

Patriarchal Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr.

Dated December 9, 1834

[Introductory remarks by Joseph Smith Sr.]

Patriarchal Blessings pronounced by Joseph Smith, senior, a Patriarch, and President of the high priesthood in the church of the Latter Day Saints, organized on the 6th of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty, upon his children, assembled at the house of his son Joseph, on the 9th day of December, 1834, at a feast prepared for that purpose.

The congregation being assembled, and president Smith's family arranged according to their ages, he made Some remarks, in substance as follows:

My children, I am now old, and my head is white: I have seen many years, compared to those enjoyed by many: I am now in my sixty third year, and my frame is feeble because of the many trials and fateagues [fatigues] which I have endured in this life. I have not attained to the age of my fathers, neither do I now Know as I shall, but I desire, and for a long time have, to bless my children before I go hence. It is a source of grief to me that I have not been more faithful to the Lord in days which are passed than I have: I have not always set that example before my family that I ought: I have not been diligent in teaching them the commandments of the Lord, but have rather manifested a light and trifling mind: But in all this I have never denied the Lord. Notwithstanding all this my folly, which has been a cause of grief to my family, the Lord has often visited me in visions and in dreams, and has brought me, with my family, through many afflictions, and I this day thank his holy name.

I look round upon you before me and I behold a lack: three seats are, as it were, empty. The Lord, in his just providence has taken from me, at an untimely birth, a son: this has been a matter of affliction; but the Lord's ways are just. My next son, Alvin, as you all are aware, was taken from us in the vigour [vigor] of life, in the bloom of youth: My heart often mourns his loss, but I have not disposition to complain against the Lord. Another has been taken also in his infancy. I pray that my loss may be abundantly supplied, and made up in additional blessings, and that his grace may attend me, and his Holy Spirit be shed abro[a]d in my heart that I may pronounce such blessings upon your heads as will be fulfilled.

After this the assembly joined in prayer, president Sidney Rigdon taking the lead.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:1]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hyrum Smith]

The blessing of Hyrum Smith who was born in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vermont, February 9, 1800:

Hyrum, thou art my oldest son whom the Lord has spared unto me: my eldest was taken at an untimely age, but thy next brother, whom thou didst love, around whose heart thine affections were twined, has been taken in the vigor of youth, even in the morning of his days: his seat is vacant this day, but his spirit is at rest. Wo be to the man who sought his fall, by which

means he was deprived of leaving seed to rise up in his inheritance to call him blessed. I, therefore, that his name may not be forgotten, make this mention of him, in thy blessing, that it may be recorded with the same, for my posterity to look upon; and as you are now my eldest, your seed may look upon this in after years and remember the sorrows of thy father, and the sorrows of my family: God is just, and he will reward the enemy of my son four fold [fold]. So much I have found in my heart to say, to perpetuate the memory of thy brother, who was an upright man.

Behold, thou art Hyrum; the Lord has called thee by that name, and by that name he has blessed thee. Thou has borne the burthen [burden] and heat of the day; thou hast toiled hard and labored much for the good of thy father's family: thou has been a stay many times to them, and by thy diligence they have often been sustained: Thou hast loved thy father's family with a pure love, and hast greatly desired their salvation: Thou has always stood by thy father, and reached forth the helping hand to lift him up when he was in affliction; and though he has been out of the way, through wine,¹ thou has never forsaken him nor laughed him to scorn: for all these kindnesses the Lord my God will bless thee.

I now ask my heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, to bless the[e] with the same blessings with which Jacob blessed his son Joseph; for thou art his true descendant, and thy posterity shall be numbered with the house of Ephraim, and with them thou shalt stand up to crown the tribes of Israel, when they come shouting to Zion. Thou shalt live to see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven; and thou shalt lift up thy head with gladness, and hail the holy throng with uplifted hands. Thou shalt stand before kings and rulers, and bear testimony of the Lord: Thou shalt proclaim the gospel to many nations, and bring many souls to the knowledge of the truth: Thou art numbered with the horns of Joseph; for thou shalt push many people together: Thou shalt escape the hands of thine enemies, and triumph over all who oppose thy way, in truth.

Thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this earth in rich abundance: the Lord will multiply his choice blessings upon thee and thy seed after thee, and thou, with them, shall have an inheritance in Zion; and they shall possess it from generation to generation, and thy name shall never be blotted out from among the just; for the righteous shall rise up, and also thy children after thee, and say thy memory is just - that thou wert a just man, and perfect in thy day. Thy name is written in heaven, and thy salvation sealed on high, even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:1-2]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jerusha Smith]

Jerusha Smith, wife of Hyrum Smith, was born * [See the close]

Jerusha, my daughter-in-law, the Lord will reward the[e] for all thy labors and toils. Thou hast had many sorrows in consequence of the hardness of the hearts of thy father's family; and thou hast sought, by prayer, before the Lord, mercy for them: and notwithstanding they have openly rebelled against the truth, and knowingly turned from the light of heaven, yet some of them will be saved; but it will be through great tribulation. Thou shalt be blessed with thy husband; and his joy shall be thy joy: Thy heart shall be lifted up for him while he is far off, and thou shall be comforted. The Lord will watch over thee and thy children, and in the times of thy

¹ The words "through wine" were afterwards crossed out, presumably to lessen the thought that Joseph Smith Sr. drank liquor. The words "Salt Lake City" were written on the side of Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20. On a copy of Hyrum Smith's blessing in Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:2, the words "and though he has been out of the way through wine" were crossed out.

sorrow the angels shall minister unto thee. Thy children shall be blessed, and thy children's children to the latest generation. Thy name is recorded on high, and thou shalt rise with the just to meet the Lord in the air, even so. Amen.

* Jerusha Smith was born in Norfolk Litchfield County Connecticut, February 15, 1805.
Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder.

Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:2]

[Patriarchal blessing of Calvin W. Stoddard]

Calvin W. Stoddard, son-in law of Joseph Smith senior, was born in Palmyra, Ontario County, N.Y. September 7, 1801.

Before laying hands upon this son-in-law, president Smith exhorted him to humble himself before the Lord, and to repent of his sins: he had been excommunicated from the Church and rebaptized, and was at this time out of the Church.

Calvin, my son-in-law, thou hast conducted foolishly, and suffered the devil to toss the[e] about, and to sift thee many times. The church has been grieved with thy conduct, and thy family has been sorely afflicted because of thy wickedness. The Lord has given thee a talent, and he will require an account of the same in eternity. Thou must repent and seek forgiveness, which if you do, and continue faithful, the Lord will yet give thee a mission, and thou mayest bring souls unto the Lord's Kingdom. I lay my hands upon thy head, to pronounce upon thee a father's blessing, because thou hast no earthly father in the church, and I say that inasmuch as thou shalt humble thyself and keep the commandments of the Lord thou shalt be blessed with a place and an inheritance among the saints, and thy seed after thee, and thy name shall not be blotted out from among men, and thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:2-3]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sophronia Stoddard]

Sophrona Stoddard was born in Tunbridge, Orange County Vermont, May 16, 1803.

Sophrona, my daughter, The Lord has seen fit in his providence, to afflict you with much sickness, and much sorrow, because of the conduct of thy husband; but I pronounce the blessing of thy father Jacob upon thee, and thou shalt have a name and a place in thy father's family, because of thy tears and prayers, for thou hast prevailed unto the obtaining this blessing: Thou shalt yet be comforted, for the days of thy tribulation shall have an end, and the time of thy rejoicing shall come; and thou shalt be blessed with an abundance of the good things of this life. Thou art blessed and shall be blessed, and saved in the kingdom of heaven. Amen.
Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder.

Kirtland, Ohio, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:3]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Smith Jr.]

Joseph Smith, junior was born in Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont, December 23, 1805.

Joseph, my son, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to confirm upon thee a father's blessing. The Lord thy God has called thee by name out of the heavens: Thou hast heard his voice from on high from time to time, even in thy youth. The hand of the angel of his presence has been extended toward thee by which thou hast been lifted up and sustained; yea, the Lord has delivered thee from the hands of thine enemies and thou hast been made to rejoice in his salvation: thou hast sought to know his ways, and from thy childhood thou hast meditated much upon the great things of his law. Thou hast suffered much in thy youth, and the poverty and afflictions of thy father's family have been a grief to thy soul. Thou hast desired to see them delivered from bondage, for thou hast loved them with a perfect love. Thou hast stood by thy father, and like Shem, would have covered his nakedness, rather than see him exposed to shame: when the daughters of the Gentiles laughed, thy heart has been moved with a just anger to avenge thy kindred.

Thou hast been an obedient Son: the commands of thy father and the reproofs of thy mother, thou hast respected and obeyed—for all these things the Lord my God will bless thee. Thou hast been called, even in thy youth to the great work of the Lord: to do a work in this generation which no other man would do as thyself, in all things according to the will of the Lord. A marvelous work and a wonder has the Lord wrought by thy hand, even that which shall prepare the way for the remnants of his people to come in among the Gentiles, with their fulness, as the tribes of Israel are restored.

I bless thee with the blessings of thy fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and even the blessings of thy father Joseph, the son of Jacob. Behold, he looked after his posterity in the last days, when they should be scattered and driven by the Gentiles, and wept before the Lord: he sought diligently to know from whence the Son should come who should bring forth the word of the Lord, by which they might be enlightened, and brought back to the true fold, and his eyes beheld thee, my son: his heart rejoiced and his soul was satisfied, and he said.

As my blessings are to extend to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills; as my father's blessing prevailed above the blessings of his progen[i]tors, and as my branches are to run over the wall, and my seed are to inherit the choice land whereon the Zion of God shall stand in the last days, from among my seed, scattered with the Gentiles, shall a choice Seer arise whose bowels shall be as a fountain of truth, whose loins shall be girded with the girdle of righteousness, whose hands shall be lifted with acceptance before the God of Jacob to turn away his anger from his annointed, whose heart shall meditate great wisdom, whose intelligence shall circumscribe and comprehend the deep things of God, and whose mouth shall utter the law of the just: His feet shall stand upon the neck of his enemies, and he shall walk upon the ashes of those who seek his destruction: with wine and oil shall he be sustained, and he shall feed upon the heritage of Jacob his father: the just shall desire his society, and the upright in heart shall be his companions: No weapon formed against him shall prosper, and though the wicked mar him for a little season, he shall be like one rising up in the heat of wine - he shall roar in his strength, and the Lord shall put to flight his persecutors: he shall be blessed like the fruitful olive, and his memory shall be as sweet as the choice cluster of the first ripe grapes. Like a shief [sheaf] fully ripe, gathered into the garner, so shall he stand before the Lord, having produced a hundred fold. Thus spake my father Joseph.

Therefore, my son, I know for a surety that those things will be fulfilled, and I confirm upon thee all these blessings. Thou shalt like to do the work which the Lord shall command thee: thou shalt hold the Keys of this ministry, even the presidency of this church, both in time and in eternity. Thy heart shall be enlarged, and thou shalt be able to fill up the measure of thy days

according to the will of the Lord. Thou shalt speak the word of the Lord and the earth shall tremble; the mountains shall move and the rivers shall turn out of their course. Thou shalt escape the edge of the sword, and put to flight the armies of the wicked. At thy word the lame shall walk, the deaf shall hear and the blind shall see. Thou shalt be gathered to Zion and in the goodly land thou shalt enjoy thine inheritance; thy children and thy children's children to the latest generation; for thy name and the names of thy posterity shall be recorded in the book of the Lord, even in the book of blessings and genealogies, for their joy and benefit forever.

And now, my son, what more shall I say? Thou art as a fruitful olive and a choice vine: thou shalt be laden with precious fruit. Thousands and tens of thousands shall come to a knowledge of the truth through thy ministry, and thou shalt rejoice with them in the Celestial Kingdom: Thou shalt stand upon the earth when it shall reel to and fro as a drunken man, and be removed out of its place: thou shalt stand when the mighty judgments go forth to the destruction of the wicked: thou shalt stand on mount Zion when the tribes of Jacob come shouting from the north, and with thy brethren, the Sons of Ephraim, crown them in the name of Jesus Christ: Thou shalt see thy Redeemer Come in the clouds of heaven, and with the just receive the hallowed throng with shouts of hallalujahs, praise the Lord. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:3-4]

[Patriarchal blessing of Emma Smith]

Emma Smith, wife of Joseph Smith, jr was born in Harmony, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1804.

Emma, my daughter-in-law, thou art blessed of the Lord, for thy faithfulness and truth: thou shalt be blessed with thy husband and rejoice in the glory which shall come upon him: Thy soul has been afflicted because of the wickedness of men in seeking the destruction of thy companion, and thy whole soul has been drawn out in prayer for his deliverance: rejoice, for the Lord thy God has heard thy sup[p]lication. Thou hast grieved for the hardness of the hearts of thy father's house, and thou hast longed for their salvation. The Lord will have respect to thy cries, and by his judgments he will cause some of them to see their folly and repent of their sins; but it will be by affliction that they will be saved. Thou shalt see many days; yea, the Lord will spare thee till thou are satisfied, for thou shalt see thy Redeemer. Thy heart shall rejoice in the great work of the Lord, and no one shall take thy rejoicing from thee.

Thou shalt ever remember the great condescension of thy God in permitting thee to accompany my son when the angel delivered the record of the Nephites to his care. Thou hast seen much sorrow because the Lord has taken from thee three of thy children: in this thou art not to be blamed, for he knows thy pure desires to raise up a family, that the name of my son might be blessed. And now, behold, I say unto thee, that thus says the Lord, if thou will believe, thou shalt yet be blessed in this thing and thou shalt bring forth other children, to the joy and satisfaction of thy soul, and to the rejoicing of thy friends. Thou shalt be blessed with understanding, and have power to instruct thy sex. Teach thy family righteousness, and thy little ones the way of life, and the holy angels shall watch over thee: and thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God; even so. Amen. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder.

Kirtland, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:4-5]

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Harrison Smith]

Samuel H. Smith was born in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vermont, March 13, 1808.

Samuel, my son, thou art loved of the Lord: thy faithfulness and truth have come up before him with acceptance, and thy name is recorded on high. Thou hast been faithful in all thy days, and ministered comfort to thy father's family. Thy soul has been moved for their good and when the oppressor has come in to take sway, a just indignation has filled thy bosom. Thou hast labored much and toiled hard, and thou hast had a pure desire for the good of thy kindred.—This was just, and thou shalt have thy reward, for it shall be recorded in the book of the blessed, and the just shall rise up and call thee a perfect man.

Thou art blessed of the Lord, for thou shalt hear his voice saying, Samuel, Samuel. Thou shalt be equal with thy brethren, and thine inheritance shall be like unto theirs: even the blessings of thy fathers shall rest upon thee, and the fut [fruit] of the land shall be given for thy sustenance. Thy seed shall be blessed, and thy seed's seed, after thee, till the last generation, upon a land flowing with milk huney [honey]. Thou shalt do good in thy day: the testimony which thou hast borne and shall bear, shall be received by thousands, and thou shalt magnify thy calling and do honor to the holy priesthood. The nations of the earth shall hear thy voice [voice], and the great ones of the Gentles shall tremble in thy presence, because of the mighty power of God which shall attend thee. Thou shalt speak the word, and all things Shall be at thy command: though the tempest rage; though the thunders roar, and though the deep heave itself like mountains, to the clouds, at thy word, in the name of the Lord, they shall be calmed, thou shalt escape, while thy enemies are swallowed up and go down to the pit.

Nothing shall harm thee, my son, though the unrighteous seek to devour, and the workers of iniquity gather themselves for thy destruction, the angel of the Lord will deliver thee, and in his hands thou shalt be borne off safely, that thou be not destroyed. Thou shalt hold communion with the heavenly hosts: thy voice shall ascend up on high, and thy supplication shall have place in the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Thou shalt stand when the overflowing scourge shall pass over – when the destroying angel goes forth. Thou shalt see the heavens open: in visions and in dreams thy mind be matured, and thou shalt stand up in the congregation of the saints and teach them the law of the Lord. Thy soul shall be satisfied with good things, and for a reward of thy righteousness thou shalt stand up in Zion to join thy brethren in crowning the tribes of Israel. Thou shalt be like the fruitful vine, filled with the choice grape, and thou shalt see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven with all the heavenly and holy throng. In the name of Jesus Christ, I seal these blessings upon thee and thy seed after thee; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:5]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Smith]

Mary Smith, wife of Samuel H. Smith, was born in Bedford, Hillsborough County New Hampshire, December 20, 1808.

Mary, my daughter-in-law, thou hast been united with my family, and thy heart has believed the testimony of my son, and thou hast been faithful and diligent in keeping the commandments; thou hast left thy father's house, and thy near relatives for the gospel's sake. For this thou are blessed and shall be blessed. Thou hast sought to know whether thy friends would yet be saved, for thou dost greatly desire the spiritual good of thy kindred: for this thou art

blessed, and the Lord will hear thy prayers in their behalf, and they will yet come into thy Kingdom.

Thou shalt be blessed with my son, and thy soul shall be satisfied with blessings. When he is afar off, upon the mission of the Lord thou shalt be comforted: thy heart shall be lifted up for him, and the Lord will hear thy prayers. Thou shalt be blessed with many children, and in the absence of thy husband thou shalt teach them the commandments of the Lord, and they shall grow up in righteousness before him. Thou shalt be satisfied with life; for thou shalt live to see thy children grow up to manhood. They shall be a comfort and a strength to thee, and their seed shall rise up and call thee blessed. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Ohio, December 9th, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:5]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Smith]

William Smith was born in Royalton, Windsor County, Vermont, March 13, 1811.

William, my son, I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, and confirm upon thee a father's blessing, for thee and thy children after thee, and even thy children's children, down to the end of time; for thou art the fruit of my loins, and I am a descendant of Joseph: therefore, I pronounce the blessings of my fathers upon thee, and thou shalt be numbered in the covenant seed. Thou hast seen afflictions, my son, and the hand of the Lord has been upon thee that thou might be chastened, even in thy youth, that thou mayest learn to be obedient to his commandments and faithful to his precepts. Thou hast greatly desired to see thy father's family redeemed from trouble, and from the power and dominion of those who oppressed them. Verily, this was a good desire, but thou hast not altogether desired this thing in meekness, because thou hast not always known the Lord.

Now my son, thou hast received the ministry and been called to preach the gospel. The Lord has chosen thee for a great work, and if thou art faithful he will send thee to distant lands, and in heathen countries thou shalt lift up thy voice and call men to repentance. The hand of the angel of God shall lift thee up, and though thou pass through the deep, and in the midst of deep waters the right hand of thy Redeemer will be extended, and he will bear thee off victorious, and thou shalt be preserved. Yea, my son, this is the promise of the Lord unto thee—thou shalt be preserved.

Therefore, settle it in thy mind, and remember when thou art far away, upon the barren wastes of the desert, that in thy youth the Lord gave thee this promise, if thou wert faithful, that thou shouldst return to the society of thy friends and to the embraces of thy family. The Lord thy God will make thee like a very fruitful garden, whose plants grow by the side of pure waters. In due time thou shalt accomplish thy mission, and thy faithfulness shall be spoken of by the wise and the prudent. Thou shalt be blessed with many children, and they shall rise up to avenge the people of the Lord on their enemies.

Thou shalt be made equal with thy brethren, and thy seed with their seed. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, and thy children after thee. When the Lord gathers up the scattered remnants of his people, and calls his elect from the four winds, then, my son, thy joy shall be full, for thou shalt stand in the presence of thy Redeemer, and receive his approbation. Therefore, give heed to the words of thy father, for though the mountains be removed and the hills melt, the word of the Lord will endure and his promise be fulfilled; and thou shalt be mighty in the earth,

for thou shalt be filled with the treasures of wisdom, understand the hidden things of the kingdom of thy God; yea, thy life shall be precious in his sight, thy memory shall be sweet, and thou shalt be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:6]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Caroline Smith]

Caroline Smith, wife of William Smith, was born in Broome, Sullivan County, New York, January 2, 1814.

Caroline, my daughter-in-law, I pronounce the blessings of a parent upon thy head, even the blessings of a parent upon the head of a beloved child. Thou art chosen to be a comfort to thy husband, and a mother of many children. Behold, thy seed shall be numerous and thy posterity shall be many: they shall be numbered with the chosen seed, whose inheritances shall be made shure [sure], and whose dwellings shall be surrounded with plenty. In the absence [absence] of thy husband thou shalt teach them the things of God, that they may learn perfectly his holy commandments: when they are sick thou shalt call upon the Lord, and he will hear thy cries. The holy angels shall minister to thee, and thy soul shall be satisfied with the goodness of the Lord: thou shalt see the desire of thy heart in the return of thy husband when his labor in the vineyard, is fulfilled. Thou shalt be satisfied with life, for thou shalt see the end of the wicked.

These blessings I confirm upon thee, and through thy faithfulness thou shalt enjoy all those which relate to thy personal benefit and joy, and thy seed shall rise up and call thee blessed. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life and thy salvation sealed on high; for I know that thou wilt never deny the work of the Lord and turn from the holy commandments which he has given for the redemption of his people: Therefore, be faithful, and thy joy shalt be full; for thou shalt be a mother in Israel, and when thy judgment is matured thou shalt teach those of thy sex those things which the virtuous and the pure in heart love to observe; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, December 9, 1834.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:6]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jenkins Salisbury]

Jenkins Salisbury, son-in-law of Joseph Smith, senior, was born in [not completed]

This man, at the time of receiving his blessing, was not a member of the church, having been cast out because of intemperance.

Jenkins, my son-in-law, my heart, as it were, bleeds for thee; for thou hast turned thy back upon the cause of God: thou hast conducted thyself wickedly, and brought a reproach upon the Church, because thou art a member of my family. Thou hast been called to preach the gospel, and warn this generation of their approaching end, if they repent not, but thou hast turned thy back upon the holy commandment, and suffered thyself to be led into darkness. O, my son, repent, repent, for the voice of the Lord is unto thee, even in sharpness, repent, repent. If thou wilt turn and humble thyself, the Lord will yet bless thee, and thou shalt go forth in his name and do great good; yea, if thou wilt humble thyself with all thy heart and cleave unto the covenants which thou hast made, thy former sins will not be remembered, and thou shalt be a mighty man in the earth, and call many souls into the Kingdom.

Thou shalt receive of the blessings of my father Joseph; thou shalt receive an inheritance with thy children, even in Zion, and they shall rise up and call thee blessed, but if thou doest not this, I leave my blessing upon thy children, and they shall inherit it. Therefore, my son, go thy way, and do according to these blessings, and thou shalt receive according to the same, and if not, behold, I take them away, but thy seed shall inherit them for thy friends' sake, and thy name shall not be blotted out from the earth; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:7]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Katharine Salisbury]

Katharine Salisbury, wife of Jenkins Salisbury, and daughter of Joseph Smith, senior, was born in Lebanon, Grafton County, New Hampshire, July 28, 1813.

Katharine, my daughter, Thy care and thy anxiety for thy parents from thy youth are not forgotten: they are fresh in my mind. My heart mourns for thee in consequence of the transgression of thy husband; yea, my soul is grieved that he should suffer himself to be lead away from his holy calling: nevertheless, I say unto thee as I said unto him: if he will repent he shall be restored, and yet be an honor to the cause of the Lord and to the holy ministry. Thou shalt see many days of joy and consolation, for the days of prosperity shall come. Thou shalt have an inheritance with my family in the land of Zion, and thy seed after thee shall remain to the end, because of thy diligence and faithfulness before the Lord. I seal upon thee a father's blessing, and promise that thy name shall be had in remembrance among the pure in heart; for thou shalt live to a good old age, and depart to rest with thy Redeemer when thou art satisfied with this life; but before thou shalt go hence, even when thy judgment is perfected, thou shalt teach the young of thy sex virtue and sobriety, and those things which are duties of wives and mothers; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Ohio, December 9, 1835 [1834].
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:7]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Lucy Smith]

Lucy Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith sen. was born in Palmyra, Ontario County, New York, July 18, 1821.

Lucy, my child, even my youngest child, the child of my old age: thou hast been a comfort to my heart, and I have besought the Lord for blessings for thee in much prayer and fasting, for thou art a child, even a youth, surrounded with the follies and vanities of the Gentiles; therefore thou needest those to watch over thee who are experienced and wise. And now, this is the blessing which I have obtained for thee: thou shalt be spared to a good old age, and rise up to call thy father blessed, and so shall thy children bless thee: thou shalt be blessed with my other children, with an inheritance in the land of Zion, for thee and thy seed after thee. Thou shalt have the desires of thy heart in righteousness. Thou shalt be of worth among thy sex, after thou hast had experience. Thou shalt be taught much wisdom and learning: Thou shalt have dreams and visions: the holy angels shall minister unto thee. My child, I seal a father's blessing upon thee: thou art the fruit of my loins, even in my old age, and thou art numbered among the chosen seed. Thou art sealed up to eternal life; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Kirtland, Ohio, December 9, 1834. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:8]

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[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph C. Kingsbury (February 18, 1835)]

Blessing of Joseph C. Kingsbury, born in Enfield, Hartford County Ct. May 2^d A.D. 1812.

Brother Joseph, I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce a father's blessing upon thee; The Lord loveth thee and the heaven is full of blessings for thee, and thou art blessed because of thy diligence in keeping the commandments of the Lord. Thou shalt be blessed and thy posterity after thee. Thou shalt go forth and thy tongue shalt be loosed, thy mouth shall be open and thou shalt be an instrument in bringing many to a knowledge of the truth. Thou shalt have power with God and thy heart shall expand like Enoch's and thou shalt stand upon mount Zion when the Lord shall come These blessings I Pronounce and seal upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:68]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Murdock (February 20, 1835)]

Blessing of John Murdock who was Born July 15th 1792 in the town of Kortright, Delaware County N. Y.

Brother, Thou art blessed of the Lord and shall have a parental blessing, even the blessing of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, and thy children also shall be blessed of the Lord. The holy priesthood after the holy order of God shall be established with thy children and thy children's children, unto the end of the earth, and thou shall be healed of the infirmities of thy body. Thou shalt have power to bring souls unto Jesus by proclaiming the gospel, till the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory. and if thine enemies cast thee into prison it shall not hold thee. If thou cleavest to the Lord and desirest with all thy heart, thou shall be wafted to glory in a chariot of fire like Elijah of old. Thou shall be blessed with many blessings. Thou shalt go forth in the spirit and power of the Lord in winning souls unto Christ and great shall be thy reward even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jared Carter on February 24, 1835]

Jared Carter was born in Killingworth, Middleton County, Connecticut, Jan. 14, 1801.

Brother Jared, in the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thee: for blessed art thou: thou art like the brother of Jared, in days of old, because of thy faith and desires. Thou art a chosen vessel of God, and appointed in these last days to establish righteousness, and bring to pass much restoration among those that sit in darkness. For thou shalt yet have much wisdom, if thou art faithful in thy calling and ministry. Thou shalt be mighty, that no power of earth or hell shall harm thee; for thou shalt prevail with thy God to the obtaining this blessing, that thy life may be secured to thee if thou art wise: thou shalt escape destruction by famine and pestilence, and sword: thou shalt see much affliction among the inhabitants of the earth, and many of the wicked shall seek thy life: and if thou wilt keep the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt be able by the power of faith to pass through waters, to make thy escape, and lead many of the saints of the most high to the place of refuge; for there is no power that shall stay thee.

The arm of God shall sustain thee: and if necessary thou shalt pass through the fire without being harmed; for the Lord hath spoken unto thee, and thou need not fear. Thou shalt proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth, even to nations thou knowest not of, if thou desire it, and proclaim to them in their own language. Thou shalt stand in the midst of calamity and destruction and not be harmed. If thou shalt endure in faith thou shalt have power and the trees shall obey thee, and the waters shall turn from their former courses, and the rough places be made smooth: and nothing shall be too great if thou wilt walk humbly before the Lord: For thus says the voice of the Spirit unto thee: "I am the Lord thy God, and I have spoken unto thee." And thou shalt stand upon the earth till the heavens shall be revealed and the Son of Man descends in flaming fire. These promises and blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ; even so Amen

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, February 24, 1835, and recorded in this book December 31, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:28-29]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Carter on February 24, 1835]

Lydia Carter, wife of Jared Carter, was born in Hinesburgh, Chittenden County, Vermont, March 28, 1801.

Sister Carter, I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce the blessings of the Lord upon thee in common with thy husband; for thou shalt receive a portion of his blessing. Thy children shall be a consolation and a support unto thee, and blessed to the last generation; for thou shalt have thy desire, and thy joy shall be full. Because of the covenants of thy fathers thou shalt be gathered with the just to inherit the land of the Lord: and thou shalt also inherit eternal life. These, with all other needy blessings, I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus of Nazareth; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, February 24, 1835, and recorded in this book December 31, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:29]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza C. Brown on March 12, 1835]

Eliza C. Brown was born in Sherburn, Chenango County, New York, October 5, 1808

My young sister in the Lord, thou hast come out from thy mother's family and from among thy kindred & friends and hast come here for the sake of the gospel, and thy motives have

been pure from the beginning. I lay my hands upon thy head and I bless thee in the name of the Lord, for the Lord loves thee, and I say unto thee thou art blessed of the Lord and thou shalt be blessed. The heavens are filled with blessings for thee, and they shall rest upon thee. And a father's blessing I pronounce upon thee, as thou hast no father. And inasmuch as thou desirest thou shalt have an agreeable companion and he shall be a comfort and a blessing to thee, both in youth and in old age. And thy life shall be long and thou shalt see great things transpire in the earth – and thy posterity shall be blessed. Thy name is written in heaven and thy life is secured unto thee, and thou shalt rest in the celestial kingdom. Keep the words of wisdom that thy temporal salvation may be sure; even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, March 12, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 18, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ira Ames on March 13, 1835]

Brother Ames. I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that the Lord may grant thee long life. that thou mayest labor in the vin[e]yard. Behold thou shalt see afflictions, persecutions and things that will cause thee to mourn. Thou hast yet to become a new man all together. Thou shalt receive the ministration of Angels, and the Lord shall uphold thee. Thou shalt be in the midst of pestilence, war and bloodshed. And the Lord shall preserve thee. Thou art enitiated [initiated] into the family of Joseph And shall be one of the Horns of Joseph to push the people togethe[r] from the ends of the Earth. Thou shalt live til[l] thou art satisfied with life and shall yet see many good days, and thou shalt labor for Zion. And the Lord shall bless thee with a multiplicity of blessings. And thy posterity shall be blessed with thy blessings Even the Holy Ministry. Amen.

Given by Joseph Smith Sen in Kirtland March 13th 1834 [1835].

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann R. Brown on March 19, 1835]

Ann R. Brown was born in Dresden, Washington County, New York, August 20, 1816.

Sister Ann, in the name of the Lord I lay my hands upon your head and bless you; and inasmuch as you have no earthly father you shall receive a father's blessing under my hand: and inasmuch as you left your native land and have come out hither to live with the people of God I now seal upon your head long life and good days, for your name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Your prayers have ascended up on high and God has heard them and he will answer, and holy angels shall minister to you to comfort you, and your name shall never be blotted out if you strive to keep the commandments of God. You shall be blessed, for you shall receive a companion while in youth, and you shall see and enjoy good days together, for he shall be a godly man, and you shall walk hand in hand in righteousness together, and your posterity shall rise up and call you blessed. All these blessings I seal upon you in the name of the Lord. Amen.

W. E. M'Lellin, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, March 19, 1835, and recorded in this book, Dec. 18, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recor'r. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Samuel Rolfe on March 19, 1835]

Samuel and Elizabeth Rolfe's Blessing.

Bother Rolfe, I now lay my hands upon you in the name of Jesus that you may receive a father's blessing. You are blessed with the blessing of Abraham, and you are now numbered with his seed. And if you are humble and faithful before the Lord the blessings of heaven and earth are yours; and if you desire it and seek it with all your heart you shall yet have mighty faith, even like the brother of Jared of old. And by the power of the holy priesthood you are now sealed up unto eternal life. These blessings I seal upon you and they shall continue upon your children to the latest posterity; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Rolfe on March 19, 1835]

Sister Rolfe, in the name of the Lord Jesus I pronounce a father's blessing upon you in common with your husband; although you shall see great trouble in your day, for you shall stand in the midst of pestilence – but if you are faithful you shall not fall, because your name is now written in heaven. Your children, when afflicted, shall be healed by the prayer of faith. And all the blessings of heaven are yours if you seek them with all your heart; even so. Amen.

W. E. McLellan, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, March 19, 1835, and recorded in this book December 18, 1835. The ages of the above named man and wife were not furnished by the clerk. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles B. Thompson circa March 1835]

Patriarchal Blessing by Joseph Smith, sen., upon the head of Charles B. Thompson.

I lay my hands upon thy head to bestow upon thee a father's blessing; and I now confirm upon thee thine Apostleship whereunto thou art called, and I say unto thee thou shalt go forth and proclaim the gospel unto this wicked and perverse generation. And thou shalt have faith to lay thy hands on the sick and they shall recover. And the spirit of the Lord shall be with thee, and his power shall attend thee; for thou shalt have power to discharge all the duties of thy calling. And thou shalt go also, to other nations, and shall proclaim the gospel of the kingdom, in the midst of famine, pestilence, war, and distress of nations; for thou shalt see great calamities in thy day; many shall fall on thy right hand and on thy left. And thou shalt mourn exceedingly because of the calamity of the wicked. And thou shalt cry mightily to God for strength, and then thou shalt lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and warn them to repent. And they will be exceeding mad against thee, because of thy warning, and shall seek to take away thy life, but shall not be able, for thy life shall be precious in the sight of the Lord, and no power shall be able to take it from thee. Thy health also, shall be precious in his sight, and no disease shall have power over thee. And many children shall flock around thee, and thou shalt hold them by faith, and shall lead them to Zion; and they will call thee their father, and thou shalt have great joy with them in that land. And thou shalt have power, even to smite thine enemies to the earth, if thou canst not escape from them otherwise; for in the name of the Lord Jesus all things in righteousness shall be possible for thee to do. For if thine enemies cast thee into the fire, the flames shall not harm thee; and if need be that thou

pass through the waters, they shall part hither and thither, at thy command; and thou shalt pass through on dry land.

And thou shalt have power to waft thyself on the wings of the wind as it were, from place to place, and from nation to nation. And thou shalt even have power to translate thyself to Heaven if thou desirest it. And thou shalt hold thy friends by faith, and thou shalt enjoy their society in the celestial Kingdom of God. Though thou hast no family, yet the time will come that thou shalt have; and thou shalt have a posterity that will bear thy name, even to the latest generation; for thou art a literal descendant, from Abraham, and of the seed of Israel, and one of the horns of Joseph that shall push the people together to the ends of the earth. And thy right of inheritance in the land of Zion is secured unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, to the latest generation. And if thou desirest it thou shalt live on the earth, till the coming of the Son of Man in his glory, to sit upon the throne of his power, when the Lord of hosts shall reign over all flesh, in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his Ancients gloriously. And I say unto thee that thy name is written in Heaven, never to be blotted out, for thou art sealed up to eternal life, and all the blessings of earth and heaven are thine, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Aseneth Sherman (April 3, 1835)]²

Sister Sherman In as much as thou hast been obedient to the commandments thou has come out from the world in the name of J S [Jesus Christ] I bless thee with the blessings of thy progeneators [progenitors] and with a father[']s blessing and thou shalt be blest in thine old age and thy life is sacred to thee for the Lord shall keep it and shall minister unto thee and thou shalt be gathered to thy fathers in a good old age and thy children shall call thee blessed and I ask my heavenly father to seal [it upon thee] Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Sherman (April 3, 1835)]³

Brother L. S. [Lyman Sherman] I lay my hands upon thy head in this [the] name of Jesus Christ and inasmuch as thou hast no father God shall be thy father and he shall comfort thee and it has been promised too that thou shalt go forth and the Lord shall minister unto [thee] and thou shalt have power to command the waters and thou shalt cause the earth to tremble for thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together and in the name of [Jesus Christ] I pronounce these blessings upon thee and upon thy children to the latest generation and I ask my heavenly father to seal it Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Deleena Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Sister [Sherman] I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of [Jesus Christ] to bless thee and thou shalt receive a blessing with thy husband and the Lord shall bless thee so thy heart shall be drawn after the good of souls so thou shalt be with thy Husband shall go to declare the things

² It is possible that the date of the blessings given on April 3 should be April 8 or 9. The wording of these blessings is a synopsis of the patriarchal blessings received by each individual.

³ Two other copies of this blessing have minor wording differences.

of the kingdom and he shall return yea many times shall he return and at the end of his labors he shall return and you shall be blest together and thy soul shall be blessed with all the blessings of heaven In as much as thou shalt ask in righteousness and these things I promise to thee and I ask my heavenly father to seal them from a comfort to thee and thy children and thy children['s [children] Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Cormelia Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Sis[ter] Sherman I lay my hands [upon thy head] in the name of J. C. [Jesus Christ] and I pronounce a father['s blessing up[on] thee thou art in thy youth and I say unto thee keep the commandments of God for Satan shall seek to destroy thee but he shall not overcome in as much as thou art faithfull and thou shalt be blessed with long life even until thou art satisfied there with Thy name is written in heaven nevermore to be blotted out if faithfull and in the end of thy days thou shalt be gathered home to thy father and I ask my heavenly father to seal these [things upon thee] Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Almira Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Sister I pronounce upon thy head the blessing of a father Thou hast had much affliction because of th[y] father and thou shalt be delivered from that curse and receive the blessing through the Prst [Priesthood] of M [Melchizedek] and now thou [shalt] be blest of the [Lord] and yea thou art blessed of the [Lord] and if thou art faithful thou shalt come off conquero[r]s and thou shalt be saved when the Lord shall [come] and these blessings with all thy heart can desire in righteousness are thine Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

I lay my hands upon thy head and I say in his name lift up thy head and rejoice for the Lord has seen thine affliction in the days of thy youth because thou hast sought to keep his commandments and thou shalt be blessed and thy toungue [tongue] shall be loosed so thou canst speak the praise of God and thou shalt be blessed and God shall be thy father and he shall bless thee with a father['s blessings and at last seal you His and these blessings I give you in the name of J C [Jesus Christ] and thou shalt receive a crown of righteousness Even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Johnson (April 3, 1835)]

I lay my hands [upon thy head] in the name of J C [Jesus Christ] thou shalt be blest of the Lord for thy father has sought to destroy thy peace because thou hast been mindfull of the Lord and thou hast been deprived of the E [unknown abbreviation] but the Lord shall comfort thee and Satan shall not overcome [thee] angels shall minister unto [thee] if thou shalt seek it with thy heart Thy tounge [tongue] shall be loosed and thy name is written in heaven and I ask the Lord to seal it there and thou shalt be blest with heaven['s blessings Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Marlow Everets ([April 3, 1835])]

I lay my hands [upon thy head] I pronounce even the blessing of A. I. J. [Abraham, Isaac and Jacob] and blessings shall C [Come] upon thy head and the heads of thy seed if thou shalt have any and the time shall come when thou shalt be called to declare the word of God and if thou shalt be faithfull thou shalt be blest with the blessings of heaven and in the name of J. C. [Jesus Christ] I seal these blessings upon thee and thy posterity Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin F. Johnson (April 3, 1835)]⁴

Benjamin I lay my hands upon thee for thou hast a right to it and I bless thee with the blessings of a father in as much as thou shalt obey the covenants of the L [Lord] and thou shalt receive the mission which thy brother S [Seth] has been taken from and if faithfull thou shalt be crowned with many sheaves and thou must prepare thy heart and go forth into the waters of Baptism and thou shalt receive his blessings of heaven and at last be crowned in the celestial kingdom Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Johnson (April 3, 1835)]

If thou wilt listen to the voice of [wisdom thou shalt] see the Lord and thou wilt follow the Redeemer into the waters of Baptism thou shalt be blest with the blessings of a father and pre adventure the Lord will give [thee] thy father and I ask my heavenly father to seal thee His and I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of the J. C. [Jesus Christ] Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Almon Sherman (April 3, 1835)]

Thou hast not opened thy mouth as thou ought to have done but if thou wilt humble thyself thou shalt be blest with a Father[']s Blessing for the Lord has tried thee and thy desires mostly have been pure and the Lord shall bless thee and he shall be thy father and thy tounge [tongue] shall be loosed and thou shalt be blest with many sheaves and thou shalt lead many to Zion and they shall call thee blessed and thou shalt be blest with all things which thou covets in righteousness desire and thou shalt go forth and none shall have power to stop thy ministry nor take thy life until thou shalt lay it down for the cause of Christ and in the name of the Lord these [things] are yours if you seek them with all thy heart Even So Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of John Corrill on April 8, 1835]

John Corrill was born in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, September 17, 1794.

⁴ This blessing to sixteen-year-old Benjamin was pronounced shortly before he was baptized in the Church.

In the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm a father's blessing upon thee, and thou shalt receive the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Lord has looked down upon thee, even from eternity, and he shall be thy Father, and he shall throw his arms around thee & shall protect thee, and thou shalt be delivered from persecution; for thou hast had thy portion – for thou hast already come up through much tribulation: but thou shalt have much sorrow because of the tenderness of thy heart, in seeing the affliction of others, and the distress and destructions upon the world. Thy life shall be secured unto thee, and no power shall be able to take it from thee. Thou shalt not be destroyed by wars, mobs, nor wicked men: for thou art a chosen vessel unto God to proclaim the gospel: thy tongue shall be loosed, and thy words shall pierce, even to the heart of thy enemies, and thou shalt stand upon the earth and preach the word as long as there is an ear upon earth to hear it. And thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion and thy children after thee. Thou shalt arise triumphant and shalt soar above death, the grave, and all temporal things, if thou keepest all the commandments.

Thy name is written in heaven, and thou shalt be blessed: and thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt overcome thine enemies, and as it were tread upon their necks. The heavens shall be open to thy view and thou shalt gaze upon them and behold the things of eternity – by faith and with thine eyes thou shalt see it, as Enoch did, and thy heart shall expand like his. These things I confirm upon thy head in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And thy wife shall receive a blessing in common with thee, as I cannot see her, and thou shalt write it unto her in a letter, and it shall comfort her heart, and she shall be blessed with the benefits of the holy priesthood as long as she lives, and thy children shall be a comfort and a blessing unto her: & these blessings shall be upon thy children, and upon thy children's children, down to the latest generations, and they shall be entitled to an inheritance in Zion; even so, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Wm. E. McLelln, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, April 8, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 17, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:22-23]

[Patriarchal blessing of Orson Pratt on April 29, 1835]

Orson Pratt was born in Hartford, Washington County, New York, September 19, 1811.

Orson, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head to secure unto thee the blessings which thou oughtest to claim at the hands of thy natural father; but inasmuch as his mind is not perfectly strong, in consequence of infirmities [infirmities], and is also absent [absent] from this place, that thou mayest rejoice in the assurance of the blessings of the Lord, I therefore confer them upon thee, for thou art entitled to them, even the blessings of Jacob, who was called Israel, and they shall come upon thee and upon thy posterity; for it is the great commandment that man should multiply and raise up seed to inherit his name, in righteousness: therefore inasmuch as this shall be thy desire, in due time, thou shalt also be blessed.

The Lord has looked upon thee in his mercy, and watched over thee for good: he has held thy life precious and prolonged thy days that he might send thee whithersoever he would to do his will. Thou hast been called and chosen to act in an important station in the kingdom of thy God, and thou shalt go forth in mighty power and satan shall not have power over thee to tempt thee above that thou wilt be able to bear, nor to lead thee astray, because thou hast hitherto been faithful in thy ministry and brought to pass much righteousness. Thou shalt go forth to the ends of the earth and lift up thy voice to the nations, and as with the voice of the angel of God

proclaim the fulness of the gospel, and speak forth marvelous things. Thou shalt have power to work mighty miracles in the name of Christ, even that I might say, that thou shalt raise the dead, if needful, to accomplish thy mission, and there shall be nothing too great for thee to do. Thou shalt bring many souls to the knowledge of the truth, and tarry till the Savior comes, and then thou shalt be received into the celestial kingdom of God and dwell in his presence forever. Be faithful in keeping the commandments of God in all things, and these blessings shall come upon thee and overtake thee; even so. Amen.

Thomas B. Marsh, Wm. E. M'Lelin. Clerks. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, April 29, 1835. and recorded October 13, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:21]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan H. Hale on April 30, 1835]

Patriarchal Blessing given by Patriarch Joseph Smith Sr. April 30, 1835, in Kirtland, Ohio, upon the head of Johnathan N. [H.] Hale, born in Bradford, Essex County, Mass. Feb. 1, 1800.

Brother Hale in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and I confer upon thee a Father's blessing, for thou art honest hearted and thou hast been honest from thy youth, for the eye of the Lord has been upon thee and thou art blessed and thou shalt be blessed for thy willingness to leave thy family and home and consecrate thy all in the service of thy God, and thou shalt be sustained with corn, wine and oil. Thou art of the blood of Israel, and the power of the Melchizedek Priesthood shall come upon thee. Thou shalt see thousands fall by the side, and tens of thousands on thy right hand; but the Lord shall have power over thee to harm thee.

Thou shalt see the heavens open and view the glories of the upper world. Thou shalt call upon thy God and shalt have power to get revelation. Thou shalt speak forth marvelous things, and mountains shall flee before thee, rivers of water shall be turned out of their courses, and waters shall be divide at thy word, if necessary. Prison walls shall fall at thy command and nothing shall hinder thee from filling thy mission; for thou shalt speak the words of God in power. Thou shalt have power to remain in the flesh and stand when the Lord unveils His face, and thou shalt receive a crown of Celestial Glory in the Kingdom of thy God. All these blessings shall be thine, if thou art faithful in Jesus Christ our Lord. So let your heart rejoice. Even so - Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Erastus Babbit in April 1835]

Erastus Babbit was born in Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, September 15, 1792.

I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and I ask my heavenly Father to bless thee. In the own due time of the Lord thou shalt be ordained to a higher office, and thy mouth shall be opened and thy tongue shall be loosed to preach the gospel. Shalt have power to govern thy family and teach them the ways of righteousness; and also thou shalt have power to bestow upon them a father's blessing when thou canst do no more for them. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of the earth, even the blessings of Joseph, which shall extend to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills. Thou shalt also have great faith, even like unto the brother

of Jared. Let thy heart become a heart of flesh – remember thy Redeemer who suffered much. I seal the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob upon thee. Thou shalt have power to release thyself from bondage in the own due time of the Lord.- and be saved in the kingdom of God. All these things are sealed upon thee and are thine if thou art faithful to thy God. Amen.

Given Kirtland, Ohio, April, 1835, and recorded in this book, December 12, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:22]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorenzo Barnes on May 3, 1835]

Patriarchal Blessing of Lorenzo Barnes received under the hand of Pres Joseph Smith Sen Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints Kirtland Ohio May 3 1835 Lo[renzo] Barnes was born March 22, 1812 in Tolland or Hamden Co Mass[a]chusetts

I lay my hands on thee in the name of Jesus Christ & pronounce the blessing of a Patriarch on thy head thou horn of Joseph Thou hast taken thy life in thine hand & hast not withheld it even from laying it down for thy brethren for thou hast been tried even as Abraham. Thou art like Joseph of old who was sepperated [separated] from his brethren. The Lord shall be with Thee and the blessings of Joseph and the blessings of Jacob his father; shall come upon thy head; and upon the heads of thy children & thy children's children to there [their] latest generation. Thou art a descendant of Joseph and thou shalt go forward & proclaim the Gospel and win thousands of souls. Thou shalt go through many trials in thy ministry. Thine enemies shall compass thee on the right hand & on the left and seek to take away thy life even as the wicked saught [sought] the life of thy Redeemer but thy life shall be secured unto thee (if faithful) and thou shalt overcome for the Lord has looked on thee from a child.

Thy Name is written in Heaven and thou art a chosen vessel to win souls and thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. Thy wisdom and thy understanding shall be great even ac[c]ording to thy desires for thou shalt be endowed with power from on high and by thy faith thou shalt do great things in the Earth. Thou shalt be blest with blessings of heaven above and blessings of Earth beneath blessings of life Temporal and Eternal life yea thou shalt stand when wickedness is swept of[f] from the Earth even with thy brethren the hundred & forty & four thousand sealed out of out of [sic] the Twelve Tribes of Israel. These blessings I confirm upon thy head and I pray my Heavenly Father to confirm them upon thee even so amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Morley on May 4, 1835]

Isaac Morley was born in Montague, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, March 11th, 1786.

Brother Morley, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and seal upon thy head a patriarchal blessing, because thy father is like the father of Abraham, and has turned to idols: therefore, I bless thee as Melchizedek blessed Abraham, and thy children after thee while the earth remains because of thy diligence. Thou hast been willing to lay down thy life in the cause of God, and hast given all thy substance for the same. Thy name shall be great and shall be handed down to posterity as such. The heavens are full of blessings for thee, and the angels rejoice over thee. Thy name is written in heaven and shall never be blotted out. Thou shalt live to see the heavens open and see thy God in the flesh. Thou shalt overcome. The

Lord will uphold thee, and his angels shall bear thee up in their hands. Thy days shall be many, and thou shalt yet do great good in the cause of thy God. And if thou wilt desire it, thou shalt have thy desire,- thou shalt live to see the Son of Man come in the clouds of heaven, and the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt see the calamities which are to befall this generation, and shall or will desire to depart and go to thy God and rest in paradise.

Thy wife shall also be blessed and receive an equal portion with thee: she shall be faithful in prayer, and if thy children are afflicted with sickness in thy absence, she shall have power to heal them by the prayer of faith; and after thou hast performed one mission, which the Lord shall send thee upon, thou shalt return and enjoy their society in peace, for this is thy desire, and this thou shalt have, if thou art faithful, even the society of thy family; and they shall grow up upon the Land of Zion to possess it from generation to generation forever, and they shall never be blotted out; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given May 4th, 1835, and recorded in this book December 19, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:24]

[Patriarchal blessing of Seymour Brunson on May 4, 1835]

Seymour Brunson was born in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York, December 1, 1798.

Brother Brunson, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou desirest to serve, and pronounce upon thy head those blessings which thou hast desired when thy heart was right before the Lord – but thy mind has not always been right before the Lord, for

thou hast been severe with thy brethren of the church, those whom thou hast been instrumental in bringing into the faith, and hast remembered justice, at times, more than mercy. But if thou wilt be humble thou shalt reclaim those whom thou hast once brought into the church, but are now cast out because of thy severity, and they shall regain their former confidence in thee.

I pronounce upon thee a father's blessing, for thou art of the seed of Abraham, and I pronounce upon thee Jacob['s] blessing – Now, Jacob's blessing was twofold—he received of the blessings of heaven, and of the earth; and I pronounce them upon thy head. And thy wife shall be blessed in common with thee, and if she will humble herself she shall be blessed more abundantly. If thou wilt listen to the counsels of the Lord, thou shalt be made mighty before him; for thou shalt yet proclaim the gospel to those who have not heard – even those who do not understand thy language, neither dost thou understand their's. Thou shalt travel from country to country, among heathen nations; and if thou art diligent in keeping the commandments of the Lord thy God, thou shalt call many into his kingdom. Thou shalt have power to escape the hands of thine enemies, and triumph in the arm of deliverance, and even if thou shouldst be called to give thy life for the cause of God, after thy mission is fulfilled, thou shalt receive a crown of life; even so, Amen.

Given in Kirtland, May 4th, 1835, and recorded in this book December 21, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recor[d]er. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:25-26]

[Patriarchal blessing of Calvin Beebe on May 4, 1835]

Calvin Beebe was born in Paris, Oneida County, New-York, July 1, 1800.

Brother Beebe, I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and I ask my heavenly Father in his name, to put thoughts into my heart, and words into my mouth, that I may bless thee; for the heavens are full of blessings for thee, and thou shalt receive them. Thou hast, in thy heart, asked the Lord for thine old acquaintances and neighbors: wherefore, the Lord will save some of them; and thou shalt also be instrumental in saving many souls, and have much joy in the fruit of thy labors. The days of thy mourning shall be ended, and thy soul shall rejoice and sing praises to thy God, and thy heart shall be full of joy; for great shall be thy blessings: for behold thou shalt have the blessings of time and eternity. Thou hast asked thy God to let thee tarry till the Son of Man comes: and if thou art faithful, and keep all the commandments of the Lord thou shalt have thy desire.

And because of thy diligence thus far in keeping the commandments, the Lord will remember thee: and thine eyes shall see the redemption of Zion, and thou shalt possess it, and thy children after thee, and they shall rise up and claim their inheritance in it. And these blessings shall rest upon them as long as one drop of thy blood runs in their veins. Thou shalt have great power to fulfil thy calling and ministry. By thy faith thou mayest escape the hands of thine enemies; and no fiery furnace can harm thee, neither prisons nor tortures annoy thee. And God shall be thy Father. And it is thy privilege to be caught up in a chariot of fire, and not sleep in the dust. – And because of the afflictions that thou hast received with thy friends, in being driven from your homes, the Lord will have mercy upon thee, and grant unto thee the desires of thy heart. The day of thy rejoicing will soon come; for the days of thine afflictions and mornings are soon to close. Thou mayest rejoice from henceforth; for thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life, and shall never be blotted out, except for transgression. Thy wife shall also be blessed with thee, and have a part with thee in all these blessings, according to her station; even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, May 4, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 21, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:26]

[Patriarchal blessing of Edward Partridge on May 4, 1835]

Edward Partridge was born at Pittsfield Berkshire Co Massachu[se]tts Aug 27th 1793 and received the following Patriarchal blessing under the hands of Joseph Smith the evangelist at Kirtland Ohio May 4th 1835

Br[other]. Partridge let thy heart sink down in humility; give thyself up into the hands of thy God and be willing to receive the blessings that he is willing to bestow upon thee. I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ and confer a patriarchal blessing upon thee because thou hast no father that can bestow it upon thee. I confirm upon thee the same blessings which were confirmed upon Abraham and Isaac and Jacob; and Joseph and his posterity; and they shall rest upon thee and thy children after thee unto the latest generations, for thou are a chosen man of God, who did look upon thee before the foundation of the world, and has set thee apart to do good in his cause.

Thou are of the seed of Abraham through the loins of Joseph and the tribe of Ephraim. The Lord will bless thee with the ministration of angels because of the integrity of thy heart, and

thy willingness to obey his commandments. Thou art one of the horns of Joseph that are to push the people together from the ends of the earth. And thou shalt be instrumental in a saving, and some of thy friends shall be given thee if thou art faithful. Thy name shall be sealed among the sanctified; The Lord will preserve thy life till a good old age, and thou shalt also live to see the heavens opened, for thou hast desired this thing, and shalt see the Son of man in the flesh. Thy heart shall be enlarged from this very hour; thou shalt have great wisdom to execute thy mission and calling. Thou shalt perform great miracles and shall have faith even like unto the brother of Jared. Thy wife shall be blessed also and receive the desire of her heart; she shall have night visions and thereby know of thy welfare in thine absence; thy family shall be preserved in health and thou shalt return to them to enjoy their society after thou hast performed thy mission. Thy tongue shall soon be loosed and thou shalt have great power to speak beyond any thing of which thou hast thought.

Thy name is written in heaven and will not be blotted out except for willful transgression. Thou shall live to see the redemption of Zion and rejoice upon the goodly land; thou shalt inherit it and thy seed after thee to the latest generations while the earth remains. Thou shalt stand in thy office until thou art weary of it and shall desire to resign it thou mayest rest, for a little season. I seal upon thee these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Burr Riggs on June 7, 1835]

Burr Riggs was born in Oxford, New Haven County, Connecticut, April 17, 1811.

Brother Burr, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, and my heart desires to bless thee: and I ask my heavenly Father to prepare thy heart, and mine, that thou mayest be blessed. And I seal upon thy head a father's blessing, for thee and thy children after thee: inasmuch as thou art a son of Zion, thou shalt have a place among thy brethren in Zion, for thee and for thy children after thee unto the latest generation. And inasmuch as thou hast been up to Zion, and hast, in so doing, offered to lay down thy life for thy brethren, thy life is secured unto thee: thou shalt be kept from the hand of the destroying angel. And I seal thee up unto eternal life. Thou shalt be mighty: the heavens shall be opened unto thee while thou art in the flesh, and thine shall behold the upper worlds; and thou shalt stand upon the earth, in the flesh, when the Savior comes.

Thou shalt go forth to gather the people to Zion. Thy heart shall be enlarged, thy tongue shall be loosed, and thou shalt have great power in proclaiming the gospel: and thou shalt gather many, and shalt return to Zion with them, with songs of everlasting joy upon thy head. Thou shalt have power over thy enemies, and if need so be thou shalt have power to call down fire from heaven and destroy them, so as thou mayest be delivered out of their hands; for none shall have power over thy life to take it away, unless thou shalt choose to lay it down thyself. Be faithful and thou shalt see the winding up scene of this generation. Amen.

F. G. Williams. Clerk. Given in Kirtland, June 7th, 1835, and recorded Dec. 22, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:26-27]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lovina Susan Riggs in June 1835]

Lovina Susan Riggs, wife of Burr Riggs, was born in Warrensville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, September 20, 1816.

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and bless you with many blessings if you remain faithful and keep all his commandments. Thine eyes shall behold glorious things, and thine heart shall be satisfied. Thou shalt be healed, and shalt live to a good old age if thou continuest in all the Lord's requirements, blameless. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt even receive the blessings of thy husband and rejoice with him: thou shalt live to see thy husband return, and thou shalt rejoice with him in the great cause of thy Redeemer. Thou shalt rise in the morning of the resurrection, and shall stand upon mount Zion with the sanctified. I seal these blessings upon thee, and many more, if thou art faithful, in the name of Jesus; even so. Amen.

Wm. W. Phelps Clerk. Given in Kirtland, June, 1835, and recorded Dec. 22, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:27]

[Patriarchal blessing of Peter Dustin on June 7, 1835]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced upon the head of Peter Dustin in Kirtland June 7th 1835 who was born April 19th 1781 in Grafton New Hampshire.

Brother Dustin in the nam[e] of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands and confirm upon the[e] a blessing of a father and I seal upon thy head the Blessing of a patriarch even the blessing of Abraham Isaac and Jacob I seal them upon thy head for the[e] and for thy Children after the[e] untill the latest Generation if thou art faithfull in Keeping all the commandments of God, and faileth not in any thing to do his will thou Shalt have power over thy children to bring them into the Kingdom of heaven and the blessings of heaven and of earth Shall be thine, thy tounge [tongue] Shall be loosed if thou will be bold and fear not and will let thy heart expand and thy mind Streach [Stretch] thou Shalt go forth and gather Souls to Jesus & thou Shalt have great power in thy day and in thy generation in proclaiming the gospel thou Shalt gather many Souls to Jesus and thou Shalt rejoice with them in the Kingdom of God forever and ever thy name is writ[t]en in the lamb[']s book of life thy life shall be prolonged and thy years Shall be many and thou Shalt reign with the Saviour a thousand years upon the earth, I Seal the[e] up unto eternal life and thou Shalt have an inheritance with thy brethren in the land of Zion these blessings I Seal upon thy head in the name of the lord Jesus and thou Shalt have many more if thou art faithfull even So Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:129-130]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyrus Smalling on June 24, 1835]⁵

[name erased] was born in Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut, January 8th, 1790.

[name erased] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee to bless thee, with the blessings of a father, as thou hast no father to bless thee,- and the Lord will bless thee, for he has called thee to a high and holy calling. Thou hast had much affliction and many trials in the society where thou dost belong, and this because of the opposition which thou hast had by one who is appointed to the same office with thyself; yet thou hast strove with all diligence to keep thy brethren together, and the Lord has watched over thee and kept thee because of thy faithfulness; and thy name is written in heaven for angels to gaze upon.

Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness; yea, even to stand to see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt claim thy mother, and shalt baptize her and confirm her with thy own hands, and the Spirit of the highest shall descend upon thee. If thou art faithful unto thy calling thou shalt go forth and proclaim the word of truth, and nothing shall stay thee. Yea, even prisons shall not hold thee, except it be for a short season to the glory of God. And thou shalt gather out from Babylon with all thy faithful brethren. All blessings, in righteousness, are thine, and thy children's, and thy children's children, even to the latest generation. And I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Brother [name erased] thy wife is not present, therefore I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal upon thee blessings for her, and thou shalt tell her of it that she may rejoice; for the blessings of a father are her's in common with thee: and this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

E. M. Greene, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, June 24, 1835, and recorded in this book Dec. 19, 1835. O. Cowdery, Recor'r.

Patriarchal blessing of Vinson Knight (June 24, 1835)]

Vinson Knight was born in Norwich, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, March 4, 1804.

Brother Knight, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and seal upon thy head a father's blessing, which shall be for thee and for thy children, and thy children's children, even to the last generations; and if thou art faithful thou shalt have power to confirm it upon thy children, and thy children shall confirm it upon their children: and thus, by the authority of the holy priesthood, shall the blessings remain to all thy generations. And thou shalt have all the blessings that a father could bestow upon thee were he even here present; for thou art of the seed of Israel, and an heir to the blessings which were pronounce upon the head of Abraham under the hands of Melchisedek and by virtue of my calling in the church. I seal them upon thee. The Lord loves thee; he has looked upon all thy ways, and brought thee thus far that he might make thee useful in his church.

⁵ From all indications, the individual who received this blessing and was ordained to the office of a seventy six days later was Cyrus Smalling. By a process of elimination of those listed among the seventies, Smalling is the leading candidate. He is listed in the U. S. Census of 1840 as living in Kirtland, Ohio, being between fifty and sixty years old. The 1860 U. S. Census lists his birth place as Connecticut. Smalling left the LDS Church about December 1837. He was one of the trustees of the Church of Christ that incorporated in January 1838 together with Joseph Coe and Martin Harris..

Thy family shall be blessed, and when thy children are afflicted with sickness thou shalt have power to rebuke the disease, and satan shall have no power over them if thou wilt teach them in the ways of righteousness: for thou must attend to their instruction in the principles of the gospel, that at the age of eight years they may be baptized. Thou art a chosen vessel unto the Lord, and if thou art faithful before him thou shalt be sanctified and enjoy a fulness of glory. If thou wilt seek it diligently, by lifting a warning voice, thou shalt yet see many of thy friends embracing the truth and bowing to the requirements of the everlasting gospel. Thou shalt open thy mouth and the Lord shall fill it with words of wisdom upon the principles of righteousness, that thou mayest teach thy fellowmen. And thou shalt have success in this ministry, and words and wisdom to thine own astonishment. The heavens will yet be open before thee, and thou shalt have the minist[er]ing of holy angels. Thy faith shall he increase, becoming more and more perfect, until, by the power of the Holy Spirit, thou shalt behold within the veil. Thou shalt see many afflictions, calamities and wars in thy day; for great tribulations await the wicked, and many desolations must fall upon them. But thou shalt escape if thou art faithful, and the Lord will give thee many great and unspeakable blessings, and grant thee life as long as life shall be for thy good and his name's glory. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and in his name I seal thee up unto eternal life; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:34]

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Knight on June 24, 1835]

Martha Knight, wife of Vinson Knight, was born in Chester, Organge County, New York, March 17, 1805.

Sister Knight, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and ask for thee a blessing, even a father's blessing. The Lord thy God loves thee, and notwithstanding satan has tempted thee many times and sought thy overthrow, yet thou hast been sustained and upheld by the hand of thy God, because of thy youth and the tenderness of thy mind. Let thy heart now be lifted up that thou mayest receive the desires of the same in blessings. Thou shalt have all blessings in common with thy husband, and thy age shall be as his age, thy comfort as his comfort and thy joy as his joy. Thou hast had many desires for thy friends, and the Lord will hear and answer thy prayers; yea, all the desires of thy heart, for thy friends, shall be given thee, and if thou art faithful to thy covenants, all that thou desirest in righteousness shall be thine; for the Lord delights in blessing the pure and upright in heart. The Lord will teach thee wisdom, and thou shalt have understanding to bring up thy family in the way of truth; but thou must be in subjection to thy husband in all things, according to the law of the Lord. Lift up thy heart in gladness, for great things await thee: thou shalt be satisfied in beholding the glories which shall come upon the faithful in these last days, and thy children shall rise up and call thee blessed. With these blessings I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Evan M. G[r]eene, Clerk, Given in Kirtland, Ohio, June 24, 1835, and recorded, April 14, 1836, Oliver Cowdery, Recorder-. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:34-35]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles N. Baldwin on June 30, 1835]

Charles N. Baldwin was born in Wilna, Jefferson County, New York, March 8th, A.D. 1835.

Dear Brother, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, and seal upon thee the blessings of a father because thy father is not righteous. Thou shalt see all the desires of thy heart, and thy children also. The Lord hath looked upon thee – The Lord shall give thee power to overcome the powers of darkness. Listen to thy teachers, and thou shalt be called to go forth and preach the gospel: angels shall instruct thee, and the Lord shall make thee mighty like unto Enoch,- and like him wafe thyself to the city of Enoch, if thou desire it; but if not thou mayest tarry to the coming of the Son of Man, and be caught up to meet him, and partake of the fulness of celestial glory. Therefore, give thyself to the Lord and he will give thee all things needful. These blessings I seal upon thee and thy children after thee, in the name of Jesus,- even a father's blessing. Amen.

Sylvester Smith, Clerk. Given Kirtland, Ohio, June 30, A.D. 1835. and recorded in this Book December 12, 1835. Oliver Cowdery. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:22]

[Patriarchal blessing of Amos F. Herrick (July 1, 1835)]

Amos F Herrick was born in Berry Massachusetts, February 4, 1797.

Brother Herrick, I lay my hands upon you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and confirm upon you and your posterity the blessings of heaven. You have been faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, even in your weakness, and the Lord has looked upon you, and you shall be called to the ministry. You have desired the salvavation [salvation] of souls with an exceeding desire; nevertheless, you have mourned in secret-places because of your weakness, and none but the Lord your God knoweth the prayers and desires of your heart, when no eye beheld you but the eye of Omnipotence. Therefore, you shall be an instrument in the hands of God of bringing many souls into the celestial kingdom. Your tongue shall be loosed so that you shall preach marvelously. The Lord shall appear unto you and you shall behold the joy of the upper worlds.

You shall go forth and angels shall minister unto you: and you shall escape pestilence and famine, and your life shall be preserved. And I seal upon you the blessing which you have desired. Your family shall be a blessing unto you and they shall receive an inheritance in Zion. All blessings are yours, even the blessings of heaven and earth, and you shall stand upon the earth and behold the winding up scene of this generation. And though you shall be old yet you shall retain your full strength, and your vigor of mind shall not be abated; yea, you shall stand, having been faithful, and shall receive an inheritance, even the blessing of eternal life in the presence of God. These blessings are sealed upon you and upon your posterity to the latest generation; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harriet Herrick on July 1, 1835]

Harriet Herrick, wife of Amos F. Foster, was born in Springfield, Windsor County, Vermont, April 12, 1804.

Sister Herrick, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon you the second time, to confirm and seal upon your head the blessings of a father, in common with your husband. You shall be a blessing to your husband; for you shall be a partaker of his joys and his sorrows, and in his disconsolate hours you shall bear him up and encourage him to go forth and

bring souls unto God. You shall be provided for in his absence [absence], and your children shall be a comfort unto you when your husband is separated from you. This infant, whom you hold in your arms, the Lord will give you, and it shall grow up in righteousness insomuch that satan shall not have power over it: if it should be sick you shall have power to heal it, and its life shall be preserved until the coming of the Son of Man; for the Lord has reserved for it a great and mighty work, in his name.

The Lord loveth you, and all the blessings of heaven and earth are yours in common with your husband; for your days shall be as his days, and your joys as his joys: and you shall rejoice together in the eternal worlds. Your name is written in heaven never to be blotted out, except it be through willfull transgression. These blessings are sealed upon you in the name of the Lord; even so. Amen.

Evan M. Greene Salomon W. Denton Clerks. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, July 1, 1835, and recorded in this book October 12, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Patriarchal blessing of Loren Babbit on July 31, 1835]

A blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Snr. Kirtland July 31st 1835 upon the head of Loren Babbit who was born in New Maltberry Massachusetts AD. 1806, and also upon the head of his wife Almira babbit who was born in in Pompey Onandaga County N. Y. A.D. 1810

Dear brother, thou art yet in thy youth and mayest yet do much good if thou art faithful, yet satan desires that he may have thee and sift thee as wheat for many are his devices and great are his temptations. And I seal the patriarchal blessing upon thee, that thou mayest have power to escape his grasp and be an instrument in the hand of thy God of doing much good in the earth for thou art a descendant of Jacob and an heir of God jointly. with Jesus Christ who is heir to all the fullness of God. and if thou wilt keep the commandments of God and observe the word of Wisdom. Thou shalt live to see thy three score years and ten and be satisfied with life, and receive blessings even all and more than my tongue can tell. or thy heart conceive. [illegible] for thee if thou wilt lay aside all thy little prejudices and querying thou shalt be mighty in word and in deed, and do a work which none but thyself can do.

The heavens shall be opened unto thee. and the glory of thy God shall be shown unto thee and thou shalt be useful unto thy fellow men. through the seventy years: of thy life which thou mayest live upon the earth, if thou desire. But if not mayest sleep a little season. in the dust and then rise with the just when the trump shall sound to all the sleeping Saints upon their tombs to enjoy the kingdom with Christ on Mount Zion a thousand years. and thou mayest have thy kindred also to be with thee if thou wilt claim them by faith and be faithful in discharging thy duty to them. Then these blessings are yours in time and eternity for I seal them upon thee on these conditions in the name of Jesus Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:112-113]

[Patriarchal blessing of Almira Babbit (July 31, 1835)]

And also upon the head of Almira his wife,

In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord I seal the blessing which thy heart has desired. for they are good and the Lord shall give thee thy desires for thou hast desired blessings for thy little

ones and for thy friends & relations according to the flesh & thy life shall be spared to do much good unto them But thou must see many sorrows and grief shall cause thy bosom to swell and thou shalt cry unto thy God in thy affliction and he will deliver thee & comfort thee. with the consolations of the comforter even the holy Ghost. for thou wilt see desolation cover the wicked and thy heart will grieve for them. And angels shall come down from heaven to comfort thee and teach thee the wisdom of heaven and make thee to understand great things even things which God hath reserved for thee in common with thy husband and he also shall teach thee wisdom and thou also must learn from him for he is thy head and also those who are ordained of God shall instruct thee until thou be able to understand all thy duty and the will of God concerning thee. For he willeth that thou remain unto the coming of the son of man when he shall come to reign upon the throne of his father David and all enemies be made his footstool and then if thou have kept the faith thou shalt be blest with thy companion in that day and be received into that kingdom, even so Amen.

