

## Document 1: Jane's first patriarchal blessing (1844)

Hyrum Smith, Patriarchal Blessing of Jane Manning, March 6, 1844, LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City. Reprinted courtesy of Louis Duffy.<sup>1</sup>

A Patriarchal Blessing of Jane Manning Daughter of Isaac and Eliza Manning  
Born in the Town of Bridgefield County of Fairfield State of Connecticut.

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1818.

Behold I say unto you Jane if you will keep the commandments of god you shall be blessed Spiritually and Temporal and shall have a place and a name in the midst of the people of zion even a place and where to lay your Head and you shall have food and Raiment and habitations to dwell in and shall be blessed in in your avocations that is in the labour of your hands and you shall have a knowledge of the Mysteries as god shall reveal them even the Mysteries of his Kingdom manifested in his wisdom unto your capacity according to your accessions in knowledge in obedience to his requisitions you having a promise through the Father of the New World coming down in the lineage of Cainaan the Son of Ham which promise the fullness thereof is not yet revealed, the same is sealed up with the sacred records hereafter to be revealed, now therefore I say unto you Jane it is through obedience to the gospel that you are Blessed and it is through a continuation in obedience to the commandments of god even unto the end of your days that you may be saved, shun the path of vice, turn away from wickedness be fervent unto prayer without ceasing and your name shall be handed down to posterity, from generation to generation, therefore let your Heart be comforted for he that changeth times and seasons and placed a mark upon your forehead, can take it off and stamp upon you his own Image, now therefore look and live; and remember the Redemption and the Resurrection of the just and it shall be well with you these Blessings and promises I seal upon your Head; Behold I say unto you Jane if thou doest well thou shalt be accepted, if thou doest not well Sin lieth at the Door, These Blessings and promises I seal upon your Head. Even so Amen.

Given by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ

March 6<sup>th</sup> 1844.

## Document 2: Jane's second patriarchal blessing (1821)

John Smith, Patriarchal Blessing of Jane Manning, May 11, 1821, LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City.

No. 914 Salt Lake City Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1821.

A Blessing given by John Smith to Jane Manning, daughter of Isaac and Eliza Manning, born in Connecticut May 11<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Sister Jane Elizabeth James, as thou art called, I have the honor and pleasure to head to pronounce and Seal a blessing upon thee in the name of the Father for His spirit to indite thee with the gifts of the Holy Spirit thereof and I Say unto thee be faithful to the covenants for the Lord has heard thy heart, He has witnessed thy heart and what checkered His hand has been upon thee, receive thy reward. Thy life has been a blessing and shall continue as thou hast in the past and shall give and the peacefull influence of the Holy Spirit and give thee peace of mind, strength and give thee peace of mind, strength and give thee peace of mind, strength in every task and thy days and years shall be blessed. Therefore let thy heart be comforted for better days await thee, Thou shalt have an inheritance among the Saints, and thy name shall be handed down to posterity in honorable remembrance and shall be sealed down in Spirit, but in the future thou shalt have a deportment and listen to the words of the Lord and lack for food raiment or shelter and shall be hungry and for thy kindness Mary the Mother in Israel thou shalt be known and shall be comforted unto thee be comforted for all shall be comforted. This with thy former blessings I seal upon thee and I seal thee up unto Eternal life in the resurrection.

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