tribe of Ephrium [Ephraim] in which lineage cometh the Priesthood beginning upon your head, in the order of the lineage of the Patriarch, which you now receive. Under mine hands whereas

I Ordain you an High Priest after the order of Melchizedec to preach repentance and remission of sins in the name of Jesus Christ, and the endurance of faith on his name unto the end,

there fore you are blessed with the Priesthood which I seal upon your head, that you may bear testimony and minister in that holy order according to the gifts and calling which is in you, and according to the spirit which shall move upon you in the times and seasons that cometh, in the days of your probation, and be blessed in your house, and your habitation, fields, flocks, & herds, and that your name shall be perpetuated through the blessings of the Priesthood as it shall go down upon the heads of your posterity from generation to generation, and as to your days and your years, shall be given you according to your faith, and the desire of your heart & you shall have an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers, even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Dagen Bushman on March 12, 1843]

A patriarchal blessing by Hyrum Smith Patriarch, upon the head of Elizabeth Dagen Bushman daughter of John Casper Dagen and Maria Graff Dagen born Sept. 12, 1802 at Holstien, Switzerland:

Sister Elizabeth, I lay my hands upon your head and in the name of and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ and by the power given me of the holy Priesthood to place a sealing blessing upon your head even to seal you to everlasting life, from henceforth that your heart may be comforted with an assurance that let what will happen your name is registered in the lamb[']s book of life, and these are the things which you desired to know whether you would be saved, therefore this is thy promise which I seal upon your head for God hath seen the honesty of your heart and hath blessed you according to your integrity and this shall be your witness that when these words shall be read, or you shall read them your heart shall swell with gratitude to God and joy shall spring up in your heart which shall be to you a comforter to you in all your days of probation, it shall be with you as a second comforter as in the testimony of John, which is

the promise of eternal life and as to the blessings of your inheritance your house and habitation, fields flocks & herds and the benefits of the Priesthood by which the knowledge of God is obtained in the order of the kingdom of God, shall be in common with your husband, even unto the seal of the covenant, which you have made to be continued in your everlasting inheritance & a crown celestial shall be given in the mansions of your father, and your name be perpetuated and kept in honorable remembrance from generation to generation, these blessings I seal upon your head, even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois March 12th 1843.

[Patriarchal blessing of Addison Pratt on March 28, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Addison Pratt, son of Henry and Rebecca Jewel Pratt, born in the town of Winchester, Cheshire [Cheshire] County, New Hampshire, February 21, 1802.

Brother Addison, I lay my hands upon your head in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ, and place and seal a blessing upon you, the same to be consonant with your lineage, Priesthood and rights unto the Priesthood, for as you are a descendant from the loins of Jacob, coming down in lineage through the tribe of Zebulon, therefore, in this lineage is your inheritance and your blessings, as given by prophetic vision, touching the Covenant of grace and your everlasting inheritance. As to the Priesthood it shall be a blessing upon your head and shall be given unto you in its fullness in due time and its blessing is as a crown upon your head and as laurels upon your brow, for the time cometh when you shall enter into its gifts and graces, notwithstanding the trials and tribulations of your day, and you shall go out and come in and go forth upon the face of the earth.

Your reward shall be with you and your testimony shall bring you into the place of the anointing, and your garments shall be clean of the blood of this generation, and you shall receive the anointing and the endowment and shall be numbered with the called and chosen and be called the Lord's anointed and your body prepared for the burial and shall receive an inheritance and a place upon Mount Zion in the lineage of your fathers, and also shall have a name and a place, and your acts to be written in the Chronicles of your brethren, by which your name shall be perpetuated with the aid and blessings of the Priesthood as it goeth down with your posterity from generation to generation. You shall be blest in your house, in your habitation, in your field and in your flocks, and your name shall be perpetuated and had in honor until the latest generation, and your years and days are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, March 28, 1843. James Sloan, clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of George Christian Riser on May 7, 1843]

Brother George, I lay my hands upon your head in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ; to bless you according to your lineage touching the Priesthood and right of Priesthood and your rights in the covenant made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; for in your legal

lineage cometh the blessings of the Patriarchs upon the heads of posterity; as it cometh down through the lineage and legal chain of the Progenitors.

Behold thou art George and of German extract according to our modern reckoning, but thou art of the loins of Joseph through the lineage and tribe of Ephraim and are in the faith of the Covenant through the faith of your fathers; notwithstanding the rebellion of your father's house; and you are left as one alone to receive the Priesthood for the benefit of your father's house, and for a blessing to your father's house, and you shall be blessed if your faith fail not to continue, and shall have power over your father's house and shall prevail, and save them unto the uttermost, and you shall be blest with the Priesthood – its gifts and graces and shall have voluntary utterance and a tongue as a ready writer and shall go forth and prosper, and you shall prosper also in your house and in your habitation and in your avocations of life and in your basket and in store: notwithstanding the light afflictions which are incidental; if you will be humble the hand of God is ready and will fill up the places of your bereavement and as to your inheritance it shall be in Mount Zion the City New Jerusalem and as to your days and years they shall be continued according to your faith and the desires of your heart. The anointing and the Endowment shall be administered unto you and your name shall be registered with the blessed and perpetuated by your posterity. These blessings I seal upon your head even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, May 7th, 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Christiana Kull Riser on May 7, 1843]

Sister Christianna, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth: to place a sealing blessing upon you by the power of the Priesthood invested in me by the Commandment of God and seal upon your head the blessings of the everlasting Covenant, and the day shall come when you shall comprehend it; therefore you are blest, notwithstanding your afflictions, and shall be blest in time and be saved in eternity and shall enter into your inheritance and receive the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant unto a fulness and your heart shall be comforted with the Comforter; which is this promise that you shall be saved and shall have eternal life and your name written and numbered with the names of the just; and perpetuated by your posterity until the latest generation and you shall be blest in days and years and with a crown of immortality in the Celestial Kingdom and shall have a place and seat as Sarah and Rachael and as to the blessings of the Priesthood and of your house and habitation and of the Seal of the everlasting Covenant which binds on earth and binds in Heaven shall be in common with your husband. These blessings I seal upon your head even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, May 7th, 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Albert Petty on May 14, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Albert Petty, son of Ralph and Isabel Petty, born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, August 10th, 1795.

Brother Albert: I lay my hands upon your head in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ, to place a blessing upon your head, consonant with your lineage and rights of Priesthood. Behold thou art Albert and a descendant from the loins of Jacob through the lineage

of Levi in which the lineage shall your inheritance and your right unto the Priesthood according to the prophetic blessing upon your fathers and thus shall be your blessing and your posterity notwithstanding your tribulation in the intermediate spaces of your existence and the imperfections of your nature, yet nevertheless there shall be strength given you in the days of your probation to lift and shoulder the crops and go out and come in and bear testimony according to the gift of your calling wherewith you are called and held responsible that your garments may be clean of the blood of this generation and also that your name may be registered with the names of the labourers of the eleventh hour and be numbered with the called and the chosen and with those that shall be purified as the sons of Levi and come up upon Mount Zion in the hundred and forty and four thousand.

Nevertheless notwithstanding you shall be blest in your house and habitation and with a blessing promised upon your posterity and your name shall be perpetuated and held in honorable remembrance until the latest generation and it shall be written in the Chronicles of your brethren, kept in the archives as a memorial to your name in the House of the Lord from generation to generation and as to your days and years they shall be given you according to your faith and the desires of your heart. These blessings I seal upon your head even so. Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, May 14, 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Grouard on May 21, 1843]

The Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Grouard, daughter of Jesse & Mary Mode, born in Marcus Hooke, State of Delaware, Jany 8th, 1821

Caroline, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, & bless you according to the desires of your heart as it cometh unto you by way of promise with the blessings of the new and everlasting Covenant as an heir of promise, & with the Seal of the promise as in your forehead, the same that binds on Earth & binds in heaven, & I Seal you unto eternal life for a consolation & a comforter, for your name is written in the book of life, & if there is pride & transgression, there remaineth a Scourge, nevertheless, there is integrity in your heart, & a zeal for salvation, & faith, & it shall increase & be multiplied, going from faith to faith, & from grace to grace, until you are blessed with the blessings of the everlasting Covenant, & have entered into the rest that remained for the people of God, & your promise is the Comforter as is written in the testimony of John the divine, the Comforter in the hour to come, in the hour of perplexity, & in the hour of Trial, & also in the hour of tribulation, & in the hour of deep & sore afflictions,

then shall you know that your name is written in the Book of life, & that you are sealed with the Seal of promise, & that you are blessed with the promise of the blessings of your fathers, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, & shall have an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers, together with the blessings of your habitation, field & flocks, & a name to be perpetuated from generation to generation, all to be received in Common with your husband, both as to your inheritance, days, & years, together with the seal of the everlasting Covenant, which Seals on Earth & seals in Heaven, These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills May 21st, 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Pierce Harmon on June 6, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Jesse Pierce Harmon, son of Martin & Triphena Harmon, born in Ruport, Bennington Coy [County]. Vermont August 11th 1795.