Sylvester Smith Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:113]

[Written comments by Oliver Cowdery on October 7, 1835]

The following are patriarchal blessings pronounced upon those named, by president Joseph Smith sen. on the 27th day of August, 1835. There were many blessings given previous to these, but the book not being obtained until a few weeks since, it would be dif[f]icult to arrange all the blessings as they were pr[o]nounced: indeed this would be impossible as many retained their blessings in their own hands, not yet having handed them in to be recorded. All that I shall observe in recording blessings hereafter is, to give their several dates. This however will not be possible always, as the clerks have not been particular to note the day and the month. One remark is necessary: It will be seen, that in the commencement of this record, I noticed that the first meeting was opened by prayer: this order is strictly observed in all patriarchal meetings, either by the one pronouncing the blessings or one whom he appoints.

October 7, 1835. Oliver Cowdery. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:16]

[Patriarchal blessing of Martin Harris on August 27, 1835]

Martin Harris was born in Saratoga County, New York, May 18, 1783.

Brother Martin, having a long acquaintance with thee my heart would desire that thou might be blessed. I ask my heavenly Father to do away every selfish feeling from my heart, that I may know his mind and pronounce blessings upon thy head according to his will. Thou art a son of Zion, and hast consecrated thy all for her good; yea, thou hast greatly desired her deliverance and her welfare. Thou must be humble and meek in heart, or Satan will seek to raise the[e] up in pride unto boasting. Thou shalt stand upon the earth when the kingdoms of this world shall rend, and the kingdom of heaven come down, if thou art faithful; for, if thou art faithful, thou shalt know Christ more perfectly, for thou shalt see him and converse with him face to face. Thy mind shall be enlarged, and thy testimony shall yet convince its thousands and its tens of thousands; yea, it shall shine like the sun, and though the wicked seek to overthrow it, it shall be in vain, for the Lord God shall bear it off victorious. The holy angels will watch over thee and bear thee up

in their hands. Thou shalt have a tongue and wisdom that all the enemies of truth can not withstand nor gainsay.

Thou hast left thy family and house for the gospel's sake, and given all for the purpose of spreading the work of thy God: for this thou shalt be blessed and rewarded an hundred fold; yea, thou hast left thy family and consecrated them unto the Lord, and if thou desirest it with all thy heart and art faithful, thou shalt yet teach them, even thy wife that she may be saved in the day of eternity; but if not they shall be removed from the earth and her place be supplied with another; and thy heart shall be satisfied, for thou shalt raise up seed unto the Lord to praise him in his kingdom. I seal upon thee a father's blessing, for thee and thy posterity, forever in the land of Zion; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given August 27, 1835, and recorded in this book October 7. 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:16-17]

[Patriarchal blessing of Morris Phelps on August 27, 1835]

Morris Phelps was born in Northhampton, [blank] County, Massachusetts, December 20, 1805.

Brother Phelps, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask my heavenly Father to let his blessings rest upon thee. Satan has sought to destroy thee, to charm thy senses, to drive thee to darkness; but because of thy prayers thou hast yet escaped, for the Lord has had compassion and lengthened out his arm of mercy; and if thou art faithful and will seek at the hand of thy God, thou shalt be greatly blessed; for he will give thee power to proclaim his gospel to the ends of the earth, and thou shalt bring thy thousands to Zion with songs of everlasting joy. The holy angels shall watch over thee and no power beneath the heavens shall take thy life from the earth. Thou shalt yet visit many people afar off, and preach glad tidings of great joy to those who sit in the region and shadow of death; for thou shalt see the end of this evil generation, if faithful, and tarry in the flesh. Thou art of the lineage of Joseph and a joint heir of Abraham's blessings. Thy companion shall be blessed with thee and have joy in that glory which the Lord will bestow upon thee. Thy children shall also be blessed, and grow up to inherit the land of Zion; for I now pronounce upon thee a father's blessing which shall be for thee and thy children, and thy children's children. Treasure up wisdom in thy heart, and if thou desirest it thou shalt be like unto Elijah, and be wafted away to the bosom of thy God, and rest in the celestial glory; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and recorded October 8, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:17]

[Patriarchal blessing of Newel Knight on August 27, 1835]

Newel Knight was born in Molbury, [blank] Vermont, September 13, 1800.

Brother Knight, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to pronounce upon thee a blessing inasmuch as thy father is far from this place. Thou hast desired many things that thou hast not made known to any save the Lord. Thou hast been faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, as far as thou hast understood them. Thy property has been taken from thee by unlawful means—all thy former friends have forsaken thee because thou

hast sought to keep the commandments and obey the voice of the Lord. Thou art one of the first who embraced the gospel in these last days. Thou art one of the first who embraced the gospel in these last days, and for his thou shalt be remembered; for I confirm upon thee holy ministry and the blessings of the spiritual kingdom. The Lord has taken from thee thy posterity, even thy children, and thy companion, also. Murmur not against the Lord for this, for all things are in his hands: thou art unincumbered, and the Lord has prepared thee for a great work.

Thou shalt proclaim the gospel with great power: thou shalt have power over Satan; shall have power to do miracles; shall outride the storm of adversity, and proclaim the gospel to the coming of the Son of Man. Thou shalt be delivered from pestilence; shall command all things upon the face of the earth, if needful to accomplish thy mission – the winds, the waves, and the tempests, according to thy faith. I[n] due time thou shalt receive the desire of thy heart, for thou shalt yet raise up children, that thy name may not be blotted out from among men. Thou shalt outride the storm of adversity and yet possess an inheritance in the Land of Zion, for thee and thy seed after thee; even so. Amen.

Given and recorded as the above. [October 8, 1835] Oliver Cowdery, C[lerk]. & R[ecorder]. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:17]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elias Higbee on August 27, 1835]

Elias Higbee was born in Galloway, Gloucester County, New Jersey, October 23, 1795.

Brother Higbee, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask God, the eternal Father, to let his Holy Spirit rest upon thee that thy mind may be strong and thy faith unshaken. Thou hast had fears that some of the blessings of the Lord would slip and that thou shouldst not enjoy them. Treasure up wisdom and thou shalt receive all that are expedient. If thou art not blessed by thy father remember this shall be sufficient for thee, thy children and thy children's children. Treasure up wisdom and thou shalt proclaim the truth to thine own astonishment and the astonishment of those who hear thee. Thou shalt not fall by pestilence or war: thou shalt have all that thy heart desires in righteousness. Thou shalt have life as long as thou shalt desire it; and if thou shalt desire, thou mayest tarry till the coming of the Savior: nevertheless, if thou art called to lay down thy life for his cause, it shall be well with thee, for thou shalt rejoice, and shall receive a crown of eternal life. I secure blessings also for thy companion, and thy children, and they with her shall be comforted. Thy name is written in heaven and thy salvation sealed on high; even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and recorded October 9, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:18]

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Higbee on August 27, 1835]

Issac Higbee was born in Galloway, Gloucester County, New Jersey, December 23, 1797.

Brother Higbee, thou art a stranger to me—I have no knowledge of seeing thee previous to this morning; I therefore lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in his name I bless thee; and I say unto thee, if thou art faithful and will magnify thy calling and keep all the commandments, the Lord will exalt thee and thou shalt be a great man before him. Thou shalt have power to do great good in the earth, for the Lord has a great work for thee to do.

Thou shalt have all the scriptures and revelations unfolded to thy understanding, and thou shalt have wisdom to circumscribe the wisdom of the wise of this world. Thou shalt convince the great ones of the earth of the truth of the gospel, and stand in the presence of kings and rulers. Thou hast desired to see the heavens open and behold thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven; if this shall continue to be thy desire in righteousness, thou shalt see it. Thy mind shall expand and thy heart shall be enlarged. Thy companion shall also be blessed with thee, and thy children also. Thy companion shall be a partaker with thee in thy joys and also in thy sorrows. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, and thy posterity after thee. If thou art faithful thou shalt receive all these things; even so. Amen.

Given and recorded as the above. [October 9, 1835] Oliver Cowdery, C[lerk]. & R[ecorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:18]

. [Patriarchal blessing of Elisha H. Groves on August 27, 1835]

Elisha H. Groves was born in Madison County, Kentucky, November 5, 1798.

Brother Groves, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, not knowing at this time what I shall say unto thee, but I ask the Father, in the name of Christ, to inspire my heart and give me a knowledge of those things which shall befall thee in time, and also of those blessings which he has determined to bestow upon thee, if thou art faithful. I say unto thee, if thou desirest to be blessed, thou must treasure up wisdom and knowledge, and keep all the commandments of the Lord, and thou shalt be blessed with a father's blessing for thee, thy children, and thy children's children to the latest generation. If thou wilt be faithful thou shalt yet have power to call thy kindred into the kingdom, notwithstanding they are now, many of them, far from the knowledge of the truth. Thy sins are at this time forgiven thee, and I confirm upon thy head the holy ministry unto which thou hast been ordained.

Thy life shall be precious in the sight of the Lord, for thou shalt live to a good old age, and if thou wilt keep all the commandments of the Lord, and desire it with all thy heart, thou mayest be translated, that thou shalt never be brought down to the grave; but remember, that thou must become holy like unto Enoch to obtain this great blessing, - or thou mayest tarry. The holy angels shall minister unto thee, and even in their hands they shall bear the[e] up. Thou shalt have the desires of thy heart in righteousness, and power to accomplish thy mission, and be a means in the hand of thy God of calling many into his kingdom; yea, thou shalt be mighty in the earth, and thy testimony shall astonish the great and the learned, for thou shalt be able to proclaim the gospel with mighty convincing power, and the Lord thy God will give thee victory over the adversary and all who uphold his work, and nothing shall be too hard for thee, for thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked generation. Therefore remember, that thou shalt receive according to thy diligence; and I pray my heavenly Father to seal them upon thee, and write them with his own finger. Amen.

Given and recorded as those above. [October 9, 1835] Oliver Cowdery, C[lerk]. & R[ecorder]. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:18]

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Jackman on August 27, 1835]

Levi Jackman was born in Vershire, Orange County, Vermont, July 28, 1797.

Brother Jackman, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, even the Bethlehem babe, I lay my hands upon thy head, and according to the office of my calling and standing before God, and confirm upon thee a father's blessing, that thou mayest no longer be an orphan. The Lord has looked upon thee in thy early days and has guarded thee, even in thy childhood, that he might make of thee a minister of righteousness; for he knew thy willing heart to follow him when thou wast instructed in righteousness: therefore, thou art blessed. He has seen thy affliction and the affliction of thy family in Zion, when the wicked drove thee from thine inheritance. But if thou wilt treasure up wisdom and be diligent in keeping the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt yet return with thy children: and if thou art diligent in teaching them the knowledge of God they shall remain upon the goodly land, to possess it from generation to generation, forever, and thy name shall never be blotted out.

Thy wife shall be blessed equal with thee: thou shalt be her head and counsel her in all things, and she shall be spared unto thee many years, though thou wilt leave her for a long season to proclaim the gospel. I seal upon thee the holy ministry, with the desires of thy heart, to tarry or not. Thou shalt be a man of great wisdom, understanding the deep things of God, for thy heart shall expand like Enoch's. All things shall be possible unto thee if expedient, to accomplish thy ministry. Thou shalt override the storms of adversity which shall come upon the nation. Thou shalt escape the fires and divide the waters, and if needful remove the mountains: and at thy word the prisons shall fall. The angels shall minister unto thee, and the most High shall hold thee in his own hand. Many shall come to a knowledge of the truth through thy ministry, and thousands shall hear the testimony from thy mouth. Thy sins are forgiven, and thy name written on high. And if thou art faithful thou shalt receive all these blessings; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and recorded October 12, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:19]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Emmet on August 27, 1835]

James Emmet was born in Boone County, Kentucky, February 22, 1803.

Brother Emmet, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and inasmuch as thy parents are afar off and know not God, I pronounce upon thee a father's blessing, which shall be for thee, thy companion, thy children and thy children's children, and they shall be blessed unto the latest generation. Thy wife will receive thine instruction, and in thy absence will teach thy children righteousness: even when thou art a great way from thy family proclaiming the gospel, thou shalt be taught by the Spirit concerning thy family, and thy heart shall rejoice.

Thou shalt be mighty in the earth; for if thou art faithful thou shalt be like unto Enoch: the earth shall tremble at thy word in the name of the Lord, and the power of darkness shall flee from before thee. Thy faith shall wax stronger and stronger, until thou shalt obtain the ministering of holy angels, and thou shalt become a savior to some. Thou shalt have power to cast out devils, to heal the sick, and to do all other signs and wonders, if faithful, that are expedient in the Lord. Therefore, let thy fears depart and the blessings of heaven shall rest upon thee even till thou art satisfied with the goodness of the Lord. Thy name is sealed in the Lamb's book of life. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Re'r. [Recorder] Given and recorded as the above. [October 12, 1835] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:19]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Foster on August 27, 1835]

James Foster was born in Hillsborough, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, April 1, 1786.

Brother Foster, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce a father's blessing upon thee, and thou shalt no longer be an orphan; for I now seal upon thee and thy posterity after thee the choicest of heaven's blessings, and thou shalt have of the good things of the earth. The holy angels shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt be taught from on high. The Lord will inspire thy heart with wisdom, and thou shalt do good among the children of men, for thy mouth shall be opened and thy heart shall be enlarged, and thou shalt be able to proclaim the gospel with mighty convincing power, even to the astonishing of thyself and those who hear, if thou art faithful. Thou art a son of Zion, and thou shalt see her salvation, for thou hast offered thy life for her sake. If thou art faithful thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh. Thou shalt rest only a little season in thy grave – thou shalt hear the trump – thou shalt rise in the morning of the resurrection and receive a crown in the Kingdom of thy God. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, and Recorded in this book October 12, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:19]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Foster on August 27, 1835]

Abigail Foster, wife of James Foster, was born in Poplin, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, February 27, 1793.

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mightest also receive the blessings of heaven in common with thy husband, for thyself and thy children, that thou mayest be filled with faith for them when they are afflicted, in the absence of thy husband, that they may grow up and fight the battles of the Lord, that one may chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight. Thou shalt have joy yet in the labors of thy husband, for great glory will come upon him if he is faithful in proclaiming the gospel, - and thou shalt receive a crown of eternal life, for thy heart is at this time right before the Lord. And I say, in the name of Jesus Christ, if it be thy desire, thou mayest tarry yet many years. I leave all these with the Lord who will give according to thy faithfulness, and withhold no good thing if thou dost walk uprightly; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given August 27, 1835, and recorded October 12, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Note to the reader by Oliver Cowdery on October 12, 1835]

Note to the reader— There were several other blessings pronounced on the 27th of August, 1835, but for the special accommodation of some who are about to journey to Zion, their blessings will now be recorded. It may be remembered that all blessings given through any one beside president Joseph Smith, sen. that that fact will be noticed, and unless a notice of that kind is given it may be understood that it was the voice of the Spirit through him. The Lord is good, and praised be his name. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:20]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Caleb Baldwin on August 27, 1835]

Caleb Baldwin was born in Nobletown, New York, September 2, 1791.

Brother Baldwin, thou hast seen afflictions in thy day, and thou hast borne them with patience. The Lord has looked upon thee and forgiven thy sins and former trespasses; for thou hast done many things which were not expedient, and satan has sought to destroy thee that thy talent might be hid and the blood of souls be required at thy hand: therefore, if thou wilt be accepted thou must from henceforth walk uprightly in all things, and thou shalt be blessed from henceforth, and thy posterity, from generation to generation, with inheritances in Zion, and a right to the holy priesthood. Thy wife shall also be blessed in thy absence, and her heart shall rejoice when she reads this, and she shall shed tears of joy that the Lord has remembered her companion and family, and that they are to receive inheritances with the saints.

Thou art a descendant of Joseph, and shall be numbered with his horns to push the people together I seal upon thy head all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom. Be faithful, and thou shalt be delivered from the hands of thy enemies by the power of God; for when thou art surrounded by them, if expedient, and there be no other way for thy escape, thou shalt call upon the Lord and he will answer the[e] by sending down fire. Thou shalt be able to run through a trap and leap even a wall, to execute the commandments of thy God. Thou hast asked, at the hand of the Lord to see the end, and if thou art faithful, and desirest it with all thy heart, even more than to depart and be with the Lord, thou mayest; for thou hast asked of the Lord, for a witness unto thee, that I might tell thee this thing. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal thee up unto him, both for time and eternity; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, August 27, 1835, and recorded Dec. 29, 1835. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:28]

[Patriarchal blessing of William W. Phelps on August 27, 1835]

W. W. Phelps' Patriarchal Blessing. At a patriarchal meeting held in Kirtland, Ohio, August 27, 1835, president Joseph Smith Senr. presiding William W Phelps, born, at Hanover, Morris county in the State of New Jersey, on Friday morning about 6 o'clock on the 17th day of February 1792, was blest.

Says Father Smith, What shall I say unto you? My answer, what the Lord put into your heart to say. "Well the Lord has put it into my heart to say, that you are a strange man." Reply, "That I Know." [He then laid his hands upon my head and said]

Brother Phelps I have seen thee, and looked upon thee, and I have sought to know what to say unto thee; and I continue to ask my heavenly Father to give me his spirit to bless thee; and I also ask him to grant thee his spirit that thy mind may expand and comprehend the great things that are laid up in store for thee, if thou continuest faithful. The Lord has looked upon thee from all Eternity, and known all thy works and ways. Thou art a pure descendant of Joseph, of the blood of Ephraim. Thou art a "speckled Bird," and the Lord hath held thee up to be gazed at: Thou art a strange man. The Lord has given thee understanding and knowledge and wisdom, and discernment; and thou hast thought thou wast somebody; thou hast been exalted, and hast been lifted up: nevertheless, if thou continuest faithful, and humblest thyself, thou shall see great things, and have greater knowledge.

Thou shalt see the city of Enoch. and shalt gaze upon it in all its glory: yea, thou shalt be exalted to the heavens; and thou shalt be able to comprehend all hidden mysteries which have been hid up from the foundation of the world; yea, thou shalt understand things that have not yet been revealed unto man. I seal upon thee a father's blessing; upon thee, and upon thy children and upon thy children's children: And thy wife, who is a pure descendant of Joseph, according to thy blood and lineage, shall be blessed with thee.-- Her life and years are as precious in the sight of the Lord, as thine, and she shall remain as she desires. The Lord has chosen thee for a great work, and thou shalt be instrumental in bringing many souls unto the Lord; yea thou shalt present them spotless before the Father. Seek to be humble; seek to be wise; live holy and work righteousness, and thou shalt stand amid the Judgments that shall fall upon the wicked, unharmed; yea, thou shalt live through all the scenes of the last days, till the end, and then thou shalt be caught from the earth, up into the clouds, and meet thy Lord, as he comes in his glory, with all his holy angels with him; even so; for I seal these blessings upon you in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen.

Oliver Cowdery Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:138-139]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Myres on September 13, 1835]

Jacob Myres was born in Pence Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1782.

Brother, thou art an aged man and the Lord thy God has watched over thee and kept the[e], he has blessed thee with great and innumerable blessings: he has even watched over thee from thy youth, and kept thee from falling that thou mightest taste his goodness and be prepared to do his will. Thou hast sought to know his will, and hast heard the whisperings of his voice by the power of the Holy Spirit from time to time. The Lord has even guided thy footsteps in the way, that thou and thy posterity might be blessed. Thou hast had losses and crosses, but the Lord has dealt with thee as with Job in these things—Thou hast been more than blessed again. Thou hast meditated much, even in thy fields, and wast not satisfied till thou hast known for a certainty. The Lord has seen the desires of thy heart for thy companion and thy children, and no one save he knows the feelings of thy heart for them; but they know not the Lord, nor understand his ways. Thou art a pure descendant of Joseph, and an inheriter of the blessings of Jacob.

Thou art called to the ministry, and if faithful, will be enabled to magnify thy calling and bring souls into the kingdom of thy Redeemer. Thou shalt have power to overcome the evil spirit that is in thy house, and turn thy family to the truth, though they are now rebellious and their hearts far from the Lord. Struggle for them, and the Lord will hear thy prayers and answer thy request, for all power is in his hand. The Lord will keep thee from falling, and thou shalt do great good in his cause. The desires of thy heart shall be given thee, for thou hast asked in much humility. The Lord has given thee an understanding heart, and thou shalt preach the truth in great power. Many will behold thy godly walk and holy conversasion [conversation], and the wise shall reverence thy gray hairs: and even thy family and thy posterity shall call thee blessed. I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I seal also the blessings of a father upon thee, which shall be for thy good and the good of thy posterity after thee; even thy children and thy children's children. Teach them the ordinances of the house of the Lord, that his blessings may be given them to the latest generation, even from generation to generation, while

the earth shall stand. These blessings, dear brother, I pronounce upon thee, and though thy faithfulness they shall all be fulfilled, in the name of Jesus Christ, even so. Amen.

Given in Kirtland, September 13, 1835, and recorded December 22, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:27]

[Patriarchal blessing of Frederick G. Williams (September 14, 1835)]

Frederick G. Williams was born in Suffield, Hartford County, Connecticut, October 28, 1787.

Brother Williams, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee and seal upon thy head the blessings that have heretofore been pronounced upon thee: and I also seal upon thee the blessings of a father inasmuch as thou art an orphan, that thou mayest claim an inheritance with thy brethren, for thyself and for thy descendants after thee, even in the land which has been promised to the saints for an everlasting possession in the last days,- and also a place in the celestial kingdom. I also seal upon thee thy ministry, and thou shalt have power to call thy kindreds and friends into the church. Thou shalt have the ministering of angels not far hence, and the visions of heaven shall be unfolded to thy mind.

Set thy house in order, instruct them in the things of righteousness, and cause them to walk in the ways of truth, and thy afflicted son shall yet come to understanding and be a man of considerable influence; but thou must have great faith to accomplish this, and all things must be put in order in thy house. The Lord will look upon thy afflictions and witness thy sorrows, and cause thy son to begin to amend, when thy faith is sufficiently strong; and thy heart shall yet rejoice over thy children, and thy children's children; and when thou art old and stricken in years thou shalt ris[e] up, like Jacob of old, and bless them, leaning upon the top of thy staff.

But thou shalt be a great man in the earth, and thou shalt be renewed, and have power to accomplish the will of the Lord, and when thou hast accomplished it thou shalt have power to be translated, that thou shalt not sleep in the grave, if thou desirest rather than lay down thy life for the cause of thy God: behold, thy life is in thy own hand with power to lay it down or not. But before thou shalt go hence, in accomplishing thy mission, the earth shall tremble before thee, the mountains shall be removed and waters turned out of their courses. Thy knowledge shall reach to heaven, and thy understanding shall comprehend all things. Thou shalt be able to circumscribe the h[e]ights and the debths [depths], and thou shalt stand in the presence of thy God, who will hold thee up, and make thee mighty to the accomplishing of all things which he has designed in the order of his providence. I seal thee up unto eternal life, with all these blessings upon thee; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:30-31]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rebecca Williams on September 14, 1835]

Rebecca Williams, wife of Frederick G. Williams, was born in Loyalsack, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1798.

Sister Williams, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head, and I ask my heavenly Father to put words and thoughts into my heart, and also, to prepare thee for a blessing. Thy sins are now forgiven thee, and thy name is written in heaven; but thou must humble thyself before the Lord and do away thy pride and overcome thy proud spirit, to receive a

fulness of the blessings of the Lord, according to his promises made to thy fathers. In due time, even when thou shalt humble thyself and be obedient to all the requirements of the Lord, thy son shall be restored to health, for whom thou hast wept, and for whom thou hast so often prayed,- the Lord has seen all thy tears and tenderness of thy heart, and will reward thee according to all thy desires of righteousness inasmuch as thou hast been faithful and will hereafter be faithful. And in consequ[ue]nce of thy prayers and thy tears thou shalt yet prevail, and the Lord will give thee thy father's family, who are now far from the way of salvation. But the Lord will make bare his arm and show mercy unto them in making thy husband a savior unto them. Be faithful, and all these blessings shall be given unto thee, and thou shalt have joy in the society of thy family. I seal thee up unto eternal life, and thou shalt have thy part and portion in the celestial kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 20, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:31]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sidney Rigdon (September 14, 1835)]

Sidney Rigdon was born in St. Clair, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1793.

Brother Rigdon, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I lay my hands upon thy head. & I ask my heavenly Father in his name, to cause the Holy Spirit to rest upon me, and also upon thee, and to put thoughts into my heart that I may speak his words. I confirm all thy former blessings upon thee, and in the name of Jesus Christ I pronounce the blessings of a father upon thee & thy posterity, and they shall be kept and remembered in the covenant of grace, and not one of them shall be lost; for the Lord will give thee wisdom to instruct them in the right way, and should they go astray when thou art gone hence, he will hunt after them and bring them back. Thy seed, according to the desires of thy heart, shall become very numerous, almost, as it were, like the stars in the firmament, and they shall rise up on the land of the Lord to possess it from generation to generation. The Lord has made thee a mighty man, he has endowed thee with gifts and understanding superior to many, and has called upon thee to exercise the same in his cause. When thou goest forth to execute thy mission the Lord will be with thee: the earth shall tremble before thee, the rivers shall turn out of their course, and if it were needful, the lions shall roar out of the forest, while the enemies of the Lord shall stand afar off and tremble, having no power to harm the saints. Thou shalt have power to call thousands into the kingdom, who will rejoice that such a man was born.

Thou shalt receive an ordination not many days hence which shall surpass all human understanding; for thy Redeemer shall come down and stand before thee- thou shalt see his face and hear his voice and great shall be thy rejoicing. Thou shalt have power to call all thy ungodly relatives into the church; for the Lord surely will give thee great power in their presence, and they shall be constrained to acknowledge that his power is round about thee to keep thee. I seal thee up to these blessings, and I seal these blessings upon thee. No enemy shall have power to harm thee; for though thy life has many times been in jeopardy, and once thy body marred, from henceforth thou shalt be protected, that no man shall mar thee. Thou shalt be saved in the day of calamity, when great vengeance falls upon the nations. And though thine eyes shall see cities overthrown and swallowed up, thou shalt stand like unto an angel of God, and nothing shall harm thee. Thou shalt be renewed in thy age and thy system shall be like the vigor of youth. I seal all

these blessings upon thee: yea, and many more, so many that I cannot name them; but they are shown unto me by the Spirit, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:31-32]

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Rigdon on September 14, 1835]

Phebe Rigdon, wife of Sidney Rigdon, was born in Bridgetown, Cumberland County, New Jersey, May 3, 1800.

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask my heavenly Father to bestow upon thee his Holy Spirit, that thy mind may be prepared to receive a blessing, and that thou mayest be humble and submissive in high sight, that thou mayest receive according to his will; for thou art blessed, even if all thy relatives should go down to destruction, because thou hast obeyed the truth. Thou shalt have life if thou desirest it; for if thou desirest, thou mayest tarry while wickedness shall remain upon the earth. For the Lord looks upon thee the same as thy husband, and thou shalt be a partaker in all his joys, because thou hast suffered with him in all his sorrows,- and thy life shall be as his life if thou desirest it. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer and the heavens shall be open to thy view. And if thou shalt not desire to tarry to see the great distress which shall come upon the wicked, thou shalt be satisfied with life, and go home to rest in the paradise of thy God. Thou shalt have some of thy relatives,- even if thou shalt desire, all of them shall be brought in,- and the Lord will bring them by calamity and judgments; for this is thy desire, and thou hast sought for this thing with great faith. Uphold thy husband in his office by the prayer of faith, and thou shalt be blessed. I seal thee up unto eternal life, and thou shalt receive an inheritance with the sanctified; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 20, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:32]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nancy Rigdon on September 14, 1835]

Nancy Rigdon, mother of Sidney Rigdon, was born in Lowery Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey, March 16, 1759.

Sister, thou art an aged woman, and thou hast seen many years, some of them have been filled with sorrow, yet the Lord thy God has sustained thee, and thy life has been prolonged many years, and in thy old age thou hast obeyed the gospel. Thou hast been blessed with a family, and hast been faithful in bringing them up, and they shall yet come into the faith. Thine eyes shall see the house of the Lord accomplished and the servants of the Lord endowed with power from on high. Thou shalt be satisfied with life, and come to thy grave in peace, for thou shalt have thy desires, and rest in the paradise of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings upon thy head; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 20, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:32]

[Patriarchal blessing of Newel K. Whitney (September 14, 1835)]

Newel K. Whitney was born in Marlborough, Windham County, Vermont, February 5, 1795.

Brother Whitney, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask my heavenly Father to open the vision of my mind to know what I shall say unto thee, for thou art a strange man, and thy ways have been unlike the ways of other men: nevertheless, thou hast sought to be a man of God, and to do away all thy unbelief and doubts, and in this the Lord has given thee strength. Inasmuch as thou knowest thy progenitors, and art assured concerning the lineage through which thou hast descended, I bless thee with a father's blessing, for thee and thy children after thee, for their inheritances, to the end.

And as thou art a descendant of Melchisedek, one of thy posterity shall be like unto him before the Lord; for his heart shall be filled with the same spirit from his youth up, and he shall be a benefit to thy posterity. Thou shalt be releaved [relieved] from all incumbrances and go forth and do the will of the Lord; for thou hast long besought him for this thing, and in due time thou shalt have it, and thy soul shall be filled with joy when the Lord makes bare his arm for the good of the poor and needy.

Thou hast an ungodly brother who knows not the Lord, neither does he understand his ways, though he supposes he is a minister of the gospel and makes his boasts that his feet are upon the Rock that cannot be moved. But as thou hast besought the Lord many times for him, and greatly desired his salvation, the Lord will hear and answer thy prayers: he will surround thy brother with judgments and lay upon him his afflicting hand, and he will fear and tremble and come to his senses, and yet obey the truth; for when his soul is bowed down with affliction he will remember what thou hast said, and then will he turn to the Lord.

Thou shalt yet go to the great men of the earth and proclaim the gospel unto them, and the Lord will uphold thee and give his angels charge concerning thee that thou shalt be kept from death and every destruction. Thy father will yet come into the church, and his heart shall rejoice in his old age. I seal great blessings upon thee, even more than thy heart can now comprehend or understand. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer, and have the ministering of holy angels. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life, and thou shalt have a place with the sanctified when the Lord comes to reign with his people. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings upon thee, and thou shalt yet realize them and rejoice in them; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:32-33]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Ann Whitney on September 14, 1835]

Elizabeth Ann Whitney, wife of Newel K. Whitney, was born in Berby, New Haven County, Connecticut, December 26, 1800.

Sister Whitney, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, and confirm the blessings of heaven upon thee in common with thy husband, even all blessings which may be for thy comfort, both of a spiritual and temporal nature; for thou art bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, and the Lord has so ordained that those of the same family and descent might be one to fulfil his purposes; for thou art of the same lineage of thy husband, thy life has been hid also, and thou mayest rejoice, for thy posterity shall be blessed. Thou hast a gift to sing the songs of Zion, and if thou wilt be humble before the Lord & keep all his commandments, it shall be increased.

Thou must set thy heart in order, for every good gift is from above and will be required again, or an account of the same: Therefore, purify thyself, and teach thy little ones the commandments and statutes of the Lord, that they may be blessed also, and they shall be a comfort unto thee. Behold, when thy husband is far from thee and thy little ones are afflicted, thou shalt have power to prevail and they shall be healed. Thou must uphold thy husband by the prayer of faith, for his calling is very great and he has yet a great work to do. Thou shalt yet see thy uncle, whose heart is far from God in consequence of his rebellions against the truth, come into the church; but it will be by judgments and tribulations. I seal all these blessings upon thee, with many more, which thou shalt realize in thy day if thou art faithful. And I seal thee up unto eternal life: and when the church of the first born shall descend thou shalt join with them in the song of the Redeemed; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk & Recorder Given in Kirtland, Ohio, September 14, 1835, and recorded January 22, 1836. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:33]

[Patriarchal blessing of Don Carlos Smith (September 15, 1835)]

The next in order is Don Carlos Smith, the youngest son of president Joseph Smith, sen. he was blessed at the time, but in consequence of these blessings not being recorded until after this young man was married,⁶ it was though best to lay hands upon him again, with his wife, and record both blessings together.

Don Carlos Smith, son of Joseph Smith, senior, was born in Norwich, Windsor County, Vermont, March 25, 1816.

Carlos, thou art my youngest son, and the joy of my heart: thou hast been faithful, and shall be blessed with all the blessings of thy father's family, for thou hast been diligent to learn the truth, and hast kept the commandments, as far as they have been taught thee, from thy childhood. Thou shalt be made mighty in word and in deed in thy day and generation. Thou shalt have the ministering of holy angels; and be taught from on high.

Thou shalt remain to see the winding up scene of all things, and shall be numbered among the hundred and forty and four thousand. Thou shalt be powerful in proclaiming the gospel, and have all the blessings bestowed upon man. Thou shalt have communion with angels and the spirits of just men made perfect; and be able to teach this generation righteousness. Thou shalt teach thy children the way of righteousness, in the name of the Lord, perfectly, and they shall grow up without sin unto salvation, and never be afflicted with sickness, nor be crippled. but Shall grow up under thy teaching and be mighty instruments in the hands of God in bringing saints unto salvation: yea, even of bringing the word of salvation to the children of men. Thou shalt stand upon the earth at the coming of thy Redeemer, and be caught up to meet him in the cloud and ever be with the Lord. My dear son, if thou wilt be faithful I seal all these blessings upon thy head; even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:7-8]

⁶ Don Carlos Smith received a blessing on December 9, 1834. Since his patriarchal blessing was being recorded in September 1835 he received another blessing. He and Agnes Coolbrith were married on July 30, 1835 by Elder Seymour Brunson.

[Patriarchal blessing of Agnes Smith on September 15, 1835]

Agnes Smith, wife of Don Carlos Smith, was born in Scarborough, Cumberland county, Maine, July 11, 1812.

Agnes, my child, my daughter-in-law, companion of my son, I seal upon thy head a blessing in common with thy husband; and I seal thy marriage covenant, it shall be sanctioned in heaven, that thou mayest live in the enjoyment of it as long as the world stands, and shall raise up children unto thy husband, in the Lord, who shall rise up and call thee blessed; for thou shalt have power to instruct them in righteousness. Thou shalt take instruction from thy husband; shall be a mother in Israel, and Satan shall not have power over thee nor thy offsprings to take away your lives. The Lord will not suffer thee to go hungry, nor naked, but will comfort thee in all things, in the absence [absence] of thy husband while he journeys to preach the gospel.

Thou shalt stand to see thy Redeemer come in his glory. Thou shalt have power with God to gain thy father's family, inasmuch as they live, and shall rejoice with them in his kingdom. Thou shalt see thy children triumph over all their enemies, and every evil there is in the world, and be made partakers of all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thou shalt be satisfied with life, and shall have an inheritance with thy posterity, in the Land of Zion, to possess it forever. Be faithful, my child, and I seal all these blessings upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Kirtland Ohio, September 15, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:8]

[Patriarchal blessing of Heman Hyde on September 20, 1835]

Heman Hyde was born in Manchester, Bennington County, Vermont, June 30, 1788.

Brother Hyde, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and ask the Lord to bless thee: and I seal the blessings of a father upon thy head and upon thy posterity, even the blessings of Joseph for thou art a pure descendant of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim. And I confirm upon thee the holy priesthood, and by the power and virtue of thine office thou shalt bring thousands to the knowledge of the truth. Thou shalt have power over death, even to lay down thy life or to preserve it, as seemeth thee good. Thou shalt have angels to protect thee in thy ministry, that the adversary shall have no power over thee Thy mouth shall be filled and thou shalt speak in mighty power, and confound all gainsayers, and put thy enemies to shame. Thou shalt have power with God to bring all thy kindred to repentance. Thou shalt be mighty before God and stand upon the earth at the coming of the Lord in his glory, and see him face to face, if thou desirest it and wilt seek it with all thy heart, keeping all the commandments. Thy wife shall be blessed in common with thee, and be a comfort to thee in thy old age, and be a mother in Israel, and have power and prevail over her enemies. Thy children shall be a blessing to thee, and Satan shall have no power over them. Be faithful, dear brother, and thou shalt have the desire of thy heart, and be satisfied with life. And I seal all these blessings upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, September 20, 1835, and recorded Jan. 1836. O. Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:30]

[Patriarchal blessing of George M. Hinkle on September 26, 1835]

George M. Hinkle, was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, November 13, 1801.

Brother Hinkle, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal upon thee the blessings of a father, which shall be for thee and thy children after thee down to the end of time; for, behold, thou art of the seed of Abraham, and I seal upon thee the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And inasmuch as thou hast been faithful thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Ephraim, for thou art his descendant. And if thou wilt be faithful, and keep all the commandments, thou shalt be endowed and have power to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. All things shall give way before thee; for the Lord thy God will watch over thee, and when thou art afflicted with sickness and disease, he will heal thee. When thou goest forth to proclaim, if needful to accomplish thy mission, thou shalt have power to call down fire, to remove mountains; and if thou art cast into pits or prisons, they shall have no power over thee to hold thee.

Thou shalt bring thousands and tens of thousands to a knowledge of the truth; yea, even thou shalt baptize hundreds and thousands, and great shall be the power of thy God which shall attend thee in thy ministry, if thou art faithful. If thou wilt receive it, thou shalt receive all these blessings, and stand upon the earth at the coming of the Lord. And I seal upon thy children and thy companion, all needful blessings. And this is the blessing of thy father now, and thy posterity: I seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus; even so. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Sept. 26, 1835, and recorded Dec. 30, 1835. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:28]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Smith on September 26, 1835]

Sept 26th 1835. (only taken down in part) A Blessing given at Kirtland by Joseph Smith sen. Patriarch upon the head of John Smith son of Asael and Mary Smith, born July 16th 1781. In Deryfield, Newhampshire.

My brother son of my mother, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee the blessing of a father, since thou hast no father and also a Patriarchal Blessing; and thy posterity shall be blessed, and have power to do much good in their day and generation; thy mind shall be enlarged and thy seed and posterity shall become great. Thou shalt sit in council with thy forefathers and with the ancient of days: I seal upon thy head all the blessings of Joseph and also all the blessings of Earth and Heaven, for thou hast been afflicted much, but the Lord will make it up unto thee, for thou shalt be had in remembrance at the day of the coming of the Lord, and if thou Should be called to lay down thy body, thou shalt come forth and meet them in the clouds if thou art faithfull. I ask my Heavenly Father to give thee power to save thy wife's relatives, according to the desire of thy heart and bring them up in the first resurrection; the number of thy years shall be according to thy faith, even to be like those of Moses; thine eye shall not be dim neither shall thy natural force be abated; thy name shall be known to the ends of the earth; and they shall seek to thee for council, even the great men from the ends of the earth; thy children shall receive the Holy Priesthood in common with thee and they shall be instruments in the hand of God, in bringing many souls to the truth: all these Blessings I seal upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Recorded by his youngest Son John L. Smith G S L City Utah. Feb. 14th 1859.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:142-143]

[Patriarchal blessing of Clarrisa Smith on September 26, 1835]

Sept. 26. 1835. A Blessing give at Kirtland by Joseph Senr. Patriarch upon the head of Clarisa Smith daughter of Richard and Philomela Lyman born June 27. 1790. Lebanon, Grafton Co. Newhampshire.

Beloved Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a Father Blessing in the name of Jesus Christ and I ask my Heavenly Father to increase thy faith; and inasmuch as thou hast been grievously afflicted with the inflam[m]ation in thine eyes, I ask my Heavenly Father that thy body may be strengthened, that thy faith my increase, thou mayest receive thy sight; thou shalt be blessed in common with thy Husband with the Holy Priesthood; thy sensitive powers and every faculty of thy mind shall increase; and thou shalt have claim by the power of faith and the Lord shall return thine apostate brother to the bosom of the church and the days of thy mourning for him shall cease; thou shalt have power to bring many if not all thy relatives to a knowledge of the truth; I seal all the blessings upon thee, which were sealed upon thy companion, with long life and every temporal blessing; I also seal thee up to eternal Life, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood. Amen.

John L. Smith Recorder. G S L City Feb. 14. 1859 The two foregoing blessings were taken down only in part. and that part has been missing & was not recorded in their regular place J. L. Smith. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:143]

[Patriarchal blessing of Asahel Perry on October 15, 1835]

Asahel Perry was born in Williamsburgh, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, February 26, 1785.

Brother Perry, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, and I say unto thee, let the solemnities of eternity rest upon thee, and the Holy Spirit be shed forth in thy heart. Thou hast been rebellious against the work of the Lord, in that thou hast buried thy tallent, as it were, in the earth; but if thou wilt stir up thyself to faithfulness before the Lord, and humble thyself before him thou shalt obtain forgiveness and receive the Holy Spirit. Thou shalt see the heavens open, and thy soul shall be ravished with the glories of the eternal worlds; and thou shalt be enabled to proclaim the gospel with power and authority, even that those who hear thee shall be confounded; for the Spirit of the living God shall give thee wisdom and understanding, and thou shalt be enabled to execute thy mission. Thou shalt go forth to the nations of the earth, and proclaim to people afar off.

Thou hast yet a great work to do, for many will be the souls which thou wilt be instrumental in calling into the kingdom, if thou wilt give heed to the voice of the Lord. The holy angels shall minister unto thee, and no power shall prevent thee from doing the will and commandments of thy God. I seal upon thee the blessings of a father that thou and thy posterity may be blessed: and I say thou shalt be blessed and thy posterity after thee, with the privileges and benefits of the kingdom of God, equal with others; and they shall have inheritances with the saints and remain to partake of the blessings of the glorious rest when all know the Lord from the

least to the greatest. I confirm upon thee the holy ministry whereunto thou hast been ordained. Thou shalt tarry many years, even as long as thou shalt be useful in the kingdom of thy God. Strengthen thy faith, dear brother, for in due time thou shalt receive a fulness of the joys of thy soul; and thou shalt see the fruit of thy mission and thy ministry greatly multiplied. Thou shalt have power to call thy friends and kindsfolks into the church. I seal thee up unto eternal life; for the blessings of heaven are yours, and thy name is written on high. And if thou art faithful all these blessings shall come upon thee; even so. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk and Recorder. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, October 15, 1835, and recorded the same day. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:21]

[Patriarchal blessing of Marcellus McKown on December 9, 1835]

Marcellus McKown was born in Pompy, Onondaga County, New York, September 9th, 1807.

Brother, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and my heavenly Father to seal upon thee all the blessings of the priesthood. Inasmuch as thou hast desired, with all thy heart, that which John desired, and hast embraced, with all thy soul, the cause of the Lord, the desires of thy heart shall be granted. Thou art of the tribe of Joseph, and shalt be blessed in labor, even to the sealing of these blessings upon thy children and children's children, down to the latest generation. Thy seed shall be as the of heaven. Thy mind shall be enlarge: thy heart shall expand, as it were, to comprehend thy God. Thou shalt circumf[e]rence the earth. Thou shalt be enabled to ward off judgments; and no power shall stand before thee if thou confide in thy God. Thou shalt behold the judgments and distress that shall come upon this generation. Thou shalt have great power with thy God, and shall behold his glory. Thou shalt be blessed with health and long life, and many blessings upon thy family, even to the sealing of them up unto eternal life. Angels shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt see Christ in the flesh. Thy companion is blessed in common with thee, and is sealed up unto eternal life like unto her husband, and thou shalt write to her, and these blessings shall be enjoy unto her, in afflictions, inasmuch as thou art faithful; even so. Amen.

Erastus Wightman, Clerk. Given in Willoughby, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1835, and recorded in this book the 21st. of the same month. Oliver Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:25]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Hitchcock on December 16, 1835]

Jesse Hitchcock was born in in Ash County, North Carolina, August 10, 1801.

Brother Jesse, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head to seal upon thee a father's blessing, because thy father hath become an idolator. Thou hast seen affliction, but the Lord hath preserved thee for a great work. Thou art of the seed of Israel and a servant of the Lord to assist in building up his kingdom in these last days preparatory to his coming to reign on the earth a thousand years. Thou, if faithful in keeping all the commandments, shall be instrumental in carrying salvation to many, and of doing many marvelous acts. And if thou desirest thou mayest be translated: or, if thou desirest, thou mayest tarry to see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be a mighty man if faithful:

thou shalt have power even as Alma of old. Yea, if thou seekest diligently, thou shalt have power to save thy father and his household. Yea, thou shalt have power to do many great things: nothing shall be too hard for thee: the rivers shall obey thy voice, and the wicked shall tremble at the power and greatness of thy deeds if thou continuest to magnify thyself before the Lord in righteousness. I seal upon thee this blessing in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Wm. W. Phelps, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Dec. 16, 1835, and recorded in this book the 22nd of the same month. O. Cowdery, R[ecorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:26]

[Patriarchal blessing of Applia Dow on December 17, 1835]

Applia Dow's Blessing

Sister, thou art an orphan, lonely and deprived of thy dearest friend, cast out, no father[']s house or mother to comfort thee, but the Lord shall uphold thee and keep thy heart which has been broken while thy children shall be near unto thee and be saved with thee in the celestial kingdom. Thy prayers are heard and shall be answered and thy soul comforted. Thine ears shall soon be saluted with the sound of thy former companions, death if he does not repent and you are free from him and at liberty to be married to another & if thou desire thou shalt yet have a companion & call thy children home & they shall be blessed and become sheep of the good shepherd. Thou art a child of God even from thy youth. a daughter of Abraham, and thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life, so that no power can be able to draw thee away. for thy mind is pure and thou art a favorite of heaven and thy home in celestial glory. shall see visions and thy Redeemer shall stand in thy presence and give thee the gift of wisdom and of healing that thou mayest save thyself and thine from the power of the destroyer & all the gifts necessary for thee shall be given unto thee, either for time or for eternity, even so Amen.

Given Decr. 17th 1835 by J. Smith Senior Sylvester Smith Clerk. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:39]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harlow Redfield and companion on December 26, 1835]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Snr. Kirtland Dec 26. 1835 upon the head of Eld[er]. Harlow Redfield, born Killingworth Middlesex co. C. T. Sept 25th A. D 1801

Brother Redfield — In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head & confirm a patriarchal [patriarchal] blessing thee by authority of the Holy Priesthood. even the blessing of a father which shall descend to thy posterity which shall call thee blessed in consequence of the covenants & blessings which thou shalt obtain – thou must be faithful & teach teach thy children righteousness. God hath had his eye upon thee from thy early life & watched over thee & raised thee up for a good purpose. even in eternity he looked upon thee & thou art sealed up unto eternal life & thine [thine] eye shall see him for thou art of the seed of Joseph even the pure blood of Ephraim Satan hath desired to afflict thee & thou hast seen his power in thy family which is the power of death.

Thou must resign thyself into the hands of thy God & sink down into his will & he will give thee joy & thou shalt see thy Redeemer & know for thyself like Job & be equal to the task of proclaiming the gosple [gospel] in all places. for thou shalt continue in the gospel field so long

as there is one wicked man on the face of the whole earth to hear thy voice. Thou shalt stand upon the earth till the end of wickedness & see the winding up scene. God shall support thee & be with thee to deliver thee from the power of all thy enemies. & give thee power over fire to command all things, heal the sick, cast out Devils open the eyes of the blind, & do all things that shall come within thy mission to do. Thou shalt stand among the 100 & 44000 even as thou hast desired, with the thousands which thou shalt gather from the nations & present spotless before the throne of God And thy joy & rejoicings shall be even a fulness of celestial glory — I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

Also a blessing for thy companion who is absent She also is sealed up unto eternal life. & I seal a blessing for her even all power which shall be necessary for her in all circumstances, that she may be able to resist the adversary, & escape the power of the destroyer — She shall remain on the earth even to the end of time & live till She is fully satisfied with life, & the blessing of heaven shall rest upon her, & she shall be qualified for every duty – with wisdom, intel[ligence], all things both for her & her children, to teach them their duties & govern her house in the absence of her husband. & be accepted at last in the celestial kingdom. These & all kneadful [needful] blessings I seal for her in the name of Jesus Amen.

Written for H. Redfield By Sylvester Smith Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Wight on December 29, 1835]

Lyman Wight was born in Fairfield, Herkimer County, New York, May 9, 1796.

Brother Wight, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and seal upon thy head the blessings of a father, and the authority of thy ministry. The enemy will seek to destroy thee; for he will try to lift thee up in pride, and make thee think much of thyself for thy elequence [eloquence]: but be careful, and not let the pride of thy heart destroy thee, for thou art called to preach the gospel of Jesus, even thy Redeemer, to the ends of the earth; and if thou art faithful in keeping all the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt have power to prevail with him, that he will deliver thee from the grasp of thy enemies and bring thee off triumphant over all the powers of darkness. Thou hast labored much in the cause of thy God, even since the word was proclaimed in these regions, and great shall be thy rejoicing with those who were converted under thy ministry, in as much as they remain faithful, in the great day to come; yea, and great shall be thy reward in the Kingdom of God: for it is in thy power, by keeping the commandments, to call thy thousands into the true fold, even among tongues and languages that thou knowest not: therefore, gird up thy loins like a man of God, lay aside every principle which is not ordained of him, seek humility and faith, that thy mind may be stayed upon the God of Jacob, who will deliver thee from the powers of darkness, and give thee power to do mighty works: the sick shall be healed under thy ministration, the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the deaf shall hear and the lame shall walk.

The Spirit of the Lord shall be poured upon thee in great abundance, so that thy heart shall be comforted in the hour of affliction, for know assuredly that many afflictions will come upon thee when thou are far from thy home, gathering up the Lord's elect: and thy heart will be filled with many sorrows when thy eyes shall behold the calamity and distress which shall come upon the wicked; for thou shalt see many people visited with the wrath and indignation of the most high, because they reject the fulness of the gospel. Thou art a descendant of Joseph, and shall be numbered with his horns to push the people together. The Lord loves thee; but satan will

seek to destroy thee, but shall not prevail; for thou shalt grow stronger and stronger, if diligent before the Lord, till no power of hell shall be able to turn thee from thy steadfastness.

Thy wife and thy children shall be blessed in common with thee. God shall comfort the heart of thy companion in thy absence: this day she shall feel the warming influence of the Holy Spirit to comfort her: for she is of the seed of Abraham, and shall have all blessings in common with thee. And thy children shall be blessed to the latest generation; for they shall possess their inheritances with the people of God, and shall dwell upon the land of Zion forever. Be faithful, brother Wight, and I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland Ohio, December 29, 1835, and recorded January 1, 1836. Oliver Cowdery, Re'r. [Recorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:29-30]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ezra Hayes on December 29, 1835]

Ezra Hayes was born in Burton, Geauga County, Ohio, January 28, 1800.

Brother Hayes, in the name of thy Redeemer I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce the blessings of a father upon thee, for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity after thee. And I seal thy ordination upon thee that thou mayest bring many souls unto salvation. Thou shalt be made mighty in proclaiming the gospel, if thou wilt be diligent before the Lord in searching after wisdom; for he will be on thy right hand and on thy left, and his angels will go before thee to deliver thee from the hands of those who seek thy life. Thou shalt have power to bring many of thy father's family to know the truth; for the Lord will make thy words mighty to their conversion. Thou must travel to preach the gospel, and thou shalt have power to proclaim it to the ends of the earth, and many shall be gathered to the places of refuge through the power of thy testimony, if thou art faithful to thy calling. Thou shalt have life temporal and life spiritual, and thy children after thee. And I seal thee up unto eternal life, and command all these blessings upon thy head inasmuch as thou art faithful, in the name of Jesus Christ; even so. Amen.

F. G. Williams, Clerk. Given in Kirtland, Ohio, December 29, 1835, and recorded January 1, 1836. O. Cowdery, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:30]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Morey on December 29, 1835]

George Morey was born in Pittstown, New York, Nov. 13th 1803

Brother Morey in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon the[e] a father's blessing, for thy benefit and the benefit of thy posterity after thee forever, for it shall come to pass when thou hast gone home, the words of the prophets of these days shall be searched and in the book of blessings shall be found inheritances promised by the mouth of the Lord and their right through faithfulness and holiness to the holy priesthood. Thou hast had many temptations and Satan has sought thy destruction: but if thou art faithful and dost continue in humility the Lord will give the power to overcome his wicked desires. Thou shalt have power to deliver thyself from all thy enemies and triumph over every one that shall unrighteously oppose thy way.

Thou must go forth and preach the gospel, but thou wilt have many dangers and afflictions to pass through: yet the Lord will extend his mighty hand for thy deliverance, and his

holy angels will be round about thee. Thou shalt be endowed with much wisdom and great understanding, if thou wilt diligently seek after the same, for the Lord will make of thee a mighty man in the gospel, and thou shalt convince many thousands of the way of life. Thou shalt lift up thy voice in distant countries, and astonish the great men of the earth with the power of God, which shall be at thy command, and they shall fall down and confess of a truth, that the Lord is thy strength and thy support. Thou art a son of Zion, even an inhabitant of that goodly land, and thou shalt have an inheritance with thy brethren there, and thy posterity after thee. I seal all these blessings upon thee, and also seal thee up unto eternal life. And if thou art faithful and thy seed after thee, all these blessings shall come upon thee & upon them even so, Amen.

Given in Kirtland Ohio Decr. 29th 1835 [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:37]

[Patriarchal blessing of Orson Hyde on December 29, 1835]

Brother Hyde - In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head the second time to bless thee and thou shalt be blest - I give unto thee a Father's Blessing - a blessing that shall reach thy Posterity. The time will come when thou shalt behold thy Redeemer - thou shalt behold him face to face - he will instruct thee into the mysteries of his kingdom - he will show thee the right way. He will give thee wisdom and understanding. Thou hast a great work to do in the Earth and thou must be faithful and do thy duty or blood will be found in thy skirts. Thou shalt travel to the ends of the earth and among thy kingdom - thou shalt have power to know his spirit - Yea brother thou shalt travel from land to land from sea to sea and from island to island and be a mighty man in the Earth. Thou shalt have all power. Thou wilt have enemies and they will have power to confine thee within the walls of a prison for a little season. Thou shalt be able to deliver thyself from prison and from the hands of wicked men. No power of the enemy shall stay thy hand.

Thou shall have power over prisons and prison walls and over fires and floods. Thou shall have power to proclaim the Everlasting Gospel to all nations and bring many of thy fellowmen into the kingdom. Thou shall bring them to Zion. Thou and thy posterity shall have inheritance in Zion. Thy children shall be great in the earth. Thou and they shall stand among the Saints. The Lord will lengthen out thy life and give thee blessings - spiritual and temporal. Yea thou shalt stand on the earth and behold thy Savior and meet him in the cloud when he comes with power and great glory to reward his saints and judge his enemies. Thou shalt stand to witness the winding up scene of this generation. If thou art faithful thou shalt have the desires of thy heart and rejoice in the God and rock of thy Salvation. This is thy blessing in the name of Jesus Christ. I seal it on thy head. By the powers of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus, I seal thee up to Eternal Live. Amen and Amen.

Patriarchal Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr. Dated 1836

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Dow on January 9, 1836]

Abigail Dow was born in Brutus New York April 14th 1818.

Sister Snow [sic; Dow] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head & seal upon thee this blessing of a father that thy right and thy inheritance among the saints of God may be secured unto thee. Therefore lift up thy heart and rejoice and let thy mind be solemn in presence of the Lord, for according to thy desires in righteousness, thou shalt receive. And it shall come to pass in process of time that thou shalt be healed of thy lameness, and be raised up and be made a mother in Israel; and thy posterity shalt be kept in the covenant of grace, and like thyself enjoy long life and all the blessings of earth and heaven which can be desired in righteousness before the Lord. For the angels shall be round about thee on thy right hand and on thy left. and the Holy Spirit shall rest upon thee, and thy heart shall be made large with the glories of the upper world. Be faithful. keep all the commandments of God. Live virtuously and soberly and great shall be thy reward, even peace in this life and salvation in the world to come, even so Amen.

F. G. Williams Clerk Given in Kirtland Ohio January 9th 1836 [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:39]

[Patriarchal blessing of Henry Garrett on January 29, 1836]⁷

Henry Garrett, born in Deerfield, Onidea Co. N.Y. Sept 5. A D. 1814 -

Bro. I bless thee by the authority of the Priesthood [the] Lord had eye upon thee, Satan seek destruction relatives also I seal thee unto life. power to tread the adversa[r]y under thy feet & be useful reclaim friends. be a son of God, an heir jointly with Jesus Christ. stand on the earth if faithful till thou hast recd all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness, the Lord shall bless thy chil[dren] after thee with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob, shall walk with companion to the House of God & see his glory fill the house & thou shalt receive all the blessings which thy heart can desire--I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles H. Smith on January 29, 1836]

Charles H. Smith born in Potsdam St. Lawrence Co Ny. April 16. 1817-

Thou art in thy youth - satan will lay many snares for thee but I secure thee by the power of the holy priesthood from his grasp. thou hast no father - an orphan. The Lord shall watch over thee & keep thee & thou shalt receive the priesthood & be mighty in word, save father[']s house

⁷ The six blessings of January 29, 1836 are synopsis of the blessings receive.

receive all the blessings of the Earth even of A[braham] I[saac] & Jacob - stand on earth till Redeemer [Redeemer] com[es] & do all that the power of the holy priesthood can qualify thee for. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Marietta Carter on January 29, 1836]

Marietta Carter born in Benson Rutland Co. Vt. April 1, AD. 1818-

Thou art an orphan & the Lord shall bless thee more than thy own father could do if he had not been taken from thee - thy name is written in the Book of life - become a companion & a mother - Lord bless thy children & some of them shall prophecy - thy father laid down his life for the redemption of Zion - his spirit watches over thee - thy heart shall be filled with light not sleep in the dust - see thy Redeemer [Redeemer] come in the clouds of heaven. & be caught up to meet him & be ever with him--these blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Angeline Carter on January 29, 1836]

Angeline Carter born in Benson Rutland co. V.t. Aug[u]st 26 1823

Thou art a child - thy heart is pure & Satan shall have no power over thee because of thy blessing God shall be thy father, an heir with Jesus - observe the words of thy friends who care for thee & seek to please them. The Lord will give thee children & wisdom to teach them righteousness, & they shall be blest of the Lord & call thee blessed, a daughter of Abraham live till satisfied with life. I seal the[e] up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Joanna Carter on January 29, 1836]

Joanna Carter born in Putnam Ny - Nov. 26. AD. 1824 -

I seal the blessings of a father, thy father is no more. blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob. strength health healed of all infirmities. Satan have no power to afflict - Lord guard thee by his holy Angels - name written in heaven - eyes opened to see visions Angels minister unto thee - a companion - lead thee to the house of God - see the glory of God fill the house - see the end of this generation - have power to stand against all the power of satan & overcome through the faith which is in Jesus. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Nancy Carter on January 29, 1836]

Nancy Carter born in Benson Rutland Co. V.t. Feby. 26 AD. 1827-

Thou art a child - the Lord loves thee Satan shall seek in vain to destroy thee - Lord raise friends for thee which shall guard thee from the destroyer. thy name is written in heaven live to see the winding up of this generation Angels shall watch over thee in thy youth Eyes op[e]ned - see thy God - raise children in righteousness & they shall be blest & call thee blessed because of thy diligence in teaching them the doctrine of the kingdom. I seal all these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Ebenezer Robinson on January 31, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing by Joseph Smith Senr. Kirtland Ohio January 31st 1836 For Ebenezer Robinson who was born in Floyd, Oneida Co. N. Y. May 25th 1816.

Brother Robinson, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm the blessing of Abraham Isaac & Jacob upon thee Thou art an orphan as to the things of the kingdom. Thy father hath not known his duty nor understood the will of God, yet if thou wilt seek with all thy might thou shalt win him to the truth, either in this world or that which is to come. & I confirm this blessing upon thee. Thou hast been willing to listen to the voice of the good shepherd and to obey the truth. The Lord has called after thee when thou wast vand [vain] followed after the imagination of thine own heart. Thou art of the Seed of Abraham & a son of the covenant, and shall be called to proclaim the gospel to the nations of the earth, to many kindred & tongues and to a people that ar[t] afar off. This is thy calling and the birth whereunto thou art called & the Lord shall make thee mighty in the ministry.

Thou shalt speak like unto an angel of God: and the powers of God shall attend thy words, and all things shall be subject unto thee through faith, & thou shalt have power to remove every obstacle Mountains shall tremble before thee, and rivers shall divide at thy command, and whatsoever thou shalt desire to do which is right shall be given thee to do. Thou shalt be blest in thy posterity to the latest generation and after generations shall rise up and call thee blessed. Thou shalt escape the power of pain and of sickness, if thou art faithful, and thy days shall be many and thou shalt preach the Gospel, while there are any to hear & stand upon the earth till thy Redeemer comes in the clouds of heaven. & no power shall be able to take away thy life for thou shalt prevail over all thy enemies and be a conqueror through the victory and triumph of the Lamb. and stand with him on mount Zion, and thy blessing shall be sure unto thee. for I seal them upon thee, and I seal the[e] up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:108]

[Patriarchal blessing of Angeline Eliza Robinson (January 31, 1836)]

Also of Angeline his wife who was born in Aurelius Cayuga Co. N. Y August 22d 1813.

Sister let thy heart be humble & believe. Thou hast been afflicted with sickness & thou shalt yet be afflicted if thou art not faithful but I lay my hands upon thee in the name of Jesus & command that Satan shall have no power over thee to afflict thee with sickness if thou wilt believe and be faithful, he shall not prevail against thee nor be able to draw thee away from thy God for the Lord thy God loveth thee and in a very few months thou shalt be the very picture of health and thou shalt be healed of all thine infirmities. & I seal all necessary power to resist the enemy to over come. Thou must be faithful in all thy duties to thy companion and children & when he is called away from thee. then thou must be patient and the Lord shall take care of thee and thy life shall be hid with Christ in God and thy life shall be as the life of thy husband even to the coming of the Son of God. and thou shalt raise up children to the glory of God

Thy name is written in heaven and shall never be blotted out except thou deny thy God & that knowingly. Thy children shall be mighty before God and shall bear his name before the wise and noble. Angels shall minister unto thee and God shall comfort thee in all thy sufferings [sufferings]. Thou shalt hear his voice speaking to thee from the heavens teaching thee the things

of the kingdom. Thou shalt stand upon the earth till thy husband returns after accomplishing his ministry to the nations & then thou shalt hail him and thy joy shall be full. & the glory of God shall fill thy soul even a glory and a joy which thou art now able to appreciate. I seal these blessings upon thee and all the blessings that thou needest that they may be sure unto thee. and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, even so Amen.

Sylvester Smith Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:108-109]

[Patriarchal blessing of Julian Moses (February 20, 1836)]

Blessing of Julian Moses who was born at Norfolk, Litchfield County Ct. A.D. 1810

Brother Moses; I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of thy Redeemer even Jesus C[h]rist the son of the living God, and I ask my heavenly Father to put the same thoughts in my heart that our Redeemer would speak if he were in my place. & I ask that all things may be done in righteousness, and I seal upon thy head, the blessings of a father, whether he blesses thee or not yea, thou shalt yet attain to the Melchisideck Priesthood, and thou shalt receive blessing upon blessing, and thou shalt not fall a prey to that monster that fell from his high standing, before the most high: Thou shalt be blessed with all the blessings pertaining to the Aaronic priesthood, and thou shalt fill up thy days in usefulness, and thou shalt come up to the Melchisideck priesthood, and if faithful thou shalt stand upon the earth, and proclaim the gospel as long as there shall be a wicked man, upon the face of the whole earth, to hear the sound thereof, and thou shalt have visions and shalt gaze upon the heavens, and the glories thereof, and thou shalt arise up to meet Christ in the air, while the earth shall reel to and fro and be cleansed and prepared for the saints and if thy father also shall bless thee, then thou shalt receive a double blessing. And thou art faithful I seal all these blessings upon thy head, and I ask my heavenly Father to seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53-54]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan Crosby on February 21, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing, by Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland Feb 21st AD 1836 Jonathan Crosby Jun, born in Wendall, Franklin Co Mass. July 20th 1807

Brother Crosby, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus, and confirm the blessings of a father upon thee, and for thy posterity also, for thou shalt raise up children, and the Lord shall bless them, and they shall be kept in the covenant of Abraham, and receive the holy priesthood. And thou shalt have great joy over them, if thou wilt discharge thy duty unto them. Thou hast been called with an high and holy calling. The Lord hath looked upon thee in past days, and thou hast obeyed His voice, even the voice of the good Shepherd, in obeying the gospel. Thou art of the seed of Israel, even an Ephraimite, and the Lord shall give thee power to claim thy father, and all thy connexions [connections] according to the flesh, that thy joy may be full.

The visions of heaven shall be open unto thee, and the voice of thy God shall speak unto thee, so that thou shalt know for thyself. I seal all former blessings, Even the blessings of the holy anointing, which thou hast received, and the most holy priesthood, which has been confirmed upon thee. Thou shalt go from land to land, and preach in large ships of the ocean, and

have power over the winds and waves. Be wafted from place to place, by the power of God. Be caught up to the third heavens, and behold unspeakable things, whether in the body or out. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh, and know that He lives. Angels shall minister unto thee, and protect thee from thine enemies, so that none shall be able to take thy life. And when thy mission is full here, thou shalt visit other worlds, and remain a Priest in eternity. Thou shalt stand upon the earth 'till the Redeemer comes, See the end of this generation, and when the heavens rend, thou shalt rise and meet thy God in the air. And thy thousands shall be with thee. Thy family also, and thy posterity also. If thou wilt live for these blessings, thou shalt receive them. And I seal thee up unto eternal life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Crosby (February 21, 1836)]

Also Caroline his wife. Born in Warwick Franklin co. Mass Jan 5th AD 1807

Sister Crosby, let thy heart rejoice. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thy heart is pure, and thou shalt be blest. Thou shalt never want for blessings if thou wilt keep the commandments I seal blessings for thee in common with thy husband. Thy life shall be as his life, and thy years as his years, And thou also shalt see thy Redeemer come in the clouds of heaven, and thy joy shall be full. When thou prayest in faith the Lord shall answer thy prayers. Angels shall minister unto thee. And thy husband shall receive strength from thy prayers when he is absent from thee. And you shall know each others state by the Spirit when in far distant lands, and be comforted. Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion, for thee and thy children. See the glory of God fill the house. Even the glory of the kingdom of heaven And if thou desirest thou shalt bid the grave adieu, and never sleep in the dust, but rise to meet thy Redeemer at His coming, and shalt then be forever with the Lord. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sylvester Smith - scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Oliver Harmon on March 8, 1836]

Brother. In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head ac[c]ording to the authority [authority] given me of God an[d] the power of the holy Priesthood I seal the blessings of a Father upon thee. thou must now Keep the Commandments of God because thou hast lived many years in sin & vanity. yet the Lord hath looked on thee & brought thee into the covenant of the people in the last days & made thee an heir of Abraham & joint heir with Jesus Christ. & I seal a blessing for thy Children & thy Children[']s Children & they shall be rec[k]oned in thy covenant [covenant] even in the covenant of Abraham & receive an inheritance with their brethren in Zion. thou shalt hold them by the prayer of faith & present them spotless before God in the Kingdom of the Father.

thou must Seek wisdom & Keep the Word of Wisdom, & thou Shalt live till thou art Satisfied with life, & the destroyer [destroyer] Shall have no power to prevail against thee, thou Shalt have power over death & the grave & not sleep in the dust, but if thou wilt seek with all thy heart thou shalt be able to translate & be with Elijah in the Kingdom of heaven. & if not then God['s] will shall be done. thou shalt have power to save thy relatives & keep them by faith

from all the power of satan so that he Shall have no dominion over them. these blessings I seal for thee. & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Harmon on March 8, 1836]

Sister I also lay my hands upon thy head, an[d] Confirm blessings in common with thy husband, thou art, as it were of one age, & thy days shall be spent together, thy life also shall be presious [precious] in the sight of thy God. thy day[s] shall be as his days, & thy years as his years. thou shalt see much calamity come on this generation. & great things shall take place in thy day. Zion shall be built up a holy city. the glory of God rest on the land. & wickedness shall be destroyed from off the face of the earth, thou shalt see the desires of thy Soul & be Satisfeid if thou desire thou shalt tarry till the Redeemer [Redeemer] comes. and thou Shalt see him in the flesh. an[d] thy blessings shall be on the blessing of thy husband in this thing also. & thou Shalt triumph over the grave. thou art a daughter of Abraham & of the seed of Israel an[d] thy children Shall be Kept in the covenant. thou Shalt be one served in health & have the blessings of the earth even all things according to thy desires. both Spiritual & tempo[r]al, an[d] I seal thee up unto eternal life in the nam[e] of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of Charles Jameson on March 21, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing By Joseph Smith Senr. Kirtland ohio. March 21. 1836 Charles Jameson Born in Kertorous York Co. P.a. April 9. 1803

Brother Jameson Let thy heart rejoice, the Lord loves thee & thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord & seal a father[']s blessing upon thee, for thou art an orphan & hast no father to bless thee, but God shall be thy father & he hath reserved a blessing for thee, & if thou wilt keep the commandments thou shalt be made an heir jointly with Jesus Christ. thou art a son of Abraham, of the seed of Joseph, an Ephraimite by blood. & if thou wilt seek to be prepared thou shalt in the due time of the Lord [illegible] the holy priesthood & be one to push the people together from the [e]nds of the Earth & do much good, thou art a peculiar man, the Lord hath looked upon thee from the begging [beginning] & designed to make thee a mig[h]ty man before him & a means of doing much good in the Earth, seek thy God with all thy might & powers & thou shalt find him, thou seen afflictions in thy days & shalt see many more, but the Lord shall be with thee & bless thee. thy companion also & thy little ones with blessing upon blessing. if thou bring them up in the fear of the Lord they shall receive the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob.

thy seed shall be many numerous even like Israel, & thou shalt see them in the Kingdom of heaven praising God & great shall be thy joy on their account thou shalt be the means of saving many souls, & those whom thou shalt convince of the truth of the gospel shall be as stars in thy crown of glory — thou shalt have power to stand on Earth till the heavens shall rend. the Earth real to & fro, & stagger like a drunken man. shalt gaze upon the glories of the Redeemer [Redeemer] & have power to stand & not be consumed with the wicked. shall be clothed upon with the righteousness of Christ. have on the wedding garments enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb with those whom thou shalt gather from the Nations & stand in the midst of the hundred & forty & four thousands which John saw having the harps of God. these are thy

blessings & thou shalt receive them if faithful for I seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus
Amen

Sylvester Smith scribe

[Patriarchal Blessing of Jesse Baker on March 22, 1836]

A Patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland Ohio 22d March 1836 for Jesse Baker who was born in Charleston Rhode Island January 23 1778

Brother, thou art an Elderly man and according to the common course of nature must soon go down to the grave, yet the Lord thy God is able to keep the[e] many years. and I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus and seal as upon an orphan. a father[']s blessings, even the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob. All blessings which thou canst ask or desire & if thou desirest and will keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments thy life shall be secure unto thee [illegible] to the end and thy years shall be many. Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion and see the glories of Zion and be a sharer therein. Thou shalt yet speak the word of life to many people and the Lamanites shall hear thy voice and hear the word of truth from thy mouth and thou shalt yet be mighty in the kingdom of God: and if thy strength will permit thou shalt receive the ministry and travel forth even upon distant lands and proclaim the gospel to many people

Thou shalt see thy redeemer in the flesh & if thou wilt seek with all thy soul and bow thyself like Sampson to do the work of God and devote thy life to his service, treasure up wisdom and seek to know all things, thou shalt have the blessings of heaven above and of the earth beneath and thy posterity shall be blessed even with a multiplicity of blessings. Like Jacob teach, thy Daughter tell her to teach her children and so on to all generations and all thy generations shall be blest. Thou shalt live to see a good old age and know that thy Redeemer lives also, and when thou shalt desire to depart and live with with him. then it shall be thy privilege for thou shalt have thy desire in this matter. These are thy blessings and I seal them upon thy head and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:101]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Sally Baker on March 22, 1836]

Also a patriarchal blessing of Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland Ohio March 22d 1836 for Sally Baker who was born in Rehoboth Massachusetts May 22 1782

Sister in the name of Jesus according to the power of the holy priesthood & the calling whereunto I have been called, I seal blessings in common with thy companion. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and seek to serve God in all things. yea thou hast sought to do the will of thy heavenly Father and thou hast loved much, and thou shalt rejoice much; thy life shall be long. thou shalt see Zion built up and the people of God flourish upon the hills and the glory of God cover the land and thy soul shall be satisfied and thou shalt say it is enough.

