

The following are additional patriarchal blessings not included in *Early Patriarchal Blessings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (2007) or *Later Patriarchal Blessings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (2012).

Again to
students of Mormon history

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles B. Thompson by Joseph Smith Sr. 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 shall 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 Benjamin T. Mitchell by Joseph Smith Sr. on October 15, 1836]

Kirtland Ohio, Oct 15th 1836. A Blessing by Joseph Smith Patriarch upon the head of Benjamin T Mitchell, born, Jany 12th 1816, Lycoming Co. Pennsylvania.

Br[other] in the name of Jesus Christ. I lay my hands upon thy head & I seal & confirm upon the[e] a father[']s blessing; Br[other] be faithful, thou hast been buried with Christ in baptism; thou art of the lineage of the priesthood, & the blood of Joseph, & thou shalt bring much restoration to the house of Israel, for thou shalt instruct many in the ways of righteousness, let thy mind expand & thine understanding be enlarged, seek to know the will of thy Heavenly Father, yea seek it diligently & in secret places, & if thou art faithful thou shalt have great faith the Earth shall tremble before thee, the Heavens shall be obedient to thy voice, the winds & the sea shall obey thee, Islands shall rise up in the sea at thy command, & nothing shall be too great for thee to do if thou art faithful, thou shalt do great good & bring in many. Angels shalt minister unto thee & thou shalt see they Redeemer in the flesh, the visions of God shall be unfolded unto thy understanding; thou shalt have power to bless thy children which the Lord thy God shall give thee & to seal blessings upon their heads, & thy child which thou hast shall stand & administer unto thee even as Samuel did unto Elias he shall be filled with the spirit of prophecy in his youth, & thou shalt have much of this world's goods & thy soul shall be light in the fatness of the Earth, & thou shalt stand with the 144,000; thou shalt see the winding up scene of all sin, but thy priesthood shall extend beyond this world, for thou shalt go & preach to the spirits in prison. & I seal these blessings upon thy head, & upon the head of thy prosperity, & I seal thee up to eternal life even so amen

[Patriarchal Blessing of David Pettigrew by Isaac Morley on February 17, 1838]

Brother Pettegrew: I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and I seal upon thy head a Father's Blessing, for thou hast embraced the new and everlasting covenant from the uprightness of thy mind and the sincerity of thy heart, and thou art to receive equal blessings in the Kingdom of thy Savior that were given under the hands of the Patriarchal of old. And thou art a legitimate son to all the promises and all the blessings that the Savior designs to give to His covenant people, for thou art the blood of Joseph, that was sold into Egypt, and if thou art faithful to keep the covenants of thy Creator, the blessings of health and long life shall be granted to thee, and the power of the Priesthood shall yet be sealed upon thy head and the blessings of faith and the blessings of meekness shall be granted to thee, and the blessing of the light of Christ's Kingdom shall yet enlighten thy mind, and thou shalt yet sit as a Judge in the House of the Lord, and the blessing of wisdom and the gift of discernment shall be granted to thee.

And if it is the desire of thy heart to labor in this last Vineyard, the blessing shall be granted to thee and many sheaves shall crown thy labors, and thou shalt bring them to Zion and thy heart shall be made glad and to rejoice in the blessings of God. Thou shalt be a blessing to thy companion and to thy children, and thou shalt have the blessing to become a husbandman, to fill the storehouse of the Lord, and thou shalt yet have the blessing to return to the land from whence you have been driven, and you shall yet rejoice in the day when Ephraim is crowned, and the House of the Lord shall be reared in thy day, and abundant admittance shall be given to thee to reign with thy Savior, and I seal this Father's Blessing upon you in the name of the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of John Scott by Joseph Smith Sr. 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 William Milam by Joseph Smith Sr. on February 5, 1839]

A Patriarchal Blessing of William Milam, Son of George Milam, Born in the County of Shelby, State of Kentucky, March 18, 1799.

Brother Milam, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth even the Bethlehem Babe, I lay mine hands upon your head to bless thee by the authority of the Priesthood, and in the name of the Lord, with the blessings of a Father and to secure thee in the covenant made with Abraham. Fear and tremble, lest thou err and go astray and finally be cast off: and if thy trials are severe, faint not, neither suffer thyself to fall, although a stumbling block be placed in thy way: for thou art of the elect, thou shalt surely stand and shall possess all things that pertains to the blessings of Adam. Thou shalt be a patriarch over thy family, and thou shall bless thy children, and thy grandchildren and all thy posterity and they shall rise up and bless thee and be subject unto thee and obey thee. You must rule over them in meekness and mildness, and the very God of Israel will bless thee, and minister to thee; and thy Redeemer shall appear to thee, and thou shalt behole him in the flesh, for he shall stand before thee. I bless thee with every needed blessing, and I seal thee up in the name of Jesus the Lord, Amen.

Given by Joseph Smith Senior Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ.

[Patriarchal Blessing of Elizabeth Milam by Joseph Smith Sr. on February 5, 1839]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Elizabeth Milam, daughter of Abraham Case. Born in the Township of Whiteriver, County of Davies, State of Indiana.

Sister Milam, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Son of God, the author and finisher of all things, in this created World, in his name [illegible] all things, and unto whom all power is given both on Earth and in Heaven, I lay my hands upon thy head and he has authorized me to bless thee. Thou hast seen sorrow and affliction and hast reason to mourn on account of thy Father's House, thy friends and thy relatives, but let thy heart be comforted for they shall yet be brought into the Kingdom. Sister, to the teachings of thy companion, hearken to all his admonitions, all that he shall say in righteousness. Watch over thy little ones, teach them the principles of Holiness, and they shall grow up in gracefulness and be an ornament to the cause of Christ and thou mayest hold on to them, by the prayer of Faith. Thou shalt tarry in the flesh long enough to see thy Savior. Thy days are not yet finished for thou has a great work to perform among the Lamanites and thou shalt instruct them and teach them how to work. Thine eye shall behold the redemption of the Land of Zion. Angels shall guard thee, and watch over thee, for thy name is written in Heaven. Thou hast desired to do good and thou shalt have sufficient opportunity and thou shalt have all things that will be for thy good. Thou shalt have an inheritance in this land or the Land of Davies or in the Land of Jackson as thou shalt desire in the heart, and thou shalt live to behold the cleansing of the Land. Listen to the voice of truth and of revelation and thy days shall be crowned with rejoicing. This is what was put into my heart to say unto thee and I seal it upon thee and I seal thee up in the name of the Son. Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of Leah Lewis Simmons Thompson Childs
by Hyrum Smith on September 15, 1841]

A Patriarchal Blessing of Leah Child[s] daughter of Gideon and Sarah Lewis born in New Ashford, Berkshire Co. Massachusetts on 7 May 1787.