Brother Jesse, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, & bless you according to the gifts & powers of the Priesthood invested in me, & according to the faith which is in you, exercised in the new & everlasting Covenant, for unto this end are you destined as a blessing upon your head, to enter into a fulness in due time, with the remnants of the Seed of Jacob according to your fathers inheritance, which inheritance is after the Order of the Covenant unto Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob, your fathers, of which lineage you are to be numbered, according to the Will of God & the rights of the holy Priesthood, which to you hath been administered, & is hereafter to be sealed upon your head, as it shall be fully developed, of which fulness you do not now comprehend, nevertheless, these are blessings to come which are Spiritual & temporal, Spiritually, to be manifested with its enlightening influence to encrease [increase] & be multiplied unto you, & unto your house, together with the blessings which are temporal, to be encreased [increased] & multiplied upon your head, & unto your house, to be realized more fully in future, from generation to generation, & again, there is a blessing to be realized from your testimony, & from your goings forth, & from the anointing, & from the enduement [endowment], & from the Seal of the everlasting Covenant, which binds on Earth & binds in Heaven, & from your names being Written in the Chronicles of your brethren, & perpetuated by your Posterity until the latest generation, as also your inheritance in the lineage of your fathers, upon mount Zion, the City of the living God, & again, as to your days & years, they are numbered, & shall be many. These blessings I Seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo Ills June 6th 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Anne Harmon on June 6, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Anne Harmon, daughter of Abijah and Abi Barns, born in New Ashford, Berkshire Co., Mas[s]achusetts, March 6th 1798.

Sister Anne I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth], and bless you, with a blessing that is by promise, that shall be realized in future, behold thou art Anne, a mother in Israel to be number[ed] with the seed of Jacob, even with the Remnants that shall be made known among the Gentiles, and as one having a right to the Covenant, being an heir of promise, having been baptised into Christ, and put on Christ, that you may be Abraham[']s seed, and an heir unto the promise therefore, you are blest in your days, if your faith shall continue, and shall enter into the rest of God, and receive a fullness of the everlasting Covenant and the sealing power that binds on Earth and binds in Heaven, and shall come unto the Church of the first born, and the innumerable company, and to the Covenant that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel,

and as to your blessing which is temporal, touching your house and habitation and the things that are hereafter to be reveiled [revealed], and your inheritance, and the benefits of the Priesthood, as allso [also] the seal of the Covenant which binds on Earth and binds in Heaven shall be in common with your Husband, and also your name shall be perpetuate[d] by your Posterity from generation to generation, and I seal you up unto eternal life against all evil except

the sin that is unpardonable and if there should be transgres[s]ion otherwise, ther[e] remaineth a scourge, nevertheless there is a promise that is sealed, and a reward laid up for you, and a blessing in days and years, to be multiplied upon your head, and a consolation that shall be given you in the hour of tribulation. These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen
given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. June 6th 1843. James Sloan Cl,k [Clerk]

[Patriarchal blessing of Frances Crosby on July 18, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Frances Crosby Daughter of Joshua and Hannah Crosby born in Yarmouth Nova Scotia October 31st 1817

Sister Frances, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you. Behold thou shalt be blest in this life with light afflictions hereafter and in the world to come thou shalt have Eternal life and shall enter into your everlasting inheritance with your fathers and shall inherit the presence of your Father Mother Brothers and Sisters and again you shall be blest with an habitation an house over which you shall preside according to the Capacity of your calling and your Station in the midst of your own, with comfort, with a blessing of consolation with prosperity in your incomings and outgoings & with a field & with flocks & herds as also the Communion and fellowship in the Kingdom of God as also the the Communion of the Spirit & the fellowship of the Saints

& I seal you with the seal of the new and Everlasting Covenant as touching the power to seal on Earth & seal in Heaven, although it is the days of your youth, yet you shall live & there is a reward in Heaven laid up for you & the Key is your Mother therefore you shall be blest & your mind shall be attentive & the memory of the past shall not be forgotten and again you shall also be blest with the knowledge of the mysteries of God as it shall be developed in its fulness & the desires of your heart shall be realised and your name shall be perpetuated with the blessings of the Priesthood upon your Posterity from generation to generation the same is a blessing by promise unto the latest generation and again you are blessed in the lineage of the Covenant being a daughter of Abraham & an heir of promise & as to your days and years they shall be given unto you according to your faith & the desires of your Heart These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Illinois July 18th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin Brown on July 18, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Benjamin Brown, son of Asa and Sarah Brown, born in the town of Queensberry, Washington Coy. [County] State of New York, Sept. 30th 1794.

Brother Benjamin, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth & by the Authority given unto me by commandment & the [illegible] of the Holy Priesthood I place upon you a blessing according to the order of the Priesthood as it cometh in the Order of the Kingdom of God, & according to your rights of lineage & your rights unto the Priesthood which right cometh down in lineage according to the faith of the fathers, & the promises that were obtained which are to be fulfilled in the fulness of the new & everlasting Covenant, but as to your lineage, notwithstanding you are found amongst the Gentiles, you are of the Seed of Jacob, & of the tribe of Benjamin, through which loins & lineage is your right unto the Priesthood

according to the Prophetic Visions of your fathers, the same is to be sealed upon your head & in this lineage & tribe is your inheritance,

& again, according to the prophetic Vision of your fathers as touching the tribe of your inheritance are your blessings to be multiplied upon your head, & upon your posterity from generation to generation, even unto the latest generation therefore you are blest notwithstanding the tribulations of the past, but in future there is to be rewarded unto you double, even an hundred fold, as a reward of faith, all to be administered in due times, both temporal & Spiritual together with the Priesthood to go down with its fulness upon your posterity by which your name shall be perpetuated & continued in honorable remembrance unto the latest generation, & you shall yet bear testimony, & your garments shall be made clean, & you shall be blest with the anointing, & anointed & numbered with the called & chosen, & be multiplied in your Garner house & habitations, & with days years to be multiplied upon your Head. These blessings I Seal upon you, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. July 18th 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Brown on July 18, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Sarah Brown, daughter of Henry & Sarah Mumford, born in Granby, Hartford Coy. State of Connecticut, April 20th 1795.

Sister Sarah, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, & place & Seal a blessing unto you to be fulfilled in future, to go down upon the pages of time, in memorial, with honour to your name which shall be perpetuated from generation to generation behold, I seal you up unto eternal life, which Seal is to be a comforter, a strength, & a support unto you in th[e] times of your trials, & in the times of your weakness, & in the times of your deepest afflictions & Sorrow, for this is the promise according to the mind of the Spirit that you should be Sealed with the Seal of promise which is the Comforter, even the second Comforter that w[as] spoken of in John[']s testimony which is before the People, & that you should know that your name is written in the Book of life to be continued henceforth, & if there should be transgression there remaineth a Scourge nevertheless, there is a blessing Spiritually & temporally to be administered unto you as a reward for your integrity there being no disposition in your Heart to transgress,

therefore you shall be blest in the new & everlasting Covenant [in] Common with your husband, having a right unto the benefits of the Priesthood, which shall be allotted unto you, & signs & tokens of affirmation, that you be not deceived by those that Saith they are apostles, & are not apostles but are liars, & that you be not deceived in the Spirit but shall come forth with the wise & be numbered with the pe[ople] of the Covenant, being a daughter of Abraham, & a mother in Israel, notwithstanding the past & your days of [illegible], & again, you shall be blest in your habitations, & in your house, as also shall your flocks be multiplied, & your name shall be written in the Chronicles of your brethre[n] & be perpetrated until the latest generation, & your days & years are numbered & shall be many. These Blessings I Seal upon your head; even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ills. July 18th 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann Alice Gheen on July 29, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Ann Alice, daughter of William & Esther Ann Gheen Born in Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Dec. 20th 1827

Sister Ann, I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and Seal a Blessing upon you by the power of the Priesthood and the Authority invested in me by commandment. Behold, thou art Ann, and now in the days of thy youth, and you have believed and obeye[d] the Gospel; therefore, now for your obedience [obedience] , & your faithfulness, & the integrity of your heart, in obeying the first principles, you shall be blessed And if you will continue unto the end, as it is written he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, therefore, there is a promise, and a Crown, and a Seal, which is the seal of promise, and a Blessing laid up for you in the kingdom of God, and in the Inheritance and house of your Father for the day shall come wh[en] you shall enter into your inheritance, you and your house as also your Father's house, in the lineage of your Father, according to the Tribe, and rights of inheritance wherein you shall enter upon your promised possessio[n] with your Fathers, Abraham Isaac & Jacob, from which is the rec[k]oning of your lineage, And you Shall be blessed in the days of your probation, & Shall See much of the salvation of God, and shall prosper in your avocations of life, notwithstanding the light afflictions that are incident, and your blessing is Spiritual and Temporal. The same to be in your hous[e] and habitation in your fields and folds, the same is in the Council & in the knowledge of God, that Shall be imparted unto the fullness of his mysteries, and the same is in Blessing, which is by promise, both to you & your father, that Shall go down with your posterity, from Generation to generation, by which your name Shall be perpetuated and handed down in honorable [honorable] remembrance untill the latest generation, therefore you Shall be blessed with the fulness of the covenan[t] upon Mt. Zion. & shall enter in through the Gates into the City, when they shall be accepted that are Abraham[']s seed & heirs according to promise, and you shall be blessed with days and years to be multiplied upon you. These blessings I seal upon you even So Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Ills. July 29th 1843 Howard Cor[a]y Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Catherine Stoker on July 30, 1843]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Catherine Stoker, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Eller, born in County of Rowan, North Carolina, March 6, 1773.