If thou shalt desire, thou mayest depart and rest a little season but it shall be thy privilege to be translated and rise victorious over the grave and sing O death where is thy sting, O, grave where is thy victory, and leave the world behind. Thy posterity shall be blessed also and enter into all thy blessings thou must teach them the Gospel of the Kingdom and thou shalt have them

with thee even all, for thy covenant shall reach them, and thy faith shall hold them for thy faith shall be strong in the Lord. Thou shalt see angels and thy soul shall be filled and thou shalt be satisfied with blessings for thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart & I seal all these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen

S. Smith Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:101-102]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ethan Barrows (March 23, 1836)]

Ethan Barrows was born in Dalton N. H. Coos County January 12th 1817

My young brother, thou art in the slippery paths of youth, and must watch lest thou fall into the snares of the enemy. Thou wilt live to see many sorrows and afflictions come upon this generation. The Lord hath a great work for thee to do & I lay my hands upon thy head to secure thy thy life, from all thine enemies and the power of the destroyer, and I bless thee with the blessings of the gospel and with power to stand against all the power of Satan, so that he shall not be able to prevail against thee. Thou must stand in the midst of wars and see man slay his fellow man while thousands shall fall by famine and pestilences upon thy right hand and on thy left, and the destroyer shall sweep his thousands by night and by day, and thine eye shall see it and thy heart will grieve, and thou shalt weep over the calamities that shall come upon thy fellow man. And the Lord shall speak to thee from the heavens & comfort thee. Angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt rejoice in thy God in the midst of all the devastations which thou shalt behold.

Thou art of the seed of Jacob and shalt have all the power of the holy priesthood and minister unto many. Thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together from the ends of the earth, and if thou wilt serve God with all thy might mind and strength, thou shalt receive a crown of celestial glory in the kingdom of the Father and live to see the end of this generation & proclaim the gospel to the end of the wicked, until the earth shall reel to and fro and stagger like a drunkard. at the coming of the glorious Messiah, for thou shalt live to see him come in the clouds of heaven, while thou art yet in the flesh. Thou must seek council at the hand of thy God, and keep all the commandments, and thou shalt receive all the power of the holy priesthood: power to raise the dead, heal the sick, cause the lame to walk and the dumb to speak. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from land to land, and from country to country, from one end of heaven to the other, & when thy work is done, thou shalt be translated from earth to heaven. Thou art one of the hundred & forty four thousand, who shall stand upon mount Zion with the harps of God. These blessings the Lord shall give unto thee in his own due time, & I seal them for thee in the name of Jesus, & I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:36]

[Patriarchal blessing of Michael Barkdull on March 23, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing Given at the hands of Joseph Smith, Sr. at Kirtland, Ohio, March 23, 1836 upon the head of Michael Barkdull Who was born in Turkeyfoot, Summit County, Pa., September 3, 1798

Brother, in the name of Jesus, I lay my hands upon your head and confirm a father's blessing, even a patriarchal blessing, upon thee. Thou art of the seed and lineage of Joseph, of

the blood of Ephraim, and art called by the Holy Priesthood. The Lord hath known thy lineage and watched thy blood from the beginning. His eye was upon thee in eternity and He has brought thee into the Church and appointed thee to seek out the blood of Joseph from the rocks, and the mountains, and from the caves and dens of the earth. Be a mighty man before God. Go from town to town, land to land, visit nations afar off, have strength of body and mind, see much tribulation, blood and carnage, flee through blood, shoe deep, while many are dying around thee, children and orphans crying, and heart weeps, and hear the sons speak to thee saying, "Save these orphan children," and thou shalt seek to gather them up for Zion. They shall call thee father and thy soul shall rejoice with them, Mobs shall seek thy life. Enemies shall hunt thee from place to place. God shall deliver thee even as Philip.

Ye shall have power to call fire from heaven to consume them, thrown down Prison walls. No harm can be able to prevail against thee. Angel shall guard thee. Thou hear the voice of God from heaven calling thy name and shall tell thee where to go to find safety. Thou shalt conquer thine enemies, save thousands, and rejoice with spirits in prison. Lead some from thence to thy unspeakable joy. This thy joy and exceeding great reward means all the desires of thine heart. In faithfulness, thy posterity enter into all the blessings and covenants and partake of all thy glory in the Kingdom of Heaven. I seal thee against all the powers of the destroyer, wars[,] prisons, dungeons, chains, evils, famines, pestilences, powers, whether on earth or hell, delivered, saved by the power of God and that only these thy blessings, I seal them for thee in the name of Jesus and, thou shalt receive them on condition of thy faithfulness, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Nelson Higgins on March 25, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing by Joseph Smith Sen. Kirtland, Ohio, 25 March 1836 for Nelson Higgins who was born in Milford, Sanatago, Co., New York, 1 Sept 1806.

Brother, thou hast willingly offered thy life, property and time a sacrifice to God for thy brethren And thy life is hid neither (from) Christ in the heavens and the Lord shall be mindful of thee. I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus and seal all former blessings which have been pronounced upon thee and many blessings which are to come. Keep the commandments and I seal upon thee by the power of the Priesthood and the Patriarchal authority the blessings of a Father, that thou mayest have power to teach thy children and keep them in the covenant while the earth remaineth and the Priesthood be kept among them, the Lord hath raised thee up and kept thee from the beginning and prepared thee for this work and made thee a son and an heir jointly with Jesus Christ for Jesus shall crown thee his and thou shalt have a white stone with a new name written and shall stand on Mount Zion with the hundred and forty and four thousands and sing a new song to God and the Lamb.

Thou shalt have all the power of the Holy Priesthood, power to divide waters, remove mountains, subdue enemies, quench the violence of fire[,] throw down walls, and new prisons, burst chains and escape the sword of the enemy and all power shall be given into thy hands and nothing shall be able to prevail against thee. Thou shalt be like unto thy Father Joseph, the heavens shall watch over thee for good and keep thee in all thy ways, the Lord shall speak unto thee as a man talketh to his friend. Thou shalt see the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet and thou shalt weep and wash his feet with tears and thou shalt see the wound in his side and know of a surety that he is thy Redeemer and will come to the deliverance of his saints. Thou shalt be instructed by him and go forth land to land and from sea to sea and be changed like unto

the three Nephites and death have no more dominion over thee, thou shalt be sick no more neither have pain save it be for the wickedness of man nothing can hold thee until thy mission is ended and thou go home to thy God. Thou shalt have blessings without end, more by far than can be told thee by mortal tongue, all blessings are thine whether in time or in Eternity, thou shalt receive all thy hearts desire and if thou art faithful no good thing shall be withheld from thee and I seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Sylvester Smith, Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Higgins on March 25, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing by Joseph Smith Sen. Kirtland, Ohio, 25 March 1836 for Sarah Higgins who was born in Columbus Chenango Co., New York, 5 April 1806.

Sister, why does't thou let thy mind sink down into doubts and fears and why has thou not been humble in past days so that the blessings of heaven should have been showered around thee with a liberal hand, leave past things and lift up thy soul and rejoice for glorious days are at hand, the church of the latter days is about to arise from her mournings and put on her beautiful garments. Open thine eyes and look for deliverance is at hand. I Lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus and seal the blessings of heaven upon thee, even blessings upon blessings and wisdom according to thy knead [need], in common with thy husband. Blessings of the earth so that thou shalt not want nor be distressed to thy family. For the Lord shall provide for thee in famines, wars and pestilences, the Lord thy Redeemer shall extend his mighty arm for thy salvation, thy name is sealed in heaven. Angels shall watch over thee, and keep thee and thou shalt be saved in the day of the Lord. Satan shall have no power to deceive thee and thy years shall be according to the extent of thy desire and thy days many till thou art satisfied with life, thou shalt receive all the desires of thy heart even all that thou canst ask in righteousness. Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and the Lord shall open the rich treasures of his grace upon you. I seal the blessing of life and salvation for thee and all the blessings and glories which thou mitt (might) seek at the hand of thy God and I seal thee up unto Eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Sylvester Smith, Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Stephen Post (March 26, 1836)]

Blessing of Stephen Post, who was born in Greenwich, Washington County, N. Y. Jany. 3d 1810

In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing. Thou hast no father to bless but art an orphan as to the things of the kingdom, for thy natural father hath no power to bless thee. but thou shalt be blessed with much good, and thy blessings shall descend to thy posterity even to the ends of the earth I seal a blessing for thy companion and children, and they shall be given unto thee and thou shalt raise them up for God, they shall receive the ministry and be a great blessing unto thee. Thou must seek to keep the commandments and the Lord will make thee equal to thy brethren in power, in strength, in activity. in all things. Thou shalt know all things, comprehend all wisdom, and if thou art called away before the Redeemer come, thou shalt continue to minister, for thou shalt preach to the spirits in prison. Be faithful before God,

and all power both in heaven and under heaven shall be given unto thee. Thou shalt be crowned with many sheaves.

Thou shalt see thy Redeemer and behold the prints of the nails in his hands and his feet, and thou shalt weep when thou seest him and seek to wash his feet with tears like Mary. He shall lay his hands upon thee and confirm thy ordination with his own voice, and seal all power upon thy head and bless thee with all the feelings of a father, & then thy soul shall be satisfied. These blessings thou shalt receive if thou wilt seek with all thy heart; for I now seal them for thee and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:73]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Knight (April 3, 1836)]

Blessing of Lydia Knight who was born in Sutton, Worcester Co. Mass. June 9th 1812

Sister Knight, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and ask my heavenly father to give me wisdom and power to pronounce such things as shall be according to the mind of the holy Spirit, and I also ask God to prepare to receive blessings, and pour them into thy soul even a fulness, and to give thee wisdom to abide all things that shall come upon thee and bless thee in thy outgoings and in thy incomings. I seal a father's blessing for thee & for thy posterity, for thou shalt be a mother of many children, and thou shalt teach them righteousness and have power to keep them from the power of the destroyer; and thy heart shall not be pained because of the loss of thy children; for the Lord shall watch over them and keep them and they shall be raised up for glory, be an ornament in the church.

Thou has been afflicted much in thy past days and thy heart has been pained many tears have fallen from thine eyes, and thou hast wept much, but thou shalt be comforted for thy sorrows are over. The Lord loves thee and has given thee a kind and loving companion for thy comfort and your souls shall be knit together and nothing shall be able to dissolve them: neither distress nor death shall separate you, you shall be preserved in life, go safely and speedily to Zion, have a good passage receive an inheritance in Jackson Co. within one year, see thy friends in Zion, thy brothers and sisters and rejoice with them, and shall see the glory of God. Angels shall visit thee and thy heart shall be comforted, Thou shalt receive all thy hearts desire. Thy soul shall be enlarged & thy mind expanded and thou shalt stand to see Israel gathered from their dispersions.

Thou shalt live to see the ten tribes come from the land of the North. the heavens rend and the son of man come in the clouds of heaven with all the glory of his father, and thou shalt rise and meet him and reign with him a thousand years, and thy offspring with thee. Great are thy blessings. I confirm blessings for thee in common with thy husband. blessings of the earth, and all things which thou needest for thy comfort, and thou shalt relieve the wants of the oppressed & minister unto the needy. All needed blessings I seal for thee, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:50]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Burkett on April 20, 1836]

Patriarchal blessing for George Burkett who was born in Bedford, Bedford County, Penn., October 18, 1780.

Brother Burkett, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and pray my Heavenly Father, in His name to put words into my mouth, and thoughts into my heart, such as God would speak if He were standing in our presence. I ask my Heavenly Father to send an holy angel to impose his hands upon thee and seal the words which shall be spoken on earth—in heaven, that they may attend thee through life. Thou hast lead and administered unto the sick, the afflicted and the Lord shall open the treasures of the earth unto thee and all thy wants shall be filled. Thou shall be blessed in thy out-goings and in thy incomings. Let all thy motives be pure and all thy sufferings shall be made up, and all thy afflictions even ten fold and thy heart rejoice in the goodness of God. I seal a Father's blessing for thee because thou hast no Father to bless thee, that thou may'st be a patriarch in thy family and lay thy hands upon them and bless them, and the Lord shall bless them and thou shall have the spirit to prophesy on their heads concerning all things to come to the last generation. Thy hear[t] shall be open and thy mind shall expand as wide as eternity, and thou shall comprehend God and his ways and be able to circumscribe the words and the wisdom of even the wise and the learned shall acknowledge thy wisdom. The power of God shall attend thee and thou shall be able to do all things. Call God thy Father, be made equal with thy brethren, be a joint heir with Jesus Christ to all the glory of the Father. Lift up thy head and rejoice for thy redemption draweth nigh.

Thou shall travel much and see much affliction and blood run down the streets shoe deep and destruction upon the wicked such as thou hast not known. Thou shall seek out and save many orphan children that shall call thee father and thou shall be a father to them, and save them from destruction. Thou shall have power in this generation, and do the things that are possible for man to do, and be not a bit behind in anything. Thou shall tarry till the Redeemer comes and see the winding up scenes of this generation. Thou shall see thy Redeemer and know that he lives, and shall come and thou shall hail him at his coming, whether alive or dead, but if thou will observe the word of wisdom, keep all the commandments, thou shalt not sleep in the dust, but rise victorious over death, and the grave and say, "O death, where is thy Sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory?" Thou shall be able to save thy brethren and friends and receive all the desires of thy heart in all things through faith and faithfulness, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Joseph Smith Sr., Patriarch Kirtland, Ohio, April 20, 1836 Sylvester Smith, Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of William Oglesby Clark on April 25, 1836]⁸

Kirtland, Ohio, April 25, 1836. A Blessing by Joseph Smith, For William Oglesby Clark, who was born in Madison, Indiana, June 25, 1817.

Brother, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head to pronounce upon thee a Father's blessing; which shall abide upon thee to deliver thee from the destroyer and upon thy posterity. Thou art but a youth, and must continue with patience and persistence. Satan will seek to turn thee away from the truth, darken thy mind, and lead thee away from the truth. Thou must be faithful and determined, and wrestle like Jacob for victory, and thou shalt overcome. Thou

⁸ Omissions were undecipherable because of fire and water damage.

shalt have the power of the holy priesthood, the blessing of Isaac and Jacob, and be kept in the covenant of Abraham, and be reckoned with the covenant people of God, and be great in this generation; talk with the great men of the earth, and they shall seek unto thee for wisdom; thou shalt be able to teach them things of God; thou shalt go forth and be strong; nothing shall be able to stop thee, but all that oppose thee shall be confounded. Thou shalt save many, and if thou art stopped it shall turn to the glory of God, and the salvation of souls. Thou shalt have all the blessings of heaven and earth, even a fullness, and all the desires of thy heart, in righteousness.

Thy life shall be long and thy years many, and thou shalt stand on the earth to the end. Thou art one of the hundred and forty and four thousand. This is thy blessing which thou hast desired and thou shalt receive that glory in the morning of the first resurrection, have power to bring thy friends . . . bring them into the covenant, . . . Against all thy enemies and tread upon them . . . and not be confounded, but be a mighty . . . preach the gospel in prisons . . . from these and lead them unto the kindness, do all that a man of God can do. These are thy blessings . . . this for thee, and they shall rest upon thee, if thou art faithful and if thou wilt acknowledge it and seal it upon thee, then it be a Father's blessing. If not, then it shall be a patriarchal blessing, even my blessing, and the heavens shall acknowledge it, and it shall be fulfilled if thou art faithful. I seal you unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sylvester Smith, Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Wellington Paul Wilson on April 25, 1836]

A Father's Blessing by Deliverance Wilson for his son, Wellington Paul, given at Kirtland, Ohio, April 25, 1836; Wellington Paul was born in Burlington, Chittenden Co. [Vermont], Feb. 1st, 1814. Spoken by the Patriarch Joseph Smith Sr.

In the Name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a Father's Blessing upon thee and to confirm the blessings of Heaven unto thy soul and to seal thee from the destroyer for thou shalt be protected by the Hosts of Heaven and the Lord shall give thee wisdom and discretion and if thou wilt be wise in choosing a companion thy seed shall be blessed with all the blessings of heaven and shall be holy and be sealed for time and eternity and receive blessings both spiritual and temporal and the priesthood shall be secured unto them and thou must prepare thy heart and mind in wisdom and understanding and with a desire for the salvation of thy fellow man and thou shalt receive the priesthood and all the power thereof and preach the gospel to the end of this generation and go to the kindreds and tongues of the earth and preach in their own language and stand unto the coming of the Redeemer in the clouds of heaven and thou shalt seek out and save thy acquaintances and kindred according to the flesh and thy desire shall be granted.

No prison shall be made sufficiently strong to hold thee. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. No arm that is raised against thee shall prevail, for thou shalt be filled with the spirit even to deliverance by the power of God. Thou shalt see the heavens opened. Angels shall minister to thee. Thou shalt have power to waft thyself from place[s] like Philip so that thine enemies cannot find thee and thou shalt be greatly favored of heaven. Thou art of [the] lineage and seed of Joseph and the Lord loves thee. Obey the requirements of the gospel and keep the commandments and all these blessings shall rest upon thee. Thou shalt see the glory of Zion and the Temple thereof and within its walls thou shalt see thy Redeemer. These are thy blessings and I seal them for thee in the Name of Jesus and the thousands which thou shalt bring

from the nations shall be sealed also and thou shalt rejoice with them in the eternal world and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Deliverance Wilson on April 25, 1836]⁹

Brother Wilson, in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm the blessings of a father upon thee. Thou hast no father to bless thee but art an orphan son in thy old age. Thou hast children in the church and art thyself but a child for thou [hast] but just been born into the Kingdom while thy head is blossoming for the grave yet God is able to lengthen thy days and give thee strength and ability to do His will in all things and even to increase thy strength and if thou wilt believe and keep the commandments it shall be increased and thy tongue loosed that thou canst speak marvelously for the Spirit shall rest upon thee and thou shalt yet live to do great things in the Name of the Lord in thy old age for if thou wilt seek diligently thou shalt obtain the priesthood and the powers thereof but I leave thee in the hands of God. Be faithful and nothing shall be impossible unto thee.

Thou shalt have the blessings of heaven and earth for thy strength in thy old age and the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, even all blessings both spiritual and temporal – power to teach thy children and bring them into the fold like a man of God and keep them from the destroyer and present them spotless before the Throne of God when the Kingdom shall be delivered up. Thou must lay thy hands upon them and bless them as a Patriarch and if need be thy children’s children also. And if thou shalt desire thou mayest name thy name on some of them and they shall bear it up even to the latest generation and they shall be reckoned unto thee even as did the ancients and it shall not be forgotten as we do not forget them and thus thy seed shall be very numerous like the hosts of heaven. Thou shalt have power to claim thy relations and many shall rejoice with thee in Zion. These blessings I seal upon thee on the earth and I ask God to seal them in the heavens that they may remain forever and not be taken off and I seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Lovina Wilson on April 25, 1836]¹⁰

Sister thou art aged and according to the course of nature must soon go down to the grave and not see the Savior come in “the clouds of heaven.”

I lay my hands upon thee in the Name of Jesus and bless thee and thou shalt be blessed and have life till thou art satisfied and art willing to go to rest in the Paradise of God and if so thou shalt come forth in the First Resurrection and thy spirit be united with thy body and then thou shalt rise and meet thy Lord in the air and be ever with Him. Thou shalt be blessed in common with thy husband and live to see many years. Thy children shall be blessed and thou shalt reign with them in Zion. Thou shalt see the heavens opened and angels shall minister to thee and thy soul shall be filled with the love of God all the days that the Lord shall give unto thee. If thou art sick thou shalt not long be afflicted for thou shalt have faith to be healed and God shall keep thee from pain and wretchedness and when thou dost depart death shall be sweet. Keep the Word of Wisdom treasure up wisdom and all things shall be yours. Heaven is yours,

⁹ Deliverance was sixty-six-years-old when he received this blessing from Joseph Smith Sr.

¹⁰ Lovina was sixty-one-years-old.

Jesus is yours, all things are yours and immortal glory awaits you in the Kingdom of the Father and your children also and I seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of William Harris (May 2, 1836)]

William Harris was born in Fredericktown Newbrunswick Novascotia Jany. 19th 1803

Brother Harris, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head according to the authority of the Priesthood & the holy anointing, and the calling of God, and pronounce a patriarchal blessing upon thee. Thou hast been willing to leave thy native land for the cause of God Thou hast suffered much, and for all thy pains thou shalt be rewarded ten fold. The riches of the East shall flow unto thee in time and thou shalt receive the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, and they shall reach thy posterity also, & thy father's house shall follow on and be gathered with thee unto the mountain of Israel. Thou art of the seed of Israel and the Lord hath watched over thee to make thee a minister & he shall watch over thy seed and thou shalt have power to the extent of thy desires, and nothing shall be too hard for thee.

Thou shalt preach in thy native Land, far in the cold North. Thou shalt also preach in the South, in the East and in the West: and the Lord shall be with thee wherever thou shalt go & thou shalt win many souls. Angels shall be thy guard upon thy right hand and on thy left: even the twelve Legions shall watch over thee and fight thy battles before thee. Thou mayest see them if thou wilt believe, and if any arm is raised against thee it shall fall, and all weapons lifted to thy hurt shall perish. If any dig pits for thee, they shall fall therein. If they seek to confound thee with subtle questions, they shall be confounded. for the Lord will keep his anointed and fill them with knowledge.

Thou shalt see within the veil and know that thy Redeemer lives, like Paul and testify like unto thy brethren that thou hast seen angels and heard the voice of God. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and observe all the commandments, and thou shalt have all the blessings thou canst ask for thyself or for thy posterity. and they shall rise up and call thee blessed. For thou shalt bless thy children and thy blessings shall remain, and thou shalt be blessed in thy outgoings and in thy incomings and thy arm shall prevail like unto the Almighty, for his power shall be round about thee, and thou shalt have all power even to translate thyself and change into a shadow, so that if any shall smite at thee they shall only hit thy shadow and thou shall be in another place. The eyes of thy enemies shall be blinded so that they cannot see thee, & thou shalt escape their power. This is thy blessing and I cannot tell thee all, but the Lord shall add unto it a hundred fold. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:36-37]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Leonard (May 2, 1836)]

Lyman Leonard was born in Springfield Mass. June 3d 1793.

Brother Leonard, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and bless the[e] in the name of the Lord with a father's blessing. Thou art entitled to a father[']s blessing Thou art entitled to a father's blessing because thou art an orphan, that thou mayest receive an inheritance among thy brethren, and be equal to them in all things and thy blessings shall rest upon thy posterity after thee, as long as the world shall remain, & be remembered in the covenant of grace,

even as the seed of Abraham. Thou art one of Abraham's: sons, an Ephraimite by blood. The Lord hath looked on thee from eternity, even before the foundation of the world & designed to bring thee into the covenant, and to give thee power next unto himself; power to overcome thy enemies and walk upon their ashes, and thou shalt see the vengeance of God poured out upon the wicked. Thou hast been surrounded by a wicked mob, and hast been shot at and spilt some blood in the cause, but thou shalt be satisfied for the Lord shall requite thee, and riches shall flow unto thee. The great men of the earth shall bring thee treasures untill thou shalt say tis enough. Thou shalt go to the nations and thy name shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Thou shalt speak and prison walls shall fall; rivers be turned out of their course and all things subject unto thee. Thou shalt save many orphan children from destruction. For thou wilt mourn over their calamities and seek to send them up to Zion. Thou shalt save thousands & tens of thousands, & push the people together, for thou art a horn of Joseph, and gather them from land to land and from Island to island and from unknown places and speak in language which thou hast not heard, for thou shalt be taught of God, and be able to speak in their own tongue, and many shall believe. Thou art the Lord's anointed and no weapon shall prosper that is formed against thee.

Thou shalt have power to translate thyself away from thine enemies. so that they cannot find thee. and nothing shall be too great for thee. Thou hast already been preserved by a miracle from the hand of thine enemies and thou shalt be preserved in time to come, for thy life is hid with Christ in God. Thy children shall be blessed and thy companion in thy absence, and satan shall not have power to affect them, for I seal a blessing for them and they shall be kept by the power of God and thy children taught in righteousness. The Lord loves thee and Angels smile over thee, and the heavens rejoice in thy blessings. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments and pray much and nothing shall be impossible unto thee. Winds, waves, and sea shall obey thee, and thou shalt baptize some in the briny deep. These blessings I seal for thee, and I ask God to seal them in the heavens, and I seal them up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:38]

[Patriarchal blessing of David Elliot (May 5, 1836)]

Blessing of David Elliot who was born in Charleston, Montgomery Co. N. Y. Nov. 18th 1799

Brother Elliot, In the name of Jesus, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal the blessings of a father upon thee. Thou hast a father but he is not as yet perfected in faith, yet if he will seal this blessing upon thy head it shall be well, and it shall be called in his name, but if not I seal a father's blessing that thou mayest not be an orphan, but call God, thy father, and be a joint heir with Jesus Christ: and I seal a blessing for thy posterity. Thou must teach them righteousness & bring them into the covenant and bring up thy family for God. Thou must have them baptized at a proper age so that Satan shall not have power over them, but that they may be kept from generation to generation, even to the end and receive an inheritance by faith, and thy children's children shall rise up and call thee blessed.

Thou art blessed of God, because thou didst take thy life in thy hands and go up to assist thy brethren, and had to contend against many foes in getting away. God hath accepted thy offering. Thou didst see thy brethren fall on the right hand and on the left, because of the displeasure of God whom they had offended, and the transgressions of the camp. But thy life was

sealed so that thou didst not love it Thou hast witnessed the love for thy brethren in being willing to suffer for them. The Lord shall bless thee and thou shalt have means to go and proclaim the gospel. Thy mind shall be enlarged and thy understanding brightened [brightened] and thy faith confirmed so that thou canst go forth in the power of God.

No power shall be able to stay thee, nor any weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, neither any arm be able to stay thee. for thou shalt stay thyself against the mighty God of Jacob. and all thine enemies shall be confounded and thou shalt be delivered from their hands by the power of God. Thou hast had the holy priesthood sealed upon thy head and the power thereof. Thou shalt be able to quench the violence of fire. Floods shall not drown thee, winds and waves shall obey thy voice and the elements shall be subject unto thee throug[h] faith, and thou shalt bring thy thousands as seals of thy ministry. Thou shalt have the blessings of time and eternity, both temporal and spiritual. Thou shalt be able to set thy house in order & stand at the head of thy family like Nephi of old. Thou shalt do all that thy heart desires to do.

Thou shalt tarry till the Redeemer comes and see the end of this generation. Thou shalt be numbered with the hundred & forty four thousand on Mount Zion. This thou hast desired and no man shall take thy crown, for God shall crown thee in the presence of the Lamb. Thou art of the seed of Joseph and hast a right to claim thy brethren, and thou shalt have power to save thy friends by the priesthood which thou hast received. These and all the blessings which thou shalt need, I seal upon thee. And also I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:60]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Elliot (May 5, 1836)]

Also, of Mary Elliot who was born between Albany & New York July 11th 1810

Sister Elliot, I lay my hands upon thy head also in the name of Jesus, and ask God the eternal Father to show me thy care and give me words to say unto thee that shall be in wisdom. Thou hast lost many blessings because of unfaithfulness, thy fretful temper and thy restless mind. Thou hast also been proud in thine heart, but the Lord hath had compassion on thee and forg[i]ven thy sins. Thou must forsake thy pride, be humble and leave off thy former follies & forget what is past and all shall be forgiven. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Keep the commandments and the word of wisdom and thou shalt have life as long as thou shalt have life as long as thou shalt desire it. The Lord loves thee and if thou art faithful, thou shalt see Zion bui[l]t up in Righteousness and the glory of God rest upon the land. If thou wilt live for blessings thou shalt have them, even to the extent of thy desire for the heavens are full of blessings.

Thou shalt be blessed in common with thy husband rejoice with him, enter into all his joys and partake of his sorrows. also. Thou shalt weep over his sufferings and mourn because of his absence in a distant land. Thy mind will be cast down and thou wilt remember thy blessing and call upon thy God, and he will send an holy angel to tell the[e] of the affairs of thy husband: thou shalt be comforted and feel a joy spring up, and thy soul shall be filled, for thou shalt desire the salvation of souls. and shalt be willing he should tarry. Thou shalt hear the voice of God and be told of his situation. This is thy blessing, treasure it up and God shall give thee many more. If thou shalt desire life, thou shalt live, but if thou shalt desire to lay it down, thou mayest depart in peace, and rest till the Lord shall bring thee with him in the clouds and thy body rise in the first resurrection, and meet him and even be with him. This is thy blessing: and I seal thee up unto

eternal life in the name of Jesus, and thou shalt receive blessings according to thy desires, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:60-61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Roswell Blood on May 8, 1836]

Patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senior Kirtland May 8th 1836 for Roswell Blood who was born in Glover, Orleans county Vermont Jany. 20th 1803

Brother Blood, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head, and say thou must repent of all thy sins and humble thyself before God that thy heart may be contrite and that God may forgive thy sins. The Lord hath looked on thee from the beginning and hath heard all thy groanings on the account of the unrighteousness of thy companion and the devil laughs at thy sorrows. but not long, for except the[e] repent th[o]u will soon fall and the Lord shall give the[e] a companion in righteousness and thou shalt not be as a dry tree, but be blessed and thy wrongs shall be avenged and thou shalt be at liberty to serve God and to do good in his cause, for he will prepare thy heart to speak his word and magnify an office in his Kingdom and qualify thee to do good in his cause. Thou art not of gentile blood but of the seed of Israel yet thy companion is a Gentile and goeth in the way of the Gentiles. but if she will repent and obey the gospel she shall become the seed of Abraham through the law of adoption. The Lord hath heard thy prayers and thou shalt prevail and thy mournings shall cease for all things are in the hands of God, & he shall avenge thy wrongs and free thee from all thy incumberaness.

Seek to treasure up knowledge and thou shalt obtain it. The Lord is thy friend, and thou shalt prevail over all thy enemies. victory over thy sins and power to rend the bands of satan and leap forth into the liberty of the children of God and rejoice in the rank of thy of thy salvation. Thou shalt receive the priesthood if thou art faithful and seek diligently to do the will of God. and thou shalt have all the blessings & powers thereof Live for blessings and thou shalt receive them. heaven is full of blessings and the Lord is gracious and thy sins shall be washed away by the blood of christ, and thou shalt see visions of Angels and be able to assist in rolling on the great work of God. This is thy blessing and if thou art faithful thou shalt receive it. seek and thou shalt find, knock and the Lord shall open the heavens unto thee. I seal these blessings for thee, & seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so Amen.

Sylvester Smith scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:115]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Cooper on May 14, 1836]

A patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senior, May 14th 1836, for Joseph Cooper who was [born] in Bloom, Northumberland County Pa. Dec. 2d 1787.

Brother, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I confirm and seal on thy he[a]d the blessing of a father. Thou shalt be a patriarch in thy family to seal blessings on thy children to the latest generation. Thou hast been slow to believe, but thou mayest let thy heart rejoice for the heavens are propitious over thy head & thou shalt be blessed. Magnify thy calling and thou shalt be called to the high priesthood and shall receive all the power of the same. Thou shalt become like Philip, yea thou shalt become mighty in the earth and have power to save thy friends and acquaintance, and they shall be astonished at the help, and strength they shall receive from

keeping the word of wisdom. And thou shalt have power over unclean spirits and shall do many great miracles, Mountains shall remove at thy word, prisons shall not hold thee, thou shalt translate thyself from planet to planet and preach to the spirits in prison and bring many of them to God. Be faithful and these blessings are for you and I seal them upon thee, and I seal the[e] up to eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen

Salmon Warner, Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:104]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Cooper (May 14, 1836)]

Also the blessing of Mary Cooper who was born in lower Mount Bethel, Northumberland County Pa.

Sister, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thy head to seal on thee a father's blessing. Thy heart feels to tremble, but I say dismiss thy fears, and let thy heart be comforted for thou art a daughter of Abraham, thou art of the elect of God, and all the blessings of the earth are yours and thou shalt have abundance. Thou hast desired to see Angels, and thou shalt behold them, and see visions and behold all the glory of God. Thou shalt be a child of God & God shall be thy father, Be faithful and all these blessings are yours, yea eternity is yours, live for these things and thou shalt receive them and, I seal them upon thee in faithfulness, and seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen

Salmon Warner Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:104]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Mackley on May 14, 1836]

A Patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Senr. New Portage May 14th 1836 For Sarah Mackley who was born Adams Co Pennsylvania 1802

Sister I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus christ, and ask my heavenly father, to have mercy on thee for great afflictions await you, but the Angels of God shall deliver you. Satan will desire to overthrow you but God will keep you, and you shall have blessings upon blessings, the Angels of God shall call thee by name, and say thou art blessed put thy trust in God lift up thy heart and rejoice, stay thyself upon the Lord and he will supply you thy children shall be blessed after thee, thou shalt see the fourth generation and dandle them on thy lap, [thou] shall live as long as life as desirable, thou shalt share with thy companion in all his blessings, when he is gone to fill his mission thou shalt have faith to rebuke diseases in thy family, thou shalt see the salvation of God, these bles[s]ings I seal on thy head & of thy children after thee, and seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so, Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe K. Pratt on May 15, 1836]

The Blessing of Patriarch Joseph Smith Sr. upon the head of Phebe K. Pratt, given in the Town of Stow, Ohio, May 15, 1836

Sister Pratt; I lay my hands upon thy head and confer a blessing upon thee and upon thy children, for verily I say unto you thou art of the lineage of Joseph, thou art worthy of veneration and thy blessings shall be many. No good thing shall be withheld from thee, and if thou art

faithful thou shalt receive an inheritance in the land of Zion and behold the Temple of the Lord that shall be built in the last days and the cloud that shall rest upon it. Thy joy shall be full, thy understanding enlarged and thou shalt receive the administration of angels and converse with them face to face. Thou shalt behold the glory of the Lord and be satisfied with the blessings that thou shalt receive in old age, for thou shalt be favored of the Lord, thy name shall be honored and kept in remembrance and according to thy faithfulness thy children and kindred and friends shall be gathered and thou shalt rejoice with them. Thou shall enjoy thy health and thy neck shall no more trouble thee, the swelling shall disappear and thy faith shall be sufficient for thee in every time of need. Thou shalt live to see the savior who shall come in the clouds of heaven, and if thou wilt obey the Word of Wisdom and keep the commandments of God, the destroying angel shall pass by thee as he did the children of Israel, and thou shalt receive a crown of glory at the last day. These blessings I seal upon thy head, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Harriet Page Decker on May 15, 1836]

A Patriarchal Blessing by Joseph Smith Sen, New Portage May 15 1836 for Harriet Page Decker who was Born in Hillsborough, Hillsborough Co Newhampshire Sept 7 1803

Sister in the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thy head and Seal upon thee a Father[‘]s blessing, and thou Shalt be blessed yea the Angels rejoice over thee for the innosense [innocence] of thy heart and the Lord will pour out of his upon thee and thou Shalt be enlightened and preach in private circles and Shall convince thy friends of the truth many of them. the visions of Heaven Shall be opened and thou Shalt be Strengthened and the Lord thy God will bless thee with his Holy Spirit and will give thee great wisdom to the astonishment of thy Self for thou art Sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise thy life Shall be lengthened out and thou Shalt have great riches and treasur[e]s in abundance for the great and noble Shall Send presents unto thee and thou Shalt administer to the wants of many and teach many of the way of righ[te]ousness and the Lord will uphold thee and comfort thee thy blessings Shall be as thy husbands and thy joys as his joys. Angels Shall minister to thee and thou Shalt see thy redeemer while in the flesh thy children Shall be blessed after thee unto the latest generations these blessings I Seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus live for them and they are thine and in the name of Jesus I Seal the[e] up unto life even So Amen

Salmon Warner Jr Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of David Foote (May 21, 1836)]

David Foot was born in Harrington, Litchfield Co. Connecticut, 1769

Brother Foot, In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal blessings upon thee in the name of the Lord, in the same order that Abraham received his. Thou shalt stand a patriarch to bless thy family but not in unbelief. Thy wife shall be brought to humble herself and come into the church. Be faithful and thy friends shall acknowledge they have misused thee and spoken hard things concerning the things of God. Thou art not called to go to foreign countries, but thou shalt be a counsellor and judge in Zion, and set in the grand council when the Ancient of days shall sit. and thine eyes shall see old father Adam. Thou shalt receive strength; thy days shall yet be many, and thou shalt do much good. Thou shalt come up

as a saviour, for many shall ask thee to be their savior, and through faithfulness thou shalt have these and other blessings, and shall be sealed up unto eternal life, and I ask God to seal it in the name of Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery asst Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:45]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyril Call on May 21, 1836]

Kirtland May 21st AD. 1836 The blessing of Cyril Call who was born in Woodstock Windsor Co Vt. pronounced by Joseph Smith sen.

Bro[ther]. C[all]. In the name of the Lord I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father[']s blessing upon thee. I bless the[e] by the po[wer] of the ph. [priesthood] and seal the blessings thereof upon thee and they shall reach thy posterity if thou art faith[ful] thou shalt instruct thy family and bring up that those mayest present them to Adam. for thy children shall be required at thy hand. thy blessings are for thy posterity. and they shall be numerous and shall reign in the millennium. Thou art of the seed of A[braham]. and shall have part in the ministry heal the sick &c. angels shall minister unto thee. long life is thine. Thou shalt consecrate thy family and all thy substance to the Lord and he shall bless thee with great knowledge and wisdom. Thou shalt gather thy children and their children when the Savior shall come and thou shalt be enabled to gaze on Jesus and he shall receive into his glory for thou art sealed up unto eternal life. These are thy blessings in the name of J. C. [Jesus Christ] Amen. E M Greene clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Call on May 21, 1836]

Kirtland May 21st AD 1836 The blessing of Sally Call who was born in Cambridge Franklin Co Vt. AD. 1791 pronounced by Pat. Joseph Smith sen.

Sist[er]. C[all]. In the name of the L. J. C. [Lord Jesus Christ] I lay my hands upon thy head according to the authority on me I seal the blessings of heaven upon thee. if thou wilt wilt go down into the waters of baptism thy blessings shall be great for thou shalt have knowledge. angels shall visit the[e] thou shall behold the heaven in night visions. stand on the land of Zion. last days be best days. long life is thine. shalt behold thy Redeemer in the flesh. have knowledge of these things. shalt rejoice and thy children with thee. thy name shall be writ[t]en in the Lamb[']s book if faithful and thou shalt see it unrolled and read thy name there. and all blessings are thine in faithfulness in the name of Jesus and thou shalt be sealed up unto eternal life even so Amen.

E M Greene clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Seth Church on May 23, 1836]

Blessing of Seth Church who was born in the town of Hamilton Madison Co. N. Y. March 16th 1814

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and seal on thy head a father[']s blessing, for thy benefit and the benefit of thy posterity after thee, for thou art an orphan and hast no father to bless thee, and that thou mayest have long life; for thou shalt see

many years. As thou increasnt [increase] in years thou shalt increase in knowledge: and I pray God in the name of Jesus to st[r]engthen thee, for thou art in the slippery paths of youth and thou wilt have to pass through afflictions, yet thou shalt be delivered and thou shalt arise above all the vain things of this world and thou shalt raise up a family and they shall be numbered in the seed of Abraham. and thou shalt stand till the winding up scene of this generation and Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven. Satan shall have no power over you, and thou shalt stand on the earth & thy strength shall be great when thou art seventy five. Thy strength shall be greater than when thou art twenty five. And thou shalt have many of thy friends with thee. I seal all these blessings upon the[e] and upon thy posterity after thee. if thou art faithful, and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

May 23d 1836 W. A. Cowdery assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:56-57]

[Patriarchal blessing of Calvin Harkins on May 23, 1836]

Blessing of Calvin Harkins who was born in Savoy Massachusetts aged thirty three years.

Brother Harkins; in the name of the great Redeemer I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. Thou shalt receive from under my hands the blessing of a father. Thou shalt stand before thy family as a patriarch and instruct thy children, and cause them to be baptized at eight years of age. The blessing of God shall attend thee. on thy journey to the land of Zion. but thou must not violate the sabbath by travelling on that day. If thou shalt ask the father to see Jesus, that blessing shall not be denied thee. if thou ask in faith, nothing doubting. Humble thyself before God and thou shalt have all things. Guard thyself against pride: get the victory over inbred corruptions and thou shalt have an important place in the Church of the Redeemer. Thou shalt have the faith of assurance. Thy wife shall be thy help meet in all things. pray for thy sick children and they shall recover, be humble and persevering and thou shalt have a part in the first resurrection, even so Amen.

May 23d 1836 W. A. Cowdery. Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:57]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joanna Swift on May 23, 1836]

Blessing of Joanna Swift who was born in Sharon, Hartford Co. Ct. aged 72 years.

Sister, in the name of Jesus the Redeemer, I lay my hands on thy head and confer a blessing on thee and on thy posterity. Thou art an orphan. Thou art entitled to a residence in Zion. Thou hast heard the voice of the Lord. Thou hast had a willing mind and dost cleave to the Lord, who shall write thy name in the Lamb's book of life. Thy days shall be lengthened out five years. thy last days shall be thy best days. Thou art the Lord's I seal these blessings upon thee. and thy posterity by the Authority of the priesthood. even so Amen.

May 23d 1836 W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:58]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Walter (May 24, 1836)]

Blessing of George Walter who was born in the town of Norfolk, Litchfield County Ct. aged 39 years

Brother Walter, in the name of Jesus of Nazereth, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. Thou art an orphan and I bestow on thy head a father's blessing, Thou hast had no one to guide thee in the ways of holiness. Thou must be a teacher to thy children and must stand as a Patriarch to them. They shall be blessed, be faithful and the Lord shall promote thee and them. The riches of this world shall flow to thee and thou shalt be satisfied with the things of time: thou shalt have likewise the things of eternity. The angels of heaven shall visit thee and give thee consolation here, and promises of a glorious residence in the celestial world. The Lord shall soon lay his hand upon thee and thou shalt understand great things. Be humble and contrite before God, and thou shalt have the enlarged desires of thy heart answered, even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53]

[Patriarchal blessing of Louisa Walter
given her father and Joseph Smith Sr. (May 24, 1836)]

Blessing of Louisa Walter who was born in Homer Courtlandt, Co. N. Y. ages 18 years.

Sister, in company with thy father I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. O God the eternal Father, let her withstand temptation, let not the powers of darkness have dominion over her. Thy servant her father desires that she may be preserved. The Lord commands the heavenly hosts to stand by her and strengthen her. She shall have strong desires to trust in the God of her salvation. She shall have a wise partner and they shall have joy in the Holy Ghost. She shall have a numerous posterity who shall inhabit Mount Zion. The above blessing in the name of her father even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abner Scovel (May 24, 1836)]

Blessing of Abner Scovel who was born in the town of Harwinton county of Litchfield Connecticut, aged. 40. years.

Brother Scovel in the name of Jesus Christ the Great Redeemer of man, I lay my hands on thy head for the benefit of thee and thy posterity. I seal on thy head the seal of the Priesthood. which priesthood is after the order of the Melchisidek priesthood. Thy name is written in heaven and thou shalt have power to call down the powers of the world to come. The Lord will bless thee on thy journey to the land of Zion. Thou must respect the sabbath on thy way by calling together thy family for prayer and by supplicating the throne of grace for blessings. Thou wilt assist in the redemption of Zion and succeed if thou art faithful.

Thou art of the lineage of Abraham & of the blood of Ep[h]raim. The power of darkness shall not prevail over thee nor hold thee, thou press forward toward the mark of the prize. In the name of Jesus thou shalt have power to do miracles and shalt proclaim the gospel of God with mighty power so as to astonish all who hear thee. Be thou faithful in tribulation by looking to God and by resigning thyself into his hands. for time and for eternity and thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee. Thy soul shall be filled with wisdom. Thou shalt see Jesus and have the faith of assurance. In passing from place to place no winds nor waves shall stop thee. Thou shalt stand on mount Zion with the one hundred and forty four thousand Thy children and Children[']s

children shall proclaim the gospel, to the ends of the earth, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:56]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Scovel on May 24, 1836]

Blessing of Elizabeth Scovel who was born in the town of Mount Morris in the county of Livingston and State of N. York, aged 29 years.

Dear Sister: in the name of Jesus Christ the Mediator of the new covenant I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity I pray God in the name of Jesus Christ that he would sanctify thy heart Thou hast attended to the voice of the good shepherd. Thou art going to Zion. Thou shalt be healed of the malady with which thou art now afflicted. Thou shalt be prospered on the way to the Land consecrated to the rest of the Saints I seal on thy head the blessings in common with thy husband. Thou shalt have great faith, thy heart shall be enlarged. Thou shalt have great wisdom many of thy sex will ask thy counsel. Thy children shall be blessed. Thou shalt be honored in thy younger years and in thy old age. Thy sins are forgiven thee. Thou art a daughter of Abraham through the lineage of Ephraim. If thou art art humble and faithful thou shalt have the visitation of angels and have peace in life and in death, even so Amen.

May 24th 1836 W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:56]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Moses Clawson ([May 25, 1836)]

Blessing of Moses Clawson who was born in Dryden, Tompkins Co. N. Y. aged 34 in Oct. 8th 1835

Brother Clawson: In the name of Jesus Christ, the son of God, I lay my hands on thy head for the spiritual and temporal benefit of thee and thy seed. thy posterity to the latest generations – a father's blessing to abide on thee, on conditions that thou humble thyself before God & keep his commandments. Thou must put off thy diffidence, be a bold Soldier for Jesus Christ and stand up against the mighty. Thou hast power to rend the heavens and call down the blessings of God on thee and on thy fellow creatures. Thou hast been called to the priesthood and if thou claim it. Thou must lay hold of the powers of the world to come and do thy duty. Thou art a son of Abraham through the loins of the patriarch Joseph. If thou humblest thyself before God and call on him by mighty prayer, thou shalt have the ministry of Angels. The heavenly hosts will give thee instruction in the way of duty and righteousness. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself. No power shall hurt thee. If thou art cast into dungeons, they shall not have power to hold thee. Thou shalt have perils, in the sea, upon the land, among enemies, and what shall greatly sorrow thy heart, thou shalt have perils among false brethren, but hold on thy way and angels shall visit thee in secret, Thou must preach the gospel of thy Saviour. Thou shalt baptize many. Thou shalt preach to the Arabs and the Lord shall send Angels to tell thee what to do. Thou shalt see the winding up scene of this generation portrayed and accomplished. I seal all these blessings upon thy head. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:62]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cormelia Clawson (May 25, 1836)]

Also the Blessing of Cormelia Clawson, born in Salisbury, Herkimer Co. N. Y. aged 32 the 22d of October 1835.

Dear Sister: In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the son of God, I lay my hands on thee and thy posterity and pray God to bear thee up against trouble and adversity. Thou desirest to know God and to serve him in spirit and in truth. Thou desirest the ministry of of Angels. Thou must keep the commandments of thy God, he will give thee wisdom to bring up thy children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord in the absence of thy husband, for he must leave thee to preach the gospel in foreign lands. Thou shalt be a citizen of mount Zion. Thy children shall come around thee and comfort thee when thou art sick, call on God and thou shalt be heard. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel. Thou shalt instruct many and bring souls to God, Thou shalt have long life and be abundantly satisfied with life, with the things of this world and of the things of God. I seal upon thy head these blessings and seal thee up to eternal life. Keep the commandments and rejoice on thy way. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:62]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elijah Able (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Elijah Able who was born in Frederick County, Mayryland, July 25th 1808

Brother Able, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee and thou shalt be blessed even forever. I seal upon thee a father's blessing, because thou art an orphan, for thy father, hath never done his duty toward thee, but the Lord hast had his eye upon thee, and brought thee through straits and thou hast come to be rec[k]oned with the saints of the most High. Thou hast been ordained an Elder and anointed to secure thee against the power of the destroyer. Thou shalt see his power in laying waste the nations, & the wicked slaying the wicked, while blood shall run down the streets like water, and thy heart shall weep over their calamities. Angels shall visit thee and thou shalt receive comfort. They shall call thee blessed and deliver thee from thine enemies. They shall break thy bands and keep thee from afflictions. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life.

Thou shalt travel in the East and visit foreign countries, speak in all the various tongues, and thou shalt be able to teach different languages. Thou shall see visions of this world and other worlds and comprehend the laws of all kingdoms, and confound the wisdom of this generation. Thy life shall be preserved to a good old age. Thou must seek first the kingdom of heaven and all blessings shall be added thereto. Thou shalt be made equal to thy brethren and thy soul be white in eternity and thy robes glittering: thou shalt receive these blessings because of the covenants of thy fathers. Thou shalt save thy thousands, do much good, and receive all the power that thou needest to accomplish thy mission. These and all the blessings which thou canst desire in righteousness, I seal upon thee, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:49]

[Patriarchal blessing of James W. Angel (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of James W. Angel who was born in North Providence Rhode Island, Oct. 15th 1776

Brother Angel, I call thee brother for thou art a brother by blood, for thou art of the seed of Abraham I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus: and if thou wilt go forward in the ordinances of the gospel, thou shalt be blessed and thou shalt receive the blessing of Abraham, that thou shalt have power to lay thine hands upon the heads of thy children and I will give thee authority so to do, and thou shalt bless them with the blessings of a father. Thou shalt see many glorious scenes, the heavens shall be open unto thee and thou shalt say it is enough. Thou shalt come forth on the morning of the resurrection, to meet thy Saviour in the air and so be forever with the Lord. And thou art faithful I will seal these blessings upon thy head, and do seal them upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:55]

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe Angel (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Phebe Angel who was born in Guilford, Massachusetts, March 28th 1786

Sister: let thy heart be glad for thy sins are forgiven thee. and thy name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Thou shalt receive an hundred fold in this world, & in the world to come, life everlasting: for I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and thou shalt receive all the blessings of Abraham, and no power can harm thee in this world. Thine eyes shall be opened and thou shalt have the visions of heaven; the holy angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt see many glorious things. Thou shalt be filled with the fulness of joy and thou shalt come forth in the morning of the resurrection to meet thy Saviour. and all these blessings thou shalt receive in common with thy husband: and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:55]

[Patriarchal blessing of Truman O. Angell (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Truman O. Angel , who was born at N. Providence Rhode Island June 5th 1810

Brother Angel: in the name of Jesus of Nazareth who was born at Bethlehem I lay my hands upon thy head. Satan will rage because thou art a child of God, and will strive to sift thee as wheat but thou must remember this day and these blessings which I seal upon thy head and also the blessings of thy father when thou shalt be blessed of him, and thou shalt receive the blessing of a father whether he blesses thee or not. Thou shalt be an heir of God and a joint heir of Jesus Christ. The power of darkness shall give way before thee. Thou shalt cause the earth to tremble at thy word when thou speakest yea thou shalt be mighty as Enoch, who built a city unto God. Thy Redeemer shall speak from heaven unto thee, and thy soul shall soar aloft, and thou shalt be caught up to the third heaven together with thy brother, and shall behold the glory of God: and thou shalt be mighty and thou shall be able to perform thy mission, throughout the earth. Thou shalt rend prisons and they cannot hold thee.

Thou by thy faith shalt quench the violence of flames: thou shalt divide waters and floods cannot drown thee. God shall speak to thee and thou shalt behold him and he shall lay his hands upon thee & thou shalt know it. Thou shalt have power to go forth and win many souls unto Christ, yea thou shalt win thousands, and they shall be stars in thy crown and thou shalt rest with them in the kingdom of heaven. and all these blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus, the son of the living God. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:57]

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Angel (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Polly Angel who was born in Riga Monroe Co. N. Y. June 4th 1803

Sister, In the name of Jesus and by the Authority vested in me by the Holy Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head, to confirm blessings upon thee, yea I confirm all the blessings both of time and eternity upon thy head in common with thy companion. Thy children shall grow up in the fear of the Lord, They shall become mighty & they shall be able to prophecy and comprehend all knowledge & wisdom: Thou shalt be left many times by thy husband that he may fulfil his mission and thou shalt hold him up by thy prayers of faith, & thou shalt be willing for him to go forth and in his absence, Angels shall minister unto thee and comfort thee. Thou shalt live and see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt receive all the blessings of the Ancients, and if thou wilt continue to put thy trust in God the Lord will visit thee and he will call thy friends in his own due time. Thou shalt stand side and side with thy companion in Zion and thou shalt be satisfied with the Goodness of the Lord: and if thou seekest thou shalt not sleep in the dust. but shalt have thy choice either to sleep in the dust or to wafted in chariots of fire, & to be translated. All these blessings I seal upon thy head if faithful. and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:57-58]

[Patriarchal blessing of Solomon Angel (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Solomon Angel who was born in Florence, Oneida Co. N. Y. April [blank space] 1806

Brother Angel; in the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head, and seal upon thine head all the blessings pertaining to the holy priesthood for thou art a son of Zion Thou hast been willing to lay down thy life in defense of thy brethren; The Lord hath called with a holy calling and if thou wilt be faithful, thou shalt become mighty in faith, as the brother of Jared, yea, thou shalt become mighty as ever any man was since the world was made. Thou shalt be caught up and shalt see the glory of the glory of the upper world, thou shalt accomplish all things that thou shalt desire in righteousness

Thou shalt be mighty as the three Nephites; thou shalt visit planets besides this and thou shalt hold the keys that have been bestowed upon thee, while the world shall stand, and I confirm these blessings upon thy head for thy good and for the benefit of thy posterity while the world shall stand. that they may have claim for their inheritance among their brethren as thy father. Thou shalt go forth and thou shalt return many times from thy mission to thy family or to the Land of Zion & thou shalt enjoy their society. Thou shalt have many blessings, yea, all the powers of darkness cannot harm thee. If necessary thou shalt call fire down from heaven, when

mobs and enemies surround thee. Prisons shall not hold thee. and I seal all these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:58]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eunice C. Angel (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Eunice C. Angel who was born in Gloucester, Rhode Island November 23d A.D. 1810

Sister In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head, as thou art a daughter of Abraham and thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou art young and satan will seek to destroy thee, but if thou cleave to the Lord with all thy soul he shall have no power over thee. Thou shalt save all thy children. Thou shalt have long life and shalt see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt see the heavens open and the glory pertaining thereto, & thou shalt rise to meet Christ in the air and so be forever with the Lord, and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt pray for thine husband when he is absent from thee, and hold him up by thy prayers of faith, These blessings are are thine if thou art faithful. & I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:58]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sampson Avard (probably May 1836)]

Sampson Avard was born in St. Peters in the Isle of Gurnsey Oct. 23d [blank space]

Brother Avard, In the name and acting under the authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the great Redeemer and under the Authority of the Priesthood I lay my hands on thy head & on the head of the head of thy posterity. I ask the[e] O God the eternal Father, to show me thy state and condition, let me have the same vision and fullness which thou posseseth, I say that thou hast obeyed the gospel of thy Saviour. Thou hast become by the power of the holy Ghost, a member of the New Covenant. Thou hast stood among men of the world. These men shall be in fear & shall not dare to revile thy name. No unrighteous combinations of men shall prosper against thee. Walk humbly before God. Something whispers me, that thou shalt have the priesthood. Thou hast made a sacrafice [sacrifice] of many things. Gon [Go] on thy way rejoicing for thou shalt be blessed for the sacrafices thou hast made.

The Lord thy God hath prepared thee for the ministry. Seek the Lord & keep his commandments, & thou shalt rejoice in thy calling. Thou hast sought for learning and science. Thy learning shall do thee good and give thee access to thy fellow men. Lean upon the arm of the Lord and thou shalt be a successful minister of Jesus Christ. Thy strength shall not fail thee. Thou shalt know the order of the Solar System. The angels of God shall teach thee. Be strong in the Lord & thou shalt stand among the one hundred & forty four thousand on Mount Zion. Thy desires shall be accomplished. Thou shalt have power to turn water and still the raging winds if necessary. I seal these things and the blessing of eternal life upon thee. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:63]

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert W. Bidwell (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Robert W. Bidwell who was born in the Town of Stillwater Saratoga County N. Y. 1796

Brother Bidwell I lay my hands upon thy head by the authority of the holy priesthood. I confirm on thee the blessings of a father. The Lord has had his eyes upon thee. If thou art faithful, thou shalt behold the Saviour when he shall come. Thou shalt have a father's blessing to thee and thy posterity. I seal upon thee the power of this priesthood. Thou shalt be to it and through thy administration the sick shall be healed, crooked limbs made straight, mountains shall be removed and nothing shall be too hard for thee. Thou shalt be prospered on thy journey to Zion and none shall hedge up thy way. Thy life shall be protracted as long as thou canst be beneficial in winning souls. All things are thine, long life and the blessings of eternity and all things in the earth in faithfulness, and thou art sealed up unto eternal life, even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:47]

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsey Bidwell (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Betsey Bidwell who was born in Phelps, Ontario County N. Y. 1803

Sister Bidwell, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. If thou art faithful thou shalt come forth and be an heir with Jesus Christ, and in thy capacity thy blessings shall be as his. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel and shall bring up orphans. Thou shalt be satisfied with seeing the things of God. Angels shall minister to thee. Thou shalt teach some of the Lamanites. When thy children are sick thou shalt have power with God and they shall be restored. Thou mayest be translated to heaven or moulder in the dust as thy desire shall be. And I seal thee up to eternal life through faithfulness, and I ask the Lord to seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Recording Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:47]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Braden (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of James Braden, who was born in West-Bethlehem, Washington County in the state of Pennsylvania August 1st 1801.

Brother Braden, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, even the Bethlehem Babe, I lay my hands upon thy head, to secure thee from the power of Satan, he hath sought to overthrow thee, and will continue to seek thy destruction. Thou must be on thy guard and live up to thy privilege, and thou shalt have power to command him to depart and he shall be subject unto thee. Thou shalt have power over thunders, and lightnings shall be subject to thy voice through faith. Thou shalt have great faith, command winds and waves, travel by sea & by land, be in perils among false brethren, but trust in God and he will deliver thee. Call on the heavens and thou shalt know thy danger, angels shall thee how to escape. Thou shalt command the waves when about to sink and be a means of saving ships crews, & they shall know that it is by the power of God and believe and thou shalt baptize them in the briny deep, seal them up to eternal life and send them to Zion.

Thou shalt go on thy mission from ship to ship, from land to land and from sea to sea. travel much & God shall be with thee. Thou art of the tribe of Benjamin, must be cast on a barbarous island, do wonders among the nations; head the sick, raise the dead, and so great will be thy power that they will call thee a God and seek to worship thee. and thou shalt hardly restrain them. Great shall be the work which thou shalt do. Thou shalt have power to do all things which it is possible for man to do, and when thou hast done thy work thou shalt return to Zion and rest with thy family in thy old age and thy days shall be happy. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer face to face. Angels shall converse with thee and thou shalt receive a crown of eternal life. These blessings I seal for thee in the name of Jesus, and for thy posterity after thee to the latest generation, for they shall enter into thy blessings and covenants and thou shalt seal blessings for them and they shall be kept unto eternal life. Thou shalt have power to do all things for them which thou shalt desire, and not lack in any good thing. and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:47-48]

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Brown (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Polly Brown who was born in Genoa, Cayuga County N. Y. A.D. 1806

Sister Brown, in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands up thy head, I seal a father's blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. Thou shalt see sorrow and mourning, yet the Lord shall bless thee. Thou shalt see many orphan children, blood carnage &c. Thou shalt long to be away with thy Redeemer. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel, and a teacher of thy sex. Thou shalt see angels ascend & descend Thou shalt hear the voice of God speaking from the heavens. When thy husband shall return, he shall lead many to Zion and introduce them to thee. God shall comfort thee and thou shalt be blessed and thy family with thee. Eternal life awaits thee, and I ask my heavenly Father to seal these upon thee, in the name of Jesus Christ even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sherman Brown (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Sherman Brown, who was born in Genoa, Cayuga Co N. Y. A.D. 1800.

Brother Brown, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head. I ask my heavenly Father to seal blessings upon thee. Thou art of the blood of Israel, and thou mayest have the blessings of the priesthood. The Lord shall sustain thee. Thou shalt see the heavens open, whither in or out of the body thou canst not tell. Thou shalt see visions of angels who shall instruct thee, and thou shalt teach thy children and see that they are baptized. All blessings are thine and thy posterity shall be blessed and it shall be written in a book. Thy tongue shall be loosed and thou shalt speak strange things, thou shalt preach to the spirits that are in prison and this shall be thy joy in the kingdom of God. All things are thine, the earth and the blessings thereof. In Zion thou shalt have houses and lands, and men and maid servants and princess shall be thy vine drop[p]ers. Eternal life is thine, and thou shalt be rec[k]oned among the one hundred and forty four thousand, and have the seal of God in thy forehead. The Lord shall seal these blessings upon thee and upon thy posterity to the latest generations, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorena Church (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Lorena Church, who was born in Hamilton Madison County N. Y. aged 20 years

Sister, in the name and in the authority of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head of thy posterity. Thou art an orphan child, and I lay a father's hands upon thee. I see that thou hast a great love to God, Thou hast been brought up by tender friends. Thou canst call God thy father, Thou hast obeyed him in thy youth. The Holy Ghost is sealed upon thee. Thy blessing shall be in the midst of the children of the patriarch, Joseph who went down into Egypt. Thou shalt have a companion who shall be an honor & a help to the cause which thou lovest. Thy children shall be blessed of God. Thou shalt be great in the church and a teacher to thy posterity. Thou shalt see the winding up of this wicked and adulterous generation: thou shalt see and know the great things of God. Be faithful & humble and lay hold on the great things of God & his salvation by his son Jesus Christ. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:54]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Cooper given by his father
and confirmed by Joseph Smith Sr. (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of John Cooper, who was born in Parks, Northampton County, Pennsylvania A. D. 1812

My Son, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Thou must be faithful, and I prophesy upon thee, Thou shalt be a priest of the most high, and all blessings are thine in the name of Jesus. even so, Amen. The above confirmed in the following words by J. Smith Senior.

My young Brother, as thou hast obeyed the Lord and thy father hath laid his hands upon thee even so I lay my hands upon thee and confirm the blessings pronounced by thy father for thou shalt have a father['s] blessing. The blessings of the earth are thine and thy childrens to the latest generations. Thy posterity shall be numerous as the stars. Thou shalt be one of the seventies, that shall be chosen to form the number, spoken of by the Redeemer, one hundred & forty four thousand, and thou shalt be a mighty man in the earth, so that the earth shall tremble before thee. at thy word in the name of the Lord. Eternal life is thine, for thou art sealed thereto, and shalt stand on the earth when the Savior comes, for thou shalt live long; these are thy blessings in the name of the Lord; even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Cooper (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Elizabeth Cooper who was born in Elk Run, Columbiana Co. Ohio A.D. 1815

Sister, by request of thy father in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head. I ask God that the angel of his presence may stand by thee: that knowledge may be thine The heavens are full of blessings and my heart also. A father's blessing is thine in common with thy husband. Thou shalt teach thy children truth. Thou shalt teach thy sex. Many shall cast gifts at thy feet because of thy godly walk. Thou art of the seed of Joseph. Seek wisdom and watch over thy ways. Thou shalt have an inheritance with the pure in heart; for thou shalt see God. Long life

is thine, if thou desire it. In the absence of thy husband, thou shalt pray for thy children when they are sick, and the Lord shall hear thee and answer thee. All blessings in heaven and on earth are thine. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assint. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:46-47]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Curtis (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Jacob Curtis Born in New Salem Mass. aged 56 July 30th 1835

Brother Curtis in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the eternal God and by the authority of the priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. In the decline of thy life thou shalt have a companion and children who shall be a blessing to thee, and bear thee up in sickness and adversity. Thou art going to Zion. Thy journey though fatiguing shall be prosperous. Thy heart shall be made glad and it shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel. Thou shalt have the priesthood, and receive great peace & joy in believing. Thou shalt be a counsellor at a stake of Zion. Thy strength shall be great; thy age shall be renewed. Power is given thee to do great things. Thou must lay hold on the power of God and his arm shall be thy strength. Thou shalt live to behold with thine eyes, an highway over which the called of God, the righteous shall pass. Thy whole soul must rest in the power of God. Study wisdom. On thy way to Zion, thou must keep the holy sabbath. Thy rest shall be sweet and thy heart shall be strengthened. Be humble, be contrite and Patient and thou shalt see thy Saviour even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. R[ecorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:62-63]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Washington Dunham (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of George Washington Dunham, who was born in Hamilton, Madison Co. N. Y. aged 33

Dear brother: in the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer I lay my hands and confer a blessing on thee and on thy posterity who shall be blessed with the blessings of heaven and earth. Thy name and their names shall be written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thou shalt see great things in this generation. If thou art faithful to the new and everlasting covenant nothing shall be withheld from thee. The time shall come when Satan shall have no power over thee. Thou shalt have afflictions but out of them all the Lord will deliver thee. Thou must preach the gospel in foreign lands and shalt baptize many in the briny deep. The vision tells me thou shalt have means to convey money to Zion. In due time thou shalt come to Zion with thy sheaves, and rejoice in the Holy Ghost. Thou shalt stand among the one hundred and forty four thousand on Mount Zion in robes of pure white Persevere unto the end and great shall be thy reward, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsey Dunham (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Betsey Dunham who was born in Cazenovia Madison Co. N. Y. aged. 31

Sister, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and I confer the blessings of God upon thee in common with thy husband. Thy heart is tender and thou shalt be

gathered with thy husband. Thou hast sinned and had has some fears that thou art unworthy of a blessing; Throw away thy fears and pursue the path of holiness. At times thou hast desired great things. God[']s Eyes are upon thee. Thou desirest blessings to rest on thy children, give them up to the Lord and thy desires shall be satisfied. Thou shalt be blessed with things of the earth and of heaven, Be faithful unto death and thou shalt receive a crown of life, even so. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Dunn (probably May 1836)]

George Dunn was born in Pompey, Onondaga County N Y. February 14th 1812

My young Brother, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee with the blessings of a father, and inasmuch as thou art an orphan child and hast none of thy kindred blood with thee in the new and everlasting covenant: the Lord hath looked upon thee in much mercy, and hath called thee to a high calling, for thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thou art entitled to the high-priest-hood and thou shalt become an horn of Joseph to push the people together to the ends of the earth. Thou shalt be called in the own due time of the Lord. Thou shalt have power to go forth and none shall stay thee: thou shalt not be confounded. God shall raise thee up, thou shalt put thy trust in him and he will visit thee with his holy messengers. and thou shalt see vision [vision] upon vision and thou shalt be strong in the Lord. and thou shalt be the means of saving thy brothers & sisters: for whom thou called then the Lord heard thy cries and shall grant unto thee thy request, for thy desire hath been to win souls to christ and thou shalt have all the spiritual gifts belonging to the holy priesthood and thou shalt stand upon mount Zion with the hundred & forty and four thousand.