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to confer a blessing upon you for your benefit and a blessing to your children and a strength to your faith from this hour because it is desirable and agreeable to your former manner of life and livelihood in the presence of God. Behold ye are blessed because of your faith and your entire obedience. Thou art a daughter of Abraham and a Mother in Israel and the blessing of that station in its fullness to its full extent shall be given you, the same is the Celestial Glory and a crown that shall glisten like the starry heavens, even the greatest of Glory and inheritance with your children and with your kindred is in the lineage of Joseph and the blessings of the Priesthood is and will be conferred upon your children to the last generation, and your name shall be had in honorable remembrance for even so if it is the desire of your heart, your years shall be many and you shall have health and strength; even your strength shall not fail you until you have lived three score and ten years, and I seal you up into eternal life and a resurrection with the just even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois this day, Sept. 15, 1841

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

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

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

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

[Patriarchal Blessing of Thomas B. Foy given by Hyrum Smith on January 31, 1842]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Thomas B. Foy, Son of Fredrick & Elizabeth Foy, Born in the State of Pennsylvania, the 30th day of Decr. 1802.

I lay my Hands upon your Head in the Name of & by the authority of Jesus Christ according to my calling & Priesthood to bless you, with a Blessing to be fulfilled in future, not only one but many, which are to be realized both in time & in Eternity, as to your Temporal avocations of Life shall be attended with more or less perplexity, but still there is an Inheritance & a temporal Blessing in Store for you, which you have not yet experienced, for you shall have an Inheritance with the Remnants of the Seed of Jacob, not in Joseph, but in Issachar, with the Remnants of the Seed of Jacob, in the Covenant unto the House of Israel, together with your Father[']s House, in the dispensation of the fulness of Times, in the deliverance of the Dead, & of the living, therefore you are blessed, & yours, for by this have ye been called & preserved, & by the same Leaven shall the whole Lump be leavened, therefore ye are blest, in time, & in Eternity, & your Posterity after you, passing on with the Priesthood in its lawful Lineage, to perpetuate your Name from Generation to Generation, therefore, lift up your Heart & rejoice, & seek the face & favour of God, & your nourishment from the Root, as a Member of the Vine, trust not in your own Strength lest you should wither & Die, being severed from the Vine, or seperated [separated] by your own Strength, therefore is your perplexity, now if your Faith fail not your days shall be many, & you shall be Crowned with a Crown of Glory in the Mansion of your Father, These Blessings I Seal upon your Head. Even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith, at Nauvoo, Ills. Jany. 31st 1842. James Sloan Clerk

[Patriarchal Blessing of Elizabeth Artebury Hudspeth Edwards
by Hyrum Smith on November 22, 1842]

The Patriarchal blessing of Elizabeth Edwards daughter of Nathan Artebury and Pricilla Artebury born in Chester County, South Carolina Aug 30th, 1790

I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to bless you with a blessing called Patriarchal. The same that was placed upon the head of the daughters of Abraham, even that of Abraham, seven that of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for your blessing is as the blessing of Sarah and Rachel in multiplying, I will multiply you as the stars of heaven which was a sacred promise from Heaven, upon the head of your fathers. Therefore you shall be blest, in posterity, the same to stand upon mount Zion, and shall have part in the song that none other could sing, but the hundred and forty and four thousand, together with the some that, that shall be numbered in the multitude, that is without number; and your glory shall be as the glory of Rachel, which is the crown of twelve stars, or a glittering diadem setting down the highest even the celestial with that glory, which the Moon is typical, under your feet; and as to your temporal blessings. They shall be as your husband's; his and your father's inheritance it shall be with his; and with your father's house; and as to your days and your years they shall be according to your faith and the desires of your heart. With this promise that you shall feel to shudder at the appearance of evil, for this is the comforter, that shall comfort you, in your tribulations, even the promise of Eternal life and a resurrection with the just. These blessings I seal upon your head. Even so. Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Illinois, Nov. 22, 1842

[Patriarchal Blessing of Leonora Cannon Taylor by Hyrum Smith on July 23, 1843]

The Patriarchal Blessing of Leonora Taylor, daughter of George & Leonora Cannon, born in Peele [Peel], in the Isle of Man.

Sister Leonora, I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to place & Seal a blessing upon you to be written for your future benefit, the same is Patriarchal as from under the hands of any one in olden times, having the same power as is decreed, which Seals on Earth & Seals in Heaven, therefore I Seal you up unto Eternal life; this is your promise according to the mind of the Spirit as it speaketh expressly concerning you; the same is a reward unto you, because of the integrity of your Heart, as also Comforter to Comfort your Heart in the Hour of trial & tribulation, and deep sorrow & affliction, by this you shall know that your name is written in the Book of life to be continued henceforth & for Ever. Therefore, let your heart be Comforted, for unto this end came you into the World & to this end is your Glory to be answered in immortality & in eternal life, & you shall be blest in all your days with a full answer to your Prayers & Supplications & the desires of your heart according to that which is right in my Sight Saith the Lord, even in those things which are Spiritual, & you shall be blest with your portion of the Priesthood which belongeth unto you, that you may be set apart for your Anointing & your induement [endowment], for you shall be numbered with the called & chosen & shall enter in through the Gate into the City, & as touching your inheritance your house & habitations your fold & flocks & fields, as also your Garner, & even the new & everlasting Covenant you shall possess in Common with your husband, & your name shall be perpetuated & held in honorable remembrance until the latest generation, & you shall be blest with a Crown Celestial as Sarah's & as Rachael's, & as to your days & years they are numbered & shall be many. These blessings I Seal upon your head, even so, Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith at Nauvoo, Ills. July 23rd 1843. James Sloan, Clerk.

[Patriarchal Blessing of Tamson Parshley Egan by Hyrum Smith on September 24, 1843]

Patriarchal Blessing of Tamson Egan, daughter of Richard & Polly Parshley. Born in the Town of Barnstead, County of Stafford & State of Newhampshire, the 27th of April, 1824.

Sister Tamson, I lay my hands upon your head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, & bless & Seal the Same upon your head, for the day cometh when you shall be blessed with a fullness, according to the covenants made with Abraham Isaac & Jacob. Nevertheless, there will be times when your heart will be sorrowful, perplexity & Grief will be your tribulations, but you are Sealed unto the New & Everlasting covenant, therefore you shall be Saved, & Shall enter into your glory & exaltation, in the morning of the first resurrection. And you Shall possess the Throne, that is prepared for you in the mansion of your Father. And you Shall be blessed in this life also, & Shall have consolation & comfort, notwithstanding the predictions that Specifies tribulations. You shall have communion with the Spirit, as also, the mysteries of God, unfolded unto you, in due time, as also the Blessings, that Shall be in common with your husband; and with a name, that Shall be perpetuated, in honor, until the latest generation. And with days & years, to be multiplied upon your head, unto three Score years & ten, if your faith fail not to continue. These Blessings I Seal upon your head, even So. Amen.

