

## Patriarchal blessing (1844)

Manning, March 6, 1844, LDS Church  
courtesy of Louis Duffy.<sup>1</sup>

daughter of Isaac and Eliza Manning  
Fairfield State of Connecticut.

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

Keep the commandments of god you  
and shall have a place and a name  
place and where to lay your Head  
habitations to dwell in and shall  
the labour of your hands and you  
as god shall reveal them even the  
his wisdom unto your capacity ac-  
obedience to his requisitions you  
the New World coming down in the  
promise the fullness ther<sup>o</sup> of is  
with the sacred records hereafter to  
Jane it is through obedience to  
through a continuation in obedience  
the end of your days that you may  
from wickedness be fervent unto  
shall be handed down to posterity,  
let your Heart be comforted for he  
and a mark upon your forehead, can  
age, now therefore look and live;  
resurrection of the just and it shall  
ises I seal upon your Head; Behold  
u shalt be accepted, if thou doest  
ngs and promises I seal upon your

Church of Jesus Christ

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

## Document 2: Jane's second patriarchal blessing (1889)

John Smith, Patriarchal Blessing of Jane Elizabeth James, October 10, 1889,  
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A Blessing given by John Smith Patriarch upon the head of Jane Elizabeth  
James, daughter of Isaac and Fillis Manning born in Wilton Fairfield County  
Connecticut May 11<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Sister Jane Elizabeth James, as thou hast desired it I place my hands upon thy  
head to pronounce and Seal a blessing upon thee, And I ask God the Eternal  
Father for His spirit to indite thy blessing and fill thee with the influence  
thereof and I Say unto thee be of good faith and of good cheer hold sacred  
thy covenants for the Lord has heard thy petitions, He knowest the secrets of  
thy heart, He has witnessed thy trials and although thy life has been some-  
what checkered His hand has been over thee for good and thou shalt verily  
receive thy reward. Thy life has been preserved for a wise purpose, Therefore  
continue as thou hast in the past to put thy trust in him whose right it is to  
give and the peacefull influence of the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon thee  
and give thee peace of mind, strength of body and make thee Equal unto  
every task and thy days and years shall be prolonged until thou art satisfied  
Therefore let thy heart be comforted, look always upon the bright side for  
better days await thee, Thou shalt complete thy mission, and receive thine  
inheritance among the Saints, and thy name shall be handed down to pos-  
terity in honorable remembrance, Therefore suffer not thyself to be bowed  
down in Spirit, but in the future, as it was in thy youth be cheerfull, in thy  
deportment and listen to the whisperings of the Spirit, and thou shalt not  
lack for food raiment or shelter and no one shall be turned from thy door  
hungry and for thy kindness Many shall bless thee in thine old age and as a  
Mother in Israel thou shalt be known among the people, Therefore again I say  
unto thee be comforted for all shall be well with thee both here and hereafter,  
This with thy former blessings I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ  
and I seal thee up unto Eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first  
resurrection

Even so Amen,

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