And all these blessings thou shalt have if thou wilt live for them. for if thou art faithful the Lord will give thee all the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt have a companion according to thy desires and thou shalt see thy children's children, for thou shalt be fruitful and shalt multiply exceedingly, thou shalt bless thy children and they shall rise up and call thee blessed, and all these blessings thou shalt have if faithful, and I seal them upon thy head, & I ask God to seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus even so. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:55]

[Patriarchal blessing of Alanson Eldridge (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Alanson Eldridge who was born in Salisbury Connecticut aged 55 years.

Brother Eldridge, in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. I ask God the eternal Father to assist me and give me faith. I say unto thee brother thou must be faithful to thy children, be faithful to the cause of thy Redeemer Thou hast been slow to come into the Church. Thou must stand in the Priesthood; for the Lord thy God hath called thee to preach his gospel, Many souls ere this might have been rejoicing in the covenant of God, if thou hadst been faithful, open thy mouth to all. Thy God will send angels to minister to thee. Thou shalt have power to translate and understand hidden mysteries. Thou shalt have power to bring spirits up out of the prison. Thy children shall be blessed and remembered to the last generations, and thou shalt have joy in thy last days. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Asst. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonathan Fisher (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Jonathan Fisher who was born in Alstead New Hampshire April 6 1785

Brother Fisher: In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer I lay my hands upon thy head and upon the head of thy seed and bestow upon thee a father[']s blessing. In thy future life if thou putttest thy trust in God thy father, thou shalt be blessed, though thou mayest see days of affliction, thou shalt be delivered from them and from the power of the enemy of all righteousness. The chastirements [chastisements] of thy heavenly Father shall work out unto thee an exceeding and eternal weight of glory. If thou with all thy heart desirest to be instrumental in my time, thou shalt have bestowed upon thee the gift of tongues. that thou mayest speak unto men the wonderful works of God in their language. Thou shalt have peace of mind on thy journey to thy friends.

If thou lookest to thy God thou shalt have his special care, his angels shall attend thee in thy waking hours and encamp about thy sleeping hours. Thou shalt receive their ministrations, that thy heart may be comforted and thy faith strengthen[e]d. Thou shalt have success on thy journey and shalt find thy family in peace & health: they shall be given to thee in the new and everlasting covenant. When thou putttest thy worldly concerns in order, thou shalt go up to the land of Zion, and have an inheritance there Thou shalt preach to the Indians in their tongue. If thou humblest thyself before God thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one land to another, Thou shalt be great in the Earth, and shalt see the winding up scenes of this generation, Thou shalt have power over diseases. also, & in the name of Jesus I seal these blessings upon thee. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:59]

[Patriarchal blessing of Almera Foote (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Almera Foot, born in Dryden Tompkins County N. Y. Feb. 25th 1807

Sister: In the name of the Lord, the great Redeemer, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed by the authority of the priesthood. Thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity though thou shalt shortly see thy companion. Thou shalt have sorrow of heart, yet if thou trustest in thy maker, thou shalt be delivered. No blessing to enjoyed on earth will be too great for thee. Trouble not thyself if sickness make thy frame, use the means which God and nature have put into thy hands: Thy life shall be prolonged threescore & fifteen years yea longer, if thy faith hold out. Thy children shall be prophets and Prophetesses of the Lord thy God. This blessing is given in the name of thy Father. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sophronia Hinkly (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Sophronia Hinkly who was born in Hiram, Portage County Ohio, Oct. 13th 1816

Sister, be strong in the Lord and rejoice for the heavens are full of blessings. I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus and seal a blessing for thee, for thou art an orphan thy father was opposed to the truth and did not come into the kingdom, and is now gone from the

earth, and thou art at liberty to follow the Lord and go up to the Zion of God The Lord shall bless thee with many blessings, strengthen, keep thee, comfort thee and enable thee to go to Zion. Thou shalt have a companion who shall be a man of God, a holy man, a preacher of righteousness, who shall stand by thee in affliction and comfort thy heart and partake with thee in all thy joys and comfort thee in thee in the hours of trouble

Thou art blest because thou hast obeyed the gospel and come into the new and everlasting covenant in thy youth: If faithful, thou shalt rejoice many years on earth, live to see the winding up scene, raise up children for God, which shall be a glory and an honor to thee in eternity, and thou shalt rejoice in them forever: the Lord is thy Redeemer and he shall keep thee in the covenant of Abraham. Thou art of the blood and lineage of Abraham, and shall have all the blessings of Abraham and receive an inheritance with them in Zion see Zion built up a holy city, judgements fall upon the ungodly & thou shalt weep over their calamities; but because thy trust shall be in God, he shall comfort thy heart, & when thy Redeemer comes in the clouds of heaven thou shalt rise and meet him in the air. This is thy blessing which I seal for thee in thee in the name of Jesus and I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:49]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susannah Hinkly (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Susannah Hinkly who was born in Willington, Tolland Co. Ct. January 3d A.D. 1782

Sister Hinkly let thy heart rejoice. Thy days of mourning will soon be over and days of rejoicing come. Thou art a daughter of Abraham, & I seal the blessings of Abraham for thee. Thou shalt forget thy sorrows and be filled with joy. Thou hast seen much tribulation. Thy companion hath opposed thee, but thy son shall be brought to a knowledge of the truth for he is of the seed of Abraham and a child of the covenant, beloved also of the Lord. He shall receive an inheritance with the seed of Abraham in Zion, thy heart shall overflow with joy and thy mind shall expand wide and thou shalt overcome Satan. Thou shalt escape the destroyer, be free from sickness and pain, live till thou art satisfied with life, enjoy much good on earth even temporal blessings, even all that thy heart can desire, in righteousness. The Lord loves thee because of thy humility & patience, has had his eye upon thee from the beginning & has desired to turn thy sorrows into joy: he will give thee all thy children and none of them shall be lost. God shall answer all thy prayers in their behalf and then thou shalt have no cause to mourn. These, thy blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus, even so, Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:50]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha C. Hubbard (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Elisha C. Hubbard who was born in Rochester, Windsor Co. Vt. February 21st AD. 1816

Brother Hubbard inasmuch as thou art an orphan child I lay my hands upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus. Thou art a son of Abraham of the blood of Israel & thou art entitled to the priesthood and if thou wilt be faithful thou shalt yet be chosen among the quorums of one of the seventies that will be yet called. My heart cries bless, and I will bless thee for I know that the

heavens are propitious because of thy determ[i]nation to serve thy Lord and Master Above thyself and thou shalt be exalted and the Lord will raise the[e] up, and if thou art faithful thou shalt be caught up as Paul was to the third heavens and thy soul shall be wrapped up in eternal love and in the visions of the Almighty and if thou receivest the priesthood thou shalt do many mighty works. By thy faith thou shalt quench devouring flames. Thou shalt divide waters hither and thither and thou shalt cause the earth to tremble at thy word, through thy mighty faith, and like Enoch of old thou shalt not sleep in the dust, But thou shalt rise up in the chariots of fire and shall come up to the city of Enoch and behold the glories thereof. Thou shalt live long and shalt rejoice with thy children & thy children's children. And I ask my heavenly Father to seal these blessings upon thee, and I seal them upon thine head in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:51]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyrus Orvis Isham (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Cyrus Orvis Isham, aged 14 years born in Madison Geauga Co. Ohio

Brother, In the name of Jesus the Holy Redeemer of all Mankind, I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father, being mouth to him and say unto thee. Though thou hast obeyed the gospel of the Saviour in thy youth, yet under God thy heavenly Father thou must receive instructions from thy earthy parents. Set thy heart on God thy Father and the angels of heaven shall teach thee in knowledge & righteousness, things present and things to come. Seek ardently to know God and thou shalt have the priesthood. when thy heavenly Father shall own thee and compass thee about on every side, thine arm shall be strengthened and thou shalt be delivered. like sampson thou shalt have power to slay thy thousands, Thy young companions shall unite with thee. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of Caroline Eliza Isham (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Caroline Eliza Isham, aged 22 years born in the town and Co. of Onondaga N. Y.

Sister. in the name of Jesus Christ in company with thy father I lay my hands on thy head May God in his goodness and mercy give thee long life. May thy days be prosperous and thy peace be abundant. May the Lord, having respect to his cause give thee in his own due time a wise companion, holy and happy children. Thou shalt have power over disease, power over the enemy; power over corruption and power over the diseases of thy body, if thou wilt be humble and contrite before God Thou shalt have great understanding and strength, and rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charlotte Orvilla Isham (probably May 1836)]

Also Blessing of Charlotte Orvilla Isham. aged 26 years born in the town & county of Onondaga N. Y.

Dear Sister, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father and am mouth for him. Inasmuch as thou hast had much light. Thou shalt have much to answer for at the bar of God. Thy health has been poor, but thy disease stands rebuked Thou and thy future companion shall walk in love, in unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. and thy children shall call thee blessed. If thou art humble and contrite, thou shalt overcome the weakness of thy nature and see as thou art seen and know as thou art known. Thou shalt have power given thee to translate records and find out hidden mysteries. Thou shalt have great power with God if thou dost desire it, even so amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:65]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hiram Kellogg (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Hiram Kellogg who was born in Winchester, Lichfield Co. Ct. aged 43

Brother Kellogg, in the name of Jesus Christ the Mediator of the new an everlasting covenant I lay my hands on thee and on the head of thy seed. O! God the eternal Father grant unto this person on whom I lay my hands, forgiveness of sins. Arouse him from his sloth and inspire him with love and gratitude, let him feel the spirit of the Lord. My Brother, thou hast come into the covenant and art entitled to the priesthood if thou wilt claim it. There are great blessings in store for thee. Thou shalt have authority to stand in thy family as a patriarch. The Lord will bless thee in thy outgoings. When thou risest up and when thou settest down. Thou shalt make a great man in the world; thou shalt preach to this generation if thou desirest it. for thou art of the lineage of the priesthood- Commune with thy wife, speak to her of heavenly things. She and thy children shall be blessed. Thou shalt have many trials and afflictions, but out of all of them the Lord will deliver thee, if thou putteth thy trust in him. Thou shalt stand on mount Zion and shalt have many souls given to thee as thy hire, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:53]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cornelius P. Lott (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Cornelius P. Lott who was born in the City of New York A.D. 1798

Brother Lott, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head. I ask my heavenly father to show thee the corruption of thy heart, of the world, and of the branch of the church where thou dost reside. Thou shalt have power to defend the cause of and nothing shall stay thee. Thou shalt see the Savior if faithful, and angels shall minister unto thee. And I seal upon thee the father's blessing, even long life and eternal life, Thou shalt receive the blessings of the Priesthood in all its fullness, also thou shalt bless thy family and teach them righteousness. Thou shalt stand when the heavens shall rend and thou shalt have the riches of the earth and of eternity. This for thee and for thy posterity to all generations. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:48]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Lytle (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of John Lytle born in Northumberland County Penn. aged 32 years August 18th 1835

Brother Lytle. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Mediator of the new an everlasting covenant I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed. Thy blessing shall be a continuation of the blessing given to Abraham. Thou art of the blood of Jared. Thou hast been brought into the covenant by the power of Israel. If thou humblest thyself before thy heavenly Father thou shalt be a priest after the order of Melchisedec. If thou dost receive the priesthood thou shalt have power over the enemy. Thou shalt do the work of God and his work shall prosper in thy hands. Thou shalt rebuke diseases and they shall stand rebuked. Put thy trust in God, thy Father and not only the things of this life shall be thine but the things of the eternal world. Thou shalt stand on the ends of the earth & proclaim the way of life to their inhabitants through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Thou shalt have power and authority to preach, to the Lamanites, the gospel of thy Saviour in its power & verity. Thou shalt if thou art humble and contrite have conferred upon thee, the gift of tongues so that thou mayest speak to the aboriginal inhabitants of this continent, the wonderful works of God in their own tongue by the power of the Holy Ghost. Thy wife whom thou lovest shall stand in the covenant with thee, and rejoice in the God of her salvation. Thy children shall be the reward of thy prayers & toil, Thou shalt stand a priest to them and administer to to their spiritual wants. If thou art faithful and keep the commandments of thy God all thy kindred shall be given thee in the new covinant [covenant] in which thou standest. Ask of God & he will heal. Spread thy wants before him and they shall be supplied. Be diligent and discreet and thou shalt prosper in thy way. even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:63-64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathaniel Milliken (probably May 1836)]

Nathaniel Milliken was born in Buxton, York County, Maine, Decr. 25th 1793

Brother Milliken, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head, that thou mayest receive the Spirit of God, that thy faith may be streng[t]hened, that he may grant unto thee all the blessings, which thy soul desires in righteousness for thyself and thy family. for thou shalt receive power to confirm the same upon the heads of thy children, even down unto the latest generation Thou art blessed of the Lord, because thou hast sought to obey his word, hast left thine own country, and come forth unto this land, even where the Lord has appointed for his people to gather, Behold, thou art called and chosen to proclaim the gospel to the inhabitants of the earth, even to many people, & if thou art faithful unto thy calling, & dost magnify the holy priesthood, thou shalt be very mighty in the ministry in declaring the world [word] of the Lord to this generation, and shalt speak great and marvelous things, by the spirit and power of the Lord, even so great, thou shalt wonder and be astonished thyself: for the Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of thy God will attend thee and wheresoever thou shalt go in the name of the Lord, and in all humility and meekness shall call upon the people to repent: thou shalt have great reason to rejoice in the goodness of God; for he will sustain thee, and raise thee up friends who will cleave unto thee, and obey the voice of the Lord in gathering to the land of Zion, to escape

the calamity of the wicked, and in these things thy heart shall be made to rejoice and thy soul shall be filled with praise.

Nevertheless, because of the unbelief of men thou shalt have much affliction and many sorrows, yea, even at times, thou wilt almost despair, but fear not for the arm of God will sustain thee, and his power will be exerted for thy deliverance. Thou shalt also see great tribulation come upon the inhabitants of the earth and distress and perplexity upon the nations But holy angels will minister unto thee, and thine eyes shall gaze upon the glories of the upper worlds. The Lord has heard and will answer thy prayers, for thou hast asked for many things which thou hast not made known even to thy wife Lift up thy heart in Thanksgiving and be diligent in thy calling. govern thy home in meekness, causing thy family to walk in obedience to all the commandments of the Lord, and thy blessings shall be exceeding great. I seal thy ministry upon thee and confirm the power of the holy priesthood upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name I seal thee up unto eternal life even so, Amen. Evan M. Green, Clerk. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:43-44]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Milliken (probably May 1836)]

Mary Milliken was born in Saco, York County Maine, February 12th, 1799

Sister Milliken, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I confirm upon thee the blessings of a parent in common with thy husband; for thy days shall be as his days, and thou shalt be a partaker of all the joys and glories which shall come upon him. Thy name is written in heaven and thou shalt be sealed up unto eternal life, yea thou art bound in the bundle of eternal life and the blessings of the spiritual kingdom, the[re]fore, let thy mind be solemn from hence forth and let thy heart be exercised with charity and love and thou shalt from this time be more & more blessed with the spirit of wisdom and understanding to guide the affairs of thy house. Teach thy children prudence and the commandments of the Lord, and the time will come when they will rejoice with thee in the kingdom of God.

Thou shalt be a comfort and a blessing to thy husband in all his afflictions. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel and thy children shall rise up and call the[e] blessed. Thy name is written in the lamb[']s book of life and shall never be blotted out except for wilful transgression. Thou shalt stand to see almost the winding up scene of this generation and be satisfied with life and desire to be away. Thou shalt not sleep but a short season, but shall come forth in the first resurrection and receive a a crown of celestial glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus I seal these blessings upon thee, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assnt. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:44]

[Patriarchal blessing of Horace Purdy (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Horace Purdy aged 50 years August 11th 1836, born Newburgh N. Y.

Brother Purdy, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity, & bestow on thee a father's blessing. I do it by the power of the Priesthood to seal thee against the wiles of the enemy of all righteousness. Thou must bless thy children. If thou art humble and faithful, The Lord will show thee thy duty by the powers of the world to come. Thou shalt have an influence over the hearts of the young to lead them into the paths of

peace and rectitude. Be patient in afflictions which attack thee and thou shalt have power according to thy desires. Thou wilt have to bear afflictions from thy kindred, but with humble submission to the will of thy heavenly Father, thou shalt triumph over all their enmity. Thou shalt bring many of them into the new covenant and triumph through Jesus over all their opposition. Thou shalt stand in the midst of wars and contentions, unhurt and unalarmed, if thy trust be in him who conquers the hearts of men. Thou shalt be comforted by thy God who will help thee and stand by thy side. God will give his Angels charge over thee and thou shalt have their ministrations. I seal upon thee these blessings by the powers of the priesthood. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jonas Putnam (probably May 1836)]

Jonas & Sally Putnam's Patriarchal blessings.

Jonas Putnam was born in Ashburnham, Worcester County Mass. Sept. 7th 1792

Brother Putnam, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and ask the Lord to put thoughts into my heart which shall be for thy good. Thou must live soberly righteously and godly in this present evil world, thou hast been honest in heart and desired to do the will of God, therefore, he shall bless thee and uphold thee in his hands, and keep thee from evil. Thou hast grieved for the transgression of thy brethren, and thy family has been afflicted, but the Lord shall remove thy afflictions far from thee, and deliver thee in his own due time, and bless thee with all spiritual blessings and deliver thee from the power of satan, and thy family also by the power of God. The Lord shall give thee all the desires of thy heart which shall be in righteousness before him. Thou shalt be an orphan, for God himself shall be thy father and give thee an inheritance in the land of Zion among the faithful in the holy city, or city of holiness.

Thou art not of the seed of Joseph, but of the blood of Abraham, & shalt be reckoned with the children of Abraham. & thy children shall be secured by the power of God from the destroyer, and be purified by the blood of the everlasting covenant, and shall stand in holy places, & thou at their head, & then you shall receive a crown and thy children call thee blessed, for thou shalt be able to go to Zion and not be hindered on the account of temporal things, either of thy own or of thy connexions, for the Lord shall prosper thy way in temporal things and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion, therefore tarry not for others, but save thyself by keeping the commandments of God, and thou shalt escape the power of the destroyer and be blessed with eternal life, Even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:39-40]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Putnam (probably May 1836)]

Sally Putnam was born in Chester Windsor County Vermont May 1st 1799

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus, even him who hath all power both in heaven and on earth. May the Lord give thee the fulness of his spirit and the power thereof, May he pardon all thy sins and bestow a fulness of blessings upon thee. Thou hast obeyed the new and everlasting covenant and kept thy faith, Thy heart is honest before thy God. Thou hast had many fears about temporal things, but thou must dismiss them for God shall take care of thy family and his angels rejoice over thee, and the heavens shall secure thee, from the pestilence and famine. All darkness shall be driven away from thee. and thou shalt not fear, for

thou shalt receive a goodly inheritance in Zion, for thy family and the destroyer shall loose all his power and not be able to prevail against thy life, for God shall guard thy life and his angels shall watch over thee. For all things are yours, whether they be angels or life, time or eternity, all are yours, ye are Christ's and Christ is God's and he shall give you all things for he hath all power in heaven and on earth and give thee a fullness and shall give the[e] a fullness of celestial glory and thou art sealed up unto eternal life Even so, Amen. Sylvester Smith, scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:40]

[Patriarchal blessing of Tunis Rappleye (probably May 1836)]

Tunis Rappleye was born February 2d 1807 in Ovid, Seneca County New York

Brother, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head again the second time, to confirm thy former blessing upon thee, even the blessings of Abraham [Abraham] & of Isaac and thou art entitled to all the blessings of the Priesthood. Thou shalt be rich in herds. Thou shalt have cattle and horses of every description and have the riches of the world in abundance. If Thou wilt be humble thou shalt have many children and shalt instruct them in the principles of the gospel and bring them up in the way of righteousness, and when they are sick, thou shalt be enabled by faith to heal them, even thy children's children shall rise up and call thee blessed, Thou shalt have the ministering of angels and, shall become mighty upon the earth.

Thou shalt rend prisons: Thou shalt command the winds and waves and fires and floods, that they shall not destroy thee. The lame shall leap at thy word. The deaf shall hear the dumb shall speak, and thou shalt be instrument in the hands of God of doing many mighty works and of bringing many souls into the kingdom Thou shalt go to thy father's house and be received as a holy Messenger and shall preach repentance [unto thy] connexion, and the desires of thy heart shall be granted thee in their salvation, Thou shalt behold the winding up scene of this generation in the name of Jesus, which I seal upon thy head with all these blessings inasmuch as thou art faithful, and seal thee up unto eternal life even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:44-45]

[Patriarchal blessing of Louisa Rappleye (probably May 1836)]

Louisa Rappleye was born May 16th 1816 in Lisle Brome County N. Y.

Sister I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and ask my heavenly father to secure thee against the temptations incident to youth, and that the influence of this world may have no dominion over thy mind, That thou woudest seek counsel, for the Lord has designed for thee a multiplicity of blessings when thy husband shall go forth to proclaim the word of the Lord to the nations angels shall minister to thee and inform thee of his absences. Thou shalt be permitted to look within the vail. The Lord thy God will raise thee up & make thee a prophetess and the kingdom of God shall be unfolded to thy view and the glories of the upper world shall roll upon the vision of thy mind, until thou shalt be astonished and say it is enough. Thou shalt teach thy children in the nurture and admonitions of the Lord and thou shalt be called to instruct many of the women amongst the Lamanites in the principles of this world and shall behold the thousands that shall come into the kingdom, through the instrumentality of thy husband. Thou shalt behold the winding up scene of this generation. Thy name is written in the

lamb[']s book of life. I seal these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus, inasmuch as thou art faithful and I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:45]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Redford (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of John Redford who was born in Many, Sink State of Pennsylvania aged 53 years.

My Brother, in the name of the God of Israel I lay my hands on thee and on the head of thy posterity. I give thee a father[']s blessing, thou dost stand in the covenant and art a son of Abraham and with him shall be entitled to the blessings of heaven and earth. Thou hast started for the far West. Thou art seeking Zion a consecrated land. Thou shalt find a goodly inheritance in Zion. Make a perfect surrender of thyself and family into the hands of God, travel not on the Sabbath, and go thy way rejoicing in the Lord who made thee, and kept thee by his mighty power. The angels of his presence shall encamp about thee Be faithful and prove thyself a valiant man. and thou shalt have strength beyond thy expectation. Thou shalt be a counsellor and be respected by they brethren. Thou shalt have houses and lands. The calamities that shall fall on this generation shall pain thy heart, for thy heart shall be open to the calamities that fall on others. Thou standest as a patriarch to thy family, be faithful, and God shall give the[e] rest, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:54]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rebecca Redford (probably May 1836)]

Also Rebecca Redford who was born in Shaftsbury Bennington Co. Vt. aged 46 years

Dear Sister, in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity. I seal on thy head the blessing in common with thy husband. Treasure up wisdom and thy days shall be many. Thy joys shall be great in thy children and in thy Grand children. Their society shall be balm to thy soul: They shall with the[e] be members of the celestial world. Thou shalt be an instructor to all. Thou shalt see Zion flou[r]ish and it will give joy to thy soul. The angels of God shall visit thee when thy heart is grieved, if thou put thy confidence in Israel[']s God. Thou shalt see the closing of the great drama, and shalt see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assit. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:54]

[Patriarchal blessing of Josiah Richardson (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Josiah Richardson born in Middlebury Ct. April 23d AD. 1783

Brother Richardson I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy seed, & I do it in the name and by the Authority of Jesus Christ and the Priesthood. Be faithful to thy children & stand a patriarch to them. Thou shalt have their lineage recorded in a book, thou & they may see thine origin to the latest generations. I give thee a companion if Satan does not spoil her. Thou shalt have goods in store, the necessary things of this world. Thou shalt have menservants and maid-servants. Thou shalt see Zion flourish. Thou shalt have knowledge of

posterity. Be humble and prayerful and all things shall work for thy good Thou must preach the gospel of thy God and Saviour. Thou mayest come up to the priesthood though I do not say thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Suffer thyself to be led by the word and spirit of God. and no power shall hold thee or greatly disturb thy peace. I seal these blessings upon thy head. Amen & Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harpin Riggs (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Harpin Riggs who was born in Oxford, New Haven Co. Ct. April 12th 1809

Brother Harpin a son of Zion, God has strengthened thee in the weakness of thy body. Thou hast been willing to sacrifice [sacrifice] thy life and all that was near & dear unto thee, and the sacrifice is accepted, and God shall protect thee from the snare of the fowler, and give thee grace and blessings, more than my tongue can tell. Thou are called to be a messenger to the Nations. God has a healing Calm for thy body and thou shalt receive it and have strength; and thy body shall be like the body of Moses, thy heart shall enlarge like Enoch's Thou shalt teach kings and Nobles the gospel of the Redeemer, and thou shalt see the heavens opened and behold thy Redeemer while thou art in the flesh, and he shall lay his hand upon thee and set thee apart and give unto the[e] power and authority, and if thou art called to pass through fire, it shall not burn thee: and if thou art called to pass through floods, thou shalt not drown, and prison walls shall not hold thy body, for thou shalt fill thy mission and escape all thine enemies, and thou shalt live unto the coming of the son of man, and present thy thousands in that day with joys that no tongue can tell, having passed through tribulations thou shalt enter into rest. These blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:42]

[Patriarchal blessing of Melinda Riggs (probably May 1836)]

Melinda Riggs was born in Deerfield, Franklin Co. Mass. January 7th 1813

Sister; in the name of the Lord I confirm the blessings of thy husband in common upon thee. Thine enemies shall be confounded because of thy wisdom. Thou hast been faithful in few things, and thou shalt receive many. Thou hast desired much and thou shalt receive much. God will shield thee from pestilence, and if thou art faithful, thou shalt live with thy husband to behold the closing scene. Thou shalt have much joy with thy companion, for he shall return many times, and thou shalt not want for any thing during his absence No pestilence shall have power over thee for God is thine, Jesus is thine, life is thine and all things are thine, and thou shalt overcome together with thy husband, and receive the blessings of heaven, even a fulness, and thy posterity so long as a drop of thy blood shall remain upon the earth, shall enter into thy blessings like the seed of Abraham. These blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:42]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyprian Rudd (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Cyprian Rudd, born in the town and County of Bennington Vt. aged 53 July 12th 1835

Brother Rudd, I say unto thee in the name and by the authority of Jesus the Holy Redeemer and by the authority of the Priesthood, no power shall hurt thee if thou puttest thy trust in the Living God. Thou must stand as a Patriarch to thy children. Thou must be faithful and do thy duty. Thou must open thy mouth and God will fill it, even with truth & will give the arguments to silence gainsayers. In the humility thou shalt have a companion who shall be a solace to thy life. Thy children shall be in Zion with thee. Thou wilt have to pass through affliction and sorrow, but God will bear thee up if thou lean upon his arm. In thy joys and in thy afflictions, thy companion shall walk hand in hand with thee. Thou shalt see Jesus thy Redeemer and thy joy and faith shall be perfect. Thou shalt see great things. Thou shalt have the things of this world & be filled with satisfaction. In the name of Jesus I seal these blessings upon thy head, and upon the head of thy posterity. I seal thee up unto eternal life. Keep the commandments and thou shalt have life, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:63]

[Patriarchal blessing of Van Ranpelaer Swift (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Van Ranpelaer Swift who was born in the town of Cazenovia, County of Madison in the state of N. Y. aged. 32 years.

Brother Swift, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thee and say unto thee: teach thy children to know the Lord. Teach them wisdom virtue and righteousness. Thou must bless thy posterity, a holy seed on the earth. Thou must be endowed with wisdom and thou shalt be useful to the church in this apostate generation. Thou shalt have knowledge of God and shalt increase in faith from month to month: thou shalt have power to do miracles among mankind. Pray in thy family, instruct thy wife, and order thy house in righteousness, consecrate thyself to God and have power to bless a numerous posterity. Go to Zion, observe God's holy sabbath on the way. Though thou mayest have trials of mind and body, look up to the Lord and thou shalt succeed and be an inhabitant of mount Zion. the city of the great king and be saved in time and eternity. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Asist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:52]

[Patriarchal blessing of Edward Thompson (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Edward Thompson born in Goshen County of Litchfield Ct. aged 69 years Oct. 10th 1835

Brother, by the authority of God and his holy priesthood. I lay my hands upon thy head and on the head of thy posterity. Thou hast not a father to bless thee and I give unto thee a father's blessing which is after the order of Aaron. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Thou hast children and thou shalt stand as a patriarch to confer blessings on their heads. Thou art of the priesthood. If thou art humble before God the Father, thou shalt rejoice in the rock of thy salvation and, thy days shall be many, thy last days being thy best days. The angels shall bear

thee away to heaven. By the authority of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thy head. Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rhoda Thompson (probably May 1836)]

Also the Blessing of Rhoda Thompson born in the town & County of Litchfield Ct. aged. 63 January 27th 1836

Sister Thompson, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands on thee in common with thy husband. Thou hast come forth in the new and everlasting covenant, in the honesty and sincerity of thy heart. Thou hast thought thy sins were forgiven thee, but thou shalt have greater evidence of thy good standing before God. Thou mayest sleep in the dust, yet like Job thou shalt see God in the flesh. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. The vision of God shall be opened to thee. Thou shalt see the horses and chariots of thy God. Thou shalt come forth by the side of thy husband. Thou shalt see many days on earth, Thou shalt see thy children[']s children. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:64]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ezra Thornton (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Ezra Thornton, who was born April 8th 1789 in Greenfield Massachusetts.

Brother Thornton, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thee, and I seal upon thy head the blessings of a father, even the same that was sealed upon thy father Abraham by Melchisideck. These blessings are for thee and for thy children, for thou shalt have power to confer them upon them. No evil shall come upon thee, for the heavens shall be propitious and be engaged in thy defense; and not many months shall pass ere thou shalt see visions of angels. Thou hast had fears like thyself, and I tell thee of it, that thou mayest know that God doth know thy heart. Thou hast desired to see thy Redeemer, for thyself thy desire shalt be granted that thou mayest be satisfied. These blessings I seal upon thy head and I also seal thee up unto eternal life. even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:59]

[Patriarchal blessing of Harriet Thornton (probably May 1836)]

Also Blessing of Harriet Thornton, wife of Ezra Thornton,

Sister Thornton, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee and confirm upon thy head, in common with thy husband, the blessings of a father. Thy days shall be many, but thou canst not live till the Saviour comes in the clouds of heaven, because of the infirmity of thy body. Thou shalt see the glory and beauty of the upper worlds, and desire to be away. I now seal thee up against pestilence and all plagues: for Jesus is thine, all blessings are thine. and thou shalt have a crown of celestial glory in the day of eternity. These blessings are thine in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:59]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha T. Ward (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Elisha T. Ward who was born in LeRoy, Genesee County N. Y. Jany. 22d 1814

Brother Ward, thou art in the slippery paths of youth and art liable to be led astray, must be careful and watch unto prayer, and contend earnestly for the truth or thou wilt fall into temptation and thine eyes be caught away with vanity, and thy heart enmared with the allurements of the world, if thou art not faithful in keeping the commandments of God and dost not put thy trust in him, satan will rage against thee and thou shalt feel his power. But if thou wilt cleave unto thy God with all thy might and strength, he will deliver thee and satan loose his power; for thou shalt have power to command him in the name of Jesus, and compel him to leave thee. Thou must not be lifted up in pride, but be exceedingly humble and seek please God in all things, and he will by and by call thee to the ministry

Thou art of the blood of Abraham, a literal descendant of Israel and must advocate the cause of Abraham, even the cause of truth. Thou shalt be a special witness to the nations, if thou art faithful. The Lord will prepare thee for the work to thou shalt be called Thou shalt pass through perils both by sea and by land, but for all these things thou shalt receive a crown. Thou shalt have a companion and many children, which shall be an ornament in the church, and people the millennium after the earth is is changed, many of them shall be priests of the most high God, and receive an inheritance in Zion with their brethren and great shall be thy joy with them. Thou shalt have all the blessings which thou needest. Thou shalt do a great work and much good, see angels, be taught of God, be perfected in righteousness and stand till the Redeemer comes in the clouds of heaven. This thou hast desired, and thou shalt have it if thou are faithful, and all these blessings are sealed for thee, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:48]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Wightman (probably May 1836)]

Patriarchal blessing of Wm. Wightman who was born December 12th 1807 in the town of Lebanon Gorham, Windham County state of Connecticut.

Brother William, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and ask my heavenly Father to bless thee. Thou art of the seed of Joseph and a pure descendent of Ephraim, and hast a right to all the blessings of the priesthood, even all the blessings of heaven and earth are thine. Thy tongue shall be loosed [illegible] thou shalt go to the ends of the earth, and thou art one of the horns of Joseph that shall push the people together. Thou art a chosen vessel, and shall have a double portion of the spirit of the Lord. Thou shalt have power to burst bands, rend prisons and walk amid judgements upon the earth, and they shall not harm thee. If thou art faithful thou shalt tarry on the earth until Christ shall be revealed in the clouds of heaven and shall see him as he is and be ordained under his own hand even as the Nephites were. Thou shalt have great power over the elements even to the dividing of waters and to quench the Nature of flames and to call down fire from heaven if needed. Thou art one of the one hundred and forty four thousand that shall stand upon Mount Zion. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life and thy children's children shall be blessed of the Lord. I seal these blessings upon thy head inasmuch as thou art faithful even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:42-43]

[Patriarchal blessing of Dolly Wightman (probably May 1836)]

Dolly Wightman was born in Springville Susquehanna County Penn, Sept 12 1812

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and ask my heavenly Father to bless thee in common with thy husband. Thy life shall be as his life and thy days as his days. Thou shalt be blessed with long life and the ministering of angels. The Lord has heard thy prayer, and will answer the desires of thy heart. Thou hast asked many things, which thou hast not made known to any one, not even to thy husband. When he shalt go forth to preach the gospel angels shall minister unto thee, and inform thee of his situation which shall be joy unto thee. Thou shalt instruct thy children in the way of righteousness, and be enabled through faith to heal them when sick. Thou shalt remain upon the earth when the judgements of God shall rest upon the nations thereof. Thou shalt stand upon mount Zion with the redeemed of the Lord. I seal these blessings in the name of Jesus inasmuch as thou art faithful, even so Amen

W. A.. Cowdery Assnt. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:43]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Williams (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of William Williams who was born in Colchester Ct. aged 58 years.

Our Father in Heaven send us thy revealing spirit, by which we may be guided into the truth as it is in Christ and his word. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and bestow on thee a father's blessing. and on thy seed after thee. Thou standest before thy posterity as a patriarch. Thy blessing shall be recorded in a book that thy seed may see the record and know their origin. Put off thy diffidence, come up boldly to the work of thy God, in which thou must engage with all thy faculties that thy seed may be saved and that thou mayest be instrumental in the salvation of others. If thou art faithful in thy masters cause, thou shalt be blessed in the earth and be a man of God. Thou shalt be blessed in the earth and it shall yield to thee its strength. The angels of heaven shall minister to thee. Thou shalt know of a surety the things of God. Before thy spirit shall take its flight. Thou shalt see thy kindred established upon the earth. No blessing shall be too great for thee if thou art faithful. I seal these things upon thy head by the power of the priesthood, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:61]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles Wood (probably May 1836)]

Blessing of Charles Wood who was born in Guilderland, Albany County N. Y. Decr. 16th 1792

Brother Wood: in the name of the Lord Jesus, I lay my hands upon thy head, and according to the holy priesthood and the order of the house of God & I confirm the blessings of a father upon thee. Thou shalt not from henceforth be called an orphan child, for the Lord hath looked upon thee, and thou art blessed of the Lord, because thou hast obeyed the fulness of the everlasting gospel, nevertheless thou hast neglected thy duty, and thy mind hath been dark[e]ned, and thou hast not received as many blessings as thou wouldst have received hadst thou been more faithful. But the Lord will bless thee and will call thee in his own time. therefore prepare thy mind and study diligently, for thou art of the lineage of Abraham, and shall have the holy

priesthood established again on the earth in these last days, thou shalt proclaim glad tidings of great joy and shalt save many souls & have much joy if faithful, and thou shalt claim thy brother and sister by faith & by thy faith, thou shalt be enabled to gaze upon the upper world & see the glories thereof, & thou shalt have the holy priesthood, while the earth shall stand. If thou hast now not any children, thou shalt have, for God does not design thee to be dry and unfruitful branch, and thou shalt live upon the earth long and it shall be according to thy faith, to be translated, or to sleep in the dust and I seal the[e] up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:51]

[Patriarchal blessing of Dolly Wood (probably May 1836)]

Dolly Wood was born at Cherry, Valley, Otsego, Co. N. Y. June 10th 1801.

Sister, in the name of thy Redeemer, even Jesus, the son of the living God, I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm all the blessings upon thy head in common with thy husband. Seek wisdom and spend thy days in the service of thy Redeemer, for thou art of the lineage of Abraham, even a daughter of Sarah. In thy younger days thou hast had much sickness, and thou hast sought diligently to serve the Lord, and if faithful thou shalt not have such sickness any more. Thou shalt have the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt live long and thy heart shall be pained for what thou shalt see upon the earth, and God shall send his angels to lead the[e] from famine and from pestilence. Nevertheless thou shalt have much joy and shall behold thy children and thy children's children, even to the fourth generation. Thou shalt have the visions of heaven, and I seal all these visions and blessing upon thee in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:51]

[Patriarchal blessing of Amoranda Murdock (June 1, 1836)]

Blessing of Amoranda Murdock, who was born in Kortwright Delaware County N. Y. A.D. 1810

Sister Murdock, In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee, with a father's blessing, yea I seal the blessing of a father in common with thy husband upon thee Thy sins are forgiven and thy name registered in the Lamb's book of life. If thou art faithful thou shalt be blessed with long life and posterity. Thy seed shall be great before God. and some of them shall be filled with the Spirit at the age of twelve years and prophecy of all things. Thou shalt stand in the great feast and many of thy relatives with thee The blessings of the earth and of the heavens are thine, yea, if thou art faithful all things are thine which thou canst desire in righteousness. Thy life shall be long, thy days many and be filled up with duty and usefulness. Thou shalt be an inhabitant of Zion, and have an inheritance there with thy husband. Thou shalt truly be his help-meet and participate with him in all the joys and sorrows incident to frail mortality, and when thou shall have passed through this chequered scene be wafted home to glory. These blessings I seal upon thee & I seal the[e] up to eternal life even so amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:68]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail McBride (June 8, 1836)]

Blessing of Abigail McBride who was born in Nine Partners, Montgomery Co. N. Y. aged 66 the 29th of January 1836.

My aged Sister, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, and by the power and authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and on head of thy posterity and confer a blessing. Thou hast had sorrow and affliction, out of which, the Lord is delivering thee, he has established thy faith. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel of thy Saviour, and thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. If thou holdest on thy way, the time will come, when thou, like Job, shall see God in the flesh, standing upon the earth. Thou shalt see angels and shall receive the communications of the Holy Ghost. Thy children shall stand in the covenant by the power of God. Thou shalt go to Zion and be in good health. Thy mind shall be strong and rejoice in thy God. Thou shalt not want the things of this life. Give up thyself to God and thou shalt see thy Redeemer, whom thou desirest to know. Thou shalt be a member of the Celestial world. I seal these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen & Amen, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:78]

[Patriarchal blessing of Amos B. Fuller (June 17, 1836)]

Blessing of Amos B. Fuller who was born in Stockholm county of St. Lawrence in the state of N. Y. March 26th 1810.

Amos, In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer of Mankind and by the Authority of the Holy priesthood I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father, that thou mayest receive a blessing which shall rest on thee and on thy seed. Thy posterity shall see thy name and blessing written in a book. I confer on thee the priesthood, Thou art a descendant of the holy patriarch Abraham. Thou art of his seed and lineage Thou hast been called to preach the Gospel. Thou hast been faithful & done good in the church of thy God & Savior. Thou hast done good in this generation, thy skirts are free from their blood. go on thy way & and prosper. Thou shalt see the Lord face to face and rejoice in his free salvation. If thou art faithful and putteth thy trust in the God of Israel, ere long the heavens shall be opened to thy sight. in open vision thou shalt see angels who shall minister to thee. Thou must go and preach the gospel to the Lamanites in their various languages. Thou must preach to the nations of the earth. Thou shalt have many souls among them as crowns of thy rejoicing when Jesus Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven Thy years shall be many for thou shalt stand on the earth and proclaim the Gospel to the nations of the Gentiles and to the seed of Abraham as long as the earth shall stand. Thou art called to stand among the one hundred & forty and four thousand with the lamb on mount Zion, dressed in white robes. Be faithful brother and thy soul shall be satisfied with the things of time & eternity. By the authority of the priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life, Amen & Amen.

N. B. the above blessing was conferred on the[e] by the patriarch of the Latter-day Saints as the blessing of thy father June 18. [sic] 1836

W. A. Cowdery Assit. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:94-95]

[Patriarchal blessing of Esther Fuller on June 17, 1836]

Blessing of Esther Fuller, the wife of A. B. Fuller who was born in Stockholm St. Lawrence County N. Y. Sept. 20th 1810

Dear Sister. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, & by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head in company with thy father. I seal the blessing of God on thy children: The blessing of Abraham shall rest on thy head, thou art of his seed & lineage. thou art of the Covenant people of thy God. Thou standest in the Fold of Christ by the power of faith. for thy good thou art called to endure afflictions. Thou must be patient in tribulation. Thou shalt be blessed with children, they too shall stand in the covenant, and while young shall be in the spirit and prophesy. they shall be among the prophets & prophetesses.

Thou art called to a holy calling. Thou must listen to thy husband & receive his instructions. Thy heart shall be filled with joy and thou shalt see the vision opened. Thou shalt be instructed in wisdom: thy wisdom shall enable thee to do much for thy fellow creatures. I feel to bless thee with all good things. All thy desires which thou shalt make in Righteousness shall be realized and every such desire shall be gratified. Thou shalt tarry with thy husband and shall see all things fulfilled which are promised him in his blessing. Be faithful, Dear Sister, and no blessing shall be too great for thee. By the authority of the priesthood I seal these blessings upon thy head & I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so, Amen.

Kirtland June 17th 1836 W. A. Cowdery asst. Red. [Recorder] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:95]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Chamberlain on June 20, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing meeting held at the Lord's House in Kirtland, June 20th 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, being present, and holding the meeting, conferred on the head of Jacob Chamberlain, born in Dudley Massachusetts, Dec. 26th 1779.

Brother Chamberlain in the name of Jesus Christ the Holy Redeemer, and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a blessing, for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity, Thou art an orphan and I give thee a father's blessing. Thou art of the seed and lineage of the Patriarch Abraham, through the loins of Ephraim – The honesty and integrity of thy heart have come up before God. Thy heart has been grieved; thou hast wept in secret in presence of thy maker, who has graciously seen thy tears and heard thy prayers. Some of thy children believe the great things that have come to pass in these last days: they have valued their name – and stood in fear of the world, and have not come up to the help of God against the mighty. Thou must speak to them by the power and spirit of God, open to them thy mouth and explain to them the things of God, with force and plainness, and they will believe to Salvation, Two of them will go to Zion with thee and find an inheritance there and rejoice in the God of thy salvation. Thou must pray in thy family, and honor the God of Israel before thy household. Consecrate thyself and children to the Lord. Consecrate thy property to the Lord.

Thou shalt have long life and be satisfied with the things of time and eternity – Thou shalt go to Zion and possess the things of this life: thou shalt have houses, lands and possessions. Thou shalt have power to help build up Zion and see her flourish upon the hills: Thou shalt see

the hosts of God gathered there. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself like Enoch. Thou art a Son of Abraham, has a right to the priesthood and art called to it. Something whispers me that all will be well with thee – Thou shalt have a companion who will help and comfort thee. Be faithful brother, be humble and contrite, and all things shall work together for thy good. I seal these things upon thee I seal thee up to eternal life – Amen.

W. A. Cowdery – Assistant Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:143-144]

[Patriarchal blessing of Oliver Snow on June 20, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house June 20th 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch conferred the following blessing upon the head of Oliver Snow born in Becket Berkshire County Mass. Sept. 18th 1775.

Brother, in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the authority of the holy priesthood I lay my hand upon thy head to confer on thee a father[']s blessing for thou hast no father to bless thee in righteousness. I pronounce the blessings of heaven upon thee which shall descend through thee to thy posterity to the latest generation for thou art a descendant of Abraham and of the blood of Joseph who was sold into Egypt And now brother be baptized for the remission of thy sins and take upon thee the new and everlasting covenant and no blessing shall be too great for thee. The priesthood is for thee. & if thou wilt obey the commandment of God thou shalt be entitled to all the privileges of the holy calling for thou shalt become a mighty man in the earth and do great things. for the cause of thy Redeemer for the Lord has given thee great ability Thou hast talent and the Lord thy God will prolong thy days to a great age.

Thou shalt live to see the tribes come in from the North; thou shalt live till thy head shall blossom white like wool and thy faculties shall grow brighter and brighter, that thou mayest be a man of understanding, for thou shalt be a great counsellor in Zion and thou shalt have power to communicate thy thoughts for thy tongue shall be loosed and thou shalt be instrumental in bringing many souls into the new and everlasting covenant, It is for thee to instruct thy children in the ways of righteousness that thy posterity may be blessed. But some of thy children have come into the covenant and thy children's children shall be blessed even to the latest generation – Thou shalt be satisfied with the blessing of the earth. The heavens shall be open, thou shalt behold the glories of the upper world. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer and shalt converse with him face to face. while thou art in the flesh. This is thy portion and I seal these blessings upon thee by the authority of the holy priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life on condition of thy obedience, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:111]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Rosetta L. Snow on June 20, 1836]

Also at a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house at Kirtland June 20 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints conferred the following blessing upon the head of Rosetta L. Snow, born in Simsbury Hartford Co. Ct. Oct. 22d 1778.

Dear Sister, In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer and by the authority of the Holy priesthood which God has conferred on me I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce the blessing of God upon thee which shall reach thy posterity to the latest generation, for thou art of the seed of Joseph through the lineage of Ephraim. Thou hast come into the new and

everlasting covenant. thy heart is honest and sincere before God. Thou art pure and innocent in his sight lift up thy head & rejoice thy sins are forgiven thee and thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thou hast had sorrow and affliction. Thou hast wept in secret places, but be of good cheer for behold thy God has thy sorrows in remembrance and thy prayers shall be answered and thy seed shall be greatly blessed. Thou shalt rejoice in thy children and thou shalt look upon thy grand children and have much joy in them for thou shalt watch over them and rejoice in thy posterity.

Thou shalt win many Thou shalt win thy husband and he shall go with thee to Zion and you shall walk hand in hand to the house of the Lord and thy heart shall be satisfied with the blessings for thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of earth and thou shalt be filled with the spirit of God and be abundantly satisfied. go on my sister be humble and contrite and God will greatly multiply blessings unto thee and prolong thy days. Thou shalt come forth in the resurrection of the just and meet thy Redeemer when he shall come in the clouds of heaven. This is thy portion and I seal these blessings upon thee by the authority of the Holy priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:111-112]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lucia Louisa Leavitt on June 20, 1836]

At a blessing Meeting held in the Lord[']s house at Kirtland June 20 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints conferred the following blessing upon the head of Lucia Louisa Leavitt born in Warren Trumbull County Ohio August 9th 1826

My young Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the authority of the holy priesthood which God has confired on me, I lay my hands upon thy head to confer on thee a father's blessing. Thou art but a child and in the slippery paths of youth and thou art as it were an orphan in the world and thy father is not. But the Lord has looked upon thy mother and he will preserve thee and bless thy mother, Be faithful and keep the commandments of God and no power shall be able to hurt thee. Thou shalt have great instruction and thou shalt become a teacher in Israel Thou shalt teach the daughters of the Lamanites and instruct them in our Language. Thou shalt win many to righteousness and be instrumental of much good in thy generation Thou shalt be a mother in Israel. Thou shalt have children and be instrumental in peopling the new earth. for thou shalt live to behold the winding up scene of this generation when wickedness shall be swept off the face of the earth and thou shalt stand when Jesus Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven. By the authority of the holy priesthood I seal these blessings upon thee, and I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:112]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hiram N. Byington on June 25, 1836]

Blessing of Hiram N. Byington who was born in the State of Connecticut in the County of New Haven and town of Woolcott aged 26 years

Dear Brother in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and I pray God the eternal Father that the vision of my mind may be opened. Dear Brother thou must put thy trust in the Lord and keep his commandments, and be diligent in his service, although thou art destitute

of this world's goods. the Lord has been good to thee and thou put thy trust in him he will continue to bless thee, and will stand by thee always, for thou must pass through much affliction. Thou will see that in thy day which is not desirable to the flesh and blood The judgements of God are abroad in the earth. but put thy trust in the Lord and he will strengthen thy soul and deliver thee from all thy troubles. Something whispers me thou art of the tribe of Dan, yet if thou art faithful thou shalt attain to all the promised blessings.

Be faithful in the priesthood and thou shalt hear the voice of the Lord yea thou shalt see the end of sinning. yea thou shalt see the Savior coming in the air and shall Rise and meet him: This is thy blessing and I seal it on thee yea more, for if thou art faithful thou shalt be great in the earth, do much good and bring many into the fold of Christ, and I seal it on thee in the name of Jesus Christ and I seal thee up unto eternal life; Amen

June 25th 1836 [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:92]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Byngton on June 25, 1836]

Also the Blessing of Sarah Byngton who was born in the town of Colebrook, County of Coos and State of Newhampshire aged 28 years the 3d of May 1836.

Sister in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head to seal and confirm the blessings of a Father upon thee, for thou art of the seed Abraham and thou must be faithful in the discharge of thy duty to thy friends and thy children and thou shalt be glad and rejoice if thou art faithful and remember these things thy children shall be great in the earth and thou shalt have thy friends to go with thee, many of them: yea thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion. and thou shalt be great in the earth. and thou shalt have servants and thou shalt have great treasure and shalt have the comforts of this life and and be satisfied and the Lord shall send his angels to visit thee and thou shalt be sought unto for wisdom and thou shalt teach the daughters of the Lamanites. If thou art faithful thou shalt live long and do much good, yea thou shalt see the Savior come in the clouds and rise and meet him. This is thy blessing and I seal it on thee. and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen

June 25th 1836 J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:92]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jeremy Bartlett on June 25, 1836]

Blessing of Jeremy Bartlett who was born in the State of Ct. in the Co. of Hartford, town of Simsbury, aged 40 year

Brother, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands on thy head and seal and confirm on thy head the blessings of thy father, on thee for thou hast seen much affliction in thy day: yet thou hast had some comfort and the Lord in his tender mercy has blest thee, although thou hast experienced the loss of thy companion, yet the Lord God will give thee another companion and she shall teach thy children and instruct them in the ways of truth & holiness and they shall be an honor to thee and become great in the earth and the Lord shall bless them. Be faithful then and keep all the commandments and live by every word that proce[e]ds out of the mouth of the Lord, and the Lord shall bless thee and thou shalt yet raise up sons and daughters to rejoice with the saints. O. take much pains to instruct thy children, for the evil one shall seek to destroy them and

thee also: but be thou faithful and give not away to satan, but stand fast in the cause of God and the Lord shall send angels to minister to thee and to deliver thee.

Stand fast then for thou art of the lineage of Israel and thou shalt receive the priesthood and have an inheritance in Zion in the Far West and thou shalt become a great man yea a mighty man in teaching and thou shalt do much good. Thou shalt bring souls from afar and thou shalt have great power and be sought unto for wisdom: but be not high minded but fear, put thy trust in the Lord, call upon him at all times and thou shalt be a good servant, this is thy blessing and I seal it on thee if thou art faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

June 25th 1836 J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:93]

[Patriarchal blessing of David Gray on June 25, 1836]

A patriarchal blessing for David Gray who was born in the State of N. Y. Rensselaer Co, town of Petersburg aged 43 years

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and seal the blessings a father upon thee. Thou art an orphan. Thou art of the seed of Abraham; If thou wilt stand up and speak to thy family and children and pray in thy family and in public and be diligent in the discharge of thy duty and not give way to the evil spirit that often brings darkness on thy soul: Thou shalt go to Zion and thy children shall go also: for the angels of God are over thee and will be if thou art faithful. Thou art not called to the ministry: thou shalt dwell with thy family even in Zion. Thou art a child of Abraham. Thou shalt be a great nurse in thy family and in the church and do much good. Thou must be faithful and keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments and thou shalt have the desire of thy heart & I ask my father in heaven that he would seal this blessing on thee, and when thou art freed from the flesh thou shalt reign with him in Celestial glory. & I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Given by Joseph Smith Senior June 25 1835 [1836] John Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:104-105]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sylvia Gray on June 25, 1836]

Also the blessing of Sylvia Gray who was born in Williamstown in the State of Vermont aged thirty five years.

Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and place a seal upon thee. that never shall be taken away Thou hast desired to know the truth, and the heavens have smiled on thee because thy heart was honest to know the truth. Be faithful Sister, pray much [much]; obey the word of wisdom & remember to keep all the commandments and thou mayest obtain the highest glory and thou shalt stand aloof and the Lord God will cause his holy angels to watch over thee and keep thee from all harm.

Dear Sister thy troubles have been great, thou hast been much [much] afflicted, but thou shalt see better days if thou art faithful. Thou shalt not be staid with property but thou shalt have plenty of the comforts of this life even in Zion. Thou shalt have great treasure even all things for thy comfort; the Lord God shall restore to thee all things necessary; all things for the comfort of

thyself and family also. Thou shalt yet see good days. and this is thy blessing and more than I can speak. and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

Milsford Ohio June 25th 1836 John Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:105]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sally Gray on June 25, 1836]

Patriarchal Blessing of Sally Gray who was born in the town of Ellery County of Chautauque and State of New York aged 16 years the 26th of Sept. 1835.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay our hands on thy head and we seal and confirm on thee the blessings of thy father. Thou must remember the covenant thou hast taken on thee for thou hast promised the Lord to serve him. Thou must keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments, and if thou art faithful & keepest thy vows, thou shalt be made strong in the Lord. for the Lord has prepared means that thou shalt be great in learning, and thou shalt be an ornament in the Church of Christ. for the Lord loves the youth that stand in this generation, yea all those that keep his commandments. & if thou remember to do these things, thou shalt be great in the Earth and thou shalt raise up sons and daughters and thou shalt teach them the ways of truth & thou shalt sit as it were a queen and shall have the desire of thy soul and be satisfied. And thou shalt stand in Zion and have an inheritance there & when the Savior comes thou shalt rise and meet him. This is thy blessing yea more than this if thou art faithful, and I seal it on thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and seal thee up to eternal life with thy father even so. Amen.

Millsford [Ohio] June 25 1836 John Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:105]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joanna Gray on June 25, 1836]

Blessing for Joanna Gray who was born in the town of Ellery County of Chautauque and State of N. Y. aged 11 years in April 1836

Sister thou art young and in the slippery paths of youth; and in the name of Jesus Christ we lay our hands on thy head and we pronounce the blessing of thy father on thee and I pray God that he may keep thee that thou mayest Grasp and get much [much] wisdom, that thou mayest teach thy young companions. I ask God to prepare thee that thou mayest have a spirit of prophecy, for thou shalt prophecy great things concerning this generation. Satan may seek to destroy thy life but if thou art faithful and put thy trust in the Lord thou shalt live long and raise up children and they shall be an honor to thee in thy old age. yea thou shalt be great in the earth if thou art faithful and thou shalt stand on the earth when the savior comes, and this is thy blessing and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen

By Joseph Smith Senior June 25th 1837 [1836] J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:106]

[Patriarchal blessing of Israel Knapp on June 25, 1836]

The blessing of Israel Knapp who was born in the town of Westchester county of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut Sept. 16th 1790 aged 45 years.

Brother I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and I seal & confirm the blessing of my father upon thee. Although thou hast no father to bless thee, yet the Lord God is a

father to the fatherless and his eyes are on thee yea from this time to eternity, for thou art one of the covenant people of the Lord. Remember thou art at liberty for thou art not bound in the marriage covenant and the Lord has desired that thou shalt take on thee the holy priesthood and thou shalt be great in the earth. Thou shalt have power to heal the sick and do many signs on the earth. yea thou shalt have power if thou wilt prepare thine heart thou shalt be as Elijah. thou shalt call down fire: yea thou shalt have power over all diseases & thou art faithful and keep all the commandments, govern thy temper and thy passions, live holy and do that which is right in the sight of the Lord thou shalt stand on the earth and see the wonderful things of the Lord performed

Thou shalt see the Glories that God will reveal to his people & thou shalt live till thou art 95 years old; yea thou shalt have a companion and thou shalt raise up sons and daughters to comfort thee in thy old age and they too shall be great in the earth, and thou shall have the comforts of this life and be satisfied. And I seal these blessings on thee yea more all that thou desirest and thy seed shall continue to the ends of the earth. This is thy blessing if thou wilt prove faithful and I seal it on thee & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

June 25th 1836 J. Knapp Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:106]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Israel Calkins on July 7, 1836]

A Father's Blessing pronounced on the head of Israel Calkins who was born in Dutchess County State of New York in the year 1766

Brother, in the Name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head as an orphan and pronounce a Father's Blessing upon you, according to thy faith & confirm on thee the order of the Melchisedeck Priesthood that thou hast received by others and all the power of that order. Thine eyes shall see the Lord in the Flesh and thou shalt go forth in the power of Jesus Christ and none shall be able to stand before thee or harm thee, and thou shalt bring in many If thou art faithful and desirest it, thy days shall be one hundred and twenty years. Thou shalt have power to be translated. Thou shalt be delivered from pain and from prison, have understanding and be a man of counsel and have an inheritance in Zion. Thy children shall be given to thee for thou art of the seed of Israel and of the tribe of Ephraim and are blest in thy posterity. All these blessings I seal upon thee if thou art faithful and I seal thee up unto eternal life.

Done under the hand of Joseph Smith Senr in Freedom Cattaraugus Co. N. Y. July 7th 1836 John Gould Scribe. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:98]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Calkins (July 7, 1836)]

Also the patriarchal blessing pronounced upon the head of Hannah Calkins by Joseph Smith Senior. Said Hannah Calkins was born in Duchess County N. Y A.D. 1783.

Sister I now lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and give thee a father's blessing as thou art an orphan, and I bless thee in common with thy husband. and thou shalt be blessed with a full understanding of the things of God and shall see thy children brought in and thou shalt be a mother in Israel and thy children shall instruct others in the church of Christ so that thou shalt be a mother of many generations. if faithful thou shalt live long as thou

desireth and have an inheritance in Zion and see thy posterity round thee. All these blessings I confirm upon thee if faithful and I seal thee up unto eternal life Amen.

John Gould Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:98]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Holmes (July 1836)]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced on the head of Hannah Holmes Born in Strafford Orange Co. Vt. Oct 28 1795 By Joseph Smith Sen. in Freedom Cattaraugus Co. N. Y. in the year of our Lord 1836:

Sister in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head as a father and place the Seal of God upon the[e], to Shield the[e] from the destroyer, that no power Shall harm the[e], and thou Should by thy faithfulness, yet bring in many, yea thy Children Shall be given the[e], and thy husband Shall gather with the[e] to Zion, with the Saints and he Shall cry for Salvation, thy Children Shall be blessed and I pray again for thy husband and the place where thou dwellest Shall be blessed and many Shall believe the gospel, thou Shalt have an inheritance in Zion and I seal the[e] up to eternal life even So Amen

George. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:129]

[Patriarchal blessing of Raymond Clark on September 5, 1836]

Patriarchal Blessing Recd. under the hand of Joseph Smith Senr. On Raymond Clark which was Born In the town of Wells St[ate]. of Vermont Age 38 years

Brother Clark In the Name of Jesus Christ I Lay my hands on thy head in as much as thou art an Orphan for thou art of the Seed of Joseph throu[gh] the loins of Ephraim thou Shalt have power to lay hands on the Sick for the restoring of he[a]lth in fa[i]th thou will be Ordained to the priests office be thou faithfull for thou Will be permit[t]ed to go [go] to preach to the Spirits in prison Thou Shall have power to procla[i]m the gospel to the Red men of the forist [forest] the gift of touns [tongues] will be given The[e] that thou may procla[i]m the truth of the Everlasting Gospel to them be thou faithfull [illegible] things which Is Required of the[e] instruct thy children in the way they Should [illegible] Be not lifted up in the prid[e] of thine o[w]n h[e]art for thou Shall have Grate [Great] faith thou Shall be permit[t]ed to behold The winding up Sean [Scene] of all things for all blessings both of heaven and Earth Shall flow unto the[e] for thou art Liberal in Contributing of thy Substance to the Destitute And also to the Saints therefore thou art bles[sed] And in asmuch As Thou will observe and keep the Commandments to the End I Seal all thes[e] blessings on thy head Even so amen

Leroy [Jefferson County, New York] September 5th 1836

[Patriarchal blessing of William Huntington Jr. on September 8, 1836]

The Patriarchal blessing of Wm. Huntington Jr. Burville [Jefferson County, New York] Sept 8th 1836 Wm. Huntington Jr. was born in the town of New Grantham Cheshire Co. New Hampshire March 28th 1784.

Brother in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and ask my Heavenly Father to open the vision of thy mind to discern all things which are expedient both for thy temporal as well as spiritual good be watchful be prayerful be wise for thou wilt have some tribulations and thine enemies will seek many devices & lay many plans by which to destroy thy property & thy life therefore watch thou shalt yet go forth and thy mouth shall be opened and filled thy tongue shall be loosed to proclaim the gospel among many people & bring thousands to salvation thou shalt behold by vision cities desolated wars & bloodshed among the Nations and many great and ter[r]ible calamities befall the wicked moreover thou shalt behold the heavens opened and great things shall be shown to thee through the prayer of faith thou shalt have all thy family & they shall be saved. after many days some of thy connexions [connections] who are now opposed to thee shall receive the gospel thou shalt have all the power of the priesthood of Melchisedeck thou shalt command in the name of Jesus and the sick shall be healed the dumb shall speak the lame shall walk the blind shall see the deaf shall hear thou shalt have power over the elements and they shall obey thy command thou shalt call upon God and behold famines and pestilences shall come upon the wicked according to thy prayers and thy word thou shalt live to a good old age and see the winding up scene among this generation¹¹ thou art a descendant of Joseph & shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham & receive an inheritance with the children of Joseph this shall be a Father[']s blessing in asmuch as he shall accknowledge it otherwise thou shalt claim it under mine hand all of these blessings are thine if faithful. I seal thee up unto eternal life Amen

O. Pratt Clk [Clerk]

[Patriarchal blessing of Zina Baker Huntington on September 8, 1836]

The Patriarchal blessing of Zina Huntington Burville [Jefferson County, New York] Sept 8th 1836 Zina Huntington was born in the town of Pla[i]nfield Cheshire Co. New Hampshire May 2nd 1786

Sister I lay my hands up on thy head and seal and confirm upon thee a father[']s blessing even the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob even the blessings of the earth and the fatness thereof thy children shall be blessed from generation to generation even with the blessing of heaven & of the earth thou shalt hold on to thy children by the prayer of faith & they shall all embrace the gospel & have an inheritance in the land of Zion thou shalt yet see good days for thy last days shall be thy best days and the Lord shall make thee to rejoice greatly thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life thy memory shall increase thy strength shall not fail & thou shalt have long life thine eyes shall see the King the Lord of Hosts thou shalt be an instructor to those of thy sex and a Mother in Israel I seal thee up unto eternal life all these blessings shall come upon thee if thou art faithful Amen

¹¹ At this point is inserted the following: "here was an omition [omission] by the scribe put in by the consent of Father Smith[:] thou shall live one hundred and twenty years I say your years shall be numbered one hundred and twenty." William Huntington died on August 19, 1846, at the age of sixty-two.

[Patriarchal blessing of Phineas Pratt on September 11, 1836]

In the name of Jesus Christ I seal a father's blessing on thy head as thou hast no father in the Priesthood. Thou shalt stand as a Patriarch at the head of thy family. Thou hast had many trials and temptations and besetments here in life thus far but you must live faithful, watchful, and prayerful. Yea, walk in meekness before thy family and Satan shall have no power over you if thou wilt be faithful in keeping the Commandments of the Lord. Thou shalt see great things, thou shalt behold angels and they shall minister unto thee. Thou shalt see visions, thou shalt behold the Land of Zion. Thou shalt behold the Temple of the Lord and the glory of God manifested to the inhabitants of Zion in the last days. Thou shalt become mighty in faith, thou shalt have great power with God and the wonders of eternity shalt thou know. Thou shalt know that thy Redeemer lives and see him face to face. Thou art of the lineage of Israel, a descendent of Joseph. Thy life shall be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. This is thy blessing if faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, which belongeth to thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsy Pratt on September 11, 1836]

Patriarchal Blessing under the hand of Joseph Smith Seignior [Senior] the 11th of sept 1836 to Betsy Pratt Aged thirty seven February 17th 1836 Born in the state of Massuchsetts [Massachusetts]

In the name of Jesu[s] Christ I lay my hands upon thy head as thou hast no father in the Priesthood and seal on thee a father[']s Blessing I say unto thee do away thy fears for thou hast not only had fears for thyself but for others refrain from these things in patience possess thy soul be faithfull in keeping the Commandments of God and thou shalt be blessed with the Blessings of heaven and the earth also. Yea keep thy tongue let thy conversation be such as becometh righteousness have faith in god look to the Lord for wisdom and knowledge and thou shalt obtain hid[d]en treasures of knowledge and wisdom thy mind shall expand thy judgment be informed and thou shalt grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. Keep the word of wisdom be faithfull and you shall overcome all besetments and receive Blessings in Zion which are great if thou shalt desire it thou shalt see Angels thou shalt speak in Tongues the wonderfull works of God yea if faithfull thou shalt see thy Children serving the Lord in righteousness in the Land of Zion this is thy Blessing which is for thee and thy Children throughout their generations if faithful in keeping the Commandments of the Lord and thou shalt desire it, thou live to the age of seventy-five even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary A. Baldwin on November 2, 1836]

At a meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland the 2d of November 1836 a blessing was conferred on the head of Mary A. Baldwin by Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch of the church of Latter Saints. She was born in Duall St. Lawrence Co. N. Y. Oct. 26th 1816.

Sister Mary, In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray God the Father, that thou mayest be as Mary at the feet of Jesus that thou mayest be blessed with the ministry of Angels, yea in the name of Jesus that thou shalt be blessed with an under standing of the mysteries of Godliness.

Thou shalt live to raise up a numerous posterity. Thou shalt have a knowledge of all the mysteries of the kingdom. Thou shalt receive of the spirit of prophecy and become a mother in Israel. Thou shalt live to instruct the Daughters of the Lamanites and teach them to labor. Thou shalt teach them the principles of the gospel. Thou shalt teach them the principles & holiness. Thou shalt assist to labor with thy hands to adorn the temple of the Lord which shall be built in the city of Zion. Thou hast been innocent in thy life, and thou shalt live to see the Savior come in the clouds of heaven and behold the winding up scene of this generation, when wickedness is destroyed and swept away from the Earth. If thou wilt prove faithful all these blessings shall come on thee. In the name of Jesus I seal all these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:95-96]

[Patriarchal blessing of Duncan McArthur on November 2, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing Meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland this 2d Day of Nov. 1836 Joseph Smith Senr the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present & holding the meeting a blessing was conferred on the head of Duncan Mc Arthur born in Thornton N. H. May 22d 1796

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head & bless thee with the blessing of a Father, for thou art an orphan and hast no father to bless thee. Be faithful and keep the commandments of God & thou shalt be shielded from the power of the enemy of all righteousness. no power shall prevail against thee. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being baptized for the remission of thy sins. Thou hast been called to the priesthood and hast been ordained under the hand of the children of Ephraim, & now I say unto thee that thou shalt be blest with all the powers. that. pertain to the priesthood. yea all its powers & blessings shall be yours. yea all the blessings of heaven & earth shall be in thy possession.

I ask God to open thy mind that thou mayest understand the deep things of God, yea that all the deep things & mysteries and mysteries of Godliness may be unfolded to thee, all the deep mysteries of this ungodly generation. if thou putteth thy trust in God the Father thou shalt be qualified for the office and work to which thou hast been ordained. for thy intellectual powers shall be strengthened and thy bodily powers shall be invigorated, thou shalt flourish & prosper in all things that thou settest thy hand to do. Thou shalt be blest in thy basket and in thy store. Whilet thy mind shall be strong and thy understanding perfect. The activity and vigor of youth shall be given thee. old age shall not prevail against thee.

Thou shalt perform great things and among great things shalt thou dwell and be great in the earth be an instrument in the hands of God of doing much good in the earth. If thou hast a sure and certain faith; a faith to which thou mayest attain Thou shalt live to bless thy children standing as a patriarch to them. Thy children shall be blessed, thy blessing shall continue on them from one generation of thy posterity to another, shall live to see the end of wickedness, see Zion flourish see the winding up scene of this generation and see Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven. in power and great glory. These blessings are given to thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these on thy head, by the power of the priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:96]

[Patriarchal blessing of Suke McArthur (November 2, 1836)]

Also of Suke Mc Arthur wife of Duncan Mc Arthur born in Corinth V. T. Oct. 10th 1801.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth the Son of the living God I lay my hands on thy head & bless thee in his name. thou hast past through some sorrow and tribulation, but God has had mercy on you, for thou hast obeyed the gospel and thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life and thou shalt be sealed with that holy spirit of promise and the destroyer shall not have power to turn away thy feet from the path of life. The sorrow of thy heart shall be taken from thee and thou shalt possess the good things of the earth and be satisfied. thou shalt receive the ministering of angels and hear the voice of God. Thou shalt behold the glory of God & be satisfied with his goodness. Be up and behold the glory of God, make God thy friend and thou shalt behold with thine eyes and stand with thy feet on the banks of deliverance and if thou art faithful thou shalt see the desire of thine heart upon thy children if thou wilt bring them up in the fear of God. and if thou shalt remain thou shalt see the savior in peace. In the name of Jesus Christ & by virtue of the Authority of the Holy priesthood. I seal these blessings on thy head. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, even so amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:96-97]

[Patriarchal blessing of John W. Clark on November 10, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the tenth day of Nov. 1836 Joseph Smith Senior, the patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of John W. Clark who was born in Durham Middlesex County Ct. April 13th 1808.