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

[Patriarchal Blessing of John Deans Murdock by Hyrum Smith on November 30, 1843]

A Patriarchal Blessing of John Denes [Deans] Murdock Son of Joseph and Sally Murdock Born in the Town of Hamilton Madison County State of New York July 28th 1825

Brother John I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus to Bless you as the spirit shall indicate [indicate] Behold I say unto you John there [there] is a reward laid up in store and a blessing for you to inherit before you shall pass off from this stage of action and there is a Priesthood for you and an inheritance that cometh in the lineage of your Fathers for in Jacob is your lineage and the day cometh when you shall see health and prosperity springing up round about you and your faith shall encrease [increase] from faith to faith to faith and from grace to grace behold it is in the days of your youth in the morning of your existence entering in upon your probation in obedience to the light of the gospel therefore you shall be blessed spiritual[ly] and Temporal[ly] by the hand of God for he knoweth the integrity of your heart therefore lift up your head and fear not gird up your loines [loins] and the [illegible] of your mind and bare [bare] testimony to the truth of God and your heart shall [be] inspired your body shall be invigorated and your mind shall [be] made strong and the power of God shall rest upon you and you shall be healed and you shall go forth and do good and cleanse your garments of the Blood of this generation and your name shall be perpetuated in honor with the blessings of the Priesthood in the lineage of your posterity unto the latest generation and your days and years shall be multiplied according to your faith and the desires of your heart these blessings I seal upon your head Even so Amen

given by Hiram Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ November 30th 1843

[Patriarchal Blessing of Hiram Washington Mikesell given
by Hyrum Smith on February 5, 1844]

Patriarchal Blessing of Hiram Washington Mikesell Son of John Aylor and Catherine Mik[e]sell Born in the Town of Liberty County of Montgomery State of Ohio June 13th 1812

Brother Hiram I lay my hands upon your head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to place and seal a blessing upon your head consonant with your lineage[,] Priesthood and rights of priesthood inheritance and rights of inheritance manifes[t]ing lineage and rights inherent as the spirit shall indi[ca]te the matter behold I say unto you Hiram you are of the lineage of Jacob and of the Seed of Joseph which God in his providence hath brought you upon this Land therefore you shall be blessed upon the Land and shall receive an inheritance even in Mount Zion and in the City of the New Jerusalem and in this lineage cometh rights of priesthood and rights of inheritance and blessings according to the prophetic declareation [declaration] of your Father and you shall be blessed in many things which you shall realise [realize] in the times and seasons thereof as also with the priesthood its gifts and graces feeling the power of its administration in the hour that you shall lay hold to magnify that office and calling and you shall be blessed in your House and in your habitation also and in your avocations of life Basket and store and shall have food and Raiment and where to lay your head and shall gain honor in your calling that in due time your nam[e] shall be commemorated and written in the Archives and Chron[i]cles of your Brethren and be perpetuated from generation to generation and the blessing of the priesthood shall crown the head of your posterity unto the latest generation of Man therefore I say unto you ponder these things in your heart and in due time you shall fully understand them and appreciate them also and days and years shall be multiplied upon your head as a blessing that you may see the salvation of God These blessings I seal upon you even so Amen

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ Feb[r]uary 5th 1844

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

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

Sister Mary I lay my hands upon your head in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth and bless you. and I seal you up unto eternal life and what I seal on Earth shall be sealed in Heaven the same is in answer to the desires of your Heart a blessing by promise and a gift of God & blessing there is none greater, the same shall be your comforter henceforth and forever if you will believe for the same is the second comforter as it is written in the testimony of John. therefore I say unto you Mary you are blessed verily and shall share in common with your Husband. in all things that are sealed upon his head even in all things pertaining to your House and habitation. your outgoings and incomings of the priesthood, the communion and power of the holy Spirit as also the blessings of your Posterity which goeth down from generation to generation. and also your Inheritance [Inheritance], which is in the Lineage of your Fathers. and the blessings of Ephraim to Crown your head with Glory, honor immortality and eternal life even the fulness of the everlasting covenant. and a Blessing that you shall know and realise [realize] and fully appreciate [appreciate] to the honor and glory of God even in the days of your probation and your name shall be perpetuated. written and commemorated in the chronicles of your Brethren. wisdom and knowledge shall inspire your heart and move you into action. and bring you up into your place. upon Mount Zion in the midst of the Saviours that have washed their robes and made them white through the Blood and Redemption of the Son of God and then to inherit the Mansion that is prepared. and have a name and a place as Sarah and Rachel and as to your days and years they shall be extended according to your faith and he desires of your heart These blessings I seal upon your head even so Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Griffith Richards by Isaac Morley on February 16, 1845]

Sister Sarah, by virtue of the Priesthood I lay my hands upon thy head. Let thy heart be comforted & thy mind stayed upon the Mighty God of Jacob, for the desires of thy heart shall be given thee, thy mind quickened and enlightened by the spirit of truth; it is thy gift & thy desire to comfort and happify [happily] all thou doth associate with; It is the desire of thy heart to obtain wisdom & understanding, & by virtue of the Priesthood these blessings shall be sealed upon thee, & rest upon thy mind forever. Prudence is a gift of thine.—Thy heart is free from deceit & thy tongue from speaking guile. Thy friends can place implicit confidence, and confide in thy words. Thy yea has been yea, & thy nay, nay. Thou hast the blessing and gift, to decorate thy garments with the workmanship of thine own hands. Thy disposition is quietude and peace. Thou shalt have the blessing to rear thy offspring as tender plants by thy side. The principle of fidelity is implanted in thy bosom. Thou hast a mind and intellect capable of expanding wide as Eternity. Remember that this is thy blessing - to be remembered with the seed of Abraham & receive thy lineage from the same: Thine exaltation is sure; & if thou art called to pass trials & privations it shall be for thy good; for whom the Lord loves he will chasten. Health cannot be truly enjoyed without understanding the principle of contrast, All true enjoyments are taught by the same principle. The blessings of life, of peace and Salvation are thine; there are crowns of glory and immortality in store for thee; thou wilt enjoy thrones & dominions, Principalities & Powers. Eternal life is thy blessing & to walk in robes of white. Thou wilt ever prove a blessing to thy companion, & to thy posterity. I now ask the Eternal Father to let his holy spirit be thy guide & comforter continually- to keep and preserve thee pure and spotless to his kingdom & coming- By virtue of the Priesthood I seal you up unto Eternal life, together with the blessing of Eternal Lives throughout all Eternity, in the name of the Lamb Amen & Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Griffith Richards by John Smith on April 17, 1845]

Sis[ter] Sarah I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ & seal upon thee (all) the blessings of a father, standing in my office as a patriarch. I also seal upon thee all the blessings of the new & everlasting Co[venant]. & the holy Priesthood with all its powers & benefits, in common with thy companion, which things shall be revealed unto thee in due time for thou shalt receive an endowment with thy companion in the house of the Lord, unfolding unto thee all mysteries which have been hid from the foundation of the world, for thou art of the blood of Eph[raim] & art a lawful heir to all these things. It is thy privilege with the help of thy friends, to redeem thy fathers house clear back to Noah or to where they held the P[riesthood]. that there shall not be a broken link in the chain clear back to Abel. Thou shalt also assist thy companion in redeeming his. Thou shalt be a mother in Israel. Thy name shall be had in everlasting remembrance in the Church for it's written in the Lamb[']s book of life. Thou shalt have faith to heal the sick in thy house in the absence of thy companion. The destroyer shall have no power in thy habitation. The number of thy years shall be according to thy faith, ever to enjoy every blessing which you desire, & marvellous things shall be revealed unto thee in visions of the night. Thou shalt see the day when thou shalt have men & maid serv[ants] to do thy business. I seal all these blessings upon thee in common with thy companion & I seal thee up to Eternal life. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Charles Willden Sr. by John Albiston on June 9, 1845]

Patriarchal blessing given by patriarch John Albiston, on the 9th of June 1845 at Sheffield Yorkshire [England] upon the head of brother Charles Willden who was born on the 27th of July 1806 at Anston near Worksop Yorkshire England.