Sister Catharine, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and seal you up unto Eternal life from this very hour for this is thy Blessing for thy days and years are on the decline. Nevertheless there are some more to be multiplied upon thy head and a consolation to inspire your heart yet in the days of your Pilgrimage and you have a crown laid up for you in the Mansion of your Father and ye shall stand in your place and in your station as a Mother in Israel as one that hath kept the commandments and that hath been faithful. Since you believed, therefore you are blessed in time and your blessing shall be continued in eternity, for you are sealed here on earth and sealed in heaven that you may live and be comforted with this comforter that your name is written as is made known by the Spirit in the Lamb's Book of Life and shall not be blotted out, but shall be continued henceforth and forever and there is a blessing upon your house, even your children from generation to generation and the priesthood is theirs according to the rights of lineage and the covenants and promises made to their Father Abraham,

Isaac and Jacob. Therefore, let your heart be comforted henceforth and forever for the promise is sure and your days shall yet continue for a season and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation and handed down in honor by your children until the latest generation. These blessings I seal upon your head in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, July 30, 1843 at Nauvoo, Illinois

[Patriarchal blessing of John Borrowman on August 20, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing of John Borrowman son of William and Marion Borrowman born in Glasgow Scotland May 13th 1816.

Brother John, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you with a blessing the same as patriarchal for behold thou art John and by this name are you called and by this name shall you be called and by this name are you blessed the same to be continued according to the blessings of the Fathers to preserve the lineage to keep in memory your name and perpetuate it from generation to generation for this is a blessing that shall crown your head that from you springeth up men that shall be mighty in faith great and renowned shall be[;] many of your posterity having the Priesthood and shall enter into the blessings of the fathers and see and enter into the rest of God and again you shall be blessed with an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers and be numbered with the remnants of Jacob you being of the seed and inheritance of Jacob numbering your lineage from Abraham your father and again the day cometh in due time when you shall receive the priesthood for the benefit of your house to do [go] down with your posterity into the latest generation but in time there is tribulation in all its intermediate spaces but if your faith fail not to continue then are you saved[;] your days and years continued to be multiplied upon your head according to your faith and the desires of your heart. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, August 20th, 1843.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sylvia Amiret Carter on September 17, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Sylvia Amiret Carter, Daughter of Stephen and Dolly Mecham. Born in the town of Hopkinton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, July 28, 1820.

Sister Sylvia, I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and bless you, and even seal you up unto eternal life, against every sin and every blasphemy but the sin that sheds [or the shedding of] the blood of innocence, which cannot be forgiven in this time nor in the next time, but against all other sins I seal you up unto eternal life, but if there is transgressions, there remaineth a scourge, but you are blessed and shall be saved in the everlasting covenant in the morning of the first resurrection, this is a promise that is given unto you, for a blessing and a comfort and consolation for your heart at all times - in the hour of distress, or in the hour of tribulation - this is the promise of eternal life, which is the second comforter, according to the testimony of John, and again is, as saith the scriptures:

To know God and him who he hath sent, is life eternal. To know that you shall live and have life and immortality in the resurrection of the just is a comforter and a blessing, that shall abide forever. Therefore you are blessed spiritually and you shall be blessed temporally - in your

basket, in your store, and in your house and in your habitation and in the new and everlasting covenant, in common with your husband, and in the inheritance and lineage of his fathers, and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation, and venerated by your posterity unto the latest generation. Your days and years are numbered, and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head in the name of Jesus even so amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Ill., September 17, 1843. Howard Coray. Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of Howard Egan on September 24, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Howard Egan Son of Howard and Ann Egan, born in Tullemore, Kings County, Ireland, Time—1815:

Brother Howard I lay my hands upon your head, in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ and place a blessing upon you. Consonant with your lineage and rights unto the Priesthood, for Behold, I say unto you; Howard, you are of the lineage of David of the Tribe of Judah. Nevertheless you have come to Zion, unto the Covenant, that shall be made with the House of Israel. Wherein, God will write his Law in their hearts and print it in their thoughts, therefore you shall have an inheritance in Zion. And your house or your posterity that cometh after you, and you have a right unto the Priesthood, and blessings according to the Prophetic visions of your Fathers, and the day shall come when you shall magnify an holy calling, and come up to the anointings, and the endowments and be numbered with the called and chosen. And have your name written together with acts in the Archives and Chronicles of your brethren, as also perpetuated by your posterity in the blessings of the Priesthood from generation to generation. Even until the latest generation. And you shall be blessed in your temporal [temporal] associations and in your habitations and your days and years shall be given unto you according to your faith and the desires of your heart. These blessings I seal upon you Even So, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo Illinois Sept. 24th, 1843. H. Coray Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ettie Coray on September 24, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing of Mary Ettie Coray, daughter of Silas and Mary Coray. Born in the Township of Providence, Luzern County, State of Pennsylvania, 31st of Jan., 1829 [1827].

Sister Mary Ettie, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place and seal a blessing unto you, even a Father's blessing, which blessing is Patriarchal as from under the hands of your father or any one of the Patriarchs of old that a blessing should be placed upon your head, according to the covenants with your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and in future time, receive a fullness of those blessings, according to the promises as touching your inheritance and the glory of your father, and the honor and immortality and felicity of your Mansion in the resurrection of the Just, therefore there is a blessing for you and a reward laid up for your obedience, for the integrity of your heart, in the days of your youth; remember that you are now in your youthful days, and this life at times and seasons in the intermediate spaces of your existence, will be attended with tribulations, but in the world to come, you shall have immortality and eternal life. This is your reward because of the integrity of your heart. And again

you shall be blessed temporally and spiritually in your house and habitation, in your field and in your flocks, in your basket and in your store, as also in your posterity, and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation, and your miracles and acts shall be written in the archives and chronicles of your brethren. And your days and years are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hiram Smith, at Nauvoo, Ill., Sept. 24th, 1840 [1843]. Howard Coray, Clerk.

[Patriarchal blessing of James Harvey Heath on October 1, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing of James Harvey Heath, Son of John & Mary Heath, Born in Washington Parish & State of Louisiana the 26th of March 1814.

Brother James, I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place & Seal a Blessing upon you, as the Spirit giveth utterance. Behold thou art James, & thou hast a Calling, & if thou wilt magnify that calling, thou hast a Blessing in Store as a reward to be administered, the Same to be realized in your avocations of life, & at the coming of the Son of Man, for behold the Son of Man cometh speedily, the hour you know not, & his reward is with him. And your calling is unto the ministry, to have & to hold a dispensation of the gospel, in which you Shall exercise faith & obedience, & then cometh the blessing to you & to your Father[']s House, & to many of your Kinsfolks in your native Land, But you have to prune your heart & gird up your loins & be Sober & faithful, that God may give you access to the hearts of the people, & that you may also be Successful, & in due time gain the promise & make your calling & Election Sure, that you may come up unto the House that is built by my name, Saith the Lord, in which you can be Sealed in your forehead, otherwise, there is no Salvation, otherwise, when I call, none can answer And my name is not written. Therefore, if you are faithful, your blessing is Sealed, & it Shall be better upon the heads of your posterity, then there is a blessing, spiritually & temporally, all your days. And your name Shall be perpetuated & handed down in honor until the latest generation And your days & years Shall be multiplied upon your head. These Blessings I Seal upon your head. Even So. Amen

H. Coray Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of William Addington Martindale on October 8, 1843]

Patriarchal blessing of Wm. Addington [Martindale] son of James and Elizabeth Martindale born in the town of Washington, Wayne, County state Indiana. the 11 of June 1814.

Brother William I lay my hands upon your head in the name and by the authority given me of Jesus Christ. I bless you and seal the same upon your head, which bless[ing] shall be consonant with your lineage and with your right as touching the Priesthood. As it cometh down in its lineage. For behold thou art William and this is the name by which you will be called. Yet never-the-less there is a new name by which you shall be called, also, if you enter in through the gate into the city in the day of purification. When the sons of Moses and Aaron shall be purified.