Brother Clark, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and seal on thy head a father's blessing, the same in kind as Abraham received of Melchisedc. Thou art of the Lineage of the patriarch, Abraham and art blessed with the same blessings. Thou shalt be numbered with the children of Joseph. As thou art of the lineage of Abraham, thou art entitled to the priesthood. Thou art a man of intelligence and wisdom, yet if thou dost persevere in the way of holiness, God will greatly increase thy intelligent powers and give thee the wisdom of heaven. Thou shalt have grace upon grace and knowledge upon knowledge. Thou shalt be able to do a great work of God. a work which shall reach thy posterity.

Thou must stand at the head of thy family stand as a patriarch to thy children and bless them. Continue in the faith of the gospel and thou shalt have strength like Enoch, and may like him translate thyself to heaven. Thou shalt have the riches of the earth, they shall flow in unto thee in abundance. Thou shalt have power to win souls to God. Thy name is written in heaven, if faithful it shall not be blotted out. Thou shalt have a place with the one hundred & forty four thousand which shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion and sing the Song known only to that number. Trust in God and this blessing shall not fail In the name of Jesus I seal these blessings on thee. I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:114]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mariah Clark on November 10, 1836]

Also at a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this tenth day of Nov. 1836. Joseph Smith Senior the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Mariah Clark, born in Haddam, Middlesex Co Con, January 5th 1800.

I lay my hands on thy head and seal on thy forehead a blessing in common with thy husband. Thou art of the seed of Abraham. Thy children are of pure blood, yea thy system shall be pure. Sickness and disease shall not have power over thee. Thy sins are forgiven thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Inasmuch as thou hast desired holiness and righteousness so be it unto thee. Inasmuch as thou hast desired long life thou shalt have it and inasmuch as thou hast desired to be useful in thy day and generation, thou shalt be useful. Thou wilt become a mother in Israel and rejoice in the great doings of God. Thou shalt have a Redeemer in Zion the city of the great King in the Far West. Thou shalt stand fearless in the midst of Judgements, pestilence and famine and rejoice in the fostering hand of God.

In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer I bless thee with the gift of patience, the gift of wisdom and the gift of intelligence and the gift of faith. Thou shalt see the fulness of the gentiles and the gathering of Israel, if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God, no blessing shall be too great for thee. The blessing of heaven rest on thy posterity & eternal life awaits thee. In the name of the Redeemer I seal all these blessings on thy head, and by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life, Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:114]

[Patriarchal blessing of Phebe W. Carter Woodruff¹² on November 10, 1836]

At a blessing Meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 10th day of Nov. 1836, Joseph Smith Senior, the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the Meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Phebe W. Woodruff born in Scarborough, county of Cumberland in the State of Maine March 8th 1807.

Sister, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and by the power of the holy priesthood which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head and place a seal upon thy forehead, and if thou art faithful and keep the commandments of God no power shall take it off. It shall be a seal against the destroyer. No blessings in heaven shall be to great for you. Thou hast thought much on thy Redeemer. Thou must call on God the Father in the name of his son and he will open the heavens, will rend the vail that thou mayest see the son of man stand on the right hand of power. Thou hast suffered in former days by being deprived of friends. unto whom thou couldst unbosom thy mind. Thou hast sorrowed in the night season and in solitary places: no one knew thy sorrows or saw thy tears but God thy Father be comforted for thy troubles are over and God will pour out his blessings unto thee. Thou shalt have long life and see good days.

Thou shalt be the mother of many children, and they shall be an ornament to the church of Christ. Thy husband shall be a man of wisdom knowledge & understanding. Let thy heart be composed and have faith in God and his word. Thou shalt be an ornament to thy sex. thou shalt labor in the temple of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt teach thy companions the the ways of

¹² Phebe Carter married Wilford Woodruff on April 13, 1837. Her patriarchal blessing was recorded under her married name.

righteousness. Thou shalt have many temporal blessing. Riches shall flow in unto thee and thou shalt rejoice rather than complain. Thou must put thy whole trust in God. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim. Thou shalt have a celestial crown Thou shalt have a residence in Zion. and do a great work there. Thou shalt sew the veil of the temple and rejoice in the work of thy hands. If thou wilt keep the commandments thou shalt have all of thy friends. They shall be members of the covenant. I seal all these blessings on thy head. in the name of Jesus I seal thee up unto eternal life. Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:119]

[Patriarchal blessing of Huntington Johnson on November 10, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 10th of November, A.D. 1836. Joseph Smith Sen., Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present and holding the meeting, a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Huntington Johnson, born in Haddam County of Middlesex State of Connecticut, February 15th, 1796.

Brother – In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head – thou art an orphan and I bestow upon thee a Father's blessings. I seal on thy head the blessing of Abraham and it shall be continued on thee and thy seed after thee through all generations. thy seed shall be instructed in and sanctified by the truth. Thou art a son of Abraham. Thou shalt be numbered with the children of Joseph. Thou shalt be blest with all things – must keep the commandments of the Lord thy God. Thou hast made a covenant to keep the commandments & ordinances of the Lord thy God blameless. must pay attention to the teachings which the Lord thy God has procured for thee. Thou shalt have the blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Thou shalt see the visions of the Almighty, the visions of eternity. The Heavens shall be opened to thy view thou must treasure up the words of eternal life. Thou hast the promise of long life, even eighty seven years. Thou must do a great work on the earth and bring many souls to God – must be instrumental in bring many into the covenant, If faithful in keeping the commandments of God Satan shall not have power over thee. Sickness shall flee away from thy touch – the lame man may leap like an hart – the dumb shall sing.

The Lord shall strengthen thee and quicken thine intelligence. quicken thy memory renovate the system of thy body, make thee sound in Soul and body. God will give thee the Priesthood – thou must exercise its powers – preach the gospel – be useful in this generation – as a great work for God – bring many to repentance that they may be baptized for the remission of their sins. I think that thou hast not been very wicked in thy life, but thou must be diligent in keeping the commandments of God. Let God be thy friend – Thou dost not know the power of Satan. In thy intercourse with the world thou must not apply the promises of God to an unbeliever [unbeliever]. Not one jot or tittle of this blessing shall fail. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thy head. I seal thee up to Eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:121-122]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jemima Johnson on November 10, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 10th of November A.D. 1836 Joseph Smith sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints being present and

holding the meeting, a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Jemima Johnson wife of Huntington Johnson born in Killingworth, Middlesex County, Conn. Nov. 4 A.D. 1794 –

Sister In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands on thy head and ask my Heavenly Father to have mercy on thee, that thy sins may be washed in the blood of the Lamb. I pray God to show me by his vision his will and his blessing for thee. I want to speak to thee just as God would speak should he now lay his hands on thy head to bless thee I say unto thee let thy heart be enlarged, let the intelligence of Heaven possess thee and let thy system be strengthened Thou must not lean on any temporal arm. Lean on thy God and Savior – no blessing shall be withheld from thee if thou puttest thy trust in Jehovah. Thou shalt have all the comforts of his holy Spirit – thou shalt be held up in affliction. The angels of Heaven shall be round about thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. No one has power to erase it but thyself. Let it stand on the pages of Heaven's book. Don't pain heaven by causing angels to weep. Thy days shall be many. If faithful thou shalt see even 93 years. thou shalt raise up children who shall call thee blessed. Thou shalt see great Salvation in Zion. shalt see great things on the earth. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thou shalt not lose any blessing either in temporal or Spiritual things. By the authority of Jesus Christ I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:122-123]

[Patriarchal blessing of Olive Boynton Hale on November 10, 1836]

Patriarchal Blessing given by Joseph Smith Sr. Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, upon the head of Olive Boynton Hale, wife of Johathan [Jonathan] H. Hale, born in Bradford, Mass, July 30, 1805. Given at a patriarchal Meeting in the Kirtland Temple, on November 10, 1836.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God, the possessor of all power in Heaven and Earth I lay my hands on thy head and bestow on thee a father[']s blessing. I ask God to have mercy and cleanse thee from all sin. Let the blessings of Abraham rest on thy head. Thou hast a father, an Ephraimite, indeed, but he does not know it. Thou hast peace of mind - art thou not to believe? Thy Heavenly father has bestowed on thee more intelligence than on many of thy sex. Thou shalt have long life, enjoy the blessings of this world and life eternal in the Celestial Kingdom. Thou shalt have the righteous desires of thy heart, and be thankful.

Thou mayest tarry till the end of wickedness shall be accomplished; till the gathering of Israel shall be finished; till the winding up scene of this generation; and until the Savior comes in the clouds of Heaven if thou art faithful, and if thou dost attain to that faith. Thou shalt see thy husband return from his labors in the vineyard from time to time, and shall rejoice in the success of his ministry. Many shall be brought into the covenant by his labors. Thou shalt have wisdom in Zion; shalt have the gifts of the church. Thou shalt see the Temple reared to thy Savior, and filled with His glory. The Lord will give thee wisdom. Thou shalt be an instructress to the daughters of the Lamanites; shalt teach them to labor with their hands. Thou shalt be busy and useful in the Camp of God, and rejoice in his doings; art blessed in common with thy husband. In the name of Jesus Christ, I seal these blessing[s] upon thee. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Benjamin Kempton on November 14, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House on the 14th day of Nov. 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Benjamin Kempton 8th of Decr AD. 1814.

My Brother, I lay my hands on thy head in the absence of thy father and bestow on thee a blessing that ought to come from him. But he is far from this house. In the name of Jesus Christ I stand in the place of thy Father bless thee. Thou shalt have posterity, have children. some of them shall be prophets & prophets and prophetesses, thou art of the lineage and house of Joseph and thou and thy posterity, if thou art faithful and not slow in keeping the commandments of God. shall be remembered with his children God has looked on thee and remembered thee in mercy. Thou art as one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together. Thou must go to the ends of the earth. Thou shalt belong to one of the quorums of the seventies.

Thou shalt have power over winds & waves. Shall have power to say to them peace, be still, and they shall obey thee. The Lord thy God shall speak from the heavens and till [tell] thee what to do. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one place to another. Thou shalt be blessed with long life and good days with all the gifts of the gospel The messengers of heaven shall visit thee. Shall have power to go forth and prevail as Enoch & Jared of old, power to learn that song which can only be sung by the 144 thousand. Thou shalt not want for food or raiment if faithful. No blessing shall be too great for thee. things of heaven and things of earth shall be thine The visions of God continues before me, but I leave thee, These blessings are on condition of thy faithfulness. In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thee, and I seal thee up unto eternal life Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:98-99]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha Wright on December 1, 1836]

At a patriarchal blessing meeting held in the Lord's House this the first day of Decr. 1836 Joseph Smith Senr. the Patriarch of the church being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of Elisha Wright born in Glover Vt. April 9th 1811

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee in his name with the blessings of a father. If thou art faithful the enemy shall not get any advantage over thee thou shalt rise from day to day. thou hast Come out of thy country like Abraham hast come to the land of Kirtland. I say unto thee brother, thou shalt be blest of the Lord. Notwithstanding whatever may be in thy mind, if thou hast doubt the prayer of faith will remove all of them, if thou hast trouble and difficulty the prayer of faith will give the resignation and peace. The Lord has a work for thee to do, has raise thee up for his purpose, has known the use to which he will put thee. in his last kingdom.

Thou art of the lineage of Abraham and may have the priesthood, may go to the lands of the earth and preach the Gospel to the nations Thou mayest be a special witness to many nations, may sail in Ships and preach the gospel to their crews. All this thou mayest do by being faithful and claiming the priesthood. Thou shalt have the power of God sealed upon thee. Thou shalt have power over unclean spirits, power over sickness, shalt command the destroyer to stand back

say Satan get hence, power to preach in tongues and interpret languages. power to open the heavens, power to stand in the midst of Judgements, stand in courts.

thou shalt have power to translate thyself like Enoch, power over fires & flood power to instruct the Saints and bring them to Zion, power over the treasures of the earth, have powers of mind and powers of the body shall stand on Mount Zion with the one hundred & forty four thousand and sing their Song. Shall stand on Mount Zion a Savior to many. If thou art faithful thou shalt have all things of heaven and earth, shalt see the end of this generation, see the tribes enter Zion and see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. This blessing is given on condition of keeping the commandments of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings upon thy head. and by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life. Amen

N. B. The following items are taken from memory as given by brother Wright viz. he is to belong to one of the quorums of the Seventies, he is to have the ministration of Angels, is to have an inheritance in Zion, is to have posterity. Father Smith observed that the subject of the blessing had been mindful of the Lord from early Youth. The recorder may put these items in the body of the blessing in their proper place or he may record it as a note as he finds it as he thinks best.

Joseph Pine Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:97-98]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Matthew Allen on December 3, 1836]

Blessing confirmed upon the head of Matthew Allen who was born in the town of Peru, Co. of Clinton and State of New York, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, in the first month and on the fifteenth day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior Patriarch of the church of the Latter Day Saints on the third day of the twelfth month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee in his name. I place the seal upon thee and bless thee in his name and declare unto thee that thou shalt receive and be blessed with much of the spirit of God, nevertheless satan will seek to lead away your mind but you shall have grace sufficient to resist all his wicked schemes. And although he shall think he can overthrow your faith and shall strive in his might to destroy you. yet with struggling hard you shall with much difficulty overcome and shall disappoint the adversary in all his artful and cunning devices. Make not the things public which I speak unto you lest your enemies should take advantage of it and it should be to your hurt. By the authority of the holy priesthood I say unto you that you shall be touched with the finger of inspiration and become a mighty man even like unto Enoch of old: and if thou art faithful, thou mayest be translated like him.

I say unto thee, thou art of the lineage of Joseph: verily thou art of the seed of Joseph and of the blood of Ephraim: thy years and thy labors shall be many but I do not at this time make known unto you what your labors shall be. but if you are faithful it shall be made known; God will reveal to you from time to time what he requires of you and thou shalt be enabled to do many mighty works. An angel shall minister to you in the night time and make known to you what you shall do hereafter. The glory of God shall shine round about you and the blessings of the Lord shall be bestowed upon you. Thou shalt have an inheritance upon the earth. God has looked upon thee from eternity and he will give thee the desire of thine heart. Thou shalt be blessed with all the things that are for thy good. Thou shalt have the riches of the earth and shall

raise up posterity and they shall grow up and be a blessing to thee Sickness shall not prevail among them but if thou art faithful thou shalt be blessed with all spiritual blessings and with these blessings I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:99]

[Patriarchal blessing of Anna Stanclift Allen on December 3, 1836]

A blessing pronounced upon the head of Anna Stanclift, wife of Matthew Allen who was born in in the town of Sangersfield in the county of Oneida & State of New York in the year 1794 in the 2d month and on the 12th day of the month under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, on the 3d day of the 12th month 1836.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ even the Bethlehem Babe, I lay my hands upon thee and bless thee. Thy name is written in heaven. rejoice, for the angels rejoice over thee thee [the] heavens rejoice over the righteous that dwell upon the earth and for the prosperity of Zion. and all the heavens weep over the scene of iniquity and wickedness of the desolation of abominations that reigns upon the face of the earth. The vigor of thy youth shall be renewed thy intellectual powers shall be strengthened and increased. thy memory shall be strengthened. examine thyself repent of thy sins make confession before God and thou shalt not be confounded. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion and shall rejoice over thy children. in common with thy companion. A crown of eternal glory awaits thee. Thou shalt be crowned with never fading glory in the celestial kingdom I seal thee up unto eternal life, praying my heavenly Father. to seal it in heaven: I confirm these blessings upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

L. M. Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:100]

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Rogers on December 3, 1836]

A Blessing confirmed upon the head of Isaac Rogers who was born in the town of Hanover and County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire in the year 1794 in the fourth month and on the 29th day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior, patriarch of the church of Latter-Day Saints on the 3d day of December A.D. 1836

Brother in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God and by the authority of the holy priesthood vested in me, I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee. Although thou art an orphan, thou shalt be an orphan no longer for God is thy Father. Inasmuch as thou shalt keep the commandments thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Thou shalt possess the good things of the earth and whatsoever thou layest thy hand to in righteousness it shall prosper. The Lord has a great work for thee to perform because of the desires of thy heart, for the solemnities of eternity have rested upon thy mind when thou wast young, and thou hast desired to know the truth. Thy heart has been touched with the operations of the spirit of God.

Thou art of the lineage of Joseph and of the blood of Ephraim. and one of those who shall push the people together, for thou shalt be called to the ministry, and shall go to the nations of the earth and proclaim the gospel. Thou shalt have power to command the winds and the waves, that they shall obey thee; even nothing shall be too hard for thee. No prison shall contain thee, and when those of the enemy shall be hired to seek thy destruction. God shall make known to thee the means of escape and shall set his holy angels to watch over thee. Thou shalt stand to

behold the winding up scene, and shall stand on the earth at the coming of Christ if faithful. Thou shalt stand on Mount Zion with the hundred and forty four thousand. This Blessing I seal upon you, and by the authority of the priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I seal you up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

Lysander M. Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:109]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Mills Rogers on December 3, 1836]

Blessing confirmed upon the head of Susan Mills, wife of Isaac Rogers who was born in the town of Newbury in the County of Orange and State of Vermont A.D 1794 in the eighth month and on the 14th day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Sent. patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, on the 3 day of the 12th month 1836

Sister, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee If thou shalt keep the commandments thou shalt be touched with the finger of inspiration, thy heart shall be sanctified and thou shalt be blessed with the spirit of prophecy. Thy heart shall be made to rejoice in thy day and thou shalt live to behold thy Savior in the flesh if thou shalt desire it: and thou shalt desire it and shall behold him. Thou shalt behold the winding up scene and live to be satisfied with life. Angels shall minister unto thee and the desire of thy heart shall be given thee: thou shalt have wisdom to instruct many of thy sex and thy children shall listen to thy instruction. They shall grow up and be bright ornaments in the Church of God: they shall be filled with the spirit and shall stand upon the earth and be mighty prophets before the Lord. The treasures of the earth shall be given thee and thou shalt enjoy them in common with thy companion, No blot is upon thy characters but thy name is registered in the heavens and the angels of God shall watch over thee. Thy sins are forgiven thee and thy heart is right before God. and I seal thee up to eternal life: Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life and in the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings upon thee, even so Amen.

Lysander M Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:110]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nuripa Ann Rogers on December 3, 1836]

Blessing pronounced upon the head of Nuripa Ann, daughter of Isaac & Susan Rogers who was born in the town of Stanstead County of Richelieu, district of Montreal & province of Lower Canada in the year 1816 in fourth month and on the thirteenth day of the month by Joseph Smith Senir. Patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints and confirmed by her father on the third day of the twelfth month in the year 1836

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head in company with thy father and bless thee for him in the name of Jesus. The adversary will lay a snare for thee that he may lead thee away and destroy thee. But Satan shall not have power to hurt thee, though he will make fearful noises and endeavor to frighten thee from thy duty: yet it thou art faithful the angels will hover over & protect thee. Thy strength shall be renewed, the Lord has heard thy prayers for thou hast seen Sorrow and had many disconsolate hours about things that never were revealed to man. but God will give peace, he will also give thee a Companion, and he shall be strong in the faith and shall lead thee up to Zion, and thou shalt see the temple reared in its magnificence and glory and shall walk to it with thy companion and admire the beauty and splendor thereof.

Thou shalt have wisdom to instruct many children and shall have great riches and shall teach many of the children of the Lamanites to work. Thou shalt raise up children and they shall be a blessing to thee. Great glory awaits thee if thou art faithful and thou shalt become a picture of perfect health and be an ornament to thy sex. Many shall seek unto thee to know the will of the Lord, and thou shalt have power by the spirit of prophecy, to instruct them what they shall do in times of destruction upon the earth, and the time of the time of the downfall of Babylon, thou shalt also be enabled to administer to the necessities of the poor & needy. This is the blessing that I confirm upon thee for thy father and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ even so, Amen

Lysander M. Davis scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:110]

[Patriarchal blessing of Esther Loraine Brown on December 8, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house this 8th day of December 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of Esther Loraine Brown born in Waterford Vt. Oct 14th 1815.

Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and place a seal on thy forehead which not be removed only by transgression. Thou standest to me as an orphan I give thee a father[']s blessing I pray God that the angels of heaven may watch over thee. Thou hast been innocent in a great measure in thy heart though thou mayest have sinned Let the Holy Spirit be in thy heart that the eyes of thy understanding may be opened now and in due time great light shall penetrate thy soul. The enemy will seek to destroy thee, but thou shalt have power to discover his intentions and see the wickedness of men. The Lord will give thee wisdom & intelligence if thou seek wisdom at his hand. Thou must keep the commandments and the word of Wisdom. Thou shalt have a companion in life. Thine eyes shall be opened to behold. thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity thou shalt be a mother in Israel shall have children who shalt be prophets and prophetesses. God has raised thee up for this purpose. Let thy heart be honest and sincere.

Thou shalt have a residence in Zion. Thou hast a great work to do, hast labored hard for the Good and benefit of others. God will give thee the riches of this world and a residence in the Celestial kingdom. If thou desirest with all thy heart to tarry till Jesus comes, thou mayest, if faithful: it shall be according thy faith. Something whispers me that thou shalt stand in the flesh and see Jesus. Thou hast desired that this should be thy blessing. Thou shalt have power to claim thy Father and mother, they shall acknowledge to thee the persecutions with which they have afflicted thee. The Lord has watched over thy lineage. Thou art of the covenant people, Thou art of the blood of Israel, a Daughter of Abraham. This blessing is given on condition of keeping the commandments of God. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings on thy head. By the authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:121]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abel Butterfield on December 8, 1836]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 8th day of December AD 1836. Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting a Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Abel Butterfield born in Farmington state of Maine the 1st day of December A D 1811

O God the eternal father thy servant lacks wisdom and asks thee in the name of Jesus Christ that thou wouldst bestow it upon him - thou wilt hold me accountable for all that I receive at thy hands. My Brother In the name of Jesus christ I lay my hands upon thy head and give thee a father[']s blessing, a blessing that shall reach thy posterity. Thou must study to keep the commandments stand to the faith. thou must keep out of bad company. thou hast lacked wisdom and hast been too inquisitive about many things - thou must think before thou speakest. The Lord has laid in thee the foundation of a great man - thou must not meddle with little matters - thou must study the mind and will of God and thou shalt be able by the strength which he will give thee to bring many Souls to him. It shall not be a long time before thy mouth shall be opened and thou shalt be able to speak the word of God.

Thou art of the house and lineage of Joseph - thou art entitled to the Priesthood thy descent is through the loins of Ephraim - thou shalt be a mighty Man in the earth - the earth shall tremble at the sound of thy voice thou shalt have such great power that the inhabitants shall acknowledge thee to be a man of God, thou shalt be the instrument in the hand of the Lord in bringing many out of this generation who shall have a residence in Mount Zion. Thou shalt teach the Lamanites the wonderful things of God in their tongue thou shalt baptize many and they shall rejoice in the Lord Thou hast been in earnest to receive thy blessing. thou hast desired to see the Savior, thou must live up to the word of God.

thou shalt live to see the winding up scene of this generation - shall stand on the Earth and witness the great things of God - see his great doings. thou shalt have a perfect faith - thou shalt have posterity and be blessed with the treasures of the earth - the blessings of Abraham shall rest on thee - thou shalt have the Priesthood and preach the Gospel - thou shalt be a mighty man in counsel - many shall come unto thee for instruction. thou shalt rejoice in the company of the blest - The Angels will watch over thee - they will administer to thee - thou shalt hear the voice of God. A voice from the heavens shall call thee by thy given name and tell thee what to do & instruct thee in thy duty this is thy blessing - it is what thou hast desired for time & eternity - God will give thee all of these blessings if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God for this blessing is given conditionally In the name of Jesus christ I seal them upon thy head - by authority of the Priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Laban Morrel on December 15, 1836]

At a patriarch blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland the 15 day of Decr. 1836 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day saints being present and holding the meeting, a blessing was conferred on the head of Laban Morrel born in Wheelock in the county of Caladonia and state of Vermont the 8 day of Dec. 1814

My Young Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head and inasmuch as thou art an orphan I bless thee with a Father's blessing. Thy own father not having the power and righteousness, cannot bless thee. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel and hast

received a blessing, if thou wilt keep the commandments as thou hast done God, thy Father will continue his blessings to thee. Thou must not look on the failings of thy brethren, but look to thyself and all will be well. If thou keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt have all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob Thou shalt live to have posterity, thy children shall be greatly blessed: the blessings of Abraham shall rest on them. They shall be reckoned and numbered with his children. Thou shalt have the priesthood and the powers of the priesthood. Thou must preach the gospel of the kingdom to the ends of the earth, to the Nations of Europe, Asia & Africa God has called thee and thou must proclaim the gospel.

Thou art of the house & lineage of Abraham, having thy descent through the loins of Joseph. God has looked on thee through the front ranks of Ephraim, having respect to thy blood. Thou shalt be called to one of the quorums of the Seventies. Thou shalt be sent as a special Messenger to the nations of the earth. Thou shalt have the power of God, shalt be able to unveil the heavens, shall receive the ministration of angels, shall be a great man in the earth, shall have power to stay rivers shall have power to translate thyself from one place to another, shall have power over waters and winds, power over fires, shall be able to stand in the midst of Judgements unhurt. Thou shalt sail in ships and preach the gospel to their crews. Thou shalt gather many souls to God. they shall stand on Mount Zion where there shall be deliverance, shall stand in counsel with the one hundred & forty four thousand and sing with them that song which they only can sing.

Thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked and untoward generation, shall be present at the gathering. shall be able to stand in the flesh and see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. All the righteous desires of thy heart shall be given thee if thou wilt trust in God, not one jot or tittle of this blessing shall fail. This is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings on thy head, I seal the[e] up unto eternal life. even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:120]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorenzo Snow on December 15, 1836]

At a Patriarchal blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland this the fifteenth day of Dec. eighteenth hundred and thirty six. Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of L D. Saints being present and holding the meeting [meeting] a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Lorenzo Snow son of Oliver Snow born in Mantua Portage Co State of Ohio the 3d of April 1814.

Brother - In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood which God has confer[r]ed on me and by the Holy Anointing I lay my hands on thy head and give thee a Father's Blessing I ask God the Eternal Father who has call[e]d me to the of[f]ice of the Priesthood to open the visions of my mind and give me the Holy Spirit. I ask him to have mercy on thee who art but a youth - thou hast been dilligent [diligent] and ardent in thy application to thy learning. God has looked upon thee from all Eternity - has been propitious has been bountiful in his gifts - given thee Intelligence - tallent [talent] and great faculties of mind that thou mightest be useful in his Cause Thou hast a great work to do in thy day and generation God has call[e]d thee to the ministry.

Thou must preach the Gospel of thy Savior to the inhabit- inhabitants of the earth, Thou shalt become a mighty man in the Earth - Thou shalt have great faith - even like that of the

Brother of Jared. - thou shalt have power to translate thyself from one planet [planet] to another [another] - power to go to the moon if thou shalt desire it. Power to preach to the spirits in prison - power like Enoch to translate thyself to heaven, - thou shalt have power to rend the veil [veil] of heaven and see Jesus standing at the right hand of his Father. There [There] shall not be a mightier man on Earth than thou. Thy faith shall increase and grow stronger and stronger it shall be like that of Peter thy shadow shall restore the sick - the diseased shall send to thee their handkerchiefs and aprons and by thy touch their owners shall be healed. Thou shalt have power over unclean spirits; at thy command the powers of darkness shall stand back, and Devils shall flee away. If it be expedient the Dead shall rise and come forth at thy bid[ding] even those that have long slept in the dust shall come forth [forth] to life.

Thou shalt have long life thou shalt live to the age of Moses yet not be old, for old age shall not come upon thee, the vigor of thy mind shall not be abated and thy vigor and strength of thy body shall be preserved. Thou shalt have power to stand in the flesh and see Jesus come in the clouds, no power shall take thy life so long as it shall be useful to thy fellow men thou shalt preach the gospel so long as there [there] shall be an ear to hear or an heart to believe. - Thou must open thy mouth and the Lord will fill it with arguments. thy voice shall cause the Earth to tremble. Thou must pray for thy kindred and be diligent [diligent] and thou shalt see All thy kindred shall be brought into the kingdom and have a Celestial Glory

Thou art of the House and lineage of Abraham thy descent is thro' [through] the loins of Joseph and Ephraim and art entitled to the Priesthood - God will give thee a companion of thy hearts desire - thou shalt have posterity - thy sons shall be large and mighty men - even large in stature like unto the Jaredites their strength shall be like the strength of Sampson Thou shalt sit in council with the one hundred and forty four thousand and shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion and shall be able to sing thy song. This is thy Blessing. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal them on thy head and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal life - even so Amen & Amen

N B. The above blessing is to be recorded in the name of thy Father it is his Blessing on the head of L Snow

[Patriarchal blessing of Dominicus Carter on December 19, 1836]

Blessing confirmed upon the head of Dominicus Carter who was born in the town of Scarborough, county of Cumberland in the State of Maine in the year 1806 in the sixth month and on the 21st day of the month, under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior, Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day – Saints on the 19 day of the 12 month 1836

Brother, in the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee. Thou hast no father that can bless thee in Righteousness, but thou standest as an orphan. I bless thee with the blessings of a father and thou shalt go to many nations, thou shalt be called and qualified for my work, you shall be called to the seventies even called to be the Lord's anointed and no hand that is raised against you shall prevail for the Lord has said he would preserve his anointed. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and shall yet understand many languages. Study them to show yourself approved of God. Study the revelations. and remember that God has enjoined upon you to perform a great work.

You shall have power over winds and waves. and when you shall be cast away upon a desert Island, and many times feel yourself forsaken the Angels shall minister unto you. And

when you are on the ocean and your life in Peril you shall have power to calm the waves. And should your lot be cast among a barbarous people and they seek to destroy you if need require it you shall even power to translate yourself or to call down fire from heaven as did Elijah of old, And you shall win many souls from among that people, and God shall speak to you and send his angels to minister unto you and to feed you so that you shall not perish. Thou shalt be blessed the house of Joseph. Thou shalt have riches and prosperity and God will prepare for you an inheritance in Zion. You shall have power over unclean spirits and all sickness. You shall be numbered with the hundred and forty four thousand and sing a song which none but that holy number can sing. You shall stand to behold the winding up scene and shall have a multiplicity of blessings which my tongue cannot express, and I seal you up to eternal life, even so Amen

Lysander Davis Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:115-116]

[Patriarchal blessing of Gardner Snow on December 21, 1836]

Kirtland, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1836 A Patriarchal Blessing sealed upon the head of Gardner Snow, who was born in the Town of Chesterfield, Cheshire Co., State of New Hampshire, February the 15, 1793, son of James Snow & Abigail Farr Snow.

Brother Snow, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee. Thou art to me as an Orphan Child. Thou shalt have the power like Abraham to bless thy posterity. And if thou wilt keep the commandments of God in thy heart thou shalt receive thy washings and anointings in the House of the Lord. Thine enemies shall be smitten at thy command and the tongue of the slanderer shall be confounded at thy rebuke. Thy faith and power shall be like unto Enoch's to translate thyself. Thou wilt desire to tarry on the Earth until the Saviour comes. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thou wilt be sought unto as a God. Be careful and God will make thee great and powerful on the Earth. Thy life shall be lengthened out until the Saviour shall come to reign on the Earth; and if thou wilt desire it the treasures and Blessings of the Earth shall be given thee. Angels will stand by thee and administer unto thee, if thou wilt keep the commandments of God. And now I seal thee up and thy Posterity unto Eternal Life. Amen.

Joseph Smith, Patriarch A. Cheney, Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah S. Snow on December 21, 1836]

Kirtland, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1836 A Patriarchal Blessing sealed upon the head of Sarah S. Snow, wife of Gardner Snow, who was born in the town of Chesterfield and State of New Hampshire, the 2nd day of February, 1795.

Sister Snow, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee. Thou art a daughter of Abraham and thy name is written in the Book of Life. The Lord has looked upon thee and Angels have rejoiced over thee. Now I want to say unto thee, my sister, thou must be a mother in Israel, and an instrument in the hands of God in doing much good. The Lord God is willing to bless thee; and I bless thee in the name of the Lord, for all the Heavens are willing to bless thee; and if thou wilt ask, the Angels will administer unto thee. Be faithful and thou mayest call down great blessings from Heaven, and nothing shall be withheld

from thee. If thou has faith like Sarah thine eyes shall be satisfied with seeing. And now I seal thee up unto Eternal Life. Amen.

Joseph Smith, Patriarch A. Cheney, Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Julius Thompson (not dated but 1835 or 1836)]

Julius Thompson was born in Gorham, Litchfield Co. Connecticut April 19th 1807.

Brother Thompson, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and according to the authority and power of the Holy Priesthood I confirm a father[']s blessing upon thee, even the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob, which shall be as a seal and covenant for thee, and for thy Posterity after thee, and if thou wilt keep the commandments and do all thy duty unto thy children there shalt none of them be lost, be faithful and thou shalt have power to keep them in the covenant. I seal power upon thee to magnify thy calling and do honor to the holy priesthood and fill the office whereunto thou hast been ordained. Keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments of God & thou shalt be made a mighty man in the earth, inasmuch that the great, the noble & the rich shall seek counsel of thee, because of the wisdom which thy God shall give unto thee. Thou hast feared and been diffident in thy duty, but put away all fear and grieve the holy spirit no more: open thy mouth and the Lord shall fill it and give the words so that thou canst speak as with the voice of an arch Angel, and the earth shall tremble at the power of thy word, which is the power of the everlasting Gospel. Thou wilt see great destructions and calamities on the face of the earth, and thou shalt weep at the distress of thy fellow men, but the Lord shall stand by thee to deliver thee so that thou shalt not fall by the hand of the destroyer, and nothing shall have power to harm thee: but thou shalt have power over floods and flames, and the winds shall obey thy voice, and all the elements shall be subject to thy prayer of faith. and inasmuch as thou shalt put thy trust in God, he will deliver thee and thou shalt go forth as upon the wings of Eagles, from city to city & from land to land, and from world to world, and preach the gospel in other planets and save many. I seal all the power of the holy priesthood and the holy anointing upon thee. And the blessings of heaven & earth even all, however, great, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:35]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Thompson (not dated but 1835 or 1836)]

Sarah Thompson was born in Hornellsville, Steuben County N.Y. May 29th 1807

Sister Thompson, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm blessings in common with thy husband upon thee, yet thou shalt not be called to suffer so much as he, but shall see tribulation, nevertheless thou shalt be a mother in Israel, must watch over thy children in the absence of thy husband and tell them of their father, and teach them to pray. Thou shalt be filled with the spirit, and if thou art called to lay down thy life weep not, for it shall only be according to thy desire, and for thy good. Thou shalt see the kingdom of the Redeemer built up, and if thou wilt seek with all thy heart and obey the word of God in all things thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh. Angels shall minister unto thee and thy soul shall be filled with joy that is unspeakable & full of Glory; thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart in righteousness, even all that thou wilt seek at the hand of thy God, and all the blessings that thou wilt live for

thou shalt have, and I seal them for thee in the name of Jesus, and I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:35]

Patriarchal Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr. Not Dated but Probably 1836 ¹³

[Patriarchal blessing of John Allen]

John Allen born in Peru, Clinton County, New York, May 11th 1808.

Brother Allen, Inasmuch as thou art young and lately born into the kingdom, I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee. the enemy is trying to turn thee away from thy faith, and thou must bid him depart from thee in the name of Jesus, and by the authority of the Priesthood I confer on thy head and on the head of thy seed, a father's blessing; thou art an orphan, and hast not a father to bless thee, that thy name and thy children's name be written in a book. Thou art of the seed of Joseph, the son of Jacob, and thou must take the horns of Joseph unto thee. Thou art one of the quorums of the Seventies. Thou shalt be called into their ranks in the due time of the Lord. Thou art called to go to the ends of the Earth, and preach the gospel from one kingdom to another. Thou shalt have to stand before kings and rulers, thou shalt circumscribe the earth.

Thou shalt have power like one of the Nephites of old, to tarry till Jesus shall come in the clouds of heaven, thou shalt see the consummation of all things up to the coming of Jesus Christ, thou shalt stand among the one hundred and forty four thousand who shall stand with the Lamb on mount Zion, thou shalt see the Church of Enoch come down from heaven, they shall fall on thy neck, and thou shalt fall on their necks, no power shall hold thee, no person [prison] shall keep thee. Thou shalt have power to hush to silence the boisterous winds, and still the waves. Be faithful and nothing shall be too great for thee. Thou shalt be blessed with the things of earth and the things of heaven. I seal all these blessings upon thee. I seal thee up to eternal life – Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:144-145]

[Patriarchal blessing of Julia Allen]

Also the blessing of Julia Allen, born in the town of Pike Allegany Co. N. Y. Oct. 30th 1815.

Sister, in the name of the great Redeemer of mankind and by the Authority of the priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head and confer for thy benefit a blessing on thy head. I pray the Lord thy God that he would have mercy on thee. May he strengthen thee that thy heart may be whole and thy memory strong. I pray in the name of Jesus that all these things may be thine. Thou hast obeyed the gospel and hast been baptized with water. I desire that thou mayest be baptized with the holy Ghost. Thou art blessed in common with thy husband, and if thou art faithful ere long thou shalt be visited by angels from heaven.

¹³ A number of early patriarchal blessings were pronounced without indicating when the blessing was given. Most, if not all, of the blessings in this section were likely received in 1836.

When thy husband is abroad preaching to the inhabitants of the earth and gets into tribulation and experiences anguish of heart for righteousness sake, the angels shall tell thee. Thou shalt be blessed with children who shall be members of the new covenant. They shall have the spirit of prophecy. When thy health shall decline, friends shall minister unto thee. Thy Sins are forgiven thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt have long life, have the things of time and enjoy the spirit of God. As it respects the things of time and eternity thou shalt enjoy them and say they are enough. Thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked and adulterous generation. Thou shalt see Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven with all his holy angels. I seal all these blessings upon thee I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen & Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:85]

[Patriarchal blessing of Aaron A. Avery]

Blessing of Aaron A. Avery who was born in Spafford, Onondaga County N. Y. in the year of our Lord 1812

Brother Avery, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay hands on thy head and confer on thee a father's blessings of the priesthood. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob. Thou shalt raise up children and they shall be blessed throughout their generations: they shall be valiant men and mighty in the defense of Zion. Thou art a son of Zion and hast been willing to lay down thy life The Lord has accepted thy offering and hath given thee thy life: The powers of darkness shall not prevail against thee, the destroyer shall not harm thee. Thou art of the seed of Israel and shall become mighty on the earth as one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together.

Thou shalt see the Lord in the flesh and behold his glory, and shall continue on the earth and behold the winding up scene. Thou shalt go forth and shall have all power ready for the accomplishment of thy mission. Angels shall minister unto thee and instruct thee. Thou shalt have power to convince thy father, thy mother, and thy brethren. Thy God has sealed thee. Thou hast been slow to open thy mouth and hast not been diligent in thy calling. Fear not the Lord thy God shall be with thee, thou shalt bring thousands to the kingdom of God and shall dwell with him a thousand years on the earth and shall rejoice with thy God eternally in his kingdom. inasmuch as thou art faithful I seal these blessings upon thy head. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74-75]

[Patriarchal blessing of Fanny M. Avery]

Also the Blessing of Fanny M. Avery.

Sister: I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thou hast once had a blessing confirmed upon thee, which thou shalt receive. Thou shalt be blessed in common with thy husband. Thy life is precious in the sight of the Lord even as the life of thy companion. Thou shalt bear him up by the prayer of faith and shall continue on the earth even until the heavens shall rend inasmuch as thou art faithful. even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:75]

[Patriarchal blessing of John D. Baldwin]

Blessing of John D. Baldwin born in Bradford, County of Orange Vermont June 28th
1785

Infinite and eternal Father, Let thy blessing rest down upon this person who has presented for thy blessing. Let my mind be guided and directed by the holy spirit. In the name of Jesus the son of the Most High God, and by the authority of the holy priest-hood I lay my hands on thy head, That thou mayest receive a fathers that thou mayest receive authority to stand before thy family and bless them in the name of the Lord. that thy children may stand in the covenant and receive the promise made to Abraham. I say, brother, inasmuch as thou hast been baptized and hast become a member of the new covenant, if thou art meek and continue faithful, thou shalt live long and do good on the earth to thy fellow men. Thou shalt be rich in the world and have cattle in abundance. If thou [illegible] thy confidence in God, thou shalt become an heir with him and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. Thou hast a right in some degree to the priesthood.

Thou must do good in this church and shall have power to bring souls to God. Thou shalt have power to circumscribe the earth. Thy natural strength shall not abate. As thy days so shall thy natural power be prolonged Thy health, if thou art meek, shall be continued. Thy lameness shall be healed Thou shalt be an instrument of doing much good in the earth. Thou shalt have the good thing of the earth. Thou shalt enjoy the spirit of God & say it is enough. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:90]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Bucklin Bosworth]

Blessing of Joseph Bucklin Bosworth, born in Scituate, Kent Co. Rhode Island March 6th
1790

Brother Bosworth, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, even the Bethlehem Babe, I lay my hands upon thy head; according to my calling, and the power of the Holy Priesthood which hath been conferred upon me. I pronounce the blessings of a father upon thee which shall reach thy posterity, even to the end, if thou be faithful. Thou shalt have power to save thy family, even all so that none of them shall be lost. Thou shalt have power over thy relations; they shall tremble at thy words and know that thou art a man of God. They shall confess unto thee thy Joy. Thou shalt have power to bless thy children in due time, and give them power to bless their children: and thy generations shall be blessed after thee, and rise up and bless thee, and thou shalt be called blessed even as Abraham.

Thou art a son of Abraham of the pure blood of Ephraim, and the Lord hath a great work for thee to do. Thou shalt go to distant nations and proclaim the gospel as with the voice of God. The earth shall quake and tremble, the heavens shall rend, and thou shalt see thy Redeemer in the flesh and know that he is, and that thou art redeemed by his blood. Thou shalt be redeemed from the fall while in the flesh, and stand upon the earth till the end of wickedness upon the face thereof. Thou shalt have a place among the hundred and forty four thousand on Mt. Zion. The Lord hath looked on thee from the beginning and blessed thee, & held blessings in reserve for thee, for thy family, and for thy friends, because thou wast accounted worthy, through the gospel.

Thy seed shall be mighty before God, receive the holy priesthood, speak by the power of the spirit, be filled with the spirit of prophecy & revelation and know all things even to the end. Put thy trust in God and he shall keep thee and deliver thee from all the power of thine enemies. His angels shall minister unto thee. and he, himself be with thee. Thou shalt hear his voice directing thy course before thee, and thou shalt follow him and be made like unto the Nephites of old.

Thou shalt go from place to place, from land to land, from sea to sea & visit other planets. Thou shalt preach to spirits in prison, gather thy thousands from worlds of which thou knowest not now, and receive the treasures of heaven & earth even a fulness. Thy voice shall be heard in eternity and Angels shall greatly rejoice over thee. Thy joy shall be great with those whom thou shalt gather from the nations, even a fulness of celestial glory in the presence of God and the Lamb forever. These are thy blessings, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:67]

[Patriarchal blessing of Melinda Brasee]

Blessing of Melinda Brasee who was born in Watertown Litchfield Co. Ct. Feb 2d 1782

Sister, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the son of the living God and by the authority of the Priesthood which I have received of him, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed. Though thou hast been stubborn in thy mind as it respects the way of life an[d] salvation which God is revealing by the power of his spirit in these last days, yet thou hast surrendered thyself into the hands of thy God and the angels of heaven have rejoiced over thee. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life to remain thus written if thou dost not become a daughter of perdition by apostasy. Thy heart is now pure before God. If thou remainest faithful to thy covenants, thy health shall not be much broken Thou shalt go to Zion and have the countenance and support of thy children. Thou and they shall have an inheritance in that land. Thou shalt be an instructor to many: for thou shalt be a mother in Israel. Thou shalt see the temple in Zion and the cloud resting upon it. Thou shalt see many days and be satisfied with the things of this world and the things of the world to come. By the power of the priesthood I seal all these blessings on thy head, and I seal thee up to eternity, Amen & Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76-77]

[Patriarchal blessing of Marshall Brewster]

Blessing of Marshall Brewster, born in Washington, Berkshire County Mass. aged 34 years

Brother Brewster, In the name and acting under the commission and authority of Jesus Christ, the Alpha & Omega, the beginning and the end, I lay my hands upon thee. Pray to thy God and Father for wisdom for light and understanding. Thou hast studied much & sought for things for God. Thou shalt be of the faith of good old Abraham. Thou art a descendant of Israel; thou shalt minister to this generation and preach the gospel of thy God & Saviour. Thou shalt have a partner and posterity. Thou shalt be a teacher to thy children and stand as a patriarch to thy seed. Thou shalt be useful to this generation and show many the way of life and salvation. Thy learning, if thou dost not lean upon it, shall be of great use to thee and to thy fellow men. No

one shall have power to stand before thee in argument, if thou trust to the strength of thy heavenly Father. Thine eyes shall witness the winding up of the great drama, the destruction of the material system and consummation of all things, up to the coming of Jesus Christ, whom thou shalt see come in the clouds of heaven Be humble, be patient, be contrite. and God the Father shall make the[e] a member of the celestial world, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66]

[Patriarchal blessing of Anna Buchanan]

Blessing of Anna Buchanan born in Halifax Vermont April 20th 1803.

Sister, In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ who rose from the dead and who sitteth on the right hand of God, making intercession to his Father and our Father for us. I lay my hands on thee and thy seed: I do it by the authority of the priesthood which God has conferred on me, and confer on thee a blessing in common with thy husband, and thy blessing will descend on thy children. Thou art of the seed of Joseph. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel of thy God & Saviour Thou must forsake all sin an[d] unrighteousness, and no blessing shall be too great for thee. In absence of thy husband, thou shalt be comforted. Thou must hold him up by the prayer of faith and he will be strengthened by the God of Israel. Be faithful to thy children and when they are sick, thy prayer shall be heard. Thou shalt see Zion and have a residence there, and rejoice in the God of thy salvation. Thou shalt see Jesus and behold the wounds in his hands and feet. Thy years shall be many and thou shalt have the good things of this world. Thou shalt have men-servants and maid Servants and be satisfied with the things of time and eternity. I seal thee up to eternal life, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:71]

[Patriarchal blessing of Simeon Carter]

Blessing of Simeon Carter, born in Killingworth, Middlesex Co. Ct. June 7th A.D. 1794

Brother Simeon; I have looked upon thee and have had great desire for thy welfare & blessing therefore, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus, and I pray my heavenly Father to give me his spirit and power to bless thee: and I say unto thee because thou hast faithful in thy calling and ministry until now I bestow upon thee a father[']s blessing. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Joseph, for thou art a descendant of Joseph Thy God hath looked upon thee and hath chosen thee from all eternity to be a minister of Jesus Christ according to his holy calling and purpose, for thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together to the ends of the earth. Thou shalt know what it is to preach the gospel in power, even that power which has not as yet entered in to thy heart: for thou shalt go forth in the power of God. No one shall stay thee for the Lord thy God shall be with thee & thou shalt wax strong for thy faith and thy works shall be great even like that of Enoch. At thy thy word the earth shall tremble beneath thy feet, the mountains shall shake, the hills shall fall down before thee, and the wicked shall fear and quake, because of the power of thy words. The wicked cannot harm thee and because of thy faith and diligence, thou shalt enjoy all that God can bestow upon thee and thy seed in their generations forever.

The desire of thy heart is for the welfare of thy wife, thy children, and thy God shall bless them and their posterities forever and they shall be blessed and numbered with the children of Zion. They shall receive inheritance with the saints and be blessed with the blessings of earth and heaven. Thy wife shall be filled with wisdom and power, & with the prayer of faith she shall uphold in thy absence. & she shall have wisdom to instruct her children in righteousness. And they shall be blessed with eternal life. & thy wife shall share with thee in all thy blessings: And because of the desire of thy heart thou shalt live to behold the winding up scene of this generation and the Lord Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt go forth in mighty power to the nations, and seal up thy thousands to eternal life and send them up to Zion. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thy head. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66-67]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Kimble Chapman]

Blessing of Jacob Kimble Chapman who was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co. Pa. [N.Y.] March 15th 1803.

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ the righteous I lay my hands upon thy head according to the authority of the holy priesthood, and the call of God unto me and seal the blessings of a father upon thee, which shall rest upon thee and thy children after thee. and upon thy children's children to the latest generations. Thy posterity shall be numerous and thy joy on this account shall be great. and great grace shall flow unto thee through the covenant which thou hast received. and by which thy blessings shall descend down and reach thy posterity that they may be numbered with the children of Abraham and receive an inheritance with their brethren and enjoy all the privileges of the kingdom on earth.

Thou must live for blessings and thou shalt receive them & thou must do thy duty to thy children and seek to save them from the power of the destroyer, for thou canst not be happy if any of thy posterity is lost, but thy joy would be marred in eternity and not be complete, but I seal the power of the anointing and of the Holy Priesthood upon thee like unto the ancients, that thou mayest have faith like unto them, and inasmuch as thou shalt desire it; thou shalt have power to proclaim the gospel even to the end. so long as there is any to hear. Be faithful and thou shalt tarry till thy Redeemer comes: for thou shalt be changed like unto the three Nephites and translate thyself from place to place, and go where and when you will and be a mighty man in the earth. Thou shalt soon begin to realize, if thou art diligent the glories and powers of the priesthood of God. Thy mind shall be enlarged exceedingly so that thou canst comprehend like Enoch of old, the creations and works of God. for thou shalt be taught of God. Thy tongue shall be loosed so that thou canst speak as with the voice of an Archangel, and all things shall be subject to thy word, for thou shalt be filled with the spirit and power of God even to a degree that cannot be told unto thee at this time.

The heavens are full of blessings for thee which thou must obtain, through faithfulness. Thou shalt save thy children and thy kindred and those that are dear to thee. Ask and thou shalt receive and nothing shall be impossible unto thee. Thou shalt be numbered with the hundred & forty four thousand which shall stand upon Mount Zion having the harps of God. Thou shalt stand to see the Lord come (in the flesh) and rise and meet him and the thousands that thou shalt gather from the nations shall be with thee. and thou shalt rejoice with them in eternity and thy work shall be accepted and thy labors rewarded. These are thy blessings which I seal for thee in

the name of Jesus. and I seal thee up unto eternal life; Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:90-91]

[Patriarchal blessing of Juliza Chapman]

Also the Blessing of Juliza Chapman who was born in Canandaigua Ontario County N. Y. December 25th 1808

Sister, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm blessings in common with thy husband, yet thou canst not always enjoy his company, but thy soul and thy desires shall be in unison with his, & though seas shall separate [separate] between you, you shall receive much joy by the spirit which shall comfort you. if you are afflicted. You shall be comforted, if you are sick, you shall be healed and your children also. and you shall be kept by the prayer of faith from all the power of the destroyer. Thou shalt pray for thy companion when he is distant from thee. and the Lord shall hear thee and answer thy prayer. Thy life shall be precious in his sight for the Lord loves thee.

Thou hast been faithful in keeping the Commandments and thy heart has been honest before thy God, and thou hast sought to do good in his cause, & the Lord shall keep thee and thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life and desire to depart & thou shalt have thy desire in this thing. Thou wilt see many tribulation. for the wicked will slay the wicked and thousands will perish in thy day by famines, which shall cause thy heart to mourn, and thy soul to be pained, but put thy trust in God & thou shalt be preserved, and tarry as long as it shall be the will of the Lord or for thy Good: Earth & heaven are yours, Time is yours. all is yours. & eternity shall be yours and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:91]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathan Cheney]

Blessing of Nathan Cheney who was born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire aged 25 years the 16th day of February 1836.

Brother Cheney; In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God and by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy posterity. I pray the Lord to give thee grace and understanding, yea I seal and confirm on thy head the blessing of a father. Thou shalt be blessed with children who shall stand in in the new and everlasting covenant. Thou shalt have power to work mighty miracles Thou art of the seed of Abraham. The Lord has looked upon thee and thy name is written in heaven. Thou mayest be great in the kingdom Thou must preach to the nations of the earth, from one kingdom to another.

Thou shalt have power to stay enemies, to stay & bring to judgement the tongue of Slander, Thou shalt have power to still water and and say to boisterous winds be still and they shall obey them. Be faithful and prepare thy heart and God will enable thee to stand before the authorities of the earth. Thou shalt be worthy to stand among the 144 thousand dressed in white upon Mt. Zion. Thou shalt have powers to bring up treasures of gold hid in the earth 4000 years Thou shalt have gold and silver enough to to pave the streets of the New Jerusalem, if thou exertest thyself having faith in God. Thou shalt stand on the earth 1000 years. Thou shalt have power to preach to the spirits in prison. The Lord will give thee 48 days notice of his coming in the clouds of heaven, I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:80-81]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza Ann Cheney]

Also the Blessing of Eliza Ann Cheney born in Cazenovia County of Madison and State of New York aged 21 years in January 1836

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed, & I say unto thee, that if thou wilt be baptized and come into the church of the Latter day Saints, thou shalt be blest blest in having children and shall be esteemed a mother in Israel and blest in common with thy husband. If thou obey the gospel with all thy heart thy disease stands rebuked from this hour. the healing power of God shall be on thee art faithful and keep the commandments of thy God, and Savior, The insperation [inspiration] of the Holy Ghost shall rest on thee, and abide on thee if thou dost persevere unto the end.

O God, the Eternal Father, Let the powers of the world to come rest on this person. I feel there is no forbidding power, thou canst through grace succeed in gaining an inheritance eternal in the heavens. Thou shalt see the salvation of God. Thou shalt be prospered in this world because thou dost desire to go to the Zion of God. Thou shalt stand to see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt be satisfied with the things of time and eternity. I seal these blessings upon thy head. I seal thee up to the eternal world, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:81]

[Patriarchal blessing of Zarah S. Cole]

Blessing of Zarah S. Cole born in Middlebury Adison Co. Vt. April 12th 1804

Brother Cole; In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and by the power and authority of the holy priesthood on me conferred, I confer upon thee and thy posterity a father[']s blessing. Thou shalt have power to bless thy children and they shall be blessed. I also seal upon thy head the power of the priesthood, and thou shalt have power to accomplish thy ministry. If thou art faithful thou shalt stand upon the earth to see the coming of the son of man. The blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are thine with all that pertain to the new and everlasting covenant. Thou canst if faithful and thou desirest it, be translated as was Enoch. Thou cast receive a blessing and an endowment from thy Redeemer. The reflection that thou art one of God's chosen ones shall cheer thy heart in the darkest hours through which thou mayest be called to pass. Put thy trust in thy Redeemer the Holy one of Israel, and these and all blessings are thine both in time and in eternity and I seal them upon thee: even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:77-78]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann Cole]

Also the Blessing of Ann Cole who was born in Nelson, Madison Co. N. Y. Sept. 12th 1809.

Sister Cole, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, thy Redeemer, I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee according to thy desire. Thou hast had doubt of thy acceptance. but let them now be removed, for thy sins are forgiven and thy name written in the Lamb's book of life. Thou shalt be blessed in common with thy husband, and have power in his absence, if faithful, to preserve thy children from the ruthless hand of the destroyer. Thou shalt be provided for in the

absence of thy husband on his missions: for the Lord loves thee, and constantly upholds thee, and he who preserves thee, has said the righteous shall not be forsaken. Thy prayer of faith shall prevail with thy heavenly Father, and all thy desires in righteousness shall be granted. These blessings I seal upon thee even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:78]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Corey]

Blessing of Wm. Corey who was born in Stodard, Cheshire Co. New Hampshire, 1797

Brother Corey, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee and say unto thee that thy lineage is known unto God and thy calling shall be made known by him. I seal a father[']s blessing upon thee and upon thy children to all generations. Satan has sought to destroy thee & marred thy peace by taking thy property from thee; but be of good comfort for the Lord will preserve thee. and thy property shall return to thee ten fold. Thou art of a slow and fearful spirit, but awake, arise, and be energetic and thou shalt see within the veil. and the Lord will make known thy lineage to thee and set thee in thy proper place. Thy friends shall follow thee and many that are dead shall come forth in the first resurrection, for thou mayest go and preach to them the gospel in the prison. The Lord will give unto thee all blessings that thou canst desire in righteousness. Thou shalt go to Zion and perfect health shall be restored to thy family. Angels shall minister to thee and teach thee knowledge. These are thy blessings if faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus: even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76]

[Patriarchal blessing of Barbara Corey]

Also of Barbara Cory who was born in Fairfield, Herkinur County N. Y. A.D. 1803

Sister Corey: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and seal a father[']s blessing upon thee in common with thy companion. Thou shalt inherit the earth and blessings thereof. Thy last days shall be thy best days and thou shalt do much good in the society of thy sex Angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt live until the Saviour comes, or until thou art satisfied with life. and I seal upon thee all blessings, temporal and spiritual, which thou mayest desire in righteousness. and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus: even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lemira Corkins]

Blessing of Lemira Corkins who was born in New Milford, Litchfield Co. Connecticut A.D. 1793.

Sister Corkins, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee, & seal and confirm a father's blessing upon thee for good. and if thou hast no children thou shalt have, & thy blessing shall reach them to the latest generation. Thou shalt have health & strength, for thou shalt be secure from the destroyer. Thou shalt have a husband that shall be a man of God & thou shalt

have an inheritance in Zion: long life also is thine and prosperity shall follow thee. Keep thou the word of wisdom, & Satan shall have no power over thee, but thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness. Thou shalt live until thou shalt say, Lord it is enough, now let thy handmaid depart and rest in the paradise of God, until the morning of the first resurrection. I seal these blessings upon thee, through faithfulness, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:89]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Edwin R. Corkins]

Also the Blessing of Edwin R. Corkins who was born in Aurelius, Cayuga County N. Y. A.D. 1820.

Brother Corkins, in the name of Jesus I lay my hand upon thee, and seal upon thee a father's blessing, as thou hast no father to bless thee. The Lord will be thy father and will teach thee righteousness, therefore thou shalt no more be called an orphan. He also will guide thy childhood and when grown, thou shalt receive the priesthood. Angels shall minister unto thee and thou shalt be instrumental in bringing souls into the kingdom of God. Thou art of the lineage of the priesthood, and the time shall come that the earth shall tremble at thy word. Thou shalt visit other nations and declare the word unto those people. Thou shalt stand on the earth until wickedness is done away, and when the Saviour comes, thou shalt stand with the one hundred & forty four thousand on Mount Zion. Thou shalt hold the keys of this priesthood in time & in eternity. Thou mayest be brought into trouble but the Lord will deliver thee. Thou shalt stand with the Saviour in the flesh after he comes & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:89-90]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mariah Crandall]

Blessing of Mariah Crandall born in Thurman Warren County N. Y. aged 23 years October 9th 1835

My young Sister in the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer and by the authority of the Priesthood, which I have received from God, I lay my hands on thy head for the spiritual and temporal benefit of thee and thy posterity. Inasmuch as thou keepest the commandments of God thou shalt be blessed with long life. Thou shalt be blessed with a companion thou shalt raise up children who shall be strong in the faith of the gospel, one of them shall be filled with the Holy Ghost at 8 years of age and shall speak with tongues and prophecy. They shall be strong men and women in Christ Jesus.

Thou shalt stand on the earth when Jesus comes in the Clouds of heaven. If thou livest up to thy privileges. Thou shalt have forty days notice of the coming of the Saviour. Thou art called to afflictions and Sorrow, but out of them thou shalt be delivered if thou art faithful. No good thing shall be withheld. Thou shalt have the ministrations of angels, shall have power to bring back thy father and he shall be a man of God. The angels of heaven shall support thee in accomplishing thy work I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

N. B. If thy father acknowledge this blessing it shall be considered his, if not it shall be considered mine W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:80]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rhoda Cunningham]

Rhoda Cunningham's Patriarchal Blessing. Rhoda Cunningham was born in the Nine Partners, Columbia County N. Y. January 26th 1762

Sister! In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and confirm upon thee a patriarchal blessing, by the authority of the holy priesthood, and seal a blessing upon thee so that satan shall have no power against thee to overthrow thee, therefore, dismiss thy fears from this hour, and lay hold by faith upon the things which the Lord will give unto thee, and think not of thy former experience, but press forward to need & gather the heavenly manna, fresh every morning noon & evening, be careful to keep all the commandments & be humble, be not exalted nor lifted up because of the things which thou hast received. Put thy trust in the Lord and he will secure thee against the power of satan and give thee a double portion of the holy spirit, and lengthen out thy years to the full and strengthen thy memory and thy mind shall not be weakened by time, nor thy strength fail because of thy many years, for thou shalt live till thou art satisfied with life & desire to depart and be at rest, and thy end shall be peace and thy sleep but short, even as a moment till the Saviour shall come and wake up the slumbering dust, and give it immortality and eternal life in his presence and kingdom forever, when thy joy shall be full, even a fulness of celestial glory, & I now seal thee up unto eternal life never to be lost, or overcome by the enemy, by the authority and in the name of the only begotten of the Father, who is full of grace mercy & truth, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assnt. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:41-42]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jeremiah Curtis]

Blessing of Jeremiah Curtis who was born in New Salem, Hamshire Co. Massachusetts, March 10. 1782

Brother Curtis, I lay my hands on your head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thou art of the seed of Abraham. Thou hast been wiling to serve God and keep covenant with him to the best of thy understanding. Thy name is written in heaven, in the Lamb's book of life. Thou art partly of the lineage of Judah. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life. Thou shalt have power to proclaim the gospel to this generation. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, and thy wife and children and children's children down to the latest generation shall share in the same blessing. They shall have an inheritance in the land of Zion. Thou shalt have power to lead thy relation to embrace the truth of the everlasting gospel, and thou shalt live to a good old age and inasmuch as thou art faithful thou shalt bring many souls to God. and thy wife shall live to an old age if she is faithful. Thou and thy family shall be blessed with health and prosperity, on thy journey [journey] to Zion. Thou shalt have the administration of Angels and the blessings of God be on your head.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:76]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Davison]

Blessing of John Davison born January 26th 1805 in Jeffry N. Hampshire

Brother Davison, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head & confirm upon thee a father[']s blessing. I do confirm upon thee all the blessings of heaven and earth; both temporal and eternal life: and I say unto thee that the destroying angel shall have no power over thee to hurt thee if thou art faithful and keep the word of wisdom Thy tongue shall be loosed, all thy stammering taken away, and thou shalt speak plainly and boldly. All thy bodily infirmities shall be taken away and thou shalt become a new man. Thy mind shall be changed, thy heart greatly enlarged, and thou shalt understand the deep things of God. Thou shalt have great wisdom that thou canst not now conceive of in thy mind. All things that thou desirest in Righteousness shall be granted unto thee. Thou shalt hold thy friends by faith and by thy humble and Godly walk before them, they shall be constrained to believe that thou art a man of God, and thou shalt yet see them in the Celestial kingdom. Thy posterity shall be blessed even to the latest generation. and I say unto thee thy name is written in heaven, never to be blotted out except thou dost desire. for the glory of God. I seal thee up unto eternal life. Thou art of the seed of Israel. partly through the lineage of Judah & partly that of Benjamin. If thou art faithful and desirest it, thou mayest see the Son of God in thy flesh. And I ask my heavenly Father to seal these blessings unto thee in the name of the Lord. even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69]

[Patriarchal blessing of Betsey Lodema Davison]

Also the Blessing of Betsey Lodema Davison, born in Sangersfield N. Y. March 24 1807

Sister Davison, I lay my hands on thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus, to confirm on thee, all the blessings in common with thy husband, even that of a father[']s blessing. And I say unto thee thou shalt have the dew of heaven, and shalt be sustained with plenty of corn, wine, oil and all the blessings of earth. If thou art faithful all thy diffidence shall be removed, from thee. Thy heart shall be greatly enlarged to see the things of God. Thy mind shall be renewed, the visions of heaven shall be opened unto thee. Thou shalt yet see great things in thy day: thy life shall be precious in the sight of the Lord, and I say unto thee thy name is written in heaven, never to be blotted out. I seal thee up unto eternal life. and if thou shalt wilfully transgress, thou shalt be delivered up to the buffetings of Satan, so thy soul may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. I seal upon thee life, spiritual and life temporal.

Thou shalt see the Son of Righteousness in thy day. and I say unto thee thy children shall be blessed even unto the latest generations. All the desires of thy heart, in righteousness, shall be granted unto thee. And if thou shouldest sleep a little season, thou shalt come forth in the first resurrection and stand on Mount Zion. and receive a crown of celestial glory in the kingdom of God.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69-70]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joel Drewry]

Blessing of Joel Drewry who was born in Franklin County Massachusetts A.D. 1797

Brother Drewry, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing upon thee. and upon thy posterity after thee. to all generations. I also seal the authority of a patriarch upon thee. to bless thy children and by the spirit of prophecy seal them up unto eternal life. Thy children shall be numerous and they shall arise and bless thee. Through

faithfulness thou shalt be made whole, even as in the days of thy youth, for an angel of the Lord shall administer unto thee, and shall impose his hands upon thee. and the servants of God also shall impose their hands upon thee for this purpose; for the Lord willeth that thou shalt do much good yet for thy days are many. Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart, which are in righteousness, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus: Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:87]

[Patriarchal blessing of Thirza Drewry]

Also the blessing of Thirza Drewry who was born in Sheldon, Franklin Co. Mass. A.D.
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Sister Drewry, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee, and seal a father[']s blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. I say unto thee be comforted: for the Lord shall appear to relieve thee from affliction. Angels shall comfort thee, and all the desires of thy heart shall be given thee which are in righteousness. Thy husband shall be restored and thy children shall be given thee in righteousness. Thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life even until thou hast seen the third generation walking uprightly before the Lord. Thou shalt have wisdom to teach them righteousness. Thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life. and I seal thee up unto eternal life. in the name of Jesus: Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:87]

[Patriarchal blessing of Simon Dyke]

Blessing of Simon Dyke born in Andover. Allegany Co. N Y. Sept. 16 A.D. 1814

Brother Dyke, Thou art but a child and hast not understood all things, but hast known in part and hast obeyed so far as thou hast known. Satan will seek to get thee in his power, that he may sift thee as wheat and turn thee away from the truth. He will try to dazzle thy eyes with the vain things of earth, therefore, thou must be on thy guard or thou wilt fall into traps and snares. but if thou wilt stay self upon the mighty God of Jacob. the Lord will deliver thee and make thee a mighty man, fill thee with knowledge and give thee a part in the ministry, even one of the seventies.

Therefore open thy mouth and begin to declare the things of God and thy duty shall be made known unto thee, in the due time of the Lord. Thou art of the seed of Abraham and art entitled to a father's blessing but hast no father to bless thee, an orphan and no one to teach thee righteousness. but thou hast well done that thou hast come here to receive instruction and be taught by the brethren and sisters in the gospel and be kept from evil. Thou must guard against thy evil propensities and thou shalt be delivered from every fear, and the heavens shall be propitious unto thee. Thou shalt see the glories of the upper world and visions of all things. Thou shalt have a companion and raise children for God, for thy companion shall be a descendant of Joseph also, so that thy children shall be pure Thou shalt stand on the earth till the Redeemer comes in the clouds of heaven, rise to meet him in the air, be forever with him, and dwell in the presence of God and the Lamb forever and ever. These blessings shall be secured unto thee if thou art faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:73]

[Patriarchal blessing of Joseph Fielding]

Blessing of Joseph Fielding who was born in Bedfordshire in England the 23d of March 1796 or 1797.

Brother Fielding, In the name of Jesus Christ, the son of the Living God and by the authority of the holy priesthood which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head. Thou art a descendant of Israel and I empower thee to lay thy hands on the heads of thy posterity to bless them for though thou hast no posterity now, yet God will give thee descendants and thou must stand as a patriarch to bless them. Thy descent has been from Abraham through the loins of Joseph. Thou art entitled to the priesthood, Thou shalt have power, thy posterity shalt become mighty men and women. in the earth: thou shalt have power over the winds and waves and the floods shall obey thee. Thou shalt have power to stand amidst the ungodly generation and prevail over their prejudices. Be faithful and heaven and earth shall be thine. for thou shalt be great on the earth. & be honored by thy fellow man. Thou shalt tarry to see great events fulfilled in this generation Thou mayest live if thou art a man of God to see thy Savior come in the Clouds of heaven at any rate thy sleep if thou dost sleep shall be short and thou shalt be a member of the first resurrection by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal all these blessings upon thee. I seal thee up unto eternal life. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:93]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elijah Fordham]

Blessing of Elijah Fordham, who was born in the City of New York March 12th A.D. 1798

Brother Fordham in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head according to the power of the High priest-hood, and ask God to give me words to say unto thee. Seek not to bind thyself as yet; for thou shalt have a companion by and by like unto Rebecca of old. Seek to take care of thy children; for if thou art faithful the Lord will grant unto thee power to overcome, and to magnify his name, before this generation. Thou art a son of Zion and art entitled to the high priest-hood, for thou art of the seed of Israel of the blood of Joseph. Be faithful and thou shalt have power, and thou shalt be one of the second seventy.