My beloved brother I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ and by authority of the Holy Priesthood pronounce upon thy head the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In as much as it is in thy heart to honour the Lord in thy future life, his watchful care shall be over thee and his Holy Spirit shall be afforded thee, thou hast entered the Covenant by baptism, thou art adopted into the family and kingdom of God. Jesus Christ also is become thy Elder Brother, thou shalt join in the blessings of Heaven and earth and inasmuch as thou art faithful thou shalt be blessed with im[m]ortality and eternal life. Remember to keep this covenant inviolable thou art engaging [engaging] to be more faithful thou shalt be enabled to fight the Lord[']s battles against all unrighteousness of men and the Lord will furnish thee out of his treasury and thou shalt be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that the Aliens and gainsayers shall not be enabled to stand before thee. Life and love of the truth shall continue to increase in thee and also a many honours shall be conferred in thee, thy brethren shall love thee, thou shalt join with the faithful labourers in gathering scattered Judah and Israel, see signs and wonders performed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, thou shalt have seals to thy ministry and return unto Zion with songs of joy and have the greater priesthood conferred upon thee and have thy blessed inheritance in lands that shall yield their abundant increase and flocks and herds be added unto thee with wine and olive yards and eat of the fruit of them. Thou shalt be a true worshiper in the temple of the Lord and have sweet communion with the admiring saints, witness the winding up scene and join the reigning church in the great millen[ni]um. Thou art of the faithfull seed of Abraham and I seal these blessings upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ even so Amen and Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of Elizabeth Aldin Pettigrew by John Smith on July 11, 1845]

A blessing by John Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elizabeth Pettigrew daughter of John and Kezia Aldin [born] Cheshire County, Illinois October 14th 1791.

Sister Elizabeth I lay my hands upon thy head, in the authority of my office as a patriarch. In the name of Jesus Christ, I place upon you a Father's blessing, because thou hast been obedient to the commandments of the Lord and forsaken thy father's house, and forsaken thy friends and relatives, the Lord is well pleased and will grant unto thee all the blessings, power, and Priesthood which is sealed upon thy companion, in common with him. Thou art of the house of Jacob, and of what branch of his family is not made known to me, nevertheless because of the integrity of thine heart, thou shalt have an inheritance with the children of Jacob. Thou shalt have faith to heal the sick in thy house in the absence of thy companion. Inasmuch as thou hast seen much sorrow, thou shalt be exalted to inherit riches, and all thy trials, and troubles shall work for good; thou shalt see days of rejoicing. Be exceedingly glad; thy posterity shall [be] numerous and be a mighty people. Thou shalt live until a good old age, come up in the morning of the first resurrection, so be able to bring up all thy father's house, and the help of thy companion; and in the end inherit eternal life in common with thy companion and children; and no power shall take it from thee. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of David Pettigrew by John Smith on August 11, 1845]

Brother David: I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and place upon you a Patriarchal, or Father's Blessing. Thou art of the house and lineage of Joseph, through Ephraim, and an heir to the Priesthood through him, and all the blessings which were sealed upon him anciently which hath been handed down through the posterity of thy fathers are now remembered and sealed upon thee, because them hast kept the faith in all thy trials and troubles, bonds and imprisonments, thou hast not fainted, thy name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life and shall remain there forever. These things are sealed upon thee because of the integrity of thine heart. Thou art a councilor in the house of Israel, and this shall be thy lot forever, because thou hast been faithful over a few things thou shalt be made a ruler over many things and enter into the joy of thy Lord and obtain all the blessings and glories of His Kingdom in time and through all eternity. Thou shalt be exalted in due time to inherit a throne, a kingdom and dominion that shall have no end, and have power to bring all thy children with thee in due time and shall establish according to the desire of thine heart, for they shall be very numerous and many of them shall stand upon Mount Zion clothed with all the authority of the Priesthood and become joint heirs with Jesus Christ. No good thing shall be withheld from thee. Brother David, dismiss all your fears and be not faithless and thou shalt enjoy all these blessings and not one of them shall fail. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Persis Goodall Richards by John Smith on January 4, 1847]

A blessing by Elder John Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Persis Richards, daughter of Joel and Mary Goodall, born March 15, 1806, in Watertown, Jefferson Co., State of New York.

Beloved Sister, by virtue of my office as Patriarch, I place my hands upon thy head, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and seal upon thee a father's blessing, even all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with the privileges and benefits of the Holy Priesthood which thou shalt attain to in fullness, unfolding to thee mysteries that have been kept hid from before the foundation of the world, for thou art of the blood of Joseph. I also seal upon thee all the blessings that have been sealed upon thee by righteous men in days past. Thou shalt be filled with wisdom to counsel thy sex in things pertaining to the Gospel Kingdom. Thy posterity shall be numerous. They shall bear thy name in honorable remembrance forever. Thou shalt have faith to heal the sick in thy house. The destroyer shall have no place in thy habitation. Thou shalt have health in thy house. The angel of peace shall dwell there. And thou shalt never want for bread nor any blessing that is calculated to make life agreeable, being clothed with the Priesthood in common with thy companion and friends. Thou shalt be able to redeem thy father's house back to where they died in the Gospel; bring them up in the first resurrection to inherit all the blessings of the Redeemer's Kingdom, world[s] without end. I seal upon thee every blessing which thy heart desires. The number of thy years shall be according to the desires of thy heart; to see Israel gathered from every part of the earth; and Zion established in peace. Inasmuch as your faith does not fail, not one word of this blessing shall fail, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Sarah Griffith Richards by Isaac Morley on May 7, 1848]

Sister Sarah, in the name of the Lord & by virtue of the Priesthood I bless thee & I seal upon thy head & ratify thy former blessings for thou art worthy & accepted of the Lord. he is mindful of thy welfare & registered thy name in heaven. Let thy heart be comforted for thou wilt be blest with the daughters of Abraham & numbered with the heirs of promise,- it shall be thy gift & blessing to comfort & console thy partner,- thou shalt counsel him in wisdom & rejoice in his society, his trials shall become thy trials, & thou shalt be with him in the day that he is called to rejoice, & thou shalt aid him in communicating glad tidings, & thy mind shall reach the heavens in his behalf- Ask and thou shalt live until thou art satisfied with life,- & return from the field of labor with songs of everlasting joy, & be gathered with thy partner upon the Mountains of Israel,- & thou shalt be blest with the gifts of the Gospel, its influence shall rest upon thy mind thy heart & memory, & thou shalt sing the Songs of Zion, for thy tongue shall be unloosed, & thou shalt receive the fulness of thy enduement [endowment], with power, & influence under its Seals, to enter to that within the veil & know for thyself that thy Redeemer lives, & by the prayer of faith thou shalt have power over disease in thy family, & thou shalt sit under thy vine & fruit tree, in the day when there is none to molest or make thee afraid. Thou shalt become a Mother in Israel- a lover of truth & righteousness- thy system strengthened, renovated, & become sound & whole, remember this seal, & rejoice under its influence,- & thou shalt see the redemption of Zion, & the Saints made free,- & rejoice with the descendants of Joseph, & see their restoration & I seal thee up to Eternal lives in the Kingdom of thy God even so Amen & Amen

[Patriarchal Blessing of Elizabeth Artebury Hudspeth Edwards
by John Smith on May 6, 1850]

A blessing by John Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elizabeth Edwards daughter of Nathan and Pricilla Artebury born Chester County North Carolina Aug 30th 1792.