For ye are of Aaron and of the lineage and loins of Levi and an heir unto that inheritance and your blessing cometh according to the Praphetic [Prophetic] Visions of your fathers, never-the-less you shall be blessed, spiritually and temporally in your testimony in your house and in

your habitation in your fields and in your flocks, in your incomings and outgoings and in the dispensation of the gospel. That is committed to your charge and in the the Priesthood that shall be sealed upon your head even unto its fullness in due time and in the blessing of your postivity [posterity] wherein the Priesthood shall have there [the] honor and your name be peretuated [perpetuated] from generation to generations. And again there remaineth a blessing in the mission that is by way of the wild[er]ness in the valleys and on the mountains. As it cometh over upon mount Zion. Unto the seal of the covenant [covenant] unto the anointy [anointing] and to the endowment that your name may be registered in the achives and chronicles that are peretuated [perpetuated] in the house of god. And again as to your days and years, they are numbered and shall be many I seal these blessing[s] upon your head even so. [Amen]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann Elisa DeLong on October 16, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing Ann Elisa DeLong, daughter of Bush and Hannah Reynolds Born in New York City, New York, November 9, 1818

I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and place a seal and blessing upon your head according to the mind of the Spirit, which is to come to pass hereafter. Behold, thou art Ann Eliza. This is the name by which you are called, and is the name by which you will be called when it shall be said, "Come ye blessed, enter into the kingdom, and to the rest that is prepared from before the foundation of the world." For as a daughter of Abraham, thou shalt be blest, notwithstanding the day of purification, and the day of choosing. Nevertheless, thou wilt be saved, for, if there is error there shall be an understanding given, and from weakness thou shalt be made strong. And if there should be murmurings, a knowledge of doctrine shall be given, and the truth shall have due and proper influence upon your mind, until the mysteries of God are revealed. And ye shall enter into its blessings in its fullness even of your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and receive your inheritance in Mount Zion upon this Celestial Orb. And if there be tribulations and afflictions, they shall be subdued and overcome, and you shall be blessed in your house, and in your habitations, and your evocations of life, in your possessions and tenements and in the spirit and power and knowledge wherein you shall be endowed with power, as far as ministrations and priesthood was ordained to be given unto man, and unto their help mate, for unto this end was you borne of, came you into the world.

And in due time cometh all these blessings, which you do not now comprehend, but you shall know them and appreciate them, and again, there are blessings to be received in common with your husband, which filleth up the intermediate spaces of the days of your probation, and then shall be a blessing to rest upon your posterity. And by then shall your name be perpetuated from generation to generation as also to be written in the archives and chronicles of your brethren, to be handed down in honorable remembrance until the latest generation. And as to the tribe of your lineage wherein you have lineal descents, it is in the lineage and tribe of Manasseh. But as to your inheritance it is in the lineage upon whom is the seal of the covenant, whereby the seal is on earth to be sealed in Heaven, and your coming forth shall be in the morning of the first resurrection, that you may possess thrones and mansions, that is prepared. And as to your days and years, they are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, October 16, 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Townsend Dorman on October 22, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing of Polly Dorman, daughter of Daniel and Polly Townsend, Born in the Town of Salem, Wes[t]chester County, and State of New York, 13th of July, 1764.

Sister Polly, I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and by the authority given me, in commandments and the investment of the holy priesthood, I seal you up unto eternal life, and say unto you, Polly, your name is written in the book of life, to be continued, henceforth and forever, never to be blotted out. Therefore, you are blessed in very deed, and shall be blessed, in all your days, except some light afflictions on account of your infirmities and your declining years, your name shall be perpetuated, and your house shall be remembered, wherein you have posterity, friends, and relations, for there remains a blessing, laid up in store to rest upon them in due time. And your labor shall be blest as leaven, that is hid, that shall leaven the lump.

Therefore, let your heart be comforted, for you have wrought a good work, and fought a good fight, therefore, there is a crown laid up for you in the mansion of your Father, as Sarah and Rachael's, and a reward to be realised [realized] for your pilgrimage, which is after the faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob our fathers. A reward, spiritual and temporal [illegible] you may remember the land of your future inheritance, the land of your everlasting inheritance in your journeyings to seek a country, an Heavenly habitation, eternally in the Heavens, whose builder and maker is God. Behold, you have been commanded and you have obeyed the commandment, therefore, you have made your calling and election sure, and have received your seal of promise, and a blessing to be perpetuated, that your name may be had in memory from generation to generation. And as to your years, they are now but few, but from the beginning they were many. but they shall be multiplied upon your head, according to your faith, and the desire of your heart. And as the blessings of Abraham, so are blessings of your progenitors, for you are a daughter of Abraham, and so are the blessings of your posterity, and these blessings I seal upon your head, ever and ever, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo. Oct. 22d, 1843. A. [H.] Coray, Clerk and Recorder.

[Patriarchal blessing of George Spilsbury on November 11, 1843]

Dear Brother George, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and place and seal a blessing upon you, consonant with your lineage and rights of Priesthood. Behold, I say unto you, George, thou art of the lineage of Jacob through the loins of Levi, and in this lineage there is a right to inherent to the Priesthood, and to an inheritance according to the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and in this lineage are your blessings to be administered according to the prophetic vision of your father, even spiritually and temporally. Nevertheless you are in the days of your youth, and the fullness of the everlasting covenant and the blessings of your inheritance you do not now comprehend. Neither the times, not the season, nor the day thereof, but if you are faithful, the day cometh when you shall know these things – the times and the seasons thereof, and your responsibilities, as also the requisition of heaven wherein you and your house may be called upon to answer and give account of your stewardship wher[e]in you are called to serve, that your house may be saved, and that your posterity may have claim upon God and the power of his administration.

And again, the day cometh when you shall receive a blessing in your administration, and in the exercise of your gifts and callings wherewith you shall be called, and your testimony shall be right and pleasing and attended with prosperity. And you shall go and come and learn wisdom, and notwithstanding there are tribulations you shall be blessed in your house and habitation, and in your possessions and tenements, and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation and written in the chronicles of your brethren and handed down in a memorial with the blessings of the Priesthood in your posterity unto the latest generation. And if you are faithful and fail not, you shall see the coming of the son of man. These blessings I seal upon you even so – Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Fanny Smith Spilsbury on November 11, 1843]

Sister Fanny, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus and bless you according to the mind of the spirit as it shall indite [indicate] the matter. Behold, I say unto you, Fanny, that you shall be blessed even as thy husband as touching the blessings of the Priesthood and promised possessions, as also the key of knowledge wherein you shall be made wise and be prepared to understand times and seasons of refreshments, and the coming of the son of man. Nevertheless your lineage is not the same lineage with your husband, but your inheritance shall be with his inheritance, that all things may be had in common with him even whose inheritance is the lineage of Levi. And unto the blessings of that inheritance which shall be in the mount called Zion, for in Zion shall all the sons of Moses and Aaron be purified and enter in through the gates into the city and that is the reward and blessing for you to receive for your pilgrimage and leaving your native country and the domicile of your father, and on obedience to the commandments God has given to his people. Also to those that are wanderers and pilgrims in a strange land in the midst of strangers seeking a home and a habitation whose builder and maker is God. Therefore, be steadfast and you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally, even in all things in common with your husband. And your name shall be perpetuated and had in honor.

[Patriarchal blessing of Miles Anderson on November 12, 1843]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Miles Anderson Son of Nathan and Sally Anderson Born in [illegible] County State of Georgia Oct. 30 1795

Brother Miles I lay my hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth [Nazareth] and by that authority and the investment of the Priesthood, place a blessing upon you according to your liniage [lineage] rights of inheritan[ce] and right of Priesthood; for behold I say unto you Miles that in Jacob is your liniage [lineage] and in Jacob is your Inheritance as one of the scattered remnants that shall be situated and established upon Mount Zion upon the land of Joseph with the Remnant of Joseph for in Ephraim is the rec[k]oning of your Inheritance and the right of Priesthood to be seated and given in due time with the gifts and graces that will give you power to magnify your calling wherewith you are called and the gift with which you shall be blessed if your faith fail not

that you may be clean of the Blood of this generation when the Harvest is Ended therefore now there is a blessing in store for you Spiritual and Temporal touching the Mission and calling

and Ministry your House Habitation possession and tenements [tenements] nevertheless notwithstanding the fearfulness the want of faith the want of strength in yourself to overcome and to wake up from the fear of Man yet there is power and a blessing for you if you will strive to improve on the tallant [talent] that is given and again there is a blessing in you[r] rights of liniage [lineage] for your posterity unto the latest generation by which your name shall be perpetuated and the blessings of your Days and years multiply upon your Head these blessings I seal upon your Head – even so amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ Nov 12th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Terry Kirby on November 18, 1843]

A Patriarchal Blessing on the head of Elizabeth Kirby, daughter of Parshall and Hannah Terry, born at Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, November 17, 1814

Sister Elizabeth, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and place and seal a blessing upon your head that shall come to pass in future, for in the future is your reward and your last days shall be your best days; for the desires of your heart and you shall have peace in your habitation and tranquility in your places of abode. And for your heart of integrity you shall be blessed in the covenant of grace, being a daughter of Abraham and of lineal descent therefore the blessing of your father shall be yours to go down with your posterity. And you shall be blessed in all your avocations of life, and in your possessions and tenements, in your basket and in your store.