Thy name is written in heaven among the sanctified ones. Thou art one of the Lord[']s servants to preach the gospel. Thou shalt visit a nation thou hast not heard of, and gather souls to Zion. Thou shalt comfort the hearts of the widow and the orphan and shall bring many of them to the land of Zion. Thou hast offered thy life for Zion and the Lord has given thee thy life. Thou shalt have the desire of thy heart, whether to sleep in the dust, be translated, or tarry till the Savior comes. Thou shalt power to gaze into the heavens. Thy heart shall expand and understand the mysteries of heavenly things. Thy memory shall be strengthened and have power to declare the things of God. Thou shalt call thy children and bless them. These blessings with a multitude of others, if thou art faithful. I seal upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.— Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:87]

[Patriarchal blessing of Salmon Gee]

Blessing of Salmon Gee born Oct. 16th A.D. 1792 in Lyme, New London County Ct.

Brother Gee, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of the Lord Jesus and bless you even with a father's blessing and I say unto you. that if you will repent of all evil, and call upon the Lord mightily, the visions of your mind shall be opened and you shall go forth & proclaim the gospel of peace to the wise and the learned, as you have a gift and have many times felt it to be your duty. And now if you will humble yourself before the Lord and strip yourself of all hardness toward your fellow man, you shall become meek and lowly even like your Savior; You shall be numbered with Abraham and all his spiritual seed, and you shall bring many souls into the fold of Christ, and you shall be filled with the goodness of the Lord and the blessings of heaven, even as many as you in righteousness can ask, and in the end you shall be received into the Celestial kingdom of God. In the name of the Lord I seal all these blessings upon your head and upon the head of your children and your children's children, even so Amen, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Gee]

Also Blessing of Sarah Gee born in Sandersfield, Berkshire C. Mss. Jany. 24th 1795

Sister Gee, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and say unto you that you shall receive a patriarchal blessing in common with thy husband & if you will keep the word of wisdom and all the commandments of the Lord, you shall be greatly blessed and shall see the Lord face to face while you remain in the flesh If you live humble you shall be called a mother in Israel, be a comfort to your husband and a pattern to your sex and you shall be saved in the celestial kingdom of your Saviour, Even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Allen Gray]

Blessing of Allen Gray who was born in the county of Yorkshire England April 17th 1803 as pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior.

Brother Gray, In the name of Jesus Christ the great Redeemer and by the Authority of the holy priesthood I lay my hands on thy head & pronounce upon thee a father['s] blessing, for thou art an orphan and not having a father in the church to bless thee, Thou shalt have power to become a man of God if thou dost press thy way towards the mark of the prize. Thou hast been baptized into the church of thy Savior. God is near thee and not afar off. he is within thy moving. Thou shalt have the blessing of Abraham & Isaac. Thou art of the seed of Abraham through the loins of Ephraim. Thou must open thy mouth to God and he will grant thee his blessings. Thy seed shall remain on the earth. Thou art entitled to the priesthood and hast Authority to bless thy children; and if thou art faithful to [illegible] blessings shall descend upon their heads. I seal thee on thy forehead that the destroying angel may not have power over thee. If thou art faithful thou shalt be blessed with long life and the good things of this world and have eternal life in the world to come. Thou hast a great duty to do and thou must do it. Thou must yet pass through much tribulation yet God shall be thy help. Thou shalt have power over winds and storms and floods. Thou shalt live many days and be blessed. Thou mayest tarry to see thy Savior. I seal all the blessings of Abraham & Isaac on thy head. By the Authority of the priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen,

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:94]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nehemiah Harmon]

Blessing of Nehemiah Harmon who was born in Rupert Vermont December 10th 1781

Brother Harmon, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee and if it should be wisdom in God I ask my heavenly Father to give thee faith, that thou mayest be restored to the use of thy limbs. I seal thee up unto eternal life that Satan shall have no power over thee. Thy sight shall also return for thou hast desired these things in righteousness. The Lord shall keep thee and thou shalt be healed of all thy infirmities, inasmuch as thou shalt sufficiently humble thyself and obey the word of God. And I seal upon thee a father's blessing. and they are for thee and for thy children after thee, even to all generations These blessings I ask my heavenly Father to seal upon thee. even so, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74]

[Patriarchal blessing of Orrilla Harmon]

Also the blessing of Orrilla Harmon who was born April 23d A.D. 1791 in Rupert Vt.

Sister Harmon, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a Father's blessing in common with thy husband for thou hast been his companion in many afflictions yet the Lord has sustained thee because of the things which he has for thee In days to come. Thou shalt be blessed in thy family and friends: Thy life is secured unto thee, for it is bound in the bundle of life & thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life for angels to look upon. Many great blessings are thine, for by and by, for by and by the Lord will send his angels to minister to thee, and teach thee righteousness. and according to my mission I seal thee up unto eternal life, asking my heavenly Father to seal these blessings upon thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Recording Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74]

[Patriarchal blessing of Daniel S. Jackson]

Blessing of Daniel S. Jackson, who was born in Butternut Otsego Co. N. Y. Decr. 14th 1814

Brother, thou needest to be strengthened for thou art in thy youth & I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus and ask God to give thee the fulness of the holy Spirit, keep & guard thee from this time from all evil. Satan wilt seek to destroy but thou must be humble & pray always that thou mayest be delivered from his power & God shall prepare thee to do a great work in the earth and he will consecrate thee to himself. He hath watched over thee from the beginning and looked on thee in eternity & written thy name in the lamb's Book of life. The angels rejoice over thee & the Lord shall do a great work for thee, loose thy tongue, open thine eyes, show thee all things, even deep things of God. Thou shalt see thy Redeemer, & hidden things of heaven & earth. Things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard. Thou shalt be able to comprehend all things. Thou shalt have power to win many souls.

Thou shalt travel in foreign lands and upon the Islands of the sea. When in trouble, thou shalt speak and the Lord will deliver thee. Those whom thou shalt bless, the Lord shall bless & those whom thou shalt curse, the Lord shall curse. Thou shalt see thy word fulfilled upon thy enemies & know that the Lord hath heard thee, live to see the end of this generation, have a companion raise up children, even a numerous seed. teach them the things of God and they shall be a glory to thee in the kingdom of God. Thou shalt be permitted, if thou desire to depart and rest a little season.

If thou askest it will be given, if thou seek, thou wilt find & be made equal in all things to thy brethren, stand with the hundred and forty four thousand before the throne and sing the song of Moses & the Lamb, receive a crown of celestial glory minister to other worlds, go from planet to planet & from world to world, minister to the spirits in prison, save thy thousands in this world and that which is to come. Great are thy blessings. let thy faith be great, faithfulness also, and the Lord shall keep thee in all thy ways. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and these blessings are sealed for thee in the heavens, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Amen.

W. A. Cowdery [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:85-86]

[Patriarchal blessing of Marietta Jacobs]

Blessing of Marietta Jacobs, born in the town and county of Niagara the 11th of Feb. 1821

Dear Sister, Thou art young and in the slippery path of youth. Satan may desire to have thee that he may sift thee as wheat. Thou hast been blessed and hast come into the covenant by the power of the spirit. Thy sins are forgiven thee, go and sin no more. Thou art pure in heart and sincere in mind. I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and by the priesthood. that thy seed may have an inheritance in the land of Zion. that thy seed may see their names written in a book. Thou and thy posterity are blessed of God. Thou shalt see many days and be satisfied with the things of time and eternity. If thou keepest a pure heart and clean hands, thy brothers and thy sisters in Christ and thy children shall honor thee. Thou and thy husband shall be of one mind and one heart and walk together in Zion. Thy children shall be many and among them shall stand prophets and prophetesses. Thou shalt see the temple of thy God standing on Mount Zion. and a cloud resting upon it. Thou shalt be a teacher to the Lamanites in whose whitening countenances shall be seen the bright trans of love and gratitude. Be humble, faithful & contrite. I bestow on thee a father[']s blessing. I seal thee up unto eternal life. amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:71]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth A. Jacobs]

Blessing of Elizabeth A. Jacobs who was born in Niagara, Niagara Co. N Y A.D 1819.

Sister Jacobs, In the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee and seal and confirm a father[']s blessing upon thee that has been pronounced by thy father. The heavens are full of blessings for thee. Thy name is written in the lamb[']s book of life & thou shalt have power to overcome the enemy of thy soul. & I ask my heavenly father to keep thee from the power of the destroyer: also to give thee a companion that is like thyself and thy posterity shall arise & be blessed of the Lord for they shall be prophets & prophetesses. I seal these blessings upon thee,

and upon thy posterity to all generations, if thou art faithful, & thou and thy husband shall stand together on Mount Zion when the Savior comes, and shall rejoice with one accord. I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:90]

[Patriarchal blessing of Ezekiel Kellogg]

Blessing of Ezekiel Kellogg who was born January 27th 1798 in Johnstown N. Y.

Brother Kellogg; In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee to confirm upon thy head the blessings of a father, for thou art entitled to the blessing of Abraham as he received it from under the hand of Melchisedeck and I seal these for thee and for thy children, inasmuch as thou wilt train them up in righteousness. The power of the Holy Priesthood shall be with thy children to all generations. Thou shalt open thy mouth, thy tongue shall be loosed to proclaim the gospel in its fulness. Thou hast many trials to pass through but if faithful, the Lord, thy Redeemer, will safely deliver thee. I seal upon thee the blessing which thou hast desired. Thou hath been anxious about thy friends: They shall come into the new and everlasting covenant. Thou shalt stand on Mount Zion with thy family and when the Lord shall come in the morning of the first resurrection, thou shalt awake from the sleeping dust & rise to meet him in the air. These blessings I seal upon thee, asking my heavenly Father to seal thee up unto eternal life Amen, [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lomira Kellogg]

Also the blessing of Lomira Kellogg who was born May 5th 1800 in Palmyra New York.

Sister Kellogg, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, asking my heavenly Father to seal all the blessings of heaven upon thee. Because the Lord loves thee, he grants thee the blessings of the covenant of Abraham. The Lord will give thee life, yea, even long life, for thou shalt be satisfied therewith and then be received up into paradise of God, where thou shalt see thy sister and rejoice in her company. Thou hast had desires for thy friends which shall be granted, for they shall rejoice in the covenant of God. These blessings I seal upon thee, asking my heavenly Father to seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Asahel A. Lathrop]

Blessing of Asahel A. Lathrop who was born in Tolland, Tolland Conuty, Connecticut Decr 25th 1810.

Brother, thou art but a youth, my heart feels for thee, I lay my hands upon thee in the name of Jesus, who is the great captain of your Salvation, and pronounce a father["]s blessing upon thee, which rest upon thee while the earth shall stand in wickedness, and upon thy posterity also, if faithful before God. Thou shalt have joy with thy children in heaven and when Adam presents his family to God through Jesus Christ. then thou shalt present present thine also, with a glory that thou canst not now conceive of. Thou must pass through trials and see may afflictions.

Satan will seek to destroy thee and turn thy feet from the path of righteousness, and he will contend with thee as he did with Moses & when thou shalt call upon thy God to deliver from his power; an angel of the Lord shall rescue thee from his grasp, and guard thee so that thou canst be able to fill thy mission, and do the work to which thou art called and minister to thee in thy affliction. He shall bring thee food when thou art hungry. lead thee to a land of plenty when thou art famishing with hunger, keep thee in all the ways, preserve thy life to the end of the earth.

Thou art of the seed of Ephraim and shall stand with the hundred and forty four thousand on Mount Zion. Thou shalt be equal to thy brethren in all things Thou shalt retain the vigor of youth until thy old age. & when thy hair[s] are white with age thou shalt be strong in Body and mind. Thou shalt know the ways of the Lord perfectly & his will concerning thee. thou shalt be filled with wisdom and able to confound all opposers, and put to silence [silence] the wise & crafty of this world. Kings shall shut their Mouths and be astonished at the wisdom and power of thy word & many shall marvel, because of thy wisdom & power & say of a truth God is with him. These are thy blessings, and if thou wilt for them, thou shalt receive them, even all. for I seal them for thee in the name of Jesus, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:88-89]

[Patriarchal blessing of Cynthia Lathrop]

Also the blessing of Cynthia Lathrop who was born in Oxford Chenango Co. N. Y. A.D. 1813.

Sister Lathrop; in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thee and seal a father's blessing in common with thy husband. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thy name is written in heaven. Angels rejoice over thee, and the Lord shall seal thee his. Thou must be diligent in seeking to know thy duty of the Lord and of thy husband. Many of thy friends shall rejoice with thee in Zion. Thou shalt see the Savior and have all the desires of thy heart which are in righteousness. Thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity, and shalt see the third & fourth generations. Nothing shall befall thee to obstruct thy journey to the West, & thou shalt have houses and lands and all things which shall be for thy comfort in time and eternity. Thy life shall be given thee and thou shalt behold the Savior come in the clouds of heaven. & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:89]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Lawson]

Blessing of John Lawson born in Argyle, Washington County N. Y. in the year 1805

Brother Lawson, In the name of Jesus Christ thy Redeemer, I lay my hands upon thy head for I perceive thou dost reverence that holy name. therefore I seal a father's blessing upon thee and upon thy seed to all generations, for thou shalt confer this blessing upon thy children, and so it shall descend from father to son. Thy wife shall come into the fold of God and be a help to thee in teaching thy children, righteousness, and thou shalt yet stand at the head of thy family as a man of God. The angels rejoice over thee and soon shall minister unto thee. Thy friends and also thy wife's friends, shall many of them be brought into the kingdom of God through the power of thy word. Thou shalt stand until the Saviour shall come and do much good. Thou shalt have great

riches, houses, lands, men-servants and maid-servants, &c. These are thy blessings if faithful, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:70]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nathan Lewis]

Blessing of Nathan Lewis who was born in Stanford, Deleware County N. York 1803.

Brother Lewis, in the name of Jesus, I lay my hands upon thee and seal a father's blessing upon thee and upon thy children to all generations. I ask the Lord to pour out his spirit and seal instruction and wisdom upon thee. Keep the commandments, walk in meekness and thou shalt yet have power to speak to thy friends, the things of God. I say if thou art faithful the Lord will prosper thee on thy journey and thou shalt arrive safe in Zion. Thy wife shall be given thee, thou shalt have an inheritance. The Lord shall speak to thee and angels shall minister unto thee. Thou shalt stand in the flesh when the Savior comes and shall not die and I ask God to seal these things in heaven as they are sealed upon thee if faithful. And I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jemima Lewis]

Also the blessing of Jemima Lewis who was born in Southhold U. Canada 1811

Sister Lewis, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands upon thee and ask my heavenly Father to have mercy on thee. and a father's blessing shall rest upon thee, if thou wilt obey the gospel in common with thy husband and it shall reach thy posterity to the latest generation. Thou shalt ask and obtain mercy for thy children when they are sick. Thou mayest claim thy 70 years and if faithful obtain it. The Lord shall bless and comfort thee when thou art afflicted and when thou art satisfied with life, will send some kind messenger to waft thy spirit home to rest in the paradise of God. In the name of Jesus I seal thee up unto eternal life. Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86-87]

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel McBride]

Also the Blessing of Samuel Mc Bride born in Stillwater, Saratoga County N. Y. August 25th 1787

Brother; In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Redeemer of mankind, I lay my hands on thy head that thy posterity may see thy name and blessing written in a book of record I pray the Lord to strengthen thee that thou mayest come up to thy privileges, lay hold of the terms of eternal life and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Thou art called to the Priesthood. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Thou must preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ Thy field of labor shall be South America. Thou must go to the Lamanites Thou must preach to them in their languages which thou shalt have by the power of the Spirit, the wonderful works of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thou must preach to Roman Catholicks [Catholics] and if they seek to destroy thee, they shall not succeed. Thou hast a great work to do Thou must stand in the defense of the fullness of the Gospel. Thou art called to endure afflictions, thou shalt be in

perils by land and by water, and among false brethren. The seas and winds shall obey thee. Thou shalt teach children to be baptized when 8 years old. thou must stand before thy family, thy children shall be blessed from one generation to another. Thou shalt have power to translate thyself from place to place. If thou art humble and contrite, thy years shall be greatly lengthened, and thou shalt stand on the earth when Jesus Christ comes in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be a priest of God one thousand years. Thy posterity will be on thy side in time and in eternity I seal all these blessings on thy head. even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:78-79]

[Patriarchal blessing of John McBride]

Also the Blessing of John Mc Bride who was born in Stillwater Saratoga Co N Y January 5th 1788.

O God the eternal Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I ask thee to behold this thy servant on whom I lay my hands. Thou seest he has passed the middle age of life, that he has been and is now the particular object of thy care. Grant him, O Lord that repentance which shall fit him to be baptized for the remission of his sins. to be baptized as it were in the waters of Jordan. Let his mortal frame be invigorated with the health and strength of thirty five years. let the vigor of youth be upon him.

Brother, by the authority of the Priesthood I lay my hand on thy head. and I say unto thee that thou hast a right to the Priesthood, for thou art of the lineage of the Patriarch Abraham. Thou must throw off thy diffidence, put on the boldness of God and lay claim to the Priesthood. Thou shalt hear the voice of God and say as Paul did who art thou Lord. If thou livest by faith on the son of God, thou shalt behold St. John at the head of the ten tribes. Thou shalt have a companion and children, who shall bless thee as friend and father. Thou art an orphan and I give thee a father's blessing and by the authority of God I seal these blessings on thy head. Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:79]

[Patriarchal blessing of Minerva McBride]

Also the Blessing of Minerva Mc Bride who was born in Turner, Lewis Co. N. Y. aged 27 years in January 1835.

In the name of Jesus the Son of the living God, and by the authority of the Priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a father's blessing. Thou art an orphan. If thou art faithful great blessings await in time and in eternity In this generation thou shalt see the Temple stand in which Jesus shall come Thou shalt see the glory of God and be abundantly satisfied with things both temporal Thou shalt see the Lord of glory who shall smile upon thee. Thou art a daughter of Abraham and shalt see the great things that shall take place in this generation Thou shalt see the gathering of the Saints of God upon Mt. Zion & Jerusalem and find deliverance. the destruction of the wicked, the descent of Jesus Christ and the Consummation of all things up to that time. While in the flesh, thou shalt have the things of the world, have men-servants & maid servants. These blessings are made on conditions of faith and obedience. Be faithful and all is yours. I seal thee up to eternal life. amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:79]

[Patriarchal blessing of Reuben McBride]

Also the Blessing of Reuben Mc Bride who was born in Chester, N Y. the 16th of June 1803.

Brother, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth I confer on thy head a blessing, by the authority of the priesthood likewise on the head of thy seed, who shall see thy name and blessing recorded in a book. I perceive that thou art of an honest heart before God, for thou seekest his counsel. Thou hast been up to the land of Zion. The Lord thy God has accepted thee. Thou must make a like surrender of thy whole life into his hands. He has called laborers into his vineyard in these last days. The Lord will keep thee humble if thou putteth thy trust in him. yet the Lord will lift thee up like Nephi to the top of the Mountain & lay his commands upon thee, Thou must obey. Thy blessing does not come behind any. Thou shalt preach to the inhabitants of the Islands of the sea, and to the nations of the earth By the power of God thou shalt preach to the nations the wonderful things of God and the Gospel of his Son. No arm stretched out against thee shall prosper, no tongue speaking lies against thee shall succeed. Thy life if thou putteth thy confidence in God, shall be spared to behold the consummation of all things up to the coming of Jesus Christ Thou must be a preacher to this generation, and hereafter to the spirits shut up in prison When thou art hungry, call on God, who will give thee bread & water. Thou shalt stand among the 144 thousand that John saw standing on Mt. Zion. even so Amen & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:79-80]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann McBride]

Blessing of Mary Ann McBride, who was born in Stafford Genesee Co. N. Y aged 22 years the 25th of March 1836

Sister, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all mankind and by the authority of the Priesthood, which God has conferred on me, I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a blessing in common with thy husband, like him thou art of the seed and lineage of the patriarch Abraham. In the absence of thy husband thou must have faith in God. The Lord shall know the necessities of thy situation and supply the wants of soul & body. The Lord will give thee Spiritual life and animation, will send thee his angels to administer to thee. Thou shalt be to many an instructor to teach them righteousness. The Lord will spare thy life. Thy disease stands rebuked from this hour. Thy life shall stand, bound up in the bundle of life. Thou shalt stand on Mount Zion, the City of the great King in good health and rejoice in the God of thy salvation. Be faithful and thou shalt have the faith once delivered to the Saints. Thou shalt have of the things of the world and be satisfied. Thou shalt see the winding up scene of this wicked and adulterous generation, shalt see Jesus thy Redeemer sit at the head of his people and administer bread and wine to them to the hundred and forty four thousand, & nations & kindreds & tongues & people. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:80]

[Patriarchal blessing of David Nelson]

Blessing of David Nelson who was born in Shrewsbury, Worester Co. Massachusetts A.D. 1801

Brother Nelson, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father[']s blessing upon thee, and upon thy children to all generations. Thou shalt do much good among thy friends, for thou shalt testify of the things of God to them by way of letter. As yet thou art not called to go into the world, but thou shalt go to Zion and obtain thee an inheritance among the saints, and shalt thou stand in thy lot. Thou shalt have great riches, houses, lands and much goods. thou and thy children shall be blessed exceedingly from generation to generation with both temporal and spiritual blessing Do thy duty, be faithful and thou art sealed up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ; even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Nelson]

Blessing of Mary Nelson who was born in Marblehead. Essex C. Mass. A.D. 1807

Sister Nelson, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and I say thou art blessed. A father's blessing shall rest upon thee in common with thy companion and upon thy posterity to all generations. Thou shalt become a teacher and shall teach many orphan children. Thou shalt stand until the Saviour shall come; and not long hence thou shalt receive the ministring of angels and by vision behold the heavens opened and see the glory of God if thou art faithful. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assit Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:73]

[Patriarchal blessing of Gideon Ormsby]

Blessing of Gideon Ormsby, born in Manchester, Bennington County. Vermont A.D. 1793

Dear Brother, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. and confirm upon thee a father's blessing on account of thy steadfastness in faith to overcome thy besetment by obeying the commandments of God. Therefore, thou shalt be blessed with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob and your posterity shall be blessed down to the latest generations, as long as the world shall stand, be gathered into Zion, receive your inheritance and your children with you. You shall have instruction sealed unto your heart. Thou shalt be perfectly shielded if faithful and shall stand unshaken when the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, for thou hast become a friend of God and thou shalt certainly prosper in thy labor and be delivered from thine enemies: and thy tongue shall be loosed to speak the praises of God. Thou shalt receive the administration of Angels, see the winding up scene of this generation, continue till thou art satisfied and see the Son of man, even so Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:75]

[Patriarchal blessing of Esther Ormsby]

Also of Esther Ormsby who was born in Jericho, Chittenden Co. Vt A.D. 1796

Dear Sister: I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and say for thy great faith thou shalt be blessed, because thou hast been faithful in keeping the commands of the Lord: For thou hast great faith and confidence, you shall have many to rejoice with you in eternity that you have convinced by your faithfully warning them and by your diligence in keeping the commandments and your steadfastness, you shall have power to converse with your sex, enlighten their minds, and comfort their heart, and your tongue shall be loosed and words given you to speak that shall astonish you.

Thou shalt partake of all the blessings in common with thy husband: you shall trouble yourself no more how you shall provide for your children or how you shall provide for the poor, but give yourself for the Lord, and seek him with all your heart as you have begun. and the Lord has in store for you his treasures, for even the good things of the earth, even all that your heart can desire shall be given you. and you shall be a mother in Israel, your name is written in heaven, never more to be blotted out. You shall have power over disease, so that when you are attacked with it you shall be delivered from it and because of your great faith you shall behold the face of God. Your bodily health shall be restored and your faculties shall never fail. neither your bodily strength while you are in the flesh, for you shall be even as Moses. for the Lord has many blessings laid up in store for you, even great things if you continue faithful as you have begun Thy posterity shall be even as the children of Israel for number: they shall be a multitude. They shall rise up and call you blessed, even as Sarah's posterity called her blessed.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:75]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jeremiah Patterson]

Blessing of Jeremiah Patterson born in Manysink Orange Co. N. Y. Sept. 10th 1792

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy posterity, that thy children may see thy name and blessing recorded in a book. Thou art an orphan and by the Authority of the priesthood, I say unto thee thou shalt have all the blessings pertaining to thy righteousness. I confer these things on thy head conditionally. Be faithful to thy children and stand a patriarch to them. Thou hast been ordained a priest. be faithful in duty, and thou mayest be in time ordained an elder. Thou mayest for a space be useful to this generation. Thou shalt be crowned with righteousness. Shall I say it, thy days are numbered. Thou shalt not see Jesus, thy Savior in the flesh. The vision closes. Be humble & contrite and thou shalt be saved in thy Father's kingdom, even so. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza Patterson]

Also of Eliza Patterson aged 33 years Sept. 17th 1835

Sister, In the name of the Lord Jesus I lay my hands on thy head & bestow on thee a blessing in common with thy husband. Thy children shall be a blessing to thee. Thou shalt be blessed on thy journey to Zion. The hand that is put forth to stop thee shall not be prospered, it shall not succeed in its purpose. Thou shalt arrive safe with thy children and thy husband to the place of thy destination. Thou shalt have an inheritance in Mt. Zion. Thy last days shall be thy

best days. Thou mayest not live to see Jesus in the flesh yet if faithful thou shalt see great things in Zion, I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:69]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Josiah Pettingal]

At a patriarchal meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland. Joseph Smith senior, the patriarch of the church of the Latter-Day Saints being present, conferred a blessing on the head of Josiah Pettingal, born in Bridgewater Massachusetts the 18th of March 1765.

Brother, Thou hast become aged. Thou hast come into the church of the Latter-Day Saints in thine old age. I pray the Lord to sustain thee and help thee to press forward towards the mark of the prize. In the name of Jesus Christ the son of God and by the Authority of the priesthood I lay my hands on thy head to confer a blessing on thee and on thy seed after thee. Thou must stand as a patriarch to thy children. that they may have instruction in righteousness. The servants of the Lord will gather thy children into the fold of Christ, into the new covenant. I prophecy upon thy head, that the vision of the Lord shall be open to thee. Thou shalt see great things if thou art faithful and keep the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt be greatly instrumental in the church of God coming out of the wilderness. have no fear, and the Spirit of the Lord will be upon thee and keep thee from falling. The light of the Lord shall shine in thy bed-room and rouse thee to have joy. Thou shalt know thy Redeemer by the power of the spirit. Thy life shall be continued and thou shalt be satisfied with it, and be abundantly satisfied with the things of the Spirit of God. The Lord will bless thee, he will bless thee with all good things, my tongue can not express them. they will be known to thee when thou seest as thou art seen and knowest as thou art known. Abraham is thy father. The Lord has brought thee into thy father's covenant. A crown of righteousness await thee if thou art faithful. I seal these things upon thee. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:83]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lydia Pettengil]

Also on Lydia Pettengil, wife of Josiah Pettengil, born in North Providence, Rhode Island 5th of December 1773.

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ the son of God, and by the authority of the Priesthood I lay my hands on thy head in common with thy husband to confer on thee a blessing to be on thee and to descend on thy posterity. Thou hast been brought into the covenant of Abraham in thy old age, God thy Father has looked on thee from eternity. Thy children shall follow thee to Zion and with thee have a residence in Zion. Thy children shall be saved in the celestial world. Their eyes shall see great things. Thy natural faculties shall be preserved and thy years lengthened. Let God renew thy age, let him add to thy years 15. thou shalt be abundantly satisfied with life and its blessings. Thou shalt see thy Father and strike hands with him. Thou art blessed with the blessings of heaven and Earth. All things are yours, Jesus the Redeemer is yours. Now Sister press forward toward the march of the prize of thy high calling of God in Christ Jesus Thou art an orphan and I grant unto thee a Father's blessing. I seal thee up to eternal life – Amen.

W. A. Cowdery – Assistant Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:143]

[Patriarchal blessing of Russel Potter]

Blessing of Russel Potter Born in Shaftsbury, Bennington County Vermont aged 26 March 26th 1836

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ of Bethlehem, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed and confer a blessing. Thou must imitate thy Savior. Thou must call on God by mighty prayer. God has called thee to be a priest. Thou art of the lineage of Abraham, through the loins of Mannassah [Manasseh]. Thy children shall stand and be gathered into the fold of Abraham, and thou their father, shalt be a man of God. If thou art humble and faithful. thou shalt not be a whit behind thy brethren in any gift or work. Thou shalt stand among the 144. thousand whom John saw standing upon Mount Zion in the presence of the Lamb. Thou art the first of Manasseh.

Thou must stand in the priesthood and preach to the Lamanites. By the power of the Holy Ghost thou shalt have the languages of thy brethren and be able to communicate to them the gospel of thy God & Savior. Lay hold on the power of God and thou shalt be a successful minister and bring many of thy brethren to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus and his word. Thou shalt have power over, children, power over father & mother and kindred and have power in the gifts of the gospel and thy kindred shall be confounded. If thy father does not acknowledge this blessing let it stand in my name. Thou art called to endure afflictions. be a good soldier of Jesus Christ and God will deliver thee. I seal these blessings upon thee. I seal thee up to the eternal world. Be faithful and all will be yours, Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:81-82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lorinna Potter]

Blessing of Lorinna Potter, born in Shaftsbury Bennington Co. Vt. aged 25 years June 20th 1835

Sister, It is not in the wisdom of the world, but by the authority of Jesus Christ and the power of the priesthood, I lay my hands on thy head for thy benefit and the benefit of thy children. I consider thee an orphan till thy father acknowledge thee a sister in the new and everlasting covenant. Let thy heart be drawn out in constant prayer for thy kindred. Thou shalt have a numerous posterity and be a mother in Israel. Thy Joys shall be great.

Thy husband shall be one of the seventies who shall be called into the field and vineyard of God. When thy husband is in distant lands gathering the house of God. Thou must confide in the power and strength of Jacob: God. When thou feelest deprived of his society and concerned, for his safety the angels shall tell thee of him. Thy children standing in the Church shall be a comfort to thee. Thou shalt have power to triumph over death, thou shalt have power to translate thyself to God and not see death. In the name of Jesus I seal all these blessings upon thy head, but remember that they are given to thee conditionally. I seal thee up to life eternal. Be on the side of God and the things of this life and the things of heaven shall be yours. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:82]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Pratt]

Blessing of Jisse Pratt, born in Saybrook, Middlesex County Ct. aged 50 years Sept. 5th 1835

Brother Pratt, I lay my hands on thy head and confer a blessing on thee and on thy seed, that they may find their name and blessing written in a book. I say unto thee by the authority of the priesthood which God has conferred on me, that thou shalt be blessed if thou art humble and faithful, and a blessing shall descend to thy children's children. Thou must stand as a patriarch to thy seed and be faithful to thy companion. I say unto thee that thou art of the lineage of Abraham. Thou must take on thyself the ministry. and if thou endure, thou shalt be instrumental in bringing many souls to God. Thy understanding shall be enlarged, Angels shall instruct thee. Thy days shall be many and thy last day shall be thy best days. Thou shalt be a man of God & do much good in the world. Thou shalt be a mighty worker of Miracles for the power of God shall rest on thee. Thou mayest be called home to thy father that the overflowing scourge may not come upon thee, yet something whispers me that if thou layest hold on faith thou mayest see 100 years. See the winding up scene of this generation, may see the temple and the cloud resting upon it, may see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. I seal these blessings on thy head Amen

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:77]

[Patriarchal blessing of Trephena Redfield]

Blessing of Trephena Redfield who was born Oct. 15th 1778 in Claramont N. H.

Sister Redfield, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, and I seal the blessings of heaven upon thee; for the Lord has removed thy companion from thee, yet the heavenly Father will comfort thee. The Lord give thee life according to the desire of thy heart. Thy children are, and shall be blessed in coming life, and thou shalt see all thy seed in the celestial kingdom of God. and they shall enjoy the blessings of the holy priesthood to all generations. Thou shalt fill out thy days with usefulness, and be received into the celestial kingdom of God. These blessings I seal upon thee according to my mission and appointment in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lewis Robbins]

Blessing of Lewis Robbins who was born September 3d A.D. 1811 in Stockbridge Massachusetts

Brother Robbins, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, for thou shalt have the blessings of a father sealed upon thee. even in the name of Jesus all the blessings of earth and heaven and also of the holy priesthood. Thou art of the camp of Zion, yea one of those who did go up to redeem the land and did lay down thy life for thy brethren and the Lord did receive thy sacrifice [sacrifice] & has given thy life unto thee to do a work for him, even that which he hath called thee unto. Thou knowest or ought to know, that thy name is written in heaven. Thou shalt go forth and no power shall be able to stay thee in thy ministration,

for the Lord will send his spirit to guide thee in wisdom and give unto thee power Thou shalt want for nothing if thou art faithful. Thou shalt stand upon the earth even until the Savior shall come and shall retain thy full strength and vigor.

Thou shalt have wisdom that shall reach to heaven, for angels shall minister unto thee and teach thee great & marvelous things Thou shalt see much destruction and carnage and many tears shall flow down thy cheeks in thy days, yet thy joy shall not be disturbed. Thou shalt many times be intangled by thy enemies so that it shall seem difficult to get away, yet thou shalt be delivered, for no power shall stay thee. If thou desirest thou shalt be delivered. if like Elijah thou hast to call down fire and destroy thine enemies, or thou mayest, like Enoch waft thyself away to the regions of glory, yet as I before said thou mayest stand on Mt. Zion with the hundred and forty four thousand, having their names written in the Lamb's book of life and a white stone with a new name written thereon, which no man can read save he to whom it is given. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life and these are thy blessings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:74]

[Patriarchal blessing of George Robinson]

Georg[e] Robinson was born in Pawlet Rutland County Vermont May 14th 1814

The following blessing was pronounced upon him by Joseph Smith Senior.

Brother Robinson, in the name of Jesus, the son of the living God, I lay my hands upon thy head according to the office and calling of God to me, and by the authority of the priesthood and the power of the holy anointing I ask God to bless thee with the best of heavens blessings. Thou hast been honest and desired to know the truth and hast obeyed the gospel and left thy country and friends and come up hither to enquire the way of God more perfectly. Thou hast been ordained an elder and I seal thine ordination upon thee with power to magnify thy calling so that no power shall be able to oppose or hinder thee. Though priests rage it shall be in vain. Satan shall not prevail against thee for God shall deliver thee and give thee power to stay the hands of thine enemies and confound them in all things, yet thou shalt make thy escape narrowly many times from that awful monster that seeks thy destruction, yet thou shalt escape for thou art of the blood of Ephraim, and if thou art diligent in all things thou wilt be called to fill a place in one of the seventies & be a special messenger to the nations, & receive the holy anointing and visions shall burst upon thee at the time. Angels shall witness the scene and hover over and thy soul shall be filled, thy tongue shall be loosed and the wisdom of heaven shall be given unto thee, and thou shalt be filled with the love of God. Live for God.

Treasure up wisdom. Be humble, walk uprightly and all things shall be subject unto thee. Thou shalt stand on the earth to the end and see the winding up scene of this generation, preach the Gospel as long as there is any wicked to hear, rise and meet the Lord in the air and be numbered with the hundred and forty and four thousand upon mount Zion, and be crowned with a crown of celestial glory. Thy posterity shall be blessed and thy friends come into the covenant, if thou doest thy duty, and all thy posterity shall rise up and call thee blessed, because thou hast kept the covenant of grace & thy children shall continue in the covenant while the world shall stand, and thy kindred shall obey the gospel even more of them thou now knowest of shall the Lord give unto thee, and power to claim them, and they shall be convinced of the truth and saved

in the kingdom of heaven for the priesthood will give thee power over them. These are blessings which I seal upon thee, and seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen

W. A. Cowdery, Asstant, Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:41]

[Patriarchal blessing of Elisha Smith]

Blessing of Elisha Smith born in Milton, Tioga County N. Y. July 15th 1798

Brother Smith. In. the name of Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and everlasting covenant, I lay my hands on thee for thy benefit and for the benefit of thy seed. Thy generations to come may find thy name and blessing recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In the name of the priesthood I grant thee a father's blessing. If thou exertest the prayer of faith, thine own natural father shall bless thee, being a member of the covenant. Thou hast been baptized and the spirit of the Lord is in thee. Thou shalt see the work of the Lord progress greatly in the earth. Many names shall be added to the covenant. Thou must take on thyself the work of the ministry & be a good minister of Jesus Christ. Th[o]u must preach the gospel, being instant in season & not out of season. Thou art of the seed & lineage of Abraham. Thou must take on thee priesthood. Tell this to thy father, he must in the liberty, in which Christ has made thee free. Thou shalt have to stand in the midst of war and carnage: trust in God and thou shalt be delivered nothing shall be too hard for thee. Thou shalt stand on the earth when Jesus Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Thou shalt help the seed of the patriarch Joseph to come in unto Zion. Thou shalt be blessed in the Earth. Thou shalt see the winding up of this generation, even so, Amen & Amen,

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:70]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Joshua Smith]

Blessing of Joshua Smith born in Noblesbury in the State of Maine Feb. 13th 1788

Brother Smith, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of all mankind, I lay my hands on thy head and on the head of thy seed. Thy posterity shall see thy name and blessing recorded in a book. By the authority of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Priesthood which has been conferred on me, I gave thee seal of confirmation. The Lord is thy eternal reward and thy strength. Thou art brought into the covenant by the power of God. Thou art of the posterity and lineage of the patriarch Abraham, thou hast come into the church by the door.

Thou hast been baptized for the remission of thy sins. though thy sins were great they are now forgiven thee Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Be faithful unto the end thou shalt be saved in the celestial kingdom. Speak the word of God with soberness and stand as a patriarch in thy family. Thou must be the means of salvation to thy father[']s family. They and thy children shall call the[e] blessed. The heavens [s]hall be open to thy view. The Inhabitants of heaven shall be ministering spirits to thee. Thy life is lengthened, thy days shall be many. Thou shalt be satisfied with life and the things of the world. Thou shalt see the heavens open and Jesus Christ descend upon the earth. thou shalt rejoice in thy God and meet him in the clouds. Be faithful and keep the commandments and no blessing shall be withheld. Thou shalt have power with men and power with God. I seal the[e] up to eternal life. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:83]

[Patriarchal blessing of Rebecca Smith]

Blessing also of Rebecca Smith, born in the County of Niagara N. Y. aged 20 years Decr. 5th 1835

Sister, In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God, I lay my hands on thee, by the power of the priesthood. O God the eternal Father, I pray thee name of thy Son that thou would show me the lineage of this sister The spirit whispers that like thy husband. thou art of the seed of the Patriarch Abraham. If thou art faithful to the covenant which thou hast made and the covenant in which thou hast by baptism, thou shalt have the aid and ministry of the angels of heaven. Thou shalt live to see many days on the earth, and thy last days shall be thy best days. Thou must stand as a teacher to thy offspring and a mother in Israel. Thy seed, dear Sister, shall inherit the earth. The Lord shall make thy mind brighter & brighter and as thou growest in age thou shalt grow in grace. Thou shalt have a goodly residence in Zion and many shall come unto thee for instruction in the absence of thy husband. Thou shalt see great things in Zion & in the land. When thy children are sick, thou must look to God in prayer and they shall be healed Like thy husband, thou shalt see the winding up scene of this generation. Amen. & Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:70]

[Patriarchal blessing of Zerubbabel Snow]

Blessing of Zerubbabel Snow who was born in St. Johnsbury Caledonia Co. Vt. March 29th A.D. 1809.

Brother Snow, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and confirm upon thee a father's blessing, and I say in his name, thou shalt be blessed, thou and thy children, even thy posterity as long as one drop of thy blood remains upon the earth. and they shall have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt be blessed according to thy desires. Thou art a son of Zion. thy name is written in heaven. The Lord looked upon thee and called thee to bear his word; and thou hast been willing to lay down thy life for thy friends. and hast consecrated thy all unto the Lord, therefore the Lord will show thee that he answers prayers. He will show thee great things. He will instruct thee. Thou shalt have many dreams and visions of Angels.

Thou shalt go forth to declare the gospel & leave thy wife; but she shall be protected and supported in thy absence, & she shall uphold thee by the prayer of faith. Thou shalt have power to accomplish thy mission to thy satisfaction: for thou shalt have power to calm wind, to command waters, to remove mountains and cause the Earth to tremble. Thou shalt be persecuted and narrowly escape, even so narrowly that thou shalt call fire down from heaven to consume thy enemies that thy life may be preserved. Thou shalt return to thy wife and comfort her and instruct her in righteousness and have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt have power to bring in thy relations and thousands with them. Thou shalt have power to confer thy blessings upon thy children. or if thou dost not have children, upon thy nearest kinsmen, and they shall have an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt stand on the earth and behold the heavens rend when the Lord shall come with his holy angels Thou shalt abide the day and receive all heavens blessing. All

these blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even so Amen.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:88]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan S. Snow]

Also the the blessing of Susan S. Snow born in Lyman, Grafton County New Hampshire
July 16th 1810.

Sister Snow, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, and ask my heavenly Father, to confirm a father's blessing upon thee. for the Lord loveth thee because of thy innocence and also the integrity of thine heart. Thou hast been willing that thy husband should go forth in the work of the ministry, yet thy heart has lingered after him and thou art willing that he should now go forth from thee. but thy heart doth linger after him. Thou shalt plead with the Lord for him, yea thou shalt hold him up by the prayer of faith until he shall return to thee again. He shall also return to thee many times, and comfort thee & teach thee righteousness. Thou shalt be protected and supported in his absence. Thou art greatly blessed thy sins are forgiven thee. Thy name is written in heaven. Thou shalt have all the blessings in common with thy husband. Thou shalt behold great things. Thou shalt have many visions; thou shalt have the ministry of angels. Thou shalt even behold thy Redeemer in the flesh. Thou shalt also behold the gathering in Zion even that of thy friends and relations. Thou shalt live to see the end of thy husband's ministry and shalt have with him eternal life. All these blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ. even so, Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:88]

[Patriarchal blessing of Fally St. John]

Fally St. John was born in Whitestown Oneida County N. Y. Sept. 7th 1808

Sister, In the name of the great Redeemer and by the authority of the priesthood which God has conferred on me I lay my hands on thy head in common with thy husband. I confer a blessing on thee. I pray the Lord to have mercy and give me an insight into thy heart, that I may act in his name. May the Lord keep thee from all evil and strengthen thee in the principles of virtue. I pray the Lord to prosper thee on thy way to Zion. Thou shalt have thy heart strengthened in the Lord Thou shalt have night visions in which thou shalt see angels and hold converse with them. Thou shalt then know the truth as it is in Jesus and know that I tell thee of these things, if thou art faithful humble and contrite. Thou must not speak evil of thy brethren but reprove them to their face. Thou shalt do much good in the world and enjoy the things of this life. Thou shalt stand in the land of Zion and find an inheritance there. Lay hold on faith and thou shalt live to see 82 years. see the winding up scene of this generation. see the temple and the cloud resting on it and see Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven – Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:77]

[Patriarchal blessing of Dexter Stillman]

Blessing of Dexter Stillman Born March 23th 1804 in Colbrook Connecticut

Brother Stillman, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee and seal upon thee the blessings of heaven, even those thy father in law sealed upon thee, and a father[']s blessing also. the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob are thine even all the blessings of the spiritual kingdom through the holy priesthood. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt enjoy all the blessings of heaven. and of the earth in the fullness thereof. Thou shalt be preserved by the power of God from all evil; for the Lord loveth thee, and his angels shall bear thee up and shall be round about thee continually, so that thy life shall be preserved from the power of the destroyer, and from all the enemies of the people of God.

Yea it shall be given unto thee to overcome all things which are not ordained of God. Holy Messengers shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt have power to rend the vail and behold the glories of the upper world until thy heart shall rejoice and thy soul shall be satisfied, Thou shalt do much good in thy day and bring to pass much righteousness. The Lord thy God shall delight in thee & thou shalt be greatly blessed in thy day & generation, and because of the integrity of thy heart no blessing be withheld from thee in time nor eternity. Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart in righteousness. Thy children shall be a blessing unto thee for thou shalt bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and they shall receive the holy— [priest]hood and bring many sons and daughters to Zion. Thou art of the pure seed of Abraham & thou shalt be remembered in the covenant which the Lord made unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion and thy children after thee to the latest generation. I seal thee up unto eternal life, These blessings are sealed upon thee and upon thy posterity to the latest generations, even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:71-72]

[Patriarchal Blessing of Barbara Stillman]

Also the blessing of Barbara Stillman who was born Feb. 5th 1809 Clermont N. H.

Sister Stillman, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thee to confirm and seal upon thy head the blessings of thy father. Thou art blessed of the Lord, and the Lord loveth thee, and he will bless thee in time and eternity. Thou shalt enjoy all the blessings of the spiritu[a]l kingdom in common with thy husband. Thou shalt be blessed in thy posterity and thy father[']s house is blessed, Thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart and thou shalt stand upon the earth as long as thou desirest. Many of the afflictions and calamities which shall overwhelm the nations shall be hid from their eyes, because of the tenderness of thy heart. Thou art sealed up unto eternal life, and all things in heaven & earth are thine. Even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:72]

[Patriarchal blessing of Solomon Warner Jr.]

Blessing of Solomon Warner Junr born in Huntsburgh, Franklin Co. Vt. Oct. 27th A.D. 1798

Brother Warner, In the name of Jesus thy Redeemer, the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, I lay my hands upon thy head, and ask the Lord to give thee such blessings as thou needest, according to the desires of thy heart, for thyself thy family & friends: that thou mayest be able to bring them into the covenant, that they may be saved. These are thy desires and if faithful the Lord will grant them unto thee, and thy life also which thou hast given up to him. He shall bless

thee with all the power of the holy priesthood and thy posterity also. Thou shalt have power to abide to the end and to translate thyself away if thou desire from place to place and preach to different nations. Thou shalt have power over prisons, pits shall not hold thee nor chains bind thee, for the Lord shall be with thee to deliver thee from all thy enemies.

Thy voice shall be heard among many nations. Kings, Nobles & Royal blood shall hear thee and say thou art a man of God. Some shall seek to destroy thee, but the angel of the Lord shall deliver thee, waft thee away from their power, and thy souls shall be staid upon thy God. Thy life shall be long. Thou shalt be translated and preach to other worlds, even from planet to planet and to spirits in prison. The Lord shall make the mighty, even like unto his son, having all power of the holy priesthood. Thou art of the seed of Joseph and shalt stand with the hundred & forty four thousand on the Mount of God. with harps in thy hands. Thou shalt be filled with joy, even while executing thy mission thou shalt be so filled with the spirit that thou shalt rejoice in the midst of tribulation. Blood and carnage shall be on thy right hand and on thy left. yet thou shalt weep with the widows and orphans and gather them up for Zion, that thou mayest save threm [them] from destruction.

The Lord shall manifest himself to thee, and shoow [show] thee prints of the nails and the spear. Thou shalt know for thyself that he lives and is thy Redeemer. These blessings I seal for thee on earth, and they are recorded in heaven for the angels to gaze upon & the heavens rejoice in thy blessings and they shall all be fulfilled upon thy head, and the head of thy posterity after thee, I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:68]

[Patriarchal blessing of Susan Wells]

Blessing of Susan Wells, aged 28 years, born in the town of Bridgewater, New Hampshire

Sister, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands on thee and on the head of thy posterity. Notwithstanding thou hast had sorrow, thy heart is tender. Thou art in affliction for thy husband for he is in the world, his faith is shaken, thy heart aches and is concerned for him. Thy heart is honest and sincere, thy sins are forgiven thee. Rest in the Lord and all things shall work for thy good. Thy name is written in heaven. Thou art blessed and thy posterity When thy children are sick, thou shalt call on God and they shall be healed. Thy husband shall be given thee in mighty prayer, and he shall yet be a man of God and you shall yet be blessed in the unity of faith and righteousness of life. Be patient, be persevering, be prayerful and humble and thou shalt be carried above the things of the world. and be saved in the celestial kingdom. even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist. Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:66]

[Patriarchal blessing of Melvin Wilbur]

Blessing of Melvin Wilber who was born in Bridgewater Plymouth Co. Massachusetts A [D] 1801

Brother Wilbur, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a father's blessing upon thee, and upon thy posterity to all generations. Thou art of the seed of

Ephraim, and hast been blessed, for thou art of the first fruits of thy country. Thou art not forsaken for the Lord will bless thee with all the power of this priesthood. Thou shalt open thy mouth and speak as with the voice of an Arch-Angel, yea thou shalt go forth as a special witness of the Lord, for thou shalt be numbered among the seventies, and any arm or tongue raised against thee shall not prosper, Thou shalt stand upon the earth and be employed in bringing souls into the kingdom of God until the Saviour come. Thou shalt be bound and cast into prison. yet the Lord will deliver thee, and many of that people shall come to thee for baptism and thou shalt rejoice over them. Thou art sealed unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86]

[Patriarchal blessing of Eunice Wilbur]

Also the Blessing of Eunice Wilbur, who was born in Tiverton Bristol Co. R. I. A. D. 1818

Sister, Wilbur, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee and seal a father's blessing upon thee in common with thy husband. and I say dismiss thy fears, for thy desires have reached unto heaven, & the Lord will answer thy prayers. Thou hast had fears, but have them no more for thy name is written in heaven, thy Redeemer lives and angels rejoice over thee. Thou art chosen of the Lord and shall become a teacher of the daughters of the Lamanites. & shall be called a mother in Israel. Thou shalt live to see the third generation of thy posterity and not long hence angels shall minister unto thee, and thou shalt behold the heavens open and see the glory of God descend upon Zion. Thou shalt live until the Saviour shall come & and shall be caught up to meet him in the clouds, & rejoice with the angels of glory. If faithful these are thy blessings, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord. Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:86]

[Patriarchal blessing of Gad Yale]

Gad Yale was born in Burlington Hartford County Connecticut August 21st 1786

Brother Yale, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands upon thy head and ask God to speak through me, that thy blessing may be according to the mind of the holy spirit & to give thee an understanding that thou mayest set thy house in order and have power to save thy family and to bless thy children, that the blessings of heaven may attend them to the end that they may receive an inheritance in Zion. Thou art an Ephraimite by blood, a regular descendant of Abraham, and God will not suffer that thou shalt always mourn for thy companion, for God shall give thee power to save thy family in the celestial kingdom. Thy life shall be long and thou shalt see the Redeemer come in the clouds Thou shalt go from land to land and from sea to sea. Thou shalt be caught up to the third heavens and be like unto the Nephites of old. Thou shalt visit other worlds and see all the glory of thy Maker's works. Thou shalt bring souls to God while the world standeth. Thou shalt have power to break off fitter lands, burst prisons, escape fires and floods.

Thou hast offered thy life to redeem Zion, and it shall be kept by the power of God unto the coming of the son of man. and thou shalt see the Redeemer in the flesh, and know that he is, and thy soul shall be filled with the love of God. Thou shalt win thousands by thy ministry and bring them to Zion. spotless and present them to the lamb an acceptable testimony of thy faith

and good works Thou shalt also save thy children, watch over them, encircle them in the arms of thy faith and thy prayers for them shall be heard, and thou shalt preserve them unto eternal life, and they shall all be blessed and not one of them be lost All blessings are yours both in time & eternity, & I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sylvester Smith, Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:40-41]

Patriarchal Blessings by Joseph Smith Sr. Dated 1837-1840

[Patriarchal blessing of John Lyons on January 6, 1837]

A Patriarchal Blessing given under the hand of Joseph Smith Senr. in the Lord's house in Kirtland Geauga Co. Ohio Jany. 6th 1837 upon the head of John Lyons who was born in Prince William County Virginia Jany 6th 1796.

Brother. in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God I lay my hands upon thy head and say unto thee, that inasmuch as thou hast embraced the work of God in these last days, thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of heaven and the blessings of earth and I pronounce the seal of God upon thee. and I say unto thee thou shalt be called to assist in building up the kingdom of God in these last days and inasmuch as thou art faithful thou shalt have power to overcome thine enemies and shalt stand as a mighty man of God against the powers of darkness and in pulling down the strong holds of sin & Satan. Thou shalt also be a mighty man in winning souls to Christ, by the great wisdom and knowledge that shall be given thee by the power of the holy Ghost.

Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thy children shall be called by the name of Israel and they shall be blessed from generation to generation with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. and thou shalt have great prosperity and the riches of the earth shall be thine. Thou shalt be called to the priesthood and shalt go forth with the demonstration of the spirit and power and shall be a mighty instrument of the Lord in converting souls: thou shalt go into far and strange lands and among people of whom thou hast not heard. Thou shalt have power over diseases and shalt speak in the name of the Lord and the sick arise. the dumb shall speak, the lame shall walk and the blind shall receive their sight at thy hand, and if expedient thou shalt have power over the violence of fire, and shalt speak in the name of the Lord and it shall obey thee. Thou shalt have power over water and shalt smite the waves if expedient and they shall be divided and thou shalt go over on dry land: the waves also shall be dried up at thy command.

Thou shalt bring many into the kingdom. yea thy thousands and thy tens of thousands & they shall rise up and call thee blessed; thou shalt also have power to bring many of thy friends and relations with thee unto Zion, yea thou shalt be as one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together. Thou shalt speak with tongues and have the power of interpretation [interpretation] and inasmuch as thou art faithful thou shalt hear the voice of God speaking out of the heavens and shalt have the administration of angels. Thou shalt receive a crown of righteousness and shalt stand in Zion as the saviour of the people. Thou art forty and one years old and thou shalt live forty and four years more, if faithful and shall stand upon the earth in the last days and see it cleansed from wickedness and shall see the saviour come to Zion with power and great glory. All these blessing I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. even so Amen.

Samuel James Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:100-101]

[Patriarchal blessing of Abram O. Smoot¹⁴ on January 23, 1837]

The following is the Patriarchal blessing of Abram O. Smoot, received under the hands of the Patriarch Joseph Smith Senior, on the 23d of January 1837 in the town of Kirtland Geauga County Ohio.

Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee in the name of the Lord and destow upon thee a father[']s blessing for thou standest unto me as an orphan having no father to bless thee. I say unto thee if thou keepest the commandments of God thou shalt be great upon the earth. like unto Elijah thou shalt become great with thy brethren And in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt be able to stand and wield the sword of the Spirit and the earth shall tremble at thy word and the heavens shall be propitious [propitious] unto thee, and hear thy voice. Thou hast performed a long journey from the South to this place, according to the will of thy heavenly Father to store thy mind with knowledge that thou mayest become mighty in proclaiming his word, but thou hast been afflicted and thy faith hath not been wholly sufficient to arise above the destroyer, but if thou wilt receive it thou shalt be made whole from this hour and be prospered on thy journey home and greet thy friends in health and peace. Be faithful, brother, and thou shalt be blessed in thy labors & and have many souls as seals of thy ministry. Thou shalt have great wisdom many shall seek wisdom at thy mouth.

Thou shalt have power & faith like unto Enoch and Abram. thy life shalt be lengthened out even unto the coming of the Savior if it be necessary and thou desirest. Thou shalt have a posterity and they shall be blessed on the earth, for thou shalt have a companion that shall be a consolation unto thee and thou shalt have sons & daughters and thou shalt be enabled to teach them in all righteousness and they shall become an honor to the church of Christ & they shall be bless from generation to generation and possess an inheritance with the saints in Zion. Thou shalt have much persecution on the earth. Thy enemies will seek thy life, but thou shalt be delivered out of their hands and return to Zion when thy labors in the Lord's vineyard are ended and possess an inheritance with the faithful where thy wisdom shall be great and thy fame known among the saints. And I seal you up unto eternal life & and confirm and seal all these blessings upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Willford Woodruff Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:102]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Zundel on January 28, 1837]

Patriarchal blessing given under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior in the Lord's house Kirtland Ohio January 28th 1837 upon the head of Jacob Zundel who was born in the town of Weirnsam Germany August 24th 1796.

Brother by the authority of the holy priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee in his name and according to my faith I desire that thou shalt

¹⁴ Wilford Woodruff recorded in his journal: "I accompanied him [Abram O. Smoot] to father Smiths to officiate [officiate] in the office of a Scribe While he receieved [received] his Patriarchal blessing. Accordingly the Patriarch JOSEPH SMITH sen. Pronounced his blessing upon his head in the name of the LORD & I wrote it down for him. It was truly a great blessing. We had it recorded & I gave Elder Smoot a copy of it in Print that he might take it home with him as he was expecting to leave the day following" (Scott G. Kenney, ed., *Wilford Woodruff's Journal*, 1833-1898, 9 vols., 1983-85 [Midvale, Utah: Signature Books], 1:122-23, entry of Jan. 23, 1837).

have the spirit of prophesy yea that thy mind may be opened to understand all myteries [mysteries] concerning the kingdom of Christ in these last days. Thou art of the blood of Joseph and hast come through the loins of Ephraim. Thou hast a right to the priesthood yea the Melchisedeck priesthood, which is after the order of the son of God and if thou art faithful thou shalt be mighty in winning souls to christ. Thou shalt have power to destroy the works of darkness. by the great power that shall be given thee by the power of the Holy Ghost. and thou shalt travel into strange lands and preach to many nations yea kings and emperors and confound them by the wisdom that shall be given thee by the spirit and thou shalt go to Germany and preach to thy own nation and shall be instrumental in bringing many into the kingdom and shall have power to bring many of thy friends according to the flesh with thee to Zion, the city of the living God. Thou shalt not only speak in the German language but thou shalt speak in other tongues and shalt have the power of interpretation (if thou art faithful) by the power of the Holy Ghost that shall rest upon thee.

Thou shalt be blessed also with temporal blessings yea with gold and silver with every thing to make thee comfortable in life. Thy children shall be blessed with many blessings and thou shalt train them up in the way they must go, and they shall be an ornament in the church of the living God; they shall have a place in Zion yea an inheritance among the Saints according to the covenant given to their fathers, Thy wife shall be blessed with many blessings yea I will give thee blessings to carry to her (inasmuch as I cannot visit her to lay my hands upon her.) which will make her rejoice. She shall enjoy the blessings of heaven poured upon her & she shall see good days in the land of the living and shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel. Yea if she is faithful she she shall receive many of the gifts of the spirit. Thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob in the kingdom of God. Thou shalt preach as long as wickedness shall be in the earth, and shall come to Zion with thy thousands and thy tens of thousands with songs of everlasting Joy and shall see the earth cleansed and the peaceable kingdom of Christ established on the earth. All these blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Asst. Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:102-103]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob Strite on January 28, 1837]

A patriarchal blessing given under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior in the house of the Lord Kirtland Ohio January 28th 1837 upon the head of Jacob Strite who was born in the town of Weingarden Germany Nov. 1st 1807

inasmuch as thou art an orphan and hast no parent to pronounce a blessing upon thy head. I lay my hand upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, and say unto thee thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob and shalt enjoy the privileges of the Saints of God. Thou must place thy heart and thy affections upon the things of the kingdom of God and improve thy mind and call upon thy heavenly Father in fervent prayer that he may give thee intelligence and understanding and also that thy faith may become strong in the mighty God of Jacob. If thou art faithful, thou shalt behold the veil drawn aside and shalt behold the throne of God and have a view of the things of eternity. God has looked upon thee in innocency of thy mind and is well pleased with the honesty of thy heart. and I say unto you in the strength of Israel[']s God and call upon his name and thy house shalt be blessed and thou shalt see many good days.

Thy posterity shall be blessed and although thou hast no children, the Lord shall bless thy companion and shalt give her power to bring forth children and they shall keep the

commandments and shall be blessed with the blessings of their Fathers according to the covenants of their fathers. Thy life shall be spared if thou art faithful and thou see the Savior stand upon the earth. If thou art faithful and desire to have the priesthood thou shalt have it and shall go forth, preach the gospel and administer the ordinances of the Lord's house and shall be blessed abundantly. I also pronounce a blessing upon thy wife and say in the name of the Lord that she shall be blessed with a great measure of the spirit of God and shall be blessed with the riches of heaven & earth. And I place the seal of God upon thee and say in the name of Jesus thou shalt be blessed. All these blessings I pronounce upon thee and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus, even so Amen.

W. A. Cowdery Assist Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:103-104]

[Patriarchal blessing of Desdamona Fulmer on February 9, 1837]

Patriarchal blessing received under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior in the Lord's house February 9th 1837 on the head of Desdamona Fulmer born in Pennsylvania Northumberland County in the year 1810 Oct. 6.

Sister in the name of Jesus of Nazareth I lay my hands on thy head in the room of a father to bless thee, for thou standest as an orphan to me. I say thou shalt have the desires of thy heart for thy father's family. I ask my heavenly Father that thine eyes may be open to the faithfulness of thy duty. that thou mayest receive the administration of Angels. Thou hast desires to see Zion built up, therefore, thou shalt have thy desire inasmuch as thou art faithful, therefore I say thou must instruct thy children and bring them up in Righteousness. Thou shalt have the ministrations of Angels to comfort thy heart and that thou mayest know of thy husband's welfare when he shall be in foreign lands,

Thou shalt see the great temple reared in the Land of Zion and [illegible] an instrument in doing some work about that great and magnificent building. Thou shalt have all the power and authority that belon[g]eth to thy sex and be permitted to see the winding up scene. Thou shalt have servants and handmaids to wait upon thee. therefore the evil Spirit shall have no power over thee. although thou wilt be afflicted, yet from all thine afflictions thou shalt be delivered, therefore the blessings of Heaven and earth shall rest upon thee. in faithfulness and in confirmation of the authority of the priesthood which has been conferred upon I seal these blessings upon thee, even so Amen.

Hiram Clark Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:113]

[Patriarchal blessing of Willard Richards on February 22, 1837]

Willard Richards, (son of Joseph Richards,) who was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, June 24th 1804. Received his Patriarchal Blessing under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior, First Patriarch of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the house of President Joseph Smith Junr. in Kirtland. Ohio. February 22d 1837.

My Brother Richards, by the authority of the holy Priesthood conferred on me, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head, asking my heavenly Father to prepare me, to perform the duty of a patriarch, and put words into my mouth whereby I may tell thee all that is recorded in heaven for thee to look upon, even the blessing which God has in

reserve for thee. As thou hast obeyed the gospel by following thy Redeemer down into the waters of baptism, if thou wilt be faithful all things are possible for thee. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for thou art of the lineage of Jacob, through the loins of Ephraim, and are called to preach the gospel, for the Lord has preserved thee for this work.

Thou shalt become mighty to the pulling down the strong holds of Satan, and building up the Redeemer's kingdom in the Last days. No one shall lay hands on thee to harm thee, for thou shalt have power to escape the hands of wicked men. God will cause the earth to tremble for thy good. Thou shalt have great power to proclaim the gospel to the astonishment of the great men of the earth, and to the confusion of all who seek thy hurt. The nations of the earth shall greatly fear thee, for thou shalt be a terror unto them, for their wicked deeds shall be made manifest unto them, through thy organ. Thou shalt have great possessions, for the treasures of the earth shall be at thy command. Thou are not unincumbered, go forth and fulfil the calling whereunto thou hast been called, and thou shalt be greatly blessed, and the Lord will give thee a companion according to the desire of thy heart, by whom thou shalt raise up seed, and thy posterity shall be many, who shall see the end of all wickedness, and shall rise up and call thee blessed, and shall also be called to preach the gospel, and shall have power to prevail over all the evil, and sit down with thee and rejoice in thy Father's kingdom together.

No one shall have power to harm thee or thy posterity, if thou will put thy trust in God. Death shall have no power over thee, for thou shalt tarry and behold thy Redeemer coming in the clouds, and shall see him in the flesh; shall have power to bring thy kindred into the kingdom, who shall acknowledge thee a man of God. And now, dear Brother, if thou art faithful, I seal all these blessings upon thy head, and upon thy posterity, and by the authority of the holy Priesthood, I seal thee up unto Eternal life, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, even So, Amen.

Frederick G. Williams. Scribe. Recorded September 17th 1843. Willard Richards.
Recorder. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:140-141]

[Patriarchal blessing of Wilford Woodruff¹⁵ on April 13, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at the Lord's House in Kirtland Ohio on the 13th day of April A.D. 1837 Joseph Smith Senr. the patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints conferred a blessing upon the head of Willford Woodruff son of Aphek Woodruff born in Farmington Hartford County Ct. March 1st 1807.

My beloved brother, I lay my hands on thy head in the name of Jesus Christ the son of the Living God and seal a blessing on thy head which shall reach thy posterity, a seal which shall not be taken from thee. I bless thee as Melchisedec blessed Abraham when he returned from the slaughter of the ten kings. I confer on thee all the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob, which includes all blessings both temporal and spiritual the blessings of heaven and the blessing of the earth. Thou shalt have all the power and authority of the Melchisedeck priesthood. Thou hast a great work to do in the earth. thou shalt visit many barbarous tribes of the earth, and they shall seek to take thy life yet God will give the[e] power & wisdom to escape their designs.

Thou shalt be blessed with posterity, thy sons shall receive the priesthood and be an ornament to the church of Christ, yea they shall be great men in the earth. Thou shalt be honored by them and they shall call thee blessed. I place a seal upon thy head and no power shall be able

¹⁵ Wilford Woodruff recorded that he received his patriarchal blessing on April 15, 1837 (*Wilford Woodruff's Journal* 1:142).

to take it from thee if thou are faithful in keeping the commandments of God. This seal shall guard thee against the destroyer. Thou mayest have the administrations of the angels of heaven a holy angel shall soon administer unto thee and reveal unto thee thy duty, yea and give unto thee great instructions. Thou shalt have the spirit of God to instruct thee in thy mission and lead thee into all truth. Thou shalt be filled with the spirit of God. Thine eyes shall be opened to look within the veil and behold the things of eternity. Yea the Lord of Glory shall appear unto thee. Thou shalt put thy hands upon his feet and feel his wounds with thy hands that thou mayest become a special witness of his name. Thou shalt understand great mysteries in this generation, yea all the mysteries of the kingdom of God. and the wisdom of God shall cleave unto thee. I seal all of thy former blessings on thy head, and they shall be fulfilled.

Thou shalt be a great man in the earth, Thy intellectual powers shall be preserved and thy understanding shall be great. God has looked on thee from all eternity & has known thy blood, Thou art a descendent of Joseph. Thou shalt stand in the flesh and see the winding up scene of this generation. Thou shalt remain on the earth to behold the Savior come in the clouds of heaven. Thou shalt be numbered with the 100 & 44.000 that shall stand upon Mount Zion and sing a song that no man can learn or sing but thy company. Thou shalt have access to the treasures hid in the sand to assist thy necessities. An angel of God shall show thee the the treasures of the earth that thou mayest have riches to assist thee in gathering many orphan children, to Zion.

Thou art one of the horns of Joseph to push the people together to the ends of the earth. No power shall stay thee, at thy word the winds shall be stayed Thou shalt walk upon the waters. At thy command the waters shall be divided, prisons chains, and vaults shall not hold thee, for thou shalt rend them in twain and be delivered out of the hands of thine enemies by the mighty power of God and by the prayer of faith. Thou shalt have great blessing; thou art of the blood of Ephraim, and if thou wilt claim it by faith thou mayest bring all of thy relatives into the kingdom of God, for they are of the blood of Ephraim. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal this blessing on thy head, by the authority of the holy priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life, amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:118]

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Turpin on April 15, 1837]

At a blessing meetin[g] held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this fifteenth day of April 1837 Joseph Smith senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present & holding the meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Jesse Turpin born in Stewart county Tennessee June 22d 1816.

My young brother, in the name of Jesus Christ the Righteous I lay my hands on thy head to save thee from the power of the enemy and from all Mobs and riots which the devil may send upon thee Thou hast in thy youth given up thy heart to God. Thy heart is pure. God has looked upon thee from all eternity and has written thy name in heaven. If thou wilt humble thyself before God thou shalt rise up like Enoch in mighty power. The time may come when thou shalt hear the voice of God out of the heavens like Paul. The time shall come when thou shalt go to the Islands of the sea and to the nations of the earth. Thou shalt preach in ships, shalt have power over storms winds and waves. Thou shalt stand in Kings courts and testify to the truth. Thou art of the blood of Ephraim and thou shalt be endowed with mighty power God will strengthen thy heart and subdue thy passions.

Thou shalt have power to call down fire from heaven, and if it be necessary it shall consume thine enemies. Thou shalt be blest in all things. no blessing shall be too great for thee, if thou wilt put thy trust in God. Thou shalt prosper in all things. friends and enemies shall say thou hast been helped of thy God. Thy enemies when they press upon thee and persecute thee for righteousness sake shall be smitten. They shall fall down dead. God will send his angels to guard thee and lead thee into truth. I bless thee with a father[']s blessing. Thou desirest the salvation of thy friends: thy father shall come into the covenant and receive the truth, and some of thy friends shall be able to testify to the truth like Paul. Thou shalt stand in the flesh and see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven. Shall stand among the hundred & forty four thousand and sing their song: nothing shall be withheld from thee Thou shalt have the priesthood here and in the eternal world, shall have all blessings. My heart is full of blessings. my tongue cannot utter them. This is given on condition of keeping the commandments and the word of Wisdom. In the name of Jesus I seal these blessings on thy head, by the power of the holy priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life, even so Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:119-120]

[Patriarchal blessing of Alexander Lyon on April 15, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this 15th day of April 1837. Joseph Smith Senior, the patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Alexander Lyon, born in the township of Foster in the State of Rhode Island the 3d day of May in the year of our Lord 1797.

My Brother, in the name of the Redeemer of the World and by the Authority of the holy Priesthood which God has conferred on me I lay my hands on thy head & bestow on thee a blessing which shall come to the knowledge of thy posterity. May God give thee understanding that thou mayest know the will of God concerning thyself. The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob has looked upon thee from all eternity and has known thy blood. Thou art of the house and lineage of Abraham. Thou hast passed through a great variety of afflictions and trials. God has [illegible] thee for the good of thy soul, that thou mayest become a son of God. Yea God in his mercy has chastened thee. for thy good.