Sister Elizabeth, I place my hands upon thy head and seal and confirm upon thee a Patriarchal or Father's blessing; I also confirm upon you, all the blessings that has hitherto been sealed upon thy heads by Patriarchs and prophets. Thou art of the house of Abraham, and a lawful heir to all the blessings of the Priesthood which shall be conferred upon they [thee] more abundantly in due time; The Lord hath given his Angels charge over thee, and in their hands will preserve thee, deliver thee from all dangers, will givethee wisdom to know how to conduct thyself in all cases that the Lord in his providence shall place thee. The Lord has or will give unto thee a companion that shall go in and out before thee, shall hold the keys of the Priesthood, shall be able to bind, or loose, on earth and in heaven, and thou shalt be led in the paths of truth and righteousness and have every blessing which your heart desires: forget thy former troubles and rejoice in the blessings which the Lord will confer upon you. I seal all these blessings upon thee with every desire of thy heart. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of Caroline Cope Pettigrew by Isaac Morley on June 29, 1856]

A Patriarchal blessing by Isaac Morley on the head of Caroline Pettigrew daughter of Samuel and Ann Cope born Jan. 29th 1840 in Hampshire Co. England.

Sister Caroline; we lay our hands upon thy head to bless thee; and by authority of the everlasting Priesthood, in the name of Jesus we seal the blessing of thy father upon thee, which shall rest upon thy memory, as a seal of priesthood, and promise, whereby thou mayest know that thou art, one of the daughters of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; with thou shalt enjoy the blessings of the everlasting covenant; which covenants are binding upon thee to be fulfilled for thou art united with the Lord's anointed. With that society thou shalt dwell, and be honored as a mother in Israel and bear sons, and daughters, in honor to the name of the Creator. The honesty of thy heart, the chastity of thy mind is recorded with the faithful. Thou art favored of the Lord for the day that gave thee birth. For the dispensation in which thou art permitted to live, and this blessing will be realized, upon thy posterity. From generation to generation for they will dwell with thee, and be free from the spirit of Antichrist. Thou art a descendant from Joseph. Through the loins of Ephraim, and become a lawful hirelings to the Seals of Priesthood. Let thy heart and thy affections be given to thy partner and thou wilt be honored among women; the fruit of earth will be thine to enjoy. Thou shalt be decorated with the workmanship of thy own hands. Let thy mind be active upon the principles of industry for few will excel thee; therefore, remember the words of wisdom, and long life will be given thee. Let temperance be the monitor of thy mind; and thy posterity will be as the sands upon the sea shore. By the authority of the Everlasting priesthood, we seal Thee up into Eternal lives. Even so Amen and Amen.

[Patriarchal Blessing of Lucy Ann West Pettigrew by Isaac Morley on June 29, 1856]

A Patriarchal blessing by Isaac Morley on the head of Lucy Ann West Pettigrew. Daughter of David and Elizabeth Pettegrew born April 26th 1817 in Hamilton, Ohio

Sister Lucy we place our hands upon your head in the name of the Lord and we say unto you be comforted let thy Spirit be consoled, for thou art numbered with the daughters of Abraham; thou art under covenant with thy Creator, who has had a watchful eye ever over thee for thy good. Thou hast been called to pass trials for a wise purpose, which purpose and design has been concealed in the bosom of the Deity and will be revealed to thy mind in due time; much is to be learned by the experience of an opposite; many blessings will be obtained by passing and experiencing trails [trials] for by it we learn principle, and the direct purposes and designs of our Creator, and will prepare for a greater exaltation. Fear not to rely upon his promises. For thou shalt yet enjoy a congenial spirit in a partner. That will cause thy heart to swell with gratitude, to thy Creator.

Remember thine agency. For thou hast a Spirit given thee, that will require thy prayerful attention to keep under control. Thou art of Ephraim; thou art a pure descendant from the nobles of the earth. Much will be required of thee for the restoration of thy Father's household, who have stepped behind the veil, and who are waiting with patience for their deliverance. Be comforted for thy last days will be thy best days, for peace will be restored and return to thy bosom, yet thy vow, and covenants must be preserved blameless before the Lord. Thy children and thy children's children will revere thy name for thy charity and the integrity of thy heart. There are whispers of that still small voice, that does say unto thee be comforted. By the authority of the Holy Priesthood we seal thee up to enjoy the blessings of immortality and eternal lives. And we ratify it in the name of Jesus. Even so. Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Ann Eliza Benedict Neff by William McBride on August 28, 1882]

A patriarchal blessing given by Wm McBride upon the head of Ann Eliza B. Neff daughter of Joshua N. and Fidilia M. Benedict born Feb 8th 1845 at Canaan Litchfield Co Conn.

Sister Ann in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I place my hands upon your head, and by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal upon thee a patriarchal blessing for thou art one of the royal blood of the house of Israel through the loins of Ephriam [Ephraim] who is the first-born. And thy name is recorded in the lamb[']s book of life. Thou wast called chosen and set apart, before the foundations of this world was laid. To bear thy part in the redemption of Zion, and to bring about the restoration of the daughters of Israel, and to prepare the way whereby the words of all the prophets might be fulfilled. And to lay the foundation for the salvation of the daughters of Jacob, and to bear thy part in thy father[']s house, for many generations back, both to the living and for the dead, and the Lord requires at thy hand, that thou shouldst teach thy children and thy children[']s children to build upon the foundations that thou should lay that thy work may be complete, for unto this end wast thou born.

Sister Ann I seal upon thy head the blessings of life, and of wisdom and understanding that thou mayst know how to take care of thy body that thy life may be prolonged, that thou mayst live to perform all that the Lord request at thy hand. And thou shalt look back upon thy labors and thy soul shall be satisfied and in connection with thy companion, thou shalt receive for thyself thy children, thy relatives and thy friends an inheritance beyond the veil [veil], and a crown of eternal lives, and stand a mother to a numerous posterity upon thine inheritance in the morning of the first resurrection, and be numbered with the sanctified with all that is near and dear unto thee for I seal these words upon thee in the name of Jesus —
amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Wilford Cotton Wood by Edwin Pace on March 28, 1902]

28 March 1902: A Patriarchal Blessing given by Patriarch Edwin Pace upon the head of Wilford C. Wood, son of George C. and Adelaide R. Wood, born May 22nd 1893, Bountiful [Utah].