And [you] shall have communion with the Holy Spirit, even the spirit of inspiration where with you shall be inspired, and your footsteps directed and the hand of God shall be extended and mercy, wherein you shall have deliverance more than in days that are past where you had experience in its administrations [administrations], wherein He has put forth His finger to bless you notwithstanding the tribulations, afflictions and sorrows of your heart. Therefore, now let your heart be comforted in the witness that God has been mindful of you, and the same hand of providence shall smooth the path and make easy your way in these last days and shall bring your final possessions, principalities, and [you shall] have dominion, immortality and venerated in the lineage of your posterity from generation to generation, and as to your days and years, they are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, November 18, 1843.

[Patriarchal blessing of Aaron Johnson on November 23, 1843]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Aaron Johnson Son of Didymus and Ruhama Johnson Born in the Town of Haddam Middlesex County State of Connecticut June 22 1806.

Brother Aaron I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal upon you a blessing Patriarchal touching lineage inheritance and rights inherent. Behold I say unto you Aaron you are a descendant from the loins of Jacob passing through the lineage and tribe of Manassah [Manasseh] and in this lineage and tribe cometh your inheritance and the inherent right to the blessings of the Priesthood and to and inheritance in the fullness of the

covenant unto Abraham Isaac and Jacob your Fathers from whom cometh the origin or the beginning of your reckoning as also your children or generation after you and in this lineage cometh their rights inherent in all the blessings of the Priesthood made to Abraham Isaac and Jacob and their posterity unto the latest generation

therefore you are blessed and shall be blessed Spiritually and Temporal[l]y in all your days and your posterity after you because of the faith of your Fathers and the integrity of your heart and your faith like the faith of Abraham in the order of your house to command it from generation to generation and you shall be blessed in your House and habitation in your possessions and tenements and in your avocations of life in Basket and in store in your incomeings and outgoinges and in your testimony whilst in your gift and calling wherewith you are called unto the ministry and to the exercise of that gift wher[e]in you will magnifyd the dispensation of the Gospel that is commit[t]ed unto your charge and the day cometh when your testimony shall be received and your name written and numbered with the anointed called and chosen and perpetuated in the lineage of your posterity with the blessing of the Priesthood under the seal of the everlasting covenant unto the latest generation and you shall be blessed with days and years to be multiplied upon your head as a reward and for a wise purpose in God. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ. Nov 23rd 1843.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Matthews Layton on December 1, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing On the head of Mary Matthews Layton, given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ill., on Dec. 1, 1843.

Sister Mary, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus and bless you. Behold I say unto you, Mary, you shall be blessed with prosperity, spiritually and temporally, according as you have desired, to be received in due time, as touching your house and habitation, possessions and permanent flocks and fields; nevertheless there are many trials and many perplexities in this life, but in the world to come there is eternal life, a crown of immortality laid up for you. This is a promise unto you, to be a blessing and a comfort in all time to come: therefore lift up your head and be glad; behold, look and live; remember the word from the sacred article, that are precepts, and there is a blessing by promise upon your posterity and an inheritance in the lineage of your fathers, in the lineage of Abraham according to the covenants of grace, even unto fullness, to be received in fulfillment of promises obtained by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to be answered upon their children in this dispensation of the fullness of times, or unto their generations after them; and your blessing in all things shall be in common with your husband, and your name shall be perpetuated in the line of your posterity and your years shall be multiplied as a blessing unto you. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of George Washington Hickerson on December 21, 1843]

Brother George Washington Hickerson: I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to bless you and seal the same upon your head. Behold I say unto you George, because of your faith and obedience to the Gospel and to the commandments and in the spirit which gathereth the people, you are blessed and shall be blessed more abundantly than you are in

reality in possession and have the knowledge of. But your blessings shall increase if your faith fail not, and the day cometh when you shall comprehend having a full and perfect satisfaction. You shall be blessed with a dispensation of the Gospel unto Jew and to Gentile, as also unto many people in some part of your native land. The priesthood shall be sealed upon your head, and upon the head of your posterity, and your name shall be perpetuated in their lineage, from generation to generation. You have a work, a labor to perform and a calling to magnify, wherewith you are called, and a gift in which you shall be blessed and an inheritance for you and your posterity in the lineage of your fathers, which lineage is in Jacob, and which inheritance is upon Mount Zion, in the covenant unto the House of Israel. You shall go out and come in and be blessed and prosper these many years. Nevertheless, there are trials that await you, but my grace is sufficient for you saith the Lord. Therefore be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works. And you shall stand in your place and fill your appointment in the appointed hour at the end of your days. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Woolsey Hickerson on December 21, 1843]

Sister Sarah Woolsey Hickerson: I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and bless you. Behold, I say unto you Sarah, you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally. Henceforth, spiritually touching the priesthood, the key of knowledge and the communion of the Spirit, as also the covenant of grace, as touching the seal of Abraham and his posterity after him, wherein you are to be numbered in that blessing and in that covenant; Temperally [Temporally] touching your inheritance, your posterity, your house, habitation, your possession and tenements, all to be received in connection with your husband. You shall be blessed in the future, with the spirit and power of God, which you know not and you have not yet experienced, and with experience with tithing and sacrifice, that your grace may abound, and that Salvation shall be administered with all its life and power touching you, your house and your father's house, touching your posterity, the principal to perpetuate your name unto the latest generations. And with days and years to be multiplied upon your head, because of the desires of your heart. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Orson Pratt on December 26, 1843]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Orson Pratt Son of Jared and Charity Pratt born in the Town of Hartford Washington County State of New York September 19th 1811

Brother Orson I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal upon you a blessing according to your lineage manifesting your rights inherent behold I say unto you Orson you are a descendant of Abraham and of the lineage and Tribe of Ephraim therefore in that lineage cometh your blessings and rights inherent even the rights of Priesthood and the rights of inheritance in answer and in fulfilment of the Promises obtain[e]d by your Fathers and by these promises in a greater or less degree has your heart been inspired and preserved in integrity therefore you are blessed and shall be blessed in all your days in ratio [ratio] with the past with multiplication and addition in grace in faith, in knowledge, in wisdom, in greatness and also in posterity with the promise to bless them in their lineage with the

Priesthood and power to reach unto posterity from generation to generation untill you and your House shall receive a fulness of the everlasting covenant made with Abraham Isaac and Jacob

your Fathers and you shall be blessed also with a full development of the priesthood its power – gifts and graces and with an inheritence [inheritance] in the lineage and tribe of your Father the same your Seed shall possess and inherit it even Their promised possessions and perpetuate your name in honor unto the latest generation and you shall be blessed in your House and habitations possessions and Teniments [Tenements] with days and years to be multiplied upon your head and you shall stand upon Mount Zion with the hundred and forty and four thousand and you shall fill your place and appointment in the appointed hour at the end of your days and the times and seasons spaces and intermeadiate [intermediate] spaces the day shall be sufficient for the evel [evil] thereof. therefore lift up your head and fear not for the hour of redem[p]tion and deliverance draweth nigh therefore look and live for a Crown of immortality and eternal lives is laid up for you in the Mansion that is prepared and you shall possess it and none shall hinder These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ December 26th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Marinda Bates Pratt on December 26, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing of Sarah Marinda Pratt Daughter of Cyrus & Lydia Bates Born in the Town of Henderson [blank space] State of New York February 5th 1817

Sister Sarah I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you Spiritually and Temporally as the Spirit giveth utterance behold I say unto you Sarah your blessings Shall be according to the desires of your heart Zeal and integrity even to possess them in your habitation in your possessions and Teniments [Tenements] in the Priesthood and its developments in your inheritance and Promised possessions and in the lineage of your Posterity Even the blessings of the Priesthood and the power of God to be Continued in your liniage [lineage] as also the blessings of the Everlasting Covenant in the Seal thereof Shall be in Common with your husband if you desire it with all your heart and will ask in faith believing for he that asketh Shall receive and he that Seeketh Shall find and have mercy and Salvation administered unto him and he that knocketh unto him Shall the mysteries of God be unfolded and you Shall be blessed in the liniage [lineage] of your posterity and in the knowledge of your progenitors and you shall have an inheritance in the liniage [lineage] of your Fathers the Same is in the liniage [lineage] of your husband which is the liniage [lineage] of his Fathers and in every blessing touching all things that are Sealed upon his head if you will have faith and doubt not and Shall be agreed the Same Shall be had in common with each other and your name Shall be perpetuated and had in honor in the liniage [lineage] of your posterity with the blessings of the Priesthood unto the latest Generation and your Days and years Shall be many these blessings I Seal upon your head Even so Amen

Given by H Smith Patriarch Dec 26th 1843

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha H. Groves on January 8, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of Elisha H Groves Son of John Groves & Mary Gro[ves] born in Mattson Co Ky November 5 1797

brother Elisha I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth & bless & seal the Same upon your head behold I say unto you Elisha you Shall be Blessed in your day & generation even Spiritually & temporally notwithstanding the past afflictions trials & tribulations in all your past experience & the afflictions that have been suffered by the hand of providence for your benefit to bring you into the powers of appreciation & for a promise [of] a better inheritance to be received in Zion which by the Lord shall be founded & they that have been oppressed & the poor shall dwell there & there [their] hearts Shall be satisfied [satisfied] when the Earth shall yield forth in its strength & their hearts Shall be filled & Shall overflow nevertheless you Shall be blessed in your hous[e] and in your habitation & yet in your garner & in Posterity & in the honorer [honor] & Glory thereof in time & in eternity & with the priesthood & with your rights inherent coming in the lineage of your fathers with the seal & the knowledge to be Confirmed in due time which lineage is in Ephra[i]m according to the tribe & rights of your Fathers the same to be continued from generation to generation & your name shall be perpetuated in their lineage untill the latest generation of Man & your name shall be written in the chronicles of your Brethren & be numbered with the called & chosen to stand in your lot in the appointed hour upon mount Zion with the hundred forty and four thousand these blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the C[h]urch of Jesus Christ January 8th 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Lettice Johnson Rushton on January 16, 1844]

A Patriarchal blessing of Lettice Rushton daughter of John and Mary Johnson, born in the Town of Leek, Staffordshire, Old England.

Sister Lettice I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you with the promise of Eternal Life, which promise I seal upon your head or in other words, I seal you up unto Eternal Life for what I seal on earth, I seal in Heaven, for what I seal in earth shall be sealed in Heaven, this shall be your blessing. The same shall be a consolation in all time to come not only to you but to your posterity after you and your past afflictions you have an inheritance even a better inheritance than this laid up for you even a crown in the mansion of your Father and your promise is a gift even a gift of God and a blessing, there is none greater there is nothing that can be more consoling to the troubled mind than the promise of Eternal Life, a resurrection in the morning of the just given according to the mind of the spirit and sealed by authority, authorizing God to seal on earth and to seal in heaven, be therefore with an inheritance in your lineage according to the lineage of your fathers and your children, also by which your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation as also the Priesthood to be continued in your lineage unto the latest generation of man, as touching your days and years they shall be lengthened out according to your faith and your desires. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ. January 16, 1844.

[Patriarchal blessing of Flora Higdon Drake on January 18, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of Flora Drake Daughter of Alen and Betty Higdon Born in the Town of Pompey County Onondaga State of New york July 11th 1817

Sister Flora I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you behold I say unto you Flora there are blessings such as are blessings from the hand of God and if you will ask you shall receive and if you will seek you shall find and if you will knock as is expressed in meaning in the world the mysteries of God shall be unfolded and you shall be blessed by the power of the priesthood and its administrations even the Key a fulness: which fulness the day cometh that you shall understand which mystery you now understand not but shall know and be made to appreciate every blessing for unto this end are you blessed and shall be preserved and sustained by the power of God by which salvation shall be administered to you and to your House from generation to generation and you shall be blessed in your house and habitation and in your days and years as also in your basket and store with few exceptions which you shall know in the day thereof and your name shall be perpetuated in the lineage of your posterity together with the blessings of the [pries]thood to go down unto the latest generation of [illegible] and the spaces and intermediate spaces the day shall be sufficient for the end thereof and as a Daughter of Abraham you shall be blessed with an inheritance in Jacob in Mount Zion a Crown and a place in the Mansions of your Father These blessings I seal upon you even so Amen
Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ January 18th 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Edwin Rushton on January 24, 1844]

January 24, 1844 – A patriarchal blessing of Edwin Rushton son of Richard and Lettice Rushton born in Leek, Staffordshire Old England June 1st 1824.

Brother Edwin I lay my hands upon our head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon you touching lineage, priesthood and your rights according to the law of God and the promised blessings unto the seed of Israel for you shall be blessed in your day and generation both spiritually and temporal[ly] which are the desires of your heart and in due time you shall realize and enter into a knowledge of all things pertaining to the priesthood and to an inheritance in the lineage of Jacob both you and your children after you from generation to generation and again you shall be blessed in your house and in your habitation and in your [illegible] of life and in the ministry unto many people, if your faith shall continue, and you shall go out and come in and have prosperity bye and bye and have power to officiate in a sacred calling wherewith you shall be called to officiate and administer according to the dispensation that shall be given you and your name shall be perpetuated and have honor from generation to generation and be written in the chronicles of your brethren and be commemorated by your posterity unto the latest generation of man and your inheritance shall be in Ephraim to be received upon Mount Zion the city of the New Jerusalem and your days and years are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head even so amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann Fowel Rushton on January 24, 1844]

January 24th 1844 Patriarchal Blessing of Mary Ann Rushton, Daughter of John and Elizabeth Fowel, born in the Town of Leek, Staffordshire, England. April 23, 1823.

Sister Mary Ann I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless and seal you up unto eternal life for what I seal on Earth shall be sealed in Heaven the same

shall be your blessing and comforter to comfort your heart in the hour of trial and sorrow. By this you shall know that your name is written in heaven and that there is a Crown laid up for you in the Mansion of your Father as a reward for your faith and obedience and for your pilgrimage in a Land of Strangers far from your native home and you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally in your house and habitation in the priesthood and your inheritance in the lineage of your posterity as also in the New and Everlasting Covenant all to be received in common with your husband as also you shall be blessed with the spirit and power of God and shall receive strength in this time of need and be comforted in the hour of trial. Therefore fear not henceforth but be steadfast and immoveable and you shall abound in grace and your days be many and your name shall be perpetuated in the lineage of your posterity unto the latest generation and shall have a name and a place in the Mansion of your Father as Sarah and Rach[a]el[^c]. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ, Janary 24th, 1844 in Nauvoo.

[Patriarchal blessing of David Moore on January 29, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of David Moore son of Dudley and Mary Moore Born in the Township Eardly County of Ottaway Province of Lower Canada January 20th 1819

Brother David I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon you consonant with your lineage and rights inherent behold I say unto you David you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally touching your House and habitation Basket and store according to the wisdom of God as you shall be able to bear it and he will bless you with an inheritance as you shall be able to receive it and with a knowledge of the mysteries of God in the order of his Kingdom the same to be received by the Key of knowledge even the Priesthood which you may have sealed upon your head in its fulness.

as also an inheritance in the lineage of Joseph through which lineage cometh your blessing if you will but receive them and search out their origin according to the prophetic Vision of your Fathers which thing you know not but the day cometh when you shall know them and enter in the power of [illegible] unto a fulness which fulness shall be after the [order] of Melchesidic and according to the covenants of grace to be obtained through faith and obedience to all the requisitions [requisitions] of Heaven therefore look and live and you shall be blessed with an inheritance in the lineage of your Fathers and your Children shall possess it also and perpetuate your name unto the latest generation and your gift and calling and testimony shall bring you to stand upon Mount Zion to sing the son of redemption and as to your days and years they shall be numbered according to your faith and the desires of your heart These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ. January 29th 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Moore on January 29, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of Susan Moore daughter of Warrin and Amanda [illegible] Born in the Town of Woodstock County of Win[d]sor State of Vermont February 5th 1810

Sister Susan I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you the same is patriarchal and prophetic to come to pass in future to be beneficial [beneficial] to your faith and to strengthen you in the hour of tribulation and in the hour of trial when the heart of Man shall be tried and proven whether [whether] they will abide the hour and day of the coming of the son of Man and you shall be blessed in the knowledge pertaining to the Kingdom of God and in a knowledge of the priesthood whereby salvation shall be administered to you and unto your House for you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally nevertheless there are trials that await you but you shall share in common with your Husband in the blessings that are sealed upon his head wherein he has a right unto an inheritance in the lineage of his Fathers and the covenant of grace the same are your rights and the rights of your Fathers as also the Priesthood to go down with your Posterity by which your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation and have days and years multiplied upon your head and a Crown and a Mansion in the Kingdom of your Father These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ January 29th 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Forstner Zundel on January 31, 1844]

Sister Sarah, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you and seal you up unto eternal life, for what I seal on Earth shall be sealed in heaven. This blessing is a reward in answer to your faith and the desires of your heart, a gift of God in the mind of the spirit, even a blessing by promise and a comforter to comfort your heart henceforth and forever. The same is from him who seeth and knoweth your zeal and integrity, even to answer and to satisfy, to sooth and to comfort and to allay the feelings of anxiety that are incident in a wicked and a gainsaying world, for you are blessed and shall be blessed spiritually and temporally and shall read your name that is written in the Book of Life and in the promised covenants [covenants] sealed by the power and authority of God upon your head. And again, Sarah, I say unto you, you shall be blessed in common with your Husband and shall receive all the blessings of the priesthood that are sealed upon his head, even the seal of the covenant, the inheritance in the same lineage in the fulness thereof. And your name shall be perpetuated in the lineage of your posterity unto the latest generation; and as a Daughter of Abraham and you shall have a name and a place in the mansion of your Father as Sarah and Rachel; and your days and years shall be many. These blessing[s] I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William Rufus Rogers Stowell on January 31, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of William Rufus Rogers Stowell, son of Augustus Oliver Artemus Stowell and Mary S. Stowell. Born in the town of Solon, Oneida County, State of New York, September 23rd 1822.

William, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you. Although it is in the days of your youth great shall be your blessings in consequence of the exercise of faith in the morning of your days. Therefore, I say unto you, William, if you will continue faithful as you have begun you shall be a bright and shining light unto this generation and unto your Father's house which light shall shine in your house through which salvation shall be ministered unto posterity and to future generations. The same will commemorate your name

and make it honorable from generation to generation. This blessing is before you and again I say unto you, William, you are of the lineage of Ephraim, and shall be blessed with the Priesthood and a Dispensation of the Gospel, and in due time you shall administer and officiate in your office and calling wherein you are and shall receive light; cleave unto the Lord with all your might and where to lay your head, and finally bring you to your inheritance, and to your place and station in the end of your days, as also to perpetuate your name in honor, which will go down in lineage with the blessings of the Priesthood unto the latest generation. And if your faith fail not your days shall be continued unto the coming of the Son of Man. These Blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Laura Farnsworth Owen on February 17, 1844]

Sister Laura I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you in answer to the desires of your heart because of the zeal and integrity of your heart for the cause of truth and the glorious promises of the last days therefore there is a reward laid up to be meted out unto you and your posterity after you from generation to generation the Priesthood shall be in your lineage and prosperity shall be at your doors. Notwithstanding the trials that are common and incident unto the children of men more especially unto the Saints in these days in which you are permitted to live - to see a day that many Prophets Holy men & women desired to see but died without the sight only by the eye of faith as many of us look forth unto the coming of the Son of man but shall be permitted to see the way prepared before his face and you shall be blessed in your house by and by according to the desires of your heart as touching that matter in basket and in store in knowledge in wisdom and in the communion of the Spirit with rights and inheritance which rights inherent shall be manifested in due time as also your lineage in which cometh your inheritance under the seal of the everlasting covenant therefore you are blessed Temporal[ly] and spiritual[ly] even you are one of the children of Jacob and heir to the promises made to Abraham an inheritor of this holy mountain and your seed after you and your name shall be perpetuated from generation to generation and your days and years shall be according to your faith and the desires of your heart. These Blessings I seal upon your head. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Isabella Haler Horne on April 2, 1844]

Mary Isabella Horne daughter of Stephen and Mary An. Haler, born in Rocenham, County of Kent, in England, Nov, 20th, 1818.

Sister Mary Isabella, I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and bless you, the same is Patriarchal, by which your name shall be known in the midst of the blessed, and commemorated unto future generations. Behold, I say unto you, Mary Isabella, you shall be blessed, and have prosperity all your days pertaining to the things of this world; the blessings of Divine Providence shall provide for you and your house, food and raiment, houses and habitations, a place and where to lay your head, and for your faith and patience in tribulation, you shall overcome and have immortality and Eternal Life, for God knoweth your heart of integrity and that which is to come, and your faith and obedience; therefore He will bless you and your house, and He will cause the light of His glory to shine upon you from time to time, that shall stir you up into a newness of life: for whom God loveth He chasteneth and scourgeth

every son and daughter whom He receiveth, that they may bring forth fruit in His Kingdom, and be made partakers of an exaltation and a throne of glory at His right hand.

Therefore you have only to look and you shall live, and prosperity shall multiply your basket and your store, and the spirit of grace shall abide in your heart henceforth and forever, and, you shall be blessed with the Priesthood in your lineage, and you shall have an inheritance, upon the Mountains of Ephraim, and your posterity shall perpetuate your name, from generation to generation, and it shall be written in the chronicles of your brethren, to be commemorated and handed down in the Kingdom of God, and I seal you up unto Eternal Life; for what I seal on earth shall be sealed in Heaven, and your inheritance and the fulness of the everlasting Covenants, shall be in common with your husband. Your days are numbered and shall be many. These blessings I seal upon your head; even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ, April 2nd, 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of John Hardison Redd on April 3, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of John Hardison Reed Son of Whitaker and Elizabeth Redd Born in Onalone County and State of North Carolina December the 27th A. D. 1799

Brother John I lay my hands upon Your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon You touching the more important points of Your present and future conditions behold I say unto You John You are of the lineage of Jacob and of the tribe of Levi or in other words You are of that descent and of that origin and from that lineage cometh Your Blessings, from that lineage cometh priesthood and rights of priesthood and from that lineage cometh inheritance and rights inheritant as well as in all other tribes of the house of Israel. all these things are in accordance with the covenants made with the Fathers and in answer to their faith it cometh unto the children in the last days —

therefore in these things You are blessed when You Know them and the children are called unto a restoration and to the ministry and to the administration of the law of God — then You can be blessed spiritually and temporally if You are faithful in the calling wherewith You are called for as it is [illegible] if You seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness all other things shall be added — now therefore I say unto You John You shall be blessed with the priesthood and it shall be a blessing unto You and Your house and Your name shall be perpetuated From Generation to Generation and You shall be blessed in Your house and habitation and in the covenant of Grace and shall have an inheritance in the lineage of Your Fathers — and honour shall crown Your head notwithstanding the wickedness of the world. and You shall retire to Your Grave in peace. that many Years shall be multiplied upon Your head if Your faith fail not. These blessings I seal upon Your head according to the tinor [tenor] ther[e]of Even So Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the church of Jesus Christ April the 3rd A. D. 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Timothy Bradley Foote on May 9, 1844]

May 9th 1844 A Patriarchal Blessing [of] Timothy Bradley Foot Son of Stephen and Rhoda Foot. Born in the Town of Oswegatchy, St. Lawrence County State of New York.

Brother, Timothy, I lay my hands upon your Head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth [Nazareth] to place and seal a blessing upon you touching your lineage Priesthood and rights inherent manifesting the more important points that pertain to your present and future consideration. Behold I say unto you, Timothy, you shall be blessed Spiritually and Temporal[1]y and shall have an inheritance in the lineage of Joseph from which lineage cometh your blessings according to the promise obtained by your Fathers to be answered upon the heads of the children in the last days to go down in lineage a blessing upon the heads of their children and children's children from generation to generation through which medium cometh Priesthood inheritance legitimate and inherent rights even the seal of the covenant and the promised blessings unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob now because of these blessings you are blessed; the same shall be fully manifested to your understanding in due time, and again you shall be blessed in your House and habitation and the bereavements of the past shalt be satisfied and the sufferings of the past shall be satisfied in the prospects and in the realities of the future and you shall be blessed in your testimony and in your goings forth and in your incomings and outgoings and the day shall be sufficient for the [illegible] of the day and the trials that await you, and your name shall be perpetuated in the lineage of your posterity and written in the Archives and Chronicles of your Brethren, and your days and years shalt be multiplied upon your Head according to your Faith and the desires of your heart, and you have a calling and a disposition and a Mission to fill and an appointment and a place of that appointment where you shall stand in the end of your days, fear not, be steadfast and all things shall be fulfilled, and you shall enter into a fulness of the everlasting covenant. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ. [May 9] 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Rhoda Hand Foote on May 9, 1844]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Rhoda Foot, Daughter of Timothy and Rhoda Hand. Born in the Town of Lytchfield [Litchfield], county of Lytchfield, State of Connecticut. April 2, 1772.

Sister Rhoda, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you and seal you up unto Eternal life and what I seal on Earth shall be sealed in Heaven. This is your blessing, a gift of God, a blessing there is none greater. the same is in answer to the desires of your heart and the Spirit shall bear record unto you and shall comfort your heart in your declining years therefore you are blessed and shall be blessed Spiritual[1]y and Temporal[1]y in all your days and you shall have food and raiments, House and where to lay your Head and the blessings of the Holy spirit and its companion shall rest upon you and the blessings of Immortality and Eternal Life are sealed upon your head and the Mysteries of God shall be unfolded to your understanding in the fullness thereof, and you shall be blessed in your posterity and the Priesthood in their lineage from generation to generation and you will be brought into the inheritance of your Fathers according to your lineage and your rights inherent and your name shall be perpetuated in the lineage of your posterity and be commemorated unto the latest generation and the sufferings, tribulations and sacrifices of the past shall be swallowed up in a better inheritance, an inheritance with the sanctified in the Resurrection of the just and the fulness of the covenants unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and a Crown of Glory immortality and Eternal life, and even in Ephraim is the tribe of your lineage and the blessings of Ephraim is the Glory and Crown of your head the Diadem and reward of your pilgrimage in the days of your

probation Therefore you are blessed and shall be remembered these many years and in a name and a place in the Mansions of Your Father as Sarah and Rach[a]el. These blessings I seal upon your Head. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ. May 9, 1844

[Patriarchal blessing of Curtis Edwin Bolton on May 10, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of Curtis Edwin Bolton, son of Curtis and Ann Bolton born in Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania, July 16, 1812.