In the name of Jesus Christ I bless thee with the blessing of a Father. It shall be as the blessing conferred on the head of Abraham by the hands of Melchisidec when he met him on his return from the battle of the ten Kings. God has brought thee up through the furnace of afflictions for the good of thy soul, has brought into the church of the Latter Day-Saints, that thou mayest be useful in his kingdom. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thou shalt be kept in the covenant. God has given thee children. Thou must take care of them and gather them around thee. God will bless them and give them an inheritance in Zion: thyself also shall have an inheritance in the city of Zion. Thou must not be selfish in thy heart, must let go the doctrines of men and not be entangled in the wild schemes of sectarianism God will call thee to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom in the Earth. he will give thee his spirit and enable thee to do a great work in the earth. In the name of Jesus thou shalt work mighty miracles among the children of men. Thou must not seek to be bound. Thou must seek with all thy powers to built up the kingdom of God and angels shall minister to thee and instruct thee into the mysteries of the kingdom.

Thou must faithfully keep the covenants of God; must be faithful in the discharge of every duty and God will give thee strength and give thee a crown of Glory that shall dazzle like

the sun of the firmament. God will give thee wisdom, strength thy thy intellectual powers, and brighten thy memory, that thou mayest perform the work of the Lord. Thou wilt have to pass through thy life shall be lengthened out, thou shalt be satisfied with life. Thou shalt see war, pestilence and famine, but if thou art faithful shalt outlive the storm. Thou shalt see great things done in the earth Thou shalt see the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of the wicked. Thou shalt stand in the flesh and see Jesus. This is thy blessing I seal it on thy head, I seal the[e] up to eternal life Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:127-128]

[Patriarchal blessing of Levi Richards on April 15, 1837]

At a blessing Meeting, held in the Lord's House in Kirtland this the 15th day of April A D 1837 Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the Church of the Latter day Saints being present and holding the Meeting a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Levi Richards Son of Joseph Richards, born in Hopkinton County of Middlesex Massts [Massachusetts], the 14th of April 1799.

Brother Richards- By the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a father's blessing- a blessing which shall reach thy Posterity- they shall see thy name recorded in a Book of Records- Thou standest to me as an Orphan- thou hast no father authorized to bless thee- I bless thee with blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob which contain the blessings of heaven and earth- thou mayest have the Priesthood- mayest have faith and a certain knowledge of the Son of God- thou shalt have knowledge to make thee wise unto salvation being filled with the Spirit of God- I pray God to bless thee that thou mayest comprehend all things- comprehend the wisdom of this Generation- comprehend the mysteries of the Kingdom of God and the part that thou must take- thou must comprehend the nature and design of all things around thee-

thou must lay hold on the Powers of the Holy Ghost and be a mighty man of God and at thy command Mountains shall fall- winds and waves shall obey thee- Rivers shall be turned from their course- Prisons shall not hold thee for thou shalt burst their bars and gates- no Pits dug by thine Enemies shall hold thee- thou art a chosen vessel of God- he has seen thee from Eternity- yea thou art a chosen vessel to do the work and will of thy Redeemer- God has known thy Lineage and thy blood- thou art of the house of Abraham, through the Loins of Joseph and Ephraim- thou hast received the things of God- some things thou hast not understood- must seek the wisdom that cometh from above- then act

Thou shalt have Power over diseases- yea all of the deseases to which flesh is heir too- shalt have great Knowledge of herbs- shalt be a mighty Physician- shalt gain friends and Enemies- even the greatest shall envy thy success- God will give thee an help meet- thou shalt be of one heart and of one mind- shalt take sweet counsel and walk to the house of God together- thou shalt have a Residence in Zion and shalt bring many sheaves there who shall rejoice in the Lord- the Angels of heaven shall minister to thee- thou shalt live long on the earth and see good days tho' [though] thou mayest pass through tribulation and affliction- If thou art faithful to God thou shalt see the Restoration of all things- see the gathered House of Israel- see Jesus and stand in the midst of the One hundred and forty four thousand whom John saw standing with the Lamb on the Mount Zion- shalt sing their Song-

Thou shalt preach the Gospel of thy Redeemer and do a great work in the Earth- Ask God the Eternal Father to give thee great things and thou shalt have them- this is thy blessing- not one

Item shall fail It is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the "word of wisdom"- In the name of Jesus Christ I seal them on thy head- by the Powers of the Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal Life Amen & Amen

[Patriarchal Blessing of Samuel McClanathan on April 16, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this the 16th day of April 1837 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints being present and holding the meeting a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Samuel McClanathan born in the town of [blank]

My young brother, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Righteous, I lay my hands on thy head to bestow on thee a father['s] blessing that thy posterity may see thy name written in a book of records to be kept through all generations. I ask my heavenly Father to give me his will concerning thee, that I may have the spirit of prophecy that I may tell thee thy duty. Inasmuch as thou hast been baptized for the remission of thy sins thou shalt be blessed with all heavenly blessings, inasmuch as thou hast not attended to thy duty since thou wast baptized, thou hast suffered. I pray God to encircle thee in his arms and preserve thee and let thee ere long hear his voice calling to thee from thee [the] heavens. Thou art of the kingdom of heaven. God has called thee in a way many times that thou didst not understand. he has looked upon thee from eternity and has called thee to do a great and wonderful work in the church. He has seen thy blood.

Thou art of Israel. Thy descent is through Joseph and Ephraim. Thou must preach the gospel of the kin[g]dom to the nations of the earth. God will make thee strong like Sampson will give thee his spirit and make thee a mighty man of God. Thou shalt wield the sword of the Spirit he shall strengthen thy arm that thou mayest be valiant in his cause. Thou shalt fight the Lord's battles like Joshua. Thou shalt ere long receive the instructions of the holy angels and learn the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven. No power shall be able to take thy life till thou art willing to lay it down. Thou mayest command the destroyer to stand back, mayest have power of waves, over winds and over floods, nothing shall be too great for thee to do.

Thou shalt have a Residence in Zion. & see the gathering of the house of Israel shalt see the tribes crowned by the hand of Ephraim, shall see thy Saviour come in the clouds of heaven. and behold the winding up scene of all things. Thou shalt stand in the midst of the 100 & 44 thousand whom John saw standing with the Lamb upon Mount Zion and sing their song. This is thy blessing I give thee the blessing of a father Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob which includes all blessings of a spiritual nature Thy family shall be blessed in the kingdom. Thy posterity shall stand on the Earth as long as it shall stand. They shall be kings and priests to God one thousand years If thou art faithful and humble and faithful, thou shalt have power over thy kindred. Thou hast a right to the priesthood being a son of Abraham. This blessing is given on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal these blessings on thy head, by the power of the holy priesthood, I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:117]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Wilson on April 17, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at the Lord's house in Kirtland this 17 day of April 1837 Joseph Smith Senior the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints being present and holding the meeting a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of John Wilson, born in the town of Williamstown and county of Oneida, State of N. Y. June 22 – 1816.

Brother Wilson, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and confer a blessing on thee. that shall be read by thy posterity. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I bestow on thee a father's blessing. Thou hast no father to lay hands on thy head to bless thee. The God of eternity has appointed me to supply the place of a father to bless orphan children. I pray God to hedge up my way that I may not act without his spirit. God will give thee a message to go [to] thee [the] nations of the earth. Thou must preach the gospel of the kingdom to the nations sitting in the regions and shadow of death. The holy Ghost may prepare thee and sanctify thee. Let God show me thy duty Thou hast been baptized for the remission of thy sins and hast a claim on the holy Ghost for the baptism of fire that thou mayest come up to thy duty that thou mayest discharge thy mission in preaching the Gospel.

If thou wilt prepare thy heart, thou shalt be an instrument in the hands of God of bringing many souls to Zion. In the due time of the Lord the angels of the Lord shall minister to thee and instruct thee into the mysteries of the kingdom. Thou shalt ere long if thou art faithful, hear the voice of the Lord. Thou shalt do wonderous things in the earth, do mighty mirailles [miracles] in the name of Jesus. Thou shalt have power to command the winds and they shall obey thee. yea the boisterous waves shall be still at thy word. Yea thou shalt sail in ships and preach to their crews, the gospel of the kingdom; thou shalt preach to the inhabitants of the Islands of the sea. Thou shalt be persecuted for righteousness so that thou wilt have to hide thyself to escape their rage. Thou shalt do a mighty work in the earth. Thou shalt have the priesthood and exercise its powers. Thou shalt have the blessing of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Thou shalt have long life and the treasures of the earth. Thou shalt be blessed with a companion. God will teach her heart.

Thou shalt have posterity who shall have a residence in Zion from generation to generation as long as the earth shall stand. Thou shalt witness the end of this generation and the descent of Jesus Christ. Thou shalt stand with the hundred & 44 thousand on Mount Zion in the presence of the Lamb. I place this seal on thy head and nothing but transgression shall remove it. Thou shalt receive a crown on thy head. All blessings shall be thine. My heart is full of blessings for thee. I cannot number them nor can I express them. This is thy blessing. not one jot shall fail. it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God. and word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal them on thy head by the power of the holy priesthood I seal the[e] up unto eternal life, Amen.

J. Pine Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:116-117]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Chaney Snow on April 20, 1837]

At A Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland on the Evening of the 20 of April 1837 Joseph Smith Seen [Senior] the Patriarch of the church of the Latter Day Saints being present & holding the Meeting. A patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of James. Chaney Snow Son of gardner Snow Born in the Town of Chesterfield State of N. Hampshire Cheshire County on the 11, of January 1817.

Brother Snow thou art yet in thy youth & many things lay Before thee which thou hast not thought of thou wilt have to pass through many difficulties & dangers thou wilt pass through much [much] tribulation wherefore I Say thou must be faithful to God in keeping all of his holy commandments & be diligent in the great work unto which thou art called for the Eyes of God & all the holy prophets have been & are upon thee God has looked upon thee from Eternity & thy Name is written in the Lamb[']s book of Life & thou Shalt see that it is Recorded there in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God. And now by the Authority of the holy priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head being Spokesman for thy Father & give thee A Father[']s Blessing I confer on thy head the Blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob for thou art A chosen Vessel of the Lord even as Paul for the Eyes of the Lord are upon thee he has known thy walk & watched over thy person and guarded thee by his holy Angels.

Wherefore let thy heart be comforted for the Blessings of heaven and Earth are yours & there Shall be no man on Earth among all the Servants of God that Shall go before thee Nevertheless there Shall be many who Shall be equal with thee thou must exercise the powers of the priesthood for thou Shalt have great power & mighty faith even like unto Joshua & Enoch of Old yea thou Shalt be like the Brother of Jared so that thou canst not be kept from looking within the vail thou shalt behold the Saviour of the World & be made equal with him & thou Shalt bear testimony of it to the Nations afar off that thou hast heard that thou hast Seen & handled the words of Eternal life for thou art of the pure blood of Joseph through the Loines [Loins] and lineage of Ep[h]raim therefore all heaven is willing to bless thee and thee [the] Angels of God will administer to the[e] and they shall continue to guard thee

thou Shalt have the power of the priesthood thou Shalt perform great Miracles in the name of Christ and great wonders in the Earth in the presence of Kings and Rulers and the heathen before whom thou Shalt Stand Shall Call thee a god And Shall fall down to worship thee but thou wilt not suffer them thou Shalt be a mighty Man in the midst of the Nations thou wilt gather in many souls into the kingdom of Christ in the last Days thine heart will be very tender for thou wilt weep and over the Sins of mankind thine heart shall be filled with the love of God thou shalt have posterity and thy seed shall be very Numerous they shall be Mighty men in the Earth they shall be kings and priests unto god and the lamb and they shall have an inheritance in Zion Because of this thy Bless thou shalt witness the consum[m]ation of the great things of god thou shalt stand among the one hundred Forty and four thousand upon Mount Zion in the presence of God and all the holy Angels Yet thou wilt have to pass through perils by sea and perils by land and perils among false Brethren therefore put your trust in god and not one hair of thy head Shall be suffered to fall to the ground unnoticed [unnoticed] and although your Enemies shall seek to destroy thee yet thou shalt have power over them for there shall be no power beneath the whole heavens sufficient to Destroy thee or take thy life thou shalt have power over water and fire thou shalt have power like Sampson of Old so that chains cannot bind thee nor yet prisons Dungeons bars or bolts hold thee for the wal[l]s shall burst asunder and many shall perish in consequence of the same this is thy Blessing and not one Jot nor tittle of it shall fail. And now by the Authority of the holy priesthood I seal thee up unto Eternal Life for thou shalt receive A crown of glory at the right hand of God to go no more out forever all these Blessings we Seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:137-138]

[Patriarchal blessing of Daniel Carter on May 20, 1837]

A blessing meeting held in the Lord's Honor [House] in Kirtland this the 20th day of May 1837 by Joseph Smith Sr. The Patriarch of the Church of Latter day Saints a Patriarchal Blessing was confirmed on the head of Daniel Carter, son of Jabez Carter born in Benson, Vermont the 28th day of August, 1884 [sic; 1803].

Brother Carter - In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee in as much as thou art an orphan for thou don't stand to me as an orphan. I bless thee as Melchizedek blest Abraham. I desire God the Eternal Father to show me thy blessing. I desire to speak the mind of God and the will of God that I may not come under condemnation. I desire God the Eternal Father to pardon thee for murmuring, if indeed thou hast murmured. Thou must not suffer a murmuring spirit to drive in thy heart. God is willing to bless thee and thou shalt be blest if thou wilt keep the commandments of God. Thou must not suffer thy heart and affections to be placed on the Earth. An Angel of record one standing near the throne of God shall minister to thee. Thou art blest of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thou art of the seed of Jacob - art a descendant of Joseph. Thou art entitled to the Priesthood. Thou must preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the nations of the earth. Thou shalt receive the mysteries of the kingdoms by the ministration of Angels. Thou must be of good courage and stand up with boldness for the truth. The veil of the heavens shall be rent and those eyes shall see the things of god. The angels of heaven shall minister to thee and instruct thee into the Kingdom and its mysteries. Thou shalt be a great man in the earth. Thou shall be valiant in the cause of God. Thou shalt bring many souls into the kingdom.

The blessing of God shall fall on thy posterity. Thy children shall be blest. They shall stand with thee in the covenant. They shall have a residence in the City of Zion. They shall have with thee an inheritance in Zion. They shall become mighty men in the earth. They shall stand with the Savior on Mount Zion. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God, thou shall stand in the flesh when the Lord Jesus shall come in the clouds of heaven with Power and great glory. Thou art of the blood of Isaac - the blessings of Abraham shall come to thee for God is willing that the blessings of heaven and earth shall be thine. I cannot enumerate them, it would take volumes to record them - not one jot of this blessing shall fail. It is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the "Word of Wisdom". I seal them on thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood. I seal thee with Eternal life. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Henry Harmon on May 23, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland on the 23d day of May 1837. Joseph Smith sen., Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, confer[r]ed a blessing on the head of Henry Harmon, born in Scarborough, Maine, March 22d 1816.

Brother Harmon, In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee in the name of the Lord. If thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God thou shalt have the spirit to attend thee and abide with thee continually, whether thou goest to the East, West, North or South. Do all thou hast to do in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou mayest yet look into the heavens, and the angels of God will be round about thee and deliver thee and keep thee from the works of darkness. If thou art faithful thou shalt yet be called to the ministry and

will do much good. Thou wilt be blessed with all spiritual and temporal blessings that are necessary for thee in time and in eternity.

Thou art of the seed of Israel, a descendant of Jacob. Thou shalt have the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob confer[r]ed upon thee, and thou shalt have an inheritance in the land of Zion and enjoy great blessings with the faithful. Thou shalt have posterity that shall be blessed in the earth. Thou shalt be strengthened in thy lameness and be made strong. The destroyer shall not have power over thee to take away thy life. Thou shalt behold the Son of God while thou dost stand in the flesh and if thou dost seek it with all thy heart, thou shalt stand on the earth to behold the Savior come in the clouds of heaven, and be caught up to meet him, and thou shalt see the end of the wicked. Thou shalt have an inheritance among the sanctified in the flesh and a seat in the celestial kingdom in eternity. I confer all these blessings upon thy head and seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ - Amen

W. Woodruff, Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:123]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Holton Sheldon on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th day of May 1837, Joseph Smith Sen., Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present, and holding the Meeting, a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of William Holton Sheldon, son of William Sheldon, born in Northampton, Mass. the 7th day of May 1806.

My Brother. I lay my hands on thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, with which I am invested, and in the name of Jesus Christ to bless thee. I ask God the Eternal Father, to put into my heart a knowledge of thy blessing, that I may know what to say to thee. I design to speak the will of God that I may not come under condemnation. May the Lord grant thee power to understand the spirits, for many have gone out into the world. The Lord grant thee wisdom. The Lord will instruct thee in the revelations of these last days. Thou must be humble and pray much, - must seek to know God and do his will, and if thou shouldst see any thing which thou dost not understand God will show thee. Thou must not lean on arm of flesh – not on man. If thou dost keep the commandments of God thou shalt hear his voice calling thee out of the heavens, ere long if thy faith fail not.

Let thy heart be pure in the sight of God. The Lord will deal with thee as with a son. Thou art called to pass through trouble and affliction God will try thee. Thou hast a work to do and must lay to with thy might. God will help thee, will work with thee and for thee. Thy tongue shall be loosed, thy mind shall expand, thy intellectual powers shall be brightened. Thou shalt be able to comprehend all things. Thou shalt be able to circumscribe the heavens. I say to thee brother thou hast a work yet to do, yet. I do not say that thou shalt have the Priesthood. I leave this in the hands of God. He will give thee information on this point, thou must look to God. Thou art of the seed of Abraham and his blessing shall rest upon thee. The Lord will give thee posterity and they shall call the[e] Blessed. Thou shalt have three sons, and daughters. I don't say how many. Thy sons shall be mighty men in the earth, doing the work of God. the Lord shall bless thee in thy basket and in thy store. Thou shalt live long on the earth, shall be satisfied with life, with the blessings of the spirit and the things of the world. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart – thy desires shall be given thee. I place a seal on thy head which nothing but transgression shall remove from thee this is thy blessing and is given thee on condition of

keeping the commandments of God. I seal thee up to Eternal life Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:124]

[Patriarchal blessing of James Marvin Adams on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th of May 1837. Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present and holding the meeting, a Patriarchal was confer[r]ed on the head of James Marvin Adams, son of James Adams, born in Sandersfield, Berkshire, County Mass. May 11th 1806.

Brother Adams, By the authority of the Holy Priesthood with which I am invested, being after the order of the Son of God and in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee with the blessings of a Father. Thou hast no Father. He was taken from thee in thy younger days. The Lord thy God is now thy Father. Thou hast now power to become a son of God. If thou art faithful in thy duty, no blessings shall be too great for thee. The Lord has looked upon thee from all eternity, and has given thee the Priesthood. His eye is now upon thee, and sees thy work and knows thy calling. Thy name is written in Heaven in the Lamb's Book. It has been written since the days of Abraham. Thou art a son of Abraham. All of his faithful sons shall be saved in the Celestial Kingdom. As thou art of his lineage and as thy name stands written in the Lamb's Book of Life, the Angels of God's presence rejoice over thee. I don't feel to flatter thee, but I say unto thee, that thy heart is pure in the sight of God.

Thou hast a great work to do in the earth. The Lord will work with thee and for thee. The angels of God will be with thee and guard thee by day and by night. Thy soul shall be satisfied with the goodness of the Lord. Thou shalt be blest with the blessings of Abraham. His blessing shall rest on thee and on thy seed from generation to generation. as long as the earth shall stand. Thy Posterity shall have an inheritance in Zion and they shall call thee blessed. My heart feels glad, my hands on the head of one of the servants of God. Thou must stand in thy lot and do a mighty work for the Lord. Thou shalt see the mighty Power of God in the earth, shalt see the accomplishment of his design and work. Thou shalt stand in the flesh with the One Hundred and Forty Four Thousand that shalt stand with the Lamb upon Mount Zion. Thou shalt please God. No Power on earth shall hold thee back. The powers of the upper world shall be upon thee.

If thou desirest it thou shalt have power to translate thyself. Thou shalt have power over flames and fires – Power over winds and Tempests, Power over the raging waves of the sea. No Jails, no bars no Dungeons shall hold thee. Those that dig pits for thee shall fall into them. Pits shall be uncovered. Thou shall be a mighty instrument in the hands of God. shall be the means of saving thousands of souls – they shall be stars in thy crown. This is thy blessing. While I seal it here. I pray God to seal it in the Heavens. It is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the word of wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ I seal all these blessings on thy head. By the Powers of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal life – even so – Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:125]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Elizabeth Adams on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th day of May 1837. Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, being present and

holding the meeting a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Hannah Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Reuben Root and wife of James Marvin Adams born in Augusta, Oneida County N. Y. on the 12th of July 1808.

Sister. In the name of the Lord Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee with a father's blessing in common with thy husband. I bless thee with all spiritual blessings. If thou wilt keep the commandments of God no evil shall befall thee. Thou shalt outlive the storms of affliction – thou shalt gain the victory over all thy imperfections. God, who has seen thee from all Eternity has written thy name in the Lamb's Book of life. The Angels of Heaven rejoice over thee. Thou wilt have to come up to the Celestial Kingdom through tribulations Thou wilt be brought to pass through afflictions and trials that thy faith may be pure. Thou shalt weep over this wicked generation. Remember this Sister, in time to come. Thou shalt live to see the desires of thy heart, for thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart. Thou hast desired to see Jesus and the winding up the scene of this generation.

Thou shalt have Power over Devils and unclean spirits, and they shall not have Power over thee. Thou shalt have power over sickness and sickness shall not have power over thee. Thou shalt have power to minister to thy children in the absence [absence] of thy husband. Thou shalt have a residence in Zion. thy posterity shall dwell with thee. Thou shalt have Power over thy father's family, shalt have power over enemies. Thou art a daughter of Israel – dost belong to the covenant. On this account thou shalt be blessed. Thou shalt stand on the earth and see Jesus Christ. No power shall take this blessing from thee if thou wilt lay hold on it by faith. The Lord thy God will strengthen thy mind, - help thy memory and strengthen thy intellectual powers. Thou shalt instruct many in the principles of righteousness. – shalt instruct the daughters of the Lamanites – shalt speak in the gift of tongues – shalt understand their languages by the power of the spirit. Thou shalt be filled with glory – even the glory of God, if thou wilt live for these blessings – thou shalt bless the Lord that thou didst see my face. This is thy blessing – it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments of God and the Word of Wisdom. I seal this blessing on thy head. I seal thee up to Eternal life. Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:126]

[Patriarchal blessing of Clarissa Aurelia Perry on May 27, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland the 27th day of May 1837 Joseph Smith sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints, being present and holding the meeting a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Clarissa Aurelia Perry, daughter of John Blanchard born in Lebanon, Madison County, New York, the 5th of September 1807.

O God the Eternal Father – thy servant feels for this thy handmaiden – he desires to feel as God feels – let me know her situation – Let thy maid servant feel that thy spirit feel that thy spirit is about her and that in thy hands she is safe.

In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head and give thee a blessing – a Father's blessing. My heart feels for thee. Thou hast great anxiety for thy future life. If thou wilt trust in God, thou shalt have all the desires of thy heart. God will bless thee and give thee an inheritance in Zion, nothing shall hinder thee. The Powers of darkness shall not prevail against thee. If thy companion does not repent and give up his opposition to the work of the Lord, the disease which is now upon him shall prevail against him, but if he will repent his life shall be given him and he shall have an inheritance with thee in the city of Zion. Thou hast obeyed the Gospel by being baptized for the remission of sins. Thou didst obey, because thou didst believe.

Thy name is written in Heaven – thou shalt be blessed of God. Remember that thy servant who now lays his hands on thy head, says to thee that thou shalt have blessings – shall have friends – shall have children in the covenant with thee. Thy life shall be lengthened out - thy last days shall be thy best days – Thou shalt behold the glory of God. Thou art a daughter of Abraham – art of the blood of Ephraim. Thy children shall be gathered in Zion. Thou shalt see the glory of God resting on Zion – thou shalt behold the Lord even Jesus, shalt behold him in peace. I seal this blessing on thy head and I ask my Heavenly Father to seal it in Heaven, this is thy blessing. Thou must keep the commandments of God. I seal thee up to Eternal life – even so – Amen [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:127]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Wesley Clark on June 7, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 7th day of June 1837 by Joseph Smith Senior, the patriarch of the church of Latter Day Saints, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of John Wesley Clark, born in Mt. Carmel, Lawrence County Illinois the 24th of June 1819.

Brother Clark, thou art young and need instruction. Thou hast not had a perfect understanding of the faith notwithstanding thou hast been ordained to the office of a teacher. The enemy has power over thee and afflicts thee with fits. God [illegible] between thee and Satan. The enemy shall not have power over thee. In the name of Jesus Christ even Jesus of Nazareth, I lay my hand on thy head to bless thee. I presume to act in the room of thy father. The time shall come when thy father shall acknowledge this as his blessing The time will come when thou shalt through faith, get the victory over the disease which now troubles thee. The disease shall stand rebuked. Thou shalt get power over the devil and the devil shall not have power of thee. Thou dost desire to keep the commandments of God. All thy righteous desires shall be given thee. Thy name stands written in the book of heaven. God is willing that thou shouldst live long on the earth.

Thou art of the house and lineage of Israel of the house of Joseph, a son of Joseph. God has seen thee from eternity and [illegible] thy standing and the work thou shalt do. Thou shalt stand among the one hundred & forty four thousand that shall stand with the lamb on Mt Zion. Thou shalt have power to be healed when thou art sick, having all the power of the priesthood, thou shalt do all manner of miracles Thou shalt have power over winds and tempests, over waters and waves. and over fires, No prison bars nor gates shall hold thee, for thou shalt have the mighty power of God. Thou shalt have power to see thy Savior and behold him as he is. Thou must live near the bleeding side of thy Savior. No good thing shall be withheld, from thee. Thy enemies shall not have power to destroy thee. Thou must keep the commandments and the word of wisdom. Thou must watch over thyself when thou findest joy in transgression, thou must fall down & pray. Thou art blessed with the things of heaven & earth Thy posterity shall be gathered with the house of Joseph. Thou shalt live to see the fulfilment of the great things of God. Thou shalt see the Glory of God and be satisfied. This is thy blessing. I seal it on thy head I seal the[e] up to eternal life. Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:128-129]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Augusta Cheesbro on June 13, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Town of Kirtland this the 13th day of June 1837 by Joseph Smith Snr [Senior] the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints a Patriarchal blessing was conferred upon the head of Hannah Augusta Cheesbro born in New Canaan Columbia County S. G [C.?]. 1791.

Sister - with feeling and in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God I lay my hands on thy head and bestow on thee a Father's blessing I perceive sister that thy heart is sorrowful - thy heart is tender - thou hast knoweth truth and hast obeyed the Gospel Thy mind at times has been darkened Thou must humble Thyself before God and pray much The Lord is willing to bless thee and thou shalt be blest. If thou wilt faithfully keep the commandments of God thou shalt be blest more than thou canst conceive. God will send an Angel to comfort thee Thou hast pondered many things in thy heart - Let thy heart be comforted - let thy soul lay hold on faith. Thy mind has taken a stretch and hast surveyed many things Let thy mind expand - let thy soul be enlarged - Thou must increase thy faith Ask great things of God in the sincerity of thy heart and God will give them to thee. I bless thee with a Father's blessing It is possible that thou mayest have posterity - I do not say that thou wilt. Thou art a Daughter of Abraham - art of the covenant and - a child of the covenant The Lord looks upon thee and loves thee - Thou hast suffered in some things - all losses shall be made up to thee Let all the doctrines which thou hast learned of mine [half of line unclear]

The Angels of heaven shall tell thee of thy heart Thou shalt be saved with the great family of God - Thou mayest stand when the Saviour comes if thou wishest it - if thou dost desire it in thy heart - no good thing shall be withheld from thee - all the just desires of thy heart shall be given thee - If thou art faithful the heavens shall open to thee and thou shalt look within the Vail - for the vail of heaven shall be opened to thee, that thou mayest see - not one jot of this blessing shall fail - it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and 'Word of Wisdom!' I seal it on thy head and I pray my Heavenly Father to seal it in heaven By the power of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to Eternal Life Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Dana Jacobs on June 13, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Town of Kirtland this 13th June 1837 by Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints A Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Dana Jacobs son of Stephen Jacobs born in Guilford Windom [Windsor] Co [Vermont] the 16th day of July 1806

Brother Jacobs - by the authority of my office and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head for a blessing thou standeth to me as an orphan I ask God to strengthen me that that I may show thee the way that thou must travel and that I may speak as the Spirit may give me utterance may the Lord take from thee all dulicty and give thee confidence I wish thee to know all that thou must lay hold of if thou art faithful thy lot shall be cast in glorious places though persecution shall await thee Thou shalt stand in the midst of Roman Catholics they shall lay plots for thy life the Angels of heaven shall minister unto thee and notify thee of their designs and intentions Thy enemies shall hunt thee thirsting for thy blood yet thou shalt escape Thou shalt have that faith which shall hardly have any limits.

Thou shalt be brought to pass through much tribulation thou must have faith yea Brother thou shalt have more than ordinary faith thou mayest call down the judgement of God upon thy enemies as Elijah called down fire from heaven thou shall be a mighty man among the nations doing a great work and calling many into the kingdom while some shall persecute others shall call thee a God as the heathens did Paul wishing to offer sacrifice to thee in some situations thou shalt stand as Samuel the Lamanite did some shall stumble thou shall stand before the great men of the Earth th[e]y shall be astonished at thee for thou shalt do a great work in their midst some shall wonder some shall believe and others shall persecute thou shalt pass through many countries and visit many of the nations of the earth preaching to them the Gospel of the kingdom the Angels of heaven shall guard thee being daily with thee thy enemies shall flee away before thee and if thou art faithful nothing shall be able to touch thee God will speak to thee and fulfil his word thou shalt be able to fulfil the work which the Lord has designed for thee & cause many to come to Zion with songs of joy

Thou art of the blood of the covenant being a descendant of Israel thou art a son of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim thy Posterity shall be mighty men in the earth and shall chase a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight they shall push the people together from the ends of the earth thou shalt stand and see a great work in the earth see the mighty power of God displayed in the gathering to Zion Thou shalt stand with the 144,000 with the Lamb upon Mount Zion thou shalt be able to sing their song no power shall take this power from thee thou shalt fill up thy place in this generation shalt inherit the celestial world Thou shalt have the treasures of the earth and the blessings of heaven Thou shalt have power over thy children and friends this is thy Blessing I seal it on thy head I seal thee up to eternal life

[Patriarchal blessing of Flora Jacobs on June 13, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in Kirtland this 13th June 1837 by Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the church of Latter day Saints A Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Flora Jacobs daughter of Joshua Pettit born in the Town & County of Niagara New York 1st September 1812

Our father in heaven we stand in thy presence thy eyes are constantly upon us thy Servant feels his weakness & claims assistance look on this thy handmaiden if any sins lurk about her heart forgive her let her Soul be pure let her name stand on thy book of life let her name stand in heaven I pray for thee in the name of Jesus Christ

By the authority of the holy Priesthood I lay my hands on thy head and confer on thee a blessing which shall reach thy Posterity I bestow on thee a father[']s blessing Thou shalt have power to instruct thy children thou shalt be faithful in the discharge of thy duty for st[r]ength shall be given thee thou shalt have power over thy children Power over their hearts and conduct power over them in sickness thou shall have authority to lay thy hands on thy children when the Elders cannot be had and they shall recover diseases shall stand rebuked The Lord will give thee long life thou mayest be afflicted mayest be brought down in sickness yet thou shalt be able to get up by the power of faith ask God to strengthen thee and make thee faithful in life Thou shalt have a place in a stake of Zion shalt have a residence in the city of Zion thou shalt have the treasures of the earth shalt have many Servants & maid servants shalt have the power of God shall see the glory of God thou shalt have the gift of speaking in tongues Shall have the interpretation of tongues

Thou shalt do a great work in Zion among the Lamanites shall instruct their daughters in the principles of righteousness and in the principles of domestic life All the righteous desires of thy heart shall be granted thee if thou hast desired to tarry in the flesh to see the winding up scene of this generation that desire shall be given thee if thou hast desired to see thy Savior it shall be granted thee If thou will have faith in God and his promises thou mayest lay down thy life or thou mayest hold it thou mayest have thy choice Thou shalt have a celestial (mansion) Salvation I seal all the blessings of heaven and earth on the head Thou art a daughter of Israel a daughter of Ephraim art of the blood of the Covenant thy children shall be gathered with the house of Joseph this is thy blessing I seal it on thy head It is given thee on conditions of keeping the commandments and the word of wisdom I seal thee up to eternal life Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Samuel Parker on June 26, 1837]

Samuel Parker's Patriarchal Blessing.

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland the 26th day of June. 1837 by Joseph Smith Senior, the Patriarch of the church of the Latter Day Saints, a Patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Samuel Parker, the Son of Daniel Parker, Born in Sanborntown, N. H. 26th day of January 1796.

Brother Parker by the power of the Priesthood, and in the name of Jesus Christ, even Jesus of Nazareth, I lay my hands on thy head and pronounce on thee a father's blessing. I pray for thee that thy faith fail not. Let the Holy Ghost fill thy heart. If thou hast any prepossessions thou must give them up. I do not say thou hast. Thou must sink down into the will of God that thou mayest be great in the eyes of heaven. in the eyes of the Lord, in the eyes of the Eternal Father. Thou hast not had power at all times to discern between the things of God and the things of the world. Thou hast had fortitude to withstand many things. Thine enemies have sought thy destruction many times. Thou hast discerned the truth and obeyed the Gospel. The Lord has blessed thee with fluency of speech and a retentive memory. Thou mayest preach the gospel in its truth and power. Thou mayest yet stand on distant lands. and teach the catholic the true gospel. Thou hast a great and mighty work to do among the catholics and on account of thy strong reasoning powers of mind thou art to go among the priests. Thou mayest be an instrument of bringing many souls into the kingdom, if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord. Thou hast a great work to do among the Lamanites. Thou shalt have power of thy God to do a great work in this generation. Thou canst not travel much by land, but thou canst travel by water. Thou shalt have power over floods to divide and turn rivers. Thou shalt have power over fire that it shall not harm thee. Thou shalt do great things for the kingdom. Thou shalt be blessed like the brother of Jared and like him see God. God has had his eye on thee from all Eternity. Thou hast a claim on the Priesthood and its powers.

Thou art of the house and Lineage of Joseph the Son of Jacob; thy descent is through the Loins of Ephraim. God thy Father will endow thee with power: No one shall have greater power. If thou doth in thy heart desire wisdom thou shalt have wisdom. If thou dost desire great things thou shalt see great things and do great things. Thou must gather thy children, if thou canst not go thou must send. Thou hast seen tribulation, thy troubles are now wound up. Thou shalt have power over death. Thou shalt have no cause to weep for thy friends. Thou shalt strike hands with the Savior when he comes. The blessing of God shall fall on thy children, and on thy children's children. Thy children shall call thee blessed. Thou art of the blood of Israel and of the covenant,

and one of the horns of Joseph, thou must push the people together from the ends of the earth. Thou shalt have the treasures of the earth. Thou shalt feed thy thousands at thy table. May the angel of the presence of God stand with thee. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart; this is thy blessing. I seal this blessing on thy head. I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

Joseph Pine, Scribe. Recorded August 14th 1843. By. Willard Richards. Recorder.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:139-140]

[Patriarchal blessing of Aaron Johnson on June 27, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this 27th day of June A. D. 1837 by Joseph Smith sen. the Patriarch of the church of Christ of Latter Day Saints A patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed upon the head of Aaron Johnson son of Didimus and Rupamah Johnson born in the Town of Haddam, county of Middlesex Conn. June 22nd 1806.

Brother with ardent desire of my heart and with feelings, I lay my hands on thy head, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and bestow on thee the blessing of a Father. God will hear me if I speak unadvisedly with my lips, I am accountable for what I say to thee. God give me his spirit while I stand to bless thee, the Lord thy God is willing that thou shouldst receive blessings from his hands, that thou shouldst not be an orphan but call God thy father and Jesus Christ thy brother. Thou must keep the commandments and covenants of God and walk in his ordinances and thou shalt be blest, Yea greatly blest.

The blessings of God shall fall on thy head. Thou must not murmur [murmur] against God for murmurs shall not be blessed. Good things are laid up for the saints in the last days, if thou wilt fall down before God and worship him with all thy heart, thou shalt be valiant for the Kingdom and thy heart shall rejoice in the Lord. I leave his as a sign for thee, if thou wilt seek thou shalt know thy duty. I feel as though I could tell it. Yea as though I could speak it but I give away, if thou wilt be humble and faithfull in calling upon God; the heavens shall be opened to thy view. Thou shalt see the visions of heaven, thy mind shall be enlightened and great things shalt thou behold yea thou shalt know the truth for thyself for a certainty.

God has desinged thee for a mighty man in this generation: Yea thou shalt be a great reasoner, Yea it is the will of the Lord that thou shalt do a great work on the earth. Yea thou shalt be brought from one glory to another glory. Shalt go from glory to glory. Thy posterity shall be blest. Yea thy children shall be received into the covenant from generation to generation. thou art a descendant of Abraham. thou and thy children shalt be blest with the blessings of the Patriarch Joseph the son of Jacob. Thou shalt stand firm being able to comprehend the things of the earth and the things of heaven. Thy understanding shall be perfect. You shall conquer the enemy and gain power over the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thou shalt be great in the eyes of the great men of this generation – thou shalt be a councilor – thou shalt have power over thy kindred flesh and rejoice with them. I leave you in the hands of God – thou shalt witness the great things of God – this is thy Blessing, if thou art faithfull thou shalt receive them in the name of the Lord Jesus I seal these blessings on thy head – I seal thee up unto eternal life, even, so amen.
[Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:225-226]

[Patriarchal blessing of Polly Johnson on June 27, 1837]

A Patriarchal blessing Given by Joseph Smith Sen. Kirtland June 27th 1837. upon the head of Polly L. Johnson Daughter of Johnathan and [blank space] Kelsey born Killingnorth, Middlesex Co Conn. Sept. 14th 1808.

Sister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazereth [Nazareth] I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee. I bless the[e] in common with thy husband with a father[']s blessing, if thou hast sinned God will forgive thee; may God give thee wisdom and his spirit. There are great stores of blessings laid up in store for thee by thy heavenly father. Thou must be alive to God be instant in season and out of season. Be faithfull and thou shalt behold the glories of God; thou must instruct thy little ones, and God will give thee an inheritance in Zion. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart – thou shalt be blest with health – the powers of thy mind shall be strengthened, if thou art faithfull in all thy duties, and live by faith on the Son of God thou mayest tarry untill the Savior comes in the clouds of heaven.

You then shall abide his coming and meet with his Son Jesus Christ. Yea thy heavenly father has had his eye upon thee from thy youth. thy name is written in heaven in the lamb[']s book of life it shall stand recorded if thou dost not cause it to be blotted out. Remember the glorious things of thy redeemer, thou must not crusify [crucify] him afresh. thou dost not desire to do evil. Thou must guard thy tongue and heart. Thou shalt have peace in believing. Thou shalt be usefull in this generation thy life and thy years shall be lengthen[e]d out – thou shalt see the glory of God. thy natural powers shall be brightened and thy Judgement shall be strengthened. As thou shalt grow in age thou shalt grow in wisdom and understanding, keep the commandments of God and nothing shall be wanting.

Yea, God will give thee the things of heaven and earth; thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart thou art of the blood of Jacob and thy seed shall be blest and gathered with the house of Joseph. God will give thee thy friends they shall stand with thee in the covenant. This is thy blessing in the name of Jesus christ I seal it on thy head by the power of the holy priesthood I seal thee up unto eternal life even so amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 2:226-227]

[Patriarchal blessing of Lyman Clisby on July 17, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting at the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 17th day of July 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the church of latter day Saints a Patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Lyman Clisby Son of Joseph Clisby born at [blank space] Cheshire Co. N. H. 29 Sept 1795,

Brother Clisby, by the authority of mine office I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus even Jesus of Nazereth, and Seal & confirm on thy head a father[']s Blessing, a blessings which is after the order of that of Melchezadec which he confer[r]ed on the head of Abraham thou must Stand at the head of thy family and act as a Patriarch to thy children and wa[t]ch over them, thou must discharge thy duty to all men yet thou art not called upon to cast thy pearl before Swine thou hast come into the Kingdom as a child hast become a child at the age of 40 years thou hast been Baptized for the Remis[s]ion Sins, thy name is writ[t]en in the Books of heaven, in the Lamb[']s Book of life thou art blessed of God, thou must Keep the commandment & covenants of God, and the blessings Shall be to[o] great for the[e] God has had his eye upon thee from all eternity and has seen thy blood thou art of Israel & of the covenant

Seed thou art of the Kingdom which god has set up in the last days thou art of the house & lineage of Joseph the son of Jacob

If thou art faithful in Keeping covenants thou Shalt receive a crown of life Jesus Christ died that his Subjects might be crowned Kings & priests thou Shalt be blessed in all thy labours [labors] thou must valient [valiant] in the cause and god will bless thee thou wilt become an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ, thou must be willing to lay down thy life if it should be reques[t]ed of thee at the hand of God, thou hast power to call down the power of God, thou Shalt have the gifts of god, and Shall do many mighty works in this Generation Thou Shalt do mericls [miracles] in the name of the Lord Jesus, thou Shalt do wonderfull works, thou Shall become great in the earth shalt become great in the estimation of the great men of this generation. thou shalt be a councilor, the Holy Ghost shall instruct thee, thou shalt seek for council from the mouth of God, thou shalt be able to give instruction to all who shall enquire of the[e], thy life Shall be lengthened out to thee thou mayest tarry [illegible] See the Saviour [Savior] come in the clouds of heaven to see the winding up s[c]ene of this Generation thou mayest have the ministering of Angels they shall instruct the[e] into the mistries [mysteries] of the kingdom, If thou art faithful thou shalt gain thy kindred flesh, Shall bring them into the Kingdom, thou Shall preach to the spirits in prison God may give the[e] posterity, this is thy Blessing I seal it on thy head, I Seal the[e] up to eternal life Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:131-132]

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Clisby on July 17, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 17th Day of July 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints a Patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Hannah Clisby Daughter of Michael Mc Crillis & wife of Lyman Clisby born in Northfield N. H. the 7 Day of Feby A.D. 1800

Sister Clisby in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God even Jesus of Nazereth, I lay my hands on thy head for Blessings O God the eternal Father let thy Blessings rest upon me & upon thy handmaiden let her sins be blotted out let her have vigour of body & mind til the Saviour [Savior] Shall come in the clouds of heaven let angels stand with her, the Lord is willing that thou Shouldest be blessed. God looks upon thee Thy heart is honest in the sight of God. In the honesty & Sinsurity [Sincerity] of thy heart thou hast thought on God thou hast been blessed with the blessings of the Priesthood, thou hast been Baptised for the remis[s]ion of thy Sins, let the Holy Ghost baptise thee with fire I d[e]sire that the light of heaven may Shine about thee, thou art a daughter of Israel art of Joseph through loins of Ephraim thou must ask God in the name of his Son that he may bless the[e], I say unto the[e] Sister thou mayest have posterity, in Zion for Generations to come, thy years Shall be many, thou shalt live to see the great things of God, yea Sister thou mayest stand in the flesh and see the winding up s[c]ene of this generation See thy Saivour [Savior] come in the clouds of heaven, I feel to bless thee for I perceive that god has many in store for thee I can not tell the[e] of them In the due time of the Lord an Holy Angel Shall Stand before the[e] and tell thee the great things which the Lord has in Store for thee, thou shalt have power over thy friends & fathers house, thou shalt have the things of the earth & heaven, thou shalt have the Blessings of God & no power Shall withhold them from thee, thy name is writ[t]en in heaven in the Lamb[']s Book, this is thy Blessing. I seal it upon thy head I seal the[e] up to eternal life Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of John Pack on July 22, 1837]

At a blessing Me[e]ting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland This the 22 day of July 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of Later day Saints a Patriarchal blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of John Pack Son of George Pack born in New Brunswick Lo[w]er Canida [Canada] the 20 of May 1809

Brother Pack In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God I lay my hands upon thy head [and] Seal and confirm on the[e] blessings that Shal[l] never be taken of[f] I pronounce on thy head a Father[']s Blessing that thou and thy Sead [Seed] may be blest and benefited My hand[s] are on thy head with thy Father[']s hands and I promise this blessing in thy Father[']s name Thou art Cal[l]ed and chosen of God to do a Great and mighty work on the earth in this generation God has known thy blo[o]d from all Eternity Thou art of the blo[o]d of Israel through the Loins of Joseph the Son of Jacob Thou hast desired to do good to be made an Instrument in the hands of God of bringing Souls in to his Kingdom the Angels of heaven [have] be[e]n witnesses of the honesty and integrity of thy heart They have Rejoiced on account of thy faithfulness The Eyes of God are upon the[e] from time to time and from year to year Thou Shalt behold the great joy that Shall rest on the Church of the Latterday Saints Thou Shalt behold a great Salvation in Zion thou Shalt See the redemption of Zion thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion and thy Children Shal[l] be blest and Stand with the[e] Thou Shalt See the Temple reared in Zion and Cloud resting on it.

Thou Sha[l]t behold thy Saviour Come in the Clouds of heaven with Pour [Power] and great glory, God will bless the[e] thy health Shal[l] hold good thy bodily [body] and interlectual [intellectual] pours [powers] Shal[l] be Strengthened Thou must proclaim the Gospel to this generation God will Give the[e] great Pour [Power], thou mayest Command the Enemy to Stand back, thou Shalt have pour [power] over Winds and waves over tempests and raging fires thou mayest turn Rivers out of their Coursees [Courses] thou mayest walk on the waters thou Shal[t] have Pour [Power] over Prisons they Shal[l] not hold the[e] Nothing Shal[l] hurt the[e] Thou must be faithful thou art of the Covenant blo[o]d of Israel and Ephraim thou art entitled to the Priesthood Thou Shalt belong to the holy ones Thou Shalt Stand with the lamb thou Shalt belong to the one hundred and forty four thousand that Shal[l] Stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion thou Shalt Sing the Song God will give the[e] Pour [Power] and authority to preach to the Spirits in prison thou Shalt Stand on a Great Planet nearest in the Celestial Worlds with the priesthood and nothing Shal[l] take it from you Thou Shalt have Pour [Power] over Treasures hid in the Sand thou shalt have the Treasures of Abraham Isaac and Jacob This is thy blessing it is given the[e] on condison [condition] of keeping the Commandments and word of Wisdom I Seal it on thy head I Seal the[e] up to Eternal life amen

Brother Pack[']s Father haveing his hand on his Son[']s head with the Patriarch while pronouncing the above blessing Confirmed it in these words my son I Seal and confirm on thy head all that has be[e]n Spoken Thou hast a great work to do Thou must lay hold of faith and thou Shalt be blest The blessings of God Shal[l] rest on thy posterity

Joseph Pine Scribe and witness

[Patriarchal blessing of Julia Ives Pack on July 22, 1837]

At a blessing Me[e]ting held at the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 22nd July 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of Church [of] the Latter day Saints a Patriarchal Blessing was confirmed on the head of Julia Pack Daughter of Erastus Ives an[d] wife of John Pack born in Watertown Jefferson Countey [County] N Y the 8th day of March 1817

Sister Pack In the name of the Lord Jesus of Nazerith [Nazareth] I lay my hands on thy head thou hast come in faithe [faith] to clame [claim] from under my hands a father[']s Blessing to make the[e] equal to thy husband the Pours [Powers] of Earth and hell Shal not prevail a gainst the[e], God[']s eyes are upon the[e] he knows thy heart and soul thou hast a heart to feel for thy fellow Creatures thy life shal be spared and thou Shal pass along among thy bretheren [brethren] with honour the Enemy desires to destroy the[e] and make a Prey of the[e] Erelong angels Shal minister to the[e] Thou shalt rejoyce in the lord and Rock of thy salvation thy heart is at this time pure before God thy name is [w]ritten in the Book of heaven it stands recorded in the Lamb[']s Book of life not to be blotted out without thy concent [consent] thy Posterity shalt be blest from generation to generation yea Sister they shal possess the Pours [Powers] of Faithe the Lord has promised. Nothing Shal be able to hold the[e] back but thou Shalt be able to do the work and will of thy heavenly Father Thou Shalt be able to stand on the Earth in the flesh and behold the winding up Seen [Scene] of this Generation thy heart will mourn on the account of the Distruction [Destruction] of In[n]ocent Children Erelong thou shalt See great Distruction in the Land thou must hold up by faithe Thou shalt have an Inheritance in Zion Thy children Shall be withe the[e] Thou mayest have to pass through Tribulation yet thou Shalt rejoyce thou mayest Suffer loss of Property yet thou shalt become rich haveing the Treasures of the Earth Thou Shalt have pour [power] to do a great Work in the Earth Thou Shalt have the means of feeding and instructing thousand[s] of Orphan[s] helpless Children they Shalt be fed at thy Table I Seel [Seal] the[e] up to Eternal life being Spokemon [Spokesman] for thy Father I leave the[e] in the arms of God Thou must ke[e]p the Commandments and the word of Wisdom Amen

Thou art of the Loins of the Patriarch Joseph the son of Jacob being of the Same kin with Thy husband he being a des[c]endant of Joseph and Ephra[i]m

[Patriarchal blessing of Eda Holister Rogers in July 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord's house Kirtland Ohio the [illegible] day of July 1837. By Joseph Smith Senr the Patriarch of the Church of Latter-day saints a Patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Eda Rogers Daughter of Samuel Holister and wife of Noah Rogers Born in Sharon Litchfield County Connt [Connecticut] the 19th of August 1800

Sister Rogers - Let thy heart be at peace let thy mind be calm and serene. In the name of Jesus Christ the son of God and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I lay my hands on thy head and pronounce on thy head a Fathers blessing. Yea I give thee a blessing of a Father in common with thy husband thy joy shall be as his joy thy life as his life and thy blessing as his blessing so far as thou canst be blest as he is blest. If thou hast sins charged against thee I pray my heavenly Father that they may be blotted out. God who has seen thee from eternity has written thy name in heaven. The Angels rejoice over thee. Tribulations and trials may come upon thee for a trial of thy faith yet thou shalt be delivered if thou dost put thy trust in God. Thou hast shed tears in secret places and God has regarded thy tears. Thou must teach thy children all the

principals of righteousness and the principals of faith and virtue thou must hold them up in the arms of faith in the absence of thy husband thou must pray with thy family when they are sick thou shalt lay thy hands on them and they shall recover. Sickness shall stand back they shall understand prophecy. Let thy heart sister be composed God will give thee friends they shall stand with thee in the covenant thou hast desired at the hands of God Thou hast desired to see angels thy desires were not granted because of thy fears. If thou wilt visit lonely places and pour out thy heart to the Son a light shall shine about thee thou shalt rejoice in thy redeemer. If thou wilt hold on to the faith once delivered to the saints of old Thou shalt behold John the Revelator and the three Nephites. Thou shalt rest a little space in the grave and then come forth in the first resurrection and be forever with the Lord. This is thy blessing. I seal it on thy head. I seal thee up to eternal live [life]. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Chandler Rogers on August 11, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland this the 11th day of August 1837 by Joseph Smith, Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day Saints, a patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Chandler Rogers, son of Philemon Rogers born in Watertown, Litchfield County, Conn. 27 January 1795.

Brother Rogers – By the authority of the holy priesthood, and in the name of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of the world, I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee with the blessing of a father. I ask God the eternal Father to speak through my organs all the things which he would say were he to stand in my place. I pray for thee that the powers of thy mind and body may be under the influence of the Spirit of God, that the affliction with which thou art afflicted may be brought under, that thy body be healed. If thou wilt be faithful thou shalt have great understanding. Thou shalt Come under the power of God, thou shalt comprehend God and the mysteries of his plans Thou shalt comprehend the earth in its order and design. Thou shalt comprehend the Heavens so that thou canst fully understand their order Thou shalt comprehend the Word of God and the mysteries of the Kingdom Thou shalt be able to comprehend the Word of Wisdom, and the wisdom of men

I bless thee with the blessing of a father it shall rest upon thee. The blessing of God shall rest on thy children, they shall bless their childrens that the order of blessing shall not be lost so long as the earth shall stand. No power shall be able to deprive them of their blessing. They shall preach the Gospel. Thou shalt have power over thy posterity. Thou art of the children of Abraham his blessing shall rest on thee in thy outgoings and in thy incomings. Thou shalt do many miracles in the name of the Lord Jesus, Thou shalt do the work of the Lord having his Spirit. Thou shalt be a mighty man in the earth doing the work of the Holy Ghost. If thou art faithful thou shalt receive the ministration of angels; thy life shall be lengthened but, thy years shall be many, no power shall take thy life if thou wilt put thy trust in God. Thou shalt be willing to lay down thy life, and thou wilt say that I am satisfied with the things of the world and the things of the Spirit. I seal thee up against the Destroyer. Satan shall not have power over thee. I ask God to sanction this blessing and seal it in the heavens whilst I seal it on thy forehead here on the earth. This is thy blessing, it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the Word of Wisdom I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Amanda Rogers on August 11, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's House in Kirtland this 11th day of August 1837 by Joseph Smith, Sen., the Patriarch of the Church of Latter-day Saints. A patriarchal blessing was conferred on the head of Amanda Rogers, daughter of Samuel Holister and wife of Chandler Rogers, born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn. the 18th day of May 1797.

Sister Rogers:- In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who was crucified I lay my hands on thy head and bless thee. I pray my Heavenly Father that thy faith fail not. Afflictions and tribulations will present themselves in thy way. The enemy of all righteousness seeks to destroy thee, thou must humble thy self before God and the blessing of Heaven will attend thee. God will reveal himself to thee, things now hid from thine eyes shall be unfolded to thee, so that thou shalt see them. Thou shalt see blessings that are not now conceived of in thy heart. Thou shalt behold the great judgments poured out upon the earth, thy heart will be troubled, thou shalt say let me lay down in the grave a little season rather than live to see the vials all poured out, rather than suffer the great afflictions, but thou must be patient, thou must come up to thy Redeemer through affliction; thou must wash thy robes in the blood of the Lamb. I bless thee with the blessing of a father to make thee equal to thy brethren.

Thou shalt be blessed with life and things of life. Thou shalt have the comforts of the world in a good degree. Thou shalt be satisfied with the manifestations of the Spirit of God. He holds the treasures of the earth, thou shalt have treasures which [thou] dost not know of, if thou art faithful in keeping the commandments of God. Thou shalt realize that it is God who does bestow favors. God will give thee means by which thou wilt be enabled to feed and clothe orphan children, they shall be fed at thy table. It is the will of the Lord that thou shouldst have an inheritance in Zion, see much of the work of the Lord, rejoice in his goodness and receive his blessing. If thou art called to lay down thy life thou must not murmur at the dispensation of Heaven. Thou shalt be blest in the Celestial world. This is thy blessing, it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the Word of Wisdom. I seal it on thy head I seal thee up to eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Phinehas Richards on September 13, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 13th Day of Sept 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. Patriarch of the Church of Latter Day Saints a Patriarchal Blessing on the head of Phinehas Richards, Son of Joseph Richards born in the town of Farmington in the County of Middlesex Mass. the 15th of Nov. 1788.

Brother Richards in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head Bless thee in his name, Notwithstanding I need blessings from thee, yet I Stand as Patriarch to bless thee, I Pronounce on thy head who art of the lineage of Joseph & Blood of Ephraim, the Blessings of a father the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob Shall rest on thee, that thou mayest be able to Survey this Plannet [Planet] & others that are held by the hand of God, that thou mayest be able to do mericles [miracles] in this last Kingdom, by the mighty power of God, that thy understanding mayest be perfect, & that thy intel[l]igence may reach to heaven, that thou mayest stand as a councillor in the Church of the Latter Day Saints and that thou having receiv[e]d the high Priesthood must preach to this generation the Gospel of Jesus Christ thou mayest proclaim the Gospel to thy Kindred and others in the eastern countries, that mayest Stand

before them as a man of God, doing mighty mercles [miracles] in the name of Jesus, when thou goist [goest] for thy family thou shalt be blessed in the way every tounge [tongue] let loose against the[e] shall be confounded, the works of the enemy [enemy] shall not prosper

I Bless thee with all blessings thou shalt have all blessings, thou shalt be able to do all things contained in thy Blessings thy intellectual power Shall be Strengthened the power of thy mind Shall expand, So that thou mayest comprehend the heavens & the things of heaven [illegible] the earth & the things of the earth comprehend the great men of the earth, & comprehend the mistries [mysteries] of the Kingdom of God, thou shalt lay hold of the power of God So that mayest turn rivers out of their courses if thou like Moses be encompassed about by thine enemies If thou art im[m]ured in dungeons & prisons they shall not hold thee. for at thy bidding prisons walls shall fall down, gates & barrs [bars] Shall give away and not hold thee, Thou Shalt Stand in the [illegible] to Which thou art called, till the great work of God is done and till the winding up s[c]ene of this generation till the Saviour [Savior] Shall come in the clouds of heaven with power & great glory, thou shalt see the heavens unveiled & see the great things of God, Thou shalt se[e] Angels & they shall minister unto thee Thou shalt be as mighty as Jared, may comprehend God as did the Brother of Jared, thou shalt do all things that man ever did God thy heavenly Father has raised thee up for that very purpose, Thou shalt hold the priesthood in time & in eternity, Thou shalt have the riches of earth the blessings of heaven shall rest on thy posterity Thy children shall be blessed from generation to generation as long as the earth Shall Stand, This is thy blessing it is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the words of wisdom, I seal it on thy head, I seal thee up to eternal life; Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:133-134]

[Patriarchal blessing of William McClerry on October 2, 1837]

At a Blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s house in Kirtland this the 2nd day Oct A.D. 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, a Patriarchal Blessing was pronounced on the head William Mc Clerry Son of William Mc Clerry born in the town of Rupert Bennington Conuty V.t. the 9th of Oct A.D. 1793,

Brother Mc Clerry In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God even Jesus of Nazereth I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee and in his name I bless thee as an orphan child for such thou standest to me whither thou hast a Father or not, Thou hast in the meridian of Life been Baptised for the remission of thy Sins and become a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints Let God baptise the[e] with fire and the holy Ghost, Thou must take hold of the [blank space] of the Lord and assist in salling forth that Kingdom which is to fill the whole earth God has called the[e] to do a great work in this generation and when thou goest forth thou hast no one to leave behind thee, Thou must preach the gospel of the Kingdom in this generation and be valiant in the cause of the Lord, Thou mayest yet have posterity who Shall be great in the earth If thou thou art diligent in the work to which thou art called thou shalt be blessed of God, he will give the[e] a companion & posterity it is not the design of heaven that thy name Should be blotted out from among the an[n]als of men

I bless thee with the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob & these blessings include all the blessings of heaven & earth, and they shall rest on thee and on thy posterity, Thou art of the house of & Lineage of Abraham, thy descent is through the Lines of Joseph & Ephraim Thou art one of the Horns of Joseph & must (if thou wilt do the will of God) assist in pushing the people

of God together from the ends of the earth, Thou must get instruction in true principles of Faith & go forth and be an instruction to the nations of the earth, Thou shalt be a mighty instrument in the hands of God, Thou shalt be as mighty a Paul in preaching [preaching] to gentiles and as mighty as Peter was in healing the sick, No enemy shall get the masters over thee Thou shalt have power over the winds & waves at thy command they shall be stilled, thou shalt be able to command Storms & Tempests & raging fires, Prisons Gates & bars shall not hold thee if thou wilt live close to the Lord, all evil shall give way before thee, I leave thee in the hands of God let his will be done

Thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion thou and thy posterity shalt be gathered thou with the children of Joseph the son of Jacob, I feel that thou hast not been very vicious [vicious] & wicked in thy Life the Lord is willing that thou shouldst live Long in the earth & enjoy the things of the earth, Thou Shalt live to see the winding up scene of this generation, to See Jesus Christ come in the clouds of heaven with power & Great Glory, thou Shalt Stand in the flesh with one hundred forty & four thousands and sing their song, I feel Brother that thou must preach the gospel of the Kingdom, to the Nations & Kindreds & people of the earth, this thy work and it is the will of the Lord that thou Should do it, This is thy blessing, I seal it on thy head, It is given the on condition of Keeping the commandments of God, & the words of wisdom, By the power & authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal the[e] up to eternal Life, Amen.

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:134-135]

[Patriarchal blessing of Walter M. Blanchard on October 20, 1837]

At a Blessing Meeting held in the house of the Lord in Kirtland the 20th of Octr 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day Saints a Patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed on the head of Walter M. Blanchard Son of John Blanchard born in the town of Hamilton Madison Co. N. Y. the 15th of June 1804

My brother in the Lord In the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God I lay my hands on thy head to bless the[e] I desire that God may clothe with Salvation that thou mayest realize that thou hast received a dispensation of the Priesthood God has had his eye upon the[e] from eternity he has called the[e] to be a mighty man and do a great work in this generation he will fill thee with intel[l]igence and give the light of heaven, he will give that learning & wisdom which will enable the[e] to Stand before this generation, thou Shalt see thy redeemer Shalt See his hands and feet and behold the wounds thereof, thou Shalt have it to Say to this generation, that thou hast beheld the Lord of Glory the Lord will give the[e] power of thy enemies So that those that oppose the[e] Shall tremble yea brother thou Shalt be able to [illegible] the power of God nothing Shall hold the Prison bars & goals Shall not confine the[e] if thou wilt lay hold of the power of the Priesthood Waters and floods Shall not Surround the[e], thou Shalt be able to Subdue all things Though persecutors may Seek thy life, Though Assassins may aim their blows at thy boddy [body], yet their blows Shall fall on thy Shadow and not on thy boddy [body]

Thou Shalt have such a blessing as Melchizedeck confer[r]ed on the head of Abraham This blessing shall rest upon the[e] & upon thy posterity as long as the earth Shall Stand, yea Brother the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob Shall rest on the[e] & on thy posterity from generation to generation thou Shalt be blessed with the things of the earth, thou Shalt have man Servents [Servants] & maid Servents who Shall be taught by the true principles of richousness [righteousness] & virtue thou Shalt have more bl[ess]ings then my tounge [tongue] can utter thou

Shalt realize them this is thy blessing I leave the[e] in the hands of God he will lengthen out thy life, thou Shalt Stand in the midsts & with the one hundred & forty & four thousand being able to Sing their Song thou Shalt stand with them in mount Zion when the Lord Shall come in the clouds of heaven with power & great glory, I Seal the name of God on thy forehead, thou must preach the Gospel to this generation, thy face being Set as a flint. thou Shalt have power over the destroyer nothing Shall be to[o] hard for the[e], thou art of the house & lineage of Joseph, the Son of Jacob thy children Shall be gathered with his children, This is thy blessing it is given the[e] on conditions of Keeping the commandments & the word of wisdom, By the power of the holy priesthood I Seal the[e] up unto eternal life Amen

G. W. Robinson, Clerk & Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:130-131]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Dickson on October 23, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord's house in Kirtland this 23rd of October, 1837 by Joseph Smith Senior, the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced upon the head of John Dickson, son of David Dickson, born in Cambridge, Washington County, New York, on the 24th day of August A. D. 1781.

My aged and respected brother: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, I lay my hands upon your head and give thee a father's blessing, a blessing that shall teach thy posterity. Thou dost stand as an orphan for thy father does not understand the order of blessing, though he may know something about the plan of salvation. God has given me the office of Patriarch by the voice of His spirit. I say unto you that inasmuch as thou wilt keep His commandments and covenants thou shalt be blessed and gain the victory over the enemy. The destroyer shall have no power. I seal thee against the destroyer if thou wilt do thy duty to thy children thou and they shall have the blessings of Abraham. Thou art of the house and lineage of Abraham. Thou art sold into the covenant with Joseph, the son of Jacob. Thou and thy seed shall have an inheritance with the seed of Joseph. Thou must humble thyself before God and instruct thy family.

I ordain thee a Patriarch to bless thy family as Melchizedek blessed Abraham. Thou must bless thy companion; tell her of this blessing. She shall be delivered from the calamities that shall come to this generation. She shall be delivered from blood and carnage. Thou must put thy trust in God and have charity. The eyes of God are upon thee; he knows all that thou hast to do. If thou wilt humble thyself before God, the angels shall minister to thee.

God is willing that thy life should be lengthened out; thy days shall be many. God will give thee wisdom. Thou shall stand in the midst of judgments that shall come on this wicked generation. If thou wilt be faithful thou shalt be preserved upon the lake; its waters shall not cover thee. Thou shalt have a part of the Priesthood which is after the order of the Son of God. Thou shalt be instrumental in the salvation of some, having a part of the Priesthood. God will give thee power over all things, may say to the raging lake "be still". This is thy blessing. I seal it on thy head. It is given thee on condition of keeping the commandments and the word of wisdom. I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, Amen and Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Isaac Farwell Freeman on December 5, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at brother John Badger[']s House in Kirtland this the 5th day of Dec 1837, by Joseph Smith Senr, the Patriarch of the Church of Latterday Saints. A Patriarchal blessing was pronounced on the head of Isaac Farwell Freeman, son of Elijah Freeman, born in Hanover, Grafton Co N H. Nov 12th 1795.

Brother Fre[e]man, inasmuch as thou hast been called into the Church, thou art called to be instrumental in Rolling forth that Kingdom which is to fill the whole Earth. In the name of Jesus Chtist the son of the living God, I lay my hands on thy head, for bles[s]ing. I pray God to show me thy blessing that I may tell thee what to do – I desire that I may speak the same words that God would speak, and he stand in my place – Open the visions of my mind – I say unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ that thou shalt have the blessings that thou shouldest have had from thy father – the blessings that thou doest now receive concerns thee and thy posterity –

If thou wilt instruct thy Children in the way that they should go, they will rise up and call thee blessed – they shall have an inheritance in Zion – they shall claim that Inheritance from what is written in this blessing, it being Reccorded [Recorded] in a book = Thou art of the lineage of the Priesthood – thou must open thy mouth – and God will fill thy mouth – doest thou say that thou hast an Impediment in thy speach [speech], the time will come when thou shalt have no Impediment – yea the time will come when an Holy Angel shall touch thy tongue and all the inter[r]uption to thy speach [speech] shall be taken away = Thou hast mind and intel[l]igence and faith, and yet thou doest complain of Impediment and embarras[s]ments –

thou must not complain of impediment but call on God to know thy duty, and he will make known thy duty so that thou shalt know it = Yea brother, God will tell thee that it is thy duty to preach the gospel to this generation – God will pour his spirit upon thee and make thee great in this generation – Thou shalt have the gifts of the gospel – Thou shalt have the power of God and be enabled to do a mighty work – Thou shalt have power to remove Mountains – haveing the mighty power of God on thee. Thou hast a right to the Priesthood and will extend its Powers – Thou shalt be an heir of God, and a joint heir with Jesus Christ – speak the word and evil spirits will obey thee –

God will preserve thee from danger – he will give the[e] understanding and ability, thy bodily and intellectual powers shall be strength[e]ned, and thou shalt be enabled to do a mighty work in the Earth – I bless thee with the blessings of Abraham, Isaa[c], and Jacob – these blessings include the blessings of Heaven and Earth – Thou shalt have the Riches of the Earth – yea the things of the Ea[r]th shall minister to thee – Thou shalt witness the winding up scene of this Generation - shall stand in the midst of the One hundred and forty four thousand that shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion – This is thy blessing – I seal it on thy head and Forward – it is given thee on conditions of keeping the commandments and the "word of wisdom" by the power of the Holy Priesthood I seal thee up to eternal life Amen and Amen. —

Joseph Pine Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Roxanna Freeman on December 5, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held at the House of John Badger in the Town of Kirtland, this the 5th of Dec 1837. by Joseph Smith Senr - The Patriarch of the Church – of Latterday Saints - A

Patriarchal blessing was pronounced on the head of Roxanna Freeman, daughter of Samuel Porter and wife of Isaac Farwell Freeman, born in Pomfret Winsor Co Vt. the 18th Sept 1796.

Sister Freeman let thy heart be Comforted – trust in the Lord who is strength and righteousness – in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth [Nazareth], I lay my hands on thy head and seal and Confirm on thee a Father[']s blessing thou dost stand to me as an orphan for thou hast no Father who is authorised to lay hands on thee and Prophecy – thou wilt no longer be an orphan for God will be thy Father – Thou shall be a daughter of God and an heir with Jesus Christ – no power shall take this blessing from thee – The enemy shall not destroy thee – if thou wilt live close to the Lord, nothing shall bring darkness to thy mind, though thou mayest have temptations and trials – Thou hast seen trouble in former days – thy heart has been made sorrowful – thou must not have sorrow over past events let thy trust be in God and press towards the mark of prise [prize] –

God loves thee – shall I say it sister – God loves thee – thy sins are forgiven – the Lord loves thee at this time – Thou must remember thy Covenant which thou didst make at baptism – Thou shalt be of the Covenant of Abraham – thou art of his blood – thou hast been united to Kindred blood – this is the reason why thou art blest and why Children are blest – thou dost belong to that blood which God delighted to own and bless – thy Children shall belong to the Covenant – that shall hear them Prophecy of the great things to come, some of them shall be seers – Thou hast left some of thy kindred flesh behind, thou shalt hear thy Children Prophecy on the day when thy distant friends shall come unto thee Covenant – Thou and thy Posterity shall be guests at that Portal which the Saviour shall preside, at his comeing –

If thou wilt exercise faith in God, and in his word, thou shalt stand in the flesh at that time – standing in the presence of the Holy ones – Yea with the sanctified ones on Mount Zion in the presence of the Lamb. I dont say unto thee Sister, but that thou mayest full- Yet thou shalt stand, in the flesh with thy Saviour, when he shall Preside at that great and last feast – the enemy shall not prevail against thee – I seal thee against the destroyer – This is thy blessing – I seal it on thy head – It is given the[e] on condition of keeping the Commandments and the words of Wisdom – I seal thee up to Eternal life, Amen.