Brother Wilford C. Wood in the name of Jesus Christ, I place my hands upon thy head and seal thee a Father's Blessing, being ordained unto that power even all blessing of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Lord is well pleased with the integrity of thine heart and has in store for thee many blessings pertaining to the Holy Priesthood, and no evil power shall prevail against thee for the Lord has given his Angels charge over thee, and thy pathway shall be made plain to you for thou shall perform thy mission upon the earth and gain the reward of the righteous.

Thou shall go forth in power to preach the everlasting Gospel to the nations of the earth, and be the means of gathering a multitude and become a Savior upon Mount Zion. Thou shall have the desires of thine heart granted unto thee—even in rearing a posterity in the land of Zion. For thou shall have a companion that will be a comfort unto thee and raise up a numerous family.

Thou shall have houses and land, flocks and herds; thou shall have servants to go at thy bidding. I bless thee with long life upon earth; thou shall live to see the winding up of this generation. Thou shall witness a temple in the center stake of Zion and go in thereat and do work for the living and the dead.

Therefore, lift up thy heart and rejoice for thy burdens shall be made light. Thou shall live to see the reign of peace upon the earth when the Lord is satisfied with the destruction of the wicked. Thy name is written in the Lamb's book of Life. Thou are of the seed of Joseph that was sold into Egypt, which Jacob sealed upon the head of his posterity, I seal the same upon thy head which shall continue with thee and thine forever, and no power shall turn thee aside from truth and virtue. I seal thee up to eternal life, to come forth with the redeemed of God's people. Enter into your exaltation and inherit thrones, powers and endless dominions, this thy blessing, dear brother, according to thy faithfulness and I seal them upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ.

[Patriarchal blessing of Florence Emma Reidhead Brereton
by John J. Jones on September 1, 1908]

Provo, Utah, September 1, 1908 A blessing given by Patriarch John J. Jones upon the head of Florence Emma Reidhead Brereton, daughter of John Reidhead and Lucretia Henderson Reidhead. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 29, 1855.

Sister Florence Emma in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and confer upon you a patriarchal blessing. You are of the seed of Ephraim and of Israel and entitled to the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord has had a watch over you from your youth. He has protected you from evil and trials and you have come out victorious over them, all which has caused your heart to rejoice on many occasions. Your blessings will be as the righteous, well pleased to your Heavenly Father. And the heart of your husband and children will be unto you and they will look unto your counsel and advice. You will be a counselor and help to every one of them and the desire of your heart will be fulfilled to the fullest extent. The Lord will bless you with discernment that you will see and know the cunning craftiness of [the] evil one against you and of your enemies. He will give power unto you over them that you may frustrate all their evil designs. Inasmuch as you live humble and faithful unto the Lord there will be nothing that you desire withheld from you. The Lord will bless you that you will never see the want of bread, nor the comforts of life. You will be able to bless many others who will need succor and help. Those things will be marvelous unto you in seeing the hand of the Lord in giving of those blessings.

You'll labor much with those within your calling in helping them to know the principles of eternal life and encourage them to overcome evil and walk in righteousness before the Lord. Many will seek your help far and near within your circle and it will be a pleasure and satisfaction to know and teach those things. Continue to be faithful and seek the spirit of the Lord and through your administration you will be a savior in your own family and to many others. You will yet go into the house of the Lord and work for those on the other side of the veil. Many are there watching your career in life and have given you succor without you knowing of it to finish the work for their behalf. Marvel not at your trials in life for by these you gain wisdom and understanding. The Lord has chosen you before your birth to come forth and go through this experience, as the Savior did and the faithful in the Kingdom of our God. Your posterity will remember your teachings and will receive of the blessings of the faithful and they will multiply and become great nations and people, and continue to be numbered in Israel and share in the blessings there and many of the blessings that await you in this life. Your faith will increase and grow strong. When you pray for your posterity they will receive blessings and the sick will be healed and raised from their afflictions.

You will rise and become a queen to your Lord and unto your God in His Kingdom. I seal you up against the power of Satan that he shall have no power to lead you away from the ways of the Lord nor to afflict you in life. But power will be given you over him and all his dominion. And by virtue of [the] holy Priesthood invested in me I seal you up unto eternal life to come forth in the first resurrection with the just. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Wilford Cotton Wood by Hyrum G. Smith on January 27, 1915]

Salt Lake City, Utah. January 27, 1915. A Blessing given by Hyrum G. Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Wilford Cotton Wood, son of George Cotton and Adelaide Ridges Wood, born May 22, 1893 at Woods Cross, Davis Co. Utah.

Brother Wilford C. Wood, according to thy desire I place my hands upon thy head and give unto thee a blessing which will be a guide and comfort to thy life according to thy faithfulness. Thou are of the lineage of Ephraim and an heir to the blessing, promised unto the sons of Israel, who are born under the New and Everlasting Covenant. It is thy privilege to live and complete thy mission upon the earth and in obedience to the Words of Wisdom and laws of nature as they pertain to thy life the Lord will bless thee with health and strength and preserve thee against the evils and wickedness of the world; and in obedience also to the promptings of that Still Small Voice thy duties will be made plain unto thee, and thru the gift of discernment thou shall be enabled to choose the proper course in thy labors, both temporally and spiritually; and in thy journeys while in the performance of duty, no harm shall befall thee altho[ugh] thy journey may lead thee among enemies to thy faith.

And I say unto thee, have no fear of what men or women may say of thee but keep thy trust in the Lord and thru His blessing thou shalt be successful in the performance of thy duties and overcome the evil designs of the adversary, in his attempts to thwart thy mission. Friends will be raised up unto thee in times of need and in the due time of the Lord thou shalt secure unto thy self a choice companion for the journey of life; and live to see the blessing of the Lord measured out in goodly portions to thy sons and daughters. Therefore hold sacred thy Covenants and rejoice in thy privileges; and as long as thou art True and Faithful in the discharge of thy duties the blessings of the Lord will attend thee.

I seal this blessing upon thy head by virtue of the Holy Priesthood and I seal thee up unto eternal life that thru thy faithfulness thou shalt receive thy blessings and come forth triumphant at the great day of redemption a Savior in the House of Israel. Even so. Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Florence Emma Reidhead Brereton
by John R. Hill on March 19, 1918]

Springville, Utah, March 19, 1918 The blessing by John R. Hill, Patriarch, upon the head of Florence Emma Brereton, daughter of John Reidhead and Lucretia Henderson Reidhead born June 29, 1855, Minnesota.