Brother Curtis, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazereth to place and seal a blessing upon you touching your lineage, inheritance, manifesting your rights inherent and the more important points of your present and future consideration, the same shall be according to the will of God as the spirit shall invite the matter. Behold, I say unto you Curtis, you shall be blessed and have prosperity in the dispensation of the Gospel that is committed to your charge and upon your head, an holy calling, even an holy seal of promise: The same was before the world was and your evidence and testimony are the intense desires of your heart, and the impressions of the holy spirit, and the contemplations of the mind which inspire your heart, and builds you up in the greatness of your soul: The same will give you strength henceforth and forever, the same is the still small voice that whispers peace, tranquility, also glory, honor, immortality and eternal life. And again you shall be blessed with priesthood and its gifts and graces.

Also, the power of its administrations shall be sealed upon your head which administrations there is redemption and deliverance; and blessing to you and to your house and to your Father's house also; Prosperity shall be in your pathway in your goings out and in your comings in, in your testimony in your house and habitation, basket and store. You shall be blessed with volubility and your tongue shall be as the pen of a ready writer: and your gift and calling is unto gentile and unto Jew and your days shall be commensurate with the duties and greatness of your calling. And the way is before you, and the field is bread and extensive white and ready for the harvest. Therefore look and live saith the Lord and I will bless you and make the place of your feet beautiful upon the hills and the vallies [valleys] and upon the tops of the mountains. I will go before you and be your reward and crown your labor with shears, immortality and eternal life; fear not, for I will be with you and if you abide in me I will abide in you. You shall lack nothing.

Behold I live saith the Lord. Lo! I come quickly. And my reward is with me even so Amen. Now therefore I say unto you, Curtis, let your heart be comforted and take courage from this very hour. Be firm steadfast and immovable in the Gospel of truth and you shall abound in grace and enter into a fullness and shall come up upon Mount Zion with the hundred forty and four thousand and in Ephraim receive your inheritance and generation. For in Ephraim is the lineage of your fathers and from that lineage cometh your rights inherent thro[ugh]: which your name shall be perpetuated in everlasting remembrance. These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ, May 10, 1844.

[Patriarchal blessing of Ellis M. Sanders on May 13, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of Ellis M. Sanders, Son of Ellis and Hannah Sanders, born in the County of Newcastle, State of Delaware, December 5th 1808.

Brother Ellis, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon you touching your lineage, inheritance and rights inherent manifesting the more important points that pertain to your present and future considerations. Behold I say unto you Ellis you shall be blessed spiritually and temporally. Mercy and prosperity shall be in your house and in your habitation, in your fields and flocks and in your garden and the blessings of the priesthood shall be with you and your posterity from generation to generation and the days of your tribulation will /shall not be many nevertheless there are trials that await you but you shall overcome and enter into the fulness of the everlasting covenant the same are the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob your fathers even an heir of promise an[d] also of the blood and heritage of Ephraim; therefore from that lineage cometh Priesthood inheritance by rights which are inherent blessings obtained by promise even by the faith of your fathers to be answered upon the head of their children in the last days and for this cause have you come brought up hither and have been baptized with a knowledge of these things thus far the same shall be made known to your full satisfaction not far hence and you shall be blessed with the Priesthood, its gifts and graces and the power of its administration and a dispensation of the Gospel, also a gift and calling whereby your calling and election shall be made sure, and bring you to your place and appointment at the end of your days and your name shall be perpetuated throughout all your generations and your inheritance shall be in Ephraim upon Mount Zion the city of the New Jerusalem and days and years shall be multiplied upon your head and you shall see much of [t]he salvation of God, therefore be fervent be steadfast and immovable and you shall abound in grace overcome your enemies and in the end sit down at the right hand of God with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Neff on May 13, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of Mary Neff Daughter of Christian and Susannah Barr Born in Bart Township Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania December 4th 1801

Sister Mary I lay my hands upon your head in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you. and I seal you up unto eternal life and what I seal on Earth shall be sealed in Heaven the same is in answer to the desires of your Heart a blessing by promise and a gift of God & blessing there is none greater, the same shall be your comforter henceforth and forever if you will believe for the same is the second comforter as it is written in the testimony of John. therefore I say unto you Mary you are blessed verily and shall share in common with your Husband. in all things that are sealed upon his head even in all things pertaining to your House and habitation. your outgoings and incomings of the priesthood, the communion and power of the holy Spirit as also the blessings of your Posterity which goeth down from generation to generation. and also your Inheritance [Inheritance], which is in the Lineage of your Fathers. and the blessings of Ephraim to Crown your head with Glory, honor immortality and eternal life even the fulness of the everlasting covenant. and a Blessing that you shall know and realise [realize] and fully appreciate [appreciate] to the honor and glory of God even in the days of your probation and

your name shall be perpetuated. written and commemorated in the chronicles of your Brethren. wisdom and knowledge shall inspire your heart and move you into action. and bring you up into your place. upon Mount Zion in the midst of the Saviours that have washed their robes and made them white through the Blood and Redemption of the Son of God and then to inherit the Mansion that is prepared. and have a name and a place as Sarah and Rachel and as to your days and years they shall be extended according to your faith and he desires of your heart These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing and ordination to the
office of High Priest of Noah Hubbard on June 3, 1844]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Noah Hubbard, son of Noah Eli and Prudence Hubbard, born in the town of Sheffield, County of Berkshire, State of Massachusetts, October 20, 1778.

Brother Noah, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place and seal a blessing upon you in your declining years, the same is Patriarchal and prophetic to come to pass in the future, according to the will of God in answer to the desires of your heart from time to time, throughout all the days of your probation, for you shall be blessed temporally here on earth and spiritually moreover by and by.

I ordain you an High Priest and unto the Holy Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek in this Church of Jesus Christ, to preach repentance and remission of sins and the endurance of faith.

This blessing is for you in your old age, that you may be blessed with the Priesthood and the power of its administrations, and also to bear testimony in the eleventh hour of your days, and in the eleventh hour speaking after the manner of the Lord, and receive your blessing at the end of your days. Therefore look and live and bear testimony wherever you may be of all the things you know and most assuredly believe, and the day cometh when you shall be blessed spiritually, and be remembered in mercy and honor and in your habitation and in your possessions, and in your fields and in your posterity, manifesting to your understanding from generation to generation, and your name shall be perpetuated and be blessed with an inheritance in the lineage of Jacob in Mount Zion, even with Joseph with the blessings of Ephraim to bear your head, and you shall go forth to and fro these many years. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ

[Patriarchal blessing of Cynthia Hubbard on June 3, 1844]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Cynthia Hubbard, daughter of David and Elizabeth Clark, born in the town of Sheffield, County of Berkshire, State of Massachusetts, October 22, 1785.

Sister Cynthia, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you, and I seal you up unto Eternal Life and whatever I seal on earth shall be sealed in Heaven, a blessing by the Gift of God and a seal of promise, a blessing there is none greater. This is a reward laid up in remembrance of your pilgrimage and the desires and integrity of your heart, your firm reliance upon the merits of Jesus Christ, with unshaken confidence in the application

of the Blood of the Lamb, through which cometh salvation, redemption and deliverance. Therefore you shall be blessed and have comfort and consecration henceforth and forever, and shall be blessed in your house and habitation, fields and possessions, in your incomings and outgoings and in days and in years. You shall have an inheritance in Mount Zion in the City of the New Jerusalem, with the remnants of the seed of Joseph, which blessing is according to the prophetic visions and lineage of your fathers, and your name shall be perpetuated in honor in the lineage of your posterity from generation to generation, and you shall have a home and a place in the mansions of your Father, as Sarah and Rachel. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ.

[Patriarchal blessing of James Madison Flake on June 12, 1844]

Brother James, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon you in the order of my calling, patriarchal and prophetic, to come to pass in the future according to the will of God from time to time in answer to the desires of your heart and according to your faith which is in Jesus Christ. Behold I say unto you James according to the workings of the spirit in me you are of the blood of Ephraim and from that lineage you have rights that are inherent under the promises and covenants, that are made with your fathers for this cause you have been wrought upon by the spirit of inspiration and have come up hither and your faith is unshaken for this cause you are blessed and shall be blessed and your children after you with the priesthood and the power of its administration and the keys of the knowledge of God through which you may receive a fullness of the everlasting covenant even the blessing of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and you shall be blessed in your avocations of life in your testimony in your house and habitation in the field and in the garner and your name shall have honor and be perpetuated from generation to generation and the blessings of Ephraim shall crown your head upon Mount Zion with the ten thousands of Ephraim and the thousands of Manassah

Therefore be firm steadfast and immovable and you shall abound in grace and every good gift henceforth and forever and your days shall be long in the land and you shall go up and down to and fro on the earth and prosperity shall be in your pathway notwithstanding the trials that are inherent to your calling where with you are called unto the ministry and as a laborer to the field in the eleventh hour that is white and ready for harvest in which your name shall be known and come up in honor on Mount Zion as a savior and a judge to judge the Mount of Esau with the residue of God's hosts. The fullness you know not, but by and by you shall know it. These blessings I seal upon your head, even so, amen.