Joseph Pine Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Luman Andros Shirliff¹⁶ on December 6, 1837]

At a blessing meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland this this 6th of Dec 1837 By Joseph Smith sen the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day saints A Patriarchal Blessing was pronounced on the head of Luman Andros Shirliff Son of Noah Shirliff Born in the Town of Montgomery Hampden Co Mass March 13th 1807

I lay my hands on thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and seal and confirm on thy head the Blessing of a Father I do this by the Authority which my Heavenly Father has confer[r]ed on me Thou dost stand to me as an Orphan for thou hast no Father to Bless the[e] and Prophecy on thy head God will be thy Father thou shall inherit Blessings from his hand God has a vast store to satisfy all the wants of them that keep his commandments and covenants Thou art

¹⁶ Shirliff reported: "After the Patriarch took his hands off my Head and step[p]ed back he turned to me and said Br Shirliff how do you expect to go to your Field of Labor[?] I replied I do not know[.] I will tell you you will Baptise a Sea Captain and he will carry you to the uttermost parts of the Earth" (Autobiography and Journal of Luman Andros Shirliff, 87, LDS Archives).

of The Lineage of the Faithful and of Joseph and of the House of Joseph the son of Jacob thou hast proceeded from the Loins of Ephraim the son of Joseph the Son of Jacob this is thy Lineage and Blood God[']s Eyes are upon thee and he has seen thee from all Eternity He has allotted thee A great work and thou must obtain his Spirit and do it

Thou shalt be mighty in the Earth the time shall come when mountains shall fall down at thy word if it shall be calculated to bring forth the Glory of God and the furtherance of his work in the Earth The time come when thou shall say to the winds and waves be still and they shall obey you yea Prisons Bars and Gates shall give way at thy word Thou shalt go to the furthest Bounds of the Earth yea beyond the great waters Thou shall go and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to a people off [of] whom you have not heard And speaking a language which you didst not know whose speech you never did hear If thou wilt look to God by Faith he will give you his spirit and thou shall prevail thou shall preach in Tongues and have the interpretation of tongues Thou shall have the spirit and Power of God and prevail I pray God to uphold and support thee and show thee thy duty Thou hast desired to know it Be faithful and thou shall understand and comprehend the Heavens shall comprehend the mysteries of his kingdom And the mysteries of this generation

Thou shall be able to circumscribe the Earth and understand its Formation. I seal thee against the destroyer Nothing shall hurt thee beneath the Heavens All things shall work together for your good if thou will put thy trust in God All things shall be subject to thy word Thou must treasure up these words Treasure up these Blessings I say again thou hast a great work to do and you must do it. Thou shall preach much and Travel much by Land and water Preach much in the world among the Nations of the Earth. Finally thou shalt settle down in Zion with thy Family and have an inheritance in Zion Live therein [therein] seeing the Great Glory of God till the Savior comes Thy children shall have an inheritance with the children of Joseph They shall be Blessed of the Lord from Generation to Generation with the faithful. Go thy way and ponder these things in thy Heart

Thou shall hear the voice of God from Heaven telling the[e] thy duty Thou shall have the ministration of Angels Thou shall stand with the one hundred and forty four Thousand which shall stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion shall sing their song Thou shall have thy Father[']s name sealed on thy forehead Thou shall tune thy voice and sing with Angels Thou shall have treasures of the Earth This is thy Blessing I seal it on thy head and Forward By the power of the Holy Priesthood I seal the[e] up to Eternal Life. Amen and Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Noah Packard on December 13, 1837]

At a blessing Meeting held at the Lord[']s House in Kirtland on the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1837 by Joseph Smith Sen. the Patriarch of the Church of Latter day Saints. A Patriarchal blessing was pronounced upon the head of Noah Packard son of Noah Packard who was born in Plainfield Hampshire County and State of Massachusetts on the 7th day of May in the year of our Lord 1796 –

Brother Packard by the authority of mine office and in the name of the Lord even Jesus Christ of Nazareth I lay my hands upon thy head a second time to seal and confirm upon the[e] a Father[']s blessing a blessing that shall not be taken from the[e]; Thou art determined and hast covenanted in thine heart to be a man of God; and and hast continued to stand firm until Now: Thou hast consecrated thine all to the Lord and thy Heavenly Father hath taken cognizance of it

and thou shalt receive an hundred fold twice told Thine enemies have taken thy property from the[e]; but they shall not have power to harm the[e] for the Lord will bless the[e] and thou shalt have the riches of the Earth The destroyer shall not have power over the[e] to take thy life because of the sealing power, Thou shalt not fall away from the truth but shall become Great in the Earth, for many shall rise up against the[e] to destroy the[e]. but they shall be smitten to the ground before the[e] and the arm that is lifted against against the[e] shall be palsied; the tongue of slander shall not succed [succeed] against the[e]: They shall beset the[e] with mobs but thou shalt get the victory over all things.

God will give the[e] the powers of the Priesthood. Thou shalt have power over Prisons; for if thou art cast into Prisons, their walls shall be wrent [rent] that the Glory of God may appear in thy deliverance from their Dungeons; for God shall give the[e] great power, nothing shall be withheld from the[e]. Through thine adminesration [administration] the sick shall be healed the lame shall lea[p] as an heart [hart] and the blind shall see, for thou shalt be blessed because thou hast received the truth Thou shalt have power to rais[e] the dead Mothers shall rejoice, having their children raised from the dead, and presented to them. Thy children shall be blest from Generation to generation as long as the Earth shall stand: for thou art of the covenant seed even that seed which the Lord God delights to bless for thou art of the house and lin[e]age of Joseph the son of Jacob. Thou art one of the horns of Joseph and shall assist in pushing the people together to the ends of the Earth

Thou shalt do a mighty work in the Earth and shall be made instrumental in the salvation of many souls and lead them to Zion Thou and thy seed shall have an inheritance in Zion and shall see the Glory of God. Thou shalt stand when the Earth shall reel to and fro like a drunken man. yea in that day when God shall bring forth all his saints; and if thou desirest it with all thy heart thou shalt have have power as Elijah, to waft thy self to Heaven thou shalt not sleep in the dust for God looks upon the[e] and loves the[e]. The Angel of his presents [presence] shall watch over the[e] and thou shalt stand in the flesh upon Mount Zion with the hundred forty and four thousand and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Thou shalt stand as the saviour of many souls on Mount Zion, and they shall rejoice in the presence of the lamb. This is thy blessing and thou shall see it all fulfilled. Thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart. And I seal this blessing upon thy head and I seal the[e] up unto Eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen

G. W. Robinson, Clerk & recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:135-136]

[Patriarchal blessing of Sophia Packard on December 13, 1837]

At a blessing Meeting held in the Lord[']s House in Kirtland on the thirtieth day of December AD. 1837 by Joseph Smith sen, the patriarch of the Church of latter day saints. A patriarchal blessing was pronounced upon the head of Sophia Packard Daughter of Ephraim Bundy and Wife of Noah Packard who was born in Southampton, Hampshire County and state of Massachusetts on the 27th day of January A.D. 1800

Sister Packard I lay my hands on thy head a second time in the name of Jesus Christ and bless the[e] with the blessing of a Father. thou hast a Father yet he cannot bless the[e] because he does not stand in the authority of the holy Priesthood. The most of thy Kindred flesh consider the[e] to be a cast away. but I say unto thee, thou art not a cast away, for thou doest belong to the household of faith. Thy name stands recorded in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thou hast had a

testimony [testimony] of the truth by the power and spirit of God therefore thy faith cannot be shaken. Thy blessing shall be in common with thy husband. Thy life shall be as his life thy days as his days and thy years as his years and if thou continuest to persivere [persevere] in keeping the commandments of God as thou hast hither too don[e] thou shalt be blest.

And I confirm upon the[e] all the Power of the Priesthood as much as can be upon thy sex. thou mayest Call God thy father for thou shalt have faith to heal the sick when thy children are sick thou mayest lay thy hands upon them in faith and they shall recover. Thou shalt have all things that is expedient if thou wilt exercise faith in God. Thy Children shall be blest from Generation to Generation and shall be a blessing unto the[e] in the absence of thy Companion they shall all stand with the[e] in the covenant and household of faith Thou shalt live til[l] thou art satisfyed with life. and shall see the Temple reared even in Jackson County and thou shalt see the Cloud rest upon it and the glory of God fill the house and shall be satisfyed and desire to Go hence and be with Jesus. Thy kindred flesh shal[l] yet come to the[e] and confess their [w]rong and those who have looked down upon the[e] as th[e]ir inferior; shall yet look up to the[e] for instruction; yet thou wilt see affliction for a short season, but after that thou shalt receive of the good thing of the Earth, and shall be made rich Thou mayest live to see the fall of this Generation when wickedness shall be swept from the Earth, yea thou shalt have all the righteous desires of thy heart and I seal the[e] up against the destroyer and unto Eternal life. I seal all these blessings upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen

G. W. Robinson Clerk & Recor[der] [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:136-137]

Patriarchal Blessings Given in 1836 or 1837

[Patrimonial blessing of Rhoda Ballard]

Rhoda Ballard['s Blessing by J. Smith Senior.

In the name of the Lord Jesus I bless you with a father's blessing. and I seal upon you the patrimonial blessing of Abraham Isaac & Jacob and you shall be blessed for the Lord will watch over you, and Satan will have no power over you of you if you continue to seek the Lord with all your heart and if you continue to call upon him in faith. your mother will yet embrace the new covenant and you shall rejoice with her on this land. You must be obedient to your aunt for she watches over you for good. You must be humble and watchful that your feet stray not in youth, and you shall be blessed with all the desires of your heart in righteousness, even while on earth you shall hear the voice of the Lord and in the end you shall see and enjoy his glory. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing of Adeline Ballard]

Also the Blessing of Adeline,

You are now small and your years have been few, but yet the Lord has looked upon you and forgiven you all your Sins. Remember to sin no more and you shall receive the blessings of the ancient fathers, and you shall live to see the winding up scene of this generation. and you ar[e] faithful, angels shall minister to you, and you shall hear the voice of the Lord out of the heavens in his own due time, and you shall be blessed with all spiritual blessings and your eternal salvation shall be secured to you forever, and you shall enjoy the presence & glory of your heavenly Father in his celestial kingdom. even so, Amen. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing of John Ballard]

Also the Blessing of John Ballard,

You are little but yet John the Revelator has seen you and you shall see him, for the Saints shall watch over you, and if you will be faithful Satan shall have no power over you. but you shall grow up in righteousness before the Lord until the day shall come that you shall be called to the holy ministry and your tongue shall be loosed and you shall be blessed in bringing many souls to you God, and in the end rise triumphant to meet your Savior and so you will ever be with the Lord. All these and all your former blessings I seal upon your head, even so Amen.

Wm. E. M' Lelin Clerk [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing Nancy Richardson]

Blessing of Nancy Richardson,

Sister Nancy thou hast no father therefore I pronounce a father's blessing upon you. and because you have obeyed the commands of your heavenly father. come out of Babylon and

brought these little children with you to this place that you might have a better opportunity of knowing the mind and will of God so that you might serve him more perfectly therefore, thou art blessed and thou shalt be blessed. and these children shall grow up and be a comfort and a blessing to you. and thou shalt have thy sister the mother of these children to help you take care of them and she shall come into the kingdom and thy life shall be prolonged and thou shalt live till thou art satisfied with life and at last be saved in the celestial Glory or in other words see the salvation of God. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:106-107]

[Patriarchal blessing of William Shuman (not dated but probably 1837)]

Blessing of Wm. Shuman, by Joseph Smith Senior. Wm. Shuman was born in Fredericksburgh in the province of Upper Canada, aged 46 in Feb. AD. 1836

Brother Shuman, by the Authority of the holy priesthood conferred upon me, I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee. with the blessings of a father. Thou shalt be blest with the blessings of Abraham, that thy posterity may receive an inheritance in Zion, for thou must bless them in a proper time for thou wilt be called to an account how thou trained them up, that thy children may grow up into the true and living way, that they may have power to command the destroyer to depart, and now I ask my heavenly Father to prepare the way and so increase thy faith that thou mayest be able to guard against the destroyer who will seek to destroy thee.

The riches of heaven and earth shall flow unto thee. The angels shall minister unto thee. Thou shalt have a place appointed unto thee in thee in the in the church in the church in the far west. Guard against the power of Satan and thou shalt have power to command the powers of darkness to stand back. Thou shalt win thy father's family. Thy friends have persecuted thee but thou shalt have power over them, therefore be faithful, brother for I seal thee up to faithfulness; I say be faithful for I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

Hiram Clark Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:107]

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary M. Shuman (not dated but 1837)]

Patriarchal Blessing received under the hand of Joseph Smith Senior on Mary M. Shuman who was born in Kingston Upper Canada aged 36 years in January 1837

Sister, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head to bless thee in common with thy husband. that the blessings of the Father may rest on thee; for I say angels shall rejoice over thee. The Lord, thy God takes cognizance of all thy thoughts. Thou shalt have power over thine enemies if thou art faithful. I say to thee be a covenant keeper. pray in the absence of thy husband and I pray that my heavenly Father may let the blessings of heaven and earth rest upon thee I say thou wilt be made rich. I ask my heavenly Father that he will bless thee and teach thee with the finger of inspiration that thou canst behold within the veil I now place this seal upon thee having the authority of the priesthood. I seal thee up unto eternal life, even so Amen.

Hiram Clark Scribe [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:108]

Patriarchal Blessings Dated 1838-1840

[Patriarchal blessing of William Swartzell on March 4, 1838]

Patriarchal blessing of William Swartzell, Pronounced by Joseph Smith, Sr[.], at a “Blessing Meeting,” held in Rochester, Columbiana County, Ohio, on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1838.

The following blessing was given by the Spirit, through Joseph Smith, Sr., Patriarch of the Church of Christ, of Latter-Day Saints, and pronounced upon the head of William Swartzell, son of John Swartzell; who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, December the 25th, A. D. 1784.

Brother—I now lay my hands upon thy head, to bless thee in the name of Jesus Christ; and I say unto thee, thou art an orphan, and cannot receive a blessing of thy father, for thou hast no father to bless thee in righteousness. Therefore I bless thee in the name of the Lord, and not only thee, but also thy posterity:— Thou shall be blessed by thy lineage; thy offspring shall look up and call thee blessed, as Abraham is called blessed. Thou art called to magnify the office that thou has been ordained unto, even an office of the Priesthood; yea, the A[a]ronic Priesthood. Thy desire is to serve the Lord, the God of thy salvation. Thou has[t] set at naught the councils of the wise of this world, and has been called to the Priesthood.

Thou art of the household of faith; thou art of the blood of Joseph, and of the seed of Ephraim. Great things are for thee, if thou art faithful, and doth but shun all evil. The enemy of all righteousness will seek to overthrow thee; those who fain to be thy friends, will strive to hinder thee; but put thy trust in God, and serve him, and magnify thy calling, and thou shall be buoyed up above all the snares of Satan. If thou art faithful, thou shall have the administering of angels thou shall behold the power of God, and realize his spirit, which shall make thee acquainted with the way of heaven. Thou hast a work to perform for the Lord, even in thy office.

Thy mission is to the West; thou mu[s]t go to the distant wilds; thou must even cross the Rocky Mountains, and raise thy voice to thy brethren in the Far West, even to many tribes and nations of them that are in darkness, and hunt the distant wilds. Thou art not called to cross the great waters—thou need not cross the briny deep, but thou may go even to South America, and do a great work in that land. Thou shall feel the solemnities of an endless eternity to rest upon thee even in that land. Thou shall have an inheritance in Zion, and dwell there with thy family. Thou shall gain thy wife if thou continue in faith, and rejoice greatly. Thou shall speak in other tongues, and prophecy: no power of the adversary shall be able to take thy life; yet thou wilt be tried. Thou must have patience towards thy fellow-men, and charity endureth all things: and if thou continue in faith, and save thy soul, thou shall dwell in the presence of God and the Lamb. Thou shall enjoy great blessing if thou art faithful, and I seal and confirm this blessing upon thy head by the authority of my office, and the holy Priesthood, in the name of Jesus Christ; inasmuch as thou shall live for God—and I seal thee up to eternal life. Even so; Amen.

E. D. Woolley, Scribe.

[Patriarchal blessing of Cyrena Dustin on April 8, 1838]

Patriarchal Blessing Cyrena Dustin Daughter of Seth Dustin born January 6. 1817 in Ontario County State of New York which blessing was received under the hands of Joseph [Smith] Senr. Patriarch of the Church of Christ of Latter day Saints at a blessing Meeting held in Randolph Portage County State of Ohio April 8th 1838

O God the Eternal father I ask the[e] in the name of Jesus Christ wilt thou have mercy on this thy hand maid take her ease into thy hands and deliver her from the power of Satan who has sought her destruction and smitten her with infirmity yea he has even as it were seized upon her vitals to hinder her usefulness and destroy her from the face of the earth Deliver her O God from his devises and from every speties [species] of infirmity Deliver her from the grasp of wicked and ungodly men for she is in the Slip[p]ery paths of youth and many will be the snares set to ensnare her feet.

O God have mercy on her hear us in these things hear her prayers have respect to the integrity of her heart uphold her by thine almighty arm and preserve her from the hands of the destroyer. O God be very merciful to her let her days be many let her come into thy presence and behold thy Glory and I say unto thee Sister let not thine heart be troubled let thy confidence be in God be diligent be faithful and I lay mine hands on thy head and I say unto thee thou shalt be secured against the destroyer Satan shall not overthrow the[e] the power of deseas [disease] shall be broken off thy System shall be renovated by the healing power of the Spirit of God and thou be made every whit whole and I bless thee with the blessing of a father and no blessing shall be withheld from the[e] the Lord will give the[e] grace and glory thy name is written in heaven and it is thy privilege to behold the heavens opened on they head be faithful and thy tongue shall be loosed thou shalt sing the songs of Zion and speak in tongues and have the interpretation thereof

thou shalt prophecye and see visions the Glory of God shall shine round about the[e] and thine heart shall rejoice with fulness of Joy thou shalt not be smitten by the hand of the destroyer Angels shall minister unto thee ere long and thou shalt see them and hear them sing Be diligent and prayerfull and thou shalt have power over thy father and Mother to bring them into the covenant thou Shalt go to Zion and receive thine inheritance then thou Shalt behold Zion built up a holy city see the great gathering of the saints and the glory of God appear yea and thy fingers even thy fingers which thou now hast on thy hand shall be eng[a]ged in sewing the veil of the great Temple which is to be built in Zion in this generation thou shalt have a companion and he shall be the one ordained for the[e] in the heavens and again I say unto the[e] if thou art faithful thou shalt not be overthrown nor destroyed see thou to it and I seal these blessings on thy head and seal the[e] up to Eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ and by this Authority of my office according to the will of my heavenly father even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Alexander S. Standley on April 8, 1838]

Patriarchal Blessing given April 8, 1838, by Joseph Smith (father of prophet Joseph) upon the head of Alexander S. Standley, son of Richard, born May 12, 1800, Middlesex [Middlesex] Co. New Jersey.

Brother and Son, we the servants of the living God lay our hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, and seal upon the[e] blessings and standing as spoke[s]man to thy father. I

pronounce upon thy head blessings which thou shalt realize hereafter. In as much as thou hast been baptized with water for a remission of thy sins, and been conferred [confirmed] by the laying on of hands by those whom God has sent, thou shalt have the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. Thy name is written in Heaven, Angels hover around thee. Inasmuch as thou hath taken part of the ministry upon thee, the power of the Holy Priesthood shall rest upon thee. Thou shalt have power to remove mountains, if expedient, thou shalt raise the dead, prophesy, speak in tongues, and proclaim the gospel, and thousands and tens of thousands shall obey the mandate-of-Heaven throu[gh] thy ministry and be stars of rejoicing in the days of the Lord Jesus.

Thou shalt have power over the elements, water shall not stay thee, prisons shall not hold thee, and some will think thee to be God, and seek to worship thee, and no power shall be kept from thee. Thou shalt have power to head the sick, to open the eyes of the blind, and to unstop the ears of the deaf, to cause the lame to walk and the tongue of the dumb to sing. Thou shalt go forth among the nations, and upon the islands of the sea gather up great companies of orphan children and bring them to Zion, and thou shalt have great power over the treasures of the earth, and when thou hast no other means thou shalt go and dig treasures out of the earth to supply their wants. Thou shalt see visions and behold the glories of the other world. Thou shalt preach to the spirits in prisons, and what shall I say more. Thy blessings are great, the hundredth part are not spoken, neither can they be written. Thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion, and stand with the hundreth forty and four thousand servants of God sealed out of the Twelve Tribes of Isreal [Israel]. These blessings I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of my office according to the will of my Heavenly Father, even so, amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Prudence Tremayne Barkdull on May 14, 1838]

A Patriarchal Blessing By Joseph Smith, Sr. for Prudence Tremayne Barkdull Who was born in Westfield, Beaver Co., Pa., June 8, 1807 at New Portage, May 14, 1838

Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head and seal on you a father's blessing. something whispers me that thou art afflicted and grieved in thy heart, but I say God will hear thy prayers. Let thy heart be comforted for thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed of thy god. Thou shalt receive blessings in common with thy husband and be partaker of his joys and glory. The Lord looks on thee in the innocence of thy heart and will extend blessings to thee and thy posterity after thee to the latest generation of time. If thou will be faithful, thou mayest remain until the Savior shall come in the clouds of heaven. Be faithful. Live for these things and thou shalt receive them, yea, and many more blessings the Lord will grant you and your children after you. Thou shalt be blessed with the Spirit of the Lord until thou shalt be ravished and shall say, "Oh Lord, it is enough." Thou shalt have a choice whether to go or stay until the Redeemer shall come, for the Lord delights and will bless you with all the blessings of heaven and earth, and I will seal them upon thy head and seal thee until eternal life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Emanuel Masters Murphy on September 30, 1838]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Sen. upon the head of Emanuel Masters Murphy son of Mark Murphy, who was born in Union district, South Carolina, September 15, 1809. Given at Far West, Mo. September 30, 1838.

Brother: By the authority of mine office and in the name of Jesus Christ the son of the living God I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee, and all the blessings thou art able to bear shall be given to thee, the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob shall be upon thee, and I bless thee with the same blessing which thy father should have blessed thee, if he was a righteous father upon earth; inasmuch as thou hast come into the new covenant, thy life shall be long in the land which the Lord has given to thee. All the powers of thine enemies shall not harm thee, and no weapon shall prosper which is formed against thee. Remember the covenant of baptism and remember the seal of God is upon thee, thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of heaven. Thou must stand up and bless thy children for thou shalt be a Patriarch to them. Thou shalt have all the blessings of the Priesthood, thou must be diligent in preaching the Gospel and thou shalt be the means of doing good; thou hast already done much good.

Thou art of the blood of Jacob and of the seed of Ephraim and if thou art faithful prisons shall not hold thee, walls cannot contain thee, thou shalt stand with the hundred and forty and four thousand, if thou wilt receive the priesthood. be patient and prayerful, pray in the groves and in the forests and thou shalt have power to receive visions of heaven, and thou shalt be a Priest in time and in eternity, and thou shalt preach to the spirits in prison, and have the honor to preach to thy father and mother and bring them into the kingdom. I seal the seal of God upon thy forehead, and seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so, Amen. C. [E.] Robinson Scribe

Recorded by Rob: L. Campbell. Septem. 29, 1860. G. S. L. City. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:145]

[Patriarchal blessing of Nancy Judge Murphy (not dated but probably 1838)]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Sen. on the head of Nancy Judge Murphy daughter of Robert Ester and wife of Emanuel Masters Murphy who was born in Chester district, South Carolina, July 30th, 1813.

Sister! dismiss thy fears; let thy heart rejoice notwithstanding all thy fears and little foibles, the Lord God loves thee, and thy name is written in Heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thee, and I bless thee with a Father's blessing, the Angels watch over thee by night and by day to preserve thee, the Angels shall watch over thy little ones and thou must be patient and faithful when thy husband is absent from thee; for thy companion shall be called away from thee to preach the Gospel to the inhabitants of the earth; hold him by thy faith, and the time shall come when Angels shall minister to thee and comfort thee; hold up the Gospel and teach it to thy friends, and those around thee, for thou shalt preach it, thou art not ordained for every member in the church has a portion of the Priesthood, thou shalt have numerous posterity and thine enemies shall have shall have no power over thee thou shalt have life as long as thou desires it; and thou shalt have servants and handmaids and all the blessings which thou desirest; and I say unto thee I now seal the seal of God upon thee and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so, Amen.

E. Robinson, Clerk. per Wm Smoot, Clerk. Salt Lake City, April 9, 1868, Recorded by Robt. L. Campbell. [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:146]

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles W. Hubbard on January 27, 1839]

A Blessing Meeting was held by Joseph Smith, Senior, the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the house of Charles Hubbard in the City of Far West, Caldwell Co., State of Missouri, January 27, A. D., 1839.

Brother Hubbard, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World, in His name, I lay my hands upon thy head and in His name I bless thee with a Father's Blessing and this blessing shall rest upon thy children, and not only upon thy children, but it shall extend down to the latest posterity, and they shall look up and call thee blessed. And I also bless thee with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for it is the will of God for thee to go forth, by the voice of His Spirit, and to call upon the nations of the earth to repent, and God will unveil the heavens to thee and thou shalt look and see the Redeemer, and shall hear this testimony, "That thou hast seen Him," as thou shalt go forth to the nations of the earth, for God hast looked upon thee from Eternity, and thou must listen to the Voice of Truth

for thou wilt travel to the nations of the earth and in foreign lands; yea, thou shalt go forth and preach to the people in South America, yea, thou shalt also go to the East and North; be faithful then, for thou wilt have sorrows in all thy days, but in all this thou shalt rejoice and if thou wilt magnify thy calling and Priesthood, thou shalt be blessed, but - not souls [sic] will be required at thy hands, I say thou must pray for thine enemies and not curse to the wild sons of the forest and to many Chiefs and this is the land where thou shalt preach to them and not in another and thou shalt fetch in thousands of them and shall rejoice with them in the Kingdom of Heaven.

And now I say unto thee, it is not wisdom for me at this time to speak all things concerning thee, but if thou wilt be faithful, thou shalt live to see the Savior come while in the flesh, for thou art of the House of Abraham and shall be blessed with them upon the Land of Promise and shall live to see the winding up scenes of this generation and shall be crowned with Celestial Glory. All of these blessings I seal upon thee and seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Mary Ann Hubbard on January 27, 1839]

A Blessing Meeting was held by Joseph Smith, Senior, the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the house of Charles Hubbard in the City of Far West, Caldwell Co., State of Missouri, January 27, A. D., 1839.

Accordingly a Patriarchal Blessing was conferred upon the head of Mary Ann Hubbard, wife of Charles Hubbard and daughter of Jared Bosworth, born in the town of Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, August 12, 1816.

O, God the Eternal Father, I ask Thee to smile from heaven in much mercy upon this thine hand maid and keep her hand from darkness and from the power of Satan. And now I say unto Thee, my Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head and I bless thee with a Father's Blessing, for thou art an orphan unto me and shall be blessed in common with thy companion; nevertheless thou wilt not receive as great blessings as him, because of thy sex. Yet inasmuch as thou hast

been striving with thy brethren to become a Celestial Saint, thou shalt obtain it if thou wilt only be faithful. But if thou hast murmured in thy heart and found fault with the Heads of the Church or thought they have gone wrong, I say thou must speedily reform from it, for they have gone right before the Lord.

Be faithful and continue in prayer for thou shalt preach to many of thy sex and to many of thy neighbors. Thou are of the lineage of Joseph and now I seal thee up against the powers of the destroyer and give thee power over him and if thou wilt be faithful, Angels will administer to thee and comfort thee when thou are afflicted. I say unto thee, Remember thy covenants which thou hast made, for God is at thy head, and thou shalt see the Redemption of Zion and thine enemies cut off and destroyed out of the land; then thou shalt received an inheritance in Zion in common with thy brethren. I say thou must be delighted for thou hast been called from Nature's Darkness unto the Glorious Light of Heaven; therefore thou must be faithful to thy companion and comfort him with consoling words in all his afflictions and now I seal the blessings of the Living God upon thee so that all the powers of earth and hell cannot take this thy blessing from thee; and now by the Authority of the Holy Priesthood, I seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of John Scott on January 31, 1839]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Sr. upon the head of John Scott, son of Jacob Scott who was born in the town of Armagh and Kingdom of Ireland, May 6, 1811.

Brother, by the authority given me of God and in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee with this blessing that thou shouldest have received from thy father for he should have confer[r]ed these blessings upon thee. Thou art an orphan for thou standest as an orphan to me, in as much as thy father is not prepared or has rejected his privilege of blessing thee.

But you shall be blessed and shall be blessed by the power of God so that your enemies shall not be able to destroy you and you shall be preserved from harm and from danger. Thou are called to journey much and to go unto foreign lands for thou hast the priesthood confer[r]ed upon thee and thou shalt travel and preach the gospel to many nations, yea, thou shalt go to thy native land and preach to thy father[']s friends and acquaintances and shall bring many of thy country men to the knowledge of the truth and shall lead them up to the land of Zion. God shall be with you and thou shall journey from land to land, from place to place, preaching the gospel and thy words shall be confirmed by miracles and signs. Be firm and unshaken in the faith and no blessings which thou desire to, shall be to[o] great for thee.

God has called you to a high and holy calling, and he has caused thy name to be written in the heavens never to be blotted out. You shall live to behold the time when peace shall be taken from this earth and shall be called of God to go forth and bring many of the scattered remnant of the house of Ephraim. You are of the blood of Ephraim and shall be called a son of Ephraim and you shall be blessed with the blessings of the children of Ephraim, for you are of the house of Joseph.

Thou shalt help to push the people together, thou shalt labor much In the vineyard of the Lord and in the silent sleep of night, the heavens shall be unfolded to thy view and angels shall come down from the upper regions and minister to thee, and thou shalt be filled with the spirit and glory of God so that chains and fetters cannot bind thee and no prison can hold thee. Thy name shall be called blessed for thou art one of the covenant, thou and thy children shall have an

inheritance with the saints in the land of Zion and shall behold the glory of God during the thousand years reign of peace and righteousness. You shall not travel in all the world nor visit many nations, but you shall return to thy home in peace and be blessed and be an ornament to the church. I leave thee in the hands of God and seal thee to eternal life. Amen

Given in the house of John Scott in the City of Farwest, Caldwell County, Missouri, January 31, A.D. 1839

[Patriarchal blessing of Eliza Ann Snow on February 3, 1839]

A Blessing Meeting was held by Joseph Smith Senr. the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the House of Daniel Allen's Jr. in the City of Farwest Caldwell County State of Missouri. Feb. 3. AD. 1839 A Patriarchal Blessing was confer[r]ed upon the head Eliza Ann Snow Wife of James C Snow and Daughter of John Carter. Born in the Town of Newry Oxford County State of Maine September 28. AD. 1818

Sister Eliza Ann I once more lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee and to confirm the Blessings of a Father upon thee, and I ask God our Heavenly Father to strengthen thy mind and also confirm upon thy head. the blessing which has already been confirmed upon thee. and all that has not been fulfilled may come to pass and now I lay my hands upon thy head again the second time and Seal Blessings upon thee which shall not be taken from thee. if thou art faithful because thy Name is written in Heaven and sealed in the Lamb[']s Book of Life therefore thou shalt live long on the Land and shall receive all of thy Blessing and shall be blessed in all thy day in com[m]on with thy companion. thou shalt also have Posterity & they Shall be great upon the Earth. for the Heavens shall be propitious over them and they shall be blessed of the Lord continual[l]y. thou shalt Live also to see thy Posterity even down to the third generation yea even this child that now hast in thine arms. Shall live and stand upon the Earth when the Downfall of Babylon shall be and shall see the Saviour come. be faithful them. so that Angels may administer to thee. for they will desire thy company and in Night visions they shall administer to thee and guard the[e] from all danger.

thou shalt also be a Mother in Israel and shall be Blessed upon the Earth and shall live to see the winding up scene of this generation and stand when C[h]rist shall come. and shall receive an inheritance in Zion. and be crowned with Celestial Glory. because thou art of the Blood of Joseph through the loines [loins] and Lineage of Ephraim [Ephraim] therefore thou shalt have wisdom given thee Sufficient to accomplish all things which thou shalt set thine hands to do for there shall be nothing to hard for thee. and now I say unto thee listen to the voice of thy companion while he is with thee and then when he is gone to the Nations who stand afar off thou shalt know by the Spirit of God where he is. which shall cause thine heart to rejoice. thou shalt also have the spirit of Prophecy so that thou canst understand all things and comprehend all things in thy day and generation. and now I say unto thee be faithful and a crown of Celestial Glory thou shalt receive in the Kingdom of thy Father. which shall never be taken from thee. and now I seal the seal of the Living God upon thee and seal the[e] up unto Eternal Life. in the Name of Jesus Christ Amen.

James C Snow Scribe Recorded Feb[r]uary 3. 1859 in the City of Provo Territory of Utah Utah County James C Snow Recorder [Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:142]

[Patriarchal blessing of Laura Clark Phelps on February 4, 1839]

Blessing Meeting was [held] By Joseph [Sm]ith Sen the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of latter Day Saints At the house of Daniel Allen[‘]s Jun in the City of Farwest Caldwell County State of Missouri Feb 4 AD, 1839

Accordingly A Patriarchal Blessing was Confer[r]ed upon the head of Laura Phelps Wife of Morris Phelps and daughter of Timothy Balding [Baldwin Clark] Born in the town of —— Fairfield County State of Connecticut July 28 A.D. 1808

O God the Eternal Father I ask the[e] to Smile upon this thy handmaid for thou hath seen all of her afflictions and have Seen the integrity of her heart and notwithstanding the afflictions she has gone through she yet holds her integrity and has not turned away from thee therefore let her be guarded and [illegible] from all evil and let her Companion be restored to her Bosom again so that her heart may be Comforted Concerning him and I ask thee to loose her Companion from his Enemies and also all those that are in prison and let the Captured go free And now I lay my hands upon thy head to Bless thee and I say unto thee dismiss all of thy fears for thou art Blessed yea I Bless thee with A father[’]s Blessing which Shall do the[e] Good be faithful then and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion even in Jackson County and shall see a temple Built unto the lord in this generation and now Cease to murmur if thou hast murmured for thou shalt have thy companion again for his work is not yet finished and I pray for him and I say unto thee thou must Call upon God in faith and if thou wilt thou [shall] have all of the desires of thine heart and now I Bless thee with A Father[‘]s Blessing and shall escape to the land of Safety untill the indignation of the lord be over passed and there thou shalt have thy Companion for he shall be delivered from his Enemies I Bless thee with long life for thou shalt live to receive more Blessings than these and now I seal all heavenly and all Ea[r]thly Blessings upon thee [u]ntill thou art Satisfied and Seal thee up unto Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

Joseph Smith Sen Patriarch James C. Snow Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Jacob G. Bigler on February 4, 1839]

A blessing meeting was held by Joseph Smith, Sen., the Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the house of Davie [Daniel] Allen, Jr., Farwest, Caldwell County, State of Missouri, February 4, 1839.

Accordingly a Patriarchal [B]lessing was conferred upon the head of Jacob G. Bigler, son of Mark and Susanna Bigler, born in Harrison County, State of Virginia, April 4, 1813.

Young brother, we unitedly and in company both holding the same office, lay our hands upon thy head and say that the blessings of a Father shall rest upon thee and we pray God that he would have mercy upon thee and guard thee against the powers of Satan for we desire thy salvation and now we will tell thee what thou wilt be called to do for thou art of the blood of Joseph and the Lord will call thee to go forth to preach the Gospel to the nations of the earth. I say unto thee thou must be faithful then for thou wilt be called to the ministry because thou art of the pure blood of Joseph through the loins and lineage of Ephraim and all the powers of earth and hell combined together cannot hurt thee for thy mind shall be opened and thou shalt be like Joshua of old, and thou shalt preach as long as thou has life, yea thy voice shalt be heard in the ships upon the great waters and among the nations of the earth and in Heaven also.

Thy voice shall also be heard among the Lamanites for thou shalt be one who shall be sent to administer the Gospel to them. Thou shalt have posterity and the Lord shall bless them abundantly and now I bless thee with all the blessings which shall be for thy good and all the blessings that Earth and Heaven can afford. I seal upon thee according to the will of God and seal thee up to Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Joseph Smith, Sen. Isaac Morley Patriarchs James C. Snow, Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Daniel Allen Jr. on February 4, 1839]

A blessing meeting was held by Joseph Smith Sr, first Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Held at the house of Daniel Allen Jr, in the city of Far West, Caldwell Co, Missouri, the 4th day of February 1839.

A Patriarchal Blessing was conferred upon the head of Bro. Daniel Allen Jr, born 9th December 1804 in Whitestown, Oneida Co, New York. Son of Daniel and Agnes (or Nancy) [Nancy Agnes] Stewart Allen Sr.,

Brother Allen in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and by the Authority of the Holy Priesthood, I lay my hands upon your head again, the second time and Bless thee with the same blessings, which thou shouldst have received under the hand of thy Father, I also seal and confirm the blessings which have already been confirmed upon thee, unless thou have lost some of them. I pray that thy sins may be forgiven thee, and thou shalt obtain Blessings, for thou hast been called to be a servant of Jesus Christ, and I say unto thee, thou must magnify thy calling and burst the bonds that have long kept thee at home, for thou shalt be blessed in having thy tongue unloosed and shall have power to bless thy posterity, for they shall be blessed down to the last generation. Be faithful and thou shalt be blessed in all thy days, for thou art of the pure blood of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and I say unto thee if thou will magnify the Priesthood which thou hast received. I seal and confirm blessings upon thee which never shall be taken from thee in this world, nor in the world to come, for the Lord has called thee to prepare a great mission in thy day and generation and after thou hast fulfilled thy mission thou shalt return to thy family, and shalt rest for a season upon the land of Zion, and shall receive an inheritance in common with thy Brethren. Thou shalt also behold the administering of Angels, and if thou be faithful, thou shalt behold thy Redeemer and King. I say thou shalt see Him when He comes. I say unto thee, thou must walk safely before the Lord and seek not to become rich or lifted up, but seek the riches of the upper world, and if thou wilt thou shalt have riches in abundance and shalt have where with to feed thy many, yea, thou shalt have all the blessings that Heaven and earth can afford. I now seal thee up against the power of darkness and against all diseases and seal all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob upon thy head and seal thee up to Eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Jesse Walker Johnstun on February 5, 1839]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior upon the the head of Jesse Walker johnstun Son of James johnstun who was born in the town Ship of Rushcreek County of Perry and State of Ohio ,,A,D,, 1820 in the 1st Month and the 21st day of the Month

Eternal father in the name of jessus of Nazereth I lay my hands upon this youth thou seist that he is an orphan and has claim upon thy servant for A blessing and wilt thou O God condes[c]end to acknow[I]edge him as thy Son Wilt thou acknowledge him in the priesthood for thou seist that he is small in Stature like unto Zacheus [Zacharias] of old and also his bodily Stren[g]th is small that he cannot bour [labor] much with his hands but wilt thou make him mighty to labour in thy vin[e]yard and may he have power to heal the sick to raise the dead & to caus[e] the lame to leep [leap] for joy the blind to see the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak and may he behold the glories of the Eternal world thou Seist the infermities [infirmities] of the flesh that he is Subject to and I pray thee heal him raise him up and make him A mighty minister of the Gospel

and now I say unto the[e] thou art an orphan and I lay my hands upon thy head and bless the[e] with [t]he blessing of A Father and thou shalt be blessed and shalt claim to call the blessings that have been spoken and thou at[t]ain to the hi[gh]est Summit of of glory that mortal man can enjoy thou mayest and thou Shalt have power over the winds and the waves prissons [prisons] Shal[l] not hold the[e] and chaines [chains] shal[l] not be strong enough to bind the[e] This is that which was put into my heart to say unto thee and thou Shalt have a home and A place among the sanctified thou shalt have an inheritance in the land of Zion and shall raise up posterity and thy name Shall not be forgotin [forgotten] among the people of God I Seal and confirm these blessings upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and Seal the[e] up to eternal life in the name of the Lord Amen

Don[e] at the residence of Clark Slades in the City of Fare [Far] west Co., of Caldwell and State of Missourie [Missouri] the 5th day of the 2d month, A.,D., 1839 Lisandrew [Lysander] Davis Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Hannah Kinney Johnstun on February 5, 1839]

A patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior upon the head of Hannah “Kinney” johnstun who was born in the township of Rush creek County of perry and State of ohio AD 1817 in the 11th Month and on the 9th day of the month

In the name of Jessus [Jesus] of Nazereth the Son of Mary I lay mine hands upon thy head and Bless the[e] and I Say unto the[e] trust in Godd [God] to Show the the way of life I desire to Speak unto the[e] the words that Jessus would Speak so that they may be remembered on high and written in A book, thou art an orphan but thy character Stands fare no sin iz [is] chargedble [chargeable] Against th[ee] if thou hast been vane and foolish thou shalt sufferd loss it iz [is] for thy benefit that thou hast been disappointed on some things humble ye thy self and the great God Shall exalt the[e] up and give the[e] Blessings of most unutterable value thy virtue is unsullied thy name stands pure and Heaven acknowle[d]ges thy work I bless the[e] with the blessings of Abraham Isack [Isaac] and Jacob and have faith and faint not for thou art one of the covenant people A des[c]endant of Joseph

listen to the voice of them that is placed in a[u]thority and although thou hast experienced affliction and thy Father is no more thou shalt be comforted and Shall have Fathers and Mothers in israel thy name is written Heaven and thou shalt have an inheritance in Zion the Prophet of god shall stren[g]then the[e] so that tho[u] shalt not fall thy life Shall be given the[e] and it shall not be lessen until thou art wil[l]ing to depart thou shalt be preserved the boddy [body] untill the saviour Shall come and Shall rise with christ in the remember to keep thy commandment and

remember to keep thy covenant and break them not let no murmuring thoughts enter thy mind and listen not to the voice of the evil one and lo and I seal these and the blessing of eternal life in the name of the Lord Amen

Givin [Given] at the residence of clark Slades in the city of far west County of Caldwell and State of Missouri on the 5th day of the 2nd Month AD 1839 Lisandrew [Lysander], M., Davis clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Margaret Johnstun on February 5, 1839]

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Senior upon the head of Margaret Johnstun daughter of James and Amity Johnstun which was born in the township of Monday creek County of Perry and State of Ohio A.D., 1822 in the 1st Month and the 20 day of the Month.

O lord our father who art in heavin [heaven] thou who art all powerfull thou who art the father of the orphen [orphan] and the comforter of the widow we look to the[e] for A blessing upon this our sister Seal upon her head such blessings as Shall be for her good and let it be writin [written] in heaven in A book

and now I Say unto yo[u] thou art in the Slipry [Slippery] path of youth the enemy Seeks thy distruction [destruction] the distroyer [destroyer] Seeks to lay his hand upon yo[u] to bring yo[u] down to the grave But the Lord Shall incircle [encircle] the[e] in his arms thy god Shall hold the[e] for thy Sins are forgivin [forgiven] thy mind is pure thy heart is clean let no darkness rest upon thy mind let thine eyes be open and the vission [vision] of heaven Shalt be unfolded to the[e] angels Shall appear unto the[e] and administer to the[e] and they Shall presirve [preserve] the[e]

I lay my hands upon thy head to Seal these blessings upon the[e] and I Say unto the[e] beware sister for thou knowest not nature of youth and their prowess to Sin but thou art one of the children of the Covenant [Covenant] the Lord thy God loves the[e] and he desires to loose the[e] from the power of the enemy thou Shalt not die but Shall live until thou art satisfied with life thou art An orphen and I bless the[e] with the blessing of A father and I will be wil[l]ing to acknowle[d]ge the[e] in the great day of the lord treasure up the words of life Studdy [Study] to be wise avoid evil company h[e]arken not to the flatteries of the evil one thou Shalt be called the Lord thy God will give the[e] all needed blessings he will Speak to the[e] from the heavens and he will bless the[e] with long life and he will send his angels to minister to the[e] and thou Shalt have posterity and they Shall be A comfort to the[e] now I leave the[e] in the hands of the Lord thou Shalt live to se[e] the temple reared to his name upon the land that he has chosen my heart is fil[l]ed with blessings through the prayer of faith and I Seal the[e] up in the name of the Lord Amen

Done at the residence of Clarke Slades in the City fo [of] far west County of Caldwell and State of Misourie on the 5th day of 2nd month 1839 Lisander [Lysander] M Davis Clerk

[Patriarchal blessing of Bathsheba W. Bigler on February 7, 1839]

Farwest Coldwell [Caldwell] Co Missouri Feb 7th 1839 A blessing by Joseph Smith Sen, upon the head of Bathsheba Daughter of Mark and Susanah Bigler born in Harrison Co Virginia May 3rd 1822

Our young sister and Daughter thou hast come a considerable distance from thy Father and thou shalt be blest, and not come one single whit behind thy breathren [brethren] in knowledge and understanding. I now bless thee with a Father[']s blessing which shall strengthen thy mind, and I say unto thee thou must be faithful and not give way to the enticing of men or the power of Satan for thou knowest not the subtly that there is in man, and thou wilt have to lean upon the arm of the Lord for strength, if thou wilt thy path will be strewn with honer [honor] and glory, and when thy mind is tempered a right before the Lord Angels will minister unto thee, for thy name is written in Heaven, and the Lord will seal it with his own finger, and it never will be erased [erased], therefore if thou art faithful thou shalt have posterity, who shall be blest, and shalt have a Son who shall be mighty; for he shall be a prophet and Seer; and thou shalt hear him; and thou shalt hear him prophecy of all things, and stand upon the Earth when the lands are married, and enjoy all things when the Earth is cleansed, be faithful and the Glory of God shall rest upon thee, and thou shalt be blest with long life, and all other blessings necessary I seal upon thee, and seal thee up to eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Martha Jane Knowlton on January 21, 1840]

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced upon the head of Miss Martha Jane Knowlton daughter of Sidney A Knowlton born Township of [blank space] State of Kentucky on the 3th of June 1822

Sister in the name of the Redeemer of man even the Lord Jesus Christ the Creator who is the author of our being in his name I lay my hands upon thy head as I understand it is by the consent of thy Father and the request of Br[other] Page thy Spiritual Father and bless for the Spirit says bless and thou shalt be blest with a Father[']s blessing Thou art of the House of Israel of the lineage of Josep[h] and of the Covenant of Abraham and nothing can overthrow the[e] if faithful and thou shalt surmount every difficulty and shall ere long be filled with spirit of Prophecy Gift of tongues and instruct the Lamanites in needle work for the Spirit testifys these things were predicted on the[e] at thy confirmation - and if faithful shall abide until Christ shall come God shall bless the[e] all the way through life =

Thou shalt not Marry a Gentile for this is contrary to the Order of Heaven but if thou wilt seek dilligently the Lord shall guide the[e] through the slippery paths of youth and shall give the[e] a Companion of his own choosing = Thou shalt have Children and if faithful they shall receive the Priesthood and in after days shall arise and call you blessed = and now continue faithful and ere long Angels shall minister unto the[e] = I seal the[e] against the powers of Darkness And I say in the Name of the Lord Jesus thou shalt not die but shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye and shall be caught up to meet him in the air And I now Seal the[e] up unto eternal life Amen.

I Certify that this blessing was confer[r]ed by the hand of Joseph Smith senyr at the residence of Asa Smith in Nauvoo on the 21 of Jan 1840 Zenas H Gurly Scribe

[Patriarchal blessing of Mark Anthony Coombs on April 28, 1840]

Nauvoo, Illinois, April 28th, A. D. 1840. Patriarchal Blessing conferred on the head of Mark Anthony Coombs son of Ephraim & Sarah Coombs who was born in Isles borough

Hancock Co. Maine U.S.A. on the 8th day of February A. D. 1802 under the hands of Joseph Smith Sen.

Mark Anthony! In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee with the blessings of a patriarch; and I now confer on thee the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant, for thou art of the house of Joseph and of the tribe of Ephraim. Thou hast seen great afflictions in thy days but they have proven blessings unto thee. Be faithful and diligent in thy calling and thou shalt see the kingdom of God roll forth in the earth with mighty power, and as thou art a man of faith thy prayers shall prevail with the heavens until like Enoch and the brother of Jared thou shalt behold within the veil [veil], and not many days hence thou shalt receive the ministration of the hosts of heaven and thy joy shall be full. Thy mission shall be great and long on the earth and thou shalt preach the Gospel with the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost from land to land and from sea to sea.

And the spirit says thou shalt go unto the Lamanites and speak unto them the words of life and thousands shall believe thy words. Thou shalt be brought to stand before mighty chiefs and they shall speak unto thee in their language and thou shalt ask the Father and he will give unto thee wisdom to speak and understand their language and they shall believe and rejoice to hear thy voice. In thy journeyings thou shalt behold great distress and want among the inhabitants of the earth which will pain thy heart and thou shalt pray unto God and he will open thy eyes to behold the hidden treasures of the earth, of which thou shalt take and minister unto their wants. But I say unto thee my son beware of the Gentiles for they will seek thy destruction for they know not God and are without the feelings of humanity; but they shall not have power over thy life, even if thou shalt go into prisons and bonds thou shalt be delivered by the power of God and thou shalt be a conqueror, and in the day of danger God will deliver thee with his hand. They will smite at thee but the substance shall flee away and the shadow only shall remain with them.

Thou shalt cross the seas and stand in the palaces of Kings and the great men of the earth, and so great shall be thy power of speech that they shall humble in thy presence for the power of God shall be manifested through thee, unto the convincing them of the truth. I now pronounce upon thy head the blessings of a father, as thou hast no father to bless thee, and art to me as an orphan; I say unto thee that there are no blessings in heaven or on earth too great for thee, for there is not a drop of Gentile blood in thy veins, the hundredth part of thy blessings can not be named; thou art even as Abraham, a patriarch in thy family, and when thou shalt have thy children in subjection to thee after the law of heaven, thou shalt lay thy hands upon their heads and bless them and prophesy of all things that shall come on them & their seed down to the end of time. Thy seed shall be great and mighty upon the earth and thy grand children shall desire blessings at thy hands.

Thou shalt also possess the fulness of the earth, silver and gold, flocks and herds, houses and lands; yea men servants and women servants shalt be thine if thou desirest them. Thou shalt live to see the winding up scene and thou shalt preach the Gospel as long as there is a wicked man on earth to hear, and thou art sealed against the power of all wicked men against the powers of darkness and against all thy enemies. Thy name is written in the Lamb[']s book of life and I now seal thee up unto eternal life and say unto thee thou shalt appear with the Lamb on Mount Zion in the end of thy days with the hundred forty and four thousand having your Father's name written in your forehead and singing the song of Moses & the Lamb. amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charlotte Haws on June 15, 1840]

Patriarchal Blessing confer[r]ed upon Charlotte Haws daughter of Charlotte and John Hurrinton [?] [Haws] born in the State of New York April 8th 1798 by Joseph Smith senr. at his residence in Nauvoo. June 15th 1840. Zenas W. Gurley Scribe

Sister, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ the babe of Bethlehem and bless thee with a Father's blessing, for thou wilt be left many times for years, and I pray for thee that thy faith fail not, thou must instruct thy children and in the absence of thy companion teach them to keep the Commandments of the Lord that they may grow up in wisdom before him. I now put the seal of the living God upon [upon] thee thou must pass through great afflictions and I exhort thee to pray much, that thy faith fail not and if thou should be called to lay down thy life, take courage thy name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Again I say teach thy children to pray in the absence of thy husband, for thou must be a mother in Israel and many of thy sex shall come to thee for instruction. Thou shalt yet see Zion in its beauty, thou shalt see great and marvelous things and thy life is precious in the sight of the Lord, for thou art a daughter of Abraham, and shall receive your portion with the children of Ephraim, and I now seal thee against the destroyer and I seal thee up to Eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Alpheus P. Haws on June 15, 1840]

Alpheus P Haws son of Peter and Charlotte Haws born October 15th 182[] County of Essex Western District Upper Canada

Alpheus, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nasereth [Nazareth], to place a blessing on your head by permission and the authority of the Holy Priesthood, things that shall take place in futurity, behold, thou art in thy youth in the weakness of thy mind and in the days of thy childhood an inheritance in your Father[']s house in the measurement when the line goes forth when He shall reckon up the people and write up the nations, Immortality and Eternal life in the Resurrection of the Just. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Abigail Haws on June 15, 1840]

Abigail Haws daughter of Peter and Charlotte Haws born June 15th 1828 Essex County Western District Upper Canada

Abigail, I lay my hands on your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to bless you with a Patriarchal Blessing and a Father's blessing, by permission, which shall rest upon you from time to time by the manifestation of the spirit. Though you are in your youth yet you shall receive the blessing which is according to the promises of God, reaching you in time and in a season adapted to your capacity to be comprehended; you shall have a name which shall be had in Israel, to be had in remembrance and to be perpetuated on record like one of old; the meaning of the same shall be comprehended in the days of experience after you have arrived to more mature age, and the vanity of your youthful weakness be passed away, in stepping on the stage of action great things and the mysteries of the kingdom shall be revealed through the light and influence of the Holy Spirit, which shall arouse your mental faculties and inform your judgement and impress the sense of your duty and responsibility to God when these things shall be

manifested, then shall the grace of God wax strong in your favour by which you shall grow from grace to grace and from faith to faith. Then shall your name be called in question by your prudence and your wisdom and the sobriety of your mind which shall bring honour on your head; the same shall qualify you with the fruitfulness that is necessary in all things to bring your [illegible] into honours to be handed down to generations and be perpetuated by posterity and your kinsfolks to the latest generation. You shall be blessed with the mercies of God spiritual and temporal. Days of honour and respectability; many years and a promise of eternal life, a crown of righteousness in the resurrection of the just. Even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Emily Whitmarsh Haws on June 15, 1840]

Emily Whitmarsh Daughter of Peter and Charlotte Haws born July 22. 1823 in Essex County Western District Upper Canada

I lay my hands on your head in the name of Jesus Christ and with that authority like the authority given to Melchisadeck; place a blessing on your head to be remembered to call your mind to reflect in future years; thy mind shall be solemnized and fixed upon the principles of salvation which is the most important object that can be realized; the days shall come when you shall receive a knowledge of your dependance, and shall feel it verily by experience, and shall be called to serious reflection upon all matters of consequence; then shall your mind begin to be fruitful, and you will appreciate the mercies of God to you as an individual, with your family and to your Father's house.

Then shall the spirit rest upon you and shall begin to wax strong in the love of God, then shall you realize the Blessing and the fulfillment of the promises made to you and to your companion and shall come on your household: the principles of righteousness shall be cultivated and appreciated and because you have hearkened to the precepts that were ordained of God which were sacred and sent forth to the inhabitants of the earth and in obedience to them been baptized for the remission of your sins; you shall receive the blessings of the Spirit from time to time and shall be preserved to share in the blessings temporal in common with your husband; and shall be sealed with a seal of promise and shall receive an inheritance which shall be sensibly realized, in this generation.

I bless you with the gifts and powers of the Spirit, and their qualifying influences which may begin to wax strong in your heart from this very hour, if you will hearken to the precepts delivered, according to your acquaintance with them, and your ability; your name shall be had in sacred remembrance yet, by friends, kinsfolks and posterity, to the latest generations; and your days shall be many and your strength and vigour shall be retained with prudence to good old age and a crown of Life in the resurrection of the Just. Even so Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Simeon A. Dunn on June 22, 1840]

This 22nd day of June, A.D. 1840, I lay my hands upon thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and bless thee with the blessings of a Father, for thou art an orphan, and I bless thee with all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and not many months hence thou shalt be filled with the Holy Ghost; thou shalt become mighty in word and in deed, and thou shalt have power to heal the sick and to cast out devils. Thou shalt have the vision of angels, and thou shalt

hear an audible voice speaking unto thee to direct thy course in the pathway of life, for the Lord has looked upon thee from Eternity, and thy mission has been known unto him.

Thou art sealed unto the covenant of thy Fathers, and from this time thou shalt be called of the seed of Joseph, for thou art an Ephraimite and one of the House of Joseph, to push the people together from the ends of the earth. Thy mission shall be to many parts of the United States, and also to foreign lands, and thou shalt speak before Kings and Nobles, and they shall be astonished at thee because of the power of God which is in thee. Thou shalt pass through perils and thou shalt be engulfed by the waves, but thou shalt have power to command them, for Satan shall seek to destroy thee but thou shalt return to thy family in peace. Thou shalt have power over thy own kindred flesh to teach them the way of life and salvation. Thy companion shall be blessed with thee and thy posterity after thee, with all the blessings pertaining to the Priesthood, and I seal thee up to eternal life, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of George Miller on July 4, 1840]

At a blessing meeting held at the house of Joseph Smith, Sr., in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, the 4th day of July, 1840, the following blessing was given by the Spirit, and pronounced by Joseph Smith, Sr., Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, upon the head of George Miller, son of John and Margaret, born on the 25th day of November, 1794, in Orange County, Virginia:

Brother Miller, in the name of the Redeemer of the world, the Holy One of Israel, I lay my hands upon thy head, by the power of the Holy Priesthood, as a Father in Israel, to bless thee, and I bless thee with a Father's blessing, and I say unto thee, thou art of the household of faith, and heir to all spiritual blessings of thy fathers, even Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and this blessing shall be upon thy posterity after thee, and thou shalt be a Patriarch in thy family.

I pray that thy latter days may be thy best days, for thou hast seen much affliction, and hast been tempted and tried, but the Lord has delivered thee out of all thy troubles. Thou hast had a desire to do good, and to serve God, but didst not know the way, and hast joined thyself to a harlot, but the Lord has now opened thy eyes, that thou canst see, and discern between those that serve God, and those that serve Him not. Thou art of the blood of Joseph, and confirmed in his covenant, even in Ephraim, and if thou art faithful thou mayst become mighty, and be one of the horns of Joseph, to push the people together. Thy name is written on high, and registered in the Lamb's Book of Life, and numbered with the blessed of Abraham's posterity; thy tongue shall be loosed, and thou shalt be able to confound all gainsayers, and thou shalt go forth even to the ends of the earth, and proclaim the gospel with power; thou mayst convert many of thy former faith; multitudes will gather round thee, and be astonished at thy doctrine, and thou shalt be esteemed as an angel, and the glory of God shall be manifested in thee; thy face shall shine as the face of Moses of old, and thou shalt have great power; therefore, be faithful and live to God, for great things await thee and mighty things are before thee.

Thy heart is right in the sight of God, for thou desirest to do his will, and if thou shouldst step aside it is not intentionally, but for want of wisdom. Thou shalt have the riches of the land as well as the riches of Eternity. Thou shall see the Nephites, that remain in the flesh. The heavens shall be opened and thou shalt behold great things and the veil shall be rent, and thou shalt be permitted to look within the veil and behold that which thou wilt not be able to utter; thy

life shall be long; thou mayst tarry until the winding up scene and then be numbered with the hundred-and-forty-and-four-thousand that stand upon Mount Zion;

thou shalt have many blessings, that I cannot speak at this time; the lame shall leap as a hart, the blind shall see, the deaf hear, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel through thy instrumentality; thou shalt be useful, and shalt bring in thy thousands, through thy ministry, and great things shall appear to thee, and marvelous things to be done at thy command, for thou art of the blood of Ephraim; thou art a pure Ephraimite, and thou shalt have power over sickness, and death, and the power of the Holy Ghost shall rest upon thee. If thou art faithful, not one of the least of these promises shall fail, for I seal them by the power of the Priesthood, by my office in the name of Jesus Christ, and seal thee against the power of the destroyer, against the devil and all evil spirits, and every abomination and wickedness, and I seal thee up to Eternal life, in the Celestial Glory of God. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Arnold Stephens on July 6, 1840]

At a blessing meeting held at the house of Joseph Smith Senr in the town of Nauvoo Hancock Co Ill 6th July 1840. The following blessing was given by the Spirit & pronounced by Joseph Smith Senr Patriarch of the church of Jesus christ of Latter day Saints upon the head of Arnold Stephens son of Jonathan & Lucy Stephens born 24th August 1802 in the province of Canada

By the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and being ordained an Evangelical minister in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, to bless in the name of the Lord and to seal them that are members in the kingdom of God- In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee with a father[']s blessing, and as thou has no father to bless thee I bless thee, and thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of a righteous father and in the covenant of the promise, I bless thee with the blessings of Abraham with the blessings of Issac and also of Jacob and of the covenant of people, for thou art of the household of faith, and entitled to the blessed promises of our fathers, and they shall be upon thy seed after thee from generation to generation,

Thou art of the lineage of Joseph, and shall be a mighty instrument in the hands of God in building up the kingdom of the Lord here upon the earth and shall be one of the horns of Joseph and shall assist in pushing the people from the ends of the earth and not to the ends of the earth for that would be a scattering and not a gathering but thou shalt gather them - thou art a chosen of the Lord of the house of Ephraim if not by blood, thou art by covenant & the the blessing of that Priesthood shall rest upon thy children & if faithful thou shalt see the sons of God come from the North Country, & thou shalt be crowned with them, and shall meet them in their armies as the Lord leads them by his Prophet, and when the highway is cast up thou shalt rejoice in the glory of God.

Thou shalt have the power of the Priesthood upon thee, and if thou wilt obey all the Commandments of the Lord & do them, his glory shall rest upon thee & thy face shall shine as the face of Mosses [Moses], & many will behold and tremble, & many cannot look upon thee for brightness. Thou hast had thy tongue loosed in a measure but it shall be made loose yet to thy astonishment and thou shalt speak with power, and thou hast desired great things, & it is in thy heart to be great & thou shalt be mighty and do great things, the heavens will even be in obedience to thee & through faith thou shalt command the powers of the Upper world & the

heavens shall even be in obedience to thee & thy wisdom & power by faith shall circumscribe the world and the powers of all this earthly ball, Suffer no man to teach thee, Except it is one that is of the kingdom of God and has a higher power than thyself and stands in higher authority in this church when this is the case listen to the word of God and take heed to the Spirit of Jesus Christ –

Thou art called to preach the Gospel and thou hast a great work to do thy mission is beyond the mighty waters thy call is in the East- West North & South even in South America and thou shalt not have passed over half the cities, till the son of man comes in the clouds of heaven, Angels shall minister to thee, the Nephites shall visit thee even the ancient fathers that tarried on the Earth- Thou shalt see the Revelator John, and shall stand upon the earth when he shall lead in his armies from the North and thou shalt see the glory of God manifested, and thy faith shall be increased thou shalt have great power even to raise the Dead heal the sick command the winds & the waves and bid defiance to the Devil and set the king of darkness and all his Angels beneath thy power for thy power shall be manifest through faith- thy privilege is to stand when the Savior comes and then be crowned in the blessing of Joseph and stand with the 144,000 upon Mount Zion -

Let not thy heart shrink for great things await thee if faithful and if thou dost not enjoy them or should fall it will be through thy neglect and disobedience and treasure all these things in thy heart let no delusive Spirit get power over thee and deprive thee of thy enjoyment, for the glories of eternity are thine, and even greater things than are spoken are attainable & if faithful thou shalt be blessed and thou posterity after thee, & I now seal thee up to eternal life and seal thee against the destroyer and the Devil and all abominations and confirm thee in the name of Christ and by the authority of my office - Even so - Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of John Landers on July 17, 1840]

Eternal and all wise God our heavenly father, who art the creator of all things, both in heaven and in the earth, and the preserver of our lives, in whose sight our bodies are but a vaper; I ask thee in the name of thy son, to look in tender mercy upon me at this time, and also for purity of heart, that I may administer with clean hands. Behold this thy servant that had lost the use of his limbs, make known to him thy will, and if thou hast blessings for him prepare his heart that he may be in a situation to receive thy word. And now brother, the Lord has heard the prayer of his servant, and I say look unto God for thou canst look no higher.

And I say unto thee I lay my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the holy priesthood confirmed upon me, and I bless thee, as an orphan, with the blessing of a father, even a patriarchal father, and as thou hast no father to bless thee, I also bless thee with a father's blessing, and seal it upon thee by the power of an evangelical minister. And thou shall have power to bless thy children and shall be a patriarch in thy family, and shall have power by the authority of the priesthood to bless thy kindred, thy children, thy children's children, if they are brought to thee. Thou shall have all the blessings that shall in any way be to thy glory, and all that thou will magnify shall be given thee.

Thy name is written in heaven, and thou art remembered in the mansions of bliss. Thou shalt have long life if it is thy desire, and if thou will hold the faith that is in thy power, that thou may remain till the Saviour of the world makes his appearance, and comes to the world without sin unto salvation. Thou was with him in the beginning, and thy office was appointed to thee,

and thou knew it not. Nevertheless thou has had thy agency, and has chosen the good part. Therefore speak comfortably to thy companion, speak comfortably to thy children, instruct them in the ways of the Lord, do every duty, remember much depends upon the father. If it is thy desire thou shalt have riches, the Lord will bless thee inasmuch as thou art prudent, and thy poverty shall be done away. Seek to do all things in righteousness that thou may know the Lord, which to know aright is Life everlasting. The visions of thy mind shall be opened and thou shall behold within the veil, thy days are many, and thou may stand to see great things take place; for it is thy privilege, to have many years of probation, for thou art of the household of faith, and a literal descendant, and of the covenant seed of Abraham, and little or not gentile blood remaining in thy veins.

And I now bless thee as an heir of all the promises made to the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and I confirm them upon thee and upon thy posterity after thee, from generation to generation, and the blessings of the fathers shall be rich treasure of knowledge, which is the desire of thy heart. Fear not to ask God for great things, for God is great, and can give great gifts to those that will receive them. Let thy mind grow as vast as Enoch's of old, and thy heart expand wide, that thou may be able to receive the treasures of heaven, and thy hands to grasp the treasures of the earth, which shall flow to the faithful servant of God. I bless thee with all the spiritual blessings belonging to the covenant, and confirm these blessings upon thee and thy posterity after thee, through faith and obedience, for after the trial comes the blessing, if thou standest to thy integrity. And I seal and confirm all this upon thee if faithful, and I seal thee against the power of the destroyer, against the wickedness of this world, against the Devil and every delusive spirit, and I seal thee up to eternal life in the name of Christ, even so, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Robert D. Foster on July 20, 1840]

At A Blessing meeting held at the house of Joseph Smith Sen in the town of Nauvoo, Hancock County Illinois the 20th Day of July AD 1840. The following Blessing was given by Joseph Smith Senior Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints and pronounced upon the head of Robert D Foster, (second son of John and Jane Foster) born in the town of Braunston, County of Northampton, old England, March the 14th AD 1811

My father in heaven, thou who holdest the destinies of all men, and in whose presence we move and have our being, help thy aged Servant, that he may administer in riteousness [righteousness], for the heavens behold this s[c]enery, My Redeemer even Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and Angles [Angels], with all heaven are gazing upon us at this time, and behold this ordi[n]ance that it may be sanctioned in heaven.

And now Brother, In the name of Jesus Christ, by the Authority of the holy Priesthood, I lay my hands upon thy head to Bless thee, thou art an orphan, as to a father to Bless thee, but thou Shall be Blessed and Shall be an orphan no more, for I bless thee with all the Blessings of the children of God, I bless thee with the powers of the priest hood, and with the gift of communication, and thou Shalt go forth and teach thy father, and instruct thy Brothers, and thou Shalt have power with them, and the Lord will give thee abilities, to gain the[i]r favour, thou Shall not loose [lose] thy inheritance, and the[i]r wish to disinherit thee Shall be done away, and you shall rejoice together, and thou be instrument in the hand of God of doing much good if thou will be faithfull, be humble, be prudent, be wise,

thou must go home to thy friend, and preach to to thy kindred, must go to thy native land, even England, to Wales and France, also to many Nations, and proclaim the glad news of Salvation, to this generation thou mayest have many affl[ic]tions, and trials, but the Lord will deliver thee from them all, if thou will put thy trust in him, and look unto him with full purpose of heart, be patient, for in Patience we possess our Souls, thy enemies will rage, and persecute thee, and foam out their own Shame, and Shall See the error of their ways, and be constrained, to acknowledge their error, and thy truth, the Lord has a great work for thee, if faithful to do all his will, and keep all his commandments,

thou art of the tribe of Joseph and of the Seed of Ephraim, being of the household of faith, and entitled to all the Blessings of our forefathers, and the Blessings Shall be upon thee and on thy posterity forever, thou Shall instruct thy companion, if living and gain her, into the kingdom, many of her friends Shall obey the truth, thou must yet go to the west, to the north and to the South, thou Shall yet travel to the east, thou Shall Sail on the ocean, thou Shall cross the mighty deep, thou Shall preac[h] to Captains at Sea, and Baptise them in the briny deep, thou Shall speak to the raging Sea, and its angry waves Shall be Still the winds Shall be Still at thy bidding,

Angels Shall minister to thee if thou will exercise faith sufficient to Stand the[i]r appearing thou Shall hear the voice of God, thy mind Shall be enlarged thy understanding Shall grow, thou Shall Stand to see great thing[s] take place, thou Shalt behold thousands fall by the Sword, and hundreds perish in famine, thou Shall See many widows, and the orphans left destitute, but thou Shall have power to take up the orphans and provid[e] for them, for god will be with thee and thou Shall have means to do good, I bless them with the choice Blessings of Joseph, thy Name is written in heaven, and enrol[le]d amongst the Sanctified, thou Shall be one of the hundred and forty and four thousand, I seal all these blessings upon the[e] if thou art faithful to walk in obedience, and keep all the commandments of God and I seal thee against the destroyer, and the Devil, and all delusion Spirits, and the destroying Angle [Angel] Shall pass by thee I seal [thee] up to Eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ Even So Amen