Sister Florence Brereton in the name of Jesus Christ and in the authority of the holy Priesthood I place my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a patriarchal blessing as the spirit of the Lord shall direct which shall be a guide and a comfort to you while you live upon the earth. Thou art a spirit retained in the heavens alone that you may come forth in this dispensation of time and pass through the experience that would prepare thee for a celestial reward. Thou didst enter in a covenant with the Lord for the privilege of coming upon the earth in this important age that you would be true to the gospel and willingly pass through any trial or tribulation, make any sacrifice necessary to go into any experience that will prepare thee for that glory promised to the faithful. You have had your ups and downs. You have felt at times that your load was more than you could bear and that you must have grieved your Heavenly Father because of the trouble you are passing through and that your prayers are not heard again but I say unto thee the Lord has been mindful of thee all the time and the sorrow that you have seen will be overruled for your good and will bring unto that experience that will exalt thee in the presence of your Heavenly Father and the day will come when you shall know why you have seen sorrow.

The Lord is well pleased with thy labors and has recorded the works of thine hands and will bestow upon thee more abundantly in the future the rich blessings from on high. Thy mind shall be in accordance to the promptings of the holy spirit and the visions of eternity opened up before thee. Thou shalt see and hear things unlawful to utter because of the wickedness of humanity. Thou shalt be blessed with wisdom and be sought after because of the wise counsel thou shalt be able to give. There is a great work before thee in the salvation of the dead and thou shalt have great pleasure in doing that work. Thou shalt receive visitation from those who have passed away manifesting their approval of their work and revealing unto thee lines that will pertain to information for those that desire work at your hands. Thou shalt be blest with all thy labors and receive a testimony from the Lord that your work is approved. Thou shalt live upon the earth as long as life is desirable unto you and be able to complete the work assigned at the beginning. Lift up your breast in praise to your Heavenly Father for the blessings true and faithful. I seal upon [you] all former blessings and seal you up beyond the destroyer with all the privileges and blessings of the celestial kingdom. I seal these blessings upon thee through your faithfulness and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Wilford Cotton Wood by Joseph Bennett on July 10, 1921]

Woods Cross, Utah July 10, 1921 A blessing given by Joseph Bennett, Patriarch, upon the head of Wilford C. Wood, son of George Cotton and Adelaine Ridges Wood, born May 22, 1893 at Woods Cross, Davis Co, Utah.

Dear Brother Wilford, I a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ lay my hands upon thy head and give unto thee a Patriarchal blessing, which shall be recorded in the heavens for your good. The heavens resounded with joy when it was made known unto you that you had the privilege to come down upon this earth in the gospel dispensation. Angels have been with thee from thy youth up. Thou hast traveled many miles and bore thy testimony of this great work, and remember, dear brother, that the Lord has been pleased with thy labors. He will never forsake you, for you were chosen before you left the mansions on high to perform a great and mighty work. Thou hast entered upon that path that will exhalt [exalt] thee with the gods. Yea, the angels rejoice in thy presence. Thou hast been a surft [swift] ambassador for Christ and his Kingdom. Thou shall be blessed in the labors, spiritually, and temporally. Thy soul shall increase in love for this work, for thou are honest and sincere in the gospel of Christ. Therefore thou shalt never be left alone, for the Lord shall point out the way for you to go, both in temporal labors and spiritual labors. Your record is known for good by the angels. Thou are of the true lineage of the old prophets, who spoke and wrote by the Holy Ghost, therefore you are entitled to their blessings which shall follow you through this life. When you are called upon to anything by the priesthood, do it, and God's blessings shall come to you.

They [Thy] countenance shall be full of light and you[r] spirit shall draw men unto you, yea men of virtue and truth. Thou shalt live long upon the earth to see many changes in the midst of God's people. Thou shalt be dressed in the robes of righteousness. Thou shalt enter into thy exhaltation [exaltation] crowned with glory and immortality and eternal live.

I seal thee up to come forth in the morning of the glorious resurrection clothed with immortality and eternal life in the kingdom of God, through your faithfulness in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

[Patriarchal blessing of Horace Jacob Nelson on September 6, 1921]

A Blessing given by Hyrum G. Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Horace Jacob Nelson, son of James Horace Nelson and Annie Berletta (Peterson) Nelson, born May 5, 1891, at Farmington, Davis Co., Utah.

Brother Horace J. Nelson; According to thy desire and by virtue of my office and calling in the Holy Priesthood, I place my hands upon thy head and give unto thee a Patriarchal blessing, which I pray the Lord to direct that it may be a guide, a comfort and a benefit unto thee throughout this life because of thy faithfulness and obedience. Thou art of the lineage of Ephraim, who was the chosen son of Joseph who was sold by his brothers. Thou art numbered also among the chosen sons of Zion. And although in thy youth as compared to the great mission which lies before thee, thou art numbered among the honored fathers in Israel; and thy name shall live after thee in honorable remembrance from generation to generation. Continue, therefore, to hold sacred thy birthright and to honor the Holy Priesthood both in thyself and in others, and learn to follow the promptings and whisperings of that Still Small Voice, and thou shalt be guided and directed in the ways of duty and safety, and shall be magnified in the discharge of thy duties as they are made known unto thee from time to time.

Thou shalt be preserved in health, in virtue and in honor, and shall gain the confidence, the love and the blessings of those among whom thou shalt minister, and shall go and come both far and near attended by the preserving, protecting and providing care of the Lord. For thy life and mission are precious in His sight. And so long as thou art true to thy righteous convictions and will acknowledge the hand of the Lord in thy blessings, He will not forget nor forsake thee, but friends will be raised up in times of need to minister unto thy necessities. Therefore, keep thy trust in the Lord; thou shalt also be comforted and guided in the answers to thy prayers; and shall be assured of the welfare of thy loved ones while absent from them. Thou shalt also be blessed in thy defense of the Truth, and need never be put to shame, neither be overcome by the craftiness of evil-designing persons. Therefore, be humble, be diligent in study; lean to follow the whisperings of that Still Small Voice; be true to thy righteous convictions; be not easily discouraged, but cultivate the spirit of cheerfulness, and thou shalt be comforted and guided and blessed, and the labor of thy hands will be a joy unto thee both in this life and in the life to come.

Continue also to observe the laws of Nature and the Words of Wisdom and the Lord will bless thee in Body and in Mind; He will strengthen thy memory; quicken thy understanding, and give unto thee a defense for the Truth under all circumstances, and give thee also the spirit of Discernment, which will enable thee to choose the path of duty and safety and avoid the designs of evil and the powers of destruction until thy mission in mortality is fully accomplished. Go forth, therefore, with a humble mind and a determined heart, and the blessings of the Lord will be upon thee day and night, comfort and sustain thee and to bless the labor of thy hands temporally as well as spiritually. I seal this blessing upon thy head through thy faithfulness. And I seal thee up against the powers of the Destroyer, to live and fulfill thy mission upon the earth in honor, and come forth in a glorious Resurrection with thy kindred and loved ones, having accomplished thy mission in righteousness, to be crowned with thy blessings among the redeemed and glorified of Israel, by virtue of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Nelda Carter by Harmon Sowards on September 4, 1925]

Provo, Utah, Sept. 4, 1925. A Patriarchal Blessing given by Harmon Sowards, Patriarch, upon the head of Nelda Carter. Daughter of Lafayette Carter and Hattie (Tanner) Carter. Born Dec. 14, 1912, at Provo, Utah.

Sister Nelda Carter, in my office and calling and according to your desires I place my hands upon your head, and I confer upon thee a Patriarchal blessing. The Lord has been mindful of thee from thy infancy down to the present time, and have watched over thee and have preserved thy life for a wise and glorious purpose. The Lord is still mindful of thee and still has his guarding angels watching over thee day by day.

I say unto thee dear sister, as much as you are humble, prayerful and obedient unto the truths of the gospel, you shall enjoy the comforting influence of the spirit of the Lord, which will lead thee unto Eternal Life, which is the greatest gift which is bestowed upon the human family.

Thou art of the true blood of Israel the lineage of Ephraim the son of Joseph that was sold into Egypt, which intitles [entitles] thee to the promised blessings that belongs to the house of Israel.

You shall be blessed with many blessings, which will lead thee into the paths of rectitude and right. There is a mission here upon the earth for thee to perform, in teaching the youth of Zion.

Thou hast been faithful and true in thy Pre-existent State and numbered with the hosts that shouted for joy when the foundation of this earth was laid, and that sang together with those morning stars. You shall become a mother in Israel, and shall be blessed with prominent children, which they will hold prominent positions. You shall have the privilege of teaching and training them in the ways of the Lord. You shall be blessed with a beautiful home, and beautiful surrounding, and in connection with your companion you shall have union and peace and harmony in your home. You and your companion shall have the privilege of going unto the house of the Lord, the Temple of our God, and receive of the sealing ordinance therein, which will seal thee up unto Eternal [Life]

If you desire it you shall have the privilege of teaching the unb[e]lieve[rs] of the world the principles of Eternal Life, which you shall be blessed therein. I bless thee with health and strength and long life upon the earth. There will be many temptations, trials, and obstacles placed in our path way, but as much as you will put your trust in the Lord you shall have power to resist all temptations, and be able to overcome the weakness of the flesh, and you shall live and become virteous [virtuous] and pure before the Lord, because the Lord love[s] love purity and chasisty [chastity].

You shall live to behold the signs of the coming of the great Redeemer, which you shall hear his welcome voice.

I bless thee with every blessing which is in my right, and I seal thee up unto Eternal Life, to come forth in the Resurrection of the Just, clothed upon with Immortality, with thy loved ones, and receive your axaultation [exaltation] in the Cestial [Celestial] Kingdom of our Father. These blessings I seal upon thee in the authority of the Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Wilford Cotton Wood by Frank B. Woodbury on December 6, 1925]

Salt Lake City, Utah, December 6, 1925 A blessing given by Frank B. Woodbury, Patriarch, upon the head of Wilford Cotton Wood, son of George Cotton Wood and Adelaid (Ridges) Wood, born May 22, 1893, at Woods Cross, Davis County [Utah].

Brother Wilford C. Wood, in the name of Jesus Christ I place my hands upon your head and give you a Patriarchal Blessing. Thou art of the see[d] of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and have come down through a noble lineage and thereby entitled to all the blessing promised to faithful Father Abraham. Thou hast been greatly privileged in being called to come to the earth in this work of the gathering of Israel and preparing the people for the second coming of the Savior. Thou hast been greatly favored of the Lord in being born of goodly parents who have instilled into your mind a knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Lord has a great work for you to do in promulgating the truth among the people of the earth and in performing the labors and assisting in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God upon the earth. You shall have the privilege of going abroad and declaring the message of salvation unto many people, and you shall be powerful in testimony and many shall rejoice in your words and be led to accept of the Gospel under your administration and will rise up and bless you because of the influence of your words and example in their lives. The Spirit of the Lord shall be with you to direct you in your labors and your guardian Angel shall go before you to prepare [t]he way before you and to prepare the people to receive you, and you shall be warned of danger that you may avoid the snares and pitfalls of the adversary inasmuch as you are humble and seek the Lord for the guidance of His Holy Spirit. You shall have great joy and satisfaction in doing good and in blessing your fellow men.

You shall be blessed in you[r] family and your children shall grow up to be a blessing and a comfort unto their parents and you shall have the pleasure of laboring in the Temple of God for the salvation of the living and the redemption of the dead, and shall take an active part in the redemption of Zion.

Dear Wilford, put your trust in the Lord and seek unto Him for guidance and you shall have joy in your labors and be enabled to do much good while you are laboring on the earth. I bless you with the blessing of life and health, with power to withstand the temptations of the adversary and to live upon the earth as long as you so desire to work righteousness. You shall come forth in the morning of the Resurrection clothed with glory, immortality, and eternal life. These blessing I seal upon you through your faithfulness, together with every other blessing that your heart desires in righteousness, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

[Patriarchal blessing of Eda Bell Smith Fenstermaker by D. Branson Brinton April 20, 1952]

A Blessing given by D. Branson Brinton. Patriarch, upon the head of Eda Bell Smith Fenstermaker, Daughter of John Smith and Sarah Saraih Durfey. Born March 3, 1898 at Thurber, Utah. Wayne, Utah.

Sister Eda Bell Smith Fenstermaker, according to your request and by the power of the Melchizedek Priesthood, I lay my hands upon your head and give you a Patriarchal Blessing which will be a guide and a comfort to you throughout your life, and you are the Lineage of Ephraim. Being born of goodly Parents, there are many blessings for you on this earth.

By being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, there are many privileges and opportunities for you to do good among the people with whom you associate. You will be given wisdom in giving comfort to your neighbors and friends, and they will rejoice in associating with you in your home. You will have peace and plenty to provide for any who come to visit you, and your influence will be good for them. You will have a good influence with your Children and Grandchildren, and they will look up to you to guide and direct them in the straight and narrow path. They will have love in their hearts for you, and you will be able to do much good for them. You will have the ability to help the sick and give comfort to those who are in need and many people will come to you for comfort and the blessings which you can give to them. Inasmuch as your study the scriptures, your testimony will grow stronger; and you will be able to bear it to people you associate with; and you will be able to direct the work that they are doing so that they will rejoice in your helpfulness. There is great work in the Church in helping the Relief Society Sisters and Teaching the youth of Zion. This will give you satisfaction.

I bless you that you may have the power of discernment that you may know good from evil, and you will have courage to follow the truth. The power of the adversary will have no power over you. You will be protected from evil or harm; and as you live a clean pure life, your Guardian Angel will guide and direct you at all times. You will be given wisdom and understanding of each day's work; and as you associate with your neighbors and friends, you will be able to give them comfort and satisfaction. Study the scriptures so you will have the desire to follow the things you learn and will have a desire to do Temple work you will be able to teach your children and grandchildren the importance of it.

You will live a long, usefull happy life and receive much satisfaction from the work which you do. As you continue cheerful with a desire to serve the people in the community in which you live, you will be an influence for good to all whom you associate, you will never be in want for the necessities and comforts of life, but you will be able to give where help is needed to those who are unfortunate. I bless you that you may have a peaceful life and have a desire to help people wherever you may see them. Inasmuch as you continue humble and prayerful, the Lord will bless you with every righ[t]eous desire of your heart; and you will be able to make many people happy through your service to them. I bless you that you may prepare yourself that you may come forth in the morning of the first resurrection clothed with immortality and eternal life. I do this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen